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The Shows.

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GLASGOW & WEST. COUNTIES.

Usual monthly meeting, 122, Ingram Street, June 24th, Mr. Connelly (President), presiding over a good attendance. First Feather Show held 29th July, at 4 p.m., admission free. Classes the same as last year. Specials were promised from Messrs. Pettigrew, Marlin, McFarlane, Knox. Monthly show and judging competition: Mr. Knox was appointed to judge and specials were given by Messrs. Connelly, Pettigrew, Marlin, and McFarlane. Awards: LIGHT MULE OR HYB. (9): 1, Pettigrew; 2, Renfrew; 3, Edwards; 4, Thomson; 5, Johnstone; 6, Cuthbert; 7, Campbell. DARK (8): 1, Connelly; 2, Pettigrew; 3, Edwards; 4, Campbell; 5, Renfrew; 6, Thomson; 7, Drysdale. BRIT.: 1, Pettigrew; 2, Campbell; 3, Adam; 4, Renfrew; 5, Thomson; 6, Cuthhert; 7, Drysdale. Judging competition was won hy Mr. Connelly.—T. Drysdale, Sec.

HIGHGATE, HAMPSTEAD AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Fourth annual young bird show, July 8th. Entries numbered 139, and the competition was very keen indeed. Mr. John Oldaker placed the cards to the satisfaction of all. There were some 23 special prizes in all (the society spending 50s. on specials), and an extra special for the best young Mule (presented by Mrs. Weston), and won by Mr. W. Ward, with a very nice Siskin Mule. The bird which the judge considered the best in the show was a very nice, typical Norwich, shown hy Mr. J. Hyde (amateur). The novice Norwich were excellent, there being 27 birds in the two classes, the winners in these classes repectively were Mr. B. Johnson (who received the good wishes of all in show, this being his first success after his recent misfortune), and Mr. Wills. There was a very fine show of British birds, the two principal winners being Mrs. Giddy and Mr. Kent, both showing some very fine birds. The attendance was poor, but the Secretary knows he can rely on his members to make up the deficiency by taking those tickets which they were unable to sell, and so make the show another financial success; unless this is done there will be a small loss.—C. W. Law, Hon. Sec.

SWANSEA.

First Feather Show held at Thompson and Shackell's, Castle Street, July 1. Entries came up very well, and in point of number were greater than in any previous year. The quality of the exhibits was excellent. Challenge cup for best young bird was won by Mr. Vanstone with a cl. yell. Nor. of excellent colour. Britisb challenge cup won hy Mr. J. E. Jeffreys.

NOR. YELL., CL. OR TKD. (10): 1, cup, Vanstone, cl. yell., extra good col., good head and neck; 2, 3, George, grand type and quality, not quite so rich colour; 4, D. Jenkins; vhc, Balsh; hc, R. Mahbet; c, F. Mabbet. BUFF (9): 1, 4, c, George, grand team, leader cl., good type, nice short flights and tail; 2, Ford, lovely quality, good substance, presses winner; 3, Balsh, very smart wings and tail, loses bead; vhc, hc, R. Mabbet. VAR., ETC., YELL. (4): 1, 4, R. Mabbet, var., good substance, very compact wing and tail, nice col.; 2, 3, George, very neat exhibits, good quality and col. BUFF (8): 1, D. Jenkins, grand type and quality; 2, George,, lovely quality, loses substance; 3, vbc, Vanstone; 4, Jeremy; hc, R. Mabbet; c, F. Mabbet. YORKS., YELL., CL. OR TKD. (6): 1, 2, Mock, very smart, shapely, neatly feathered wing tkd., and good upstanding cl.; 3, hc, Taylor, cl., good feather, very stylish; 4, vhc, George. BUFF: 1, Taylor, good, straight hack, well up on legs. VAR. YELL. (3): 1, Taylor, unevenly mkd., good type and quality; 2, Mock, var., nice straight back, good legs; 3, Steers, rather thick when we saw it. BUFF (2): 1, Taylor, var., well up on leg, good style; 2, Mock, nice type and quality. BORDER, YELL., CL. OR TKD. (9): 1, 2, 3, D. Jenkins, grand team, rare quality and shape, beautiful wing carriage, should be heard of later; 4, Hocking, tkd., nice type, lovely feather; vhc, hc, Hocking; c, Mugford. BUFF (11): 1, D. Jenkins, cl., very shapely, feathered like wax; 2, 4, Hocking, cl. and tkd., of good type and quality; 3, vhc, Mugford, good cl.; hc, W. Jenkins; c, D. Williams. YELL., UNEVEN (3): 1, 2, W. Jenkins, former grand type, topper, latter very nice quality cinn.-mkd.; 3, D. Williams, wing mkd., good quality and type. BUFF (3): 1, D. Williams, var. cinn., grand type and quality; 2, Mugford; 3, Richards. YELL., GREEN (5): 1, 2, Richards, two very neat exhibits, grand type and quality; 3, Hocking, splendid col., lovely quality, close up; 4, W. Jenkins; vhc, D. Williams. BUFF (6): 1, Williams, good type, lovely feather; 2, H. C. Richards, very neat and shapely; 3, Hocking; 4, vhc, W. Jenkins. EVEN: 1, Richards, cinn.-mkd., very nice exhibit. CINN. (2): 1, 2, Hocking, two very neat ones. MULES (DARK) (2): 1, Scrine, very promising yell. Goldie, good size, shape, and colour; 2, Mabbet. NOR. (OLD BIRD) (3): 1, 2, Jeremy; 3, Mahbet. YORKS. (6): 1, Mock; 2, 3, vhc, Steer; 4, George; hc, Taylor. BORDER (5): 1, 4, Richards; 2, vhc, Evans; 3, Hocking. MULE (3): 1, Jeffreys; 2, Scrine; 3, Evans. GOLDFINCH (6): 1, Jeffreys, nice blaze, good size; 2, Richards, good blaze, shape, and style; 3, Gay, nice size, good bars, loses blaze; 4, Ford; vhc, Mabbet; hc, Williams. BULLFINCH (3): 1, Jeffreys, good type, nice cap and hare, not best of breast colour, closely pressed by 2, Scrine, grand type, little loose at thighs; 3, Ford. GREEN (5): 1, Scrine, well-known Jonque, lovely col. and quality; 2, Steer; 3, Jeffreys; 4, P. Jenkins; vhc, D. Williams. LINNET (5): 1, 2, Gay, well-known two toppers, grandly laced; 3, Scrine, larger, good shape, loses lacing; 4, Ford; vhc, P. Jenkins. LESSER REDPOLL (9): 1, hc, Ford, well laced, nice col., good hib; 2, 4, Jeffreys, another good one; 3, Gay; vhc, hc, Jenkins; c, Williams. SISKIN (2): 1, H. Jenkins, nice size, col. fed, good mkgs.; 2, Cronin, non-fed, lovely type and quality. CHAFFINCH (5): 1, 4, H. Jenkins, good size, lovely col. and condition; 2, Ford; 3, P. Jenkins; vhc, Cronin. BRAMBLE (2): 1, Jeffreys, very neat exhibit, well spangled, good col. and condition; 2, Ford, close up, neatly staged. YELLOWHAMMER (3): 1, 3, Ford, nice exhibit, good mkgs. and col.; 2, Williams. HARDBILL, HEN (5): 1, 3, Ford, Corn Bunting and Hawfinch, well staged, in lovely condition; 2, Jeffreys, extra good Yellowhammer, grand feather; 4, Scrine; vhc, P. Jenkins. A.O.V. (3): 1, H. Jenkins, Hawfinch, grand quality and col., shown to perfection; 2, Gay, nice Reed Bunting; 3, Cronin, Corn Bunting very shapely. SOFTBILL: 1, Ford, Redwing, good col. and condition FOR.: 1, Steer, yell. Budgerigar, in grand fettle.

AYR AND DISTRICT C.B.C.

First nest feather show, held in Academy Hall, on 28th June, when 25 birds were staged. Mr. P. McQuiston kindly judged, and gave every satisfaction. CREST OR C.B. (2): 1, 2, Forbes. NOR. (6): 1, Muir 2, Campbell; 3, Lindsay. YORKS. CL. YELL. (3): 1, Sloan; 2, Girvan; 3, Cameron. BUFF (7): 1, Girvan; 2, 3, Hunter. A.O.V. (4): 1, 3, Hunter; 2, Girvan. BORDER (3): 1, 3, Aitken; 2, Campbell.—J. Sloan.

COXHOE AND DIS. C.B.S.

Show held June 24th, Old Red Lion Inn. The entry was a good one, and the competition keen. Mr. W. L. Mudd, the Sec., had everything well arranged. Mr. Notley (Hetton-le-Hole) judged.

YOUNG BIRDS: 1, special, Miller; 2, special, Taylor; 3, Huggins; 4, Mrs. Laing. YOUNG CAN. (bred 1911), 1, 4, Mitchell; 2, Longstaff; 3, Lister. OLD CAN. OR MULE: 1, Freeman; 2, Miller; 3, Mudd; 4, Huggins. BROWN LINNET: 1, special, Lister; 2, Huggins; 3, Mitchell; 4, Harrison. A.O.S. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, Lister; 2, Mitchell; 3, Roddam; 4, Huggins.

HEMSWORTH.

We held our first members' first feather show on July 1st, at the King's Head Hotel, Hemsworth, and brought forward 83 entries, which was considered very fair considering the bad times of this last few weeks. Mr. E. Clegg, of Dewsbury, was the judge, and he gave great satisfaction, performing his duties in a very painstaking and efficient manner. The following members were Fortune's favourites: A. Taylor, Hemsworth, 4 1st, 2 3rd, 2 vhc's; W. Lee, Doncaster, 2 1st, 3 2nd; C. Lord, 2 2nd; T. W. Kemp, South Hiendley, 1 1st, 1 3rd; Geo. Wyatt, 1 2nd, 1 3rd; J. Govier, 1 2nd; H. and H. Dickenson, 1 vhc, hc; Tom Tait, 1 2nd; T. Kelsey, 1 1st, 1 3rd; W. Brown, 1 3rd, hc, c. Next first feather show on the first Saturday in August. Judge will be selected at a special meeting to be called next week.—James W. Gillings, Sec.

PARKGATE & RAWMARSH C.B.S.

First Nest Feather Show held club-room, Sportsman Inn, Parkgate, June 24th, when we had a good show of birds, totalling 35 entries, which was considered good, as we have only been formed four months; and in spite of the rain, which fell in torrents, we had a good number of friends. Mr. G. Browning (Rotherham) judged. He remarked on the quality of some of the birds.

NOR., OLD BIRDS: 1, 2, Watson; 3, r, Gateman; vhc, Woolhouse. YORKS.: 1, Gateman; 2, France; 3, r, Woolhouse. NOR., YOUNG: 1, 3, Watson; 2, vhc, c, Nuttall; r, hc, Jones. YORKS.: 1, r, France; 2, 3, Woolhouse. LINNETS: 1, r, Woolhouse; 2, France; 3, vhc, Walker; hc, Watson. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, 3, vhc, hc, Watson; 2, France; r, Woolhouse; c, Jones.—G. Watson, Sec.

HUCKNALL TORKARD.

First feather show, when the quality of the exhibits was excellent. Mr. H. Marshall's clear yell. and yell. ticked are a credit to their owner, and Mr. T. Twine's grizzle Crest is a real gem, and will be heard of again when through moult. Mr. F. Beardall adjudicated, and gave every satisfaction. CL. YELL. NOR: 1, H. Marshall, real gem for type and quality; 2, T. Twine, shade smaller than winner; 3, W. Bentley, nice exhibit. BUFF: 1, 3, Faux and Winterhotham; 1st bonny, bouncing youngster; 2, Bentley, as tight as wax, should improve; vhc, Twine. YELL. TKD.: 1, Marshall, eye and wing marked, best Norwich in show; 2, Faux and Winterbotham, cap and wing mkd., should make grand stock bird; 3, Bentley, rather small. BUFF: 1, Faux and Winterbotham, grand quality; 2, Marshall, nice specimen. A.V. GREEN, ETC.: 1, 2, Faux and Winterbotham, two lovely marks, yell. and buff; 3, Twine, fine variegated yell.; vhc, Bentley. YELL. DK. CREST: 1, Twine, lovely veiny crest. LIGHT CREST: 1, Twine, grand leafy crest, lovely formation, real gem for a youngster. YELL. C.B.: 1, Twine, looks like yellow hen, well up in size. BRITISH: 1, Riley, Bullfinch, real gem, in full bloom; 2, Faux and Winterbotham, Greenfinch, lovely sheen and bars.

REDRUTH.

Held July 5 and 6, in the Recreation Ground and proved a great success, the entries for the summer show coming up exceedingly well, totalling close upon 240. The quality, too, was of the very best, making the competition in most of the classes very keen. The exhibits were nicely staged in tiers in the centre of the tent, and were thoroughly well looked after by a capital lot of stewards, who left nothing to be desired. The hon. secs., Messrs. Opie and Kemp, are a pair of thoroughly capable and hard-working officials, and were most courteous and obliging to all. We need hardly add that everything went as smoothly as clockwork. The awards were made by Mr. J. H. Payne (Gloucester).

The Critique.

NOR. CL. YELL. (11): 1, spl, Silk, unfigt., grand col. and quality, nice flights and tail, neat shape; 2, Andrew, capital shape and feather, short flights and tail, bit paler in colour; 3, Houghton, grand shape, full head and chest, nice back and wings, wants tubbing; res, Ferrill; vhc, Wotton; hc, Pascoe; c, Collins. BUFF (16): 1, spl, and spl. best Nor., Andrew, beautiful shape, tight as hoxwood, well packed flights and tail, nice quality; 2, Houghton, good col. and well mealed, nice feather, short flights and tail, cobby shape; 3, Silk, good shape and feather, nice wings and tail, capital quality, shade slack at right side; res, Stephens; vhc, Lobb; hc, Rowe and Richards; c, Kemp. MKD. YELL. (9): 1, spl, Houghton, mkd. wings and right eye, clean cut, good col., feather and quality, nice wings and tail; 2, Climas, tkd. on head, lovely quality and col., nice back; 3, Silk, mkd. eyes and left wing, nice shape, short flights and tail, level col.; res, Keen; vhc, c, Kemp; hc, Gregor. BUFF (11): 1, spl, Gregor, variegated, bouncer, grand feather and col., good chest and back, shade long in tail; 2, c, Ferrill, nice feather and quality, good head and neck, nice shape; 3, res, Kemp, good col. and feather, nice one; vhc, Hall; hc, Collins. YORKS YELL. (6): 1, spl, and spl best Yorks, vhc, Wills, straight as a pencil, good col. and nice feather, well packed wings and tail, well on leg; 2 and 3, Thomas, both nice length and slim built, close together; res, Andrew. BUFF (6): 1, spl, c, Thomas, straight as a dart, stands well, nice back, head and neck, good col. and quality; 3, good length and slim built; 2, vhc, Wills, nice length, good position; res, Peters. CREST or C.B. (5): 1, spl, 2, Rabey Bros., wing mkd., dark, good back crest, neat centre, nice dip; 2, C.B., good length of head feather, turns well, nice quality; 3, res, Lee and Lawry, C.B., good entrance and well feathered back skull, not so long over beak; vhc, Eggbear. A.O.V. (9): 1, spl, c, Burton, Yell. Cinn., sound col., good size and shape, nice skull; 2, res, Richards, nice, lengthy, well turned Yell. Scots, good shoulders; 3, Sherman, good shaped, well feathered Buff Cinn.; vhc, hc, c, Richards. PAIRS CANS. or MULES (bred 1911) (16): 1, spl, Wills, grand Yorks, good length, capital stand, good col. and feather and well shown; 2, Pascoe, nice pair of Nor.; 3, Rowe and Richards, neat crest and good C.B.; ex 3, Thomas, good pair of Yorks, nice stand and well feathered; vhc, Hall; hc, Sherman; c, Wotton. GROUP DO. (7): 1, spl, Thomas, good lot of Yorks, slim built, good feather, nice length and style; 2, Sherman, good lot of Cinns., nice feather, sound col.; 3, res, Pascoe, nice mkd. Nor., good shape and feather; vhc, Ferrill; hc, Williams; c, Kemp. LT. MULE (7): 1, spl, and spl best in show, Davis, nearly clear Twite, grand size, feather, shape and condition, a gem; 2, 3, res, vhc, hc, Collins, six-pointed Buff Goldie and four-pointed Buff Goldie both, grand in feather, good col., size and shape, close together; c, Cliff. DARK (12): 1, spl, res, Collins, Buff Goldfinch, grand flush, rare size and shape, lovely col. and feather, wins well; 2, hc, c, Rowe and Richards, Yellow Greenie, good shape, col. and feather; 3, Sherman, Yell. Goldie, splendid col., very sound, good shape and feather; hc, Jordan. A.O.V. HYB. (5): 1, spl, Davis, Goldfinch-Bullfinch, rare size, good face, nice feather and col.; 2, Collins, Linnet-Bullie, good col. and feather, nice shape; 3, Rowe and Richards, nice feathered Goldfinch-Greenfinch, good wing bars; res, Hall; vhc Roberts. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (10): 1, spl, Polkinghorne, nice square cut blaze, good col., well tanned chest, good back, capital cheeks; 2, Rescoria, grand col. blaze, hardly so square cut as 2nd, nice tanning and tight feather, close up; 3, Rowe and Richards, good wing bars, nice back and well tanned chest; res, Wren; vhc, Harris; hc, Silk; c, Jordan. BULL (7): 1, spl, Harris, grand cap, good back, well defined bars, nice breast; 2, Crewes, good col. breast, fine bird; 3, Jordan, nice cap, good size and shape, but paler on breast; res, hc, Rowe and Richards; c Meager. LARGE (8): 1, spl, Burrows, Hawfinch, grand size, shape and feather, rare bib, in good order; 2, Harris, Hawfinch, grand col., size and shape, not so good in bib; 3, Kemp, nice col. and spangled Starling, good sheen; res, Collins; vhc, Mitchell; hc, Baseley; c, Owen. SMALL (24): 1, spl, Trowers; spl, vhc, hc, Rowe and Richards, Yellow Bunting, grand V and cheek marks, good size and shape, nice col. and feather, grand back; 2, Jordan, Chaffinch, nice cap and whites, good back and col., steady; 3, Larres, Bramble, good size and shape, excellent feather and spangling; ex 3, Collins, Snow Bunting, nice feather, size and col; c, Allen. SMALL SOFTBILL (5): 1, spl, 2, res, Collins; Grey Wagtail, nice feather, very steady; 2, Nuthatch, good size, col., and markings; 3, Baseley, good col. and shapely Skylark, nicely marked; vhc, Richards. FOR. LARGE (7): 1, spl, Davis, King Parrot, gem for col. and feather, in grand form; 2, 3, res, Smith good pair of Blue Mountain Lories, well marked, good col. and feather; 3, grand pair Leadbeater Cockatoos, lovely order; vhc, Dunn; hc, Failey; c, Vann. SMALL (11): 1, spl, Roberts, Blackcheek Love Birds, lovely feather, nice col. and markings; 2, Liddicoat, White Java, real good one, very pure in col. and put down "in the pink"; 3, Davis, Red-headed Gouldian, nice col. and feather; res, Smith; vhc, c, Nelson; hc, Woodcock. SELL. 20s.: 1, spl, Collins; 2, Thomas; 3, Burton; res, Ferrill; vhc, Roberts; hc, Peters; c, Lobb. SELL. 15s.: 1, spl, Ball; 2, Ferrill; 3, Sherman; res, Burton; vhc, Thomas, hc, Wotton; c, Collins. SELL. 10s.: 1, spl, Reynolds; 2, Allen; 3, Ward; res, Andrew; vhc, Collins; hc, Davis; c, Rowe and Richards.

EALING HANWELL & DIS. F.S

Evening show July 1st, St. John's Memorial Hall. Mr. J. W. Ginns judged, his awards being received with satisfaction. YORKS, YELL. CK.: 1, Bamber; 2, Crockett; 3, Fletcher, vhc, F. Smith; r, Crockett. BUFF: 1, F. Smith; 2, hc, Boffin; 3, Crockett; r, Wright; vhc, J. Smith. HEN: 1, 3, F. Smith; 2, Wright. YORKS. YOUNG BIRDS: 1, Fletcher; 2, Crockett; 3, vhc, J. Smith; r, C. F. Smith; hc, Bamber. BRITISH: 1, Bamber; 2, 3, J. Smith. Mr. Fletcher's cup was won by F. Smith, A. Crockett winning Mr. Fletcher's special.—J. F. Kendall, Hon. Asst. Sec.

LIVERPOOL B.B.A.

Nest feather show, held in Oldham Hall, June 24. Mr. A. G. Davies judge. Entries did not come up so well as in other years. YORKS. YELL. (6): 1, Jones; 2, Maxwell; 3, Corbett; vhc, Malone; hc, c, Cooper. BUFF (5): 1, Algie; 2, Jones; 3, Carbett; vhc, Cooper; hc, Malone. TICK YELL. (4): 1, Garrood; 2, Cooper; 3, Maxwell; vhc, Garrood. BUFF (8): 1, Algie; 2, hc, Jones; 3, vhc, Malone; c, Corbett. GREEN SELF YELL. (5): 1, Eccleston; 2, Algie; 3, Jones; vhc, hc, c, Ravenscroft. BUFF: 1, 3, Eccleston; 2, Corbett; vhc, hc, Jones; c, Maxwell. FOUL YELL. (4): 1, Algie; 2, Cooper; 3, Maxwell; vhc, Eccleston. BRIT. (4): 1, Lloyd, Goldfinch; 2, 3, Cooper; vhc, Hearn. Most points, Champion: 1, R. Algie; 2, Corbett; 3, Lloyd. Ditto Novice: 1, Jones; 2, Eccleston; 3, Cooper; 4, Malone; 5, Maxwell; 6, Garrood. Most points in show: W. Jones.—F. Eccleston, Sec.

CITY & COUNTY OF PERTH O.A.

Annual nest feather shoy, held in Laidlaw's Temperance Hotel, on 1st July, and was a great success. The outstanding feature of the show was the Plainhead classes, some very promising birds being forward, Mr. A. G. Forrest being 1st and special forward, and 1st for buffs with nest brothers, which will be heard of again. In Crest and Crest-bred classes, Mr. W. Blythe was leader, his 1st Crest being a good one, while the 1st Crest-bred promises to be a clinker. Borders were not such a good show. Some very promising Mules were forward, especially Mr. Roy's 1st, a Goldie of great promise.

NOR. YELL.: 1, sp, 4, Forrest; 2, 5, Mooney; 3, 8, Borrie; 6, Carstairs. BUFF: 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, Forrest; 2 Mooney; 6, Carstairs. CREST: 1, 2, 3, Blythe; 4, 5, 7, Bruce; 6, Duncan. CREST-BRED: 1, 2, 4, 7, Blythe; 3, 5, 6, Bruce. BORD.: 1, sp, 4, 5, McDonald; 2, 6, Fairweather; 3, Duncan; 7, Carstairs. MULES: 1, sp, Roy; 2, 3, Mooney. Mr. W. Grewar (Forfar) judged, and gave every satisfaction. Mr. Forrest's specials for most entries were won by J. Mooney and W. Blythe.

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DARWEN.

We held our first feather show on June 27th, when some very good birds were staged. The judges were Messrs. E. Walsh, and G. Knowles, of Blackburn. YORKS. CL.: 1, W. Trevor; 2, A. Marr; 3, W. Harwood. VARIEG.: 1, Trevor; 2, Marr; 3, J. Hearth. NOR. CL.: 1, 2, N. Tomlinson; 2, W. Tomlinson. VARIEG.: 1, sp, 3, N. Tomlinson; 2, Ratcliffe. BRIT., LINNET: 1, Marr; 2, J. Neville; 3, N. Tomlinson. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, sp, W. T. Singleton; 2, N. Tomlinson; 3, Harwood.—W. S. Singleton, Sec.

GUISBORO' & DIS. (Priory) C.B.S.

Young bird show, held June 24th, in Mr. Wear's rooms, when 55 birds were staged. Judge, Mr. A. Wake (Middlesbrough). YORKS. CL.: 1, 3, hc, H. Hood; 2, vhc, W. Starling; c, J. G. Cook. TICKS: 1, vhc, H. Hood; 2, G. Barker; 3, J. G. Cook; hc, c, F. Dixon. NOVICE; 1, 2, G. Barker; 3, F. Dixon. TICK.: 1, 2, vhc, C. Jackson; 3, hc, Mays and Allison; c, G. Barker. CRESTS: 1, 2, 3, W. Starling. LINNET: 1, G. Barker; 2, 3, hc, Lowe and Wallace; vhc, c, Mays and Allison. A.O.V. BRIT.: 1, Lowe and Wallace; 2, 3, hc, Mays and Allison; vhc, J. Dunning; c, Barker.—Winter and Hood, Secs.

NORTH MANCHESTER C.B.S.

1st Feather show. Mr. Cowgill, of Bradford, was the judge. The entries were small, but some good birds were shown. Mr. Deakin won the amateur pool, and Mr. Tansey the novice pool. Specials were won by Mr. Pike, Deakin, Slater, Davey, Robinson, Tansey, and Hartley. YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, 2, Deakin; 3, c, Dunn; 4, Pike; vhc, Clarke; hc, Kenyon. BUFF: 1, 2, Pike; 3, hc, Dunn; 4, Odell; vhc, Clarke; c, Kenyon. TKD. YELL.: 1, Deakin; 2, Pike; 3, vhc, Odell; 4, Kenyon. BUFF: 1, 4, Deakin; 2, 3, Pike; vhc, hc, Clarke; c, Jones. GREEN, ETC.: 1, Jones. NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, Slater. TKD. BUFF: 1, Slater. BORD. YELL.: 1, Davey. BUFF: 1, Davey. GOLD, ETC.: 1, Tansey; 2, Robinson. GREEN, ETC.: 1, 2, Robinson. YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, 3, Evans; 2, Hartley. BUFF: 1, 3, Hartley; 2, Cheetham. TKD. YELL.: 1, vhc, Tansey; 2, Hartley; 3, Cheetham; 4, hc, Evans. BUFF: 1, 2, Tansey; 3, Hartley; 4, Cheetham. NOR. (four classes): All prizes to Hartley.—J. Davey, Hon. Sec.

WALKLEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S

Nest feather show June 24th, held in the St. Philip's Schoolroom, Westmoreland Street, when we had nearly 100 birds staged, there being some very promising ones amongst them, A. Lawton taking special for best bird in show with a beautiful Norwich, which, I think, will be heard of later. G. H. Butler specials for best Yorkshire, with a very nice Yellow, and J. and C. Scott special for best British. Judge, Mr. Champion, who gave satisfaction to all. We had a very good day considering the weather. Thanks are due to Mr. Woolhouse and Mr. Lawton, the stewards, who worked very hard indeed. Will members and friends kindly note our next meeting night, July 13th, at 8 p.m., when we are having a table show of Canaries?

CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Lawton; 2, vhc, Marshall; 3, Tomlinson; hc, Ridal; c, Whitaker. CLASS 3: 1, 3, Tomlinson; 2, Lawton; vhc, Marshall; hc, T. Ridal; c, F. Whitaker. CLASS 5: 1, hc, Tomlinson; 2, c, Ridal; 3, Marshall; vhc, Lawton. CLASS 6: 1, Lawton; 2, vhc, Tomlinson; 3, Marshall; hc, Ridal. NOR.: 1, spl., Lawton; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Woolhouse. NOVICE: CL., YELL. YORKS.: 1, spl., G. Butler; 2, Daniels; 3, vhc, Hartley; hc, Smith; c, Biddle. CLASS 9: 1, Kelsey; 2, vhc, J. Hartley; 3, Smith; hc, Daniels; c, Biddle. CLASS 10: 1, Hartley; 2, Furniss; 3, Daniels. CLASS 11: 1, 2, J. Smith; 3, Kelsey; vhc, R. Smith; hc, Hogan. CLASS 12: 1, J. Smith; 2, Butler; 3, Kelsey; vhc, Furniss; hc, Wood; c, Hagan. CLASS 13: 1, 2, vhc, hc, R. Smith; 3, Abbott. BRIT., REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, hc, Ritson; 2, Rose; 3, J. and C. Scott; vhc, Carnell. A.O.V. HARDBILL: 1, spl., J. and C. Scott; 2, Rose; 3, vhc, Ritson; hc, Carnell; c, Lawton. SELL.: 1, Woolhouse; 2, Daniels; 3, Furniss.—J. Scott, Sec.

SOUTH BIRMINGHAM O.S.

First feather show held June 28th, at headquarters, Sydenham Hotel, Small Heath. Everything was a marked success. The show stewards, Messrs. Perks, Hall and Stevxenson, under the able control of Show Manager Wright, had the 64 birds all nicely displayed and ready for judging at 7p.m. sharp. Judge Russell's task was no easy one, but his awards were received with the utmost satisfaction. When the doors were thrown open a large crowd soon filled the showroom, and visitors who accompanied the members were more than delighted with the display. The various classes being numbered no difficulty was experienced in locating them with the help of the hand catalogue, which was much admired. Amongst those present were several fanciers from Scotland, visiting Birmingham for the Convention at the Town Hall. Chairman Willmott, in a neat speech, welcomed all, and proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Russell for so kindly judging; to the show manager and his stewards for placing the birds so well; and to our treasurer for the use of the room, expressing his opinion that it was the best nest feather show held in Birmingham for some years. Judge Russell spoke in eulogistic terms of the birds shown. The specials were awarded as follows: Champion Class, Best Yorks., 2/6 cash to Mr. Kidner; best birds in Champion Class, Mr. Wright; best Mule, Mr. Matthews; best British, Mr. Hague; best Border, Mr. Murray; best Cinnamon marked, Mr. Hall; Novice: Silver medal for best birds, also for best Buff, Mr. Harry Manders; best Yorkshire (silver winner excluded), Mr. Fields; for best Norwich, no competition. (The giver of this requested me to hand the prize to Mr. West; he will provide another for July show). Most points throughout the show, Mr. Stevenson. It is to be hoped that our July show will even eclipse the June show for entries; Mr. J. H. Roe judged. Will members please note that the monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 19th?

CHAMPION: CL. or TKD. YELL. (2): 1, J. Wright, clear, neat head well filled in neck, good quality and col.; 2, Stevenson, type and position fairly good. YELL. A.O.V. (3): 1, 2, Kidner, heavily marked, good position and col.; 3, Sheppard, nice bird, small. BUFF CL. or TKD. (6): 1, spl., 4, Kidner, clear good length and position, fine col. and type; 2, Hughes, close up, hardly so long; 3, Stevenson, clear, smart style. BUFF A.O.V. (3): 1, J. Wright, good length and position, well braced wings and pipe tail, smart youngster; 2, Stevenson, good quality. NOVICE: CL. or TKD. YELL. (7): 1, spl., A. Fields, clear grand col. and quality, good length and well drawn; 2, Constable, beautiful col., quality and type; 3, Greenup, close up, good wing-carriage and position; 4, Twist. UN. YELL. (3): 1, Wright, Cin. mkd., nice head and neck, tight fitting wings and close tail, good length; 2, Constable, variegated, good position and length; 3, Stevenson, nice quality and col. BUFF CL. or TKD. (14): 1, 2 spls., Manders, clear, position and style A1, straight as a pencil, good length, fine wings and pipe tail, col. and quality very good; 2, Walton, smaller, grand quality, nice head and neck; 3, 4, Fields, close up to 2. VARIEG. (5): 1, Harding, Cin. marked, well drawn, good position, quality and type; 2, Twist, marked wings and chest, good quality, lengthy, well on the leg; 3, Berks, nicely drawn. VARIEG. (7): 1, spl., Hall, nice head and well filled neck, good wings and tail, fine position and quality; 2, 3, 4, Hall, grand quality and col., fine team. NOVICE: NOR. YELL. (2): 1, spl., West, heavily marked, wonderful size great width of chest for one so young, col. and quality A1; 2, Small, marked one wing, nice quality. BUFF (2): 1, Perks, small, nice quality. BORDERS (4): 1, spl., Murray, smart, clear buff, grand quality, nice head and neck, good wing carriage; 2, 3, Walton, stylish birds. HYBRID (3): 1, spl., Matthews, dark Greenfinch and Canary, good size and col., nice quality; 2, 3, Hague dark Goldfinch and Canary, pair of smart youngsters. BRIT. (5): 1, spl., 2, Hague, Goldfinch, brilliant face, good size and in excellent condition; 3, Murray, Redpoll, gem for markings and col. A.O.V. CAN. (1): This bird was shown by Chairman Willmott, awarded vhc Yorks., reared from the nest in an outdoor aviary, no protection from rain or wind, and brought up entirely on seed. (Well done, Mr. Chairman.)

DALTON AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

First feather show held July 1st, at Headquarters, Quinlaw's Rooms, where we had 76 entries. The attendance was fairly good considering other events being held same day. Owing to illness our judge, Mr. R. Taylor, was unable to attend, and at very short notice Mr. P. J. Davies, Millom, undertook this important position, and fully satisfied all concerned.

NOR. YELL. OR TICK: 1, 2 specials for best bird in show, old members, Park; 2, 3, Falshaw; vhc, Swindle. BUFF: 1, Falshaw; 2, Park; 3, J. W. Phizacklea. GREEN: 1, Falshaw; 2, Park. YORKS. YELL. CL., OR TKD.: 1, Park; 2, 3, Ferguson. BUFF: 1, Ferguson. BORDER, CL. OR TK.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Ferguson. MARKED: 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Ferguson. BRITISH: 1, 2, Hanna; 3, vhc, c, Wm. Phizacklea; hc, J. W. Phizacklea. CANARY (1st year members): 1, 3, c, Fenton; 2, hc, Jackson; hc, Hornby. HYBRIDS: 1, 2, Hanna. A.O.V.: 1, 3, Wm. Phizacklea; 2, J. W. Phizacklea. CANARY, A.V. (hon. members): 1, 2, vhc, c, Mrs. J. Bowman, 3, hc, Jones.

EASTFIELD SIDE C.B.S.

First feather show, when entries came up fairly well considering the bad luck the fanciers have had, and what was lacking in quantity was made up in quality. Many of the birds will be heard of again. The staging was A1. Mr. J. Richards judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction.

NOR. YELL.: 1, Weston; 2, Bentley; 3, Baggeley. BUFF: 1, Count and Keeling; 2, Bentley; 3, Barnes. TKD. BUFF: 1, Bentley; 2, Burton; 3, Houghton. GREEN, ETC.: 1, Barnes; 2, Baggeley; 3, Barnes. YORKS. YELL.: 1, 2, Athey. BUFF: 1, 2, Athey. BORDER, 1, 2, Rawlins. DARK CREST, A.V.: 1, 2, Nuttall Bros.; 3, Marsh. LIGHT: 1, Nuttall Bros.; 2, Marsh. CREST BRED: 1, 3, Norwood; 2, Nuttall Bros. CLASS 12: 1, 2, 3, Hawksley. NOVICE: NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, Connah; 2, Wright Bros.; 3, Count and Keeling. BUFF: 1, Count and Keeling; 2, Hawksley; 3, Barratt. VAR. YELL.: 1, 2, Slack; 3, Barratt. BUFF: 1, Connah; 2, Hall Bros.; 3, Burton; vhc, Wright Bros. CREST: 1, 2, Handley; 3, Bradbury. CREST BRED: 1, Shaw; 2, Marshall; 3, W. Thompson. Mr. J. Bradbury exhibited one Canary in a tree, a wonderful whistler this.

HALIFAX O.S.

First feather show, July 1st, at the Saddle Hotel, Market Street. The grand total of 73 entries faced the judge, Mr. R. Halliday (Shipley), who gave general satisfaction. A silver spoon for most points in champion section was secured by Mr. E. J. Cundall, with 14 points, Mr. W. Simpson being a good second with 13 points. The silver spoon in the novice section was gained by Mr. S. Smith with 12 points; Mr. H. Clegg close up with 11 points. Some good birds were staged and should be heard of later.

CL., ETC., YELL. YORKS.: 1, E. J. Cundall; 2, Burdekin Bros.; 3, J. Greenwood; vhc, H. Lord; hc, E. Ellis; C. F. Horsman. BUFF: 1, E. J. Cundall; 2, E. Saville; 3, vhc, H. W. Walsh; hc, A. Lloyd; c, F. Townsend. EVEN, ETC., YELL.: 1, W. Hartley; 2, E. Ellis; 3, vhc, P. Sunderland. BUFF: 1, 2, Burdekin Bros.; 3, S. Haigh. FOUL MKD.: 1, F. Townsend; 2, J. Greenwood; 3, T. Pilling; vhc, Burdekin Bros.; hc, E. J. Cundall; c, J. Gelder. GREEN YELL.: 1, 3, vhc, W. Simpson; 2, A. Mann; hc, c, S. Wilkinson. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, S. Smith; vhc, W. Simpson; hc, L. Grunwell. YELL. NORWICH: 1, Moore and Stott; 2, H. Clegg. BUFF: 1, 3, H. Clegg; 2, Moore and Stott; vhc, H. Lord; hc, A. Lloyd; c, S. Haigh. VARIEGATED: 1, H. Lord; 2, H. Clegg. ANY A.O.: 1, E. Saville; 2, E. Ellis.—J. J. Dunn, Sec.

PLUMSTEAD & WOOLWICH C.B.S.

Fourth young stock show, held at Trinity Schoolroom, Beresford Street, Woolwich, on July 1. The arrangements were in the hands of the hon. secretaries, Messrs. Meades and Woolgar, whose enthusiasm and practical experience combined to cater for success. The staging was convenient and well placed, and there was a nice light for judging. Cards were up promptly, and catalogues of awards out in good time, and at the "nimble" price of 2d. During the evening a well-sustained concert of vocal and instrumental music provided enjoyment for the visitors, in addition to the viewing of the birds. There was quite a nice entry of Canaries, and the quality throughout was excellent, some birds of rare promise being on view. Mr. E. Meades won the medal for the best in the show with a really nice buff Norwich. This bird is well set on strong legs, neat in head and beak, nice back, short wings and tail, and has size into the bargain with lovely silky feather. Mr. D. Williams won special for best in Novices Section, also with a Norwich Plainhead of superb feather and running Mr. Meades hard for premier show honours. There was also a nice collection of British, and a couple of Foreign Goldies. The society is to be congratulated on the display. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged.

CHAMP. NOR. CL. or TK. YELL: 1 Meades, 2 Pawley. BULL, 1, spl, 2, Meades; 3, Pawley. A.O.V. YELL or BUFF: 1, Meades; 2, 3, Pawley. YORKS: 1, 2, Forse; 3, Knights. A.O.V.: 1, Maclellan. NOVICE SECTION. NOR. CL. or TK. YELL.: 1, spl, Williams; 2, hc, Weygang; 3, Smith; vhc, c, Woolgar. BUFF: 1, Hartland; 2, 3, Shrivell; vhc, c, Woolgar; hc, Smith. A.O.V. NOR.: 1, 2, G. Smith; 3, Hartland; vhc, Shrivell; hc, J. H. Smith; c, Woolgar. C. or C.B.: 1, 2, Williams. MULES: 1, Juby. GOLDIE: 1, Knights; 2, J. H. Smith; 3, Meades. LINN.: 1, J. H. Smith; 2, Hartland. REDPOLL, SISKIN, etc.: 1, Maclellan, a lovely mealy, beautiful colour and markings, with feather sitting it like glass, a topper; 2, c, Knights; 3, Hartland; vhc, Maclellan; hc, Meades. GREENIE: 1, Hartland; 2, Maclellan; 3, Knights. A.O.V. SEEDEATER: 1, 3, Knights. FOR. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Meades.

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JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

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W. VARDY, The Aviaries, Hucknall Huthwaite, Notts. Judge of all varieties; specialist in Norwich Plainheads. Life experience. Terms moderate.
J. WALSH, Bird Specialist, Blackburn. Judge Cage Birds, Specialist Mules, British and Foreign.
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Twitterings.

We are holding our First Feather Show this Saturday, July 15, with Mr. J. Cuthbertson as judge, writes Mr. J. H. Elwell (Shildon).

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Will secretaries of societies desirous of having the Northern Yorkshire C.C. patronage please apply at once, writes Mr. R. Tindale, 14, Affleck Street, Gateshead.

We have received really excellent samples of egg-bread and hemp seed from Mr. E. J. Grain (bird-food specialist, of Nottingham), which he is advertising in our columns.

The Hartlepools C.B.S. second Nest Feather Show has been fixed for Wednesday, July 26, at the Y.M.C.A., when Mr. B. Evans will adjudicate, writes Mr. E. Woodhead, the hon. sec.

Owing to Mr. Carroll having resigned, I beg to notify you that I am now secretary of the Yorkshire C.B.S. of Ireland, writes Mr. C. H. Holley (66, Fitzroy Avenue, Drumcondra, Dublin).

The L. and P.O.S. hold their Young Bird Show at Leysian Hall, City Road, on Thursday, July 20, at 8 p.m., writes Mr. Law, the sec. The show is free, and all visitors will be welcomed.

In our report of the Newcastle-on-Tyne C.B.S. recent Young Bird Show we very much regret that the name of Mr. Currah was inadvertently omitted as being one of the judges of the Canary section.

We have received a sum of 4s. as deposit for a Linnet, but the sender has omitted to give his name and address. Will he please send these particulars on? The envelope bears the Dumbarton postmark.

We hear that Mr. J. N. Harrison is to judge the Sittingbourne and Milton F. and F.S. Show on Oct. 25; also that Mr. G. Arnold (171, Chalkwell Road, Sittingbourne) has been appointed hon. secretary.

Will all fanciers and friends intending going on the ramble with the members of the Sheffield O.S. kindly apply for tickets to me, writes Mr. T. Bishop, at 69, Alexandra Road, Heeley, or Mr. Mace, Blonk Street?

Will the members of the Wallasey and Dist. C.B.S. kindly meet at headquarters on July 22, not later than 2.30 prompt, to have a ramble to Woodchurch via Wallasey Marsh and Bidston? writes Mr. W. Mallinson, the sec.

Walkden and Dis. C.B.S. will hold their 2nd annual First Feather Show on July 29 at the Institute, Manchester Road, when Mr. J. Raynes (Chorlton-cum-Hardy) will judge the birds, writes Mr. H. Howard, the sec.

We hear that the Six Bells and Dist. F.S. (Wales) are providing an interesting additional attraction to their next show on Oct. 18, in the shape of a painting competition (subject, a Goldfinch), confined to the scholars at the local schools.

I have received this week an order from Aleival North, Cape Colony, South Africa, writes Mr. Fred Allen, the well-known bird specialist, of Hull. I am also making arrangements for a large consignment of British birds, Yorkshire and Norwich Canaries to the same country.

Could you kindly state, writes Mr. J. Woolhouse, assist. sec., Sheffield C.B.S., that Mr. F. Elliott, the winner of special for best Yorks in show at Sheffield C.B.S. Nest Feather Show, is a partner of Wilkinson and Elliott, Stocksbridge, as he does not want to receive more honour than his partner?

FIRST FEATHER SHOWS.

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Secretaries should note that we can print at very favourable rates, show schedules, posters in colours, and ornamental prize-cards. Send for samples and prices.

Windhill play the Rest of the Fancy at cricket on Saturday, July 15, at the Hare and Hounds, Menston, writes Mr. T. Ogden. All intending players or spectators meet at the Midland Station, Bradford, not later than two o'clock to catch train which leaves three minutes past two o'clock.

The Grangemouth and Dist. O.S. will hold a First Feather Show in the Boilermakers' Hall, Grangemouth, on July 22, at 2.30 p.m. prompt, writes Mr. J. D. Millar, the sec. There will be thirteen classes in all. The judges are Mr. D. Smart for Scotch and Border fancies; Mr. A. Eadie, for Crests and Norwich; Mr. W. Scaife and Mr. J. Ovenstone, for Mules, Brit. and For. birds. I trust the members will make our first show a success.

Please remind secretaries of northern societies that we allot patronage at our next meeting, Aug. 14, and that their applications for the patronage of the Northern Border and Scotch Fancy Club should be sent in as soon as possible, writes Mr. J. N. F. Scott (186, Cartington Terrace, Newcastle), as we have only a limited number of shows to allot patronage to, and there are already some applications in. Secretaries should state classification given (Scotch and Borders), also judge.

Where are you spending August Bank Holiday? If your thoughts turn towards a fine live-stock exhibition, combined with a really first-class sports meeting and other entertainments, don't forget Cambridge Mammoth Show on August 7. It is a splendid affair, and provides a great day's amusement at a very small cost, while part of the profit is devoted to charity. This huge fixture is held on the pleasant Midsummer Common. Fanciers should apply for a schedule (note advertisement).

OBITUARY.

Mr. W. SHARP (Barrow-in-Furness).

It is with great regret I have to report the death of one of our life members, Mr. W. Sharp, writes Mr. Wm. Templeton, sec., Barrow-in-Furness C.B.A. He held the position of auditor for a great number of years, and was respected by all fanciers who came into contact with him. Our sympathy is with the widow in her sad bereavement.

Mr. J. E. Hudson, secretary, Laisterdyke B.F.A., writes:—Members of our society will hear with very deep regret of the sad loss which Mr. W. B. Swaine has sustained by the death of his wife under very painful circumstances and after only a brief illness. I feel sure that members and the Fancy generally will extend to him their heartfelt sympathy in this sad hour of trial. We sincerely trust that some small ray of comfort will come to him out of the thought that others are sympathising with him during the calamity which has befallen him and which has deprived him of one so near and dear. One and all hope that strength may be given to him to bear up under the heavy burden that has been cast upon him.

As a precaution against mice, place an ordinary glass jam jar under the legs of cage racks, and the mice will be unable to climb up the glass, writes Mr. A. Ainsworth (Accrington).

Mr. W. Davies (Aberaman, S. Wales) writes: Kindly allow me to thank Messrs. Trower and Co., of London, for their special prize of a gold medal, won by me at the 1911 Crystal Palace Show (as runner-up for the most points in the open championship section), which I was most pleased to receive.

Will secretaries of societies in Kent desiring the patronage of the Kent County C.C.A. at their forthcoming show please make application as early as possible, as the allotting of patronage is on the agenda for the August monthly meeting? Please state date of show and name of C.B. judge. The committee will be pleased to hear from county members who have suggestions to make on the above subject.—A. Hendry, hon. sec. (36, Clarendon Place, Dover).

The Canary Cup Competition in connection with Cardiff C.B.S. three shows proves very interesting, writes Mr. J. W. Dummett, the sec. At the pair show H. C. Smith was the leader by two points from E. Thomas, S. F. Whetton coming third, one point behind. At our late Young Bird Show S. F. Whetton took first place with a total of 66 points, H. C. Smith second place with 57 points, and E. Thomas third with 51 points, E. Thomas coming next with 46. In the British Cup E. Thorne is "on his own" with 72, and Mr. Shellam in Mules, 21. For the first-named competition at our Open Show in November excitement will be great. Will all members please attend the meeting on July 20?

The Council of the King Edward National Memorial desire at least three prominent persons in every town and village throughout the country to volunteer to act as a local committee of the Hon. Grand Council, which aims to purchase the Crystal Palace as the King Edward National Memorial. They also require three influential persons in each town and village to act as collectors of instalments towards the £1 1s. life admission tickets, and to sell Crystal Palace stamps on commission. Readers are earnestly invited to write offering their services or suggesting those persons in the locality most suited to the above offices, so that the persons can be officially approached. Letters should be marked "Committee," and addressed to the Right Hon. the Earl of Kinnoull, D.L., Hon. Treas., 28, Shaftesbury Avenue, London, W.

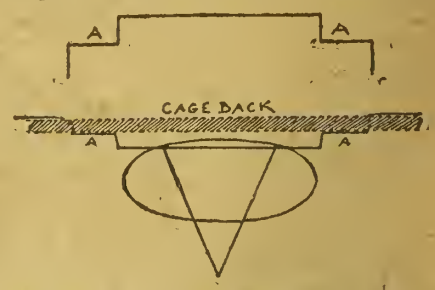
Illustrated Ideas

No. 524.

A Holder for Nest Pans.

Sent by G. Brown, 9, Burgher Street, Glasgow.

I am sending you a sketch of a simple holder for the wire hanger of a nest pan, instead of using a hook. Get a piece of cage wire, and with pliers bend to shape as seen at top of sketch. Then bore two small holes in the back of the breeding cage for the ends of the wire holder to go through. Hold something solid (such as a flat-iron) against A, on



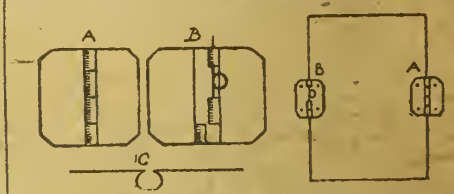
the inside of the cage, hammer ends of wire in cage at the back, and it is finished. Take your wire nest-pan hanger, upside down, and slide it into the slot, when you will never be troubled with any rocking of the nest when a bird jumps on to the edge of the pan. I am using it myself this year, and find it an improvement on the hook. I hope other readers will find it same.—George Brown.

No. 525.

A Door Fastener.

Sent by T. Noddings, 26, Strathclyde Street, Dalmarnock, Glasgow.

I enclose a sketch of a door fastener which I find very neat, and secure, for box and show cages. All that is required is an ordinary hinge (as shown at A). Take out the rivet and file off one shoulder, then replace bolt, as



shown in "B." The bolt is made of 16-gauge cage wire (as shown in C). All the tools required are a pair of pliers, a small file, and a screwdriver, with some little tacks. At right of sketch is seen cage door complete, with hinge screwed on, and fastener.—T. Noddings.

FIRST FEATHER SHOWS.

The dates for First Feather Shows are inserted in this column free of charge. Secretaries should notify us of same as soon as the dates have been decided upon.

July 15.—Attercliffe C.B.S.; Codnor Park and Eastwood C.B.S.; Derwent Valley C.B.S.; Rotherham C.B.S.; Admiral Duncan O.S.; Longton C.B.S.; Fleece Hotel (Gt. Horton); Clapham C.B.S.; Bramley O.S.; Blaydon-on-Tyne C.B.S.; Dubmire Workmen's Club; Eccleshill C.B.A.; Morley C.B.S.; Dewsbury C.B.S.; Tong C.B.S.; Wibsey C.B.S.; Shildon.
July 18.—West Bromwich C.B.S.; Torbay (Paignton) O.S.; Ashton-under-Lyne O.S.
July 19.—Western Counties O.S. (Plymouth); Brighton C.B.A.
July 20.—Grimsby O.S.; L. and P.O.S.
July 22.—Bankfoot C.B.S.; Bolton O.S.; Bradford East O.S.; Hirst Universal C.B.S.; Sheffield O.S.; South Birmingham O.S.; Stockport B.F.A.; Chopwell F.S.; Green C.A.; Shipley O.S.; Hamilton Cadzow Oak O.S.; Crewe O.S.; Altrincham C.B.S. Barrington and Choppington C.B.S.; Grangemouth O.S.; Leyton C.B.S.
July 22 and 23.—Leigh C.B.S.
July 26.—Ayr C.B.C.; Hartlepools C.B.S.
July 29.—City of Bradford O.S.; Dunfermline and Dis. C.B.S.; Lochore and Glencraig F.A.; Poplar C.B.S.; City of Wakefield O.S.; St. Crispin (Northampton) C.B.S.; Falkirk Good Intent C.B.A.; Spen Valley C.B.S.; Middlesbrough and Tees-side C.B.S.; Glasgow and Western Counties; Halifax O.S.; Walkden C.B.S.
Aug. 5.—Peltou Fell C.B.S.; Sunderland C.B.A.; Uddington O.S.; Vale of Leven C.B.C.; Ashington and Hirst C.B.S.

Cage Birds League.

Mr. Fulljames has received from "Reginald Sparey, 5, John Street," two shillings for membership and rolled gold badge, but as no town is mentioned, the badge and receipt cannot be forwarded. Will Mr. Sparey kindly send the name of his town.

Young Bird Shows.

We have received this week an unprecedented number of reports of young bird (first feather) shows—over 70, which is easily a record—and we find it impossible, of course, to publish them all in this issue, and do justice to our other features. Under the circumstances we ask the kindly indulgence of secretaries and exhibitors; all the reports will be published at the earliest possible moment.

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Lost Song Tours of the Roller Canary.

Translated by G. B. Leclair from an original article, by W. Kluhs (Landberg), in "Kanaria."

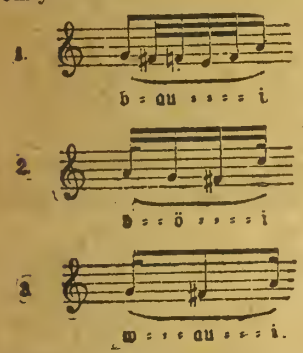
Many years have passed since the time when for twenty years I uninterruptedly figured as a contributor to "Die Gefiederte Welt," dealing with uncertainties of Canary breeding and rearing, and the development of its song, of which my older fancier friends doubtlessly still have a vivid recollection. My activity ceased on the death of the then editor of "Die Gefiederte Welt," Dr. Karl Russ, but the breeding of valuable songsters still remains a pleasant hobby for me, although on a more moderate scale.

Incited by numerous acquaintances, I propose once more to participate in the solution of uncertain questions, but I have specially been influenced in this decision by the article entitled "The Koller," which appeared in "Kanaria" of November, 1909, but which I regret has only just come to my notice. The examples of notes cited in this article were compiled by me at the time when I was still a military bandmaster, and published in 1877 in "Kanaria." I subsequently made further studies of the Canary's song at the request of Dr. Karl Russ.

One of the Most Difficult Tours.

I wrote concerning the Koller as follows:—"The Koller is undoubtedly one of the most difficult tours of the Canary's song, and is not easily produced; by many fanciers it is even rated above the hollow-roll for beauty. There is a certain similarity in the Koller to a delightful water-roll, and a hollow schnatter,* but the sound of the koller is round (⌣), deep, and hollow bubbling, whereas that of the schnatter is broad(——). It frequently happens that scarcely a third of a strain acquires this tour, and even of these many songsters neglect or forget it when mutual support is wanting, i.e., when they are separated from songsters of their own class. It may be by reason of this fact that it was formerly considered extinct, until it was made accessible to the Fancy by the veteran Erntges.

The basis of the koller is formed, according to the sound, by "bu, bau, bo, beu, bö and bü," yet the note also forms a ringing (rippling) "i." The bird begins this tour at a measure of four to six beats a second, with the note "b" or "w," bursts out with the fullest force on the deeper notes "u," "au," "o," etc., and then rises a few degrees to their rippling conclusion. As this performance takes place four to six times a second, the execution is so rapid that the ear seems to perceive all three notes simultaneously."



The koller reproduced in No. 1 was incontestibly the finest, as the wavelike part on "au" was produced in a distinctive manner. Such a tour was also called Nightingale-koller. No. 2 was almost as fine. On the other hand that given in No. 3 produced the waves in quicker measure, more carelessly, yet still fine, but was manifestly more easily accomplished by the songster, and it was consequently performed in this way by most of the koller birds that I heard, whilst No. 1 and No. 2 were only performed by the best class songsters.

The first koller songster I heard was that belonging to Otto Brandner, with whom, as a member of the Stettin Ornithological Society in 1876, I was acquainted, and who requested me to listen to this tour and to give a musical and phonetic rendering of it in his paper, "Kanaria"; this appeared in 1877. Brandner acquired his birds from Erntges.

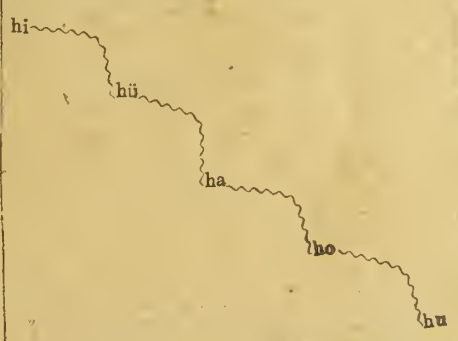
In the second edition of his book, "The Harz Canary," Brandner stated that the koller evolved from the gluck-roll. This leads me to the opinion that the tour might even now turn up again at any moment, just as it came into being from about the year 1850, in the neighbourhood of Andreasberg. Probably it is still here and there present, and looked upon as a water-roll. Be that as it may, it is certain that the tour has never become truly pure song; this could not be accomplished even by such an experienced breeder and judge of song as Erntges, and consequently he finally gave up the tour. According to my personal opinion, the koller, moreover, can by no means vie with a delightful bent hollow-roll in beauty of sound. Its value rather consisted simply in its rarity, although it was much finer than an ordinary water-roll. The complaint concerning the loss of this tour has therefore not the justification that is variously raised in its favour. What breeder of a fine pure strain of songsters would desire to give this up, and exchange it for the koller with impure song?

The so-called Nightingale warblers and gluck songsters have disappeared, like the koller, for the same reason; therefore let us leave the fable of these lost "beautiful" tours to the past, lest we spoil the pleasure of the present delightful song. Why wander afield, when the good is so close at hand?

The Laughing Tour.

Another fine tour alleged to be lost is the "Lach (laugh) roll. "It has tracelessly disappeared without leaving offspring," wrote Brandner in his book, "The Canary."

Not one of all the judges with whom I have spoken concerning this tour, with the exception of Erntges, had ever heard it himself, not even Brandner. It must have disappeared at a far-distant date, and have dropped through 3 octaves. Just think of this! for the whole of the Canary's song, as a rule, encompasses scarcely three octaves. Accordingly, the lach-roll must have begun on the highest note that the Canary is capable of producing, and have descended to the deepest level of the knorre (knurre)! This tour was described to me by Erntges as beginning high on the notes "hi, hi, hi," dropping through "hi-ha-ho" to "hu," similar to the following:—



In explanation, so to speak, of the lach-roll, Erntges related the following story to me from memory:—

"The veteran Maybach was, in spite of his advanced age, a passionate admirer of the song of exquisite Canaries, and it happened that, although he resided a considerable distance from Elberfeld, he always kept up an active intercourse with fanciers in this town, especially with me. One day Mr. Maybach's son came to me with the intention of purchasing another good Canary for the old man as a birthday surprise, which event took place the following day. I had at the time some excellent lach Rollers, which tour old Mr. Maybach did not yet possess amongst his stock, and evidently had not yet heard, as it had only recently been introduced into Elberfeld.

I parted with one of these lach-rollers to young Mr. Maybach, who secretly placed it in a cage hanging in the sitting room in which his father's favourite songster had hitherto been kept. On the next day (his birthday) the old man was sitting with his son imbibing his morning coffee, when the bird commenced its delightful song, so that the old man, who until then had no idea of the present, and was just raising the cup to his lips, sat fixed with surprise and listened. When, however, the song passed to the lach roll and dropped step by step, finally to die away, the old man spilt the whole cup of coffee down his waistcoat with joyous astonishment. He immediately ordered his horse to be saddled, and hastened in a gallop to me, to thank me for the sacrifice I had made in parting with the bird."

When, in 1887, I visited Erntges (with whom I was united in true friendship until his death) and sojourned a week with him, the lach roll evidently no longer existed. But from Erntges' description of this tour, I gained the conviction that this sea-serpent (the lach roll) was nothing else than a beautifully-performed hollow-roll, which, beginning on the highest note as a hollow-bell, descended in large bends to the deepest note. It was called by some "lach" roll, by others "wieher" (neighing) roll, "hengst" (stallion) roll, or "heul' (moaning) roll, the latter derived from the moaning of the storm. I expressed my opinion to Erntges, who admitted that one might well reckon the lach-roll, and all its off-shoots with the hollow roll. Accordingly the lach-roll is by no means extinct, but when we hear a delightful schockel-hollow roll delivered in long bends in slow measure, we have before us a lach roll, a wieher roll, a hengst and heul roll of the good old times. That we no longer have such tours is merely due to the fact that we have become more realistic, for actually all such tours are still present to-day as they were then.

As with the lach roll, so it is with other "extinct" tours; Brandner specially mentions as such a "trill" roll and a "zither" roll. I shall revert later to this subject.

The hollow schnatter belongs to those tours which easily deteriorate in the progeny. I have only heard it in the birds of Erntges and a few other prominent breeders. With the best Erntges songsters it undoubtedly belongs to the brilliant parts of the song. Its notes are, "sü, sü, sü," and "sö, sö, sö."

Breeding Foreign Birds in Cages.

An Easy Method Explained.

By Wesley T. Page, F.Z.S.

(Concluded from page 525.)

The list could easily be made more extensive; in fact, all the genus *Serinus* (a large one) would be probable breeders under the conditions indicated above. But those mentioned are sufficient for our purpose. It must be understood that only one pair should be kept in each cage; if two pairs are kept together success will be very improbable.

Hybrid breeding possesses a great fascination for many bird-keepers, and they certainly are not shut off from pursuing this hobby in the case of foreign species. To attain success in this the same type cage, furnishings, etc., would be required as have already been described.

The following hybrids have either been produced or are those with which success is most likely to be attained:—Grey and Green Singing Finches; Ribbon and Red-headed Finches; Bengalese and Spice Finch; Striated and Sharp-tailed Finches; Bronze and Magpie Mannikins; Parson Finch and Bengalese; Golden-breasted Waxbill and Avadavat; St. Helena and Grey Waxbills; Bicheno and Zebra Finches; Indian and African Silverbills; Chestnut Finch and Silverbill; and Cuban Finch and Olive Finch.

All the following foreign species would be likely to cross with the domestic Canary, preferably some small robust variety (the hen bird should be the Canary):—Alario Finch; Grey Singing Finch; Green Singing Finch; St. Helena Seedeater; Saffron Finch; Hooded Siskin; Black-headed Siskin; Cape Canary; Sulphury Seedeater; Pelzeln's Saffron Finch; and all the genus *Serinus* or *Chrysomitris*.

Thus it will be seen that there is plenty of scope for the persistent and persevering keeper of foreign species to extend his hobby in almost any direction in which his fancy leads him. But like the breeder of British species and their hybrids he must not be discouraged by failure, but by a study of "cause and effect" make these failures stepping stones to future success.

All the species named in this paper can be dealt with as a whole. Two mixtures should be given. Staple: Canary and white millet seed in equal parts, and a millet spray hanging in the cage. Occasional: One part each red millet, Indian millet, maw, paddy rice, hemp, crushed oats, rape and teazle. Greenfood: Fresh tender lettuce, especially for the winter season, flowering (seeding) grass, groundsel heads, chickweed in seed; also sprouting canary, which readily grows in ordinary garden soil without trouble, and should be given to the birds as soon as the seed is seen to be fairly plump in the ear. Greenfood should not be given when bitten by frost, or when sodden with rain or dew.

In addition to the above, cuttlebone, grit (not sand), and water, ad lib., for drinking and bathing must be supplied.

The above named foods will suffice to keep all the species named in this paper fit and in good feather, but the thoughtful bird-keeper will see also that his birds get some luxuries in addition, when the glossy, silken plumage of the occupants of his cages will amply repay him

What are luxuries? To most species of foreigers they are small insect life; blighty sprays and foliage from any non-poisonous plant or herbage; small flies; small spiders; smooth green caterpillars; small beetles; live ants' cocoons (eggs); and such-like. These will keep them contented and happy, and will greatly assist to bring them into breeding condition; they will also prove an important factor in the successful rearing of the young with some species.

The Rearing of Young Foreigners.

I have already referred to the importance of supplying some live insect-food. If you have no garden, such foods as live ants' eggs, gentles, wasp grubs, etc., are usually to be obtained, according to the season, from our advertisers; but very many insects can be captured (trapped) even in a backyard.



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The trend of modern millinery, as foreseen by our artist, Mr. T. Aitken.

Greenfood is another important item. This must be supplied liberally twice daily. The kinds have already been dealt with, and need not be referred to again. Soft-food is indispensable in the case of many species while rearing young; and though for those who only keep a few birds it is cheapest to buy a ready-made mixture from some reputable firm, those preferring to mix their own will find that the following will answer their purpose fully:—1lb. ants' eggs (good), ½lb. dried flies, 1lb. biscuit meal (crushed plain biscuit will do). The above, when well mixed, will keep indefinitely in any dry place. It should be covered up to keep it free from dust, etc. For use take the required portion, and make it crumbly moist with boiling water. Then stir in an equal bulk of crumbled sponge cake and supply to the birds.

Concluding Hints.

All that remains now is for the bird-keeper, or prospective bird-keeper, to procure his cages and birds, and to adapt the general directions outlined above to his own particular case. I should add that with birds in cages strict cleanliness is necessary, and that an abundance of fresh air without draught is essential for the bird-room. A keen eye must be kept on all stock, and their demeanour and condition noted daily. Constipation should be at once checked by the giving of a mild laxative, and a bird out of tone will generally be benefited first by a mild laxative, and then by a course of chemical food or byno-phosphates.

In the nesting season a pail of old mortar rubbish should be kept at hand, and a little scattered over each sand tray. This will save many cases of egg binding. Above all, at this season, see that the birds do not get a chill by draught; but at the same time the atmosphere of the birdroom should never be stuffy.

As a last word I would say keep all new purchases in strict quarantine for a month at least—six weeks would be better—and only introduce them amongst your established stock when you are assured they are fit. Again, never use your permanent cages for quarantine purpose, and never store or leave (even temporarily) your quarantine cages in the bird-room.

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Bad Breeding Results.

J. Liddle.—There are two chief factors which have contributed largely to the failure of your attempts to breed Canaries in a flight. First, your feeding is not wholly conducive to success, and, secondly, you have the flight too much overcrowded for a successful result to be obtained. And, again, I think your cleaning and scrubbing operations calculated to do far more harm than good, as this constant disturbance is certainly prejudicial to success. Do not conclude from this last remark that I advise neglect or uncleanliness, but there is a reasonable limit to this, and it is not reasonable in such circumstances to sweep the flight out three times a week, and properly scrub it out once a week, by which latter term I take it you mean scouring it with water, etc. If the latter is correct, it is just possible the swollen feet may be gouty or rheumatic symptoms, though I am rather inclined to the theory of accident or injury as the real cause. To have a fair chance of success, you should not have had more than nine hen and three cock Canaries in the flight, about a dozen nesting sites, and no other birds at all. In addition to Canary seed, you should have supplied summer rape regularly in a separate vessel, and given a little mixed seed about twice a week, and egg food three times a week before hens had laid their clutches, none after they began to sit, and a daily supply when young were in the nests. The bread and milk was quite superfluous. Under the above regime you might succeed next season, but you would undoubtedly be better advised to put up the birds in pairs in cages, and reserve the flight to transfer the young to when able to leave their parents. For general details of management, you should get "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d., post free, or take up the parts of "Our Canaries." Dissolve a crystal of sulphate of soda, the size of a small pea, in each two tablespoonfuls of drinking water every second day for a week. The sample of Canary seed is an excellent quality.

Acknowledgment (Mrs. C.).—Thanks; glad to have been of help.

Improvement (E.C.).—Thanks. Glad you already find an improvement. Hope birds will now go on quite well.

Effect of Foods (G. Barker).—Truly, G.B., you must be a "rara avis" to have read CAGE BIRDS many years and never learnt much from it, and also kept Canaries over twenty years and yet know little about them. I'm afraid you are not a very attentive student, as so many others tell a different tale at least as regards the first item. Your query is really too vague to deal with properly in the limits of these columns, as it would require a detailed account of all foods, for most, or all, birds, in all circumstances. Generally speaking, in ordinary circumstances with caged Canaries canary keeps the bowels moderately free; hemp, rape, millet, maw, are more constipating; linseed, inga, black rape, and new summer rape are all more or less relaxing. Try the following treatment for the hen:—Staple diet, three parts canary to one part summer rape. Every second day a pinch of good hemp and a morsel of banana, and on the alternate days a third of a teaspoonful of maw, and a pinch of crushed plain dry unsweetened biscuit. No green food at all. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence for three consecutive days, and every second day for a week afterwards six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid. If this is not quite what you want to know, write again at end of above treatment, and give more definite particulars of your requirements. Shall be pleased to be of assistance.

Toes Absent (Hoppy).—I do not think you would be likely to give any material assistance to the bird which left the nest with no toes on the one leg by trying to fix any appliance to the leg, and, on the other hand, you might easily cause it much pain and discomfort. Having never known the use of toes on the one foot, and having serviceable ones on the other, it will soon get almost as clever, if left quite alone, as a bird with two perfect feet. Give it perches with an oval-shaped upper surface, and of such a size as the perfect foot can get a thorough and comfortable grip, and rub across them—not around them—occasionally with very rough sandpaper to prevent them getting quite smooth. This is all I think you need do.

Losing Feathers (Mrs. Crosland).—Your first letter had already been attended to when the second arrived. The advice given in previous reply will be equally applicable in this case, but in case it was not mentioned before, you may give a morsel of bread and milk, slightly dusted with flowers of sulphur for the first two days, and dissolve in the drinking vessel as much sulphate of soda as will cover a sixpence, and half as much chlorate of potash for two days, and then go on and treat as advised in last reply. Stop using oil on them. You might watch the birds, especially if caged together, to see whether they pluck out their own, or each other's feather.

Yorkshire Ill (F.M.).—It is not unlikely it may be the coming moult that is affecting it badly. See that cage is quite free from red mites, and throw a light cover over it for a time to see if the bird begins to cast feathers. Keep it out of the direct sunshine, but in a bright, airy, and healthy place, and not a draughty one. Give a staple diet of plain Canary seed only, and in addition give half a teaspoonful of summer rape every second day, and on the alternate days for a week give a morsel of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut, slightly dusted with flowers of sulphur, and sprinkled with soft sugar. Three times a week give a quarter teaspoonful of maw, and on each of the remaining days a little green food. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb, and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week, and on the alternate days 20 drops of whiskey and a few blades of saffron. In the following week give four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid, every second day.

Roller and Rings (Llanelly).—(1) The Roller is simply going into an early moult. As he seems quite healthy there is no need for any special treatment, beyond taking ordinary care to protect him from chills and serious fluctuations of temperature if the weather becomes unfavourable. Keep him in a bright, well-aired place; allow him to bathe freely, and if you want him to get over the moult quickly for tutoring young, throw a light cover over the cage for two or three weeks. You may give a morsel of bread and milk with a pinch of maw three times a week for a month, and afterwards a pinch of linseed three times a week and 20 drops of Chemical Food

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CANARY QUERISTS

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping (1/1); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

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in the water about as often for the remainder of the moulting period. (2) I can only suggest that you probably press the rings somewhat out of shape in putting them on, so that they pinch the legs more or less, and thus cause swelling and inflammation. You also put them on much too early, as when using open rings there is no necessity to put them on until a day or two before the birds seem likely to leave the nest. Try the method of trimming a bit of stick to a slightly larger thickness than an adult bird's leg, then bend the ring round this to put it in good shape; open the flanges with the thumb-nail just enough to allow ring to drop off easily, then put on leg, and gently bring flanges together again, taking care not to pinch ring out of shape again.

Crest Gone Thick (T. Yalden).—It is very probable the Crest is about going into moult. If he has no young dependent upon him, put him in a cage by himself for moulting. For the next fortnight give a staple diet of plain canary only. Every second day give half a teaspoonful of summer rape, and on the alternating days a third of a teaspoonful of maw. Give a spray of green food daily. Limit the dietary to this. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of buckthorn and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week, and in the next week give 20 drops of whiskey and six of tincture of gentian every second day. See Mr. Weston's replies re Bullfinch query, which should have been on a separate sheet to get to him.

About Norwich (Invicta). — (1) The reason the young Norwich have not moulted is because the moulting season was too far off. We are only now just at the beginning of it, and I think you may reasonably expect these birds to start moulting any time from the middle to the end of this month. As you have been giving colour-food so long it will be quite sufficient to give them a little only twice a week until they start to cast feathers, when, of course, you must begin to give it regular again every day until the moult is quite finished. (2) Certainly you would be quite justified in showing a Norwich with a wholly black tail and otherwise quite clear. The tail may perhaps tell against him somewhat in keen competition, but if he is as good as you say in Norwich characteristics he should always have a good fighting chance. If he comes of a good marked strain you should mate him next season with a good eye-marked bird, also of an even-marked strain.

Egg Bread with Honey (J.T.R.).—Sorry I have no special recipe for making egg-bread with honey by me, neither have I any particular liking for these fantastic foods. For all practical purposes you will find nothing so useful and reliable as a good plain wholesome food. Still, if you wish to try it, I would suggest that you get a cake made according to one or other of the recipes for egg-cake which you would find in "Our Canaries," and omit a third part of the sugar and add the equivalent proportion of honey. I should say the best way to add the honey would be to dissolve in the milk or water used for mixing the dough. Or, for experiment, which will cost very little, get the feminine powers to make you a trial cake from the following recipe. One fowl's egg, well beaten, one ounce honey, one ounce castor sugar, two ounces flour. Add a few drops of milk to honey to make it run more easily, and then gradually add both honey and sugar to the egg whilst beating it. Bake in a moderate oven, and store in a cool dry place for a week before using.

To Exterminate Red Mite (T.B.).—A most efficient plan now with a cage that is badly infested is to remove the bird to a temporary cage, giving it a bath daily in which a little quassia extract has been mixed, until ready to go back to its permanent cage, and clean out the cage, and then, in the open air, well paint it all over inside and out with petrol, using a small brush, and well flushing all the joints and crevices. Allow it to remain in the open air, and repeat the process in a few hours, and again the next day. Then when it is quite dry, and the odour has passed off, give it a wash with a little soap-suds in which a teaspoonful of carbolic fluid has been mixed, and when again quite dry polish up and return the bird. Do not forget to do all perches, sand-tray, seed-box, etc., simultaneously, and also examine well the wall and nail on which the cage has been hanging, lest there should be colonies of mites lurking thereon ready to re-infest the cleaned cage.

Dropping Wing (Mrs. E. C.).—I do not think there is really anything seriously wrong with the wing. As it seems to have occurred just after feeding time, it is not unlikely it might have been in a little quarrelling, as to who, or which, took first place at the feeding or water vessels, or it might even have been taking a slight splash in the water, and was drying itself when noticed. If the effect has not passed off already, put the bird in a moderately small cage, with only one perch placed low down, food and water vessels quite easily accessible, and if the bird is at all wild or flutters about unnecessarily, throw a light cover over the cage in order to keep it as quiet as possible, and keep it under these conditions until the wing seems to be quite recovered. Do not attempt any mechanical interference of any kind at all. Aim at making the bird rest the wing completely for a time, and leave the rest to Nature.

A Bad Lot (Ellis).—As you give me absolutely no particulars about your treatment, I can only say that if this is tolerably fair you must have been very unfortunate in getting a thoroughly bad lot of feeding hens. But for all the hens to refuse to feed in this way seems very suggestive of something being wrong with their management. It is too late now to hope to retrieve such bad fortune this season, and if these hens are not quite young I would clear them out and start afresh with a new crew next season. In the meantime you cannot do better than read and digest "Canary Breeding for Beginners," which our manager would send you post free for 7d., or get the parts of "Our Canaries," which deal with all these points in the fullest detail. Then next year you might hope for more success. If you have any young now to hatch out, look up the last two or three issues in which you will find several replies for dealing with cases of hens not feeding.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

Parrot Breathing Heavily.

K. Gearing.—I can help you but little till you give more details. I must recognise what species it is—give some idea of size, has it a long or short tail, and fuller details as to colouration. How are you treating it and feeding it? In the meantime give a dose of Dinneford's magnesia—two parts water, one part magnesia—this is to form the drinking water for one day, repeat the dose after an interval of two days. Of course, there may be some internal trouble in which case I fear nothing can be done. Examine its mouth and throat, and if there are any signs of inflammation or ulceration get a hox of honey and borax from your chemist, and with a camel hair brush anoint as well as you can the affected parts twice daily. Supply the information asked for above and I will reply at once.

An Ailing Amazon.

J. Bird.—I should advise keeping the water in cage continually, or at any rate offer it twice daily and let it satisfy its thirst on each occasion. I should also advise about one tablespoonful of boiled maize every other day, it must be prepared fresh for each occasion, as it soon turns sour. The bread and milk should only be temporary, or it will end by aggravating the trouble. There must be a cause, something in its seed, or getting hold of something which upsets its digestion. As the bird is so small a drinker, in case of similar troubles, or whenever the voidings appear unduly hard, give water and Dinneford's magnesia in equal parts, as drinking water till relief is given. To keep up a varied diet, ripe fruit (ad-lib), leaf of lettuce (occasional), nuts, dry boiled potato, plain biscuit, green peas and stale crust of household bread. Cuttlebone should always be accessible to the bird and a pinch of grit (not sand) added to the daily supply of seed. If the bird will eat the boiled maize, ten to twenty drops of Hypo-phosphates may be stirred into it, after all water has been drained away. As a remedy the brandy and milk was permissible while the exhaustion lasted. In case of similar violent attacks, independent of the other remedies give 3 or 4 drops of tincture of opium, dissolved in a little syrup, three or four doses may be given, at intervals of six or seven hours, which should soon check the trouble. The only way to definitely ascertain cause, would be to send to our post mortem expert voidings and vomitings for examination..

Breeding Ribbon Finches.

R. D. S.—Very recently an article appeared from my pen in our pages on "Breeding Foreign Birds in Cages," and a diagram was given of a suitable cage—they certainly need some privacy and this the ordinary breeding cage does not give—look this article up, Ribbon Finches even in aviaries often act as yours do, and if the cock continues to eat the eggs, set him free to take his chance and procure another. I do not think the hen would incubate if her mate was removed, though after the young are hatched, she would bring them up alone if he were removed out of sight and hearing. This has taken place more than once in my aviary when something has happened to the cock. Diet: dried ants' eggs as bought, canary, white and spray millet, greenfood and when they are rearing young some good insectile (soft food) mixture—the supply of greenfood should be unlimited. If the eggs are again eaten remove the cocoanut shell and put in a Hartz travelling cage, cut away two of the bars for entrance, remove the fittings, put in a little hay and hang it up in the most retired corner of the cage. Leave some hay in the cage. The change of nest may cause more stability. I do not think removing the eggs will help; it will probably aggravate the trouble. The birds do not require heat; let them have light and air without draught. They will do better—at any rate up to the end of October—in a room without any artificial heat at all.

What Bird? (Curious).—It appears to me that you have a young Pennant's Parrakeet, or a hybrid between that species and some other Broadtail. However, your description comes so close that I have little doubt but what it is correctly named as above, and that at the next moult the minor discrepancies will disappear. Value about 25s. to 30s. at present.

Breeding Orange-cheek Waxbills (Je ne suis pas). —I can add but little to the booklet and my former reply. Orange-cheeks have so far proved "canny creatures" in the breeding line, and so far there are but few records of them having been bred in captivity. Let your breeding cage be as roomy as possible, and there should be some kind of privacy provided by a small screen in front of one end of cage, or some similar arrangement. Put the birds in the cage at once, hang up a coconut shell nest, also a small rush one, and screen both with a twiggy branch or heather spray. Supply a little hay, and leave the birds to themselves. The birds will do well enough on millet and greenfood. Spray millet is very good for them, and every Waxbill I have ever possessed has eaten it greedily.

Is it a Silverbill (W. W. D.).—Your bird is undoubtedly a Silverbill, at least, that is my opinion—probably a young bird. The hen differs very little from the cock in plumage; it may be said to be similar, but duller, but even this difference is not great. It may possibly be a hybrid between the two species, African and Indian—they interbreed freely. While I do not think a cross between the Silverbill and Cutthroat has been reared, there is no reason why the eggs should prove continuously infertile, unless your bird is a hybrid; but I opine before the year is out young will be reared. If at the next moult your bird's plumage should alter in colour at all, kindly send me a description.

An Ailing Blue-front (K. G.).—You must stop the bread and milk; this is working the mischief. Give it a little boiled maize daily, boil till soft, drain away all water, and lightly dust with flowers of sulphur and supply to the bird. It soon turns sour, and must be prepared fresh daily. The other items of diet you name are satisfactory—add a

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FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS

should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

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pinch of grit (not sand) to the daily supply of seed mixture, and keep a piece of clean cuttlebone hanging in the cage. Give every fourth day so long as the voidings are not watery-loose, one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water, and on the intermediate days well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. In other respect treat as per our previous reply.

An Ailing Parrot (J. B.).—Yes, you interpret my instructions correctly, but you must not pour half a teaspoonful down at once, or the bird will be almost choking. Give about a third, and when the bird has swallowed that, another third, and so on till it has taken the whole. Or you can stir four drops into the daily supply of drinking water; you must use a crock drinker, and the water must be stirred several times during the day. Also you can give it direct to the beak (three drops) from a quill—give, say, one dose early morning, another about 4 p.m., and another about noon of the next day. Allow three or four days to elapse, and then if needful repeat the treatment. As regards seed, most Parrots eat sunflower first, but so long as seed remains in the tin only replenish daily, any unfouled leaving can be supplied again after the husks have been blown away.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Robin and Canary (Barber, Ferndale).—I know of no instance of a Robin having been successfully mated with a hen Canary, and certainly never expect to see a Hybrid of this cross.

For Floor of Cage (Stonechat).—I know of nothing so good as malt-coomb (or malt-culm), which is obtainable cheaply from maltsters, as a covering for the floor of the cages of insectivorous birds. If you cannot obtain this, use granulated (very fine) peat-moss litter (may be bought at large poultry-food, etc., stores, or hay and corn dealers). Put a thick covering on the floor. Yes; feed your Stonechat as you would a Redstart. It is a delicate species, and needs careful attention and the best of food.

BRITISH BIRD & HYBRID QUERISTS

should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4 "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

"Off Its Legs" (F. B. T.).—Give the bird its water in a tall glass or earthenware vessel (firmly secured) so that it cannot bathe in it (the water), and in each 3 tablespoonfuls stir a teaspoonful of compound syrup of hypo-phosphates B.P. (Fellow's Syrup). Get one ounce of this tonic from a good-class chemist. Give every day (fresh) for five days, then every other day (plain water in between) over a period of a fortnight. Provide some flesh food (this is very important); freshly-killed mice and Sparrows are best. A raw egg would be appreciated, too, no doubt. Jays must have flesh food of some kind or other frequently.

Value of Hybrid (E. O. C.).—Fifty shillings (or thereabouts) if a good show specimen; about twenty shillings if otherwise. It must be a cock, of course; hens have very little value.

Bullfinch Eggs (L. Yalden)—I should say that probably the eggs of the hen Bullie will be fertile, seeing that her mate was a cock Bullie. The hen Canary should have the usual food-stuffs, but seeding shepherd's-purse and chick-weed very liberally. Give her some good hemp and sunflower seeds, too, cracked.

Identity of Bird (D. Wallice).—1, Your bird is a Snow Bunting sure enough (a drawing of one appeared recently on our front page), but from your description I fear it is a hen (the duller, dirtier coloration is a sexual characteristic). 2, If a hen it will always be the same "dirty" colour. 3, Yes; it would go into a class headed "Lark or smaller," providing, of course, there was no class for Buntings, or one headed "A.O.V. Finch" (or "Finch and Bunting"), or "A.O.V. Seed-eater" (or "Hardbill"). All schedules are not worded alike, as doubtless you know. If there was a suitable hen class, the bird would have to be entered therein (assuming my guess at its sex to be accurate).

Hybrid Matters (Anxious).—Yours is a highly interesting list of couples; I hope some of the uncommon pairs will bring you luck. I have never heard of the Mealy Redpoll mating successfully with a hen Siskin. It may have done so in years gone by, however; of recent years (until last season) Mealy Redpolls have been hard to obtain. Am glad to hear you succeeded. Pity you left the eggs with the couple. It usually happens that they get smashed; or the youngsters killed if any hatch. The Canary hen will need no special food (note reply given to Yalden this week).

"Too Proud to Sing" (J. B.).—Your question beats me. I find that the "prouder" a bird is, the more strenuously he sings. High condition usually means plenty of song. Are you sure that you are accurately diagnosing the trouble? Have you tried a mild dose of saline medicine (such as sulphate of soda, or Epsom salts) in the water for a few days? Say as much as will just cover a sixpenny-piece.

Chaffinch when Moulting.

T. Fryer.—During the moult I should advise you to make the stock mixture canary three parts, and teazle, summer rape, and linseed one part each. Allow a little hemp once a week, and a few sunflower seeds (say a teaspoonful) daily, except when giving the hemp, also the same quantity of a good wild seed mixture. You will find much of the latter wasted, but whatever the bird picks out will do him good, and it is very cheap. With regard to live ants' eggs, these should certainly be given, if obtainable, but mixed amongst a little of a high-grade insectile food; with this commence to stir in a small pinch of a reliable brand of tasteless pepper, gradually increasing the quantity. A good teaspoonful of this combined colour and soft food daily will be quite sufficient, and ensure your bird coming through a fine colour (if naturally good in this respect), and carrying the much-desired "bloom." Give a little of the usual seeding green foods, and (above all) allow the bird to bathe freely, or spray him on suitable days. The strength of the colour food need not exceed one in six; this should be considered "full strength."

Feeding a Goldfinch.

Miss E. Young.—Let the stock food be good, sound teazle, three parts, hemp, two parts (make sure this is good), Canary two parts, and linseed one part. In a separate dish give a dessert spoonful of cracked sunflower seed occasionally, with a good pinch of maw and niger seeds now and again, as a further change. A little wild seed mixture is also excellent. The bird should have (when obtainable) a free daily supply of knapweed, thistle heads (especially any with tiny maggots at the centre), milk, thistle, seeding chickweed, groundsel, and shepherd's purse (not the coarse leaves), any cornflower heads which you can get full of seed—all, or any, of these are liked by the Goldie, when in season, and help to get him through his moult in exhibition form. Many like a tiny white mealworm (just cast its skin) now and again. He should have provision for a bath whenever he feels inclined to take it. That he should bathe freely is very important. When a bird is not thoroughly on seed run his stock mixture through a hemp mill before offering it to him. This will lightly crack it. Failing a mill, run the domestic rolling-pin (or a jam jar) over it. Don't colour-feed the bird.

Feeding a Linnet.

A. Walton.—Let the Linnets' stock mixture be: Canary and teazle three pints each, summer rape, and linseed one pint each, charlock half-a-pint. In the winter (if the birds are in a cold room) about one pint of hemp should be added to the stock mixture (or, better still, a little be given daily in separate vessel). A feed of maw and niger, and a good wild seed mixture can be given frequently (varied) by way of a change. Let them have a little green food, especially rape seedlings, in the winter, and flowering dandelion tops and the young leaves, also seeding shepherd's purse, chickweed, plantain, and groundsel freely when obtainable. To bring them in condition for song, etc., the great "secret" is to give them a daily supply of the best old hemp, and crack it lightly, so that they feed well on it. Also put in the "tit-bit" drawer daily, a teaspoonful of the following mixture: Two ounces each of gold of pleasure, niger, plantain, sesame, and thistle, one ounce each of mustard (the golden-yellow seed), dandelion, maw, cornflower, and lettuce. The "Nutshell" booklet upon the Linnet would be very helpful to you, and tell you about the moulting, etc.

Linnet Mules when Young.

Knocker-up.—The best and safest rule is never to remove young Mules entirely so long as they "call" to be fed; before that stage is reached, however, they will be picking up food—partially supporting themselves, so to speak. I give green food (seeding shepherd's-purse) all the time; it is one of the first things the young Mules get on to. But lettuce, watercress, etc. (non-seeding kinds) I avoid when the young birds are commencing to feed. Have often given my methods of feeding (see recent issues). Cracked seed they must have for a time, and some soft food. When well on food a good seed mixture would be: Canary three parts, teazle two parts, hemp one part, summer rape, half-part, maw and linseed quarter-part each. In the hot weather reduce the hemp and linseed and increase the teazle. Any of the special Finch or wild seed mixtures advertised in our columns will make a good and acceptable change, given twice or so a week. A little sunflower seed twice or thrice a week would also be sure to be appreciated; crack it, if necessary. Any of the usual green foods may be given—chickweed, shepherd's-purse, flowering groundsel (not coarse leaves), dandelion, lettuce, watercress, etc. The two first-mentioned may be given practically ad libitum. All Mules are very fond of shepherd's-purse and chickweed.

"Meating Off" Small Softbills.

West Country.—I do not know that it is any more difficult to "meat off" small insectivorous birds in the autumn than in the spring. They are apt to break their plumage, of course, when the migratory instinct is upon them. The best way to "meat off" Nightingales, and other Softbills of about the same size, is by means of mealworms—the latter are widely obtainable, unlike certain other live foods. I presume you know that usually it is necessary to put the bird's cage in a light spot, and cover the cage front with muslin, or white gauze, or similar material, while he gets used to captivity. Also see that the food and water are easily accessible—right under its nose, as it were. Personally, I commence with a supply of not over large mealworms in the food dish; then give a few biggish ones cut in two, then lightly sprinkle these cut mealworms with a good insectile food, prepared with a generous admixture of finely-minced hard-boiled (fresh) egg; then I press the cut mealworms well up amongst the food. These are the stages; at the end the bird has become used to taking up some of the insectivorous food (especially particles of the egg), and I then gradually wean him off the mealworms, giving them occasionally only. I hope this brief description will make the process clear to you. It is troublesome while it lasts, and takes a week to fourteen days, according to the disposition of the bird, before it can be termed "well on food." And they need many scores of mealworms in that time. A few gentles are good, if obtainable, and well scoured, while live ants' eggs are splendid. You can give a little of both in addition to the mealworms. The cover over the cage can be gradually raised, as the bird becomes used to its new surroundings. Live ants' eggs are, of course, the ideal thing for newly taken small Softbills; but it is not every one who can obtain them readily.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 2, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

E. S. P.—Peritonitis, due to worms in the peritoneal cavity. That these had been in existence in this region a long while I have no doubt. It is not usual to find worms in this region in Canaries, but I have frequently found them in the Starling family, generally one or two only, and these quite large.

GENERAL.

Answered by The Editor.

Concerning Foods (G. Barker).—We have forwarded your query to our Canary specialist, Mr. St. John, and you will find an answer in his columns.

Red Mites (Sp. Miller).—Look in Mr. G. E. Weston's columns for answer to your questions.

An Aviary (C. Barker).—Shall be delighted to receive the photograph and description of your aviary.

Newspaper Cuttings (J. T. Pegg and others).—We are much obliged to you for sending the press cuttings.

Canaries' Eggs (W. A. C., Hull).—There is no regular business done in sittings of Canary eggs. Your best plan, we should think, would be to get a sitting locally (i.e., from a dealer, or a member of the local Cage Bird Society).

Linnets in Lanarkshire (Amateur).—The Goldfinch is protected all the year in Lanarkshire; Linnets and other Finches can be taken during the open season (i.e., from August to March).

A Talking Parrot (O. Bulmer).—It is really impossible to value a bird from a written description; further, a good deal depends upon one's customers, some willingly paying higher prices than others. Your Parrot would seem to be an accomplished talker, and so should fetch anything from £5 upwards.

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CARDIFF C.B.S.

Young Bird Show, held at Naish's Stores, July 5th. Judging by the number of members, as well as the exhibits, this society is making strong headway. The show is held a little late in the afternoon, making things a little difficult for judging, coming as it does between the two lights, but we understand the difficulty cannot easily be avoided. A more thorough lot of fanciers, from the secretary, chairman and treasurer to the youngest of the flock, it would be hard to find, and the reputation of Cardiff C.B.S. bids fair to maintain its past high character. Coming to the exhibits, the age told very much against some otherwise promising specimens, as the majority of the birds were not matured as we like to see them at young bird shows. This we understand was caused by several fanciers having had an early breeding season, and so having to fall back on later youngsters. In the Yorksbires, the Yellow which won 3 spls., including best Canary in Show, owned by Mr. Whetton, is deserving of special mention, being almost perfect in type and of lovely quality and colour. In Norwich, on the day's form, Mr. Hopson's saddle-marked in the novice section takes the lead, being very typical, and well balanced with good quality of feather. In time, however, Mr. Thomas' 1st Yellow, Mr. Maggs' 1st Buff, Mr. Slocombe's 1st Marked Yellow, Mr. Dallimore's 1st Marked Buff, or Mr. Chidgey's 1st novice Yellow may with a good moult turn the tables. In British and foreign, Mr. Thorne kept up his reputation, and Mr. Baker staged a very promising Redpoll. Mr. T. L. Castree judged.

NOR., YELL., CL. OR TKD. (5): 1, Thomas, nice type and quality, well proportioned, but rather young; 2, Hopson; 3, 4, F. Slocombe; vhc, G. Slocombe. BUFF (9): 1, Maggs, good type and quality, very promising; 2, vhc, G. Slocombe, nicely moulded, ticked neck; 3, F. Slocombe, another good neck, ticked, nice quality; 4, Dallimore; hc, Thomas; c, Baker. CLASS 5, YELL., MKD. (4): 1, G. Slocombe, good type and quality, pressed hard; 2, Dallimore; 3, 4, Thomas. BUFF MKD. (5): 1, Dallimore, very promising youngster; 2, Maggs; 3, Thomas; 4, F. Slocombe; vhc, Chidgey. NOR., NOVICE, YELL. (5): 1, 4, Chidgey, well balanced, promising; 2, 3, Hopson; vhc, Morgan. BUFF (6): 1, 3 spls., 2, Hopson, leader well proportioned, saddle-mkd., good quality and type; 3, vhc, Chidgey; 4, hc, Baker. OPEN YORKS., YELL., CL., OR TKD.: 1, Paull. BUFF (3): 1, 2, Hobbs, leader has it in length and type; 3, Paull. YORKS., YELL., CL. OR TKD. (8): 1 3 spls., Wetton, lovely moulded, very typical, good quality, promising; 2, 4, James; 3, Smith; vhc, hc, Merritt. BUFF (6): 1, Wetton, stands well, plenty of nerve; 2, hc, Smith, presses hard on winner; 3, James; 4, Wells; vhc, Wilson. YELL. MKD. (4): 1, Wetton, very promising, full of quality and nerve; 2, Wilson, nice type, pressed hard by 3, Smith; 4, Merritt. BUFF (5): 1, Smith, except being little pinched, will take stopping; 2, James; 3, Wells; 4, Merritt; vhc, Wetton. NOVICE YORKS., YELL (7): 1, Wetton, nervey and good type; 2, James, typical; 3, 4, Merritt, younger, very promising; vhc, Brown; hc, Spillane; c, Wells. BUFF (10): 1, 2, vhc, Brown, leader has it in nerve and type; 3, James; 4, Wetton; hc, Wells; c, Merritt. HYBRID (1911) (2): 1, Roberts; 2, Davies. HYBRID (any age) (4): 1, 2, Shellam, noted Canary-Bullie leading. GOLDFINCH: 1, Davies, good blaze and tannings; 2, Bruford; 3, Thorne. LINNET, ETC. (4): 1, 3, 4, Thorne, Siskin, and Twite, nice and steady, well laced; 2, Davies. SOFTBILL, SMALL: 1, Thorne, Bearded Tit, in nice feather. HEN: 1, Thorne, Siskin.

Will secretaries please note that the prize list must be fully written out when show reports are sent for publication. We cannot possibly undertake the writing out of awards from the catalogues of shows.—Editor.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Ardwick C.B.S.—July 18, Onward Hall, 8 p.m. Hints on Cage Making and Decoration by Mr. D. Fletcher. Half-yearly balance-sheet.—J. Spencer.

Ashton-under-Lyne O.S.—July 18, P.S.A. Rooms, 7 p.m. Nest Feather show, Nor. and Yorks., 2 classes each; yell. and buff. Judge, Jim Mellor. Judging at 7.30 prompt; visitors invited.—J. R. Colville.

Barrington and Choppington C.B.S.—July 15, Social Club, 7 p.m. Subscriptions and arranging for Nest Feather show on July 22. Judge, C. Snowden, Newsham.—Thos. Griffiths.

Bournemouth C.B.A.—July 20, headquarters, 8 o'clock. Arrange schedule for annual show.—W. O. Brooke.

Birmingham (South) O.S.—July 19, Sydenham Hotel, 8.30 p.m. Paying specials, etc., last show. Receive entries for July show; select show stewards.—J. Sheppard.

Birkenhead C.F.A.—July 18, Aslett's Cafe Room, Market Street, 8 p.m. New syllabus to be drawn up for the society, and general business. New members enrolled at 2s. 6d. per annum.—A. E. Lloyd.

Brighouse C.B.S.—July 17, Wellington Inn, 8 p.m.—F. Mitchell.

Codnor Park and Eastwood C.B.S.—July 15, Portland Arms, Jacksdale, Notts. Second First Feather show. Entries close 12.30 p.m. Members don't forget the two gold medals.—J. H. Mitchell.

Choppington C.B.S.—July 15, Railway Hotel, 7 p.m. General.—G. H. Seely.

Crewe O.S.—July 18, Earl of Chester Hotel, 7.30. Closing of entries for Nest and Feather show.—E. Jaycott.

Coventry O.S.—July 19, Sydenham Palace, 8.30 p.m. Final decision for annual outing.—A. J. Barratt.

Cardiff C.B.S.—July 20, Maskells, 8 p.m. Discussion on the "Yorkshire," by Mr. Wilson. Payment prize money Young Bird show.—J. W. Dummett.

City of Bradford O.S.—July 15, The Flying Dutchman Hotel, 8 p.m. To arrange cricket match with Laisterdyke B.F.A., etc.—F. Rhodes.

Doncaster C.B.S.—July 22, second Nest Feather show, owing to Doncaster Agricultural Show being held on date previously arranged. Two classes Yorks, 2 Nor., 1 A.O.V., Can. or Hyb., 1 Yorks (old birds), 1 Brlt. Hardbill (cage moulted), 1 field moulted, 1 Softbill. Birds staged by 6 p.m. in Victoria Rooms. Mr. Barker (Bentley) judge. Other important business during judging. Final competition for specials.—G. Bescoby.

Denton C.B.S.—July 17, headquarters, 8 p.m. Special meeting; arrangements for ramble; all fanciers and friends invited.—W. Hopwood.

Dewsbury and Dis. C.B.S.—July 15, Saville Hotel. First Feather show. Birds staged 3 prompt. Entries Friday night, 8 to 9.—S. Shaw.

Eccleshill C.B.A.—July 15, Fountain Inn, 2.30 p.m. Members' First Feather show. Mr. T. Ellsegood, judge. Birds to be staged by 2.30 prompt.—W. Nettleton.

Ealing F.S.—July 19, St. John's Hall, Leeland Road, West Ealing, 8 p.m. Evening show.W. Bird.

Grangemouth O.S.—July 22, Boilermakers' Hall. 2.30 prompt. First Feather show. All birds must be in by that time.—J. D. Miller.

Grimsby O.S.—July 20, Slatter's Rooms, 8 p.m. Third Nest Feather show. Classes: 1, 2, yell. buff champions; 3, 4, yell. buff novice; 5, Mules or Hyb.; 6, Linnet, Siskin, Twite, or Redpoll; 7, Goldfinch or Bullfinch; 8, A.O.V. Brit. Judge, Mr. W. Pepper (Hull).—Towl Bros.

"G.P.O." F. and F.S.—Quarterly meeting, July 18, Davies' Dairy, 25, Little Britain, E.C. (near New G.P.O.), 8.30.—A. Watson.

Hebden Bridge and Calder Valley O.S.—July 20. Nutclough Tavern, 8 p.m. Prize money, subscriptions.—A. Pickles.

Kent County C.B.A.—July 19, Barton Road School 7.30. Correspondence, finance, and general business.—A. Hendry.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—July 22, Railway Hotel, 2.30 Members and friends please take notice we are having a cricket match with City of Bradford; afterwards a supper and social.—J. E. Hudson.

Lancaster Primrose C.B.A.—July 19, Mr. Capstick's, Nicholas Street, 7.30. Business very important. Every member kindly attend.—J. Johnson.

Leigh C.B.S.—July 19, Railway Hotel, 7.45 p.m. Entries close for N.F. Show, also subscriptions must be paid this night.—R. Charleson.

Lancashire C.A.—July 17, Rochdale O.C. Clubrooms, 7.30 p.m. Patronage and other important business. Subscriptions now due.—J. Hampshire.

London and Provincial O.S.—July 20, Leysian Mission, City Road, opposite Old Street Tube, 8 p.m. Young Bird show. Judge, Mr. J. Oldaker. All fanciers welcome.—C. W. Law.

Manchester and N.C.O.S.—July 17, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45 p.m. Half-yearly report, etc.—H. Booth man.

Metropolitan C.B.A.—July 15, Headquarters, 8.30 p.m. Prize money and final arrangements; second Y.B. show.—G. Harwood.

Morley C.B.S.—July 15, Sycamore Hotel, 2.30 Second young bird show; all birds to be staged by 2.30 p.m. Judge, Mr. W. Morement (Laisterdyke). Entries taken Friday, 7.30 to 10 p.m.—A. Gledhill.

North Wales C.B.S.—July 20, Headquartere. To arrange for a draw.—J. W. Jones.

Newcastle C.B.S.—July 18, 65, Grainger Street, 8. Committee meeting to discuss the question of unpaid subscriptions.—J. E. Atkinson.

Northern Counties Norwich C.—July 19, Lockhart's, Grainger Street, 8 p.m. Patronage, etc. Table show, 6 classes. Fanciers invited. Judge, A. Holden.—W. Curry.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—July 17, Irwell Castle, Lr. Broughton, 8 p.m. Open question night. Full attendance please.—J. Critchley.

Peterborough C.B.A.—July 20, White Horse, 8.30 p.m., open show; members' show 6.30:—H. Popple.

Pentre C.B.S.—July 15, Queens Hotel, 7 p.m. To select judges for coming show, etc.—G. Lingard.

Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.—July 20, Trinity Schoolrooms, Beresford Street, 8 sharp. Agenda: Receive tickets and ticket money from young stock show; pay out prizes; lecture by Mr. Norman on "Cage Making," and How to Make the Hobby Pay." All fanciers heartily invited to attend. Members please make special effort.—Meades and Woolgar.

Rotherham C.B.S.—July 15, Mail Coach Inn, Wellgate. Stage 4 p.m. Nest Feather show, and lecture. Judge, Mr. G. Browning.—B. Bailey.

St. James-the-Less F.A.—July 17, Ridley House, St. James Road, 8.30 p.m. Usual monthly meeting.—E. A. Suter.

Southall F.A.—July 15, St. John's Schools, 7 p.m. Evening show. Visitors welcome.—A. E. Argyle.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—July 17, Commercial Hotel, 8.—J. Lewis.

Sunderland C.B.A.—July 22, Fawcett Street Cafe, 7.30. Last day for subs.—J. Jeffrey.

Tunstall C.B.S.—July 19, Headquarters, 8. Classification for annual open show.—Evans and Brough.

Treharris F.S.—July 20, Navigation Hotel. Committee 7. Members 8.—W. J. Davis.

Tong C.B.S.—July 15, Hand and Shuttle Inn, 8 p.m. Second members' show. Judge, Mr. S. Dean.—W. Walker.

Walkden C.B.S.—July 18, The Institute, 8 p.m. Entries close F.F. Show. All members please attend.—H. Howard.

West Stanley C.B.S.—July 15, Stanley Inn, 7.30 p.m. Annual show business.—W. Elliott.

West Bromwich C.B.S.—July 18, Dartmouth Hotel, 7 p.m. Nest Feather Show. Hope to see all fanciers and friends; free.—W. G. Andrews.

Wibsey C.B.S.—July 15, Horse and Groom Inn, 8 p.m. prompt. First Feather Show; judge, Mr. L. Dykes.—H. C. Crossley.

Northern Yorkshire C.C.—July 19, 65, Grainger Street, 8. Table show N.F., 4 classes; judge, Mr. R. Tindale.—R. Tindale.

YORKSHIRE C.B.S. OF IRELAND.

This society may be complimented on having brought their second annual Young Bird show to a successful issue. Added interest was provided by an additional cup very kindly presented by Mr. W. Hawkins, of Queenstown, for the best bird in show of the opposite sex to winner of the Rowan cup, also two club medals for runners-up of each cup. The 7th July, in the Central Hall, Westmorland Street, Mr. Sheridan, whose task it was to judge the respective classes, found a pretty even lot of birds. His experienced eye, however, seems to have given general satisfaction. The Yorks classes were much stronger than last year, but there was a falling off in Norwich entries. Considering the close proximity of the Royal visit to Dublin, the gate was a bumper.

CL. YELL. YORKS (5): 1 and the Hawkins silver cup, S. Stewart, grand long bird, fine flights and tail, none too steady; 2, C. Holley, smaller, very typical; 3, J. Dowling, fine bird, just moulting; vhc, P. McDonnell; hc, W. Birse. HEN (5): 1, vhc, Holley, nice bird, rather "cockie" for a hen; 2, D. Carrell; 3, Birse; hc, McDonnell. CL. BUFF (5): 1, 2, Holley, leader fine rich buff, lovely feather; 3, Stewart; vhc, Birse; hc, Keogh. HEN (3): 1 and Rowan cup, best bird in show, Birse, beauty, grand rich feather, flights and tail meeting in splendid style, a great bird; 2, Dowling, good bird, going soft; 3, Holley, nice, but flat on head; vhc, hc, Power. VARIEG. YELL. (3): 1, medal, Dowling, splendid full length Yorkie, fine position, steady, picked about head, close thing for cup; 2, Carroll; 3, Birse. HEN (8): 1, Holley neat capmarked, good position, steady; 2, Stewart, bigger bird than first, but not steady in handling; 3, Carroll, very typical; vhc, Power; hc, Birse; c, McDonnell. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Stewart; vhc, Keogh; hc, Birse. VARIEG. BUFF HEN (8): 1, medal, vhc, hc, c, Stewart, sweet cap-marked buff, lovely feather, very steady; 2, 3, Birse, close struggle, wants steadying down. NOR. Crest cock, Crest hen, Crestbred hen classes, 1 entry each, Birse. ANY COL. PLAINHEAD: 1, Bowerman; 2, Birse. HEN: 1, Birse. A.O.V.: 1, Bowerman, with a nice Scotch Fancy buff cock.

BRIGHOUSE AND DIST. C.B.S.

First feather show held July 1st, at headquarters, Wellington Inn. A good number of birds were staged. Mr. C. Morrison judged and gave satisfaction.

CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Bailey; 2, Kaye; 3, vhc, Mitchell; hc, Stake. BUFF: 1, 3, Stake; 2, Tattersall; vhc Kaye. TKD. YELL.: 1, 2, Wright; 3, Tattersall; vhc, Bailey. BUFF: 1, 2, Tattersall; 3, Bailey. CINN. MKD. BUFF: 1, Kaye; 2, Bailey. FOUL MKD.: 1, 3, J. Tattersall; 2, Stake.—F. Mitchell, Hon. Sec.

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Correspondence.

A Young Goldfinch Problem.

Sir,—Will some kind reader advise me whether young Goldfinches can be reared by their parents in a cage? I have no time to hand-rear them. What points am I to observe?

Four Years' Reader.

Is this a Record?

Sir,—I removed fourteen miles on the 17th of June, and put my birds together the same night—two pairs. Both hens laid on the 21st and 22nd, and laid no more than two eggs each. I kept the eggs until the 24th, thereby losing two days. I gave one hen the four eggs on the evening of the 24th, and they have hatched out on July 7th. I should like to know if this is a record—only 21 days from removing until the hatching of the young. J. Robinson.

A Canary with One Wing.

Sir,—As a reader of Cage Birds, I should like to relate my experiences to other readers, this being my first year of breeding. I started with one pair of Yorkshires and one pair of Norwich in an outdoor bird-room, putting my birds up on March 11th. The Yorkshire laid five eggs and hatched four, the Norwich six eggs and hatched four birds. Going to nest again on the 27th and 28th of April, the Yorkshire laid five eggs, rearing five birds; the Norwich five eggs, rearing four birds. They went to nest again on the 1st and 5th of June, the Yorkshire laying six eggs and rearing six birds. The Norwich had seven eggs and six birds, but all died after the fifth day through the hen sweating them, this being my only loss. I think this a very good start. The young birds are all doing well in a small flight. I should like to hear whether any reader has ever known of a bird with only one wing, as I have one out of my second nest of Norwich, and it is as lively as any, although it cannot fly. Thank you and all readers of Cage Birds for the information gained through it every week, as I have had nothing else to work upon. G. Poulton.

Midland Counties Yorks. C.C.

Sir,—As founder and chairman of the above, I appeal to all Midland Yorkshire fanciers to join, when there would be no reason why the Club should not be as great a power as the kindred societies, Y.C.C., Southern Y.C.C., etc. In the past the Club has been greatly hampered with constant changes in the secretaryship, but that office is now in exceptionally capable hands. The Club's funds exceed £5, due in great part to the generosity of that sterling fancier, Mr. P. V. Williams, of Market Drayton, and it is intended to put up for competition a silver cup value at least £5 in the champion section, to be won three times before becoming absolute property of the winner, and a cup value at least £2 to be won outright in the novice section, besides medals for the runners-up. The Club has at present under thirty paying members, and in Birmingham district alone there must be at least three times this amount of Yorkie fanciers. Now, fellow-fanciers, do come forward and help. By so doing you will greatly help yourselves, also your own societies, who will doubtless apply for M.C.Y.C.C. patronage, to the benefit of their show accounts. Entrance fee is only the nominal one of 1s., and annual subscription 2s. 6d. All further particulars can be obtained from Messrs. Beck and Andrews, hon. secs., Rookery Road, Handsworth, Birmingham. W. C. Wells.

P.S.—Will Midland societies please apply at once for patronage for coming season?

How I Feed My British Finches.

Plain Canary Seed Advocated.

Sir,—Being a reader of your most useful and interesting paper, Cage Birds, I would like to say a few words on feeding British Finches in confinement, also Canaries, having reared and shown both for a number of years. When first I started with Finches, I fed with mixed seed that you get from any seed shop. My birds did very well for a time; but, alas! my Goldfinches dropped off one by one; as for my Linnets, I could not keep one more than twelve months. I was at a loss to understand this. I then consulted an old bird fancier, J. H. Verral (no doubt your many readers have heard much of this great bird lover, who has now passed away). His first words were: "What can you expect if you feed on seed mixture? Feed on the best plain Canary seed, and you will have less trouble with your birds." Now, I was young and would not take an old man's advice. The thought of my birds living on one seed only did not seem good to me, so I continued the mixed seed with the same result, till at last I gave up birds disgusted, and vowed I would never keep another. A few years passed away, and the bird fever attacked me again. I soon got together a few British Finches, as my two aviaries were still empty in the garden. Again I tried the mixture, with the same result. It was then I took J.H.V.'s advice, and started off with plain Canary seed. My birds did not relish it at first, but I am now proud to say that I use nothing else as an all round food. Spanish Canary seed is the food in our old town; we cannot get this; we can get a good Barbary seed, which is well suited to all my birds. I have at the time of writing four very fine English cock Goldfinches. These birds I have had for two years, and they have had nothing but Canary. I have Mules from these birds in the nest at the time of writing. I also have two cock Linnets which have bred very freely this season with my Norwich hens. I have, too, Siskin, Bullfinch, Greenfinch, and Chaffinch, and they have nothing but the plain Canary all the year round. It is very seldom that I lose a bird. I wish to point out that the birds are kept better on a plain diet than so many mixtures. If a sick bird shows itself in my bird room I at once give one drop of castor oil (two drops will often mean sudden death), remove dry seed, and feed on German summer rape boiled five minutes and mixed with stale bread crumbs and yolk of egg. This very seldom fails. I have read with great interest in your valuable paper concerning "going light" in Linnets. This has been a great worry to me for some time, but of late I have tried, with good results, the following:—At the first signs of wasting, remove your bird into the open air, take away the dry seed, and feed on boiled rape (German) mixed with a small proportion of yolk of egg and one Osborne biscuit (fresh twice a day). Add one drop of turps to an ordinary drinking fountain filled with fresh rain water. Continue this for a time, and you will soon see your bird returning to its old self. I have at the time of writing a two-year-old Linnet which paired with a Canary; result, four good eggs. Then he went thin. I treated this bird as stated, and I am thankful to say he is on the road to recovery. But he will still have the open-air treatment night and day for some weeks to come. When purchasing fresh-caught birds I always pick young ones, getting them from the catchers myself. I feed for the first month on boiled rape (well dried), with a little crushed hemp. But as soon as I can I get them on plain Canary seed. They are then very little trouble to me. A large flight or aviary will do the rest till the breeding season comes around. I hope your young readers will give this a trial, and let me know through your valuable paper its results. British Bird.

Non Colour-fed Classes.

Sir,—After reading Mr. Wilmot's article in the last issue of Cage Birds, I quite endorse his remarks as to the non-colour-fed classes at our forthcoming shows. I know many fanciers around this neighbourhood that would give shows their support, but say, "What's the use of showing my birds?" for they cannot compete with the colour-fed birds. Now, every working man cannot afford or devote his time to colour-feeding. He goes out to work at six in the morning and does not return home again until six at night. So he has very little chance of attending to it. I have tried colour-feeding myself, but find that the birds wants more personal attention than the working man is able to give them. The result is that they come out patchy, which alone spoils them for the show bench. I would like to see more non-fed classes provided at our shows, say, an A.V. class, natural colour, which I really think would be well supported. I never colour-feed my birds, but show them in their natural colour when an opportunity affords. I often come off victorious. Still, at the same time, I try to improve the colour of them, and closely follow the recipes given in "Our Canaries" by that eminent judge, Mr. J. C. Barnes. Those who have not tried it, and like to do so, I can assure them they will be astonished at the result. Chas. Kelsey.

A Cock Bullfinch and His Adopted Family.

"A Champion Feeder."

Sir,—In October of last year I got a fine cock Bullfinch, newly caught, and kept him on to the spring with an old Canary hen. As they got on very well I thought I would try the "impossible hybrid," so got a large Norwich for him, and in the month of May they took up house. He fed the hen, helped to make the nest, and altogether was a most domesticated husband. I have had two nests of four eggs each, but no results (all clear). A week after I had taken the eggs away a friend brought me a nest with three young greenfinches, about a fortnight old, whose parents had been killed by cats. I put them in the nest-box, and thought the Canary hen might feed them, but, much to my surprise, it was Bullie who adopted them straight away, and he has now got them on the sticks without the assistance of the hen, as I took her out after a couple of days to mate with a Goldfinch. I thought to help him a little in the feeding, but he was most indignant, and did everything but swear (if I understand bird language, he did that too). He nipped my hand, and took all the food out as fast as I put it in, so I left him to it, and he has proved a champion feeder. Several of the local fanciers have been in to see him, and have been delighted with the attention he pays to his adopted family. I intend to put him back with his mate, and I hope after his experience of family cares I may have fertile eggs next season. I omitted to say he has been all the time in an ordinary breeding cage at my business premises.

Bullie (Dumfries).

SPECIAL NOTICE TO SECRETARIES, &c.

"Cage Birds" goes to press on Wednesday during the summer months, therefore club notices, reports, etc., should reach us on Tuesday to secure publication in our issue of the same week. Will society officials kindly make a note of this?

Sexing Young Birds when in the Nest.

Sir,—I do not know whether it may be generally known, but seeing from time to time inquiries made by your readers as to how they can ascertain the sex of birds, it occurs to me you would like to know of a method which an old Aberystwyth cobbler swore by as being the nearest and (indeed, invariably the) surest. Well, here it is! When the young are a week old in the nest take the nest pan out of the breeding cage, examine the head of each youngster very minutely, and a certain characteristic will be noticed. Every cock bird will possess larger aural apertures ("ear-holes") than the hens. Safe odds, too, you can bet on this simple hint.

Welshman.

A Curious Rearing Exploit.

Sir,—I thought the following might be of some interest to readers. Being anxious to breed a Goldfinch Mule, I put a variegated Yorkshire hen (last year's bird) with a Goldfinch. She laid two eggs, and after she had spent half her time sitting, I decided to examine them. I found them light, so I removed them and the nest. In about a week's time a lad brought me two young Brown Linnets from the nest to see if I could do anything with them. After the best part of two days trying to hand-feed them (I failed to induce them to take much food), I decided to put them in the cage with the above birds, and I found, to my surprise, the hen started to feed them. One succumbed, but the other is doing well, and is now feeding itself. I had a Linnet fancier looking at it to-day, and he tells me it is a cock and likely to make a nice bird. Is the above a common occurrence, or does it augur well for the hen being a good mother in the future? W. A. Prosser.

An Appeal for the Widow of a Blackburn Fancier.

Sir,—Will you please publish the following acknowledgment from Mrs. Johnson of the prize draw which we have conducted in her behalf?

Cook and Walsh.

[Copy.]

To the Blackburn Cage Bird Society.

Gentlemen,—I desire to express to you my sincere thanks for the great help you have rendered me in arranging the prize draw for my benefit. To raise such a handsome sum for me (£34) must have entailed a great amount of time and labour, and I am deeply grateful for your kindness. The money, I need scarcely say, will be of great assistance to me in the task of bringing up my family, and I am further comforted by the thought that I am sure I may also look on your kindly action as an expression of respect for my late husband, who was a member of your society. I shall be obliged if you will convey my gratitude also to those outside the society who have assisted in your effort. Gratefully yours,

M. E. Johnson.

My Experiences with the Norwich Plainhead.

Some Useful Hints.

Sir,—As one who started Canary breeding in the year 1900 with two cocks and four hens, I should like to relate my experiences for the benefit of novices. First of all, purchase your stock birds from a good, reliable fancier who will deal fair and reasonably with you. Pair a clear yellow cock to a marked buff hen, or a clear buff cock to a marked yellow hen. In pairing two buff birds together you gain size; in pairing two yellows together you lose size, though you gain colour. So, to keep your birds well balanced, you should pair a yellow and a buff together. Always remember to keep a heavy marked yellow, or a self-yellow Green bird or two, for stock birds, as they are valuable for colour producing. When pairing my birds up I always prefer to have size in the cock and type in the hen. I never pair two birds together which possess the same faults. I always strive to breed birds having large round heads; short, well filled-in neck; good full chests; nice short wings, meeting neatly together on the back, and not crossing over each other at the tips; short tails; short legs; and short, tight-fitting feather. I never make a practice of pairing my birds up until the 1st of April, mine being a cold room, where no heat at all is used. A fortnight before pairing up I give the cocks half a teaspoonful of egg food every other day, and on the days when I don't give the egg food I supply two young dandelion leaves, not giving the hens any until I pair them up. You will then get eggs in about a fortnight, and you can rely on their being fertile if your birds are healthy and vigorous. I use only moss by way of building material. I always put the birds in clean cages when I pair up. The cages are painted azure blue inside and are black varnished outside. They are 36 inches long by 15 inches by 11 inches. They are well washed with a tablespoonful of carbolic acid to a bucketful of water; this keeps the red mite down during the breeding season. When the hen lays I take the first two eggs away, placing them back on the morning when the third egg is laid. By doing this you get all your young hatched more nearly at once. I take the cock away when the fourth egg is laid, and I give the eggs and nest a good dusting with Keating's insect powder. I give a bath when the hen has been sitting a week; then another dusting, and yet another on the twelfth day. This method will keep your hen and her young free from red mite (you are troubled with them more in the breeding season, of course, than at any other time). When your young ones are hatched (which will be about the thirteenth or fourteenth day), boil an egg as hard as you can; chop it up fine, or, better still, put it through a sieve. This sieve you can make yourself with a piece of perforated zinc; this will answer as a seed-cleaner as well when it is tacked on to a wooden frame about 8ins. by 6ins. and 2ins. deep. Press the egg through this sieve. Next crush four Osborne biscuits, or, better still, four teaspoonfuls of Spratt's cod liver oil food (which I consider a grand food for rearing young birds on); this will want just moistening with water. Then give this fresh as often as you can daily, always remembering to keep your utensils perfectly clean, as they will otherwise soon smell and turn the food sour. Also give in small quantities fresh young dandelion leaves or lettuce; each of these you can grow in the smallest piece of ground. Always rear a nest of birds on what you commence with, as changing their diet very often scours them. Give your hen nothing but plain Canary seed whilst she is sitting, and when she is feeding add a little hemp seed. When your young ones are a week old supply a clean nest, giving it a good dusting with insect powder. Afterwards you must not touch them. You can then return your cock bird. But keep your eye on him to see if he feeds the young. There are, however, very few that won't do this. Put another nest pan in at this time. I use terra cotta nest pans hung up with wire hangers at each end of the cage, and allowed to rest against the perch to keep them from swinging. When your young birds leave the nest (which will be when they are about three weeks old) put your wire slide in. Breeding cages should always be fitted with these slides. Put your young ones one side, and your old ones the other. This method prevents plucking. Put them some egg food in a vessel at the far end of the cage, so that you will see when they are eating it. But take care not to leave it to get sour. When the young start feeding for themselves, crush some hemp seed for them until you get them on the hard seed. You can let them stop in the breeding cage until the hen has gone to nest again. The old birds will feed them through the wires while they are in the breeding cage. When your hen starts sitting again you must remove your young ones to a flight cage. Remember, the more room they have the better they will be. I never give the young ones any green food after they once leave the old ones—I give nothing except plain Canary seed and clean water once a day, well rinsing out the fountains. When I say rinsing, I don't simply mean washing with water, but put your finger inside and rub it well round; this is most important. When you have your second nest of young reared you will begin to know which are your best breeders and feeders, and which have bred you your best show specimens. And let me impress upon young beginners that those birds which have bred you the best birds you cannot do better than pair together the following year. Last, but not least, don't breed too late, as all young birds should be reared and be on seed by the end of July to allow your birds the chance of having a good moult, and you the chance of getting them ready for the show bench. Let me conclude by advising all young beginners to buy Cage Birds every week; from this paper they will gain valuable information. It has given me much help in my hobby, and hints which I have tried, tested, and found true. Ambition.

Was it a Bramblefinch-Canary Hybrid?

Sir,—I think I had a youngster almost hatch out of three eggs (two of which were clear) from a cock Bramblefinch and a yellow Norwich hen. They had been sat on for over a fortnight, and the egg, as I held it up to the light, looked three-parts full. But thinking it could be no good, I picked off a bit of the shell from the large end, and there was a live young one in it, which began to bleed. I put the egg back under the hen, but the young one never got out of the shell. I have had some eggs from the Chaffinch-Bramblefinch mating, but either no good or they disappear. Whether the Bramble has them or the hen Chaffinch I do not know. F. J. Weaire.

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In the Courts.

A Conviction for Cruelty to Parrots.

Important Case at Canterbury.

A case involving one of the biggest firms of wild animal dealers in England, viz., Messrs. Cross, of Liverpool, who, it was mentioned by the solicitor for the defence, sold every animal and bird there was in existence, from an elephant to a Humming Bird, was heard at Canterbury Police Court on July 7.

The case was one brought by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals against Herbert Rogers, manager to Mr. Cross, of Liverpool, for cruelty to two Parrots. Mr. Polhill, of London, appeared for the prosecution, and Mr. Arrowsmith, solicitor, of Canterbury, represented the defendant.

Mark Berry, St. Peter's Lane, Canterbury, stated (says the "Kentish Observer") that he was a licensed hawker. In May last he communicated with Mr. Cross and agreed to purchase two Grey Parrots. He was informed that they would be sent to him on May 29, and witness sent an order for 39s. 6d.; 36s. for the Parrots and 3s. 6d. for the cage. He sent his son to the Canterbury West Station at ten o'clock, but they had not arrived. He got the cage at a quarter to one, and he immediately opened the box. Witness then produced the box in which the birds arrived, and showed how it was done up, the paper over the box, tied round with string and wire, and sacking nailed to the box over the paper.

The Clerk (Mr. T. A. Bowen): Where were the air holes?—Witness: I did not see any.

Witness, continuing, said when he undid the box one of the Parrots was dead and the other was gasping for breath and died a few minutes after, the warm milk which he gave it being of no avail. In his opinion the birds died from suffocation. He did not think that the way in which they were sent was the proper one, and he should have expected them to die. He had ordered Parrots from the same firm previously, and every time they had been sent in a large wire cage, and that was what he paid the 3s. 6d. for. There was no water in the box, and only just a few pieces of maize. The Parrots were only eight or nine weeks old; they were not feathered, only having feathers on the wings and on the top of the head. Directly he received the birds he wrote to Mr. Cross. Then he went down to the station-master and showed him the box, and he said it was cruelty to send them like that. Witness received a letter in answer to the one he had sent, in which defendant stated that he had packed thousands of Parrots, and he considered he had packed these in a proper manner. It further said that the Parrots should have left Liverpool at 9.15 p.m., and should have arrived at 6.30 a.m. at Canterbury, and that if they did not arrive at that time witness should go to the railway company for damages. The birds left in good condition, and the cage should have arrived at the same time. In consequence of this letter witness made a complaint to the inspector of the R.S.P.C.A.

In cross-examination by Mr. Arrowsmith, witness said he had had some Parrots with pink breasts from Mr. Cross before, but never any Grey Parrots.—Mr. Arrowsmith: Do you know what price a Grey Parrot sells at?—Witness: As much as you can get. (Laughter.)—Do you know that I could not buy one for 18s.? That is a dealer's price, is it not?—Yes.—So you expect to take dealers' risks, don't you?—No, I don't.—How do you suggest that they should be packed?—Put in a wire cage, with a little paper round it, and with some water and food inside.—Do you think they would live long like that?—Yes.—They would not have lived in that cage for even a few hours. Have you ever given a Grey Parrot water?—I should have given it milk. I have never had a Grey Parrot.

Mr. Arrowsmith informed the Bench that a Cockatoo (which was the real name for the pink-breasted Parrots that witness had bought previously, and which he had received in a wire cage) was as hardy as possible, but Grey Parrots were very delicate birds, and had to be kept at a certain temperature or else they would quickly die. His case was that they were packed properly for Grey Parrots, not for Cockatoos.

Inspector Greenman, of the R.S.P.C.A., stated that Berry communicated with him on June 3, and he went with him to his house, where he saw the box with the sacking round it and nailed in one corner. He took it away, and it had been in his possession ever since.

G. W. Dunkin, a member of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, stated that he examined the box on June 4, and in his opinion it was not a proper way to pack live birds. He also made a post-mortem examination, but putrefication had gone too far, and he was unable to say what was the cause of death. But from the manner in which the box was packed he formed the opinion that death was due to suffocation.

J. Lucas, inspector of the R.S.P.C.A., stationed at Liverpool, stated that on June 8 he went to see Mr. Rogers, who is manager to Mr. Cross, and gave him full particulars of the complaint. He replied: "Well, I know how to pack Parrots, and they were packed perfectly. You know they were nestling birds, only nine weeks old, and they would have been in as much danger if they had had too much air as too little." He then proceeded to show witness how the box was packed under his own supervision, and said that there was air given through the canvas and paper.

Mr. Arrowsmith then addressed the Bench at considerable length, and called the defendant, H. E. Rogers, who stated that he had been manager to Mr. Cross for the last fifteen years. The firm of Cross had been established for over 100 years, and during that time they had never been convicted of cruelty to any animals whatever. On May 31 he personally superintended the packing of the two Grey Parrots for Mr. Berry. He then described the way in which the box was packed, showing that the sacking was put inside and the paper out, not in the opposite manner in which the witness Berry alleged that it was.

Mr. Hunt: Do you suggest that the box has been tampered with?—Witness: The box is not the same as it was when it left us.

Witness, continuing, said he put some boiled Indian corn (maize) in the box with the birds, but the corn always went hard after twenty-four hours. There was no water put in because the Parrots would die from dysentery if they drank it—the moisture that they needed was supplied in the boiled maize.

Witness having been cross-examined by Mr. Polhill, the Bench retired to consider their decision, and after an adjournment of several minutes announced that they had decided to convict. A fine of £1 was imposed, and the costs 18s. 6d., and 10s. 6d. veterinary surgeon's fee were ordered to be paid.

Can an Egg-eating Hen be Cured?

Sir,—Would any kind reader let me know through your valuable paper, Cage Birds, how to cure my hen Bullfinch from eating her eggs? Have tried eggs filled with mustard and pepper, but without success. She has laid and eaten two this year; also four last season.

Excelsior.

The Fancy in Ireland.

Sir,—I see by your last issue of Cage Birds that your correspondent, "One in the Know," would make a good improvement as corresponding secretary to some that are in office, as it does not take him long to give readers the latest news. In forty-eight hours he has it all ready for the press; but, like other correspondents he does not stick at a little slander. He says Mr. Connell is annoyed at him letting Cage Birds readers know that he moved a motion to expel members writing to the Press. I am not annoyed at anyone stating what I do or say, but it is for what I do not say or do. For his proof he now quotes Mr. South's letter. I have no doubt he finds Mr. South very useful, but Mr. S. could say, if he chose, that he has been told at the meetings by members that such a motion was never moved by anyone. But that would not serve their purpose. Now, readers, ask yourselves if I could move such a motion, after writing more than anyone else. It speaks for itself. I find Cage Birds too useful to try in any way to curtail its correspondence. It is slander and falsehoods I object to. I believe "One in the Know" was at the meeting, but had not the courage to make it known that he was the writer referred to. He goes on to ask what he will do with Mr. Connell's pound (£1). He knows that Mr. C. put the pound on the table at the meeting he refers to, and challenged the whole meeting to bring an accusation against him, and it remained on the table till the close of meeting. I cannot see that Mr. Boyd is under any obligation to give "One in the Know" his history; I know Mr. Boyd resigned membership honourably, a privilege "One in the Know" will not get if he will own his identity, for he will find that I will have the courage to move his expulsion, and he will find that I will get plenty of support to do so. Then he complains that there was no answer to Mr. S.'s question re Ligoniel members. Would he ask Mr. South's motive for asking that question? They are strangers to me, but if they are the type of one or two that are left, they would be better "lost than found." After this letter I retire from this correspondence, and treat "One in the Know" and his assistants with the contempt they deserve, but advise them to still keep hiding behind a nom-de-plume; or matters might not be well for them. "One in the Know's" letter this week, "Corresponding Secretary's" next week—do they think we are all blind? I don't hide behind "noms-de-plume," but sign myself, as I always have done,

Walter Connell.

Hon. Treas., N.C. and Y.C.C., Belfast.

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Notes by the Secretary.

There has been a large demand for the free books offered last week, and the offer may at any time be withdrawn. I have sufficient in reserve to supply all old members who have not yet applied for them, and these will be sent free on receipt of a penny stamp for postage. It must be clearly specified, when applying, which book is required; either "British Bird Culture" or "The Common Sense of Canary Culture." I have received many applications from non-members for copies of these free books. They are supplied to members only, and only one copy to each member. No other applications can be entertained.

Free Books for New Members.

I have still about five hundred of these, and a copy of either will be forwarded to the next five hundred members joining. When these are exhausted I may not be able to repeat the offer, so intending members should join at once to make certain of getting one of the above valuable pamphlets. They will be sent entirely free on receipt of the one-shilling for membership, and the sixpence, or one shilling, as the case may be, for a badge.

Our Badges.

The new badges, mounted in rolled-gold, have given very great satisfaction; they are in two forms, one as a brooch for cap front or coat-lapel, or for ladies' wear, and the other as a very pretty pendant for watch-chain. The price in either form is one shilling each if remittance is sent with the membership fee.

Those that are not mounted in rolled gold are priced at 6d. each, and are in three forms; as a brooch, a pendant for the watch-chain, or as a button for the coat-lapel. New members joining should distinctly specify which of the five forms they require, sending two shillings or eighteenpence accordingly; one shilling for membership for one year, and the balance for badge. Old members having the sixpenny badges may have them exchanged for those in rolled gold by returning their old badges together with seven penny stamps.

All Classes Affected.

I would commend to the notice of our well-to-do readers the letter of Major Champion published below. It is not only the working-classes who will be debarred from keeping birds if the sentimentalists get their way. The avowed object of these people is to abolish once for all the keeping of any bird, large or small, in captivity under any circumstances whatever, and this of course would affect all classes alike. The small subscription of one shilling a year may scarcely be expected to make Cage Birds League self-supporting, and those of our readers who are better favoured with this world's goods than the large majority of bird-keepers may well help the League in its objects by becoming Vice-Presidents of the organisation. The qualification as Vice-President is an annual subscription of not less than one guinea, and I should be very pleased to hear from any lady or gentleman who is prepared to support the objects of Cage Birds League in the manner indicated.

MORE VIEWS OF MEMBERS.

I beg to acknowledge receipt of rolled gold badge, which is very pretty indeed, and have pleasure in thanking you for your promptness. Wishing you all success in your earnest efforts.

Colne, Lancs. A. Wilkinson.

Pleased to see that you are issuing pamphlets explaining the objects of Cage Birds League. This is the best move of all, as there are scores of fanciers who do not know of the existence of Cage Birds League. So please send me on a few for distribution around this district.

Stalybridge. E. Ollerenshaw.

A Hint to the Well-to-do.

In joining Cage Birds League, I do so hoping that the society may be the means of inducing the well-to-do to go in for keeping our British wild birds as pets and as a variety to the Java Sparrow and such-like foreign birds. How rare to see the Linnet, the Siskin, or the Greenfinch in the drawing-rooms of the well-to-do! True, the Bullfinch, and, in a lesser degree, the Goldfinch are to be plentifully found in such situations. If the wild bird becomes fashionable, the humanitarians will soon drop their persecution. It must be a matter of extreme gratification to all bird fanciers and dealers that her Majesty the Queen was graciously pleased to accept the present of a Norwich Canary. Wishing you every success in your efforts to form a strong society.

A. Champion, Major.

Edinburgh.

Sir,—I think I am about the first from here to join the Cage Birds League.. If they are waiting for some one to give them a start, here goes. I hope it will not be long before you get some more from this district, for I think it is time we were all in it. It has been open long enough.

F. Higgins.

Tyldesly, Lancs.

It Rests with Fanciers.

Sir,—I wrote to you two weeks ago, saying that I did not quite understand the motives of Cage Birds League. Now I know better, and can see what power the League will have if all fanciers band themselves together in defence of their hobby. Before trying to do away with well-kept and well-fed caged birds, the faddists and sentimentalists would do better to try to exterminate or keep in order some of the cats that prowl about in back gardens and which I think should all be licensed the same as dogs are

N. E. Newman.

Battersea.

Making a Bold Stand.

Sir,—I have been a reader of Cage Birds for about a year, and I must congratulate you on the magnificent way in which you have established the great boon to bird lovers and fanciers generally, namely, Cage Birds League. A League of this kind has been wanted for a long time, and now it has started I am confident it will prosper, and in a very short time we shall be able to make a bold stand against the meddlers who seek to injure our pleasant and harmless hobby. If it is cruel to keep birds in cages I should like to know how it is that this same society which professes to protect dumb animals does not try to put a stop to Fox hunting, Deer hunting and Game shooting. We all know that it is the gentle people who indulge in this kind of sport and pastime, and I presume it is these same people who so generously subscribe to this society in order that they may attack us, the working men of the country, by trying to deprive us of our Fancy. I daresay some of the members of this society of Prevention of Cruelty to Animals go hunting themselves, others may go shooting rabbits or game, and if chasing a fox until he drops with exhaustion, or shooting and wounding a rabbit sufficiently to keep it from getting to cover is not as cruel as keeping birds in cages, then it is time some of these faddists showed us where cruelty comes in.

Herbert Nicholson.

Pontefract.

A Member's Views.

Sir,—Whilst reading my Cage Birds of June 17, I noticed Mr. Fulljames's report of a lady correspondent, saying there should be no occasion for such a League as Cage Birds League; her own statement puts an impression upon our minds that the League in needed more than any of us thought. I for one can fully see that our interests in the Cage Bird Fancy are going to be marred by a few so-called humanitarians, unless we all rally up and help to fight them. I suppose she wouldn't interfere with the so-called sportsmen who shoot thousands of birds every year, and what about those young birds that would starve? There are many instances where young birds have got out of their nest, got into the street or road, have been picked up by some fancier who has taken them home, gone through the laborious task of hand feeding, and kept in luxury the young birds which would otherwise have been starved. Perhaps they will say that is nonsense, but I have seen many cases of the kind. If it is cruel to keep birds in cages, it must be cruel to keep animals in cages also. If we have to liberate our birds, think of the many thousands of Canaries that would die within a term of three days; would the leaguers be any better off for it? I'm sure many a poor man would be far worse off, as I believe it is many an old man's pleasure.

Let us have money behind us, so that we shall be ready for any onslaught by these "feeling men." Unemployment is great now but it would be far greater if ever such a disastrous thing should come into operation, as the Humanitarian League wishes. Perhaps the lady writer is a person who has had no experience of bird keeping, or she would know that birds would not pair unless they were contented or happy. In concluding my remarks I may say that we have great reasons to thank Cage Birds for publishing letters, etc., and thereby bringing before our notice things that we should have otherwise known nothing at all about until the faddists had got such a hold that we should have had no chance whatever to overcome them. What we must do now, anyone that can spare the small sum of 1s. 6d, is to send it on and have the consolation of belonging to a League that has at heart the interests of the up-keep of the Cage Bird Fancy. I remain one in favour of the League.

R. Charleson.

Leigh, Lancs.

Henry J. Fulljames.

Secretary, Cage Birds League, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

Some British Finches.

Their Selection, Feeding, Moulting and Exhibiting.

. . By . .
A. J. A. MARLEY
(Leyton).

(Continued from page 562.)

My Style of Show-cage.

The style of cage I find the most useful and most easily cleaned out is the Scottish pattern, with sliding front and groove let in each side (as illustrated). As regards the colours of the enamel, I generally use two. The first of these is a dark olive green; I find this colour suits the Goldfinch admirably. Another is green enamel—the malachite or apple green, as some describe it. It is a very pretty green, and is warm, comfortable and attractive. It is rather difficult to procure, but it is possible to obtain it from two London firms. It is called "Velure" in the trade, and it takes at least four days to dry. Bear this in mind, however, that when it is dry it will not chip or crack even if the wood is bent; and it also drys as hard as china.

I used to construct my own cages at one time, but owing to the increasing number of my birds and to business pressure, I find it just as cheap to get my cages made to my special requirements by a competent cage-maker. Mind you, "anything" will not do for me in this respect, as I have them made in the rough without enamel—no dead-knots or putty cracks or shakes for me. I then finish them off, and enamel them myself.

I use the small bossed perches, screwed to the back of the cage, about three and a half inches apart for small Finches, and wider for the larger species. I also like a seed-hopper in addition. This, the Scotch pattern cage illustrated does not include, which, in my opinion, is a great mistake and a drawback, for the birds usually get into a bad habit of continually running about the bottom of this cage amongst the seed and droppings, and consequently clog their feet and disarrange their feathers. I have brought a few of these pattern cages with me this evening so that you may see for yourselves, and when you do so I am sure you will admit that my few remarks on this points are quite feasible. By having the hopper, the seed is not thrown out of the front of the cages, but is kept clean in them; and it is far sweeter for the birds to eat. The worst drawback of all, in having the seed at the bottom of your cages, is that you may have a drinking pot that runs, or perhaps a steward who waters your birds is a little short-sighted and over-fills the drinker; the water then runs down the cage fronts and amongst the seed, making a terrible mess of both cage and bird.

A Great Mistake.

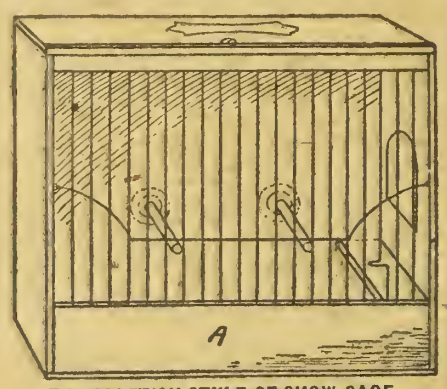
Then, in regard to the material for the bottom of the show cage. I have read of many experts who recommend sand. This, I think, is a great mistake, especially in show cages, for where a man sends a large number of birds away to various exhibitions, he is continually scraping and washing out; and you must not forget that by washing out an enamelled cage where sand has been you are certain to cut and scratch the back and sides badly. Other experts recommend cocoanut fibre. Although this is somewhat better than sand, I know of nothing better than ordinary white blotting-paper, for it gives the cage a clean appearance, absorbs all the moisture from the droppings, and when a bird comes home from the show all you have to do is to lift the paper out, sponge out the cage, and dry it with a wash-leather, and put a fresh piece in (cut to the size of the cage) when you will be ready again to send it to another exhibition.

In conclusion, if you wish to be successful in this branch of the Fancy, you must not let the grass grow under your feet or allow the rising sun to scorch your eyes out whilst lying in bed in the morning, when your proper place is attending to the wants of your feathered pets. Get up early, gather your wild seed, and give your birds their early morning bath. Then I feel confident in saying you will be well repaid later on. You must be willing always to forego a long holiday, and many other pleasures. You must make a martyr of yourself, as it were, on behalf of your birds; that is, if you have not a competent and reliable "stable companion."

Although drifting somewhat away from my subject, it is only a few days since you read of a terrible catastrophe at a music-hall in Edinburgh, and of the devotion and tender care exhibited towards a dumb animal by that clever and wonderful illusionist, the Great Lafayette. It should be so with us and our hobby. At least, it is so with me. And as he loved his famous dog "Beauty," so do I love my birds.

I attribute much of my success, if not all, to the untiring efforts and devoted attention paid to the birds by my wife and eldest daughter, who are just as keen and as fond of the birds as I am. I have had at times as many as 300 birds, and I have been able to leave them through business causes, etc., entirely to the wife for a whole week, with no casualty or sick birds on my return. I cannot speak too highly of the value of a good helpmate, who thoroughly understands your hobby, especially when a man has to be away at business and cannot get home to attend to his birds' little wants. On the other hand, I have known many really keen fanciers, who have expended vast sums of money on their birds, etc., and who would have honoured the Fancy by their stay in it, to be driven out of it simply because of their wives' indifference to and negligence of their birds. Such fanciers have my deepest sympathy, and I am happy in the knowledge that I have been more fortunate than they. I should have liked to make her a member of several societies I belong to, but she prefers to allow me to get all the honour and glory.

Secondly, I attribute much of my success to the valuable information given in our popular journal, Cage Birds. I also pin my faith to treating and feeding my birds as near to Nature as I dare, and, as I said before, I do not forget "the order of the bath"! In closing my poor and scanty information, I assure you I have conscientiously given you a true account in every detail of my British bird management. I have held nothing back and have kept nothing "up my sleeve." Unfortunately, I have been unwarrantably and unfairly baited and attacked through the Fancy Press by spiteful malcontents (I cannot describe them otherwise). But with it all I am still happy and contented to rest on my laurels, assuring myself it is only the usual penalty that a successful exhibitor experiences.



THE SCOTTISH STYLE OF SHOW CAGE.
As described by Mr. Marley. "A" is the front, which slides out (upwards).

Personally I think the time has arrived when officials of societies should put a stop to all this unnecessary petty quibbling by brother members through the Press. I think that where one member unwarrantably attacks another through the medium of the Press he should be made to apologise publicly to the whole of his brother members, and failing this he should be expelled. If a fancier has a grievance against a brother member, they should settle their little differences between themselves or at the headquarters of the club to which they belong. This, I think, would foster a better feeling of respect and personal honour among brother members all round.

If this humble paper is the means of lifting some brother member one rung up the ladder of fame, or of stimulating him to greater achievements, I shall be more than compensated for all the trouble I have taken. I feel it a great honour to have given this paper to such a splendid assembly. I shall be pleased to answer questions to the best of my ability.

(To be continued.)

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Wild-Bird Life.

Summer Birds.

The majority of the migrants arrive in the early spring months and stay until autumn, but there are birds that somehow we always associate with summer. In our birdy calendar it is spring when the Chiff Chaff and Wheatear first put in an appearance. With the coming of the Swallows, Cuckoo, and Wryneck, we know that we are on the eve of brighter skies and warmer days, but it is with the Turtle Doves, Butcher-bird, Fly-catcher, and Nightjar we associate the full glory of summer. The May blossoms have gone, and among the hawthorn boughs are little green bunches that are to feed the Redwings and Fieldfares in winter. The hedgerows are laden with dog-roses when we love to listen to the cooing of the Turtle Dove, watch the bold Shrike in the vicinity of last year's nesting site, and the Nightjar's churring is heard when many wayside blossoms give their fragrance to the evening air. To many the Nightjar is almost as much a bird of mystery as the Cuckoo. His love note is not the tuneful melody one associates with feathered creatures; it is somewhat weird and uncanny, uttered only in the evening when the gloom of the woodlands is not particularly inviting to any but those who are intimately acquainted with nature at all times. Rough heaths and commons bordering woods are favourite haunts of this bird (frequently called the Fern Owl), and the two marble-like eggs are often deposited in the shade of the thick braken. When wandering across the heath one may occasionally flush the bird during the daytime, when he flies in a bewildered manner, and soon settles again, for they are quite nocturnal birds and do not move from choice when the sun shines. Like all night birds the plumage of the Evejar is soft and fluffy, and he glides over the bracken and between the pines in a noiseless ghost-like manner. The soft flapping of the wings is scarcely audible, no matter how close the bird is, as he wheels and twists after the moths and beetles in the still night air. The day is spent in rest in some favourite spot, and should this be the branch of a large tree, the bird does not perch in the orthodox manner, but sits lengthwise along the branch, where he is scarcely visible to the keenest of observers.

A Question of Identity.

F. J. W. S. sends a young bird for identification, taken from a nest eight feet from the ground. There were two eggs somewhat resembling those of the Chaffinch. He says the old birds "looked something like a Woodlark in size, shape, and appearance," and the nest was composed of twigs and leaves and loosely built. Unfortunately these particulars do not very well join together to assist in identification. The Woodlark builds upon the ground; the nest described is somewhat like that of the Nightingale, also a ground builder, or nearly so, and the eggs do not resemble either bird's. The young one is not far enough advanced in feather to assist one in making a definite assertion as to its species. The beak is that of a softbill, and the legs and feet are only fairly strong. It more nearly resembles the Spotted Flycatcher than anything, although the situation of the nest is against its being that species, because as a rule these birds build their nests in snug nooks, frequently against the stem of a tree, but not in a bush, as described by F. J. W. S. Perhaps he can get another sight of the parents and note particularly their plumage and habits.—H. N.

Club Reports.

WIGAN AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Monthly meeting, held July 1st, Mr. P. Vickers in chair. Minutes passed as read, and correspondence gone through. Mr. W. Ridge gave account of his visit to Manchester re Union for Lancashire and Cheshire. It was proposed that Wigan join if union is formed, Mr. Ridge being instructed to attend next meeting.—W. Dyer, Hon. Sec.

GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND N.M.B. AND F.C.

Monthly meeting held June 27. Mr. John Brown, President, occupied the chair. The business was the classification for annual members show and election of judges. The classification remains as last year, with one or two minor alterations. The judges were then elected. Final arrangements were made for First Feather show. The following new members were appointed:—Mr. McMuchan, Cathcart; Mr. W. Kirk, Bishopbrigs; Alex. Edwards, Parkhead; Wm. Adam, Cathcart. This terminated a most successful meeting, there being a good turn out of members.—F. Taylor, Sec.

VALE OF LEVEN C.B.C.

Meeting in Village Schoolroom, Alexandria, on July 4th, President J. Hannay occupying the chair. The Hall Committee gave in their report, and it was unanimously agreed to secure the Lesser Public Hall, Alexandria, for first feather show, on August 5th, from 2 o'clock until 6 p.m., and Large Public Hall with ante-room for the annual show, November 18th. Prize cards and other arrangements for first feather show having been agreed upon, the remainder of the evening was passed with a very instructive and homely chat on colour-feeding for exhibition. Mr. J. H. Adams (Glasgow) has kindly consented to judge first feather show.—A. H. McLean, Sec.

UDDINGSTON AND DIST. O.S.

Monthly meeting held July 1st, Mr. H. Donnon in the chair. Secretary reported taking of public hall for young bird show at a very little cost, was approved of by all. A motion to reduce our classes was carried; reduced from 25 to 20. Agreed to open show from 2 p.m. till 7 p.m. Judging from 2 till 3. Admission 6d.; from 3 till close, 3d. Entries close August 4th. Secretary will be in reading room from 8 p.m. till 9 p.m. on that date to take entries. No entries will be taken after Friday evening. Entry fee 3d. per bird. Where less than seven birds are entered, points to count from lowest bird. Agreed to have leaflet schedules printed. Members are requested to pay first instalment of subs. along with entries.—Jno. Kilpatrick, Sec.

NEWCASTLE C.B.S.

General meeting held July 6th. The Vice chairman, Mr. J. Shepherd, occupied the chair. Among the letters read was the granting of the patronage of the Cinnamon Marked Y.C.C., and the Yorkshire C.C., Ramsden Cup, Money Specials, and Open Novice competitions. The following new members were elected; Mr. E. Steel, Blaydon, Mr. J. Moody Gateshead and Mr. E. Cracknell, Newcastle. Mr. J. N. T. Scott raised the point as to the secretary receiving subscriptions after the end of May, which is the closing date. As Mr. Crawhall was giving us a lecture it was moved that a committee meeting be held on July 18th, to thoroughly discuss the question. Mr. Crawhall then gave us his ideas on Line or Pedigree Breeding. This he did in a splendid manner and illustrated his remarks by a large chart. The subject is very deep and gave food for a lot of thinking, and future possibilities in the way of systematic inbreeding. A very instructive discussion was held; the principal speakers being Messrs. Currah, Maddison, Robson, Shepherd, Scott, Petterson and Mackenzie. Mr. Crawhall had a busy time answering questions, which he did in his usual kindly way. Mr. Currah moved a hearty vote of thanks be given to Mr. Crawhall for his kindness on this and many other occasions. This was seconded by Mr. J. N. T. Scott, and ably supported by Messrs. Shepherd and Robson. A hearty vote of thanks to the Judges and helpers at the Nest Feather Show was also accorded.—J. E. Atkinson, Sec.

PRESTON O.S.

General meeting, Tokio Cafe, July 6th. It was finally settled to engage St. Wilfred's Rooms, Corporation Street, for our open show, it being voted a fine room for light and comfort and one suitable for the accommodation of a large number of birds, also its nearness to the Central Station affords quick delivery and dispatch. Judges engaged: Messrs. J. H. Roe for Norwich, etc., and C. Houlton for the Brit. and For., etc (providing these two could be engaged). The medals won at the recent F.F. show were presented to the winners and prize money paid to the members. A vote of thanks was proposed to Mr. Waring for kindly judging the birds at the recent shows, and was carried.—J. P. Leeming, Sec.

THATTO HEATH AND DIST. O.S.

Meeting held July 3rd, Nutgrove School, Mr. Gibbin in chair. A fair number of members attended. Re F.F. show, held June 24th, prize money was paid, etc., a small balance on the right side resulting, which was put to swell the funds of the society. A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Houlton, who officiated as judge, also to Mr. Griffiths, who kindly accommodated us with the building for the show. It was moved and seconded that the date of the old bird show be fixed for January 20th, 1912. Judge and classification to be fixed at next meeting, which will be held August 14th, on account of Bank Holiday intervening. All members are earnestly requested to attend and bring their friends.—Messrs. Tyson and Leather, Hon. Secs.

GRIMSBY & CLEETHORPES R.C.S.

Meeting held June 24, at headquarters, 119, Cleethorpes Road, Grimsby, Mr. Grooves presiding. Owing to the wretched weather prevailing that evening, the meeting was sparsely attended. Two new members—Mr. Crooke and Mr. C. Ashton—were enrolled. In the absence of the hon. sec., through illness, Mr. Ives, the vice-chairman, deputised. It was decided that the adult school terms be accepted, in which to hold the society's first Roller singing contest and show on December 1 and 2, and that Messrs. F. A. Lester, London, and T. Oldroyd, Wakefield, be invited to judge. A discussion took place on the feeding and method of training young birds. The threadbare, but nevertheless important, subject, "The Pest of the Bird-room," red mite, and the means to mitigate it, was also discussed, but to eradicate it altogether is a problem believed to be yet unsolved. Next meeting July 29.—W. Yardley, Hon. Sec.

NATIONAL GREEN-MARKED YORKSHIRE C.C.

Important Committee meeting held July 1, at the Market Tavern, Bradford, when a good attendance of members was recorded. Mr. W. H. Shackleton, president, in the chair. The following new members, were enrolled:—Messrs. T. Tidswell (Bradford), W. B. Atkinson (Thackley), C. E. Morrison (Brighouse), F. and J. Burdekin (Halifax), M. Kilburn (Fourweather Green), S. Smith (Ingrow, nr. Keighley), and F. E. Hawkes (Everton, Liverpool). (a) That the specials for open competition at club shows be as suggested, which included a valuable special of £5 5s. presented by R. B. Wright, Esq., Liverpool. (b) That Ramsden's competition be as last year, with same conditions. (c) Breeders' competition and additional competition for breeders of exhibits only for a special, value £1 1s., presented by L. Briggs, Esq. (d) Open Novice competition, as last year, which includes a valuable tea urn presented by T. Sandiford, Esq., Preston. (e) Junior Novice competition, that five prizes be presented this year instead of two as last year. Thanks to two such fanciers and supporters of the novice as Messrs. A. Brown and E. Clegg. Now, novices, show your appreciation of these gentlemen's kind offer by enrolling yourselves as members, and make the competition keen. After careful consideration on account of judges and dates clashing, the following societies were granted the club's patronage for next season:—October 14 Bradford West, Nov. 3 and 4 Liverpool O.S., Nov. 11 Windhill and Dis., Nov. 25 Brighouse, Dec. 1 and 2 Halifax O.S., Dec. 9 Bradford Cinderella Show, Dec. 16 Queensbury C.B.A.; 1912, Jan. 6 Sandy Lane, Jan. 20 City of Bradford O.S., Feb. Crystal Palace (L. and P.O.S.). The President cordially thanked the members for their attendance, especially considering the number of meetings on this date.—F. Armstrong, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held Lockhart's Cafe, Briggate, Mr. J. P. Moir in the chair. Owing to the unavoidable absence of our advertised lecturer, chairman asked Mr. J. Chambers to give us a few words on breeding and rearing. Starting from the nest, he touched on every stage and process till the birds were ready for the show cage, after which various questions were heaped upon him, chiefly on the different green foods. He advised fanciers to use fresh young lettuce, as he had derived great benefits by doing so. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Chambers for filling the post of lecturer so admirably. He thanked the meeting in return. During the evening five new members were elected in Messrs. Lickley, Guthrie, Barker, Kay and Ames. This augurs well for the future of the society.—W. A. Wilson, Hon. Sec.

LEYTON AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

Meeting July 3rd, Mr. J. A. Bartlett in the chair. Several members present subscribed to special prize list for young stock show, July 22nd; we have now quite a nice lot of specials. Mr. T. H. Harrison gave his promised lecture on "Mendel's Theory of the Science of Breeding." This proved very interesting, the lecturer dealt most ably with the different methods by which Mendel had arrived at his conclusions. The lecturer also explained how he had produced blue ducks by the same methods that Mendel had used. Those who were not present missed a real treat. Many questions were asked, and ably answered by Mr. Harrison. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the lecturer, to which he suitably responded. The usual vote of thanks to the chair then closed a very pleasant evening.—Forse and Son, Hon. Secs.

ALNWICK AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting July 6, some 40 members being present. Competition for valuable prizes given by the Vice-chairman (Mr. W. Sanders) for best young bird bred by a member, brought together some of the best of the district, the winner being a very smart variegated buff Yorks., owned by Messrs. Nesbit and Wright, the runner-up a dark Linnet Mule bred by Carns and Forster. Mr. A. Dippie (Morpeth) made the award. After the competition Mr. Dippie gave a very interesting exhibition of hand-washing, explaining as he proceeded, first the temperature of the water, which the members tested by dipping their hands in the various basins before he started to work, then the holding of the bird during the operation. Mr. Dippie proceeded slowly, so that all present could see and note the methods he used; while the bird was drying several members took part in a discussion on colour-feeding and Sib.-breeding. Mr. Dippie's demonstration and remarks were highly appreciated by everyone present.—R. Foster, Sec.

STOKE-ON-TRENT C.B.A.

Meeting July 3; capital attendance. The special prizes won at the recent young bird show were distributed by Mr. T. Hawley. In handing four, including one for best young bird, to Mr. J. Bowers, he expressed the hope that the recipient would do better on a future occasion. Secretary reported result of cup competition as follows:—J. Pitchford 17 points, J. Bowers 14, T. Walker, F. W. Alcock, J. Butters, 13 each, J. Holland, J. Davis W. H. Walton 10 each, W. Roberts 8, C. Clay 5, G. Lea 4, J. Keeling, Cyril Clay 3, H. George, G. Wood, 2 each, T. Fawley, 1. Mr. Pitchford announced his intention to retire from the competition, which leaves matters in an interesting condition for the final contest which takes place at the open show in November next. The next meeting falling on August Bank-holiday, it was decided to postpone it to third Monday in August. Mr. W. Wade, of Dugulas, gave a most interesting and instructive lecture on Colour Feeding, which was much appreciated by all present. A vote of thanks proposed by Mr. Walker, and seconded by Townsend, to Mr. Wade for his kindness, was heartily carried.—J. Pitchford, Sec.

DULWICH AND PECKHAM C.B.S

Meeting at headquarters on Tuesday night, July 4th, Mr. F. Cole in the chair. A good number of members were present, when the chairman called upon Mr. H. E. Tringham to open a discussion on "Colour Feeding." Mr. Tringham, upon rising, said that he had no intention of taking up too much of the time of the meeting. He had brought with him specimens of the capsicum pods and the pepper which they produced, and in a very lucid manner he proceeded to explain them, and his own methods of feeding. At the close of his remarks he was much applauded. A general discussion then took place, most of those present taking a part, many interesting points were raised, and in this way much useful information obtained. It was, however, clearly demonstrated by the discussion that there is no royal road to obtain the best results, most fanciers having their own ideas and methods to obtain that which all aimed—the best colour possible in their birds. A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Tringham; also to Mr. Cole for so ably conducting the meeting. Five new members were elected: Mr. Spillman, the well known Norwich exhibitor; Rev. H. A. Soames, of Bromley; Mr. and Mrs. Austin, of Brockley, and Mr. Bowage, of Dulwich. Our membership now totals well over the hundred.—W. Hudson, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD O.S.

Monthly meeting, held July 4, at headquarters, Rose and Crown Hotel, Waingate, chairman, Mr. T. Dawn presiding. Secretary reported having booked Foresters Hall for members' back-end show, December 2. Decided that specials for Nest Feather Show, July 22nd, be given in kind. Several specials were promised to the long list already obtained, including two for the foreign bird section, for novices that have never won a prize with a foreign bird. Now novices, show your appreciation. Resolved, that our ramble on July 16 be again to that lovely district, the Dukeries (via Worksop), and that Mr. T. Simpson, Worksop, again be our guide. Our headquarters will be the Greyhound Hotel, Worksop. The time of starting will be as before, train leaving Great Central at 1.40 p.m., returning 8.36 p.m.; return fare and tea 3s. 2d. inclusive. Tickets may be had from 69, Alexandra Road, or Mr. J. Mace, Blonk Street, and the station platform. All fanciers and friends invited. This is one of the best day's outings to be had for miles round Sheffield. All business, enrolling of new members, etc., having been done, the tit-bit of the evening in the way of a lecture on the Breeding, Rearing, Moulting, Showing and General Management of the Norwich Plainhead Canary was given by our friend and member, Mr. J. A. T. Woodall. The lecturer touched upon every stage and progress from the nest to the show bench. The process of colour feeding was given at great length, and the best way to get colour was clearly shown. To illustrate the various colour feeds, our friend had on view the various capsicum and chill pods, etc. Having interested us for over an hour, questions were invited, which Mr. Woodall fully answered. A hearty vote of thanks was given, Mr. Woodall for treating us to what was considered by all present the most interesting and instructive lecture on the Norwich Canary heard in Sheffield for some years. Responding, he said it had given him much pleasure to give us the experiences he had gained in the twenty years he had been breeding the Norwich bird.—T. Bishop, Sec.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Cambridge, August 7, on Midsummer Common. Fifteen classes: Nor. 2, Yorks. 2, A.O.V. Can. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 3, For. 1, Sell. 1; Memb. 4. Prizes 8/-, 5/-, 2/6; entry fee 1/6; good specials. Judge J. Robson. Entries close July 29 to W. Driver, 17, Sussex-st. Cambridge.

St. Ives (Cornwall), July 25.—Thirty-two classes: Nor. 3, Yorks 4, Crest 1, Cinn. 1, A.O.V. 1, Group 1, Mule 3, Brit. 3, Local 15. Prizes 6/-, 3/-, 2/-; entry fee 1/-. Judge Mr. R. B. Tope. Entries close July 18 to Mr. L. E. Cowley, hon. sec., St. Ives, Cornwall.

Rugby (20 mile radius), July 19th. Three classes: Nor. 1, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 1. Prizes 6/-, 4/-, 2/-; entry fee 1/-. Judge, Mr. T. E. Hough. Entries close July 15 to Mr. Hough, Little Church Street, Rugby.

Larkhall, Bath, July 27.—Six classes: Can. 1, Hyb. 1, Brit. 1, For. 1, Local 2. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 2/6; entry fee 1/6. Judge, A. Tottle. Entries close July 17 to A. W. Sealy, 13, Avondale Buildings, Larkhall, Bath.

Ackworth, July 22.—Four classes: Can. 2, Linnet 1, A.O.V. Brit. 1. Prizes 4/- and 2/-; entry fee 6d. Judge, T. Walton. Entries close July 17 to W. H. Vere, Elmwood Terrace, Moor Top, Ackworth.

Horfield, August 9 and 10. Three local classes: Can. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 1. Prizes 5/-, 3/-, 1/6; entry fee 1/-. Judge, A. Tottle. Entries close August 1 to H. Ferris, 9, Olveston Road, Horfield, Bristol.

CHESTER C.B.F.A.

Monthly meeting at Nags Head, Cocoa House, July 4, Mr. Bracegirdle presiding. The classification for annual show on Boxing-day was arranged. Mr. H. W. Battye, Huddersfield, was appointed judge. Two new members were elected.—J. Swindley, Sec.

GATESHEAD AND DIST. C.B.S.

Committee meeting, July 5th, to consider the idea of having a series of table shows. A good turn up of members, and everything passed off harmoniously. It was finally arranged to have the first show on July 20th. This to be a nest feather show. Judges: Mr. T. C. Crawhall for Canaries; Mr. J. Shepherd for British, and Mr. T. Taylor for foreign. It was arranged to have nine classes for Canaries: 2 classes Norwich yellow and buff; 2 ditto Yorks., 2 ditto Bord., 1 Crests and C.B., 1 any other variety. British: Linnet, house moulted; Linnet, field moulted; Greenfinch, Siskin, Redpoll, or Twite; A.O.V. Finch or Bunting; A.V. Mule or Hybrid (1911). Foreign: A.V. Waxbill; ditto any other variety seedeater. Prize money to be paid at the rate of three, two, and one, each class paid as per entries, 6d. each cage. Mr. T. Taylor, our late secretary, has kindly promised to give two framed diplomas for most points, one for the Canaries, the other for the British and Foreign (for this show only). Will members try and make these series of shows a hugh success, and assist the committee as far as they can by having their birds staged by eight o'clock. Judging will start at eight o'clock prompt. Show will be held in large room, upstairs, Lockhart's Cafe, High-st.—A. Holden, Sec.

NORTHERN BORDER AND S.F.C.

Monthly meeting of the Northern Border and Scotch Fancy C.C., held, Lockharts Cafe, July 3rd. There was a grand turn-out of members, being the best meeting we have had. The society goes on by leaps and bounds, and those who do not join us will be sorry afterwards. Several letters were read re patronage, but we have still a few shows vacant. Secretaries of societies should apply before next meeting or they may be left out, as we have decided on a fixed number of shows. The printing of the rules was left till next meeting. The following new members were admitted: Mr. Smith (Elswick), Mr. Nickelson (Haltwhistle), Mr. Newcombe (Sunderland)—this member cycled over so as to be at the meeting—and Mr. Parkin (Chester-le-Street). Proposed by Mr. Currah and seconded by Mr. Reed, that we give our patronage to six shows; agreed. Mr. Currah proposed and Mr. Smith seconded (while Mr. Shepherd did not hear) that the "Good" Shepherd give us his lecture, "His experiences as a Fancier," and it was unanimously carried. The "Good-Shepherd" gives us this lecture on August 14th, and all are welcome. Don't miss it! Some discussion then took place re a President, and a Vice President. Rule 16 had to be altered, owing to the club being a faster growing "baby" than was expected, and the committee now number twelve instead of five as before. The following twelve good men and true were saddled with the management, Messrs. Aflech, Craig, Farrer, Harvey, Johnson, Montgomery, Parkin, Snaith and W. Smith. The table show was during this time being judged. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Shepherd for judging, to which he replied and said he could not let the occasion go past without commenting on the outstanding quality of the 1st Scotch Fancy, and he congratulated the owner, Mr. Harvey, on having bred such a fine bird. He also remarked on the high average standard of the Border exhibits, and the good staging. The next meeting night falling on Bank Holiday, it was agreed to postpone it till a week later, August 14th. A request that each member, "Catch a Pal," closed one of the best meetings we have held.—J. N F Scott, Sec.

Singing Contests.

PONTEFRACT.

Open sing, July 9th, at the Woodman Inn Linnet Club, before a large company and a good entry of birds. 1, J. Piper, 53; 2, T. Jones, 45; 3, T. Piper, 30. We keep increasing our membership every week; anyone wishing to join this club should do so at once as the entrance fee will be 1s. next year (this season 6d.). Twopence per week contribution. First bird hung at 3 o'clock on Saturdays.—H. Chatterton, Sec.

SALFORD.

Open contest at the Boat House Hotel on July 8th, when 36 birds entered for some good prizes, there being a large attendance. The winners were: For Quality, 1, spl, Topping; 2, Seddon; 3, Barnes; 4, Houghton. For Time, 1, spl., G. Randles, 135; 2, Mrs. Brown, 98; 3, Owen, 95; 4, G. Randles 68. Club members: Specials for quality, Cain; time, Green. Judges:—Quality: W. Barnes, W. Topping, B. Wharton. Timekeepers: W. Wood, J. Woodward, J. Mc Allister. Bird keeper; A. Stewart. The contest was a great success and our thanks are given to members, who represented all the Lancashire Singing Clubs, who certainly have done their best in giving support to the club to make it successful. And it is hoped that all the Salford Club members will make a special effort to visit the "Globe Inn," Leigh, on July 22. Members requested to attend special meeting, July 16th, at 7.30 prompt, headquarters.—B. Wharton, Sec.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Usual week-end Linnet Contest held at the Prince Albert Inn, when 9 of the best picked birds in Leeds sang. Judges, Messrs. E. Wood and E. Lorriman. First prize, T. Chippendale; 2nd, J. Chippendale; 3rd, divided between T. Stead and A. Lorriman.—E. Wood, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS.

Quality singing contest at King's Head, Shannon Street, July 9th. 1, 2, W. Sissons; 3, H. Wigfield. Judges, S. Hardcastle and W. Naylor. Our Canary club has commenced.—Wm. Sissons, Hon. Sec.

Skinners Arms, Buslingthorpe Lane, week-end contests held July 8th, 16 birds facing the judges, Messrs. J. Green and J. Simmons. 1, Sellars; 2, Lunn; 3, Dalton. On July 9th, 19 birds faced the judges, Messrs. J. Green, and J. Simmons: 1, Sellars; 2, Clayton; 3, Lunn. Our annual contest is held on Easter Tuesday next, open to Great Britain.—Wm. Lunn, Hon. Sec.

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*Oct 6 & 7.—**Burnley.**—(R. Towler, 25, Pear Street.). J.C.B., J.H.R.
Oct. 7—**Chopwell** (J. Brown, 26, Humber Street). T.D., J.R.S..
Oct. 7.—**Longton.**—(Hallam and Lovatt, 5, Francis Street). J.H.R.
Oct. 11 & 12.—**Clapham.**—(A. L. Priest, 28, Kyrle Road.). C.A.H., J. R., J.F.
Oct. 12 & 13.—**Norwich Alliance.**—(R. Roll, 58, York Street).
Oct. 13 & 14.—**Bolton.**—(P. Brierley, 24, Cromer Avenue, Tonge Moor.). J.H.R., J.W.C.
Oct. 14.—**Coventry Godiva.**—(R. Symonds, 29, Melbourne Road, Earlston.) W.V.
Oct. 14.—**Leeds.**—W. A. Wilson, 75, Bayswater Mount, Roundhay). J.H.R., J.B.
Oct. 14.—**Morpeth** (E. Cowling, Fullbeck Cottage) J.C.B., A.H.
Oct. 17 & 18.—**Plymouth.**—(T. Pope, 98, Embankment Road.) C.A.H., J.R.
Oct. 18 & 19.—**Birmingham.**—(S. Mole, 87, Greenway Street, Small Heath.) T.H.
Oct. 18 & 19.—**Portsmouth C.B.S.**—(King and Joiner, 80, Stubbington Avenue, North End). J.R.
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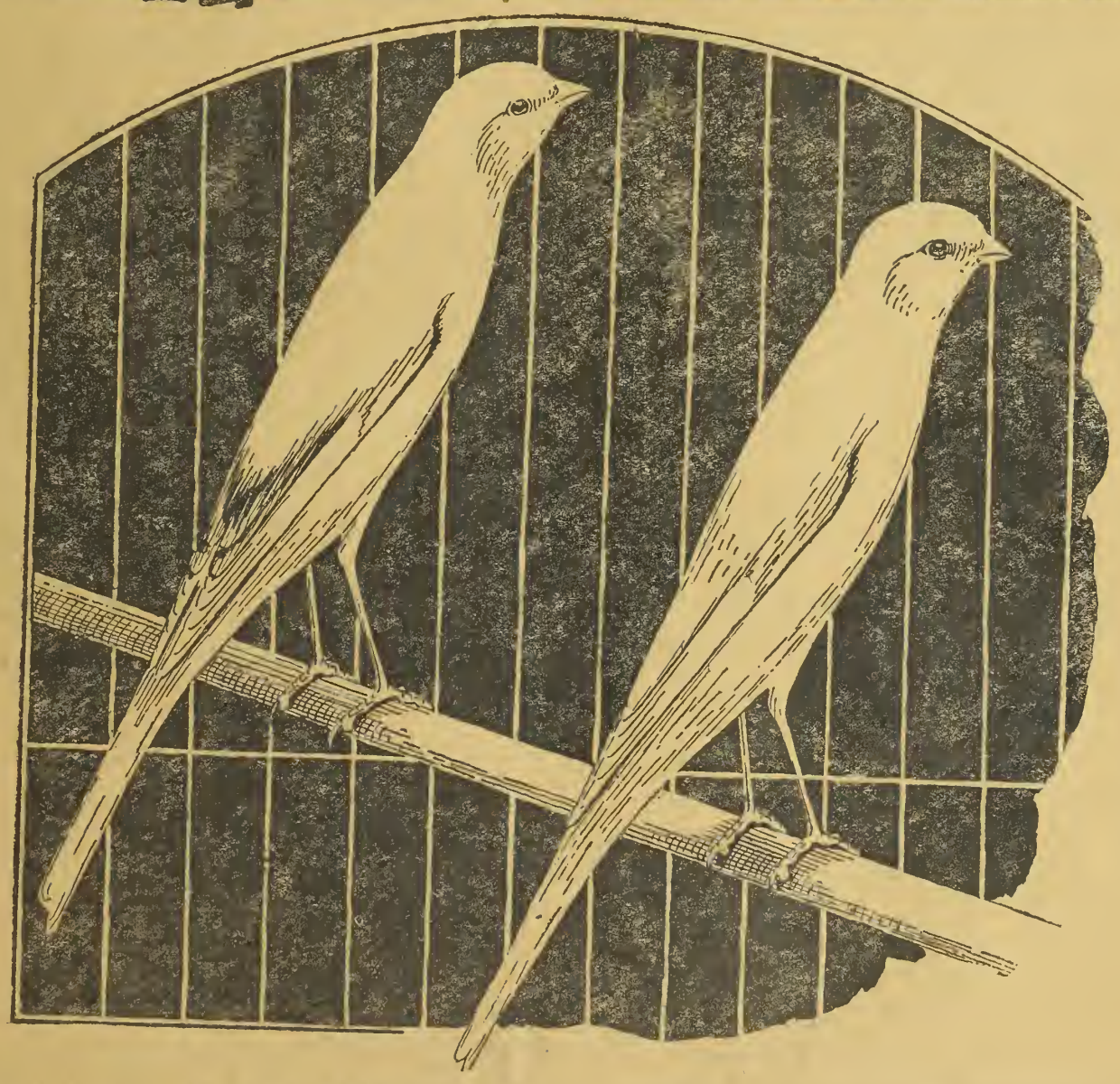
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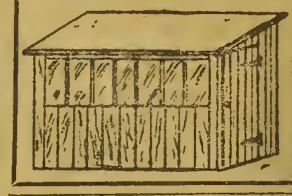
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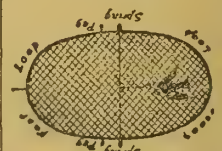
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The Shows.

NOTE.—We cannot possibly undertake the writing out of lists of awards from the catalogues of shows. A fully written report must be sent us. EDITOR.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Second F.F. show, held on July 8, at Fawcett St. Cafe. Some promising young birds were shown, especially in the Border, Yorks., and Crest classes. There was a good number of visitors present. Mr. J. Miller, an old friend of this association, kindly gave his services as judge. BORD. 1, 3, Walden; 2, e, Swan; vhc, hc, Newcombe. YORKS. 1, 3, Swan; 2, vhc, hc, Gray. CRESTS AND C.B. 1, 2, 3, Swan. NOR. 1, 2, Machin. MULES 1, 2, Murray (more Mules from Mules). BRIT. 1, 2, 3, Waters. Mr. Hunt, (Ryhope Colliery) was admitted a member. Members' subscriptions must be paid not later than next meeting July 22.—J. Jeffrey, Hon. Sec.

SPRINGBURN POSSIL PARK C.B.C

F. F. Show July 8. Judge Mr. T. C. Dowell. NOR. YELL. CK. (10) 1, c, Sloan; 2, McLeod; 3, Griffiths; 4, vhc, Donachy; hc, Twamley; c, Sloan. BUFF (7) 1, spl, Crawford; 2, 4, vhc, Twamley; 3, McLeod; hc, Donachy; c, Hunter. VAR. OR GREEN (11) 1, vhc, Downey; 2, Donachy; 3, hc, Watson; 4, McLeod; c, spl, Sloan. YELL. HENS (7) 1, Donachy; 2, McLeod; 3, 4, Sloan; vhc, Crawford; hc, Downey; c, Hunter. BUFF (5) 1, 3, 4, McLeod; 2, Donachy; vhc, Hunter. VAR. OR GREEN HEN (11) 1, Mc Leod; 2, 3, spl, Downey; 4, vhc, Sloan; hc, Donachy; c, Watson. BORD. YELL. CK. (1) 1, spl, Morrison. HEN (2) 1, Morrison; 2, Swan. BUFF CK. (2) 1, Morrison; 2, Swan. HEN (3) 1, 2, Brown; 3, Morrison. A.V. CAN. (2): 1, 2, A. Sloan. MULE (1): 1, Donachy, fine Siskin mule. C.B. (1) 1, Brown. CREST. (4) 1, spl, Griffiths; 2, McMillan; 3, Crawford; 4, Brown. YRKS. BUFF CK. (1) 1, Penman. HEN (1) 1, Penman. Splendid quality of birds all through.—J. Waugh, Sec.

LEEDS C.B.S.

F.F. show held St. George's Schools, July 8th, when the Leeds and President's Cups were competed for, bringing a good muster of birds, among them being some real stormers. There is no doubt Leeds fanciers are making great headway. Leaders are, D. McMillan, Junr., 20, and Mr. T. Flint 19 points for Leeds Cup, 30 and 32 points for President's Cup, 57 and 62 points for Section Gold Medals, Nor. and Brit., with Mr. A. Rhodes 51 points for Yorks. medal. Mr. T. Flint won sp. for most points in show. Mr. H. W. Battye judged, giving every satisfaction.

YORKS. CL. YELL. (8): 1, McLade; 2, Rhodes; 3, Dews; 4, vhc, Norton, hc, Smith; c, Fowler. VAR. (18): 1, c, Norton; 2, Baldwinson; 3, Johnson; 4, Rhodes; vhc, Sykes; hc, Dews. CL. BUFF (18): 1, Johnson; 2, 3, Rhodes; 4, Baldwinson; vhc, hc, Hall; c, Dews. VAR. (15): 1, Norton; 2, 4, McLade; 3, Hall; vhc, Baldwinson; hc, Rhodes, c, Dews. NOR. CL. YELL. (12): 1, McMillan; 2, Johnson; 3, Mennard; 4, vhc, Wilson; hc, Robbins; c Chambers. VAR. (6): 1, Moir; 2, McLade; 3, hc, W. A. Wilson; vhc, Robbins; 4, Chambers. CL. BUFF (12): 1, 2, McMillan; 3, Hall; 4, Chambers; vhc, Pawson; hc, Mcnuard; c, Wilson. VAR. (12): 1, vhc, McMillan; 2, Mennard; 3, Moir, 4, Johnson; hc, Hall; c, Mennard. LINNET (4): 1, 2, 3, Owen; 4, Kay. GOLD or BULLFINCH (7): 1, 4, Middleton; 2, 3, hc, Flint; hc, Kay. TWITE, ETC. (7): 1, hc, Flint; 2, 3, 4, Owen; vhc, c, Middleton. A.O.V. HARDBILL (8): 1, 3, vhc, Flint; 2, Kay; 4, hc, c, Middleton. MULE (4): 1, Owen; 2, 3, 4, Middleton. NOVICE YORKS YELL. (3): 1, Greaves; 2, Peace; 3, Bristow. CL. BUFF (6): 1, 3, vhc, hc, Bristow; 2, Peace; 4, Beckwith. VAR. (7): 1, Greaves, 2, vbc, hc, Bristow; 3, Peace; 4, Beckwith; c, Lickley.—W. A. Wilson, Hon. Sec.

NORTH LONDON C.B.A.

Young Stock show held in the Library Hall, Stoke Newington with the magnificent total of 231 exhibits, constituting a record for this Association and, we believe, the largest young stock show held during the past ten years at least. As usual for this Association the quality of exhibits was excellent and in many instauces gave the judge some difficulty in separating the winners, especially in the British section. The new three tier staging made by two of the members, Messrs. Neighbour and J. Bell, was in use for the first time, and many appreciative remarks were passed anent same. The staging was covered with fireproof cloth which added considerably to its appearance. There was a record attendance, the Hall being well filled, and fanciers from all parts were to be seen keenly examining the exhibits. The value of advertising the show was clearly proved, as we noticed one fancier from Croydon and another from Harrow. Special winners were Messrs. Cook, Penton, Cawthorne, Harper, Ayling, Jefferies, Marley, Davies, Mortlock and Williams. The management was very good indeed, the secretary, Mr. R. P. Harper, being one of the most capable officials in the Fancy. Mr. J. Robson judged.

CHAMPION NOR. CL. (5): 1, 3, res., Harper; 2, vhc, Bell. TICK. (3): 1, 2, Bell; 3, Harper. VAR. (4): 1, 2, 3, Harper; res., Bell. YORKS. CL. (10): 1, vhc, hc, Cook; 2, res., Penton; 3, Bennett; c, Tringham. TKD. (5): 1, Cook; 2, Bennett; 3, res., Penton; vhc, Tringham. VAR. (6): 1, res., Bennett; 2, 3, Penton; vhc, hc, Tringham. BORD. (6): All to Mrs. Harper. A.O.V. (6): All to Tringham. AMATEUR NOR. (6): 1, 2, 3, hc, Cawthorne; vhc, res., Jackson. YORKS. (2): 1, 2, Lacey. NOVICE NOR. CL. (18): 1, 3, Ayling; 2, Copeland; res., Austin; vhc, White; hc, Ingles; c, Burchell. TKD. (4): 1, 2, res., Ayling; 3, Burchell. VAR. (14): 1, 2, 3, res., Jefferies; vhc, Housden; hc, c, Ayling. YORKS. CL. (16): 1, 2, Rolfe; 3, res., c, Neighbour; vhc, Castell; hc, Davies. TKD. (6): 1, 2, Rolfe; 3, Salter; res., Ingles; vhc, hc, Collins. VAR. (8): 1, Gilbert; 2, c, Davies; 3, hc, Salter; res., Neighbour; vhc, Castell. BORD. (3): All to Miss Jeffries. MULE (12): 1, 3, res., vhc, hc, Ayling; 2, Bell. BRIT. SEC. GOLD. (13): 1, 2, res., Marley; 3, White; vhc, Jeffries; hc, Penton; c, Saddler. BULLFINCH (3): 1, Marley; 2, Williams; 3, Copeland. GREEN (9): 1, 3, res., Marley; 2, Williams; vhc, London; hc, Hammond; c, Slater. LINNET (10): 1, 2, 3, res., vhc, Marley; hc, Williams; c, Austin. SISKIN (3): All Marley. REDPOLL (9): 1, Sadler; 2, 3, vhc, Marley; r, Williams; vhc, Bell. CHAFFINCH (3). All Marley. BRAMBLE (7): c, Hammond; all other awards, Marley. HENS (5): 1, 2, 3, Marley; res., Bell; vhc, White. SOFTBILL (4): 1, 3, Marley; 2, Harper. FOR. SMALL (13): 1, 2, 3, res., Williams; vhc, Mortlock; hc, Harper; c, Bell. LARGE (4): 1, 3, res., Williams; 2, Hammond. SOFTBILL (3): All Williams.

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HARROGATE.

First Feather Show held July 8. I am sorry to say we only had a poor entry, for some of the members have had bad luck this season. Mr. J. Robinson (Otley) judged, and gave satisfaction.

CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, Gill; 2, Beilby; 3, Gill; 4, Fergusson; vhc, G. Gill; hc, Fergusson; c, Brown. BUFF: 1, Beilby; 2, Gill; 3, Beilby; 4, Blackburn; vhc, G. Ireland; hc, Ireland; c, J. Blackburn. UNEVEN: 1, Fergusson; 2, 3, Head. NOVICE. A.V. YORKS.: 1, 2, 3, Fleetham. NOR.: 1, Fleetham.—W. E. Fergusson, Sec.

SOWERBY BRIDGE & DIS. C.B.S.

First Feather show at Wharfe Hotel, July 8th. Mr. T. Pilling (Halifax) proved an efficient judge and gave entire satisfaction. CLASS 1: 1, Stobart; 2, 3, 4, Sutcliffe; vhc, Robertson. CLASS 2: 1, vhc, Stobart; 2, Robertsham; 3, 4, Crossley Bros.. CLASS 4: 1, 2, 3, 4, Simpson. CLASS 6: 1, 2, 4, hc, Sunderland; 3, vhc, Robertsham. CLASS 7: 1, 2, 3, Sunderland; 4, Highley; vhc, Senior; hc, Wilde; c, Sutcliffe. CLASS 8: 1, Sutcliffe; 2, Sunderland; 3, Senior; 4, Highley. CLASS 9: 1, Sutcliffe; 2, Wild. CLASS 10: 1, Sutcliffe.—Sutcliffe and Walker, Secs.

NELSON AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

First Feather Show, held in Salem Schoolroom, Scotland Road, on June 17. Mr. W. Muswell judged. YELL. YORKS (10): 1, spl., Greenwood; 2, Green; 3, Gill; vhc, hc, Pearson; hc, Gill. BUFF (10): 1, 2, spl., Smith; 3, Pearson; vhc, Green; hc, Gill; c, Gregson. CINN. TKD, ETC., YELL. (3): 1, spl., Gregson; 2, Pearson; 3, Watts. CINN., TKD., ETC., BUFF (5): 1, vhc, Gregson; 2, 3, Pearson; hc, Gill. NOR. YELL (6): 1, 2, spl., hc, c, Fulton; 3, vhc, Hardman. BUFF (10): 1, hc, Greenwood; 2, 3, spl., Fulton; vhc, Hardman; c, Wales. YELL. MKD. (7): 1, spl., 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Fulton. BUFF (7): 1, Hardman; 2, 3, spl. Fulton; vhc, hc, Wales. CINN. (2): 1, 2, spl., Aspden. A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE (6): 1, Smith; 2, vhc, spl., England; 3, Wilkinson; hc, Fulton; c, Wood. SELL., 12s. 6d. (5): 1, Pearson; 2, hc, spl., Fulton; 3, Gregson; vhc, England. GOLD. OR BULLFINCH (8): 1, 2, vhc, hc, and spl., England; 3, Wilkinson; c, Wood. A.O.V. HARD OR SOFTBILL (6): 1, 2, vhc, hc, c, and spl., England; 3, Wilkinson. FOR. (4): 1, 3, vhc, spl., Wilkinson; 2, Fulton. Special, best bird in show, won by Mr. J. Wilkinson; 2nd best, also best Norwich, Mr. H. Greenwood; best British, Mr. J. England; most points, Mr. A. Fulton.

BARROW AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

Nest Feather Show, July 8. Over 100 youngsters faced the judge, Mr. P. J. Davies, of Millom. Borders showed a marked improvement on previous years. Scotch Fancies also turned up well, and were of a high order. The Challenge Cup went to a topping clear buff Yorkshire, owned by Mr. W. Johnson. The cup for best Border was won by an excellent clear buff owned by Mr. Fleming; silver rose-bowl for best Border (opposite in colour) went to a smart yellow owned by Mr. Templeman, the hon. sec., who, with a good working committee, had everything in true fancierlike order.

YORKS. YELL., CL. OR TKD. (6): 1, 4, Johnson; 2, Cowell; 3, vhc, hc, Henderson. BUFF (8): 1, Johnson; 2, c, Henderson; 3, 4, vhc, Cowell. A.O.V. (7): 1, 3, 4, Johnson; 2, hc, c, Cowell; vhc, Henderson. BORDER, YELL., CL. OR TKD. (10): 1, 3, Templeman; 2, Johnson; 4, Hudson; vhc, hc, W. Willison; c, Large. BUFF (22): 1, c, Fleming; 2, W. Willison; 3, 4, Templeman; vhc, Large; hc, Johnson. A.O.V. (13): 1, 2, vhc, Price; 3, Templeman; 4, W. Willison; hc, Fleming; c, Large. GREEN OR CINN. (6): 1, 2, vhc, R. Willison; 3, 4, hc, Large. SCOTCH, YELL. (7): 1, 2, hc, Fleming; 3, R. Willison; 4, vhc, c, Hudson. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Fleming; 3, 4, Hudson; vhc, hc, R. Willison. NORWICH BUFF (6): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, c, Richards. HYBRID (3): 1, 2, 3, Lauderdale. GOLD. OR BULLFINCH (2): 1, Lauderdale; 2, Fryer. LINNET, ETC. (4): 1, 2, Fryer; 3, Johnson. A.O.V. (1): 1, Johnson. LINNET, ETC. (FIELD-MOULTED) (3): 1, 2, Fryer; 3, Hudson.

ORMSKIRK.

Ormskirk Young Bird Show was held July 8th in the Church House Assembly Room when some 60 entries faced Mr. Chas. Houlton who judged. A very typical lot of Norwich was staged, amongst these a grand young Yellow, which won spl for best young Canary. Yorks. were a fair good lot, and Borders were very good. That very old fancier, Mr. Jno. Walmsley, still shows, but this time in the Yorke. Friend John has not yet bred out the very high shoulders and drooping neck and head to quite pass muster—too much Belgian. Yet three nice young dark Goldie Canaries were shown, and a very good lot of British made up the show. A novel feature was adopted here, viz., admitting the public free, so as to create more enthusiasm and make the Fancy stronger by inducing visitors to become members and fanciers. Quite a lot of young folks turned in, and seemed to take very keen interest in the birds. Mr. Tiffin, the Hon. Sec., had matters in A1 order, and the judge was complimented over his placings.

NOR., YL. (4).—1, spl. best Can., Johnson, junr., very pretty, typical bird, fine head, back and chest, rare colour; 2, vhc, Price, fine head, good colour and condition; 3, Tasker, nice quality. BUFFS (6): 1, 2, Mawdsley, real good birds, fine in every point; 3, Tasker, well up, runs very close in all points; vhc, Johnson, junr.; hc, c, Price. YORKS. YELL.: 1, 2, G. J. Johnson, former neatest and most typical, nice style; 2, Cinn, slim, fine quality; 3, Walmsley, just shows too much breed yet. BUFFS: 1, Searle, very smart, well up, nice carriage and quality; 2, 3, G. J. Johnson, good pair, very smart trim; vhc, Walmsley. YELL. GREEN YORKS.: 1, F. A. Walker, FOUL: 1, 2, Walker. YELL. BORDER (5): 1, vhc, hc, Hesketh, ticked left wing, grand type, A1 quality, very smart, jaunty carriage; 2, Lewis, grand shape and quality, just bare a bit on butt of wings; 3, Hesketh, tick head, grand shape; hc, Tiffen. BUFFS (7) 1, 3, Johnson, senr., tick neck, very smart all over; 2, c, Hesketh, tick saddle, grand back, fine condition; vhc, hc, Tiffen; hc, C. E. Blundell, some very smart Borders. YOUNG HYBRIDS: 1, 2, Lewis, fine pair, promising dark Goldie-Canaries; 3, Walker, same cross, large, foul tail, grand condition. LINNET: 1, sp. best Brit., Searle, grand shape, deep col., dense markings, fine condition; 2, Price, nice bird; 3, Johnson, jun., bit too light throat, fine markings, etc. GOLDIE, ETC.: 1, Johnson, sen., very smart Goldie in every respect; 2, Price, deep col., moulted Bullie, grand condition; 3, Johnson, jun., nice Goldie. GREENFINCH: 1, Johnson, jun., very fine, robust bird, grand feather and condition; 2, 3, Johnson, sen., smaller, rare hot col., good condition. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Lewis; 2, Mawdsley. SELLING, 7/6: 1, Johnson, jun.; 2, Walker; 3, vhc, Price; hc, Walmsley.

Will secretaries please note that the prize list must be fully written out when show reports are sent for publication. We cannot possibly undertake the writing out of awards from the catalogues of shows.—Editor.

STOCKSBRIDGE AND DIST. C.B.S.

Second nest feather show, held July 1st, when about 32 birds were staged. Considering we have not had one of the best seasons here, the numbers were up to the average. The Yorkshires were a lovely lot; some will be heard of again after a good moult. Norwich were also a classy lot, and considering the short time the society has been formed, the members have got together some good strains. Mr. T. Bishop, of Heeley, Sheffield, judged, and his awards were well received.

YELL. YORKS.: 1, Howe and Senior; 2, A. Oates; 3, P. Wade; vhc, hc, Samson. BUFF: 1, Hoyle Bros.; 2, 3, A. Oates; vhc, Birkhead; hc, P. Wade. YELL. NOR.: 1, hc, Howe and Senior; 2, T. Birkhead; 3, vhc, A. and E. Oates. BUFF: 1, 2, F. Bainbridge; 3, A. and E. Oates; vhc, hc, Howe and Senior.—A. Jarvis, Hon. Sec.

DARLINGTON C.B.S.

F.F. show July 8, Labour Hall. The room is ideal, and the exhibits looked at their best. The entries came up well. Yorkshires and Norwich and the variety classes were a very nice lot, lot, and the British very good indeed. Mr. W. Rutherford (Crook) judged, and his awards were well received.

YORKS. YELL.: 1, W. Underwood; 2, R. Todd. BUFF: 1, sp, R. Mowbray; 2, J. Patterson; 3, W. Underwood. NOR. BUFF: 1, W. Crossling; 2, W. Carrol. MULE OR A.O.V. CAN.: 1, M. Cornor; 2, 3, J. W. Stephenson. GOLD. OR BULLFINCH: 1, J. Forster; 2, Burton Bros.; 3, H. Todd. LINNET, ETC.: 1, sp, H. Todd; 2, Burton Bros.; 3, J. Forster. BRAMBLE, ETC.: 1, Burton Bros.; 2, 3, J. Forster. A.O.V. HARDBILL: 1, J. Forster. SOFTBILL: 1, sp, H. Todd; 2, J. Forster; 3, W. Lawrence. NOVICE YORKS. YELL.: 1, J. Paterson; 2, R. Mowbray. BUFF: 1, sp, 2, Metcalfe; 3, R. Todd. NOR. YELL.: 1, J. Kearton. BUFF: 1, sp, 2, W. Carrol; 3, Kearton; 4, M. Cornor.—Hy. Todd, Sec.

OXFORD AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

F.F. show held in St. Peter-le-Bailey Hall, on July 6th. It was well attended, and the quality of the birds was excellent, considering the bad season fanciers about here have experienced generally. The entries were about the same as last year, but the quality slightly better. Mr. F. C. Levett acted as judge.

NOR. CL.: 1, Lewin; 2, Oliffe; 3, Lees; vhc, Gough. MARKED: 1, Lewin; 2, 3, Lees. YORKS: 1, Cripps; 2, Oliffe; 3, Cripps. C. OR C.B.: 1, 2, 3, Fifield. NOR. CL. (Amateur): 1, 2, Wren; 3, Wood; vhc, Harris. MKD.: 1, Wood; 2, Wren. YORKS (Amateur): 1, 3, Tombs; 2, Cripps; vhc, Cripps. A.O.V. CAN. (Amateur): 1, 2, 3, Castle. CAGE OF FOUR (1911): (Amateur): 1, Cripps; 2, Wren.. GOLDFINCH: 1, Wren; 2, Lewin; 3, Oliffe. BULL: 1, Gough; 2, Wren; 3, Oliffe. CHAFFINCH, ETC.: 1, George; 2, Pearce. LINNET, ETC.: 1, Gough; 2, George; 3, Lees. A.O.V. BRIT.: 1, Pearce; 2, Oliffe. GOLD OR BULLFINCH (Amateur): 1, 2, Wren; 3, Cripps. A.O.V. BRIT. (Amateur): 1, Lardner; 2, 3, Wren; vhc, Harris. MULE (Bred 1911): 1, 2, Tombs. HYBRID (Bred 1911): 1, Gough. FOREIGN: 1, Oliffe. SELL. (12/6): 1, Lees; 2, Oliffe; 3, Lewin; vhc c, Castle. SELL. (£1): 1, Lewin; 2, Lees; 3, Oliffe. Special prizes: Most points Champion Canary Section: A. F. Fifield. Amateur section: W. T. Wren. Mule and Hybrid classes: Tombs. Best Hybrid: Gough. Most points. Champion Brit.: Oliffe. Amateur British section: Wren. Most points throughout show: Wren. Best bird in show: C. Pearce.—A. F. Fifield, Sec.

SITTINGBOURNE C.B.S.

First annual Y.B.S. held on July 5th in the club room of the George Hotel, Sittingbourne, and thanks to the energetic endeavours of the secretary, backed up by a hardworking committee, the show proved to be a great success. Altogether there were 70 birds staged, and they were efficiently judged by Mr. J. Wickham (Chatham). There was a good attendance at the opening ceremony, when Mr. B. Tidy apologised for the absence of Mr. W. R. Elgar, President of the Society, who was to have opened the show. In his absence Mr. Tidy said they had had to fall back on the President of their sister society, the Sittingbourne Homing Society, Mr. R. H. Prentis. Mr. Prentis said that as far as cage birds were concerned his knowledge was not very great. The only bird he had was a Parrot, which he might have shown, only he destroyed his cage once a week. (Laughter.) He believed it a very good show indeed, and he expressed the hope that the succeeding shows would be even larger and better. (Applause.) Mr. B. Tidy proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Prentis and Mr. Wickham. The judging by Mr. Wickham gave everybody satisfaction.

NOR. CL. BUFF: 1, spl, 3, Attwood; 2, Apps. YELL.: 1, Tidy; 2, 4, Attwood; 3, Apps. VARG.: 1 3, Attwood; 2, Tidy. YORK. CL. BUFF: 1, Monday; 2, 3, Olive; 4, Tidy. YELL.: 1, 2, Olive; 3, Tidy. VARG.: 1, spl, T. Monday (this bird also took spl for best in show); 2 3, hc, Olive; 3, 4, vhc, c, Tidy. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, 3, Jeffreys; 2, Apps; 4, Burley; vhc, Attwood. LINNET: 1, Smith; 2, Hyland; 3, Olive; 4, Attwood. A.O.V. BRIT.: 1, spl. Attwood (Thrush); 2, 3, Munday (Bullfinch and Bramblefinch); 4, Hyland (Redpoll); vhc, Rumble; hc, Grant; c, Smith. FOR.: 1, 2, 3, Rumble (pairs of Java Sparrows, Budgerigars, and Mannikins respectively); 4, hc, Grant (Cutthroat); vhc, Jacobs. CAN (Novice 1 year breeding): 1, spl, 3, Churchill; 2, vhc, hc, Jeffreys; 4, Rumble; c, Stevens. In the course of the evening Mr. W. R. Elgar, the President, visited the show, and expressed his pleasure and also his regret at not being able to be present at the opening. Altogether about 200 people visited the show. The specials were kindly given by Messrs. Shrubshall, Lilmer, Hancock, Smart and Tidy.—B. Tidy, Sec.

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STAMFORD AND DISTRICT F.A.

First feather show held July 8th, in the Albert Hall. About 40 birds were staged, amongst them some very promising youngsters. NOR.: 1, 2, vhc, hc, Welsh; 3, 4, Spriggs; c, G. Grimes. YORKS: 1, Wright; 2, 3, c, Fancourt; 4, hc, Sendell; vhc, E. Harrison. BRIT.: 1, spl, A. Locke; 2, 4, F. Baker; 3, A. Harrison; vhc, hc, Swanson; c, Mountain.—A. Harrison, Hon. Sec.

LITTLEBORO' C.B.S.

F.F. show, held Parish Church Schools, July 1. Challenge cup was won by W. Hollows, with 17 points; W. Sutcliffe runner up, 15 points. Mr. R. Barras (Rochdale) gave very great satisfaction as judge. LANCS. COPPY (3): 1, 2, W. Hollows; 3, E. Woodhead. PLAINHEAD (3): 1, 2, W. Hollows; 3, Woodhead. YELL. YORKS. (4): 1, 4, J. Coupe; 2, 3, W. Sutcliffe. BUFF (3): 1, W. Sutcliffe; 2, 3, J. Coupe. BUFF NOR. (2): 1, 2, J. R. Crossley. A.O.V.: 1, J. R. Crossley. BRIT. (4): 1, W. Sutcliffe; 2, 4, E. Woodhead; 3, W. Hollows. SELLING (5): 1, 2, J. R. Crossley; 3, J. R. Mayers.—J. R. Mayers, Hon. Sec.

AMBLE AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

First Feather show at the Red Row Schools, Broomhill, July 8th. The Norwich were a very good lot. Mr. T. Darling won special for best in show with a clear yellow. Mr. H. Scely, of Choppington, judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction. NOR. YELL. (11): 1, Darling; 2, 3, Whittle; vhc, Anderson; hc, Lidgate; c Hume. BUFF (17): 1, vhc, hc, Anderson; 2, c, Richardson; 3, Lidgate. YORKS (3): 1, 2, 3, Lidgate. BORD. YELL. (6): 1, 3, vhc, Aston; 2, hc, Smailes; c, Glass. BUFF (4): 1, Aston; 2, vhc, Lidgate; 3, Glass. A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE (5): 1, Darling; 2, 3, vhc, Luke. LINNET: 1, Richardson; 2, 3, Crackett; vhc, Luke. A.O.V. (6): 1, c, Lightly Bros.; 2, vhc, Luke; 3, Badmin; hc, Aston.—J. T. Crackett, Sec.

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SOUTH MANCHESTER C.B.S.

F.F. Show, July 8th, Jolly Carter Hotel. Owing to a bad breeding season only about 50 birds faced the judge, Mr. Tom Harrison, whose awards met with general satisfaction—not a grumble to be heard, a most unusual thing here. The special prize winners were: Best bird, J. Myers; best Mule, F. Washbourne, jun.; A.O.V. Can., Mr. Cleaver; Yorks. YL., Siddal; Yorks. Buff, Knight; Goldfinch, F. Creathorne; Linnet, T. Berry; A.O.V. Brit., A. Smith; silver cup most points novices, F. Washbourne, jun.; most points in show, J. Myers.

YL. YORKS: 1, Siddal. BUFF: 1, 3, spl, Knight; 2, vhc, Gilbert; 4, hc, c Siddal. YL. NOR.: 1, 2, 3, spl Myers; 4, Creathorne. BUFF: 1, 2, spl, Myers; 3, 4, Creathorne. A.O.V. YORKS.: 1, 2, Siddal; 3 Washbourne, jun. A.O.V. NOR.: 1, 2, Myers; 3, Day. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, 2, 3, spl, Cleaver. LINNET: 1, Berry. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, Smith; 2, Washbourne, jun. A.O.V. BRIT.: 1, Smith. OLD MULES DARK: 1, 2, Washbourne, jun. LIGHT: 1, spl, Washbourne, jun. YOUNG MULES: 1, Berry.—Fred Washbourne, Hon. Sec.

SPEN VALLEY C.B.S.

F.F. exhibition, July 8th. Fifty-six entries were adjudicated upon by Mr. F. Armstrong, of Halifax. The special prize offered by Mr. H. E. Parkin was divided between Messrs. B. Wood, S. Binns, Greig and Pearson, and F. Allen. Mr. J. Barrow's special for most points was awarded Mr. S. Binns, the other exhibitors approaching him being Messrs. F. Allen, Greig and Pearson, B. Wood. CL. YELL.: 1, Binns; 2, 4, Allen; 3, Greig and Pearson; vhc, Wood; hc, Lewis; c, Jessop. BUFF: 1, Greig and Pearson; 2, Binns; 3, Sheard; 4, Wood; vhc, Lee; hc, Allen; c, Jessops. TKD. YELL.: 1, Wood; 2, Binns; 3, Greig and Pearson; 4, Allen; vhc, Jessops. BUFF: 1, Greig and Pearson; 2, hc, Allen; 3, Hadwen; 4, Lewis; vhc, Wood. MKD. YELL.: 1, Binns; 2, Cooper; 3, vhc, Hadwen; 4, c, Allen; hc, Greig and Pearson. BUFF: 1, 4, Wood; 2, vhc, Allen; 3, Greig and Pearson. CINN. MKD. YELL.: 1, Hawden; 2, Sheard; 3, Jessop; 4, Lee; vhc, Cooper. BUFF: 1, hc, Pearson; 2, vhc, Lee; 3, Sheard; 4, hc, Wood. GREEN: 1, 3, Allen; 2, Greig and Pearson; 4, hc, Smith; vhc, Wood. A.V. CAN. OR MULE: 1, Smith.—J. Lewis, Hon. Sec.

PARTICK AND DISTRICT C.B.C.

First Feather Show in the Trades Hall, Anderson Street, July 8. Though the entries were hardly up to previous years owing to some of our members having a very bad breeding season, what was lacking in numbers was made up by the quality, some nice youngsters being staged. Mr. Alex. McFarlane judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction, and the society tender him their best thanks for giving his services.

PLAINHEADS, CL. or TKD. YELL.: 1, 2, Muir; 3, 5, Smith; 4, 6, Henry; 7, Aitkenhead. BUFF: 1, 4, Henry; 2, 3, Muir; 5, 6, Smith; 7, Anderson. VARIEG. YELL.: 1, 3, 4, Henry; 2, Smith; 5, Muir. BUFF: 1, 3, Henry; 2, 4, Smith; 5, Fairweather; 6, Appleyard. BORD., CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, 4, Fairweather; 2, 3, 5, Appleyard; 6, 7, Aitkenhead. BUFF: 1, 2, Appleyard; 3, 4, Aitkenhead. VARIEG. YELL.: 1, 4, Fairweather; 2, 3, Appleyard; 5, Anderson. BUFF: 1, sp, 3, Appleyard; 2, 4, Fairweather. ANY VARIETY CANARY: 1, 2, Appleyard; 3, Henry; 4, Smith; 5, Anderson. DARK MULE: 1, 4, Aitkenhead; 2, Fairweather; 3, Anderson. The winners of points specials over monthly and First Feather shows are as follows:—Canary Section: Appleyard, 80 points, Henry 47, Fairweather 31, Smith 27, runner-up Muir 24; British Section: Anderson 74, Priest 69, Aitkenhead 46, Fairweather 44, runner-up, McCrabbie 14.—Wm. Priest, Sec.

HEBDEN BRIDGE AND CALDER VALLEY O.S.

F.F. Show July 8. There was a good entry considering the bad season some of our members have experienced, and some grand birds were on view in both the Yorkshire and Norwich sections. Messrs. Greenwood and Pickles secured special for best with a lovely yellow Nor. The special for best opposite colour went to a grand clear buff Yorks., owned by Mr. Wm. Spencer. Taking the show as a whole, we think it was the best ever held in this district. Entries totalled 52. Mr. H. W. Walsh (Halifax) judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction.

CL. OR TKD. YELL YORKS.: 1, 2, W. Spencer; 3, F. Sutcliffe; vhc, Wht. Spencer; hc, c, R. Jackson. BUFF: 1, sp, hc, W. Spencer; 2, vhc, F. Sutcliffe; 3, Wht. Spencer; c, J. Crossley. VAR.: 1, Wm. Spencer; 2, J. Maiden; 3, A. Barnes; vhc, Wht. Spencer. CINN. TKD.: 1, 2, Wht. Spencer. A.O.V. YORKS.: 1, 2, A. Barnes. CL. OR TKD. YELL. NOR.: 1, sp, 2, 3, Greenwood and Pickles; vhc, hc, J. W. Ingham; c, Wm. Spencer. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Greenwood and Pickles; vhc, J. Maiden; hc, J. W. Ingham. VAR.: 1, 2, Greenwood and Pickles; 3, J. Maiden; vhc, Wm. Spencer. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, sp, hc, Wht. Spencer; 2, vhc, Greenwood and Pickles; 3, W. Spencer; c, J. Crossley.—A. Pickles, Hon. Sec

SANDY LANE AND DIST. C.B.A.

Second show of season held headquarters, July 8th. The entries were a little better than last show. Mr. F. Townsend judged and his awards gave every satisfaction. YORKS CL. YELL.: 1, 3, Whitwham; 2, Shaw Bros. BUFF: 1, Wilson; 2, Simms; 3, Whitwham. TKL. YELL.: 1, Whitwham; 2, Wilson. BUFF: 1, Wilson; 2, 3, Shaw Bros. UNEV. ETC., GREEN,: 1, Shaw Bros.; 2, 3, Wilson. DO. CINN.: 1, 2, Rat coln. 3, Wrattell.—Ratcliffe and Shaw, Secs.

NORTHERN BORDER & S.F.C.C.

First Table Show of the Northern Border and Scotch Fancy C.C. held Lockhart's Cafe, July 3, and although this is the youngest of the specialist clubs on Tyneside, the turnout of exhibits was a credit, and the spirit which pervaded the show spoke well for the future. Mr. Shepherd judged, and his awards seemed to give general satisfaction.

BORD., CL. YELL.: 1, Messrs. Affleck Bros.; 2, Montgomery; 3, Smith. BUFFS: 1, Smith; 2, Peel; 3, Montgomery. MARKED: 1, Montgomery; 2, 3, 4, Messrs. Affleck Bros.; vhc, Snaith; hc, Peel GREENS OR CINN.: 1, 2, Johnson; 3, Snaith. SCOTCH: 1, 2, Harvey.—J. N. F. Scott, Sec.

TUNSTALL AND DIST. C.B.S.

Third annual F.F. Show, June 24, at Crown and Anchor Hotel, Market Square, when upwards of 50 birds were staged, some good Norwich being exhibited. The attendance was poor, owing to the wretched weather (pouring with rain all day). Mr. H. Tams (Longton) judged, and gave every satisfaction.

NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, Johnson, 2, Brough; 3, vhc, Smith; hc, Evans; c, Moseley. BUFF: 1, spl., 3, Johnson; 2, James; vhc, hc, Smith; c, Furnival. MKD. YELL.: 1, vhc, hc, Smith; 2, James; 3, Potts; c, Parr Bros. BUFF: 1 spl, vhc, Johnson 2, hc, Smith; 3, James; c, Evans. GOLD. OR BULLFINCH: 1, James; 2, Parr Bros.; 3, Moseley; vhc, Brough. LINNET: 1, 2, Bate.—Evans and Brough Secretaries.

PRESTON O.S.

First Feather show held in St. Wilfred's Rooms, Corporation Street, July 1st, when about 60 birds were staged, and were very capably judged by Mr. P. Waring. Messrs. H. F. Marsh and Thompson tied for most points in open Norwich section, and Mr. T. Barton won medal for most points in novice section. A fair number of fanciers attended the show in the afternoon, and the birds were got away in good time, none appearing the worse for their outing.

OPEN NOR. YELL. CL. OR TKD.: 1, 2, Thompson; 2, Briggs; 3, Bendelow; hc, Young. BUFF: 1, spl, Luming Bros.; 3, Marsh; 4, Mapp. YELL. VARIEG.: 1, Mrs. Knight; 2, Marsh; 3, Mapp. BUFF: 1, Anderton; 2, Mapp; 3, Dent; 4, Marsh. NOR. GREEN YEL.: 1, 2, Pyke; 3, Anderton. BUFF: 1, 2, Pyke; 3, 4, Darlington. NOVICE: NOR. YELL. CL. OR TKD.: 1, Barton; 2, Metcalf; 3, Nickson; 4, Brewer BUFF: 1, 3, Barton; 2, Metcalf; 4, Darlington VARIEG. YELL.: 1, 3, Barton; 2, Metcalf; 4, Nickson. BUFF: 1, Nickson; 2, 3, Barton; 4, Brewer.—J. P. Leeming, Sec.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES & DIS. C.B.S.

Annual F.F. show was only very poor, owing to the bad breeding season the members have had. British came up well. Mr. B. Broadbent scored most points in Canaries, and Messrs. Briscoe and Son and Mr. Sanders tie in British for the cups. Mr. Woodhead, of West Hartlepool, judged Canaries, Mr. Marwood, of Thornaby, British, both giving every satisfaction.

NOR. YELL.: 1, 2, Ducas and Angell; 3, 4, Freeman. BUFF: 1, Freeman; 2, 3, Dawson. YORKS. YELL.: 1, 2, B. Broadbent; 3, 4, vhc, Chesworth. BUFF: 1, B. Broadbent; 2, 3, Chesworth. A.O.V.: 1, 2, J. H. Yeates. HYBRID: 1, Briscoe and Son; 2, Pearson. GOLDFINCH: 1, Sanders; 2, W. Broadbent. BULL: 1, 3, W. Broadbent; 2, Sanders; 4, Pearson. GREEN.: 1, Sanders; 2, Briscoe and Son; 3, Pearson; 4, D. Riley. LINNET: 1, Ducas and Angell; 2, 4, W. Broadbent; 3, Lowes and Son; vhc, D. Riley. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Ducas & Angell; 2, vhc, Lowes and Son; 3, W. Broadbent; 4, D. Riley. A.O.V. SEEDEATER: 1, D. Riley; 2, 3, Lowes and Son; 4, Ducas and Angel. SOFTBILL: 1, Briscoe and Son; 2, D. Riley.—J. W. Lowes,, Hon. Sec.

CHESTER-LE-STREET C.B.S.

Nest Feather show, July 8th, Butcher's Arms, Middle Chare, when a nice level lot of birds turned out. Mr. Stanger took Mr. Davidson's special with a charming Border in champion classes and Ward in novice classes, with a nice Yorks. Mr. Davidson was first and sp. in open Linnet class with his well-known Crystal Palace and Leadgate winner. Mr. J. Riseborough (Sunderland) was judge, and we think that he gave every satisfaction, as there was not a single complaint.

CHAMPION NOR., YELL.: 1, Forster; 2, Stanger. BORD. YELL.: 1, Stanger; 2, Forster. BUFF: 1, Stanger; 2, Forster. HYBRID: 1, Stanger. A.V. CAN.: 1, Stanger. SELL. (10s.): 1, Forster; 2, Davidson; 3, Stanger. FIELD-MOULTED LINNET: 1, Forster; 2, Young; 3, Maddison. HOUSE DITTO: 1, 2, Davidson; 3, Bendelow. GREENFINCH: 1, Davidson; 2, Forster; 3, Stanger. GOLD OR BULLFINCH: 1, Bendelow; 2, Saunders. REDPOLL: 1, Maddison. BRAMBLE AND CHAFFINCH: 1, Davidson. SOFTBILL: 1, Davidson. OPEN LINNET: 1, 2, spl, Davidson; 3, vhc, Brown. NOVICE BUFF NOR.: 1, Tarn; 2, Briggs; 3, Bendelow; hc, Young. BUFF: -, spl, Ward; 2, Saunders; 3, Briggs. There were 50 entries.—Jas Hedley, Hon. Sec.

GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND N.M.B. AND F.B.C.

F.F. show in Crown Hall, Sauchiehall Street, on 1st July. The number of exhibits was somewhat disappointing, but quality fully made up for shortage. Mr. R. B. Jarvie judged the Norwich, and Mr. Andrew Muir the A.O.V. Can. and British classes. Both gentlemen seem to have the happy knack of pleasing everyone, as there was not a dissenting note heard in the hall. YELL. CK.: 1, spl, Barrie; 2, Sloan; 3, Crawford; 4, McLeod; 5, 6, Rosemond. BUFF: 1, Donaghy; 2, McLeod; 3, 5, Taylor; 4, Strank. YELL. HEN: 1, Strank; 2, 6, Donaghy; 3, Taylor; 4, Strank; 5, Sloan. BUFF: 1, 2, Taylor; 3, Crawford; 4, McLeod; 5, Donaghy; 6, McLeod. VARIEG. OR GREEN YELL.: 1, Barrie. BUFF: 1, spl, Taylor; 2, Strank; 3, 6, Paterson; 4, McLeod; 5, Sloan. VAR. OR GREEN YELL. HEN: 1, Barrie; 2, Paterson; 3, Sloan. BUFF HEN: 1, Sloan; 2, Rosemond; 3, Sloan; 4, Taylor. YORKS YELL.: 1, (Martin; 2, Bowman. BUFF: 1, Martin. VARIEG. OR GREEN: 1, Martin; 2, Bowman. HYBRID: 1, Martin. HYBRID, OLD BIRDS: 1, 2, spl, 3, Taylor. GOLDIE OR BULLIE: 1, sp, 4, Watson; 2, Erskine; 3, Barron. LINNET: 1, Erskine; 2, Watson; 3, Chalmers; 4, 5, Rosemond. GREENFINCH: 1, Donaghy; 2, Erskine. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Erskine; 2, Taylor; 3 spl, 6, Chalmers; 4, 5, Rosemond. A.O.V. HARDBILL: 1, Watson. SOFTBILL: 1, Erskine. FOR. BIRDS: 1, Campbell; 2, Chalmers; 3, Donaghy.—T. Taylor.

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The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

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J. W. BRUCE, Coldstream. Judge of all varieties of cage birds; Border and British Bird specialist. Terms moderate.
J. CALAM, 44, George Street, Hull, judge of cage birds (specialist, Norwich and Yorkshires).
H. J. CHITTENDEN, 103, Bolton Hall-rd., Bolton Woods, Bradford, judge of cage birds, life experience. Terms moderate.
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C. A. HOUSE, 82, Upper Walthamstow Road, Walthamstow. Judge of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds.
A. LEWIN, Aviaries, 53, Marlborough-road, Oxford. Judge of all varieties cage birds; specialist Norwich, Yorkshires, Mules. 30 years' experience.
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H. NORMAN, The Eyrie, Salisbury Road, Carshalton, Surrey. All varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist Hybrids and British Birds.
A. E. PATTRICK, 6, Essex-st., Southend-on-Sea. Judge of Canaries and cage birds; life experience.
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J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.
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Twitterings.

The Penrhiwceiber Cage Birds, etc., Show will be held on November 2nd, writes Mr. T. J. Evans, the Hon. Sec.

Will Mr. Seely, of Smithfield, who called at Cage Birds offices on Monday last (July 17) kindly send us his address?

Mr. A. Wellings (Prescot) is, we hear, down to judge Northop Hall Show on August 12th, and Runcorn Show on December 8th and 9th.

Owing to Mr. F. Washbourne, Sen., having resigned I am now secretary of the South Manchester C.B.S., writes Mr. Fred Washbourne, Jun., 320, Ashton Old Road, Openshaw, Manchester.

All applications for the patronage of the Green Canary Association, together with full particulars, must arrive before July 27, on which date the patronage will be allotted.—Geo. Green, hon. sec.

Ramsden's Pure Peppers have had a record sale this season, proving that quality will tell. Stock is running low, so customers should order their supply for remainder of season without delay. See Food advertisement.—Advt.

Mr. J. E. Hudson, the Sec. of the Laisterdyke B.F.A., writes that the Sec. of the City of Bradford O.S. has asked him to postpone the cricket match arranged between the two societies. Will those interested kindly note?

We are holding our first annual open show on December 8th and 9th, with upwards of 60 classes. Judge, Mr. A. Wellings, of Prescot, writes Mr. T. P. Baxter, sec. of the Runcorn C.B.S. Will exhibitors kindly bear us in mind?

All correspondence with the Hyde and District C.B.S. should be addressed to me, writes Mr. T. Allsop, 58, Mottram Old Road, Gee Cross, Hyde, as I have accepted the secretaryship, with Mr. W. Shaw's assistance on Show Day.

Mr. Alex McLean, of Larkhall, has been appointed to judge at our First Feather Show on July 29th, at 7 p.m., and as it has been a good season, we hope to see a fine turn-out, writes Mr. William Melvin, assistant sec. of the Stonehouse C.B. and F.H.S.

Will fanciers kindly note, writes Mr. Harwood, Sec. of the Metropolitan C.B.S., that at our second cup show of the season, to be held this Saturday (July 22), the cups, etc., will be on view, and that they will be able to see a grand collection of exhibits?

The Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.'s annual outing to Pailton will take place on Sunday, July 30th, writes Mr. J. E. Wood, the Hon. Sec. Will those members who intend going send me their names as soon as possible? The train leaves G.C.R. Station at about 10 a.m.

Several interesting articles appear in the July issue of "Bird Notes"—the journal of the Foreign Bird Club. Among others are: "The Breeding of Ruficaudas, Painted or Olive Finches, etc." (by Mr. Hayward W. Mathias); and "The Aviaries and Birds at Hoddam Castle" (by Mr. Wesley T. Page). "Nesting Notes" this month are especially numerous.

Our second Nest Feather Show will be held on July 26th, in the Academy Hall, Fort Street, birds to be staged at 7.30 o'clock, writes Mr. James Sloan, Hon. Sec. of the Ayr and Dist. C.B.S. Mr. Peter McQuiston will again judge, and I trust members will give him a more gratifying entry than at the last show.

We have had to abandon our First Feather Show owing to the failure of members to turn up at our meetings, for which I am very sorry, writes Mr. Duncan Grant, Sec. of the Lochore and Glencraig C.B.S. I hope to see a good turnout at our next meeting, on July 29th, when the members will have to appoint another secretary, as I am resigning the Fancy.

Fanciers in and around Llandrindod Wells, and exhibitors generally, should note that the second open show of cage birds, etc., is to be held on August 16th by the Mid. Wales F. and F.S. Mr. J. N. Harrison is the judge, and it is confidently expected that there will be a large entry and a good attendance, at the Victoria Hall, Llandrindod Wells, where the exhibition takes place.

Will fanciers kindly note that Poplar Show is to be held on July 22nd, and not on July 29th? writes Mr. H. W. Cook, the Hon. Sec. It is to be held in the St. Frideswide's Mission Hall, St. Leonard's Road, Poplar, E. (near the tram terminus); doors will be open at 1 o'clock p.m.

The new list of the Border Fancy Canary Club's members will be sent to the printer's shortly, writes Mr. M. Jamieson, the Hon. Sec., 3, Green Terrace, Hawick, N.B. Fanciers who wish their names added should inform me at once. All applications for club patronage will be replied to in a few days.

I have been a reader of Cage Birds for six years, and I think it the finest penny paper obtainable by any fancier, no matter how old or young. I am going through the Lake district for three weeks, and I will do all in my power to make Cage Birds and Cage Birds League well known.—Wm. Wilson (Middlesbrough.

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The Halifax O.S. members' second Nest Feather Show will take place on July 29th, in the Saddle Hotel, Market Street. Judge, R. E. Helliwell (Halifax)—birds staged at 2.30 p.m., writes Mr. J. J. Dunn, the Sec. Entries will be taken on July 28th (evening) at the Saddle Hotel. For classification, members please see syllabus.

In the pretty flower garden of Ravencourt Park, Hammersmith, a Thrush has built a nest in a creeper arch not more than seven feet away from the seats, and within easy reach of a person of average height. There she sits quite unconcerned about the passers-by, only leaving the nest to get food for herself and the youngsters she has hatched out.

WHERE TO ADVERTISE.

I bred over 100 Canaries last season, and had great results through advertising in "Cage Birds." I had to send several postal orders back, as I had sold all out.—Miss E. Hughes (Wem, Salop).

Kindly thank all those who replied to my advert re Goldfinches in "CAGE BIRDS" of June 30th, as they were too numerous to answer individually. I had piles of letters and postcards reach me by every post during the week.—E. Cockram (Chard).

Owing to the great number of letters and postcards re advt. of my Yorkshire cock, I cannot reply to all. Would you please state this in your next issue.—A. Southern (Uphall Station).

You might thank those who answered my advt. in "CAGE BIRDS" the other week, as I could not reply to all—over 40 letters and postcards. I was glad when the postman ceased to come up the stairs! Many thanks to all.—Jno Kilpatrick (Uddingston).

Kindly thank all who replied to my advertisement in "CAGE BIRDS" for Canaries. I had so many I could not really write to all, as no one sent a stamp for reply.—C. Leventon (Melton Mowbray).

A Thriving Species.

Never were young Sparrows so numerous as they are this season. The bright sunshine suits the old birds admirably; consequently full clutches of eggs have become healthy broods of young ones, which have invariably been safely reared to pester amateur gardeners and poultry keepers. Later on, when this numerous army takes its autumn holiday in the corn fields of the southern counties, the farmers' language will contain no cheery welcome for the town-bred visitors.

Fooling the Young Bird.

Lecturing at the Royal Photographic Society's exhibition at Prince's Skating Rink, Knightsbridge, the other day, Mr. F. Martin Duncan said he had watched a Willow Wren deliberately "fool" her offspring. After flying back to the young one fifteen times within half an hour, on each occasion with insects in its beak, says the "Daily News," the mother-bird rested for a few minutes, and the voracious youngster appeared to be satisfied also. Presently the latter got restive and asked for more, whereupon the mother-bird locked sharply round, made a movement as though to give the young one food, and then, while the latter opened its mouth expectantly, tickled its throat with its empty beak. The young one made a gulp and relapsed into content. Mr. Duncan added that he had himself tickled the throats of impatient young Cuckoos with a piece of straw, with the same result.

Time-keeping by Song.

The clock of bird song is constantly altering with the altering seasons (writes Mr. E. A. B. Dewar in the "Standard"), but it really does afford a sort of timepiece to those who care to follow it with nicety. Thus, as the last Song-Thrush notes on a rapt July evening early in the month tell me it is nine or five past—very exceptionally ten past—so the first Lark notes on an early June morning tell me it is just about two o'clock. These are the only two birds that I have timed in June and July exactly, but Major Arundel has sent me from High Ackworth, in Yorkshire, this bird time-table for a night and early morning in June:—2.5 a.m., Skylark; 2.25 a.m., Whin-Chat (five or six Whin-Chats heard before a note of the Song-Thrush); 2.30 a.m., Song-Thrush; 2.35 a.m., Blackbird and Cuckoo; 2.40 a.m., Redbreast; 2.55 a.m., Hedge Sparrow and Yellow Bunting; 3 a.m., Whitethroat; 3.2 a.m., Swallow; 3.5 a.m., Tree Pipit; 3.15 a.m., Pheasant; 3.20 a.m., Willow Wren; 3.25 a.m., Chaffinch; 3.27 a.m., Rook; 3.33 a.m., Greenfinch; 3.40 a.m., Turtle Dove; 4.7 a.m., Martin.

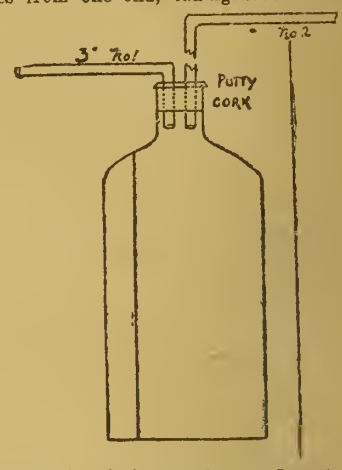
Illustrated Ideas

No. 526.

A Home-made Water Bottle.

Sent by Mr. W. Jepson, St. John's Vicarage, Lewisham High Road, London, S.E.

This bottle is for use when a number of water-tins have to be filled and when the tins are inside the cages. A bottle with a wide neck is needed, and about a foot and a half of ¼in. diameter glass tubing. The bottle must have a cork of minimum width 1in. By filing at a point 4in. from the end of the tubing, cut off four inches of it. Bend this piece one inch from the end by first softening it in a spirit or gas flame. With the remaining piece of tubing perform the same operation two inches from one end, taking care to rotate it

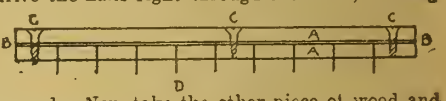


whilst heating it in the flame. Let these two pieces cool. With a red-hot skewer burn two holes in the cork about ¼in. apart. If a skewer is not used, an instrument of the same width must be used. First place the cork in the bottle, next pass No. 1 tube through one hole and No. 2 through the other. The top of the cork should be covered with putty, especially round the tubes and edges of the bottle. Let the hottle stand aside for a day or two. To fill it put No. 1 to the lips and No. 2 to a bowl of water. Suck at No. 1 and the water will enter at No. 2. To fill the water tins, hold the hottle in a horizontal position with No. 2 to the tin. W is the line of the water in this position.—W. Jepson.

No. 527.

A Hole-boring Device.

This is a sketch of a simple tool for boring holes the same depth and distance in wood frames. To make, get two pieces of wood and a strip of 24 gauge iron 5in. long, ½in. wide, and ½in. thick (or any suitable length required), and a few wire nails the same as are used for cage making. Take out one of the pieces of wood, mark off the width of each hole, and drive the nails right through the wood, forming



a comb. Now take the other piece of wood and the strip of iron, place the iron between the two pieces of wood, and screw them together, and your boring tool is complete. "A" in the sketch is the wood; "B" the iron; "C" the screws; and "D" the nails. (The name and address of the sender of this idea have been mislaid; we shall be glad if he will communicate with us.—Editor.)

How Young Birds Improve.

Allow me to thank you for the excellent drawing of my Yellow Marked Norwich reproduced in your popular weekly Cage Birds. It was quite a pleasant surprise. This bird, as an unflighted one, I exhibited two or three times in 15s. selling classes, and it won one 2nd only, and no one claimed him. Then last season, besides winning 1st at the L.C.B.A. (Horticultural Hall) Show, he won cup at Dulwich and Peckham Show for best bird in five or six classes. That shows how careful one should be about parting with an unflighted bird, for he improved wonderfully with the second moult.—A. W. Hollands (Blackheath, S.E.).



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(Continued from page 573.)

No. 9.—My White Crested Thrushes.

In Trinidad there is a certain little brown fish called the Cascaladon, possessing a flavour of the most subtle, entrancing and captivating description. So much so, indeed, that it is said if a man eat of it he shall never leave again Trinidad. None, having once partaken, are able to tear themselves away from the fish. All the helpless creatures can do is to succumb, and live and eat and die within its reach.

That is much my position at present. Some years ago I was most reluctantly compelled to give up my birds—as I then thought for ever. So certain was I of this that I not only sold the birds, but even pulled down the aviaries, on the principle, I believe, of removing temptation, and yet here I am to-day with bird fever as bad as ever. I am beginning in a very humble way, with only a few pairs, and yet I am just as keen to begin as a heifer is for salt; but shall I bear in mind the old Latin motto, "Festina Lente" ("Go slowly")? In getting together a collection of birds you must bide your time and watch your opportunity. "Dimidium facti qui bene cepat, trabet." This is not intuitive wisdom on my part, but is gathered slowly and painfully among the thorns of experience.

Now, in starting to keep birds afresh, I find one of the greatest difficulties is to secure pairs. Man is sent into the world unfinished. Nature seems to say to him "You are incomplete. I have made the other part of you, but I do not remember where I put it, you will have to hunt for it." It is much the same with birds—the pairs are there if only you can find them. The most miserable of all hopeless ones are those who wilfully turn their backs on Hope when she stands at the next corner holding out her hand rather timidly.

Wanted: A Lady.

I am ever on the look out for the lady; and so one day during the recent Whitsuntide holidays I took my youngest boy to Hull for the day, and while there called upon a certain well-known bird-dealer to see what he might have on hand. I found the birds kept in a sort of large warehouse, with large aviary compartments ranged all round the sides. There were many rare sorts, among tho rarest some Red Crowned Parrots which I should like to have carried home, but the price was prohibitive; I therefore looked around for something more within my reach.

In one of the large cages I noticed two White Crested Jay Thrushes. These the dealer declared to be a pair, but on this point, like Hans Breetmann, I was a little "skebedgal," as the reputed lady kept on the bottom perch, like the immortal Mrs. Gummidge, in a very forlorn and subdued manner.

However, the dealer being a good sort, although still standing stoutly to his opinion, offered to allow me to take the birds home and try them in an aviary. I gladly acceded to the offer only to find my judgment instantly confirmed; for the reputed hen spent the whole day in seeking first for one city of refuge and then another, and to save its life I had to remove to other quarters. It was now a question of cherchez la femme. Happening to write to a bird friend, announcing my return to the birdy world, and asking him if he had anything he could offer me, he returned a long list, and among them I saw a Crested Indian Thrush scheduled. I accordingly wrote off, on the off chance it might be a White Crested Thrush, and a lady. A few days later the bird came to hand, and whatever else it might claim to be it certainly belonged to the ragged regiment, but then in buying birds newly come over, one must not be too particular. I always at such a time think of Betsy Prig's remark: "Who do you think's to wash one feather and miss another, or wear out one's eyes with all manner of fine work of that description—for half-a-crown a day?" I felt sure, however, at the first glance, that I had got a hen and I cheered up, as a fisherman does when after hours of nothingness, he feels a bite.

My private opinion was at once confirmed by the cock that I introduced to the stranger, for after contemplating each other for a moment with the most offensive curiosity, they both went into a perfect shout of welcome. I think the cock's shout was one of astonishment. The hen was perfectly naked from the middle of the breast, and to increase the grotesque effect she had three broken and disjointed feathers in her tail. However, the gentleman apparently considered that half a wife was better than none, and very shortly they were seated amicably side by side. The enjoyment of female society like other things depends on the scarcity!

A few days later, strange to say, I was offered a second hen; they say it never rains but it pours. The cock seemed perfectly satisfied to welcome this second addition to his harem, much on the same principle, I take it, as the old peasant, who learned for the first time that Solomon had had all those wives. Lor, sir, he cried, what blessed privileges them early Christians had!

Good-bye.

It was not long before misfortune came. A few days after the arrival of No. 2 I fancied she looked a little bit sickly; an experienced eye can tell a sick bird at a glance. The sickness followed the usual course of royal maladies. Le roi est malade, le roi se port mieux, le roi est mort, and then there was a gorgeous funeral. There had been a few little unpleasantnesses while the deceased was living; now I hoped there would be peace. What a fine country this would be if it were peaceful, dreamed a thoughtful Britisher, with a Cook's ticket in his pocket, on Killarney Lake. Peace! what would we do with it? was the scornful reply of his boatman, surprised for once into ejaculating the truth.

This seemed to be the opinion of Master Jay Thrush, for he hunted that hen about the aviary, much as Saul must have hunted David, when he feelingly described himself as "a Partridge on the mountains."

For some days I was forcibly reminded of a story told by the late Mr. Gladstone. It was the time of the late Irish disturbances. Mr. Gladstone was talking to Lord Clonmel. Now tell me, he asked saucily: I want you to tell me privately and confidentially your view, Lord Clonmel, of the relations between landlord and tenant in Ireland? "Absolute hell, my dear boy, absolute hell," was the emphatic reply of the old sportsman. However, after a time, things began to settle down, and peace spread her balmy wings around.

I put them out in a nice large garden aviary, and quite thought I should achieve another medal. In feeding expense was no object; they had the very best of soft mixtures, and they ate mealworms and blue clocks by the pail. I thought if this diet does not make them go to the nest, nothing will. They are cruel wretches, not content with devouring their victims, they literally tear them limb from limb. They are evidently Vivisectionists on principle—much like the old lady, who, after listening to a very interesting anti-vivisectionist lecture, remarked: It may be all quite true, but I must say I like my oysters to be alive!

One morning I was overjoyed to find that a nest had been commenced. It was built low down in a box tree, and was composed of rather large sticks as a foundation, well lined with coarse fibres. It was fairly solid and had a nice cup-shaped hollow, in fact I stoutly believed that eggs would early be deposited. Alas, I was doomed to disappointment. The next morning I observed the hen looking a bit "thick," always a bad sign, as it portends egg-binding. The day following I could not see her about anywhere, and feared the worst, and on going into the aviary and searching carefully under the bushes, I found the object of my search on her back in a dark corner, and my poor hen, like the Irishman's dead pig, "had passed into Eternity."

Consolation.

I felt rather sad, but like an old woman I once knew; she was dangerously ill with internal gout, but she always waved aside all expressions of condolence with the rather curious remark: "Well, you see, sir, we must all have something to bring us to our end." I suppose egg-binding is as good an end as any other.

I cannot say that my Thrushes are sweet singers, like David, King of Israel. Their voices are loud and insistent. If any fresh feed is put into their dish they exclaim at the top of their voice—Pow, pow, pow—pow, pow; reminding one irresistibly of Haydn's remark on hearing the singing of a Presbyterian congregation—Ach, Gott is merciful.

In appearance my friends are of a plain and sober garb, dressed in russet brown, with white heads and waistcoats and elongated black eye patches. They have a curious habit of playing leapfrog over each other's backs sideways, a most amusing sight to watch. The hen can be told from the cock, as she is smaller altogether, and duller in her white.

I am in great hopes that some day I shall be able to get hold of another hen; it is ever the unexpected that happens in this world. I wish I could, as since the death of his spouse the cock makes the most beastly noise from morning till night. This noise is that harsh that, as I heard a 'bus conductor say to a young female slightly elevated at 12 p.m. at Piccadilly Circus—That 'arsh, like tearing oilcloth. I often feel that I could wring his neck, but then I think to myself, how grieved I should be with myself should a lady turn up, and so I give him the benefit of the doubt.

I believe, however, that if my patience is tried too long, it will give way, and then there will be one Jay Thrush less in the world; but as he knows nothing of his danger, let us hope he is happy. I wonder whether he has ever heard those lines written on certain mice threatened with destruction:

Alas, regardless of their doom
The little victims play;
No sense have they of ills to come,
No care beyond to-day.
Yet see how all around them wait
The ministers of human fate.



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Mr. G. H. Peck, of Bexley (a letter from whom appears on page 29) and Masters D. Robins, W. Bennett, S. Stiles, B. Norton, and R. Bennett.

Some British Finches.

By A. J. A. MARLEY (Leyton).

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The Questions and Answers.

Mr. Williams: In reference to the bib of the Redpoll, is it a long bib or a round one that is required?—Answer: It should be thumb-nail shaped, and there should be as much of it as possible.

Mr. Mortlock: What is the virtue of the chopped walnut? Does it affect the feather?—Being of an oily nature, it stimulates and promotes the growth of the feather, giving the bird a remarkably fine gloss.

Mr. Sweetman: To what extent can colour food be given to a Linnet, and in what form?—I use sweet pepper only, which I mix into the seed separately in small jars, adding a small quantity of olive oil to it, so that the feed will be absorbed into the seed.

Is there sufficient moisture in the pepper to adhere to the seed?—No; that is why I add the oil. Of course, some feeds are very powdery, and require a little more oil than others; therefore, it is best to strike a happy medium.

Mr. Mortlock: Do you think that Goldfinches that are given mealworms derive any benefit from them?—I happen to have given all my Goldies mealworms; but I do not approve of making it a practice, as Goldfinches, above all birds, are inclined to get excessively "rank" on too many mealworms; they suddenly go soft and light, there is a discharge from the eyes, and you wonder how you have lost your Goldies, and even give them more to pull them round.

Mr. Harper: What is the best method of inducing a Finch to take mealworms?—Whenever I have a fresh-caught Goldie I always try him with a worm dropped into his seed-hopper. If he won't take it I catch the bird gently but firmly with the left hand, and as a rule, like the Hawfinch, it will "show fight" and pick at your hand or anything near whilst he is in your grasp; then I take a mealworm out of the tin, and let him pick at it, and eventually he bursts it. When once he tastes it he sucks it until nothing but the skin is left. Put him back in his cage, and you won't have to handle him again; usually he will take it from the seed-hopper or finger. But, as I say, don't feed Finches upon them; the worms are beneficial only when a bird is a little down in condition, and only one at that.

Mr. Mortlock, sen.: Do you agree that by giving walnuts it would be overdoing it to give the birds at the same time plenty of wild foods?—Certainly not: I strongly advise giving the birds as much wild food during the moult as they will eat. I have used it extensively, and have always had the best of results.

Mr. Mortlock, jun.: I suppose a good turf in the flight cage would not do any harm?—It certainly would do no harm, but I fail to see how it would do any good for Finches. I have never tried it.

Mr. White: Do you attribute your success to the use of the bath more than to colour feeding?—Certainly.

Mr. Hammond: Do you have any trouble with your birds, as mine seem to be always getting their "backs up"?—It does not follow that because a man is successful he has no invalids or deaths amongst his birds; and although I must say I am fortunate in these respects, I have my little reverses. In any case it is very seldom I have to register a death. If I see a bird a wee bit "thick" or soft, I usually give him three days to pull up, and treat him for his ailment. If he doesn't pull up, I give him his freedom rather than allow him to die in my possession.

Is a bird that is moulted in an attic with the window open better than a bird moulted in the open air?—When I first started keeping Britishers I kept them in cages in a Canary room, but if my memory serves me rightly I never had a look-in at the shows; neither did my birds possess that hard appearance or the polish of the feather they now have; therefore I certainly "plump" for the open air.

Mr. Neighbour: How do you improve the tanning of the Goldfinch?—By feeding systematically during the moult on all seeds, etc., in season, such as groundsel and thistle, and all varieties of cornflower, shepherd's purse. I get out into the country and watch what the Finches are feeding on; I gather this, too, and give it to my birds.

Mr. Sweetman: You don't find the birds eat the ends of the flower, do you?—They usually eat a bit of either, but principally the seeding heads; and they pick off the little green flies and other minute insects.

Mr. Mortlock, sen.: Do you agree with the practice of giving Goldies sunflower with their other seeds?—It can be given if used sparingly.

Do you think it has a tendency to improve the colour?—I should hardly think so.

Mr. Mortlock said that a well-known fancier grew a lot, and gave them to his Finches plentifully, and his birds always came out excellent in colour.

Mr. White: Should an exhibition Linnet show white in the neck?—The white, as you term it, should not really exist. The colour should be something between a dense cream and a golden tawny each side of the gullet or throat markings and the ear coverts. The better the colour in this respect he better the bird is for show purposes. A buff Linnet would not get much of a look-in when competing on equal terms with a Jonque or Yellow.

(To be continued.)

Questions and Answers.

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

No Results.

Pip.—The moulting season is getting too near now to hope of snatching a brood from hens which require two or three weeks treatment to bring them into condition before being mated. A hen should not require any forced feeding at all to induce her to nest after the brilliant and favourable summer weather we have had. Personally I should start afresh with strong healthy 1911 bred hens next spring. In case you do not do this, turn the other hens into a good-sized flight, and leave them there for the autumn and winter. For the next few weeks give a diet of plain Canary seed only as staple, a liberal supply of green food, plenty of clean, gritty sand, and pure fresh water for drinking and bathing. When moulting add a little bread and milk, or egg food, twice a week, and a pinch of maw three times a week. For the rest limit the diet to the above. For the next fortnight dissolve a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea in their drinking water every second day, and for a week after that give four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day. The death of the other hen probably had nothing whatever to do with the cock failing to fertilise eggs afterwards. Cage him alone, feed on above dictary for a month, give him the soda aperient as above for a week, and the tonic mixture for one week afterwards.

Always Hoarse and Panting.

P.H.H.—Although so young, I fear this bird has already seen the best of his days. Your feeding is not of the best, but is not sufficiently bad to account for the bird's condition, so there must be some other cause at work of which I am unaware. Keep the cage in a bright, healthful place, well ventilated, but free from draughts blowing direct into it and in a fairly equable place, not in a window, not too near a fire, nor near or over a burning light in the evening, or high up near the ceiling where foul air is apt to collect. Give a staple diet of three parts Canary to one part summer rape. Every second day for a fortnight give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion and four of sherry well mixed in it and sprinkled with maw seed. On the alternate days give a spray of seedy chickweed, and, if available, a nice fat mealworm. In the drinking water give 20 drops of whisky, as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and half as much chlorate of potash every second day for a week. At the end of the fortnight stop these extras, and in addition to the staple diet, give only a small teaspoonful of egg food, or the equivalent in bread and milk, or crushed sponge cake, once a week; a similar quantity of mixed seed once a week, and a little green food daily until frosts come and make green stuff unsuitable. As the moult is so near it is quite likely you will find no solid improvement until the bird resumes singing after moulting.

A Curious Pair.

Firefly.—The behaviour of the pair of birds and their extremely fickle appetite is certainly somewhat curious, and I am inclined to think is indirectly due in great measure to the ravages of Father Time. It will be quite useless keeping them together any longer this season with any hopes of their going to nest, and I am sorry I cannot encourage brilliant hopes for the future. Indeed, if you pull them through the moult I think you will do well. Anyway, not to be too much of a wet blanket, try what the following treatment will do. Keep them in a bright, airy, and comfortable spot, not overheated, nor yet draughty. See the cages are quite free from mites, and keep them strewn with clean gritty sand. If the beaks and claws are much overgrown, trim them back to a natural length, to enable the birds to move about with more comfort. Keep a regular supply of a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape available. In addition to this give a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, egg food, or bread and milk to each daily, and sprinkle it with a quarter teaspoonful of maw. You may ring the changes on the above-named soft foods, giving first one and then another, and twice each week drop two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it. As soon as you notice the birds eating seed begin to reduce the quantity of soft food and bring it down to a little twice a week. In the drinking water give 20 drops of whisky and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week, and on the alternate days 20 drops of Chemical Food. After that give four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and dilute sulphuric acid in the water every third day for a fortnight. Then report result.

Putting Birds Outdoors (W. Selby-Ennals).—Yes, certainly, put the birds in the out-door aviary as early as possible before the weather breaks, or the birds will begin to moult. Provided the weather keeps as favourable as it is at time of writing, it will not really matter if some of them have started to moult, though it will be all the better if they have time to get settled down before the moult commences. I assume you have paid due attention to the ventilation of aviary.

Drooping Wing (Mrs. C.).—No, I certainly do not advise any mechanical interference or attempts at bandaging. Such attempts are so frequently productive of far greater injury than that which they are designed to relieve, that they are invariably best left alone. Keep the bird quite quietly in a small cage, and treat generally as advised in last reply, and leave the rest to Nature. This, I am convinced, is the best course you can pursue.

Infertility (Disappointed).—I do not see anything abnormal about the bird. If the sketch is drawn full natural size the organ is no larger than may be found in perfectly normal birds in good breeding condition. The causes of unfertile eggs may be totally distinct from this. The two birds may simply not have "hit," or it may even have been due to faulty mating quite apart from any question of health or condition. Are the birds loose and feathery about the flanks and thighs? If so trim off the loose ends of the feathers neatly if the birds seems like going to nest again. Another thing you might try if mating only takes place in the nest is to remove the nestpan from morning till evening until the first egg is laid in order to try to induce the birds to mate on the perches. But do not encourage them to nest again this year.

Inbreeding (Jasmine).—Breeding with closely related birds is never to be recommended merely for its own sake, or for the purpose of making up a pair of birds. It should only be done with some special object in view, such as fixing some particular feature in a strain in order to get it reproduced with more certainty, and so forth, and the birds so mated should always be as strong and lusty as possible, of good size, and free from objectionable traits. If you are only breeding birds in a casual way with no particular aim there would be no objection to mating as you suggest provided that neither of the birds in question is the progeny of a similar related couple, and the young from them should not be again mated to related partners.

Ceased Singing (Yorkshire).—The Border cock which stopped singing with a cold recently, and has not recommenced, although now seeming quite well, may not resume his song until after the moult, which is now close at hand. Feed and treat generally as you will frequently have seen advised here for singing birds, and take due care to protect it from draughts and similar causes of colds, and it will doubtless open out again as soon as it is over the moult. If it should not do so, write us again and I will advise you, but at present I do not think any particular treatment is necessary. See the inset on this page of books advertised, all of which are practical guides, and not prohibitive in price surely. "Our Canaries" at 6d. per month, and a trifle extra for binding at the finish is certainly not prohibitive.

Losing Young (J.S.B., Rams.)—My experience would lead me to expect undoubted signs of diarrhœa from an excess of salt in the sand, and such symptoms you say are wanting. It is quite possible, however, that there may be other impurities, or an excess of salt in combination with other substances, present in the sand, and as this is the only item that varies from your previous management, which was quite successful, there certainly appears good reason to suspect it. I would advise you to well wash the sea sand in a liberal supply of fresh water, when it should be quite suitable for use. Otherwise go back to the old kind of sand. Give the ailing birds a staple of bread and milk with about a third of a teaspoonful of maw, and a few grains of Canary per bird daily until better In the drinking water give ten drops of fluid magnesia for one day, and for a day or two after add three drops of dilute sulphuric acid to each two tablespoonfuls of drinking water.

Will They Sing? (Roller).—I really cannot tell you with any certainty whether the Rollers will sing when kept altogether in one large cage. This is just one of those points which can only be decided by actual trial. Their refusal to sing when hung near each other in separate cages may not augur well for their doing so when placed together; yet it does not necessarily mean that such will be the case. Some individuals are notoriously shy of singing in company, whilst others are only incited to greater efforts by the presence of companions. As the birds would soon stop singing in any case on account of the oncoming moult, you cannot do better than put them in the flight at once. Then they will get quite familiar with each other during moulting-time and may re-commence singing quite naturaly, and would then continue to do so even when left together in the same cage. I assume you are quite certain of their sexes.

A Moulting Question (Novice).—You say the bird was colour-fed last year, and has moulted its tail and flights, and is now natural colour all over except its head, and want to know if it will moult again this year. From all this I gather that the bird has already had either a partial moult in this year, or is now undergoing and nearly completed a full moult. You give me no idea which is the case, nor at what time the bird was moulting in this year, and in the absence of such information I cannot tell whether the bird will moult again this year. If it is now finishing a moult it certainly will not; but if it only had a partial moult last spring, it probably will moult rather late this autumn. To provide against contingencies, give it a little egg food with colour added every third day, then if it begins to shed feathers you will only need to start at once on the regular moulting diet and treatment, and it will come out of moult in good condition. Meantime, if you send me the above particulars, I shall be able to reply more definitely.

Turned-up Toe (J. S. Burgess).—Give the bird only small perches—graduating from slightly thinner to a little thicker than an ordinary lead pencil—for a few weeks, or until you see it grip firmly with the turned-up toe. Also try the following treatment twice a week for a month. Place two saucers side by side, and fill one with tolerably hot water, but well below scalding point—say, as hot as you can comfortably bear the little finger in—and fill the other with cold water, in which dissolve a little common salt. Catch the bird and hold the foot in the hot water for a few minutes, then transfer it to the cold for a similar length of time, then back to the hot, and again to the cold; repeat this until the foot has been immersed in each bath alternately three or four times, and lastly in the cold water. Then dry foot and gently work about it a drop or two of olive oil. Wipe off all surplus oil before returning bird to cage. As it now is the toe would tell against the bird in good competition, but would not disqualify it.

Losing Head Feathers (Bald Pate).—Are these youngsters which are affected in this way the progeny of the old bird who is affected in the same way? If they are then I am afraid you must become reconciled to the awkward fact that it is an irremediable natural defect, and nothing you can do will be of any service. Crests are often marred by this defect, and it is one that is most difficult to breed out, and a bird so affected should not be bred with if it can be avoided in any way. If this is not the case it is probably only the effect of the approaching moult, and would be remedied by slightly smearing the bare places with sulphur ointment twice a week until the new quills are showing through the skin, and by slightly dusting the egg food with flour of sulphur once a week during the first part of the moult.

Feather Plucking (Old Joe).—Joey, my boy, how am I to tell whether you gave the birds too much saffron when you do not give the slightest idea as to what quantity you gave them? Anyway, it is probably vice rather than disease which is causing the trouble, though your letter is rather vague. I take it that the young birds of the first round of nests are plucking each other. Your best plan is to watch them closely in order to spot the chief culprits, and cage these birds alone in single cages. Those that are very bare also cage up in couples in fair sized cages, and cover over the fronts of the cages until they are decently clothed. The others may be kept in a good sized flight, and a bit or two of string tied to the wires here and there for them to ravel and thus divert their attention from the plumage. You may also give them a few plantain stalks and a handle of seedy heads of grass to occupy their minds more profitably. Add a slight dusting of flour of sulphur to the egg food you give them twice a week for a month. Give a staple diet of plain canary only. Every second day give half a teaspoonful per bird of summer rape; twice a week on the alternate days give a similar quantity of a mixture of hemp, linseed, inga, millet, teazle, and broken groats in about equal parts; and three times a week whilst moulting give a similar quantity of egg food or crushed sponge cake. Let them bathe freely.

Cages and Breeds (Lancaster Harry).—(1) 20ins. long, 16 ins. high, 10ins. deep is a very good size for single breeding cages. If space is at a premium 2ins. shorter and 1in. less in height will still be very serviceable, but the larger size is quite the best all round. (2) It is quite a matter of personal taste which is the best sort to breed from. As regards good breeding qualities and hardihood there are good, bad and moderate to be found in every breed, so that it is more a question of strain and environment than breed. For a beginner, Borders, Rollers, or Norwich are very generally satisfactory, and it would scarcely be wise for an absolute novice to launch out at a beginning with expensive breeds, such as Crests, Belgians, or Scotch Fancy, without first gaining some experience with a cheaper variety. To suit your own taste you should take up the parts of "Our Canaries," which contains excellent coloured plates of every breed, so you could easily see which breed you like best.

Losing Feathers (St. Elmo).—It is quite possible the birds are plucking themselves, or each other. Watch them carefully to see if this is so, and treat as advised to "Old Joe." Keep the cage floors strewn with clean, gritty sand, and feed the birds as advised in reply just referred to, and twice in one week slightly smear the bare places with sulphur ointment. Give a few plantain stalks daily. In the drinking water give 20 drops of fluid magnesia for two consecutive days. Continue to supply the bath daily.

A Late Brood (Troubled Novice).—It is, of course, quite possible a brood may be successfully brought off now, but you must not build too high hopes, as the chances are against you. In case eggs are laid you should get "Canary Breeding for Beginners," which our Manager would send you post free for 7d., and read up the chapter on feeding and rearing, and see if you can find where you went wrong before. The details cannot be given here. Briefly, whilst sitting give plain canary seed. On the evening of the thirteenth day give a very little egg food, and afterwards continue this daily, giving a fresh supply in quite small quantity two or three times a day. On the second day after hatching give a little green food, and continue this daily in small quantities fresh two or three times daily. When the hen begins to sit this time remove the cock, and leave her to hatch and rear the brood herself. Yes, four or five eggs is the usual number in a full clutch, but it is not uncommon for old or very young hens to lay only one or two. Better luck this time.

Breeding in Attic (E. O. A.).—The great fluctuations in temperatnre in summer and winter are not nearly so serious as such variations occurring within the limits of a few hours, and although as a rule they are best avoided if possible, either at long or short intervals, the above fact doubtless explains why such an attic as yours is not infrequently used very successfully as a bird-room. Indeed, I know that lots of the best specimens that have been seen on the show bench have emanated from such quarters. I see no reason at all why the room should not prove quite successful if your birds are bred and kept hitherto under normal conditions or temperature. It would, however, be a great advantage if you could enlarge the window to at least double the size and make it to open and shut, and also put in a good top ventilator, which would go far to equalise the temperature, and thus aid towards success. There is an excellent plate in "Our Canaries" of an attic converted into a bird-room, which might prove of much assistance to you.

Norwich Puffed Out (M. C.).—(1) It will be of no use keeping the Norwich cock with the hen any longer this season. Place him in a moderate size single cage. Give plain Canary only for a week, with a liberal supply of green food daily. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week. Keep cage supplied with clean gritty sand; see that it is free from red mite, and offer a bath daily. After the first week add half a teaspoonful of summer rape to the diet every second day; on two other days each week give a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, teazle, and millet, and again on two other days each week for a fortnight the same quantity of crushed sponge cake with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw seed. Give a little green food daily. He may probably keep a little loose now from moulting. (2) Separate the Crest hen; keep her in a good-sized flight, and treat her for a week the same as the first week's treatment for the Norwich, and then put her on the usual ordinary diet until the moult is over.

CANARY QUERISTS

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Bottyc's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

Cardinals, Pekins, and Weavers.

Yorkshire.—(1) It all depends on what you call a large cage. Opinions are very variable upon this point. The birds named would agree together (i.e., without serious hickering) providing the cage gives accommodation for the respective pairs to perch apart if necessary. Male Weavers agree fairly well together as bachelors, but again, they must not be crowded. (2) All the following are interesting cage birds, with the proviso that the cages are large enough for homes. No bird can do well in a prison, and a cage that does not allow space for reasonable exercise and a corner for privacy is a prison. See my article in recent issues of "C.B." on "Breeding F.B. in Cages." Zebra, Ribbon, Ruficauda Finches, Grey and Green Singing Finches, Long-tailed Greenfinches, Bronze and Magpie Mannikins, White Java Sparrows, Bengalese and Waxbills. Get our Nutshell booklet, "Waxbills," 2½d. post free, from our Manager; it will help you.

Budgerigars Shedding Feathers (Navaho).—Your diet is all right. Supply a small turf of grass in flower (i.e., with seed heads). If you take it out and moisten occasionally it will keep fresh till all seed has been picked out; green grass seed is their natural food, and they will take it sooner or later. Supply a few crushed oats, also a millet spray and a leaf of lettuce occasionally. It is no use giving Budgerigars a large drinker, as they take very little water; every third day let this consist of equal parts of Dinneford's magnesia and water, so long as the voidings are not watery—on intermediate days lightly colour the drinking water with Parrish's chemical food, and keep a piece of cuttlebone in the cage. On the one hand, if the feather dropping is continued for any lengthy period, and plumage renewal is very slow, I am afraid the trouble is constitutional; time will show. If the bird is infested with insects at all, dust with Keating's or some other innocuous insecticide.

Sugar Birds and Waxbills.

Dad.—(1) Feed the sugar birds on a sop prepared with condensed milk, boiling water, a little liquid malt, and crumbled sponge, also supply ripe fruit ad lib., and if it cares for them one or two mealworms per day or small spiders when available. (2) The anointing of the bald parts of your Dufresne's Waxbill is merely to keep the skin soft and pliant. Supply this bird liberally with any green food it will eat freely, also Canary, white and small Indian millet seeds, as well as giving it a spray of millet occasionally. A spray of blighty foliage, from rose or fruit trees, or any non-poisonous herbage and clean cuttlebone should be continually in the cage. Encourage it to take a bath regularly. Keep its bowels moving freely by occasional doses of Dinneford's magnesia, and as a tonic lightly colour the drinking water on other days with chemical food. The plumage will probably be entirely at the moult, at any rate you must keep it caged separately till it is.

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS

should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Coges, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

What Parrot? (C. Bury).—You give me no idea as to the size of the bird, but it is undoubtedly a Blue-fronted Amazon. In such case, it will talk, but you must give it time to settle down and become accustomed to you, and avoid scaring it by sudden movements in its vicinity. It will pick up what it hears—words and calls—and you can teach it by constant repetition of words and small sentences when it is quiet and restful. An old bird has the legs very scaly, and the scales are coarse and horny. Your details seem to indicate a youngish bird at any rate. Diet: Seed mixture, ripe fruit, nuts, plain biscuit, and as tit-bits a little boiled potato, carrot, turnip, and such like, but without gravy or other flavourings. A pinch of grit should be added to the daily supply of seed, and clean cuttlebone be kept in the cage. Also it must either have regular access to water, or be permitted to quench its thirst two or three times daily.

A Feather Eater (J.E.G.).—I am sorry to say that once a bird assumes this habit it is usually difficult to keep in check or eradicate. Keep its blood as cool as possible by doses of Dinneford's magnesia—one teaspoonful in the daily supply (one ounce) of drinking water—say, every 3 or 4 days. The condition of the voidings (must not remain watery-loose) must regulate the period between the doses. Let the

supply of fruit be a liberal one. Anoint all bare places with Spratt's "Pennakura," and also spray twice weekly with solution of quassia and fir tree oil, using them alternately. Keep a piece of clean cuttlebone in the cage and add a pinch of grit to the daily supply of seed. Only perseverance can effect either mitigation or cure.

Budgerigars not Breeding (Hope deferred).—There is no need for despair. Budgerigars are easy to breed, but at the same time they do not settle down as quickly as Canaries. Most certainly, do not clear out for even if nothing is done this season, they are certain to breed next; I am of opinion, however, that you will have eggs and young at no distant date—there's plenty of time between now and end of November. Hang up another two or three husks so that there will be plenty of choice. Supply a few oats, also leaf of fresh lettuce—continue the supply of seed in grass. If they are last season (1910) birds it is better for you that they do not commence too soon. I do not care for birds breeding before they are twelve months old and separate the sexes to prevent it. Keep a piece or two of cuttlebone hanging in the aviary—a little patience and your hopes will be realised.

[We much regret being unable, owing to the "copy" having gone astray, to give this week the answers to the British Bird Queries. Where possible, duplicates of the answers will be sent to querists direct through the post.—Editor.]

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 2, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

P. C.—Canary died of ulcerative inflammation of the bowels. A too dry condition of the food would not induce this disease amongst your birds; it must be brought about by mineral or vegetable poisons (fungoid), which gain access to the food; there is nothing contagious, the whole trouble arising from the same source. Give daily for a time a little Condy's fluid in the drinking water.

P. V. D. H.—I did not receive your bird until mid-day post on Monday, consequently the remains were very much decomposed, and unfit for examination. Should another die, please send it along by letter post, and I will report to you by return.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

Open Season in Norfolk (T. Clarke).—The catching season in Norfolk opens on September 1st, and closes on March 1st. In several districts, however, catching is prohibited on Sundays during the above period. The Goldfinch and Bearded Reedling (Tit) are, with a few other species, protected all the year round. A copy of the latest Wild Bird Act for any district can be obtained by sending a request, accompanied by two penny stamps, to Messrs. Wyman, Ltd., Printers, Fetter Lane, London, E.C.

THE SHOWS

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BEDLINGTON STATION C.B.S.

F.F. show held July 8 at headquarters. Mr. C. Snowden judged and gave every satisfaction; he will make a champion judge when older. This, the 23rd Annual made the biggest record of all. YELL. NOR. (7): 1, Woollett, 2, Douglas, 3, Griffiths. BUFF (8) 1, Peel; 2, hc, Gray, we think should have been 1, and 2, a grand team; 3, Dixon. BORD. YELL. (20) 1, Dixon; 2, 3, Beveridge. BUFF (17) 1, Carmichael; 2, Anderson; 3, Gray. A.V. CAN. OR MULE (12) 1, Hall; 2, Wollett; 3, Charlton.—J. Jobling, Sec.

SHEFFIELD C.B.S.

F. F. Show July 8th, in Wycliffe Hall, an ideal room for a bird show. The entries came up well considering the bad season some members have had, the Yorkshires as usual making the best show, amongst them some very fine birds. Mr. F. Elliott secured special for best Yorks. in show. The Norwich seem to be gaining ground, several new exhibitors putting birds down; the features of this section were the increase in size, and the greater number of yellows shown. Mr. A. Bailey secured spl for best Nor. The British made a fine show, including Mr. P. Walsh's noted Chaffinch, winner of 30 first prizes. Taking the show throughout, the exhibits were of a very high order. Messrs. Dunford and J. R. Webster acted as stewards, and they, along with our genial secretary, Mr. A. Hobson, had everything well in hand. The attendance throughout the day was very good. Judge, Mr. G. Browning (Rotherham).

YORKS., CL. YELL. (12): 1, Elliott; 2, 3, Jones; 4, Champion; vhc, Bennett; hc, Drabble; c, Wilkinson. BUFF (14): 1, hc, Furniss; 2, Elliott; 3, c, Tomlinson; 4, Champion; vhc, Jones. TKD. YELL. (8): 1, spl, Elliott; 2, Wilkinson; 3, hc, c, Jones; vhc, Furniss. BUFF (8): 1, Wilkinson; 2, Jepson; 3, Furniss; 4, Bennett; vhc, hc, Brabble; c, Crapper. UNEV. MKD. (6): 1, Champion; 2, Furniss; 3, Jepson; 4, Bennett; vhc, Drabble; hc, Tomlinson. NOR., CL YELL. (5): 1, Woolhouse; 2, Hemming; 3, 4, vhc, Hobson. BUFF (5): 1, Woolhouse; 2, Bainbridge; 3, 4, Falding. TKD. YELL.: 1, 2, Hemming; 3, Hobson; 4, Woolhouse; vhc, Johnson. BUFF (6): 1, Lawton; 2, hc, Woolhouse; 3, Hemming; 4, Hobson; vhc, Bainbridge. SELL (3): 1, 3, Woolhouse; 2, Sorsby. BRIT. BULL. or GOLD. (8): 1, 2, 3, Walsh; 4, vhc, Hobson; hc, Bailey; c, Delamore. LINNET (5): 1, 2, Walsh; 3, Fletcher; 4, Hobson; vhc, Delamore. REDPOLL, ETC. (5): 1, 2, Walsh; 3, Hobson. A.O.S. HARDBILL (8): 1, 2, 4, Walsh; 3, vhc, Lockwood; hc, Hobson; c, Bradshaw. SOFTBILL (5): 1, Fletcher; 2, 3, 4, Walsh. NOVICE, YORKS., CL YELL. (11): 1, 3, Sorsby; 2, Sampson; 4, Bailey; vhc, W. Webster; hc, Maynard; c, J. Webster. BUFF (10): 1, Delamore; 2, W. Webster; 3, Lawton; 4, Sorsby; vhc, c, Anstick; hc, Bacon. TKD. YELL. (8): 1, Lawton; 2, Maynard; 3, Sorsby; 4, vhc, Bacon; hc, W. Webster; c, Dutton. BUFF (11): 1, Lawton; 2, 3, J. Webster; 4, Simmonite; vhc, Anstick; hc, Dutton; c, Maynard. NOR. YELL. (5): 1, spl, Bailey; 2, 4, Curley; 3, Durnford. BUFF (8): 1, 2, Lawton; 3, Bailey; 4, vhc, hc, Durnford; c, Maynard.

NORTH SHIELDS & DIST. C.B.C.

First Nest Feather show, July 1st, in "Uncle Tom's Cabin," Bedford Street. There was a goodly number of birds on exhibition, and the quality was very good. In the Yorks. Mr. Watson secured first honours, Mr. Wigglesworth being runner-up. The Norwich classes were taken by Mr. Crowe, Mr. Little and Mr. Couchman being second and third respectively. In the Border Fancies Mr. Whittaker and Mr. Little caught on, and in the British Mr. M'Vay, Mr. Heather, Mr. Muckle, Mr. W. Hunter, P. C. Hunter, Mr. Udberg, and Mr. King all secured prizes. Our meetings are monthly (first Wednesday), at 37, Howdon Road, North Shields, commencing at 7.30. Full particulars can be had from 22, Waterville Road, North Shields.—R. P. Fox, Sec.

BRADFORD WEST C.B.A.

Second show, held in club rooms (Red Lion Hotel), on July 8th. The entries came up very well, 53 birds being staged in five classes, amongst which were some very promising youngsters. The winners of most points were: Champious: 1, M. A. Whitley; 2, W. Crabtree; 3, F. Murgatroyd; 4, Cowgill and Son. Novices: 1, T. Tidswell; 2, F. Western; 3, T. Smith; 4, A .Craven. Mr. H. H. Towers (Keighley) judged, and gave satisfaction to all. CL. OR TKD. YELL. (13): 1, W. Crabtree; 2, 3, A. Whitley; 4, Longbottom; vhc, Craven; hc, Tidswell; c, Western. BUFF (20): 1, hc, A. Whitley; 2, Crabtree; 3, 4, vhc, Tidswell; c, Cowgill and Son. UNEVEN (14): 1, Western; 2, c, Tidswell; 3, vhc, Crabtree; 4, Smith; hc, Murgatroyd. CINN. (4): 1, 2, Whitley; 3, Bradshaw; 4, Craven. FOUL MKD. (3): 1, Tidswell; 2, Western; 3, Smith.—F. Western.

ROCHDALE O.C.

Annual F.F. Show, at club rooms, July 8th, resulted in a much better entry than has been the case for some years. Mr. Hardy (Oldham) judged and gave every satisfaction. CL. YELL. COPPY: 1, 2, C. Whitehead. CL. YELL PLAINHEAD: 1, 2, A. Hordern; 3, C, Whitehead; 4, J. Butterworth. BUFF: 1, C. Whitehead. TKD. YELL. COPPY: 1, 2, A. Hordern. BUFF: 1, 3, A. Hordern. TKD. YELL PLAINHEAD: 1, A. Hordern. BUFF: 1, Hordern; 2, J. Butterworth CL. CAP GOLD 1Z.: 1, L. Butterworth; 2, 3, J. Hampshire. SILVER: 1, 2, A. Hordern; 3, Siddle; 4, J. Hampshire. BKN. CAP, GOLD: 1, A. Hordern; 2, 3, Hampshire; 4, L. Butterworth. SILVER: 1, 4, Hampshire; 2, 3, L. Butterworth. CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, 2, E. Faulkner. BUFF: 1, 2, H. Howarth. TKD. YELL.: 1, 2, E. Faulkner; 3, H. Howarth; 4, A. Barlow. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, 4, E. Faulkner. CL. YELL. NOV.: 1, 3, E. Faulkner; 2, H. Howarth. BUFF: 1, H. Howarth; 2, 3, 4, E. Faulkner. TKD. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, 4, E. Faulkner. BUFF: 1, Faulkner; 2, H. Howarth. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Faulkner; 2, H. Howarth. MULE: 1, F. Rabbich. Cup and gold medal, E. Faulkner. Section specials for most points: Lancs., Mr. Hordern; Lizards, Mr. Hampshire; Yorks, Nor., and A.O.V., Mr. E. Faulkner; Mules, F. Rabbich.

BOURNEMOUTH C.B.A.

Very successful members' show held Albert Restaurant on July 5. The arrangements were carried out by the hon. sec., Mr. W. O. Brooke, assisted by an energetic committee. The young yellow and buff Nor. classes were well filled, and several youngsters of type and quality were staged that will doubtless give a good account of themselves later on. Over 60 birds were staged. No prize money was given, the entry fee of 2d. per cage going towards the expenses of the association. Prize cards were awarded. Special prize (by Mr. A. Tuck) for best young Yorks. was won by Mr. L. Bousfield with a smart youngster. Messrs. Kirby and Harris won spls. for Norwich (by the chairman, Mr. G. W. Jones). The classes were ably dealt with by Mr. W. Russell-Wyatt, who very kindly gave the association his services, and whose awards were well received. A hearty vote of thanks, proposed by the Chairman, seconded by the hon. sec., being unanimously accorded him (also to the donors of specials). The Hon. Sec. said he hoped Mr. Wyatt would rejoin the association. Mr. Wyatt stated that he did not see his way to become an active member, but would be happy to be an honorary member, which was received with applause.

NOR. YELL. (21): 1, sp, 3, vhc, Kirby; 2, Harris; hc, Matthews; c, A. Tuck. BUFF (14): 1, sp, J. Cutler; 2, F. Matthews; 3, Kirby; vhc, hc, H. Matthews; c, W. O. Brooke. YORKS. YELL. (3): 1, sp, L. Bousfield; 2, F. Fulford; 3, Harris. BUFF (4): 1, 2, F. Fulford; 3, Harris; vhc, L. Bousfield. CREST AND C.B. (2): 1, 2, F. Matthews. HYBRIDS (1): 1, Howard. ADULTS: NOR. YELL. (5): 1, Harris; 2, Kirby; 3, hc, H. Matthews; vhc, W. O. Brooke. BUFF (6): 1, J. Cutler; 2, Kirby; 3, W. O. Brooke; vhc, c, H. Matthews; hc, J. E. Stead. YORKS. YELL., A.V. (2): 1, 2, L. Bousfield. BUFF (1): 1, L. Bousfield. BRIT. (2): 1, J. E. Stead; 2, H. Matthews.

HULL C.B.S.

F.F. Show, July 8th. Entries were not so numerous as in some previous years, no doubt owing to the very indifferent breeding season the majority of the members have experienced, but the quality was grand. Mr. W. H. Moore (Grimsby) judged Nor., and Mr. Jesse Calam Yorks. Mr. W. Clews (Grimsby), the Mule and Brit. judge, telegraphing that he would not be able to come, Mr. Geo. Harland kindly officiated. Total entries 140. The judges' awards seemed to give every satisfaction. CHAMPION, NOR., CL., OR TK., YELL.: 1, 2, Harland. BUFF: 1, 3, hc Harland; 2, Prentice; vhc, c, Calam. VARIEG: 1, vhc, Calam; 2, Harland; 3, Prentice. YORKS., CL., OR TK. YELL.: 1, Stone; 2, hc, Barwick; 3, vhc, Stamford. BUFF: 1, Prentice; 2, vhc, hc, Barwick; 3, Stone VARIEG.: 1, 2, Precious; 2, Prentice; 3, vhc, c, Stone NOVICE: NORWICH. CL., OR TKD., YELL.: 1, 2, Hogg; 3, Riley; vhc, hc, Briggs; c, Howes. BUFF: 1, Calward; 2, Bray; 3, Hogg; vhc, Potter F.F.; hc, Ridley; c, Howes. VARIEG.: 1, McKay; 2, Ridley; 3, vhc, Bray; hc, Potter; c, Calward. YORKS., CL., OR TK. YELL.: 1, c, Frith; 2, Oakes; 3, Sowden; vhc, Briggs; hc, Lightfoot. BUFF: 1, Girling; 2, c, Frith; 3, Clayton; vhc, Parkes; hc, Oakes. VARIEG.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Frith; c, Briggs. HYBRID: 1, 3, Stamford; 2, vhc, c, Calam; hc, Hogg. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, 2, Precious; 3, Stamford; vhc, Calam; hc, c, Potter BRAMBLE, ETC.: 1, vhc, Riley; 2, 3, Potter hc, c, Precious. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, Calam; 2, Precious; vhc, Frith; hc, Riley; c, Stamford. Competition for Society cups (above show included) is as follows: Champion, Calam, 108: Stamford 101; Precious, 76; Harland, 49; Barwick, 38; Prentice, 28; Stone, 20; Cliff, 17; Brumby, 16; Mason, 12. Novice: Potter 68; Firth, 67; Riley, 35, Hogg, 27; Douse, 26; Calvard, 25; A. Clayton, 19; Girling, McKay, 12; Lightfoot, 11; Longhorn, 11; R. Clayton McKay, 12; Lightfoot, 11; Longhorn, 11; Clayton 10; W. Sowden, 8; Howe, 8; Sowden (H.), 8; Parkes, 6; Cook, 6; Oakes, 5; Evesham, 5; Smith, 4; Howes, 2; Clark, 1; Fox, 1.—E. R. Ridley. Hon. Sec.

BLAYDON AND DIST. C.B.S.

At our first feather show, held July 15, we had a fair number of entries, a good increase on last year. The Norwich were strong in numbers and quality; in fact, some thought it one of the best shows for young Norwich seen in the North for some time.

CLASS 1: 1, Crass; 2, Ridley; 3, Havis; vhc, Farrell; hc, Leck; c, Ellwood. CLASS 2: 1, Ellwood; 2, Robson; 3, Ridley; vhc, Crass; hc, R. Brown; c, J. Brown. CLASS 3: 1, R. Brown; 2, Robson; 3, c, Hooper; vhc, Havis; hc, T. Brown. CLASS 4 AND 5: No entries. CLASS 6: 1, Havis; 2, Robson; 3, vhc, Leck; hc, Graham. CLASS 7: 1, Havis; 2, Robson; 3, Leck. CLASS 8: 1, Ellwood. CLASS 9: 1, 2, Ellwood; 3, Browell; vhc, Ridley. CLASS 10: 1, Browell; 2, 3, Simpson. CLASS 11: 1, Hooper. CLASS 12: 1, 2, Robson. CLASS 13: 1, Robson; 2, Hands. CLASS 14: 1, Hooper. CLASS 15: 1, Robson; 2, Harrison. CLASS 16: No entries.—G. Havver, Sec.

WALLSEND & MID-TYNE C.B.S.

Nest feather show held in Club Room, July 8th, turned out a great success. By far the largest yet held by the Wallsend society, the entries coming well to 100. The keenness was shown by the extra attendance of members and friends, the "gate" realising more than what was allowed to purchase gold medal for the silver cup winner, and of which, after close competition, Mr. Matfin, a new member, was declared the victor. The large number of Norwich and Borders gave the judge, Mr. T. Robson (of Newcastle), a tight job, for those were hot classes, and it was noticed that he spent a long time in choosing the winner, which met with general approval. Several of the winners at South Shields the previous Saturday were present, the cards being reversed.

NOR. YELL.: 1, Jolly; 2, Reeves; 3, Jolly; vhc, Stubbs; hc, Slack. BUFF: 1, Scott; 2, Jolly; 3, McGinn; vhc, Jolly; hc, Slack; c, Macdonald. MARKED: 1, Black; 2, Reeves; 3, Jolly; vhc, Hopkinson; hc, McGinn; c, Reeves. BORDER, CL. YELL.: 1, Matfin; 2, Montgomery; 3, McQuillin; vhc, Chapman; hc, Witson. BUFF: 1, Whittaker; 2, Montgomery; 3, hc, Macdonald; vhc, Matfin; c, McQuillin. MARKED: 1, Matfin; 2, Montgomery; 3, vhc, Wilson; hc, c, Whittaker. GREEN or CINN.: 1, 3, vhc, c, McQuillin; 2, Chapman; hc, Whittaker.. LIZARDS: 1, 2, Heslop. MULES: 1, Slack; 2, Baker. GOLDFINCH: 1, Slack; 2, Macdonald; 3, Scott; vhc, Reeves. LINNET: 1, Scott; 2, McGinn; 3, Slack; vhc, Lumsden. CHAFFINCH, ETC.: 1, 2, Appleby. SISKIN: 1, Appleby; 2, Slack. GREENFINCH: 1, Heslop; 2, Appleby; 3, vhc, Greenwell.

CLAPHAM AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

F.F. Show, Avondale Hall, Clapham, on 14th July, and although the quality was good throughout, the classes were, on the whole, small. In the Canary section Messrs. Mazzoni, Masters, Yeoman, Thorpe, Britton, and Warley staged some excellent birds. Mr. Mazzoni's Linnet-Bullie was in the pink of condition, and was very much admired. The British bird section was chiefly accounted for by Messrs. Sexton, Coe, Askew, and Vale. A couple of capital Siskins were exhibited by Mr. Sexton, while Mr. Askew's Chaffinch looks like being a topper. We also liked Mr. Coe's Yellow Bunting immensely, it being of capital size and well marked. Mr. Vale's Grey Wagtail was perfection itself. The foreign class contained a couple of sweet Gold-Crested Waxbills, but unfortunately they were two hens, and the judge (Mr. Frostick) did not believe in the well-worn saying, "Every two is a pair," and they had to put up with being "wrong classed." A good number of members and friends visited the show, and Mr. Askew, in the unavoidable absence of the Hon. Sec., Mr. Priest, until late in the evening, carried out the arrangements in his usual style, assisted by Messrs. Sandy and Wildbore. Messrs. Robson and Frostick judged, and their awards gave general satisfaction.

NOR. CL. CHAM.: 1, sp., 2, 3, Mazzoni; vhc, Masters. A.O.V.: 1, Mazzoni. NOR. CL., CHAM.: 1, 2, Masters YORKS., CL., CHAM.: 1, hc, Warley; 2, 3, Thorpe; vhc, Yeoman; c, Askew. YORKS., A.O.V., CHAM.: 1, spl., 2, c, Thorpe; 3, hc, Askew; vhc, Masters. YORKS., CL., NOV.: 1, 2, 3, Britton; vhc, hc, Masters. A.O.V., NOV.: 1, 2, 3, Britton; vhc, hc, Masters. CREST OR C.B.: 1, 2, 3, Yeoman; vhc, hc, c, Miss Smith. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, spl., Sexton; 2, Hose; 3, Askew. LINNET: 1, spl., Coe; 2, Askew; 3, Clarke; vhc, hc, Sexton. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, spl., 3, Sexton; 2, Vale; vhc, Askew; hc, Clarke; c, Coe. BUNTING: 1, spl., Coe; absent, Vale. HEN FINCH: 1, Askew; 2, Sexton. FINCH, A.O.S. FIELD-MOULTED: 1, spl., Vale; 2, Coe; 3, Askew; vhc, Sexton, HYB., DARK: 1, spl., Mazzoni; 2, 3, Vale. SMALL INSECTIV.: 1, Vale. FOR.: 1, spl., Barker; 2, wrong class, Hose.

GLASGOW (Queen's Park) CLUB.

Annual first feather show in the Marie Stuart Halls, Crosshill, Glasgow, on 8th July, was an unqualified success. The Plainheads were a good bit above the average, and the judge, Mr. Wm. Hitchison, had his work cut out in spotting the winners, which we are pleased to chronicle he did in a masterly fashion, even though it was his first appearance as a judge. New blood, too, is sadly wanted in this as well as other varieties in the "province of Scotland." Borders, Yorks, A.O.V. and Mules made up the show, and were handled by Mr. C. Campbell, whose awards were also received with favour. Mr. Heggie, the genial secretary, had the arrangements well in hand, and everything passed off as merry as wedding bells.

NOR., CL. or TKD. YELL. (17): 1, Cairns, ticked fine size, good type, nice front, in spanking form; 2, Rennie, clear, nice type, fine quality; 3, 4, Bryson; vhc, Miller; hc, c, Jeffrey. BUFF: 1, 3, Cairns, good head, fine wing carriage, takes nice position; 2, Jeffrey, clinking exhibit, just breaking through moult; 4, Naismith; vhc, hc, Steel; c, McKenzie, VAR. or GREEN YELL.: 1, spl, Rennie, grand stamp, should make things hum in Yellow Variegateds; 2, McNab; 4, McCubbin; vhc, Morgan; hc, McDowall; c, Jeffrey. BUFF: 1, McCubbin, medium sized exhibit, good front and wings and tail; 2, Miller; 3, 4, Gentles, latter nice cobby exhibit; vhc, Rennie; hc, Morgan; c, Gentles. BORD., CL. or TKD. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Thomson, nice quartette, clear Buff leading, grand fitting wings, easy win; vhc, hc, Morgan; c, Dunbar. BUFF: 1, spl, Morgan, bit soft when we went round; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Duubar; 4, Thomson. CINN. or GREEN: 1, 2, 3, Thomson, Buff Cinn. neat and typical, good feather. YORKS.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Heggie, clear Buff, straight as a guardsman, well fitting wings free from frill, in grand bloom 2 another nice one, 3 Yellow, upstanding bird, fine colour and quality; vhc, hc, Johnstone. CREST or C.B.: 1, Thomson, Green C.B., good size, fine entrance, wins; 2, 3, Yates. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Dunbar, pair of common Canaries in nice bloom. HYBRID: 1, spl, Rennie, Yell. Goldie-Can., dark, fine size and substance, should make good one; 2, Dunbar, nice Greenie-Canary; 3, 5, Rennie, fine buff Goldie-Canary, this breeder has evidently done well this season; 4, Dunbar.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Alnwick C.B.S.—July 27, Temperance Hotel, 8. General and discussion on "Cage Birds League."—R. Forster.

Altrincham C.B.S.—July 25, 8. Any member not having a schedule for nest feather show on July 22, can make entries at show.—C. C. Blackshaw.

Ayr C.B.C.—July 26, Academy Hall, 7.30. Nest feather show.—J. Sloan.

Bankfoot C.B.S.—July 22, Red Lion Hotel, 2.30. Judge, Mr. R. Halliday. Members' show; 3s. 6d. special for most entries. Monthly meeting night, July 25th.—F. Gelder.

Barrow C.B.A.—July 26th, Club Room, 7.30. To pay nest feather show prize money, also to discuss members' annual back-end show.—W. C. Templeton.

Batley O.F.S.—Talbot Hotel. F.F. show; birds staged 3.30 prompt. Judge, Mr. S. Dean, Bradford.—G. G. Stafford.—(No date given.—Editor).

Bradford (Cinderella).—July 26, Market Tavern, 8. Show Committee; important; all members of committee please attend.—H. Hill.

Bradford East O.S.—July 22, Park Chapel Schools, West Bowling, Bradford. Members' F.F. show. Judge, Mr. P. Mason. Birds staged 2.30. Entries taken Friday night and Sat. meeting on Sat. afternoon, to arrange for cricket match with Manningham C.B.A., July 29th. All interested invited.—H. Hill.

Chesterfield C.B.F.S.—July 29, Welback Hotel, 7.30. N.F. show, and general business.—T. Booker.

Cinnamon M.Y. C.C.—July 22, Market Tavern, Bradford, 6.30.—Grayshon and Allen.

City of Wakefield O.S.—July 22, Crown and Anchor Hotel, 7.30.—J. Atkinson.

Cowdenbeath C.B.S.—July 26th, Arcade Temp. Hotel, 7. Very important business; full turn-out essential.—J. R. Reid.

Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.—July 26th, George Hotel, 8. Table show, nest feather: Yorks.; Nor.; A.O.V.; Mule or Hyb.; Brit. (small); ditto (large). Judge, Mr. H. Todd.—R. S. Black.

Derby C.B.S.—The July meeting will not be held.—W. Stevens.

East Bowling B.F.A. — July 22nd, at St. John's School, 2.45. Judge, Mr. J. Bailey (Saudy Lane).—L. Booth.

East Ham C.B.S.—Lecture by Mr. A. J. A. Marley, 8 o'c., July 27th, Hartley Avenue Schools. Fanciers should grip this opportunity. Admission free.—B. C. Smith.

Great Horton O.S.—July 22, Butchers' Arms, 3. Members' show, birds to be staged 3 p.m.; judge, Mr. H. Sutcliffe.—J. Holroyd.

Green C.A.—July 27th, Oldham Hall, 8. Allotting patronage, etc.—G. Green.

Grimsby and Cleethorpes R.C.S.—July 29, 119, Cleethorpes Road, 7.30. Receive treasurer's statement of accounts to date, arrangement classification for forthcoming show, Dec. 1st and 2nd.—W. Yardley.

Heywood O.S.—July 25, Rechabite Hall, Pine-st., 7.30. To receive admission tickets, money, and pay prize money, won at Y.B. show.—A. H. Meadowcroft.

Highgate and Hampstead.—July 27, Spencer Hall, 8. Questions and Answers.—C. W. Law.

Hyde C.B.S.—July 24, St. George's School, 8. Election of judge for back end show, etc. All members please attend.—T. Allsop.

Huddersfield O.S.—July 24, White Hart Hotel, 8. 3rd First Feather table show.—F. J. Sykes.

Larkhall C.B.A.—July 29, Miners' Hall, 5.30. Table show young birds: 1 class each Norwich., Com., A.O.V., Mule or Hyb., Brit.; 2 Bord. classes. Admission free.—J. Pollock.

Leicester C.B.S.—July 26, Saracen's Head Hotel, Market Place, 8.15. Results of breeding season and Mr. Marley's lecture, "From the Catcher to the Show Bench"; etc.—J. A. Tyler.

Leigh and Dis. C.B.S.—July 26th, Railway Hotel, 7.45 p.m. Paying of prize money and reading cup points; also ticket money to be brought in.—R. Charleson.

Leyton C.B.A.—July 22, Grange Park Hall. Show. Judge, Mr. C. Battison; doors open 2 p.m.—Forse and Son.

Long Eaton C.B.S.—July 29, Council Schools, Sawley Road, 7.30. Special meeting. Amendment to show rule 11, and formation of classes for November show.—G. T. Wall.

Manningham C.B.A.—July 29, 2.30. Cricket match with Bradford East, Scotchman Road, off Heaton Road; kindly attend.—H. Grange.

Middleton C.B.S.—July 24, Old Boar's Head, 8. Back end show.—J. Oldham.

Midland Roller C.C.—July 27, Swan and Peacock, 8. Paper by Mr. Jacquemin, on "Preparing birds for Contest Singing." Members please attend.—T. J. Smith.

Mid-Rhondda C.B.S.—July 27, White Heart Hotel, Tonypaudy, 7. General.—A. H. C. Legg.

National British B. and M.C.—July 27th, "Feathers," Gt. Chapel Street, Westminster, 8. Allotting medals.—Plumbridge and Carr.

Northern Lizard Club.—July 29. Fawcett Street Cafe, 7. Very important.—G. Davidson.

Northowram C.B.S.—July 22, Yew Tree Inn. First feather show. Judge, Mr. S. Haigh (Halifax). Birds staged 3 o'c.—S. Sykes.

Oldham C.B.S.—July 25, Textile Dining Rooms, 8. Selection of place for show, etc.—J. Cope.

Poplar C.B.S.—July 22, St. Frideswide's Mission Hall, St. Leonard's Road. Show; doors open 1 o'c. p.m.—H. W. Cook.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—July 26, Temperance Club, Toad Lane, 8. Committee meeting.—E. Hartley.

Rochdale O.C.—July 24, Club Rooms, 8.30. Open show business.—R. Blincoe.

St. James-the-Less F.A.—July 25, Ridley House, 8. Lecture by Mr. T. R. Beaufort.—E. A. Suter.

Sheffield O.S.—July 22, Forresters' Hall, Tripsett Lane, 3.30. Nest feather show. Grand entry; splendid collection of British and Foreign birds; 20 specials for competition.—Bishop and Colton.

Shipley O.S.—July 22, Prince of Wales. Members' show; birds staged 2 o'c. prompt. Judge, E. Grange.—A. Tillotson.

South Manchester C.B.S.—July 27, Headquarters, 8.30. Arrange table shows. Please attend. — F. Washbourne, jun.

South Wales Roller C.C.—July 22, Malabar Hotel, Llanelly, 8. Most important business.—J. Welch.

Sowerby Bridge C.B.S.—July 27, Wharfe Hotel, 8. General meeting.—Sutcliffe and Walker.

Stonehouse C.B. F.H.S.—July 29, Public Hall, 7. F.F. show: Bord. Fcy, cock or hen; A.O.V., ck. or hen; Common, Mule or Hyb. Judge, A. McLean (Larkhall).—W. Melvin.

Warrington C.B.S.—July 27, Blue Bell Hotel, 3.—G. M. Nelson.

Wood Green F.F.A.—July 25, Headquarters, 8.30 Committee meeting. Full attendance required.—V. Callegari.

Correspondence.

A Cage Bird League for West Fife.

Sir,—At a meeting held in the Masonic Arms, Cowdenbeath, Mr. J. Stenhouse in the chair, a Cage Bird League was formed for West Fife. Five societies joined. The idea is to try and further the Fancy in the district. A handsome trophy has been presented by the genial host, Mr. G. Penman, to be put up for competition every year.

William Duff, Secretary.
24, Park Street, Lochgelly, N.B.

Sunderland C.B.A. Challenged to a Supper.

Sir,—The Hetton-le-Hole and District C.B.S hereby challenge the members of the Sunderland C.B.A. to a show of Norwich Canaries for a supper and a night's jollification, the losers to pay for the supper. Date, place, judge, and other arrangements can be fixed up as soon as I receive a reply from the Sunderland secretary, so as to suit the convenience of both parties. The affair to be a genuine friendly go.

A. J. Notley, sec.

A New Cage Bird Society for Adwick-le-Street and District.

Sir,—We have just formed a society to be called the Adwick-le-Street and District Cage Bird Society—open to fanciers for membership within a radius of ten miles. The meetings are to take place on the last Saturday in each month at six o'clock, at the Foresters' Arms, Adwick-le-Street. The next meeting is to be held on July 29. We have commenced with a membership of twenty, and we look like having a very good society.

G. H. Robinson, sec.
21, The Park, Woodlands, near Doncaster.

The Twite-Goldfinch Hybrid.

Sir,—I feel sure that readers of Cage Birds will be sorry to hear of my ill-luck with Goldfinch-Twite Hybrids. I had one young bird hatch out yesterday (July 12) out of five eggs. It was under a hen Canary which I have been breeding with for the past six years, and she has reared every bird hatched, so you can judge what my feelings were like when I went to look into the cage at five o'clock this morning to find the young one out on the floor of the cage with the ends of the wings and claws eaten off! I am sending the young one on to your Mr. Weston to have a look at. The Twite is very eager to go to nest again, so I hope for better luck next time.

E. Southwood.

[I am much obliged to Mr. Southwood for sending the dead nestling on to me. Of course, a youngster but a few hours old affords one no possible chance of learning anything as to its precise parentage, but I notice that this nestling is very light in colour, which is contrary to my own experiences in Hybrid breeding (i.e., outside the region of light Mules). I sincerely hope Mr. Southwood may yet rear some Twite-Goldfinch Hybrids to maturity.—G. E. Weston.]

Some Hints for Mule-breeders.

Sir,—My idea with regard to Mule breeding is to breed them in a cage. The aviary, I consider, is too large for the British birds. The Linnet and the Goldfinch you will find will not take to the hen Canary all at once. Perhaps this is because British birds do not seem to understand when the hen bird is calling for the cock bird. Whereas, if the pairs are in a cage they are better able to breed, and are the easier to take out if they fight. If you have not had some experience with British birds, it is very hard to breed Mules. For instance, you may have some luck and get some young Mules; they will go on all right until they are fourteen days old, but it is then the trouble begins. They are more forward than young Canaries. Some young Mules are out of their nest before they are fifteen days old, and this is where the benefit of the cage comes in. A large number of young Mules die because of this trouble. I am sorry to say that two hens out of every four will not feed their young birds when the latter leave the nest too soon. If they keep to the nest until they are twenty days old, it is better for them and there will be a chance of your rearing them. It is a good help for anyone who is going in for muling to enter for Linnet contest singing. Then when you get your birds into condition you will have a chance of getting some Mules. The best cage, I think, is about 15 inches long, 12 inches high, and 9 inches broad, with loose fronts and false bottoms. One way of feeding is Spanish canary seed, with a little German rape seed. Soft food: one egg (boiled hard for about 15 minutes), which, when cool, chop up fine; then mix one tea biscuit and one teaspoonful of maw seed in with it. Give the birds two teaspoonfuls of this twice a day. You can add some more seed by way of tit-bits, such as dandelion, niger, gold of pleasure, maw, and crushed hemp. Mix all these seeds together. Give your Linnet and Canary these seeds when you put them together for breeding. Give them two teaspoonfuls of these seeds every other day; but put the seeds in a separate pot in the cage. The best green food I have found is young dandelion leaves, young lettuce and chick-weed. Some breeders do not give their young Mules any until the birds are three days old. I prefer to give it them as soon as they are hatched. Do not forget to put the egg food into the cage when your hens have been sitting for thirteen days. I have had three years' experience in Linnet Mule breeding, and I have had some good luck. I have done some Linnet singing as well, and when I see my Linnets in condition in March I put them to the hens I am going to breed with. Sometimes a Linnet will not take to the hen you have put in; in that case take it out, and put it with another hen, if you have any more. It is always best to have one or two hens in stock, so that you can run two hens with one Linnet. Mule breeding is not, it should be remembered, a game of chance, but hard work.

Frederick Johnson.

A Recipe for Birdlime Wanted.

Sir,—I shall be glad if any of your readers will kindly give me through your columns a good recipe for bird-lime. I am a regular reader of Cage Birds, having been in the Canary Fancy some years. I have obtained much valuable information from its columns regarding Canaries, etc.

Stanley Parsons.

An Appeal for the Widow and Orphans of a Fancier.

Sir,—Will you kindly allow me to renew the appeal that has been made on behalf of the widow and orphans of Mr. J. Coulson? Mr. Coulson was a working-man fancier, and his circumstances entirely prevented his making any provision for his family; and if some generous-hearted fanciers would send me a donation, however trifling, they would be doing good in a very urgent case, and I should be extremely thankful.

W. A. Bladon.
361, Eccles New Road, Weaste, Manchester.

Cricket Matches Booming in the Fancy.

Sir,—Members of the Bradford East O.S. should attend the meeting on Saturday afternoon next, July 22 (during the progress of the F.F. Show) to arrange details and select a representative team to meet Manningham C.B.A. in a game of cricket on Saturday week, July 29. Our Manningham friends have kindly arranged for a field off Scotchman Road, Manningham, and although neither side will contain any budding County Colts, spectators can rest assured that a good afternoon's sport, in its truest sense, will be enjoyed by all. For my own part, though, I have very painful recollections of my last match, and I have no doubt that many of those who indulged in the Windhill and Rest of the Fancy match will feel likewise, still the opportunity of taking part in these friendly fixtures, one society with another, tends towards a lofty ideal, and they are most beneficial from any society's standpoint. If the challenges issued to and by the different societies in the Union are any criterion, it looks as though a young cricket league could be formed! But I had better say no more, else there may be a strike of the feathered tribe, as a protest against neglectful masters. This is the age of strikes, and we must be very careful, or else our only bit of consolation may be swept away from us.

H. Hill.

Non Colour-fed Classes.

It is a Mistaken Idea re Colour-feeding?

Sir,—Let me say at once that I have no intention of reviving the perennial discussion on colour feeding and non-colour-fed classes. But there is one stock argument which every writer against the practice seems to trot out which is weak and puerile to a degree, though it may unconsciously bear some little weight with the unthinking fancier, and which I will once more try to show is quite absurd. Your correspondent last week puts the idea in the words: "I have tried colour-feeding myself, but find that the birds want more personal attention than the working-man is able to give them." Now, your old readers may remember that some years ago, when you took a plebiscite on the colour-feeding question, this idea was given as a principal objection to the practice, when I commented upon it in words to this effect: If the trouble of colour-feeding is a really valid obstacle, why do these fanciers breed birds at all, seeing that they require far more attention all through the breeding season than they need during the moult? To reduce the argument to the fewest possible words, so long as young are in the nests fresh egg food should be prepared and supplied at least twice, and better still three times, a day, whereas to colour feed to the highest degree of perfection egg food with colour added is only required once a day during the moult. Surely the difference should be patent to the least critical reader. Natural colour classes have been tried in the past and found wanting, largely, if not chiefly, through the system of improving colour which your correspondent suggests. Still, times and manners change, and it may possibly be that such classes would succeed better now. Time and trial alone can tell.

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The Curious Case of a Young Canary.

Sir,—During my second round of breeding this season I found one of the young birds one afternoon under the nest almost dead. Fortunately, I use the Jerome breeding cage (with a platform), so it did not fall far. I breathed on it, holding it in my hands till it revived; then put it into a nest where there were young about its own age, and the hen reared it. It is now fully fledged, and five weeks old, but cannot put its head under its wing at night, though I have seen it try to, and the head hangs down in front when it sleeps. I shall be glad to know whether any of your readers have had birds similarly affected, also whether there is a chance it may recover as it gets older. It is healthy, eats and flies well, and has attempted to sing. I wish Cage Birds every success.

A. J. B.

An Improved Front for Roller Canary Contest Cages.

Sir,—Having seen the above front, I should like to give my opinion on it. I have no doubt it will do most of what Mr. Pattison claims for it, but before we alter the present show cage we must look at both sides of the question. As small as the cost is, I don't think it will be an improvement. We all know that birds will always perch on the highest position, and the top of the seed and water tins being flat will make extra perches for them, and the water will get fouled and the covers will never look clean. As regards putting sponges for the birds in the water tin when travelling, I think they will be best left at home—it will be nice sport for the birds to try to pull them through the holes! The Roller show cages have been costly, for already we have had four. I shall make this fourth my last. I should like to see the cage that would suit every Roller fancier! "Schoolmaster" writes pretty strongly about the minority that attends the meetings. No matter what club he may go to, he will find it is the minority that has to do the work and has to take the blame. As far as making them adopt it, "Schoolmaster" and the minority will not make me adopt something that I find is of no benefit to the birds. I hope "Schoolmaster" will use his proper name, as much can be said under a nom-de-plume.

F. Oldroyd.

Sir,—In your issue of July 8 there is a letter from "Schoolmaster" lauding the inventive genius of Mr. Pattison, of the B.R.C.C., and warning the Committee of the B.R.C.C. of reprisals, should they not agree with him that Mr. Pattison's invention was a long-felt want. May I ask "Schoolmaster" why he writes to you under a pen-name? Surely there is nothing to be ashamed of in the expression of an honest opinion? However, I will try and give ease to "Schoolmaster's" mind and inform him that neither the members of the B.R.C.C. who attend the monthly meetings, nor those of the Committee of the B.R.C.C. have any wish other than that the desires of the majority of the B.R.C.C. shall prevail, and become law. At two monthly meetings Mr. Pattison's proposition to alter the existing cage front of the B.R.C.C. standard contest show cage was thoroughly gone into, and did not find favour with any one member present. But, even if any alteration had been approved, there is no power to alter the standard cage front without the consent of the patentee, who, moreover, has the right to bring action for any infringement of his patent.

Arnold Ed. Read.

My Views Upon Some British Birds.

Sir,—In dealing with this subject, it will be my object to classify the various species in their wild state, and to convey an idea of bird life under natural conditions. It is thought by many that the less populated and very wild open country is more frequented by birds, but this is not necessarily so. The observant fancier will have a good idea what class of bird to expect when he sees the surrouudings. For instance, in wooded valleys where the undergrowth is thick and consists mostly of wild fruits, blackberries, etc., he would look for Goldfinches, Bullfinches, and some of the Warblers (Blackcap, etc.). The more open country, where thistles, dock, teasel, and dandelion are common (and there are fields, of course, where mustard has been grown), the seedeaters will be seen in hundreds. I have seen 45 Linnets caught at once in a mustard field. The Thrush, Blackbird, Chaffinch, Greenfinch, Hawfinch, etc., are also found near the haunts of the afore-mentioned birds. I will start with the Blackbird, so called from its colour, a shiny black in the case of the cock and rather browner in the case of the hen. A cock in good condition has a beautiful orange beak. He is a regular rake, and ought to have a latch-key, whistling out loudly when all other birds have gone to sleep. There was one in Bolton that was more white than black. It nested near to a Thrush that was well known in the district for whistling, and they were a conspicuous pair. Strange to say, there was caught the season after a Blackbird with wing flights white and four white feathers in the tail, besides a splashed neck. I suppose it was the same breed. It was sold for three shillings, and an hour afterwards for five shillings. No mistake, it was a beauty. The Thrush is another loud-whistling bird. In colour it is brown, with speckled breast. The cock has grey under the wings, and is smaller than the hen; the hen is brownish under the wings. When selecting the birds out of the nest for hand-rearing, pick the smallest. Leave the robust ones; they are hens. I once saw five nests in a hedge within a few yards of each other—25 blue, brown, speckled eggs altogether. The nest is lined with clay. The Lark is well known. The nest is difficult to find. Observe that the cock, when rising to sing, never starts from near the nest. He also drops a long way off, and runs to it. This species is very destructive to peas just sprouting; they like the tender shoots. The Goldfinch is one of the handsomest of our British birds, with his red blaze, grey breast, and nut-brown back with yellow wing bars. There is no more imposing scene among birds than a dozen cocks together feeding. They come from the woods to fields where there is plenty of thistle and teasel. They are very shy, but one can often get very close. The Bullfinch is another British beauty. It has a black cap, a red breast, and a slate-grey back. Some specimens have light bars on the wings. Bullfinches are very docile when steady, and they are soon tamed. After a week or two in a cage they will take tit-bits from one's fingers. Their piping is low and sweet, many of them being able to learn tunes. Along with the Goldfinch—commonly called the Redcap in the provinces—they are much valued for hybrid breeding. Very few fanciers have much luck in this respect, so I should advise would-be hybrid breeders to start with something easier, so as not to be disappointed. The Linnet is very common in most parts of Great Britain. The brown one is mostly valued for its song and for Mule breeding. The grey Linnet and the green Linnet (Greenfinch) are often caught and caged. Redpolls are often taught to draw their own water and seed. They are very amusing to watch, as they keep treading on the chain as they draw the water up. They are very crafty when letting it back again, for they don't let the little seed wagon go back with a bump and spill the seed. All the Linnets are very cheap. I don't know whether mine is an exceptional district for Linnets, but I know one can have the pick of fifty birds for a few coppers. Another interesting bird that is often kept for a pet is the Woodpecker. To find its nest, look for a decayed tree. I remember a party of boys (of which I was one) finding a likely nesting place; in fact, we had seen the birds flying about a certain decayed willow tree very often, so we investigated matters. None was willing to climb the tree (it was too rocky) to get the eggs, if there should be any. At last one boy got his hand in the hole, but it came out again rather quickly, though not half as fast as he would have liked. He said he always thought Woodpeckers had sharp beaks to peck holes in trees—and boys' hands!

J. Convill.

Suggested Conference of Lancashire Linnet-singing Clubs.

Sir,—I have been asked by the members of the Wigan Linnet Club to ask secretaries of Linnet Clubs in Lancashire to have a joint meeting and fix dates for contests in Wigan, Leigh, Warrington, Blackburn, Salford, and Westhoughton, so that we do not arrange contests on the same dates. I hope we can pick some date for this meeting and decide where we shall meet, as I am in favour of meeting at any of the club-houses, for I think it will be a lot better for all Linnet Clubs if they can arrange dates for contests for next year.

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Wild-Bird Life.

The Linnet in Summer.

The glorious summer days are passing all too quickly, although at this time of the year the hours of daylight are many, and it is a long time from early dawn until night is actually upon us. Between sunset and sunrise it is never really dark, and one can see to move about with ease in the open. All this time bird life is resting, if not actually sleeping, and although each individual has spent many hours of activity in the open, yet they are easily disturbed if one approaches their roosting-place; and at the first streak of light in the east bright little chirps and twitterings can be heard from various directions. The wild birds' summer need be one of sunshine and pleasure, for they have much to contend with in winter. The joy of living in the feathered world appears to the writer to be in excess of that of the animal kingdom generally. Watch the Swallows and the Swifts, see how they cleave the air in mad flight, twisting and wheeling as quickly as the eye can follow, twittering and screaming in sheer delight and enjoyment. Or take the daily life of a common Finch, say the Linnet; food is abundant, companions are many, and in the hedgerow, snugly hidden among the rambling woodbine, is a brood of little ones, whose calls are not too exacting, the feeding of them simply helping to fill up the long summer days. The Linnet is considered to be a gregarious bird only in the winter months, when flocks of all kinds are common; yet occasionally one meets with several nests during the summer within a very limited area; so much so that they really appear to be part of a flock that has settled down in one spot to nest in company. One hardly knows if this is the case, or if it is such a suitable place for nesting that pair after pair take possession as their time arrives. From many years' observation and noting the doings of wild birds, the writer has found that these gatherings generally occur upon commons and heaths, among the furze and brambles found growing upon such places, more than the tangled growth of the hedgerows. It is true that occasionally one may find two or three nests in one hedge bordering a field where the wild seeds that these birds are fond of grow freely; but along the same hedge one may find quite as many nests of the Greenbird, and probably more, as these latter are doubtless the commonest of our Finches, and nest freely in any place suitable for small birds. In the intervals of attending upon his family, the Linnet loves to perch within hearing distance, and sing to his mate and young ones.

BREEDING RESULTS OF THE 1911 SEASON.

Notes on the results of the present breeding season, or of any interesting happenings, are invited from the secretaries of societies and others. The communications must in each case be accompanied by the sender's name and address

Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A.

I send you the breeding results of some of the members. Mr. Stenhouse, our president, has five Scot. Fan. on the sticks, and looking well; also a Goldfinch-Greenfinch Hybrid, and has more full eggs of the same cross; also three Goldfinch Mules. He has a total of twenty young birds. J. Fotheringham has thirteen Scotch Fancies on the sticks and four Plainheads. A. Cowan has the same. D. McColville has fifteen Plainheads. A. Fotheringham has two Scot. Fancies, and J. Anderson has twenty-Borders. T. Barclay has ten Plainheads, and A. Ramsay has sixteen. Jas. Veitch has five Crest and Crest-breds and more full eggs. He lost a round through shifting his birds into a room he has acquired. R. Hamilton has twelve Yorks, W. Brown eight Crests and eight Borders; while W. Purvis has a light variegated Greenie Mule and four Plainheads. W. Laing has four Scotch Fancies; J. Ford, four Yorks; A. Nicol, three Yorks; J. Pratt, a few Plainheads; F. McIntosh a few Scotch Fancies and Borders; A. McLaren eight young ones; and I have nineteen Plainheads.—A. Dickson, sec.

FIRST FEATHER SHOWS.

The dates for First Feather Shows are inserted in this column free of charge. Secretaries should notify us of same as soon as the dates have been decided upon.

July 22.—Bankfoot C.B.S.; Bolton O.S.; Bradford East O.S.; Hirst Universal C.B.S.; Sheffield O.S.; South Birmingham O.S.; Stockport B.F.A.; Chopwell F.S.; Green C.A.; Shipley O.S.; Hamilton Cadzow Oak O.S.; Crewe O.S.; Altrincham C.B.S. Barrington and Choppington C.B.S.; Grangemouth O.S.; Leyton C.B.S.; Northowram C.B.S.

July 22 and 23.—Leigh C.B.S.

July 26.—Ayr C.B.C.; Hartlepools C.B.S.

July 29.—City of Bradford O.S.; Dunfermline and Dis. C.B.S.; Lochore and Glencraig F.A.; Poplar C.B.S.; City of Wakefield O.S.; St. Crispin (Northampton) C.B.S.; Falkirk Good Intent C.B.A.; Spen Valley C.B.S.; Middlesbrough and Tees-side C.B.S.; Glasgow and Western Counties; Halifax O.S.; Walkden C.B.S.

Aug. 5.—Pelton Fell C.B.S.; Sunderland C.B.A.; Uddington O.S.; Vale of Leven C.B.C.; Ashington and Hirst C.B.S.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE

A Millionaire's Extraordinary Statements

The Cage Bird Hobby versus Money.

Notes by the Secretary.

The latest supporter of those who would entirely abolish the keeping of pet birds in cages is Mr. Walter Winans, the millionaire. This gentleman, in a letter to "The Throne and Country," says that he "cannot understand any human being caring to be within hearing of a poor bird singing in a cage. It is the most piteous sound imaginable." Then he goes on: "It is infinitely more cruel, in my opinion, to keep a bird in a cage, than to shoot pigeons out of a trap, or even rabbit coursing; in the one case (even in the case of an escaped wounded bird) it dies within a few days, whereas the poor caged birds linger, often for years, and on fine summer days they keep ceaselessly moving from side to side to get out."

Has Mr. Winans, whose heart is so moved to pity at the sound of a cage-bird's song, ever thought for a moment of the amount of suffering that is crowded into the "few days" during which a wounded bird is slowly dying, or of the agony of a bagged rabbit vainly trying to outrun death at the jaws of a whippet? Surely not, or he could not write in such manner.

Of course such balderdash could only be written by those who know nothing of the conditions under which birds are kept as pets by thousands upon thousands of bird-lovers, but these are the people who would wreck our hobby, and they will do it if we do not look out, for the opinion of a millionaire, backed up by his money, counts for much in the eyes of some of our law-givers. "*Ipse dixit*," and it must be so! It is in the power of readers of "Cage Birds" to show that *they also* have opinions in the matter, and their time is *now*. By sheer force of numbers it could be done in a week, but it is only by this means that it can be done at all. Send along your subscriptions for membership and make CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE 50,000 strong. We shall then be able effectively to combat these people.

A Well-known Ornithologist's Views.

The "Avicultural Magazine" for July, the editor of which is the well-known ornithologist Mr. J. Lewis Bonhote, M.A., F.Z.S., etc., has a review of the recent pamphlet of the Humanitarian League, and I reproduce three of the paragraphs. It will be seen that the Editor of the Avic. Mag. agrees with our own review, published in our issue of June 3.

"This pamphlet, needless to say, gives but one aspect to the case, and that aspect painted in colours so lurid that we feel inclined to doubt the authenticity of some of the statements, and are quite certain that, even if true in isolated instances, which we do not for one moment admit, they do not represent a fair and average account of the majority of bird-dealers' shops. Were we so disposed, we could, under the same title, "The other side of the bars," draw a much happier and perfectly true picture of the "miserable creatures" singing not "for relief," but from full enjoyment of health and vigour. We could tell of caged birds living in luxury and happiness to an age when, under natural conditions, they would long have surrendered their life to the stress of Nature, or, again, we could show the birds mating and bringing up their broods in full ecstasy of health and happiness and relieved from the ever-present sense of danger and the necessity of hunting early and late to feed ravenous nestlings. Yet, as every fancier knows, all this goes on "the other side of the bars."

But the Humanitarian may reply: Few birds lead this ideal existence compared with the thousands that suffer as we have described. To that the reply is, that never having kept a bird or mixed with those who have, they know nothing of the happy and well-cared-for birds in private homes.

I am quite sure there is no bird-keeper who is not a bird-lover, and therefore just as anxious to put down cruelty as the most rabid Humanitarian, and the reason why bird-fanciers have not taken in hand the so-called "cruelties" of the dealer is probably because, as practical men, we know that such cruelties are largely exaggerated."

Our Free Booklet.

I have still some of each of the sixpenny pamphlets on British Bird Culture and on Canary and Hybrid Culture, and, as long as they last one of either will be sent gratis to all new members applying for a copy at the time of joining. Those of the old members who have not yet had a copy may receive one of those reserved for them on sending a penny stamp for postage. Only one copy of either book can be sent free either to new members or old, and when the stock in hand is exhausted I may not be able to get a fresh supply, so that those who would make sure of getting one of these useful pamphlets should send on their applications with their membership fee without delay

Place Aux Dames.

In accordance with some suggestions received since the publication of our paragraph of last week referring to Vice-Presidentships it has been decided to fix the annual subscription of Vice-Presidents at half a guinea, and to establish, for those who are willing to subscribe an amount of a guinea or more, a roll of Patrons of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE.

I am very pleased to register as the first of our Patrons a lady member, Miss C. M. E. Hill, of Exeter. It has been a very gratifying item in our progress that quite a large proportion of members joining belong to the gentler sex, and it is entirely in the fitness of things that a lady has headed our list of Patrons. If the opponents of pet bird-keeping could see our membership list I think they would get a notion that cage-bird keeping is not quite the "acted blasphemy" which they claim it to be.

I trust that the example set by Miss Hill will be followed by many of our readers who are in a position to assist CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE in its work by subscribing, either as Patrons or Vice-Presidents, an amount which is beyond the purses of the great majority of members who in their own humbler way are just as keen in the pursuit of a delightful hobby which gives pleasure alike to peasant and to peer.

THE SUBSCRIPTION AND THE BADGES.

The subscription to CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE *is one shilling annually, and the badges sixpence or one shilling. The sixpenny badges are in three forms*: (1) *a button for coat lapel*, (2) *a pendant for watch chain*, (3) *a brooch for lapel, cycling cap, or for lady's wear. The badges at one shilling each are mounted in 9-carat rolled-gold, and are in two forms only*: (1) *A pendant for watch chain*, (2) *a brooch for a lady or for cycling cap or coat lapel. Members should distinctly state which form they prefer.*

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The qualification for Vice-Presidentship is an annual subscription of not less than half a guinea, and, as in the case with ordinary membership subscriptions, one-half of this may be alloted either to the Literature Fund, the Defence Fund, or towards the purchase of special prizes ta be given at any show nominated by the subscriber. Failing any such special allocation, the subscriptions will be devoted to the development and progressive work af the LEAGUE, *to advertising its objects, and promoting its ideals.*

HENRY J. FULLJAMES,
Secretary, CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE,
154, FLEET STREET, LONDON, E.C.

MORE VIEWS OF MEMBERS.

How Members Keep their Birds.

Sir,—I have visited two of our members, Messrs. Mudd and Pettit, and find their birds in beautiful condition. When birds are looked after like this I am sure they never worry for freedom or even think of it. These members are working very hard for CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE, and it is through them that I joined. I shall do the same myself for our society.

Walthamstow. T. C. CLOVER.

Some of Our Juvenile Members.

Sir,—I am sending you a photograph of my little juvenile group of members, and myself, all wearing our LEAGUE badges. From left to right, the children are: Donald Robins, aged 9; Wilfrid Bennett, aged 5; Sydney Stiles, aged 4; Bernard Norton, aged 5½; and Reginald Bennett, aged 6½. At our local show Robins took 1st with a Linnet, and Norton 1st with a Redpoll.

Bexley. G. H. PECK.

[This photograph is reproduced on page 25.—H. J. F.]

A Willing Worker.

Sir,—I am glad to see that our LEAGUE is progressing so favourably, also the kind offer of free books. I would be pleased to receive "British Bird Culture" if you have a copy left. I consider it a good idea to distribute pamphlets of the Aims and Objects of the League, as I find that in Belfast there are scores who have not heard of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE, but when I explain to them the objects of the LEAGUE it is a universal opinion that the LEAGUE is just what is wanted to protect the poor man from the moneyed faddist. I would be pleased, therefore, if you would send me some of your pamphlets to distribute to people who own birds, for I come across a lot in the course of my work who, if given one with a few words of advice, would most likely join; but unless they have something to remind them of it, forget about it until they see me again. If, when they get home amongst their birds, they find one of the LEAGUE bills in their pocket, they would be reminded of the one and only League that will protect them and their feathered pets. I would like about a hundred of your papers if you could spare them, and will give one of them and lend a copy of CAGE BIRDS, the best penny weekly, on condition that they pass them both on to some one who does not belong to the LEAGUE. I should like to see your badge as well worn as the Coronation favours—that is to say, hardly anyone without one. Hoping to hear of a large rush of recruits to the LEAGUE, and wishing it and yourself every success.

Belfast. J. SOMERS.

Sir,—My birds in outdoor aviaries number about forty—all British except three hen Canaries. Even if people live, as I do, right in the midst of wild birds, it is my opinion that they cannot be properly studied except in cages or aviaries. It is most remarkable to see the wild birds all around trying to get into my aviaries, even at this time of the year, midsummer.

Rose-acre, Bearstead. W. BENNETT.

An Active Member.

Sir,—As one of the early members of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE, I wish now to be also an active member, so I will be glad if you will please send me 250 circulars for distribution (I shall want more later on). In the course of my business I visit hundreds of families weekly, many of whom are bird-lovers like myself, and I wish to let them know of the LEAGUE and its aims and objects.

Tufnell Park, N. F. W. TIMMS.

Sound Advice.

Sir,—I have been a bird-catcher and breeder for many years; in fact, ever since I was nine years of age, and never know of once sitting down to my own meals without first feeding my pets. I have had thousands of birds through my hands, and am pleased that we have got such a splendid LEAGUE to protect our hobby against the attacks of the faddist. I shall be pleased to help in the great work of distributing the LEAGUE pamphlets, and at our forthcoming show nothing will please me more than to see all our members wearing their CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE badges. I hope that before long there will not be a single bird fancier in all the British Isles that is not a member. They should not put it off, but join now, and keep the ball rolling.

J. M. KING Secretary,
Ambleside and Dist. F.A.

The Young Naturalist.

A Clever Redpoll.

One morning I was away catching Redpolls about a mile from the house, and a wire got loose. My Redpoll got out, and flew away. I thought I had lost it, but to my surprise when I got home it was in the cage.—David Paterson (age 13), Crossford House, Crossford, via Carluke.

*A Faithful Blackbird.

George Stephenson, the engineer, when a poor boy, was very fond of Blackbirds. One he had taken early from the nest became so fond of him that it would come when he called it, and every night it went to roost on the head of his bed, and it would not sleep anywhere else. What was most singular was that this Blackbird would fly away to the woods in the spring, there build its nest, and rear its young; and then, when its work was done, return to its old home and master for the remainder of the year—a faithful bird indeed.—H. Wilkinson (age 14), 14, Chesilton Road, Fulham, London.

**A Clever Mimic.

A lady once had a very clever Cockatoo, called "The Doctor." When his mistress was feeding her poultry and all the hens and chickens and Turkeys and Pigeons were eating their food, "The Doctor" was seen circling in the air, and giving the shrill cry of a Hawk. The poultry, very much frightened, ran away at once; the hens clucking to their chickens, the Turkeys crouching, and the Pigeons flying. Then "The Doctor" changed his cry to peals of laughter, and flew to a high tree; then it perched on a hen-coop and said, as it choked with laughter, "You'll be the death of me."—Sent by Mary Ford (age 13), "Daphne," Elms Avenue, Eastbourne.

*A Friend in Need.

A Redbreast was mentioned lately in "Science Gossip" as doing a deed of kindness towards a young Starling one bitterly cold morning. The Starling had left the nest, and was sitting frightened and shivering in a cellar, where it had crept, too weak and hungry to fly. In vain kindly hands offered it bread; it refused all food, till a little hungry Robin came on his daily visit to the house, and spied the baby bird sitting on one leg calling its absent mother. Off he went, and soon came darting back with a worm, which was gratefully accepted. When the beggar-bird had been fed, both flew away.—Sent by William Sharples (age 14), 16, Dixon Street, Waterhead, Oldham.

My Favourite Canaries.

The Norwich Plainhead and the Lizard.

By W. REID (Sunderland).

(Continued from page 557).

The ground colour of the bird should be as rich and solid as possible, and the denser the black in the flights and tail the better. The beak, legs, and toes also should be dark; and these are points that I think a great deal of, for although light toes do not prevent a bird from being an exhibition specimen, they tell against it to a certain extent, and, in my opinion, the bird possessing them cannot be termed a tip-top specimen, no matter how good in other respects, for it has not the same finished appearance of the good bird with dark toes.

Size also is of some importance, on the principle that a big good bird will always beat a good little one. Yet I would not advise anyone to sacrifice any of the chief characteristics of the Lizard merely for the sake of size; therefore, when breeding for size, never lose sight of other and more necessary points.

Of course, the beginner will understand that Lizards are no more perfect in other respects than any other variety of Canary, and he must not expect when purchasing a bird to find it endowed with all the grand essentials of a show bird, for just as an otherwise decent Norwich may be a shade too long, or a little deficient in chest; or a Yorkshire a trifle stout, or perhaps a little flat on head, and so on, so will he find Lizards perhaps a little deficient in spangling, or maybe, irregularly rowed, or a bit pinched in cap, etc., and it is the breeder's duty to try to breed the faults out by careful mating, and thus get as near the ideal as possible. The nearest to the ideal, of course, gets the prize—at least, under a Lizard judge.

The Method of Pairing.

The method of pairing is the usual one, viz., yellow and buff; that is, gold and silver. The beginner should be satisfied with this pairing, for he does not want to dabble in the intricacies of double-yellowing and double-buffing until he has gained some experience, and then only when he has some special object in view, and knows for a fact that he has the right birds for the purpose. Double-yellowing and double-buffing indiscriminately (for no set purpose that is)—merely because one has sometimes seen it advocated in the Fancy Press—will most surely land one in trouble. The beginner would be well advised to stick to the recognised method as long as possible.

The general procedure is to pair a broken-capped bird to a clear-capped one. This method, as a rule, gives the best results; and you are more likely then to keep the recognised characteristics of the bird in your stock. If you breed too much from clear-capped birds alone you will probably find yourself producing birds that carry the cap too far over the head, termed over-capped; also white or bald-faced birds, that is, having the cheeks below the eyes; and round and under the beak are light instead of being dark. And if you breed a light feather or two in the flights or tail, you may as well shelve the bird at once, so far as exhibition purposes are concerned.

The beginner must understand that I am not condemning the pairing of two clear-capped birds in the sense that it should never be done. Far from it. I am merely warning him to avoid overdoing it, and the less he persists in pairing together two clear-capped birds bred from two clear-capped birds, season after season, the less liable will he be to produce birds with the faults I have mentioned above. Clear caps will be bred from the pairing of a broken cap to a clear cap, and two broken caps will also produce clear caps; and I have myself bred some really good capped birds from this latter pairing, even when one of the birds has had practically no cap at all. It will therefore be gathered that clear-capped birds bred thus are, when paired together, much less liable to the faults I have mentioned than those which are continually bred from two clear caps season after season.

An Abominable Habit.

When breeding Lizards the greatest possible care should be taken to prevent the parents from plucking the young, for this abominable habit seriously jeopardises one's prospects on the show bench. It appears sometimes to be a marked peculiarity with birds that are addicted to plucking that they should invariably commence to pluck the youngsters in the wrong place (that is, from your point of view) and the damage is generally done before you notice the fact. Thus a Norwich will sometimes commence operations by drawing all the tail feathers out, giving the young bird a little extra length just where you want it as short as possible, or a Yorkshire will probably commence at the breast and leave the tail severely alone, with the result that you have to tail the bird yourself if you wish for the little extra length that the adult tail gives. It is just the same with the Lizards, and unless the utmost care is taken you will sometimes find the backs of one or two of your most promising youngsters stripped quite bare, for it is generally the case that the best ones suffer most.

The plucking of a young Lizard is a far more serious matter than is the case with other varieties, for besides the weakening effect it has upon the young bird, it means that the light-tipped feathers come on the bird a moult too soon, thus spoiling whatever prospects it may have had of proving a show specimen.

In the Nest.

To make my meaning clear, I should explain that a Lizard in its nest feather has no spangle, although the rowing is there (and incidentally I may say that the birds with the most perfect rowing on their backs are the ones to keep your eyes upon for future exhibition purposes). The spangle comes with the first moult, at the conclusion of which the bird is in its most perfect plumage, be the specimen good, bad or indifferent. That is why they are termed one-year birds, meaning that they are in exhibition plumage for one year only (and personally I think this is one of the strongest possible reasons why a beginner should go in for this variety, for it does not matter how great a name an exhibitor may have, he has to breed new show birds each year, and if the beginner can start with a pair of good birds he has just the same chance of producing a tip-top specimen as the man who has bred and won with the variety for years).

The second moult, or, in other words, the third set of feathers, brings the light tips, when the bird loses its exhibition plumage. It will be seen at once how seriously it handicaps a Lizard to be plucked in the nest, for the new feathers that grow are really the ones that should under ordinary circumstances have come with the first moult, and the result is that in the case of a bird that has been plucked in the nest the first moult really brings the third set of feathers, which are those with the light tips.

A Difference of Opinion.

I am aware that some fanciers contend that when a bird has been plucked in the nest it does not moult the new feathers in the usual way, but I know differently, and if anyone needs convincing on this point just let him try the Lizards, which, by reason of this marked peculiarity in regard to the light-tipped feathers, are just the birds to prove it. Let it be understood, of course, that I am not alluding to young birds that are just on the point of breaking into the moult, and that may be plucked in the flight cages by other birds, for in this case the bird really has not time to grow new feathers before the moult is upon it. I think I have said sufficient to show that the strictest watch should be kept upon the young Lizards in order to avoid as far as possible any danger of their being plucked. Personally I always remove my own youngsters from their parents at the earliest possible opportunity, and transfer them either to another compartment, letting the parents feed them through the wired portion of the slide, or to nursery cages hung on the front of the breeding cage.

While on this subject I should say that there is a greater tendency at the present time to overlook these light-tipped feathers than in former years, for fanciers recognise the fact that Lizards are just as liable to lose a feather or two, through various causes, as any other variety, and you will sometimes see a bird with one or two light-tipped feathers standing at the top of the class. Some judges, however, will not have them, but go in wholly for birds that are sound in colour. I myself have had a bird which has had two or three light tips on the secondary flights, placed first under one judge, while another judge placed it third a week later, competing against the same bird. The judge told me straight that he had put it down simply because of the light tips. I am personally in favour of the latter course being adopted, for light tips undoubtedly spoil the appearance of the bird to a certain extent, and if birds with two or three light tips are allowed to stand in the money, those tipped to a greater extent cannot conscientiously be kept out, with the result that the beauty of the classes of Lizards at shows will considerably diminish, for breeders will not take the same great care of their birds when they know that even if the birds get plucked a little it will not matter.

It would be much better to have a limit placed upon these tippings, or, better still, make our ranks strong enough to warrant our asking societies to give us another class to take in young birds with a few tipped feathers and over-year birds. If we had such a class there would be no further reason for saying that the Lizard is a one-year bird only. I had intended giving a few notes on the management of the birds, and on preparing them for exhibition, etc., but I shall have to give them on some future occasion. In the meantime, if this paper should be the means of inducing more fanciers to take up the Lizard variety, and thus bring this beautiful bird more into popular favour, my object will have been attained. I have no hesitation in saying that as a variety of Canary for the new fancier to commence with, the Lizard Canary cannot be excelled, either as a show bird, stock bird, or songster; and should the beginner ever find himself in difficulties he has only to ask advice from the older breeders, any of whom will be only too pleased to help him, through the columns of CAGE BIRDS.

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THE SHOWS.

(Continued from page 27).

LINCOLN C.B.S.

Held July 7, there was an entry of 70 good looking youngsters, admirably staged in a cosy room of the Central Hall. The classes were well contested, there being a little better entry than last year. Judge, Mr. G. Browning, of Rotherham.

NOR. YELL.: 1, sp, Pickering; 2, Smith; 3, 4, Willerton. BUFF: 1, sp, Willerton; 2, 3, 4, Sissons. YORKS. YELL.: 1, sp, Cordwell; 2, Harris; 3, Boucher; 4, Marshall. BUFF: 1, sp, Willerton; 2, Boucher; 3, Marshall; 4, Cordwell. HYBRID: 1, sp, Priestly; 2, Hill; 3, 4, Priestly; vhc, Pickering. BRIT.: Mr. Wark, a very fine Bullfinch, took premier honours. Mr. Coulson was second, Sindell third, and Mr. Johnson fourth.—W. Tindell, Sec.

WOMBWELL & DISTRICT B.F.A.

Second F.F. show, July 8, Wesleyan Reform Schoolroom, when six members staged 38 birds, and some of them should be heard of again. Mr. Humphrey won sp. for best Yorks. and most points; Mr. Lister, spl. for best Norwich; Mr. Dean, special for best Brit. Mr. G. A. Pogmore judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction. YORKS. YELL.: 1, sp, vhc, Humphrey; 2, 3, vhc, Malpass; hc, Humphrey; c, Scargill. BUFF: 1, 2, Malpass; 3, Humphrey. MARKED YELL.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Humphrey; hc, Scargill. BUFF: 1, 3, vhc, Malpass; 2, hc, c, Humphrey. BRIT. GOLD., AND BULLFINCH: 1, Dean, with a grand cock Bullfinch; 2, Lister, with a good cock Goldfinch, which is "down" to day; 3, Hudson. A.V. HARDBILL: 1, 2, Hudson; 3, vhc, Dean.

FALKIRK AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

First feather show, held July 8th, in the Oddfellows' Hall. There was a good turn-out of members and friends. We had 53 entries in 11 classes, and some good birds were staged, especially in the British classes. Mr. W. Burke won specials for best Plainhead and best Canary; Mr. R. A. Kirkwood, jun. for Brit. and For.; Mr. D. Baird for Bord.; and Mr. J. Moreland for Crest or C.B. Judges:—Norwich, Mr. W. Scaife (Grangemouth); Bord., Mr. T. R. Wallace (Camelon), and Brit. and For., Mr. J. Morris (Camelon). Their awards appeared to give general satisfaction. NOR. YELL. (6): 1, 3, Patterson; 2, 5, 6, Sutton; 4, Baird. BUFF (6): 1, 2, sp, Burke; 3, Sutton; 4, Moreland; 5, Morris; 6, Baird. CREST: 1, sp, Moreland. C.B.: 1, Morris. BORD. YELL. (8): 1, sp, Baird; 2, sp, Leitch; 3, Reid; 4, Conner; 5, Morris; 6, 7, 8, Kinloch. BUFF (9): 1, 2, 4, Conner; 3, Reid; 5, Kinloch; 6, 8, Sutton; 7, Leitch. MULE: 1, sp, 2, Wilson. BRIT. FINCH (9): 1, sp, 4, Robertson; 2, 7, Rennie; 3, sp, Moreland; 5, Reid; 6, Wilson; 8, Martin. A.O.V. BRIT. (6): 1, Kirkwood; 2, sp, Moreland; 3, 5, Robertson; 4, Rennie; 6, Martin. SOFTBILL: 1, sp, Kirkwood; 2, Robertson. FOR.: 1, sp, Kirkwood; 2, Wallace; 3, Burke.—R. Rennie, Sec.

BIRKENHEAD AND DIST. C.F.A.

F.F. show, July 8th, in Co-operative Hall, Catherine Street. Over 100 birds well staged, among them some very fine exhibits. Taken all-round it was a really good show. A good number of visitors turned up, amongst whom were noticed Mr. Chippendale (Accrington), Mr. Percival (Ellesmere Port), Mr. Algie (Bootle), Mr. Hadwin, and several other well-known birdie men. Mr. J. W. Metcalfe (Liverpool) was the Judge, and got through his work in good time (the show being open to the public by 1 p.m.), while his awards were well received.

CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Corbet, very nice bird, good length; 2, Jones, good style and colour, beaten in length only; 3, c, Percival, good style and position; vhc, Gallagher; hc, Morton. BUFF: 1, c, Caine, grand bird, splendid position, style and length; 2, Corbet, big one, will look better when tightened up; 3, vhc, Morton, nice exhibit, good position; hc, Edwards. UNEVEN, ETC., YELL.: 1, vhc, Corbet, Cinn. mkd., good bird, splendid type, well filled; 2, c, Jones, green mkd., also good, must have pressed hard; 3, Young, stands well, nice feather; hc, Darlington. BUFF: 1, spl, Jones, grand Yorkie, easy first, stands by itself; 2, Young, also very good, will be heard of again; 3, Corbett; vhc, Caine; c, Morton. SELF GREEN YELL.: 1, Edwards, nice type, good style and colour; 2, Jones, nice wedge shape, good colour and length; 3, Wright, good position, big, plenty of leg, should moult good one; vhc, Lloyd; hc, Hughes; c, Young. BUFF: 1, Corbett, big bird, good pencilling, nice position; 2, Wright, good quality and style; 3, vhc, hc, Young, nice team; c, Hughes. FOUL YELL.: 1, 2, Young, both nice, good colour and position; 3, Jones, grand bird, some thought could have gone up; vhc, Lloyd; hc, Cooper; c, Hughes. BUFF: 1, spl, Young, real good one, nice pencilling, well filled; 2, Wright, quality and position all there; 3, Morton, very nice; vhc, Lloyd; hc, Jones; c, Darlington. CLASSES 9, 10, 11 and 12 (amalgamated): 1, spl, 2, 3, c, Lloyd, all Norwich, a grand lot, well staged, a credit to owner; vhc, hc, Howlet. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, novice spl., 2, Cooper, green Border, Leacy; 3, Young; vhc, Darlington, nice Crest, shown by an old exhibitor a real good fancier; hc, Edwards; c, Hughes. SELLING: 1, spl, 2, 4, Morton; 3, Cooper; vhc, hc, Hill. CLASS 20: 1, Morton, Goldfinch, an old winner; 2, Edwards; 3, vhc, Percival. CLASS 22: 1, Young; 2, vhc, Cooper; 3, Edwards. Most points throughout the show, Mr. Young, 49, who wins rose bowl (presented by Mr. H. E. Lloyd). Mr. Cooper, 22 points, wins novice cruet (presented by Mrs. Lloyd). Most points for pair oil paintings (presented by Mr. R. B. Wright), Mr. Young, 47. Every credit is due to Mr. Richardson for the able manner in which he assisted. Pleased to hear that he had shipped a large number of Canaries to South Africa. Mr. H. E. Lloyd, the Secretary, has also sent one consignment to Australia. A few new members joined the Society. Mr. Metcalfe, the Judge, remained during the afternoon and entertained the members as to what constituted a buff green Yorkshire. Altogether the show was a great success. Secretary Lloyd and his wife handing sandwiches and tea round to all and sundry. Mr. Lloyd believes in hard work. He deserves all the support he gets. Everybody was pleased to see Mr. H. Hughes out and about again after his severe illness.

RUNCORN C.B.S.

Very successful table nest feather show held headquarters July 14th. Mr. J. Grey judged, and his awards gave entire satisfaction. After the show an important business meeting was held, which was well attended. YORKS., YELL (9): 1, 2, vhc, Baxter; 3, c, Ratcliffe; hc, Peck. BUFF (5): 1, 2, Glover; 3, hc, Ratcliffe; vhc, Peck. NOR., YELL.: 1, 3, Baxter; 2, Peck. BUFF: 1, Baxter; 2, Peck. NOVICE, YORKS. (12): 1, 3, c, Norton; 2, Whyte; vhc, Farrall; hc, Bradbury. T. P. Baxter, Sec.

GLASGOW (West End) C.B.C.

F.F. Show, held Clarendon Hall, on July 8th, in beautiful weather. Entries were not quite up to expectations, but this was owing to the bad breeding season experienced by the majority of the members. The total numbered 48. Although the entries were not large, the quality was excellent. Many birds will be sure to be heard of in the near future. Mr. John Young (Rutherglen) judged, and his awards gave general satisfaction.

CREST (2): 1, 2, G. Young. C.B. (2): 1, G. Young; 2, W. Freckleton. NOR. YELL. (4): 1, 2, P. Houston; 3, Miller; 4, D. Taylor. BUFF (5): 1, spl., Hordie; 2, G. G. Henderson; 3, Freckleton; 4, D. Taylor; 5, Miller. BUFF VARIEG. (9): 1, 4, T. Houston; 2, Miller; 3, 5, Hardie; 6, D. Taylor. BORDER CL. OR TKD. YELL (3): 1, Lunn; 2, Miller; 3, J. Campbell. BUFF (10): 1, 4, 5, Proudfoot; 2, 3, Lunn; 6, J. Campbell; 7, Symington. YELL VARIEG. (1): 1, Miller. BUFF (4): 1, 3, Proudfoot; 2, Miller; 4, Symington. YORKS., CL. OR TKD. YELL. (1): 1, Pinnock. BUFF (2): 1, 2, Pinnock. YELL. VARIEG. (1): 1, Pinnock. A.O.V. CAN. (3): 1, 2, Jas. Henderson; 3, Kinniburgh. DARK MULE (1): 1, G. G. Henderson.—W. Proudfoot, Sec. and Treas.

MANCHESTER & N. COUNTIES O.S

22nd annual nest feather show, July 1, in the Chorlton Town Hall. The room is an ideal one for a show, having a splendid light and plenty of room. Although several classes had to be cancelled (Lancs., Lizs., Cinns., Bords., Sell., and For.), entries came up very well, totalling 182, an increase of 60 over last year, and the largest number since 1902. Yorkshires had 53 in 4 classes, and some very promising youngsters amongst them. Norwich also contained some very promising exhibits. The novice classes, although they were well looked after re specials, etc., were badly supported (why don't the novices show more?). There were, however, some very nice birds in these classes, the special for best bird in show going to a gem of a Norwich shown by Mr. J. A. Vint, and we wish him luck with it. The show was well patronised, and everything went off well. Mr. A. Hirst judged, and his awards were favourably received. The following are winners of specials: Mr. J. A. Vint, best team of 4 Canaries, also best in show; Mr. W. Fairhurst, best team 4 British, and Messrs. Broughton, Pike, Gray, Boothman, McKail, Cook, Dr. Twigg, Morgan, Fairhurst, Hayward, Moorbey, Vint, and Lucas.

YORKS., CL. YELL. (17): 1, Snape; 2, Humphries; 3, c, Holden; 4, Broughton; vhc, Gray; hc, Whittaker. BUFF (18): 1, 4, Pike; 2, Gray; 3, Whittaker; vhc, Humphries; hc, Midgley; c, Snape. TKD. YELL. (10): 1, 4, Broughton; 2, c, Snape; 3, Gray; vhc, Pike; hc, McKail. BUFF (12): 1, vhc, Broughton; 2, hc, Pike; 3, Gray; 4, Atkinson; c, Holden. NOR. CL. YELL. (11): 1, 2, vhc, Boothman; 3, Fulcher; 4, McKail; hc, Raynes; c, Barlow. TKD. YELL. (8): 1, hc, Cook; 2, Boothman. BUFF (12): 1, c, Boothman; 2, vhc, McKail; 3, Whalley; 4, Cook; hc, Robinson. A.O.V. CAN. (12): 1, 4, hc, Twigg; 2, Whalley; 3, Hickson; vhc, Fulcher; c, Raynes. YOUNG MULE (12): 1, Fairhurst; 2, 3, Richards; 4, Buckley; vhc, Morgan; hc, c, Pollitt. MULE, ANY AGE (5): 1, Whalley; 2, Pollitt; 3, Morgan; 4, vhc, Smith. BRIT., GOLD. OR BULLFINCH (10): 1, Whalley; 2, 4, vhc, Austin; 3, Morgan; hc, Whittaker; vhc, Buckley. LINNET (9): 1, 2, Fairhurst; 3, Hughes; 4, Whittaker; vhc, Buckley; hc, Whalley; c, Morgan. GREENFINCH (7): 1, Fairhurst; 2, Morgan; 3, Buckley; 4, Whittaker; vhc, Heyward; hc, Whalley; c, Smith. SISKIN, ETC. (11): 1, Schofield; 2, Fairhurst; 3, Morgan; 4, c, Whalley; vhc, Midgley; hc, Smith. A.O.S. HARDBILL (6): 1, 2, hc, Smith; 3, Whittaker; 4, Morgan; vhc, Schofield. NOVICE, YORKS. CL. YELL. (1): Moorbey. BUFF (1): Lucas. TKD. YELL. (3): 1, Moorbey; 2, Lucas; 3, Schofield. BUFF (2): 1, Lucas; 2, Schofield. NOR. CL. YELL. (1): 1, Vint. BUFF (5): 1, 4, Beswick; 2, Vint; 3, vhc, Coldbeck. TKD. YELL. (4): 1, Vint; 2, Hayward; 3, Beswick. BUFF (9): 1, 3, vhc, Vint; 2, 4, Hayward; hc, c, Beswick.—H. Boothman, Hon. Sec.

Club Reports.

PRESTON O.S.

Meeting held July 13. Business mostly with regard to big show in Nov. Decided to hold same in St. Wilfrid's Rooms, Corporation Street, close to the Public Hall. It is much more convenient and has a splendid light; in fact, it is quite an ideal room for a show. Messrs. Roe and Houlton were elected as judges, and the Green Canary Association patronage was applied for. Prize-money won at F.F. Show was paid, and the medals won, given the successful exhibitors, viz., Mr. T. Barton, in the novice section, and Messrs. Thompson and Marsh, equal, in the open section. A vote of thanks to Mr. Waring for judging was moved by the Chairman and carried unanimously.—J. P. Leeming, Sec.

SWANSEA C.B.S.

Meeting, July 11th, Market Coffee Tavern, Mr. J. H. Ford presiding over a large gathering. Every member was delighted to know that the F.F. show turned out a financial success. The Chairman presented the two silver cups. Winner of the Canary cup, Mr. T. Vanstone, was unable to be present, but sent a worthy substitute in his wife. Mrs. Vanstone, in returning thanks on behalf of her husband, said that he was sorry that business had kept him away that evening. His one ambition now was to breed another bird next year that would win the cup again so that it would become his own property. Mr. J. Jeffries received the British cup for most points, and suitably responded. To the schedule for open show several classes were added, bringing the total up to nearly 70. Two more new members were enrolled—Messrs. S. Prangle and F. Gully—and with a few more likely ones to come, the Swansea Society will still be able to claim to be the largest, most powerful, and active cage bird society in Wales. I should like to take this opportunity of thanking Mr. D. A. S. Longden for his kindness in judging the F.F. show, and for the able manner he performed his duties; also our worthy doorkeeper, Mr. J. Mock and other members who took part in the show.—S. H. George, Hon. Sec.

HOLYWOOD AND DIST. C.B.S.

There will be four solid silver cups, value £5 5s. each, for competition at the open show, Nov. 24th and 25th. The Mrs. Bruce cup for best young Canary bred, the McCammard-Shakelton cup for best young Norwich, and the J. K. Stephens cup for best young Yorks (all bred by local members). The Society's cup open for competition to all for the best young Yorks or Nor. Plainhead is to be won three years in succession, or four in all, before becoming the winner's own property. All birds to be the bona-fide property of the exhibitor. As our society is now in a very prosperous condition (having a substantial balance at the bank and a good list of specials), it is to be hoped our neighbours will give us a little better support than they did last year, for we are a young society that will do its utmost to give as good value as obtainable in Ireland. Seeing that we have been fortunate enough to get Mr. Mundell, of Bradford, to judge, we see no reason why our forthcoming show should not be a great success. The cups will be on exhibition in Sharman D. Neill's window (Donegall Place, Belfast) during the next month. All local fanciers and breeders cordially invited at our general meetings held in the Old Masonic Hall, Holywood, first Tuesday in every month—pleased to welcome any new members. Next meeting, 1st August; business of importance; all members please attend.—F. Cole, Hon. Sec.

GLASGOW AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

Committee meeting held July 4th, Duncan's Restaurant. Chair occupied by President, Mr. R. B. Jarvie, before a good turn-out of members. Judges' correspondence was read, and the terms being considered suitable, the following gentlemen were unanimously decided upon: For Norwich Plainheads and Crests, Mr. W. B. Mackie (Aberdeen); for Borders, Mr. J. Craig (Brechin); for Yorkshires, Mr. J. W. Bruce (Coldstream); for British and Foreign birds, Messrs. L. J. Arrighi and A. Cochrane (Edinburgh). After a discussion it was decided to conform to the rules of the S.B.B. and M.C. regarding their cups and trophy, and the secretary was instructed to forward the necessary fee. Also decided, to increase prize money to 35s. per class, with entrance fee 2s. per bird, the same as formerly. Prize money to be 1st, 15s.; 2nd, 10s.; 3rd, 5s.; 4th, 3s.; and 5th, 2s. For some time past a number of the committee have been on the look-out for a more suitable hall, as the Drill Hall, Stirling Road, is considered to be in a bad position for drawing a "gate," and "gate money" has been the principal failing at past shows. The result is that a most suitable hall has been procured in one of the business thoroughfares of the city. This is the Crown Hall, Sauchiehall Street, an ideal hall from every point of view, being free from draught, and an even temperature can also be kept during the show. The committee fully expect to have a record gate, as the drawing powers of this hall should be treble that of the old one.—Fred. Bowman, Sec.

GLASGOW (West End) C.B.C.

Monthly meeting in Clarendon Hall, July 7th, Mr. H. Jamieson presiding over a good attendance. Classification for annual members' show: It was decided to call an extraordinary general meeting to discuss this. Two new members were enrolled, viz., William Lunn and David Ritchie. Business now being over, the members were entertained to a splendid lecture on the "Yorkshire Canary," by Mr. R. B. Gibb. This gentleman is a great admirer of the Yorkshire Canary, and is at the present time Hon. Secretary of the Yorkshire C.C. of Scotland, which is making great headway, and Mr. Gibb is working very hard to popularise the bird. In his opening remarks, he said he did not believe in purely paper written lectures; he preferred a lecture from just what one had really experienced as this led up to a good debate, and justified itself in giving everyone the chance of stating their opinion on the subject. First of all, he dealt with the comparison of the Scotch Yorkshire to that of the English Yorkshire. Taken on the whole, English birds were more nervy, of better quality, and truer to type. The Yorkshires of Scotland, in his opinion, were inclined to be too round and too heavy in the head, and too thick in the neck, shoulders far too broad and too squnre (this, he said, was a bad fault in the Yorkshire). A very animated discussion took place. Mr. Gibb having answered all very satisfactorily, the Chairman thanked him for the very interesting lecture he had given, and asked the members present to accord Mr. Gibb a very hearty vote of thanks, which they did very enthusiastically. With a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman, the evening was brought to a close.—W. Proudfoot, Sec. and Treas.

WEST STANLEY AND DIS. C.B.S.

Meeting held July 15, Mr. W. Butler in chair. There was a very large turn-out of members. It was decided to have two judges for this annual show to be held on Jan. 20. The following were nominated for election: Messrs. W. Reid (Sunderland), T. Dixon (Bedlington), A. Brown (Gateshead), J. Hands (Ryton), W. P. Barnes (Grantham), J. Shepherd (Newcastle), W. Maddison (Newcastle), and J. Dixon (Wigton). During the evening we enrolled one new member and two for CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE.—W. Elliott, Sec.

KELTY AND BLAIRADAM C.B.A.

Meeting held July 11th, Mr. Jas. Stenhouse (President) in the chair. A letter was received from Scottish Crest Club granting their patronage. Stewards for the open show were appointed. Scotch: A. Cowan and A. Fotheringham. Bord.: J. Anderson and W. Purvis. Yorks: R. Hamilton and W. Johnston. Crests: Jas. Veitch and J. Hunter. Plainheads: T. Barclay and A. Ramsay. Brit.: A. Anderson and J. Cordery. Mr. Jas. Fotheringham spoke of the sad loss our Association had sustained through the death of Mr. John Chalmers.—A. Dickson, Sec.

GATESHEAD AND DIST. C.B.S.

Meeting held July 12th, Mr. R. Tindle presiding over a good attendance. Letters were read from the specialist clubs re granting their patronage. The following new members were elected: Messrs. Lord (Dronston) and R. H. Gills (Felling). Classification for open show was decided at last general meeting, but members' classes were left over. These were then taken, and came in for a lively discussion, especially re novice classes. Members' hen classes for Norwich was made into 2—yellow and buff. This we think will meet with the approval of all members, as it has always been a strong class. The two hen classes were put on for the novice in Norwich and Yorkshire. Specials were promised for two of these. Will members who have not yet paid their subscriptions kindly forward same to secretary at the earliest opportunity?—A. Holden, Secretary and Treasurer.

SHEFFIELD C.B.S.

Meeting held July 6th, Wentworth Cafe, Pinstone Street, Mr. T. Hemming (President) in chair. Secretary informed meeting that our Hon. President, Mr. H. Barber, had kindly given £1 1s. for specials; also Mr. Memmott had given a silver butter knife and silver jam spoon, which have been won at our late nest feather show; Mr. P. Walsh is giving 5s. for most entries in British classes over both shows (donor barred). The committee thank these gentlemen, also other friends who have given specials. We were to have had a talk on Crests, introduced by Mr. J. W. Crookes, but he had intimated his inability to be present, and sent a promise to oblige us at some future date. The discussion on colour feeding was opened by Mr. Hemming and several other members took part. Most of the points re the successful colour feeding of birds were dealt with, and no doubt novices learned something to their advantage during the discussion. Seeing the last ramble was a success, it was decided to have another on July 29th, to Edwinstowe, situate in the heart of the Dukeries. Train leaves Sheffield (Midland Station) 1.15 p.m.; return fare, 1s. 9d. We trust as many members and friends as can will go; we are assured of a good time, as many names have already been given in. Mr. A. Bailey was elected a new member. Next meeting: Breeding experiences of members, and questions by ballot. All fanciers welcome.—J. Woolhouse, Assist. Sec.

LANCASHIRE AND LIZARD F.A.

Meeting held Old Boar's Head, Manchester, July 5th. A fair number of members put in an appearance. Several applications for our Club patronage were read, it being decided that we give our patronage to Manchester. Also decided to advise secretary to write several societies re giving Lancashire and Lizard classes, as it was considered time we broke fresh ground as far as possible. Also decided, that secretary write Secretary Northern Lizard Club as to the possibilities of an inter-Club competition, same to be held in the North and in Lancashire, Cheshire, or Derbyshire, on alternative seasons. Members keep rolling in, Mr. Hordern sending us a new member in Mr. T. H. Collinge (Rochdale). It seems like old times to see the names of the Rochdale fanciers as members; and I hope ere long to see even more of them under the old flag. The secretary was appointed to attend the meeting of the proposed Lancashire and Cheshire Union, and was given a free hand as to the joining of same. Also suggested that the question of rules, and also fresh standards for both varieties be discussed. Mr. E. Fuller was nominated to judge our section at the Notting Lane show. It was decided to allow the application of the Scottish National to lie over till next meeting. It is hoped that the next meeting, an important one, will be well attended, so that several things can be fairly thrashed out. Due notice of meeting will be given. I trust each and all will have had a good season, and that a good number of new members will join.—John Rukin, Hon. Sec.

NORTHERN CREST CLUB.

Meeting held at Newcastle on 12th July, under the presidency of Mr. Robson. Mr. W. Marshall (Blyth) was made a member. Correspondence was read by secretary from secretaries of the Edinburgh, Newcastle, Blaydon, and Gateshead Societies relative to our patronage for their annual shows. Seventeen voted for Gateshead; 2 each for Newcastle, and Blaydon. Our club show will therefore be held at Gateshead. As Edinburgh are not providing the classification required by our club, their application was declined. It seems a pity a show like the Scottish National can only provide four classes for Crests. Messrs. Crawhall and T. Taylor have each promised a gold medal for the novice member who wins most number of points in the two novice classes put on by the Gateshead Society. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded them. Decided, to give three medals at Newcastle and Blaydon shows: Newcastle—1 silver for best old C.B., 1 for best young Crest, 1 for best young C.B; Blaydon—1 silver for best old Crest, 1 for best young Crest, and 1 for best young C.B. Also agreed, that we give the medals, or their equivalent, at our club show, as in past years, viz., 2 gold and 5 silver medals in each of the young bird classes. From a suggestion that originates from Mr. Crawhall, the secretary was advised to write secretaries of all Northern specialist clubs to see if their members would favour a social evening or "smoker," after the show season, when the presentation of the various club's prizes could take place. The idea is to bring fanciers into closer contact with each other. Newcastle was suggested, and Mr. Robson and the secretary were elected to represent the N.C.C. Our chairman then raised a very interesting "talk" on the Crested Canary of to-day, which caused the evening to pass only too quickly.—J. G. Hutchinson, Sec.

CUMNOCK AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

General meeting held Co-operative Hall, Auchinleck, July 8. President Mr. Kinnear in the chair, with a fair turn out of members. Business was the consideration of a challenge cup to be competed for yearly, and it was the unanimous finding of the meeting that we get a cup, the secretary and president to get quotations and designs to come before next meeting, September 2, to choose one. We have secured the Co-operative Hall; it is well adapted for a show, with plenty of light and comfortable. We have secured the services of two good judges in the persons of Mr. P. McQuiston, Ayr, for the Scotch, Nor., and Brit. section, and Mr. Wm. Kirkhope, Sanquhar, for Borders. Will any fancier or fanciers within the parishes of Muirkirk, Sorn, Mouchline, Auchinleck, Old, and New Cumnock, Ochiltree, and Tarbolton, wishing to become a member, please communicate with me?—J. Nutt, Sec., 73, Highhouse, Auchinleck.

WINDHILL AND DISTRICT O.S.

Interesting Cricket Match.

Cricket match at Menston, Hare and Hound ground. Fanciers and their wives turned up well. This is without doubt the finest place in the whole dale—the scenery is splendid. After refreshments we adjourned to the field, wickets were pitched, and all were ready for the fray. The captains tossed the coin; Mr. H. Bailey for Windhill and Mr. T. Ogden for the rest, the rest winning the toss and preferred to bat. They batted well, running the score up to 86, when the last wicket fell. Here we adjourned for tea. Forty sat down. The table looked well as we entered. As time was getting on, the umpires called "time." We journeyed to the field. Here the ladies went for a ramble, gathering wild flowers and coming across birds' nests, some with eggs and others with young. Then Windhill were called on to bat. They batted with confidence, and when time was called for drawing at 7.30, the score was standing at 46 for six. This being the 8th season, and not a match has been lost. Who is going to have the first honour? We are open to play any society in the Yorkshire Union. It is expected that Manningham C.B.A. will accept our challenge. Everything went off well except that Mr. F. Hammond retired hurt from batting. We all returned home after a good day's outing, leaving Menston by 9.35 train.—J. Cook, Sec.

Country Rambles

CHELTENHAM C.B.S.

Ideal weather favoured the members when some 20 odd went for their annual outing on July 15th. Meeting at headquarters at 2.30, they proceeded by brake to their favourite rendezvous, Wainslodes Hill, reaching there about half-past four. There they were met by some of their Gloucester confrerers, including Mr. J. H. Payne. After justice had been done to an excellent salmon tea, the members faced the cameras of Messrs. Grant and Smith. That formality over, the company broke up into groups, some enjoying a view, others preferring to get out their fishing tackle, while others strolled through the woods in search of bird life, wild seeds, etc. Assembling again at 8.30, the party mounted their brake and the horses' heads were turned towards home, which was reached about 10 o'clock, everybody somewhat tired, but all declaring they had had a most enjoyable trip.—A. S. Treasure.

OLDHAM AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

A ramble took place recently to Broadbottoms, when a party of twelve left Glodwick Station at 9.30 a.m. for the purpose of gaining some little knowledge of wild-bird life. Arriving at our destination at about 10.30 we made arrangements for dinner, and then rambled through Hodge Gardens, where we came across a good number of birds and nests; and although these did not come up to expectations, we enjoyed our ramble round. Before going back for dinner our worthy friend and fancier, Mr. Steeple, took us on the brook in Bottomhall Woods to look for the nest of a Sandpiper, but only one of our number ventured to find it, and he found, to the amusement of the party, that it was a very damp nest, as he fell into the brook and received something free which he would have had to pay for at home. After dinner, to which we did full justice, we decided to take "shanks pony" on to Glossop, where we arrived about six o'clock after a beneficial walk; and I think everyone says we had a good day's outing, and they hope the rambles will continue yearly.—J. Cope, Sec.

BORDER CITY (Carlisle) O.S.

Our third ramble took place on July 16th, when the following were present: Messrs. G. Davidson, T. J. Robson, Jos. Robson, W. Dixon, G. Higgins, R. Macartney, and Wm. Davidson. Leaving Carlisle at about 2 p.m., we proceeded by train to Wetheral. Crossing the high bridge spanning the River Eden an extensive panorama of the Eden Valley is obtained. The beautiful woods of Corby and Wetheral were in full foliage and worth going a long way to see. Passing through the village of Corby we made our way eastward towards Cumwhitton, and from thence to Cumwhitton Moss. Coming to a bye-lane we found a number of nests. Half-a-dozen Greenfinch nests with eggs were found within a space of 40 or 50 yards, also a Blackbird's nest with four newly hatched young ones. Further on we saw alight in front of us a young Cuckoo, which kept searching about, seemingly looking for food until we came to the end of the lane. Several Snipe were seen shortly afterwards, and Yellow and Grey Wagtails. Chaffinches and several other species were also seen. We next made for Allen-wood, as time was now speeding on. Coming to Allengrove we had refreshments, which, seeing the hot day it was, were very acceptable. After looking through the gardens and sampling the fruit we made our way to Heads Nook Station, and took train for Carlisle, which we reached just before nine o'clock.—"One of the Ramblers."

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Llandrindod Wells.—Aug 16, Victoria Hall. Judge, Mr. J. N. Harrison. 12 open classes: Nor., Yorks., Bord., A.O.V. Can., 1 each; Brit. 3, Mules 1, For. 1, Local, A.V., 1, Sell 2. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Ent. close Aug. 10, to P. Muscott, 1, Boundary Terr., Llandrindod Wells.

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Singing Contests.

GLASSHOUGHTON.

Open Linnet Contest, Rock Inn, July 10th, when 13 birds were entered: 1, J. Kirk, 67-sec.; 2, Brealey, 57; 3, Nelson, 53. We sing 1-min face and 2 bluff.—R. Taylor, Sec.

DURHAM.

Will fanciers remember that a Linnet sing will be held at Travellers' Rest, Gilesgate Moor, on the Miners' Gala Day, July 22nd, when Mr. G. Reed will give £2 in cash, entrance 1s. (3d. back for refreshments)? First birds on nails at 12.30 prompt. Special judge engaged.—Geo. Reed, Sec.—Advt.

CASTLEFORD.

Linnet contest, held headquarters, George and Dragon Hotel, Bridge-st., before a good company. We had 21 birds to sing for 3 good prizes. After some very good singing the winners were: 1, A. Towler; 2, S. Morley; 3, B. Nelson.—Walter Dobson, Hon. Sec.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Week-end Linnet contest held Prince Albert Inn, where Mrs. M. A. Saynor gave three prizes (quality singing only). Owing to the majority of birds being in moult only 8 birds entered. Judges Messrs. A. Binns and C. Lorriman. 1, J. Chippendale; 2, 3, T. Chippendale.—E. Wood, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS.

Skinners Arms Linnet F.A., Buslingthorpe Lane, open quality contest, July 15th, when 15 birds competed. Result, 1, Ward; 2, 3, Lunn. Judges, Messrs. J. Green and J. Simmons. Also July 16th, when 19 birds faced the Judges, Messrs. J. Green and J. Simmons. Result: 1, Lunn; 2, Ward; 3, Sellars.—Wm. Lunn, Hon. Sec.

PONTEFRACT.

Weekly contest, held July 15, Woodman Inn, when we had some very good singing before a large company. 1, H. Dickinson, 75; 2, T. Piper, 67; 3, J. Martin, 45. Open contest, July 16, when we had a record entry, birds coming from all the leading clubs in the district. We sang 3 minutes. Our oldest member ("Old Map") took 1, 159; 2, Dickinson, 52; 3, J. Bullough, 40. Members' sing every Saturday, first bird hung 3 o'clock. Open contest every week-end, first bird 1 o'clock; all welcome.—H. Chatterton, Sec.

SHEFFIELD.

Singing contest, held Fitzwilliam Hotel, Milford Street, Attercliffe Common, July 15th, when Mr. J. Grundy gave 3 specials (3 minutes time singing), and 14 birds entered. 1, Thompson, 74 secs.; 2, Driver, 53 secs.; 3, Albert, 52 secs; 4, Thompson, 47 secs. On July 16th, Mr. J. Grundy gave three specials (3 minutes time singing), and 16 birds entered. 1, Thompson, 89 secs; 2, Albert, 88 secs.; 3, Thompson, 57 secs.; Thompson, 56 secs; Albert, 55 secs. Contest every week-end. Whitsuntide Club going strong. New members can join by applying to Mr. J. Grundy on any club night from 8 to 9 o'clock.—A. Thompson, Sec.

SALFORD.

Special meeting, held Boat House Hotel, July 16. Following officers elected for year: President and chairman, Mr. H. Coates; vice-president, Mr. Bird; secretary, Mr. B. Wharton; treasurer, Mr. H. Coates; committee, Messrs. J. Green, W. Cain, J. Pearson, A. Coomber, A. Stewart, A. Marshall (auditors will be appointed next meeting). Report of club read; it gave every satisfaction to all, and certainly gives promise of further progress in forming a good club. We have been promised the patronage of several gentlemen in the district. The committee decided that the entrance fee be 6d. and 2d. per week from July 29. All members are requested to attend open contest, headquarters, July 29, for time, entrance 6d.; commence 2.30. Any fancier can join any date by applying to me, B. Wharton, Hon. Sec., 18, Mitton Street, Stanley Grove, Longsight.

LEIGH.

Club contest, held July 15th, when we had an entry of some 40 birds. I am very pleased to see the novices were very prominent, and that they have some birds that will be heard of later for their singing. We gave the usual four prizes for each class, which were composed of specials given by Messrs. H. Brown, J. McAllister, J. W. Jones, P. Hart and others. Prize-winners: For quality: 1, Mrs. H. Brown; 2, G. Randels; 3, W. Wood; 4, W. Holmes. For time: 1, T. Brickley, 129; 2, J. Hampson, 108; 3, P. Hart, 59; 4, D. Banks, 35. Judges, Messrs. J. W. Jones, T. Statham, for quality; and for time, J. Hampson and B. Jones; timekeeper, J. McAllister; birdman, T. Houghton. Will all fanciers note that we hold an open contest at the Globe Inn, Bradshawgate, July 22nd, when we will give some very good prizes. Still open to receive more members.—J. McAllister, Sec.

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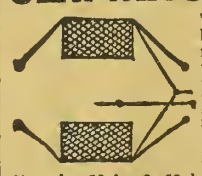
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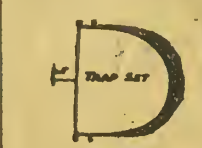
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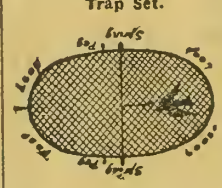
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The Shows.

NOTE.—We cannot possibly undertake the writing out of lists of awards from the catalogues of shows. A fully written report must be sent us —EDITOR.

ROTHERHAM C.B.S.

Annual F.F. Show held July 15, Mail Coach Inn, Wellgate—a very good room, being well lighted and large. Owing to the poor breeding season experienced by most of the members, the entry was not not as large as in former years, though the quality was good. The attendance was very good. Mr. G. Browning (Rotherham) judged.

YORKS. (YOUNG): 1, 3, Stringer; 2, 4, vhc, Thompson. OLD: 1, 2, Stringer; 3, 4, vhc, Thompson. YOUNG NOR., CL.: 1, 2, Bagnall; 3, vhc, Bailey; 4, hc, Strafford; c, Ducker. TKD., ETC.: 1 2, Bagnall; 3, 4, Twigg; vhc, Ducker. NOR. (OLD): 1, 3, Stringer; 2, Bagnall; 4, Bailey; vhc, hc, Ducker; c, Twigg.—B. Bailey, Sec.

HETTON-LE-HOLE C.B.S.

Annual F.F. Show held July 8th, "Crown Inn," when there was the smallest entry that has ever fallen to our lot since the society's commencement in 1895. We had to cancel no less than 17 classes, and the rest were only small. We had some very nice young birds. Mr. G. Vipon won a case of carvers for best young bird in show, R. Allen winning as medal for the second. Mr. A. Brown (Gateshead) judged.

NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, 2, Kilner. BUFF: 1, sp, Vipond; 2, Allen; 3, Wilson. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, sp, Allen; 2, Kilner; 3, Atkinson. BUFF: 1, 2, Allen; 3, Atkinson. A.O.V.: 1, Brown; 2, Gowland. GOLDIE, ETC.: 1, Wilson; 2, Kilner; 3, Gowland. LINNET: 1, 2, Wilson; 3, Brown. GREENFINCH: 1, Lawson; 2, Kilner; 3, Wilson. A.O.S.: 1, 2, Wilson; 3, Brown.—A. J. Notley, Sec.

MUSSELBURGH O.S.

Second annual F.F. Show, held July 15, Royal Hotel hall, the entry being down from last year. But what lacked in numbers was made up for in quality. Mr. Smeaton officiated, and gave satisfaction all round. It was unfortunate that there was a band contest and a swimming gala on the same day.

SCOTCH FANCY: Cancelled. NOR., YELL CK.: 1, Fleming; 2, Nisbet; 3, Sykes; 4, A. Moffat; 5, D. Moffat. BUFF: 1, Fleming; 2, D. Moffat; 3, A. Moffat; 4, Lees; 5, Nisbet; 6, Sykes. YELL. HEN: 1, Fleming; 2, Nisbet; 3, D. Moffat; 4, Lees; 5, McKinlay. BUFF: 1, Fleming; 2, Nisbet; 3, McKinlay; 4, Moffat. BOR. FANCY., YELL., CK.: 1, 2, Currie; 3, Little; 4, Nisbet. BUFF: 1,Nisbet; 2, Little; 3, Hume. YELL., HEN: 1, Currie. BUFF: 1, 3, Little; 2, Nisbet. MULES: 1, R. Lees.—W. Nisbet, Hon. Sec.

SOUTHEND & S. COUNTIES O.S.

Fifth annual N.F. show, held Blue Boar Hotel, Prittlewell, July 12th, when a fine muster of young birds faced the judge, Mr. A. E. Pattrick, the noted Yorkshire Canary judge, whose decisions gave complete satisfaction. The exhibition certainly does the Society great credit, for the stock was of the highest quality. Specials were given by Messrs. Coppin, J. Evans, and J. Read (of Leigh-on-Sea), Dawes and Sons (Prittlewell), Puryer (Southend), and Potter.

NOR. CL., ETC., YELL: 1, Askew. BUFF: 1, spl, 2, vhc, hc, c, Askew, fine team; 3, Cundy. UNEVENLY MKD.: 1, spl., Cunniugton, magnificent bird; 2, Cundy, only just beaten. YORKS. CL., ETC., YELL. CHAMP.: 1, spl, 2, vhc, hc, Nicholls; 3, Quilter. BUFF: 1, 3, vhc, Nicholls; 2, hc, c, Quilter. UNEVENLY MKD. CHAMP.: 1, spl, 2, vhc, c, Nicolls; 3, hc, Quilter. I am sorry to miss the names of some well known champion breeders in the above awards. YORKS., ETC., YELL. NOVICE: 1, spl., 2, spl, c, Potter, winner best bird in show; 3, hc, Cunnington; vhc, Cundy. BUFF: 1, Cundy, smart, well cut bird; 2, Potter; 3, vhc, Cunnington; hc, Askew; c, Lockwood. UNEVENLY MKD. NOVICE: 1, 2, Potter; 3, c, Lockwood; vhc, Cunnington; hc, Cundy. GOLDFINCH: 1, spl, Jeffries, champion "Leigh Gem"; 2, vhc, Nicholls; 3, Cunnington. GREENFINCH: 1, Jefferies 2, Potter; 3, vhc, Nicholls. LYB.: 1, Potter, fine young Greenlinnh-Canary hybrid; 2, 3, Cundy, Greenfineb and Linnet-Canary crosses. There were many visitors who appreciated the efforts of the Committee for their comfort, enlightenment and entertainment. The presence of the genial proprietor showed his interest in the hobby which, with his splendid collection of foriegn birds, does him great credit.—Wm. C. Lockwood, Hon. Sec.

DUBMIRE WORKMENS' CLUB C.B.S. (Fencehouse).

This newly formed society held their first N. F. show on July 15th in the entertainment hall connected with the club, a grand place for the purpose. The show was a distinct success, and the entry of 73 must be considered very creditable indeed, speaking well for the future prospects of the club, which, if hard work and enthusiasm count for anything, the members declare will soon be one of the largest in the district. Yorks. were the feature of the show, while the other sections were not far behind. Special for best was won by Mr. J. Fenton with a fine Yellow Norwich. The genial sec., Mr. D. Hann, had the arrangements in grand order, ably backed up by the chairman, Mr. J. Fenton; the treas., Mr. J. Henderson, and a hard working committee. The show was opened by James Robinson, Esq., who in an able speech eulogised CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE and its work (referred to elsewhere in this issue—Editor). In conclusion he congratulated the society upon their excellent show, and wished them every success in the future, promising to help them in any manner he could. The chairman, Mr. John Fenton, responded in a few well chosen words. The show was well attended by visitors, and there is every reason to believe the club has a graud future. Mr. A. Widdowfield judged.

NOR. YELL. (7): 1, spl, spl best in show, 2, Fenton; 3, Lynn; 4, Green, r, hc, Greenwell. BUFF (12): 1, spl, 2, vhc, T. Fletcher; 3, R. Fletcher. GREEN, ETC. (5): 1, spl, R. Fletcher; 2, Barras Robinson; 3, Greenwell. YORKS., YELL. (7): 1, spl, 2, 3, Fenton; vhc, Lynn; hc, Fenton. BUFF (7): 1, spl, Fenton; 2, 3, Lynn; 4, Fenton; vhc, Fletcher. BORD. YELL. (3): 1, spl, 2, 3, Fenton. BUFF (7): 1, spl, 2, R. Fletcher; 3, Lynn; 4, R. Fletcher; vhc, Lynn; hc, Fenton. CRESTBRED (6): 1, spl, Green; 2, Barras Robinson; 3, D. Hann. A.O.V. (4): 1, spl, Green; 2, Fletcher; 3, Barras Robinson. LINNET (3): 1, spl, T. Fletcher; 2, 3, R. Fletcher. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (3): 1, spl, Lynn; 2, Barras Robinson; 3, R. Fletcher. BRIT. A.O.V. (2): 1, spl, Green; 2, Barras Robinson. FOR. (3): 1, spl, 2, Fenton; 3, R. Fletcher. SELL. (9): 1, spl, hc, c, D. Hann; 2, Green; 3, vbc, Fenton MULES (3): 1, spl, 2, 3, Green.

SPENNYMOOR AND DIST. C.B.S.

F. F. show held County Hotel, July 8th.

NOR.: 1, 2, 3, Sokell; 4, Patton; vhc, Swinbourne. YORKS.: 1, 2, 3, Patton. 4, Bell; vhc, Reynolds. MULES: 1, 2, Patton. CREST: 1, Ramsey. BRIT. OLD BIRD: 1, 2, vhc, Sokell, Siskin and Bully; 3, 4, Swinbourne, Chaffinch and Brown Linnet. CAN. or MULE OLD: 1, Sokell, Greenie Mule; 2, 3, Turner, Yorks.; vhc, Swinburne, Nor.; 4, Turner, Yorks. SELL.: 1, Sokell; 2, Swinburne. Specials given by members for four best young birds: 1, Sokell, Nor., spl 5s.; 2, 3, Patton, Yorks. and B.L. Mule, 4s., 2s. 6d.; 4, Ramsey, Crest, 2s. Best old bird in show, Mr. Sokell ,with bis Greenie Mule, 2s. 6d. special.—C. Ramsey, Sec.

STRATFORD & E. LONDON F.S.

A capital little show was held at the Workmen's Hall, Romford Road, on July 13th. Entries came up well, and some remarkably fine birds were shown. The special for the best exhibit fell to a very handsome Green Glossy Starling, shown by Mr. J. Reed. Mr. C. A. House judged.

CAN. A.V.. (3): 1, Gibbs, Yorks.; 2, 3, Reed, Nor. YORKS. CL. 1911 (4): 1, 3, Packer; 2, r, Smith. TKD. (6): 1, Gibbs; 2, vhc, hc, Smith; 3, r, Packer. CIN. 1911 (4): 1, 2, 3, r, Packer. MULES GOLD. 1911 (4): 1, 2, 3, r, Packer. A.O.V. (2): 1, 2, Reed. BRIT. (5): 1, 2, r, vhc, Reed; Craft., Twite, Bunting, and Greenie; 3, Gibbs, Siskin. FOR. (6): 1, spl, 3, r, vhc, Reed; Green Glossy Starling, Weaver, Parrakeet, and Java; 2, hc, Smith, Yellow and Green Budgerigars.

EASTERN COUNTIES C.B.S.

Annual Y.B. show held Social Settlement, July 15. There were about 100 entries; the small number in some classes was attributed to many of the parents not feeding. Mr. C. Simpson (Ipswich) judged. Best bird in show, J. Bevan.

CL. YELL. NOR.: 1, Barham; 2, W. C. Smith;; 3, Tydeman; vhc, Schofield, Cole (2), Mouser; hc, E. Olley and Gunn. BUFF: 1, Mouser; 2, vhc, Schofield; 3, vhc, Olley; hc, Barham, Schofield (2), Cole, W. C. Smith. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, Barham; 2, Schofield; 3, Gunn; vhc, Cole (2); hc, Olley. BUFF: 1, Barham; 2, Schofield; 3, Cole; vhc, Schofield (2); hc, Gunn, Clarke. HEAVILY MKD.: 1, vhc, Tydeman; 2, W. C. Smith; 3, Barham; hc, Cole. CINN. YELL: 1, 2, Bevan. LIGHT MULE: 1, Powling. DARK: 1, Powling. SEED-EATING BRIT.: 1, Cole; 2, Mouser; 3, hc, Schofield; vhc, Barham. FOREIGN: 1, 2, 3, Andrews.—W. Barratt, Sec.

HEYWOOD AND DISTRICT O.S.

5th annual young bird show, July 8, when 80 birds faced Mr. Albert Hirst (Accrington), and his awards were well received. Silver challenge cup and medal won by Mr. J. Greenhalgh, after being with Mr. V. H. Barlow and Mr. J. Dewhurst (Mr. Greenhalgh won on prize money). Mr. John Lees (Rochdale) won special for best bird with a nice yellow Yorks; Mr. P. H. Barlow special for most points. Mr. James Perry took premier honours in British section.

YORKS. CL. YELL. (7) 1, J. Lees; 2, 4, A. Meadowcroft; 3, vhc, Marsden; hc, c, Barlow. BUFF. (5) 1, Marsden; 2, Barlow; 3, Jno. Lees; 4, A. Meadowcroft; vhc, Waddington. TKD. YELL. (13) 1, Dewhurst; 2, Barlow; 3, hc, Pragnell; 4, vhc, Horrocks; c, Marsden. BUFF (13) 1, hc, Barlow; 2, Waddington;3, Horrocks; 4, c, A. Meadowcroft. NOR. YELL. (5) 1, vhc, J. Lees; 2, Dewhurst; 3, Jno. Lees; 4, Dewhurst. BUFF (9) 1, vhc, c, Greenhalgh; 2, 4, hc, Dewhurst; 3, Smith. NOVICE (12) 1, 3, Greenhagh; 2, hc, Noonan; 4, Horrocks; vhc, T. Meadowcroft; c, Moscrop. SELL. (4) 1, Jno. Lees; 2, A. Meadowcroft; 3, 4, Wilson. BRIT. GOLD. (5) 1, 2, 3, Perry; 4, Barlow; vhc, Jno. Lees. A.O.S. (7) 1, 2, Perry; 3, Barlow; 4, Waddington.—A. H. Meadowcroft, Sec.

BRAMLEY AND DISTRICT O.S.

Second F.F. show of the season, held at Old Unicorn Hotel, 15th July. Entries came up rather badly, only 58 birds being staged, in 9 classes. The following is the result for the two shows. Society's prizes with 6 highest birds: Leaders, Messrs. Richmond 66 pts., Steel 38, Johnson 36, Marsh 28; most points for Yorks.: Richmond 40, Steel 17, Marsh 14; Norwich, Richmond and Johnson 29 pts. each, Marsh 14; Cinn, Mkd., Richmond 25, Steel, 11, Johnson 3; Green variety, Richmond 16, Steel, 6. Six highest birds in each variety to count. Novice Classes: Page 50 pts.; Wainwright 39, Scarth 33. Mr. Armstrong judged and gave every satisfaction.

YELL., ETC., YORKS. (7): 1, 3, Marsh; 2, Steel; vhc, hc, c, Richmond. BUFF (8): 1, Steel; 2, vhc, Richmond; 3, Marsh, hc, Bracewell. YELL. NOR. (10): 1, 3, Richmond; 2, hc, Marsh; vhc, Johnson; c, Bracewell. BUFF (6): 1, 3, vhc, Johnson; 2, hc, Richmond; c, Wilson. CINN. MKD. (6): 1, 2, 3, Richmond; vhc, hc, Steel. NOVICE CLASSES: YELL., ETC., YORKS. (7): 1, 2, c, Page; 3, vhc, Wainwright; hc, Scarth. BUFF (6): 1, 2, vhc, Page; 3, hc, c, Wainwright. YELL. NOR. (3): 1, 2, 3, Scarth. BUFF. (8): 1, c, Scarth; 2, 3, vhc, Wainwright; hc, Page.—W. Maltby, Hon. Sec.

NEWPORT (Mon.) C.B.S.

Y. B. Show held Oddfellows' Hall, July 8th, the birds being nicely staged, which shows that Newport has some really good fanciers who know their work. All was ready in good time for judging, and Newport fanciers are lucky to have a gentleman like Mr. Hammett as secretary. He was well supported by Messrs. Rogers, Gregory, Davies, Allen, Carruthers and others. Just over 60 birds were staged. Mr. Fortune won spl for best bird in show. There was a good attendance. Mr. J. W. Dummett (Cardiff) judged.

NOR. (9): 1, spl, hc, Hammett, cl buff, nice type, close in feather, nice wing carriage; 2, 3, Rogers, cl yell., god size, nice feather, 3 cl. buff, not quite so large but good quality; 4, vhc, c, Gregory. HEN (7): 1, 4, vhc, Hammett, yell., nice bird, like a Java in condition; 2, 3, Rogers, buff, cap. mkd., 3 rightly variegated, buff, good bird; hc, Gregory; c, Allen. YORK. (12): 1, 2 spls, 3, vhc, Fortune, winner buff, good length, extra nice quality, stands well, steady, 3 fails to winner only on neck and head; 2, hc, c, Williams, cl. yell., good length, stands well; 4, Hart. HEN (5): 1, Fortune, yell., nice little lady, wins well from 2; 2, vhc, Watkins, buff, not quite so finely drawn; 3, Allen, yell., Mkd., nice bird; 4, Murphy. CREST or CB.: 1, spl, 2, Allen, very good crest leading, nice centre, 2 c.b. BRIT. (13): 1, spl, Murphy, Goldfinch, real Welsh Finch, rare size, good blaze, well drawn over eyes and top of head; 2, Moss, Bullfinch, nice, large cap, good breast col.; 3, Carruthers, another good Finch; 4, c, Williams; vhc, Dart; hc, Edwards. MULE or HYB. (4): 1, spl, Edwards, Goldfinch, Bullfinch, nice bird, should moult out good; 2, Dart, Siskin Can.; 3, 4, Evans, Linnet Can. SELL., 10s. 6d. (8): 1, 4, Rogers; 2, Edward; 3, hc, Allen.

Will secretaries please note that the prize list must be fully written out when show reports are sent for publication. We cannot possibly undertake the writing out of awards from the catalogues of shows.—EDITOR.

TONG AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Second members' show, held at Hand and Shuttle Inn, Dudley Hill, July 15th, when 53 birds were staged. Mr. S. Dean judged, and gave every satisfaction.

CLASS 1: 1, Wright and Son; 2, 4, Hodgson, Senr.; 3, Hodgson, Junr.; vhc, C. Padgett; hc, A. Gledhill; c, O. Atkinson. CLASS 2: 1, A. Gledhill; 2, F Hinton; 3, C. Padgett; 4, Hodgson, Junr.; vhc, hc, L. C. Cavey; c, Wright and Son. CLASS 3: 1, Hodgson, Junr.; 2, Hodgson, Senr.; 3, 4, L. C. Casey; vhc, hc, H. H. Clark; c, J. Firth. CLASS 4: 1, J. Crabtree; 2, 4, C. Padgett; 3, L. C. Casey; vhc, H. H. Clark; hc, Hodgson, Senr; c, Hodgson, Junr. CLASS 5: 1, S. Metcalfe; 2, 4, J. Crabtree; 3, L. C. Casey. CLASS 6: 1, vhc, S. Metcalfe; 2, 3, 4, L. C. Casey; hc, J. Crabtree; c, A. Gledhill.—W. Walker, Sec.

READING AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Y.B. Show, held Palmer Hall, July 12. Owing to the disastrous season experienced by most of our members, the entry was not over good, but 52 birds faced the judge, Mr. J. Yates, who gave great satisfaction. Quality was good all round, and the amateur and novice classes were well filled by splendid quality birds. Will members kindly note there will be no meeting until September 6th, when several suggested alterations to amateur and novice rules will be brought forward.

CL. NOR.: 1, 3, Dearton; 2, vhc, Laurence; hc, Brooker. MKD. DO.: 1, spl., 2, Dearton; 3, Laurence. MULES: 1, A. B. Church; 2, Smith. GOLDFINCH: 1, spl., 2, Acton; 3, Brooker. BULLFINCH: May. LINNET: Vince. A.O.S. BRIT.: Acton. FOR.: 1, spl., 2, 3, vhc, hc, Acton. AMA. NOR.: 1, spl., 2, 3, vhc, c, Priest; hc, Frewin. YORKS.: 1, 2, Goldsmith; 3, Priest. NOVICE, NOR.: 1, 3, May; 2, Hayward. YORKS: 1, 2, 3, H. B. Church.—W. H. Pyke, Sec.

WALLASEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

N. F. show held July 1st, Fairhaven Institute. There was a good entry of 93 birds, amongst them being some grand youngsters. Mr. Young won spls. for best and second best; most points, Mr. Benson. Other successful winners were Messrs. Edwards, Cooper, Barker, Mallison, Alston and Hughes. Mr. A. Wellings (Prescot) judged.

YORK., CL. YELL. (4), 3 w. c.: 1, Cooper. BUFF (7): 1, Edwards; 2, hc, Halston; 3, Marles; vhc, Cooper; c, Benson. TKD., ETC., YELL. (3): 1, Cooper; 2, 3, Alston. BUFF (6): 1, 2, spl, Young; 3, Cooper; vhc, c, Alston; c, Edwards. SELF GREEN YELL. (8): 1, Young; 2, Marler; 3, Edwards; vhc, hc, c, Benson. BUFF (6): 1, 2, vhc, Benson; 3, hc, c, Young. FOUL YELL. (6): 1, c, Benson; 2, 3, Young; vhc, Hodgkins; hc, Waring. BUFF (5): 1, vhc, Benson; 2, Marles; 3, Young; hc, Edwards. BORD. GREEN, ETC., SELF, ETC., YELL. (5): 1, 2, Young; 3, hc, Cooper. BUFF (4): 1, vhc, Cooper; 2, Young; 3, Edwards. NOVICE, YORKS. (6): 1, 3, hc, Hughes; 2, c, Cooper; vhc, Marles. GREEN FINCH, ETC. (5): 1, Edwards. 2, 3, Barker; vhc, Cooper; hc, Mallinson. BRAMBLE, ETC. (6): 1, Young; 2, Mallinson; 3, hc, c, Cooper; vhc, Barker. LINNET, ETC. (5): 1, Alston; 2, hc, Edwards; 3, Mallinson; vhc, Barker. SISKIN, ETC. (6): 1, 3, Barker; 2, vhc, c, Mallinson; hc, Cooper. SMALL FOR. (6): 1, 3, vhc, Barker; 2, vhc, c, Mallinson.

WOLVERHAMPTON C.B.S.

Annual N.F. show held July 8th, Wheatsheaf Hotel, Market Street. The arrangements were in the capable hands of the secretary, Mr. J. Gibbons, and two stewards, Messrs. Rowley and Harrison, whose enthusiasm and practical experience ensured success. The staging was well placed, and there was a good light for judging; tickets were up promptly. There was a very fine entry. Mr. R. Willoughby won spl for best bird in Canary section. Mr. F. J. Weaver won spl for best British. The society is to be congratulated on such a display. Mr. C. Crundell judged the Canarics, and Mr. J. A. Touks the British; they gave every satisfaction.

NOR., CL. YELL.: 1, spl, Willoughby, needs no comment, a good moult will make it a champion; 2, 3, Hampton, very nice pair, neatly carried wings; vhc, Harrison; hc, Garfield. BUFF: 1, 2, 4, Robinson, trio of good birds, nice heads, well filled neck; 3, Hampton, nice feather. TKD. YELL.: 1, Willoughby, another big bird, good head and front; 2, Garfield, runs winner very close, capital bird, best of head and neck; 3, vhc, Harrison, good one; 4, Weaver. BUFF: 1, Weaver, right 'un, with a storming round head, well filled neck, bold front; 2, Garfield, just as good, but a shade longer. 3, 4, vhc, Willoughby, trio of big birds. VAR. ETC.: 1, Gibbons, big foul Green, good head; 2, Robinson, another nice Green; 3, Harrison, Buff marked. YORKS., CL. YELL.: 1, Gibbons, very typical yell.; 2, Millencamp, big fine yell., good position, neat wings and tail; 3, Hall, another typical bird. BUFF: 1, Gibbons, big Cinn. tkd., A1 position; 2, 3, pair of nice typical birds. VAR., ETC.: 1, vhc, Hall, nice typical bird, well filled back; 2, 3, Millencamp, couple of good ones; 4, Gibbons. GOLDIE, ETC.: 1, spl, Weaver, old stager in fine trim; 2, 3, Nock, two very nice birds, 2 with a little more size might have won; 4, Rowley; vhc, Robinson. GREEN FINCH: 1, Rowley, big bouncing bird, good feather, should make up well; 2, Weaver, equals winner, but beaten in feather; 3, Millencamp, "Wooden Chief," knocked about with breeding. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, 2, Gibbons, 1 mealy, big bib, nice lacings, 2 Lesser, pencilled to perfection, good bib; 3, Price, good Siberian Siskin, nicely laced; 4, Rowley; vhc, Weaver; hc, Thomas; c, Crundell. CHAFFINCH, ETC.: 1, Thomas, splendid Chaffinch, in tip-top form, makes a bold bid for spl; 2, Nock, good Reed Bunting. A.O.S.: 1, Price, fine Siberian Goldie; 2, Crundell, nice Hawfinch, damaged tail. MULE, ETC.: 1, 2, Weaver, 1 variegated Goldie Mule, 2 Siskin Mule, good quality; 3, Hall, dark Goldie Mule, good face.

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WOOD GREEN F. AND F.S.

F.F. show held July 6th, at Brook Hall. Spl. for best bird was won by Mr. Brooks. Mr. J. Robson judged. CHAMP. NOR. YELL. (3): VAR. (1): all to Brooks. BORD (6): all to McGuthie. AMAT. NOR. CL. (1): Penny. C.-B. (1): Penny. NOVICE YORKS CL. YELL. (3): 1, Clay; 2, Jones; 3, Cobden. BUFF (3): 1, 2, Clay; 3, Jones. NOR. YELL. (4): all Ayling. BUFF (4): all Ayling. VAR. (5): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Ayling; 4, Surridge. CRESTS (1): Jones. C.-B.: (4): 1, Pledger; 2, Jones; 3, Pettit. MULES (9): 1, 4, Jones; all other awards Ayling. BRIT. GOLD (4): 1, Brooks; 2, Penny; 3, Pledger; 4, Rippin. LINNET (6): 1, Surridge; 2, vhc, Pettit; 3, Penny; 4, Cobden. REDPOLL, ETC. (7): all Bates. GIFT: 1, Warner, Linnet; 2, Bates, Greenfinch.—T. Callegari, Hon. Sec.

LEICESTER (Hand-in-Hand) C.B.S.

Annual N.F. Show, held White Swan Hotel, July 8th. Although entries fell short of last year's, the quality of some of the exhibits was very good, and one or two of the birds in the novice section should be heard of again. Mr. Stevens judged Canaries, and Mr. Ride, British; and their awards appeared to give general satisfaction.

NOR., CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Sarson; 2, Pole. BUFF: 1, Orme; 2, Gibbins; 3, Sarson; vhc, Pole. MKD., ETC., BUFF: 1, Peberdy; 2, 3, hc, Sarson; vhc, Orme; c, Taylor. YELL.: 1, Holder; 2, Kilsby; 3, Reeves; vhc, Butler; hc, c, Memory. CL., ETC., BUFF HEN: 1, Miles; 2, Kilsby; 3, West; vhc, Moores; hc, Reeves; c, Hewitt. MKD., ETC.: 1, hc, Holder; 2, Hewitt; 3, Miles; vhc, Reeves; c, Kilsby. GREEN, ETC., BKN. GREEN: 1, West; 2, Chambers; 3, Kilsby; vhc, Bell; hc, Reeves. A.O.V.: 1, 3, vhc, hc, c, Green; 2, Holder. MULE OR HYBRID: 1, Kilsby; 2, Orme. GOLDFINCH, ETC., 1, Wood; 2, Butler; 3, Orme; vhc, Chambers. GREENFINCH, ETC., 1, Chambers; 2, Orme; 3, Kilsby; vhc, Bell. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Pole; 2, 3, Chambers; vhc, Gibbins; hc, Kilsby. A.O.V.: 1, Sarson; 2, Orme; 3, Chambers.—J. E. Wood, Sec.

ADMIRAL DUNCAN O.S. (Notts).

Thirty-second annual Y.B. Show, held July 15th. We had a poor entry considering the number of fanciers in Nottingham; but a great many experienced extremely bad luck in their breeding rooms. Mr. R. Holmes headed list of points for spl. in the Crest section; also for yearly premier spl.; Mr. G. Hill was on top for Nor. section, and Mr. J. Goode for British. Mr. J. Adnitt gave every satisfaction in placing the awards. We had a very good attendance.

CL. YELL. NOR: 1, Twine, very taking bird, good size. BUFF: 1, Hill, good thick-set cobby bird, nice quality feather. BUFF, TKD., ETC.: 1, Twine, rattling fine bird, good in all points, was considered best seen out this year; 2, Hill, very promising youngster. GREEN, ETC.: 1, 3, Hill, 1st nearly green, looks like a hen, very cobby in body, good feather; 2, Twine, heavy variegated, very taking bird. YELL., D.C.: 1, Holmes, large body, mkd. both wings, will make good stock bird; 2, Mais, similar, not quite so large in body. BUFF: 1, Wood, almost cl. body, dark, very neat in formation, good leafy feather, bouncing bird; 2, Bowers, nice heavy variegated.; 3, Holmes, heavy variegated, good body; vhc, Goode. LIGHT: 1, Twine, very promising youngster. YELL. C.B.: 1, Holmes, almost green, good bird. BUFF: 1, 3, Holmes, 1st bonny heavy variegated, good entrance, nice rising dome-shaped head, 3rd, lightly marked thick-set bird.; 2, Wood, almost cl., big bouncing bird, plenty of head feather; vhc, Mais. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, Holmes, all Yorks., very taking. SELL., CREST, £1: 1, Holmes; 2, Goode. C.B., 15s.: 1, Holmes. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, Bunn, Goldfinch, very good in face, very rich throughout; 2, Holmes, another nice Goldfinch; 3, Goode, good Bullfinch; vhc, Pearson. CHAFFINCH, ETC.: 1, Wood, Chaffinch, very steady, rich col. throughout; 2, J. Bunn, monster Greenfinch, very good in head; 3, Stopper, another nice Greenfinch. LINNET, ETC.: 1, Goode, Linnet (field-moulted), wonderfully well pencilled, very distinct; 2, Wood, another nice Linnet, extra rich in col.; 3, Bowers, mealy Redpoll, very steady, short of lacings; vhc, Pearson; hc, Stopper. SOFTBILL: 1, Goode, Yellow Wagtail, shown in fine style; 2, 3, Harrison, 2nd, Wheatear, not quite up to its usual form, 3rd Blackbird, well known, singing whole of the day. A.O.S. HARDBILL: 1, J. Goode, splendid Hawfinch, in fine condition, good deep bib; 2, W. Goode, Yellowhammer, old warrior, looking almost as good as ever; 3, Bunn, Yellowhammer.—J. Cowpertwait, Sec.

NEW CROSS AND DIST. C.B.S.

F.F. show held headquarters, July 6th. For so young a society the show was excellent. Some really good typical birds were to be found amongst the Canaries. The Hybrids and British birds were grand, the winners being able to hold their own in keen open competition. Mr. Hill won special for best Norwich, Mr. Rouson spl. for best Yorks, Mr. Culham spl. for best Border. Mr. Pope won spl. for best Linnet Mule, and Mr. Lewcock a spl. with a pair of Black-headed Mannikins. This is the society's first attempt. There were 48 birds in all. Mr. Barton made a most able secretary, and was supported by a good chairman in Mr. Hill, and an excellent committee. There was a grand attendance. Mr. J. Robson judged.

NOR. BUFF: 1, Hill, good shape and size, close feather, well across perch. YELL.: 1, spl, Hill, slashing fine yell., nice size feather, deep chest; 2, Gunnell, very neat, good quality. NOVICE, BUFF: 1, 2, Hall, marked eyes, 2nd variegated, both good shape and quality; 3, vhc, hc, Gillard, shapely, good quality. YORKS. YELL.: 1, Gillard, fine shape and feather; 2, Deane, good shape. BUFF: 1, Rouson, variegated and neck tkd., both nice shape, smart carriage; 3, vhc, Barton, jun. NOVICE YELL.: 1, spl, 2, Rouson, typical, beautifully drawn, cl., fine quality and style; 3, vhc, Barton, jun., deep in moult. BORD. BUFF: 1, Culham, very neat, nice close feather. YELL.: 1, spl, Culham, well moulded, very fit. MULE: 1, spl, vhc, Pope, grand yell., dark Linnet-Canary, good size and col.; 2, 3, Gunnell, Goldfinch-Bullfinch and Redpoll-Greenfinch, both good; hc, Lewcock. BRIT. LINNET, ETC.: 1, 2, Gunnell, grand Linnet and Siskin, leader good size and shape, excellent col., 2nd neat dense cap, nice col. and markings; 3, Barton, scn., very nice Mealy Redpoll, good col. and markings; vhc, Pope; hc, c, Lewcock, good clags. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Gunnell, gem of a Goldfinch, large nice blaze, good body col., excellent wing bars and moons, 2nd really good Bullfinch, nice cap and breast markings, 3rd nice Goldfinch. CHAFFINCH, ETC.: 1, hc, Gunnell, very fine Chaffinch, nice shape, col., and wing bars; 2, vhc, Lewcock, very fine Bramblefinch, nice col., shape, and spangling; 3, Pope, neat Greenfinch, rich col. A.O.S.: 1, Gunnell, very fine Hawfinch, nice bib, excellent col. and condition; 2, Lewcock, very nice Ortolan Bunting, good feather. FOR.: 1, spl, Lewcock, nice pair of Black-headed Mannikins, good feather. SELL.: 1, 3, Barton, jun.; 2, Gunnell.

ATTERCLIFFE AND DIST. C.B.S

Table Show, held July 13, headquarters, Horse and Jockey Hotel, when nearly 50 birds were staged. Mr. Perry placed the cards, and gave every satisfaction. Mr. Havenhand was in the chair, and made an admirable president.

NOR.: 1, 3, 4, vhc, T. Smith; 2, Blunt; hc, c, Havenhand. CL., ETC., YORKS.: 1, 3, 4, vhc, Extop; 2, Webster; hc, Blunt. MKD., ETC.: 1, 3, Exton; 2, c, Webster; 4, Blunt; vhc, Dyer; hc, B. Duce. BRIT.: 1, 2, c, Smith; 3, vhc, Hailstone; 4, hc, Grainger.—W. Richinson, Sec.

YORK C.B.S.

Annual show of young Canaries, held All Saints' Schoolroom, North Street, July 10. It was one of the best from an exhibitors' point of view. The type and quality of the birds were of a very high order. A splendid set of carvers was given as a special for the best team of four; won by Mr. A. Richardson. The gold medal for best birds, bred and exhibited by a novice member, was won by Mr. Moffat. Mr. Calam (Hull) judged, and his awards were well received.

CL., NOR.: 1, 2, Richardson; 3, vhc, Shorney; hc c, Wright. TKD., ETC.: 1, 2, Richardson; 3, hc, Shorney; vhc, Wright and C. Hunter. CL., YORKS.: 1, 2, 3, Campling. TKD., ETC.: 1, 2, 3, Campling. CL., YORKS (NOVICE): 1, 2, 3, hc, Moffatt; vhc, c, O'Rielly. TKD., ETC.: 1, 2, 3, c, O'Rielly; 3, vhc, hc, Moffatt. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, 3, vhc, hc, c, Zimmermann, 2nd class.—H. Thompson.

BEDFORD C.B.S.

Second nest feather show, held July 12th, when a very nice lot of promising youngsters were shown, 37 in the four Norwich classes. Mr. H. Markham placed the cards.

CL., YELL (11): 1, Wiggins, good type and col.; 2, res., Gentle, nice size and col.; 3, Reech, smart, nice quality; vhc, Notley; hc, Beanland; c, Wilmot. BUFF (10): 1, Wiggins, large bird, correct type; 2, 3, Beanland, couple of very nice birds, latter just commenced to moult; res., c, Gentle; vhc, Notley; hc, Smith. MKD. YELL. (7): 1, Notley, heavily marked, rare type; 2, Wiggins, well made, good col.; 3, Keech, nice quality; res., c, Gentle; vhc, Wilmot; hc, Beanland. BUFF (9): 1, Wiggins, good type and col.; 2, Wilmot, rare bodied bird; 3, Keech, heavily marked, nice stamp; res., hc, Gentle; vhc, Corrie, some thought this bird should have won, about best head and body in show; c, Beanland. Principal point winners for silver cup, Wiggins 27, Gentle 26, Beanland 16, Keech 15, Notley 13.

GREAT HORTON.

Grand exhibition of Canaries in their first feather, held Fleece Hotel, July 15th, when 71 birds were staged in eight classes. Mr. A. Sykes judged, and gave every satisfaction.

CL., ETC., YELL. YORKS.: 1, Birbeck; 2, Ormonroyd; 3, vhc, Lister; 4, Pullan; hc, Fletcher; c, Rhodes. BUFF: 1, Midgley; 2, Lister; 3, Morley; 4, Peddel; vhc, Sharp; hc, Stebbings; c, Riley. UNEVEN, ETC. (GREEN MKD.): 1, Morley; 2, Stebbings; 3, J. Pullan; 4, Thompson; vhc, c, Lister; hc, Fletcher. CIN. MKD.: 1, 2, Ormonroyd. NOR. A.V.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Plowright. SELL., 15s.: 1, c, Fieldhouse; 2, Lister; 3, hc, Ormonroyd; 4, Plowright; vhc, Mitchell. YELL., YORKS. (22): 1, 2, vhc, Hick; 3, Jowett; 4, Jowett; hc, c, Smith. BUFF: 1, 2, Jowett; 3, c, Patchett; 4, vhc, hc, Hick. Special prize-winners: Messrs. H. Birbeck, A. Lister, W. Ormonroyd, G. Midgley, A. Morley, F. Stebbings, W. Plowright, J. H. Fieldhouse, F. Jowett, S. Patchett, C. J. Winter, M. Balmforth, H. Holmes, and W. Jowett.—J. Ward, Hon. Sec.

WHITTINGTON MOOR C.B.S.

F.F. show, held July 1, at the Victoria Inn. There was a nice entry of good-class birds, and these were well staged under the watchful eyes of the secretary, Mr. E. Dodd (who is a very good and hard-working official) and the capable committee, Messrs. Hunt, Black, Howarth, Wilson and Barber. Mr. W. Vardy placed the cards in his usual able manner.

CL. or TKD. YELL. NOR.: 1, 2, Brammall, 1st, grand clear, good size, full of quality, nice even colour, 2nd, head marked, very cobby, beaten in size only; 3, vhc, Wilson, good birds, but gone in moult; hc, c, Dodd, good class. BUFF: 1, spl, Howarth, grand clear, full of colour, extra good head, best of type; 2, 3, Brammall 2nd, large good type beaten only in quality and colour; vhc Wilson; hc, Dodd; c, Barber. VARIEG.: 1, Brammall, large, nice type; 2, 3, Dodd, both nice youngsters; vhc, Brown. YORKS. CL. or TKD. YELL.: 1, Lanckham, very nice clear, full of quality and colour, well up on leg; 2, 3, Sharp, both good, breaking in moult; vhc, Smith. BUFF: 1, spl, 2, 3, vhc, Barber, team of grand youngsters, 1st, marked on neck, grand length, well up on leg, best of quality; 2nd, good clear; vhc, c, Sharp. VARIEG.: 1, 2, Roe; 3, Brown, trio of nice birds. BORD. CL. or TKD.: 1, 2, Naylor, two grand birds, 1st yellow tick, the best of type, grand in quality; 3, Owen. VARIEG.: 1, 2, Naylor; both good. MULE: 1, 2, 3, Barber; 1st, good variegated yell. Goldfinch and Canary; 2nd, Yell. dark. BRIT.: 1, 2, Dodd, very nice Hawfinch and Goldfinch.

LONDON AND COUNTIES A.C.B.

Sixth annual summer show, held July 15th, "Earl Cathcart," Munster Square, N.W. Judge, Mr. J. Oldaker. Taking everything into consideration, the association can well look upon this show as a success, over 50 birds facing the judge. Some very good specimens, both champion and novice, were on view. Special for most points in British won by Mr. F. Harrison. Mr. R. J. Pretty acted as secretary, prize money being paid out before the close of the show.

NOR. CHAMP.: 1, spl., 2, 3, vhc, hc, H. Bell; 1st, yell., good quality feather, nice shape; 2nd, buff, fine quality; 3rd, tkd. yell.; c, E. Pretty. YORKS.: 1, spl, 2, 3, vhc, E. Pretty; 1st, yell., good typical bird; 2nd, Cinn. tkd. yell., good bird; 3rd, green mkd. buff. CREST.: 1, R. J. Pretty, nice D.C., well veined; 2, 3, E. Pretty; 2nd, cl. body, d.c.; 3rd, variegated, crest. CINN.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, R. J. Pretty; 1st, yell. cinn., good size and quality; 2nd, also nice quality; 3, buff, good quality. NOR. (NOVICE): 1, spl., 2, 3, vhc, Austin; 1st, nice cl. yell., good col. and quality; 2, buff, fine quality and size. YORKS.: 1, spl., 3, vhc, W. Salter; 1st, nice buff, good quality and size; 2, hc, c, Gilbert, variegated, yell., good size. CAN. HYB.: 1, spl, 2, 3, E. Pretty, dark Linnet Mules. BRIT.—LINNET: 1, spl, Bell, very nice Linnet, good col. and lacings; 2, Austin, fine col. and lacings; 3, E. Pretty; vhc, Harrison. GREENFINCH: 1, Harrison, good quality and size; 2, Salter, lovely col. SISKIN-REDPOLL: 1, Harrison, rich col. Redpoll; 2, Heine, Siskin, nicely marked. FINCH, ETC., A.O.S.: 1, spl, R. J. Pretty, Yell. Bunting, good markings and col., fine size; 2, vhc, E. Pretty; 2nd, Chaffinch, very steady, good col.; 3, Heine, House Sparrow, wonderful condition.—O. Heine, Official Reporter.

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The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

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G. BENNETT, 46 Wenlock-st., Luton, Beds., judge of cage birds; 30 years' practical experience; terms moderate.
J. W. BRUCE, Coldstream. Judge of all varieties of cage birds; Border and British Bird specialist. Terms moderate.
J. CALAM, 44, George Street, Hull, judge of cage birds (specialist, Norwich and Yorkshires).
H. J. CHITTENDEN, 108, Bolton Hall-rd., Bolton Woods, Bradford, judge of cage birds, life experience. Terms moderate.
W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington, Bradford. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Practical experience. Terms moderate.
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Twitterings.

The Epsom and Ewell F.A. annual show is, we hear, to be held on November 29, with Mr. H. Norman as judge for the cage bird section.

Kindly note my change of address, writes Mr. A. Hartley, sec. of the Queensbury C.B.S. I am now living at 28, Rushworth Street, Mountain, Queensbury.

Messrs. Bishop and Colton, hon. secs., Sheffield O.S., write that all prize-money at their Nest Feather Show on July 22 was paid same day.

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Will all members and friends wishing to go on our ramble meet at Crown Point on Sunday, July 30, at 9.15 a.m.? writes Mr. W. Hopwood, secretary of the Denton and Dis. C.B.S.

Mr. J. C. Barnes, who judged the Sheffield O.S. Nest Feather Show on July 22, declared same to be one of the finest he had ever seen in the Cutlery Capital, and truly a great show for a first venture.

Mr. G. Larkman having resigned the secretaryship of the Northampton Good Intent C.B.S., I have been appointed secretary and treasurer, the show secretaries being Messrs. Cox and Barrett, writes Mr. F. Cox.

Amongst the many visitors at the Sheffield O.S. show, held on Saturday last, we noticed that well-known and enthusiastic fancier of foreign birds, Dr. J. G. Mylan, who was enjoying to the fullest extent the fare provided.

The members of the Ashton-under-Lyne and Dis. O.S. will have a ramble to Chew Valley on Sunday, July 30; meet at Lees' Clock, Old Square, at 2.p.m.; no waiting, writes Mr. J. R. Colville, the secretary. Fanciers and friends are invited.

Allow us to thank you for the excellent drawing of our Cinnamon Marked Yellow Yorkshire reproduced in your popular weekly, CAGE BIRDS. It was pleasant to us to see it, and we wish your paper every success.—Burdekin Brothers (Halifax).

Mr. J. Hodgson (West Bowling) will judge our Young Bird Show this Saturday (July 29), the birds to be staged at three o'clock, writes Mr. J. Lewis, hon. sec. of the Spen Valley C.B.S. The stewards for the show are Messrs. W. H. Pearson and A. Lee.

I regret to say that I omitted the names of the following from my report of the Northern Border and Scotch Fancy Canary Club, writes Mr. J. N. F. Scott, the secretary. I apologise to them for the omission. Their names are: Messrs. Ellwood, Reid, and Newcombe.

A solid silver cup is being offered for competition in the Yorkshire Canary Section at the Borth (Cardigan) Show on August 11, writes Mr. T. Richards, the sec. All birds will be adequately catered for, and well looked after. There will be five classes, open to all.

A list of the names and addresses of the cage bird and other members of the Ealing, Hanwell, and District F.S., together with the rules, is contained in the society's handbook for 1911. Particulars as to membership may be had of the secretary, Mr. W. Bird, 20, Shakespeare Road, Hanwell.

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We were surprised on receiving our CAGE BIRDS to find the illustration of our young Yellow Crest (2nd at Nottingham and also at the L.C.B.A., London) on the front page. This bird is a hen, and these are the only times she has been shown. We wish CAGE BIRDS every success, as it deserves this.—Dobson and Son (Ryton-on-Tyne).

A new price-list of cages and aviaries reaches us from Mr. John Martin, Castle Douglas, N.B. All the latest patterns are stocked by him, and while the workmanship is of first-rate quality, the prices are most moderate indeed. A perusal of this price-list (free on application to Mr. Martin) will repay readers in search of cages and the like.

Mr. Davidson, of Mossend, will judge our First Feather Show on Saturday, July 29, in the Masonic Hall, New Stevenston, at three o'clock, writes Mr. Jas. Lamb, sec. of the Holytown, New Stevenston, and Dis. O.S. There will be five classes: Norwich Plainhead, Crest and C.B., Border, Scotch Fancy, and Yorkshire; four birds each variety each member.

Special notice.—Ramsden's Pure Peppers.—Customers will much oblige by noting that I am closing on the Saturday before and the Tuesday after August Bank Holiday in order to give my staff a well-merited holiday after a record season. Orders received after first post on Friday, August 4, will not be executed until Wednesday, August 9. Please, therefore, send your orders early next week to avoid delay.—J. W. Ramsden.—Advt.

An extraordinary general meeting will be held in the City Hall Reception Room, Albion Street, Glasgow, on July 29, at 6.30 p.m., writes Mr. Alex. Macdonald, secretary of the City of Glasgow O.A., and as business vital to the best interests of the society will be dealt with and decided upon, it is earnestly requested that members turn out in large numbers and support the executive in their efforts to improve the position of the association.

OBITUARY.

Mr. J. McDONALD (Queensbury).

It is with deep regret (writes Mr. A. Hartley, secretary of the Queensbury C.B.S.) that I have to inform you of the death of Mr. J. McDonald, who passed away on July 19. During the time he has been a member he has done all he could for the society, and he will be greatly missed by his fellow-fanciers. Also I have to record the death of the beloved wife of Mr. F. Allen, who is one of our staunch members. She had had a long illness. We offer him our sympathy in his great bereavement.

Exhibitors should not overlook Cambridge "mammoth" show on Bank Holiday Monday, where there is a nice classification for cage birds, a separate tent to hold the exhibits, and an excellent array of stewards (all practical fanciers) to look after the wants of the latter. The gala and show, too, afford the opportunity of a very enjoyable day's outing for fanciers who care to personally take down their stock. Entries close this week-end (note show advertisement). Part of the profits is devoted to a local hospital.

An attempt to interest the parishioners of St. John's, Hoxton, in home pets was made on Saturday last, when was held the first Fur and Feather Show open to the parish. The Vicar, the Rev. G. Twentyman, was the moving spirit, and he received valuable help from Messrs. Hunt, True, Stannard, and Bailey. An interesting collection of poultry, pigeons, rabbits, and cage birds was brought together as the result of their labours. Amongst the winners were Mrs. Twentyman, Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Short, Mrs. Keen, Miss Clarke, and Messrs. Hunt, Dennington, Hawkins, Chappel, Bailey, Whybrow, Prescott, and Penney. Mr. C. A. House acted as judge.

Remind Your Judges.

By an accident, I put Leigh Young Bird Show down to be judged as next Saturday (July 29), writes Mr. Chas. Houlton (St. Helens), whereas I ought to have judged it last Saturday (July 22). I had the engagement booked six months ago, and have booked many others since then. I got this one down to the wrong date somehow, and I was away elsewhere yesterday afternoon when the Leigh secretary wired for me after 4 p.m. This was the first reminder of the show since being engaged. I only arrived home late at night. I have written the secretary apologising for the blunder. I have also pointed out that it is the custom to drop the judge a postcard and schedule two or three days before the show. A reminder would have resulted in my finding out the error of date in time. Kindly apologise for me through CAGE BIRDS; and maybe secretaries will take a hint as to the importance of dropping a postcard and schedule to their judges. It is the first time through nearly twenty years of judging that such a mistake has occurred with me, and I feel very sorry about it.

London Federation of C.B.S.

A meeting of the Council will be held at The Feathers Hotel, Great Chapel Street, Westminster, on July 28, at 7.45, when it is hoped that, in view of the long agenda, all delegates will make an effort to be present, writes Mr. James Bray, the hon. sec.

Our Frontispiece.

The Magpie belonging to Mr. A. Martin Kettering) which is depicted in its show cage upon our frontispiece this week, is a well-known prize-winner in the Midlands—at Kettering (three 1sts), Peterborough, Stamford, Burton-on-Trent, etc. The photograph gives one an excellent idea of the type of show cage suited to Magpies and similar large British birds.

Black Redstart Nests.

Canon H. D. Rawnsley writes from Crosthwaite Vicarage to "The Times":—"The Coronation year will be remembered by ornithologists in Cumberland by the fact that for the first time in history, so far as I can learn, the Black Redstart has ventured to nest with us. A nest with four eggs was discovered in our district on May 20, and the identification is certain. I write to ask if your readers can give any other note of the nesting of the Black Redstart in Great Britain."

All is Gay.

Mr. Pat. McClusky (Onchan, Isle of Man) invokes the poetic muse in praise of May. We print two sample verses, though we expect that the average bird-lover has to the best of his ability already "captured gladness" in the manner indicated:—

Come, fancier, greet the country, sweet
With blossom and with flower,
It is the May, and all is gay
Since April sun and shower.

Our fields are bright with birds in fight,
The air is filled with rapture,
Now do arise, ope heart and eyes,
And all the gladness capture.

"Beastly Tame" Bullfinches.

Mr. Sidney Buxton, who is one of the few naturalists in the present House of Commons, told an amusing story some time ago, says the "Daily Sketch," at a meeting of the Society for the Protection of Birds, at which he was to be the principal speaker. The orchards of the Board of Trade had been invaded by a number of Bullfinches and other fruit-eating birds, who had wrought such havoc that remedial measures were found to be imperative. Forthwith the gardener produced an old flint-lock, and sallied forth among the trees to wreak whatever vengeance he could. Shortly afterwards he sought out the governor, and, half apologetically, informed him that the Bullfinches were so "beastly tame" that they actually perched on the end of his gun, so that he hadn't the heart to kill them.—Sent by Master W. Bennett (East Grinstead).

Bird Nesting.

It was the merry month of May, the jovial month of May, when all the birds were mating upon each dewy spray, when the schoolboys went a-nesting, despite the Wild Birds Act, and many a Thrush and Blackbird found their homes despoiled and sacked. Then we said we'd go a-nesting in that merry month of May; and we laid our heads together, and a noble plan did lay. We hunted and we holloaed and we made a jolly row, and, oh! the mud we hurled up at a nest upon a bough. But somehow the darned captain bird would not come off his nest, and a little "clerk" bird sat in front and bade us do our best. He was a nasty little bird, he was, upon my Sam; he sat and sneered and smiled, and didn't seem to care a d——n. But two old birds in plumage gay sat watching our great hunt; they said, "What are you trying to do a-spending all that 'blunt'?" We said, "We'd found a captain bird a-sitting on his nest, and we meant to have him off it before we went to rest." But those two old birds in plumage gay just smiled and looked around; "Go home," they said, "you silly oafs; it's a mares nest that youve found."—"R. A. H." in the "Nottingham Guardian."

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All About the Norwich Plainhead.

A Lecture recently delivered before the Sheffield O.S.

By J. A. T. WOODALL (Sheffield).

In giving you a lecture on the above-named popular variety of the Canary Fancy, I feel I have a very difficult task before me; for three reasons, firstly in commencing low enough, so that the veriest novice present can have the opportunity of gaining knowledge; secondly in making it interesting for the old fancier and exhibitor; thirdly in giving you new ideas, etc., in a matter that has been so often dealt with by the most eminent breeders and exhibitors in the country. No doubt week by week you have read the articles that have appeared in the Fancy Press on the different varieties, and have profitted by them. I will now endeavour, by taking you step by step from the bottom rung of the ladder, to entertain you for an hour, and I trust that at the conclusion some gentlemen present will have benefitted by my remarks.

Procuring One's Stock.

In the first instance we must get our stock birds. Of course, I am taking it we have decided to adopt the Norwich Plainhead as our particular Fancy. Don't go to Tom, Dick and Harry and get a bird here and a bird there. Go straight to the fountain-head—to some prominent exhibitor—and place yourself entirely in his hands. Give him an idea as to the price you can afford to pay, and take my advice and pay the best price you can, and instead of getting, say, half-a-dozen pairs, have one or two pairs to commence with, getting the best, as they cost you no more to keep, for unless you have the pedigree you cannot possibly attain any success as an exhibitor.

As it is most important for us to know what constitutes a champion Norwich Plainhead, let us next consider the matter. I have here a suggested model of a Norwich Plainhead Canary, drawn by Mr. H. Norman, artist-in-chief to CAGE BIRDS, and selected as an ideal by four out of six South Country judges under the auspices of the Southern Norwich Plainhead club.

The Importance of Shape.

The most important feature of all is shape, which should be as follows: The head must be round, as wide a skull as it is possible to procure, with short beak. The neck must be short and thick; the chest deep, broad, and full; the back broad and well filled in; the wings and tail short and compact, the former to lie nicely on back, just to meet at tips, but not to cross; the feather soft and silky, with brilliance and compactness. The colour must be deep, bright, rich, pure, and level. The length should not exceed 6½ inches. By totalling all these points you have a bird something the build of the drawing (which I will hand round for your inspection). I hope a few of you have seen some as good in your own rooms this season; perhaps you have, and are keeping them back to give us some great surprises later on.

As we have now summed up what constitutes a Norwich, we will advance one more rung of the ladder and take the three leading points, namely, shape, quality, and colour. I take shape first, as without shape your specimen would be absolutely useless. Shape, as most of us know, or are told, comes from the female side, so that it is most important you should take special care in the selection of your hens. Buff hens are, as a rule, more typical than the yellow, being fuller in neck, deeper in chest, and broader in back; so that it proves it is always advisable to put up the greater number of buff hens.

Quality and Colour Considered.

Quality is another very important feature in the case of the Plainhead Norwich. Always avoid the rough, coarse, and harsh-feathered birds. Don't breed with them if you can possibly avoid it, as you must have quality in your stock, no matter what the cost, if you are to be in any way successful on the show bench. For quality and silky feather the Norwich Plainhead Club allow 15 points. This of itself will prove to you, if you think for one moment, how important is quality.

The last of the three leading points, viz., colour, is by no means the least; they all three, in fact, go together to make a champion. If you fail in any one of these three points, you might as well keep your specimens at home, and save the money necessary for entry fees, carriage, etc.

The Norwich, as we all know, is a bird of colour, but to get colour you must breed for it. It is no use putting a yellow cock to a buff hen and trusting to luck as regards the colour. You will always find a heavily variegated bird much deeper and richer in colour than a clear, and as we get colour from the dark variegated blood, let us study for one moment what method will give us the best results. To breed for colour you must get some green blood in your stock. I should suggest that you get a big yellow green cock if possible, although I know yellow green cocks are hard to get hold of. Or you can breed your own stock birds and perhaps have better results, as you will know exactly how they are bred. Get two of the heaviest variegated yellows you can meet with; they must be big birds, as by pairing these two yellows, unless you get extra large birds, you stand a chance of losing size. You must also keep your eye on quality and type. If you manage to breed green or very heavily variegated birds from this mating, you will find that they are all teeming with colour, and paired to typical clear buffs will be of the greatest value as stock birds.

I have introduced the subject of double-yellow breeding above to produce a stock bird, but you can go further than that by this mating. Mr. R. Taylor (of Messrs. Cleminson and Taylor, of Preston) pins his faith on double yellow breeding. I remember him once giving a paper before the Rochdale Ornithological Club on the Norwich Canary, when he proved that their best birds and those they had been the most successful with on the show bench, were all bred from double yellows or double yellow offspring. Of course, it does not follow that the young are going to be all yellows; you will no doubt have one or two buffs. If so, by all means retain them, as these birds paired to good coloured yellows will produce offspring which will be the envy of all fanciers.

The Advantage of Double Buffing.

Now with regard to double-buffing. The great advantage of this is to put size and stamina into your stock. By double-yellowing as I have pointed out, you lose size; but in double-buffing you increase size. But whichever you go in for you must use discretion, as you are treading on very dangerous ground; in fact, it would be advisable for the novice to leave both of these crosses to the experienced fancier, until he has gained sufficient knowledge himself to be able to carry them out successfully.

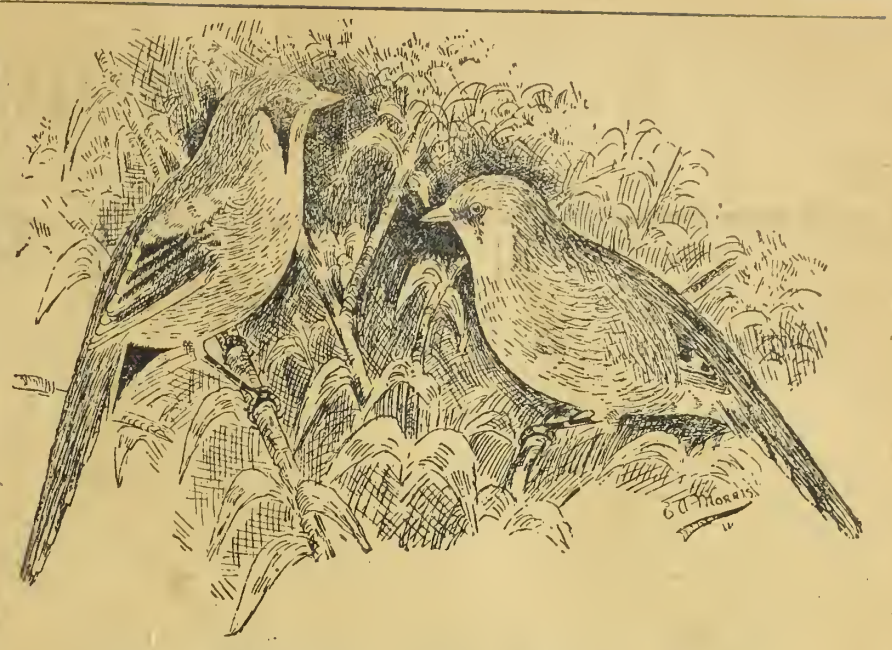
In selecting your pairs for double-buffing you must exercise great care. Do not let the birds be too long. Get them as chubby as possible, with nice short silky feather. Don't have them too heavily-mealed. If the hen happens to be very tight feathered and heavily mealed, select for her a cock having as little mealing as possible, and soft silky feather. Birds answering this description should make an admirable pair for the purpose. The produce from this crossing must not be paired to buffs, or you will get them too rough and long in feather. But if you have any yellow stock on the small side, by all means pair these buff bred birds to them.

Some Pairing Preparations.

We have studied the best methods for producing absolutely the finest stock possible. Let us now make preparations for the pairing up of our birds. The first important thing is to get your birds into what we all call "breeding condition." To do this they must be absolutely healthy in every detail. If you discover any wheezy or asthmatical birds discard them at once as far as breeding is concerned, as the chances are you will do no good with such birds; and if you did happen to get any young stock from them, they would always have a tendency to be weak, always ailing, and in a good many cases would follow in their parents' footsteps.

I have always found the following the best method for keeping my breeding stock in condition. As soon as they get over the moult (which we will deal with later) I select what I consider are fit for the show bench, both cocks and hens. These I keep in separate 20 inch breeding cages. You will find they have plenty of room in these for exercise, and by being kept in separate cages, there is no chance of their damaging their own or their companions' plumage. The stock I decide to hold over for the next breeding season are all placed in flights, cocks and hens, of course, occupying separate quarters. By these means they will get any amount of exercise, which is one of the greatest necessities if you are to keep your birds.

(To be continued.)



THE BEARDED REEDLING (OR TIT).

(Male and Female).

THE BEARDED REEDLING.

By E. A. MORRIS (Ilford).

Although a great lover of all sections of the cage bird fancy, there is one branch that interests me above all others, and that is the keeping and management of most species of our British softbills. Therefore the insectivorous classes at our shows have to me always been a special attraction. It was while I was looking over the softbill classes at the Crystal Palace show some few years ago that I first became acquainted with the Bearded Reedling, or "Bearded Tit," as it is often called. If I remember rightly, this particular bird was exhibited by Mr. Lowne, of Great Yarmouth, and it stood first in its class. From that time I determined to make the Bearded Reedling an addition to my stock, an introduction which I have never regretted. Since then I have seldom been without a pair or more of these fascinating and interesting pets.

Not a Delicate Softbill.

The Bearded Tit is not what I should term a delicate softbill. I have known the species to be kept for quite a considerable time on just the ordinary Lark or Thrush mixture. But I do not advise fanciers to proceed on these lines. Cleanliness and careful feeding are all that are required to keep these birds in perfect health and condition.

In the case of those fanciers who keep a few softbills only, it is not necessary to prepare one's own insectivorous food, as there are several splendid preparations on the market (see CAGE BIRDS advertisement columns) suitable for all kinds of softbills. Some fanciers moisten their softbills' food with water, but I prefer to use grated carrot for the purpose, as by so doing you are supplying the birds with a vegetable matter which I consider is very essential for almost all classes of birds kept in captivity.

Insect life in almost any form is greatly relished by the Bearded Tit. A few gentles or chopped mealworms should be added daily to their soft-food.

When possible the food should be placed outside the cage, as when placed inside they have a habit of raking over their food in a manner similar to that of a fowl, and by so doing naturally waste more than they eat. Being birds that in their native haunts frequent broads and marshy spots, they should have a bath placed at their disposal. This I have always found they appreciate.

It does not need an experienced ornithologist to determine the sex of the bird in question. The hen is very sombre in colouration compared with the cock. The marking of the male bird is as follows: head and neck slaty blue; back and tail a rich buff colour; throat white, with a black beard running from each side of the beak, almost down to the breast; beak orange; base of tail and vent black; legs black; breast and thighs a delicate mauvish brown. The hen is practically a greyish brown all over, with the exception of the throat and breast, which are a dirty white, and she has no beard.

Being a very lively bird, the Bearded Tit naturally requires a fairly roomy cage, or better still, a small aviary. When kept in the latter, it is not an unusual occurrence for the species to nest, and even lay, if they are kept as advised above. Some years ago I had a pair kept in an aviary, from which I had three nests of fertile eggs in one season. But I have never had a hen to sit and rear her young. Unfortunately I was not in a locality where I could find a Hedge Sparrow's or a Wagtail's nest in which I could put the eggs.

As an Exhibition Bird.

As an exhibition bird the Bearded Tit ranks high on the list of small softbills, and it is very rarely you see a really good specimen low down in the awards. But it is very rarely one can identify a genuine Britisher on the show bench. Like the Dartford Warbler, they are very rare in this country, but I believe a few pairs still breed on the Norfolk Broads.

The Bearded Tit is not a bird that suffers to any great extent during the moult, and I have never had much trouble with them at this period; but, of course, much depends upon the conditions under which they have been kept during the early part of the year.

Whether this bird is improved or not by colour-feeding is just a matter of opinion, so I will not venture further on the subject.

Staging plays a prominent part in the matter of success with this bird. I have seen some splendid specimens staged in most unsuitable cages, which always makes their chances of success very remote. A good-sized softbill cage, enamelled cream or light pink inside, with the wire front the same colour, and outside of cage enamelled black, is in my opinion the most suitable show cage for the Bearded Tit.

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Rollers Getting Bare.

Miss A. D.—It is not very uncommon for them to begin to look rather bare at this time when the moult is about commencing, where it has not already begun, and the birds get all right after the moult. But it may also occur from debility brought about by breeding with closely related birds, and if your young bird already shows signs of going the same way, it is not unlikely this may be the cause in your case, when treatment is rarely, if ever, very satisfactory for any length of time. To give them the best possible chance treat as follows until the end of the moult. For one week give a staple of plain canary seed only, and a free supply of green food daily. No other food or tit-bits of any kind. In the drinking water during this time give 20 drops of whisky, as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and 8 or 10 shreds of saffron every second day. After this add a third part of summer rape to the staple diet and twice a week give a morsel of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut slightly dusted with flowers of sulphur and sprinkled with soft sugar. On two other days each week give a pinch of maw, and once a week a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts linseed, teazle, and millet. Give a little green food daily, and a mealworm a day whilst moulting would be most beneficial, but otherwise strictly limit the dietary to the above regimen, and stop all other tit-bits. Keep cage strewn with clean gritty sand, and make yourself quite sure there are no red mites secretly harbouring in them. Allow birds to bathe quite freely, and twice a week for a month smear the bare places with sulphur ointment.

Bare Head and Neck.

Bald Pate.—Judging from your last letter, which is much clearer as to origin of the bareness, I have no doubt that it is largely due to the moult, and that it will also disappear to a great extent when the moult is over. The quicker and better the moult as a whole, the more completely will these symptoms of bareness be removed, therefore your chief object must be to get your birds through as good a moult as possible. The bareness may not be completely recovered from in the adult bird, as this, to a certain extent, depends upon her age and general vigour, and I still think there is some debility in the strain, so you must not be surprised if only the young birds completely recover. To give them the best possible chance keep them in an equable and warm temperature during the moult, in a bright and healthy position, and free from draughts. Of course, at present the normal temperature is quite sufficient, but if there should come a cool change then see the birds are kept as near as can be to the present degree of warmth. Give a diet of plain canary only. Every second day give half a teaspoonful of summer rape per bird, and on the alternate days a similar quantity of egg-food sprinkled with maw seed. Twice a week for a month, and once a week for another month afterwards, slightly dust the egg-food with flowers of sulphur before adding the maw, and on two other days each week during the same time mix in the egg-food four drops of a mixture of equal parts of compound syrup of hypophosphites and syrup of iodide of iron. Once a week give a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts linseed, black rape, millet, and broken groats, and three or four times a week a spray of green food. Stop using the ointment advised in last reply as soon as they show through the skin.

Birds with Worms.

E. S. P.—It is not improbable that any other bird or birds living in the same cage with the one that died may also be troubled with worms. Still, I should not much care about treating any birds for this trouble until some symptoms of it had been demonstrated by the appearance of worms in the droppings. But if you wish to treat them in order to be on the safe side, proceed as follows:—In the first place keep cages, perches, and food and water vessels scrupulously clean—you might scald the vessels or immerse them for an hour in a saturated solution of common salt, two or three times during treatment, and also sponge the sand trays with the solution about as often. Get a chemist to mix one grain of powdered santonine with five grains of powdered arcca nut. Divide this into four equal parts, and each part will be a sufficient dose for those birds the size of a Norwich Canary. Each bird will require four doses, so you will know what quantity to ask the chemist to mix. If you have only three birds, the above-named quantity will be all you need. For the treatment it will be most convenient to keep the birds in groups of three. Remove all food in the evening. Next morning mix one of the portions of powder with a teaspoonful of very slightly moistened sponge cake, add a pinch of maw seed, and mix all well together. Give only this for food until near mid-day. Then put on the usual seed diet. Next day add as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence to the drinking water until mid-day, then change it for fresh pure water. For the next two days after add six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid to the water. Then miss one day, and begin the four days course over again in the same order. Repeat the course twice again until the four portions of powder have been used.

Too Short Song (New Year).—I fear you are under the mistaken impression that the better a price you pay for a Yorkshire the better it should sing. If this is your idea you are wrong. The Yorkshire is not in any sense bred to type for singing qualities, and it is quite possible for the best show bird bred to be the poorest performer at singing. If you want to get full value for money spent in song alone, you should have gone in for a properly trained Roller. It is also possible your bird may be a "singing hen," but that you could only learn by making yourself quite sure of its sex. As it appears in good health and condition it does not need any medical treatment. You might try letting it have the company of a good lusty singing cock for a few weeks, when it is about resuming song after moulting.

Started Moulting (In Doubt, Levenshulme).—Yes, the bird has undoubtedly started to moult, and seems to have broken away very favourably, so all you need do is to take ordinary care to protect him from draughts. In addition to its staple diet, give a small tea-spoonful of the egg-food twice a week, on two other days a third of a teaspoonful of maw seed, and on each of the remaining days a spray of green food. When you notice the new head and neck feathers beginning to appear, substitute a pinch of linseed twice a week for the maw seed, and add 20 drops of chemical food to the drinking water for the remainder of the moult. Keep cage strewn with clear gritty sand; see that it is free from red mites, and allow the bird to bathe freely. It will not now be in good song again until the moult is quite finished.

Maw v. Poppy Seed (S. T. W.).—The difference between maw and poppy seed is simply that of two species of the same genus of plants. The maw of commerce is, I believe, the seed of the white opium poppy, and is of a blue-grey colour. The seed of the scarlet poppy of our fields is of a dark brown

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should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping (1/1); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

hue. I have used the latter sparingly at times without any ill effect, but have not used it largely. Still I do not see any grave objection to using it partly, if not wholly as a substitute for the maw seed usually sold. It may be only the prejudice of a conservative habit that induces most of us to give a decided preference to the grey seed, perhaps because it costs us money, whereas the seed of the wild poppy can be got for nothing, and with scarcely a bit of trouble, seeing that it is one of the very easiest seeds to gather and "clean."

Curious Behaviour (R. G. L.).—I do not think there is anything wrong with the hen beyond being, perhaps, just a little fagged with feeding. Most birds behave as you say yours does occasionally at one time or other, and it is always more noticeable just before the moult. It may be simply ennui, or the birds feeling a bit run down with family cares, or the approach of the moult, and sometimes it is due to sheer nervousness, in which case the action occurs only when the disturbing cause is present, which can easily be detected by careful observation, and should then be removed. There is no need to give scalded teazle daily; stop this. Also give 20 drops of whisky, as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and half as much chlorate of potash in the drinking water daily for three days. Supply the bath regularly, and give a little green food daily, when the symptoms should quickly pass away.

Injured Hind Claw (Gladwin).—I'm afraid you will not be able to do much for this toe, as my experience is that this kind of injury is rarely, if ever, amenable to treatment. Still you can try. Bathe the foot first for a few minutes in fairly warm water, then gently work a few drops of olive oil about it; wipe off all superfluous oil, and then put on a rubber ring to hold the hind toe back for a time. To make ring cut slightly less than an eighth of an inch off the end of feeding-bottle tubing; and to put it on hold the foot between the thumb and forefinger of left hand with the hind toe held back against the leg and the three fore toes close together. Pass the ring over the fore toes, and upwards on to the leg, until it is nearly to end of the hind toe, and leave it there, when the hind toe will be still within the ring and will be held back by it permanently. Allow this ring to stay on a month, then cut it off, repeat the bathing and oiling of the foot, and give it thin perches as advised to "J. S. Burgess" in last issue for a few weeks.

Canary Moulting (L. F. C.).—(1) If you are already feeding correctly and the bird appears in fair, average health, there is no real necessity to make any great change in the diet, and you must certainly not feed him wholly, nor chiefly, on soft food. Keep him in a bright, healthy place, free from draughts, allow him to bathe freely, and if the moult is very slowly, throw a light cover over the cage, which will help it along. Feed on a staple of three parts canary to one part summer rape. In addition, give a morsel of bread and milk about the size of a hazel nut sprinkled with maw seed once a week, and on one or two other days each week give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge or Madiera cake, with a pinch of maw added to it. Give a spray of chickweed, shepherd's purse, or a plantain stalk daily. Toward the end of the moult you may give a pinch of linseed, and add 20 drops of chemical food to its water twice each week for a month. (2) For details of destroying red mites, see reply to "T. B.," on July 15th.

Toe Sticking Out (A. B., Manchester).—You have overdone the correction of the prior deformity by keeping the bands on too long. At the age of the bird a month would have been amply sufficient to leave them on. You may try the alternate, hot and cold baths, as advised to "J. S. Burgess," in last issue, every second day for a fortnight, rubbing in a drop of olive oil gently afterwards. Also put in one of the small perches advised, in place of one of the thicker ones. With this treatment the toes may come right in the course of a few weeks. But do not expect them to do so all at once.

Hardly any Beaks (Welshman).—In the absence of any particulars of any kind, the only explanation I can suggest of the young Canaries having hardly any beaks at all, as you say, is that one or both of the parents nipped them when the birds were very young in the nest, and that the injury healed without you noticing it. It is a vice some parents are occasionally addicted to, but whether by accident or design, is not clear. If the birds can pick up seed and crack it tolerably well, they will get along fairly well, and probably recover a certain amount of substance of mandible in the course of the first year or so.

Young Birds' Moult (L. M. Nicholls).—You omit to say what breed the birds are, or whether you wish to colour-feed them or not. If you do not wish to colour-feed, as long as the birds keep in apparently good health and vigour there is no real necessity for special treatment. The treatment advised to "L. F. C.," which see, is sufficient for all ordinary cases. If you wish to colour-feed them, you are really too late to do it properly now they have started to moult. You ought to begin before the moult commenced. Still, if you wish to try it, give a staple of plain canary only, a pinch of rape every second day, and twice a week on the alternate day a pinch of a mixture of hemp, millet, teazle, and linseed, and a small spray of green food three times a week. For the colour-feeding, you must give a small teaspoonful of soft food—egg food or crushed sponge cake—with colour added every day right through the moult, until birds are in fine feather again. The soft food may consist of one finely minced hard-boiled egg with double its bulk of bread crumbs or crushed biscuit (a similar quantity of crushed sponge cake may be used instead of this mixture), and in this thoroughly blend two teaspoonfuls of colour, gradually increasing it to four teaspoonfuls in a week, and when the head and neck is moulting again, reduce the proportion of colour by one-half to finish off with.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

Death of Zebra Finch.

M. E. Sharp.—These birds are very interfering with other birds anywhere near their nest, especially the male, though he never does any harm accordiug to my experience, and he may have caught an unlucky blow on the top of the head in consequence. Again, excitement runs high at this period, often ending in the rupture of a small blood vessel on the brain and consequent sudden death, the cause of which only a post-mortem would reveal—such cases are not uncommon, and has very probably been the case with your bird. I am of the opinion the hen will successfully rear the young—by all means try her with small, smooth caterpillars, ants' eggs, live or preserved, the former for preference, and let her have access to as much lettuce and flowering grass as she will eat. The young birds will leave the nest very shortly. The site of the nest is an unusual one. All the items you mention can be put where the bird can readily see them, and then leave her severely alone and the young should be successfully reared —though if the brood be a large one a couple of the smallest and weakest may not be reared. In my aviaries, under similar circumstances, with similar species, I have bred broods of three fully reared, and I think similar luck will be yours.

No Breeding Results.

"Aviary."—It is difficult to account for such cases; your dietary is ample, and it would appear that they have natural cover, as well as unlimited receptacles for nesting purposes. There are, however, two points on which you are silent, viz.: How long the birds have been in the aviary; is the aviary infested with mice? The latter often results in the upsetting of breeding results, by the disturbance they cause, quite apart from occasionally killing an adult bird and fouling the food. As regards the former, foreign species take a little time to settle down, and in fresh quarters will often build several nests, before a clutch of eggs is finally laid. Black-headed Nuns very seldom breed in captivity, why, it is hard to say, but it is so. All the other species should breed with you before the moult sets in. Redpolls are fascinating birds, but very mischievous, while their proclivities for interfering with other birds' nests, etc., almost equals that of mice. Even experienced aviarists have their bad seasons, when nothing goes to nest, or the few nests that are made yield no result. Aviculture calls for patience, and to such (by careful observation) the failure of one season should mean triumph in another. However, it often happens that the first year of an aviary is not a successful one, especially when trees, etc., have been only newly planted—the general newness and artificialness of things possibly affects the birds, a season's growth alters all this, and the birds get accustomed to their environment, and give good results afterwards.

Budgerigars (Amateur).—Providing you have at least eight nesting husks hung up for the birds as far apart as possible, and the aviary is not infested with mice, it is merely a case of allowing the birds to settle down, which they will ultimately do, and once they have started they continue to breed freely enough. Budgies, though free breeders in captivity, sometimes take a season to settle down; there is plenty of time for them this season yet, right up to the cold season. Sow the portion under wire roof with grass, oats, wheat, etc., also supply cuttlebone. Your diet is very satisfactory, and you have simply to wait with what patience you can for them to settle down. When in breeding condition the cere of the male is bright blue, and that of the female ruddy brown.

Cockatoo in Moult (B. Magraith).—You must give me a little more information before I can give you material help. How long have you had it? How has it been fed and treated? Observe it closely, and note if it is pulling out, or biting off its feathers. In the meantime, give a dose of Dinneford's Magnesia—one teaspoonful in the daily supply (about one ounce) of drinking water—every fourth day, and on the intermediate days put Parrish's Chemical Food in the drinking water. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, nor any kind of animal food. On receipt of the above details I shall be pleased to try and help you further.

Sexing Bengalese and Silverbills (M. E. S.).—There is practically no difference in plumage as to the Bengalese, but the Silverbill is not of quite so rich a hue, that is, when comparing adult birds. Sexing these birds is by no means easy, but the following distinctions apply to both species: In the female the head is narrower and the beak shorter and stouter than that of the male. The Bengalese have been produced by hybridisation, and though they usually readily nest and produce eggs, very many of the latter are unfertile or young chicks dead in shell. Observe your birds carefully, and if there is any slight difference in the shape of the head or beak, leave them to take their own course and you will ultimately get some young. The cock Silverbill may usually be told also by the apparent prodigious efforts he makes while singing.

Grey Singing Finches (C. K. E.).—Treat much the same as a Canary, or supply a mixture of four parts each Canary and white millet, with one part each of rape and teazle, and pinch of maw seed—well mix and keep a regular supply in cage or aviary—also supply spray millet, greenfood, cuttlebone, and grit, with water for drinking and bathing. These birds should have a roomy cage, and it will tend greatly to their welfare if a small turf (similar to those supplied to Larks) be given occasionally, especially if the grass is in flower or seeding; if it is, water well daily and then return to cage after the water has drained away. It will keep fresh several days. Or several of them may be so treated and supplied to the birds on alternate days.

Parrot with sore foot (Pretty Polly).—A better mixture for the bird would be two parts Canary and white millet, and one part each hemp, oats, dari, maize, and sunflower seeds, well mix and keep a supply in the cage; also supply ripe fruit,

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should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

nuts, and plain biscuit. Well cleanse the sore foot with warm water, and also bathe the thigh with the same. Anoint the foot with a little healing ointment and paint the swollen part of leg with whisky. The foot trouble may be either a splinter in its foot, or some septicaemic trouble. If there is not an improvement soon, I should advise having it examined by your local vet. Keep its bowels moving freely (not watery-loose) by occasional doses of Dinneford's magnesia—one teaspoonful in the daily supply (about one ounce) of drinking water.

Poppy heads and birds (E. M. B.).—For such birds as will take it, or the blight from it, I do not think the poppy does any harm in the aviary; at least, I have it growing in my own, and three young White-eyes (Zosterops) have been reared in the aviary this season. We supply maw seed to our birds, and so long as they do not get the poppy seed in too great a quantity it will do no harm. At least, I have never had any loss I could attribute to it. However, it should not be given in too great quantity, though if your aviary is a spacious one, giving ample room for exercise, there is but little danger in letting them have it liberally.

What are They? (W. H.).—The first-named bird is undoubtedly an Orange Bishop (Weaver). At the same time your description comes very near to the Napoleon Weaver, but the latter bird is rich yellow and black, while the former is fiery orange and black. The description of the second species is rather vague, but I am of the opinion that they are Red-billed Weavers the male of which will become much brighter as to the hue of its body plumage and its face will be adorned by a black mask. The present is about the period that African Weavers don nuptial (breeding) plumage in this country.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Red Mites.

S. P. Millar.—Unfortunately you have unwittingly committed a serious error in allowing the red-mites to accumulate in "very large numbers." The only possible method of coping with these pests (to keep them down to a minimum, that is) is to deal with them immediately any are observed about the breeding cages. When very numerous they spread from the cages to the walls and then, of course, the latter require cleansing, too. I don't know much about garden insecticides, but believe some of them poisonous, so not suitable for use in cages. Some of the best disinfectants, too, stain wood, and you might not care for this. I presume you cannot empty the cages, so your best plan will be to paint every crack and crevice (woodwork and wirework) with a mixture (equal parts) of petrol and turpentine. Let it run freely into the joints, especially places which show signs of harbouring colonies of the pests, both outside and inside the cages. The walls, etc., should be washed with a solution of carbolic (try Calvert's strongest, made according to the directions accompanying it. There will be no red-mites left then, unless you let any escape you. Let the birds bathe in water to each pint of which has been added one dram

of sulphuretted potash. Use the potash twice or thrice, at short intervals. Don't let the mites get the upper hand again. Keep some of the petrol and turps by you and use it on the cage joints, etc., occasionally, as may be necessary. I find the best method of keeping mites out of the nest-pan is to dust thickly under the lining with Cook's co-fectant powder (obtainable cheaply of any chemist). After the young birds are 7 or 8 days old some can be dusted on top of the lining, too.

A Blackbird (George Young).—Gently bathe the parts daily over a short period with warm water, which has been turned the colour of port wine by the addition of a little Condy's fluid.

A Starling (Redlichtic).—These birds are known to be peculiarly liable to be troubled by worms infecting the throat, etc. Try the effect of stirring some ordinary table salt into the drinking water for a time—say, a saltspoonful into two ounces.

A Quintette (P.T.H.).—(1) The birds you name should agree quite well together, and be thoroughly suited to the aviary you describe. (2) It will not be necessary to disturb the birds at all (i.e., cage them for a time) at the commencement of the breeding season. Providing you put in true pairs, they will breed in due course (assuming, of course, that they choose so to do). (3) The seed mixture would be better if you reduced the summer rape to two parts. Give also (in a separate dish) some good sound hemp and sunflower seeds frequently (especially during the colder weather). (4) They will winter all right with the extra shelter mentioned. (5) Use the strong-smelling pitch-pine sawdust to fill the spaces between the aviary casing.

A Weakly Magpie (Sparrow).—Your method of feeding is at fault. The food you mention is very good for the price charged, but does not contain sufficient nourishment to keep such a bird as a Magpie in vigorous health and good condition. As a matter of fact, this bird needs flesh food regularly, the best of all being newly-killed mice and Sparrows, while mutton, beef, rabbit flesh, fowl's "innards," liver, etc (cooked and raw), can be utilised as a change. Black beetles (cock-roaches) are also much esteemed. To give ripe fruit is quite correct; while potatoes, greens, and the like left over from table, are greatly enjoyed if given soaked with gravy. Magpies don't need all these things daily, of course, but from time to time, as a change. Your bird will never be robust unless you amend its dietary. Bread and milk is all right for children and old folk (I like it myself), and it has its uses (but they are limited) amongst birds. As a stock food for the Magpie, take a quantity of a first-class dog food (such as "Melox," or Spratts), thoroughly soften it with hot water, then add some of the packet food you mention—sufficient to make the whole crumbly moist. Make it fresh daily. This is good and economical.

Room for Birds (J.M.).—It is largely a matter of personal taste. If you just want a few British birds to look at, admire, and study, then you could fit up the room mentioned, and turn them loose therein. Under such conditions, however, I never think British birds are really seen at their best unless one can contrive some means of observing them from the outside—or, at least, in such a way as obviates

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should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (6d.); 'Colour-feeding' (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4 "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

one's presence in the room "flustering" the birds. You ask my opinion, and I give it in favour of a series of large flight cages (with a few small single cages) around the walls. Then the birds are more under control, and one is able to pick and choose amongst a greater number of species for suitable inmates of the flights, etc. This latter method is somewhat the more expensive of the two, of course, unless one has the time to construct one's own flights, etc. You could start with any of the seed-eaters.

A Cuckoo (Laing).—A good food can be made by thoroughly softening (soaking) with hot water a tablespoonful of crushed Melox (or other good brand of dog food), and then adding about the same quantity of a high-class insectile mixture, dry. Several good foods are advertised in our columns at from 1s. 6d. a pound upwards. It is against the rules to recommend any particular one. For variety give now and again chopped hard-boiled egg, cut up greenfood (lettuce, watercress, etc.), shredded lean meat (beef, mutton, or fowl, or rabbit flesh), black beetles (cock-roaches), meal worms, well-scoured gentles, and anything living, in fact, which seems suitable (caterpillars, grubs, flies, etc.). In captivity Cuckoos are really very accommodating in the matter of food, and will gulp down anything from a gooseberry to a wire-nail, but as pets they are absolutely the last birds I should recommend anyone to keep. I have "had some," as the poet says, and never than once. They get bedraggled and dirty-looking, no matter how clean their cage, while it is very, very difficult to keep the plumage unbroken (and new feathers for some reason or other rarely attain to perfect growth); further, the nature of their excrement makes them offensive unless their cage is constantly cleaned out, and lastly—and worst of all—they are most difficult to keep alive and healthy over a lengthy period. If your bird is alive at this time next year you will have achieved a notable feat.

Young Bullies Hoped For (Bull).—I should be glad to know how your pair of Bullfinches get along. It is not at all unusual for a hen Bullie to incubate eggs when in a cage. Most of them sit very tight for at least a week; they seem apt to "chuck it" after this period, however, at any moment. If they hatch young, the danger is that one or other of the parents will pitch them out of the nest. I have tried so many Bullie hens and found them wanting in what I may term the finer feelings of motherhood, that I have become a pessimist concerning them. I had a high opinion of one hen this season, and let her have some fertile eggs. She incubated them all right, but apparently considered the young no ornaments to the nest; she soon deposited them outside on the floor. Your method of feeding is excellent, but you should arrange regular and liberal supplies of ripe seeding shepherd's purse (chickweed, and groundsel tops, too, if at all possible).

A Plant (Bird Toon).—The plant you send is actually dandelion. There can be no doubt about this. Daudelion is readily identified by reason of the leaves and flowers all coming direct from the root—there is no stem bearing both leaves and flowers. It is a common mistake to consider that dandelion flowers only in the spring. It is in the spring, however, that this plant is of most use to fanciers.

Seed Mixture for Aviary (Acacia). — The only precaution really needful is to protect them from draughts, which are disastrous to moulting birds. The young Canaries can be allowed a somewhat more generous diet—such as coarse oatmeal, hemp seed and cracked sunflower seed. Let them have a little soft-food frequently—a sweet Plasmon biscuit crushed and moistened with new milk is excellent; quite as good as egg-food for this purpose, and much more easily prepared The stock mixture for the aviary should consist of best canary three parts, teazle two parts, summer rape one part, and linseed half-part (by measure). The other seeds should be supplied in a separate dish. Glad to hear of your high opinion of CAGE BIRDS.

A Trio (Eager).—I have never used this plant. All the best wild-seed plants for birds were depicted on the coloured plate which accompanied the last Birthday Number of Cage Birds, and you can easily recognise them by consulting it. (2) A Mealy Redpoll should not be colour-fed. Purity of the silvery ground colour of its plumage is a strong exhibition point of this bird. (3) You can only guess at the sex of young Hawfinches (cock and hen being alike in plumage) by choosing the richest coloured—those carrying the strongest reddish-yellow tone. In adults, the hen is a dull greyish-brown colour, whereas a good cock bird has a coat of rich tones of reddish-brown, to say nothing of his jet black bib and metallic black wing feathers. CAGE BIRDS has published a coloured plate depicting cock and hen Hawfinches; no doubt you could purchase a copy. As regards the feeding, note another reply this week.

A Ring Dove-Antwerp Pigeon Hybrid (A. Munton).—I am sorry if my reply should disappoint you, but I am afraid your hybrid is of no value whatever from the cage-bird exhibitor's point of view. Doves and pigeons are not catered for at cage-bird shows. The Antwerp pigeon is neither a cage-bird nor a British bird (as the exhibitor construes the latter term); and the ordinary Ring Dove (i.e., the Barbary Dove) is not a British bird either. May-be, however, by "Ring Dove" you intend to indicate the Wood Pigeon. Your hybrids, of course, may be of some value to collectors of such "freaks."

Seeds, etc., for Hawfinch (H.M.T.).—The principal food is sound, plump, white sunflower seed, and a mealworm or two every day or so. The bird also appreciates hemp, linseed, canary, oats, and sometimes a little buckwheat, summer rape, small Indian corn, etc., beechmast, suitable nuts (walnuts, etc.), plum and cherry stones, hawthorn, privet, etc., berries, and the like. They relish a little young lettuce, watercress, chickweed, shepherd's purse, also ripe apple, pear, etc., occasionally. They love tender green garden peas, given in the pod. They are fond of a bath.

Wild Plants (Daffodil).—Your specimens were in a very dried up (withered) condition when they reached me, owing doubtless to the exceptionally hot weather, making identification a matter almost of impossibility. No. 1 seemed to be mouse-ear chickweed, and No. 3 one of the stitchworts, but No. 2 I could not identify. When full of ripe seeds, No. 1 is excellent for birds.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 2, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Lena Rochford.—Fatty degeneration of the liver as existing disease; enteritis as a sequel to disorganisation of the liver cells. Give your remaining birds an occasional dose of sulphate of soda in their drinking water.

Quills.—Acute enteritis, due to the introduction to the digestive system of irritant foreign bodies. The true stomach (proventriculus) contained pieces of stone, grit, and amongst other things a piece of bone. The irritation produced by these foreign substances was responsible for death.

I. D. L.—Peritonitis was the cause of death. The whole body cavity a quantity of bad smelling septic fluid. The trouble evidently arose in the oviduct, which was likewise intensely inflamed.

R. G. Leigh.—Death arose from heat apoplexy or congestion of the lungs due to the heat. In the event of such occurring in any of your other birds place them in as cool a position as possible, and give a heart stimulant, such as aromatic spirits of ammonia in 10 drop doses in the drinking water, sweetening the mixture with a little simple syrup, or syrup of prunes. Some birds are more predisposed than others, particularly those of a nervous temperament, or, again, those in which the heart is not overstrong. The heat acts by oppressing the heart's action, lessening the force of the circulation, and producing a venous stagnation in the lungs.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

A Ramble (J. A. T. Woodall).—We shall hope to publish this next week.

A Club Notice (Lane and Jowett).—Your card arrived after CAGE BIRDS had gone to press, or we would certainly have obliged you by publishing it. Sorry; please post earlier, as per our notification.

A Letter (T. H. Cullen).—We have to thank you for an interesting letter, to which we will reply direct. Sorry to hear of your recent trouble. Hope the "silver lining" is near.

An Aviary (W. Hulett).— Thanks for the photograph, which we will publish in the supplement to one of our special double numbers. May your good fortune with your birds long continue.

A White Blackbird (W. J. North).—It sounds like a contradiction in terms, of course, but is not so in reality. Because a bird is born white, it does not become a new species—it is still a Blackbird. Hence the term White Blackbird is absolutely correct. Many freaks of this kind have been known; in fact, never a show season passes without White Blackbirds being exhibited.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Ashton-under-Lyne O.S.—Aug. 1, P.S.A. Rooms, 7.30. N.F. Show for Mules and Hyb.; staged 7.30 prompt. Judge, Mr. R. Baron; also consideration of method of awarding points special prizes.—J. R. Colville.

Ardwick C.B.S.—Aug. 1, Onward Hall, Ardwick, 8. Election of judge for annual show.—J. Spencer.

Amble C.B.S.—July 29, Gardeners' Arms, Amble, 6. Paying prize money for F.F. Show, etc.—J. T. Crackett.

Ashington and Hirst C.B.S.—Aug. 29, Mr. Rowley's, 6.30. Special, annual, and F.F. Show business. All members please attend.—W. Hall. (Possibly July 29 is meant.—Ed.).

Brighouse C.B.S.—July 31, Wellington Inn, 8.—F. Mitchell.

Bo'ness F.A.—July 29, Coffee House. First Table Show, confined to members. Mr. J. McGregor, judge.—T. Cameron.

Bradford East O.S.—July 29, 2.30. Cricket match with Manningham C.B.A., at Scotchman Road, Heaton. All members desirous of playing please attend at above time. Fanciers and friends invited. Ladies' day.—H. Hill.

Border City (Carlisle) O.S.—Aug. 2, Headquarters, 8.15.—J. C. Bell.

Barnsley C.B.A.—Aug. 5, Clarence Hotel, 7.30. Classification for open show. Members please attend, so I can get on with business.—F. C. Sims.

Beamish C.B.S.—July 29, Bird Inn, High Hold, 7. Annual show business.—W. Knowles.

Bradford East O.S.—Aug. 1, Park Chapel Schools, 8 p.m. Balance sheet for July F.F. Show, and other important business.—H. Hill.

Bolton Woods C.B.A.—July 29, Victoria Hotel. F.F. Show. Birds staged 2.30 p.m. Judge, Mr. W. Walsh.—M. Skirrow.

Blaydon C.B.S.—Aug. 5, Co-op. Library, 7.30. To further consider annual schedule, payment of F.F. Show prize money, etc.—G. Havver.

City of Bradford O.S.—July 29, Flying Dutchman Hotel. Members' show, 8 Yorks., 6 Nor., 2 Brit. Judge, Mr. F. Self (Clayton). Birds must be staged at 2.45 p.m.—F. Rhodes.

Coventry O.S.—Aug. 2, Sydenham Palace, 8.30. Report of outing to Pailton.—A. J. Barratt.

City of Wakefield O.S.—July 29, Crown and Anchor Hotel, 3. F.F. Show. Judge, Mr. Morrison.—J. Atkinson.

Cheltenham C.B.S.—Aug. 2, Sydney Arms, 8. Lecture on Green Food and Wild Seeds, by Mr. W. Pounsett.—A. S. Treasure.

Chester C.B.F.A.—Aug. 1, Nags Head Cocoa House, 8.30. Arrangements for washing competition, etc.—J. Swindley.

Codnor Park and Eastwood C.B.S.—July 29, Three Tuns, Eastwood, 4.30. Members' F.F. Show. Birds staged by 4.30. Mr. J. Adnitt, judge. All welcome; admission free.—J. H. Mitchell.

Clapham C.B.A.—July 31, Landor Hotel, 8.30. Prize money for Y.B. Show. Schedule for open show, and important letters to be discussed re a special of last year's open show.—A. L. Priest.

City of Birmingham C.B.S.—Aug. 2, Crown Hotel, 8.30. Special meeting. Schedule for open show.—S. Mole.

Dunfermline C.B.S.—July 29, Co-operative Hall, 4. Y.B. Show.—R. T. Campbell.

Denton C.B.S.—July 30 (Sunday). Members and friends meet at Crown Point 9.15 a.m. for ramble.—W. Hopwood.

East Ham C.B.S.—July 29, Hartley Avenue Schools, Wakefield Street, 2 to 9.30. Y.S. Show. Will fanciers pay us a visit? Judge, Mr. J. Robson.—B. C. Smith.

Eccles C.B.S.—Aug. 2, Diamond Inn, 8.30. Important business, new members, subs., etc. Members please attend.—J. Scott.

Glasgow and Western Counties.—July 29, 122, Ingram Street, 4. F.F. Show.—T. Drysdale.

Gt. Horton (Good Intent) O.S.—July 29, Church Schools, 3. Members' F.F. Show. Judge, Mr. H. S. Naylor. Meeting during show.—H. Gornall.

Glossop Hadfield C.B.S.—Aug. 1, Mr. A. Deakins', Hague Street, Whitfield, 8 o'c. Election of secretary.—A. Hulmes.

Hull C.B.S.—July 31, Oddfellows' Hall, 8. Last N.F. Show this season. Judge, Mr. R. Barwick. Will all members return unsold tickets from half-day show?—E. R. Ridley.

Halifax O.S.—July 29, Saddle Hotel Rooms, Market Street. Members Show. Judge, Mr. R. E. Helliwell (Halifax). Birds staged 2.30. Entries taken Friday evening at Saddle. Classification, see syllabus.—J. J. Dunn.

Hartlepools C.B.S.—Aug. 2, Y.M.C.A., Whitby Street, 8. Classification open show, etc.—E. Wood, sen.

Hyson Green (Nottingham) C.B.S. — Aug. 1, Cricket Players' Hotel, 8. Open show business.—W. Cottingham.

Hetton-le-Hole C.B.S.—July 29, Crown Inn, 7. Balance sheet of F.F. show, etc. Please attend.—A. J. Notley.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—July 29, Railway Hotel, 2. Third F.F. show for 1911. Competition to be judged by Mr. A. Hartley (Gt. Horton). Aug. 2, open show business.—J. E. Hudson.

Longton C.B.S.—Aug. 1, Castle Inn, 8. Prize money and specials. Fanciers cordially invited.—Hallam and Lovatt.

Leeds Roller C.C.—July 29, 55, Briggate, 7.30. Annual contest business.—H. L. Davis.

Leicester Hand in Hand.—Aug 1st, White Swan, 8.30. Election of Sec.; members please attend.—J. E. Wood.

Manningham C.B.A.—July 29, 2.30. Cricket match with Bradford East, Scotchman Road, off Heaton Road; members kindly attend.—H. Grange.

Musselburgh O.S.—July 29, Gray Horse, 7. F.F. show, etc.—D. W. Nisbet.

Morpeth C.B.S.—Aug. 5th, Earl Grey Hotel. Good attendance requested.—E. Cowling.

Morley C.B.S.—July 29, Sycamore Hotel, 7.30; payment of prize money.—A. Gledhill.

Nottingham Permanent O.S.—July 29, Grapes Inn, 8. Please turn up and see how the Society is working.—J. Bunn.

New Cross C.B.S.—Aug. 3, 7.45 p.m., Bond Room, 397, New Cross Road. Lecture on colour feeding by Mr. Meades. Also special business arrangements for autumn show, and judge. Subs. due. Report of young stock show.—Barton and Hearn.

Newcastle C.B.S.—Aug. 3, 65, Grainger Street, 8. Annual show schedule.—J. G. Atkinson.

Nottingham and Notts O.S.—There will be no meeting in August.—G. E. Wilkinson.

Partick C.B.C.—Aug. 4th, Trades Hall, Anderson Street, 8 o'c. To arrange classification for annual show. Hope for a large turn-out; new members invited.—W. Priest.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—July 31, Irwell Castle, Lr. Broughton, 8. Lecture on moulting and colour feeding, by Mr. Turner.—J. Critchley.

Pentre C.B.S.—July 29, Queen's Hotel, 7. General and contributions.—G. Lingard.

o'c. To consider open show schedule (Nov. 8). Fanciers invited.—A. A. Gordon McLucas.

Provincial Roller C.C.—July 29, Swan Hotel, Fountain Street, Manchester, 6. Lecture by Mr. R. Kremner on "The Roller Canary as it is bred and trained in Germany."—A. Percival.

Pudsey Stanningley C.B.S.—July 28, Fleece Hotel, 8. To receive entries for show on July 29, entries

Pontypridd F. and F.S.—July 29, Victoria Hotel, 8 close 10.30 p.m.—H. Raistrick.

Queensbury C.B.S.—Aug. 1, Queensbury Baptist School, 8. Important.—A. Hartley.

Rotherham C.B.S.—July 29, College Inn, 8. General.—B. Bailey.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—Aug. 2, Temperance Club, Toad Lane, 8. General.—E. Hartley.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—July 28, Commercial Hotel, 8. Entries for show, 8 to 10 o'c.—J. Lewis.

Sheffield O.S.—Aug. 1, Rose and Crown, Waingate, 8. Show balance sheet, and lecture "Preparing birds for exhibition."—Bisbop and Colton.

Sunderland C.B.A.—Aug. 5, Fawcett St. Cafe, 6.30. Table show, and "Shall we hold an open show?" Please attend.—J. Jeffrey.

Stockton-on-Tees C.B.S.—Aug. 3, Leeds Hotel, 8. Open show.—J. W. Lowes.

Smallbridge C.B.S.—Aug. 7, Garside Street, 7.30. Back-end show, etc. Full attendance required.—W. Lanyon.

South Shields C.B.S.—July 29, Lockhart's Cafe, 7. Very important.—J. Barrass.

Vale of Leven C.B.C.—Aug. 1, Village School Room, Alexandria, 8. Entries for F.F. show. Classes: Plainheads (2), Border (2), Scotch Fancy (2), Crest or C.B., Yorks., A.O.V., Brit., Goldie, etc., A.O.S., For., Goldie, etc., A.O.S. For., all one each.—A. H. McLean.

Walkden C.B.S.—Aug. 1, Institute, 8.—H. Howard,

Wombwell B.F.A.—July 29, Wesleyan Schoolroom, Park Street, 7.—J. Hudson.

West Bromwich C.B.S.—Aug. 1, Headquarters, 8. Balance sheet, pay prize money, schedule for open show.—W. G. Andrews.

Windhill O.S.—F.F. show, July 29th, Judge, W. A. Cowgill (Bradford). Silver cup for competition, All birds to be staged by 2 o'clock.—J. Cook.

Windsor C.B.A.—Aug. 3, Headquarters, 7. F.F. show of members' birds.—E. A. Stickland.

Wallasey C.B.S.—Aug. 3, Headquarters, 8. Lecture on wild plants most beneficial to cage birds, by G. Barker.—W. Mallinson.

HEPTONSTALL AND DIST. C.B.S.

Annual show held July 22nd, Band-room. There was a good entry, and the show was well patronised by visitors. The special prize for best bird went to a typical clear yellow Yorkshire, owned by Mr. W. T. Bowe, the same fancier also winning special for most points. Mr. J. T. Greenwood (Hebden Bridge) placed the cards, and his awards gave every satisfaction. CL. ETC. ,YEL. YORKS: 1,3 spl, Bowe; 2, Mathers; vhc. Robertshaw; hc, Taylor; c, Townsend. BUFF: 1, spl, Smith Bros.; 2, Robertshaw; 3, Bowe; vhc, Collinge; hc, Taylor; c, Mathers. TKD. YELL.: 1, spl, Bowe; 2, Mathers; 3, Smith Bros.; vhc, Robertshaw; hc, Taylor. BUFF: 1, 2, spl., Mathers. UNEV. MKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, spl, vhc, Mathers; 2, Bowe; 3, Townsend; hc, Smith Bros.; c, Collinge. BUFF: 1, 2, spl, Smith Bros.; 3, Mathers; vhc, Taylor; hc, Smith Bros.; c, Collinge. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, spl, vhc, Bowe.

ATTERCLIFFE AND DIST. C.B.S.

Annual N.F. show held July 15th, Attercliffe Vestry Hall. The entry was a fair one, taking into consideration the bad season some of our members have had. But it was surprising what a very poor attendance there was to see the birds, which were of excellent quality. Messrs. Smith, Exton, and Blunt are to be congratulated on the teams which they put down. May they have a good moult is my wish. Mr. W. Bagnall judged.

CL., ETC., YELL. NOR.: 1, 3, Smith; 2, Richinson; res, Havenhand. BUFF: 1, sp, 2, 3, Smith; res, Richinson; vhc, Havenhand. MKD., ETC.: 1, 3, Richinson; 2, res, Smith. GOLDFINCH: 1, Smith; 2, res, Grainger; 3, Perry. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, Hailstone; 2, Grainger; 3, Smith. A.O.S. HARDBILL: 1, sp, 2, Smith; 3, res, Perry. CL., ETC., YELL. YORKS.: 1, sp, Webster; 2, 3, vhc, c, Exton; res, Waterhouse; hc, Blunt. BUFF: 1, 2, vhc, Exton; 3, c, Bradley; res, Pierrepont; hc, Blunt. MKD., ETC.: 1, 3, r. c, Exton; 2, Waterhouse; vbc, Dacc; hc, Blunt. CL., ETC., YELL. NOR.: 1, sp, 2, Blunt; 3, r, Hollingsworth; vhc, Beamer; hc, Gill. BUFF: 1, 2, Hollingsworth; 3, vhc, Gill; r, Beamer. MKD., ETC.: 1, 3, Beamer; 2, Blunt; r, Pierrepont; vhc, Gill.—W. Richinson, Sec.

KEIGHLEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Second show of the season, held Black Horse Hotel, July 15th. 60 birds faced the judge, Mr. W. Cowgill (Bradford), and some capital youngsters were exhibited. The special for best bird in show fell to Mr. J. Middleton, with a splendid uneven marked bird. Principal point winners for the season specials were: Open classes, J. Middleton, 17 points; E. Middleton, 14, and J. Judson, 13; novice classes, F. Newiss, 14; N. Jeffrey, 14; and J. Bower, 12. CL., ETC., YELL. YORKS.: 1, J. Middleton; 2, E. Middleton; 3, J. Judson. BUFF: 1, J. Judson; 2, J. Middleton; 3, H. Spencer. UNEVEN, ETC., MKD. YELL.: 1, E. Middleton; 2, J. Binns; 3, J. Judson. BUFF: 1, J. Middleton; 2, F. Still; 3, E. Middleton. SELF. ETC., GREEN. YORKS.: 1, J. Sawley; 2, 3, J. Binns. NOVICE CLASSES: CL., ETC., YELL: 1, J. Bower; 2, N. Jeffrey; 3, E. Ackroyd. BUFF: 1, F. Newiss; 2, R. Burnett. A.O.V. YELL.: 1, 3, F. Newiss; 2, N. Jeffrey. BUFF: 1, W. Leach; 2, 3, Jeffrey.—J. Binns, Sec.

SHIPLEY O.S.

Second F.F. show, held July 22nd. The entries totalled 78, and some very smart birds were exhibited. Mr. E. Grange judged, and had great difficulty in placing the cards. Mr. H. Robinson, a novice, won special for best yellow and Mr. J. A. Taylor that for best buff; also most points in two F.F. shows. Mr. H. Hudson won 2nd most points in two F.F. shows

YELL 1, Robinson; 2, Crossland; 3, Towers; vhc, Brown and Son; hc, Long; c, Merral. BUFF: 1, H. Martin; 2, Taylor; 3, Towers; vhc, Tillotson; hc, Merral; c, Long. TKD. YELL: 1, Batty; 2 J. B. Martin; 3, vhc, Taylor; hc, Merral; c, Long. BUFF: 1, Taylor; 2, Batty; 3, Cooper; vhc, Long; hc, Tillotson; c, Armstead. UNEVENLY MKD. YELL.: 1, Towers; 2, 3, Taylor; vhc, H. Martin; hc, Excel; c, Long. BUFF: 1, Robinson; 2, Hudson; 3, H. Martin; vhc, Long; hc, Fieldhouse; c, Armstead. CINN. MKD. YELL.: 1, Hudson; 2, Robinson; 3, Brown and Son; vhc, Armstead; hc, Excel. BUFF: 1, Stirk; 2, Brown and Son; 3, Hudson; vhc, Brown and Son; hc, Long. FOUL MKD.: 1, Brown and Son; 2, Taylor; 3, Hudson; vhc, Stirk.—L. Crossland, Acting Sec.

Correspondence.

Song Thrush's Nest in a Geranium.

Sir,—When on my holidays in North Berks last week, I was shown a Song Thrush's nest built in the top of a large ivy leaf geranium in flower, and containing four young birds nearly fit to leave their warm nest. The parents gained access to the plant (to build the nest) through the fanlight of the greenhouse. I think it a very unnatural place for a Song Thrush to build in.

A. F. Thomas.

A Hen Bullfinch Rears Three Young Canaries.

Sir,—I have a Bullie hen (paired to a Greenfinch cock) which has sat the eggs and reared three young Canaries in a cage. They are eleven days old to-day (Sunday, July 23). She makes an ideal mother. I feed her just the same as my Canaries. I have never reared a Bullie Hybrid, for either the Canaries throw them out or the eggs get broken or are addled. But I shall let this hen Bullie sit on her own eggs next year. I shall be pleased to show anyone them at 96, Bartholomew Street, Leicester. F. S. Jeffery.

Four Birds Out of Three Eggs.

Sir,—Being a reader of your valuable paper, Cage Birds, here is a little incident I think worthy of note. I am only a novice at bird-breeding, and had hatched last Tuesday (July 18) four birds out of three eggs! One of these is very small, but it seems healthy. The others seem nice birds. I should be pleased to hear if anyone has had such a thing happen before. Being a beginner, I do not know much about it, and feel rather anxious. I have spoken to several fanciers, and they reply: "You can't count." But that is not so; I can count up to six, anyway! I wish Cage Birds every success.

C. Heath.

[It is not by any means impossible for two birds to hatch out of one egg. On the contrary, instances of "twins" have been frequently recorded in our columns—one or two this season and several last season.—Editor.]

Goldfinches Nesting in a Cage.

Sir,—The result of the second nest was that the round was a complete failure. The first eggs being clear, I paired her up with the other cock, to which, however, she did not take kindly, for fights were constantly taking place, although I saw them pair several times. The first egg was laid in the nest, the second one on the cage bottom, from which position I carefully rescued it, and placed it in the nest after nicely rounding it up, as I thought. But Mrs. Goldie saw with other eyes, as she soon drilled a hole in one large enough to extract half the contents before I had time to investigate again. After a trip to two dealers' shops two dummies were got, which she also tried her strength on, but, of course, without effect. The third morning I thought I would be astir early, but I was doomed to fate, as the third and (which it proved to be) the last egg was laid and punctured before I had time to save it. Now, however, she is going one better—she has built a grand nest, and from the appearance of her each evening I can count five eggs. She is sitting, so far, as nicely as she did on the first nest. If she sits out her time I shall expect some baby Goldies, as I have Mules from cock No. 2—a Siberian which I have had for five years come November, and this was the first time I tried him with a Canary hen. I have a nest of five eggs all full now hatching from him. I wish your paper, Cage Birds, continued success; also other readers in their efforts.

W. H. Bowerman.

An Improved Front for Roller Contest Cages.

Sir,—Messrs. Read and Oldroyd seem desirous of knowing why "Schoolmaster" hides his identity. Not for shame, as anyone who knows me knows perfectly well that I always act on the principle that I have a character to lose. With reference to my recent article on the Roller Canary, it happened that in the course of a correspondence I had with the Editor of Cage Birds, he intimated that he would be pleased to publish anything suitable that I cared to contribute. Although as a bird fancier I am now about to "come of age," I have never had, nor have I now, any wish to pose as an authority on this new (to us) variety of Canary. I looked at the matter from another point of view, i.e., a desire to see interest infused into the Roller Canary, also to help the novices. Further, the title of "Schoolmaster" was chosen by the Editor himself, as the one I used was as plain as I am myself—that of "Joe Goss." My remarks on Mr. Pattison's cage front were made in a letter dealing with a question raised upon my article, but were separated by the Editor—hence the nom-de-plume. I cannot see eye to eye with you, Mr. Read, when you write that I laud Mr. Pattison as a "genius." To approve of the principle of an idea is not necessary to suggest that it is even a long-felt want, and much less that its promulgator is possessed of more than ordinary intellect. From what I could see of the picture published I opined that my suggestion that the covers should fit flush, etc., was a little improvement. The objection up to the present seems to be that the birds would still be able to waste their seed even if Mr. Pattison's idea was adopted. My birds are steadied on my table, at meal times, and I find this rather beneficial, as the birds are constantly seeing the movements made by those seated round the table. Yet I have a decided objection to my food being dusted with thrown-out seed. I had heard the idea was being favourably viewed in some localities, and now we find that the Provincial R.C.C., and Midland and Leeds, are in favour, and that Wakefield have rejected it. But I am cognizant of the fact that all the members of the above clubs are not also B.R.C. members; also that the idea has now been referred to committee of our own club. But time alone will tell whether it meets with general approval. It is very kind of you, Mr. Read, to trouble about the state of my mind, but I can assure you it is perfectly tranquil (in fact, rather somnolent at the moment, for I am a Benedict, and often in the midnight hours can be found pacing the bedroom floor, etc.!). I do not think, Mr. Oldroyd, that I spoke strongly—I simply and bluntly stated the true facts of the case. In consequence of our widely-spread membership, you know it is practically impossible to get a majority at a meeting. I do not desire to carry this correspondence any further, as it is bound to raise other questions, and probably end in a controversy. I may say that I have been a reader of Cage Birds since the first issue, and have found it truly a friend, especially in the sale season, as it has always found for me, up to the present, a ready exit for any surplus stock, and I predict that Cage Birds will not be entirely deserted in the coming season by Roller fanciers. And, in parting, I desire to say that I believe that every man has a right to his own opinion; and honour be to him who will endeavour to uphold it.

Joseph Tomlinson.

Newcastle-under-Lyme.

The Linnet when Moulting.

Sir,—I am a regular and appreciative reader of Cage Birds, and should be glad to know of a quick and safe method of treating a Brown Linnet in the moult. If any experienced fancier amongst your readers can tell me of a good system I shall be pleased to adopt it.

Middlesbro'.

Yorkshire County B.B. and M.C.

Sir,—Will all members kindly note that there is a special meeting at Market Tavern Hotel, Bradford, on Saturday, August 12, time seven o'clock prompt? I earnestly appeal to all who can possibly attend to make a special effort to come. I see no reason why this club should not be one of the best specialist clubs in Yorkshire. It is indeed pleasing to say that our membership is increasing, and we are anticipating that this year will prove a gigantic success. Now, members, show your interest and come and expound your views on August 12, for the business we have on hand is on your behalf. Help us by your presence.

Fred Archer, President.

Three Clear Redpoll Mules in One Nest!

Sir,—I paid a visit to the bird-room of one of our member's (Mr. Fred Sokell) on July 16th, and he let me see five of the Redpoll-Canary Mules which he has bred. They are three weeks old, all out of one nest, and there are three clear birds and two slightly marked (one on the side of the head and the other with two dark flights in the right wing). Will you be so kind as to ask Cage Birds' readers what they think about his luck? Mr. Sokell gives all bird lovers and fanciers an invitation to see them.

O. Ramsey, Sec., Spennymoor and Dist. C.B.S.

A Short Sitting.

Hatched after Eight Hours and Reared.

Sir,—I have pleasure in relating a very interesting circumstance in connection with my breeding this season. In addition to Crests (my particular fancy), I have a few Yorkshires and Muling pairs. On Thursday, the 13th inst., I expected a clear Border Fancy hen to hatch five chicks (Mules), the father of which is a fine 1909 British Goldfinch. But on the morning the hen, to my surprise, left the eggs, and when I discovered this they were nearly cold. Of course, I was in a dilemma what to do with the eggs, but immediately it occurred to me to try them under a Crestbred hen (good feeder), which I had set the previous evening. I therefore transferred the eggs to her, and placed her own eggs under another hen (due to hatch about the 26th or 27th inst.). It is very interesting to report that the C.B. hen actually hatched out during the day (Thursday) referred to above four Mules, the fifth being dead in the shell. She is rearing the four splendidly up to date, and I trust will finish her duties satisfactorily to the end. This may not be an isolated case, but to my mind is worth relating as the C.B. hen practically only sat for about eight hours before the chicks hatched. In addition to the Mules mentioned above, I have already on the sticks and in the nests six South American Siskin-Canary Mules and six Goldfinch-Canary Mules from Yellow Norwich hens, consequently have had a satisfactory season, also with Crests and Yorkshires, thanks to the assistance of Cage Birds, from which I have received many useful hints.

J. Darlington.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects. Harmless to everything.

Teaching Magpies to Talk.

Sir,—I shall be glad if any of your readers will kindly give me, through your columns, a little advice on feeding and managing Magpies. If they will talk, how am I to go on to teach them? I have two cocks and a hen.

F. Davies.

Can a Norwich Hen be Too High in Colour?

Sir,—It will be remembered by many readers that some time ago we asked the question, Can a Norwich hen be too high in colour to be eligible to compete in a hen class? This occurred owing to our having had two Buffs disqualified by Mr. Roe at the late Paignton Show, but we did not state that we had promised £1 to the funds of the Torbay O.S. if we could not prove these two birds to be hens. We are pleased to say, however, that they are proven hens, as they have been seen both sitting and with young by five members of the committee of the Torbay O.S., viz., Mr. H. Daw, vice-chairman; Mr. Webber, Mr. J. Bastard, Mr. P. W. Mugford, and Mr. W. Hodge. We cannot but feel sorry for Mr. Roe, but it is hard to understand how Messrs. Pope, Redwood, and Veale could have blundered so badly in being positive they were cocks. Mr. Allsopp's letter on the colour question was most acceptable.

J. N. and J. Jeffery.

"Young 'Un" Sings to a Hull Crowd.

The Escapade of a Contest Linnet.

Sir,—It is pleasing to know that the great strike here in Hull is now settled, thanks to Mr. Askwith, of the Board of Trade. I was walking in the Hessle Road district a few days ago, and seeing a small crowd passing along, naturally I thought the strike had broken out again. I enquired of a little boy what was the matter. He answered, "It's a prize Linnet that's got away, and people here are after it." Being interested, I joined the party. The bird flew into a large tree, and sang us a most splendid song. Here the owner came up and shook the branches. The bird flew away, and was given up for lost. The owner, Mr. Wakling, very much regretted his loss. "I would sooner have lost £10 than my little Linnet," said he. I asked him why he thought so much about it. He answered, "Because it is the best I ever had. He would sing for me anywhere and at any time. I had him at nine singing contests, and he won four 1sts, two 2nds, two 3rds, and a 6th prize. He was known as 'Young 'Un,' and was taught under Mr F. Allen's Linnet." I called upon Mr. Wakling at his address the same evening. To my surprise, there was the Linnet perched on a small tree in the back garden. The merry little fellow was singing beautifully. Mr. Wakling advanced to the bird step by step, cage in hand, and the bird never moved. He allowed himself to be picked up and put back into his cage. Thus, after seven hours of liberty this wonderful little bird came back to its owner and its cage.

G. Davis.

Interesting Observations at Everberg Aviaries.

Sir,—I think the following notes will be of some interest to your many readers, fellow fanciers, and bird lovers. A few weeks ago Monsieur Pauwels secured to our mutual desires an additional collection of 43 European birds, amongst which were one pair Blue-headed Wagtails and their five young, one pair ditto with their foster babe, a Cuckoo, fully the size of a Pigeon, one pair Blue-throated Warblers and their five young, one pair Redstarts and four young, and four young Black Redstarts. At the particular request of the seller I placed all these together in a large aviary cage, measuring 5ft. x 3ft. x 4ft., the reason for which he explained was that should the parents of either lot fail to feed their young the Wagtails would do the necessary duties. I did not say much, but I certainly thought the more. However, all together they were put. The next day I sat at my office table (which faces this particular birdroom), and before writing long I observed the gaping mouth of the Cuckoo. Then Mr. Wagtail prances across the cage bottom from the food dish to the Cuckoo and deposits what seems so utterly absurd, just a tiny ant's egg, into its huge mouth. This appeared lost (as it undoubtedly was), so off goes Mr. Blue-head again—this time accompanied and assisted by Mrs. Wagtail. But I notice that after a few journeys with a single egg, they collect quite a quantity into their little bills and, joyfully wagging their tails, strut again to their hungry babe, and, putting the whole lot into the Cuckoo's bill, look as though to say, "There, you greedy bounder, is that enough?" Cuckoo temporarily satisfied, the Wagtails' duties are far from over (and here let me say the four Wagtails enter into the arena), for, standing within a few inches a young Black Redstart calls, and that little mouth is filled. One of their own young then makes vigorous attempts to attract attention, is noticed, and its wants filled. Still they are not finished, for a young Blue-throat calls, and is satisfied. And so these industrious little feathered pets keep up the constant and continuous task. Scarcely have the Wagtails one moment to call their own. I wonder if they think their family is a never-ending one? These remarks are no fairy tale, because I take these notes whilst calmly sitting and smoking a cigarette, only a few feet from the open office door, outside of which stands the large cage these birds occupy. It was certainly a sight I would have accepted "with a grain of salt," or "quiet removal of the hat," had anyone previously related such an apparent fairy tale to me; and yet with my daily care of over 500 (five hundred) British, foreign, and European birds, from Wrens and Warblers to Paradise birds, I am becoming accustomed to each day bringing its surprises and new discoveries, so far as birds are concerned—quaint charms one could not possibly glean from them in their natural haunts. Here is another interesting episode:—On April 18th I had brought to me a nest of Wrens, which I hand-reared, and charming mites they have become. On Saturday, July 2nd, another nest of seven was brought by one of the village boys—reluctantly I accepted them, because I realised hand-rearing with my huge bird family, its daily cries and anxiety, meant so much extra work, and yet if I refused them the little dears would die a miserable death. However, I accepted my new task with the usual interest, but on the Tuesday following one of the former nest escaped from its cage, and, flying loose around the room, was captured by one of my assistants during my temporary absence, and penned in the small cage containing the new nest. Imagine my surprise when going to again remove the escaped one to its proper cage to find it feeding the others. I allowed it to remain; since then it has successfully reared, without any help whatever, five out of the seven, and these not so very much younger than itself. What strikes me as most extraordinary is the fact that an April-hatched bird should foster and rear a brood of seven in July. Is it cruel to keep birds in cages? I would personally like to have some of the fanatics who preach such a doctrine along with me for a few days to watch the cruelty (?) and how the birds enjoy it. Without boasting, I believe I can claim to have kept, and cared for, more living birds in captivity (what a horrid monster I shall appear in the eyes of the aforementioned fanatics!) than any one living to-day, and my experience teaches me birds have not the sense of environment attributed to them. This is evidenced by the rapidity with which they settle down to their new surroundings, and the average length of their lives under such conditions. If they possessed the wonderful sagacity of thinking of, and longing for, the beautiful woods, the rippling streams, or the verdant pastures, they would quickly pine and die, but instead of that, with careful management, daily attention to all their little wants, and a little "petting" (I do not mean handling, but gaining their confidence), they become tame and confiding, and they burst into song, or utter their own peculiar call notes. All these are sure signs of their happiness and contentment. O. Millsum.

Non Colour-fed Classes.

Is it a Mistaken Idea?

Sir,—I should like to speak on Mr. Claude St. John's letter of July 22. We are all aware that he is a very experienced gentleman, but one remark struck me, viz., "If the trouble of colour-feeding is a really valid obstacle, why do these fanciers breed at all?" There are many beginners in the Fancy (or in other words, amateurs), and these are not in the hobby very long before being made aware that it is a kind of struggle to get to the "top hole," or to possess some "class." The first year, say, he has succeeded in getting twenty or thirty young, and apparently all doing well. He proudly folds his arms, and says, "My word, this is extra; I have done well, and a few good ones among them, too. But I shall have to set about and get them colour fed, or I shall neither be able to sell nor be able to show, as judges will have them colour-fed or very little notice is taken of them." He sets about the ordeal, and it is long odds that "some are reight and some isn't" at the finish. I think it would be wise for every club to consider the matter very carefully and settle at once to have, say, Section A for colour-fed birds, Section B, natural colour; the judges to show every possible interest in either section. Then it would always afford fanciers a free hand to deal with their stock. Personally, I think there is nothing so beautiful as the Canary in its natural plumage, whether Yellow or Buff; but, as Mr. St. John concludes, "times and manners change."

John H. Jowett.

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A Hybrid Between an Antwerp Pigeon and a Ring Dove.

Sir,—Reading in these columns some time ago of an interesting hybrid between a Turtle Dove and Ring Dove, I am writing of one bred by me between an Antwerp Pigeon and a Ring Dove, the latter being the cock. Two young were hatched and one reared—a cock, too, and of a beautiful deep colour. I have plenty of witnesses who can vouch that this is true.

A. MUNTON.

The Fancy in Ireland.

Sir,—In reply to Mr. Connell, I beg to thank him for his kind remarks re my fitness for the position of corresponding secretary. Mr. Connell, you are making a grave mistake when you say I find Mr. South very useful, as I have stated facts, and the actual business transacted at the meetings, whereas yourself and Mr. South try to screen the society. You then refer to my "proof" of your proposing to expel members for writing anonymous letters to CAGE BIRDS; well, surely Mr. South (as corresponding secretary) is not reporting falsehoods? Mr. Connell, ask yourself this question: "Was the £1 special promised to the society before Mr. South's letter, or after?" Would you please quote the society's rule to expel members for exposing unscrupulous exhibitors? I challenge you to do so, Mr. Connell. Seeing you have taken a fancier's part who at the last meeting falsely accused another of writing anonymous letters to CAGE BIRDS, I feel satisfied as to what your definition of an honourable fancier would be. Re the Ligoniel members who left the society, if they would come forward the birds of another Ligoniel member could be accounted for, cup winners included.

"ONE IN THE KNOW."

[Certain paragraphs of the above letter have had to be deleted. Fanciers must surely know that we cannot publish with impunity statements of a seriously libellous character. Or do they overlook the saying, "The greater the truth the greater the libel," and the fact that the writer (equally with the publisher) can be cast in heavy damages at law?—EDITOR.]

A Reputed Canary-Bullfinch Hybrid.

Sir,—Having read in CAGE BIRDS several times that no case of breeding between a cock Bullfinch and a hen Canary had been known, I thought it might interest your readers to give you an account of what I think is nearly a successful case. Unfortunately the bird has died, but I am sending it to your Mr. G. E. Weston in spirits, for his opinion. This hybrid was bred in my outdoor aviary, in which I have the following birds only: One Chaffinch, one Redpoll, one Siskin, one Linnet, two Bullfinches, all cocks; and two hen Canaries and two hen Greenfinches. I have had to keep the cock Bullfinches in separate compartments on alternate weeks, as they fought so much when together; but I thought it well to let them both have the opportunity of making friends, with the possibility of hybrids. From the above list you will see the only birds that could possibly have been the father; but, strangely enough, I have not observed any of them paying particular attention to the Canary. I noticed she had built some time ago in a retired nook in a rather inaccessible part of the aviary. She then sat steadily, and I recently concluded youngsters were out by her carrying off food in her crop in larger quantities than necessary for herself. But to-day (July 14) and yesterday she seemed to be away from the nest a good deal. I took the liberty of examining the nest, and found two addled eggs and the youngster (dead). It had evidently died a day or so ago, as there were the eggs of a meat fly on it, and it smelt rather badly. On examining this young bird I cannot help thinking, from the shape of the beak and the few wing feathers showing, that one of the Bullfinches was the father. I shall be glad of Mr. Weston's opinion. I have had a nest of Siskin Mules from the other hen Canary, and she is again sitting. One of the hen Greenfinches has paired up with the Linnet, and is finishing her nest; so I hope for some luck here.

E. A. CLIFT.

[The bird preserved in spirits sent me by Mr. Clift is, of course, very young, but it certainly exhibits every appearance of having had a Bullfinch as one of its parents. The head of all Bullfinch hybrids is quite distinctive (as practical breeders well know); and this bird bred by Mr. Clift has the typical Bullio hybrid head. It is a thousand pities it did not live. That Mr. Clift did not observe the cock Bullfinch paying any particular attention to the hen Canary is singular; whenever I have mated up a cock Bullie, either to a Canary or other hen, I have found him a peculiarly fussy and demonstrative husband. Mr. Clift is not quite correct when writing of having read that "no case of breeding between a cock Bullfinch and hen Canary has been known." Several cases have been put on record but do not seem to have been conclusively authenticated.—G. E. WESTON.]

A Bird Colony.

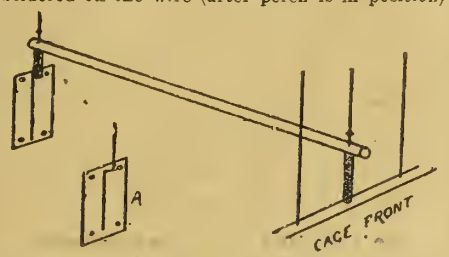
Pelican Island is one of the bird wonders of the world, where thousands of Pelicans breed. They are big, solemn-looking birds, as large as a goose, with enormous bills. They build a bulky nest with sticks and grass, lay four or five eggs, but seldom rear more than two young ones.

Illustrated Ideas

No. 528.
To Prevent Heavy Birds Getting Bad Feet.

Sent by H. Hines, 31, Glebe Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

For Thrush or Blackbird cages, this is a very simple plan for fixing the perches to prevent the birds getting bad feet. All requirements can be got at any ironmonger's shop for a copper or two. First get a very tight spring (I make my own), which can be cut up in one inch lengths for the fronts of the perches, and two inches for the cage backs, as when on the bent wire at back (see illustration) the spring fits round the bent portion, which then makes it the same height as at the front. Make a perch with a hole through each end, to allow it to slide up and down the wire—with a little knob soldered on the wire (after perch is in position)

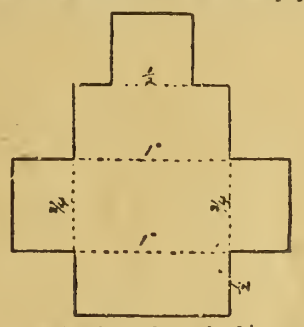


to prevent it bouncing up (see drawing). A is a small piece of tin with a piece of wire soldered to it, and this is nailed on the back of the cage, after placing spring and perch on the wire bent for the purpose. With a pair of pliers then bend the top of the wire and push it through the back of the cage to hold it firm. When in position it acts like a branch of a tree, and it gives beautifully when a heavy bird comes down from the top perch to the lower. In conclusion, our sweet singing birds, they'll think it a treat, inventing a patent, protecting their feet!—Henry Hines.

No. 529.
A "Tit-bit" Holder.

Sent by J. F. Dunn, 17, Stanley Street, Eastbourne, Darlington.

I am sending a sketch of a simple way to make a small "tit-bit" holder, which, if carefully cut and folded, looks tidy and will be found to be very useful. It can be made of either tin or thin zinc. Cut out a paper pat-



tern, as per sketch, and mark this on the tin or zinc. Cut out and fold up the dotted lines, and turn the top section over the opposite way, to hook on to the cage bars. This looks very well when enamelled over.—J. F. Dunn.

FIRST FEATHER SHOWS.

July 29.—City of Bradford O.S.; Dunfermline and Dis. C.B.S.; Lochore and Glencraig F.A.; Poplar C.B.S.; City of Wakefield O.S.; St. Crispin (Northampton) C.B.S.; Falkirk Good Intent C.B.A.; Spen Valley C.B.S.; Middlesbrough and Tees-side C.B.S.; Glasgow and Western Counties; Halifax O.S.; Walkden C.B.S.; Windhill O.S.

Aug. 5.—Pelton Fell C.B.S.; Sunderland C.B.A.; Uddington O.S.; Vale of Leven C.B.C.; Ashington and Hirst C.B.S.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Wellingboro'.—Aug. 9. The Pavilion, Dog and Duck Grounds. Judge, Mr. C. A. House. 10 classes: Nor. 4, A.O.V. 1, Brit 3, For. 1, Sell. 1. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Aug. 5, to W. Howe, 9, Finelagh Road, Wellingborough.

Hallam and Ecclesall.—Aug. 17, Endcliffe Park, Sheffield. Judge, Mr. J. C. Barnes. 12 open classes: Yorks. 2, Nor. 2, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 4, For. 2. Prizes 8s., 4s., 2s., and 5pls. Fee 1/-. Entries close Aug. 7, to Edwin C. Job, Wincobank, near Sheffield.

The Canadian Robin.

A pleasant feature of the homestead in the Far West of Canada is the Robin's association with it. He is about the size of a Thrush, and boasts a red waistcoat, which is not, however, quite so rich in colour as our own cheery bob's.

The Dabchick's Nest.

A writer in an Irish paper has an interesting paragraph upon the Lesser Grebe. He says that he does not think the nest reaches the bottom of the pond, but is moored to the aquatic plants growing near; and the mass of dead herbage, rushes, etc., with which it is built generate heat, which assists in the incubating of the eggs, as the old birds are occasionally off the nest for a far longer period than the generality of birds.

CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE

The Bond of Good Fellowship Established.

Notes by the Secretary.

Personal Thanks to Members.

I feel that I cannot do otherwise than express my gratification not only with the progress CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE is making in respect of membership, but with the kind expressions used in almost every letter received. Bird lovers whose very names are unknown to me write as though they were intimate friends, and my labours are thereby rendered simply a pleasant task. It is, of course, absolutely impossible for me to answer these kind friends individually, but I can assure them that their good wishes are very highly appreciated. There can be no possible doubt that one of the objects of the League—that of establishing a bond of good-fellowship—is already accomplished. I am sure that every owner of a CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE badge is looking out for some fellow bird-lover, and many will be the friendships established in consequence.

Societies Coming Along.

I am pleased to be in receipt of several letters, similar to that which follows, from Hon. Secs. of societies. I need hardly say that I have acceded with the requests, and I shall be very glad to send to any other Hon. Secs. applying copies of the aims and objects of the League, together with samples of the badges for the inspection of their members.

Sir,—We have several members wishing to join CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE, and I should be pleased if you would send me particulars of the League and samples of the badges. I will be responsible for the return of the same, and I hope we shall get the whole of our members to join.

WM. COTTINGHAM, Secretary,
HYSON GREEN, NOTTINGHAM, C.B.S.

Our Free Booklets.

I have still some of each of the sixpenny pamphlets on British Bird Culture and on Canary and Hybrid Culture, and, as long as they last, one of either will be sent gratis to all new members applying for a copy at the time of joining. Those of the old members who have not yet had a copy may receive one of those reserved for them on sending a penny stamp for postage. Only one copy of either book can be sent free either to new members or old, and when the stock in hand is exhausted I may not be able to get a fresh supply, so that those who would make sure of getting one of these useful pamphlets should send on their applications with their membership fee without delay.

THE SUBSCRIPTION AND THE BADGES.

The subscription to CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE *is one shilling annually, and the badges sixpence or one shilling. The sixpenny badges are in three forms*: (1) *A button for coat lapel;* (2) *a pendant for watch chain,* (3) *a brooch for lapel, cycling cap, or for lady's wear. The badges at one shilling each are mounted in 9-carat rolled-gold, and are in two forms only*: (1) *A pendant for watch chain,* (2) *a brooch for a lady or for cycling cap or coat lapel. Members should distinctly state which form they prefer.*

JUNIOR BRANCH.

The annual subscription to the JUNIOR BRANCH, *for members under fourteen years of age at the date of joining, is sixpence. Price of badges as above.*

PATRONS.

Ladies or gentlemen who are in sympathy with the objects of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE *may give practical expression to that sympathy by becoming* PATRONS *of the* LEAGUE *and either making a lump sum donation to its funds or subscribing an annual amount of a guinea or upwards. One-half of such donation or subscription may be allotted to any individual object of the* LEAGUE.

VICE-PRESIDENTS.

The qualification for Vice-Presidentship is an annual subscription of not less than half a guinea, and one-half of this subscription may be allotted to either the Literature Fund, the Defence Fund, or towards the purchase of special prizes to be given at any show nominated by the subscriber. Failing any such special allocation, the subscription will be devoted to the development and progressive work of the LEAGUE, *to advertising its objects and promoting its ideals.*

HENRY J. FULLJAMES,
Secretary, CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE,
154, FLEET STREET, LONDON, E.C.

Mr. Fulljames has received from "Reginald Sparey, 5, John Street," two shillings for membership and rolled gold badge, but as no town is mentioned, the badge and receipt cannot be forwarded. Will Mr. Sparey kindly send the name of his town.

MORE VIEWS OF MEMBERS.

Sir,—Thanks for book, "British Bird Culture," which is full of useful information. I should think that after reading your notes in CAGE BIRDS of last week, fanciers will not delay any longer in joining CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE.

Scunthorpe. H. E. TUGBY.

Sir,—I wish you every success in your endeavour to range the lovers of cage birds into one body, and to establish a feeling of good-fellowship through the Fancy. CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE will attain these ends, and will show our opponents, backed up by men with fat pocket-books, that we are able to protect our hobby. Please enrol me and my daughter as members of the LEAGUE. We shall both be proud to wear our badges.

JOHN SANDERSON.

Port Glasgow, N.B.

Appreciation of Our Badges.

Sir,—I have received the rolled gold League badge with many thanks. I think it is a most beautiful and smart emblem, and one that all fanciers would do well to obtain, both Canary and British members. I have placed it on my watch chain, and it is where it will always remain. Should I come across any other wearer in my cycling excursions, I shall venture to have a little chat with the gentleman.

Bradford. J. H. JOWETT.

Going Solid for the League.

Sir,—I am pleased to say I have got four more members for CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE. We are hoping to make our membership up to thirty, and we shall then think we have done very well. Hoping all other clubs will do likewise.

W. DOBSON, Secretary.

A Member from Overseas.

Sir,—I should like to become a member of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE. I have been a subscriber to your valuable journal for many years, and have found it a most helpful friend. As for CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE, it is the finest thing your paper has ever announced. I am more than pleased to see it going ahead so well; there can be no doubt that it will serve a long-felt want.

C. CHAMBERLAIN.

Port Elizabeth, South Africa.

Dubmire Workmens' Club C.B.S.

In his report of the above show the representative of CAGE BIRDS writes:

"The show was opened by James Robinson, Esq., who, in a really grand speech, gave his opinions on the subject of keeping birds in cages, his remarks indicating a thorough knowledge of the subject, and, touching upon the formation of the CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE, he declared that this was just what was wanted at the present time to combat the evil influence of the faddists, who would deprive the working man of his hobby. He (the speaker) thought from what he had seen and heard that birds well cared for in confinement would just as soon be in a cage as be at liberty, and instanced several cases of which he knew."

The Right Type

Sir,—Perhaps it might interest you and some of your readers to know that all of the inspectors are not quite of the type sometimes represented. I have since being here had to go through the mill on account of keeping so many birds caged, and can only say that the three different inspectors that called on me on three separate occasions made things as pleasant as they could under the circumstances. I understood they had to do their duty, and did not fight against it. One told me some little anecdotes of the time when he, as a young man, once found a Cuckoo in the lane and took it home, intending to rear it. A then workmate seeing it, offered him half a crown for it, and he accepted it. Next morning his friend appeared with a very long face; the Cuckoo was dead! The old gentleman chuckled again at the remembrance, and told me such a thing as rearing a Cuckoo was never known before. I said, "Well, not often." Their visits are far from an unpleasant memory to me. I trust the League will be prosperous and do all the good expected of it. It is nice for us who cannot afford to belong to a good club, with its attendant expenses of showing, etc., to be banded together to do what we can to protect the Fancy. "Many a mickle make a muckle" is a true old proverb, and "Unity is strength" is another. With best wishes for all success to the League and to yourself in your trying duties as its Secretary.

(Mrs.) E. M. SARGIANT

Worcester.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J. B. BOYD.—While anxious to further in every possible way the interests, individually or collectively, of members, it scarcely comes within the province of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE to make arrangements with farmers to especially favour its members in the pursuit of bird-catching. No doubt membership would be looked upon as a recommendation, where such is needed.

J. ROBERTSON, and many others.—Thanks for good wishes. You will see that I have made a reference this week to the many kind expressions received.

A Unique Consignment of Indian Birds.

By WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., Etc.

This contribution of Mr. Page's has been in type some time, but owing to pressure upon our space has had to be held over.—Editor.

One of the most important and unique series of birds imported of recent years, very many of them new to English aviculture, numbering some 700 specimens, and covering over 100 species, was recently landed by Mr. W. Frost, who has been collecting on behalf of E. J. Brook, Esq., whose series (at present consisting principally of Birds of Paradise, Lories, and Lorikeets, and already unique, as comprising many species not to be found in any other collection) will be still further enriched by this consignment—truly a feat of which any collector might be proud. It may well stand as the "avicultural event of the year"; for the task of bringing over such a number of small softbills is only known fully to the initiated, and though all the Sunbirds unfortunately died en route, the expedition must be accounted a great success.

By kind invitation from Mr. Brook I recently had an opportuntiy of viewing this fine series.

THE MINIVETS.—These I place first and foremost. They are dainty in form, and gorgeous in plumage. One can only regret that only two species are represented, and these will adorn Mr. Brook's palatial aviaries and bird rooms. Unfortunately there are none for distribution.

The Short-billed Minivet (*Pericrocotus brevirostris*).—This bird is a lovely species, known to Anglo-Indians as "the Cardinal Bird." It is about the size of our indigenous Flycatcher. The male, in colour, is black above, and flaming scarlet below; the hen is clad in grey and yellow. Both are exquisite creatures—truly "a sight for the gods."

In the same extravagant language I must perforce speak of the second species—the small Minivet (*P. peregrinus*)—whose graceful contour and fiery yet chaste beauty simply defy description. The mature male is grey and yellow above; below its colouration is like a "sunset cloud," to quote Mr. Frost.

FLYCATCHERS: This group is well represented, and they are charming birds, both in contour and beauty, and also possess the advantage of not being unduly difficult to keep—the species at present known in this country doing well on insectile mixture, supplemented with live insects of sorts. No less than nine species are represented, as follows:—Rufous-bellied Niltava Flycatcher (*Niltava sundara*)—a gorgeous creature clad in richest cobalt and turquoise blues and chestnut; Great-billed Flycatcher (*Cyornis magnirostris*)—another gem, blue above and orange-tawny below; Verditer Flycatcher (*Stoparola melanops*)—a beautiful silvery blue species. The above trio have graced the English show bench. Tickell's Blue Flycatcher (*Cyornis tickelli*) is a beautiful species somewhat similar in colouration to the Niltava, but more subdued.

The following are, I think, all new to English aviculture:—The White-eyebrowed Flycatcher (*Cyornis superciliaris*), which is a perfect gem, soft blue above, with white eyebrows and underpart; the Blue-throated Flycatcher (*C. rubeculoides*), which is dark blue above, with forehead and eyestreak of glistening blue, chin, throat, cheeks, and sides of neck dusky blue, breast and abdomen chestnut; Red-breasted Flycatcher (*Siphia parva*), and, last but not least, the Orange-gorgeted Flycatcher (*S. strophiata*)—a dainty gem, olive-brown in colour above, with white underparts, and a patch of rich orange on the throat.

REDSTARTS: These are another group of birds charming alike for cage or aviary. Their fearless and confiding (Robin-like) demeanour endear them to all who keep them. They do well in captivity on insectile mixture and live insects, but I have also found them to indulge in a little milk sop. Four species are represented:—The Common Rufous (*Ruticilla rufiventris*), the Blue-fronted (*Ruticilla frontalis*), the White-capped (*Chimarrhornis leucophala*), and Plumbeous (*Rhyacophilus fuliginosus*). A specimen of the last-named species has been in one of my aviaries since 1907; during that period it has passed through some severe English weather (out of doors all the year round), and is still living.

WAGTAILS: I cannot linger over descriptions of this, another fascinating group of birds, which must have a liberal supply of live food in captivity. Five species are represented:—The Black-headed Yellow (*Motacilla feldeggi*), Blue-headed Yellow (*M. beema*), Grey-headed Yellow (*M. borealis*), Forrest Wagtail (*Limonidromus indicus*)—not gorgeous, but very handsome, and one of the rarest of the series; the same applying to the Large Pied Wagtail (*M. maderaspatensis*), which is similar to our indigenous species, but larger. It is caged by the natives for its song.

Many other birds I can only quote the names of in passing:—

THRUSHES: Orange-headed Ground (*G. citrina*); White-throated Ground (*G. cyanonota*), and Blue-Whistling. Two beautiful species of Rock Thrushes are represented: the Chestnut-bellied Blue (*Petrophila rufiventris*) and the Blue-headed Blue Rock Thrush (*P. cinclorhyncha*)—both very rare and most desirable birds.

TITS: Two charming species are represented: the Green-backed (*Parus monticola*) and the Yellow-cheeked (*Machlolophus xanthogenys*)—both very rare and charming species, the latter possessing an upstanding crest. The former species I possessed in 1907. It was amiable in a mixed series, and was fond of live food, fruit, and monkey nuts; also helped itself to hemp and sunflower seeds, besides visiting the soft food dish.

Other rare and uncommon birds are:—The Pied Bush-Chat (*Pratincola caprata*), the True Persian Nightingale (*Daulis golzi*), the Ruby-Throat (*Calliope camtschatkensis*), the Red-spotted Blue-Throat (*Cyanecula succica*), the Chestnut-bellied Nuthatch (*Sitta castaneiventris*), the Racket-tailed Drongo (*Dissemurus paradiseus*), the Hair-crested Drongo (*Chibia hottentotta*), the White-bellied Drongo (*Dicrurus caerulescens*), the Sikhim Siskin (*Chrysomitris tibetana*), the Maroon Oriole (*Oriolus traillii*), and the Black-headed Oriole (*O. melanocephalus*).

Among the better known birds brought over I may mention:—Blue-cheeked, Gold-fronted, Small Ceylon, and Coppersmith Barbets; Gold-fronted and Blue-winged Green Bulbuls, Himalayan Black, Curl-Crested, and Brown-eared Bulbuls (the latter very rare); Silver-eared Mesias, Blue-winged Sivas, Black-headed Sibias, Shamas, Dyals, Wandering Tree and Blue Pies, Black-necked Grackles, Yellow-throated Sparrow, Cinnamon Tree Sparrow, Jerdon's and Black-throated Accentors, Ashy-crowned Finch-Larks, Malabar Starling (semi-albino), Tree Pipit, Rufous-throated Pipit, Spotted-wings, Large Pratincole, Little Stints, Blood Pheasants, etc. Babblers: Scimitar-billed, Common Jungle and Yellow-eyed; the latter makes a charming cage pet. Buntings: Pine, Eastern Meadow, Black-crested, White-capped, Grey-headed, and Japanese.

Here I must pause, where one would fain linger; but in a mere report it is impossible to do more than give the merest notice of such a huge collection. Before closing I must congratulate Mr. Brook on his enterprise and Mr. Frost upon the success with which he has carried out his commission, some extent of which may be gathered if I mention that now that they are landed it takes 1cwt. of insectile mixture per week to feed them, besides fruit, live insects, etc.

those in Mr. Brook's collection (which I have quite recently had the pleasure of inspecting) rather carefully and noted that the upper back in some specimens was distinctly more olivaceous, though the lower back seemed much the same colour in all.

Many specimens come over with their wing feathers badly broken, which is partly due to the fact that this is rather a restless species in captivity and partly perhaps to the fact that it is sometimes taken with lime (as Mr. Frost tells me) in a rather curious trap. A little hollow or trench is dug in the ground and limed twigs laid crosswise on the top. To make the matter clearer, we will imagine that the trap is a miniature railway cutting and the limed twigs bridges spanning the sides of the cutting. The mealworms (or other bait) are pegged down in the middle of the trench at the bottom. The Thrush enters at one end and proceeds cautiously along the railway line, so to speak. He seizes a mealworm and then comes the critical moment; if he only had the sense to creep out in the same manner as he entered, he would depart rejoicing and plus the mealworm. This, however, he never does: he scents danger and is anxious to be off, so he spreads his wings and springs upwards, thus striking one of the bridges (or limed twigs) and finding himself a prisoner. This trap, which is also frequently used for taking Shamas, is obviously the result of long and close observation of the habits of birds, but trapping in India has been practised through the centuries and brought to a high degree of perfection.

(To be continued.)

Some Recent Arrivals from Abroad.

By W. E. TESCHEMAKER, B.A.

(*Continued from page 557*).

The Exportation of Australian Birds.

The recent edict of the Australian Government prohibiting, as from 21st April 1911, the exportation of almost all species of native birds, "except for educational or scientific purposes," seems likely to be a serious matter for aviculturists. The full text of the proclamation may be found in the price-list of a well-known London dealer with the following comment:—"exportation.....has been stopped for some years in Queensland. The other outport is Port Darwin and, now that also is forbidden, these birds will be seldom seen in this country." It is not clear from the text whether the proclamation refers to the whole of Australia or only to Port Darwin; if to the latter only, it should be noted that, according to the statement of a friend, there was a similar ordinance in force some years since at this port which has not apparently been fully enforced.

The following is an extract from a private letter:—"In 1903, a man came on board at Port Darwin with hundreds of Gouldian Finches in small cages. He was interviewed by a representative of H.M. Customs who told him that the exportation of birds from the Northern Territory was illegal and that he would not be permitted to take them away. Later, as he had not acted on the hint, the Customs man opened the cages and set the inmates free. This much I can vouch for but I am not quite certain of the year."

I have written to a very well-known exporter in Australia for his opinion as to the probable future course of events and hope to have further particulars later on. In any case, putting the matter at its worst, some of the Australian species are likely to be "always with us"—the popular Budgerigar, the Zebra Finch (the breeding of which ought now to be a profitable undertaking) and that gem of the Dove family, the charming little Diamond Dove.

The Orange-headed Ground Thrush.

About a score of this handsome Indian species have been imported this summer and it seems likely that it will be more frequently seen in English aviaries in the future. Its pale orange throat and underparts and bluish back and wings are very attractive to the eye, whilst its pretty warbling song, which can generally be heard in the Western aviary at the Zoo, is another of its good points. Lieut. Kennedy wrote me that he could not recognise any definite sexual distinctions in the five specimens which he brought over this spring, but Dr. Butler notes in his latest work that the female has the "back, wings and tail tinged with olivaceous." I therefore examined

THE SHOWS

(*Continued from page 43*).

WESTGATE HOUSE F. AND F.C.

F.F. show, held 10th July; Judge, Mr. Ruthven (Liverpool).

YOUNG BIRDS.—YORKS., TKD., ETC.: 1, 2, spl, r, Shires. CL.: 1, 2, 3, sp, Peck. NOR., A.V.: 1, 2, 3, Peck. BORD.: 1, 2, Shiers. ROLLER: 2, Peck. OLD BIRDS—YORKS., A.V.: 1, 2, sp., Shiers; 3, Cage. NOR. CL.: 1, 2, 3, Peck. TKD., ETC.: 1, 2, 3, Peck. LINNET: 1, 2, Robbins. GOLDIE, ETC.: 1, 2, Shiers. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Norton; 2, Robins. MEMBERS'—BRIT. or FOR.: 1, Sergt. Reeves; 2, Rust; 3, Relf. Many of the birds were, in the opinion of the judge, fit for keenest competition.

SKELMANTHORPE C.B.S.

Second Y.B. show, held July 22, when a good muster of birds were shown. Mr. T. Bentley (Cleckheaton) judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction.

OPEN SECTION: CL. YELL.: 1, F. Taylor; 2, E. Radley; 3, Helliwell; 4, A. Radley; vhc, Wadsworth. BUFFS: 1, 4, A. Radley; 2, E. Radley; 3, vhc, Dyson; hc, Peel; c, Wadsworth. YELL. TKD.: 1, A. Radley; 2, vhc, Hirst; 3, F. Taylor; 4, Peel; hc Helliwell. BUFF: 1, 3, F. Taylor; 2, hc, Hirst; 4, Dyson; vhc, Helliwell. EVEN, ETC., MKD.: 1, A. Radley. NOVICE SECTION: CL. YELL.: 1, Jebson; 2, Hird; 3, Hobson Lodge; 4, Pell; vhc, Dyson and Shaw; hc, S. Morley; c, S. Radley. BUFF: 1, c, Johson; 2, vhc, S. Radley; 3, Dyson and Shaw; 4, Pell; hc, J. Radley. YELL. TKD.: 1, J. Radley; 2, Pell; 3, vhc, Bower; 4, F. Dyson; hc, Hutchinson. BUFF: 1, 3, Hobson Lodge; 2, Dyson and Shaw; 4, J. Radley; vhc, J. Hird; hc, Morley; c, S. Radley. EVEN, ETC., MKD.: 1, J. Radley; 2, Lodge; 3, F. Dyson.—James Bird, Sec.

REDHILL C.B.S.

We had a very nice show for our first venture and a good attendance during the evening. We have now 20 members, and we hope to have a good show in the winter. There were some very good birds staged, the largest class being "Mules or Hybrids, 1911," in good Norwich were shown, Mr. Kilby winning in yell. which Mr. Bacon won with a Siskin-Canary. Several class with bird that won at South London the week before. Miss Edwards won in the Buffs and the winner changed hands (to Dr. Kellett, of Coulsdon) at a good figure. Mr. J. Robson judged. NOR. YELL. (4): 1, spl, Kilby; 2, Cosier and Crisp; res, Miss Edwards. BUFF (5): 1, 2, vhc, Miss Edwards; 2, res, Cosier and Crisp. YORKS. YELL. (7): 1, spl, vhc, hc, Tillett; 2, 3, Roser; c, Saunders. BUFF (5): 1, Tillett; 2, res, Roser; vhc, Cosier and Crisp; hc, Saunders. BORD. YELL. (5): 1, 2, vhc, Bacon; res, hc, Hooper. BUFF (5): 1, spl, vhc, Hooper; 2, res, hc, Bacon. A.O.V. (6): 1, spl, Bacon; res, Terry. MULES (bred 1911) (9): 1, spl, Bacon; 2, vhc, Cosier and Crisp; 3, Terry; res, hc, c, Hooper. BRIT. GOLD (4): 1, 2, Terry; res, Bignall; vhc, Roser. LINNET, ETC. (4): 1, 2, Bacon; res, Hibbs; vhc, Roser. CHAFF, ETC. (6): 1, spl, Kilby; 2, Saunders; res, Terry; vhc, Hibbs; hc, Amos. NON-MEMBERS, CAN. (6): 1, Rusbridge; 2, Grimes; res, hc, Mrs. Goodwin; vhc, Tickner; c, Mrs. Chandler. BRIT. (4): 1, res, Montague; 2, vhc, Tickner.

HANLEY C.B.S.

Annual N.F. Show, held Albion Hotel, July 8th Considerable anxiety had been manifested owing to several members experiencing heavy losses. Still, those who had young birds to show, rolled up well, and about 50 birds were staged. Mr. F. Bate judged, and gave every satisfaction. The weather was all that could be desired, and the room which was so kindly placed at our disposal, had plenty of light, and was well ventilated. The Norwich classes contained some promising youngsters. Mr. J. Williamson pulled off two specials. Mr. E. J. Robinson won two specials, one for most entries in show, and the other for most entries in Yorkshires. Mr. G. Lawton won special for best young Yorks. The Britishers were fairly well represented. Mr. T. Bates won spl. for most entries. The show was well attended. During the evening Mr. H. Hassell (Burslem) was made a member.

NOR., CL., YELL.: 1, 2, Williamson. BUFF: 1, 2, Williamson. YELL.: 1, Williamson. BUFF: 1, Williamson. YORKS., CL., YELL. (2): 1, Brough; 2, Robinson. BUFF (10): 1, spl., Lawton; 3, 4, Robinson; vhc, hc, Llewellyn; c, Lawton. YELL., TKD.: 1, Robinson. BUFF: 1, 3, Llewellyn; 2, Robinson; 4, Brough; vhc, Llewellyn. LIZ., GOLD, ETC. (YOUNG): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, Cook. YORKS., OLD: 1 vhc, Peake; 2, Lawton; 3, Llewellyn; 4, Robinson; hc, Lawton. LIZ., OLD: 1, 2, Cook. BRIT.: 1, spl., Williamson (Goldfinch); 2, 4, Bate (Linnets); 3, Brough (Linnets); vhc, hc, T. Bate.

LAISTERDYKE B.F.A.

Second nest feather show in club room, Railway Hotel. The entry was of very good quality, and numbered 84 birds. Mr. W. Mann (Wibsey) was the judge. CL. OR TKD. YELL: 1, 4, Bateman; 2, Oddy; 3, Wharton Bros.; vhc, hc, Swaine; c, Parker. BUFF: 1, Casey; 2, Swaine; 3, 4, Bateman; vhc, Taylor; hc, Stebbings and Whitaker; c, Coates. VARIEG.: 1, Taylor; 2, Bateman; 3, Parker; 4, Robson; vhc, Stebbings and Whitaker; hc, Wharton Bros., c, Parker. CINN. MKD.: 1, vhc, Casey; 2, hc, Parker; 3, 4, Swaine. NOVICE: CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, Hodgson; 2, Revell; 3, 4, Pyrah; vhc, Hudson Bros.; hc, Redshaw; c, Booth. BUFF: 1, Hodgson; 2, c, Symes; 3, Booth; 4, vhc, Schofield; hc, Harmes. VARIEG., ETC.: 1, 4, Hodgson; 2, Pyrah; 3, Redshaw; vhc ,hc, Booth; c, Schofield. CINN.: 1, Hudson Bros.; 2, hc, Elsworth; 3, 4, Symes; vhc, Revell; c, Booth.

BANKFOOT AND DIST. C.B.S.

Second show of the season held Red Lion Hotel, July 22. Only a very poor entry was recorded owing to the very meagre results of the breeding season, experienced by the majority of our members. The 3s. 6d. cash special for most entries was won by Mr. B. Wilman, 3s. 6d. for most points with birds out of cash prizes, Mr. C. Bastow; whilst the 2s. 6d. special for best bird was captured by Mr. B. Wilman. Mr. R. Halliday judged, his awards giving every satisfaction.

CL. YELL.: 1, Wilman; 2, Lawson; 3, Bastow. BUFF: 1, 4, Bastow; 2, Crowther; 3, Lawson; vhc, Wilman. TKD. YELL.: 1, 2, Wilman; 3, Musson; 4, Bastow. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, hc, Wilman; 4, Bastow; vhc, Lawson. EVEN, ETC., YELL.: 1, Musson. BUFF: 1, 2, Bastow; 3, Musson. CINN., YELL.: 1, Lawson. BUFF: 1, Crowther. FOUL MKD.: 1, Crowther; 2, Bastow; 3, Wilman.—F. Gelder, Sec.

HAWICK O.S.

F.F. show in Drumlanrig Hall, July 22nd. There was a good turn-out considering the poor season the breeders have had. Mr. Wm. Little judged Borders, and Mr. Wm. Bell Nor. and Brit. Special best young bird in show won by Mr. Dryden; best Brit., Mr. R. Laidlaw (runner-up Mr. R. Brydon). SCOTCH: 1, Holt. BORD. BUFF CK.: 1, 2, Middlemas. YELL.: Middlemas. BUFF, GREEN, ETC.: 1, Amos; 2, J. Bonsor. YEL: 1, Amos; 2, Middlemas. NOR.: 1, 2, Dryden; 3, Welsh. BRIT. GOLD: 1, Dryden; 2, Bryan; 3, Inglis. BULL: 1, Bonsor. LINNET: 1, Welsh; 2, Brydon; 3, Inglis. MEALY REDPOLL: 1, Brydon; 2, Drydon; 3, Welsh. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Welsh; 2, Dryden; 3, Laidlaw. BUNTING: 1, McCartney; 2, Laidlaw. GREENIE, ETC.: 1, McCartney; 2, Holt; 3, Laidlaw. YOUNG MULE: 1, 2, Brydon; 3, Dryden.—Thos.' Dryden, Sec.

MORLEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Second Y.B. show held Sycamore Hotel, July 15. We had a good entry of 80 birds, which Mr. W. Morement (Laisterdyke) judged to the satisfaction of all. He also gave us a special for best Canary, which was won by Mr. J. E. Pyrah with a very promising clear yellow.

CHAMPION SECTION: CL., ETC., YELL. (7): 1, Pyrah; 2, Mitchell; 3, vhc, hc, Kershaw; c, Booth. BUFF (6): 1, Mitchell; 2, vhc, Pyrah; c, Brook; hc, Kershaw. UNEV. MKD. GREEN (10): 1, Booth; 2, Pyrah; 3, hc, c, Kershaw; vhc, Mitchell. CINN. (8): 1, vhc, Pyrah; 2, Kershaw; 3, hc, c, Booth. NOVICE SECTION: CL., ETC., YELL. (7): 1, c, Birdsall; 2, Sykes; 3, Scholes; vhc, hc, Rhodes. BUFF (6): 1, 3, Scholes; 2, Birdsall; vhc, hc, Armitage; c, Rhodes. UNEV. MKD. GREEN (8): 1, 3, Birdsall; 2, Rhodes; vhc, Armitage; hc, c, Gledhill. CINN. (4): 1, 2, Birdsall; 3, Armitage; vhc, Gledhill. BRIT. SECTION: LINNET (9): 1, Burnell; 2, 3, Owen; vhc, Fisher; hc, c, Gomersall. GOLDFINCH (6): 1, vhc, Gomersall; 2, Owen; 3, hc, Fisher; c, Holliday. A.O.S. (7): 1, Owen (Lesser Redpoll); 2, Owen (Yellowhammer); 3, (Mealy Redpoll); vhc, Owen (Twite); hc, Gomersall (Greenfinch); c, Fisher (Lesser Redpoll). MULES (2): 1, 2, Burnell.—A. Gledhill, Sec.

BEAMISH AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Third N.F. Show held July 8, Bird Inn, High Hold. Mr. J. Hands (Ryton) judged.

NOR. YELL.: 1, 3, Nesbit; 2, vhc, hc, c, S. Elliott. BUFF: 1, 3, sp, J. H. Elliott; 2, hc, S. Elliott; vhc, Crosby and Gowland; c, Knowles. YORKS. YELL.: 1, sp, Goodchild; 2, Robson. BUFF: 1, Foster. CREST: 1, sp, Crosby and Gowland; 2, Little. C.B.: 1, Foster; 2, Little. BORD., YELL.: 1, 2, sp, vhc, J. H. Elliott; 3, Crosby and Gowland; hc, Knowles. BUFF: 1, Crosby and Gowland; 2, 3, vhc, c, J. H. Elliott. A.O.V.: 1, sp, J. Weddell. MULE, BRED 1911: 1, Robson. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, Goodchild; 2, Davidson. BULLFINCH: 1, Wm. Elliott. GREENFINCH: 1, J. H. Elliott; 2, Peart; 3, Davidson. LINNET, HOUSE-MOULTED: 1, sp, Peart; 2, Robson; 3, Goodchild; vhc, Weddell; hc, Foster; c, S. Elliott. LINNET, NOT HOUSE-MOULTED: 1, Peart; 2, Wm. Elliott. A.O.S.: 1, 2, W. Elliott; 3, Peart. FOR.: 1, Peart. REDPOLL: 1, Crosby and Gowland; 2, L. Foster; 3, Peart; vhc, J. H. Elliott; hc, Knowles; c, Little. SISKIN: 1, W. Elliott. NOR., OLD: 1, sp, vhc, Crosby and Gowland; 2, Foster; 3, Little; hc, Cowell. BORD., YELL.: 1, 2, J. H. Elliott. CREST OR C.B.: 1, sp, Crosby and Gowland; 2, Little; 3, Davidson. CAN., A.O.V.: 1, Weddell; 2, Goodchild. MULE, OLD: 1, M. Robson.—W. Knowles, Sec.

HALSTEAD AND DISTRICT F.S.

Members' show held July 15th, Co-operative Assembly Room. The entries in our section were, perhaps, not so numerous as one would like to have seen, but quality was certainly there. Mr. C. H. Row judged and gave every satisfaction. Mr. A. C. Sayward made an efficient secretary, having everything in apple-pie order.

NOR. CL. BRED 1911: 1, 3, vhc, Britton, wins well on condition; 2, vhc, Stammers, 2nd larger, nice bird. A.O.V. NOR.: 1, Britton, heavily variegated; 2, 3, Stammers, 2nd perhaps best youngster in show, but in moult. A.O.V. CAN.: Cancelled. MULE OR HYB., BRED 1911: 1, 2, 3, Sayward, 1st and 2nd light Goldfinch Mules, should make something good later. DITTO, ANY AGE: 1, A. E. Bareham, variegated Goldfinch-Can., in rare form, wins easy; 2, Rayner, nice dark buff Goldfinch-Can.; 3, Pilgrim, dark yell, Siskin-Can., would have been higher but wings and tail frayed. SELL., 7/6: 1, sp, Stammers; 2, Rayner. GOLDFINCH: 1, A. E. Barcham, wins easy, lovely col.; 2, Britton, better shaped blaze; 3, Stammers, good old Finch, but seen his best days. BULLFINCH: 1, sp, 2, Laurence, two good Bullies, 1st better col.; 3, Sayward, jun., rather smaller. HAWFINCH, ETC.: 1, sp, Sayward, jun., nice Hawfinch, in good condition; 2, Laurence, good Greenfinch; 3, Pilgrim, another nice Greenfinch; vhc, A. E. Bareham. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, sp, 3, Laurence, 1st Yellow Bunting, wins sp for best cage bird, in perfect condition; 2, Beckwith, nice Mealy Redpoll; vhc, A. E. Bareham; hc, Rayner; c, Butcher. FOR.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, A. E. Bareham, 1st nice Crested Cardinal, 2nd good Silverhill, 3rd lovely striated Finch. GIFT: 1, sp, W. Sayward; 2, Fred Stamers.—A. C. Sayward.—(Please write on one side of paper only.—Ed.)

Wild-Bird Life.

Wild Birds and the Drought.

The lovely summer weather still continues, but the exceptional heat affects all animal life, and wild birds are no exception, although their mode of progression is so quick and easy that they are able to vary their conditions by moving from place to place; and if they are so inclined, they can spend part of the long hot day in the depths of some leafy wood or upon the hills where the conditions are more favourable. In such times as these wild birds suffer most from want of water. In some localities surface water is very scanty, and in such a summer as we are now experiencing it is altogether absent. The writer knows of one place, situated in a wooded district far removed from houses, where the only water for miles is a small pond at the edge of a wood; this is never very full even in the middle of the rainy season, and just now would be either at a very low ebb or altogether dried up. In a usual summer one can spend hours watching the different species of birds coming to drink and bathe, and being in a district thickly populated with feathered life there are always some at the water, as they come from miles arouud, and can be seen going in the direction of the water when one is not near it. In districts where water is fairly plentiful, birds have their favourite drinking place, which is generally some quiet stream or pool well removed from disturbance. While making a sketch near one of these favoured spots, we had a good opportunity of noting the different species and their behaviour while seeking drink. It is a question if the Linnets or the Starlings came the most frequently. There always appeared to be some of the former birds at the pool, although the species is not exceptionally plentiful in the district. It was noticed that the Starlings could not resist the pleasures of a bath whenever they came to drink. None of our British birds are so passionately fond of bathing as these glossy, sleek-looking birds. The Starling has a good deal of oil in the feathers, and it takes him some time to get his hard plumage thoroughly wet; but he manages to do it very effectually. Pigeons and doves are great drinkers, and are constantly visiting the pool; and when they arrive they fly straight to the edge and drink deep. After that they flap from side to side, drinking a little and resting, staying some time as if loth to leave the moist spot, and do not do so until the arrival of othersfi or if some squabble among the smaller birds startles them. Some of these visitors must come a long way to the water; those that still have nests on the higher ground are quite unable to procure water from the wheel ruts and pools along the cart tracks through the woods, and so have to wander away to the lower ground.

Identification of Nest.

F. J. W. S.—It is always a most difficult matter to correctly identify an empty nest, especially when removed from its surroundings. The nest sent was certainly built by one of the smaller migrants. It is rather stronger and more compactly built than that of the Whitethroat, Garden Warbler, Blackcap, or Sedge Warbler. The lining and other characteristics make me think it must be the nest of the Flycatcher, built in a rather unusual position.

In the Courts.

Alleged Advertising Frauds.

At Liverpool City Police Court on July 22 a man named Wm. Haynes, charged with obtaining a number of articles and birds by false pretences, was subsequently committed to the Quarter Sessions.

Prisoner, it was alleged, communicated with advertisers in different papers with a view to inducing them to part with their goods on the promise of value in money or other goods in exchange. He obtained in this way a piano, a gramophone and records, and a banjo and case, as well as a number of Canaries and cages. The advertisers, however, had failed either to obtain payment or the return of their property. —Haynes reserved his defence.—"Liverpool Post."

Concerning the above case, Mr. J. H. Jowett (Bradford) writes: I attended the trial. This man got a very expensive banjo from me, with case, also Canaries from another party, piano, gramophone, etc. I saw the Canaries he had obtained (two pairs) in a double cage, and they seemed very good birds.

Eleven Weeks for Stealing.

John O'Leary, twenty-nine, a costermonger, was charged on remand at Marlborough Street Police Court recently, with stealing a Linnet and cage worth 10s., belonging to Joseph Chapman, of Charlton Street. In the early morning of June 2, the prosecutor was aroused from sleep by the fluttering of his birds in their cages on the window sill of his bedroom. Jumping up, he saw the prisoner running off with a caged Linnet, which he had hooked down with a specially prepared stick. He was chased and caught by Police-constable Nightingale in Albany Street. He said he had bought the bird, and when told its value—10s.—at the police station remarked that that was all his horse cost. Previous convictions were proved, and Mr. Mead sentenced him to eleven weeks' hard labour for stealing the cage. —"Morning Post."

The Young Naturalist.

Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given weekly for the best three anecdotes about birds written on postcards. Competitors must be under sixteen years of age, and state whence stories are taken. Two stars indicate the Winning Contribution; one star the runners-up.

*Linnet Feeding a Sparrow.

I fill my hopper very full every morning, and one evening I found it was empty, so I thought I would watch. I very soon heard two birds answering each other. I peeped outside the door, but they heard me. A day or so later I heard them again, and I looked outside and saw my Linnet feeding a Sparrow through the bars.—Geoffrey C. Grand, 95, Anson Road, Southtown, Great Yarmouth.

**A Homing Budgerigar.

Father bought me a Budgerigar, which caused me much trouble by the way it squeezed itself through the bars of its cage, and we had to wait until dark before we could catch it. When we left for Norway, we took all the birds with us, and as it is very hot I kept them in my bedroom with the window open. Nearly every morning we see my Budgerigar flying about in the woods, but it always gets into the cage again in the evening.—Sent by J. F. Johanson, Skoghus, Snaroen, Kristiania.

*Preferred Cage Life.

One day, when my father was out on a little ramble, he noticed a bird's nest scattered about the footpath, and a poor little Hedge Sparrow making a most pitiful squeaking noise. It must have been the work of some cruel boy, because a cat could not reach where the nest had been. The poor little bird was too small to fly, and might easily have been killed by a cat or a dog. So my father brought it home and made a nest out of an old cap. We fed the bird with a little stick until he got big enough to feed himself. He soon got used to cage life, and would go in and out of his cage as he liked. One day we decided to let him have his freedom, so we took him out and opened the cage door, but he would not go. We could see by his manner that he really preferred cage life.—Sent by A. Gray (age 15), 1, Seymour Grove, Hope Road, Sale, Cheshire.

Singing Contests.

PONTEFRACT.

Weekly contest held Woodman Inn, July 22nd, before a large company, when we had some good singing. 1, H. Dickinson; 2, T. Piper; 3, T. Jones. Open contest, July 23, before a good company, when some nice birds sang for three prizes: 1, J. Hinchcliffe; 2, H. Chatterton; 3, B. Nelson. General meeting held July 30, for the purpose of forming a Roller Canary Club, to be held during winter months. —H. Chatterton, Sec.

WIGAN.

Wigan Linnet Club.—Will members and fanciers please take notice that the club is removing this week end from the Weavers' Arms, Scholes, to the Colliers' Arms, Frog Lane, and the Sec. will be pleased to see all members there on July 29, so that we can arrange for the club match.—An open Linnet contest at Colliers' Arms, Frog Lane, Wigan, for time and quality, when £1 will be added to the entrance fee. First pair to be hung at 2.—A. Parker, Sec.

SHEFFIELD.

Weekly Linnet singing contest, held Fitzwilliam Hotel, Milford Street, Attercliffe Common, July 22, Mr. J. Grundy gave 3 specials (3 minutes time singing), and 14 birds entered. 1, Thompson, 83sec.; 2, Thompson, 81sec.; Cole, 78sec.; Driver, 64sec.; Thompson, 55sec., Albert, 51sec. On July 23rd, 12 birds entered for 3 specials by Mr. Grundy (3 minutes time singing): 1, Thompson, 79sec.; 2, Albert, 78sec.; 3, Driver, 74sec.; Cole, 66sec.; Albert, 56sec. Contest every week-end. Whitsuntide Club going strong.—A. Thompson, Sec.

LEIGH.

Open competition held Globe Inn, when we had an entry of some 30 birds, which was very poor, but the birds are going back, and we cannot grumble, as we have had some very good entries. We gave the usual prizes.—Winners for quality: H. Brown, 1; T. Statham, 2; J. Poole, 3; W. Barnes, 4. For time: S. Woods, 19, 1; W. Hampson, 94, 2; G. Randall, 77, 3 B. Jones, 59, 4. Judges, Messrs. Terry, Higson, and W. Barnes, for quality; for time, Messrs. J. W. Jones and J. Woodward; timekeeper, Mr. B. Jones; Birdman, Mr. T. Houghton.—J. McAllister, Secretary.

LEEDS.

Quality contest at King's Hall, Shannon Street, July 15: 1, 3, T. Stead; 2, H. Wyfield. Judges, T. Johnson, H. Hayes and W. Naylor. Also on July 24th; judges, S. Hardcastle and J. Thompson. Result: 1, T. Stead; 2, 3, W. Sissons.—Wm. Sissons, Hon Sec.

Skinner's Arms, Linnet F.A., Buslingthorpe Lane. Usual week-end contest held July 22nd, when 11 birds competed. 1, Ward; 2, Sellars; 3, Kibler. Judges, Messrs. Green and Dalton. Also July 23rd, when 13 birds faced the judges, Messrs. Green and Simmons. 1, 2, Sellars; 3, Ward.—W. Lunn, Hon. Sec.

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Club Reports.

CARDIFF C.B.S.

Meeting held July 20th. The chairman, Mr. S. F. Whetton, presided. Quite a good number of members put in an appearance, which shows that Cardiff members have not forgotten where the meetings are held. I hope those who have not attended for some time will put in an appearance on August 17th, when the open show rules and classification will be gone into. After the usual business, Mr. Wilson gave us a very pleasant and most interesting evening in answering questions on the Yorkshire. A vote of thanks was accorded him, and he responded in an able manner. Mr. W. Jones was enrolled a new member. We have quite a good number of new members, which speaks well for our society.—J. W. Dummett, Sec.

NORTHERN LIZARD CLUB.

Meeting, July 22nd, Fawcett Street Cafe, Mr. Reid in the chair. A letter was read from the L. and L.F.A. challenging us to an inter-club fixture, to be held annually, the first fixture to be held in the North. It was carried unanimously that we accept the challenge, and the secretary was instructed to write Mr. Rukin. A communication from the Northern Crest Club was read, asking us to join the other specialist clubs in holding a grand presentation of prizes at the end of the season. This was well received, and the secretary instructed to accept same, two delegates to be appointed later. The conditions of our new bowl were then entered on, and ultimately it was decided that three nominated birds compete for it at each show; no member being allowed to nominate more than three birds; to be won three times in succession, or four times in all. Classification same as last year.—G. Davidson.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Meeting held July 22, Fawcett Street Cafe, Mr. W. F. Swan presiding over a good attendance. The question of holding an open show this season was raised, and after a long and interesting discussion, which proved that the members present were in favour, the question was adjourned until next meeting, August 5, when we will go further into the matter. In the meantime members are asked to give it their careful consideration, and are invited to offer suggestions. The most important point to remember is finance. The feeling was that we should raise a reserve fund, so that we may meet our liabilities, should the show result in a loss, without having to subject the members to a levy after the event. Several of the members kindly promised donations towards such a fund, and I shall be pleased to hear from those who were absent to a like effect. August 5 we also hold our third F.F. Show, when Mr. H. Taylor will judge.—J. Jeffrey, Hon. Sec.

NORTH LONDON C.B.A.

Meeting at headquarters, July 19th, Mr. G. Nortlock in the chair, supported by a good attendance of members. Several nominations were handed in as a result of recent show, also prize money and specials given out. The recommendation of the London Federation of C.B.S., re Federation show, was discussed; decided that we support same if held. The Chairman called on Mr. H. E. Tringham to read his paper on "The Yorkshire Canary." Mr. Tringham stated that he had not been able to write out all he wished, owing to the short notice given him, caused through our having to reverse the lectures for July and September. However, it was soon apparent to all that we were in for a real treat, the subject being dealt with throughout in a masterly fashion, and all the most important points concerning this variety touched upon. At the close the meeting was open for questions. These came thick and fast, and were answered fearlessly and to the point. The Chairman, in proposing a vote of thanks, commented upon the vast amount of information they had been given, and he threw out the suggestion that we ask Mr. Tringham to let us have a few more notes at a future date. Needless to say, the suggestion was soon taken up by the members. Mr. Tringham, in his reply, very kindly offered to oblige again. A vote of thanks to Chairman concluded a most pleasant and instructive evening.—R. P. Harper, Hon. Sec.

NORTHERN CREST CLUB.

Interesting Talk on the Crested Canary.

At the conclusion of the business of the meeting held on July 12th, at Newcastle, the Chairman (Mr. T. Robson) opened a very interesting talk on the Crested Canary of to-day. The gist of the talk is given below:—

Has the time not come, he asked, for us to establish a standard for Crests—to give so many points for type, so many for markings, and so many for colour, size, and formation of crest, and so on? We ought to have the birds more neat than they are at present. We seem to have forgotten everything in our endeavour to get the large crest. At present the Crests are far too rough, and have too much body feather. I would say let the crest count half at least of the points. We ought to try and get the birds more like the Norwich in type and quality of body—close feathered. I would really like to see them as neat as the Border Fancy, but, of course, not so small. More attention ought to be given to the beauty of shape. Another thing, we have far too much green blood in our birds; we seldom see the clear body, dark crested birds that were seen so frequently a few years ago.

I like to see a neat crest, with a beautiful droop, I care nothing for the large, flat-crested birds that we see so much nowadays. I would like to see more attention given to the breeding of clear body, dark crests; wing marked, dark crests; clear body, grey crests, or the cinnamon crests, with the nice, Norwich shaped body. It is a pity we don't pay more attention to quality.

Mr. Riseborough recalled an incident where a gentleman gave a special prize for the best bird in the show. As usual, it went to a Crest. Upon seeing the winner the donor said "I never meant the prize to go to a bird like that. I would rather it had gone to a bird such as the Norwich or Yorkshire."

Mr. Robson then found himself bombarded with questions.

Mr. Hutchinson asked "How do you suggest commencing to breed out the heavy feather?"—Introduce a little Yellow blood, but if it is not done carefully you will lose size.

Mr. Riseborough said that recently they had been trying to get more size into the Lizard by introducing the Norwich; but the birds soon fell away, and went back to the original type.

Mr. Crawhall spoke about the standard of the Crested Canary. Judges, he said, seemed to pay no attention to it; they always gave preference to size of crest and body.

Mr. Currah was in favour of more Yellow blood. In the first place, he said, the Crest is an artificial production, and as long as the craze is for large crests we will have to try and breed them.

Mr. Crawhall termed the Crest the Brahma or Cochin China of the Canary tribe—the soft feathered bird of the Canary family. And he was afraid that we would find it a very difficult task to produce them as fine in feather as the Border Fancy.

Mr. Swan favoured the use of more Yellow blood. We ought, he said, to suggest that societies put on more Yellow classes, and if these were not a success the club might render some assistance.

Mr. Taylor thought that our club should insist upon having more Yellow classes at shows receiving our patronage.

Mr. Robson suggested a better classification, such as classes for clear body, dark crest, or dark capped; wing marked, dark crest; and so on.

Mr. Taylor said that he had introduced Yellow blood, and had bred as good a bird as ever graced the show bench; but he found that too much Yellow blood was not a success. It would never do to breed Yellow and Buff year after year, the same as in other varieties.

Mr. Robson said he thought we ought to get the "too much variegation" out of Crests—try and get more lightly marked birds.

Mr. Dobson made a very good suggestion, viz., that the club give a special for lightly marked birds, such as clear body, dark crests, or wing marked birds, as without doubt they were the most beautiful of the crested variety.

Mr. Hutchinson thought that if societies put classes on they need not lose anything, as prize money could be paid according to entrance fees.

Mr. Crawhall said that it was a very difficult thing for societies to make their shows pay.

Mr. Taylor said that in his opinion we ought to instruct the judge to give the special to the most typical bird shown by a member (Norwich type).

Mr. Taylor then proposed, and Mr. Dobson seconded, that we draw up a standard for the club for future years, so as to make the patronage of our club worth asking for. This proposal was carried. If any member cares to send in any suggestion to me I will be obliged.—J. G. Hutchinson, Sec. N.C.C.

SOUTH BIRMINGHAM O.S.

Meeting held July 20th, headquarters. A fine muster of members turned up. Chairman Willmott presided, and after two new fanciers were proposed and admitted as members, the Chairman said he had a very sad resolution to propose, and asked that same be entered in the minute book: "That the members of the South Birmingham O.S., at the monthly meeting assembled desire to express their heartfelt sympathy with Mr. J. H. de Mailett on the irreparable loss he has suffered through the death of his wife." The resolution was passed, the members standing. Mr. J. H. de Mailett responded, saying that such an act and such kind words would help him to bare his great loss. The chief business was the second N.F. Show, to be held July 22nd. All business connected with same was soon proceeded with, the allotting of specials and arranging of birds best suitable for the side gas lights, selecting of special show stewards and time for receiving birds. No time was wasted and after the Chairman had announced he intended giving a cup for competition at the members' first annual show, to be held, he hoped, on December 26th (loud cheers), the meeting terminated. It will interest many to know we secured two more members at the show, as per report in paper, making 38 members to date, and Mr. Kidner has promised a useful prize for the members' show as above. So roll up, join and help the society. We shall arrange a grand winter programme at August meeting.—J. Sheppard, Sec.

LONDON C.B.A.

General meeting held "Feathers," July 12th, Mr. T. Miller in chair, supported by a fair number of members. After the usual routine of business (including the nomination of Messrs. H. and L. and Miss M. Bousfield, all of Bournemouth), the secretary read a paper by Mr. T. Sandiford on the subject of colour feeding. After explaining the growth of the pods, etc., and mode of preparation for the market, he impressed upon fanciers the importance of breeding birds for colour, without which it was impossible to colour-feed to perfection. The mode of feeding adopted by Mr. Sandiford is to put all youngsters on the feed at 7 or 8 weeks of age, commencing with one teaspoonful of feed to a pint of egg food, and gradually increasing same daily until they are on to the full quantity. The old birds are treated in like manner. The proportions advised by Mr. Sandiford are: To one egg add three ounces of stale bread, 1oz. of colour food and 3 teaspoonfuls of fine castor sugar, but in the event of biscuits being used, no sugar should be added, there being sufficient already in same. He also advised removal of the seed hopper for 6 or 8 hours daily to ensure the food being wholly consumed. Also put in the bird's drinking water twice a week a small piece of sulphate of iron, about the size of a split pea, which helps to fix the colour and also acts as a tonic. When the birds are finishing the moult the feed should be reduced in the same way as starting. At the conclusion of the paper an open discussion took place, various opinions and expressions being exchanged; and the meeting ended with a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Sandiford, which was carried unanimously. There will be no meeting in August.—W. H. Mugford, Hon. Sec.

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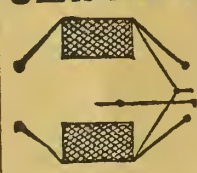
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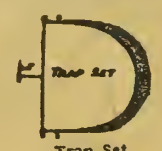
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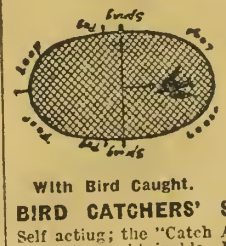
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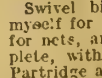
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ACKWORTH F.S.

Ackworth F.S. annual open show held July 22, in fine weather, when 36 birds faced the judge, Mr. S. Walton. Some very good specimens were staged in all classes.

CAN. (bred prior to 1911) (12): 1, Slack, cl. yell., good length, smart carriage, nice style; 2, Hall, cl. buff, better length, fails shoulders to winner; r, hc, c, Taylor; vhc, Winterburn, all Yorkshires. CAN., BRED 1911 (13): 1, 2, Kelsey, winner yell, 2nd variegs., two real good birds; r, vhc, Taylor; hc, Dickenson Bros.; c, Winterburn, all Yorks: again. LINNET (6): 1, Kemp, large, tight-feathered bird, wins well; 2, Smith; r, G. Brown; vhc, Wyatt; hc, Brown; c, Seal. BRIT., A.O.S.: 1, Wyatt, Goldie, excelling in col. to 2, Kemp, good Goldie; r, Wyatt; vhc, Kelsey; hc, Kemp.

EAST BOWLING AND DIS. B.F.A.

Second Y.B. Show, held July 22nd, St. John's School, when 66 birds were staged. Mr. J. Bailey judged, and his awards gave entire satisfaction. CL. YELL: 1, 4, hc, Hodgson; 2, Thompson; 3, Casey; vhc, c, Helliwell. BUFF: 1, Padgett; 2, Casey; 3, Helliwell; 4, Shaw; vhc, Bywater; hc, Bleazard; c, Robinson and Sharp. TKD. YELL.: 1, Padgett; 2, Shaw; 3, Atkinson. BUFF: 1, 2, vhc, Shaw; 3, Casey; 4, Robinson and Sharp; hc, Atkinson; c, Thompson. UNEVEN MKD. YELL.: 1, Casey; 2, 3, 4, Hodgson. BUFF: 1, Casey; 2, vhc, Padgett; 3, Shaw; 4, Bywater; hc, Helliwell; c, Woolmer. CINN. MKD.: 1, 4, Helliwell; 2, 3, vhc, Casey. NOVICE: CL. YELL.: 1, Rawes; 2, Walker; 3, 4, Wilkinson. BUFF: 1, Hall; 2, Walker; 3, Rawes; 4, vhc, Wilkinson. TKD. YELL.: 1, 2, Hall; 3, 4, Walker; vhc, Rawes. UNEVEN MKD. YELL.: 1, Hall; 2, 3, 4, Rawes.—L. Booth, Sec.

KING'S LYNN C.C.

F.F. Show held Blackfriars' Hall, July 22nd. There were 242 entries in 23 classes, and some birds of excellent quality were exhibited. A good display of British birds was seen. The club's challenge cup was won by the Chairman (Mr. R. Edmunds), last year on 72 points. On this occasion he scored 53 points, and the runners-up were G. Bennell (42 points) and H. Cole (33 points). The best canary was exhibited by Mr. E. Gosling, and the second best was shown by Mr. R. Edmunds. Mr. W. P. Barnes (Grantham) judged, and the secretarial duties were performed by Mr. A. R. Kent

CL. YELL. C.: 1, Bennell; 2, Harrod; 3, Kent; 4, Greenfield. HEN, 1, Gordin; 2, Hately; 3, Cole; 4, Rev. J. Wollerton. BUFF C.: 1, Hately; 2, Kent; 3, Edmunds; 4, Greenfield. HEN: 1, Williamson; 2, Ricketts; 3, Edmunds; 4, Rev. J. Woollerton. TKD. YELL. C.: 1, Smith; 2, Kent; 3, Bennell; 4, Rev. J. Woollerton. HEN: 1, Hately; 2, Smith; 3, Harred; 4, Edmunds. BUFF C.: 1, Bennell; 2, Harrod; 3, Cole; 4, Bird. HEN: 1, Ricketts; 2, Bennell; 3, Edmunds; 4, Cole. VARIEG. YELL. C.: 1, Gosling; 2, Smith; 3, Harrod; 4, Bird. HEN: 1, Breeze; 2, Edmunds; 3, Cole; 4, Gordon. BUFF C.: 1, Ricketts; 2, Edmunds; 3, Bennell; 4, Hately. HEN: 1, Richardson; 2, A. R. Kent; 3, Edwards; 4, Edmunds. UNEVENLY MKD. C.: 1, Edmunds; 2, Harrod; 3, Cole; 4, Harrod. HEN: 1, Williamson; 2, Edmunds; 3, Greaves; 4, Cole. GREEN, ETC.: 1, Harrod; 2, Bird; 3, Breeze; 4, Richardson. CINN.: 1, Williamson; 2, Mrs. Williamson; 3, Dunbabin. A.O.V.: 1, Bennell; 2, Smith; 3, Greenfield; 4, Harrod. SELL., C.: 1, R. Harrod; 2, Bennell; 3, Gordon; 4, A. Harrod. HEN: 1, Benuell; 2, Smith; 3, R. Harrod; 4, Hateley. MULES: 1, Rev. J. Woollerton; 2, Gordon. BULLFINCH: 1, Cole; 2, Hateley; 3, Gordon; 4, Greaves. GOLDFINCH: 1, Ricketts; 2, 3, Walker; 4, Gordon. LINNET: 1, Edmunds; 2, A. Kent; 3, Greaves; 4, Walker.

LEYTON AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

Y.B. show, held July 22nd, new headquarters, Grange Park Hall, Grange Park Road. The number of exhibits was much below the usual owing to a good many of the members having experienced very bad luck during the breeding season. The quality of the exhibits, however, was excellent, and many of them will no doubt be heard of later. Mr. W. L. Taylor won the diploma for best bird, with a fine Yellow Norwich; special for second best, Forse and Son, also special for best champion Yorks, and special for best Yorks; Mr. W. L. Taylor's diploma winner also took special for best novice Norwich; Mr. King took special for best novice Yorks; Mr. Skinner, best amateur Yorks.; Mr. T. Walker, best novice British. The secretaries, Messrs. Forse and Son, had the arrangements well in hand, and were ably assisted by Messrs. W. L. Taylor, W. Dalton, C. H. Cooper, F. Marshall, and H. W Burbidge (assistant hon. sec.). The show was well attended. Mr. C. Battison judged. His awards apparently gave every satisfaction.

YORKS., YELL (3): 1, Forse and Son, good, upstanding position, and wing carriage; 2, 3, Bennet, fine col. and quality, 3rd, nice, typical Yell. BUFF (4): 1, 4, 3 spls., Forse and Son, very nice head and neck, good type, grand quality; 2, 3, Bennet, well up on leg, fine shape and style. VARIEG. (3): 1, Bennet, good length, neat head and neck, long flights and tail; 2, 3, Forse and Son, nice col. and position, well carried wings. AMATEUR YORKS., YELL (3): 1, spl, Skinner, good col. and quality, neat wings and tail; 2, 3, Burbidge, equally stylish, good quality. BUFF (3): 1, 2, spl., Burbidge, nice slim-drawn bird, very smart carriage, 2, equal shape; 3, Skinner, very neat. YORKS., VARIEG. (2): 1, Skinner, nice length, good head and neck; 2, Burbidge, nice length and style. NOVICE, YORKS., YELL (9): 1, 2, vhc, spl., King, very fine, nice length, best of wings and tail, 2nd, equal in shape, length and quality; 3, hc, Shanklv, smart and shapely; 4, Wilkins; c, Perring. BUFF (5): 1, King, good length, nice wing and tail carriage; 2, Mays, very slim and stylish, good length; 3, Parker; 4, vhc, Webb. VARIEG. (4): 1, 3, spl., King, splendid length, well up on legs, grand quality; 2, vhc, Parker; 4, Wilkins. NOR., YELL. (11): 1, 2, 4, 2 spls., good front, well over perch, good head and neck; 2, fine shape and carriage, close on winner; 3, Harding; vhc, Dalton; hc, Perring; c, Webb. BUFF (13): 1, 3, 4, Taylor, fine shape and carriage, good col., lovely quality; 3, good col. and quality; 2, Dalton, nice quality, neat head and wings; vhc, Marshall; 3, vhc, hc, Taylor; 4, Perring; c, Dalton. A.O.V. (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, Parker, nice team, Cinn. MULES (7): 1, Hammond, nice Greenfinch and Can, 2, 3, 4, hc, Parker; vhc, Taylor; c, Walker. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, spl., Walker. BULLFINCH: 1, Webb. GREENFINCH: 1, 2, Walker; 3, Albany, LINNET: 1, 2, Walker; 3, Palter. REDPOLL: 1, Hammond; 2, Walker; 3, vhc, Dalton. FOR.: 1, 2, 3, Reed.

EALING HANWELL DIST. F.S.

Evening show, held July 19th, St. John's Hall, West Ealing. Mr. J. Dewhurst judged cage birds. YORKS., YELL. CK.: 1, F. Smith; 2, Crockett; 3, Bamber; res., F. Smith. YOUNG DO.: 1, Crockett; 2, c, F. Smith; 3, Bamber; res., hc, Boppiu; vhc, A. W. Neal. BUFF CK.: 1, Boppiu; 2, 3, F. Smith.—J. F. Kendall, Hon. Asst. Sec. and Treas.

ASHTON-U.-LYNE & DIST. C.B.S.

N.F. Table Show of Norwich and Yorkshires held headquarters, F.S.A. Rooms, July 18th. Owing to the very bad luck experienced by the majority of the members this breeding season, the show left much to be desired, numerically, but some promising youngsters were staged. The winning yellow Norwich, granted a nice moult, should do his owner some good, and the Norwich Buff winner was "all there" for size, and only five weeks old. Yorkshires looked like providing some promising birds for the "unlighted classes." Mr. Jim Mellor placed the cards, and his awards were satisfactorily received.

NOR. YELL.: 1, vhc, Kenyon; 2, c, Jackson; 3, Lawton; 4, Drabble; hc, Bamford. BUFF: 1, Drabble; 2, Bamford; 3, Dowling; 4, vhc, Kenyon. YORKS. YELL.: 1, Whitehead. BUFF: 1, Baxter; 2, 4, Etchells; 3, Whitehead.—J. R. Colville, Sec.

GRANGEMOUTH C.B.S.

F.F. Show, held July 22, Boilermaker's Hall. Owing to the poor breeding results of the majority of the members, the entry was not very large. Still, some very good birds were turned out, especially in Plainheads, the winners in each class being nice, typical birds. The show was well patronised by many fanciers outside the district. CREST (4): 1, 2, Liddle; 3, Moreland; 4, Smart. YELL. PH. (10): 1, 2, Smart; 3, Woodhouse; 4, 6, Scaife; 5, Ovenstone. BUFF (12): 1, 2, 3, Scaife; 4, 5, Simpson; 6, Aitken. YELL. BORD. FCY (10): 1, Baird; 2, 3, Reid; 4, Woodhouse; 6, Leitch. BUFF (8): 1, 5, Reid; 2, 6, Woodhouse; 3, 4, Connor. MULE OR HYB. (1): 1, Eadie. BRIT. FINCH (6): 1, Rennie; 2, 4, Miller; 3, Moreland; 5, Leitch; 6, Reid. HARDBILL A.O.S. (6): 1, Moreland; 2, Baird; 3, Rennie; 4, Matthew; 5, 6, Miller. SOFTBILL (2): 1, 2, Miller. FOR. (3): 1, 2, Miller; 3, Leitch. Judges, Messrs. D. Smart (for Borders), A. Eadie (for Crests and Plainheads), J. Ovenstone and W. Scaife (for Mules, British and foreign); and it is pleasing to note that all gave satisfaction.—J. D. Miller, Sec.

BRIGHTON C.B.A.

Second Y.S. show held July 19. There was a good muster of birds and the quality throughout was excellent. Mr. Gibb makes an excellent secretary, backed up by a committee of good workers. Mr. W. R. Miles judged.

CLASS 1: 1, Dandridge; 2, Pearson. CLASS 2: 1, Pearson; 2, Dandridge; 3, Pearson. CLASS 3: 1, Pearson; 2, Plummer; 3, Flook. CLASS 4: 1, Gibb; 2, Roast. CLASS 5: 1, hc, Dean; 2, Roast; 3 c, Gravett; vhc, Gibb. CLASS 6: 1, 2, Gravett. CLASS 7: 1, 2, Mrs. Brown; 3, Plummer; vhc, Streeter; hc, Ringrove; c, Mrs. Padwick. CLASS 8: 1, 2, Mrs. Brown; 3, Flook; vhc, c, Ringrove; hc, Sparks. CLASS 10: 1, Ringrove. CLASS 11: 1, 2, Mrs. Brown; 3, Mrs. Padwick. CLASS 17: 1, Akehurst; 2, Goble; 3, Boxall. CLASS 13: 1, Sharp; 2, Akehurst; 3, Plummer; vhc, Goble. CLASS 15: 1, Goble; 2, Cadman Bros.; 3, Mrs. Brown; vhc, Akehurst. CLASS 16: 1, Akehurst; 2, Sharp. CLASS 17: 1, Swaysland. CLASS 18: 1, Akehurst; 2, Sharp; 3, Swaysland. CLASS 19: 1, Cadman Bros.; 2, Gibb; 3, vhc, Swaysland. CLASS 20: 1, 2, vhc, Swaysland; 3, hc (2), Gibb.; c, Dean. BEST CAN.: Mr. F. Dandridge. BEST YORKS. (Champion): Mr. F. Dandridge. BEST NOR. (Champion): Mr. D. Dean. BEST YORKS (Novice): Mrs. Brown. BEST NOR. (Novice): Mr. Ringrove. BEST CL.: 13, 14, 15, Mr. Sharp. BEST CL. 16, 17, 18, 19, Cadman Bros. Winners of teapot in both shows, most points (open): Messrs. Cadman Bros. Winner of cup in both shows, most points (novices only): Mrs. Brown.

SHEFFIELD O.S.

First annual N.F. Show held July 22nd, Foresters' Hall, Trippet Lane. The hall is light, spacious and nicely ventilated. The entry proved to be a most capital one, upwards of 220 specimens being on view. Competition ruled exceedingly keen. Yorkshires were a fine collection. The British were good and the Foreigners—well, really superb—truly a show in themselves. Staging was very praiseworthy, the benches being neatly displayed with flowers, etc., giving a very pleasing tone. The large table at one end of the room was literally packed with valuable prizes, silver ware being in strong evidence. The Chairman is Mr. T. Dawn; Vice-Chairman, Mr. J. A. T. Woodall; Treasurer, Mr. J. W. Drabble—a trio of true and genuine fanciers. Mr. T. Bishop, the Secretary, works like a Trojan, and Mr. R. Colton, the Assist. Sec., renders very valuable help. Both are heart and soul in the welfare of their Soc. The prize money won was paid out to members present long before the show terminated. The stewards were Messrs. G. Fletcher, H. Bishop, T. Turner and J. Milne—a quartette of real workers. Specials: Most entries, G. Fletcher and W. Baxley tied (22 each); Yorks. (8), Wilkinson and Elliott and Elshaw tie; Nor. (8), J. A. T. Woodall; Crests (6), J. H. Hodkin; British (17), P. Walsh; For. (15), G. Fletcher. Most points: Yorks., champ., Wilkinson and Elliott; Nor., Woodall; Crests, Hodkin; Brit., P. Walsh; For., W. Baxby. Best Bird: Yorks., champ., Wilkinson and Elliott; Nor., Wilkinson and Elliott; Crest, G. Moore; Brit., P. Walsh; For., E. E. Smith. Most Points: Yorks., Novice, B. Porter; Nor., E. A. Marshall. Best Bird: Yorks., A. Oates; Nor., E. Sisson. Best Bird in For., (17) shown by novice, G. Fletcher; (2), J. W. Drabble. When we retired the room was well filled with visitors. Mr. J. C. Barnes judged, and gave every satisfaction.

YORKS., YELL. (17): 1, 2, Bishop, both capital length, position and quality; 3, hc, Rydal; vhc, Drabble and Bennett; c, Elshaw. BUFF (21): 1, 2, 3, 4, spl, Wilkinson and Elliott, lovely team, put down well; vhc, Elshaw; hc, Ridal. MKD. (11): 1, 4, hc, Elshaw, winner very promising; 2, c, Ridal, equal to above, will moult out well; 3, Drabble and Bennett; vhc, Dr. Craig. NOR. YEL. (3): 1, spl., Wilkinson and Elliott; 2, 3, Woodall. BUFF (10): 1, 2, Moore, couple of very typical specimens; 3, Wilkinson and Elliott; 4, Colton and Dawn; vhc, Woodhall. MKD. (3): 1, 2, Holt; No. 1, Colton and Dawn, absent. CREST. (10): 1, 2, spl, Moors, both capital, should do well later; 3, vhc, Hodkin; 4, Memmott; hc, Godfrey. C.B. (9): 1, vhc, hc, Hodkin, winner nice character; 2, 3, Crookes, former very close up; 4, Godfrey. BRIT. (11): 1, 3, Walsh, champ. Bullie "in the pink"; 2, vhc, hc, Colton and Dawn; 4, Baxby. LINNET (8): 1, 2, Walsh, both toppers; 3, vbc, Fletcher; 4, Bishop; hc, Clarke; c, Baxby. GREENIE (9): 1, 2, vhc, Walsh, real gems; 3, 4, Somerfield, hc, Milne; c, Colton and Dawn. REDPOLL, ETC. (10): 1, 4, Walsh, magnificent Redpoll leading; 2, T. Bishop, smart and well marked Twite; 3, Somerfield; vhc, Fletcher, hc, Baxby. A.O.V. (4): 1, Walsh; 2, 3, Baxby. SOFTBILL (9): 1, Milne, capital 'Gale; 3, vhc, bc, Walsh; 4, Fletcher; 2, T. Bishop. MULE (5): 1, 2, 3, Somerfield, nice trio; 4, H. Bishop; vhc, Colton and Dawn. FOR.. SMALL (17) (very fine lot; two sets of winners could easily have been selected): 1, 3, hc, Fletcher, red-billed Weavers in absolutely true form; 2, 4, vhc, Baxby; c, T. Bishop. PARROTS, ETC. (10): 1, spl, Smith, grand crimson wing, greatly admired; 2, vhc, Baxby, King Parrakeet, pressed hard; 3, Turner, lovely Leadbeater; 4, hc, Fletcher. INSECTIV. (5): 1, Baxby, Green-billed Toucan, looking well; 2, vhc, Fletcher, bonny glossy Starling; 3, Drabble. A.O.V. (10): 1, Baxby, Giant Whydah in capital feather; 2, 4, Colton and Dawn; 3, Drabble; vhc, hc, c, Fletcher. NOVICE CLASSES: YELL. YORKS. (14): 1, Sampson, showing nice characteristics; 2, c, Porter; 3, Marshall, 4, vhc, Machin; hc, Webster. BUFF (9): 1, spl, Oates, straight as a rush; good one; 2, Porter; 3, Smith; 4, vhc, Bunting; hc, Proctor; c, Webster. MKD. (12): 1, Porter; 2, 4, hc, Oates; 3, D. Turner; vhc, c, Machin. NOR. (3): 1, 2, Marshall, nice feather and shape; 3, Sissens. MKD. (3): 1, 3, spl, Sissons; 2, A. E. Marshall.

NORTHERN YORKS C.C.

Third N.F. show of the season, held July 19; Mr. R. Tindale judged. CHAMP. CL.: 1, 2, 3, Butler; A.O.V.: 1, 2, Mather, 3, Butler; 4, vhc, F. Johnson. NOVICE CL.: 1, Atkinson; 2, 4, Mirley; 3, vhc, Deighton. A.O.V.: 1, 2, vhc, hc, c, Atkinson; 3, Mirley; 4, Deighton. Next meeting fixed for Aug. 9, when we allot patronage; will members please attend.—R. Tindale, Hon. Sec.

STAVELEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Third annual N.F. Show held July 22nd, Speedwell Inn (open to the members of Chesterfield, Wittington Moor, and Staveley). Entries were not quite up to expectations, most of the members' birds being already in the moult. Mr. W. Vardy judged, and his placings of the cards gave every satisfaction. YELL. NOR.: 1, vhc, Bramall; 2, 3, Dodd. BUFF: 1, 2, Bramall. VARIEG.: 1, 2, 3, hc, Bramall; vhc, Dodd. YELL. YORKS: 1, Lanckham; 2, Barber. BUFF: 1, 2, Barber; 3, vhc, Lanckham. VARIEG.: 1, 2, Lanckham. BORD. CL.: 1, Weeks. VARIEG.: 1, Weeks. BRIT.: 1, Dodd.—C. Bramall.

GRIMSBY AND DISTRICT O.S.

Meeting held July 20th, Slatter's Rooms, 16 members present. Result of table show held same time, 30 birds being staged. CHAMP. NOR. YELL.: 1, Calam. BUFF: 1, Calam. NOVICE, YELL.: 1, 2, Wood; 3, 4, Bridge; vhc, Cartwright Jun. BUFF: 1, Wood; 2 3, hc, Watkins; 4, vhc, Ridley. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, 3, Calam. LINNET, ETC.: 1, Cartwright, Junr.; 2, 3, hc, Towl Bros.; 4, Yearing; vhc, c, Calam. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, Towl Bros.; 2, Yearing; 3, Calam. A.O. BRIT.: 1, Calam; 2, Towl Bros. A vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Clews, who, in the unavoidable absence of Mr. W. Pepper (Hull) kindly consented to judge.—Towl Bros. (Hon. Secs.).

TORBAY O.S. (Paignton).

F.F. Show held Lower Public Hall, July 18; Mr. F. Redwood judged. Norwich and Yorkshires only were staged, and they contained some promising ones.

NOR., CL. YELL.: 1, 2, J. N. and J. Jeffery, grand size; 3, Daw, smaller but good col.; vhc, Badcott. BUFF: 1, Sanders, splendid condition and quality; 2 3, J. N. and J. Jeffery, neat, but too young. MKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, 3, J. N. and J. Jeffery, excellent quality; 2, Sanders, good size, cin. mkd.; vhc, Badcott; hc, Daw. BUFF: 1, 2, J. N. and J. Jeffery, winner quite a baby, but nice size, good head and neck; 3, Sanders, large cin. mkd. YORKS. YELL.: 1, 2, Hodge, stylish, splendid feather; 3, vhc, Cann, very neat pair; hc, Webber and Hyne; c, Bishop and Hyne. BUFF: 1, 3, Hodge, grand length, good flights; 2, Bishop, neat and good quality; vbc, Cann; hc, Badcott; c, Webber.

LEIGH AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Seventh annual N.F. Show, held July 22nd and 23rd, Railway Hotel, when there were about 80 birds on view, which should have been judged by Mr. C. Houlton (St. Helens), but somehow or other he did not come. But we secured the services of Mr. R. H. Davies (Leigh), and his awards gave perfect satisfaction. He received many thanks for helping us out. The principal cup point scores were: Messrs. W. Ordish 18, D. Banks 16, and H. Taylor 15. Scores for British section medal: Messrs. J. W. Hampson 6, and Gaskell Bros. 6. It was a very good show considering we were about three or four weeks too late for some of the members; and the exhibits were better than we have had for some time. The open Linnet class might have been better, but there was a singing contest on at Leigh, and some of the good Linnets were busy. I am very pleased to say our members turned up strong, and did all in their power to make the show a success, helping in a way that showed the true fancier spirit. NOR. YELL., ETC. (10): 1, Ordish; 2, vhc, hc, Bailey and Son; 3, Lomas; c, Taylor. BUFF (14): 1, 3, hc, Ordish; 2, Taylor; vhc, G. Smith; c, Bailey and Son. YORKS., YELL., ETC. (3): 1, Hill; 2, 3, Charnock. BUFF (7): 1, c, Charnock; 2, 3, vhc, Hulme; hc, Hill. CREST (3): 1, Lomas; 2, 3, Taylor. C.B. (6): 1, hc, c, Lomas; 2, 3, vhc, Taylor. YOUNG MULE OR HYB. (6): 1 2, vhc, hc, c, Banks, 3, Gaskell Bros. BRIT. (10): 1, Hampson; 2, Hill; vhc, H. Taylor; c, Slater and Charleson. MULE OR HYB. OLD (3): 1, Gaskell Bros.; 2, Slater and Charleson; 3, Parr. SELL., 15s. (1): 1, Ordish. 10s. (1): 1, Ordish. 7s. 6d. (1): 1, Ordish. OPEN Linnet (13): 1, Eckersley; 2, Banks; 3, Brown; vhc, Jones; hc, Roughley; c, Budworth.—R. Charleson, Hon. Sec.

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HOLMFIRTH AND DIST. C.B.S.

F.F. show held July 21st, Rose and Crown Inn; Judge, Mr. Joe Moorhouse (Meltham). YELL. 1, 4, Hellawell; 2, 3, G. Bray; vhc, Butler; hc, Sandford; c, A. Bray. BUFF: 1, 3, 4, G. Bray; 2, Hellawell; vbc, A. Bray; hc, c, Lee.—Tom Smith, Sec.

COVENTRY (Godiva) C.B.S.

Annual Y.S. Show held July 15; Mr. J. Corrall judged.

NOR. YELL.: 1, A. Wright; 2, Symonds and Son; 3, Mann. BUFF: 1, A. Wright; 2, H. Wright; 3, Symonds and Son. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, Rycroft; 3, Rowley. BUFF: 1, 2, A. Wright; 3, H. Wright. YORKS.: 1, 2, A. Wright; 3, H. Wright. CINN.: 1, 2, A. Wright; 3, H. Wright. A.O.V.: 1, H. Wright; 2, Symonds and Son. NOR., OLD., YELL.: 1, Rowley. BUFF: 1, Saunders. BRIT. HARDBILLS: 1, Saunders; 2, Roycroft; 3, J. Busby.—R. Symonds, Hon. Sec.

BATLEY AND DISTRICT O.F.S.

Last F.F. show, held Talbot Hotel on July 22, when five classes were provided, entries totalling 47, and some very fine youngsters being staged. Our Y.B. shows count for medals; the following are points gained during both F.F. shows: Rothery, 37; Bedford, 34; Kershaw, 33; Yellaud, 23; Stafford, 22; Bird, 21; Imeson, 8; Birdsall, 4; Ramsbottom, 3. Mr. S. Dean judged, his awards giving entire satisfaction.

CL., ETC., YELLOW (11): 1, Rothery; 2, Kershaw; 3, Yelland; vhc, Hird; bc, Bedford; c, Ramsbottom. BUFF: (13: 1, Hird; 2, Yelland; 3, Rothery; vhc, c, Kershaw; hc, Stafford. UNEVENLY MKD. YELL. (8): 1, Rothery; 2, 3, Stafford; vhc, Hird; hc, Yelland; c, Bedford. BUFF (11): 1, 3, Bedford; 2, Rothery; vhc, c, Kershaw; hc, Hird. FOUL MKD. (4): 1, Birdsall; 2, Yelland; 3, Ramsbottom; vbc, Rothery.—G. G. Stafford, Hon. Sec.

DONCASTER AND DIST. C.B.A.

Second N.F. Show held Victoria Rooms, July 22nd. Entries did not turn up in quantity as was expected, but some very fine birds were staged. Mr. Blanchon won special for most points at 2 N.F. shows. Mr. Trueman won special for best bird, with an excellent young Norwich. Mr. Barker (Bentley) judged, and gave entire satisfaction. There was a judging competition which was won by Mr. Pogmore, who gave five correct awards out of 7. The society is now making rapid strides, new members being enrolled at each monthly meeting. It must be very encouraging to our members to know that Mr. Barker (Bentley) an old exhibitor of British and Foreign birds, has kindly promised a cup (valued £1 1s.), to be called "The Francis Barker Challenge Cup," for the best British Softbill not larger than a thrush. Members were unanimous in thanking Mr. Barker for this kindness.

YELL. YORKS.: 1, 2, Blanchon. BUFF: 1, 3, Blanchon; 2, vhc, Hunt. YELL. NOR.: 1, Trueman; 2, Hunt. BUFF: 1, Trueman; 2, Flint. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Baxby. YORKS., OLD: 1, 2, 3, 4, Trueman. BRIT CAGE MOULTED: 1, 2, Pogmoe. FIELD MOULTED: 1, Pogmore; 2, 3, Saxton.—G. Bescoby, Sec.

LEADGATE AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Second annual members' show held Church Square Hall. Mr. W. Foster (Pelton Fell) judged, and gave every satisfaction. There was a poor entry—only 64 birds in 20 classes, it being largely due to poor breeding season in this district. YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, 3, Collins and Turnbull; 2, Foster. BUFF: 1, Reed and Colling; 2, 3, Collins and Turnbull. YORKS. A.O.V.: 1, Foster; 2, 3, Collins and Turnbull. NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, Walton; 2, Williams; 3, Barkass and Partners. BUFF: 1, 2 ,Williams; 3, Laidlaw. NOR. A.O.V.: 1, Walton; 2, Williams; 3, Barkass and Partners. CREST: 1, 2, 3, Dickinson Bros. C.B.: 1, 2, Dickinson Bros. BORD. CL. BUFF: 1, 2, Dickinson Bros.; 2, Rowell. BORD. A.O.V.: 1, Rowell; 2, Dickinson Bros.; 3, Walton. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, Humphrey; 2, Barkass and Partners. BULLFINCH: 1, Barkass and Partners; 2, Collins and Turnbull; 3, Reed and Colling. GREENFINCH: 1, Williams; 2, 3, Thompson. BRAMBLE, ETC.: 1, Humphery; 2, Barkass and Partners; 3, Collins and Turnhull. A.O.V. FINCH, ETC.: 1, Humphery. BROWN, ETC., LINNET: 1, Humphery; 2, Collins and Turnbull; 3, Foster. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, 2, Thompson; 3, Foster.

DERWENT VALLEY C.B.S.

F.F. Show, held July 15th. Judge, Mr. J. Snell (West Stanley). YELL., ETC., YORKS (3): 1, 3, Garside; 2, Simpson and Charlton. BUFF, ETC. (3): 1, 2, Garside; 3, Simpson and Charlton. BORD., YELL., ETC. (2): 1, 2, Lindsay. BUFF, ETC. (3): 1, 3, Betton; 2, Lindsay. NOR., YELL., ETC. (3): 1, 3, Barkas; 2, Simpson and Charlton. BUFF, ETC. (4): 1, vhc, Simpson and Charlton; 2, 3, Barkas, C.B. (1): 1, Gardiner. MULE OR HYD. (1): 1, Gardiner. OLD BIRDS: YORKS., YELL., ETC. (1): 1, Simpson and Charlton. BORD., YELL., ETC. (2): 1, Lindsay; 2, Betton. BUFF, ETC. (1): 1, Lindsay. NOR. YELL, ETC. (2): 1, Simpson and Charlton; 2, Barkas. BUFF, ETC. (2): 1, 2, Barkas. GOLDFINCH (4): 1, Tomlinson; 2, Barkas; 3, W. Curry; vhc, Gardiner. BULLFINCH (5): 1, 2, Curry; 3, Barkas; vhc, Tomlinson; hc, Simpson and Charlton. GREENFINCH (3): 1, Barkas; 2, Curry; 3, Gardiner. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (1): 1, Tomlinson. LINNET (9): 1, 3, vhc, Curry; 2, Barkas; hc, Tomlinson; c, Betton. SISKIN, ETC. (5): 1, Marsh and Telford; 2, Barkas; 3, vhc, Curry; hc, Gardiner. MULE, ETC. (3): 1, Tomlinson; 2, 3, Barkas. FOR. (6): 1, 2, 3, vbc, bc, c, Christie.—J. Lindsay Sec.

HIRST (Universal) C.B.S.

N.F. show, held July 22, in the long room of the Hirst Working Men's Social Club, when above 80 entries faced Mr. A. Dippie (Morpeth), the judge. A very typical lot of Norwich was staged; the Border and Yorkshire classes were well filled. The largest class of the show was that for British Hardbills—a very attractive lot of 17 birds. The Hon. Sec., Mr. R. Middleton, and Committee had matters in grand order, and the judge was complimented on his placings.

NOR. YELL: 1, Rigg; 2, Middleton; 3, vhc, Rowcroft; hc, Kings. BUFF: 1, Hancox; 2, King; 3, vbc, Rowcroft; hc, Floyd; c, Middleton. YORKS. YELL.: 1, Middleton; 2, Rigg; 3, c, Kings; vhc, Hall; hc, Charlton. BUFF: 1, Charlton; 2, Hall; 3, Rigg. BORD. YELL.: 1, Murray; 2, Rigg; 3, Furniss. BUFF: 1, Middleton; 2, Furniss; 3, hc, Kirkup; vhc, Smith (sen.); c, Rigg. A.O.V.: 1, King; 2, Smith. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, c, Carr; 2, Middleton; 3, Furniss; vhc, Rowcroft; hc, Reavley. NOVICE CLASSES. NOR.: 1, c, Hancox; 2, Reavley; 3, Kirkup; vhc, hc, Rowcroft. YORKS.: 1, 2, Hancox. BORD.: 1, Murray; 2, Smith (jun.); 3, vhc, Furniss; hc, Kirkup. A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE: 1, Smith; 2, Armstrong. CAN. OR MULE (for those who have never shown before): 1, 2, Furniss; 3, Carr; vhc, Armstrong. CAN. OR MULE (for honorary members only): 1, vhc, hc, Baldson; 2, 3, Strong. FOR.: 1, King; 2, Baldson.

NORTHOWRAM AND DIST. C.B.S.

Second show of the season held Yew Tree Inn, July 22 when 28 birds were staged, which speaks well for a society of small membership. The quality of the birds was very good. Mr. S. Haigh gave every satisfaction as judge.

CL., ETC., MKD. YORKS.: 1, 3, Smith; 2, 4, Tasker. CLASS 2: 1, 2, S. Smith; 3, 4, Tasker. CLASS 4: 1, vhc, Sykes; 2, Gelder Bros.; 3, hc, Crowther; 4, c, Allen. CLASS 5: 1, Sykes; 2, c, Hanson; 3, Gelder Bros.; 4, Allen; vhc, hc, Crowther; c, Hanson. CLASS 6: 1, Hanson, only one bird in class.—S. Sykes, Sec.

LONGTON AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Fourth annual F.F. Show, held Portland Hotel, July 15. There was not an extra large entry, but what lacked in numbers was made up in quality. Mr. F. Bate judged, and gave general satisfaction.

NOR. CL. YELL: 1, Bagshaw. BUFF: 1, Bagshaw; 2, Davis; 3, George. YELL., VARIEG.: 1, George. BUFF: 1, George. YORKS., CL., YELL.: 1, Lea. BUFF: 1, 2, Lea. YORKS. VARIEG. BUFF: 1, Lea. NOR. OLD: 1, Davis; 2, George; 3, Bagshaw. YORKS.: 1, 2, Lea. GOLDIE: 1, vhc, c, Davis; 2, 3, hc, Nallam. LINNET: 1, Nallam; 2, Tams; 3, vhc, Davis. A.O. BRIT.: 1, 2, hc, Davis; 3, vhc, Tams. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, Nallam; 3, Tams; vhc, Davis.—Hallam and Lovatt, Hon. Secs.

LEICESTER C.B.S.

Annual N.F. Show, held July 1st, Saracen's Head Hotel, Market Place. Judge, Mr. E. Noakes. NOR. CL: 1, 2, 3, Moore; vhc, Adams; hc, Tyler; c, Stevens. TKD., ETC.: 1, 3, Stevens; 2, Gamble; vhc hc, c, Adams. MKD., ETC.: 1, Claypole; 2, Gamble; 3, Adams; vhc, Moore; hc, Stevens. CINN.: 1, Groocock; 2, Tyler. BORD.: 1, hc, Tyler; 2, vhc, Gamble; 3, c, Hardbattle. BRIT. (name ending in Finch): 1, 3, Ride; 2, Tyler. LINNET, ETC.: 1, Ride; 2, c, Brooks; 3, Wortley; vhc, hc, Groocock. A.O.S.: 1, Ride; 2, Turner; 3, Hayes; vhc, Heighton. NOVICE, NOR. CL.: 1, hc, Dyson; 2, vhc, Groocock; 3, Yates; c, Collett. NOR., TKD., ETC.: 1, 3, Wood; 2, Groocock; vhc, Dyson; hc, Collet; c, L. Smith. A.O.V.: 1, Wortley; 2, L. Smith; 3, vhc, Groocock; bc, College; c, Spriggs.—J. A. Tyler, Sec.

WIBSEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Second of a series of six members' shows, held Horse and Groom Inn, July 17th, when 54 birds were staged in 7 classes. Most points: Clear and ticked section, Messrs. J. Nicholls, 14, B. Willman 12; W. Hillas, 8; W. Jowett, 7; W. Mann, 6. In Green marked section, by Messrs. D. Sutcliffe, 17; C. Bastow, 13; J. Nicholls, 11. In Cinnamon marked section, by Messrs. D. Thornton, 17; Jonas Crowther, 7; G. Musson, 4. Most points for cup: Messrs. Jonas Crowther, 14; J. Nicholls, 12; D. Sutcliffe, 12; W Mann, 9; W. Hillas, 9; W. Jowett, 9; D. Thornton, 8. Special for best bird, W. Hillas; for most points gained with four birds, J. Nicholls, 22; 2, 3, tie, between D. Sutcliffe and D. Thornton, 17 points each. Mr. L. Dykes placed the awards.

CL., ETC., YELL (12): 1, Jowett; 2, 3, Nicholls; 4, Wilman; vhc, Hudson; hc, Musson; c, Hillas. BUFF (17): 1, Hillas; 2, Mann; 3, hc, c, Wilman; 4, Jonas Crowther; vhc, Nicholls. EVEN, ETC., GREEN MKD., YELL. (7): 1, 4, Nicholls; 2, 3, Sutcliffe; vhc, Jonas Crowther; hc, Wilman; c, Bastow. BUFF (7): 1, 3, Bastow; 2, Sutcliffe; 4, Deighton; vhc. Mann; hc, c, Hillas. EVEN ETC., CINN. MKD. YELL (7): 1, Jonas Crowther; 2, 3, 4, Thornton; vhc c Musson; hc, Jowett. BUFF (2): 1, Thornton; 2, A. Deighton. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Ellerton.—H. C. Crossley, Sec.

GREEN CANARY ASSOCIATION.

Annual Nest Feather Show held Oldham Hall, Liverpool, July 22. Being the last show in the district it does not get the support that is accorded to the earlier ones. The entry was very poor. This is slight encouragement for the hard-working secretary. For years it has been the custom to meet all the old fanciers gathered together, to see who had bred the best coloured youngsters. Many a heated argument has arose, as to which bird would moult out the correct shade, and after frequent wagers had been settled at the local hostelry, all went home in good spirits, vowing vengeance on each other at the first patronage show. We were delighted to see the novices well to the fore; probably it would be a good idea if the F.F. shows were left to the novices—it would give them a little encouragement. Yellow greens were in advance of those of previous years, showing a better ground colour, and pencilling well defined. Mr. Brundell won with a neat typical bird, but some were of the opinion it will be on the small side. Mr. Wardale's yellow should moult out a topper. "Another glass-house winner, Tom?" Buffs were only fair outside the winner, which looks like a hen, and, if so, will hold its own later on. Norwich Greens were very few in numbers, but Mr. Pyko (Preston) put down a rare team. Pity there was not more competition. Mr. W. C. Thomas sent a nice collection of Borders. His even cinnamon mark was a picture. The champion specials were captured by Messrs. Brundell, Thomas, Pyke, and Wardale; novice specials, Messrs. Pritchard and Mockridge. The attendance was very good, but all had the same tale—the worst season they had ever experienced for years; so many youngsters dead in shell. It was quite a relief to hear a fancier say he had got a decent bird or two. Mr. A. Wellings placed the cards, and gave entire satisfaction.

YORKS., GREEN, SELF, ETC., YELL.: 1, vhc, Brundell, neat, typical, and straight as a pencil, even shade of ground col., well pencilled; 2, hc, c, Wardale, long, racy, and well filled in neck, nice shade of grass green, improved much in afternoon; 3, Mockridge, Yorks. throughout, a trifle blurred in colour. DITTO, BUFF: 1, Mockridge, straight as a rush, grand quality markings, looks like a hen again; 2, Metcalfe, big and lengthy, rare col., rough in feather; 3, Pritchard, nice quality and col., broke into moult; vhc, Brundell. NOR. GREEN, YELL.: 1, 2, Pyke, two rare youngsters for size and col., wee bit harsh in feather; 3, Bratherton, nice type and quality, good ground col.. DITTO, BUFF: 1, 3, Pyke, rare head and neck, nicely pencilled, well cut away; 2, Bratherton, topper for col. and pencilling, good back and compact. VARIEG. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Pritchard, cinn., long, racy, and well drawn, wonderful legs; 2, Metcalfe, nice type and feather; 3, Mockridge, really good bird, but breaking up. DITTO. BUFF: 1, Pritchard, plenty of leg, nicely filled in neck, well braced wings; 2, Mockridge, very much down when we were taking notes. CL. BUFF YORKS.: 1, Pritchard, topper for size, long drawn wings, good stock bird; 2, 3, Brundell, nicely moulded buffs, round as a pencil, and straight with it; vhc, Metcalfe. BORD.: 1, 2, 3, hc, Thomas, splendid team, put down in fine trim, should hold their own; vhc, Bratherton, nicely marked buff green, broke up a bit, else might have been higher.

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Owing to the illness of Mr. R. Taylor (Preston), we have decided upon Mr. Chas. Houlton (St. Helens) to judge the cage birds at Vaynol Show, writes Mr. R. Hughes, the sec.

Those requiring a hot colour on their birds this season be sure to use Sandiford's Colour Feeds early. Young birds are coming out blood red. Eight tons sold already. See advts.—Advt.

Mr. J. A. Tyler having resigned the secretaryship of the Leicester C.B.S., wishes all letters etc., to be addressed to me, writes Mr. W. R. Adams, of 28, Chartley Road, Leicester, as I have been appointed secretary.

We have secured the services of Mr. W. Mundell as judge for our annual show on December 1 and 2, writes Mr. J. Johnson, of the Lancaster Primrose C.B.A. We have been granted the English and Welsh Border Fancy Club's patronage.

Owing to so many of our local members being away on holidays, the patronage of the Northern British Bird, Mule and Foreign Bird Club was not allotted at the July meeting, but same will be settled at our next meeting on August 23, writes Mr. Geo. Taylor, the sec.

Will all Fife secretaries desirous of obtaining the patronage of the Fife and Kinross Norwich Plainhead Club please write to me, giving name of judge and number of classes, before our next meeting on August 19? writes Mr. Gilbert Fisher, the sec., Jamphlars, Cardenden, Fife.

A good many letters have of late gone astray, and I should like all friends and secretaries to note that I have removed from 8, Lapford Place, Kennington, to 12, Ladysmith Lion St., New Kent Road, London, where all letters must be addressed, writes Mr. Wm. Hy. Clegg.

Will fanciers kindly note that I have been appointed hon. sec. of the Darlington Canary and British Bird Fanciers' Association in place of Mr. R. S. Black, resigned, writes Mr. Arthur Walker, and all future communications should be addressed to me at No. 47, Montrose St., Darlington.

A Fearless Curlew.

The Curlew is one of the most shy and wary of birds. Yet a reader informs us that he knows of a hen bird that has nested in the same spot for four successive seasons, and that she is so tame that he is able to stroke her and lift her off the nest. With strangers she is almost as fearless; standing a few yards away, she screams at them incessantly, doing her best to drive them away.

To My Dead Linnet.

Oh, little bird in garb of russet hue,
There never was a singer like to you—
So passing sweet the lilt of your sweet song:
I could have listened to it all day long.

And now you lie there cold, and still, and dead,
A bunch of feathers and a drooping head,
And when the day dawns with its morning glow,
The world seems silent—for I miss you so!

And all those days are gone for you and me—
And never will they come again, or be
So full of music to my loving ear—
For the brown bird is dead that was so dear!

—Mrs. De Courcy Laffan, in the "Evening Standard."

HOLIDAY NOTICE.

Owing to the August Bank Holiday, the Editorial Offices of CAGE BIRDS will be closed Saturday to Monday next inclusive.

Will Advertisers and Correspondents generally kindly note that all matter intended for next week's issue should be posted early, to reach us on Tuesday, August 8th.

Every noted breeder and exhibitor in the world is using Sandiford's Colour Food this year, including all 1911 Crystal Palace cracks; Messrs. Davies, Hodder, Baker, Dormer, Godley, Midgley, Barnes, Irons, Cook, Deacon, Hirst, Ambler, Shackleton, Booth, Hartley, and thousands more. Sale up to now, eight tons.—Advt.

Will members and friends of Wolverhampton and district, writes Mr. J. Gibbons, sec. of the Wolverhampton and Dis. C.B.S., kindly note that I have been successful in getting Mr. F. J. Weaver (our chairman) to give his paper on "Colour Feeding to Perfection" (a subject which he is "great" on) at our next meeting, August 17, when a hearty welcome is given to all? Any sort of questions will be answered.

A smoking concert will be held in Bucks Head Inn on August 5th on the occasion of our President (Mr. G. McAlpine) going abroad, writes Mr. W. Melvin, assist. sec. of the Stonehouse C.B. and F.H.S. Mr. McAlpine has been a hard-working member since the formation of our society, and he will be very badly missed, as he did his work without grudge. All cage bird fanciers are invited. We will meet at 7 p.m. when we hope to have a good, jolly concert.

The friends of that well-known breeder of Belgian and Scotch Fancy Canaries, Mr. John Fairley (Coatbridge) will be pleased to learn, writes "Scotch Fancy," that his eyesight has so much improved that he is now able to follow his occupation as before, with very little restriction. He has had a very successful breeding season, having some very promising Belgian youngsters and Scotch Fancies on the sticks, with one or two nests still to come. He has to report a few losses (like others) during the season, principally during the last very hot spell of weather we had. The birds have been much under the care of his son during the breeding season.

OBITUARY.

Mr. GEORGE HALL (Dewsbury).

It is with great regret that I have to report the death of one of our members, Mr. George Hall, who met with a fatal accident during his employment, writes Mr. S. Shaw, secretary of the Dewsbury and Dis. C.B.S. Mr. Hall was held in great respect by all who knew him, and the Dewsbury Society have lost a hard-working member. The sympathy of all is extended to his widow, and we trust that some small ray of comfort will come to her out of the thought that others are sympathising with her.

Ramsden's Pure Peppers.—Reopen for business on Wednesday morning, Aug 9. Record season. Ramsden's Peppers have been supplied to nearly all the leading exhibitors and judges, including J. Bailey, 200lbs.; Mundell, 200lbs.; Hodder, Sheldon, Trengove, Joe Thomas, Colton, Rukin, Dewsnap, Silk, Dewar, Hopkins, Gilbert, Rennie, Haigh, Amblers, Nason, Lowne, Crawhall, Cowgill, Helliwell, Clegg, Mallinson, etc., etc. For purity and colour, Ramsden's Peppers are unrivalled. Ask for Ramsden's, and see you get what you ask for. Sold in canisters, with coupon attached.—Advt.

A Collector of Moss.

The Hedge Sparrow is an early nester, but no matter how soon in the year he commences his household arrangements, he always manages to include a fair amount of moss in his neatly-built nest. This adds greatly to its beauty, and there are few more charming pictures than a well-constructed nest with its lovely blue eggs.

Snipe and Cuckoo's Eggs.

Although the Snipe is a small bird, it lays quite a large egg—much larger than that of the Cuckoo, which lays a small one for its bulk. The size of the eggs aids no doubt in the deception practised upon other birds, for in many cases it is a difficult matter to detect the Cuckoo's egg when placed among the eggs of the future young one's foster parents. Many nests have been found containing a Cuckoo egg in the clutch, but young nest-hunters have failed to identify it.

Yorkshire Canary Club.

Will members who have recently changed their address and have not notified me of same, please do so at once for correction in the new handbook? Any fancier desirous of becoming a member should at once send on his name and address along with 2s. 6d. annual subscription. Novice members of the Yorkshire Union are especially invited. The Club is offering £5 to be competed for by novices in the novice classes (Yorkshire Section) at all Union shows.—John Greaves, secretary, 279, Hollings Road, Bradford.

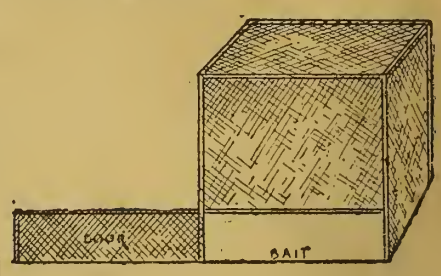
Scottish Plainhead Club.

Secretaries desiring the Club patronage for their shows who have not sent in their applications are hereby reminded that the same must be in my hands by August 15. Confined club show secretaries are requested to apply for the patronage, provided eight of their members are members of the S.P.C.; that they provide at least five classes for Norwich Plainheads; and that their judge is a member of the S.P.C. Will members please note that subscriptions for the current year are now due, and should be paid early? Further, I have to draw their attention to the special prize fund which is raised annually for the purpose of providing specials for the Club Show, and I trust it will reach respectable dimensions this year.—J. Brown, sec.

Illustrated Ideas

No. 530.
A Handy Bird Trap.
Sent by Mr. G. W. Parker, Mount St. Mary's College, Chesterfield.

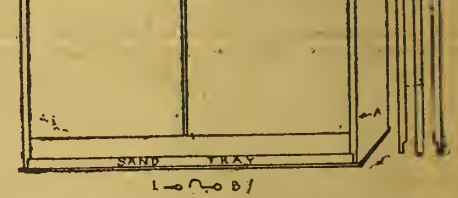
The diagram is a sketch of a trap which may be built at the side of an aviary. It may be useful to some of your readers. It is simply a square frame made of wood, with wire netting stretched over it. The frame is of very light material, and built with posts



driven into the ground. A space must be left at the front as in diagram. A hinged door must be put on. Bait where the space is left, and birds will come down. Then rush them. They will always fly into the cage if their backs are turned. You can now shut the door, and, entering the cage from the aviary, secure the birds. I have found this trap very successful indeed.—G. W. Parker.

No. 531.
A Large Detachable Front.
Sent by Mr. T. Burns, 30, Hammond Street, Newcastle,

I enclose sketch, which I think will be useful to some of your readers, of a detachable front for a three-compartment cage. To make, half-lap each piece of wood at corners (see sketch A). It only requires two screw eyes and two hooks for each end of cage (see B). The cage



requires to project top and bottom half an inch for front to rest on; place under top ledge which will hold it firm. I also send sketch of a useful perch (see C). This perch is placed between the wires and rests with slot on cross bar; and it is a good red-mite catcher. You can take this perch out of cage without putting your hand inside of cage, and you will find the red mites collected in slot and easily removed.—T. Burns.

The Turtle and Ring Doves.

Although the Turtle Dove is closely related to the Wood Pigeon or Ring Dove, it differs from that bird in two very important habits. The Wood Pigeon we consider a resident bird that rears more than one pair of young during the season, whereas the Turtle Dove is a migratory bird, and only nests once, and will often miss a season if its two white eggs are interfered with.

Snow Bunting Breeds near Cardiff.

The Snow Bunting has been found breeding upon the Flat Holm, Cardiff. This bird breeds regularly in the Shetland and Faroe Islands, and on two occasions—in 1886 and 1888—nests have been found in Sutherlandshire. This has been hitherto its southern breeding limit. This Spring a party of Cardiffians were on the Flat Holm. One of them, while rabbit shooting, saw a little bird get up, and without thought he shot it. Near the spot he found the nest and eggs. He gave the bird to another of the party, who took it to Mr. J. Mountney, Royal Arcade, Cardiff, who identified it as a Snow Bunting. The bird has been presented to the Welsh National Museum.

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(Continued from page 25).

No. 10.—My Cherry Finches.

Many years ago I was down East on a bird-hunting expedition. It was early spring and a raw, cold, cheerless day, when the streets were thick with fog; and the rime covered everything with an icy coat. Nobody but a real bird enthusiast would have left the warm shelter of the fireside, but for such the weather has no terrors. I started out early in the afternoon, and did not get home till the gas lamps had been long lighted, but there was ample to reward me, for in a small travelling cage I carried half-a-dozen shivering little specimens of avian life. I was forcibly reminded of the story told of a certain learned professor. One day he was telling us of an eight or ten hours of a sleety day in February, which he had spent cold and damp and hungry in the shallows of the Firth of Forth. "I had no companion," he said; "and I had nothing to eat or drink. I was wet through, my hands were half frozen, and I was chilled to the marrow; but, gentlemen, I was amply rewarded, I became the happy possessor of no less than three of these beautiful little creatures, these Dorises," and he held up a phial containing three hardly visible little bladder-like creatures.

Well, when I got home, I had to answer a whole shoal of questions. Where had I been; what had I found; how much had I spent? I hedged as long as I could. I spoke of the charm of the London fog, the comparative clearness of the streets (they were clear because nobody could see his way about) and the delight of trying to recognise familiar landmarks. But still the bald insistent question kept on with monotonous repetition—what had I bought?

At last in sheer exasperation I tore off the paper covering; and exposed my latest purchases—half-a-dozen greyish little birds with plum-coloured caps, and grey lines on their waistcoats.

Costly Beauty.

I felt inordinately proud of my latest acquisition, yet they did not seem to impress my company. The hard metallic question was repeated once more—and what may you have given for those things? It reminded me of a visit I lately paid to an ecclesiastical shop in Westminster with a young layman, on Altar candlesticks intent. In the shop, I must confess that my companion's first question was a little injudicious. Pointing to some very perfect copies of 15th century Altar candlesticks, he enquired in rather a brusque tone: "And what do you want for things like that?" "Things like that!" came the answer in tones as cutting as a chisel: "Things like that are five guineas." I tried my best to smooth things over, but alas the mischief was done, and the rest of the interview was decidedly strained; and I was quite glad to escape from the shop.

I felt now, the only thing was to put on a bold front and answer my tormentor bravely. Speaking in what I hope was a steady voice, I replied, "I gave exactly £3 3s. for those little birds." "You gave what?" was the horrified rejoinder. "Three pounds," I answered—I forgot the shillings—and then I bolted till things had calmed down.

The little birds I had been so fortunate as to secure were Australian Cherry Finches, a very rare and I regret to say (though I must say it, if I speak the truth) a very delicate species when first imported. In the first place there is not much of them to start with, and secondly they always arrive in a very picked and naked condition; owing to the kind attentions of some member of the company. I have generally found that if you can save four out of six Cherry Finches, you will do exceedingly well. Sometimes I have had to be content with two, and at times, alas, with none out of the consignment.

As the weather was exceedingly raw I knew that I had my work cut out for me. Fortunately, I have invented a little apparatus to keep newly-imported Australian Finches alive, till the weather moderates; and it answers equally well from Cherry Finches to Bourke's Parrakeets. It consists of an ordinary wooden travelling cage, with a circular hole cut in the bottom. Stand this on an ordinary round biscuit tin with the top off and holes perforated in the sides for ventilation. Fix a bit of perforated zinc over the bottom of the cage; put a night-light in water at the bottom of the tin and light it, and you have a really perfect life-saving apparatus that will last practically for ever, the whole costs you next to nothing. It is a grand idea, and will save you immense sums of money and annoyance.

I went up to my room; got the apparatus to work and then popped in my new arrivals. It was quite pretty to see how they lined up on the perch, and smuggled down over the genial warmth. The comfort of this apparatus is that it cannot get out of order, and it will burn from 8 to 12 hours, according to the night-light. The only thing to discover is the right height for the birds above the light. This you can easily judge by putting your hand on a level with the perch. The fumes given off by the night-light are very slight, and pass away through the open front of the cage. I am afraid to say how many hundreds of birds I lost before I found out this simple invention.

Saved by a Night-light.

I started with six birds, and by the time the weather was fairly warm, I had still five left—two cocks and three hens, all in perfect health and plumage. Of course you must be careful to harden off gradually. At first I kept the apparatus going night and day, but as the weather gets more genial, I gradually drop the heat in the days, and only turn it on again as evening begins to fall. The birds soon know the time, and get quite rude and impatient till I light up, when they at once settle down for the night over the flame; their breasts showing quite ruddy in the glow of the flame.

At the end of March, I took away the heat and put the birds into a big box cage, but took the precaution to throw a cloth over the front of the wires at night, as unlike many Australian Finches, Cherry Finches do not seem to like a box, except in the breeding season, and the change from the heating apparatus to a box perch would be too sudden altogether.

The feeding of Cherry Finches is simplicity itself. They want nothing but canary seed and water. When the summer was well advanced (and by "Summer" I do not mean that beastly treacherous month which Chaucer for some unknown reason christened "Sweete May," but the end of June) I turned my friends out into a nice sheltered garden aviary, and awaited results. One morning, while I was watching the inmates in general, the Cherry Finches in particular, I saw a cock Cherry Finch come and perch on a branch just close to my head and commence to sing. This he did by raising himself on his heels, twisting his neck into a corkscrew and wildly jumping up and down on the bough. But not a sound reached me. Then he assumed his natural perkiness, took a short rest, and then began *de novo*. He reminded me of the old ballad:

"And when he came unto the end
He did begin again."

The Dawn of Love.

I saw a little hen, or rather I blush to say two little hens sitting demurely in the shade and listening intently. Presently one made a fierce dash forward, and the other lady retired with all possible haste. The cock then joined the visitor, and when I left them they were sitting side by side like two lovers on a summer's evening in Hyde Park, and quite as unblushingly.

I was much interested and encouraged, as I quite thought that a nest would ensue. In about ten days my expectations were realised, for on peeping through a knot hole at the end of the aviary, I espied a neatly built nest in a box tree, about 2½ feet from the ground, and by careful, patient and silent watching, I saw it presently visited by the pair of Cherry Finches; the cock with a feather in his beak, with which he proceeded to ornament the nest. The nest was oblong and made of dried grass most skillfully woven together, with the entrance hole turned towards the east. I found long afterwards that it was warmly lined inside with chicken feathers.

My one and only fear now was that the nest would be drowned by some pleasant little showers such as we experience in this little island of ours. I determined accordingly to do what I could to prevent this. I went and found an old umbrella, which I rigged up over the bush. It was, of course, a risky thing to do, as many birds would have resented my interference and have deserted incontinently. My Cherry Finches did not seem to mind; perhaps they appreciated my thoughtfulness. At any rate, they went on with their family arrangements quite calmly. At the end of three weeks I heard little sounds emerging from the nest; but of course I did not care to look or even go near. All I could do was to exercise my rare and difficult gift of Patience, and try not to burst with curiosity. About a month after I heard the noise, I saw three little Cherry Finches near the nest. They were rather small and slight; and with hardly any crowns, but anybody could have told they were Cherry Finches. The parents were most attentive and evidently very proud of their family.

If anybody had told me I should be able to breed Cherry Finches at the first attempt, I should have probably been as sceptical as Mr. Bultitude in "Vice Versa," who when given bills of parcels to do, was disgusted at their glaring improbabilities, as a business man.

"That which no god dared promise to my prayer
The wheel of time brings of its own accord."

I had quite a heated discussion with a birdy friend as to how I had managed to do it. It reminded me of the story told of Henry of Exeter and Archdeacon Sumner. "It only remains for me," said the Bishop, "to return to Exeter and pray for you." "No," said the Archdeacon, turning pale, "don't do anything uncharitable." I tried to soothe him, but I only seemed to add fuel to the fire. "The blindest of all blind people," I said, "are those who have quite made up their minds not to see, and the most miserable of all hopeless ones are those who wilfully turn their backs on Hope when she stands at the near corner holding out her hands rather timidly." He seemed to take my words as personal because he had a Cherry Finch sitting on a nest of eggs. What was the good of Hope when I had a nest come off? He was as hopeless as poor Vedrine when, with tears in his eyes, he was told that Beaumont had won the Great Race. As for myself I could feel nothing but gratitude and I felt as the French say that to Providence ji devais une fameux chandelle.



Photo by [*R. Beckwith, Leeds.*

AT THE LEEDS C.B.S. YOUNG STOCK SHOW.

Standing (left to right): Messrs. E. Norton (hon. treas.), J. Chambers, W. Johnson, J. P. Moir (vice-chair), and D. McMillan. Seated: E. Middleton, L. Smith (assist. sec.), H. W. Battye (judge), W. A. Wilson (hon. sec.), Master C. Wilson, Mrs. W. A. Wilson, H. J. Mennard, and Masters H. Mennard, H. Chambers and M. Mennard.

Wild-Bird Life.

Birds Among the Corn.

Following the exceptionally fine summer weather, we naturally get an early harvest, and in many districts the reapers are already busy breaking up the big patches of standing corn into rows of sheaves, giving variety to the fields and slopes of cultivated ground. The cornfields are the homes of many of our most interesting birds, attracted by the myriads of insects that lurk among the standing corn. On a hot still day there is quite an audible "hum" caused by their movements, many of them are so small that they are almost invisible to the eye, but birds must have keener vision than humans. One can frequently get near enough to see the movement of the birds' beak, but not the insect that is taken. We associate Swallows and Martins with buildings to which they fix their nests, and watch them darting down the streets and across the village pond; but now the street is practically deserted—the birds, like many others, seeking the cornfields to spend the long summer's day hawking over the tops of the swaying stalks. The gentle breeze moves the uncut crop, causing the insect to take wing and so become an easy prey to insectivorous birds. On the edge of the field the Flycatchers use the fence as a perch, occasionally launching themselves into the air on long fluttering wings. They dart a few yards over the tops of the corn, and as quickly return. The Whitethroat repeats the performance upon the other side of the field, where the thick hedgerow and rank weeds give him the shelter he loves. He is a flycatcher by habit, but with this difference: he invariably seeks his prey by flying upwards, whereas the true Flycatcher darts downwards, or occasionally on a level with his perch. Many of our warblers haunt the cornfields, and for the time being compete with the spotted bird for a share of the insect life that is so plentiful. Sit quietly, and the graceful Willow Wren will almost come within arm's length in his search for prey. He clambers up the stalks of the corn, the wild parsley and the huge docks, with their clusters of russet-coloured seeds; he hunts under the leaves and among the matted stems, snapping at a passing fly, or chasing one for a few yards. Further along the hedge, where the bushes are tallest, the wary Butcher Bird watches for the larger prey. His hawk-like eye is keen and bright, and no passing bee or hurrying beetle escapes his notice. He is a butcher by trade, and many a luckless one is spitted in apparently wanton cruelty.

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The Young Naturalist.

*Music-loving Swallows.

A pair of Swallows have lately taken up their abode in our church. They have built their nest between the wall and an angel. The birds fly in and out of the windows as they like. They appear to enjoy the service very much, and when the hymns are sung they fly round and round, chirping very sweetly.—Sent by Dorothy Lawrence (age 13), Mill Lane, Robin's Bridge Road, Coggeshall, Essex.

**His Way of Getting In.

A few months ago I had in my possession a bird which we folk call a "Joey." One day I let the bird out into the brewhouse to stretch its wings. To prevent it from going into its cage for a while, I shut the door and turned round to do something else. On looking at the cage I found, to my surprise, that the bird was inside. Of course, I began to inspect the cage to see how Dicky had got in. After looking at the wires for a while, I found that the bird had managed to squeeze itself through the fountain-hole, and so got inside. I let the bird out as before, and it got inside the cage just as I thought it would.—Luther Neale (age 13), 31, New England Street, Long Lane, near Halesowen, Worcester.

*Peculiar Nesting Places.

Three peculiar nesting places for birds were to be seen recently in the garden of Mr. Taylor, Northwich. At the beginning of March Mr. Taylor noticed that the birds were damaging the buds of certain trees, and with hopes of keeping them away he put up a "scarecrow," with a bowler hat on top of it. Imagine his surprise the other day when he found a couple of Wrens had built a nest in the hat. Strange to say, about two feet away a pair of Robins had nested in an old can, and they are feeding four young ones; whilst in another part of the garden a couple of Tomtits have seven eggs in a nest constructed in a piece of old stove piping.—Sent by D. Lycett (age 14), Apedale View, Chesterton, Staffs.

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Crest-bred Thin.

C. Roach.—Cage the Crest-bred hen by herself for a fortnight or so and treat her as follows. In the first place see that both cage and bird are free from insect pests, and keep cage floor well strewn with clean gritty sand. Give an unlimited supply of plain canary seed only as staple diet, and in addition give every second day half a teaspoonful of summer rape in the egg drawer. On the alternating days give a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it and lightly dusted with soft sugar. Give also a pinch of maw seed on these days. Twice a week in addition to the above give a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, millet, linseed, and broken groats. Give a half-ripe plantain stalk or small spray of seedy chickweed every second day. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a threepenny piece for two consecutive days, and afterwards add two drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba and aromatic sulphuric acid to the water every second day for a week. Let it have frequent opportunities for bathing whilst the weather keeps so warm. You might also stick in the wires a small cube of hard common salt for it to peck at when so disposed for a time.

Rather Varied.

Pit Laddie.—(1) You did wrong to bind the toe backwards, as it is certainly not a case to require such treatment. Remove the band now and bathe the foot for a minute or two in very warm water, then immerse it in cold water in which you have dissolved a little common salt for a minute or two. Dry it gently, and paint all over foot with a feather dipped in Frair's Balsam. Give it one well-fitting, ordinary-sized perch, and one about the thickness of a lead pencil. Keep cage floor and perches clean, and the toe will probably come right again. Feed bird same as advised to "C. Roach," but give half-a-teaspoonful of egg food or crushed sponge cake on the days when you are not giving bread and milk for the next week or fortnight. (2) I suspect these birds have been plucked, either by the parents in the nest or by each other since leaving the nest. Watch them carefully, and if you find one or more plucking feathers, cage it or them separately until after the moult. The plumage will probably be reproduced during the moult. Slightly anoint the bare places twice a week with sulphur ointment until you see the new quills coming through skin. (3) The difference between yellow and buff is that the former is an even, solid yellow colour, more or less intense, whereas buff is a yellow colour suffused over the surface with a white, dusty, mealy appearance, as though the plumage had been dusted over with a white, powdery substance. This mealy appearance is caused by the extreme tips of the feathers being white, instead of a solid yellow, and is most pronounced on the head, neck, back, and shoulders. You would find these details fully explained in the pages of "Our Canaries," and the coloured plates of yellows and buffs in this work would also help to make the matter quite clear to you.

Makes Wheezy Noise.

Novice.—You will never do any good with this bird. It is quite useless keeping him mated up now, as I take it is the case, and even if there were any real hopes of breeding with him it is extremely unwise to attempt to propagate his kind. You may try what the following treatment will do for him. First see that cage and bird are quite free from insect pests, and keep cage strewn with clean, gritty sand. Keep it in a nice bright airy position, quite free from draughts and extreme fluctuations of heat and cold, and do not hang near a fire or window, near or over burning lights in the evening, nor high up near the ceiling. Give a staple diet of three parts canary to one part summer rape. Every second day for a fortnight and twice a week afterwards for another month give half-a-teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it, and on the alternate days a third of a teaspoonful of maw. Give a spray of seedy chickweed three or four times a week. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week, and afterwards give 20 drops of whisky, six each of oxymel of squills, and syrup of tolu, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, every second day for a fortnight. If a good improvement is apparent after this time, give for another week four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid, every second day to close treatment. If not much better write again, giving particulars again, and referring to this reply.

Grey Lice and Voice.

J.W.H.—(1) The treatment you have tried is of little use at all in such a case. If you are expert at hand-washing the best and quickest remedy would be to wash the bird twice with an interval of one week between, and to each pint of the first and second waters used add a teaspoonful of Creolin. At the same time wash out the cage thoroughly with warm water, to each pint of which you have added a teaspoonful of Izal or Jeye's. If you cannot wash the bird, catch it, and blow a liberal supply of pyrethrum powder into the plumage, particularly around base of neck, tail, on shoulders, and under wings. Use a puff or small bellows and plenty of powder. Then roll bird up in a small handkerchief, leaving only the beak exposed for free breathing, and lay bird down (inside a temporary cage for safety) for a quarter of an hour, and meantime wash out cage as above. Then release bird and let it shake and preen its feathers well before returning it to its own cage. Repeat this operation every fourth day for a fortnight. Continue the quassia baths for a time. (2) Your surmise as to cause of the loss of voice is doubtless correct. It is sheer folly to hang a bird which is usually kept in the kitchen, out in the open once or twice perhaps in the course of a year. If it were accustomed to being hung out regularly, or even frequently, in fair weather, it would take no harm, but to hang it out first once by chance is most injudicious. Keep it in a bright, airy, but not draughty, position, not near a fire, and give 20 drops of whisky, ten of glycerine, two of eucalyptus, and so much chlorate of potash as will cover a threepenny piece, well shaken together in the water, every second day for a week or fortnight as may be necessary.

Two Norwich Hens.

S.G.McC.—(1) The clear buff hen is probably a trifle weak in constitution, and might also have been overworked in showing or breeding, or both, last season, which would account for her vagaries this season. I would advise you to show her but very little this coming season if you wish to get young off her next year. For the present cage her alone, and, if possible, out of sight and sound of cock birds, and for a fortnight restrict the diet solely to plain canary seed, with a free supply of various green food, and every second day add ten drops of syrup of buckthorn to the drinking water. At the end of the fortnight add a pinch of summer rape to the diet twice a week, and a small teaspoonful of egg food each time until she begins to drop feathers, and then put her on the usual regular supply of colour food. Aim at a simple and wholesome plain dietary, with plenty of vigorous exercise from now until next spring. (2) I do not think this hen will be any use at all for breeding, and should discard her. It is impossible to say whether she is a wild specimen or not from your description, but I should hardly expect such to be the case. You might treat her for a week the same as the initial treatment advised above for No. 1, and afterwards give 20 drops of whiskey, six each of oxymel of squills and ipecacuanha wine, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together in the water every second day for a week, and twice a week for a fortnight give a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it. A mealworm a day for a time would do this hen much good.

Twitching on Perch (A.L.).—It is simply due to constipation. Restrict the diet to plain canary seed and a free supply of green food daily, with no extras, for a week. In the drinking water add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence daily for three days, and every second day for the remainder of the week. In the following week give four drops of tincture of gentain and three of dilute sulphuric acid every second day.

Noise in Throat (No Nom-de-Plume).—I do not think the treatment you mention was advised in this column. Neither do I think there is much, if anything, wrong with the birds. If they are caged together I think it is not unlikely that what you call choking symptoms are simply due to the birds making grimaces at each other. Anyway, you may try the following feeding and treatment. For one week give nothing but plain canary seed and a free supply of green food, and every second day add six drops of glycerine, as much sulphate of soda as will cover a sixpence, and half as much chlorate of potash to the drinking water. After this add half a teaspoonful of summer rape to the seed diet every second day, and on the alternating days give twice each week a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it and sprinkled with maw seed, and on each of the remaining days a spray of green food. Let them have plenty of fresh pure air, but avoid draughts and great fluctuations. If not considerably better after a fortnight of this latter treatment write again, referring to this reply, but if they are better continue it for another fortnight.

CANARY QUERISTS

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES, AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Feeding a Linnet and a Mule (Jas. Godfrey).—Your best plan is to invest twopence-halfpenny in a copy of Nutshell Booklet No. 2 upon the "Linnet." Send the stamps for it to the Publisher, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, E.C. This booklet will give you all the information you require, and at far greater length than I can do in this column, concerning the Linnet and its management and feeding. If there is any particular point upon which you require advice, I shall be pleased to give it. What kind of bird is it that you refer to under the name of "Bullfinch Mule"—what were its parents? There are several kinds of hybrids which may have a Bullfinch as one of their parents.

About a Jay (R. B.).—You should feed your Jay upon exactly the same lines as recommended to "Sparrow" in last week's issue of CAGE BIRDS. The cage must be a large one; in fact, there is no real limit to the size, the bigger the better, according to the space at your command. In any case, it should not be less than 4 feet long, 20 to 24 inches wide, and 2 feet high. There should be two perches—one at each end of the cage—fixed about eight inches from the side. The cage should be wired at the front only. Let the bird have a bath frequently—every day during this kind of weather. It is best to have the draw-board (sand-tray) lined with thin sheet zinc. Keep the cage very clean.

A Jackdaw (Cicero).—Feed your bird on exactly the same lines as recommended "Sparrow" in last week's issue. Also note the reply given to "R.B." this week. You cannot now do anything with that leg which has set (after being broken) in a crooked manner. It should have been put into "splints" immediately after the accident—suitable pieces of wood tied over a cloth bandage would have answered; or a big strong quill, split. The leg will need to be re-broken and then properly set, an operation I am dubious about recommending, unless, at least, you consult a veterinary surgeon.

Concerning Nightjars (W. W.).—I do not remember ever to have seen a Nightjar exhibited. As a matter of fact, it is a peculiarly difficult species, which very few people could hope to successfully keep alive, and one that would never survive the ordinary show routine. It is not on the list of desirable exhibition birds adopted by the National British Bird and Mule Club. The Nightjar has been successfully bred in captivity in Germany—in the face of tremendous difficulties, according to the narrative of the aviculturist who achieved the feat. A personal friend of mine, Mr. P. F. M. Galloway, has succeeded in hand-rearing a Nightjar and keeping it alive and in excellent condition over a goodly period of time. But he, also, had great difficulties to overcome—difficulties that would inevitably "floor" the average bird-lover, who has neither the time nor the opportunities for collecting the necessary live-foods which he enjoys, to say nothing of the skill acquired by long experience. I advise you to let Nightjars alone. An account of Mr. Galloway's experiences appeared in "Bird Notes" (the journal of the Foreign Bird Club). If you were to read this, I am sure you would follow my advice!

A Song Thrush (Brownie).—There is no sex difference in the plumage of Song Thrushes—the only sure way of distinguishing cock and hen is by the song. Your bird is, I should think, a recently caught specimen, or it would never dash about the cage in the manner you describe. So it is not necessarily a hen, for you could not expect any song from such a bird after being caged only a week. It will have to become steady (overcome its wildness) before you can reasonably hope to get any music. You should put the cage in a light corner of a room (but so that light direct from the sky does not fall on it), wherein people are constantly moving about. Do the necessary feeding and cleaning very quietly, and offer the bird mealworms direct from your fingers. It will then soon overcome its nervousness. But it may not become really tame until after the moult (now close at hand, no doubt). Note the reply to "Cleopatria" this week.

More About the Song Thrush (Cleopatria).—You should send 2½d. in stamps to our publisher for a copy of the "Nutshell" booklet on the Song Thrush, which will give you very full, up-to-date information concerning the feeding and management. Also note the reply given "Brownie" this week. You can pay anything from 7s. 6d. to 20s. for a first-class tame (not recently-caught) Song Thrush in full song. Of course, Song Thrushes can be bought at a very much lower figure; but not steady birds in song. You might succeed in breeding Thrushes in a cage (a very big one) but the odds are heavily against you. It is not true that all the youngsters in the first nest are cocks. I was told so when I was a school-boy; but I soon found out that the information was wrong. It is quite a matter of individual taste; some people prefer the Thrush's song, some the Blackbird's. I have a sneaking preference for the music of Master Golden-bill. True, the music of the Song Thrush is more free and loud and joyous; but, then, I am never very joyous except on pay-days and holidays, which, may be, explains my choice.

A Mixture (H. Boddy).—Your guess is absolutely accurate: what with work and the answering of these queries, I can hardly find time to eat, sleep, and drink, the latter being perhaps the most important item this 'orrid 'ot weather. You are not the only person who finds it extremely difficult to lay hands upon really good exhibition specimens of the various British birds. First-class show birds are, like angels' visits, few and far between. It is usual to find some of the "old faces" at the top of the classes year after year. The would-be exhibitor needs always to be on the look-out for likely birds in the rough (if he can recognise them) at the bird-shops or catchers. And some people, of course, are very much more favoured than others in this respect, inasmuch as they reside where a number of shops, etc., are easily get-at-able. I know plenty of enthusiasts who spend an astonishing number of hours in quest of future winners; and it is a case of few prizes, many blanks, too. Occasionally a good bird is picked up at a reasonable price from the show bench, while I know one or two people who don't seem to mind much what the price is so long as a bird is a winner. There are several ways of acquiring a "noted team." Sound judgment is an important factor; but there is an element of good fortune about it, too. If I had the space, I could relate some interesting incidents on this score. Most of my own birds I acquire at intervals at London bird-shops. The best way is to see the birds and select one's own. It is not so much a question of price as of accurate selection. A house-moulted proved muling British Goldfinch, if a good ordinary specimen, is worth 7s. 6d. to 12s. 6d. A house-moulted Bullie with two claws missing is of no value except as a pet—if rich in colour, 4s. or 5s.

Sexing Nestling Mules (Micky).—There is no method by which the cocks and hens can accurately be told, for both sexes are alike when in nestling plumage. It is true that the experienced breeder can make a practically accurate forecast, but I am thinking of the man of small experience in muling. And it adds enormously to the difficulty when the young Mules are seen singly. Get the whole of a brood together, and then it should be possible for a cock or two to be sorted out with some certainty. In the case of Linnet Mules, go for the birds which are the warmest in ground colour—the likely hens will be of a decided silvery-grey tone, especially on the throat and breast, whereas the likely cocks will be a warmish-brown, often with a faint tinge of yellow on the throat. The same applies to Goldfinch Mules: choose the deepest coloured youngsters, with the brightest wings and longest heads (when viewed in profile). Size, of course, is in all cases a promising sign. The stumbling blocks for beginners will be any yellow hen Mules (when a yellow hen Canary has been used), for these are better, so far as colour goes, than cocks bred from buff hens. They are generally, however, appreciably on the small side, and not hard to spot when viewed with other Mules which may have been bred from the same parents. Pleased to hear of the benefits you have derived from CAGE BIRDS, also that you intend to join the LEAGUE.

A Mule Problem (S. Harris).—I have never yet seen a clear or lightly-marked Goldfinch Mule that could not quite easily be told from a hen Canary; and if I was shown such an alleged Mule I should decline to believe that a Goldfinch had any part in its parentage. Given a genuine Mule (either cock or hen) the sign of the Goldfinch is plainly to be discerned, both when the bird is in nest-feather and when it has completed its autumn moult. The fact that your friend claims to have bred one clear yellow, one ticked yellow, and one ticked buff, all in the same nest, is also against their genuineness (that is, from my own point of view, for such good fortune is too good to be true). Your remark about the thick, heavy beaks confirms me in my doubts. Further, your statement that this trio came from a buff hen Canary clinches the matter completely. He will be a lucky chap who breeds two such yellow Mules from a buff hen; don't you think so, too? If you take my advice, you will keep your money in your pocket, and not worry about buying this hen. You would, I think, find a more profitable use for it in betting your friend that he has made a mistake, and that his Mules are just plain every-day Canaries. I can quite believe that somehow or other he has fallen into this error honestly; but that it is an error I am quite sure. In reply to your question, I most certainly agree that it is possible for the Goldfinch to influence the colour of Mules—more so, in fact, than a great number of breeders seem disposed to admit.

More Cuckoos; also Some Mules (Mrs. Sargeant).—I have to thank you for a highly interesting letter, though I am sorry to say that I am afraid I can offer you very little in the way of advice. Your interest in Cuckoos is really phenomenal; and certainly you achieve remarkable success with them. To take the Mules first, I am glad to hear that you have at last succeeded in rearing some, and I hope both the Greenies and the Linnets will moult well. Most Greenfinch Mules carry their wings fairly well braced; but a trifle of "gayness" in the wing-carriage is not at all a serious fault. Further, it is not easy to judge in young birds exactly how they will behave in this respect when adult. I am pleased to hear you have found the malt and cod liver oil so excellent for the Cuckoos. When moulting, I should feel inclined to vary this with cod liver oil and syrup of hypophosphites (in combination, of course). With all due respect to the opinion of the person you mention, I certainly think that the growth of the feather is affected from the inside, and that the oil in the food is all sufficient without any oily application externally. Personally I should not apply olive oil outside. I should prefer to spray with water made just cloudy by the addition of one or two drops (not much) of Scrubb's cloudy ammonia. Try this, any way; it can do no harm. It is the male bird only which calls "Cuckoo." At the same time, when the bird in question dies (may the evil day be long postponed), have it examined, and its sex determined. It is not beyond the bounds of probability that a captive hen might utter the "cuckoo" call of the male.

BRITISH BIRD & HYBRID QUERISTS

should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4 "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

Aviary and Budgerigars.

Phœbe.—Your aviary will accommodate thirty to forty Budgerigars, yet I advise you to commence with not more than four pairs, only three would be the better—as if you get, say, one pair imported birds and two pairs of aviary bred ones, the latter two pairs from different sources, you will be able to mate up unrelated pairs of your own young birds, choosing only the largest, strongest, best coloured and well feathered birds for stock purposes. The three or four pairs should be secured at once so as to get them settled before the winter. For any birds, no matter how hardy they be, the open front of aviary should face as near south as possible, and the north and east sides should be close boarded, if possible. I think Budgerigars would winter safely in an aviary open all the way round (centre of lawn aviary), providing there were snug roosting places and backs in gable of roof, but it is subjecting them to an unnecessary ordeal to put them in any aviary through which the wind can blow without restraint at any season—they may survive, but they ought not to be subjected to it. But I take it your roosting place forms the back of your aviary, and if so, this will give the birds all the shelter required. Your book gives you full details as to diet. They eat a daily supply of seed about equal to, or a little more than, that taken by a Canary.

An Ailing Cockatoo.

Magrath.—In such cases it is a case of persevering. You cannot very well give the Chemical Food too strong, so long as the bowels are kept well regulated by occasional doses of Dinneford's Magnesia, as already advised. A very fine (dust) sprayer is the best for soaking a bird's plumage with insecticide; and I strongly advise such in your case and the persevering with a weak solution of fir tree oil as the insecticide; it will, however, be a lengthy job, but there is hope for a gradual recovery. A good seed mixture consists of canary, millet, paddy rice, hemp, oats, sunflower and maize—the whole well mixed together and the two first items in as large a bulk as the bird will take them. Also supply ripe fruit, plain biscuit, nuts (in variety) and keep a piece of clean cuttlebone continually in the cage. A pinch of grit (not sand) should be added to the daily supply of seed. Continue the use of Chemical Food and Dinneford's Magnesia as advised in our previous reply. A small quantity of either boiled potato, turnip, carrot and the like, is good for it, provided it is unseasoned and without gravy. Treat the bird as above for a couple of months and then report progress.

Foreign Birds for Cages.

Gcomic.—If you want to breed birds in these cages, you must only put a single pair in each cage—choose from Zebra Finches, Cutthroats, Bengalese, White Java Sparrows and Long-tailed Grassfinches. There was an article recently, "Breeding Foreign Birds in Cages," from my pen in this paper, you should refer to same. If you merely wish for a few pets and not to attempt breeding in one cage you could keep Gold-breasted, Grey and Orange-cheek Waxbills and Avadavats, not more than one dozen all told. In another cage you could keep odd males, Orcy and Green Singing Finches, Napoleon Weaver, Alario Finch, and Long-tailed Grassfinch. All the following are attractive, hardy, cheap and easy to keep: Spice Birds, Silverbills, Bengalese, Green Avadavats, St. Helena Waxbills, Bronze and Magpie Mannikins; Bib, Striated and Sharp-tailed Finches. "Foreign Birds for Beginners," 1s. 1d. post free from our Manager, would greatly assist you. Diet for above: Canary, white and spray millet seeds, green food, grit, cuttlebone and water.

Ailing Green Amazon (Perplexed).—Spray or bathe the nostrils twice daily with diluted glyco-thymoline till relief is given—no harm will be occasioned if the bird swallows a little. Once a week (say for a month or a little longer) give one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water. Seed mixture: Two parts each canary and white millet and one part each oats, hemp, maize, paddy rice and sunflower seeds—well mix, and keep a supply in the cage, adding a pinch of grit (not sand) to the daily supply. Also supply ripe fruit, nuts (in variety), plain biscuits, and keep a piece of clean cuttlebone continually in the cage.

Is it a cock? (Daillecourt).—Your bird is a young cock Violet Tanager, the dark violet-blue of the upper parts will appear in due course. The hen Violet Tanager may be roughly described as olive-green above and yellowish-olive beneath. No, do not leave him out of doors for the winter, all the Euphonia are very susceptible to cold and it would succumb; it should be brought indoors at the end of October and should safely pass the winter in a roomy cage in any temperate room, or would do so in a greenhouse having a fairly dry atmosphere and a minimum temperature of about 50 degrees F.

An Ailing Tanager (Zebra).—Yes, it is a bit of a puzzle, but if it can be brought round there is no reason why it should not live several years with you yet, though many do not last as long as yours. In periods of extreme weakness use the brandy and water as a stimulant again. As regards diet, supply ripe fruit ad lib, ants' eggs, a mealworm, spider or two, and mix its sop as follows: Boiling water, Nestle's milk, Mellin's food, and crumbled sponge cake—mixed to form a fairly sloppy sop. Do not overdo orange, banana is a much safer fruit. Soon grapes, pears, etc., will be available and form a welcome change. Do not mix much sop, but keep a little always in the cage.

What Birds, and Aviary Queries (Black Stone).—Both your birds are undoubtedly cock Combassous, being out of colour when you bought them, though not agreeing well together, I doubt if their combativeness will extend beyond obstreperous sparring. Be the aviary, I am assuming this is weatherproof, and if well lighted it apears to me to be well arranged and should give good result. A well lighted inner compartment is a desideratum of any and every aviary, the wire portion might be extended with advantage. I much fear the Finch tribe will get gradually killed off by the Budgerigars, though many of them may linger a long time. You have accommodation for about forty birds the size of a Budgerigar. By arranging a thick cover of twiggy branches at each end the danger of maiming, etc., will be considerably lessened.

Hardy species for Outdoor Aviary (Beginner).—You would find "Foreign Birds for Beginners," 1s. 1d. post free from our Manager, very helpful. The following readily do well with beginners, and are hardy and long lived once they settle down in their quarters, but the first few weeks are always a critical period with newly imported birds. Zebra Finches, Bronze Mannikins, Java Sparrows, Cutthroats, Bib Finches, Spice Birds, Bengalese, Magpie Mannikins, Gold-breasted Waxbills, Avadavats, Silverbills, Green and Grey Singing Finches. For these you must supply canary, white and spray millet; a little paddy rice, a few oats, also green food, cuttle bone, grit and water for drinking and bathing. When they have young to feed a little of some good soft food mixture must be supplied (see our advertisement columns).

Blue Mountain Lorikeets (H. B. J.).—(1) The matter of the incubation I will deal with next week. (2) The eggs are usually deposited in a hollow branch, a log nest is the most suitable, or a box with concave bottom covered with a little sawdust. (3) Usual diet should suffice, viz., milk sop and ripe fruit; if the birds show any liking for a little seed, by all means let them have a little, but the supply of sop and fruit should be continuous. We should be pleased to hear result.

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS

should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

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Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 2, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

M. A. L. (Fulham).—A very advanced case of Septic Fever.

A. Locke.—Acute inflammation of the bowels. The symptoms were evidence of pain. The cause is due to the introduction of irritants taken in with the food. I do not think ptomaine changes had anything to do with the trouble. Carefully examine your seed and see whether it is free from mould. Thoroughly clean all seed before feeding by rubbing it with a clean damp cloth, and keep your feeding pans scrupulously clean.

A. Hamilton.—Rupture of a small blood vessel on the lungs resulting from congestion of these organs. The primary cause is the heat oppressing the heart's action and bringing about engorgement of the lungs with consequent hemorrhage. Full-blooded, robust birds, particularly cock birds when in full song, are more susceptible to this change.

GENERAL.

Answered by The Editor.

A Wrexham Report (F. Hampson).—We make no charge whatever for inserting in our columns reports of club meetings, shows, etc. Glad to be of assistance to societies.

Copies (H. Howard).— Thanks for your co-operation.

A "Fountain Hole" (P. Watson).—We are afraid this method is too well-known already.

A Photograph (C. Lockett).—We are much obliged to you, and will take an early opportunity of reproducing the photograph. We appreciate your very kind remarks.

Cuttings (J. W. Metcalfe; A. Cook; and others).—Accept our thanks for the newspaper cuttings sent us.

Suggested Booklet (Arthur Morris).—It is very good of you to take the trouble of writing us, and we will certainly think over your suggestion which, however, we are afraid we shall be unable to carry into effect.

BRADFORD EAST O.S.

A most successful show of Canaries in first feather, at Park Chapel Schools, July 22nd, when 77 birds were staged. Mr. P. Mason (Windhill) officiated as judge, and his awards gave entire satisfaction. A valuable list of special prizes has been obtained for members to compete for throughout the season's competition, only the four highest birds of each exhibitor to count towards these prizes. The winners of most points in their respective sections were: Messrs. Stables, Allen, Northrop (champion), Messrs. Rushworth, Wroe, E. Riley, Hardaker (novice), and Messrs. J. Gregson (extra novice). Many young birds of high promise were staged, and visitors to the show were well satisfied at the quality throughout. CHAMP.: CL. YELL. YORKS (9): 1, 3, 4, Stables; 2, Farrar; vhc, Allen; hc, Northrop; c, Riley Bros. BUFF (10): 1, Stables; 2, Allen; 3, hc, Wilkinson Bros.; 4, Northrop; vhc, Walker; c, Hill. TKD. YELL. (12): 1, vhc, Allen; 2, Farrar; 3, Walker; 4, Northrop; hc, Stables; c, Riley Bros. BUFF (7): 1, 4, Northrop; 2 Hill; 3, hc, c, Walker; vhc, Riley Bros. UNEVEN, ETC. (9): 1, vhc, hc, Allen; 2, Riley Bros.; 3 Stables; 4, Wilkinson Bros.; c, Northrop. NOVICE: CL. YELL., YORKS. (8): 1, c, Wroe; 2, Metcalfe; 3, Rushworth; 4, hc, E. Riley; vhc, Grayshon. BUFF (5): 1, Grayshon; 2, Wroe; 3, E. Riley; 4, Rhodes; vhc, Midgley. TKD. YELL. (4): 1, Hardaker; 2, 3, Midgley; 4, Rushworth. BUFF (4): 1, Wroe; 2, Rushworth; 3, E. Riley; 4, Midgley. UNEVEN, ETC. (7): 1, Rushworth; 2, 3, Hardaker; 4, E. Riley; vhc, Rhodes; hc, c, Grayshon.—YORKS. (2): 1, 2, Gregson.—H. Hill, Sec.

SOUTH BIRMINGHAM O.S.

Second N.F. show held July 22 under ideal conditions at the Sydenham Hotel, Small Heath. Sixty-one birds were staged, against 66 at the last show, but the quality was far superior, and many prize-winners at the local shows had to take second place. Mr. J. H. Roe commenced judging at 5.30, and he was kept at it until 7.30. A nice steady flow of visitors filled the room all the evening, and one was sorry to give the order for birds to be packed at 9.30, as many were still coming in. We have again to thank our host and treasurer, Mr. Lechie, for loaning us the room and placing such a splendid spread for the judge and members. The room is most ideal these summer evenings, as both members and visitors took the chance of a stroll on the lawn and the gardens. Two more names were booked for membership. A profit will result, although admission was free. The chairman announced that he should present a cup for the first annual members' show, and Mr. Kidner also promised a most useful prize for the same event. We are hoping our treasurer will be able to let us have the room for December 26. We should then have the best that has ever been held in the Midlands. The membership will total 40 at next meeting. Winners of specials: Silver medal for best bird, champion class, Mr. Derry; ditto, novice, Mr. A. Fields; 2/6, best champion Yorks., Mr. Kidner; ditto, second, Mr. Fields; tin of distemper for most points, Mr. Clay; Yorks. show cage for most points in novice class, Mr. Constable; 2/6 cash best Nor., novice, Mr. West; ditto, best champion Nor., Mr. Derry; tin of distemper for best Border, Mr. Walton; pocket knife, best, vhc, novice, Mr. Twist. The show manager again proved his worth, as the birds were staged satisfactorily. Show stewards, Messrs. Constable, Murray, and West; they had a very busy and trying time, for which the members one and all thank them.

CHAMP. YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL. (6): 1, sp, Kidner, wee bit flat on head, other points good, grand quality and col.; 2, 3, Ankers, 2 tkd. back of head, well drawn; 3, good position and length, not quite so good in col.; 4, Clay; vhc, Wright. A.O.V. YELL. (2): 1, Kidner, fine variegs., showing true Yorkie properties; 2, Hall, Cin. Variegs., liked much, grand head and neck, full of nerve. CL., ETC., BUFF (2): 1, Clay, splendid shape and position; 2, Ankers, lovely quality, tight as wax in feather, showing good length. A.O.V., BUFF (2): 1, Clay, variegs., grand position, well drawn; 2, Kidner, five pointed, a little more fulness on head would have made a topper. NOR., BUFF (6): 1, sp, Derry, short, thick-set buff, A1 quality and col., wins easily; 2, Derry, not quite the substance of winner, typical; 3, West, tkd. right wing a little beatty. A.O.V.: 1, Derry, marked on head and left wing, fine body; 2, Perks, better head, but not the width of chest; 3, sp, 4, West, 3 heavily marked, grand type, large and full, A1 quality. BRIT. (2): 1, Murray, Redpoll, little gem, grand col., shown in pink of condition; 2, Wright, Redpoll, not quite so good in condition. NOVICE SECTION—YORKS. CL., ETC., YELL. (7): 1, Fields, grand col. and quality, good length and style, well deserving silver medal; 2, Greenup, bird we liked much, straight as a gun barrel, fine head and neck; 3, Constable, nice quality, not quite so good in position; 4, Clay; vhc, Twist. MKD., ETC., YELL. (4): 1, Perks, mkd. neck and back, finely drawn, full of quality; 2, Constable, good cin. variegs.; 3, Perks, mkd. head and left wing; 4, Stevenson. CL., ETC., BUFF (8): 1, sp, 2, Fields, grand straight run, wins easily on style and position; 2, same type, close up; 3, Walton, good quality; 4, Clay; vhc, Twist. MKD., ETC., BUFF (2): 1, Constable, Cin. mkd., grand type and position; 2, Twist, good four-pointed, grand quality and position. HEAVILY MKD., ETC. (7): 1, 2, Hall, good length and position, grand quality; 2, mkd., small but good; 3, Clay; vhc, Twist; hc, Perks. SELL. 10/- CK. (8): 1, Sheppard; 2, Sheppard; 3, Stevenson. BEN, 6/- (3): 1, Sheppard; 2, Clay; 3, abs.—J. Sheppard, Sec.

PORTSMOUTH C.B.S.

Second annual F.F. Show held July 12th, Long's Memorial Hall. The show was a success both in entries and attendance, better than last year. One important new feature was the novice classes for those who had never taken a first prize. The Chairman, Mr. Newberry, worked hard in getting together a good number of articles for specials from the tradesmen for the best vhc. These brought a good entry and many good specimens, and no doubt will give a good account of themselves later. The prizes were presented by Mrs. Newberry at 8.30, who made a very nice speech, and was presented with a shower bouquet of carnations by Miss Doris Smith. Mr. H. Young placed the cards for the Canaries, Mr. A. Hilbury the British and Foreign, to the satisfaction of all. The Secs., Messrs. King and Joiner, and committee, carried out their duties in good style.

NOR. CL.: 1, 2, 3, Haller, Yellow, Buff, Yellow, grand birds; vhc, King; hc, Grevett. TKD., ETC.: 1, 3, c, Haller, grand caped Yell., marked Buff; 2, vhc, Grevett, nice marked Yell. and Buff; hc, Ninness. YORK., CL.: 1, Matthews, fine racy Yell., good feather; 2, Boxall, similar Buff, close run; 3, vhc, Chiefe, 3 another good Buff; hc, Clements; c, Joiner. TKD. ETC.: 1, Boxall, good Yell.; 2, Peters, rattling fine Cinn. mkd.; 3, Joiner, saddle-marked Buff, nice feather and shape; vhc, hc, Clements; c, Matthews. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Marshall, good Crest Green; 2, 3, Lavis, Green Yorks. and foul Buff. MULES: 1, Joiner, good rich, self-yellow Goldfinch Mule. GOLDFINCH, BRIT.: 1, Carrier; 2, 3, Long, close run; hc, Grevett; c, Coffin, nice birds, but small. BULLFINCH BRIT.: 1, Carrier, charmer; 2, Parkes, very nice hen; 3, Coffin, GREENFINCH: 1, Carrier; 2, Long; 3, Lean; all good birds above the size usually seen. LINNET, ETC.: 1, 2, Long, nice marked Linnet, 2 grand feathered Siskin; 3, Ninness, bonny Redpoll; vhc, Ninness, Siskin; hc, Chiefe. BUNTING: 1, Tout, good Snow Bunting; 2, Lean, nice Cirl Bunting A.O. HARDBILL: 1, Dewdney; 2, Tout; 3, Lean; three real good Brambles; c, Joiner. SOFTBILL: 1, Lean, large Wheatear in good feather; 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Tout, Wren, Sedge Warbler, Redstart, Whitethroat, all in good condition. FOR.: 1, Newberry, Himalaya Goldfinch; 1, King, nice large Amazon Parrot. NOVICE: NOR., CL.: 1, Lane; 2, Churcher; 3, Lawrence. TKD., ETC.: 1, 2, hc, Churcher; 3, Lane; vhc, Lockhart; c, Sholl. YORK., CL.: 1, Bradshaw; 2, bc, Olding; 3, Lockhart; vhc, Newberry; c, Peters. TKD., ETC.: 1, Bradshaw; 2, hc, Newman; vhc, Ponsford; c, Peters. CAN. A.O.V.: 1, Newberry; 2, Lockhart; 3, Parsons; vhc, Sholl. MULE: 1, 3, King; 2, Fry; vhc, Parsons. GOLDFINCH: 1, hc, Baker; 2, Olding; 3, Bradshaw; vhc, Newberry; c, Turner. BULLFINCH: 1, Bradshaw. LINNET: 1, Newberry; 2, Buttress. GREENFINCH: 1, Newberry; 2, Turner; 3, Warne. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, Butteriss; 2, Warne.

GREAT HORTON O.S.

Members' show, July 22nd, at the club room, when 67 birds were staged. Mr. H. Sutcliffe awarded the prizes, and gave every satisfaction. CHAMP.: CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, 2, Gaunt; 3, Ormonroyd; 4, vhc, Lister. BUFF: 1, 3, Midgley, 2, Gaunt. TKD. YELL.: 1, 3, Midgley; 2, hc, Myers and Lumb; 4, Ormonroyd; vhc, Self; c, Gaunt. BUFF: 1, 4, vhc, F. Self; 2, Gaunt; 3, hc, Lister; c, Midgley. UNEVEN, ETC., YELL.: 1, Gaunt. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Gaunt; 4, Myers and Lumb. CIN. MKD BUFF: 1, 3, 4, Ormonroyd; 2, Myers and Lumb. SELL., 15s.: 1, Ormonroyd; 2, Lister. SELL., 12s. 6d.: 1, Lister. NOVICE: CL., YELL. YORKS.: 1, 2, C. H. Self; 3, Shackleton; 4, Henser; vhc, Hick; hc, c, Coates. BUFF: 1 Jowett; 2, Shackleton; 3, Hainsworth; 4, Hick; vhc, C. H. Self. TKD. YELL.: 1, Ellis Self; 2, Shackleton; 3, Hainsworth; 4, Hudson; vhc, Coates. BUFF: 1, Hainsworth; 2, Hudson; 3, Ellis Self. UNEVEN, ETC., YELL.: 1, Shackleton; 2, Hainsworth; 3, Cotes. BUFF: 1, Jowett; 2, Coates; 3, Henser. CIN. MKD. BUFF: 1, Coates.—J. Holroyd, Hon. Sec.

WESTERN COUNTIES O.S.

The final N.F. Show for 1911 was held July 26th, at Oddfellows' Hall, Plymouth. Mr. Jewell judged Yorkshires and Norwich, Mr. C. Dart Crests and Crest-breds, and Mr. Lugg the remainder. Winners of challenge cups for most points at shows, May, June and July were: Yorkshire, Mr. J. Woodley; Norwich, Mr. W. Spillman; Crests, Mr. J. Bavage; A.O.V. Canary, Mr. J. Ryder; Mules, Mr. R. H. Rowe; British, r. F. Wills. Novice, Mr. J. Bavage.

YORK., YELL.: 1, Woodley; 2, 3, Webster. BUFF: 1, Woodley. NOR. BUFF: 1, Harvey. CREST: 1, 2, Bavage; 3, Parsons. C.B.: 1, c, Coath; 2, 3, Bavage; 4, vhc, Parsons; hc, Richards. CINN.: 1, Ryder; MULE, LIGHT: 1, Rowe. VARIEG.: 1, 2, 4, Hannaford; 3, vhc, Rowe. DARK: 1, 2, Harvey; 3, 4, Rowe; vhc, Wills. GOLDIE, ETC.: 1, Pridhan; 2, Harvey. LINNET, ETC.: 1, 2, 3, Wills. A.O.V. SEEDEATER: 1, Wills. Special for best British, Mr. F. Wills.—Thos. Pope, Hon. Sec.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Attercliffe C.B.S.—Aug. 10, Horse and Jockey Hotel, 8. Paper on Colour-feeding, by Mr. Hibberson.—W. Richardson.

Bolton C.B.S.—Aug. 7, Joiners Arms, Deansgate, 8. Classification for open show, etc.—R. Brierley.

Bolton Roller C.S.—Aug. 8, Joiners Arms, Deansgate, 8. Important.—W. Massey.

Birmingham South O.S.—Aug. 9, Sydenham Hotel, 8.30. Pay last show money and specials. Winter programme and date of members' show. Subs. for September quarter due.—J. Sheppard.

Bury C.B.S.—Aug. 8, Y.M.C.A., Rock Street, 8. Autumn show and prize draw. Please attend.—H. Jameson.

British Roller C.C.—Aug. 8, Royal Mail, Noble Street, St. Martins-le-Grand, 8. Important.—J. W. Norris.

Crewe O.S.—Aug. 8, Earl of Chester Hotel, 7.30. Payment of prize money, presentation of specials, receipt of tickets.—E. Jaycott.

Clitheroe C.B.S.—Aug. 7, Bennett Tea Rooms, 8.—J. Southworth.

Doncaster C.B.S.—Aug. 12, Victoria Rooms, 7.30. Classification for open show. Arrange members' shows to be held Brodworth and Beutley. Further arrangement re Francis Barker Cup. New members invited.—G. Bescoby.

Darlington C.B.S.—Aug. 9, Labour Hall, 7.30. F.F. show, 2 Yorks., 2 Nor. and A.O.V. Can. or Mule. Judge, Mr. H. Carter.—H. Todd.

Derwent Valley C.B.S.—Aug. 5, Headquarters, 7. F.F. show, prize money, etc.—J. Lindsay.

Dewsbury C.B.S.—Aug. 5, Saville Hotel, 7.30. Important. All members requested to attend.—S. Shaw.

Eccleshill C.B.S.—Aug. 5, Fountain Inn, 8. Open show business. Please attend.—W. Nettleton.

Ealing F.S.—Aug. 5, St. John's Hall, Leeland Road, West Ealing, 7. Evening show.—W. Bird.

East Bowling B.F.A.—Aug. 5, St. John's School, 2.45. Meeting and show. Judge, Mr. H. J. Chittenden.—L. Bootb.

Gateshead C.B.S.—Aug. 9, Lockhart's Cafe, 7.30. General. Specialist club patronage. Arrange date for next table show.—A. Holden.

Glasgow West End C.B.C.—Aug. 11, Clarendon Hall, 8. Usual monthly meeting. Good turn out requested.—W. Proudfoot.

Gt. Harwood C.B.S.—Aug. 7, Dan MacNally's, Church Street. Members requested to attend. A. Bentley.

Halifax O.S.—Aug. 5, Griffen Hotel, 8. Annual show business. Paying of prize money for members' show. Members requested to attend.—J. J. Dunn.

Hebden Bridge and Calder Valley O.S.—Aug. 10, Nutclough Tavern, 8. Selecting judge for annual Shaw.

Heptonstall C.B.S.—Aug. 10, Wadsworth View, 8.—H. Taylor.

Houghton-le-Spring C.B.S.—Aug. 5, White Lion Hotel, 7.30. Balance-sheet of N.F. show. Nomination of judges for annual show; date of same, etc.—R. H. Dixon.

Ilkeston C.B.S.—Aug. 5, Live and Let Live Inn, Cotmanbay, 7. Classes for open show. Members and friends are invited.—T. Smith.

Keighley C.B.S.—Aug. 8, Black Horse Hotel, 7.30. Very important. Badges for CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE will be on view.—J. Binns.

Kent County C.B.S.—Aug. 9, Barton Road School, 7.30. Alloting patronage.—A. Hendry.

Kelty and Blairadam C.B.S.—Aug. 8, Headquarters, 6. Drawing in of collecting books, donations, specials, etc.—A. Dickson.

Lancaster C.B.S.—Aug. 12, Corn Market Street Coffee Tavern, 7. Important.—J. Cafferty.

Larkhall C.B.S.—Aug. 12, Miners' Hall, 7. Discussion on our method of counting points.—J. Pollock.

Leeds C.B.S.—Aug. 5, Lockhart's, next to Hope Bros., Briggate, 7.30. Lecture on Colour-feeding and Exhibiting, by Mr. H. J. Chittenden, Bradford.—W. A. Wilson.

Leadgate C.B.S.—Aug. 5, Church Square Hall, 7.30.—J. A. Turnbull.

Liverpool B.B.A.—Aug. 10, Oldham Hall, 8. Papers from novices, on "How I became a Fancier," papers to be judged by ballot, see syllabus.—F. Eccleston.

Manningtion C.B.A.—Aug. 12, headquarters, 8. Meeting postponed a week, being Manningham Feast week.—H. Grange.

Northern Yorks. C.C.—Aug. 9, 65, Grainger Street, 8. Table show, N.F., 4 classes. Judge, Mr. T. B. Tomlinson. Meeting also to allot patronage. Members please attend.—R. Tindale.

Newport C.B.S.—Aug. 8, Old Bush Hotel, 8. Open show.—J. Hammett.

Nelson Can. and C.B.S.—Aug. 7, Thornton's Restaurant, 8. Shall we have an Old Bird show, and when? Also, shall we have an outing of members, etc.—J. Gregson.

Old Shildon Workmen's Club C.B.S.—Aug. 4, Workmen's Club, 8. Contributions and meeting. Considering open show.—J. H. Elwell.

Ormskirk C.B.S.—Aug. 8, Church House, 8. Prize money, auditor, etc.—T. H. Tiffen.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—Aug. 7, Commercial Hotel, 8.—J. Lewis.

Sandy Lane C.B.A.—Aug. 8, Victoria Hotel, 8. Arrangements for members' winter shows.—Ratcliffe and Shaw.

Stonehouse C.B. and F.H.S.—Aug. 12, Public Hall, 7. Fixing the working committee for open show.—W. Melvin.

Swansea C.B.A.—Aug. 8, Market Coffee Tavern, 7.30. General business.—F. Heal.

Southend S.C.O.S.—Aug. 9, Alexandra Hotel, Southend, 8. F.F. report. Open show arrangements. General survey of financial position.—W. C. Lockwood.

South Manchester C.B.S.—Aug. 10, Headquarters, 8.30. Late secretary's half-yearly report. Voting in new members. Election of judge for annual show.—F. Washbourne.

Sheriffhill F. and F.S.—Aug. 5, St. John's Parish Hall, 6.30. General monthly meeting and table show. Mr. Thompson, of Felling, will judge all anglers and friends invited.—W. Stockton.

Stockport B.F.A.—Aug. 8, Boar's Head Hotel, 8. General business.—W. Stafford.

South London Col. and F.A.—Aug. 10, Headquarters, 8.—N. Caunter.

Shipley O.S.—Aug. 8, Prince of Wales, 8.—A. Tillotson.

Sheffield C.B.S.—Aug. 13, Wentworth Cafe, 8. Members' breeding experiences, introduced by Mr. Drabble, and questions by ballot on same.—A. Hobson.

Uddingston O.S.—August 5, Public Hall, 2. Y.B. show.—J. Kilpatrick.

Windhill O.S.—Aug. 5, Blue Bell Hotel, 8. Balance-sheet for members' show.—J. Cook.

Wibsey C.B.S.—Aug. 5.— Horse and Groom Inn, 8 Balance-sheet of last show. Arrangements for ramble. Please attend.—H. C. Crossley.

West of Scotland O.S.—Aug. 5, Nelson's Temperance Hotel, 7.30. Usual monthly meeting and N.F. show of Mules and Hyd.—W. Hutchison.

Wallsend C.B.S.—Aug. 9, Station Hotel, 7.30. Schedule, new classes, new members; finance; etc.—J. M. Macdonald.

Wood Green F.F.A.—Aug. 8, Headquarters, 8. Table show, and lecture by Mr. G. Gardner.—T. Callegari.

Y.C. B.B. and Mule Club.—Aug. 12, Market Tavern, 7. Prizes for competition for coming season.—Lane and Jowett.

Correspondence.

How to Prevent Drinking Water from Freezing.

Sir,—Would you mind putting this small hint in Cage Birds on how to prevent water from freezing in the water pots and tins during very cold weather? In the winter time I have a half-gallon bottle of boiled water in my bird-room, of course giving it when cold. I put in the bottle of boiled water one teaspoonful of glycerine, then give my birds it at night. This prevents the water from freezing. I have tried this, and had success, and it will be helpful to some fanciers.

Ernest Folkard.

Is it Cruel to Keep Birds in Cages?

The Case of a 13-year-old Chaffinch.

Sir,—As a regular reader of your excellent paper, Cage Birds, I should like to draw your attention to the case of a cock Chaffinch now in my mother's possession. We first made his acquaintance at a bird stall thirteen years ago, and as he was bad in the moult, minus his tail, etc., we got him for the small sum of threepence. He was by no means a young bird then, but he is now in full plumage, and as gay as ever. So I cannot see where the cruelty of keeping birds in cages comes in at all, and it is very few wild birds that live to half the above-mentioned age. I wish your paper every success.

J. Manning.

What a Startler!

Sixteen Young Thrushes in One Nest.

Sir,—When near Epsom a day or two ago I was surprised to hear a noise in a hedge bottom. Looking about I found a Thrush's nest, and it contained no less than sixteen fully-fledged Thrushes. Is this a record or not? Should like to know through Cage Birds.

W. Clegg.

[We should imagine this to be the easiest record ever put up. We are sorry our correspondent did not send us the nest which held the sixteen fully-fledged young Thrushes—it would no doubt have come in handy as a waste-paper basket, and our present utensil is getting rather dilapidated. When we ourselves went to Epsom we only succeeded in backing one winner, but possibly Mr. Clegg was more fortunate, which might account for his seeing sixteen Thrushes all in the same nest!—Editor.]

Interesting Observations at Everberg Aviaries.

The Young Feeding the Young.

Sir,—When your correspondent, Mr. Millsum, tells us, with many expressions of astonishment, that young birds of an early brood will feed those of a later, he is certainly not telling us anything new—indeed, the only surprising thing is that there should be one reader of Cage Birds who is unacquainted with the fact. Hundreds, or perhaps thousands, of your readers must have heard one of Mr. Kearton's lectures, at every one of which this fact has been mentioned, and a photo shown on the screen, portraying a Robin in the act of feeding young Thrushes. In last week's "Field" an instance was given of a Thrush feeding young Linnets (a softbill feeding hardbills!). Everyone who has a garden must have noticed young Robins feeding those from later nests. Lastly, every Canary breeder must be well acquainted with this fact. When, however, Mr. Millsum tells us "without boasting" that he has "kept and cared for more living birds in captivity than anyone living to-day," he is certainly telling us something which we none of us knew. Perhaps, however, we are not intended to take this literally. How fervently I wish that more of your correspondents possessed the gift of imagination, then we should not have the same things said in the same way about the same old birds week after week! I hope Mr. Millsum will send us another of his delightful letters before long. I like them.

Aviator.

P.S.—Young Cuckoos seem to grow to a large size in Belgium.

A Young Skylark Problem.

Sir,—I am a lover of Skylarks, and have kept them for some years with every success. This year, having the offer of a nest of young, I took them with the object of hand-rearing a contest bird or two. In the issue of Cage Birds dated June 8, 1907, there is some advice in an article by Mr. A. C. Allaway on the selection and preparation of the Skylark for singing contests, and how to hand-rear, which I followed to the letter (as I thought). It was as follows: "Take half a teacupful of boxings or pollards; be sure it is clean; add to this half a hard-boiled egg which has been pressed through a grater, white and yolk together, and one teaspoonful of grated bullock's liver; scald altogether with boiled milk, not too sloppy. The above is enough to make for about half-a-dozen birds." Having only four birds I used half that quantity, made fresh every day, and fed them about every half-hour with a bit as big as a pea from five in morning till eight o'clock at night, and was careful in having sweet and clean grater, feeder, and glasses for holding food. In spite of all this, and having nothing else to do but look after them, they all died after going on well for just a week. Would a reader kindly tell me where I went wrong, as I am quite at sea. I may say I have reared other birds from nest at different times, and once took a Cuckoo from a Hedge Sparrow's nest and reared it on green caterpillars. I am getting another nest of Larks, and have sent for "Nutshell No. 3." Shall I succeed if I go by above, or should I do better if I fed on insects? I could capture such as flies, earwigs, worms, woodlice, grubs, and green caterpillars (not hairy), spiders, maggots, etc. I have a good bit of garden, and plenty of time on my hands.

F. W. G.

How a Winning Bullfinch Was Produced.

Sir,—I appreciated much your kindness in portraying my British Bullfinch on the front cover of Cage Birds. The bird, in my opinion, deserved such a position, and I am pleased your decision was a similar one. Being sent to some thirty leading shows it was never in a single instance out of the money. The bird, when procured, was certainly very much in the rough; in a wretched condition through ignorance, being freshly caught, and having been wrongly treated. I could see quality in it, so purchased it for a small sum. In the course of a few weeks the bird developed almost instantaneous perfection, and it was possible for me to show him with the above success. Here are a few brief remarks upon my successful management of Bullfinches, without doubt one of the most affectionate and friendly Bullfinches procurable: Cage, 20 by 15 by 10 inches; note large size. Seed: Canary, sunflower, rape; occasionally a little hemp and mixed seeds (but very few); one mealworm daily. Ripe fruit and berries, especially blackberries and privet (these are particular items); the quantity is not in any way limited, for the birds are allowed just whatever quantity they wish to eat. Seeding heads of wild plants are very much relished, especially dandelion. A daily bath for certain is of the utmost importance to obtain condition. A little colour food in the moult helps, but this should be very limited.

Geo. Hinds.

Ribbon Finches Breeding in Cages.

Sir,—I have had a handsome pair of Ribbon Finches for six months in a large breeding cage, and in the spring the hen laid altogether fourteen eggs, very irregular in size, and sometimes with very soft shells. On the advice of a friend I gave some crushed eggshell, and immediately the cock began eating his mate's eggs! The weather got cold, and the hen showed signs of egg-binding, and at the thirteenth egg was so ill I picked her up as dying and saw a large egg within the abdomen. I gave brandy, anointed with oil, and steamed her over a cup of hot water, as I had done before, but she seemed so ill this time I had given up hope of saving her. She made some effort to expel the egg when revived with the brandy, so I risked inserting a feather dipped in oil, when the passage opened, and I was successful in saving her, as she dropped the egg (a large one with hard shell) into the water. She took hours to recover, then laid a normal egg without trouble next morning. This was promptly eaten! The pair are very affectionate with one another, and go to sleep in a cocoanut shell. We had some extremely hot weather, so I hung the cage in the garden and fed plentifully with grass in flower. The birds both looked the better for the blazing sunshine, and commenced building with the dried grasses, and soon the hen commenced laying again. This time she was quite well and laying each morning, a prim, small, cream-coloured egg, *not* transparent like the last lot. Fearing the cock would eat them again, I removed them with a spoon and put in "dummy" eggs, meantime procuring a pet Canary from a friend. She took no interest in the new eggs, which I kept three days in cotton wool in a very warm room over the kitchen on hot pipes that pass under the floor to heat the towel-rails in the bath-room. The birds are in this room at an even temperature, so the eggs never got chilled, and I handled them most carefully. On the fifth day I saw signs of the hen Ribbon Finch sitting, so I returned all her eggs. They were all promptly covered with grasses and she then sat close, laying two or three more fine eggs—I can see six, but fancy there is another hidden by the grasses, which they keep building higher and higher to the front of the nest and arrange and rearrange many times a day. The hen sits very close; some days I never catch her off for food, nor do I see the cock feeding her. He takes his turn to sit while she does feed, I notice, and "tidies up the house a bit," and "croons" to the eggs in a ridiculous fashion. Sometimes he swells himself up and "makes faces" and goes through strange gyrations to me if I look at him too much. I go as seldom as possible into the room, and as far as I can judge all is going well, and I think the eggs are fertile, as the pair mated freely, usually in the nest, I noticed.

Kitty Cut-Throat.

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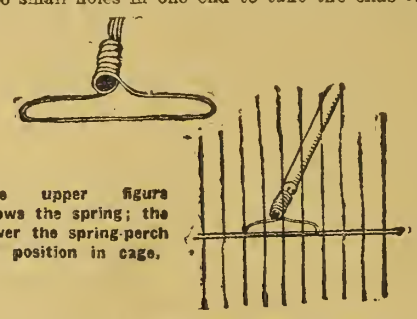
Parrot Commences to Lay Eggs when Twenty-six Years Old.

Sir,—I remember a case being mentioned in Cage Birds of a Parrot laying eggs after being a great number of years in captivity, and recently I came across another instance in "Country Life," which may interest readers. The writer, Mr. Purdon, states: We are the possessors of a Grey Parrot, brought many years ago from the West Coast of Africa. The bird is now twenty-eight years old, and we were doubtful as to its sex until two years since, when it laid two eggs, and on June 14th repeated its performance by laying another. The eggs are white, and the same size as those of a pigeon. One egg was broken when discovered, but the others were saved, although not in the condition a collector would like them to be. The last egg was rescued when the bird had eaten about half of it! As it is rare for Parrots to lay when in captivity, especially when twenty-six, and again at twenty-eight years old, I thought the matter might possibly be of interest.

Parrot Lover.

A Spring Perch Made from Cage Wire.

Sir,—I enclose a sketch of a spring perch which I have used for many years, and I find that nearly all birds like them better than those which are ridged. First get a piece of wood seven or eight inches long, allowing plenty of room between back of cage. Bore two small holes in one end to take the ends of



The upper figure shows the spring; the lower the spring-perch in position in cage.

the wire spring. The next thing necessary is a piece of ordinary cage wire, about seven inches long. Make the spiral part last by twisting the two ends round a pencil (or something similar), turning one end of the wire, then the other, until the spring is about three-eighths of an inch long. Fix the two ends into the perch, and it is then complete. The sketch shows the spring, and also the completed perch fixed in the cage front. I think the sketch will enlighten readers.

James Freeman.

Linnets in Captivity.

Their Feeding and Treatment.

Sir,—Coming from a Latin word, the name Linnet means flax. Our brown-coated friend was thus known years ago to be very fond of flax or linseed, which he still is. I think this bird is the most popular among the working classes, being so very tame and trustful. Sixpence will generally buy a fresh-caught bird, and with a little attention it will become as tame as a Canary in a week or two. Let me just explain the difference between red and grey Linnets before I speak of their wild habits. A red Linnet is one which has acquired adult plumage; its breast feathers are tinged with blood-red colouring. A grey Linnet is one that is in baby plumage; it is without the breast colouring. The sexes are not easily distinguished by an unpractised eye, but if the spots on the breast are very plain, one can reckon the bird to be a cock. He has a bolder eye, and his appearance generally is that of the stronger sex. The hen has distinct lines on its breast, but not the least trace of "moons." In older Linnets the red-breasted ones are reckoned as cocks, the hens having no trace of the colouring. If a cock red Linnet be moulted in a cage, he loses most of his colouring, and becomes like his younger brothers. The habits of the Linnet are similar to those of the other Finches, being found on commons and waste land, especially if this be covered with weeds. In such places it feeds on the seeds of plaintain, dock, thistle, charlock, chickweed, etc., and, in fact, nearly all wild seeds. Berries are rarely eaten by this bird, it being a seedeater in the true sense of the word. It nests in thick whitethorn hedges, and rarely places the nest more than three or four feet from the ground. It is composed of roots, moss, and wool, and is lined with feathers. The eggs are usually four or five in number, and differ a trifle. They are not unlike the eggs of the Canary, having a pale blue background, and marked with red spots. When the young are hatched they are known as grey Linnets until they reach their first moult, after which they are known as red Linnets. Let us now turn to his life in confinement. First, procure a grey Linnet, because the greys are more easily steadied. Hang him in a room where people are living, and now and then just talk to him, so that he will have confidence in you. Soak some bird seed for twenty-four hours, and let him have plenty of it; also give him plaintain heads, thistle heads, and dock. The reason the seed should be soaked is that it aids its digestion, and it corresponds more to the wild seeds of nature, which are moist. Many birds are killed every year through being given hard seeds to eat, because while they may eat a lot, they get as thin as a rake, and die of starvation. Put the seed and water inside the cage until the bird steadies down a bit, or he will probably be unable to find them. Gradually change the soaked seed to hard seed, and hang his pots outside. Give him plenty of cracked old hemp, which, if the bird has any song in him, will soon bring it out. A good stock food may be made as follows: Canary, 3 parts, teazel 2 parts, rape 1 part, charlock 1 part, linseed 1 part, and about 1 part of hemp, during the moult. About once a week give him a teaspoonful of the following mixture: Two ozs. gold of pleasure, niger, seasame, and thistle seeds, and 1 oz. mustard, dandelion, maw, cornflower, and lettuce seeds. A sprig of groundsel, watercress, or seeding chickweed should be given every day; also a few stalks of plaintain occasionally, all which should be in a ripe condition. Supply him with a bath on bright days once a week, and well cover the cage bottom with sand. Following this treatment your bird will not take much harm, and no bird shows such delight on seeing its master as our brown-coated friend. The song of the Linnet is made up of a number of notes, and resembles a twittering more than a song. Whereas the Canary pours forth its song continuously, the notes of a Linnet are jolted out, as it were.

L. Gibbs

Late Singing of the Nightingale.

Sir,—I was much interested in a note I read recently in my weekly paper concerning the lateness at which the Nightingale has been heard singing this year down in Herefordshire. The writer, "Ormis," says: "Near the place in Herefordshire where I spent the week-end, the Nightingales were singing loudly and beautifully on the nights of July 1st and 2nd. They were not heard by one individual only, but by a considerable party, who were attracted to the lawn by their singing. Usually the birds begin to sing late in April, and continue about six weeks in song. They have very much over-passed that period this year, and it would almost appear as though they were producing two broods instead of one." I wonder if the last remark of this correspondent can be accurate?

W. T. Ball.

Can Passengers Take Birds Out to Australia?

Sir,—I shall feel obliged if some reader of your valuable paper can give me a little information on the following: An old exhibitor of Norwich and Lizards, in a few weeks I am going out with my family to Australia. I have two English house-moulted Goldfinches which I keep for a hobby. Now, should I be allowed by the shipping company to take them out with me in my cabin? Of course, their room would not mean much, if, that is, a passenger is allowed to take birds out with him. About what freightage would the shipping companies charge?

E. Williams.

[We know of cases where passengers have taken out birds to Australia, but whether there was any charge made by the shipping company we cannot say, nor whether permission had specially to be obtained. Our correspondent should enquire of the agent from whom he intends to take his tickets. Perhaps some of our readers can also give him a hint or two.—Editor.]

Breeding Goldfinches in Aviaries.

Sir,—On reading my Cage Birds last week I was interested in Mr. Bowerman's account of his Goldfinches nesting in a cage. I have been watching for his results, as I read his note in Cage Birds on July 1. I am sorry he did not have better luck. The results may be better next time. Perhaps the following may be of interest to some readers of Cage Birds. I have been trying to breed Goldfinches this season in an outdoor aviary. I first tried for Hybrids and Mules, but as the two cock Goldfinches did not seem to care to mate with any of the Finches or Canaries, I turned in two hen Goldfinches, and they both paired up and built their nests in small nest-boxes. No. 1 pair laid one shell-less egg, and No. 2 pair one egg which was clear. On the second round they each laid five eggs, all in their nests, and both hens sat quite as good as any Canary to all appearances, with the result that No. 1 pair's eggs were fertile, the chicks being dead in shell. I cannot account for this unless by the extra hot weather. No. 2 pair's eggs were all clear. These birds were twice house-moulted, and very tame. In the same aviary I have managed to breed two Linnet-Canary Mules and two Hybrids. The birds are all flying together, and were left to mate as they chose. But the Goldfinch being a late breeder, if they go to nest for the third time this year and hatch out any young, I am doubtful if they will rear them successfully. I have bred Greenfinches in this way, and they have reared their young till they could fly, and then would not feed them any more. I have one hen Greenfinch now rearing her young Redpoll-Greenfinch Hybrid. I was forced to leave her with the eggs, not having a hen Canary ready. The Hybrid is about a week old, and doing well.

W. Bennett.

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A SCOTTISH SENSATION.

Investigation into Alleged Malpractice of prominent Judge and Exhibitor.

An Unexpected Development.

The sensational allegations made by a Glasgow fancier, Mr. D. Graham, against a prominent exhibitor and judge, Mr. A. McFarlane, were dealt with at the last meeting of the City of Glasgow O.A., and resulted in both parties being permanently suspended from membership of the Association. The charge was one of lending Norwich Plainheads for the purpose of being shown under, and adjudicated upon by, their owner. The case took an unexpected turn, inasmuch as both accused and accuser sent in resignations of membership, which were read at the meeting. We have been favoured with two reports, and as they differ in stylo, we publish them both.

An extraordinary general meeting of the City of Glasgow O.A. was held in the Reception Room of the City Hall, on July 29. The esteemed president, Mr. D. Black, was in the chair, supported by Mr. McDonald, the energetic secretary. Members filed in until every available space was occupied; many had to stand throughout the prolonged proceedings. The Secretary read the minutes of the meeting of May 20, wherein it was recorded that Mr. Duncan Graham had stated at the said meeting that Mr. Alexander McFarlane, a well-known fancier, breeder, exhibitor, and judge of Norwich Canaries, gave him the loan of a bird, which was shown by him (Mr. Graham) at the October show of the City of Glasgow O.A., at which the owner, Mr. McFarlane, was acting as judge, and that he (Mr. McFarlane) did adjudicate upon the particular class in which it was staged. At the May meeting Mr. Jarvie corroborated Mr. Graham's statement.

Mr. Black had not an easy task to keep the meeting in order. The adoption of the minutes was proposed and seconded, but some members urged for the whole of the business of the May meeting being rescinded, on the ground that the proceedings were irregular and illegal. The chair was firm for the passing of the minute as a correct record of what transpired. It was acknowledged a faithful narrative, and was adopted.

The Chairman asked the members if they would be satisfied with the finding of the Committee who had the fanciers before them to give evidence at their meeting. But there was an emphatic call to hear the statements made by those who gave evidence. From these it was held that an irregularity had been committed, and the Committee had reported accordingly.

At this stage the Chairman rose with two letters, which he read, from Mr. McFarlane and Mr. Graham resigning their membership of the City of Glasgow O.A. For a few minutes the members seemed "spell-bound," but, recovering, indicated in no uncertain voice that the case would not be allowed to pass with a simple resignation. It was thoroughly dramatic, and cleared up the wonder as to the two fanciers in question not putting in an appearance at this meeting. After a heated discussion it was put forward that their resignations be not accepted, and that the said Messrs. McFarlane and Graham be expelled from all participation in the Association for either two years, or for five years, or for life. On the vote being taken, they (Messrs. Graham and McFarlane) were expelled the Association for life.

The Chairman afterwards asked what was to be done with four gentlemen who had seemed to know more or less about the goings-on? Unparliamentary language was indulged in, and several members did not seem to have any regard for each other for a time, but completely lost their self-control. It was urged, in view of the searching enquiry which had been held and the decisive course adopted as to the two principals, that the matter be allowed to drop. It was, on the other hand, urged that the matter be further investigated, with the object of reaching others who might be involved. Ultimately it was decided to allow the matter to drop.

The members interested were not satisfied with the election of judges, and here a pleasing incident occurred. One gentleman did not seem to be known to all the members, and on this being hinted at, he stated that if there was any objection to him he would withdraw. His open, frank manner won for him the admiration of the meeting, and he was not only re-elected as a judge, but was complimented by the Chairman upon the result. Mr. Cant then thanked the members for the honour conferred upon him.

The question of dealers being allowed to take part in the Association was reconsidered, and it was unanimously decided to withdraw the embargo passed at the May meeting against the Glasgow bird dealers.

Not since 1882 has anything like this upheaval occurred in the Association. Mr. Black acquitted himself with credit in the chair, and earned the golden opinions of every member, and now that the air has been cleared, it is to be hoped that the Society will prosper.—The Chairman was deservedly accorded a very hearty vote of thanks.

The Chairman opened the meeting by inviting those wishing to do so to join as members, and there was a good response, many being enrolled. When the Chairman asked whether any questions arose bearing on the minutes, Mr. T. Todd asked if he was in order in moving a discussion on the finding of the Special Committee re Messrs. Graham and McFarlane. The Chairman advised Mr. Todd to frame his remarks into a motion, which he did as follows:—That Messrs. Graham and Alex. McFarlane be expelled from the Society for all time (i.e., life). Mr. Sloan seconded. Mr. Shearer moved an amendment that they be suspended for a period of five years. Another amendment was moved by Mr. Higgins that they be suspended for two years. Mr. Todd's motion that they be suspended for all time was carried by 28 votes to 25. The President here remarked that there were some members aware of what had been going on, and he considered it was their duty to have acquainted the Society, and so enabled them to have taken immediate steps, especially in so far as it related to the prize-money paid out. At this point a rather heated discussion took place between Mr. Adam and Mr. Jarvie, which contained much of the personal element, but through the tact of the Chairman it was not allowed to proceed. Mr. Miller said Mr. Jarvie, being aware of facts affecting the welfare of the Society, did wrong in not disclosing to the Society the information he possessed. A member here moved that the discussion should now cease, but not finding a seconder, the discussion was allowed to proceed.

It was proposed by Mr. Higgins that a special committee be appointed to investigate and report on the conduct of four members—Messrs. Marlin, Jarvie, Roulstone, and Campbell—in connection with the alleged withholding of information in their possession. Mr. Miller seconded. Mr. Phillips moved an amendment that, considering the evidence brought forward, it was not sufficient to even censure these four members. This was seconded by Mr. Rennie. There voted for Mr. Phillips's amendment 21; and for Mr. Higgins's motion, 9.

A motion by Mr. Barron that the proceedings of the last meeting be rescinded, was carried. The Chairman pointed out that then the judges for the different classes had been appointed for their next show, and if through Mr. Barron's motion it would be necessary to appoint new judges, those who were on the former list, but were not appointed on the present occasion, would require to be paid. He wished the meeting to clearly understand this. Several names were proposed and seconded and put to the vote, when it was found that the list of judges stood precisely as before, there being no alteration. Mr. Jarvie gave notice of his resignation as a member. A number of irrelevant matters were discussed.

CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE

WHAT IT DOES ASPIRE TO ACCOMPLISH

Notes by the Secretary.

I have had during the week the pleasure of a visit from a prominent North-country fancier, and in the course of our conversation it transpired that fanciers in the North have had such experience of Leagues, Unions, Federations, and various other combines, that they are chary of the very name of League as meaning something which is likely to interfere with the liberty of the individual fancier. I thought it had been made quite clear that Cage Birds League does not in any way aspire or intend to be a governing or controlling body, and that it cannot conflict with any existing club or society.

The Danger; and the Safe-guard.

What it does aspire to do is to act as a League of Defence and Protection against the misdirected efforts of those who are out to put an end to cage-bird keeping once and for all, efforts which, backed up as they are by practically unlimited capital, may at any time result in disaster. The danger, in fact, is a certainty, unless bird-keepers show that they will brook no interference, and this can only be shown by banding themselves into one enormous body. This body, Cage Birds League, is now in existence, and it remains for every individual fancier to enter his name upon its roll of membership. The subscription is a mere nothing, amounting as it does to less than a farthing a week. My ideal is a membership of 50,000, and I shall not rest until I have attained it. If you, my friend, who may read these lines will send on your own individual application for membership, my ideal will be reached immediately.

"Aims and Objects" Ready.

Neat circulars setting forth in a concise form the aims and objects of Cage Birds League are now ready. I have sent out several thousands to those who had applied for them, and should be glad to hear from anyone who may have been accidentally overlooked. Copies will be sent post free to any who would like to have them for reference or distribution among their friends.

Branch Hon-Secretaries.

During the past week I have written to the Hon. Secretaries of Cage Bird Societies throughout the Kingdom inviting them to accept office as Local Honorary Secretaries to Cage Birds League, and I am pleased to announce that in the day or two which has elapsed I have already received letters from the undermentioned gentlemen accepting the office. I have no doubt that the list will be materially added to in the near future. In the meantime, intending members residing in the places mentioned may obtain particulars of the aims and objects of the League from those in the list as below, and may make their applications for membership through the same source. I need not say that Cage Birds League is much indebted to these gentlemen for so kindly agreeing to give their valuable services to the ends we have in view.

Abertillery, Mon., Mr. Edward Churchill, 19, Tillery Street.
Auchinleck, N.B., Mr. Joseph Nutt, 73, High House.
Brighton, Mr. W. H. Gibb, 19, Bond Street.
Cumnock (see Auchinleck).
Darwen, Mr. W. T. Singleton, 31, Hindle Street.
Great Harwood, Mr. Albt. Bentley, 13, 15, Blackburn Road.
Hazlemere, Mr. F. H. Welland, Station Road.
Hyson Green, Mr. Wm. Cottingham, 9, Peveril Street.
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Lockerbie, Mr. Harry Davidson, Royal Hotel.
Shirebrook, Mr. J. Pickering, 83, Prospect Drive.
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Bromsgrove, Mr. E. Edwards, Barnsley Road.
Reading, Mr. W. H. Pyke, 25, The Grove.
Douglas, and Isle of Man, Mr. Jas. Turner, 4, Hilary Road.

Badges for Over-seas Fanciers.

Mr. Houldsworth, Secretary of Dalton and District C.B.A., in introducing some new members, applies for extra Badges in the following terms: "The extra Badges are intended for fanciers in South and West Africa, and will be a means of introducing the movement out there." Letters of this kind show the great interest which is being taken in the League by its members, and are a guarantee of its success. I think it will not be long before our opponents will be astonished at the front we shall be able to present against their attacks on our hobby.

"The Humanitarian" for the current month has a column devoted to an appreciation of the pamphlet "The Other Side of the Bars." In this it says "the pamphlet has been received with a storm of abuse from 'the trade' and its organs Cage Birds," etc. It is "delighted to see that the cagemen are in such a flutter," and takes it "as a compliment that a League has been formed to oppose us." They are welcome to the compliment, and may be assured that we shall continue to oppose them in their interference with our hobby. The strength already attained by Cage Birds League in the first four months of its existence, and in the off season, is a satisfactory augury of what it will become in the immediate future, and the so-called Humanitarians may well think more than once before persisting in their unwarranted meddling with the pursuits of those who are nothing behind them in their love of birds and animals.

Sir,—Received badge and book safe, and am well pleased with them. I am sure anyone seeing this badge will surely have one, it is so pretty. Wishing you every success with C.B.L.

G. Edmundson.

Preston.

United States This Time.

Sir,—Please enrol me a member of Cage Birds League, and forward a rolled gold badge.

Robt. Walker.

Pittsburg, Pa., U.S.A.

All going to Join.

Sir,—I received the badge in good order, and am delighted with same. All our members are going to join. Please send me some of your circulars for our members to see. If all bird fanciers don't join the League they are standing in their own light, for our opponents mean business. Let us fanciers do likewise and stop their little game.

W. H. Stockton,
Hon. Sec., Sheriffhill F. and F.S.

OUR FREE BOOKLETS.

I have still some of each of the sixpenny pamphlets on British Bird Culture and on Canary and Hybrid Culture, and, as long as they last, one of either will be sent gratis to all new members applying for a copy at the time of joining. Those of the old members who have not yet had a copy may receive one of those reserved for them on sending a penny stamp for postage. Only one copy of either book can be sent free either to new members or old, and when the stock in hand is exhausted I may not be able to get a fresh supply, so that those who would make sure of getting one of these useful pamphlets should send on their application with their membership fee without delay.

SUBSCRIPTION AND BADGES.

The subscription to Cage Birds League *is one shilling annually, and the badges sixpence or one shilling. The sixpenny badges are in three forms: (1) a button for coat lapel, (2) a pendant for watch chain, (3) a brooch for lapel, cycling cap, or for lady's wear. The badges at one shilling each are mounted in 9-carat rolled-gold, and are in two forms only: (1) a pendant for watch chain, (2) a brooch for a lady or for cycling cap or coat lapel. Members should distinctly state which form they prefer.*

JUNIOR BRANCH.

The annual subscription to the Junior Branch, *for members under fourteen years of age at the date of joining, is sixpence. Price of badges as above.*

PATRONS.

Ladies or gentlemen who are in sympathy with the objects of Cage Birds League *may give practical expression to that sympathy by becoming* Patrons *of the* League *and either making a lump sum donation to its funds or subscribing an annual amount of a guinea or upwards. One-half of such donation or subscription may be allotted to any individual object of the* League.

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The qualification for Vice-Presidentship is an annual subscription of not less than half a guinea, and one-half of this subscription may be allotted to either the Literature Fund, the Defence Fund, or towards the purchase of special prizes to be given at any show nominated by the subscriber. Failing any such special allocation, the subscription will be devoted to the development and progressive work of the League, *to advertising its objects and promoting its ideals.*

Henry J. Fulljames,
Secretary Cage Birds League,
154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

The Alleged Faking of Exhibition Linnets.

Sir,—I am interested in the discussion concerning the faking of Linnets which ensued after Mr. Marley's recent lecture, as I happen to be the "London judge" referred to by Mr. Mortlock (vide page 62 of this week's issue). The Linnet of which he spoke, however, was not the Palace winner of two shows ago, but I fancy, the winner of three shows back (1909). I am not sure, of course, whether Mr. Marley's report gives an accurate version of Mr. Mortlock's remarks. I have known Mr. Mortlock for a number of years, and have always found him "one of the best"—a straightforward, thoroughly practical fancier—the last person to do an injustice to anyone. The remarks of his (or Mr. Marley's version of them) here referred to, however, I venture to thing are unfair to myself, conveying, as they do, the impression that I awarded first prize at the Palace to a Linnet which was a plain and unmistakable example of the "art" of the faker—"faked right and left." Well, the latter remark I find rather crushing, seeing that I have always taken a keen interest in "faking" and methods of detecting it. In the case of this bird, however, I seem to have erred in good company, for its owner claimed, I remember, that it had never been beaten (I think it once stood second), and it was awarded first at the great Scottish National Show, amongst other noted fixtures. It is surely curious that such a "wrong 'un" (?) should put up such a record and never get bowled over. I believe Mr. Mortlock was my steward at the 1909 Palace Show—I have had his able assistance on a number of occasions—and, if so, the facts must be well known to him. They are: that this Linnet attracted my attention at once, and was put at the head of the class; that he was a splendid bird at all points, and excelled in soundness of colour and in polish on the feather; that his solidity of colour notably attracted me (though, mind, it was not a really suspicious or "mahogany" tone of colour), and so I tested him by two methods, one or other of which would have removed any external colouring *which was capable of being removed*; that not the faintest trace of external colouring was revealed. So I gave this Linnet first prize and the special for best bird in my section. Would it have been consistent with Mr. Mortlock's idea of justice that I should have thrown out this bird when unable to prove anything against it? Is it enough to merely say: "This bird is so good, it cannot be genuine?" Not to my manner of thinking, anyway. Several fanciers (friends of mine) said they thought the bird had been faked. Perhaps it had; perhaps it hadn't. I invited them to demonstrate it; but no one got beyond the talking stage. And, as I failed myself, I gave the bird what I considered its just dues. I can recall several super-excellent Bullfinches and Goldfinches which stood ahead so clearly that suspicion was at once loosed against them. The point that I next year gave the same bird (or said to be the same) not even a card when exhibited by another owner, is not worthy of mention. I could name several exhibitors to-day who could claim a Palace winner and in a few weeks' time reduce it to such a state that it would not win at even a local show. Mr. Marley, of course, is so used to developing birds into champions that it is excusable this point should have escaped him. I have not forgotten that the owner of this Linnet told Mr. Mortlock (and Mr. Mortlock told me) that he could put the bird down in the same excellent form the following year—Mr. Mortlock, I remember, took this as being direct evidence of faking. But was it?

G. E. Weston.

All About the Norwich Plainhead.

A Lecture recently delivered before the Sheffield O.S.

By J. A. T. WOODALL (Sheffield).

(Continued from page 41.)

Respecting feeding, I do not give the birds any luxuries. Their staple food is the best Spanish canary seed (kept clean and sweet), fresh water daily, and once or twice a week a little mixed seed. Sometimes I miss the mixed seed, and give them a little egg food for a change. This mode of feeding I continue up to about the second week in February.

We now begin to think about the breeding season and building our castles in the air, which to our sorrow all fall with a terrible crash. I don't think the fancier has yet been born who has had all his hopes realised in connection with Canary breeding.

After the winter treatment I have explained our birds should be in the best of health, so that a little extra feeding will soon get them into breeding condition. The method I adopt to attain this and have always found very successful is, as soon as we commence the third week in February I commence giving egg food to both cocks and hens every other day for a fortnight; on the alternate days I give them mixed seed. I continue this diet to the beginning of March, when I can supply the egg food every day. I also give them a good supply of green food. Dandelion is preferred, but if I cannot get it I am compelled to resort to watercress. Continue the green food up to the laying of the last egg, and commence giving again when the young are about three days old.

Ready to Pair Up.

You will notice that some birds appear to come into breeding condition much sooner than others; you must keep your eye on them, and if you notice some are coming on too quickly, miss giving them the extra food for a day or two so as to keep them back, as it is always advisable to have your birds all go to nest at the same time.

I take it we are now ready for pairing up, but be careful and do not put them together too early. We at times have very nice weather about the middle of March, but the nights are very keen and cold, and sometimes the keen east winds are likely to give you practically a clear round of eggs. This means a loss of stamina to your stock without any results. I always reckon to put my birds together on the last Sunday in March. The reason I select the Sunday is because I have the whole day to do it in. It is a big job to do systematically, and requires a lot of study and thought.

Pairing up is one of the most important things in connection with your birds, and one that requires a great deal of study, that is, to do it properly. We have already set aside the stock which we intended using for breeding, so that we must put these birds together to produce the best possible offspring. Of course, we all know the general routine is to pair buff to yellow, and yellow to buff. The principle I work upon is as follows: I take all my yellow cocks and put them in show cages. I look them well over, and see in what particular point each bird is strong, and in what points it is weak. I have a rough idea what the birds are. I then take all my buff hens, place them in show cages, and notice their strong and weak points. Then I pair accordingly. For instance, if a hen is extra wide in skull I should put her with a rather narrow headed bird, or an extra short bird I should put with one that is on the long side. Thus I take particular care that whatever is a weak point in either bird is made up for in its partner by strength in that point. If you get two weak points alike in both birds you stand a poor chance of having anything different in their offspring. Of course, the same mode of procedure applies to buff cocks and yellow hens.

Items Needing Attention.

Another very important thing in connection with putting your birds together is to examine their claws. Cut the claws of both cocks and hens, as with sharp claws the birds are liable to prick the eggs when getting on and off the nest, which would naturally cause the eggs to be unfertile.

Another thing which I always do is to cut the loose fluffy feathers around the vent of both cock and hen, as abundance of feather on that part of the bird has been known to be the cause of clear eggs.

Our birds having been together a few days are now showing signs of settling down. Of course, this has not been achieved without the usual differences and quarrels, but as these have now all been amicably settled you will find them beginning to think about domestic duties, and you must prepare for them what they cannot do themselves. Continue feeding them with egg food and mixed seed, and dandelion, giving the hens an extra supply of inga seed, as this has been proved to be a good preventative of egg binding.

It is now time you were putting your nests in the cages; at the same time you should give your birds a supply of moss to play with. I say "to play with" because you will find they will keep building and rebuilding nests until they really settle down in earnest to carry out their domestic duties. Once they commence this, your troubles begin, and unfortunately they are not always "little ones." If they were, we could do with it.

Egg-binding and Its Treatment.

When your birds have built, and are ready for laying, you must keep your eye on the hen, and be prepared in case of egg-binding to give her instant relief if possible, as the sooner you take this matter in hand the better chance you have of getting your hen round. Fortunately for me I have not had much trouble as regards egg-binding. As soon as you notice a bird looking "thick," take her out and examine her. If you find she is egg-bound, give her a drop or two of castor-oil in her beak; oil her vent well with a camel-hair brush, and put her back in the cage. You will then almost invariably find she will get rid of the obstruction. If she does not you must resort to other means. Again, oil the vent well with a camel-hair brush; then get a jug of boiling water. Place a piece of white muslin or some other fine fabric over the top, hold the hen over, and you will find that by this means she will get relief.

I should advise you too to give this particular hen a rest. If she lays the remainder of her eggs, you might place them under some other hen, but on no account let the one you have had the trouble with carry out the duties of incubation.

Presuming that the remainder of your birds are going on alright you will now be having eggs. You will, of course, take the eggs away as laid and replace on the evening when the third egg is laid. If you find the cock does not trouble the hen in any way, by all means let him remain, as he will assist her in carrying out the duties of feeding the young chicks; but if he is at all troublesome you must remove him at once. On the evening of the 14th day of incubation you must replace egg food in the cage, as you can expect your young chicks to be hatched the following morning.

I should not advise you to be too curious; don't disturb the hen in any way. You can have your wishes gratified by placing your ear to the cage. If any are hatched you will hear them; but remain in ignorance of the number until you find the hen is off feeding.

You must now be very careful as to your methods. In the first instance you must have egg-pots, egg-mill, etc., scrupulously clean. I should suggest washing them every day, as by so doing you avoid having any sour egg or bread left in the mill or pots, which contaminates your fresh egg-food. Another very important thing is to have all old egg-food that may have been thrown to the bottom of the cage scraped out daily; this applies more especially when the young get out of the nest, as they are always picking about the bottom of the cage, and sour food may set up some disease which you cannot cope with, and which will eventually end in their loss.

When Young Are Three Weeks Old.

When your young birds are getting about three weeks old you will have to watch them very keenly. The parent birds are now preparing to go to nest again, and they very often take a fancy to the feathers from their previous offspring, in preference to the moss and other material you give them for constructing their next nest. As soon as you think they are able to pick a little for themselves, place them in a nursery cage, on the front. Don't wait to do it at night, or next day, or you may find when you go to your birds that they are stripped of practically every feather. You had better take them away a day too soon than a day too late. You will find that the old birds will always feed them through the wires.

As soon as they are able to pick for themselves take them away and place them in separate cages, giving them the usual canary seed. They will get to pick this in time. Also give a good supply of egg-food, crushed hemp and soaked rape, but no green food, as this may set up inflammation.

It will perhaps be as well if I give you an idea how I mix my egg-food, as I have previously pointed out that it must be fresh, and not allowed to get sour. If it does go sour throw it away. Whatever number of eggs I require I boil together; for illustration we will say two. I boil them in a morning first thing. I grind one only with the quantity of bread I consider necessary. This I give them first thing and at dinner time. The second egg I grind at teatime and mix as the former. This I give them then, and the remainder is used for filling their egg-pots just before dark so that they always have a good supply of fresh egg-food to go at as soon as it is daylight. Of course, whatever may be left in the pots of the previous mixture I throw away, as it is sure to be tainted.

(To be continued.)

Some British Finches.

By A. J. A. MARLEY (Leyton).

(Concluded from page 25.)

The Discussion—*Continued.*

How is that dark nutty brown colour in Linnets obtained; does it not result from colour feeding?—To a limited extent it does, but you must have a sound natural colour first to work upon. But the best way to get the colour is to feed as near to nature as possible; and a good supply of shepherd's purse, hardheads, plantain, mustard seed, and charlock given to a bird of sound colour during the moult, would be equal to a ton of colour food.

Mr. Lacey: It is a well-known fact, I believe, that in the case of some of the most beautiful Finches the colour is not inside, but outside?—I have read an article recently by a well-known fancier on staining, and I am afraid that what I read led me to think that if these pastmasters of this art would only patronise a few of the London shows, instead of confining their visits to the shows of the North and Midlands, there would be a few more disqualifications. There is certainly little or no faking or staining down South.

Mr. Mortlock: Two years ago there was one at the Crystal Palace. A London judge officiated. The bird was alleged to be faked right and left, but was awarded a 1st prize. The next year he got nothing—the colour was quite obliterated.*

[*A letter on this point, from Mr. G. E. Weston, will be found among the correspondence this week. —Editor.]

Mr. Marley: I admit that the Northern and Scotch Linnets shown are of a much deeper colour than the Southern birds; possibly it may all depend on the feed of the county in which they are caught.

Mr. Neighbour: How would you distinguish the sex in Greypates?—It is a very knotty problem. I purchased about sixty Goldies last season, and among these about twenty Greys; and I had only one that turned out "a Suffragette." I have always gone for the largest and boldest birds—those which show plenty of colour, and which have jet black wing butts; and although some of my best Finches this season are Greys, I would much prefer waiting till well into October, as then the blaze is well shown. I really don't believe in purchasing Greypates too early. I have seen scores in the markets during the first week in September—poor little creatures, just hopped out of the nest, stuffed up in tiny back cages and quite unable to crack a seed for themselves, there to stop until death releases them. The best time to buy Goldies is between the months of October and January.

Mr. Harper: Is a Cheveral or Pea-throat Goldfinch within the category of a show bird?—Certainly not. I distinctly stated in my lecture on the Goldie: "A large and well expanded blaze, minus any breaks or gutterings." A Cheveral or a Pea-throat is a bird having a broken blaze, and such birds would "go to blazes" if I were adjudicating at any decent show. I look on them as "freak birds."

Mr. Neighbour: Do you think it would improve the colour of a Linnet to make him bathe in cold tea?—You shock me! If you are going to revert to faking or staining, why not supply him with a bath of cochineal or furniture polish?

Mr. Copeland: It seems to me Goldfinches lose their tannings as they grow old.—I beg to disagree. Providing a bird is methodically kept in proper condition, he will year by year improve in this respect, and it is not my experience that a bird deteriorates.——Does the county from which the bird comes make any difference?—Certainly; there are better-coloured Goldfinches in one county than in another; and this better colour is due undoubtedly to the feed they obtain and also where they feed.

Mr. Lathleiff: Do we get our best Goldfinches from Worcestershire?—No; the best for show purposes come from Wales and from Cambridgeshire.

Mr. Lacey: Many Siberian Goldfinches were let loose in Wales; would the resulting breed be Britishers?—Undoubtedly so, British-bred.

Mr. Sweetman: There is a great secret in the matter of the colour-feeding of Goldfinches. There is a tendency to defer colour-feeding the Goldie until he has grown his wing feathers.—Mr. Marley: Personally, I have no experience in that direction. I fail to see how a bird is going to improve in colour after it is fully moulted, except in proportion as it comes up in breeding condition. The idea in colour-feeding is to charge the bird's system with the colouring pigments and to impregnate the blood; and this can only be done at least a fortnight before the bird casts a feather, so what is the use of waiting till the Goldie has three-parts moulted?

Mr. Hammond: Do you give the birds any insectivorous food?—Yes; Hawfinches, Chaffies, Brambles, and all Buntings, etc. I am sorry I omitted this information in my lecture. I also mix a small portion of colour food with it during the moult; they pick it over readily.

At the conclusion of the questioning the Chairman said: I feel it my duty to propose a vote of thanks to Mr. Marley, not only for his lecture, but also for the exceptionally good way in which he has answered the questions. I trust you will give him that hearty vote of thanks which he deserves for the great amount of time, expense, and trouble he has gone to on our behalf.

Mr. Sweetman, in seconding the proposal, said that he felt certain all must have derived much knowledge and benefit from the lecture.

A unanimous vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Marley, who briefly replied, thanking those present for their kind remarks and saying that he felt proud to have had the honour of such a splendid muster of members and friends. He concluded by saying: The North London Society was the first association I joined, and I look up to it with respect. I have always found my brother members a fine lot of "sports." I sincerely hope my recent achievements will not discourage the members, or in any way affect the entries at the shows, and to endeavour to put myself on a more level footing with you I have decided to enter at the Young Stock Show practically a team of field-moulted birds.

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In the Courts.

Penal Servitude for Fraud.

William Haynes, alias Thomas Sinclair, labourer, aged 29, was charged at the Liverpool Sessions on July 31st with obtaining by false pretences a piano from John Goudge, of London, also other goods, including birds, as detailed in our last issue.

Mr. Wooll, who prosecuted, said Mr. Goudge inserted an advertisement in a London paper offering for sale a £65 piano for twenty guineas. The prisoner wrote negotiating for the purchase, and enclosed a card representing himself as a dealer in scrap rubber living at 24, Haigh Street, Everton. The piano was sent to the prisoner, who sold it to a broker for £3 10s. and 10s. worth of furniture. The prosecutor had not been paid.

Haynes was found guilty, and a long string of previous convictions were read out against him.—He pleaded guilty to three other charges of obtaining, by false pretences, a banjo, a number of Canaries, and a gramophone.—He was sentenced to three years' penal servitude on each charge, the terms to run concurrently.

Mr. J. H. Jowett (Bradford), one of the parties defrauded, writes: The man Haynes, who had fraudulently obtained Canaries, etc., from advertisers, was given three years, and also five years' police supervision. The detective who has had the matter in hand from the first (Detective Range) very cleverly performed his duties, and was most obliging to myself and all the witnesses. Great credit is due to Detective Range. It was brought to light that the prisoner, Haynes, had previously served time for very serious charges in other counties.

Shakespeare and the Nightingale.

The immortal Shakespeare, of course, very observant, but he was a little bit wide of the mark in his lines on the Nightingale:—

"The Nightingale, if he should sing by day,
When every Goose is cackling, would be thought
No better a musician than the Wren."

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Club Reports.

EAST HAM C.B.S.

Members had an interesting evening on July 27th at headquarters, when Mr. A. J. A. Marley delivered one of his pleasing and instructive lectures on British birds. The lecturer received loud and continued applause, and readily answered the questions which followed. The usual vote of thanks, etc., concluded one of the best meetings held by the society. —B. C. Smith, Club Reporter.

MANNINGHAM C.B.A. v. BRADFORD EAST C.B.S.

The above societies played a cricket match on July 29, on the Bradford Lamplighters' ground, Scotchman Road, Manningham. Bradford East 77, Manningham 80 for 8 wickets. We spent a very enjoyable afternoon together. I wish we had a few more. It gets us out in the fresh air.—H. Grange, Sec.

COWDENBEATH C.B.S.

Meeting held July 26th, Arcade Temperance Hotel, Mr. Simpson presiding. There was a good turnout of members, and many minor details re our open show were settled. Agreed that we review schedule at next meeting. Secretary reported that Messrs. Hyde had promised their special. Secretary was instructed to apply for patronage of the various specialist clubs. The usual vote of thanks brought meeting to a close.—Joseph R. Reid, Sec.

BRIGHTON C.B.A.

The specials offered in our recent Y.S. Shows in June and July for most points gained by nominated birds have been won as follows:—Silver-plated teapot (open to all), Messrs. Cadman Bros.; silver cup (novices only), Mrs. W. Brown. The following is the full list of points made by all competitors:—Teapot special: Messrs. Cadman Bros. 17; H. T. Gibb, 15; H. Akehurst, 15; J. Roast, 14; J. Gravett, 12; F. Dandridge, 11; G. Pinyoun, 10; A. Flock, 9; A. Streeter, 3. Cup special: Mrs. W. Brown, 22; G. Pinyoun, 14; P. Small, 8; F. Coomber, 6; A. Streeter. All entrance fees in the open special competition went towards the club fund for providing cups at the annual show in November.—Will. H. Gibb, Hon. Sec.

STRATFORD & E. LONDON F.S.

General meeting held July 27th, Mr. J. Smith in chair. A good muster of members were present. Prize cards, etc., were given to winners of same. New members were elected as follows:—Mrs. A. Holliday (Ilford), Miss M. St. Ives (Forest Gate), Messrs. E. Temson (Seven Kings), W. Smith (Forest Gate), C. Gibbs (Forest Gate), and A. Gollnitz (Ilford). Discussion then took place with reference to the Y.S. and Annual Shows (which are confined to members). Various judges' names were brought forward, and the secretary was instructed to write them for terms, etc. Also resolved, to get the pens and staging repaired in time for the Y.S. Show. All committeemen are requested to attend meeting August 10. Fanciers joining now can compete at both Y.S. and Annual Shows; full particulars as to subs. from me.—W. Maxey, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE COUNTY B.B. & M.C.

Meeting held Market Tavern, July 22nd. There was a poor turn-up of members, and part of the business had to be postponed again. It is to be hoped there will be a good muster at next meeting, August 12th. Mr. F. Archer (president) in chair. Passed, that the classification be left as before. For the benefit of those who have five classes we give it below: Class 1, Linnet, Siskin, Redpoll, or Twite; 2 Goldfinch; 3, Greenie, Bullie, or Chaffinch; 4, A.O.V. hard or softbill; 5, Any variety Mule or Hybrid. If unable to have five classes, amalgamate 2 and 3. Societies only having three classes, as follows: 1, Linnet, Siskin, Redpoll, or Twite; 2, any other variety hard or softbill; 3, any other variety Mule or Hybrid. Prizes for competition left for next meeting. The following shows have been allotted patronage (we are sorry so many dates clash): Bradford West, October 14th; Sheffield, November 3rd and 4th, judge C. Houlton; Malton, November 9th, judge Mr. W. Cowgill; Hull, November 17th and 18th, judge Mr. J. Maddison; Doncaster, November 24th and 25th, judge Mr. J. Maddison; Bradford East (Cinderella Show), December 8th and 9th; Bradford City, January 20th, judge Mr. J. Robson. We still have three open dates for clubs wanting patronage. We have half as many again more exhibiting members this year; so, secretaries, hurry up. Will members and other fanciers wanting advertisements in handbook please let us know at once, as we want to go to print. Particulars on application. Subs. now due for coming season. Members, don't forget meeting on August 12th.—Lane and Jowett, Hon. Secs.

WOMBWELL AND DIST. B.F.A.

Lecture on the Moulting and Colour-feeding of Canaries.

At the usual meeting, held July 29th, the members were favoured with a paper written by Mr. A. H. Waters (Wombwell) on the moulting and colour-feeding of the canary. Owing to business pressure Mr. Waters was unable to attend, and the paper was read by the Secretary. At the close a hearty vote of thanks was given to Mr. Waters, which terminated an instructive and enjoyable evening. The paper read as follows:—

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen: Having been invited by you to give a paper on moulting and colour feeding, I will endeavour to give you my experience as briefly and as clearly as possible. As regards moulting, almost all healthy young birds commence moulting when 7 or 8 weeks old, and should be got on colour feed when 7 weeks old, and, of course, be kept on a daily supply until the moult is completed. As regards old birds that will be required for exhibition, these should be put on colour food about the middle of July, and should not be allowed to rear any late nests of young, as nothing takes more out of the birds than feeding youngsters. My experience is that if allowed to rear any late nests of young they nearly always come out of the moult a very poor colour.

Now, to moult old birds successfully I generally find it necessary to limit the supply of canary seed, and in some cases to take seed boxes away several hours each day until the birds have eaten sufficient colour feed to bring them out a good sound colour. I also cover my cages, and I find the best way to do this where possible is to have cages in stacks in rows; then fasten a cord to the walls at either end of the room, and hang some old sheets or curtains a few inches off the cages; this keeps the birds warm, and obviates draughts; it also keeps them clean and keeps the strong light off them. The last mentioned is very necessary when good colour is required, for there is no doubt that a strong light bleaches the colour out of the birds if they are not protected from it during the moult.

I make my colour feed both dry and in a paste, and find very little difference in the results as far as colour is concerned, but I prefer the paste, as it is less trouble to make than the dry. In either case to one hard boiled egg I put a slice of bread an inch or more thick, about 6 or 8 teaspoonsful of colour feed, two or three teaspoonsful of sugar, and a teaspoonful of maw seed. These I well mix together until it is all one good colour. Of course, if using it dry I grind the bread, and mix, and if using in the paste form I soak the bread in cold water, squeeze the water out and beat up together until it is made up into a nice soft paste. This I do by squeezing it through my hands until it is mixed as I require it. But it can easily be made in a rather deep dish and beaten together by a fork, and made into a paste by a table knife. When made, supply each bird with a small pat (about a teaspoonful), and if using it dry a teaspoonful is quite sufficient.

With regard to the use of drugs, etc., during the moult the only thing I use is sulphate of iron crystal to help to fix the colour. This I commence using (giving a crystal about the size of a hemp seed in the drinking water about three days in each week), when the birds are about three parts through the moult, and I continue it until they are clean moulted. For several weeks after I give it about twice a week.

If a bird gets stuck in the moult I give it plenty of mixed seed made up of equal parts hemp, German rape and linseed, and a little maw seed. I also give plenty of ripe Shepherd's purse. Birds that get stuck in moult are generally very poor in colour, and of not much use for exhibition.

When all my birds are nearing the end of the moult I give them some best linseed (about one part linseed to three parts canary seed mixed together). I keep them on this until they are in good condition again. I believe the linseed helps to get a good sheen on the feather, and brings them into show condition. Best linseed meal (sifted to take out the husks) can be given in the colour food, about two teaspoonsful to one egg, etc., instead of the linseed; it will bring birds out of the moult with a beautiful sheen on the feather. But care must be taken to see that it is fresh and not rancid. This can be given from the commencement of the moult and continued until finished.—J. Hudson, Sec.

UDDINGSTON AND DIST. O.S.

Special meeting held Reading Rooms, July 27th, Mr. H. Donnon (Vice-President) in chair. As poultry, pigeon, and cat classes are to be added to annual show, the list of officials was reconstructed, Mr. Hugh Anderson being elected Vice-President in room of Mr. Munro, and 12 of a committee appointed. Classification was drawn up, and with a few alterations was agreed upon. Judges were nominated and will be announced at next meeting to be held last Thursday in August. Cage bird fanciers should note that entries close on Friday first for Y.B. Show.—Jno. Kilpatrick, Sec.

Singing Contests.

DURHAM.

Linnet sing held "Travellers' Rest," Gilesgate Moor, July 22nd, when 28 birds entered. Result: 1, Hewitson; 2, Adams; 3, Lockhurst. Judge, Mr. J. Million. Next contest, August 5th, Board Inn, Esh Hill Top. 1st, cup valued £3 and other prizes. Meet 2 o'clock.—G. Reed, Sec.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Linnet singing contest held Prince Albert Inn, July 23, when 8 birds entered for three good prizes given by Mrs. M. A. Saynor. Judges, Messrs. H. Allen and T. Hinerson. 1, J. Chippendale; 2 and 3, T. Chippendale. Also contest July 30. Judges, Messrs. C. Lorriman and J. Smith. There were seven birds entered. 1, A. Binns; 2, A. Lorriman; 3, T. Chippendale.—E. Wood, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS.

Skinners' Arms Linnet F.A., Buslingthorpe Lane. Usual week-end quality singing contest, July 29th, when 10 birds competed. 1, H. Kibler; 2, C. Ward; 3, J. Sellars. Judges, Messrs. F. Hullen and J. Green. Also July 30th, when 15 birds faced the judges, Messrs. J. Green and J. Dalton. Result: 1, Wm. Lunn; 2, J. Sellars; 3, shared by H. Kibler and C. Ward.—Wm. Lunn, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD.

Weekly Linnet singing contest held at Fitzwilliam Hotel, Milford-street, Attercliffe Common, July 30th. Mr. J. Grundy gave three special prizes (three minutes time singing). 12 birds entered. 1st, Thompson, 81sec.; Thompson and Driver tied for 2nd and 3rd, 65sec. each; Albert, 63sec.; Thompson, 60sec.; Cole, 55sec. Contest guaranteed every week-end, while the birds are continually coming. Whitsuntide club going strong.—A. Thompson, Sec.

SALFORD.

Open contest for time held Boat House Hotel, July 29th, when 12 birds entered for three prizes. Some fair singing was heard. 1st, J. Green; 2nd, W. Cain; 3rd, J. Cain. Timekeepers, Messrs. R. Statham, R. Halcroft, and H. Cootes; birdman, Mr. A. Coomber. The committee and other members are earnestly requested to attend headquarters, August 6th, at 7.30 prompt to decide rules, etc., as members will be able to have them without further delay. Three new members joined, which gives us every encouragement. Our membership is increasing splendidly. Any officers unable to attend, will they kindly send postcard?—B. Wharton, Sec.

POPLAR AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Young Stock Show held July 22. The birds exhibited were well up to the average as regards quantity, and the quality excelled all previous exhibitions. Mr. J. Robson judged. The gate was a good one, and all the exhibitors seemed well pleased.—H. W. Cock, Hon. Sec. (We note from the catalogue that the principal winners were:—Messrs. G. Perry, A. E. Leech, G. A. Barber, A. Francis, J. Braithwaite, A. Plumb, G. Thurling, G. Joyce, H. Hill, J. Kidman, H. Priseman, T. Pine, Hunt Bros., and H. W. Cook.—Editor).

WALKDEN AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Second Y.B. show held Institute, Manchester-road, July 29th, when we had a fine day. Entries in young birds were small owing to a bad breeding season, some of the members not having a young bird. The entries were nearly 40, and some good birds were staged. Mr. A. Donnelly won gold centre medal for best young Nor., and T. Tootill for best young Yorks. Mr. J. Raynes (Chorlton-cum-Hardy) placed the cards, and gave every satisfaction.

NOR., CL.: 1, 2, Donnelly; 3, Gaskell Bros. TICK., ETC., YELL.: 1, Donnelly; 2, 3, Gaskell Bros. YORKS., CL.: 1, 2, 3, Tootill. MULE: 1, 2, 3, Gaskell Bros. A.O.V. NOR.: 1, Williams; 2, Berry; 3, Gaskell. A.O.V. YORKS.: 1, H. Howard; 2, Berry; 3, Tootill. BROWN LINNETS: 1, H. Howard; 2, C. Mann; 3, Yates. GOLDIE: 1, A. Mullineux; 2, Gaskell; 3, H. Howard.—H. Howard, Sec.

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Table show held July 20 for young birds. We had a fairly good turn up of youngsters—not as many as we would have liked to see. Entries totalled 60. What was lacking in numbers, however, was made up for in quality. Some very nice birds were staged by our novice members. One in particular a very nice Buff Border pressed very hard for the diploma for best bird in show, presented by Mr. Taylor, the foreigner only beating him by a small margin. Mr. T. C. Crawhall judged the Canaries, Mr. J. Shepherd the British, and Mr. T. Taylor the foreign. Their awards seemed to meet with the approval of all. A vote of thanks was given the judges and officials, proposed by Mr. R. W. Smith, and seconded by Mr. J. Mackenzie.

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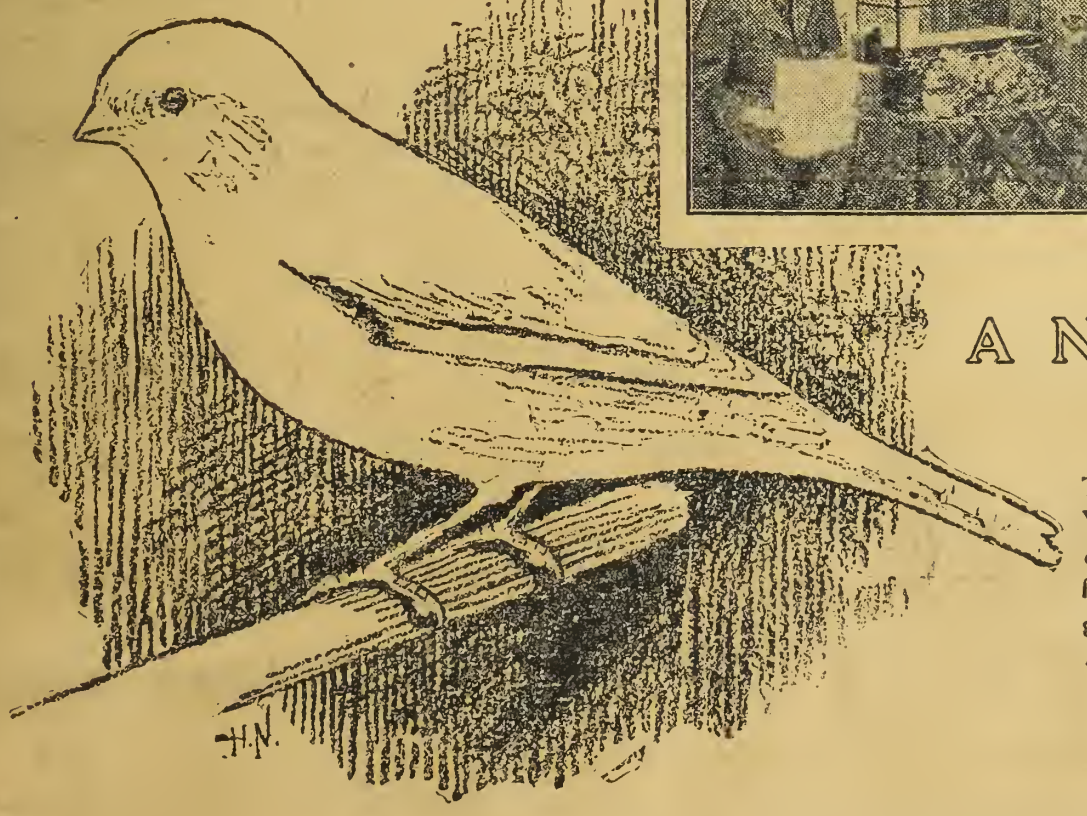
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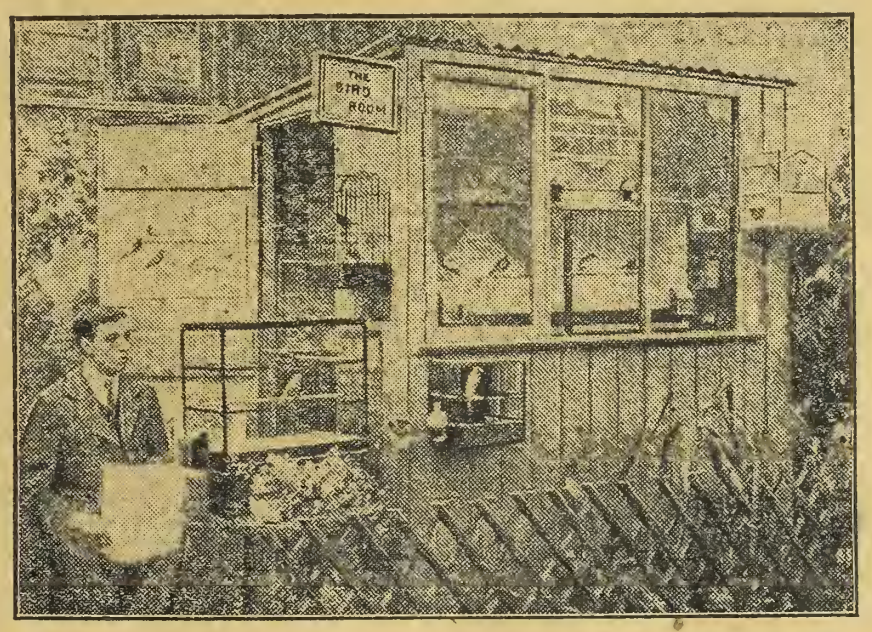
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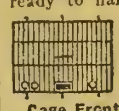
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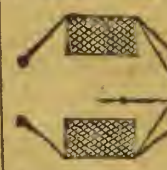
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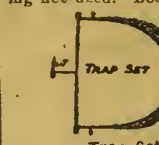
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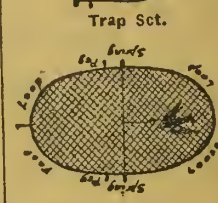
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The Shows.

NOTE.—We cannot possibly undertake the writing out of lists of awards from the catalogues of shows. A fully written report must be sent us. —EDITOR.

CITY OF WAKEFIELD O.S.

Second Y.B. show, held Crown and Anchor Hotel, July 29th. Mr. A. Buckley gained most points for special. Mr. Morrison judged, and his awards were well received. CLASS 1: 1, 2, Buckley; 3, vhc, hc, c, Taylor; 4, C. C. T. Parkes. CLASS 2: 1, 2, Buckley; 3, 4, C. C. T. Parkes. CLASS 3: 1, Atkinson; 2, 3, 4, Daniel. CLASS 4: 1, 2, 3, 4, Atkinson.—J. Atkinson, Sec.

MIDDLESBRO & TEES-SIDE C.B.S

F.F. show, held July 29th, at Crown Hotel. Some promising young birds were shown, especially in the Norwich. Mr. T. Hill judged, giving every satisfaction. YORKS., CL. (2): 1, 2, Rand. MKD. (2): 1, 2, Rand. NOR. CL. (15): 1, Carr; 2, hc, Watson; 3, Wells; 4, vhc, Wake; c, Swinsco. MKD. (9): 1, 3, 4, Wake; 2, Wells; vhc, c, Carr; hc, Swinsco. A.O.V. (8): 1, 2, 4, vhc, Gibson; 3, c, Rand; hc, Wake. GOLDIE, ETC. (2): 1, Hanson and Lancaster; 2, Gibson. LINNET (3): 1 Carr 2, Hanson and Lancaster; 3, Watson. HYB. (2): 1, Wells; 2, Gibson. GREENFINCH (2): 1, Carr; 2, Hanson and Lancaster. SISKIN, ETC. (3): 1, Carr; 2, Hanson and Lancaster; 3, Gibson.—Arthur Wake, Sec.

FROME AND DISTRICT F.A.

Y.B. show held July 22 at the Lamb Hotel. Entries, which were of capital merit, numbered 60, which gave Mr. C. I. Young, the judge, a stiff task. Mr. J. Yeo, the secretary of the Cage Bird section, had things well in hand, and was complimented on the arrangements. NOR.: 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, Robbins. YORKS.: 1, 4, Payne; 2, 3, c, Singer; hc, vhc, Sheppard. BORD. BUFF: 1, spl., 2, 3, 4, vhc, Dodge. YELL.: 1, 2, Dodge. BORD. TKD. ETC.: 1, 3, Dodge; 2, Allard. BORD. NOVICE: 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Jelly; 4, Allard. LANCS.: 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, Edwards. A.O.V.: 1, Edwards. MULE: 1, spl, 2, 3, Sheppard. A.V. NOVICE (except Border): 1, 2, 3, Hobbs. LOCAL: 1, 2, 3, Mrs. A. King. BRIT. ANY AGE: 1, 2, 4, Kelly; 3, Dodge.

BOLTON WOODS C.B.S.

Members' show held July 29th, Victoria Hotel. Mr. W. Walsh (Baildon) placed the cards and gave entire satisfaction to all. The members also wish to tender their best thanks to him for returning his fee to the Secretary, to be given as a special for the best novice bird at next show. All Yorkshire classes. CL. YEL.: 1, Hall; 2, Pullan; 3, Boocock; 4, Bryant; vhc, Cooper; hc, Taylor; c, Atkinson. BUFF: 1, Bryant; 2, Hall; 3, Cooper; 4, Oldreive; vhc, Skirrow; hc, Taylor. TKD. YELL.: 1, Martin; 2, 4, c, Taylor; 3, vhc, Atkinson; hc, Chittenden. BUFF: 1, 2, Taylor; 3, Shepperd; 4, Cooper; vhc, Pullan; hc, Martin; c, Atkinson. UNMKD. YELL.: 1, vhc, Sykes; 2, Hall; 3, 4, Goodwin. BUFF: 1, Pullan; 2, Shepperd; 3, Cooper; 4, Goodwin; vhc, Chittenden. FOUL MKD.: 1, Cooper; 2, Bryant; 3, 4, Ellis; vhc, Skirrow.—M. Skirrow, Hon. Sec.

HARTLEPOOLS C.B.S.

Second N.F. show at the Y.M.C.A., Aug. 26th. There was a splendid array, no fewer than 56 birds being entered in the seven classes. There was a good attendance. The stock, too, was of a high order. Mr. Ben Evans again judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction. A vote of thanks for his services was proposed by Mr. Robinson (chairman) and seconded by Mr. T. Pyman, and carried with acclamation. CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Miss Pyman; 2, c, Woodhead; 3, Miss Bennett; vhc, Hastings; hc, Wilyman. BUFF: 1, 2, Miss Pyman; 3, hc, Woodhead; vhc, Wilyman; c, Hastings. TKD. ETC.: 1, 3, Smith; 2, vhc, Woodhead; hc, Hastings; c, Miss Pyman. CL. YELL. NOR.: 1, Appleton; 2, Chapman, 3, Papple. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Miss Bennett; vhc, Papple; hc, Chapman; c, Dow. TKD., ETC.: 1, 3, Papple; 2, vhc, Miss Bennett; hc, Dow; c, Chapman. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Miss Pyman.—E. Woodhead, hon. sec.

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM C.B.S.

Annual N.F. show held July 12th, at Headquarters, but mainly owing to the poor breeding results only 51 entries were received. Special for best bird won by Mr. Eckersley with a fine buff Norwich; other specials by Mr. Clay for best Yorks; Mr. Walton for best novice Yorks, and Mr. Mole for most points. Mr. W. C. Wells judged, and his awards, as usual, gave every satisfaction. NOR., CL., ETC., YELL (5): 1, Eckersley; 2, Broomfield; 3, vhc, Broadhurst; abs., Eckersley. BUFF (7): 1, 2, 3, Eckersley. 4, Collier; vhc, c, Broadhurst. MKD., ETC., YELL. (2): 1, 2, Broadhurst. BUFF (5): 1, vhc, Broadhurst; 2, hc, Derry; 3, Collier. NOVICE NOR. (2): 1, Tye; 2, Childs. NOVICE C.-B. (1): 1, H. Peace. NOR. CINN. YELL. (3): 1, 3, Broomfield; 2, Hammersley. DITTO BUFF (4): 1, 2, Hammersley; 3, 4, Derry. YORKS., CL. OR TKD. YELL. (1): 1, Burke. BUFF (3): 1, Cley; 2, Burke; 3, Steventon. MKD., ETC., YELL (1): 1, Mole. BUFF (3): 1, Clay. 2, 3, Mole. NOVICE YORKS. YELL. (5): 1, Swindon; 2, 3, Clay; 4, vhc, Stevenson. BUFF (7): 1, Walton; 2, 4, Stevenson; 3, vhc, Clay; hc, Steventon; c, Swindon. BORD. FCY. (2): 1, 2, Walton.—J. H. de Maillet.

ROYSTON.

Show held in connection with the Horticultural Society's Exhibition on Whit-Monday. The entry was about the best the society has had, and considering the time of year, and the counter-attraction of the Cambridge show on the same day, was really a nice display. Everything was well arranged, and the management of the show reflected the highest credit upon the hon. live stock sec. (Mr. H. V. Chamberlain); while Mrs. Atlee, a very old fancier, carried out the duties of cage bird steward in an attentive and delightfully kind and courteous manner. To this section of the show fell the special prize for best exhibit in the whole of the live stock department, a splendid Australian Magpie, or Piping Crow, shown by Mr. E. Day, securing the honour. We understand that this bird has secured the same honour before at Royston. This year the bird was in the most magnificent plumage, and was the chief attraction. Mrs. Ballard won the silver spoon with a very neat and stylish Yorkshire; so that a good share of the chief specials fell to the cage bird department. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged.

NOR.: 1, Peddar, typical, soft-feathered buff, in nice condition, neat head, good wing carriage; 2, Allington, beautiful col., grand quality, vgtd. yell., needs just a little more substance to make a top sawyer; 3, Pedder, another buff, loses only in substance, neat, good quality; vhc, sp., Handscombe, yell., seen its best days, but has been a nice one; c, Handscombe; c, Humphris. YORKS.: 1, spl., 2, 3, Mrs. Ballard, nice team of blood Yorkies; vhc, hc, c, Smart, very fair in style and quality. GOLDIE: 1 Allington, very nice face, fine bar and neat buttons, just going off in lustre; 2, Ainger, not quite so good on points or feather, but nice; 3, Muncey, neat, good bars, vhc, Mrs. Hagger. GREENIE: 1, Mrs. Ballard, sound col., close as wax, in tip-top feather; 2, Reynolds, stout and large, but dull and darker in col.; 3, Chapman, too small be side the winners. BRIT. A.O.S.: 1, Peddar, stout, well marked Linnet, like most, showing signs of moult; 2, Mrs. Ballard, topping Brambling when in full pomp; 3, Neades, pretty little Siskin, good cap and bib; vhc, Slater. FOR.: 1, spl, best in show, E. Day, Australian Piping Crow, already referred to; 2, Offord, shown in beautiful plumage and lustrous col.; 3, Hon. Constance Agar-Robartes, lustrous and beautifully steady Mynah; vhc, Mrs. Ellen E. Day. LOCAL COTTAGERS' CAN.: 1, 2, Smart, Yorks., fair type and quality; 3, Ashby, Nor., might have been better shown; vhc, Neades; hc, Atlee; c, Muncey. BRIT. OR MULES: 1, 2, Muncey, Goldie-Canary Mules of the darker persuasion, Jonques, nice faces; 3, Barnard, dark Linnet-Canary; vhc, Read; hc, Neades.

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Oct. 7.—**Longton.**—(Hallam and Lovatt, 5, Francis Street). J.H.R.

Oct. 11 & 12.—**Clapham.**—(A. L. Priest, 28, Kyrle Road.). C.A.H., J. R., J.F.

Oct. 12 & 13.—**Norwich Alliance.**—(R. Roll, 58, York Street).

Oct. 13 & 14.—**Bolton.**—(P. Brierley, 24, Cromer Avenue, Tonge Moor.). J.H.R., J.W.C.

Oct. 14.—**Coventry Godiva.**—(R. Symonds, 29, Melbourne Road, Earlston.) W.V.

Oct. 14.—**Leeds.**—W. A. Wilson, 75, Bayswater Mount, Roundhay). J.H.R., J.B.

Oct. 14.—**Morpeth** (E. Cowling, Fullbeck Cottage) J.C.B., A.H.

Oct. 17 & 18.—**Plymouth.**—(T. Pope, 98, Embankment Road.) C.A.H., J.R.

Oct. 18 & 19.—**Birmingham.**—(S. Mole, 87, Greenway Street, Small Heath.) T.H.

Oct. 18 & 19.—**Portsmouth C.B.S.**—(King and Joiner, 80, Stubbington Avenue, North End). J.R.

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Oct. 20 & 21.—**Newcastle.**—(J. E. Atkinson, 8, Trewhitt Road, Heaton, Newcastle-on-Tyne.). J.R., W.M., W.V., J.S.C., C.H.

Oct. 20 and 21.—**Rochdale O.S.**—(R. Blincoe, 160, Drake Street, Rochdale.)

Oct. 21.—**Burton-on-Trent.**—(W. Elliott, 22, Leicester Street). J.R.

Oct. 21.—**Middlesbrough.**—(A. Wake, 41, Aske Rd.). G.H., C.H.

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Oct. 28.—**Hartlepools.**—(E. Woodhead, 38, St. Paul's Road, W. Hartlepool).—H.W.B., J.M.

Nov. 1.—**Liskeard.**—(H. Jones Robins, Market St.) J.H.P.

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Nov. 1 and 2.—**L. and P.O.S.**—(C. W. Law, 9, Oak Villas, Archway Road, Highgate, N.) T.H., J.R. and A.S.

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Nov. 3 & 4.—**Liverpool O.S.**—(Metcalfe and Hillmen, 68, Brunswick-rd.). W.M., W.V. and A.W.

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Nov. 29.—**Windsor.**—(E. A. Stickland, 30, Alma Rd.).

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Dec. 7 and 8.—**Larne.**—(T. Mayne, 35, Barnhill).

EAST BOWLING AND DIS. B.F.A.

A most successful show of Canaries in first feather was held in St. John's School, Aug. 5th, when 58 birds were staged. Mr. H. J. Chittenden judged, and his awards gave entire satisfaction. Winners of most points: Messrs. Casey, Hodgson and Shaw (champion), and Messrs. Hall, Walker, Rawes (novice). (OPEN) CL. YELL.: 1, 2, Hodgson; 3, Shaw; 4, Helliwell. BUFF: 1, c, Padgett; 2, hc, Bywater; 3, Casey; 4, vhc, Shaw. TKD. YELL.: 1, Padgett; 2, Helliwell; 3, Robinson and Sharp. BUFF: 1, vhc, Casey; 2, 3, Shaw; 4, Robinson and Sharp. FOUL MKD. YELL.: 1, 3, 4, vhc, Hodgson; 2, hc, Casey. BUFF: 1, Casey; 2, hc, Shaw; 3, vhc, Padgett; 4, Bywater; c, Helliwell. CINN. MKD.: 1, 2, Helliwell. NOVICE CL. YELL.: 1, Walker; 2, vhc, Rawes; 3, Hall; 4, Wilkinson. BUFF: 1, Hall; 2, 3, 4, c, Wilkinson; 4, vhc, Walker. TKD. YELL.: 1, 2, Hall; 3, Walker; 4, Wilkinson. BUFF: 1, Hall. FOUL MKD. YELL.: 1, Hall. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Rawes.—L. Booth, Sec.

PELTON FELL AND DIST. C.B.S.

N.F. Show held Aug. 5th, Old Institute Hall. We had 69 entries in 20 classes. Judge, Mr. J. Riseborough (Sunderland). NOR YELL (5): 1, Stanger; 2, Forster; 3, Redpath. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Stanger; 3, Forster. YORKS. YELL. (2): 1, Mc Donald; 2, Catchpole. BUFF (4): 1, sp, 3, Catchpole; 2, Stanger. BORD. YELL. (7): 1, 2, 3, Elliot. BUFF (10): 1, 2, 3, sp, Elliot. CINN. YELL. (1): Stanger. BUFF (1): Stanger. CREST (1): 1, Stanger C.B. (3): 1, 2, 3, Hall. CAN. A.O.V. (1): Stanger. MULE, BRED 1911 (2): 1, 2, Redpath. GOLDIE, ETC. (5): 1, 2 W. Forster; 3, Redpath, GREENFINCH (3): 1, W. Forster; 2, Boyd; 3, Davison. HOUSE M. LINNET (3): 1, 2, Davison; 3, Redpath. FIELD M. LINNET (2): 1, Peart; 2, W. Forster. BRIT. HARDBILL (5): 1, 3, Davison; 2, W. Forster. FOR. (1): McDonald. 10s. SELL. (2): 1, Redpath; 2, Whittaker. OPEN LINNET (6): 1, 2, Davison; 3, Peart, J. Stanger wins W. Davison's 2s. 6d. for most points; J. H. Elliot W. Davison's 2s. 6d. for best bird in pros.; W. Catchpole W. Davison's 5s. for best bird bred by a novice. J. Redpath wins J. Stanger's 2s. 6d. for 2nd best bird bred by a novice. We were not blessed by many visitors, but we had a nice social afternoon amongst the bird fanciers and friends of the district.—Wm. Forster, Sec.

FALKIRK (Good Intent) C.B.A.

F.F. show held 29th July, Oddfellows' Hall. Seventy birds were staged in good condition and plumage. There was also a large attendance. There were specials for every class, and an extra special for best British bird. Judges, Messrs. R. and W. Reid (Shieldhill), whose awards gave satisfaction.

YELL., PH. (13): 1, spl, 2, Smart, good, big, bouncing birds, win easy; 3, hc, Clubb, nice feather, good runner up; 4, Milliken; 5, vhc, Sutton; c, Gardner. BUFF PH.(17): 1, spl, Milliken, good bird, wins well; 2, 3, hc, Hunter, fine team; 4, Clarkson; 5, Smart; vhc, Whyttock; c, Marshall. CREST (1): Binnie. C.B. (4): 1, spl, 2, Wilson, grand pair; 3, Whytock; 4, Binnie. YELL. BORD. (1): 1, spl, Milliken. BUFF (5): 1, spl, Gray, nice Green easily first; 2, 3, Sutton, closely feathered; 4, 5, McCulloch. MULES (6): 1, spl, Wilson, good Greenie Mule; 2, Penman, nice Linnet Mule; 3, 5, Rennie; 4, Gillespie. HARDBILL (Field-moulted) (11): 1, spl, Muir, good Greenie; 2, spl, A. Rennie, nice Chaffie; 3, Hunter Goldine in fine plumage; 4, Sutton, young Greenie; 5, R. Rennie, Chaffie; 6, Gardner; hc, c, Robertson. A.O.V. BRIT. (8): 1, spl, vhc, W. Clubb, Redpoll in fine plumage; 2, McCulloch, Linnet, a topper; 3, Condie, Redpoll, with nice markings; 4, Robertson; 5, McCulloch; hc, Rennie; c, R. Rennie. FOR. (4): 1, spl, Mitchell, good Budgerigar; 2, 3, D. McCulloch, splendid Bullie and Goldie; 4, A. Mitchell.—W. Clubb, Sec.

VALE OF LEVEN C.B.S.

First Y.B. show, held Lesser Public Hall, Alexandria, 5th August, when some grand specimens were staged. A few classes for British were added, and the birds here made a grand show. The Society is to be congratulated on this, its initial, effort. The officials are fanciers of the proper stamp. The membership is over sixty, mostly "young bloods." The Public Hall is most suitable for a cage bird show. The exhibition was well supported by the locals, and the coffers of the Society should be greatly augmented. Mr. A. H. McLean (late of Glasgow) makes an ideal secretary and the arrangements passed off merrily. Mr. Bell (Dumbarton) placed the cards in Scots Fancy classes, while Mr. J. H. Adam (Glasgow) handled the remainder. Their awards were well received.

SCOTS FCY. CK.: 1, 2, Taylor; 3, Linton; 4, 5, 6, Thorn. HEN: 1, sp, Nicholson; 2, 4, 5, Thorn; 3, 6, Taylor. NOR. CK.: 1, 2, 5, Todd; 3, 4, Campbell; 6, McNeill. HEN: 1, 2, 4, 6, Todd; 3, 5, Campbell. CRESTS: 1, 2, Gibb; 3, Cameron. BORD. YELL: 1, 3, Gillies; 2, Nicholson; 4, Thorn; 5, Proctor; 6, Campbell. BUFF: 1, 2, 6, Thorn; 3, Gillies; 4, 5, Campbell. YORKS.: 1, McCall. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, McLean. MULE or HYB.: 1, Taylor; 2, 3, Campbell. GOLDFINCH, ETC., BRIT.: 1, Gillies; 2, Lyons; 3, McLean; 4, McCafferty; 5, McNab. BRIT. A.O.S.: 1, McNeill; 2, McEwen; 5, McNab. BRIT. A.O.S.: 1, McNeill; 2, McEwen; 5, McNab. GOLDFINCH, ETC., FOR.: 1, Campbell; 2, Lindsey; 3, Taylor. FOR. A.O.S.: 1, Gibb.

GWENNAP F.A.

A most successful show was held at St. Day on August 3rd, in good weather. Entries did not turn up in quantity as was expected, on account of a mistake made in schedule in putting all the Canary classes except one, non-fed; it was a great drawback. The mistake was an oversight which will not occur again. Nevertheless, some very fine birds were staged, notwithstanding the moulting season is so close at hand. The Norwich classes contained some very typical young birds, which with a good moult will be heard of again. Also the group class (bred 1911) were a grand lot, a credit to the breeders. Special for best bird, Mr. F. Collins with his noted six-point Mule "Sunbeam." The Secretary and Committee "turned up strong," and did all in their power for the benefit of the birds; and all exhibits were on the rail by 7.20 p.m. Mr. W. J. Medlin (Falmouth) judged, and was complimented on his placings

NOR.: 1, Ferrill, good head and neck, nice shape and quality; 2, Wotton, neat wings and tail, nice head; 3, Sherman (jun.), good front and shape; vhc, Sherman (sen.). YELL, TK.: 1, spl., Sherman (sen.), eye and neck-marked, fine shape and carriage, good one; 2, Gribble, tkd. head, nice quality, neat head and wings; 3, Francis, mkd. wing, grand head and neck; vhc, Ferrill. BUFF: 1, Sherman (sen.), tkd. eye, nice head, very neat wings and tail; 2, Wotton, variegated, fine shape and col., good wing carriage; 3, Francis, tkd. head, nice shape. CREST OR C.B.: 1, spl., Ferrill, Green Crest, very neat, nice feather. CINN.: 1, Sherman (sen.), good type and col. GROUP, BRED 1911: 1, spl., Ferrill, very typical lot of Nor.; 2, Kemp, very close on winners. Nor.: 3, Peters, Yorks., very fine, nice length. YORKS., YELL: 1, spl., Rowe and Richards, good quality and col., nice braced wings and tail. BUFF: 1, Reynolds, tkd. head, nice length, good wing carriage; 2, Sherman (sen.), lovely quality, nice legs and tail; 3, Rowe and Richards, fine shape and carriage. A.O.V.: 1, Pascoe, coppy Yell., in good feather. A.V. (COL.-FED): 1, spl., 2, Ferrill, 1st, Yell., good type and col., nice wings and tail, 2nd, Buff, tkd. head, good head and neck; 3, Wotton, variegated, Buff, grand type and quality; vhc, Sherman; hc, Rowe and Richards; c, Opie. LIGHT MULE: 1, 2 spls., 2, 3, Collins, six-point leading, lovely eye and wing marks, 2nd, young Linnet Mule, good bird, 3rd, six-point Yell., new face, lovely col. DARK: 1, 2, Rowe and Richards, Dark Goldie leading, lovely blaze, good size and shape, 2nd, Jonque, dark Greenfinch, very silky feather, in grand condition; 3, Collins, Linnet, Jonque, nice shape and size. GOLDFINCH: 1, spl., 2, Rowe and Richards, lovely blaze and moons, grand bars, St. Ives' winner, in lovely bloom, 2nd, not far behind; 3, Michael, nice blaze and chest col. SOFTBILL BRIT.: 1, 2, Collins, Nuthatch, good back and chest col., very steady, 2nd, Grey Wagtail, nice bib, good col., in rare form; 3, Goldsworthy, Lark, well marked, in nice condition. HARDBILL: 1, spl., 3, Rowe and Richards, Yell. Bunting, grand head and cheek markings, lovely col., and a good col and marked Cirl Bunting; 2, Collins, Hawfinch, good bib and size; vhc, c, Woolcock. FOR.: SMALL: 1, c, Nelson, Lavender Finch, in lovely fettle, nice col; 2, Woolcock, group two green and two Yell. Budgerigars; 3, Collins, pair green Budgerigars, well spotted and marked; vhc, Miss Meager. LARGE: 1, spl, 3, Woolcock, Rosella, good col. and condition, 3rd, Cockatiel, in condition; 2, Mrs. Moore, Alexandria Parrot, quite at home.

STONEHOUSE C.B. AND F.H.S.

Annual F.F. Show held Lesser Public Hall, July 29th. Entries were not so numerous as in some previous years, but the quality was grand. Mr. A. McLean (Larkhall) judged, and gave every satisfaction. BORD.: 1, spl, 3, Sandilands; 2, 4, Cuthbertson; vhc, Murdoch; hc, Hardy Bros. A.O.V.: 1, spl, spl for best bird, Melvin; 2, Murdoch; 3, 4, Hardy Bros.; vhc, Cuthbertson. COMMON: 1, spl, Sandilands; 2, Buchanan; 3, Sorbie; 4, Hardy Bros. MULE: 1, spl, Hardy Bros.—W. Melvin, Assist.-Sec.

BO'NESS AND DISTRICT F.A.

First table show held in the Coffee House Hall. It was in every way a great success. Mr. John McGregor's awards gave every satisfaction. We had 14 entries. Mr. McGillivray carried off the President's (Thos. Bell) special: 1, spl., McGillivray, Goldfinch, in tip-top form, rare size, good blaze, well drawn over eyes and top of head; 2, McKinna, Linnet, excellent colour and well pencilled; 3, Scorstand, Mealy Redpoll, good colour and size, fine bill and lacing; 4, Masou, good Greenfinch, nice size. —T. Cameron, Sec.

WINDHILL AND DISTRICT O.S.

Members' show held headquarters, Blue Bell Hotel, July 29th. Judge, Mr. W. A. Cowgill. Some capital youngsters were staged. Mr. W. Rushworth won novice silver cup with his clear buff. Total entries 60. Principal winners for season:—Champion Section: Messrs. J. A. Taylor 58, J. Chippendale 24, R. Garnett 15, H. Drake 7, E. B. Denton 3 points. Novice Section points: W. Rushworth 40, W. B. Atkinson 15, J. Cook 13, P. Gunn 9, A. Brown and Son 4, A. Spencer 3. YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL. (13): 1, c, Taylor; 2, 3, Chippendale; vhc, hc, Rushworth. BUFF (18): 1, Chippendale; 2, 3, vhc, Rushworth; hc, Taylor. EVEN, ETC., MKD. YELL. (9): 1, Taylor; 2, Chippendale; 3, Cook; vhc, hc, Taylor; c, Gunn. BUFF: 1, 2, vhc, Taylor; 3, Gunn; hc, Spencer; c, Cook. CINN. MKD. YELL.: 1, Spencer. BUFF (3): 1, Gunn; 2, 3, Brown and Son. HEAVILY MKD. (more dark than light): 1, Taylor; 2, Cook; 3, Brown and Son. SELL., 12s. 6d. (6): 1, 2, Rushworth; 3, hc, Garnett; vnc, c, Chippendale.—J. Cook, Sec.

HALIFAX O.S.

Members N.F. show held July 29, when 73 birds were staged, at the Saddle Assembly Rooms, Market Street. Mr. R. E. Helliwell judged, and gave general satisfaction. Mr. H. W. Walsh won special in open section (silver spoon) with 17 points, and Mr. F. Senior won the novice, 11 points. CL., ETC., YELL. YORKS.: 1, Burdekin Bros.; 2, Walsh; 3, hc, Senior; vhc, Dunn; c, Townsend. BUFF: 1, 3, c, Cundall; 2, Townsend; vhc, Hartley; hc, Dunn. EV., ETC., MKD. YELL.: 1, Tinkler. BUFF: 1, Walsh; 2, Senior; 3, Burdekin Bros.; vhc, hc, Townsend; c, Lord. FOUL MKD. (GREEN or CINN.): 1, Walsh; 2, hc, Townsend; 3, Pilling; vhc, Burdekin Bros.; c, Greenwood. GREEN YELL.: 1, Pilling. BUFF: 1, Clegg; 2, vhc, Wilkinson; 3, Pilling. CL., ETC., YELL. NOR.: 1, 2, Mottram; 3, Moore and Stott. BUFF: 1, Moore and Stott; 2, Watson; 3, vhc, Clegg. UNEVENLY, ETC: 1, hc, Moore and Stott; 2, Clegg; r Mottram; vhc, Watson. A.O.V.: 1, 3, vhc, Burdekin Bros.; 2, Mottram; hc, Tinkler; c, Child.—J. J. Dunn, Sec.

NEWBURGH AND DIST. G.S.

36th annual show held in a marquee in East Shore Park, July 22. The cage-bird section was a good attraction for the visitors, and though the entries were scarcely up to last year's, the quality of the birds staged was in advance of last year. Mr. D. Carston (Perth) placed the awards, and gave every satisfaction.

CREST: 1, Blyth, wing-mkd. D.C.; 2, Campbell, same as leader, grand substance of body, just beaten in frontal; 3, 4, Williamson, 3rd nice youngster, awarded medal for best young bird in show. C.B.: 1, Wilkie, slashing heavy browed bird, sp for best bird; 2, Campbell, well lashed. NOR. P.H.: 1, Stewart, very nice buff cock; 2, Pearson, very good young buff cock; 3, Sneddon; 4, 5, Simpson; 6, Wilkie. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, 3, Campbell, 1st very typical yell. Bord.; 2, Campbell, young buff Border ck.; 4, Wotherspoon; 5, Burns. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 3, Wilkie, 1st good var. Goldie Mule; 2, Campbell, nice Siskin Mule, not quite so steady; 4, Simpson. LINNET: 1, Panton, very nice Linnet, well staged; 2, Stewart, not quite so large as winner, good one; 3, Douglas; 4, Panton, sen. GOLDFINCH: 1, Simpson, grand Britisher, in splendid condition, fine blaze, wins easily; 2, Wilkie, nice Goldie, hut broken in moult. BULLFINCH: 1, Stewart, very good Bullfinch; 2, Panton, jun., same as leader, but scarcely so large. BRIT., A.O.S.: 1, Wilkie, very tight Siskin, good cap and bib; 2, 3, Simpson, 2nd fine Greenfinch, nice and steady; 3, nice Siskin.—R. Campbell, Sec.

CITY OF BRADFORD O.S.

Second of the series of members' shows held Flying Dutchman Hotel, Leeds Road, July 29th. Mr. F. Self (Clayton) judged to everybody's satisfaction. Total entries, 90 in 16 classes. CL., ETC., YELL., YORKS.: 1, Birbeck; 2, 3, Wharton Bros.; 4, vhc, Hellewell; hc, Fawcett; c, Clark. BUFF: 1, Fawcett; 2, Birbeck; 3, Wharton Bros. UN., ETC.: 1, Wharton Bros.; 2, Fawcett; 3, Hellewell; 4, Clark. CINN.: 1, Hellewell; 2, 3, Holmes. NOVICE, YORKS. SECTION: CL., ETC., YELL., YORKS: 1, 2, 3, vhc, W. H. Rhodes; 4, Fletcher; hc, Hunter; c, Walter Rhodes. BUFF: 1, W. H. Rhodes; 2, Walter Rhodes; 3, Simonett; 4, T. Smith; vhc, Bower; hc, J. C. Rhodes. UN., ETC.: 1, W. H. Rhodes; 2, T. Smith; 3, Boocock; 4, hc, Pucker; vhc, Kitson; c, Farrar. CINN.: 1, 3, hc, Slater; 2, Parkinson; 4, vhc, Simonett. OPEN NOR. SECTION: CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, vhc, hc, c, Clark; 2, 3, Plowright; 4, Birbeck. BUFF: 1, Birbeck; 2, 3, Plowright. UN., ETC.: 1, 2, Plowright; 3, Morement. NOVICE NOR. SECTION: CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, hc, Roe; 2, vhc, Lythell; 3, Kitson; 4, Boocock. BUFF: 1, 3, Roe; 2, Lythell; 4, Boocock; vhc, Hunter. UN., ETC.: 1, 3, Roe; 2, vhc, Kitson; 4, hc, Hunter. BRIT.: 1, 4, Lane; 2, 3, vhc, 3, Inman; hc, Boocock. CAN. OR MULE A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, hc, Morement; 4, Holmes; vhc, Inman. In the open section of Yorkshires Messrs. Wharton Bros. put down a nice team which gave them premier position for club specials for two shows in this section with 37 points; W. Hellewell second, 27; J. Bateman, 16; J. A. Fawcett, 16. In the novice section of Yorkshires R. Slater leads the way with his Cinnamon Marks (a nice lot), with 33 points; W. H. Rhodes, 26, all gained at this show (keep pegging away then you will soon be on the top at this rate); H. Simonett, 24; T. Smith, 16. Open Norwich: W. Plowright has an easy lead with 35 points; J. Clark, 20; H. Birbeck, 18; Wharton Bros., 11. Novice Norwich: J. Roe has a fine selection, and they are sure to be heard of later, 37 points; J. Lythell, 17; E. Kitson, 14. British and Variety Classes: T. H. Inman and J. Lane are running very close for points: T. H. Inman, 27; J. Lane, 26. In the Variety classes W. Morement has a fine lot of Yorkshire Greens, and with a bit of luck will be heard of in the highest company, 22 points.—F. Rhodes, Sec.

SKIPTON AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

F.F. Show held July 8th; judge, Mr. Halliday (Shipley). YORKS., CL. YELL.: 1, Riley; 2, 4, Hodgeon; 3, Stead. BUFF: 1, Greenwood; 2, Riley; 3, Gill; 4, Hodgson. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, Hodgeon; 2, Miller; 3, Roberts; 4, Greenwood. BUFF: 1, Riley; 2, Childs; 3, Hodgeon; 4, Hudson. SELF YELL. GREEN: 1, Williams; 2, 4, Beck; 3, Riley. BUFF: 1, 4, Williams; 2, 3, Beck. FOUL YELL. GREEN: 1, 2, Beck; 3, Alderson; 4, Williams. BUFF: 1, 3, Williams; 2, Beck; 4, Greenwood. NOR., CL. YELL.: 1, 2, Gates. BUFF: 1, Nicholson; 2, Williamson. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, Gates. BUFF: 1, 2, Gates; 3, 4, Roberts. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Alderson; 2, Nicholson. BRIT., GOLDFINCH: 1, 2, Nicholson. LINNET: 1, 2, 3, Nicholson; 4, Bradley. FOR.: 1, 2, Bradley; 3, 4, Hudson.—R. Roberts, Hon. Sec.

GLASGOW & W. COUNTIES CLUB

Fifth annual show of Young Canaries and Mules, July 29th, Good Templar's Hall, Ingram Street. It was quite in keeping with former exhibitions. The four classes of Norwich contained some excellent specimens, Mr. A. Macfarlane doing the bulk of the winning. Mr. H. Davidson (Lockerbie) had a good day amongst the Borders. Mr. Drysdale, the Secretary, had the arrangements well in hand. Messrs. G. Marlin (Hamilton) and J. H. Adam (Glasgow) placed the cards, and their decisions met with general satisfaction. The show was well patronised by visitors.

CL., ETC., YELL., NOR.: 1, Campbell; 2, 4, Macfarlane; 3, 6, 7, Knox; 5, Liddell. BUFF: 1, 4, 6, Macfarlane; 2, 3, Liddell; 5, Knox; 7, Connelly. VAR. YELL.: 1, 3, , Liddell; 2, McNeil. BUFF: 1, 2, Macfarlane; 3, 4, 5, Campbell; 6, Liddell; 7, Connelly. BUFF BORD.: 1, 2, Davidson; 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, Mrs. J. Edwards. VAR.: 1, 2, Davidson. BORD., A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, Davidson. MULES: 1, 3, 4, Mrs. J. Edwards; 2, Drysdale.

CHOPWELL AND DISTRICT F.S.

Y.S. Show held July 29th, Workmen's Club Hall. Taking everything into consideration, the society can well look upon this show as a success, over 60 birds facing the judges. Mr. G. Barkas judged Canaries, British, etc. YORKS, YELL. (3): 1, Parkin; 2, 3, Charlton and Simpson. BUFF (3): 1, 2, Johnson; 3, Charlton and Simpson. OLD YELL. (2): 1, Johnson; 2, Charlton and Simpson. NOR. YELL. (1): 1, Bainbridge. BUFF (5): 1, 3, Fletcher and Bainbridge. OLD YELL. (2): 1, Bainbridge; 2, Charlton and Simpson. BUFF (3): 1, 3, Bainbridge; 2, Fletcher. BORD. FCY. (6): 1, 2, Brown; 3, Betton. A.O.V. (1): 1, Bainbridge. GOLDFINCH (2): 1, Carr; 2, Tomlinson. BULLFINCH (1): 1, Carr. LINNET (5): 1, Carr; 2, Parkin; 3, Bainbridge. SISKIN, ETC. (5): 1, Carr (Redpoll); 2, Fletcher (Siskin); 3, Bainbridge (Twite). CHAFFINCH, ETC.: 1, Tomlinson (Bramblefinch); 2, Carr (Greenfinch); 3, Griffiths (Greenfinch). HEN FINCH (3): 1, 2, Bainbridge (Greenfinch) and Twite); 3, Charlton and Simpson (Bullfinch). FOR. (7): 1, Carr (Black-headed Nuns); 2, Bainbridge (Green Singing Finch); 3, Christer and Son (Zchra Finch). Will members please note that meeting will be held in Club Hall on August 12th, at 6. Business, prize money for Y.S. show, when all members are asked to attend.—Joe Brown, Sec

WATFORD AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

A very successful Y.B. Show was held in the Conservative Annexe, on July 15, under the able management of the hon. sec. (Mr. Quantrell). The number of entries was slightly in excess of last year's, and the attendance was very considerable. The judge, Mr. W. Shakespeare (London) described the quality of the Norwich section as the grandest he had seen for some time. The Yorkshires were a bit down in number, but for quality were a nice lot. The British birds were rather short, but quality was good. There was a large Crossbill and a Yellowhammer exhibited by Mr. Buckingham, which called for special comment, and a Nightingale by Mr. J. Goodall, as well as a Bearded Tit (also the property of Mr. Buckingham), and a nice Pipit, the property of Mr. Quantrell. In the foreign bird class the features were a nice pair of Diamond Finches and a fine Red Siskin (Mr. Buckingham's), and a glossy Starling (Mr. Wombell's).

CL., ETC., NOR.: 1, 3, Fox; 2, Buckingham; vhc, hc, Cox; c, Sears. NOVICE, CL., ETC.: 1, 3, Dumbleton; 2, Herridge; vhc, Campbell; hc, Rackley; c, Tucker. VARIEG.: 1, Fox; 2, Sears; 3, Freeman; hc, c, Goodall. NOVICE DITTO: 1, Dumbletor; 2, Bunce; 3, Herridge; vhc, Tucker; hc, Rackley; c, Campbell. YORKS., CL., ETC.: 1, Buckingham; 2, vhc, Willis; 3, hc, c, Cox. NOVICE: 1, 2, 3 Beale; vhc, Seedham. VARIEG. CHAMP.: 1, Willis. NOVICE: 1, Beale. CRESTS, CHAMP.: 1, Goodall. NOVICE, C.B.: 1, Lowe and Ginger. CREST, NOVICE: 1, 2, 3, Lowe and Ginger. HYB. 1911: 1, 2, 3, Sparrow. HYB., ANY AGE: 1, vhc, Buckingham; 2, Quantrell; 3, Campbell; hc, Wombell. GOLDFINCH: 1, Goodall; 2, Finley. BULLFINCH: 1, Wombell; 2, Findley; 3, Freeman. LINNET: 1, Buckingham; 2, Findley; 3, hc, Goodall; vhc, Quantrell. GREENFINCH: 1, Quantrell. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, 3, vhc, hc, Buckingham; 2, Finlay. CHAFFINCH, ETC.: 1, Buckingham; 2, Quantrell. A.O.S. BUNTING: 1, 2, Buckingham; 3, Wombell; vhc, Finley. INSECTIV., SMALL: 1, vhc, Goodall; 2, Buckingham; 3, Quantrell. LARGE: 1, 3, Quantrell; 2, Wombell. FOR., SMALL: 1, 2, 3, Buckingham; vhc, hc, Goodall; c, Fox. LARGE: 1, Wombwell NOE., OLD: 1, Goodall; 2, Quantrell; 3, Fox; vhc, Campbell; hc, Sears. YORKS.: 1, Sears. A.O.V.: 1, Goodall; 2, Freeman. SELL., 10/-: 1, hc, Swain; 2, 3, Tucker; vhc, Goodall; c, Herridge. SELL., £1: 1, Tucker; 2, 3, Swain; vhc, Herridge; hc, Goodall.

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GUISELEY, YEADON & DIS. C.B.S.

Members' show held July 15th, Robin Hood Hotel, Yeadon. Entries did not come up so well—44 birds in eight classes. Judge, Mr. W. Cruise (Bradford), his awards giving satisfaction. CLASS 1: 1, Hardaker; 2, 3, Myers; vhc, Hirst; hc, Brown and Son; c, Dibb. CLASS 2: 1, Brown and Son; 2, Hardaker; 3, vhc, Myers; hc, Bearpark. CLASS 3: 1, Myers; 2, Brown and Son; 3, Dibb. CLASS 4: 1, Cawood; 2, Brown and Son; 3, c, Dibb; vhc, Hardaker; hc, Myers. CLASS 5: 1, Bearpark; 2, Hardaker; 3, Brown and Son; vhc, Cawood; hc, Bearpark; c, Myers. CLASS 6: 1, hc, Brown and Son; 2, Hirst; 3, Hardaker; vhc, Dibb. CLASS 7: 1, Myers; 2, c, Brown and Son; 3, Bearpark; vhc, Hardaker; hc, Dibb. CLASS 8: 1, 2, Brown and Son.—H. Hardaker.

PUDSEY, STANNINGLEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Second members' show of the season held Fleece Hotel, Stanningley, July 29th. Forty-seven birds were shown by nine members in five classes, which was fairly good considering the breeding season has been so very poor. The quality was very good all round, especially so some of the winners, which, with care, will be seen winning again at future shows. Members gaining most points at two shows for season's specials: Mr. W. Richmond, leading with 73 points; Messrs. Oddy and Galloway, 53. Messrs. Towler and Hargreaves, 32; Mr. Marsh, 19. Mr. Matt Broadley (Windhill) placed the cards, and gave every satisfaction.

CL., ETC. YELL., YORKS. (13): 1, 3, Oddy and Galloway; 2, 4, Towler and Hargreaves; vhc, Marsh; hc, c, Richmond. BUFF (12): 1, 4, vhc, Richmond; 2, c, Towler and Hargreaves; 3, hc, Oddy and Galloway. SELF, UNEVEN, ETC., YELL. (6): 1, 3, vhc, Richmond; 2, Oddy and Galloway; 4, Forrest; hc, Butler Bros. BUFF (11): 1, 2, 4, Richmond; 3, Klnder; vhc, Towler and Hargreaves; hc, Raistrick; c, Butler Bros. CL., ETC., YELL., NOR. (5): 1, 2, 3, Richmond; 4, vhc, Marsh.—H. Raistrick, Sec.

HULL C.B.S.

Final N.F. show of season held July 31, when 76 entries were received. This must be considered highly satisfactory for a show so late in the season. The novice Norwich and Yorkshires were two grand classes, 19 and 37 entries respectively. Mr. K. Barwick judged, and seemed to give satisfaction with the following awards:—NOR. (7): 1, 2, 3, Calam; vhc, hc, c, Oliver. YORKS. (8): 1, 2, vhc, Precious; 3, c, Stamford; hc Prentice. A.O.V. CAN. (3): 1, 2, 3, Calam. NOR. (NOVICE) (19): 1, 2, McKay; 3, Potter; vhc, Bray; hc, Ridley; c, Hogg. YORKS. (NOVICE) (37): 1, Potter; 2, Clayton; 3, hc, Frith; vhc, Kemp. A.O.V. (2): 1, 2, Potter. Position of parties competing for society's points' cups (above show included) is as follows: Champ. section, Calam 138, Stamford 106, Precious 90, Hnrland 49, Barwick 38, Prentice 30, Stone 20, Oliff 17, Brumby 16, Mason 12, Oliver 6. Novice section, Potter 89, Frith 73, Riley 35, Hogg 28, Douse 26, Calvard 25, A. Clayton 24, McKay 23, Bray 19, Girling 18, Ridley 16, Hinson 15, Briggs 13, R. M. Clayton 11, Lightfoot 11, Longhorn 11, Girling 8, H. Sowden 8, W. E. Sowden 8, Cook 6, Parkes 6, Oakes 5, Gresham 5, Smith 4, Kemp 3, Clark 1, Fox 1.—Ernest R. Ridley, Hon. Sec.

EAST HAM C.B.S.

Y.B. Show July 29th, Hartley Avenue Schools. Entries totalled 73. Although not large in number the exhibits were of a really good quality, the Yellow Yorkshire class being exceptionally fine and perhaps the biggest seen this year (21 entries). Mr. J. Robson judged. The attendance was somewbat marred by an unexpected but no doubt welcome thunderstorm.

NOR. (4): 1, 4, King; 2, Hunt; 3, B. C. Smith. YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL. (21): 1, hc, Fox; 2, Mays; 3, 4, King; vhc, Walker; c, Anglin. BUFF (11): 1, hc, c, Gibbs; 2, King; 3, 4, Fox; vhc, c, W. Smith. VARIEG. YELL. (8): 1, 2, King; 3, Rowe; 4, W. Smith; vhc, Anglin; hc, Fox; c, Mays. BUFF (5): 1, Rowe; 2, Mays; 3, Auglin; 4, vhc, Hunt. BULLFINCH MULE (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, South. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (2): 1, Walker; 2, Oliver. LINNET (3): 1, 2, Walker; 3, King. GREENFINCH, ETC. (5): 1, 3, Walker; 2, Gibbs; 4, W. Smith. REDPOLE (4): 1, B. C. Smith; 2, 3, Walker; 4, Oliver. HARDBILL A.O.S.: 1, Walker. SOFTBILL: 1, Oliver. FOR.: 1, 2, 3, Reed. The following members were the winners of special prizes: Messrs. G. King (4), W. South and Walker (3), G. Oliver, C. Gibbs, P. Mayo, F. Fox and R. Rowe. Messrs. A. Morris and G. King acted as show stewards.—B. C. Smith, Club Reporter.

CREWE AND DISTRICT O.S.

Annual N.F. Show held Co-operative Hall, Co-operative Street, July 22. The entries were fairly representative compared with previous N.F. shows, and the standard of the exhibits was far in excess of any previous show. A Nightingale kindly lent by Mr. Walsh (Blackburn) was the chief attraction to visitors; also the decorations lent by W. Jackson made a fine show—palms, bunting, streamers, banners, strewn with profusion amongst the benches, bringing out the colours of the birds to the best advantage. There was a splendid show of young birds, and in many of the classes the judge (Mr. W. Bowyer, of Leek) had great difficulty in separating the birds. The foreign birds were the best in point of numbers, and some very good exhibits failed to get cards. FOREIGN: 1st, Bowker, beautiful pair of White Java Sparrows, condition faultless; 2, Greenwood, Gouldian Finch, greatly admired; 3, vhc, hc, c, E. Jaycott. British were hardly so numerous as in the spring show, but some very fine birds were staged, and will be heard of later. GOLDFINCH: 1, Greenwood, a beauty, with a good moult, it should make things hum; 2, Elks, ran winner very close; 3, Morgan, in the best of condition; vhc, Potts. LINNET: 1, 3, Morgan, 1 fine specimen, well pencilled and laced; 2, Jaycott, good col., rather unsteady; vhc, Bowker; hc, Greenwood; c, Potts. BULLFINCH, ETC.: 1, 3, Lawton, 1 topper, well staged, should be heard of again; 3, one of the finest coloured Bullfinches seen, but lacks in size to winner; 2, Cooper, very fine Greenfinch, grand col. and size. BRAMBLEFINCH, ETC.: 1, Bowker, very good yellow Bunting, in the best of condition; 2, Jaycott, a very large Chaffinch; 3, Lawton, well spangled Bramble, right col.; vhc, Jaycott. SISKIN, ETC., usually the biggest class, only brought four entries: 1, 2, Jaycott, very nice Siskin; 2, monster Redpoll; 3, vhc, Greenwood. CAN.—some very keen competition here for the P. Victor Williams Challenge Cup, Mr. J. W. Lawton leading on points. NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, 2, Cooper, very fine pair of youngsters; 3, vhc, Latham. In the Norwich classes C. E. Cooper and H. Latham were unbeatable, winning premier awards in all classes. YORKS. went to A. Elks, S. Potts, J. W. Lawton, and H. Greenwood. BORD.: Accounted for by H. Latham and J. W. Lawton. MULES: 1, 2, S. Potts, for two grand youngsters.—E. Jaycott,

DARLINGTON C. AND B.B.F.A.

Members' Table Show held George Hotel July 26 Mr. H. Tood judged and gave every satisfaction YORKS.: 1, Reynolds; 2, 3, Richmond. NOR.: 1, Walker; 2, 3, Richmond. A.O.V.C.: 1, Richmond; 2, 3, vhc, Stephenson. BRIT. SMALL: 1, 2, Wildsmith; 2, Wilcock. LARGE: Wilcock.—Arthur Walker, Hon. Sec.

DONCASTER C.B.S.

Second N.F. Show held in the Victoria Rooms on July 22, and a capital exhibition it proved. The entries were not quite so numerous as was expected, but the quality was excellent. Mr. Barker (Bentley) judged in a manner which gave every satisfaction.

YELL. YORKS.: 1, 2, Blanchon. BUFF: 1, 3, Blanchon; 2, vhc, Hunt. YELL. NOR.: 1, Truman; 2, Flint. BUFF: 1, Truman; 2, Flint. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Baxby. YORKS., OLD: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Truman. BRIT. HARDBILL (cage moulted): 1, 2, Pagmore. Mr. Truman won special for best bird in show with a fine young Norwich, and Mr. Blanchon the special for the most points in the the nest feather shows. Mr. Barker has promised to give a cup for the best soft-bill British, to be called the Frances Barker Challenge Cup.

DUNFERMLINE AND DIS. C.B.S

Annual Y.B. Show held Co-operative Hall, July 28. Although entries were not as strong as in former years, still, the quality was well up to the standard. Some very fine birds were staged. Special notice might be taken of the winning yellow Plainhead, bred by Mr. Thomas Wildridge, also a very promising dark Greenfinch Mule, the property of Mr. J. Rankine. In the British classes, Mr. D. McLaren had a popular win with a sweet Goldfinch, while the softbill winner, "Sedge Warbler," belonging to Mr. R. T. Campbell, came in for a good deal of admiration. Mr. W. Cullen judged the Canaries, while the British and Mules were handled by Mr. W. Malcolm. Both officials gave every satisfaction. CRESTS: 1, Meddon; 2, Coutts. C.B.: 1, McLean; 2, Coutts. P.H., YELL.: 1, Wildridge, 2, Hopper. BUFF: 1, Wildridge; 2, Prentice. BORD. FCY., YELL.: 1, Campbell; 2, Whitson and Ogilvie. BUFF: 1, Campbell; 2, Sneddon. COMMON: 1, Rolland; 2, Sneddon. SELL., CAN.: 1, Hooper; 2, Prentice. LIGHT MULE: 1, 2, McLaren. DARK: 1, Rankine; 2, McLaren. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, McLaren (Goldfinch); 2, Rolland (Linnet). BRIT. SOFTBILL: 1, Campbell (Hedge Warbler); 2, Rankine (Yellowhammer).—Robert T. Campbell, Sec.

WREXHAM CENTRAL C.B.S.

This newly formed society held their first N.F. Show on July 29 in the Central Institute. The show was a great success being well patronised by the public, which speaks well for the prospects of the club. The entry of 60 must be considered very creditable. Yorkshires were the feature of the show. Special for Best Exhibit fell to a beautiful Grey Parrot, shown hy Mr. E. S. Jones. Mr. Hampson made a most able secretary, backed up by a good chairman in Mr. Lupton and an excellent committee. Three new members were enrolled. All prize money and specials were paid out before the close of the show. Mr. P. Jones (Chester) judged, and gave every satisfaction.

NOR. YELL.: 1, Williams, nice type and quality BUFF: 1, spl, 2, 3, Williams, all full of type and quality. YORKS. YELL.: 1, spl, Jones, racey, well up on leg, moulting; 2, Buckley, good type and quality, nice exhibit; 3, vhc, Lupton, 3, a topper, some preferred; hc, Rogers; c, Griffiths. BUFF: 1, spl, Lupton, in grand condition, feather like a Java's, looks like a hen; 2, H. G. Jones, nice length, good type, moulting; 3, c, Buckley, grand type and condition; vhc, E. S. Jones; hc, Griffiths. ADULT BIRDS—BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, spl, Hodges, topper, in grand condition, wins easy; 2, Francis, loses in colour only, being cloudy; 3, F. Jones, good exhibit; vhc, Shill. LINNET: 1, F. Jones, good bird, on small side. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, spl, F. Jones, beautiful Magpie in lovely condition. FOR.: 1, spl, and spl best in show, E. S. Jones, Grey Parrot in lovely condition, a credit to its owner; 2, hc, Hampson, very nice pair Green Budgerigars; 3, vhc, Shill, also Green Budgerigars in good condition. ROLLER CAN. SINGING. The contest caused a great attraction 1, spl, 3, Owen; 2, Hampson; vhc, Buckley.

HAMILTON (Cadzow Oaks) O.S

Y.B. Show held Lesser Town Hall, July 22. Judging by the members as well as the exhibits, this society is now the foremost in the county of Lanark. The show is held a little late in the afternoon, making things a little difficult for some of its members coming from a distance, but we understand that the difficulty cannot easily be avoided. A more friendly lot of fanciers from the president down to the latest member, it would be hard to find, and the reputation of the society bids fair to maintain its past high character. There were some very promising young birds here. In the Borders Mr. W. Hamilton takes leading honours, and wins special with an almost even-marked yellow. Mr. Allan showed a grand team of his old favourites, the Scotch Fancy. Mr. S. Williams' light Linnet Mule was much admired, although it was well beaten for the special by Mr. Naismith's dark yellow Goldfinch Mule, a grand bird of its kind. Mr. David Berry (High Blantyre) judged Norwich, and Mr. W. Brownlee the rest; and their awards seemed to give general satisfaction.

NOR. CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, 3, sp, Braidwood, leader grand quality, good substance; 2, sp, Cant, nice bird, many thought equal to leader; 4, vhc, Johnston; 5, hc, Martin; c, P. Thomson. BUFF: 1, sp, hc, A. Cant, cl., fine size, good type, nice front, lovely quality feather; 2, 3, Braidwood, grand pair, well beaten to-day; vhc, D. Johnston; c, Shearer. VARIEG. YELL.: 1, Martin, nice type, grand condition, wins to-day; 2, Braidwood, good, some thought might have given way to 3, Williams, nice, thick set bird; vhc, Johnston; hc, Shearer; c, Martin. BUFF: 1, c, A. Cant, nice bird, in grand condition; 2, 3, Shearer; 2nd some believed this the best ever bred in the district, but it failed to come up when judging; vhc, Williams; hc, Johnston. BORD., CL. (1 or 2 marks): 1, sp, 2, Allan, nice pair, ticked yell. leading, with a fine sweet head, well fitted wings and close compact tail; 3, sp, Thomson, very sweet little bird; vhc, Clark; hc, Hamilton; c, Shearer. BUFF: 1, Clark, easy winner; 2, Allan; 3, McIntyre, well placed; vhc, Thomson; hc, Hamilton. VARIEG. YELL. GREEN, ETC.: 1, c, W. Hamilton, sweet little Border, almost even mark; 2, Thomson, green; 3, McIntyre, self cinn.; vhc, Williams; hc, Thomson; c, Martin. BUFF: 1, Clark, another grand exhibit, as tight as wax, must have pressed hard for sp; 2, Thomson; 3, Allan; vhc, McIntyre; hc, William; c, Martin. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, 5, Allan, all Scotch Fancy; vhc, Kirkwood, very nice dark crest. LIGHT MULE OR HYB.: 1, Williams, a walkover here with his light variegated Mule. DARK CAN. MULE: 1, sp, 3, Naismith, grand yell. Goldfinch, fine, thick, well set bird of promising merit; 2, vhc, Kirkwood, leader nice dark Linnet Mule, fine size.

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The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

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C. BENNETT, 46 Wenlock-st., Luton, Beds., judge of cage birds; 30 years' practical experience; terms moderate.
J. W. BRUCE, Coldstream. Judge of all varieties of cage birds; Border and British Bird specialist. Terms moderate.
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H. J. CHITTENDEN, 108, Bolton Hall-rd., Bolton Woods, Bradford, judge of cage birds, life experience. Terms moderate.
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Twitterings.

Just as we go to press we learn of serious developments in the strike of railway, etc., employeees, which has now extended to London, and involved the carmen of the railways and other distributing agents, so may delay this issue in reaching some of our readers. We hope not; also that the dispute may soon be amicably settled.

Kindly note my change of address from Newton Terrace, Carbrook, to 7, Tomlinson Place, Carbrook, Sheffield, writes Mr. W. Walker.

Mr. Chas. H. Hill, of Wiveliscombe, asks us to say that he would be pleased for any fancier to call upon him and have a chat concerning his birds (Yorkshires) and the hobby in general.

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The Harrogate C.B.S. have been successful in obtaining the services of Mr. J. Bailey to judge their show on November 18, writes Mr. W. E. Ferguson, the hon. sec.

The Abersychan and District C.B.S. hold meetings at the Queen's Hotel every first Saturday in each month, writes Mr. Frederick Sweeting, the secretary, 22, Caradoc Street, Pentwyn, Abersychan. Will anyone wishing to become a member kindly apply to me?

Will members of the Doncaster and District C.B.S., writes Mr. G. Bescoby, the sec., please note errors made by me in last week's issue re cup promised by Mr. Barker, which should read "The Harry Barker Challenge Cup," not Francis Barker Cup, and it is to be given for the best Hardbill or Softbill British exhibited by a member.

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A regrettable error occurred in connection with the Leeds C.B.S. monthly meeting, writes Mr. W. A. Wilson, the hon. sec. The meeting was advertised for August 5 instead of August 12—an oversight on my part. Will members kindly note that our next meeting will be held on September 2, when Mr. H. J. Chittenden (Bradford) will lecture on "Colour-Feeding and Exhibiting." Fanciers are cordially invited.

Will secretaries of shows in Scotland that intend to ask for the patronage of the Scottish British Bird and Mule Club kindly note that applications for same must be in my hands by August 31, with full particulars as to classification and judges? Also club membership is now due, and I shall be pleased to receive same from those members who have not already paid their subscriptions for this year.—John Allan, secretary, 13, Elm Place, Leith.

Allow me to thank you for the honour you did me in placing my Redpoll Hybrid on the front page of your splendid paper CAGE BIRDS. It is a life-like portrait of him, and is a credit to the artist. The bird was bred by the well-known British bird judge, Mr. J. Goodall. The bird has held his own well this season, winning 1sts at Bristol and Watford, 2nd at Clapham, Battersea, Luton, and the Crystal Palace. At our last young bird show he secured vhc in a class of five. Why he was down I should very much like to know, as he was in perfect feather and condition. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.—W. Buckingham (Watford).

I have been a regular reader of CAGE BIRDS for nearly four years, and I have found it a great help, writes Mr. E. Clarke, P.C. (Beaworthy). My first attempt at breeding Canaries was three years ago, with one hen and one cock. That season I bred and reared six young birds. This year I started with seven hens and three cocks, and my first clutches brought me 34 young, out of 35 eggs. I reared 32 of them (not bad for an amateur), and I have done well since. But I am now compelled to sell, in consequence of removing to another station, where there is no room for birds. I shall be sorry to part with my pets as they are such lovely songsters. I have not had any trouble with them; they feed and sit splendidly, and there is no egg binding. I hope some day to go in for Canary breeding on a larger scale.

The Goldcrest's Cradle.

The tiny Goldcrest is distinguished not only by being the smallest of our British birds, but also by its manner of nesting. The home is suspended from the hanging twigs under the branch of a fir, pine, or yew tree. It rarely builds except at a good height from the ground, secure from the bird's usual enemies.

Birds' Eggs for Food.

Wild birds' eggs were probably much more frequently used for food than they are at the present time. It is recorded that upon a famous mire in Norfolk as many as 30,000 eggs were collected annually. These were mostly Gulls' eggs. At the present day a thousand or two would probably be all that were collected.

The Departing Cuckoo.

The Cuckoo is perhaps the shortest sojourner among us of all our common migratory birds. Coming here in April and May, he usually departs in July, leaving his young ones behind, many of which stay as late as September and even October. Its winter home is the African Continent, reaching to the southern portion. It is also seen in the Indian Peninsula at the same time.

White Birds' Eggs.

There are many birds that naturally lay eggs that are pure white in colour, but during the breeding season one occasionally finds a clutch of colourless eggs deposited by a bird whose eggs should be of quite decided colouring. White eggs of the Robin and the Greenfinch have been found this season by a reader in Surrey, who last year was fortunate enough to see a pair belonging to a Pied Wagtail.

Small Birds on the Seashore.

Larks, Linnets and other small birds regularly visit the seashore, especially at dusk. This movement of the little flocks of land birds to the margin of the seas, and the strangeness of the place for them to seek a meal in the ever-deepening gloom, cannot fail to arouse in the observer the curiosity to know the nature of the food procurable on what from all time has been regarded as the least hospitable of all the tracts of land upon the earth.

Decreasing Clutches.

Although it is a well-known fact that wild birds are increasing in number, there is every sign that the size of the clutches of many species is not so large as in former years. One rarely now finds a Skylark's nest containing more than three eggs, and clutches of four Blackbirds seem now to be the normal number. Of the many nests seen this summer by the writer of this note, only one contained a clutch of five eggs.

The Sex Problem Solved.

When sexing Canaries, if this way you try
You'll find that you cannot go wrong:
Put two in a cage that is sweet, clean and dry,
With a perch about six inches long.

Then just wait a minute (or maybe wait ten),
But for certain—it's safe as a rock—
If she perches first it's a dear little hen,
And if he perches first, it's a cock.

—Sent by Hetty Shirley (age 13), Low Utley, Keighley.

The Young Naturalist.

Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given weekly for the best three anecdotes about birds sixteen years of age, and state whence stories are taken. Two stars indicate the Winning Contribution; one star the runners-up.

A Queer Nesting Place.

A pair of Robins recently built in the bathroom of a house at Muswell Hill, just above the lavatory basin, which is in daily use. From five eggs three young Robins were hatched out, and the parent birds come and go through the window with the utmost fearlessness.—Robt. H. Wright (age 15), 109, Great Western Road, Glasgow.

*A Useful Parrot.

A gentleman who used to live in the country had a Parrot which could say anything. One night the gentleman went to bed, but was awakened by the Parrot shouting, "There's someone in the house." He got up and found a fellow had broken into the house. He telephoned for the police, and the fellow was caught—all through the Parrot. So Polly was a useful servant.—Sent by Harry Swaine, 35, Cross Street, Sutton, Macclesfield.

*A Redpoll Prefers Captivity.

We at home all love birds. Among others we have some Redpolls that dada bought from a dealer. For some reason he caught one of the Redpolls and caged it up, but after a few days it got out and flew on the yard wall. But it wouldn't go away, but got on to the top of the aviary, and seemed to be trying every hole in the wire to get in again. It did this all the rest of the day, so dada let it in again. It is quite happy now.—Mollie Cornwell (age 10 years), 121, Victoria Terrace, South Bank R.S.O., Yorks.

**Swallow and Cat Sleep Together.

A lady in Grenoble kept a Swallow as a pet. The bird had its full liberty in the house, and soon became quite at home. The lady also kept a cat which during the first few days ran after the Swallow. But she forbade her to touch it. However, she did not trust the cat too much. When she went out pussy was locked in the kitchen and the Swallow in the dining-room. One day the lady had not shut the doors well, and she did not find out until after she returned. Her first thought was for the Swallow. She hastened to the dining-room and to her amazement saw pussy and the Swallow lying snugly together, like great friends, on a dressing-gown that had fallen to the floor.—Sent by Louisa Barnes, 5, Railway Place, Grangetown R.S.O., Yorks.

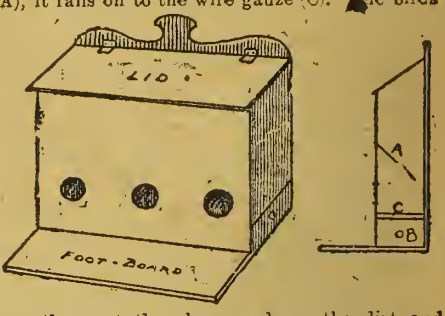
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A Combined Seed Hopper and Seive.

Sent by Mr. William Blythe, 25, East Pontop, Annfield Plain, Durham.

I send you a sketch of a seed-hopper I use, and which can be made from two cigar boxes, a piece of wire gauze, and some cage wire. It is the same as the ordinary self-supplying hopper, with the exception of the gauze and a drawer. When the seed passes down the slide (A), it falls on to the wire gauze (C). The birds



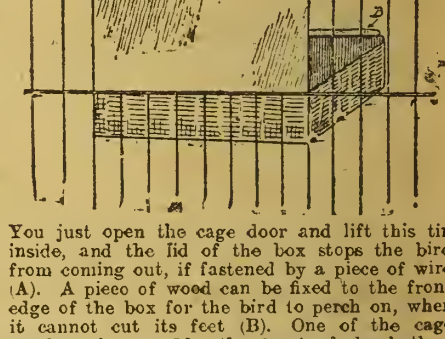
can then eat the clean seed, as the dirt and refuse pass through the gauze into the drawer (B). Another advantage is that the drawer can be cleaned, which avoids any musty smell from seed lying so long at the bottom of the ordinary hoppers. The hinges can be made of cage wire. I find it much better than my old hoppers, for the above reasons.—William Blythe.

No. 533.

A Bath for an Ordinary Wire Hanging Cage.

Sent by T. Shearsby, 12, Gordon Street, Leamington Spa.

I enclose sketch of a simple way in which to contrive a good and cheap bath for an ordinary hanging cage. It is made of an ordinary tin tobacco box, as you will see by the sketch.



You just open the cage door and lift this tin inside, and the lid of the box stops the bird from coming out, if fastened by a piece of wire (A). A piece of wood can be fixed to the front edge of the box for the bird to perch on, when it cannot cut its feet (B). One of the cage perches also goes by the front of the bath.—T. Shearsby.

In the Courts.

Canaries in Court.

Ernest Goldecke, 26, a cook, living at Bolingbroke Road, Hammersmith, was charged with breaking into a shop in Fulham Palace Road and stealing three Canaries, worth 21s., belonging to the occupier of the shop, J. Williams, bird dealer.

Dr. Cooney appeared for the defendant. The occupier stated that he locked the shop up securely on Saturday at midnight, and was aroused in the early hours by a policeman. He found that a side window had been broken and several cages in the window knocked over. A further examination showed that two Canaries had been removed from two separate cages and put in another cage, where there was already a Canary. (All three Canaries were produced in court, and the witness, in answer to the magistrate, said that two of them were Norwich and the third a Yorkshire.) Witness added that the defendant was a stranger to him, and it was a curious thing that on April 14 precisely the same kind of thing was done—the window was smashed and Canaries removed from one cage to another. In answer to Dr. Cooney, witness said he saw the defendant at the police station, and he appeared to him to be muddled from drink.

Police-constable 754 T said that at half-past three on Sunday morning he heard a smashing of glass, and he ran up to the shop whence the sound came. He there saw the defendant standing in the doorway with his back to the side window, which was broken. He made no reply when asked by witness what he was doing there. He appeared to have been drinking. Mr. Fordham: It looks to me like a drunken freak. Dr. Cooney observed that the defendant was employed at Lyons and Co.'s, and bore a good character.—The magistrate remanded him.—"Kensington News."

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The Methods of . . Roller Canary Breeders in Germany.

By R. KREMNER.

The following paper was given by Mr. Kremner, before the Provincial Roller C.C., on July 29th.

This is an interesting phase of our hobby. I have seen in various parts of Germany many ways of breeding, of which I will give you five. 1st: For the best birds a first-class breeder uses only one cock and one hen; 2nd (which suits the pocket of the working man): To take the same cock to 3 or 4 hens, this being a more prolific cross; 3rd, taking 3 cocks to as many as 9 or 12 hens; 4th, using the one cock to five hens (this, of course, in large aviaries), and 5th, a method used for the commoner class of bird—place cock with one hen for 10 minutes, take him out and rest; then place him with another hen, and so on. Some breeders breed from 500 to 1,000 Canaries in this manner. Those which you see on the markets early in the season are bred in this manner.

Breeders in Germany start off for their best birds in the months of February and March. They use heat, as this gives them a chance of having their heavy birds ready in December when the shows commence. When the young are hatched and able to leave the nest they are placed in large flights.

Choosing the Singers.

Now comes the time for the breeder to watch the young cocks, and pick out the singers. He takes particular note of those that sing with closed beaks, and those that show themselves steady. This type of bird comprises his first class. He cages them off as soon as ready, and of course gives them special attention.

The next in order of choice are the birds that are acrobating about. Of this lot the breeder might be able to pick one or two for future use.

The third lot of cocks are those which sing with open mouths. This type he sells as soon as possible.

When caging up the young birds, he is careful not to cage any that are in the moult, and for a week or so he allows the birds to see each other until such time as they are used to the wicker contest cage which they use in Germany.

Egg food is never knocked off entirely, but used once or twice a week with lettuce seed in between. The German breeder considers this method of feeding gives a more mellow note to the bird's song.

The contests start in December and continue until January. When training his young birds for contest the expert breeder places his team of birds upon the table during the family's mealtimes, to enable the birds to attain steadiness, and to train them not to be afraid of any strange noise or movement. All birds are shown in teams of four or six; only one team to count in the contest proper. The breeder firstly states which team is for contest. The birds are judged collectively by three judges, and the time for judging is three days.

These shows are attended by thousands of people, thus proving their popularity. In some cases the rental of the hall amounts to over £100. A lottery is held in connection with each show, each person receiving a lottery ticket.

A Great Business.

Some of the exhibitors have to use for their birds a van something like our furniture van; this applies also to foreign birds which are shown in conjunction with Rollers. It is easy to understand that a great business is done at the shows, which will account for the very large entries.

Special privileges are granted to the schools, and the different schools are allotted good birds, which are afterwards presented to the scholars showing the best attainments in their classes. This is very stimulating to the rising generation, and I consider the money spent in buying the birds for this purpose is well spent, especially on seeing the interest with which the scholars follow the different rolls of the birds.

In connection with the bird shows, all manner of aquariums, filled with various fish, are shown, and very much business is transacted in this line.

I find the most successful fanciers in Germany are the happy possessors of wives who are as keen in attending to the wants of the birds as the breeders themselves. I must add that the birds are kept scrupulously clean, and a great amount of interest is aroused towards contest time.

I will now close my lecture, and am prepared to answer questions.

Mr. Kremner was kept very busy in answering questions, and dealt with them in a very able and interesting manner. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded him for the expert manner in which he had handled the subject, all hoping at some future time to have the pleasure of listening to him again.—Tom Routledge.

MOULTING and COLOUR-FEEDING.

By W. N. TURNER.

A Lecture delivered before the Pendleton and Salford O.S. on July 31st.

Mr. Chairman and Fellow members. It is a pleasure to be here this evening to make a few remarks re my experience in moulting and colour feeding. I trust what I have to say may prove useful to at least some of those present. Of course, you are all aware it is not necessary to colour feed every bird you keep, but it is necessary if you are to moult a bird successfully.

One of the Chief Troubles.

I think one of the chief troubles a fancier has to contend with arises from his not breaking up his pairs early enough. From my own experience I have found it best to break up pairs as far as possible about the middle of July, and only have two nests from young hens. By doing this you give your birds plenty of time to recover from the strain of breeding before they fall into the moult. The time for the commencement of the moult varies. Birds of the first nest will generally hold out until they are about ten weeks old, and the latter nests of youngsters not quite so long. Adult birds fall into moult at different periods, according to the energy they possess after the work they have gone through during the breeding season. No hard and fast rules can be laid down as regards the age or time at which the adult birds will begin to cast feathers; you must watch the condition of the birds. Be on the look-out for dropped feathers.

Birds become drowsy, mopy and slack in feather; when this state of affairs exists it warns us that danger is ahead. Be cautious and careful of young charges. At this time I give a little flowers of sulphur added to the colour feed say twice a week. This, I find, assists in loosening the feathers.

The moult is a great strain on a bird, leaving it rather an easy prey to disease if care is not taken. I cover their cages down to the seed holes with brown paper, leaving a space for ventilation. This helps to keep the birds clean and free from draughts, which are very dangerous at this period; and it tends to bring out the feathers quicker. I usually moult two birds in one cage where they will agree; and I prefer, if possible, to have a cock and a hen together, as I think they agree better than two cocks. I also find that they eat up the colour feed better, as nearly always if one sees the other feed it will come down and feed also.

Moulting in Cages.

I have tried moulting in large flights, but have found the best results from having only two birds in a cage. Of course, it is much easier to moult several birds together in a flight, and I usually do so in the case of less valuable ones.

One of the most important items in ensuring a successful moult is the free use of the bath which is one of the best "conditioners." A bird when being fed on colour food is apt to get its feathers clogged in places; and if those feathers are not liberated and allowed to fall in their proper places the quills grow wrong, and the feathers fall wrongly, which gives the bird a rough appearance. Birds are required to be smooth and tight in feather for the show bench. So that I am fully convinced that the use of the bath during the moult assists very materially in bringing about the desired results.

The birds which are in tip-top condition come through the moult quicker, besides being hotter in colour than the birds which are in poor condition. Therefore it is not advisable to work those birds intended for exhibition too hard during the breeding season. When they are done breeding feed them on good seed, and give a tonic to help to recoup their lost vitality and to regain the natural oil in the system which is a great factor in assisting the moult.

The Question of Colour-feeding.

I think I have said all that is necessary with regards to moulting, and will get on with the question of colour-feeding. The way I make my colour feed is: One egg to about 4ozs. of breadcrumbs, 3 teaspoonsful of fine sugar, and a pinch of salt, the whole beaten up well together with 4 to 5 teaspoonsful of colour feed. I allow a teaspoonful per bird, and have always found this quantity sufficient.

A good many fanciers use far too much pepper and overdo it. Always make a practice of mixing your colour food over night, as by doing so the colour gets absorbed well into the other ingredients before the time of using. By this method the birds are unable to pick out the egg and leave the pepper as they are apt to do. Place the colour food in your cages at night, and take seed away till dinnertime next day; then return the seed and replenish the colour feed if needed. I never take the latter entirely off. Repeat the process right through the moult.

Linseed; and Hot Pepper.

A little linseed is beneficial to the feathers, and I also give the birds a tonic about twice a week; this is a very important item as colour feeding is relaxing, and our idea should be to keep the colour in the bird's system for a reasonable time instead of having it pass through them too quickly as would be the case if no tonic was used. Sulphate of iron and quinine and iron are very good tonics, which greatly assist the birds during this trying period of their lives.

You may have noticed that I have said nothing regarding hot pepper. Well, gentlemen, for my own part I have not used it for the last few years as I doubt very much if you gain anything by its use. I have had quite as good a colour using nothing but cold pepper as ever I had when I used hot. I think the cold pepper sold by various vendors will put a beautiful colour on to the birds, providing only that they possess the proper kind of feathers. However, that opens up the question of breeding for colour, and as this is a discussion on feeding for colour I will leave it alone. But if there are any questions you would like to ask on anything I have not made clear to you I will be pleased to help you.

A good number of questions were asked, which the lecturer answered to everybody's satisfaction. Mr. Metcalfe moved a hearty vote of thanks, which brought a very pleasant and enjoyable evening to a close.

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Wild-Bird Life.

Birds by the Sea.

One would expect that bird life would follow human beings and crowd where weather conditions are most agreeable, but excepting for the sea birds that are always to be found along the coast there is not a great number of different species to be seen. Of course, the House Sparrow is everywhere, and it would be a difficult matter to find a spot in the United Kingdom where he cannot be found. While sitting under the cliffs by the sea, far from buildings of any kind, we were somewhat astonished to see some half-dozen clinging to the rough face of the rocks searching diligently among the crevices and where a little earth had lodged and hardy plants had taken root. What the Sparrow could find in such a spot is a mystery to all but himself. One can understand his haunting the sands at intervals during the day or in the evening and early morning, when few people are about, for the Sparrow lives on waste and refuse, and there is quite sufficient in such a place for this hardy little forager, and even the big Gulls do not disdain to search along the sands for anything left by the holiday-makers by way of a change in diet. Of course, these birds are plentiful (where is the bit of sea coast where they are not?), and their movements and stately bearing while upon the rocks add life and interest to the surroundings. This last few days they have been living in plenty, for shoals of fish have been in the bay, and no one detects the presence of the finny tribe earlier than these grand birds, and they quickly flock to the patches of disturbed water where the fish are collected. The Seine nets have been out, and it was most interesting watching the fishermen racing to surround the patch where the Gulls were screaming and fighting. Some distance along the coast there is a rocky prominence where the refuse from the town is shot into the sea. Here hundreds of these birds can always be seen, for the Gull is another general feeder that does not disdain to sort over the leavings and scraps collected in the town dustbin.

Fruitless Labour.

The sitting fever is sometimes so strong in wild birds that they will frequently sit upon an empty nest; and the writer recently noticed a Greenfinch daily squatting upon a pebble put into the nest by some mischievous boy who had probably destroyed the eggs.

Thirsty Birds.

It is noticeable that fruit-eating birds visit the cherry orchards and currant plantations more frequently in dry, hot weather than during a spell of rain. Possibly the fruit partially takes the place of water, and saves them a journey of some distance to the nearest stream.

Concerning Cuckoo Eggs.

It is quite certain that but a small number of the eggs deposited by Cuckoos bring birds to maturity. Some authorities believe that a single female deposits from a dozen to sixteen eggs in a season, and, as the race simply holds its own, about 80 per cent. of the eggs must come to grief.

Young Birds and Eggs.

Young birds, when newly hatched, vary as much in size, relatively with the eggs, as do the old birds with the eggs they deposit. A young Sea Gull looks as though he could easily creep into the shell again to roost at night, whereas a young Curlew or Heron has the appearance of having come from much larger eggs. The cause is, no doubt, the lanky formation of the young chicks.

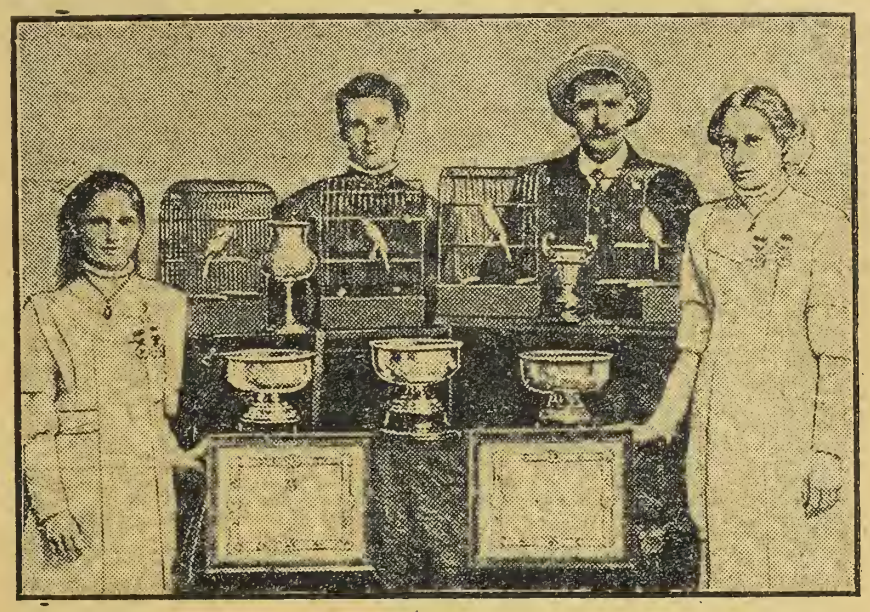


Photo by [C. S. Harris, Dover.

A SUCCESSFUL SOUTH-COUNTRY FANCIER.

Mr. C. Lockett and family (Dover) with the trophies he holds this year, and the birds which won them. Both Mr. and Mrs. Lockett are wearing their CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE Badges.

Questions and Answers.

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Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** British Birds, Mules and Hybrids—**G. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., &c., Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc., of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his questions for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Colour Feeding.

A.M.B.—You began colour-feeding a great deal too early in the case of the early hatched broods, but if you have been using only, or nearly so, pure cold pepper, there is no reason why you should not go on with it until the end of the moult. The birds would take no harm whatever from having to take it a few weeks longer. The only harm that will result from it will affect your pocket rather than the birds, but then, the greater portion of the "feed" they have already had has been simply so much unnecessary waste. Had you waited until about the middle of June and then began to give a little colour two or three times a week only until they began to moult, you would still have been on the safe side, and a sufficient quantity of colour food to moult the birds completely might have been saved. As the blood will be well charged with colouring matfer, there is not so much necessity to get the birds on full strength feed for the first week or fortnight now they have started moulting. If, say, you use it half strength for a week, and then three-quarter strength for another week, the colour of the birds will not suffer in consequence.

Not Breeding.

G. (Wolverhampton).—The hen in question is one of those slowly developing specimens in which the sexual orgaus do not assume their normal activity until comparatively late in life, and in some few cases never do assume full activity, so that it is impossible to say whether this hen will breed next season or not. Some of this type certainly do breed successfully in the second season, but many more either refuse to breed at all or only make abortive and incomplete attempts to do so. I have myself kept one until her third season was well spent without success, and then she was still in perfect health and sound; but, as proved by autopsy, the sexual organs are in an undeveloped state. You would find a valuable contribution by Dr. Bowes upon this type of hen in Part 8 of "Our Canaries." I would advise you to keep the hen, if you decide to try her again next year, in a roomy flight and under similar treatment to your other hens through the moult and winter season, until next February, then cage her up, feed her fairly liberally, and give a fair supply of dandelion daily as soon as it can be obtained, and keep her well within sound of good vigorous singing cocks. As soon as the weather is favourable, mate her up, still continuing the fairly high feeding, with a lusty, free singing young cock, who will "drive" her well, and "show her the way." I should be glad to hear of her behaviour next season.

Two or Three.

S. A. Kearn.—(1) Your Redpoll query should have been on a separate sheet for Mr. Wesfon. Certainly cut the mandible back equal in length with the upper one. A small pair of sharp nail scissors is the best implement. If only cut back as above, there should be no signs of bleeding at all; but in case you should touch the "quick" and it shows signs of bleeding, touch the tip with a drop of Friar's Balsam. Stick a cube of lump sugar in the wires for it to nibble at for a time. (2) Dissolve a teaspoonful of common salt in a saucerful of cold water and bathe this hen's foot in it for a few minutes; dry gently and paint foot with a feather dipped in Friar's Balsam. You may repeat this a few times at intervals of a few days, but give the foot a chance to recover its functions between each treatment. It may slowly recover its grip from the first treatment. (3) The pair of Yorkshires were obviously not feeding properly, but without more definite particulars of management it is not possible to dogmatise as to the cause. Regarding what ought to have been done, it is different. The one and only thing worth doing was to transfer the young to a pair of reliable foster-parents when you began to miss the young, or at least as soon as you discovered what looked like circumstantial evidence of a cannabalistic trait. It is doubtful if this hen would ever be trustworthy with young. The linseed in your dietary was superfluous, and would have been best omitted. Possibly your feeding is wrong in other respects. You should get one of our practical handbooks, such as House's "Canary Manual," and look into this point.

Young Dying.

W.E.C.F.—From the few details you give, I think your failure to rear any young was due to "sweating," as it is usually termed, on which you will find a very useful paper in Part 8 of "Our Canaries." Had you given particulars as to how you prepared your egg-food I might have been able to suggest a line of treatment to adopt in a similar contingency, but as it is I can only advise you to pay strict attention to the general dietary, as detailed in our several handbooks, and given frequently in this column during the breeding season. The trouble may, or may not, be of dietatic origin, but if it is a judicious alteration of the diet and making it more varied will frequently tide one over the few days the trouble lasts until the hens take up their duties afresh. A little bread and milk should be added to the diet, and both this and the ordinary egg-food sprinkled with maw to make it more appetising. The young may also be partly catered for by hand-feeding to keep up their strength until the hen resumes her duties. As soon as she is seen to begin to flag, a crystal of sulphate of soda, the size of a small pea, should be added to the drinking water for one-half of each day, for a few days, and a bath offered daily in which a little common salt has been dissolved. Small portions of fresh, crisp greenstuff three or four times a day, and a little soaked rape and good sound hemp once a day are also useful adjuncts to the diet. Then a hen which behaves as yours has done when the cock is left with her will often hatch and rear the brood successfully, if he is taken away from her as soon as she commences to sit. It is too late now to expect much this season, even in the most favourable circumstances, so I would advise you to adopt the advice given in reply on "No Results," for the present.

Sore Feet (C.A.F., Windermere).—First of all see that your perches are kept scrupulously clean, and cover the floors of cages with clean gritty sand or sawdust. If you use the latter, give grit in a shallow vessel in one corner of the cage. Cage the bird in question alone, and give a staple diet of plain canary seed only, with a spray of seedy chickweed, shepherd's purse, or tender young flower heads of groundsel each day. Every third day for a fortnight give a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut, slightly dusted with flowers of sulphur, and every second day a pinch of maw seed. In the drinking water give a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea every second day for a week. Bathe the legs and feet for a few minutes daily in a warm solution of boracic acid, say, a small teaspoonful of acid in a saucerful of fairly warm water, then dry gently, and anoint them with a little zinc ointment. If not well in about a fortnight, write again, referring to this reply, and I will advise you further.

Moulting Cages (Novice).—No, moulting cages are not altogether indispensable for moulting birds in, but they are certainly most convenient and advisable in the case of high-class show birds which are being moulted for exhibition. But for all ordinary purposes of moulting stock and singing birds, the ordinary breeding cages with the slides in and two or three birds in each compartment are frequently used, and are quite serviceable, as also are the ordinary flight cages, in which larger groups may be moulted together for the sake of convenience. In utilising these cages, however, you must be careful to give them a good dressing with some mite destroyer, if there is the least suspicion of their being infested in any degree with this pest before the birds are placed in them for moulting, as the effect of red mites is greatly aggravated during the moult, and it is not advisable to have to disturb the birds to suppress mites after the former have started moulting.

No Results.

J. C. M. (Battersea).—Sorry I cannot hold out any hope of your achieving successful breeding results this year. It is quite too late now to hope to do so, and your best course is to separate the birds ready for moulting and aim at getting them in good condition for a reasonably early start next year. Either one or both of them have not been in proper breeding condition this year, and I am rather inclined to think the cause is overfeeding. You would do well to get "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d. post free, for detailed general information on this point. Having separated the birds, give them ten drops of syrup of buckthorn in the water every second day for a week, and limit the diet during this time solely to plain canary seed and a little green food daily. After the first week add half a teaspoouful of summer rape to the dietary every second day, twice a week on the alternate days a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, millet, teazle, and linga, and on one other alternating day a similar quantity of the biscuit food you name, or an equivalent amount of bread and milk. During the moult give the bread and milk or biscuit food every third day, and sprinkle it each time with maw seed, and during the latter half of moult substitute linseed for linga in the seed mixture. After moulting, give a little green food twice a week when available in a fit condition for use, and at other times substitute a little banana, raw carrot, or sweet apple. Keep the birds on this simple dietary throughout the winter months, and in a comfortable, healthful position, well aired, but quite free from draughts and not subject to great fluctuations of heat and cold. Then they should be ready for mating again by the end of next March with a fairly good chance of successful results. If anything goes wrong write again and I shall be pleased to assist as far as possible.

The intervention of the August Bank Holiday makes it impossible for us to get all the Queries received answered in time for publication in this issue. These will be dealt with, however, next week.—EDITOR.

CANARY QUERISTS

should consult St. John's "Conary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Conory Monuol" (1/2); Bottye's "Yorkshire Conaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Conaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clorke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping (1/1); Norman's "Aviories, Bird-rooms, ond Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Coge Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 19 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

An Ailing Grey Parrot.

Whitford.—Every fourth day, so long as the voidings are not watery loose, give one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in drinking water (one ounce), and on the intermediate days put 12 to 20 drops of Allen and Hanbury's hypophosphates in the drinking water. If the attacks are preceded by excitement you would probably check them by giving three grains of bromide of potassium, dissolved in a little syrup. Usually the bird will sip this up. If not, then soak it into small pellets of sponge cake and administer these to the bird. Foment the affected side and leg with hot water; dry, and then paint with neat whiskey. As regards diet, give fruit more liberally; nuts occasionally; and a piece of plain biscuit daily. Keep a piece of clean cuttlebone in the cage, and add a pinch of grit (not sand) to the daily supply of seed mixture. Try the above for a month, and then report progress, but if the symptoms should become aggravated, write again at once with fullest details. As regards general treatment, our Nutshell booklet, "The Grey Parrot," 2½d. post free from our manager should help.

Aviary Queries.

"Aviary."—I have carefully read your query through, and have come to the conclusion that the Java Sparrows must be confined to a roomy cage—occasionally a pair turns up that are very interfering with other birds, and your pair appear to be afflicted that way. At times things run that way, in spite of numerous attempts nothing comes off, and at others fortunately it is just the reverse. This frequently happens even in the largest and best arranged aviaries, and one has to take one's luck in such things after doing all one can. I am of the opinion that at least a year of cage life would be better for the Javas, and probably cause them to settle down. Your arrangements appear very satisfactory, and luck will ultimately come your way. If you have not Zebra Finches, include these while you have the opportunity, also Bronze and Magpie Mannikins—all are fairly free breeders and interesting birds. Pleased to assist you at any time. Finches are fond of using common laurel, box, golden privet, fir, and such like as nesting sites, and all are good aviary plants. Spice Birds should rear a brood even yet.

Budgerigars Not Hatching Out.

Carter.—The eggs with one exception were infertile. She turned them out of the nest because they had been incubated more than the full period. There is no chance of success with ailing birds; get a strong hen to mate with your cock, and you will stand some chance of success. Cage the ailing birds up separately, and give each two drops of tasteless castor oil direct to the beak, and repeat the dose after an interval of three days. Bathe the eye of the Green cock twice daily with a dilute rosewater and zinc eye lotion (from any chemist). Diet: Canary, white and spray millet, green food (lettuce, flowering—seeding—grass), grit, cuttlebone, and water, with a few white oats as an extra. Our Nutshell booklet, "The Budgerigar," 2½d. post free from our manager, should prove helpful.

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS

should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); Arthur's "Budgerigars ond Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleosure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, ond Coges" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plonts" (1/2); Dr. Clorke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldion Finches," No. 16 "Avodorats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Woxbills." All thoroughly proctical ond instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

A Bald Java Sparrow (M.S.M.).—It would appear that the roots of the feathers have been damaged or extracted, and that it is quite possible the bird will be permanently bald, though otherwise perfectly well. Keep the bird caged separately till after the next moult, and supply it with green food liberally (as much as it will eat), and keep cuttlebone in the cage. Once a week put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water (one ounce), using a crock or glass vessel, and on other days well colour the drinking water with chemical food. About twice weekly anoint the bald area with clean vaseline, but do not use sufficient for it to run among the plumage and make it greasy; this will assist to keep the skin pliant. It should have a daily bath.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES, AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Loss of Young Mules.

G. H. B.—I am sorry to learn of the loss of your Mules. It is curious, for personally I do not find any difficulty in keeping them in health after they are five or six weeks old. Your method of feeding does not strike me as being really good; still, it is not bad, by any means. When the youngsters are beginning to pick over food, the latter should be placed on a feeding board, one of the most useful appliances out. By using this, they get on food very quickly; they see the hen feeding from it, and soon begin to follow her example. Put a mixture of food on the board—egg-bread, crushed canary, hemp and sunflower seeds, also coarse oatmeal and maw seed. Give, too, sprays of ripe seeding shepherd's purse. The seeding shepherd's purse is very valuable; young birds delight in it. But lettuce, watercress, etc. (non-seeding kinds) I avoid when the young birds are commencing to feed. Cracked seeds they must have for a time, and some soft food. When well on food a good seed mixture would be: Canary three parts, teazle two parts, hemp one part, summer rape, half-part, maw and linseed quarter-part each. Any of the special Finch or wild seed mixtures advertised in our columns will make a good and acceptable change, given twice or so a week. A little sunflower seed twice or thrice a week would also be sure to be appreciated; crack it, if necessary. Any of the usual green foods may be given—when the Mules are adult—chickweed, shepherd's-purse, flowering groundsel (not coarse leaves), dandelion, lettuce, watercress, etc.

Colour-feeding Seed-eaters.

Sheffielder.—It is not always easy, as I have often explained, to get Finches to eat colour food made in the usual way—viz., with egg-bread. Some fanciers get over this difficulty by gradually accustoming the birds to eating ground-up seeds (canary, linseed, and maw, generally). Then, about the beginning or middle of July, they commence adding a little colour-feed, working up the strength by degrees. A certain successful fancier of my acquaintance, with a liking for colour feeding Britishers (especially Bullfinches), uses crushed linseed only as a vehicle for conveying the pepper. Most fanciers use red-feed (tasteless pepper). The quantity of colour food depends on the bird—a rich yellow Greenfinch would naturally need less than a dingier-coloured one. One in four ought to be the outside strength necessary; one in six or seven should suffice. Use your own judgment. In my opinion, an overfed British Finch is spoiled; and some birds, buffs, it is almost waste of time to try to colour-feed. They don't "take it" (the colour). If you keep insectivorous birds I can give you a good "tip"—cage one with your Finches. I put a Wagtail in my flight cage with some Finches I am giving a little colour-feed. Seeing the Wagtail feed, they soon go down to sample what he is eating, and are not long before they acquire a liking for insectivorous food; the rest is then easy. I put the food on a "feeding board" and mix some crushed seed with it. They pick up quite sufficient colour. A Canary will also do to "show the way" to the Finches. I find many Finches very fond of a little soft food once they have tasted it, and then they eat the colour-food readily.

Uncertain Identity (A. A.).—It is very difficult for me to answer your question, as you give no particulars (size, colour, etc.) to enable me to identify the bird, beyond saying that it is "supposed to be a Hawk, and has a beak like an Eagle." It might be a young Kestrel, in which case the food-stuffs you mention can be supplemented by freshly-killed Sparrows, black-beetles (cockroaches), cooked liver and lights ("cats'-meat"), rabbit's flesh (with the fur on), fowls' "innards," etc. Hawks are often kept in captivity, but they are not admitted into cage-bird shows—Hawks, Owls and Ravens barred, is the general rule. Your bird, however, may quite likely be a young Cuckoo (I strongly suspect this to be the case). If so, you will find its toes arranged two in front and two behind. You will find full advice on feeding Cuckoos in last week's paper, or the week before. Cuckoos are very seldom exhibited; they don't live long enough, as a rule, and, further, they are not looked upon as "desirable cage birds."

A Weed (W. H.).—This is known as red neize and many Finches are very fond of it—Linnets in particular (as you have already found out). It is very good to give to such Finches as show a liking for it.

Siskin in the Moult (N. B.).—The bird does not require different treatment in the moult to that advised in the "Nutshell" booklet. It should have a little more linseed towards the conclusion, however; and some maw seed (half-teaspoonful) and cracked sunflower (a heaping teaspoonful) twice a week. Let the bird bathe freely; this is important. You must also provide wild seeds freely, such as plantain, shepherd's purse, thistle, hard-heads, groundsel, chickweed, etc.; let them be in the ripe, seeding stage. As you do not mention it, I take it you do not want to colour-feed the bird.

A Thrush Trouble (No Nom-de-plume).—I must candidly say that your method of feeding seems to me poor, and not calculated to keep a Thrush in healthy song and perfect plumage. This species (adult birds) does not require bread and milk. I advise you to get the "Nutshell" booklet on the Song Thrush, and follow the method of feeding advocated therein. These birds must have some vegetable and green-food frequently (such as grated raw carrot, finely minced lettuce, etc.), also ripe fruit and berries, and live foods (snails, beetles, mealworms, etc.). I have heard it held that the habit of devouring the excrement is engendered by supplying food that is not sufficiently nutritious and unsuited to the bird's requirements.

Red Mites (L. H. Gibson).—I gave full directions for ridding cages of red-mites in last week's issue, which doubtless you saw. You should wash the bird in warm water to each pint of which has been added one dram of sulphuretted potash. Repeat this washing twice at intervals of a few days; or let the bird bathe in the solution. I should be glad to hear the result.

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GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

Breeding Goldfinches (E. R. Phillips).—Thanks for your interesting contribution, for which we will certainly find a corner in "C.B."

Biscuit Meal (G. Thorneycroft).—Our Mr. G. E. Weston will give you an opinion on the three biscuit meals; refer to his query column.

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HOLMFIRTH AND DIST. C.B.S.

F.F. show held Aug. 4th, Rose and Crown Inn, judge Mr. C. R. Hampshire. YELL.: 1, 3, Sandford; 2, vhc, hc, Hellawell; 4, Butler; c, Shaw. BUFF: 1, Heywood, 2, 3, hc, G. Bray; 4, c, Shaw; vhc, Sandford.—Tom Smith, Sec.

GT. HORTON (Good Intent) O.S.

Members F.F. show held July 29th. We had a very poor entry. I might say that it was the lowest on record. Mr. H. S. Naylor placed the cards and gave every satisfaction. CL., ETC. YELL.: 1, 2, Morley; 3, vhc, Holden; 4, Hooson; hc, Sharp. BUFF: 1, Morley; 2, Bartle; 3, 4, Holden. EVEN, ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, Hooson; 3, Bartle. BUFF: 1, 2, Thompson; 3, Sharp.—Hy. Gornall, Sec.

BARRINGTON & CHOPPINGTON DISTRICT C.B.S.

N.F. show held July 22nd, Lecture Hall, Social Club. Judge, Mr. C. Snowdon (Newsham). NOR. YELL.: 1, 2, Rees; 3, Rowell; vhc, Hodgetts. BUFF: 1, Rowell; 2, hc, Douglas; 3, Hodgetts; vhc, Wollett; c, Hall. BORD. YELL.: 1, spl, Dixon; 2, Rees; 3, vhc Dixon. BUFF: 1, Dixon; 2, hc, Rowell; 3, Wilson; vhc, Rutter; c, Dixon. A.O.V.: 1, vhc, Rowell; 2, Dixon; 3, Hall. NOVICE A.V.: 1, vhc, Young; 2, Wollett; 3, Fitzsimmons; hc, c, G. Hall. MEMBERS': 1, Gibson; 2, Dixon.—T. Griffiths, Sec.

LAISTERDYKE B.F.A.

Third F.F. show of the 1911 competition, held July 29th. The entry was not as good in number as before, but some very good birds were staged. Judged by Mr. A. Hartley (Great Horton) who gave every satisfaction. CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, 3, Bateman; 2, Taylor; 4, Casey. BUFF: 1, Taylor; 2, 3, Casey; 4, Swaine. EVEN. ETC.: 1, Stobbing and Whitaker; 2, Casey; 3, vhc, Bateman; 4, Swaine. NOVICE SECTION: CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Pyrah; 2, 3, Hodgson; 4, Walker. BUFF: 1, hc, Pyrah; 2, Hodgson; 3, Elsworth; 4, Brown. EVEN, ETC.: 1, Walker; 2, Pyrah. CINN. MKD.: 1, 2, vhc, Symes; 3, Elsworth; 4, Brown.—J. E. Hudson, Sec.

SPEN VALLEY C.B.S.

Second show of this season's young stock took place August 5th, Commercial Hotel. Only 43 entries were attracted owing to hospital sports and carnival being held on same day. Mr. J. Hodgson (West Bowling) judged.

CL. YELL.: 1, Allen; 2, Greig and Pearson; 3, Lee; 4, Binns; vhc, hc, Wood. BUFF: 1, Allen; 2, Greig and Pearson; 3, Hadwen; 4, Pearson; vhc, Lee; hc, Bennett. TKD. YELL.: 1, 2, Binns; 3, Allen; 4, Hadwen. BUFF: 1, 3, Wood; 2, Allen; 4, Greig and Pearson; vhc, Lee; hc, Binns. MKD. YELL.: 1, Hadwen; 2, Allen; 3, Cooper. BUFF: 1, 3, Binns; 2, Allen; 3, Bennett. CINN. MKD. BUFF: 1, Lee; 2, 4, Pearson; 3, Cooper. GREEN: 1, Allen; 2, hc, Bennett; 3, Greig and Pearson; 4, vhc, Wood. Mr. A. Lee wins Mr. J. Barron's special for most points, he not having won a similar prize previously; and Messrs. F. Allen, Greig and Pearson, and S. Binns were placed first, second and third respectively for most points to count for season.—J. Lewis, Hon. Sec.

CAMBRIDGE.

Fifteen classes were provided for cage birds at Mammoth Show at Cambridge on Bank Holiday, but as eleven of them had to be cancelled, it was thought unnecessary to bring Mr. J. Rohson all the way from London, so his engagement was cancelled, and Mr. C. A. House, who was officiating in another section, was asked to judge. Most birds are already in moult, and therefore out of show condition. Mr. A. E. Brooks acted as chief steward of the section, and the exhibits were well looked after. Mr. W. Driver, the popular secretary, had his hands full, yet amidst all the worry and the heat he was as cool, tactful, and courteous as ever.

NOR. BRED 1911 (7): 1, 3, cup, and three spls, Brooks, very neat Crest, grand front and droop, plenty of feather, well put on, some questioned the eligibility of this bird for this class; 3rd smart, stylish, nice quality Plainhead; 2, Beanland, good stout, well feathered buff Plainhead; vhc, hc, Allen; c, Thurley. MULES (9): 1, 2, cup, spl, Laurence, very nice coloured, shapely, well feathered Linnet-Bullie, and a rare coloured Canary-Bullie showing signs of the moult; 3, Brooks, neat marked Goldie-Mule, nice feather and shape; vhc, Davis; hc, Harrison; c, Springett; No. 616, Davis, lightly marked Twite-Canary was nearly dead at judging time. BRIT. GOLD., ETC. (9): 1, spl, vhc, Watson, very rich coloured, deep blazed, well feathered Goldie; 2, hc, Laurence, nice shaped, rich coloured Goldie, good cut of blaze, not so fit; 3, Harrison, good colour and shape, not so steady; also a Goldie; c, Barley. MEMBERS' MULES (7): 1, 2, Laurence; 3, spl, Brooks, same positions in open class; vhc, Davis; hc, Harrison.

UDDINGSTON AND DIST. O.S.

Third annual Y.B. show held Public Hall, Aug. 6th, and was a big success. 120 birds turned up to face the judge, Mr. G. Smart (Carmyle), and the task being rather heavy for one man, Mr. Cant (Hamilton) kindly consented to give him assistance, which we greatly appreciated, as our Y.B. show entries are increasing every year evidencing how the bird fancy is taking on in our village. Our first year showed an entry of 50 birds, 2nd year 90, and this year 120. This show was for points for our challenge cup, to be added to our annual open show totals, the highest over both shows to be the winner. The highest scores: 1, Campbell and Easton, 63; 2, Taylor and Nisbet, 48; 3, Shepherd, 37; 4, W. Turner, 33. The highest percentage was gained by Mr. Graham, scoring 24 points for 4 entries, and only his first year showing. The awards caused very little grumbling.

SCOT. FCY.: (10): 1, Young; 2, 4, 5, 6, McCaskill; 3, 7, Turner. YORKS (2): 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, Cassidy. CREST OR C.B.: 1, 2, 3, Shepherd. CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Campbell and Easton; 5, Kilpatrick. BUFF: 1, 4, 5, McKay; 2, 7, Taylor and Nisbet; 3, Campbell and Easton; 6, Kilpatrick. A.O.V., YELL.: 1, 4, Shepherd; 2, Graham; 3, 5, Campbell and Easton; 6, Kilpatrick. BUFF: 1, Graham; 2, 6, Taylor and Nisbet; 3, Kilpatrick; 4, 7, Campbell and Easton; 5, Donnon. CL., ETC., YELL., BORD.: 1, 4, Shepherd; 2, Kilpatrick; 3, 6, Wilson and Bowman; 5, Young. BUFF: 1, Graham; 2, 4, 7, Wilson and Bowman; 3, Young; 5, 6, Shepherd. A.O.C. BORD.: 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, Turner; 5, 6, Young. COMMON: 1, 3, Turner; 2, Campbell and Easton. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Cosgrove. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, 2, Campbell and Easton; 3, R. Young. LINNET, ETC.: 1, Campbell and Easton; 2, R. Young; 3, Taylor and Nisbet; 4, Donnon. A.O.S.: 1, Campbell and Easton; 2, 5, 6, Taylor and Nisbet; 3, R. Young; 4, Donnon. A.O.S. HEN BRIT.: 1, 2, 3, Taylor and Nisbet. FOR. (Single or Pairs): 1, 2, 3, 4, Taylor and Nisbet. SELL.: 1, Young, 2, 4, Campbell and Easton; 3, Shepherd; 5, Taylor and Nisbet; 6, J. Kilpatrick; 7, R. Young. GIFT: 1, R. Young; 2, Campbell and Easton; 3, Graham; 4, Taylor and Nisbet; 5, Shepherd; 6, Turner; 7, McCaskill.

SHEPSHED AND DIST. C.B.S.

Third N.F. show held Aug. 5th, Pied Bull Inn. The quality of the birds was excellent. There was the grand total of 44 entries, Mr. Watson winning special for best bird in show. Mr. Green (Loughborough) placed the awards, which gave general satisfaction. NOR., CL. YELL.: 1, Watson; 2, Sharpe; 3, c, Hewitt; vhc, hc, Smith. BUFF: 1, Smith; 2, 3, Sharpe; vhc, Neale; hc, Danvers; c, Watson. TKD., ETC.: 1, spl, 3, Sharpe; 2, vhc, Hewitt; hc, Millar; c, Danvers. YORKS., CL. YELL.: 1, Danvers; 2, vhc, c, Neale; 3, Edwards; c, West. BUFF: 1, hc, Needham; 2, c, Edwards; 3, West; vhc, Danvers. TKD. ETC.: 1, Danvers; 2, c, Edwards; 3, Neale; vhc, hc, James.—A. Edwards, Hon. Sec.

WELLINGBOROUGH.

This show on August 9 suffered almost as badly as Cambridge, as six out of the ten classes were cancelled. In the four which stood some nice birds were shown, and these were staged in the Cricket Pavilion thus not feeling the heat so badly as the exhibits in the other sections, which were in a tent, and several succumbed to the heat. Messrs. W. Howe, W. Quartermaine, and E. Taylor, the hon. secs., were most energetic and obliging, and everything passed off well. Mr. C. A. House judged.

NOR., BRED 1911 (4): 1, 2, Bateman, very smart clear and unevenly marked, grand heads and bodies, just a shade long in tail; 3, vhc, Howe, grand shaped clear, looks like a hen, if so, should be a real good one. A.O.V., CAN. OR MULE (4): 1, 3, Andrews, well-known Goldie-Bullie, and Greenie-Goldie, in nice form; 2, vhc, Howe, very handsome Can.-Greenie, lovely colour, shape, and feather, and a nice cinnamon. BRIT. GOLD., ETC. (8): 1, hc, Andrews, clinking good Goldie, rich colour, large, well cut blaze, capital feather; 2, 3, vhc, Cooper, nice shaped Bullie and Bramble, both in good colour and feather; c, Watson. A.O.V. HARDBILL: 1, 2, vhc, Howe, hen Bramble, Greenie, two nice birds, of good shape, colour, and feather; 3, Cooper, nice little Redpoll, but going into moult.

BEAUMARIS.

Annual show held Aug. Bank Monday. The cage bird section, if looked after and allowed an extended classification, will soon be the main feature of this well known holiday fixture. The birds on the whole were staged in good condition, considering it is now the time of the moult. The Yorkshires were a fine class. Norwich were better in quality, Mr. W. H. Williams winning special for best. Mr. E. Jones staged a grand team of Goldie Mules, an even lot. The British A.O.S. were very good. There are plenty of fanciers in the locality, and in the interests of exhibitors we hope the committee will give this section their consideration for future shows. Mr. Jones made an efficient secretary. The awards were made by Mr. Silvester (Sheffield).

YORKS.: 1, Williams, cl. Buff, good length and position, neat wings and tail, good head and neck; 2, T. Jones, cl. Yell., lengthy and stylish, straight on legs, good wings; 3, Hughes, another Yell., grand length, nice outline, plenty of leg; vhc, Gallichan. NOR.: 1, 2, Williams, Yell., wing and head mark very typical, full of quality, good head and neck, plenty of substance 2, good all-round specimen, not quite so typical as winner; 3, W. Aiken, well moulded Buff, medium size, full of quality, nicely cut away; vhc, J. Jones. GOLDFINCH: 1, 2, 3, E. Jones, trio of good Finches, 1 good sized typical Finch, broad head, good depth of blaze, nutty brown, distinct markings, 2 close up, in fine form, 3 field-moulted, very neat one all over. MULE: 1, Donaldson, dark Linnet Can., in nice form; 2, Aiken, varieg. Goldfinch, often described, made a good second; 3, Pritchard, varieg. Goldfinch, typical in fine feather, very little between them. LINNET, ETC.: 1, 2, Williams, two good birds, well known, fine size, caps, rich col. breasts; 3, Pritchard, Linnet, good type and pencilling. SELL.: 1, Walford; 2, Hughes; 3, Williams. GIFT: 1, Hughes. A.O.V.: 1, Williams; 2, Donaldson; M. T. Jones winner of Hyde special.

HAWARDEN PARK.

Held Bank Holiday, Aug. 7th. Mr. Lloyd (Wigdale) had the secretarial reins in the cage bird section. We were pleased to see the duties in such capable hands, and there was a good staff of stewards, most courteous and obliging. Hawarden Park in itself will make every show a success, hundreds of people were there early in the afternoon. Yorkshires were the feature of the show in quality and number—without a doubt two of the best classes been in Wales. British birds and Mules were a treat, some well known winners being shown. Special for best Canary and Hyde's went to Mr. D. L. Parkes with a good Yorkshire; special for best British Mule, E. Prince, with an extra good sized Hawfinch in superb form. The seven classes contained 92 entries, the gentry of the district paying great attention to the Fancy. Mr. J. W. Banerofi (Sale) made the awards, which were well received.

The Critique.

YORKS. (20): 1, two specials, 2, hc, Parkes, 1 grand Yell., lengthy and stylish, neat head, good wings and tail, stands like a guardsman, 2 good length and style, neck marked yell., hc good variegs. Buff shade, thick; 3, 4, Williams, two clear Yellows, promising youngsters, full of style and quality; vhc, Johnson; c, Butler. NOR. (11): 1, 2, Mrs. Ball, medium size, cl. yell., good type and feather, nicely cut away, 3 Buff, nice shaped, body very compact; 2, vhc, hc, Johnson, very nice Buff, in good condition; 4, N. Johnson; c, Mrs. Adams. A.V.C., BRED 1911 (26): 1, Williams, already noticed in open, a clear win; 2, hc, Butler, two very neat cl. Buffs, nice shape, good feather, in grand condition, the former winning on length; 3, Johnson, Cln variegs., nice length wings and tail; vhc, Mrs. Ball; 4, c, H. Johnson. BRIT. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (9): 1, Williams, good sized typical Finch in fine form; 2, Parkes, Linnet, grand stamp, nice pencilling, excellent condition; 3, Johnson, nice size, good col. Finch; 4, H. Johnson, good Finch; vhc, E. Williams; hc, Wynne. BRIT. A.O.S. (4): 1, spl. best Brit., Price, grand Hawfinch of immense size, good col., in superb form; 2, Wood, good Yellowhammer, fine sheen; 3, hc, Butler, young Hawfinch, well shown. HYB. (8): 1, Parkes, good Jonque Linnet Mule typical, fine col., well polished; 2, 3, 4, Dawson, nice trio, 2 Goldie Can. variegs., in lovely plumage, 3 same cross but smaller, 4 extra sized good Greenfinch Mule; vhc, Williams.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Troon and Loans.—Aug. 26, Unionist Hall, Troon.—Judge, Mr. J. McLay. 22 open classes: Scot. 2, Nor. 2, Bord. 4, Brit. 7, For. 3, Mule 2, Sell. 1, Gift 1. Prizes 10/-, 6/-, 3/-. Fee 1/6. Ent. close Aug. 23 to And. Shaw, 1, Fullarton-terrace, Troon.

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Barrington and Choppington C.B.S.—August 12, Social Club, Choppington Station, 7. General.—T. Griffiths.

Batley O.F.S.—August 14, Talbot Hotel, Batley, 8. Members please attend.—G. G. Stafford.

Birkenhead C.F.A.—Aug. 15, Abbetts Cafe Room, Market Street, 8. Schedule for annual old show.—G. Morton.

Bolton Woods C.B.S.—Aug. 12, Victoria Hotel, 8. Arrangements for old bird shows and judges.—M. Skirrow.

Bradford West C.B.A.—Aug. 12, Red Lion Hotel, 8. Open show business.—F. Western.

Bramley O.S.—There will he no meeting on Aug. 15—next meeting Sept. 12.—W. Malthy.

Brighton C.B.A.—Aug. 16, Headquarters, 8.30. Table show. Yorks. A.V.; Nor. A.V.; 3 A.O.V. Can.; 4 Brit.; For. Committee meeting 7.30 sharp.—W. H. Gibb.

Clapham C.B.A.—Aug. 21, Landor Hotel, 8.30. Schedule and other important open show business. Members please note change of date from Aug. 14 to Aug. 21; please attend.—A. L. Priest.

Cardiff C.B.S.—Aug. 17, Maskells, 8. Questions on colour feeding; arrangements of rules and classes for open show; please attend.—J. W. Dummett.

City of Bradford O.S.—Aug. 12, Flying Dutchman Hotel, 8. Business important.—F. Rhodes.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—Aug. 14, 59, Paddington Street, 8.15. Draw of questions to be answered, presentation of medals, etc.—A. W. Curtis.

Choppington C.B.S.—Aug. 12, Railway Hotel, 7. Important; please attend.—G. H. Seely.

Consett P. and C. Society.—Aug. 19, Co-op. Room, 8 p.m. Prize money Y.S. Shows. Open show schedule.—K. R. Walker.

Ealing and Dis. F.S.—Aug. 16, St. John's Hall, Leeland Road, 8. Evening show; also meeting for Y.S. Show arrangements.—W. Bird.

Eccles C.B.S.—Aug. 16, Diamond Inn, 8.30. New members; Cage Birds League; etc.—J. Scott.

Grimsby O.S.—Aug. 17, Slatter's Rooms, 8. 4th N.F. show. Judge, Mr. E. R. Ridley (Hull). Members please attend—business, re open show.—Towl Bros.

Hamilton Cadzow Oak O.S.—Aug. 12, Town Hall, 7. Important.—G. Marlin.

Hartlepool C.B.S.—Aug. 17, Y.M.C.A., 8. Classification for open show, etc.—F. Woodhead.

Lancashire C.A.—Aug. 12, "Duke of Edinburgh," Oldham, 6.30. Patronage; judging rules, and other business. Please attend and bring a friend.—J. Hampshire.

Leigh C.B.S.—Aug. 16, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Fixing date for old show, and arranging for a bowling picnic.—R. Charleson.

Manchester and N.C.O.S.—Aug. 14, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Appointing show manager, show committee, etc.; important.—H. Boothman.

Morley C.B.S.—Aug. 12, Sycamore Hotel, 7.30. Important business.—A. Gledhill.

Northern Border and S.F.C.C.—Aug. 14, Lockhart's, 8. Patronage, "Good Shepherds" lecture. His experiences as a fancier. Fanciers welcome.—J. N. F. Scott.

Oldham C.B.S.—Aug. 22, Textile Dining Rooms, 8. Show business, etc.—J. Cope.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—Aug. 14, Irwell Castle, Lr. Broughton, 8. Question night; please attend.—J. Critchley.

Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.—Aug. 17, Headquarters, 8. Special business. Several special suggestions for consideration.—Meades and Woolgar.

Pontypridd F. and F.S.—Aug. 12, Victoria Hotel, 8. All fanciers cordially invited to take part in formation of schedule for open show, Nov. 8, next.—A. A. Gordon McLucas.

Pudsey Stanningley C.B.S.—Aug. 14, Fleece Hotel, 8. General business.—H. Raistrick.

Sheffield O.S.—Aug. 15, Rose and Crown Hotel, 8. Open show and other important business. It is requested that all committee make a special effort to be present.—Bishop and Cotton.

Sittingbourne C.B.S.—Aug. 14, Headquarters, George Hotel, High Street, 8.30. N.F. Show to be staged, at 1 o'c., judged 7.15 p.m. Judge, Mr. G. Whatford.—B. Tidy.

Swansea C.B.A.—Aug. 15, Market Coffee Tavern, 8. Adjourned meeting from last week owing to holidays. Final classification for open show.—S. H. George.

Thatto Heath O.S. (St. Helens).—Aug. 14, Nutgrove Schools, 8. Arrangements for old bird show classifications, judges, etc. Members requested to attend and bring their friends.—Tyson and Leather.

Walkden C.B.S.—Aug. 15, Institute, 8.—H. Howard.

West Bromwich C.B.S.—Aug. 15, Headquarters, 8. Adjourned, schedule, open show.—W. G. Andrews.

West Stanley C.B.S.—Aug. 11, Stanley Inn, 7.30. Election of judges and special business for annual show.—W. Elliott.

Wibsey C.B.S.—Will members and friends please note that ramble has been put off to Aug. 27?—H. Crossley.

Wolverhampton C.B.S.—Aug. 17, "Duke of York," 8. Mr. F. J. Weaver's paper on colour feeding. I hope to see every member bring a friend fancier.—J. Gibbons.

York C.B.S.—Aug. 14, All Saints School Rooms, 7.30. Exhibition and lecture on "Wild Seeds," by Messrs. Shorney and Sissons. Election of show committee.—H. Thompson.

Yorkshire Canary Club of Scotland.—Aug. 15, 71, London Street, Glasgow, 8. Allocating patronage to open shows, etc.—R. B. Gibb.

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Correspondence.

A Canary with Air-Distended Skin.

Sir,—Has any breeder had the same experience with a young bird as the following? A friend of mine last week had a nest of five Canaries seventeen days old, and on Sunday morning he noticed that one of them was looking rather unusual, and on picking it up found its skin was blown out like a bladder with liquid, as he thought; but on putting a needle through the skin the bladder collapsed and the bird seemed as bright as the rest. At dinner-time, on looking at the bird again, he found it was blown out as before, hut on picking it up the air escaped through the hole he had pricked. He mentioned it to me on Monday, but I could hardly understand what the bird was like, so he brought it up to show me, and I found its skin was blown away from its flesh to twice its normal size. On pricking its skin the air escaped, and it was as bright as any youngster I have seen. But my friend, being disgusted, wrung its neck. It was brought up in the usual way, and the other four are fit and well. If any breeder has experienced the same thing and could tell me the cause of it through Cage Birds, I should be pleased to hear. A Reader and Breeder.

The Fancy in Ireland.

Sir,—Under the above heading a lot of letters have appeared in your columns, and in several of them erroneous and misleading statements have been made. Regarding one of these I am instructed to forward you an official contradiction. Mr. Connell, our esteemed treasurer, has been accused of giving notice of his intention to move the expulsion of members of my club found guilty of writing letters to Cage Birds. Now, Sir, Mr. Connell has himself, through the medium of your columns, denied this accusation, but your anonymous correspondent keeps on repeating it in every letter, and to try and stop it going on any longer, our club considered the matter at their last meeting, and instructed me to let your readers know that Mr. Connell never tabled such a motion. We do not know how such a wilful miss-statement could have been made, seeing Mr. Connell has made frequent use of your columns, but always had the manliness to sign his own name to his letters—surely nobody expected a man to move a motion to expel himself? I thank you in anticipation for publishing this official contradiction.

S. Bamford,
Secretary, Belfast Norwich, Crest, and Yorkshire C.C.

[This correspondence is now closed.—Editor.]

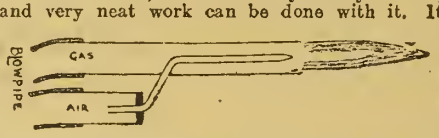
Interesting Observations at Everberg Aviaries.

Sir,—I have no bone to pick with "Aviator" re young feeding young. I am fully aware of and agree with his remarks, without commenting whatever upon his sarcasm. I did not say the incidents I quoted were unique or constituted a record. I merely offered them, as stated, as "interesting observations." There is, however, a vast difference between such occurrences in the open, under natural conditions, and similar occurrences in a small cage indoors, with conditions, surroundings, and food entirely unnatural. Mr. Editor, you yourself are largely to blame for the next "cut." I fully expected it after reading the printed sentence. I must admit I uttered a few choice words of disapproval upon reading it; such an impression was furthest from my thoughts. It would be folly of a very tall order for any private individual to assume such an achievement; or how could one hope to substantiate such a statement in face of the leading dealers, collectors, curators, and directors of zoological societies, the latter especially, who have vast numbers and varieties under their supervision, without ever attending to the individual wants of any? The idea is too absurd to seriously entertain for one moment. If my notes read as printed, I deserve all "Aviator's" satirical criticism, but if you refer, Mr. Editor, you should find your "blue pencil" is the direct cause, for it should read "to have personally kept and cared for more *species of* living birds in captivity," etc., etc., only slight omissions, hut when inserted conveying a very different meaning. The inference was I believe I have individually kept and attended to the wants of a greater variety of birds, *not by any means the greatest number*. I may be wrong (probably so), but I did not say I have, or I am confident, but "I believe." When I tell "Aviator" I have over 180 distinct species of living birds under my care at the present moment, which receive attention from my hands daily, and that these form but a portion of the many varieties I have kept from time to time, he may be convinced I can lay some claim to my assertion. It is understood, of course, that no knowledge of bird life is required to keep such a collection in good condition and health; one has only to hear one of Mr. Kearton's lectures and see one of his photos on the screen; the rest is quite simple. I will confess I am no theoretical bird student. I do not acquire knowledge from books, museums, stuffed birds, and skins, although this is highly estimable. I prefer living specimens. It is the mad rush to print of the carping critic that keeps many interesting and instructive episodes left untold. "Aviator" should remember there are thousands of true fanciers who have not the opportunities, such as he may have, for personal observations, but are keenly interested in the experiences of others. I do not see the columns of our Fancy papers much, and I have no inclination whatever to do so. I have nothing further to add, except to say that if "Aviator" is not ashamed of his name he should use it, and that I have no desire for controversy on what I contributed merely as "interesting observations." O. Millsum.

[Mr. Millsum is in error in blaming our "blue pencil." As a matter of fact, we made *no alteration whatever*. The sentence he refers to was printed precisely as written, viz., "Without boasting, I believe I can claim to have kept, and cared for, more living birds in captivity . . . than any one man living today." The words "species of" do not appear in Mr. Millsum's manuscript; he evidently overlooked them when penning it.—Editor.]

A Useful Blowpipe for Bird Cage Makers.

Sir,—I want to explain how to make from the very simplest materials a blowpipe which will be found exceedingly useful for doing any delicate soldering work, and especially for bird cage wires. The ordinary soldering "iron," with its copper bit, is usually far too clumsy to make a neat job, and if the size of the tool is diminished it will not retain its heat for any length of time. With this blowpipe, however, there will be no waiting for the iron to heat, and it is always ready for use, and very neat work can be done with it. It



is made from small lengths of brass or copper tubing soldered together, as shown in the sketch. Two pieces of ⅛in. tubing (one piece about 4½in. and the other 2in.) will be required, also 4in. of ¼in. tubing, commonly sold for model steam engines. The narrow tube is first tapered at the end by alternately heating and tapping with a hammer until it is little bigger than a pin's diameter; the tube is then bent, and introduced through a hole in the wider tube, and soldered in position, so that the tapered end does not quite reach to the end of the wide tube. A small piece of wide tubing is then soldered, as shown; and when rubber tubes are fitted the blowpipe is ready for use. The gas is connected with the straight tube, and air is blown gently through the other tube, when the yellow gas flame will be lengthened into a long narrow blue flame of intense heat, an ideal for soldering. To use, merely spread a little soldering paste upon the wires to be joined, and place a small knob of solder in position, and apply the end of the blowpipe flame, when the solder will melt, and unite the two wires strongly and neatly. D. E. Saych.

Linnet Singing Contests in Lancashire.

Sir,—I am making this appeal to all Linnet singing clubs in and around Leigh to try and arrange to send two delegates to the Globe Inn, Bradshawgate, Leigh, on Saturday afternoon, August 19th, to arrange for the following: First, that all time at contests shall be taken by clocks (commonly called "waggers") on the wall, and all time to count. This, we are of opinion, will stop all grumbling after contests, as we think that it is impossible to time by watches correctly. Secondly, to arrange contests so that they wont clash with one another. Thirdly, that all clubs be compelled to send so many birds to each contest, and also that the landlords of houses where clubs are held be compelled to send a sum of money with their members to be spent where the contests are held. These things, we are of opinion, will be a great boon to all clubs concerned. Say, for instance, six clubs join, and that each club sends five birds, you are sure of at least twenty-five birds, besides those of your own members. Also, say the landlord's fee be 5s. for each contest, that will ensure a great following of members. Fourthly (greatest of all) it will be the means of bringing all fanciers into closer touch with one another. Now, fanciers, if you will take the above into consideration, you will find that instead of one club having "the swing" in contests, all share the same advantages. I am not writing this letter because we have had unfavourable contests, but, on the contrary, it is because I think other clubs have not had done to them what could be expected from similar clubs. I could mention clubs that have to fight for existence. I know that they lose at every contest they run, and if it were not for the particular few they would fall. I want these clubs to study this letter, and write me as soon as possible, so that I can arrange the time to meet. I hope that all secretaries will put this before their members, as I cannot write them, for I have not got all their addresses. J. McAllister (Sec.),

1, Brunswick Street, Leigh, Lancs.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO SECRETARIES, &c.

"Cage Birds" goes to press on Wednesday during the summer months, therefore club notices, reports, etc., should reach us on Tuesday to secure publication in our issue of the same week. Will society officials kindly make a note of this?

The Alleged Faking of Exhibition Linnets.

Sir,—I was much impressed by the manly and straightforward letter of Mr. Weston's re the alleged faked Palace winning Linnet. Can any judge do other than he did, i.e., select the bird that appears to him superior to the rest of the class, and then, after so selecting, apply two tests for faking, and then, these tests failing to bring to light any faking whatever, give the bird first prize? Personally, I can imagine no more honest and straightforward manner of judging. Supposing Mr. Weston thought the said Linnet was faked, even then he has no right to disqualify the bird until he has *proved* it faked. Things would come to a pretty pass if we allowed our judges to convict people upon thoughts, regardless of any proof. I think Mr. Weston's letter cannot fail to gain him increased confidence among exhibitors. W. H. Moore.

A Battle Royal Between British Birds.

Sir,—I send you the following account which a contributor sends to the "Daily News," hoping it will interest fellow-readers of your valuable journal, Cage Birds. I have never heard of any similar instance. Others may have done; if so, perhaps they will let us know through your columns. The account is as follows:—"I was, some years ago, the witness of a slaughter enacted in the air by a colony of ordinary British birds, the victim being a Cuckoo. The scene was in Lancashire, inland. My bedroom was on the borders of a wood. About four o'clock on a midsummer morning I was awakened by a strange loud screaming noise which attracted me to the window, from which I was astonished to see what I can only call a ball of birds, to the number of quite a thousand. They appeared to be at close grips, but the terrific noise they made was undoubtedly in chorus, if discordant in effect. Though the movement of the whole was apparent, there was little, if any, actual flight; the ball of madness apparently being suspended in mid-air over the trees. A full minute elapsed before I saw a comparatively small object drop from the congestion, like a stone, into the wood. A search led to the discovery an hour later of a murdered and multilated Cuckoo. Many body feathers had been plucked away, the flesh was torn, and both eyes had been gouged."

E. Falkner.

The Recent City of Glasgow O.A. Meeting.

A Disclaimer.

Sir,—Re your report of our meeting of last week, I would like to draw your attention to a part of it that must be contradicted, i.e., coupling Mr. G. Marlin's name with the other three names. Now, sir, I know that this is not any fault of Cage Birds, as you took the report as sent you, so your reporter was in error to say that he, Mr. G. Marlin, was accused of having knowledge that this alleged fraud on our society was taking place, as his name was not coupled with the other three in this matter at all. I may also say that in the opinion of the majority of the members present the charge made against Mr. Marlin was ridiculous, and had no bearing on the matter at issue. You might be so kind as to convey the thanks of our association, through your valuable paper, to the following gentlemen, who kindly came forward and assisted us this time: Messrs. Wm. Gray (Govanhill), James Philips (Glasgow), James Calder (Springburn), John McIllwain (Govanhill), George Aitkenhead (Glasgow), Thomas Smith (Govanhill), and Adam MacLachlan (Govan); also we congratulate Cage Birds on the impartial position taken up in this matter.

David Black (President).

Sir,—I take exception to that part of the report of the above meeting, which speaks of Messrs. Marlin, Jarvie, Roulstone, and Campbell in connection with the alleged withholding of information in their possession, as my name should never have appeared in this part of your report, as I knew nothing of this case until the May meeting, when the Chairman read a letter concerning the case. This was the first I heard of it. I would ask your reporter to kindly withdraw my name, as I consider it very hurtful to me as a judge who has always been straightforward, and who always will be. I wish Cage Birds every success. G. Marlin.

[We tender our sincere regrets to Mr. Marlin that his name should have been mentioned in the manner complained of. We should be sorry to cast an unjust aspersion upon any fancier, and can only assume that the reporter in question inadvertently connected Mr. Marlin's name with the alleged suppression of information by reason of the excitement which prevailed at the meeting at times rendering the proceedings difficult to follow. (Mr. Black mentions in his letter some charge which "had no bearing on the matter at issue.") We have pleasure in publishing this disclaimer, and in clearing Mr. Marlin from any suspicion of being concerned in withholding information respecting the case.—Editor.]

Sir,—The above association held an extraordinary general meeting on Saturday last, and it certainly turned out to be an extraordinary meeting in many ways. President Black who was in the chair, had a most difficult task before him, and that he got through it in a creditable way speaks volumes for his forbearance and tact. An outburst of temper on the part of two or three members was responsible for a large amount of time being practically lost to no purpose. That much remains yet to be done to purge the society of a few unscrupulous members was quite evident at the meeting, and it will have to be done before the Association can be on a proper footing. Personal accusations between members (such as occurred) should not be allowed, and they ought to respect the chair, failing which they should be asked to retire from the meeting. Even the reporters came in for a share of attention, Mr. Jarvie expressing himself to the effect that he was quite willing to reply to a question put to him to give certain names to the meeting, but was not going to do so to have these published in some bird paper and allow some man to earn 7s. 6d. by it! What a grievous subject, to be sure! It would be a perfect Klondyke to a reporter if such a high valuation could be put on any statement friend Jarvie could make. The writer trusts that he will always look upon his every word as a "nugget." It is a pity that the reporters present could not give a full report of the proceedings. I refer to matter brought up at the meeting which was purely irrelevant and out of order, and was ruled as such by the Chairman. It would go to show how valuable time is wasted, and more important matters left out, such having no important bearing on the business on hand (such as at Saturday's meeting). It is to be hoped that any future meeting of this Association will be entirely free of anything savouring of the personal element, and that members will see it their duty to stamp such conduct out entirely and set to work to give all the support possible to make the Glasgow O.A. second to none in the kingdom. This would be a tangible acknowledgment of the efforts put forth by the management, from the President downwards, and an incentive to renewed effort on their part.

A Member.

Sir,—What position will other societies take up in regard to the McFarlane and Graham case that has been dealt with by the City of Glasgow Association? Will they debar these parties, or anyone, attempting to show them? I hear that the intention is to show at small outside shows. If other societies do not debar them, then I say it is "no punishment." Can anyone tell me the reason that all the members of the City of Glasgow Association did not get notice of the annual general meeting of the society, or the balance-sheet of last year's show? Wm. McMillan.

P.S.—Would the members in Glasgow speak out, and tell us about the others in this swim?

A Mule-breeder's Experiment Rewarded.

Sir,—In breeding Mules with the Goldfinch, I have been in the habit of leaving the Goldfinch with the Canary, as he never touched the eggs. On sitting the Canary she began laying her eggs, the Goldfinch remaining with her. I removed the egg every morning, replacing it by a stone one, until she had laid her batch of four. On going to remove the last egg in the morning, I found the Goldfinch picking it, and on taking it out and examining it, found a hole showing the contents of the egg, and it was wet with the albumen of the egg. I thought I would try sticking a piece of gummed paper on the hole, and put it under her with the rest of her eggs. On the fourteenth day she hatched out all her eggs, including the paper-patched one. Has this ever been done before? It is my first season of bird-breeding. Hoopoe.

Can Passengers Take Birds Out to Australia?

Sir,—With regard to passengers taking birds to Australia, I have friends who were first-class passengers from Australia, and they had to pay for the birds they brought to Plymouth. The butcher on board has care of the birds. No one is allowed to keep them on board a steamer except in his charge. The sum paid pays for care and food; I thought for one cage of birds (three) it was very expensive, as a tip is given as well as freightage, but I suppose the latter is for the man only, as the freightage is for the steamer company.

F. B.

Sir,—I was interested in the letter written by Mr. E. Williams on "Can Passengers take Birds out to Australia?" I regret I cannot answer for Australia, but I had a relation who went out to America a week last Saturday, and he took with him a Norwich Canary which I gave him as a present. I was rather surprised but the fee of 7s. 6d. was paid for the bird to travel. The bird went out just in the same way as Mr. Williams proposes to take his. Mr. Williams will get all the information from the shipping people he intends to travel by

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Song Thrush's Curious Nesting Place.

Sir,—A nest was built this season by Sparrows at the junction of two large iron pipes which run down the wall at the back of a house situated at Wadsley Lane, Hillsborough, Sheffield. This was afterwards taken possession of hy a pair of Thrushes, which hatched and reared a hrood of young ones. The nest is not more than five yards from a walk, down which people are continually passing. It is quite open to the weather, and the old ones could be seen quite plainly sitting on the eggs and attending to the young. This nest is still there, and can be seen hy anyone from the walk. I think it is unusual for a Thrush to adopt such a place to nest in. The above can be verified hy Mr. J. Milne, who lives opposite the spot.

J. Woolhouse.

P.S.—I am pleased to report that I have despatched three of my Norwich to a gentleman in Spain.

Important to Members of the Y.C.C. of Scotland.

Sir,—Will all members and intending members of the Yorkshire Canary Club of Scotland kindly note that the meeting for allocating patronage for the coming show season takes place on Tuesday, 15th inst., instead of Tuesday, 22nd inst., as per syllabus? Place of meeting, 71, London Street, as usual. As we have a record number of applications to consider and other important business to discuss, I trust every member will make a special effort to be present. Re show cages, members will greatly oblige hy letting me know their requirements hy the date of meeting at latest, as the order will have to be put in hand soon if the cages are to he forward in time for the early shows. I will be glad to give prospective members full particulars of our club, and any such who care to turn up at the meeting can rest assured of a warm welcome.

R. B. Gibb, Hon. Sec., Y.C.C. of S.

The Rearing of Young Skylarks

Sir,—In reply to "F. W. G.," about the rearing of young Larks, I must say he has got sadly mixed somehow, as I know Mr. Allaway well, and hardly think he would advise the food mentioned for young Larks. The liver would purge the birds all away; it is for the older ones. Well, here goes. Get half a loaf of bread at least two days old, cut it in slices, and put it in a good warm oven all night. Take out next morning, and roll out fine with the rolling-pin. Add a teacupful of boxings (pollards), and mix well together. Keep in a tin and take out what you think you will require for the day, and add half a hard-boiled egg, both yolk and white. Press the egg through a grater. Mix well and scald with boiling milk or water (milk preferred). Don't make it too sloppy, but just so as it will drop easily off the feeding-stick. Now, sir, this is how I fetch my nests of Larks up with grand success, and I hope "F. W. G." will do the same. I hope also he will let me know through Cage Birds, as I take a great interest in my paper, having been a reader since the first number was printed.

R. F. Watson.

The Keeping of Canaries in Dwelling Houses.

Drastic and Mistaken Action by the Officer of Health at Millom.

Sir,—I was astonished to receive a circular from an inspector of the "Nuisances Department" on the evening of August 1, giving me two weeks to remove 28 cages of birds in an attic room. On that date my wife left home on a visit about 11.30 a.m., and arrived home again about 8.30 p.m. I was working from 6 a.m. till 2 p.m., and arrived home about 2.30. No one being in the house then, I fed my birds as usual, not knowing that my room had been visited by the nuisance inspector and the medical officer of health. So you will imagine how surprised I was on receiving the circular named before my wife arrived home to explain what had taken place. I saw the nuisance inspector at once, asking him on what ground they were complaining. He looked puzzled for a while, then said it was the officer of health who was going to get rid of the birds out of living rooms. I asked him if they were not both clean and healthy. He replied: "You have got a very nice lot of birds. I myself keep one, which is fourteen or fifteen years old now, and I stand it on the table where I get my meals." He again advised me to get rid of them out of the house, as the officer was going to make us all alike as soon as he found out who kept birds. Now I will explain my own case as to rooms, etc. First of all, there are three in my family—wife, boy, and self. We have three rooms on the floor—scullery, kitchen, and parlour; above these, three bedrooms; and above these the attic referred to, the size of this being 15ft. 6ins. by 15ft. 3in., height to centre of roof, 8ft.—the roof slopes down to 3ft. 6ins. of the floor. I have about eighty Canaries, nearly all Yorkshires, in this room, including some very valuable ones, I think the best I ever bred. It has taken me a good few years to build up this strain. Being only a working chap, I should like to have the advice of some of our readers as to whether these officials can compel me to remove the birds, as I am of an opinion they cannot. I may state I have had the whole of the house inspected by another doctor, and have a very satisfactory certificate given in my favour, a copy of which I will send to anyone willing to help me. I should like to have your views, Mr. Editor, as the Millom fanciers think this a very urgent case, which should be fought. The fanciers here (at least any I have asked) have promised to join Cage Birds League when our association gets together again. I should like also to hear from the League Secretary, Mr. Fulljames, as to what steps we could take in the matter, seeing that our hobby is in danger.

Millom, Cumb. W. J. Park.

(It is regrettable that the Medical Officer of Health at Millom should embark on such an oppressive and mistaken campaign against bird-keeping, and we hope that the local fanciers will offer strenuous opposition to the realisation of his project. We shall gladly do whatever lies in our power to support them. It is a pity Mr. Park and the Millom fanciers are not members of Cage Birds League, for this is just the type of case its funds are intended to contest. The moral hardly needs pointing: bird-keepers should join *at once*, not wait until they are marked down as hoped for victims of some interfering busy-body. Possibly, however, the League will "stretch a point" in this instance, and lend its aid to Mr. Park. We are writing direct to this fancier, advising him of the best steps to pursue, and shall probably find occasion to refer further to the matter next week. The official in question cannot, of course, enforce his order without authority, to obtain which he will have to take further proceedings, and he will find it difficult, we venture to think, to convince others that birds are the "nuisance" he himself appears to imagine.—Ed.)

CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE

OPPRESSIVE OFFICIAL ACTION AT MILLOM.

Notes by the Secretary.

Active Interference.

A letter from a reader which appears in the correspondence columns shows one phase of the activity of the faddists who are seeking to abolish by any and every means in their power the hobby of pet-bird keeping, and it gives very emphatic point to my repeated statements that it is not only the keeping of British birds which is condemned. Our opponents have in mind the prohibition of the keeping of "*any bird, large or small*," and perhaps this letter will open the eyes of the thousands of Canary keepers to the certainty that their own hobby is in very serious danger of a wholesale interference which is more imminent than many appear to think. The writer of the letter is not a member of Cage Birds League, and it is a debatable question whether the funds subscribed by its members may be justifiably drawn upon to test the legality, under existing laws, of the action of the inspector. Nevertheless, here is a concrete case in which a man who has spent years in building up a strain of valuable Canaries, and who is keeping his birds under conditions certified as being "very satisfactory," is served with a peremptory notice to dispose of his birds within fourteen days. Further, the inspector volunteers the information that he is going to serve all bird keepers alike who may come within his knowledge.

If the working man fancier, and after him the private individual who keeps just a single pet bird, or the bird-lover in better circumstances who keeps a collection of British or foreign birds for pleasure or study, cannot see what is going on, they must be blind indeed. It surely must be obvious to all who keep birds that they must at once combine by joining Cage Birds League, and so placing it in a position to fight with its funds any oppressive action of either extra municipal or private faddists.

A Gratifying Response.

I have the pleasure of announcing that, in addition to the list published in last week's issue, the following gentlemen have kindly agreed to act as local Hon. Secs. for their respective towns or districts. Copies of the Aims and Objects of Cage Birds League may be obtained from any of these gentlemen. I hope intending members from the towns mentioned will kindly enter through the medium of those who have been good enough to agree to act as Branch Hon. Secs. Most of them are Hon. Secs. of Local Bird Societies, and memberships made through them will be counted to the credit of their respective Societies in our Prize Competitions, and, further, one half of the membership fee may be allocated to the special prize fund for their particular Society. Will readers in the towns mentioned please take note of the address of the Local Hon. Sec. for Cage Birds League. The first list appeared last week.

I need scarcely say that I shall be glad to receive the consent to act of those Hon. Secs. who have not yet replied.

Stanley S.O., Co. Durham, Mr. W. Elliott, 15, Fairford Terrace.
Ilkeston, Mr. Thos. Smith, 5 King Street.
Parkgate, Rotherham, Mr. G. A. Watson, 3, Rawmarsh Hill.
Lochore, Lochgelly, Mr. Duncan Grant, 146, Waverley Street.
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Bodmin, Mr. W. Liddell Tonkin, 8, Fore Street.
Grantham, Mr. W. E. Allen, 119, Alexandra Road.
Harrogate, Mr. W. E. Ferguson, 62, Harlow Terrace.
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Leigh, Lancs., Mr. R. Charleson, 12, Lloyd Street.
Llandovery, Mr. G. P. Morgan, Hairdresser.
Musselburgh, Mr. Wm. Nisbet, 101, High Street.
Northowram, Mr. S. Sykes, Northowram.
Ramsgate, Mr. F. Thomas, 29, Chatham Street.
Rothesay, Mr. J. Clarke, Ascogbank Lodge.
Sheriffhill and Dis., Mr. W. H. Stockton, 13, Hewson Street, Sheriffhill, near Gateshead.
Scunthorpe, Mr. H. E. Tugby, 19, Carlton Street.
Spennymoor and Dis., Mr. C. Ramsay, 10, Crox-dale Colliery, nr. Durham.
Smallbridge and Dis., Mr. W. Lanyon, Flock Hall, Smallbridge, nr. Rochdale.
Tufnell Park, N., Mr. F. W. Timms, 4, Beversbrook Road.

A Photographic Suggestion.

From an old fancier, Mr. Hinkley, of Chatham, comes the suggestion that at the next Palace Show all members of Cage Birds League present should be photographed in a body. This is rather a tall order, but the idea is a good one, and it may be possible to have it carried out. I shall certainly bear it in mind.

Some Questions and Answers.

Mr. Pyke, of Reading, in reference to the duties of Local Hon. Secs., asks:—

(1) Must they send up all money as it is paid, or save it till they get a certain amount, and so save postage?

(2) May they sell badges to anybody, or only to members?

(3) Do they deduct postage, or is that a special fund?

As these questions are of general interest to those gentlemen who have already accepted office, as well as to those who are inclined to do so, I am pleased to answer them here.

(1) I could not of course send receipts for membership fees until the money was received, and, as members would like their receipts and badges directly after joining, the answer is obviously yes to the first part of the question.

(2) Badges are only intended for the use of members. They may have more than one each if they choose, but non-members would not be entitled to wear the badges, nor would they be likely to wish to do so.

(3) Members joining through Local Hon. Secs. would of course each pay the penny for postage and the halfpenny for P.O., just as if they were joining direct. There would be an occasional small saving to Hon. Secs. in remitting for more than one member at a time, and this would recoup them for any occasional correspondence that might be necessary. No account need be taken of this.

Mr. Williams, Shipley, also asks if members may have more than one badge. The answer is yes, certainly.

The Special Prize Fund.

The Hon. Sec. of Larkhall C.B.A. writes that some members of his society were disinclined to join the League because they did not approve of the scheme under which a member was entitled to allocate one half of his subscription to a fund for special prizes to be given at the show of his own society. They agree that the annual membership subscription of one shilling is "not too large," but they think "that if sixpence were enough to carry on the work of the League then the subscription should be that sum."

The answer to this suggestion is that the Special Prize Fund is not the only fund to which a member may devote half the amount of his subscription money. There are the Literature Fund, the Defence Fund, and the General Purposes Fund. Members of the League have the option therefore of voting that one half at least of their own money may be spent in either of four directions, or it all goes to the latter fund if no special instruction be given. It seems strange to find anyone objecting to have a voice in the disposal of his own subscription in the direction which most appeals to him. The special prize fund was instituted with several objects in view, chief amongst them being to benefit the societies themselves by encouraging members to get outside fanciers to join both the League and their own society, thus strengthening the active ranks of the Fancy, and at the same time affording a means of enabling societies to add to the attractiveness of their special prize lists. It is in the nature of a recompense for the diligence displayed by a society's members in the interests of the League. Further, the extra special prizes would naturally have the effect of increasing the entries, and adding in this way both to the funds of the societies and to the interest of the show itself to members and the visiting public.

In any case, the Special Prize Fund must at least stand for the present year, and the desirability of continuing it will be considered at the end of the show season. I need scarcely say that I welcome at any time suggestions or criticisms and that no suggestion will go unconsidered.

"The Very Thing."

In my letter to Hon. Secs. of Cage Bird Societies I intimated that any comments or suggestions upon the pamphlet setting forth the Aims and Objects of Cage Birds League would be welcomed. One reply, from Mr. Duncan Grant, of Lochore, reads as follows:—"I do not think any alterations could be made. The pamphlet is a credit to whoever drew it up. I wish the League every success; it is the very thing that was wanted in the interests of bird-keepers, no matter what species they keep."

What Harrogate C.B.S. Says.

Sir,—I brought before my committee at our last meeting the Cage Birds League, and it was resolved to write you as follows: I am to be district secretary, and will get as many of our members to join as possible. My committee were greatly in favour of joining, but to join as a society, en bloc, would require a general meeting, so we thought it best this year to get as many to join as possible, so that another year raise our sub. to the society 1s., so that when a member pays his sub. he pays the C.B.L. sub. as well.

W. E. Ferguson.

Harrogate.

OUR FREE BOOKLETS.

I have still some of each of the sixpenny pamphlets on British Bird Culture and on Canary and Hybrid Culture, and, as long as they last, one of either will be sent gratis to all new members applying for a copy at the time of joining. Those of the old members who have not yet had a copy may receive one of those reserved for them on sending a penny stamp for postage. Only one copy of either book can be sent free either to new members or old, and when the stock in hand is exhausted I may not be able to get a fresh supply, so that those who would make sure of getting one of these useful pamphlets should send on their application with their membership fee without delay.

SUBSCRIPTION AND BADGES.

The subscription to Cage Birds League *is one shilling annually, and the badges sixpence or one shilling. The sixpenny badges are in three forms: (1) a button for coat lapel, (2) a pendant for watch chain, (3) a brooch for lapel, cycling cap, or for lady's wear. The badges at one shilling each are mounted in 9-carat rolled-gold, and are in two forms only: (1) a pendant for watch chain, (2) a brooch for a lady or for cycling cap or coat lapel. Members should distinctly state which form they prefer.*

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The annual subscription to the Junior Branch, *for members under fourteen years of age at the date of joining, is sixpence. Price of badges as above.*

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Ladies or gentlemen who are in sympathy with the objects of Cage Birds League *may give practical expression to that sympathy by becoming* Patrons *of the* League *and either making a lump sum donation to its funds or subscribing an annual amount of a guinea or upwards. One-half of such donation or subscription may be allotted to any individual object of the* League.

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Henry J. Fulljames,
Secretary, Cage Birds League,
154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

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My Opinion of The Blackbird and The Thrush.

By Mrs. E. M. SARGEANT (Worcester).

How pretty is the nestling Thrush—
A soft and downy thing,
A silvery jet-bespangled breast,
A gold brown shimmering wing;
A big soft eye so round and bright,
That peeps at everything,
A little open hungry mouth
That chatters all day long,
And looks like a golden lily
Plucked from a fairy song.

I suppose there are no two birds so widely known and loved as the Blackbird and the Thrush; not only on account of their lovely song, but for their intelligent and pretty ways in captivity. The first bird I had was a Thrush. It had been turned from a cage because it did not sing. It took shelter through my bedroom window. I soon found that it appreciated kindness; it became quite tame, and would play hide-and-seek on the floor, pulling my dress and pecking my boot if I would not play. It would come to its bath when called, and fly on to the window ledge when I said "Where is Harry"—the name of a little boy who often came to look at it. It would perch on my shoulder or head for a long spell at a time.

I did not know much about birds, and probably I did not feed it properly, for after a few months it died of diarrhoea. I was so cut up I thought I would never have another bird. But in the spring I had a Blackbird brought me as well as some Thrushes in a nest. One day I unfortunately stepped on the Blackbird's leg, and broke it; but I put it into match splints, and after a time he got about on it again. He had become very tame, answering to his self-christened name of "Pretty Dick."

"Pretty Dick's" Return.

One memorable Sunday morning a lad came to see how the birds were getting on, and stood with the door open, when, to our consternation, out flew "Pretty Dick" away over the house tops. That was at about ten o'clock in the morning. I felt badly about it all day, and went round once or twice looking for and calling it. At last I gave it up. But at about six o'clock in the evening I heard a shrill little cry of "Pretty Dick," and there was my bird on the wash-house roof worn out and ready for his tea, which he was almost too tired to eat, falling asleep with his head against my shoulder.

I never used to put him in a cage; he slept on a picture. When nearing the winter (I was ignorant then that they shed their flights at this time) he scooped himself out a hole under the back kitchen wall. I filled it up and scolded him for making such a mess, but he endeavoured all day to get the dirt out again. At night I lifted him on to his picture, but I found him dead in the morning. I shall not easily forget his reproachful look as he watched me fill up his winter quarters.

It was the outcome of this most unfortunate ignorance that made me study their habits most closely. I do not now let my birds out of their cages so much, because as they grow older their flying powers are so strong, and my space so limited, that they are apt to knock themselves about. And catching them, if they are not willing to go back, flurries them, and I think weakens their heart.

I am told that a Thrush has the largest brain of any bird, but I sometimes think a Blackbird is the most intelligent, for when they have been put out of doors, the Blackbird has let you know when it is time to come in by making a kind of clucking noise. And if the Blackbirds are in want of food or water they will rattle their tins and tap with their beaks on the floor of their cages, clucking and clattering till you notice them. They will let you know know, too, if a strange cat or dog comes in. In the same way, I have read, they are called "the bell-men of the woods," and I can easily understand how they have gained that title.

Thrushes and Blackbirds both let you know when they need a bath. They make a noise like rain with their wings. They are clean in their habits, if looked after properly, and will come to the front of their cages for a tit-bit from your hand, and will swell their breasts against the bars for a caress. If they are not put in their right places after being out, they will call to one another till they are satisfied that none of them is missing.

I have a Blackbird that says, "Oh! oh! my dear!" to me, and I have Thrushes that seem to say a great many things. These are some of them: "Where be you, beauty Joey" "Here I be," "Pretty bird," "Easy Jessup," "Pretty dear," "O dear! O dear, dear!" But who can write their chatter in the inimitable way in which they sing it, with their little runs and trills between?

Is it the Sweetest?

But I think that a Blackbird's note is the sweetest. It is like the tones of a flute varied with pretty turns on a violin. If the bird is reared in a cage his shape is perhaps more graceful than is the case when the bird is in his wild state. But a Thrush has more dainty ways, and does not snatch his tit-bit so greedily as does the Blackbird, but says "Thank you!" first. I find that they eat double their usual quantity of food when moulting; and they are nervous, so I keep them in a quiet corner, and lower their perches till they are through with the moult.

I don't know whether it is a rule that the best singers amongst the Thrushes are not quite so trim as the others. I suppose they use up all the energy singing their love songs, as they begin long before daylight, and keep it up as long as the lamp is burning at night.

They know if one of their company is ill, and are quiet till it is dead or better. If a fresh bird is brought in I feel sure they have some way of communicating with it. It soon quiets down when placed opposite "Joey," the oldest Thrush.

I like to see a Blackbird in a cage that is white inside and turquoise blue outside; this shows up his glossy black plumage, his yellow beak, and his eye ceres to perfection. I think the picture of a Blackbird presented with the Christmas number of CAGE BIRDS is of a splendid specimen, and the verses underneath recalled very vividly to my mind my first little black pet.

I notice that those Thrushes that have the browner breasts do not sing in the same style as those we commonly call "Brook Thrushes," though what the real difference is I do not know. They seem rounder and plumper, and the black tickings do not seem so large.

In bringing these notes to a close I can only, as far as the Blackbird and Thrush are concerned, say that just as I have mixed them up in this paper, so they are mixed up in my affections—first one predominating, then the other—till I feel quite certain I love them both best.

Some Recent Arrivals from Abroad.

By W. E. TESCHEMAKER, B.A.

(Continued from page 46).

The Orange-headed Ground Thrush

(*Continued.*)

Mr. H. D. Astley very nearly succeeded in breeding this species lately. In the July number of the Avicultural Magazine he tells us that "the nest was built on the broad ledge of a nesting-box, about twelve feet up, and was composed of moss as a foundation, very neatly put together and lined with fine grass-stems. There were three eggs, rather smaller than a Blackbird's, of a pale blue, blotched with rufous. Three young hatched and thrived for a week or ten days, when they were found thrown out of the nest." There is very little doubt, however, but that this species will be bred before long, because it is a curious fact that the tropical and semi-tropical Thrushes generally rear their young without much difficulty in this country, whereas the sub-arctic species or those which breed in temperate countries but at a considerable elevation (as for instance some of the Laughing Thrushes) rarely breed. Temperature has a great deal to do with the production of eggs. I think it was Seebohm who remarked that the Lapland Bunting, when it nests as far south as the Doverfield, breeds at a considerable elevation, instead of at sea level as it does further north. In the same way the few pairs of Snow Buntings which nest in this country are found on the top of the Grampians.

A Breeding Habit.

This observation seems to hold good with regard to most of the Buntings. For instance, in my own aviary this season the Black-throated (American) Bunting, which winters in the tropics, has bred freely, and easily reared its young, and some of the Buntings from temperate countries such as the Ortolan and Black-headed have laid freely, but the sub-Arctic species have done nothing. The Finches seem to be somewhat an exception, for the Brambling is said to have bred several times in aviaries and Mealy and Alpine Redpolls have reared several broods with me even in this exceptionally hot summer. All the above instances are illustrations of the general principle that the majority of birds stand cold much better than they can endure heat.

700 Indian Birds.

The huge collection of Indian species which Mr. W. T. C. Frost recently brought over includes the largest number of insectivorous birds which have probably ever been imported in one consignment. A few of these have gone to the Zoo., but the great majority are the property of Mr. E. J. Brook, of Hoddam Castle, Ecclefechan, who has a wonderful collection of Paradise Birds and Lories. The successful handling of such an army of Bulbuls, Fruitsuckers, Finch-larks, Redstarts, Fly-catchers, Drongos, Babblers, Thrushes, Rollers, etc., is a triumph for Mr. Frost, on which he is heartily to be congratulated. It should, however, be noted that not one of the Sun-birds reached this country alive, and these, as I learn from Mr. Brook, were the principal object of the expedition. This perhaps was hardly to be expected, as they do not do well in captivity even in their own country. For instance, the author of "Some Indian friends and acquaintances" tells us that "out of a very large number of apparently sound birds that I tried to keep, only one survived for more than a few days." The beautiful specimen of the Purple Sunbird, which Mr. Maxwell exhibited at the last Crystal Palace Show, was the only survivor of five. I also very much doubt whether, even if they had arrived alive, they would have been a success in an aviary, because Cunningham found them to be extremely pugnacious under these conditions.

My best thanks are due to Mr. Brook for kindly affording me facilities for obtaining particulars of this consignment for the benefit of our readers, of which, however, I have not been able to take advantage. In any case, such species as the above would be rather outside the scope of this column, in which, as a rule, only birds which are within the reach of all of us are discussed

Singing Contests.

DURHAM.

Linnet sing held at Board Inn, Esh Hill Top, Aug. 5th, when 36 birds entered. Result: 1, cup, Heslop; 2, Laing; 3, Briggs. Judge Mr. Farrow. Also Aug. 7th, sing held at Travellers' Rest, Gilesgate Moor, where 20 birds were entered. Result: 1, 2, Milley. Judge, Mr. J. Atess (Brandon).—G. Reed.

LEEDS.

Skinners' Arms Linnet F.A., Buslingthorpe Lane, week-end quality singing contest held August 5th. Eleven birds competed. Result: 1, Wm. Lunn; 2, H. Kibler; 3, C. Ward. Judges, Messrs. Wm. Sissons and J. Green. Also on Aug. 6th, when 15 birds faced the judges, Messrs. J. Grainger and J. Green. Result: 1, H. Kibler; 2, F. Hullen; 3, shared by J. Varley, C. Ward and J. Sellars.

CASTLEFORD.

Weekly Linnet contest held at headquarters, George and Dragon Hotel, Bridge-street, when 16 birds sang for three good prizes. After some very good singing the winners were: 1st, S. Morley, 106; 2nd, J. Kirk, 103; 3rd, B. Nelson, 77.—Walter Dobson. Hon. Sec.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Week-end Linnet contest held Prince Albert Inn, when 9 birds entered for 3 good prizes given by Mrs. M. A. Saynor. Judges, Messrs. E. Wood and J. Smith. 1, D. Madden; 2, 3, A. Binns.—E. Wood, Hon. Sec.

SALFORD.

At meeting held Boat House Hotel, August 6th, the members decided to support the effort of the Wigan club secretary to try to have a meeting of all the secretaries of Linnet clubs to arrange contests, so that it will have fanciers from each club to ensure its success. If a meeting can be arranged this club will send a member with particulars of their arrangements, so they can decide. Members are requested to meet at headquarters on August 20th, at 7.30.—B. Wharton, Hon. Sec.

WIGAN.

Wigan Linnet Club held open contest at Colliers' Arms, August 5th, when 19 birds entered for some good prizes, and some very good singing was heard, it being a very bad time of the year, the birds dropping into moult. Winners for quality: 1, Mrs. H. Brown; 2, T. Teddon; 3, T. Houghton. For time: 1, M. Yates, 82; 2, W. Ashcroft, 67; 3, E. Caffertry, 54. Judges for quality, Messrs. J. W. Jones and A. Parker; timekeepers, Messrs. E. Parker, J. Mawsdley, J. Peet. Will members please note that the club are holding their club contest on August 25th; I hope all members will be there.—A. Parker, Sec.

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Middleton Junction.—F. Buckley, 21, Grimshaw-lane.
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Nelson.—John England, 102, Scotland Road.
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Club Reports.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE & DIS. C.B.S.

At the usual monthly meeting there was a fair turn out of members. After the ordinary business the secretary reported that after meeting all expenses in connection with the F.F. show there was a slight balance in hand. The schedule for next annual show was considered. It was decided to include all open classes as before; also to have two or three more classes this year. We have got, up to date, the N.C.C. and the N.L.C.C. patronage.—G. Havver.

CHELTENHAM C.B.S.

A large number of members turned up on Aug. 2nd to hear a lecture on "Wild Seeds and Berries," by Mr. W. Pounsett, the popular assistant secretary. Mr. Pounsett, who dealt with the subject in a conversational manner, must have been to great trouble in getting together the splendid variety of specimens he had, which numbered well over 50. Dealing with the specimens in rotation as they appeared on the coloured plate published by CAGE BIRDS, he described the value of each plant, where it could be found growing, what birds fed on it in their wild state, and its uses for caged specimens, and then followed on with others that were not on the plate. The specimens were passed round and examined by the members, who all felt they had had a profitable evening, and were wiser than when they came. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Pounsett for the interesting and instructive lecture he had given.—A. S. Treasure.

LANCASHIRE C.A.

Meeting held Rochdale O.C. club room, July 17th. The following gentlemen were elected office bearers: President, Mr. J. Nadin; Vice-President, Messrs. J. Swalwell, J. Garner, and J. Oldham; Treasurer, Mr. W. Hardy; Secretary, Mr. J. Hampshire; Auditors, Messrs. W. Adams, and C. Whitehead; General Committee, Messrs. R. Barras, E. T. Turner, G. Thurling, T. H. Collinge, and J. Laycock, etc. The balance sheet was passed as satisfactory. It was decided to accept Mr. C. Whitehead's resignation as secretary, and to ask Mr. J. Hampshire to be Secretary. Last season's specials were distributed as follows: Champion section: 1, E. T. Turner; 2, J. Oldham; 3, G. Fitton. Novice Section: 1, T. H. Collinge; 2, J. Laycock; 3, C. Whitehead. Decided to leave patronage over to next meeting, which will be held at "Duke of Edinburgh," Oldham, on August 12th. Decided to revise judging rules, and that the Secretary invite members of the L. and L. F.A., so as to have a voice in this matter. Also that all gentlemen whose names appear on the hook be written to by the Secretary.—J. Hampshire.

SHEFFIELD C.B.S.

Meeting held August 3rd, Wentworth Cafe, Mr. A. Bradshaw (Vice-President) in chair. Decided to form a London club so that members can pay in any amount they like, to enable them to visit the next Crystal Palace show. J. Woolhouse was elected secretary of the London club. Several members gave a glowing account of the ramble to Edwinstowe, and it was decided to have another on September 2nd to Strines. Will all members or friends who intend going kindly give in their names to Mr. Woolhouse, so that arrangements can he made for conveyances. The route to be taken is via Hollow Meadows to Strines, and back by Bradfield (fare 2s.). Time of starting and other particulars will he announced later. Mr. Drabble opened the discussion on breeding experiences, dealing with many points that were of interest. He also answered in a very able manner the many questions put to him. Next meeting September 14th, important; arrangements for open show, a good attendance requested. Will members please bring ticket money for N.F. show?—J. Woolhouse, Assist. Sec.

NORTHAMPTON (St. Crispin) C.B.S.

Meeting held headquarters, The Foresters' Arms, August 2nd, Mr. Fisher in chair (Mr. Healy being in Ireland on a well deserved holiday). A free discussion took place as to the advisability of carrying on the Society owing to lack of interest. After a lengthy consideration hy Messrs. Nason, Fisher, Smith, Gammage, and Galsworthy, it was decided to adjourn meeting to August 5th, when a ramble was to take place. A vote of thanks to the chairman under such adverse circumstances, and the singing of "Auld Lang Syne," brought the meeting to a close. On the 5th 8 of the members turned up at The Foresters' Arms and took part in a most enjoyable ramble round the Delapre Estate, which is a perfect paradise for British. birds. The headkeeper kindly showed us round the pheasantry, and for a wind up of the estate ramble we visited the dog kennels. After a hearty vote of thanks to the headkeeper we resumed our ramble via Earls Barton, Grendon, on to Wellingboro, where we sat down to a most welcome meat tea provided by the host of the "Dog and Duck," an old fancier. After full justice had been done to the good things provided, Mr. Gammage opened the discussion from the adjourned meeting, and it was proposed by Mr. Galsworthy, seconded hy Mr. Fisher and supported by Mr. Timberlegg, and decided to wind up the St. Crispins C.B.S. and join the old society, the Hand-in-Hand C.B.S., which, we were all pleased to hear, is in a most flourishing condition, 20 new members having joined. The Hand-in-Hand C.B.S. this year has a membership of over 60, so we found a solution to a knotty question, and a most pleasant finish to a most enjoyable ramble.—T. Gammage.

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM C.B.S.

Special meeting held headquarters, Crown Hotel, Station Street, August 2nd, Mr. de Maillet (Vice-president) in chair. A vote of thanks having been passed to donors of special prizes at N.F. show, also to Mr. Wells for his services as judge, complaint was made that no report of the show had appeared in the Fancy Press. In reply, the Secretary said he had not sent any particulars owing to the meagre support he received from a membership of over sixty strong. The opinion of the meeting being that the report ought to have been sent, Mr. de Maillet volunteered to send reports to the Press of the N.F. show and also of all meetings to end of year, which, judging from the reception, met with approval. One nomination was received, and Mr. J. Sheppard, who resigned at the end of last year, was re-elected a member. It was decided to apply for the M.C.Y.C.C. patronage, and classification for open show on October 18, 19, was dealt with and fixed as follows: Nor., 6 champion, 4 novice; Yorks., 6 champ., 4 novice; Crests, 2 champ. and 2 novice; Cinn. and Borders, 2 each; A.O.v. Canary (including natural colour Norwich), 1; Selling, 3; British (curtailed to 4 classes owing to the early date of show, the birds not being at their best until late); Mule or Hybrid, 3; and Foreign, 3 classes. The Chairman then brought forward a suggestion to make the meetings more popular with the younger fanciers, who, while able to obtain every information from older fanciers by asking for it, refrain from doing so. He appealed to the older fanciers to give at future meetings their experiences with the different varieties, and to hold "question nights" and debates, also a washing competition, and table shows after the open show. The subscription to end of the year is only 2s., and amongst other benefits it entitles members to show in open classes at a reduced fee. Fanciers in the district who would like to join will receive a hearty welcome, and applications for nomination may be sent to the Secretary, Mr. S. Mole, 87, Greenway Street, Small Heath, Birmingham, or through any member.—J. H. de Maillet.

LONGTON AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held August 1st, Castle Inn, Mr. J. Davis in chair. Distribution took place of prize money and specials from the F.F. show, the winners of specials being Messrs. Leau 2, Davis 2, Hallam, Bagshaw, George one each. The classification for open show was gone into, it being decided to alter it somewhat from last year, the open section to consist of 8 Norwich, 8 Yorks, 1 Border, 1 A.O.V. Can., 2 Selling, 2 Canary Mule, 1 A.V. Hybrid, 7 British, and 1 Foreign. The open novice section was decided to give another chance, the classes to consist of 5 Norwich, 5 Yorks, 3 Brit., 1 Mule or Hybrid. The open novice prize money to be paid on the sliding scale up to 5 entries, 5 to 8 half prize money, 8 and over full prize money. I hope the novices will rally round and give us a "humper." Mr. J. Edwards started the special prize list by giving a china rose bowl. Mr. Filkin, of Fenton, was made a member.—Hallam and Lovatt, Hon. Treas.

NATIONAL BRITISH BIRD AND MULE CLUB.

Committee meeting at headquarters, "Feathers" Hotel, Great Chapel Street, Westminster, on 27th July. Present, Messrs. J. Robson (chairman), J. Dewhurst, T. R. Trower, C. T. Maxwell, A. Silver, A. C. Askew, A. Plumbridge and J. P. Carr. Letters were read from Messrs. Longden, Archer and Marley. It was unanimously carried that not more than £10 be expended this year in medals. Applications were read, and the following shows were allotted medals: Clapham, Newcastle, Manchester, Cheltenham, Sheffield, Nottingham, Bournemouth, Wimbledon, Coventry, Llanelly, Derby, Bradford, and Gateshead. The allotting of medals to the following shows were deferred until a later date, L.C.B.A., Swansea, and Crystal Palace. Messrs. C. T. Maxwell and A. C. Askew very kindly gave a silver medal each, to he competed for at the Clapham show. Will secretaries please note that all medals have now been allotted; therefore it is useless to apply for the club's patronage. At a previous meeting it was decided to accept the beautiful coloured design of a diploma executed by Mr. Burton. This design is a beautiful piece of work; portrayed in the four corners are a Nightingale and a Goldfinch, and Siskin-Canary and Bullfinch-Linnet Hybrids, which represent species of birds the club caters for. All the diplomas for the present to be presented to the cup winners will be hand painted, but no cup winner will receive more than one diploma. If a member wins the cup a second time, the year will be printed on the diploma. Mr. A. Silver very kindly presented the design to the club, and Mr. G. E. Weston a frame, so that it could be hung in the club room, or be on view at the club show. Mr. A. R. Jones (Crewe) was elected a member. A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the meeting.—Plumbridge and Carr, Hon. Secs.

STONEHOUSE C.B. AND F.H.S.

A large number of members and friends met in the Bucks Head Inn, on 5th August, to bid farewell to our President, Mr. G. McAlpine, who is going to Lutie, Latimer County, Oklahoma, U.S.A. Mr. T. Mother occupied the chair, and in a few well chosen remarks stated why we had met, and called on our new President, Mr. J. Cuthhertson, to make the presentation of a handsome meershaum pipe and tobacco pouch, which our society had agreed to give. Mr. Cuthbertson said it gave him great pleasure to have the honour of handing to Mr. McAlpine such a handsome present, which he asked him to accept in the name of the society. It was, he said, the wish of the society he would have every success in his new country. Mr. McAlpine very feelingly replied. He accepted the present with the greatest of thanks, and said how sorry he was to leave our society, especially as it was in such a promising condition. But he hoped the society would continue to prosper, and that he would still keep in touch with the society. His present would remind him of the happy nights we had spent together. Our chairman called on Mr. J. Buchanan to lead off the concert, which was done in a very able manner with a grand Scotch song. He also gave some splendid violin selections. The following gentlemen also sang: Messrs. J. Cuthbertson, T. Sorbie, S. McNiven, W. McNiven, T. McNiven, A. Mair, J. Hamilton, R. Anderson, G. McAlpine, W. McLusky, J. Brown and W. Mackie. Mr. Mather made a short speech regarding our society, and the loss we would have in Mr. McAlpine's departure, as he had been a hard working member since the formation of the society. The company finished up by singing "Auld Lang Syne" and "He's a Jolly Good Fellow." Mr. McAlpine will sail from Glasgow on 12th August by the Donaldson line.—Wm. Melvin, Assist. Sec.

GREEN CANARY ASSOCIATION.

Meeting held July 27th, Oldham Hall, Mr. J. W. Metcalfe in chair. Messrs. Davidson, Allsopp, Parsons and Gentleman were nominated for membership. Mr. C. E. Lloyd (Earlston, N.B.) was elected a members, and Messrs. Bretherton, Tempest, and Richards tendered their resignations, which were duly accepted. The bone of contention appears to he the raising of the subs. to 5s., and possibly there are others who contemplate resigning; if so, would they kindly send their names in between now and the 24th inst., and so save the society a needless waste of stamps and stationery, to say nothing of time? Subscriptions are due this month, and members are requested to remit, so as to make it unnecessary to have to send notices round, which all helps to deplete the funds. The N.F. show resulted in a loss of about £1. The secretary will be pleased to receive outstanding ticket money. The hon. secretary having resigned, the matter came before the general body, and after explanations had been sought and given, he finally decided to withdraw his resignation on the unanimous request of the members present. At the same time there is not the co-operation that should exist, a lot of the members taking things too lightly; and it is hoped they will take a deeper interest in its doings in the future. The patronage came up for allotment, and resulted as follows: Oct. 14th, Bradford West (Yorks., Nor.); Oct. 20th 21st, Newcastle-on-Tyne (Yorks., Nor. and Borders); Oct. 27th-28th, Manchester (ditto); Nov. 3rd-4th, Liverpool O.S., (ditto); Nov. 8th-9th, Swansea (ditto); Nov. 18th, Avonbridge (ditto); Nov. 17th-18th, Preston (ditto); Nov. 24th-2th, L.C.B.A. (ditto); Dec. 2nd 4th, Derby (ditto); Dec. 8th-9th, Bradford National (ditto); Dec. 30th-Jan 1st, Scottish National (ditto); Jan. 13th, Green C.A. (ditto); Feb., L. and P. O.S. (subject). Intending members are hereby notified that nominations must be in prior to the 24th August to enable them to compete for season's specials at first three shows.—Geo. Green, Hon. Sec.

PROVINCIAL ROLLER C.C.

Meeting held July 29th, chairman, Mr. A. Foulds. A good number of members were present. It was decided to give our patronage to the Wigan Club Show, and also to the Bradford Cinderella Show. Decided also to have one day's judging at our annual show, the judges to be five in number, so that all will have ample time to judge. All members are requested to attend next meeting, when important business will be transacted.—Tom Routledge.

BELFAST N.C. AND Y.C.C.

Monthly meeting August 5, in Clarence Place Hall, Mr. J. E. Adams, president, in the chair. There was a good attendance. As the arranging of classes for club show takes place at the September meeting, the secretary was instructed to issue summonses for same. An informal discussion took place regarding prize card versus prize slips, but the final arrangements were left over till September. Mr. Connell drew attention to the continual reiteration in the Press of an alleged notice of motion he was cited as giving to expel members writing to CAGE BIRDS, and the secretary was unanimously instructed to forward an official contradiction, no such notice ever having been given. Several other matters appearing in Press letters, also untrue, were deemed unworthy of notice. A full attendance is expected on September 2.—S. Bamford, Sec.

NEWCASTLE C.B.S.

Meeting held August 3rd, Mr. J. G. Hutchinson in chair. Correspondence was read from specialist clubs, and we now have the following clubs' patronage: Border Fancy, Northern Lizard, Yorkshire Canary, Ramsden Cup and Money Speciale, Open Novice Competitions Foreign Bird Bronze Medal, National British B. and M.C., Cinnamon Marked Yorkshire, Northern Crest, and Green Canary Association (Yorkies, Norwich and Borders), besides which we are likely to have all the northern clubs. The Nest Feather Canary Cup was presented to Mr. R. Tindale who won it at our last show. In presenting it Mr. Hutchison said he would like to see a medal go with it as a memento of the occasion. Mr. Tindale suitably responded. The members' classes were next considered and amply extended to give all members and novice members a good chance to bring their birds out. Messrs. MacKenzie, Gills and Pettersen have guaranteed a members' class for a "group of birds in aviary or cage, any variety, not less than six." This should he a novel and attractive class. We are all very sorry to hear that our late Chairman (Mr. J. Currah) intends leaving the country, and all joined in wishing him good luck in his new venture. Our show is creeping on us now, and we would ask members to see what they can do in the way of specials and adverts. in the catalogue. This is a cheap way to advertise surplus stock. The meeting was rather small, but the heat would account for this.—J. G. Atkinson, Sec.

SHEFFIELD O.S.

Meeting held headquarters, "Rose and Crown" Hotel, Waingate, August 11th, the Chairman (Mr. T. Dawn) presiding. The chief business item was the balance sheet of N.F. show held July 22nd, which was carried out in a new way, viz., fixed prize money, 4s., 2s., and 1s. for a 6d. entry fee. A good many of the members were doubtful as to the financial result. Fortunately we gave them a great surprise, which was brought about hy the hard work and energy of the secretary, Mr. T. Bishop, and his excellent committee, all of whom knew they had a hig task in front of them. Unfortunately the Balance sheet could not be passed, as there are 30 members who have not returned their unsold tickets. Will they kindly do so at once, as we are anxious to know the exact amount of profit? At present we have a profit of 14s. 4d., and when all tickets are returned we anticipate a good halance. This report was greeted with acclamation. After the Chairman's remarks, a vote of thanks was passed to the secretary, committee, stewards, etc. Other important business repecting specialist club patronage, etc., was transacted. We then went to our syllabus. For August we were to have a lecture on "Preparing Birds for Exhibition." This was delivered hy that old and capable fancier, Mr. G. Browning (Rotherham). He is just the man to deal with a subject of this description, as he has had a large and varied experience. He pointed out his difficulty, having only two things to deal with, a bird and a cage. Unless the cage was right and suitable for the hird, he said, the exhibit had a very poor chance of success. For instance, a large bird was altogether out of place in a small cage, and vice versa. Again, the colour had a great deal to do with showing the bird to advantage. Take the Norwich, for instance: if a bluer shade of enamel was used for Yellow birds, they would show to better advantage than under present conditions. He also pointed out that cleanliness was a very great feature in hoth bird and cage: in fact, if a bird was not well staged you could not possibly expect to win. The hest methods of getting birds into show condition were also studied. Mr. B. did not confine himself to Canaries alone: he mentioned various kinds of British and Foreign birds. A very instructive lecture was brought to a close by a hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer. Don't forget September meeting, very important—arrangements for all England show in Cutler's Hall. Book date, Septemher 5th, at headquarters.—John A. T. Woodall, Press Correspondent.

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Country Rambles

DENTON AND DISTRICT. B.F.S.

Second annual ramble held on July 30, to Hardcastle Craggs, Hebden Bridge. The leader was one of the members—Mr. W. Widgley, he being a native and very well acquainted with the district and its surroundings. The journey was commenced by having a very stiff climb over the old bridge and up the buttress (just to get the members used to climbing at the beginning). We passed Cross Lanes Chapel to Heponstall with its two churches in one yard, a little time being spent here examining the dates on the head stones, the oldest that was seen being dated 1500 and odd years. Forward from here we proceeded along the old Roman road past Heponstall Slack to Bleake Dene, with its little old Baptist Chapel, this chapel being rather of a puzzling nature, for the congregation have to go up steps into the bottom and downstairs into the top of the chapel. By way of a little sensation, we retraced our way over the wooden trestle bridge, it being a dizzy height from the water below. From here the journey towards the tea-rooms was commenced with an extra spurt—through the lovely wooded valley of Hardcastle Craggs, keeping close to the water, jumping from stone to stone to the tune of the wild birds' lovely song. The journey to the tea-rooms appeared to be only short. The best was made of the meal provided; in fact, one is never disappointed at the "Chalet." After a "wash and brush up" we made tracts for a Hebden Bridge bird fancier's (Mr. W. Spence) rooms, he having given us the privilege of viewing his stock; but we are sorry to say, through our not being able to state a time, he was out. The journey to the station from here was only a short distance, and we were soon speeding on our way back to Manchester and Denton, having spent a really enjoyable day.—W. Hopwood, Sec.

WALLASEY C.B.S.

Very enjoyable ramble held July 22nd, to Gaton via Bidstone and Woodchurch. Messrs. Benson (chairman), Mallinson (hon. sec.), Young, Barker (the well-known botanist), Alston, and several other members and friends turned up. Crossing the Wallasey marshes an abundance of wild seeds was in evidence. Mr. Barker explained all about them to the members. We inspected the old church built in the 14th century. Entering Bidston Woods we encountered a number of wild birds—Goldfinches, Chaffinches, Warblers, Blackbirds, Yellow Buntings. We also heard Mr. Alston's gramaphone for ducks. Proceeding on our way to Woodchurch through the Style Road, we came across numerous other species of wild birds. A halt was made at the "Horse and Jockey," where Mr. Benson generously provided all and sundry with a good substantial meal. Opposite this inn is the entrance to that historic old place, Arrow Hall. After a little rest we moved towards Baruston Dale—a lovely spot this. There were a good number of pleasure-seekers on the road. Messrs. Benson, Young, and Barker like the Norwich type best. Passing through the beautiful wooded bye-lanes, we walked on to Gaton, Messrs. Barker and Alston being the advance guard, having evidently sighted the Clegg Arms. On the main body arriving at this hostelry we had pleasure in drinking their health. A game of bowls—Chairman v. Secretary's teams—was enjoyed. The Chairman's team were soon "in clover"—19—1. Then Mr. Mallinson commenced to bowl. He soon had the game even—19 all (flukes)! The last ball he sent up to decide the game was like a shot out of a cannon. Jack Mallinson won the game, and owing to the extraordinary manner in which he won, he was commanded to pay for drinks and refreshments, which he did, but he says he will never take on the Chairman again. It was now 9 p.m., and a move was made for home. Some wanted to walk (14 miles), others said "Oh, no!" Mr. Benson solved the problem by booking cheap rates (9d. a head) by rail. Training from Heswall Hill Station we duly arrived at Seacombe, and adjourned to the Ferry Hotel. It was now 11 p.m., and we decided to go home, having had a most enjoyable ramble. Some said they were off again next morning, but Mr. Benson was more inclined for a dip in the Mersey. A more congenial lot of men it would be hard to meet. We are holding another ramble shortly, when we hope to have the company of some of the Birkenhead and Liverpool fanciers.—"Rambler."

SHEFFIELD C.B.S.

It was a glorious day, was July 29th, when we entrained for Edwinstowe on our second ramble of the season. Arriving at our destination we first of all made arrangements for tea. We then chartered vehicles, and had what proved to be a most interesting drive. Leaving the village of Edwinstowe we made our way for a considerable distance through Sherwood Forest, and passing through Buck Gates (so called because of the statues of this animal which adorn it on either side), we entered the noted Thoresby Park (which is 14 miles round). It was here we saw some wonders of Nature in profusion. As we rode through shaded avenues of silver birch and stately oak trees which, more ancient than the rest, stand like sentinels to guard the way and looking as if proud that in the centuries gone by they had done their part in sheltering God's free songsters. Birds were seen at various stages, and the Pheasants were a treat to behold. Passing along we came to the famous Chestnut Avenue, with its wide stretch of green sward. Just beyond we came in full view of Thoresby Hall, the seat of Earl Manvers, with the herds of deer grazing about it. In turning a bend in the road the sight of the day was seen in a herd of at least 100 deer (all of them bucks). Passing through the park we came upon the old and stately Thoresby Castle, which, with its ivy-covered walls and stately towers rising above the surrounding trees, is a landmark for miles around. Leaving the park we passed through the village of Budley, where the inhabitants (through the kindness of the Earl) live rent free. Just beyond the village on the left are the Thoresby Lakes, and a beautiful sight they are with their score or so of Swans. After a little ride in the open we again entered Sherwood Forest, where we dismiss the vehicles and make our way to see the Major Oak. After a short rest and refreshment we made our way to our host's house. Tea was served on the lawn, and we did full justice to the good things provided. Some of the older ones, with the ladies, afterwards contented themselves with a seat near the forest, discussing the doings of our society and birdy matters in general; others made a tour of inspection in the village church; while others sought the seclusion of the woods, where, in the fading light and the quiet of the evening hour they could hear the call of the Jay and the cooing of the Dove to his mate. Sorry we were to leave such scenes and sounds.—J. Woolhouse, Assist. Sec.

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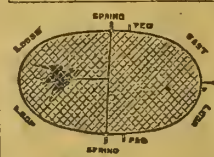
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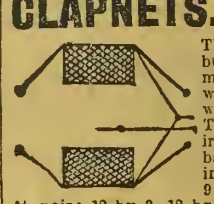
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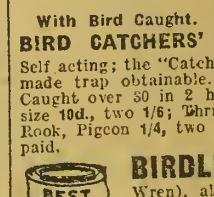


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Club Reports.

JOHNSTONE C.B., &c. ASSOC.

Meeting held 10th August, when it was agreed to hold their show on 21st October. Mr. Taylor was re-elected president for the season; Mr. W. Walker vice-president; and Mr. D. P. Ritchie, Brookfield, Johnstone, secretary and treasurer.—D. P. Ritchie, Sec.

SCOTTISH METROPOLITAN (Open Derby) O.A.

New members for 1911 to be added to list published last June:—J. P. Baxter (Leith), R. Findlay (Darvel), J. Rodgers (Slateford), A. Weeton (Edinburgh). These additional names increase the total number to 184, and make a record entry for our Derby. The executive are highly satisfied with this result, and thank all who were instrumental in bringing it about.—J. R. Meikle, Sec.

WEST STANLEY AND DIS. C.B.S.

Meeting held headquarters, Aug. 12th, Mr. W. Butler in chair. There was a splendid turn-out of members, one of the best for some months. The business was the election of two judges for annual show, Jan. 20th. The two elected were Messrs. W. Reid (Sunderland) and J. Shepherd (Newcastle). The secretary reported that the New Town hall had been secured for the show; it is one of the best adapted places in the district for a bird show, being well lighted, well heated, and well ventilated. Members have had a fair breeding season, and we should have a record entry for our show.—W. Elliott, Sec.

WIGAN AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held Headquarters, Legs of Man Hotel, Mr. P. Vickers in chair. The show date was fixed for November 24th and 25th. We have secured patronage of Provincial Roller Club for Roller section, which gave great satisfaction to Roller members. Messrs. W. Ridge and P. Vickers gave good accounts of their attendance as delegates to meeting re forming Lancashire and Cheshire Union. It was decided to hold fortnightly meetings up to the show date. One of our members has promised to read an article, which should prove very interesting. Members and friends are invited to attend.—W. Dyer, Hon. Sec.

SOUTH BIRMINGHAM O.S.

Meeting held Headquarters, Sydenham Hotel, Aug. 9th. Chairman Willmott was in his usual place, and the small amount of business was soon got through by about 16 members. Messrs. Raley and Dean were elected members, and the chairman congratulated all present on the splendid progress the society had made, as we had a balance in hand of nearly £5, and 38 members on the books, which for a half year's work proved the value of the society for bird fanciers in the South Birmingham district. A lengthy discussion took place on the autumn programme, and members' show, and it was resolved that in the second week in October an expert give exhibition in the washing of birds, to be followed by a member's washing competition. The date of members' show was left until September meeting, as we could not see our treasurer—he being on his holiday—with reference to our having room for Dec. 26th.—J. Sheppard, Sec.

NORTH. BORDER & SCOTCH F.C.

Meeting held August 14th. There was a good turn-out of members. The following new members were proposed and accepted as members: Dr. Henry, Messrs. Dowson, Greenwell, Greason, Marshall, Stephson, and Walker. Correspondence from the secretary of the Northern Crest Club was read re the holding of a combined social for the distribution of prizes and specials won by the members of the specialist clubs in the North; it was unanimously agreed that we join in. Patronage was allotted to four shows out of six, as follows: Chopwell, Newcastle, Blaydon, and Gateshead. We still desire to grant patronage to two shows, and secretaries should apply before we decide finally who shall be the remaining ones to receive same. It was moved and carried that we must have at least four classes for clears and marks, one for greens and cinnamons, and one for Scotch Fancies. Mr. Currah proposed, and Mr. Johnson seconded, that the best thanks of the society be given to the Border Fancy C.C. for their kindness in granting us the loan of the model for our rules; this was unanimously carried.

GATESHEAD AND DIST. C.B.S.

Meeting held Aug. 9th, Mr. Tindle (chairman) being absent, Mr. Almond (late chairman) kindly presided. Correspondence was read from specialist clubs re patronage, and we have now obtained the following clubs' patronage:—N.C.C. cup patronage; B.F.C.C.; E. and W.B.F.C.; N.B.B. and M.C. (silver medals for both sections); and Foreign B.C. (bronze medal). It was decided to have a table show on Aug. 23rd, for birds in nest feather, Mr. J. Maddison (Newcastle) to judge. We hope to have a good turn up of young birds, also of wild birds, as the close season being now over our British bird fanciers will get a chance. Classes (1 for champions and 1 for novices, each variety Canaries): Nor.; Yorks.; Borders; Crest or C.B.; A.O.V. Can.; Mule or Hyb. Champ.; ditto Novice; British: Linnets, house-moulted; ditto field-moulted; Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite; Greenfinch; A.O.S. Finch or Bunting; Foreign: Champ.; ditto Novice. Birds to be staged by 8 o'c. prompt, at Lockhart's Cafe, High Street. In the foreign bird section previous winners are debarred. Will members please note that at our next meeting, Sept. 13th, we will reconsider members' classes for open show.—A. Holden, Sec.

WALLSEND C.B.A.

Meeting held Station Hotel, August 9th. A good number of members turned up. Mr. J. Johnston in the chair. A long discussion followed upon the classes and prize money. Two more classes were added, making 45 in all. Prize money is to be paid full on seven entries, and half for less than seven. Three new members were added to the swelling roll. The question as to when members ought to be taken on for the year was also fully discussed, and the feeling prevailed that we ought to take eligible fanciers when we can get them, several being mentioned as wishing to join. We say to all, "Come along, and we will give you a fancier's greeting." Also agreed to have a short paper on some suitable subject for next meeting, and Mr. Slack kindly offered to give some reminiscences of his birdie experiences. It was decided to have schedules, tickets, and all necessary work sent to printer in good time, and that the names of all winning members be written on the prize cards, instead of printing a catalogue for the show, this answering quite as good. The question of securing specials was left over until next month, and this ended a very enjoyable meeting.—Macdonald and Evans, Secs.

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The Shows.

NOTE.—We cannot possibly undertake the writing out of lists of awards from the catalogues of shows. A fully written report must be sent us. —EDITOR.

LEAMINGTON SPA F.A.

First members' show of Norwich took place August 9th, when some fine birds were staged. Mr. Brown won medal (presented by Geo. Hall). Mr. C. Brooks judged with great satisfaction. 1, spl, vhc, hc, Brown; 2, A. Bull; 3, P. Bull; c, Soden.—Geo. Hall.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

The third and last F.F. show was held on August 5th at High-st. Cafe. A small number of birds were shown. BORD.: 1, vhc, Newcombe; 2, 3, Bainbridge. LIZ.: 1, 2, Davidson. YORKS.: 1, 2, 3, Gray. The following were the winners of prizes for most points in the respective classes over the three shows: Borders, 1 Walker, 2 Newcombe; Yorks., 1 Gray, 2 Swan; C. and C.B., 1 Swan; Norwich, 1 Machin; Lizards, Davidson and Jeffrey equal; British, 1 Waters; Mules, 1 Murray. Winner of special for most points, Swan. The question of holding an open show was postponed till next meeting, August 19th, when I hope every member will make a special effort to be present.—J. Jeffrey, Hon. Sec.

HEMSWORTH & DIST. C.B.S.

Members' second show, held August 5th, when Mr. Edmondson (Bradford) judged the 27 entries in 7 classes—a poor entry for a club with 26 members, and not much encouragement for the secretary to get specials for the shows. Mr. Edmondson gave every satisfaction. CLASS 1: 1, Davis; 2, Kelsey; 3, Gillings. CLASS 2: 1, Taylor; 2, Lunn; 3, Ramsden. CLASS 3: 1, Lord; 2, Davis; 3, Taylor; vhc, Lee; hc, Gillings. CLASS 4: 1, hc, Taylor; 2, Hall; 3, Davis; vhc, Kelsey. CLASS 5: 1, Lunn; 2, Brown; 3, Kemp. CLASS 6: No entries. CLASS 7: 1, 3, Groviar; 2, Kemp. CLASS 8: 1, hc, Taylor; 2, Hall; 3, Hoggins; vhc, Brown. Next meeting Aug. 19th, when the next show will be arranged; kindly turn up in good numbers, as business is important.—James W. Gillings, Sec.

LLANBEDR (Merioneth).

Show held August 12th in glorious weather. The cage bird section was under cover, and the birds nicely staged. The entries were very short; unfortunately, the show was held the same day as Vaynol Park. On the other hand, the moulting season would partly account. The secretary was Mr. E. Jones once more; he is well known as a willing and obliging official, ably assisted by capable stewards. The committee are to be congratulated on their classification, and on their good and numerous specials. Mr. J. Kershaw (Llanrwst) judged, and gave satisfaction.

NOR., YELL. (4): Two awards given; 1, O. R. Jones, lovely type and quality, good feather and col., in nice conditiou; 3, W. T. Jones, variegs., somewhat out of condition to-day. BUFF: 1, J. E. Jones, grand sized buff, good type and quality, nice feather; 2, Griffith, big plain bird. YORKS., YELL.: 2, Edwards, good length and slim. BUFF: 1, Edwards, nice cl., lengthy and stylish, neat all over. CAN., 1911, A.V.: 1, J. E. Jones, grand cl. buff, good col., fine frosting, credit to his owner; 2, Edwards, cl. yell. Yorks., good length and style; 3, Roberts, slim variegs. buff Yorks., neat one. MULE OR HYB.: Two awards; 1, Griffith, big cobby buff Goldie-Can., good blaze and col.; 2, Evans, same cross, lovely blaze, beaten only in size. NOVICE: 1, Edwards; 2, Roberts; 3, Jones. BEST PAIR YORKS. (for breeding): 1, Edwards, good yell. and buff, plenty of length. Special best 1911 Can., J. E. Jones; best novice, E. Edwards; best Mule, D. Griffiths.

VAYNOL PARK (Port Dinorwic).

Fifth annual show of cage birds, etc., held August 12th, in large tents in Vaynol Park, the seat of Sir Charles Assbeton-Smith, Bart. This gentleman is president of the show, and a very strong working committee carries out the arrangements with the following chief officials: Chairman, Mr. H. Weaver; vice-chairman, Mr. W. T. Davies; treasurer, Mr. J. E. Williams; secretary, Mr. R. Hughes. There was a fine entry in cage birds, the total being 46 more than last year, which highly pleased all concerned. Norwich led the way with some very choice typical birds, in fine condition, and competition ruled keen. Yorkshires were especially good, and some lovely specimens were on view, particularly in the 1911 bred class—24 of them, and a grand lot they were. There was also a very fine Border class; Carnarvon exhibitors put down some very choice birds here. Hybrids were led by a splendid Dark Yellow Goldfinch-Canary in grand order. A few grand Goldfinches were led off by a charming Finch of Mr. E. Jones (of Carnarvon). The winner in the Bullfinches was also tip-top. Specials were given in every class. Mr. Chas. Houlton judged, and all seemed very pleased.

The Critique.

NOR., CL. YELL. (5): 1, r, E. D. Owen, grand all-round cl., fine head, chest, back wings and tail, rare col., carriage and condition; 2, W. H. Williams, smaller but very compact; 3, E. J. Jones, fine bold bird, a wee bit rough in breast feather at present; vhc, E. J. Williams. BUFF (6): 1, W. H. Williams, grand head, fine type, col., feather, and condition; 2, Owen, grand all over it; 3, hc, J. Williams, grand quality, etc.; r, Angel; vhc, Kelly. A.O.V. (7): 1, 2, Owen, marked saddle, grand shape, col., quality, and condition; 2nd, variegs., hot col., good feather; 3, W. H. Williams, fine shape; r, J. Williams; vhc, Griffith; hc, W. Jones. NOR., 1911 (14): Fine lot of youngsters; 1, r, W. Aiken, A1 buff leading; r, small clubby yell., both in grand condition; 2, Owen, cl., fine head, beginning to moult; 3, J. Williams, big variegs., fine head; vhc, hc, E. J. Jones; c, L. Jones. YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL. (6): 1, Owen Owens, very fine typical yell., well up on leg, fine neat wings and tail, neat and clean all through; 2, vhc, R. W. Roberts, pretty pair, former best finished, fine type; 3, J. O. Williams, grand type, A1 when over moult; r, W. Jones; hc, Roberts; c, W. Davies. BUFF (5): 1, J. Roberts, big buff, clean and neat, fine carriage and condition; 2, J. O. Williams, nice style and carriage; 3, R. W. Roberts, small, fine, like a hen. A.O.V. (6): 1, 3, W. Nolan, very sweet, stylish pair, splendid quality feather and condition; 2, R. W. Roberts, variegs. yell., lovely type and carriage; r, J. O. Williams; vhc, R. E. Griffith. YORKS., 1911 (24): Grand class; 1, r, hc, W. Nolan, very good trio, all well placed and want a lot of stopping, in grand condition; 2, J. O. Williams, very smart, in best of order; 3, Jones and Pritchard, buff, tick neck, in lovely feather; vhc, Owen Owens; c, R. W. Roberts. BORD. (11): 1, 2, 3, D. Roberts, very smart, neat trio, best of type, quality, and condition; r, E. J. Jones; vhc, C. Roberts; hc, J. O. Rowlands; c, H. Williams. A.O.V.: 1, Rowlands; 2, Lewis Jones. HYB. (8): 1, W. J. Parry, fine dark yell. Gold.-Can., in splendid condition; 2, J. O. Rowlands, very neat Goldie-Greenie, in nice condition; 3, Jones and Pritchard, variegs. yell., six-point Gold.-Can., nice col. and condition; r, hc, Aiken, very fine young Greenfinch-Can. leading; vhc, no name in catalogue, No. 8 in class; c, Donaldson. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (9): 1, 3, r, E. Jones, leader lovely bird to-day, all the right stamp; 2, J. Hughes, shade smaller in blaze, but grand in all other points; vhc, Evan Hughes; hc, Donaldson. BULLFINCH (3): 1, W. H. Williams, grand, all out, a treat to-day; 2, J. Rowands; 3, G. Roddick. A.O.S. BRIT. (5): 1, Griffith, very neat Bawfinch; 2, Donaldson, grand Siskin; 3, J. Hughes, Greenfinch; r, Jones and Pritchard, Linnet; vhc, J. Williams. SELL., 12/6 (12): 1, E. D. Owen; 2, W. H. Williams; 3, J. Williams; r, hc, R. W. Roberts; vhc, R. E. Griffith; c, E. J. Jones.

ASHINGTON, HIRST & DIS. C.B.S.

First annual F.F. show held Portland Hotel, August 5th, when 49 birds was staged in good style and quality. Mr. Seely judged, and gave every satisfaction.

NOR., YELL., ETC.: 1, Rowell; 2, Armstrong; 3, Middleton; vhc, Clark; hc, Thompson. BUFF: 1, Rowell; 2, Thompson; 3, c, r, Hancox; vhc, hc, Hall. BORD., YELL., ETC.: 1 Rowell; 2, Wilks; 3, hc, Graham, jun.; vhc, Armstrong. BUFF: 1, Rowell; 2, Middleton; 3, Armstrong; vhc, Graham; hc, Willis; c, Graham, jun. YORKS., YELL., ETC.: 1, Hancox; 2 Middleton; 2, King; vhc, Hall; hc, Carr. BUFF: 1 Hancox; 2, 3, Carr. CINN.: 1, W. Hall; 2, G. Hall; 3, Tomlinson. A.O.V. CAN, MULE OR HYB.: 1, Rowell; 2, Armstrong; 3, W. Hall; vhc, Clark; hc, King; c, Baker. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, 2, Clark. LINNET: 1, Rowell; 2, Carr; 3, Baker.—W. Hall, Sec.

BURTON-ON-TRENT C.B.S.

Y.B. Show held Staffordshire Knot, July 22nd, when a good muster of birds faced the judge, Mr. Walton (Leicester). CL. YELL. NOR.: 1, 4, Hathaway; 2, Mason; 3, c, Elliott; vhc, Ford; hc, Wood. BUFF: 1, Elliott; 2, Ford; 3, 4, Hathaway; vhc, England; hc, Mason; c, Wood. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, 3, Hathaway; 2, Ford; 4, Mason; vhc, Elliott. BUFF: 1, 2, Mason; 3, Ford; 4, England; vhc, Lee. GREEN: 1, Mason; 2, Elliott; 3, England. NOVICE YELL.: 1, Springall; 2, 3, Oldham Bros. BUFF: 1, Springall; 2, 3, Crouch; 4, Oldham Bros. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, Ford. A.O.V.: 1, Ford. CHALLENGE BOWL: 1, 4, Hathaway; 2, Ford; 3, Springall; vhc, Elliott; hc, Mason; c, Oldham.—W. Elliott, Sec.

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*An Amusing Budgerigar.

My father has a Budgerigar. It is most amusing. When my father comes downstairs in the morning the bird calls till it is answered, and when he comes home from work the Budgerigar whistles, "Aren't you coming?" When we go to bed it kisses most perfectly. Dada has hung some bells on a swing, and a dummy pigeon in its cage. It jumps on the swing; then sets all the bells going. It has a favourite bell, a little larger than the others; it heads it, and then drops its head to miss the return. It can mock anything, but cannot talk.—Sent by John Nicks, 44, Teignmouth Road, Bournbrook, Birmingham.

**Polly's Fault.

A certain lady, who lives in this town, once owned a talking Parrot which played a very comical trick upon her. The coalman once called when this lady was out, and, hearing a voice from inside the house call out, "Not to-day, thank you," went off. Next time he called the lady asked him why he did not leave her the usual amount of coals the last time he called. He said she called out to him that she did not want any. This she at once denied, explaining that she was out that day. Just then the Parrot caught sight of the coalman, and cried out, "Not to-day, thank you"! Then they both understood.—Sent by G. Simmans (age 15), 19, St. Paul's Road, Barking, Essex.

Singing Contests.

SEAHAM HARBOUR.

Seaham Harbour and Dis. Linnet Club held their last sing Aug. 12th, when 31 birds competed:—1, 2, Wilkinson; 3, Briggs; 4, Richardson; 5, 6, R. Elliot. Judge, Mr. J. Robson; timekeeper, Mr. T. Wilkinson. It was decided to leave club open to all; anyone wishing to join can do so by paying 2s. 6d. on or before December 25th.—J. Watson, Sec., 39, Stavordale, Dawdon.

PONTEFRACT.

Members' sing, Aug. 12th, at the Woodman Inn, when we had a good entry of birds before a large company. The following won prizes:—1, J. Piper, 76; 2, W. Procter, 61; 3, T. Piper, 49. Open contest, Aug. 13th, for three good prizes. We had birds from all the leading clubs in the district, and heard some very fine singing. Result:—1, J. Kirk., 82; 2, J. Kirk, 46; 3, T. Piper, 45. Open contest every week-end, first bird hung 10 o'c.—H. Chatterton, Sec.

DURHAM.

Linnet contest held Black Horse, Elvet, August 12th, when 20 birds were entered. Results: 1st and 2nd, Heslop; 3rd and 4th, Walker. Judge, Mr. J. Farrey; timekeeper, Mr. W. Sayles. Next contest at R. Canavan's, Travellers' Rest, Gilesgate Moor, August 19th. £3 given in prizes. Judge, Mr. Gardener (Spennymoor).—G. Reed, Sec.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Singing contest held Prince Albert Inn, when nine picked birds in Leeds sang for three good prizes given by Mrs. M A. Saynor. Judges, Messrs. J. Smith and G. Lorriman. 1st and 3rd, Binns; 2nd, Nevins.—E. Wood, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS.

Weekly Linnet singing contest held King's Head, Shannon-street, when 18 birds sang for three good prizes. Good singing heard for the time of year. 1st and 2nd prizes, H. Wigfield; 3rd prize, T. Stead. Judges, Messrs. Walt. Naylor and H. Hayes. Also match Saturday next, open to all England, when three good prizes will be given for quality singing.—W. Sissons, Hon. Sec.

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Twitterings.

The annual show of the Muirkirk O.S. will, writes Mr. J. C. Torbett, the Secretary, be held on November 4 next.

We have decided to hold our show on Saturday, 16th December, 1911, writes Mr. F. Robinson, Secretary of the Newtownards and Dis. C.B.S.

We have again secured the Corn Exchange for our annual show, writes Mr. A. W. Watson, Secretary of the Scottish National Cage Bird Society.

Kindly note my change of address, writes Mr. Thos. Heath. I have left South Eaton Place, and am living now at Riversleigh, Rectory Road, Beckenham.

The result of the Bootle C.B.S. draw for the widow of the late R. Nickson was as follows: 3169, 2558, 2545, 3160, 2188, writes Mr. F. Hawkes, the Secretary.

Mr. G. Needham, of Wombwell, writes that he has a hen Canary which has never laid an egg, yet which reared three nests of Greenfinches during the season just ended.

We hear from Mr. J. R. Colville, the secretary of the Ashton-under-Lyne Society, that steps are being taken to see whether a public aviary cannot be erected in one of the local parks. We hope they may prove successful.

Mr. J. E. Wood having resigned the secretaryof the Leicester and Leicestershire Hand and Hand C.B.S. I beg to notify that I now hold that office, writes Mr. A. Freestone, 79, Clarendon Street, Leicester.

I am pleased to say that all show accounts are now paid, writes Mr. Geo. Hall, Secretary of the Leamington Spa and Dis. F.A. Our next show will be held on October 19, and will be open to Warwickshire.

Will fanciers kindly note that I have changed my address to 48, Rosser Street, Moesycoed, Pontypridd, where all future communications respecting our society must be sent, writes Mr. A. A. Gordon McLucas, Secretary of the Pontypridd and Dis. F. and F.S.

I have been appointed secretary to the Glossop, Hadfield and Dis. C.B.S., in succession to Mr. H. S. Waters, resigned, writes Mr. E. Thompson, Victoria Hall, Glossop. All communications in connection with the Society should in future be addressed to me.

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I have to thank you for such a pleasant surprise I had in seeing a reproduction of one of my birds on the cover of CAGE BIRDS last week. The past season has been one of my best as regards quality, and I have hopes of moulting out some good birds, and also repeating my young stock successes at the annual shows.—R. P. Harper (London, N.).

Birds' Tongues.

There is a vast difference in the tongues of birds. The tongue is frequently very small in birds which have the bill, mouth and gullet very large, so that bulky food can be swallowed whole and easily. In others it is large and long; birds having such are as a rule delicate feeders taking small insects, one at a time.

Pussy's Tears.

One morning as I was going to school three months ago, I saw a little bird in a stable-yard rolled up like a ball. I picked it up and went home with it. My father said it was a Lark with one eye, and he wanted to put it out of pain at once. But I cried for my little dickie bird, so my father let me have a cage to put it in, and I fed it well. It is singing now. One day Pussy went to the cage for little Dickie, but when Pussy saw that Dickie had only one eye, she turned her head away and cried.

(The above was sent us from Newcastle for our "Young Naturalist" column. We think Pussy certainly deserves a prize—she is so good and so tender-hearted—but unfortunately we only give prizes for anecdotes which have birdie heroes and heroines. We hope Pussy may meet her just reward in the feline hereafter.—Editor.)

Edible Birds' Nests.

The edible birds' nests (the delight of the Chinese) are made by a species of Swift, which secrete from their salivary glands, a fluid, which rapidly hardens as it dries on exposure to the air into a substance resembling isinglass. The caves in which these birds build are private property and strictly preserved.

The Rose-Coloured Starling.

The Rosy Pastor, or Rose-coloured Starling is an occasional visitor to the British Islands. It is a very erratic bird in its movements. Even abroad flocks will suddenly appear in districts to which previously it has been a stranger, rear young there and as suddenly disappear. It is a well-known bird in India, but seldom occurs in Africa.

Notes on the Robin.

Curious as it may appear, the Eastern limit of the Redbreast is not well defined, although the birds are common throughout Europe. In Northern Persia it is replaced by a very nearly allied form, distinguishable from its more ruddy hues, while in China and Japan another form is found in which the sexes differ somewhat in plumage.

All About the Norwich Plainhead Canary.

By J. A. T. Woodall.

(Concluded from opposite page).

A teaspoonful of colour food per day is supposed to have the desired effect, but I always let the birds have as much as they will eat. You will find that some birds eat the food much more readily than others, and some you have almost to starve to it. If I have a bird that refuses colour food, I always take off the seed box at night. I give this particular bird the quantity I consider necessary each morning to get the desired colour, and return the seed box at dinner time. You will find that by so doing your bird will invariably eat the colour food readily after a week or so of treatment in this manner.

Points to Remember.

Another very important item is to give your birds the colour food every day. It is no use giving it one day and missing it the next; you must carry the process out systematically in order to get a level and even colour on your birds. If they moult out patchy in colour, that is, not level in colour, they are absolutely spoilt from an exhibition point of view until the next moult.

You will find that some of your birds come out a much hotter colour than others, although they have exactly the same treatment. That is accounted for by the amount of natural colour bred in the birds.

Towards the end of the moult I always give a small crystal of sulphate of iron in the water; this acts as a tonic and also fixes the colour on the plumage. You will find that unless you use something to fix the colour, as the season advances, it will fade, as this colour has only been produced by vegetable matter. It is advisable to have plenty of fresh air in your bird room, but be most careful there are no draughts, or you may find them most fatal. Draughts sometimes cause birds to get stuck in the moult; in fact, they are one of the chief causes. If such happens to be the case, remove the bird into a warmer atmosphere, which will in a good many cases restart the moult.

Always give your birds the bath whenever the weather is bright and fine, preferably in the morning, when they have all day before them to get thoroughly dry. You will find that when the bath is freely used it will assist the birds to get through the moult. It is advisable to give your exhibition birds colour food about once a week all through the show season, as they are at all times liable to lose a few feathers, and unless you resort to this you will have them becoming patchy in colour.

Neither Troublesome Nor Expensive.

Some people consider that colour feeding is both a trouble and expense. I don't see that there is much trouble about it. It does not take you more than two or three minutes to mix the food, and not more than an extra five minutes to go round twenty cages. Again, nothing is a trouble to the true fancier; at least, that is my idea. Regarding the expense, it has been estimated that the cost of colour feeding each bird through the moult amounts to the sum of 6d. per bird, so that as far as expense is concerned, that cannot be taken into consideration. It is, I consider, well spent money, even in the case of singing cocks. You can always get 1s. 6d. or 2s. more for a nicely fed bird than for a natural coloured one, especially if your customer happens to be a lady, as colour always takes their eye.

In conclusion, gentlemen, I must thank you for your kind attention, and trust that someone has gained a little information that will prove beneficial.

Illustrated Ideas

No. 534.
Combined Seed-blower and Sifter.

Sent by Mr. B. Brett, 62, Cantwell Road, Plumstead, S.E.

I enclose sketch of an inexpensive seed-blower and sifter combined. You first get a ½lb. cocoa or any other tin, and drill two holes, one on each side. When the cone-shaped trumpet and mouth tube are made, you next solder them in (as in illustration). You next proceed to

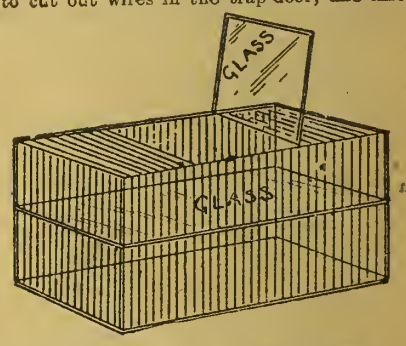


make the sifter, by punching holes all over the bottom of the tin; having done this, you get a lid of another tin, so that it fits tightly over the bottom of the article. The finished thing is very useful for blowing the husks out of the seed, which most birds leave in their bottles.—B. Brett.

No. 535.
A Bullfinch Trap-cage.

Sent by Mr. Jesse Ward, 1, George Street, Markyate, near Dunstable.

Enclosed is a sketch of a trap-cage which I find is very effective in the catching of Bullfinches. All you want is an ordinary trap-cage, then cut out the wires that separate the call bird from the trap at top, not forgetting to leave one wire at each end for the glass to lie on. If cut to fit, there is little chance of your call bird escaping. The next move is to cut out wires in the trap-door, and insert



a piece of thin glass, not omitting to put a small piece of rubber for the door to fall against to save glass from breaking. I think this sketch will explain the rest. The glass, if kept clean, looks to the bird as if there is nothing there. Last winter I used one like this, and three others without glass; I caught more birds in it than the other three, and I found it also useful for the call bird when it rained.—Jesse Ward.

CINNAMON-MARKED Y.C.C.

We have allocated the patronage of the club to the following shows:—Oct. 7, Laisterdyke B.F.A.; Oct. 14, Bradford West; Oct. 20, 21, Newcastle-on-Tyne; Oct. 27-28, Manchester; Nov. 3-4, Sheffield O.S.; Nov. 11, Great Horton O.S.; Nov. 25, Brighouse C.B.S.; Dec. 8-9, Bradford Cinderella; Jan. 6, Sandy Lane; Jan. 20, City of Bradford and Crystal Palace.—Grayshon and Allen, Secs.

NORTHERN YORKSHIRE C.C.

Meeting held August 9th, Mr. T. C. Crawhall in chair. Following shows were allotted patronage: Chopwell, Newcastle, Hartlepools, Blaydon, Gateshead. The challenge cup and Ramsden's special were granted the last-named show. We have still one date vacant. Any society in the four Northern counties desirous of having our patronage can apply before our next meeting, September 6th, when applications will be considered.—R. Tindale, Hon. Sec.



Some Notes on the Sedge Warbler.

By JOHN CRAIG (Beith).

The Sedge Warbler is one of our common summer migrants, generally arriving here (Beith) about the beginning of May. The species was scarce about Beith and other places in Scotland in 1909, but I am glad to say there was a slight increase last year, and a still greater increase this year, which brings them up to about their normal number, but they are not yet so numerous as they were thirty years ago.

Mistaken for the Nightingale.

The Sedge Warbler is sometimes mistaken for the Nightingale, both in England and in Scotland, as it often sings at night.



Sedge Warbler's Nest, suspended from reed stems.

Some years ago a bird was heard singing at about 11 p.m. about two miles from Beith; it was said to be a Nightingale. After getting a description from the men who heard it, I told them it was a "Blethering Yam," which is one of the local names for the Sedge Warbler about Beith. But they did not accept my statement. About a fortnight afterwards a gentleman asked me what kind of bird I thought it was. I said it was a "Blethering Yam." He gave me the name of another gentleman who was there and heard it along with the gentlemen above referred to, which I was not aware of, who also said it was a "Blethering Yam." Other birds were heard singing in the district at night, and in other parts of Scotland, which were said to be Nightingales, but they were Sedge Warblers.

This Warbler is partial to streams and watery places, but it is by no means confined to these. The nest is generally built among herbage about a foot or so from the ground, but it is often built in a hedge about six feet from the ground. I saw one on the ground. But they are sometimes suspended and woven on three or four reed-stems or grass as shown in photographs I have sent to the editor which were taken by Mr. Thomas Malloch (Johnstone). He found the nest on July 14th, 1911, near Johnstone. He took some of the photographs on the same day, and the one showing three eggs in the nest on July 22nd, when I was present. These are the first photographs taken for the purpose of showing that the nest of the Sedge Warbler is sometimes interwoven on reed-stems or other herbage, so far as I am aware, which provides a final and permanent settlement of this vexed question.

I have only seen two of these suspended nests before. One was woven on nettle-stems and the other interwoven on the stems of knot or canary grass. The latter was said to be a Reed Warbler's, but there are no Reed Warblers about Beith, and so far as I know they have never bred in Scotland.

Settling the Point.

In 1910, Mr. Malloch paid a visit to Beith to take a photograph of a young Cuckoo. I then asked him if he had ever seen a Sedge Warbler's nest woven on reed-stems or grass. He said he had. I asked him to take a photograph of the first one he found that was woven or fixed to reed-stems, as it was a disputed point. He did so, as shown in the photographs above referred to.

The Rev. C. A. Johns says "The Sedge Warbler's nest is suspended from, rather than built on, its supports." Howard Saunders says "The Sedge Warbler's nest is never suspended like that of the Reed Warbler, but is concealed among the lower branches of a willow, or in the rank herbage by some stream or ditch, or even in a mossy hollow in the ground." And I see by Dr. Butler's book recently published that Mr. Seebohm also asserts that the nest of this bird "is never suspended between reeds like the Reed Warbler's, but is supported by the branches.

The photographs already referred to show that the Sedge Warbler's nest is suspended from a few reed-stems like that of the Reed Warbler.

Dr. Butler made some nasty remarks because I stated some plain facts when criticising Mr. Seebohm's remarks about the young Cuckoo. Mr. Seebohm ridiculed the idea that the young Cuckoo ejected its foster brothers and sisters from the nest, and was supported by Dr. Butler. But now Dr. Butler is criticising him about the Sedge Warbler's nest. I hope to review on an early date Dr. Butler's book "Birds' Eggs of the British Isles," which was recently published. But I must return to the subject.

Food, Eggs and Plumage.

The Sedge Warbler's food consists of worms, insects, and water molluscs. It usually lays five or six eggs, which are a yellowish clay colour, clouded or mottled with a brown shade. But an egg of this species (brought to me for identification) was of a reddish colour.

Upper plumage olive-grey, the centre of each feather tinged with brown, a light mark above each eye, under, yellowish white, more or less tinged with red; throat white; tail rounded, of moderate length, of a uniform ash-brown. Length four and a half inches.

All About the Norwich Plainhead.

A Lecture recently delivered before the Sheffield O.S.

By J. A. T. WOODALL (Sheffield).

(Continued from page 62).

A Valuable Tip.

I might here give you another tip which I think will repay you for the little bit of extra trouble it involves. Every night just before the birds go off to roost I mix a small quantity of bread and milk sop. When it is cold I take each nest of young out separately. After they are about two days old, you will know from experience as soon as you take hold of a nest that they will gape for food. I then take a piece of stick, and get as much of the milk sop into each young one as possible, and I see that all their crops are full. You know then that they will be alright till morning. You will find that this brings them on wonderfully, builds up the system and puts size into them. Continue this mode of feeding at nights as long as ever they will gape for food.

I have fed birds for producing both natural and what used to be called "Red Fed" colour; the latter is what we know at the present time as colour feeding. It is really a farce to have classes to read "Natural Colour," as there are no natural colour birds shown to-day. They are all fed in some way or other, either by a yellow pepper, saffron, marigold, nasturtium, or other colouring agent. The Norwich Plainhead Club generally want a natural colour class when allotting their patronage, but as it is the "Red Fed" bird that interests us most, we will give that our attention.



A YOUTHFUL ENTHUSIAST.

The five-year-old son of Mr. Arthur Pearsons (Forest Hill, S.E.), with his two pairs of Canaries and their nests of young—four in each. Since the photograph was taken Master Pearson has had two other nests of four. His father (who has just joined CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE) has also had a good season—42 young birds to date.

Whence Pepper is Obtained.

In the first place let us consider from what source the pepper is obtained, so that we know exactly what we are giving our birds to get this red hot colour—the colour which is so necessary from an exhibitor's point of view. This plate which I will hand round shows you the two principal vegetables used to produce this colouring matter. On the left is a diagram showing vegetable from which sweet or tasteless pepper is obtained. This resembles the tomato plant, and is known as the Genus Capsicum. Capsicums are grown in many parts of the world. Several medical men have proved that this capsicum, or tasteless pepper, as we call it, is perfectly harmless as a bird food. By the kindness of Mr. J. W. Ramsden and of Mr. Sandiford, I am able to show you samples of this and various other colour producing vegetables; also samples of various peppers, all of which contain the colour producing properties so much desired.

We now come to the consideration of the pungent capsicum, described as "Capsicum annuam acuminatum," or what we know as Hot Natal. This you will observe on the right of the diagram. I have also here some sample pods for your inspection, so that you can see exactly the nature of food that produces the colour.

I might point out that all these samples have been gathered now about 5 years, which accounts for their dried state. This Hot Natal, as its name implies, is grown to the best state of perfection in Natal. Some of the more prolific species bear pods of not such a deep colour. These are very often used for yellow feeding. You will observe the difference in the colour of pod. In the production of this colouring matter, the pod or skin is ground up, and the very finest salad or olive oil is added to this. The quantity of oil added is according to the species, age and dryness of the pods before grinding. That pepper is considered the best that contains from 12 to 15 per cent. of oil, the oil naturally producing a gloss upon the plumage. I should not advise you to add any oil, although some fanciers consider it policy to do so, as if your pepper is of too oily a nature, it may have a tendency to produce slackness of feather. Those supplied at the present day by two of, I should say, the largest dealers in colour foods, are, in my opinion, absolutely ready for use, and the two finest foods the world can produce. Of course some prefer one and some another brand, but personally I have used both with equally good results.

Obtaining "Balls of Fire."

We have now considered the production and preparation of pepper. Let us next consider the best means of feeding our stock, to get what is commonly called in show reports "Balls of fire." After the breeding season, I should suggest having a general clean-round. All cages should be thoroughly washed, or limed out; all perches, etc., thoroughly cleansed so that your birds can commence the most trying ordeal of the year under thoroughly healthy conditions. By this cleansing you will also do away with any of those pests you have succeeded in breeding—red mite—as we can all generally manage to breed them, if we cannot breed Canaries.

Now for the moult; as I have previously pointed out, put all the birds you consider good enough for exhibition in separate cages, so that there is no fear of any controversy, which might occur if you had two or three cocks in one cage. The remainder you can moult in flights 10 or 12 in one, or 2 or 3 in a 20 inch breeding cage. Of course, it depends upon the amount of room you have at your disposal.

I should also suggest that you protect your birds from a strong light during the moult. This can be overcome by drawing the blind in your bird-room; or if the room has a roof light, nail some light fabric over the window so as to subdue the light. I have known some fanciers to cover their cages up with paper, and practically keep their birds in darkness. It is advisable also to keep your room if possible at an even temperature. That, of course, applies if you have heating apparatus fitted.



Interior of the Sedge Warbler's Nest.

How to Mix the Food.

We will proceed one step further: Mixing the colour food, which is a very important feature. I go about it as follows: I make my egg-food in the ordinary way, of course using one or two eggs according to the number of birds I am moulting. To one egg and a thick slice of bread I use four teaspoonsful of pepper. To 1lb. of tasteless pepper I have previously added 2oz. of Hot Natal, making sure that this has been evenly and thoroughly mixed. I also add to my egg food a desertspoonful of fine caster sugar, which makes the food much more palatable; and it is more readily eaten by the birds. It is advisable to let it stand for an hour previous to use, so that the colouring matter sets well into the bread, etc.

For conclusion see page 88.

Wild-Bird Life.

Bird Life on the River.

Wild birds (during this exceptionally dry weather), whose habit it is to feed by the waterside, must have a much easier life than those other insectivorous species that hunt the fields and hedgerows for sustenance. The margin of the sea, and banks of rivers and streams, cannot vary much in their supply of live food. If one takes a stretch of a few yards of sand on the edge of the tide, and looks closely for small life, he will soon see that the food supply for waders is plentiful, especially when compared with that of the birds seeking their food in the fields. The writer of these notes has recently visited several of our southern rivers, and naturally the bird life attracted more than passing notice. The numbers of species was not large therefore disappointing. Near the mouths of the rivers, Gulls were of course numerous. Rooks and Jackdaws were fairly plentiful. Further up the stream an occasional Sandpiper darting out from the overhanging bank attracted attention. This bird flies with a curious action, first exposing the under surface of the body, and then the back and wings, as though rolling from side to side; his flight is never of any great length, and generally terminates in some oozy grip in the bank, where the sedge forms secure cover. He is a pretty bird, with a fair quantity of white in his plumage which makes him easily distinguishable among his surroundings. The birds that are the most attractive upon these South Devon rivers are the lordly Herons, conspicuous for their size, length of limbs, erect carriage, and statuesque pose. Most birds do not stand to watch intruders upon their solitude for any length of time, but depart directly they have any suspicion of danger, or commence feeding again. But the Heron is not easily satisfied; he will stand like a statue at the edge of the water, watching carefully every movement. Apparently he is quite motionless, but if keenly examined through a good glass, it will be seen that his head moves gently as he watches a passing boat or wanderer on the opposite bank. At present the rivers and streams are pretty thickly populated with these fine birds, most of which are birds of the year; they have not yet attained the size and richer plumage of maturity. Nor do they feed singly, but may be noted in small groups, or scattered along the banks, sometimes six or eight in quite a limited area.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects. Harmless to everything.

Questions and Answers.

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Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** British Birds, Mules and Hybrids—**G. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., &c., Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc., of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his questions for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

What are They?

A Novice, Shropshire.—There is not such a breed of Canary as Moskins; neither do I know of any localism for any variety which you might have mistaken for this name. As for the birds being a cross between Moskins and a Mule, their excellent breeding capabilities are not much in favour of it, even if the Moskins existed under some other term of which I am ignorant. Mules are generally accounted quite sterile, and although I do not go so far as to say a genuine Mule never has and never will prove fertile, I do know that the successful breeding of Mules or half Mules is an exceptionally rare occurrence, whereas your birds have been quite exceptionally fertile, especially if you made no slip when you wrote that they laid 7 (seven) eggs between May 26th and May 29th, of which six were hatched and reared. Your description of the birds does not even apply to the Siskin—a British bird—which is the nearest approach to your term I can think of. It might, however, apply to any green variegated Canary of the Yorkshire or nearly similar type. Is it likely the term Moskins was intended for the name of the "strain," such as a strain of Yorkshires originally bred by some one of this name? Is there no fancier near you whom you could ask to see the birds and settle the douht?

Eradicating Red Mites.

Red Mite.—Details for effecting this object have been given frequently and with various remedies. Paraffin is very good when properly used; the reason you failed with it is perhaps that you attempted to do the work in instalments, or you did not do it thoroughly. You must set about the task and go through it from beginning to end most thoroughly, omitting nothing, not even the rack or walls, where the cages have stood or hung. The petrol remedy given a few weeks ago is an excellent one, and is perfectly safe and harmless carried out, as advised, in the open air and away from lights. Smoking, of course, is prohibited during the operation. But if you don't wish to risk it, try the following:—Dissolve an ounce of camphor in half pint of paraffin (methylated spirits is better, but destroys the varnish on cages); well clean and scrape cages, raking out all cracks or crevices, corners, or open joints with a pin or bristle to dislodge and kill as many mites as possible, and then thoroughly flush out the joints and harbouring places with the prepared fluid, using a small paint brush to work it into the joints, and paint it liberally all over cages inside and out. Stand in sun to dry. In a few hours, or next day, if cages are not urgently needed, repeat the operation, and once again after this. Then when dry wash them out with warm water in each pint of which add a teaspoonful of Jeyes' or Izal. When again dry, repaint, enamel, or varnish insides or out, as may be necessary. Treat all staging or shelves the same way, and give walls a good rub down a few times whilst cages are being dealt with. Pay strict attention to any scraps of loose paper, nails, or nail-holes about the wall.

Starting at Bottom.

C. H.—As you must of necessity start at the bottom of the ladder and endeavour to work up a strain of good crests by breeding you cannot do better than get Part XIII. of "Our Canaries" and thoroughly digest the advice of our best breeders on this point. It is quite impossible to go into all details on such a question in these replies. Briefly, get the best birds you can afford, and avoid as far as possible those with bad physical defects: split crests, large open centres, bald patches at back, horns, and pinched narrow skulls. Select smaller, neat, and well-proportioned heads and crests in preference to larger ones having these faults. If you can get three pairs to start, choose as follows. No. 1 pair: Buff Crest-bred cock, with short, stout beak, wide forehead and broad skull, and as long and broad in head-feather as possible, and well browed; and a self or broken yellow-green Crest hen, with short beak, as much crest as possible, but neat and shapely, and with small centre. No. 2 pair: Buff Crest cock, neat and well shaped crest, well filled in at back, and a buff Crest-bred hen with head-points similar to hen of No. 1 pair. Both, or at any rate one, of this pair should be bred in the ordinary way from yellow and buff. No. 3 pair: Buff variegated Crest hen with neat well-finished crest, small centre, evenly radiated and well filled-in back. In this bird shape and radiation of crest is of more importance than size. Mate with a yellow Lancashire coppy cock of fair substance, good headgear and short wings and tail. In the following season mate the young of No. 3 pair with the progeny of Nos. 1 and 2, strictly weeding out all those with such faults as mentioned above, and retaining for further breeding only those which show a fair advance in general type and quality. From this stage you will learn from "Our Canaries" how to proceed. If you can only afford two pairs to start get Nos. 1 and 3, and omit No. 2 pair, and proceed as before named, but in the second year double-huff about one-half of your stock. I note your remarks re Septic Fever. I am well aware that some persons, generally such as are woefully ignorant of all scientific knowledge, profess to be able to cure it with medicines. Nevertheless, when I say it is incurable I am on the side of the best medical opinion of the day, and of men who have scientifically investigated the disease in all stages and know what they are talking about.

A Bad Case.

G. Wilson.—I cannot hold out much hope of your doing much. You can but try all that is possible. First thoroughly overhaul cage, removing bird to a temporary one meanwhile. If the insects are red mites you will find them harboured in the cage, chiefly active at night, and of a dark red colour. See reply to "Red Mite" in this issue to deal with them. If they are grey lice, they will be living upon the bird, and if you catch the bird, you will soon find them running all over your hand. They are a grey colour. See reply to "J.W.H.," on Aug. 5th, to deal with this pest. Keep cage well strewn with clean gritty sand, in a comfortable and fairly equable place, well-aired, but quite free from draughts or fumes of burning lights in the evenings. Give a staple diet of three parts canary to one part summer rape. Every second day for a fortnight give a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut, slightly dusted with flowers of sulphur, and sprinkled with maw seed, and twice a week on the alternating days give a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, black rape, millet, and broken groats. On each of the remaining days give a little green food or morsel of banana. In the drinking water give 20 drops of whisky, as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and half as much chlorate of potash every second day for a week. Then leave out the salts, and add five drops each of oxymel of squills and syrup of Tolu, and two drops of eucalyptus oil; shake well together, and continue this every second day for another fortnight. Anoint the bare skin with lanocyllin three times a week. Report progress at end of this treatment referring to this reply, and I will advise further if necessary.

Young Belgians (Nimrod).—The cause of the young birds having dark feathers on the head is the presence of dark blood in one or both of the parents. It is quite possible for this to be the case, even though there is not the slightest trace of dark colour on the surface of the plumage, but considering the position of colour, and its appearance on most of the young bred, you would probably find its presence indicated in the old birds by dark flue about the thighs and vent if you caught them and blew up the feathers, and might also find dark flue about the neck or even microscopic ticks of dark colour on the head, neck, or shoulders. This colour is no great drawback if the birds are otherwise of good type and quality.

Pests or Moulting? (Sandburst).—You should examine the birds and cages carefully to be sure whether insect pests are really troublesome. I say this because I think it is probable there may be nothing wrong except that the birds may be moulting. Are there any loose feathers flying about? If you discover grey lice on the birds treat as advised to "J.W.H." on Aug. 5th, and if red mites are found troublesome treat as advised to "Red Mite" in this issue. Allow the birds to bathe freely and add a few drops of quassia extract to the water twice a week. If the birds are only moulting feed liberally, keep free from draughts, give a little egg food two or three times a week, and add 20 drops of chemical food to the water twice a week, which should be all the treatment that is necessary.

Seeds and Training for Roller (Olive Grove).—A staple mixture of two parts canary to one part German summer rape is best for these birds. A pinch of mixed seeds once a week and a little egg food or bread and milk once or twice a week, and green food three or four times a week. For training you should cage him alone and keep him within hearing of a good, free singing Roller, and banish all other birds or birdy sounds beyond earshot until the song of the youngster is established. Keep a light cover over his cage to keep him quiet and concentrate his attention upon the song of the tutor, and prevent him getting too loud and violent in song. Remove cover for an hour or two daily to encourage him to practise singing. Get the Nutshell booklet on "The Roller," 2½d. post free, which will give you more detailed information.

Bare on Back. (Peter).—These birds are either moulting, or plucking each other. In the first case you should find plenty of loose feathers in the cages, and in the latter case careful watching should reveal the culprit or culprits, which will probably be the best feathered birds in the group, and they should be removed and caged alone until the moult is over. The black ticks in the flesh have doubtless developed into miniature feathers by this time. Slightly smear bare places twice a week with sulphur ointment until feathers burst the quills. Unless you are colour feeding do not give egg food daily. Give a staple of plain canary seed only. Every second day give half a teaspoonful of egg food per bird, or an equivalent quantity of bread and milk. On the alternate days give twice a week a third of a teaspoonful of maw seed per bird, and three times a week half a teaspoonful of dry summer rape. Give a little green food three times a week. Limit the diet to this. In the drinking water give a pinch of Epsom salts and six drops of lemon juice for one day only.

Leg Weakness (Miss L. M. Nicholls).—See that the bird has well-fitting, firmly fixed perches of a proper size for its feet, and made of nice soft pine. For once catch the bird, and well wash feet in warm water, then immerse them for a minute or two in a saucer of cold water, in which you have dissolved a little common salt. Dry carefully, and paint feet with a feather dipped in Friar's Balsam. For the rest feed and treat the bird as advised to "W.J.S." for at least a month.

Scotch Fancies (Puzzled T. F.).—(1) The only advantage you could get by plucking the tails of your young Scotch Fancies would be an extra eighth of an inch or so in length, which could only turn the scale in their favour in very close competition. From a moral standpoint there cannot be two opinions, it should not be done; therefore I do not advise it. (2) It is impossible to say what is wrong with the bird which sits with its head turned the wrong way. She might possibly have received some kind of injury which set up paralysis of the nerves controlling some particular muscles. Keep her in an equable temperature, feed liberally, and then aim at getting her through a quick good moult. At the latter end of it give 20 drops of Fellow's syrup in the water three times a week for a month, when she may possibly recover her normal condition.

Raw Under Wings (W.F.).—Do I understand you correctly that you forcibly bathe the bird? If so, stop it at once. Offer the bath daily for half an hour, and if it does not bathe voluntarily in that time, let it go without. Twice a week for a time add a few quassia chips or drops of extract of quassia to the bath. It is quite likely that red mites are the cause of the trouble, and perhaps when you overhauled the cage you neglected to pay attention to the wall and nail on which it hangs. See reply to "Red Mite" for eradication. Treat the bird generally as advised to "W.F.Y." for a fortnight, but instead of the saffron in the water substitute as much chlorate of potash as will cover a threepennypiece in addition to the whisky. You say the bird does not like rape, yet the red-brown seed you say it prefers in the seed mixtures is doubtless summer rape.

Norwich and Roller (Mathematics).—(1) It is probable that the temperature of the bedroom was more fluctuating, and perhaps much lower, than the position the bird had previously occupied, which would account for her going off in condition. See reply to "W.F.Y.," and treat her as therein advised. For the watery excrement see that all your seeds, foods, vessels, and water supply are perfectly sound, sweet, and pure. Keep cages and perches scrupulously clean. Instead of the buckthorn advised in other reply give six drops of syrup of rhubarb, and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence for two days. After this give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid for three or four days. Give no green food, but a morsel of ripe banana instead. (2) It is quite possible the Roller hen will breed quite normally with a Roller cock next season. At any rate, it is worth giving her a trial. Mate her with a vigorous early hatched 1911 cock in high condition and song.

Diarrhoea (Edina).—Examine your hemp and rape to see if they are of good sound quality, and the latter free from infestation by tiny greyish mites. Keep the perches quite clean, and withhold green food until the looseness is quite stopped, substituting for it a morsel of ripe banana three times a week. In addition to the staple seed diet give half a teaspoonful of plain dry biscuit, crushed (arrowroot for preference) every second day, and on the alternate days a third of a teaspoonful of maw. In the drinking water give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, for one day, and afterwards six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid for two of three days. If this has not the desired effect remove the water for an hour or two morning and afternoon, and when returning it add half a teaspoonful of chalk mixture, obtainable from any chemist's, well shaken up, so that the birds may drink before the chalk settles to the bottom of the vessel. This may be exchanged again for plain water an hour later.

Protracted Moulting (W.F.Y.).—You cannot expect him to do much until the present moulting season is over, which you must take advantage of to bring him into a normal condition. Watch for the first dropping of tail and flight feathers. Then keep the bird indoors and cover the cage over, keeping it in an equable and fairly warm place, and free from draughts until the moult is quite finished. Give a staple diet of plain canary seed only. Every second day give half a teaspoonful of summer rape, and on the alternating days for a month give a similar quantity of crushed sponge cake sprinkled with maw seed, and each time you give this for the first fortnight slightly dust it with flowers of sulphur. Continue giving green food, and allow bird to bathe freely. In the drinking water for a week give six drops of syrup of buckthorn every second day, and in the following week 20 drops of whisky and ten or a dozen blades of saffron every second day. Keep on this simple dietary whilst moulting, and when moult is nearly finished give 20 drops of chemical food in the water three times a week, and a little crushed sponge cake in which you have well mixed two or three fat minced mealworms three times a week for two or three weeks.

Dealers' Prices, etc. (W. Wood).—No, I cannot tell you the average price dealers give for Canaries. In buying up a surplus stock I imagine they would offer a lump sum for the lot after inspection, and I doubt whether you obtain more than a trivial sum per head if, as you seem to suggest, you picked out all the decent birds yourself and set apart only the wasters to dispose of in one lot. If you study the advertised prices dealers are willing to sell at, and then remember that they have to allow a certain amount for business and advertising expenses, feeding, and probable losses and depreciation of stock, and yet make a sufficient profit to live themselves, you should have a fair idea what they are likely to give for stock. Your best plan is undoubtedly to dispose of all obvious wasters locally, the cocks at songster prices, and the hens as feeders, or to mule breeders at any reasonable price, as soon as you can be sure of the sex. Otherwise, if you sell them to dealers for convenience, you must be prepared, I fear, to accept a small price per head, or, which would amount practically to the same thing, sell the good birds together with wasters in one lot. (2) This is rather too big a subject to go into here. Wool is not in our line, and as regards birds, I fancy you have got hold of an idea which you are endeavouring to apply in a wrong direction. You may depend upon it if North country birds excel London bred ones, it is invariable due to the breeding of them, and not, as you infer, to "the iron in the air." (3) See Editor's replies.

A Guarantee (Disappointed).—I am afraid you can do nothing but exercise patience and hope for better luck next year. As I read your letter, the dealer did not guarantee the birds to breed within any specified time, and even had he done so, with only a verbal agreement to depend on, I doubt whether it would have been worth your while seeking legal redress. As a rule, such so-called guarantees should be looked upon as so much cheap clap-trap. I doubt whether any respectable dealer of standing would give them.

Construction of Aviary (Percival). — Unless the structure is thoroughly well sheltered by other buildings, so as to be in a fairly cosy spot, it will certainly be very susceptible to atmospheric changes, with only 5-8ths in. matchboards. Unless sheltered, as suggested, on the East, and also to some extent on the West, as well as the North, I would advise you to line it on the inner side of the frame-work with thinner boards, and fill in the space between the two walls with sawdust or wool waste. This will not only thoroughly prevent draughts, but make the whole structure very cosy, and but little subject to variation owing to ordinary external changes. Do not forget proper ventilation, which Mr. Norman's hook will tell you how to carry out. Glad to hear you have found CAGE BIRDS such a valuable guide.

A Gift Horse (Music Lover).—You know you must not look this animal in the mouth. Still, there is nothing in your letter to indicate with certainty that the birds are all hens, but there is just one little point which may possibly—I do not say, certainly—go to prove the contrary. For instance, had they all been hens, and acted as yours have done, the probability is you would have had two abnormally large clutches of eggs instead of two quite normal ones. They were quite old enough for the cocks to be in full song when you had them, but if they were already mated that might account for their silence. Could you not get some experienced fancier to look at them? They will not sing now until after the moult. Cage the two supposed cocks separately, and the hens together in one cage, and treat all as advised to "W.F.Y." This should bring through a good moult, and then you should gradually remove the covers from the cages, when the cocks should soon come in song. You must not put the pairs together again until next spring.

Nesting and Plucked Young (W.J.S.).—(1) It is just possible you may get something from the clutch just commencing incubation, but the chances are rather against it, and in any case I would not have allowed the hen to nest again. Remove the cock and leave the hen to sit and rear young, if any, by herself. If she drops into moult she will doubtless desert eggs or young as the case may be. If the latter you must resort to hand-feeding to save them. (2) The young hen will never regain the loss of frame and substance which has resulted from the plucking, but she may become quite strong, healthy, and well-feathered. Do not crush canary seed, give it whole, and an unlimited supply as staple. Give a pinch of summer rape every second day, and on the alternate days three times a week half a teaspoonful of egg-food, crushed sponge cake, or an equivalent amount of bread and milk, in which mix three drops of cod liver oil emulsion each time for a month. On two other days each week give a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, linseed, black rape, teazle, millet, and broken groats. Give a little green food three times a week, and allow a fair amount of space for exercise.

CANARY QUERISTS

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

An Ailing Grey Parrot.

Parrot Friend, R.S.O.—Get as much powdered areca nut as will lie level on a sixpence, mix into a couple of pellets with a little syrup, and give to the bird—give three or four doses at intervals of three days each. Follow this by a course of Allen and Hanbury's Hypophosphates in the drinking water, keeping the bowels moving freely by occasional doses of Dinneford's magnesia—5 drops direct to mouth, or 1 teaspoonful in one ounce of water—this to form the day's supply of drinking water. Diet:— Seed mixture: ripe fruit ad lib., nuts, plain biscuit, cuttle-bone and grit. If the bird does not bathe, it should be sprayed twice weekly with a fine sprayer during the summer months, and as weather permits during the winter. Our Nutshell booklet, "The Grey Parrot," 2½d. post free from our Manager, would assist you as to general treatment.

Moustache Parrakeet.

E. Peel.—Yes, your bird is a Moustache Parrakeet, not a species easily tamed in a cage, but kindness and quietness will overcome its wildness and fearsomeness, though they are more suitable for aviary than a cage, still I have seen many nice steady cage specimens. In a cage the single bird is best, but in a fairly roomy aviary, giving the accommodation usually given to poultry, a pair would in due course settle down and breed. Give it a seed mixture of canary and white millet in equal parts, and supply a little hemp, sunflower, and oats two or three times a week—also supply any kind of ripe fruit it will take (it can have a few sultanas and grocer's nuts that have been first moistened and cleaned in boiling water), nuts, and plain biscuits. Add a pinch of grit (not sand) to the daily supply of seed, and keep a piece of clean cuttlebone hanging in the cage. You must get rid of the ants under the coop. The plumage will not be renewed till the moult. I can only counsel patience as to the taming process; keep it in your midst, but be steady and quiet in its vicinity, and when attending to its needs. Study its likes and dislikes in the way of food, and get it accustomed to taking from your fingers anything it is very fond of, but it will be a work of time.

Seven Queries.

Aviculturist.—(1) Matters will right themselves another season. Your bird, in spite of appearances, was a bit "off colour"—such instances are by no means uncommon. Instances of the Combassou even attempting to breed are rare indeed. (2) The Bengalese is a cock bird. (3) The Bronze Mannikin was undoubtedly affected by the heat; there have been many losses therefrom. As regards the earlier case, I can say nothing; the next case you get of this kind send body to our P.M. expert for examination. Birds are best caged separately when drugs are necessary, and in an ailing bird the bowels should be kept moving freely, but not really loose. (4): Yes, but the

situation is further complicated by the age question; the distinction you quote only holds good when comparing adult birds. (5) Pink-cheeked, Crimson, and Red-eared, Common and Grey Waxbills are cognomens, which all refer to the same bird. (6) Paradise and Queen (racket-tailed) are safe, but the Pintailed is certainly dangerous, and other species very doubtful. (7) Instances of their breeding in captivity are very rare indeed, but in roomy natural quarters there is a prospect of their doing so.

British and Foreign Finches.

H. M. P.—Yes, but you must note that Chaffinches, Yellow Buntings, and Greenfinches are not safe in a mixed series, though with these, as with all other species, there is a considerable amount of individualism. You can keep the small Ornamental Finches, Singing Finches, Grassfinches, Manuikins, and Waxbills together with British Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Redpolls, Linnets, Twites, Siskins, and Canaries, together in numbers commensurate with the capacity of the aviary. You can also keep them out of doors all the year round, providing the aviary has a roomy flight and a roomy well-lighted (birds will not use a dark shelter) shed. All glass must be covered with netting in the inside. Half-inch mesh wire netting will be required to confine the above birds. If you send a rough sketch of your aviary, with size, etc., I can then say what species and how many are likely to succeed with you. Birds that are to be left out all the winter should be turned out not later than the middle of June.

Grey Losing Feathers.

J. D.—The hot weather has encouraged and rather prolonged the moult with some Parrots, but it rather looks as if your bird was pulling out some of its plumage. I should give it one dose of Dinneford's Magnesia weekly for a couple of months—one teaspoonful in two tablespoonfuls of water, this to form the day's drinking supply. Also spray (use a mist sprayer) the bird twice weekly with quassia solution and anoint all bare places with Spratts' "Pennakura" every other day. Also lightly colour its drinking water (when not giving the magnesia) with chemical food. It will be necessary to persevere with the above treatment. Diet: Seed mixture, ripe fruit, nuts, and plain biscuit. Keep a piece of clean cuttlebone hanging in the cage, and add a pinch of grit (not sand) to the daily supply of seed mixture. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever. If symptoms should become aggravated, write at once with fullest details, also stating how it has been fed and treated generally; otherwise report progress in six or eight weeks. Our Nutshell booklet, "The Grey Parrot," 2½d. post free from our manager, should help you.

Blue-fronted Amazon.

Ignorant.—Most certainly, let it have boiled maize regularly, but it should have seed as well; get a mixture of two parts each of Canary and white millet and one part each of wheat, maize, dari, hemp, and sunflower seeds, well mix, and keep a supply in the cage. It will ultimately eat freely of this as well as the boiled maize. Also supply ripe fruit, nuts, and plain biscuit; this will about meet its needs. Keep a piece of clean cuttlebone in its cage, and add a pinch of grit (not sand) to the daily supply of

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seed. You had better accustom it to water gradually; let it have a good drink three times daily, and after about a month the water can be left in the cage altogether. Once a week put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia into the daily supply of water for, say, about a month. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever. As soon as the bird is tame, keep it where it will hear plenty of conversation, and it will soon begin to mimic sounds and pick up words. Also when it is quiet and restful teach it, by constant repetition of words and short phrases. Screeching usually is started by fear, so avoid anything likely to scare or irritate it till it is thoroughly accustomed to you.

Birds for Aviary.

W. S.—You do not tell me in which direction your fancy lies—Parrakeets or Finch-like birds. Again, it is late, especially for a Northern county, to turn out birds and leave them out all the winter; they should be put out by mid-June latest for this purpose. If you buy newly imported birds now and put them out, the cold weather will be upon them before they are acclimatised, and many losses will be the result. Cannot you discover some aviary fairly near to you and purchase some of the surplus birds. If you cannot do this, you will have to defer stocking till the spring. If you want Parrakeets, you must repeat query. You can keep any of the following: Zebra, Ribbon, Spice, and Sharp-tailed Finches, Long-tailed Greenfinches, Grey and Green Singing Finches, Bronze and Magpie Mannikins, Bengalese, Silverbills, Java Sparrows, Common and Golden-breasted Waxbills; Avadavats, also a pair of small Quails and Diamond Doves, or some other small species. "Foreign Birds for Beginners," 1s. 2d. post free from our manager, would tell you how to treat all these and other similar species.

Keeping Birds in Cages.

Lovebird.—You have, I can see, an entire misconception of the accommodating capacity of cages—a cage six by one foot has only a floor area of six feet, and consequently accommodation for six birds the size of a Norwich Canary, and in such cages it is merely inviting disaster to mix Budgerigars and Finches. In the cage 6 ft. by 1 ft. put in half a dozen pairs of Waxbills, and hang up some rush and cocoanut shell nests, and some may possibly breed—use twiggy branches to screen the nests, and for perches—Golden-breasted, Grey, St. Helena, and Orange-cheeked Waxbills, with Common Avadavats and Zebra Finches; one pair of each would make you a very handsome and interesting series. Our Nutshell Booklet, "Waxbills," 2½d. post free from our manager, would give you full details of treatment. In the cage 3 ft. by 1 ft. you could keep two pairs of Budgerigars, and they should breed, but you would have to part with the young as soon as they were able to fend for themselves. If you want Cockatiels you must let a pair have it to themselves, but a cage one foot broad does not give them much of a chance to stretch their wings. The Nutshell booklet, "Budgerigars," 2½d. post free from our manager, will tell you how to treat in cage or aviary.

Pintail Nonpariels, etc.

E. R. F.—(1) Canary, white and spray millet, a few white oats, and a little paddy rice, with green food, grit, cuttlebone, and if they care for them an occasional mealworm or other insect. (2) The difficulty with these birds is that, though apparently looking very fit, they are in a very debilitated condition on arrival, but once over the critical period of the first few weeks in this country, they should safely winter out of doors with the precautious you name; but as the season is getting late, and they will be barely acclimatised by the time cold weather is on us, for this winter they had better go indoors—a roomy cage in any living room will suffice. (3) They have not yet been bred in captivity. (4) The arrangements and fittings of your aviary should encourage them to breed, but, in addition to the bushes, fix boxes, husks, Hartz travelling cages round back and under roof of aviary, and screen them with twiggy branches. Note: I should certainly give the aviary the shutter protection you mention.

Blue Mountain Lorikeets (H.B.J.).—The incubation period is about 21 days. If the eggs hatch out, kindly let us know exact period of incubation in your case.

What Birds? (T. C. Wilson).—Your birds are evidently Grey-headed (Madagascar) Lovebirds, and if both have grey or "cream" coloured heads they are both cocks, the hen of this species being an all green bird, while the cock bird has the head and neck pale grey. These birds will thrive well enough on a seed mixture of canary and white millet seed, with a few crushed oats occasionally as a change, also green food, such as fresh lettuce, grass in flower, green oats, etc. The cage bottom should be covered with gritty sand and a piece of clean cuttlebone be kept hanging in the cage.

Young Zebra Finches (Nimrod).—It is very difficult to assign any period, as the mate parent usually still continues to feed the young while the hen is incubating another clutch. Unless you have the birds in a cage, or very small aviary, there is no need to remove the young. In a roomy aviary they need not be removed. The only reliable guide is to keep the young under observation, and to remove them when you see them picking up and cracking seed freely for themselves. Young Zebra Finches will importune the adult birds for food long after they are able to fend for themselves. They can be moved at any period of the day, but for myself I prefer the early morning.

Not Talking (J. Walton).—Our Nutshell booklet, the "Grey Parrot," 2½d. post free from our Manager, would greatly assist you in the treatment of your bird. I much suspect it is "the little bits of things at meals" that is responsible for the mischief. Keep its bowels moving freely, not loose, by occasional doses of Dinneford's magnesia—one teaspoonful in one ounce of water; this to form the drinking water for the day. When not giving the magnesia, add 20 drops of Allen and Hanbury's Hypophosphates to the daily supply of drinking water. Diet:—Seed mixture: two parts each of canary and white millet seeds, and one part each wheat, oats, dari, paddy rice, hemp, and sunflower seeds—well mix and keep a supply in the cage. Ripe fruit ad lib., plain biscuit, and a few nuts. Add a pinch of grit (not sand) to the daily supply of seed mixture, and keep a piece of clean cuttlebone in the cage.

Budgerigar Aviary (New Beginner).—I prefer the arrangement which will leave the aviary 10ft. long, 6ft. from back to front, and 5½ft. high. The back and end (N.E. and W.) to be boarded and felted. As regards the roof, the back, three feet of the whole length of the aviary should be boarded and felted, as also should two feet at one end of the front of aviary, the remaining portion of roof and front to be covered with half-inch mesh wire, netting. Herein you could keep three pairs Budgerigars, one pair each Madagascar and Blue-winged Lovebirds, and one pair Cockatiels. All the above birds would safely winter out of doors, providing the aviary is suitably furnished with small barrels, husks, or logs. The portion of floor under open netting to be sown with grass and cereals, the remaining area covered with gritty sand. If all is not clear, "New Beginner" had better send me a stamped addressed envelope per the Editor, and I will send him a diagrammatic plan.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Mating and Moulting.

Avis.—I do not think it of any use running either of the Goldfinches with the hen Bullie now. It is too late; further, the hen would be unlikely to rear the young, if any resulted. You could moult the hen with the Goldies, if she would agree with them, though it is true that I prefer Bullie to have very little hemp seed as a regular thing. Still, sometimes circumstances compel one to honour a rule more in the breach than in the observance. If you cannot manage otherwise, then the hemp seed can be risked. It is impossible for colour food to cause Canaries to lose their plumage. This very hot spell of weather is causing birds to moult exceptionally freely and quickly. Further, it is responsible for a regular plague of red mites and other bird pests, and the latter are likely causes of plumage troubles. You must be careful to keep them down to a minimum, and let the birds bathe freely.

Getting Light Muling Hens.

Beginner.—You want to work up a strain for light Mule breeding. Well, it is not easy to get big, well-built hens likely to throw light Mules, unless you know a place where you can get clear-bred Norwich Plainheads (free as possible from green blood). You should obtain a yellow Norwich cock and a buff Lancashire Plainhead hen as one pair; a buff pink-eyed Yorkshire cock (a stock bird, on the heavy side) and a yellow Norwich hen as a second pair. The young from these pairs (and the old birds, too, if desirable) should be mated afterwards to secure the best results as regards large, well-built hens, as free as possible from markings. The original stock birds should be clears, and bred from clears as far back as possible, with bold, broad heads, and plenty of "timber" generally. They will cost a decent sum, if really good in these respects. When mating up after the first year, avoid breeding with birds which have come small, or thin in head, or heavily marked (a tick, or small mark, doesn't matter), and utilise the yellow Norwich type youngsters for preference. You are pretty certain to breed a pink-eyed yellow hen from pair No. 2, and she should be paired back to her father; take care of any suitable pink-eyed yellow cocks which come from this union, and cross one or other of them into the progeny of pair No. 1. Test the hens, of course, with suitable muling Finches from time to time; and stick to those which may throw Mules with light plumage.

Identity of Bird (Yorky).—The bird you describe is the Tree Creeper, a delicate insectivorous species. Probably it would be a young bird that you picked up.

A Trio (Novice).—(1) The Goldfinch will be much better if kept by himself. Goldies, as a rule, do not care about "companions" in their cages, either of their own species or otherwise. (2) I have never found the smell of "red mite solution" (turps and paraffin mixed) have any ill-effects upon birds, and I use it freely. (3) Personally, I always have cages made of wood.

Biscuit Meals (Back-yarder).—The three samples you send are not really biscuit meals, but a combination of broken biscuit and dried meat. All would be useful for the coarser feeding insectivorous birds—the finer-ground for Larks, Pipits, etc., the medium for Thrushes, Blackbirds, etc., and the coarse for Magpies, Jays, and the like. They seem good value for the price.

A Hen Bullie (Bald Pate).—The plumage will come right at the moult, which should now be very close at hand. I do not advise you to give more than four or five light dressings of the ointment (this, however, is good). You could steep a shred or two of meadow saffron (obtainable from most chemists) in her drinking water, fresh daily.

Losses of Birds (Troubled One).—I really cannot pretend to tell you why your birds have been, and are now, going wrong in the way you describe. It looks as though you have either an infectious disease amongst the stock, or that they are contracting ptomaine poisoning (bad seed, etc). You must send a body at once to our Mr. Yates (see post-mortem rules), and let him tell you the exact nature of the trouble, and advise you what to do. Don't delay.

Identity of Birds (Cork).—The bodies you forwarded were in an awful state when they reached me—the stench would have sent a pig into a faint. Weather like this, only prepared skins should be posted, especially with a Sunday to cause delay in delivery. After plugging my nostrils with carbolic, I held the opened box at arm's length, when one of the birds (whitish under, olive-brown above) I made out to be a Garden Warbler, and the other (greenish-yellow) a Willow Warbler. The former is rare, I believe, in Ireland; found only in three or four districts. Cork being one of these.

A Muling Matter (J. Phillips).—If the very light youngster which you describe is really a Goldfinch Mule, and a cock bird, of good size and shape, then it is of some value. It is impossible to decide these things, however, without seeing the bird. Don't you know some reliable experienced breeder, whose opinion you could ask? Or I will give you my opinion if you care to arrange to send the bird some time to CAGE BIRDS offices for me to look at. If the bird is a light Mule, then by all means put up the parents again next season. It is unusual for Mules, however, to linger in the nest (they generally hop out at a very early age) in the way that young Canaries generally do.

A Linnet Matter (White Wings).—You do not mention the giving of any green food, and a continuous diet of dry seed would set up the condition you describe, especially if the birds get constipated, which is usually the case. Seeding shepherd's purse and chickweed, flowering groundsel, etc., should regularly be given—not necessarily in large quantities, but a little and often. Rape seedlings are invaluable for winter use. If any other Linnets go off in condition, give for two or three days half a teaspoonful (not more) of syrup of buckthorn in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water (fresh daily). Give a teaspoonful of the following seed mixture twice a week: gold of pleasure, plantain, white lettuce, sesame, dandelion, thistle, and maw, one ounce of each. Glad to hear my previous advice proved of value to you.

BRITISH BIRD & HYBRID QUERISTS

should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4 "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

Moulting a Linnet (W.A.R.).—There is no reason why a Linnet should die simply because it is going into the moult. The latter is a somewhat trying period, of course, but more particularly so for birds constitutionally unsound. My own Linnets I seldom have trouble with. They are turned into good-sized flight cages, allowed to bathe freely (whenever they choose, this weather), and are fed a little more liberally than usual. That is to say, I give in addition to the ordinary seed mixture, some good sound hemp-seed frequently, and cracked sunflower and safflower, with the "wild-seed mixture" advised "White Wings" this week, and ripe seeding shepherd's purse, plantain, groundsel, chickweed, thistle, and hard-heads, etc. Treated as above, my Linnets moult very nicely indeed.

A Linnet "Mystery" (F.L.M.).—I do not think there is any "mystery" about it. For instance, a Linnet worth pounds as a song (contest) bird, might not be worth a cent. for exhibition purposes. You are wrong, too, in saying that "all Linnets are marked like each other." This is not the case—not by long chalks, as the poet says. Many cocks haven't got a line of "pencilling" on them. Three sorts could be chosen in this way: (1) For contest singing, a bird which freely utters "good song" (i.e., the turns recognised by singing fanciers), as free as possible from blemish—his shape, colour, and markings do not matter; (2) for show, a big, well-proportioned bird of Norwich type, rich and sound (particularly on throat and breast) in colour, well marked all over, and showing the whites well in wings and tail; (3) for muling, a similar bird in size and build, which, however, need not necessarily be well marked, but must be of a rich, nutty colour, sound all over—in other words, a big, bold Jonque Linnet. How's that for an explanation of the mystery?

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 2, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Altrincham C.B.S.—Aug. 28, Victoria Cafe, 8. Electing judges for table shows, etc.—C. C. Blackshaw.

Adwick-le-Street C.B.S.—Aug. 26, Foresters' Arms, 6. Selection of judge for annual show. All members please attend.—G. H. Robinson.

Ayr C.B.C.—Aug. 23, Academy Hall, 7.30. Washing exhibition by Mr. A. Girvan. Fanciers invited.—J. Sloan.

Bonnyrigg C.B.S.—Aug. 26, Foresters Arms, 7.30. Business in connection with show.—G. Harper.

Bradford National Cinderella Show Committee.—Aug. 23, Market Tavern, Bradford, 8. Club patronages, judges, distribution of admission and complimentary tickets, etc. Please attend.—H. Hill.

Chesterfield C.B.F.—Aug. 26, Welbeck Hotel, 7.30. General.—T. Booker.

Cowdenbeath C.B.S.—Aug. 19, Arcade Temperance Hotel, 7. Important.—J. R. Reid.

Codnor Park and Eastwood C.B.S.—Aug. 26, Three Tuns, Eastwood, 7. Classification for open show, challenge cup, balance-sheet of F.F. Shows 1911.—J. H. Mitchell.

City of Wakefield O.S.—Aug. 19, Crown and Anchor Hotel, 7.30.—J. Atkinson.

Derwent Valley C.B.S.—Aug. 19, headquarters, 7.—J. Lindsay.

Derby C.B.S.—Aug. 26, Derwent Hotel, 7. Open show business.—W. Stevens.

Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.—Aug. 23, George Hotel, 8. Cage Birds' League; printing for open show.—A. Walker.

Glasgow Queen's Park C.B.S.—Friday, Marie Stuart Halls, 8. Business important.—R. Heggie. (No more definite date given.—Ed.)

Holywood C.B.S. (Co. Down).—Sept. 5, Old Masonic Hall, Eau Hill, 8. Appointing show committee; making arrangements for annual show, 24th and 25th November; passing schedule, etc. It is hoped all will attend.—F. Cole.

First Universal C.B.S.—Aug. 19, headquarters, 7 Annual show classification.—R. Middleton.

Huddersfield O.S.—Aug. 21, White Hart Hotel, 8 Most important; change our quarters.—F. G. Sykes.

Heywood O.S.—Aug. 22, Rechabite Hall, Pine Street, 7.30. Impromptu; good attendance desired.—A. H. Meadowcroft.

Lancashire and Lizard F.A.—Aug. 19, Old Boar's Head, Manchester, 6.30. General; important.—J. Rukin.

London Federation of C.B.S.—Aug. 18, Feathers Hotel, 7.45. Special meeting of Council. Federation show business.—J. Bray, jun.

Motherwell N. and B.F.C.—Aug. 26, Y.M.I., Important business; full attendance requested.—J. Mair.

Manchester and N.C.O.S.—Aug. 21, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. October show business, etc.; important. All who have not let me have ticket money for July show kindly do so.—H. Boothman.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Aug. 22, St. Stephen's Schools, Conran Street, 8. Show business; very important.—J. Davey.

Northern B.B.M. and F.B.C.—Aug. 23, Lockhart's Cafe, 65, Grainger Street, Newcastle, 8. Business important; allotment of club patronage, etc.—G. Taylor.

Northern Lizard Club.—Aug. 19, Fawcett Street Cafe, 7.—G. C. Davidson.

Northowram C.B.S.—Aug. 21, Yew Tree Inn, 8. Cage Birds League. Please attend.—T. Sykes. (Will Mr. Sykes kindly forward us his full address?—Editor.)

Pentre and Dis. C.B.S.—Aug. 26, Queen's Hotel, 7. General.—G. Lingard.

Polmont C.B.S.—Aug. 26, Hunter's Bird Shop, Polmont Station, 7. New members.—R. L. Leitch.

Selston F.S.—Aug. 21, Selston Schools, 7. Report re late secretary.—C. H. Bacon.

Stoke-on-Trent C.B.S.—Aug. 21, Red Lion Hotel, 8. Classification for open show; arrangements for ramble and photographs; election of new members, etc. Please attend.—J. Pitchford.

South Manchester C.B.S.—Aug. 24, headquarters 8.30. Half-yearly report. Election of judge. Members please attend.—F. Washbourne.

Sunderland C.B.A.—Aug. 19, Fawcett Street Cafe, 7.30. Shall we hold an open show.—J. Jeffrey.

Tong C.B.S.—Aug. 19, Hand and Shuttle Inn, 3. Members' show; judge, Mr. J. Bailey (Bradford).—W. Walker.

Uddingston O.S.—Aug. 19, Reading Rooms, 8. Paying prize money for Y.B. show, etc.—J. Kilpatrick.

Wigan C.B.S.—Aug. 19, Legs of Man Hotel, 7.30 Show business, classes, etc.—W. Dyer.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

Preventing Seed Litter (W. Mack).—This has been dealt with previously.

A Plate of Yorkshires (W. Wood).—We have a few copies of this plate in stock, price 2d. post free.

Club Notices (J. Cope; G. Lingard; W. O. Brooke; J. Kerr).—Your notices of meetings were posted too late to reach us in time for insertion in the issue of the same week.

A Photograph (W. Grewar).—Thanks; will try to utilise this in one of our special numbers. It is hardly suited to our ordinary issues.

A Letter of Thanks (Mrs. Bax).—We are most pleased to have been of assistance to you.

News Cuttings (A. W. Fulwood; T. Jarvis; A. S. P.; and others).—Many thanks for your kindness in sending the cuttings from newspapers.

A Seed-Lifter (C. L. Davidson).—Have utilised a similar notion already.

Book on British Birds (Runcorn).—The book you require is the "British Bird Manual," by H. Norman, a copy of which we shall be pleased to send you post free on receipt of 2/3. Kindly forward us your full name and address, when we will send you the other books you have ordered.

Two Items (L. A. Knight).—(1) It is not rare for Goldfinches to nest in confinement, but it very often happens that the young fail to get reared, dying (usually through the parents ceasing to feed) when about a week old. (2) The discussion on this matter is continued in this issue.

Dealing in Foreign Birds (Love Bird).—We consider it is quite possible for you to make money in the manner you indicate—much, of course, depends upon your own perseverance and upon the skill with which you keep the birds. If you consult our advertisement columns you will note that several firms of importers offer to supply foreign birds at wholesale prices. Your best plan, of course, would be to visit them, state exactly what you want, and make the best terms you can for a regular supply. If you cannot manage this, you could no doubt arrange the matter through the post.

USE OUR PICTURE POST CARDS

Correspondence.

The Sex Problem.

Sir,—The method of sexing Canaries described in the poem published in last week's issue, may be all right, but in my time there was a somewhat easier proceeding which was at least as effectual. Place a piece of sugar between the bars. If he takes it, it's a "he," and if she takes it, it's a "she." Quite simple, isn't it?

NOAH.

The City of Glasgow O.A.

Sir,—In the recent correspondence in the Fancy Press in connection with the above association the name of Campbell has been freely mentioned, and as this may lead to misunderstanding, I should feel obliged if you would give publicity to my disclaimer. I have been a member and exhibitor for a period of twenty years, and I have never had, nor shall have, any association or connection with the persons concerned in this disgraceful affair.

CHARLES CAMPBELL.

165, St. George's Road, Glasgow.

The Curious Case of a Young Canary.

Sir,—In answer to "A. J. B." in issue of July 22nd, re bird which sleeps with its head hanging down instead of under its wing, last year I had a young Yorkshire with a similar complaint, and was fortunate enough to win a first with it at Birmingham Nest Feather Show whilst so afflicted. She—it turned out to be a hen—is all right in appearance now, having got rid of her trouble during the moult. This year she laid three rounds of eggs, but did not attempt to sit any of them. The eggs, however, proved to be fertile, and all the youngsters reared from them are in excellent condition, one having won first at Birkenhead N.F. Show in a class of thirteen this month.

J. C. CAINE.

A Norwich Plainhead at Hawarden Show.

Sir,—Please insert the following in CAGE BIRDS. Will Mr. Johnson, or the persons who, he alleges, saw me buy the bird which took first prize in Hawarden Show (Norwich class) in Chester on Saturday night (or any other time) please communicate with me, or through CAGE BIRDS? Mr. Johnson, I understand, has used this assertion, coupling the name of a Mr. Pritchard, who, he alleges, knew something of the bird, which in his opinion won unfairly, and is of a shady character. Such words, I understand, were used in Northop Hall Show. These assertions I strongly deny, and can prove the parentage of the birds to anyone who disbelieves my statement. If my information is correct, I consider an apology is due from Mr. Johnson.

(MRS.) BALL.

Shotton.

The Rearing of Young Skylarks

Sir,—I have been a lover of the Larks ever since I knew what Larks were, and I have reared all my own birds. Now, to rear these birds as they should be reared you must first of all get a fairly large run cage, so that when they are able to run about a little you can train them to come to the end for feed. Take these birds when they are from 7 to 9 days old, as they will gape better. First put them into an old hat, and when they are able to jump out, put them into the run cage. Do not forget to put in the cage some grass or clover clogs, as rearing them too much on dry hay causes them to have cramp. For feeding these birds, first of all get a coffee mill, then grind some split peas up to a fine powder, also some wheat (grind that up also). Then get some leaf lard, render it and take away the scrapy bits; then let the lard go cold. When you have done this, get about half-a-pound of the ground peas and add about two handfuls of the ground wheat. Do not forget to sift away the shells of the wheat. Then mix these together, and put in some of your lard; rub it in well with your hands. Then get two fresh eggs; beat them well up together, and add a little sugar. Put the meal into the egg, and stir up to a thick paste. Spread this out on to a cake tin, and put it in the oven. Let it stop there till it is nice and brown, but mind you do not burn it. Make your cake half-inch thick. When the cake is cooked I call it egg cake. Egg that has been boiled for 20 minutes is no good for us, much less for birds. Take a little of the cake, roll it with a rolling pin, and add to it some Spratt's Lark food, one Osborne biscuit, a little hemp seed, which has been rolled on the floor with a piece of a square flag-stone. Put the seed into a dish and blow away all the husk or shell from the kernel; keep shaking them up, and you will soon get the kernel as clear as rice. Roll this over with the rolling-pin, and you will have it as fine as your egg cake. Then mix the lot together, ½ egg cake and the other ½ made up of Spratt's Lark Food, Osborne biscuit, and hemp seed; boil to a thin paste on the fire in a jar, with new milk. When you are feeding the birds, mind you do not hurt their mouths with your stick. The best way to feed them is by means of a stick eight or ten inches long, having it tapered at one end, but blunt. Spread your food on it like a cake or a penny, so that when you feed the birds you only put the feed in their mouths, and not the stick. It will break off in their mouths quite easily. When they get older, so that they can pick for themselves, moisten their food with water, and make it crumbly moist, and add a few good ants' eggs. When the birds start to moult, give some cow patch grubs, mealworms, live ants' eggs, and seeded chickweed; and they will go on all right. When they are old enough for hard food, give them egg cake, bread crumbs, maw seed, and crushed hemp seed for their ordinary diet, with green food, wild grubs, ants' eggs, and plenty of good road sand to keep them in health. Then if they sing as mine do, you will not regret your trouble.

A FANCIER.

A New Society for Stratford and District.

Sir,—It is with pleasure I am able to inform you that a Fanciers' Association was formed on August 3rd, at the Mechanics' Institute, Stratford. It will be known as the "Great Eastern Feather, Fur and Bee-keepers' Association," and a fair number of cage bird fanciers have given in their names for membership (employees only), which includes some of the Leyton cage bird men; so I hope this section will go strong.

HENRY W. BURBIDGE.

111, Hitcham Road, Leyton, N.E.

Borrowing Birds to Exhibit.

Sir,—I beg to congratulate Mr. D. Black and others, of the City of Glasgow O.A., in putting down the evil practice of borrowing birds to exhibit. I hope it will be a warning to all those who are guilty of this dishonest practice, not only in Scotland, but in England too. Lately I heard of a secretary reading out the entries, the night after the entries were closed, when there was only one entry in the class for foreign birds. The next morning there were two entries in the foreign class, and the second entry was made in the name of the secretary. Worst of all, the birds belonged to another man a few days before the show, and were returned to the man a few days after the show. I have been a fancier over forty years, but have never shown anything but my own bona fide property. Societies cannot expect to prosper until members do that which is honest and just by each other.

I wish my friends to understand
That showing in our native land,
Is honest, and a great delight,
If every man will do what's right.

To borrow birds to show is wrong,
And certainly cannot last long;
Alas, the little which they gain,
Their characters will ever stain.

ROBERT HOLMES
(President, Admiral Duncan Society, Nottingham).

Can Passengers Take Birds Out to Australia?

Sir,—Re the above subject, I went out as a first-class passenger to Colombo some years ago, and took with me a good sized cage containing a pair of Bullfinches. I kept them in my cabin, taking every precaution to prevent water, seed, etc., spilling about. I also used to take them on deck to bathe. No one ever said a word to me about them, and I never thought of having to pay for them. Of course, if one asks the shipping company, they are bound to make a charge. It is better to say nothing about them.

G. C.

Some Personal Experiences.

Sir,—In taking out birds to the Colonies, etc., I think the best way to do so is, if you are taking more than a pair, to ask the shipping agent the freightage for same when booking your passage. My sister returned to the Cape last month per Union Castle Line, taking back with her eight of my Yorkshire Canaries, including my Palace winner, and the charge was two shillings and sixpence per bird, Mrs. Downing providing the necessary seed and the cage. Of course, it is the best of policy when you get on board yourself to see Mr. "Butcher," and let him know that you are his friend, and that you will be a better friend when you arrive at the other side of the wet, if he has managed to get your stock over alive, and they usually do manage it all right. The butchers on board our liners, as a rule, have a large experience in carrying feathered stock. I remember a number of years ago when on my way to the Cape that at one of our ports of call a very stout German came aboard with a very large stock of German Canaries in the usual wicker cages on a stick. He attended solely to the birds himself, and soon the trouble began. First he lost them by odd ones; then it grew into numbers of dead each morning; and he only arrived at the Cape with the remnants of his stock. When we arrived at St. Helena, a native came aboard with a very long cage stocked with native birds he was taking on with him to Cape Town, and he got the lot there in safety. We had also on board a large stock of poultry and ducks, geese, etc., that were being taken out to the Colony, and it was passing strange to note how the fowls (cocks and hens) stood the passage without turning a feather, so to speak, while the web-footed birds looked as pensive as a lover out of luck, sea sick and sick of the sea, I suppose. I have also seen a number of birds, including a Laughing Jackass, on an Australian liner, and they looked "in the pink." I wish our friend good luck on his voyage, and would advise him to take his own seed with him, including a little maw, chalk for diarrhoea, and good old Epsom salts.

W. DOWNING.

A Canary with Air-distended Skin.

Sir,—Re a letter in last week's issue of CAGE BIRDS, from a "Reader and Breeder," I should like to tell him my experience. Last year I had a nest of four promising youngsters, but when they were about ten days old, I noticed one of them had an air-bladder at the back of its head, about the size of a pea. As it grew larger I pricked it, before the bird was out of the nest, but it came up again, and I repeated the process when the bird was about three weeks old. After that there was no more trouble, but it never seemed quite healthy, and in the spring of this year it went thin and died. All the other birds were quite healthy and fit. I also should very much like to know the cause of this, and being only an amateur, should be glad to hear if any other breeder has experienced the same thing.

K. S.

The Alleged Faking of Exhibition Linnets.

Sir,—I was sorry to see in CAGE BIRDS of August 5th, a letter from Mr. G. E. Weston respecting remarks I am supposed to have made at a lecture given before the North London C.B.A. members some time ago. The only way that I can account for these alleged remarks is that the notes must have been wrongly transcribed. The Linnet I had in my mind was not the bird which Mr. Weston mentions. That bird I remember perfectly well; and I also saw it tested in the presence of another well-known judge. I did not say "two years ago," but "some years ago," and the words "faked right and left" I never uttered. Then, again, I did not use the expression, "a London judge." If Mr. Weston is in any way annoyed by the report, I am very sorry. I have had the honour as well as the privilege of assisting him at the Palace on several occasions, and have always found him a most painstaking and careful judge.

GEO. MORTLOCK.

Sir,—Mr. Mortlock can rest assured that I am in no wise annoyed, for from the first I felt that the report in question did not accurately convey his remarks. His straightforward letter proves my suspicions to have been well founded; and with that, of course, the matter ends so far as I am concerned.

G. E. WESTON.

More Notes on My Pet Birds.

Sir,—Following up my notes in your issue of August 12, your readers may be interested to hear something more about my birds. You will remember that last year I had two Thrushes, "Baby" and "Joe," which paired up, built, laid eggs, and hatched out two young, rearing them for a couple of days. Afterwards "Joe," the hen, came to a sad end. Now this year things have not been quite so forward, but "Baby" took another wife, the only one I had to give him—rather a delicate little bird with a turned back claw and a drooping wing. She built a nest, but did not line it. The consequence was that when she had laid her four eggs they slipped through the hay, and she did not sit. After a time she built again in proper style, lining her nest with mud and cow-dung. She laid one egg as large as two ordinary ones, without any black spots on at all. This unfortunately broke. After this she was continually relining her nest, but never laid another egg that I knew of. Both birds guarded the nest the whole time, some weeks flying at, and biting the fingers of, anyone who touched it. On Sunday morning, August 4, "Baby" woke me by singing and flying from the nest to me, and then to the corner of the room, where the hen slept on a tiny round table. Of course, I thought there was an egg, but I could not see her little head peeping out; so at last I went to look. There was no egg, and no bird; so I went to the table, and just beside it the poor little bird had fallen dead. I supposed she was egg-bound. I had been afraid it was the case before; so I shall not get my wishes realised as regards these birds this year; but if all is well must try again next. Lately I have seen much in your interesting paper about Canaries rearing birds not their own. Here is something about a little hen I have. She had been paired to a Brown Linnet. The result was clear eggs. One day, while I was out getting the birds some wild seeds, I found the first and only nest I have ever discovered of a little Brown Linnet; it was right on the tip-top of a hedge, and had five eggs in it—a perfect little picture. I brought them home quickly. One of the eggs I broke; two I gave to one hen, and two to another. After six days one bird proved to have a clear egg, and one Linnet which she reared for three days only. The other brought out both hens, and reared them in the cage for a fortnight, when they escaped through the drinking hole. I could not find them in the little attic, so I opened the door, and let her out with the other little birds. She soon found them, and in three days was building in the window sill. She laid five eggs, and by this the birds could find her, and continually perched on the side of her nest while she was sitting. She fed them the whole time, and taught them to fly and find the seed box. Her eggs were again clear. She has now built in a mock tree I have rigged up for them, and I believe this time two of her eggs are full; but I don't know if it is a Brown Linnet or a Greenfinch cross, for I have not seen either of them feeding her. The other Canary has built again, too, and has two fine little bonnie Mules a fortnight old. I have also two Greenfinch Mules. The cock bird is singing nicely. Last season I tried, but got none; so I suppose I am learning, thanks to CAGE BIRDS, which I find always encourages those who have failures to try again. My two Cuckoos are still alive and well in themselves, though the tail and the wing plumage are still very bad. The three-year-old one called very often and loudly this spring. I have two young ones brought me by a little friend, one out of a Sparrow's nest, like the other two, and the last out of a Wagtail's nest. Curiously as things will sometimes happen, you had that very week an interesting account of a Wagtail's method of feeding a Cuckoo. The friend told me he heard the Cuckoo calling, and saw the little Wagtail carrying it a fly. He said he was sorry for a Hedge Sparrow that carried worms and grubs; but just fancy a poor little Wagtail that lived on flies and tiny insects having to satisfy a great bird like that. (I then showed him the account in CAGE BIRDS.) I noticed after what he said that that Cuckoo is much sooner satisfied than the other, and does not call half so much for food. At the same time it is the fattest and best feathered. This same friend brought me what he said was a young Skylark. It was rather old for hand-rearing, and would not gape or pick up food. After two days of opening the beak and forcing a little food down, it was suggested I should try if the hen Skylark would feed it; so I put it in the cage. You will know what a tiny bird it was when I tell you it ran straight into the drinking bottle ("Hydes"). I emptied the water, and endeavoured to get the bird out, but its long slender legs would not come, and its little sharp beak went up the narrow neck of the bottle. At last, in despair, I broke the bottle and got the bird out alive. But its one back claw was hanging. I tried to bind it up, and left it till the next day, when the little foot, being much inflamed, I drew it out; and would you believe it, from that minute it nestled down in my hand and opened its mouth for some food. It is now so tame that when I go in to feed the little birds I have only to call "Tot Tot" and it will come straight up to me, feed out of my hand and perch on my finger. It is, I believe, a Titlark, or Meadow Lark; no one seems to be quite sure on the point. It walks, and its little legs are so long and slender that it looks as if it is on stilts. It is very fond of flies and bits of hard-boiled egg and gentles. It revels in a bath, and goes to bed on the top of the tree, where I have thrown handfuls of seeding grass. I wish I could manage a snapshot camera, I would send you some lovely little pictures.

(MRS.) E. M. SARGEANT.

Interesting Observations at Everberg Aviaries.

Sir,—I cannot see why I should satisfy Mr. Millsum's curiosity as to who wrote "Aviator's" letter, but, to prevent misconception, I may say that it was not written by anyone who had crossed Mr. M.'s path, either in exhibition matters or in any other way whatever. As he has himself told us that he expected some such letter (after reading his own in print) and that, if he had written it as it appeared in print, he fully deserved it, I think he may look upon my remarks as impersonal and perhaps representing public opinion. However, as he tells us that his letter, as printed, does not represent what he wished to say, nothing more need be said about the matter. I do not think the "carping critic" figures largely in the correspondence column as a rule. Beginners are constantly telling us things which we all knew before, and no one comments on such contributions, putting them down to the enthusiasm of youth; and, if Mr. M. had not included any reference to his own achievements in his "interesting observations," I feel sure no one would have commented on them either, but it was really too funny that anyone should claim a world's record in the matter of avicultural experience and at the same time make it patent that he was not yet acquainted with one of the most elementary facts of bird life and bird-keeping. If Mr. M. cannot see this himself, he must be quite devoid of the sense of humour. Perhaps I should not, even so, have penned my letter if the correspondence column had not been a little dull lately, but, as this is what the newspapers call the "silly season," when the hot weather is popularly supposed to affect some people's heads, I thought it possible that, given a little encouragement, Mr. M. would perhaps write us some even more "interesting observations." However, instead of climbing up further, he has climbed down. As regards the probable holder of the record for personally attending to the wants of the greatest number of species, speaking from only a limited knowledge of the matter, I think it likely that Mr. Sutton could put in a strong claim if he wished. During the 20 or more years that he has had charge, either in part or altogether, of the Western and other Aviaries at the Zoo, he must have had to do with an immense number of species. I am, however, only making a guess; records are things that require a lot of looking into. As to the theoretical and the practical, I am not in Mr. M.'s line of business, so I cannot give an opinion, but I should certainly have thought that in the supervision of a large aviary, as in other professions, the theoretical man would have a big pull over the "rule of thumb" man. In conclusion, let me say that if my letter was too "sarcastic," I am sorry, because I should not like to hurt the feelings of any reader of CAGE BIRDS.

AVIATOR.

A Fall at the Last Fence.

Sir,—I am writing to let you know that I had no success with the Bullies; as, although three out of the five eggs were fertile, and the birds hatched out, neither the Bullfinch hen nor the Canary would feed them, so they all died. I took the Bullfinch's nest away, as she would still sit on the empty nest. As it is now too late for them to nest again, I must hope for better luck, if I still have the birds next year. I had some eggs from a pair of Chaffinches, which I put under a Canary, but though two hatched out, they only lived five days, so I was disappointed with them also. This is the first year I have had the birds. I have six young Canaries and a Linnet Mule; the mother of the latter is now sitting on two eggs. So I am hoping for another Mule before the season is over. I take in CAGE BIRDS every week, and always find a lot of useful information in it. BULL.

The "Champion" Singing Linnet

Sir,—I see Mr. Fred Allen, at Hull, makes a statement that there is only one champion Linnet in England, and that he has it. I wish to contradict this. Some months ago I was matching my Linnet with Mr. Allen's to sing for £5 a side, but unfortunately I fell out of work and could not go on with the match. But I met what he calls his cup winner, and another Linnet of his, in the big match at the King's Head, Leeds, on Whit Monday last, in what is know as "the Derby." My bird won first prize, beating 38 of the best picked birds of England, and Mr. Allen's cup winner got nothing (was pointless), and his other Linnet got the 6th prize. I also journeyed to Castleford next day (Whit Tuesday) and defeated 68 Linnets. So I think this will prove to readers of CAGE BIRDS which bird is the champion.

J. GREEN.

[While permitting Mr. Green to make the above statement, we wish it to be clearly understood that we have no intention of lending our columns to a wrangle concerning which party has the "champion singing Linnet." Such a point, if in dispute, is best settled by a friendly match. Any further correspondence on this subject must be brief and to the point. —Editor.]

Some Experiences of a Lady Bird Keeper.

Sir,—Two years ago I did not know the names of our British birds, let alone other varieties, and had no idea there were such beautiful little creatures as I now see along our country roads, for every small bird used to be just a Sparrow to me. I believe more than half the dwellers in country places take no notice of the different kinds of small birds; they regard them all as "Sparrows." I started to keep birds in the spring of 1910, and have about 50 now. Mine fly loose in a room, with a good outside flight. I have a pair of Goldfinches, which hatched three young out of five eggs, but they all died at a week old. I have lost several Canaries, too, at a week old, but could not tell the cause, for they had every attention. Like a correspondent in last week's CAGE BIRDS, I, too, would like to know the cause of air-distended skin in young birds. I have a young one, from a Crested hen, which when ten days old was just the same as the one described by "A Reader and Breeder." I did not prick it. In a few days the air had all dispersed, and now the bird appears to be quite all right. It is turned three weeks old, and out of the nest. I hope to become a successful bird breeder in time.

(MISS) L. A. KNIGHT.

Breeding Goldfinches in Garden Aviaries.

Sir,—This is an ambition that several readers of CAGE BIRDS seem to have been actuated by, and as I have reared young Goldfinches this season, the following may be of interest. In one of my garden aviaries, I had two exhibition cock Goldfinches, which were on very good terms with one another, until a friend gave me a house-moulted hen Goldfinch, which I turned in with them. The two cocks on the moment decided to be bitter foes, and did battle for the lady. This was settled by one of them being taken away, leaving a pair that soon appeared to be most suited to each other. The aviary is 8ft. long, 6ft. wide, with a domed top 8ft. 6in. high, part of it being covered, the rest all wire. In one corner of the open part I tied a number of thick branches of privet, placing for protection a piece of felt over it. They soon started to build their nest in this, of pieces of dried grass and moss, lining it with hair. Four eggs were laid, two of which hatched, the others had young birds in them, but evidently died about the seventh day. The young birds, which are now over three weeks old, are very strong, and flying about with the old birds; they seem quite content with their wired-in world. During the building of the nest and the sitting, the Finches were fed on good Spanish canary seed as the staple food, with tit-bits such as wild seeds, maw seed, and crushed sunflower, which I rang the changes with in a separate dish, with dandelion heads and groundsel as the green food. Since the young were hatched, I have kept four large glass bowls freshly stocked with ripe teazel, groundsel, shepherd's purse, and dock plants. These bowls are sunk into the ground so that they can't be blown over, and form the principal feeding ground for the old birds, who no doubt get a good many small insects on the plants, in addition. They have seeds, as before, but always a supply of crushed sunflower; no egg food has been given. The birds have never been interfered with, but the parent birds, which are very tame, show no fear, even when strangers stand by while they are feeding their young. The treatment has been very simple, and given house-moulted, steady birds, I don't see that there should be any difficulty in rearing our own winners in the Goldfinch classes. Next year I intend to try the foreign Finch with the British hen, and see if I can't get the size without the loss of the good tanning, which is so prized in our British Finch.

Dublin. E. R. PHILLIPS.

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An Alleged False Report.

SIR,—In your issue of the 12th inst I notice a most scurrilous and lying report of a meeting and ramble in connection with the above society, concluding with the motion that the society had amalgamated with the Northampton Hand-in-Hand. To say the least, I think the fact that your columns are made to hold such lying reports as the one under notice will create a feeling of regret amongst the Fancy generally. Whoever the writer was, he must have racked his poor brain to have put together such a pack of lies, and, to say the least, it must tend to do his society a lot of harm in the eyes of legitimate fanciers. Our society is still as it was formed by a few enthusiastic fanciers, steadily on the up-grade, and it looks like making a strong one, despite this imbecile's dream. The members whose names he has mentioned in the matter have decided to leave no stone unturned until they have discovered this blackleg of the Fancy. I have been connected with the Fancy now for nearly thirty years, but never have I known a more wicked trick with a view to "down" another society. However, there it is, and I must leave your readers to draw their own conclusions as to why another society was formed. There is the old adage that those laugh loudest who laugh last. I hope you, sir, will endeavour, with us, to trace this person who signed this false report with the name of one of our members.

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[We have also received a letter of protest from Mr. Fisher, the chairman. The report in question, was, on the face of it, just an ordinary, everyday kind of report, and was "authenticated" by the name and address of the alleged sender, Mr. T. Gammage. We are surprised that anyone should be so lacking in self-respect as to perpetrate a silly action of this nature. The fact that there is local friction (judging by Mr. Nason's remarks) is no sort of excuse. Possibly the sender is not aware that we have our remedy at law; and if we can discover the party or parties concerned in the matter they may find they have cause to regret their deplorably unfancierlike tactics.—EDITOR.]

DONCASTER AND DIST. C.B.S.

Meeting held August 12th, Victoria Rooms. Mr. Truman presided over a good muster of members. Classification for open show was gone into; it was decided to extend it somewhat from last year, with the result as follows: 12 Yorks., 6 Nor., 2 A.O.V. Can., 2, Canary Sell., 1, Can. Mule, 1 Hyb., 11 Brit., 2 For. The committee are anxious to cater for outside exhibitors, and trust the above, judged by such well-known men as Messrs. Barnes and Maddison, will meet with universal approval, and that we shall have a good entry.—G. Beechy, Sec.

WEST OF SCOTLAND O.S.

Meeting held Nelson's Temperance Hotel, Mr. Wm. Gunion presiding. Several notices of motion for annual meeting were proposed. Mr. H. P. Hutchison made the awards for young Mules, which were as follows:—1st and special, R. Rinnie; 2nd, J. Pearce; 3rd, special, J. Sanderson; 4, R. Rennie; 5th, Martin; 6th and 7th, Jas. Sanderson. Secretary reported that Mr. J. Sanderson had happily recovered from a serious illness, and had been successful in winning points special with a total of 23 points. A vote of thanks was awarded Mr. H. P. Hutchison for judging.—Wm. Hutchison.

GLASGOW WEST END C.B.C.

Meeting held Clarendon Hall, August 11th, Mr. H. Jamieson presiding over a good attendance Classification for the annual members' show was fixed to the number of 65 classes—a considerable increase on last year. Other preliminaries were also arranged. The services of the following three well-known judges have been secured for the show: Messrs. A. Sloan (Glasgow), J. F. Dewar and L. J. Arrighi (Edinburgh). It is hoped we will be favoured with a record entry. Will all members please note that subscriptions are now due?—Wm. Proudfoot, Sec. and Treas.

GOLDSTREAM (N.B.) AND DIST.

On August 11th a few fanciers met together to wish good luck to our old friend Mr. W. C. Duncan (of Messrs. Duncan and Logan), who is leaving the district. Mr. J. W. Bruce was called to the chair. He expressed the feelings of the meeting in the matter of losing Mr. Duncan, and said that although Mr. Duncan was not going a great distance, they could not let him leave without a reminder of the many pleasant debates, etc., that had taken place since he took up the Fancy. In asking Mr. Duncan to accept a toilet case as a small token of the esteem in which he was held, he wished him the best of health and prosperity in his new sphere, and hoped he would have success in business; and although he had had to retire from the Fancy at present, he (the speaker) was sure he would be back as strong as ever on the first opportunity. Mr. Duncan, in a touching reply, said he was rather taken unawares with the handsome present, and also with the kindly feeling of the fanciers present. He hoped to be in the Fancy soon again. Mr. Gilchrist also wished Mr. D. and family good luck, and Mr. Logan, after a similar remark, expressed the hope that what the Tweed was losing the Tyne would gain. Mr. Duncan has cleared his entire stock, his well-known team of Light Mules having been purchased by a big English exhibitor; while the majority of his Borders have been secured locally. Mr. J. Smith (the noted amateur) and Mr. Gilchrist accounted for a few of "the cream" (both gentlemen have had a grand breeding season) so that things should "hum" this show season. Mr. Duncan is starting business in Newcastle-on-Tyne, and we hope to hear of his association with some of the Tyneside societies.—J. W. Bruce.

Under the White Rose.

SOMEBODY has been enquiring if I am still living, as nothing has appeared lately. Things, as a matter of fact, have been rather quiet, but, still, the work connected with the Fancy has been going on in a quiet way. The secretaries of the specialist clubs have been very busy getting the year books ready, and these will be in the hands of the fanciers before very long, quite in good time for them to see what trophies they will run for; and there are some rattling fine competitions to come on next season. The Y.C.B.B. and M.C. is the only club that has not its full complement of shows fixed, and the cause has been the clashing of dates. They are very unfortunate in this. It is disappointing both to those that apply, and to those interested in the welfare of the club. They have, I think, three shows still to place, and any society applying to the secretary for open dates will have a good chance of securing the patronage of the club, providing they fall on a vacant date.

ALSO the Yorkshire Union book is in the hands of the printers, and will soon see the light of day. As usual, it will be of great interest to all fanciers. The Cinderella Club Show is progressing apace. Various patronages have been secured, and the judges engaged; and much of the donkey-work has been got through. There is yet a lot of work in hand—classifications to be fixed, etc., etc. The club is to be congratulated on the splendid response it has received to the invitations issued to prominent persons to take part in the opening ceremonies. There is no doubt the show will be the largest and most successful effort ever made in Yorkshire, and will help to lift the Fancy higher than it is even to-day.

BIRDY men are now following with interest the trying time bird life is having, viz., the moult. This season the weather should be all in favour of a quick and effective moult, and a good moult does much towards the making of the birds; with a continuance of the fine weather, too, the first shows should be favoured with a capital entry, and the birds be well through the moult.

"STRAIGHT 'UN."

YORKSHIRE COUNTY B.B. & M.C.

Meeting held August 12th, at Market Tavern, Mr. F. Archer (president) in chair. There was a very poor turn-up of members, which was very disappointing, after having taken such trouble to try to get a good muster. The prizes for competition were gone into at once, and it was decided to give the following: £1 for first prize and 10s. 2nd in the champion section; £1 for first prize and 10s. for second in the amateur section. The club has three open dates left for patronage. Will any members having new address please send word as we are going to print handbooks. Advts. wanted for same; 2s. full page, 1s. half page. Subs. now due.—Lane and Jowett, Hon. Sec.

HAMILTON (Cadzow Oak) O.S.

A postcarded meeting was held in the Lesser Town Hall on Aug. 12th, Mr. W. Shearer (President) in chair. There was a good turn out of members, and we got through a good lot of business in regard to the open show, amongst which was that the secretary be instructed to write for the patronage of the Scottish P.C. and also the patronage of the Border Fancy Club. Then came up for discussion the recent City of Glasgow meeting, and the decision came to was that the secretary take no entries from Messrs. Graham and McFarlane and two other persons for at least two years, and any person known to exhibit their property at our show, and the same being detected, will have their prize money, if any, withheld.—G. Marlin, Sec.

WELSH C.B.C.

Annual general meeting, held Aug. 5th, Ship and Bell, Merthyr, when an appreciable number of members turned up, and good work was done. The secretary presented the balance sheet, and it is most gratifying to find the club is in a good financial position, having to its credit £17 10s. 9d., deposited at the bank. The following officers were elected for coming year:—D. H. Tedstone, chairman; R. Cleaves, vice-chairman; committeemen: T. L. Castree, J. J. Probert, T. H. Melhuish, W. Newell, E. J. Bevan, F. H. Cook, H. W. Sheldon, and G. T. Jones; auditors: W. Davies and D. Owens. Several important matters were dealt with. It was decided that we exchange medals with Toronto as before, and a vote of thanks was passed to Mr. J. Sandiford for his continued presentation of cup. The matter of patronage was left over until next committee meeting. At the close the distribution of cups and medals was proceeded with. The following were the season winners:—Leech cup (Canary section), D. H. Tedstone; (British section) T. L. Castree; Norwich Plainhead cup, D. H. Tedstone; Sandiford's cup, D. H. Tedstone; winners of medals, R. T. Cleaves, J. J. Probert, J. Hillman, D. H. Tedstone, J. H. Jones, and T. L. Castree. The secretary gave in his resignation, and explained his regret, he having to do so on account of business; but he expressed his desire to remain a member. This ended a most enjoyable evening.—G. J. Jones, Hon. Sec., pro tem.

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(Continued from page 57).

No. 11.—My Francolins.

Pythagoras divided the market into three sorts of persons—those that went thither to sell, those that went thither to buy (both these sorts were a careful kind of people, and therefore unhappy) and those who went to see what was to be sold, and what was done. The last-named only were the happy people, because, being free from care, they took their pleasures freely.

I was reminded of these words some long time since when I went to visit a friend's aviaries. I set out, as I thought, to enjoy myself. I was not going to market, therefore there was to be no question of buying or selling; it was to be just a pleasant day's outing. But, alas! how little we know what a day may bring forth. No sooner did I get to my friend's place than I espied a bird I had been for years looking for, but never so far successfully. I had searched high and low, hither and thither—but always without any result. Now, here before me was what I sought, and I said to myself, "This is a day to be marked with a black stone." Alas! the event reminded me of a story told of Louis, King of France, the eleventh of that name. One day there came to the said Louis a man with a petition that he would bestow upon him an office that happened to be vacant in the town where he lived. The King, hearing the petition read, answers immediately, "You shall not have it," by that means putting him out of any future expectations. The petitioner immediately returns the King thanks, and goes his way. The King, observing the man's countenance, perceived he was no blockhead, and thinking perhaps he might have misunderstood what he said, bid him be called back again. He came back. Then says the King: "Did you understand what I said to you?" "I did," quoth he. "Well, what did I say?" "That I should not have it," said he. "What did you thank me for, then?" "Why," says he, "I have some business at home to do, and therefore it would have been a trouble to me to have danced attendance after a doubtful hope. Now I look upon it as a benefit that you have denied me the office quickly."

Crushed at Once!

Well, as I say, I was forcibly reminded of the anecdote. My friend absolutely refused to give me the bird, or to part with it at any price, and I had one only consolation, that, like King Louis, he refused me promptly. In fact, his words left not the slightest ground for hope. Still, I was pleased to have seen the bird, as it suggested to me that there might be more about, for I felt with the old Greek proverb, that one Swallow could not possibly make a summer.

Limehouse, Plaistow, and the East India Docks, to say nothing of St. George's Street, East, are places in the world to wonder about, yet even there beauty manages to creep in and grow in a soil where there would seem to be nothing but decay. There are shops which exist in these quarters, where endeavours are made to lift the mind to an appreciation of the beautiful in Nature, among the inhabitants of the East End. I believe their intentions are of the purest in the world, but what is the good of exotic birds to a dock labourer and his wife? True, I never pass these shops but I find an out of work sailor or a mob of little boys with faces eagerly glued against the not over-clean window, eagerly watching the gyrations of a monkey, or the hopping to and fro of some cage full of little Finches. But I don't believe it is genuine Nature study, but merely ennui—or idle curiosity.

A Pilgrimage East-wards.

Still, these shops have an irresistible fascination for me, and they attract my steps as easily as the pole draws the needle of the compass.

Therefore, no one will be surprised to hear that after seeing what I had I made a bee line from my friend's house to the East End, and St. George's Street. After a casual glance in at the window, I boldly entered and looked around. I passed from one row of cages to another, without finding what I was in search of. All of a sudden I passed out to the open air cages, and I could almost have shouted with excitement, for there right before me were the birds I wanted, and I felt inclined to repeat the words of Cromwell at the battle of Dunbar, anent the poor Royalists: "The Lord hath delivered you into mine hand." I did not stop, you will notice, to trouble about price, that was quite a secondary consideration; the birds were there, that was the all-important consideration.

You will naturally want to know what the birds were; so I may as well tell you. A man loves the truth, lives for it, dies for it, but very seldom tells it. For once, I will. They were Francolins. I can't tell you what sort of Francolins they were. There are too many varieties, I am told; but they were the first and only ones I had ever seen, and I determined that they should be mine.

Saving Himself Trouble.

There were some half-dozen of them on the floor of the big aviary cage, squatting on the sand in a corner. They were appallingly wild, and when not cowering in the corner, made wild rushes from one side of their prison house to the other. They looked plump and in good order, and I argued that birds that would run like they did could not have much the matter with them. The dealer very kindly caught the lot, and allowed me to pick what I considered a pair. This occupied so much time that he left me and went and had a nap.

Those of my readers who have had to pick a pair of birds of a new and unknown variety will understand that it is not a process that can be hurried. At one moment you think a bird is a cock, and the next you are as firmly persuaded that it is a hen; then doubts arise in your heart and the process is repeated, so long as you like to go on.

After about an hour of stopping and peering into the cage, where my new friends cowered before me, I made my final choice, and proudly carried off my purchases. I thought to myself, here you have a light and easy task; all you need is a big aviary full of tufty grass, quiet and patience, and you will win another medal, and cause envy, hatred and all uncharitableness in all your friends and relations. In the event you will see that I made a sad mistake, and the worst of it was I had only myself to kick, as I shall tell you—and I did it most heartily when the time came. Fortunately none of us can tell what a day will bring forth, or what poor, sad little mortals we should be.

I carried my new treasures back to Yorkshire, and turned them loose in an aviary that ought to have pleased the soul of any Francolin. I thought I should lose them right away, for they flew down the run like a thunderbolt, and bang they went against the end, causing the feathers to fly in clouds, and half stunning themselves. Luckily the aviary was full of coarse tufty grass, and in this they skulked and hid, or verily I believe they would have committed suicide. No neck could have stood many such bangs as that first one. I felt that to enter the aviary or even approach it suddenly was to court disaster, and I therefore gave stringent orders that nobody was to go near it.

Famous Sprinters.

I hardly ever saw these Francolins, although they are nearly as big as our English Partridge; all I ever did see was a brown flash passing from one tuft to another. Run! you never saw anything run so fast. They would have left a racing dromedary far behind.

Weeks and weeks passed, and though I occasionally heard them calling, I could gather but little of their domestic affairs. If ever I saw them feeding, it was only for an instant, and then they were off like a flash of light.

At last I got tired of waiting, and I determined to go inside and see what I could find. I was a fool to do so, as you will see; as if I had waited—well, who knows what might have happened? I had not gone three steps before I saw something slip out of a big tuft of grass, and stooping down I saw a whole nestful of beautiful creamy eggs speckled with red. I need not tell you what I did. I sneaked out of the aviary as quickly as ever I could, but I had a horrid suspicion that the mischief had been done. I had discovered the nest, and Mrs. Francolin knew it.

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A WINNING BUFF NORWICH HEN.

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The World a Blank!

Would such a shy bird ever go back again? I tried to think she would, but experience told me otherwise, and experience was right. The next day I went and looked, but the eggs were uncovered and cold. What was to be done? A medal was out of the question, as to win a medal the hen must hatch and bring up her own offspring. Still, if the hen would not do her duty, somebody else must be found to do it. At the time I happened to have a nice quiet little bantam hen handy, and to her I entrusted the precious eggs, some sixteen in number. She received them with all possible joy, and sat most religiously on them for eighteen days; when, as I thought, they ought to have "spratched." They did nothing of the kind, but remained firm and unbroken. Still, I did not like to be too sudden, so I gave them three days more, and then I tried them in warm water, when they all floated beautifully. But, watch as I would, there was no movement, not even I could deceive myself. They were as still as the dead. I broke one; alas! it was clear. I broke another; it was the same, and so on, and so on till I only had two remaining. I did not like to break these, as I wanted them to look at, but I knew by the way they floated there was nothing in them.

Too Many Cooks.

The poor little bantam had had all her trouble for nothing. Shall I tell you why? They were two hens, and they had both been laying in one nest. Now you will understand why I kicked myself. I had not chosen a true pair when I had the chance! But then, gentle reader, have you never made a mistake? If so, then you will be sorry for me. After all, these hens had done their duty—they had made a nest and laid eggs. What more could they do? The maternal instinct will always be the deepest in the world, no matter who may gibe.

I gathered afterwards from reading that my birds were Abyssinian Francolins. The feathers at the edge of the throat are spotted with black, feathers of the chest chestnut, mottled with grey and buff along the shaft, the head and under parts buff, striped with black along the shafts, and the sides and flanks, heavily blotched with chestnut and barred with blackish brown. The only distinction of male and female is that the female is rather smaller.

When I read these words I took back that kick I had given myself for was not my mistake excusable?

The call of my birds was very like that of our common English Partridge.

In vain I tried to get hold of a male. When I expressed my sore needs in the papers, Francolins seemed to have disappeared from the earth; at any rate, I got no answers; and at last in sheer despair, and to get a free aviary, I gave away my two hens to a friend, who does not attempt breeding operations, and so far as I know, they, like the stones which Joshua set up in Jordan, "are there until this day." I suppose I ought to have kept them till the male turned up; on the principle set forth by somebody, that choosing a wife was like choosing a profession—it doesn't matter much what you choose, so long as you stick to it; but there; as my readers know, I love change; but, looking back is fatal. The truest thing in Scripture is Lot's wife; she looked back, and was turned into a pillar of salt.

And now, lest I weary you, I will end with a story which the late Sir Henry Irving was fond of relating. He and Ellen Terry once consented to the request of a headmaster to give some scenes from Shakespeare before the boys of the school. When they were talking over the arrangements for the afternoon, Irving said: "The pieces we have chosen will take about two hours, and we must ask for a quarter of an hour's interval in the middle." "Oh, certainly," replied the headmaster," we couldn't expect the boys to stand two hours of it straight off." Do you see the parable?

Robins' Ways.

The doings of the Robins are now full of interest. The young ones are getting through the moult, and the more forward of them have commenced to warble. They have come in from the hedgerows and byways, and haunt the farm buildings and outlying cottages. Battles for supremacy have already commenced. One will keep his beat, driving off many intruders, until he in turn has to give place to a stronger rival. In these fights one is frequently killed, and in some cases both combatants.

The Note of the Curlew.

During the winter, when the Curlew frequents the mud flats by the coast, he has only one note which may be translated into "Clui, clui," but during the breeding season, when he has returned to the open moors and lonely hillsides, he has a peculiar fascinating whistle, very clear and vibrating, commencing in a low key, gradually ascending, and then falling again ends in a peculiar wail. This sounds very weird and uncanny when heard at night on the lonely moors.

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R.S.P.C.A. APPROVES MONKEYS' TEA PARTY!

Notes by the Secretary.

"The Animal World," the organ of the R.S.P.C.A., has in its issue for August the following reference to CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE:

The R.S.P.C.A. and the League.

"The action of the R.S.P.C.A. and the R.S.P.B. in waging war against the cruelties of bird snarers and dealers, and decrying the practice of keeping birds in cages, seems to have aroused the fears of fanciers. At all events, an organisation has been formed bearing the above title to improve the conditions under which birds are kept in captivity, and to oppose undue interference on the part of those who would abolish altogether the hobby of bird-keeping. We would say bluntly that we have very grave suspicions as to the value of this League. The appeal for better treatment seeks to obscure the real issue, but will scarcely induce real bird-lovers to regard the captivity of our native songsters in any light other than that of a heartless cruelty. It should not be forgotten that in reversing the natural conditions of bird life 90 per cent. of these innocent citizens of the air die in the East End and other bird shops after their capture by the loafing prowlers who supply the market. It is to be hoped that persons will weigh these considerations before extending support to so doubtful a movement."

The Monkeys' Tea Party!

On another page "The Animal World" characterises the hysterical pamphlet entitled *The Other Side of the Bars* as being "an admirable little booklet." This admirable little booklet has already had sufficient attention at our hands, and need occupy no more of our time. It is instructive to note that "The Animal World" has been entirely silent in the matter of my reply in CAGE BIRDS of June 3 last to the extraordinary statements contained in the pamphlet in question. This reply was reprinted, and a copy especially sent to the Editor of our contemporary.

It happens curiously enough that in the same issue of the journal mentioned there is published a special article entitled *A Monkey Tea-party*. This gives a full account of the proceedings at the entertaining function.

Appended is an extract: and I wonder if any of my readers will care to give up their birds for the keeping of monkeys, so as to come under the approving eye of the R.S.P.C.A.!

"Through the kindness of the "Daily Mirror," I was privileged to be present at the tea-party given to monkeys, on June 6th, at the Waldorf Hotel, and, though I have a strong dislike to anything which tends to cruelty, what I there witnessed was a revelation as to the wonderful qualities these animals possess as pets.

"The owners were not principally children, as I anticipated, and the proportion of monkeys owned by gentlemen proved surprisingly large. There were monkeys of numerous breeds, size, and appearance, but all alike testified to the consistent care bestowed upon them, for their skins were exquisitely clean, their hair shone like satin, and there was an entire absence of the perpetual scratching and nauseating effluvia always associated with caged monkeys.

"I had plenty of time to note these details, as all guests with monkeys were closely congregated together in a vestibule, from which they passed into the ballroom; and it was very touching to see how the animals in excitement or fear at such unusual surroundings, clung confidingly to their masters for protection."

Left Unsaid.

Not a word is here said as to the probable number of deaths involved in the importation and training of such notoriously delicate animals as monkeys. Of course, the people who can afford the luxury of ownership of trained baboons and chimpanzees have more money than the ordinary bird-fancier; they are more likely to be fox-hunters, stag-hunters or shooters of farm-fed pheasants—possibly subscribers to the funds of the professional Humanitarian Societies—and it is inadvisable to offend them. The more humble bird-lover is in a different position, and any stone is good enough to throw at him.

I had written further on this matter, but just upon going to press there comes a letter from a member, Mr. Claude St. John, and I am glad to give this preference. I will, therefore, here content myself by publicly asking the Editor of "The Animal World" two questions: What is his authority for the statement that 90 per cent. of the birds which form the bird-dealer's stock in trade die while in his hands? What is the percentage of mortality in fresh-caught monkeys, and the average life of those who survive importation into this country?

Coloured Seals for Correspondence.

In accordance with the suggestion of a member, Mr. Johnson, of Studley, small gummed labels in exact fascimile of the badge of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE, are now available for the use of members. They are printed in five colours, with the words CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE in gold, and may be used for sealing envelopes or for affixing to notepaper or postcards. I am now using them in all correspondence, and many members will therefore have seen them. To those who have not I can say that they are very pretty, and have a nice effect in use as seals or on note paper. The price is eightpence per hundred post free. Members, I am sure, will like these little coloured seals. Orders for less quantities than a hundred will be supplied at the hundred rate, but must be accompanied with an extra penny for postage. Now, members, just try a hundred and see how very effective they look upon your stationery; you will be pleased, I know.

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Since my last notes the following gentlemen have kindly agreed to act as Local Hon. Secs. for their towns and districts. Pamphlets explaining the aims and objects of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE may be obtained from any of these gentlemen, and I should be glad if intending members in the towns mentioned will make their applications for membership through their Local Hon. Sec. Previous lists appeared in CAGE BIRDS for last week and the week before.

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MORE VIEWS OF MEMBERS

Sir,—I have been for a long time a reader of CAGE BIRDS, and have derived a lot of useful information from it. Although I keep only a few birds, and those of the commonest kinds, I should like to join CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE, for it is certain that lovers of birds need some protection from the cranks, or our hobby will become a thing of the past.

DUGALD BROWN.

Barrow-in-Furness.

A Generous Lady Member.

Sir,—Thanks for so kindly sending the packet of LEAGUE pamphlets, which I shall be pleased to distribute among my friends. In acknowledgment, I enclose P.O. for two shillings and sixpence, which please place to the funds of the LEAGUE. May I have, besides my brooch badge, which I cannot always wear, a rolled gold pendant for my watch chain, for I want this little messenger to work hard in arousing notice and interest. Wishing this splendid CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE all the success it deserves.

(MRS.) M. B. PARTRIDGE.

Worthing.

A Bradford View.

Sir,—CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE should receive the support of all fanciers; firstly, for the sake of establishing a bond of good fellowship, and, secondly, for the defence of our hobby against the troubles that are arising at the hands of Health Committees and others. It affords me great pleasure to accept your invitation to become hon. secretary for this district. I will bring the LEAGUE to the notice of my society at the earliest possible moment.

F. RHODES,
Sec., City of Bradford O.S.

Monkeys in Human Garments.

Sir,—Here are two cuttings from the current issue of "Animal World." The one referring to CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE containing practically a "profession of faith," showing clearly the aims of the other party. Compare their hysterical and false accusations of the cruelty of keeping birds in captivity, and their desire to totally suppress the practice, with their attitude towards the practice in vogue among people of position of keeping pet monkeys, dressing them in human trappings, boots and shoes, and all the rest (all so very kind and natural, don't you know!), and altogether making such a degrading spectacle of themselves and their monkey captives as that described in the article on "A Monkey Tea Party," which, by a strange irony appears in the same issue. Does the comparison show their honesty of purpose? So long as these emasculated specimens of humanity can be preyed upon by unscrupulous sentimentality to provide the sinews of war to persecute another body of fanciers for the sake of notoriety, so long will the keeping of captive monkeys dressed in human garments, be looked upon as certain evidence of the owner's kind and humanitarian principles, whilst the cage bird keeper will be held up to public opprobrium as a "loafing prowler" by these sanctimonious hypocrites. A loafing prowler, forsooth! Why, any decent bird fancier would be simply nauseated at witnessing the indecent display of promiscuously mauling some measly monkey, so often indulged in by these sickly sentimentalists. Harsh terms these, did you say, sir? Well, our opponents have set the tune by opprobrious epithets with which alone they see fit to refer to the bird-keeping fraternity. "With what measure ye mete it shall be measured to you" is a principle as applicable in this sense as its original one, and when these folk choose to refer to bird-keepers in terms of common courtesy, then, and only then, can they expect to meet with a similar measure of courtesy.

CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Are You a Member? If Not, Why Not?

Sir,—The leaflets describing the aims and objects of the LEAGUE are handy little documents, containing sufficient information for anyone who wishes to know more about this good thing, CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE. When their curiosity is aroused, then is the time to put the question, "Are you a member? If not, why not" I do not think any sensible persons could give a single reason why they are not members of a League which will protect their hobby from destruction by people with large pockets and small minds.

J. SOMERS.

Belfast.

The Oppression at Millom.

Sir,—I think the action taken by the Millom authorities is simply outrageous. If it comes to a test case I propose a fund be started through CAGE BIRDS to assist Mr. Park, as he is not a member of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE. If it is only a penny fund there should be quite a sufficient response. I commend this idea to our readers and Leaguers. Please say if Local Hon. Secretaries are entitled to use that title in their correspondence.

G. A. WATSON,
Local Hon. Sec.

Parkgate.

Answer.—Certainly Local Honorary Secretaries may use their title whenever they please. —H. J. F.

Sir,—I would like to see that whatever help is possible is given to Mr. Park, of Millom. By doing so we shall further help to cement the good-fellowship already existing in CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE, and also to swell our numbers.

A. J. NOTLEY,
Local Hon. Sec.

Hetton Downs.

To-morrow Never Comes.

Sir.—I was astonished to read in your Notes the report of the Millom case. It is certain that everyone who wishes to protect his or her hobby must join the LEAGUE at once. If all fanciers go hand in hand we can fight against this trouble. Join now is the thing. Don't wait until to-morrow; it never comes. I am delighted with my badge.

A. JOHNSON.

Hanley.

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I have still some of each of the sixpenny pamphlets on British Bird Culture and on Canary and Hybrid Culture, and, as long as they last, one of either will be sent gratis to all new members applying for a copy at the time of joining. Those of the old members who have not yet had a copy may receive one of those reserved for them on sending a penny stamp for postage. Only one copy of either book can be sent free either to new members or old, and when the stock in hand is exhausted I may not be able to get a fresh supply, so that those who would make sure of getting one of these useful pamphlets should send on their application with their membership fee without delay.

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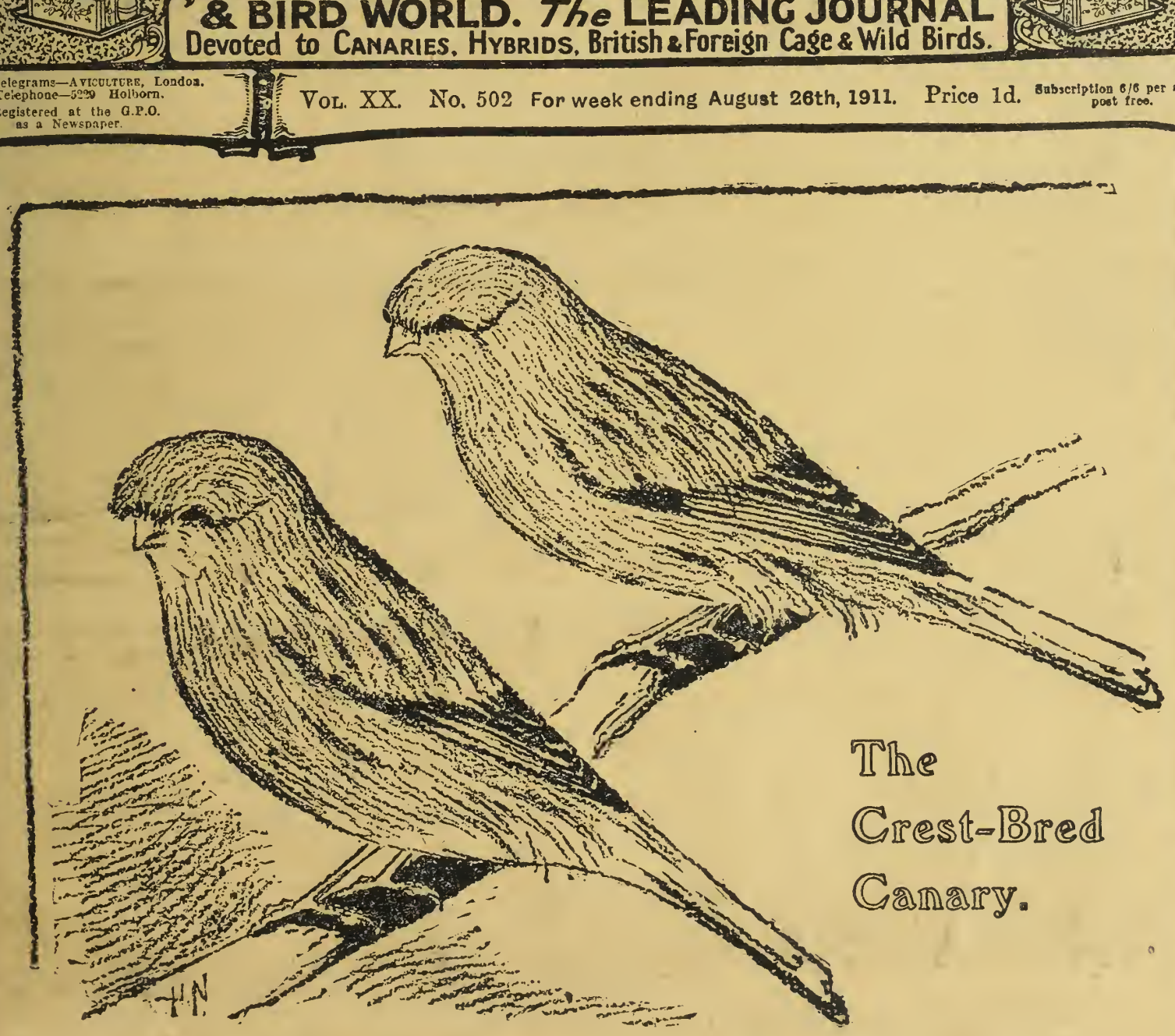
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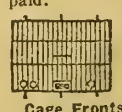
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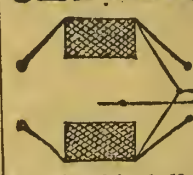
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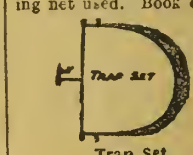
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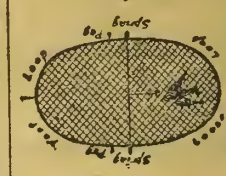


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Country Rambles

SHEFFIELD O.S.

Fortune again favoured us at our recent second ramble round the Dukeries. The weather was delightful (not too hot), and there was a nice cool breeze, though rather dusty if we had kept to roads, but as we were after bird life, the woods were our rendezvous. As there had been about two hours' rain in the early morning, everything looked fresh and green. A number of us left Sheffield by the 9.30 a.m. train, the remainder to follow at 1.40 p.m. The number that turned out with the first detachment was not as great as we should have liked. As usual we took train to Worksop, where we were met by our fellow member, Mr. Albert Summerfield. I think he must get the tip how to breed Mules there, as he goes over nearly every week, and Albert has managed to breed about 28 Mules this season; we trust he will have something good to keep the name of Sheffield to the fore. Our next move was to headquarters, Greyhound Hotel, our jovial host greeting us in a bright Yorkshire fashion. He is one of those fellows that makes you feel at home at once, and it is a pleasure to be under his roof. After we had refreshed, friend Summerfield took us out for a stroll, to various places of interest. We, of course, kept as much as possible to wooded patches and fields, as we were anxious to see as much bird life as we could. There are some fine birds in the Worksop district—no doubt a lot of Palace winners if they were only staged. The first lot that attracted our attention was a number of Chaffinches, one a particularly fine specimen. Goldfinches and Bullfinches were in great evidence, and a very fine Chiff-Chaff presented itself about this part. Yellowhammers, Wood Warblers, Blue Tits, etc., were all in evidence. After a quarter of an hour's rest we again commenced our stroll, journeying on through fields. We here came across a Hedge Sparrow's nest containing four young. As soon as we approached they took to their wings. I think it was their first flight, for it was not a very lengthy one, only a few yards. We now commenced the return to headquarters, as it was approaching one o'clock. Our journey was not a long one, as friend Summerfield knows all the short cuts. Once at the hotel we partook of refreshments, had a good wash, and then were ready to do justice to our host's efforts. Dinner finished, it was time to go to the station to meet our second party, but no one seemed inclined to go; everyone wanted to follow out the old adage, "After dinner, rest a while." And they did, one of the party only going to the station. He met his colleagues on the way. Our friend, Mr. T. Simpson, who on the last occasion took us such a successful route, was again in command. He had promised on the last occasion to take us an entirely different route; and he proved as good as his word. For a short distance we had to keep to the road, but we soon found our goal—the Duke of Newcastle's estate. We had not proceeded far before we came across a perfect shoal of Bullfinches. This is the place if you want to catch Bullie. There was a perfect plantation of privet, all in bloom; there will be some berries here for you "Britishers" shortly. And this was the attraction for Bullie. One of the boys turned himself into a call bird. He laid down amongst the dense bracken, out of sight; it is, by-the-bye, nearly four feet high in this particular part. The only thing we were short of was a few limed twigs. After this entertainment, which we all thoroughly enjoyed, we proceeded on our ramble. "Bullie" (which our friend was called for the remainder of the day, and I think will be called for a good many days) changed his call for his pipe, and shortly after changed his pipe for a feed of wild rasps, a regular Bullie's trick. I suppose this would be to keep his voice in training. We here came across a path in the depth of the woods where we saw most of the larger kinds of birds, including Jays, etc. A lovely specimen of the Jay was seen with his mate, the latter carrying out domestic duties. A little further and we again came across smaller birds—Blackbirds, Thrushes, Linnets, etc. We kept looking at our watches and noted how quickly the time went, and our guide told us we should have to take a cut through the woods or we should not be at the hotel in time for tea. We reached the hotel in time, and after a good swill, we were at it (the tea, I mean,) I think our host tries to go one better every time. We had one drawback; I think two or three had made up their minds for a sacred concert, but as the pianist was otherwise engaged, we had to resort to other enjoyment, some going for a stroll, and others resorting to a quiet smoke and chat, etc. The time passed all too quickly, and train time arriving (at 8.40) we went home. After reaching Sheffield we adjourned to headquarters, where we concluded a most enjoyable day, one member stating that he could do with these rambles every Sunday—he can't be married, I should think.—John A. T. Woodall, Press Correspondent.

We very much regret that the above has had to be held over some little time.—Editor.

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The Shows.

NOTE.—We cannot possibly undertake the writing out of lists of awards from the catalogues of shows. A fully written report must be sent us. —Editor.

TONG AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Members' show held Hand and Shuttle Inn, Dudley Hill, August 19, when 33 birds were staged. Mr. J. Bailey placed the cards, and gave every satisfaction. CLASS 1 (9): 1, 2, Hodgson, sen.; 3, Crabtree; 4, Hodgson, jun.; vhc, Gledhill; hc, Blezzard; c, Casey. CLASS 2 (9): 1, Crabtree; 2, Blezzard; 3, Cheshire; 4, hc, c, Padgett; vhc, Casey. CLASS 3 (7): 1, 2, Casey; 3, 4, vhc, Hodgson, sen.; hc, Cheshire; c, Gledhill. CLASS 4 (5): 1, vhc, Firth; 2, Padgett; 3, Gledhill; 4, Casey. CLASS 5: 1, Crabtree. CLASS 6 (2): 1, Crabtree; 2, Hodgson, jun. Mr. L. C. Casey wins the 5s. special for most points in First Feather Shows.—W. Walker, Sec.

GRIMSBY AND DISTRICT O.S.

Result of table show held August 17, Slatter's Rooms. NOR. YELL., NOVICE: 1, hc, Ridley; 2, 4, Robinson; 3, Wood; vhc, Bridge. BUFF: 1, Robinson; 2, vhc, Wood; 3, c, Ridley; 4, Bridge; hc, Watkins. LINNET, ETC.: 1, 2, Watkins; 3, vhc, Oliver; 4, Towl Bros. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, Lowe; 2, 3, Towl Bros.; 4, Oliver. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, Towl Bros.; 2, Oliver. A vote of thanks was accorded Mr. W. H. Moore, sen., for his services as judge. Owing to the small number of members present we did not open the meeting, but will bring the badges, etc., before the members as soon as possible. Our judge for open show is Mr. W. Vardy (Hucknall Huthwaite).—Towl Bros., Secs.

TIDESWELL C.B.I.S.

Annual N.F. Show held Star Inn, July 28. Though the season has not been generally good, some fifty odd birds were shown, and some very fine specimens were present, especially in the Norwich section. The judges were Mr. Harris (Eckington) for Yorkshires, and Mr. Driver (Normanton) for Norwich; and great satisfaction was given. The show closed at 8.30 p.m., when a social evening was spent. A photograph was taken in the afternoon. NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, sp, F. Millward; 2, 3, W. Millward; vhc, hc, W. Flint; c, A. Flint. BUFF: 1, sp, vhc, W. Millward; 2, hc, W. Flint; 3, c, Longstone. YELL. MKD.: 1, sp, F. Millward; 2, 3, vhc, W. Millward; hc, W. Flint; c, Longstone. BUFF: 1, sp, vhc, hc, W. Flint; 2, Longstone; 3, W. Millward; c, F. Millward. YORKS., CL. YELL.: 1, sp, Hartle; 2, 3, A. Flint; vhc, Robinson. BUFF: 1, sp, 3, A. Flint; 2, Hartle; vhc, Bradbury. YELL. MKD.: 1, sp, A. Flint; 2, Hartle; 3, Robinson; vhc, hc, c, Bradbury. BUFF: 1, sp, Robinson; 2, A. Flint; 3, Bradbury; vhc, hc, c, Hartle.—W. F. Swarbrick, Hon. Sec.

HALLAM & ECCLESALL

The 59th annual show took place August 17th. By permission of the City Council the Endcliffe Park was the venue. The entry in the cage bird section was a capital one considering the lateness of the season, more specimens being on view than on last year's occasion. A huge tent provided cover, and the staging was very neat. Mr. R. Colton acted in his usual efficient style as chief steward, and was ably assisted by Mr. A. Somerfield, the noted Mule and Hybrid expert. Both worked like Trojans, and are worthy of the highest praise. Mr. J. H. Barber is treasurer of the Society. Mr. E. C. Job, the secretary, is the right man in the right place; a more capable official it has not been our pleasure to meet for many a long day. This very enterprising society one is bound to sympathise with. On many occasions the show day has been "dogged" by rainy weather, and on this occasion the great strike affected them very considerably. Dozens of exhibits were absent, being at the various stations. Stewards were present at the stations doing their level best to get them to the show ground, but their efforts were of no avail. Mr. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield) judged, and his awards met with universal approval.

The Critique.

YORKS., YELL., 1911 (6): 1, vhc, Butler, mkd. wings and eyes, A1 quality, fine length, nice position, good legs; 2, 3, Bishop, couple of very promising youngsters, former mkd. wing and neck, lengthy and as straight as a rush, close up, 3rd, mkd. eye, full of style, well clothed, not one of the longest, but one of the smartest; No. 3 4, Wilkinson and Elliott, absent. BUFF (5): 1, 3, Butler, both Cl., full of quality, good length, neat back flights and tail, latter appearing to be softening for moult; 2, Bishop, eye tick, slim and upstanding, nice feather, well up on leg, beaten in length only; 3, 4, Wilkinson and Elliott, absent. NOR. YELL., 1911 (3): 1, Bagnall, Cl., fine size and shape, rich quality, capital carriage, with a good moult, should come out well; 2, Fallding, Cl., well up in substance, nice head and neck, sweet one; 3, Woodall, Var., capital type and feather, neat carriage. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Scott, var. and mkd. wing and head respectively, winner shade the more cobby, both of lovely texture of feather, nice size; 3 ,Bagnall, Var., A1 head, neck and chest, well clothed; vhc, c, Moore; hc, Fallding. A.O.V. (8): Good lot: 1, 2, Moore, Buff, mkd. wings, D.C., shapely, good feather, crest round as a rim, neatly drooped, capital centre, 2nd, Grey Crest, mkd. wings, larger, heaps of feather, crest in pen, which held it from winning; 3, hc, Bishop, Cl. Yell. Yorks., rattling fine col. and quality, straight as a gun-barrel, clever legs, good 3rd: vhc, Fallding; c, Colton and Dawn. MULE (5): 1, 2, 3, Somerfield, great team, 1st, noted Yell. Greenie Can., winner of over 20 firsts, needs no further comment, 2nd, dark Yell., Goldie-Can., magnificent col., good size and shape, well staged, 3rd, Buff, Greenie-Can., fine size and shape, tight as wax, lovely carriage, treat to observe; vhc, Castleton. GOLDIE, etc. (7): 1, Somerfield, Goldie, rich col., nice size and shape, large, well cut blaze of very bright tinge; 2, 3, vhc, Walsh, rare Greonies, full of col., fine size, not much between them. LINNET, etc. (9): 1, 2, c, Walsh, slashing fine Redpoll leading, closely followed by a grand Linnet, of rich col., markings and size; 3, Bishop, prettily pencilled Twite, A1 col., nice size, very shapely; vhc, Fletcher; hc, Hailstone; 2, 3, 4, Nicholson, absent. A.O.S. HARDBILL (3): 1, Walsh, Chaffie, in fine trim, put down for all he was worth, credit to owner; 2, Mace, Crossbill, in good form, nice col., well shown; No. 1, Hawkes, absent. SOFTBILL (4): 2, Milne, Nightingale, good size and shape, feather around root of tail just a trifle loose; No. 1, 2, 3, Jackson, absent. FOR., SMALL (4): 1, 2, vhc, Fletcher, Whydah, holding premier position, and looking a picture; 3, Colton and Dawn. LARGE (6): 1, Smith, beautiful Crimson wing, fully deserving honour; 2, vhc, Fletcher, pair Lorries, in capital order, and greatly admired; 3, Baxby, Toucan, in good form, put down well; No. 2, Turner, absent.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

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England.

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Oct. 7.—**Chopwell** (J. Brown, 26, Humber Street). T.D., J.R.S..
Oct. 7.—**Longton.**—(Hallam and Lovatt, 5, Francis Street). J.H.R.
Oct. 11 & 12.—**Clapham.**—(A. L. Priest, 23, Kyrle Road.). C.A.H., J. R., J.F.
Oct. 12 & 13.—**Norwich Alliance.**—(R. Roll, 53, York Street).
Oct. 13 & 14.—**Bolton.**—(P. Brierley, 24, Cromer Avenue, Tonge Moor.). J.H.R., J.W.C.
Oct. 14.—**Coventry Godiva.**—(R. Symonds, 29, Melbourne Road, Earlston.) W.V.
Oct. 14.—**Leeds.**—W. A. Wilson, 75, Bayswater Mount, Roundhay). J.H.R., J.B.
Oct. 14.—**Morpeth** (E. Cowling, Fullbeck Cottage) J.C.B., A.H.
Oct. 17 & 18.—**Plymouth.**—(T. Pope, 98, Embankment Road.) C.A.H., J.R.
Oct. 18 & 19.—**Birmingham.**—(S. Mole, 87, Greenway Street, Small Heath.) T.H.
Oct. 18 & 19.—**Portsmouth C.B.S.**—(King and Joiner, 80, Stubbington Avenue, North End). J.R.
Oct. 19.—**Hanley.**—(B. Peake, 6, Rhodes Street). W.M., J.T.
Oct. 20 & 21.—**Newcastle.**—(J. E. Atkinson, 8, Trewhitt Road, Heaton, Newcastle-on-Tyne.). J.R., W.M., W.V., J.S.C., C.H.
Oct. 20 and 21.—**Rochdale O.S.**—(R. Blincoe, 160, Drake Street, Rochdale.)
Oct. 21.—**Burton-on-Trent.**—(W. Elliott, 22, Leicester Street). J.R.
Oct. 21.—**Middlesbrough.**—(A. Wake, 41, Aske Rd.). G.H., C.H.
Oct. 25.—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).**—(J. N. Jeffery, Sartor House, Winner Street). J.H.P.
Oct. 25 & 26.—**Grimsby.**—(Towl Bros., 205, Welholme Road.) W.V.
Oct. 26.—**Oxford C.B.S.**—(A. F. Fifield, 6, Buckingham St.). J.H.R.
Oct. 27 & 28.—**Wolverhampton.**—(J. Gibbons, 64, Napier-rd). J.R.
Oct. 27 & 28.—**Manchester (Belle Vue).**—(H. Boothman, 8, Kettering Rd., Levenshulme.)H.W.B., A.G.D., E.G., C.H., S.H., J.Sh.
Oct. 28.—**Derwent Valley.**—(J. Lindsay, Railway Cottages, Westwood, Medomsley, R.S.O., Co. Durham.) A.B., F.M.
Oct. 28.—**Hartlepools.**—(E. Woodhead, 33, St. Paul's Road, W. Hartlepool).—H.W.B., J.M.
Nov. 1.—**Liskeard.**—(H. Jones Robins, Market St.) J.H.P.
Nov. 1 and 2.—**Cheltenham.**—A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Avenue). W.E.G., H.W.B., J.Ftk.
Nov. 1 and 2.—**L. and P.O.S.**—(C. W. Law, 9, Oak Villas, Archway Road, Highgate, N.) T.H., J.R. and A.S.
Nov. 2.—**Tunstall.**—(H. Evans, 13, Sneyd St.). J.C.B.
Nov. 3 & 4.—**Liverpool O.S.**—(Metcalfe and Hillmen, 68, Brunswick-rd.). W.M., W.V. and A.W.
Nov. 3 & 4.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne.**—G. Havver, 1, Theresa Street.)—J.R., H.W.B.
Nov. 3 and 4.—**Sheffield O.S.**—(T. Bishop, 69, Alexandra-rd.), J.H.R., C.H.
Nov. 4.—**Cleator Moor** (J. E. Byrne, 110, Birks Road) J.Wk.
Nov. 4.—**Stockton-on-Tees.**—(J. W. Lowes, 17, Canning-st).
Nov. 4.—**York.**—(H. Thompson, 57, Nun Mill Street, Scarcroft Road.) A.H.
Nov. 4 and 6.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(A. Freestone, 79, Clarendon St.) C.H., J.R.
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Nov. 8.—**West Bromwich.**—(W. G. Andrews, 1, Hayes Street, Carter's Green.) J.H.P.
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Nov. 8 & 9.—**Southend.**—(W. C. Lockwood, 9, East Street, Leigh-on-Sea.)
Nov. 9.—**Peterboro'.**—(S. L. Cocks, Corn Market.) J.R., S.H.M.
Nov. 10 and 11.—**Barnsley.**—(F. C. Sims, 15, Wright-terrace, Grace-st.) H.W.B.
Nov. 11.—**Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.**—(A. Walker, 47, Montrose St.). J.Wk., J.W.
Nov. 11 & 13.—**Nottingham.**—(G. E. Wilkinson, 9, Wellington Square, Park Side.). T.H., J.T., J.F.D.
Nov. 11.—**Warrington.**—(G. M. Nelson, 466, Knutsford Road.) A.W.
Nov 14 and 15.—**Wimbledon.**—(H. Smith, 115, Merton Road.)
Nov. 15.—**Alnwick.**—R. Forster, 36, Bondgate, Without.). H.W.B., A.C.
Nov. 16.—**Stoke-on-Trent.**—(J. Pitchford, 218, London Rd.) A.W.
Nov. 17 & 18.—**Preston.**—(J. P. Leeming, 40a, West Cliff.)
Nov. 17 and 18.—**Hull.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19, Lambton-st.), J.R., J.M.
Nov. 18.—**Coventry O.S.**—(A. J. Barratt, 33, Craven Street.) J.R.
Nov. 18.—**Tideswell.**—(Flint and Swarbrick, Tideswell, near Buxton.) A.H.
Nov. 18.—**Yarm, Eaglescliffe.**—(T. Wilson, High Street.)
Nov. 18.—**Crook Original.**—(J. Horner, White Lea.)
Nov. 18.—**Harrogate.**—(W. E. Fergusson, 62, Harlow Terr.) J. By.
Nov. 23.—**Ludlow.**—(W. T. Woof, 1, Mill Street.) J.H.P.
Nov. 23.—**Stamford.**—(A. Harrison, 7, New St.). J.R.
Nov. 24 & 25.—**Doncaster.**—(G. Bescoby, 26, Duke Street.) J.C.B., J.M.
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Nov. 24 and 25.—**Hinckley.**—(H. Ridgway, Priesthills Road).
Nov. 24., 25, 27.—**L.C.B.A.**—(Mugford and Tyson, 1, Strathearn-rd., Wimbledon, S.W.)
Nov. 25.—**Cramlington.**—(J. R. Chestney, Quarry Cottage). A.B., H.S.
Nov. 28.—**Launceston.**—(N. H. Reed.)
Nov. 29.—**Windsor.**—(E. A. Stickland, 36, Alma Rd.).
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Dec. 2 & 4.—**Derby.**—(W. Stevens, 58, Olivier-st.). J.R., R.R.
Dec. 7.—**Newport and Dist.** (J. Hammett, 56, Milman-st., Newport, Mon.) J.R.
Dec. 8 and 9.—**Gateshead.**—(A. Holden, 5, Cramer Street.) J. R., J.H.R., J.B., J.F.D.
Dec. 8 & 9.—**Runcorn.**—(T. P. Baxter, 103, Greenaway Rd.). A.W.
Dec. 9.—**Sheffield and Dis. C.B.S.**—(A. Hobson, 66, Langsett Av.). W.A.C.
Dec. 15 & 16.—**Blackburn.**—(J. Cook, 6, Charlotte St.).
Jan. 6.—**Guisbrough Priory.**—(Winter and Hood, 93, Bolckow St.). H.W.B.

Scotland.

Oct. 7.—**Paisley O.A.**—(J. Kelly, 7, Underwood Lane). G.F., J.S., J.A., P.Pce.
Oct. 14.—**Lochgelly.**—(W. Whiteford, 81, Hall St.) W.Tn., J.F., G.H., G.F.A., A.C., J.F.D.
Oct. 14.—**Broughty Ferry.**—(R. Whitton, 2, Churchill Place.) D.B., W.R., W.G., J.S., R.V.R.
Oct. 20 and 21.—**City of Glasgow.**—(A. Macdonald, 279, Crow Rd., Partick).
Oct. 21.—**Kelty and Blairadam.** — (A. Dickson, 37, Adams-terr., Kelty.) C.B.,W.M., R.B.G., W.P., W.H., A.W.W.
Oct. 21.—**Selkirkshire.**—(J. Robertson, 4, Green Terrace, Selkirk.)
Oct. 28.—**Ayr and District.**—(J. Sloan, 19, New Bridge Street.) J.F.D.; A.Wn.
Oct. 28.—**Dysart.**—(J. S. Harris, Victoria Bar.) J.T., R.L., J.Wr., R.G., C.W.
Nov. 4.—**Bo'ness.**—(T. Cameron, 7, Ash Terrace, Grangepans).
Nov. 4.—**Stonehouse.**—(J. Hamilton, 36, Camnethan St.). A.C., J.P.
Nov. 4.—**Brechin.**—(G. Mitchell, 113, Montrose St.). W.B., G.Hp., J.St.
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Nov. 11.—**Hamilton (Cadzow Oaks).**—(G. Marlin, 21, Glebe Street.) F.B., A.Wn., A.Wr., P.P.
Nov. 11.—**Forfar.**—(J. Fyfe, 137, East High Street.) R.B.J., W.M., A.W.W.
Nov. 18.—**Buckhaven.**—(J. Lawrie, Grahams Buildings, Randolph Street.) G.H., J. M'L., Ax.C.
Nov. 18.—**Cowdenbeath.**—(J. R. Reid, 7, Woodland Place).
Nov. 18.—**Kilmarnock O.C.B.S.**—(W. Guthrie, 10, Hood St.)
Nov. 18.—**Galashiels.**—(C. Lugton, Botany Cottage). W.R., J.Tn., J.W.N.
Nov. 23.—**Lockerbie.**—(H. Davidson, Royal Hotel.) J.F.D.
Nov. 25.—**City of Dundee.**—(A. Miller, 3, Park Ave.) J.Y., W.H., J.Gse, J.Stn., T.A., R.V.R.
Dec. 2.—**Blairgowrie** (M. Irvine, 17, Brown Street) J.F.D.
Dec. 2.—**Whitburn.**—(T. Duncan, 9, West Main Street.) J.W.B., J.Bp.
Dec. 9.—**Kilsyth.**—(A. D. Duncan, "Chronicle" office)
Dec. 16.—**Broxburn.**—(W. McLaren, Church Street.) J. McLn., G.Sfe., J.Tn., J.M., J.Sn.
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Jan. 1 & 2.—**Paisley O.A.**—(W. Lambie, 25, Caledonia Street.)
Jan. 2 & 3.—**Glasgow C.B.A.**—(F. Bowman, 5 Parkview, Tollcross.). W.B.M., J.Cg., J.W.B., L.J.A., A.C.

Wales.

Nov. 8.—**Pontypridd.**—(A. A. Gordon, McLucas, 48, Roeser St., Maesycoed).
Nov. 8 & 9.—**Swansea.**—(S. H. George, 32, Fisher Street). H.W.B., A.S.
Nov. 15 & 16.—**Cardiff.**—(J. W. Dummett, 34, Tudor Road). J.H.P., J.R.
Nov. 28.—**Llanelly.**—(D. John, 9, Pottery Place). H.N., J.H.R.

Ireland.

Nov. 2 & 3.—**Yorks C.B.S. of Ireland.**—(C H. Holley, 66, Fitzroy Avenue, Drumcondra, Dublin.)
Nov. 9 and 10.—**Banbridge.**—(A. McCammon, Riverview.)
Dec. 1 & 2.—**Ulster O.A.**—(R. Trimble, 11, Waring Street, Belfast.) D.B., R.T., G.M.
Dec. 7 and 8.—**Larne.**—(T. Mayne, 35, Barnhill).

HOLMFIRTH.

On August 19th the annual show was held at Holmfirth. The cage bird section, an interesting feature, was well supported, especially in Canary A.V. class, for which nineteen birds were entered. Three of Messrs. Radley's exhibits—owing to the non-running of trains—arrived too late. The judging was delayed an hour and a half. Mr. C. R. Hampshire made the awards: A.O. CAN.: 1, r, Hellawell, 1 nice Yellow, wing marked Cinnamon York.: 2, hc, Heywood; 2, upstanding clear Yellow York.: 3, Bray, heavily varieg. Yorks.; ex 3, Brook, cl. Yell. York.; ex 3, Hampshire, nice Lancashire Plainhead; vhc, Sandford; c, Dickenson. A.V. BRIT.: 1, Green, very fine Brambling, would have shown to better advantage in larger cage; 3, Brooke, very nice Goldie.

LLANRWST.

Vale of Conway annual show held August 17 in glorious weather. The cage bird section turned up well in numbers and quality. The occasion proved very interesting, and the attendance was good, so many visitors being in the locality this time of the year, the season being in full swing. We feel sure that they would be well supported if there was an extended classification. The birds were under cover at Guydr Park, and were staged at a nice height. The secretary was Mr. Watling, who is the right man in the right place. Messrs. J. Williams, A. Hughes, and Owen Williams, were the stewards; they all deserve a word of praise. Special for best cage bird was awarded to Mr. J. O. Williams' young yellow Yorkshire, a bird of great promise. Mr. C. H. Wheeler (Birmingham) made the awards, and gave satisfaction. GOLDFINCH (10): 1, Ed. Jones, grand, typical Finch, good blaze, under col., tail, and markings, nice bars and buttons; 2, J. E. Jones, nice shaped, good blaze, fine col. and feather, beaten only in size; 3, W. A. Evans, a wee shade smaller, good col. and markings, well shaped head, blaze nicely cut away, good depth. CAN., A.V. (15): 1, 3, sp. best in show, J. O. Williams, grand shape, fine quality, col., length and position, cl. yellow Yorks., 3rd rattling good buff Yorks., neat shape, lengthy and stylish; 2, Owen Jones, variegated yell. Yorks., nice quality; vhc, R. Williams, Yorks., cl. Buff.

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Club Reports.

KELTY AND BLAIRADAM C.B.A.

Meeting held August 8th, Mr. Jas. Stenhouse (pres.) in the chair. A letter was received from the Border Fancy Club granting us their patronage. As it is too early to draw in collecting books, specials, etc., it was agreed to hold a sub-committee meeting on Aug. 22nd for that purpose. Also that a general meeting be held on Aug. 26th.—A. Dickson, Sec.

METROPOLITAN C.B.A.

Meeting held headquarters, All Saints, Battersea Park, August 12th. In the absence of Mr. Macgregor, Mr. Denham was voted to the chair. The secretary reported that a very fair profit had been made on the two Y.B. shows, and that no complaints had been received. The treasurer paid out prize money due to members who were present. I regret having overlooked to notify the date of meeting in Fancy press, which no doubt accounted for several absentees.—J. W. Burgess, Assist-Sec.

HEBDEN BRIDGE, ETC., O.S.

At a meeting held August 10, at Nutclough Tavern, Mr. W. Spencer in the chair, it was decided that we hold a series of shows. The first of these will be held at headquarters on August 31, when two classes will be provided, viz., 1 A.V. Can., 2 A.V. British, Mule, or Hybrid. Judge, Mr. T. Meadowcroft. All birds to be staged at 7.30 p.m. Mr. Maiden kindly promised a medal for most points throughout season; also a special for 4th most points; the society providing specials for 2nd and 3rd most points. Decided that we hold our annual old bird show on December 23rd. Mr. T. Bentley (Cleckheaton) judge.—A. Pickles, Sec.

THATTO HEATH AND DIS. O.S.

Meeting held Nutgrove School, 14th August. There was a fair muster of members, Mr. Cibbie, as usual, occupying the chair. Resolved on motion of Mr. Hesketh and seconded by Mr. Woods that Mr. Houlton be appointed judge at the forthcoming old bird show, to be held January 20th, 1912. It is not definitely arranged just where the show will be held, but negotiations are being made for a suitable place. The classification was gone into, and a splendid list has been arranged—32 classes in all, and it is hoped members and friends will pull together and make the fixture a big success. There was a lot of debating over a cup or medals for this show, but eventually it was decided to leave these over until the society gets a little further advanced. The usual vote of thanks was passed to the Chairman.—Tyson and Leather, Secretaries.

UDDINGSTON AND DISTRICT O.S.

Special meeting held August 19th in Reading Rooms, Mr. H. Dormon (Vice-President) in the chair. Balance sheet of Y.B. show was read over, after having been audited by Mr. Cosgrove, showing receipts of £4 7s. 9d. and expenditure of £1 15s. 8d., leaving a balance of £2 12s. 1d., which was paid out in prize money—2s. for firsts, 1s. 6d. for seconds, 1s. for thirds. Everyone was satisfied with this result, the show being considered a big success, taking into consideration the fact that close on 1,200 miners were on strike in our village. Letters were read by the Secretary from Mr. G. Smart (Carmyle) and Mr. Bald (Bathgate) re judging open show; their terms were considered satisfactory, and it was agreed to engage them both, Mr. Bald for British and Mr. Smart for Norwich. Hearty vote of thanks to chairman brought a very enjoyable meeting to a close. Note: Regular meeting on Thursday, 31st, at 7.30 p.m.—Jno. Kilpatrick, Sec.

COWDENBEATH C.B.S.

Meeting held Aug. 19, in the Arcade Hotel, Mr. J. Simpson presiding. The classification was gone over, and finally passed as follows:—Scotch Fancy, 10 classes; Border, 10; Nor., 12; Yorks., 6; Crest, 9; C.B., 8; A.O.V., 1; Common, 1; Gift, 1; Mules and Hyb., 5; Brit., 16; Foreign, 3; making a grand total of 71 classes. Stewards were appointed: S. Fancy, Messrs. J. Paterson and B. Rice; Bord., J. Fotheringham and J. Baxter; Nor., J. C. Murray and A. Simpson; Yorks., A. Cunningham and P. Langan; Brit., A. Anderson and A. Robertson. Secretary reported we had been granted the patronage of the Border Fancy C.C., and we have had granted since the meeting the patronage of the Fife and Kinross Norwich F.C. Instructions were given secretary to procure all the necessary goods etc., for show. It was agreed that all collecting hooks be in the hands of the secretary before next meeting, September 20, when special prizes will be allocated. Usual vote of thanks brought meeting to a close.—Joseph R. Reid, Sec.

LANCASHIRE C.A.

Meeting held at Duke of Edinburgh, August 12th, Mr. J. Naden in chair. A good number of members were present. Minutes of previous meeting passed with the exception of one re cages, which now reads "That all members must show in the club standard cages to compete for the club's specials." It was decided to give our patronage to Rochdale O.C.; to Manchester, to Newcastle, and also to London C.B.A., on condition that they provide at least four classes for Lancashires, as we do not guarantee to support under four classes at any show. We are still open to extend our support to suitable applicants. All fanciers who would like to become members can be enrolled by paying 2s. 6d. for membership, which entitles them to compete for the club specials; and this would bring us more together, so that we could try and put the giant of the Canary tribe more to the front. Place of next meeting will be announced. In the future applications for membership, etc., may be sent to the Secretary.—J. Hampshire, 7, Cowper Street, Oldham.

YORK C.B.S.

Meeting August 14, headquarters, All Saint's Church Rooms, North Street. The chairman (Mr. Zimmerman) presided. A large number of members and friends were present to hear a lecture on "Wild Seeds and Berries," by those two well-known authorities, Messrs. H. Shorney and F. B. Sissons. In the absence of Mr. Sissons, Mr. Shorney dealt in a very masterly way with his subject, giving the names of each wild seed and plant, where to find the plants, and how to use them to the best advantage. The lecture was closely followed. After a good number of questions had been satisfactorily answered by the lecturer, a hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. A. Richardson, seconded by M. Chittenden, for the amount of time and trouble he must have spent in gathering and bringing such a large assortment of seeds, berries, and plants. After the lecture, the members went into committee on the open show business. It was proposed that four members, along with the chairman and secretary, should form the open show committee. The following is the result of the ballot:—Chairman (Mr. Zimmerman), Secretaries (H. Thompson and Sissons), Committee (Messrs. T. Wright, S. Campling, Cbittenden, and White).—H. Thompson, Hon. Sec.

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Twitterings.

Bodmin Show will be held on November 8 next, writes Mr. A. E. Jago, the Secretary.

Mr. W. Hughes, of Liverpool, writes informing us that he has removed from Albert Edward Road to 29, Adelaide Road, Kensington.

Will fanciers please note that my address is No. 6, High Fishergate, Doncaster, writes Mr. Geo. A. Pogmore.

We hear that Mr. J. O. Williams (Bangor) is elected to judge the cage birds, etc., at Dolgelly Show on September 15 next.

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Mr. A. Gledhill having resigned the secretaryship of the Morley and Dist. C.B.S., writes Mr. D. Holliday, I beg to notify you that I have been elected to fill that office. My address is 25, Wesley Street, Morley, Leeds.

We have been granted the Northern Border Fancy Canary Club's Medal for our annual show on December 1st and 2nd, and the English and Welsh Border Fancy Club's patronage, writes Mr. J. Johnson, Secretary, Lancaster Primrose C.B.A.

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I was both surprised and pleased on receiving my weekly paper, CAGE BIRDS, on August 19th, to see the splendid drawing of my Yellow hen, reproduced on the front page. Allow me to thank you for same, and to wish your paper every success.—C. E. Walker (West Bowling, Bradford).

Owing to the great success of our ramble on July 22, writes Mr. W. Mallinson, Sec. of the Wallasey and Dis. C.B.S., we are having another ramble to Bedstor via Wallasey Marsh for wild seed gathering on Sunday, August 27. We start from Headquarters, at 10 a.m. Will members of local societies and friends kindly join and make the ramble a huge success?

My new illustrated list of aviaries, cages, appliances, etc., is now ready, and fanciers can have a copy of same post free on application, writes Mr. R. Hogg, the well-known naturalist, etc., of Middlesbrough (17, Bridge Street, West). My list includes everything required by a fancier, the goods are of high quality, and at low prices. Show cages are a speciality for the coming season.

An excellent coloured plate of the Red-capped Parrakeet graces the August number of the "Avicultural Magazine." The artist is Mr. Hubert D. Astley, who also contributes some notes on the species. Mr. C. Barnby Smith writes on "Another Nesting Failure: The Rufous-throated Tree Partridge," and Mr. Archibald Simpson on "Some Experiences of an Aviculturist." There are other matters also of interest to bird-keepers.

The contents of the August issue of "Bird Notes"—the Foreign Bird Club's journal—include articles by Mr. Mark Aronstein ("The Nesting of Hoopoes"), Mr. H. W. Matthias ("The Breeding of Ruficaudas, Painted and Olive Finches"), Mr. Wesley T. Page, F.Z.S. ("The Nesting of the Indian White Eye") and Mr. Hubert D. Astley, M.A., etc., ("The Queen Alexandra Parrakeet"); a picture by Mr. Astley is reproduced as a coloured frontispiece accompanying his notes.

Our next meeting is on August 28 at the Volunteer Hotel, at 8 p.m., when the Open Show, Rules, etc., will be discussed, writes Mr. Jas. Irlam, Hon. Sec. of the Sale Open O.S. Will all who intend remaining members of the Society send in their names at once, or better still attend the next meeting? The Open Show is guaranteed against all loss, and we are having some very good specials for members only, besides the open Challenge Cup, and I hope to see all old members and intending new ones taking part in the next meeting.

It is with regret, writes Mr. J. W. Dummett, Sec. of the Cardiff and Dist. C.B.S., that I have to leave Cardiff. Hence all my birds and cages, etc., are for sale. I have taken over a business at Tiverton (my old home) where I shall have to put in full time; so I shall not take up the keeping of birds for a time. I may have another "pop" some day, although I shall have to find out what sort of fanciers we have down that way. I am sorry to leave the Fancy and my friends in Cardiff, and I hope they will get a good successor in the secretarial office of the Society. I have enjoyed my time here (8 years) with them, and a real good lot they are. I hope they will have a big show this year, for they well deserve it.

From Mr. G. Davidson, of Glasgow (94, Kirkland Street), we have received some really splendid samples of wild seeds—thistle and hard-heads, and plantain, with the extracted seed of the dandelion, plantain, thistle, and shepherd's purse—all excellent for birds, especially during the moulting season.

Will exhibitors and all concerned kindly note that we have engaged Mr. Bowman (Glasgow) again to judge the Yorkshire Canaries at our open show to be held on Nov. 11, writes Mr. George Marlin, Sec. of the Hamilton Cadzow Oak O.S. Mr. Bowman judged last year and gave every satisfaction.

Midland Counties Y.C.C.

A meeting of the Midland Counties Yorkshire C.C. will be held at the Crown Hotel, Station Street, Birmingham, on August 31, at 8 p.m. to allot patronage. New members nominated at this meeting will be able to compete for the cups and specials. Yorkshire fanciers residing in the Midlands wishing to join may have all information from the Secs.—BECK AND ANDREWS, Secs., School House, Rookery Road, Handsworth Staffs.

Yorkshire County B.B. and M.C.

Will secretaries of the different societies wanting the patronage of the Yorkshire County British Bird and Mule Club please write at once? We have the following open dates: October 21 and 28, December 2, 16, 23 and 30, and the first two Saturdays in January. We shall be glad to solicit for any of the above dates. Subscriptions are now due.—J. Lane (Hon. Sec.), 15, Aberdeen Terr., Lidget Green, Bradford.

OBITUARY.

Mr. P. THIRLWELL (Annfield Plain).

It is with great regret, writes Mr. Geo. Reed, Scc. of the Durham Linnet Society, that I have to report the death of one of our fanciers, Mr. Peter Thirlwell, who died on Aug. 19th, after a long illness. Mr. Thirlwell was held in great respect by all who knew him. The sympathy of all fanciers is extended to his widow and family.

Where are the Starlings?

What has become of the Starlings? asks the "Evening News." They disappeared from the gardens of suburban London early in the drought, and have not been seen since. From a correspondent we learn that the North of Scotland has a plague of these birds, which make war upon Sparrows in most unmerciful fashion. Scores of Sparrows have been found dead in Aberdeenshire, and an examination of the birds showed that their eyes had been picked out. A knowledge of the habits of birds makes it clear that Starlings are the culprits.

The Greedy Cormorant.

Grave complaint is made of the destruction of trout in the Border rivers by the Cormorant. Although this bird's average weight is 6lb., says the "Evening News," it eats daily 36lb. of fish, and holds in its stomach eight to twelve fish at once. Mr. Herbert Dodds, of Berwick, a noted Border angler and sportsman, tells of taking a grilse of 3lb. 2oz. from one Cormorant, and six yellow trout of 2lb. 14oz. from another. Flocks of over a dozen Cormorants are feeding on the Tweed. A Cormorant can dive with one breath for 120 yards, so that the damage it does is apparent. Two shillings per head is offered at Berwick for every Cormorant shot dead.

A White Sparrow.

A correspondent in an Oswestry contemporary says: On July 27 I received from Mr. A. E. Hughes, Wynnstay Hotel, Llanfair Caereinion, a pure Albino Sparrow that had been captured that morning on his premises. As might be expected, it was a young bird, for peculiar specimens such as this seldom escape long enough to attain maturity, whilst these colourless birds are anaemic creatures of weaker constitution than those of normal colouration. The occurrence is rendered the more remarkable because another white Sparrow was obtained at the same spot exactly two years before. This seems to indicate that there is a local race of Sparrows at Llanfair with a tendency to albinism.

The Flight of Birds.

Lord Rayleigh, discoursing on the flight of birds, says a Newcastle contemporary, considers that the maximum speed does not much exceed fifty miles an hour. His lordship has here in view the bird's speed relative to the air; but, in the case of migrating birds at great heights, he admits that they may experience winds of like amount, "so that one hundred miles per hour, or more, relative to the ground may well be admissible." What might Lord Rayleigh say, it is asked, to those who say they have seen a Rook outfly an express train, estimating the bird's speed to be not less than sixty miles an hour, relative to the ground? But there are Hawks that fly twice as fast as a Rook; and the fastest Hawk would be left far behind by the Alpine Swift.

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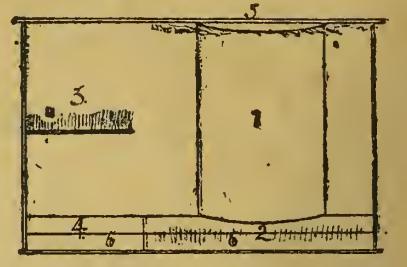
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Illustrated Ideas

No. 534.
A Handy Lark Cage.

Sent by Mr. J. Burns, 74, Trumpet Terrace, Cleator.

The following idea may be of some good to Lark fanciers. It is very handy for giving the bird a bath, and the bird also likes to go

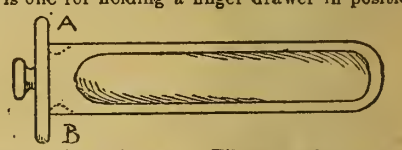


on the raised turf. No. 1 in the sketch is the bow front of cage; No. 2 is turf; No. 3 is where I put another turf on a little partition; No. 4 is my dust box; No. 5 is the top padded with wadding, and No. 6 is the drawer.—J. Burns.

No. 535.
To Hold Finger Drawer in Position.

Sent by Mr. W. Gibson, 149, Agnes Street, Belfast.

I send you a very simple idea which will, I hope, be of benefit to many of your readers. It is one for holding a finger drawer in position



in the wires of cage. File at each corner as per sketch (A and B), so that wires of the cage fall in and hold it in a firm position.—Willie Gibson.

WINGED HOOLIGANS.

The Story of a Pair of Australian Regent Birds.

There is one little household in London in which the recent upheaval in the industrial world found no inlet, says the "Evening Times." It is the house-aviary of Mr. Reginald Phillips, the well-known aviculturist of Hammersmith, from whence came the recent gifts of a splendid pair of the Australian Regent bird to the Zoological Gardens.

Mr. Phillips has grown grey in the jealously-guarded company of his chirping friends. From a room at the back of the house, which in ordinary circumstances would serve as a sitting room, there comes a perpetual chorus of sweet music. The privileged visitor who is allowed to peep momentarily inside is amazed to see excellent specimens of the rarest birds flitting about the whitewashed cage with the vigour and freedom of happy and well-cared-for birds. The room has an outlet which leads to the garden—the official aviary. And here are birds with which any aviculturist would yearn to spend the rest of his days. The garden gives the freedom of a forest, although, of course, it has its limitations, which are netted securely

It was in this aviary that the male Regent bird was bred and reared. For six years Mr. Phillips tended it, and later on its female friend.

When the male bird routed the nests of the new additions to the aviary or stole their eggs, or even caught the youngsters by the neck and dropped them unceremoniously, Mr. Phillips administered a severe caution and let them off—bound over! The rarity of the specimens—only in Australia are they found, though they cannot be taken—justified the tolerance of the indignant owner. Bananas were served up to the culprits in the usual way. Then the offences were repeated, and this time the winged hooligans were taken from their hall of freedom and put under lock and key in the house of detention for three months—without hard labour. There they pined, and looked miserable and repentful. These privileged birds, forsooth, are not used to confinement. They must, indeed, have the run of the whole garden, and be kept warm, and fed very carefully.

The punishment had the desired effect, it seemed, when the term of imprisonment was up. But what's born in a bird must come out. In a week the pair were on the old system of deliberate ruffianism. They were called to book again, and the sentence this time was fatal—importation for life to Regent's Park.

Now the other little birds in the school romp wildly about as any fag would when the hullying monitor is expelled. The effect of the ungentlemanly conduct of the male Regent bird was to leave an adulterated atmosphere behind, so that, it is regretful to relate, three of the little birds are undergoing lighter sentences for lesser offences. It should be added that the Regent birds left two children behind, but the disgrace which the parent birds brought to the homestead was the cause of their early deaths.

Random Notes on Exhibition British Birds.

By STEWART GRAHAME (London, S.E.).

Here are a few notes and impressions on my favourite hobby, British Birds. The remarks were jotted down in an idle hour, and are to be taken as such, not in the sense of dogmatic assertions.

The Ideal Linnet.

My ideal Linnet takes more after the Norwich type than the Yorkshire type. In the latter one rarely gets a good bold head, the head following the type, narrow and pointed. Also, I find the colour in these has a tendency to be more light and grey, the brown colour, to me, seeming to follow the bold type. Why this should be I have pondered deeply; but I am none the wiser at the moment. The work on the breast should not be so dense as to make it look like one brown patch, but distinctly mooned as far down the breast (without a break) as possible; at the same time the bird must be well pencilled down the flanks, its head broad (and not flat), well rounded and laced on top; the throat and eye-markings should be prominent, the tail close, and the wings well folded, well carried and showing the whites (the more white the better). Some Linnets have very good whites, but do not seem to show them like others, but keep them well out of sight. This often happens in the case of the bird which is ideal in other show properties.

A kind bird with a blue beak, steady and well-groomed, looking at you from a show cage, is a sight to enjoy and make one start thinking. Fresh-caught Linnets, I find, are liable to go wrong before the moult, more so than most British birds; they fluctuate in condition and health up to their first house moult.

Looseness of the bowels is another thing they are subject to, the excrement making an awful mess of their cage and plumage. I have tried numerous (supposed) remedies, dieting, etc., etc. Prepared chalk, I think, is the best, but I have found that more often than not if one tries to stop the looseness the birds quickly go thick and turn their toes up. At the same time, birds afflicted thus generally look to be in fine condition.

Condition and what it Means.

Speaking of condition, this is the crux of the matter in the showing of British birds. Condition brings out all the bird's colours which are not noticed at any other time. Condition is that sheen, polish, sleekness, quality of feather, and bold eye which one sees in a bird that is in grand fettle. A bird possessing these qualities often beats, and should in my opinion beat, a superior bird which fails in these respects. A Goldfinch in prime order swaggering and displaying his tail across the perch, at the same time calling for all he is worth, is about the best illustration of condition I can give to a fancier.

There is, I know, the "fake condition," but there is a difference which an experienced fancier can see in this; it is a long way off the natural condition. I have seen, and I know, fanciers who can put a bird down just like a hand-polished piece of furniture, but it fails in the experienced fancier's eye.

There are several other points I would like to refer to while on the subject of condition. Birds in an unnaturally high condition out of season are very apt to go wrong and die. The best remedy is a judicious, low diet. I liken them to an athlete getting over fit—he can do no good until he is rested and carefully dieted. If a bird is brought gradually and naturally up to the stage of condition there is not so much liability of its going wrong.

Temperament is another important thing in birds. There is the kind, or good, tempered bird, and the nervous, the sulky, the mad, and the bad-tempered bird, which one can rarely rely on ever making into a show bird; it is best for your own and his peace of mind to show such a bird the door.

The Type of Goldie Preferred.

In regard to the Goldie; here, again, I like the thick set type, a jonque—one carrying very little black between the eyes and the blaze; when they do carry much black there, they appear to have more blaze than they really have got. I prefer the square-cut blaze, but at the same time would not turn my nose up at a good round one. The forehead should be broad and well cushioned, the blaze going well over, and the whites well cut and distinct, showing a tinge of brown in them (my friend Mr. C. Botting last season drew my attention to a very unusual Goldfinch: it had no whites at all, the blaze running right into the cheeks close up to the black). The blaze itself should be rich and bright, having a velvety appearance about it. The breast should be very nutty, well up, prominent and even; and the wings should be well buttoned and mooned. All these points go towards the making up of an ideal show specimen. As regards the buttons and moons, in parts of Wales and the South of England I am told it is a big item, often overshadowing the blaze, head, etc.

With regard to feeding I humour them, some birds liking one particular seed, or seeds, some another; I diet them accordingly. A large bird, well tapered and well proportioned, with a rich salmon colour coming down his breast; with defined and regular ticking on the flanks, and even lacing on the head and back, rounded off with a well-cut mantle, makes one of the best of show birds.

Coming to the Chaffinch, I favour the bird which is rich in colours, the colour on the back to be distinct from the breast, the whites large and conspicuous, the body well thrown out, the under colour reaching well down to the vent, and the head bold, not narrow, but well rounded. The feathers on the head should be a lustrous blue, and the beak the same. These qualities go to make up an ideal show bird.

The Deceptive Greenfinch.

Greenies, although so cheap and plentiful, want a lot of finding; that is, show birds. They are very deceiving; one can look over many store cages-full, and pick what one thinks at the time are "stormers" for size and colour; but when the birds have been home for a week or two, and are weighed up in a show cage, they are found to be just ordinary Greenies. Greenfinches fail a lot on the head, it being a hard job to get a large, well-rounded head on a proportionate body; and if you do get one, more likely than not it is a buff.

They want very careful colour-feeding; if the feed is given strong, ad lib., as it were, they will come out a dark objectionable bronze green in colour, which I think is unnatural to a Greenie.

Once Heard, Rarely Forgotten.

The Yellow Bunting is my first favourite. It is a bird I like, admire in fact, and could do much for. He recalls to me those happy boyhood days in the country when we used to call Yellowhammers "Scribbling Larks," their eggs being scribbled all over. Their plaintive song of "A little bit of bread and no cheese" long drawn out, while the bird is sitting on the top of a hedge, once heard is rarely forgotten, it being so distinctive, standing, so to speak, out by itself from the majority of the other birds' songs one hears in the country.

The Yellow Bunting stands out well, also, as a show bird. He should be of good size, in colour a rich deep yellow all over. His skull should be broad, the lower part of breast a warm ruddy tawny colour, making a nice contrast; the back should be well pencilled and the head and throat perfectly clear, with well defined, thick and distinct V-markings running well over the back of the head. The cheek-markings improve the bird, to my mind, when they come right up to the base of the beak.

Greypates, after due consideration, are, I find, best left alone, more satisfaction being gained by waiting until they are in full colour. If you do prefer to show one, pick out the broadest-skulled bird you can.

Unhappy Without a Hawfinch.

Hawfinches have many ways, points and traits about them I like. They are birds one gets to like better the longer one keeps them. I should not feel happy without one.

Size and colour predominate in this case. The Continental ones have the size, but to my mind they do not always carry the colour that our English birds do. They are birds that want at least two moults before being exhibited with a chance of success; they should not be discarded, as they improve with age.

Another thing they are prone to is failing to moult in their first season, at which time many fanciers get tired and dispose of them.

They want careful handling when first caught and caged, being, I find, more nervous than any other birds. I have never yet had a bad-tempered Hawfinch. The twirling which a Hawfinch is very apt to indulge in is, I think, brought about by its nervousness in the first place.

The U-shape bib is the one I lean to, the V shape sometimes being ragged, uneven and blurred at the point. The birds should have good wing bars, with dense rich auburn on cheeks, head and body; these points go to make a taking bird.

An Easy Second Favourite.

An all-round good Bramblefinch is my second favourite as a show bird; not for his ways, disposition, croak and such like, but for his plumage when in grand condition. With judicious colour feeding (the birds should not be choked up with it), they are as nice a bird as one could wish to see, either for exhibition purposes or as cage pets. Moreover, they are the easiest of Britishers to keep; their wants are simple, and many live on plain canary seed only. Mine get some insectivorous food—mealworms, spiders, and what insects I can get hold of.

"Fatty," the "Chatterbox."

The Siskin otherwise known as the "Chatterbox," and I have heard him called "fatty," of all British birds is perhaps the most prone to lay on an undue amount of fat. To put Siskins down in show form they want careful dieting and plenty of baths. The bird should be of good size and shape, a yellow, full of colour and laced cap extending well over the head, eye marks prominent, distinct flank markings. I also like to get him with ticking on the back, and he should be finished up with a nice-shaped bib, which appendage, by the way, is not always to be had, especially on a bird that has done a couple of moults.

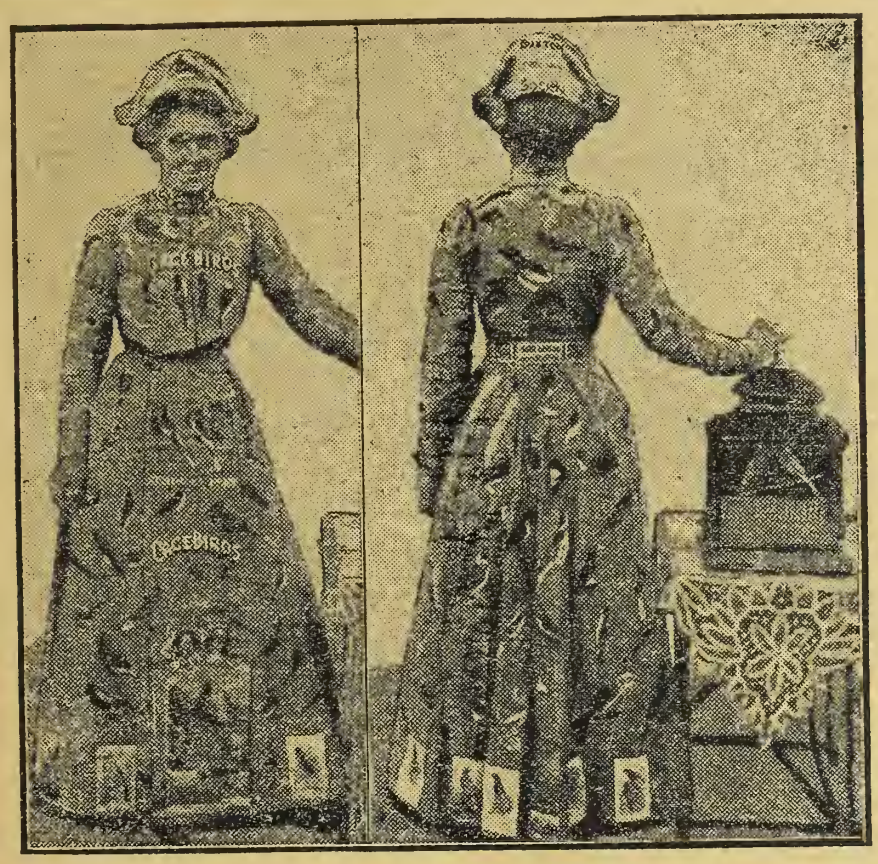
The Twite, again, is a bird that has a tendency to get fat, but in his case, given the use of a large flight-cage now and again, one can keep him about right. Markings, size and colour are the chief items. I like them to be cobby, and nicely marked; the head should be broad, the back and body thickly and distinctly marked, giving the bird a mottled appearance all over; a nice coffee colour should start from the throat, and be well suffused over the body.

Lesser Redpolls are taking little birds, and are easily obtained. They keep themselves in lovely condition, one being able to show them within a few weeks of their being caught. They should, if possible, be of an even tone of colour all over, with well developed flank and breast markings, finished off with a large and well-defined bib.

The Soft-bills.

Of British softbills I have kept many from time to time. I am very partial to the Wagtail tribe. They are easily kept on a good insectivorous food, mealworms, etc. Much care should be exercised in the matter of giving them a suitable cage, as their feet and tails are very apt to go wrong. I advise sawdust (coarse), never sand, for the cage bottoms in the case of all softbills.

The Waxwing is another bird that one likes better when one understands his mannerisms. True, he is rather shy, and slow of movement; has little song, the song that there is being similar to the "breeze" of a Greenfinch; but for all that I find much pleasure in him. One I have at the moment is in fine form. The plumage of these birds alone is generally a great attraction. In selecting a cock, endeavour to get a large bird that has dense colour in the head. Great care should be given to the matter of their food, as, being rather of a gluttonous nature, they quickly get bound up, when they simply fall off the perch dead. I find that they do well in a large cage on a diet of sultanas and currants boiled and strained with a plain soft food, and a few mealworms and any ripe fruit in season.



A Handsome and Much-admired Carnival Dress.

Sir,—Thinking the enclosed photographs would interest you, I have much pleasure in forwarding same. My husband is a keen fancier of Norwich Plainheads, and, wishing to help the Burton-on-Trent C.B. Society, I took part in the Foresters' High Court Procession on Bank Holiday. The dress I made, and it is a pretty shade of green sateen. The birds are all cut out of Cage Birds Plates (about 200 birds), except the dozen post cards round the hem. The costume proved a great attraction en route. I have been congratulated many times since by my many friends on the pleasing effect of the beautiful birds, which speaks much for your talented artist, Mr. H. Norman. I wish your valuable paper Cage Birds every success.

Burton-on-Trent. Mrs. Arthur Ford.

The Young Naturalist.

*A Clever Mother Bird.

Among the birds we keep we have a hen Border-Fancy, and she has five young ones. One day one of the young birds fell from the nest to the bottom of the cage. To my astonishment the hen bird hopped down and the young one scrambled on her back. Then with slow and steady hops, after trying a great many times, she succeeded in getting the young bird back to the nest. Sent by Elsie Davis (age 12), 17, Adcroft Street, Trowbridge, Wilts.

*A Homing Canary.

A friend of ours has two Canaries (a cock and a hen). The hen got out of the cage a week ago and went off with the Sparrows, and my friend and neighbours went after it, but lost sight of it and came home disappointed. Four hours after, the Canary, to their surprise, returned home and came pecking the kitchen window. They went out and opened the cage door, and it went in and seemed very pleased to get home again.—Ethel Paul (age 12), 10, Newland Street, Barry Dock, South Wales.

**A Knowing Chaffinch.

My father has a Chaffinch hen which he caught in September last. After having it for some little time he gave it to my grandfather, who lives a considerable way from our house. Not thinking it was worth anything, he let it fly. On going up into the garden father said, "Why, there's our Chaffinch," and it came down over the back steps calling "ping-ping." We put out the cage into which it soon went, seeming very glad to be back with its old friends again. It was then given to some one else who lived still further away, and after it had been away for about three weeks this friend also let it fly, and it returned to us again, once more calling "ping-ping." I was put into the birdroom, and it was not long before it had a snug little nest in a bush in one corner of the room, in which she laid five pretty eggs.—Sent by Gladys Hamlyn, 26, Bitton Hill, Teignmouth, S. Devon.

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Going Light, etc.

R. Ward.—(1) Put the young birds that are getting thin on a staple diet of plain canary, and in addition give every day for a week, and every second day for another fortnight afterwards, a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut, on which you have dropped three drops of cod liver oil emulsion, and sprinkled with maw seed. Every second day give also half a teaspoonful of summer rape per bird, and twice a week on the alternate days a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, millet, teazle, and broken groats. Give a morsel of banana or green food three times a week. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a small pinch of Epsom salts for two days, and afterwards 20 drops of Chemical Food every second day for a fortnight. (2) Yes, you may safely mate birds bred this season next April. Try to arrange it to mate 1910 birds with them in preference to mating two 1911 birds together. (3) The discovery of red mites running nimbly about your cages on the same night after you had disinfected and redistempered them is no new thing. I have known lots of such things occur. It is due to your not being sufficiently thorough in the initial operations of cleaning the cages, scraping out joints where mites are secreted, etc., and sometimes from overlooking the wall, etc., where the cages stand or hang. It is always best when possible to spread the operation over two or three days, and repeat the initial disinfection each day. See reply to "Red Mite," last week.

A Fruitless Season.

R. P. S.—In the first place, your method of feeding appears to have been very faulty, and in addition (though this may be only the effect of the moove) the birds do not appear to have been in proper breeding condition at any time. The cock not singing after being mated is of little moment, as many cocks act in this way. You say nothing about the eggs, but if you know or have good reason to believe that they have gone through more than one breeding season I would advise you to clear them out and start afresh next Spring with strong young healthy stock—that is, with birds bred early this season, or, better still, with a hen, or hens, bred this season (1911) and a cock, or cocks, bred in 1910, or vice versa. If you have more than one pair you may, of course, save some pairs made up with senior cocks and junior hens, and others with senior hens and junior cocks. This would be the best course. Feed during winter on a staple of plain canary, and give separately a pinch of summer rape about every second day, a small teaspoonful of egg food, or the equivalent of bread and milk or crushed sponge cake, once a week, and once a week a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, millet, black rape, and broken groats. Give a little green food when obtainable in good condition, and at other times a little sweet fruit, about twice a week. Get the parts of "Our Canaries" on "Canary Breeding for Beginners," and digest contents before next mating season.

Bad Foot (H. A.).—Keep cage and perches as clean as possible for the time being. Catch bird and bathe foot in a fairly hot solution of boracic acid once daily for four or five days—say a half teaspoonful of acid dissolved in rather less than a saucerful of hot water, and used nearly as hot as you can comfortably bear the little finger in. At the first bathing if there is a distinct "head" on the swelling on toe, not otherwise, prick the "head" with a clean needle and gently press out any contents that will come readily. After bathing, dry gently, and paint foot and leg all over with extract of wych hazel. Give a morsel of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut, slightly dusted with flowers of sulphur, and sprinkled with maw seed, every second day for a week, and on the alternate days add six drops of glycerine and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a threepenny piece to the drinking water.

Inflamed Feet (A.C.C.).—Feed the birds as advised in first part of reply to "R. Ward," for a fortnight, and also give them the rhubarb and salts in water for two days. Treat the foot, or feet, when inflamed, the same as advised to "H. A.," except pricking, which is not at all necessary in your case. Also treat the birds for a week as advised in this reply, combining this treatment with the plan of feeding given in other reply. If you cannot get the wych hazel, use zinc ointment as a substitute. See that your sand is not the cause of the trouble by being too sharp and gritty. If very salt, wash it in fresh water before use.

Moulting (W. R. Pike).—It is the moult that is affecting the bird rather badly. Make yourself quite sure that it is free from all draughts and severe fluctuations, and also from the fumes of burning lights in the evenings. It would be very helpful to cover the cage over with a light cover until the feathers have ceased dropping. In addition to the staple diet of plain canary seed, give half a teaspoonful of summer rape every second day, and also a morsel of banana or scrap of seedy chickweed or plantain stalks. On the alternate days for a fortnight give a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut, well sprinkled with maw seed, and during the first week slightly dust it each time with flowers of sulphur before sprinkling with the maw seed. Add 20 drops of whisky and a few blades of saffron to the water daily for four or five days. Give a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, linseed, and broken groats twice a week.

Yorkshire Cock (J.C.M., Battersea).—You mention no ground for thinking the bird might have strained himself, and, in any case, I am inclined to think this supposition is wrong. Anyway, follow the treatment advised in last reply, and do not introduce the newly acquired hen to him before the end of next March or early April. The hen should for preference be a strong healthy bird which was hatched early this season. Do not give the cock apple continually when there is plenty of good wholesome greenstuff and wild seeds available in excellent condition. Give a little seedy chickweed, green plantain stalks, shepherd's purse, crisp young lettuce, flower heads of groundsel, etc., etc., for variety, and reserve apple for winter use, when greenstuff is not so available. Even then it is best to vary it now and again with a morsel of banana or carrot, raw or boiled.

Nothing Remarkable (Shropshire).—Thanks for card correcting my wrong impression about the length of time in which hen laid seven eggs. It was my mistake, due to the date being interpolated at the end of a line on which both the laying and hatching off were referred to, with no reference mark as to which period the dates referred to, and, of course, I interpreted them as belonging to the laying period. Sorry. The protracted hatching period probably means that you did not remove the eggs as laid and replace the first three on the evening of the third day, as is usually done to cause the whole brood to hatch out in a few hours and thereby get an equal start in life.

Mapy and Off Song (J.H.E.).—The bird is going into moult, and may perhaps be experiencing a little difficulty in breaking away. Cover its cage over for a few days, and in addition to its usual seed diet give a piece of bread and milk as advised to "Pompey" every second day for a week, and on the alternate days give a pinch of maw seed and add to its drinking water the salts and potash mixture advised also in that reply. Beyond keeping it free from draughts and in a fairly warm equable temperature, nothing more should be necessary. At the end of the moult, when feathers have ceased dropping, add 20 drops of chemical food to its drinking water every second day for two or three weeks.

Hoarse in Song (Cromptonian).—You should have given some particulars as to symptoms and treatment. Hoarseness is usually the result of cold or chills, and is not generally so persistent as to last six months without developing into something worse. Just now a certain amount of hoarseness may be due to the bird going out of song for moulting. But, any way, see that it is quite secure from chills and cold draughts. Give a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape as staple. Every second day for a fortnight give a morsel of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut, with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with soft sugar, and on the alternate days give a pinch of maw seed and a spray of seedy chickweed. In the drinking water give six drops of glycerine, as much chlorate of potash as will cover a threepenny piece, and two drops of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, every second day for a week or fortnight as may seem necessary.

Symptoms, like Coughing (Pompey).—It is not unusual for some birds to be affected in this way just when they are dropping into moult, and to get all right in due course. If you are satisfied your bird is not in any draught I think that this is probably all that is wrong. The distance from the window counts for little if the position is not in the track of a current passing between two windows or door and window; this is what you must look after. Let it have as much pure fresh air as possible. For the present keep a light cover over cage to assist the moult, and in addition to the staple diet give a pinch of maw every second day, and on the alternate days for the next week a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut, slightly dusted with flowers of sulphur and sprinkled with soft sugar. In drinking water give 20 drops of whisky, as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and half as much chlorate of potash for two days. If the coughing continues after, say, a few days, get a chemist to mix you two drams each of glycerine and oxymel of squills, one dram each of chlorodyne and ipecacuanha wine, and six grains of iodide of potassium, and give 20 drops of this in the water every second day for a fortnight.

CANARY QUERISTS

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

A Seed Mixture (T.H.S.).—Get parts IV. and V. of "Our Canaries," which will give you the fullest possible information on feeding at all seasons and for every object, and also on conditioning birds for show. It is not advisable to give hard seed as a regular, or even very frequent, item of diet after the moult is finished. An excellent seed mixture for bringing the birds into high condition is: Two parts each hemp and inga, one part each black rape and millet, a half-pint each linseed, teazle, maw, and gold of pleasure, and a sprinkling of yellow mustard and chopped sunflower seeds. A small teaspoonful once a week at ordinary times during the show season should suffice, or when wanting to bring a bird in condition quickly a half-teaspoonful every second day for a week or so. It is just possible that extra "polish" that wins is as much the result of careful breeding, and skilful washing and grooming, as of any particular method of feeding. A dash of Cinnamon blood in a bird is a capital giver, by the way, of that fine polish. These are points you must not overlook and you would find them all fully dealt with in the work to which I have referred you.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

An Exhibition Redstart.

Fire-tail.—A great deal depends upon whether your Redstart has been house-moulted, for if he is in field-plumage, he will stand next to no chance should he have to compete against a first-class moulted specimen. Redstarts need to be colour-fed, and to have the best of insectile and live foods at the moult, so as to get them into spring plumage. Size and shape, of course, are essential points, and these you can only gauge by comparing your bird with other examples when on the show bench. Show Redstarts should be cobby (stout-built), with broad heads, and wide well-rounded chests, and perfect feet. The head should be bluish-grey, and the back, also, though tinged with red; the root of the tail should be as fiery a red as possible, and the region of the lower breast and flanks a deep, warm red; the cheeks, throat, and upper breast should be a rich glossy black, there being white fringes (or "frosting") hereabouts. There should be on the forehead, and extending round the eyes, a white band, and this should be of nice width and clearly defined (cut) at the edges. There only requires to be a very sparse mottling of white on the breast, by-the-way. The depth of the red depends largely on colour-feeding, which helps very much to attain it. A good Redstart, when in show condition, should shine like a piece of satin. Free bathing helps very largely to produce this "bloom of health."

About the Nightingale.

Bird Missioner.—As I have often stated, I have always found the Nightingale when kept in a cage to be affected by very cold weather—especially the raw, damp cold—and to need artificial heat then. I have kept a goodly number from time to time. Of course, a deal depends upon where the Nightingale-keeper resides. A bird would be wintering under very much more favourable circumstances down in south Devon or Cornwall, for instance, than it would in Cumberland or over the Scottish border. Be guided by the condition of the bird; if it looks slack of feather (puffy) and miserable during a spell of cold, then give it the benefit of a moderate artificial heat. Get one of the special softbill cages for Nightingales and similar small insectivorous birds, made by the large cage-makers advertising in our columns. All up-to-date makers will supply a suitable design. The stock food should be that which I recommend for small insectivorous birds, viz., powdered sweet biscuit, four parts; best ants' eggs, two parts; dried flies and powdered silkworm pupæ, one part each; meat meal, half part, by measure. Take the quantity required of this, and mix it just crumbly moist with grated raw carrot, or finely chopped lettuce, watercress, or chickweed (use young leaves only), or cold mashed potato, varying it frequently. Very good insectile mixtures can be bought ready made; see advertisement columns. Osborne biscuits are good; two parts biscuit, two parts crumbled stale sponge cake, will be even better. It is necessary, of course, to give, in addition, live insect food (flies, spiders, wood-lice, earwigs, smooth caterpillars, green fly, ants' eggs, etc.) one can obtain, as in season. To the above stock mixture I frequently add, after damping, a teaspoonful or two of preserved egg-flake, or, more generally, part of a hard-boiled fresh egg, finely minced, and occasionally a little finely scraped raw lean mutton or beef. Ripe fruit should enter largely into the menu; banana, very ripe pear and apple, strawberries, grapes, elderberries, blackberries, raspberries, garden currants, etc., are all more or less appreciated—you will soon find out your bird's likes and dislikes.

BRITISH BIRD & HYBRID QUERISTS

should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4 "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

An Insect (Scotty).—I don't know why you should have found in an egg-drawer the insect you send, for it is not a kind of insect peculiar to birds, or, indeed, one usually discovered in such a situation—as a matter of fact it is a good specimen of those sometime domestic torments known by the not very euphonious name of "bugs." Unfortunately I have had no practical experience of these animals, so am not in a position to offer you any advice. I have heard that a blow carefully delivered with a coal-hammer is certain death to them. The mixture you mentioned would serve to exterminate any of the usual bird pests (red mites and grey lice).

Waxwing With Worms (Perplexed).—The following procedure should clear out the worms from the intestines. Leave the bird without food from 4 or 5 o'clock in the afternoon until about 8 o'clock the next morning. Then offer it a few pellets of food into which as much powdered areca nut (obtained from a chemist) as will lie on a threepenny-bit has been well mixed. Leave without food for 2 or 3 hours, also withholding water. Then give the following to drink: Three tablespoonfuls of water in which has been dissolved as much crushed sulphate of soda as will just cover a shilling. Change to plain water in the evening. This should bring about the evacuation of the worms. Of course, give the food as usual after the bird has had a good drink of the saline medicine. Repeat the treatment after an interval of two days. You must cage up the bird for a time.

Redpolls Nesting (J. B. Fletcher).—It is certainly very late in the year for birds to be nesting, but it is a peculiarity of Britishers in captivity to start domestic life at the end of June or in July. I have experienced many cases of this nature. It is somewhat doubtful whether the youngsters (assuming the eggs to be fertile) will get reared; there is just a chance that they may be. The period of incubation is 13 to 14 days, the same as with Canaries. You should supply the old birds with soft food daily. The ideal kind would be a mixture of egg-food (home made) and a high-grade insectile food (such as is used for delicate insectivorous birds), about two parts of the former to one of the latter. My own Redpolls which nested ate this freely. In addition give the ordinary seeds, with a separate dish of cracked hemp and sunflower (mixed). Then you must let them have the well-known seeding "wild feods" (shepherd's purse, chickweed, groundsel, plantain, all very plentiful now) practically ad libitum. Summer rape soaked in water (changed daily) until it has sprouted is very much relished. Dry it as much as possible, say, in a towel, before offering it to the birds.

Selection of Birds, etc. (Drury).—If you desire breeding results, it is best not to crowd the birds. Even then probably only odd couples will go to nest. You would doubtless have more success with some of the Foreign seed-eaters, and our Mr. Page will give you a list of suitable species if you address a query to him, drawing his attention to this answer of mine, at the same time. You can safely add one or two pairs of Canaries, and a pair each of Bullfinches, Goldfinches, Linnets and Redpolls. Evergreens, such as holly, box, privet, fir, and the like, I have found the best for decorative purposes, whilst ivy makes an excellent background.

Maw Seed and Death of Birds (Postman).—I have seen samples of maw seed that pleased me better, so far as appearance goes. Still, I can discover nothing particularly wrong with it. I have even ventured to feed a young hen Linnet Mule freely with it for several days, and she is still "alive and kicking." So it is not easy to see how this seed could have killed your own seven birds. It is a fact that egg-food can quickly undergo putrefactive changes, and the same be imperceptible to one's sense of smell. This applies particularly during such very sultry weather as we have recently experienced, and when the egg used is not new laid. If you still doubt the maw seed, why not try it by itself upon one of your birds, letting it eat up a teaspoonful a day. This would settle the matter to your satisfaction. But you must not give egg or other soft food at the same time: seed does not matter. Glad to read your high opinion of the merits of CAGE BIRDS.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

Bishops and Weavers.

Bishop.—If you refer to p. 31 of "Foreign Birds for Beginners" you will find this statement: "The food treatment, etc., given above will suffice to keep in health all species of Whydahs, Weavers, and Bishops." It was impossible to do more than deal with representative species of given groups in the scope of such a book. Bishop is a trivial name applied to certain members of the Weaver family, but they are just as often advertised as Weavers as Bishops, and the former designation is the better. The Orange Weaver is the Orange Bishop, and vice versa. In confined quarters some individuals are very pugnacious, but I have found the Madagascar (Scarlet), Napoleon, and Red-billed Weavers or Bishops fairly safe, providing they were not overcrowded. Plantain and any non-poisonous weeds may be supplied, and the birds permitted to take what they choose. Many species are very fond of seeding sprays of dock.

Bullfinches with Foreigners.

Aviculturist.—(1) The Bullfinches would agree with the Foreign Finches, but they will feed on all the buds they can get in the spring and ruin your deciduous plants and bushes, I fear. (2) Very difficult as to sex. The hen has the hind portion of the abdomen sooty; in the male this part is deep black. (3) Our Nutshell Booklet, "Waxbills," 2½d. post free from our Manager, will help you. At the moulting time catch a few small flies and spiders for them, and also give blighty sprays of non-poisonous trees and herbage. Personally, I have found the Golden-breast the hardiest of all the Waxbills. (4) Very difficult to sex, but in fully adult birds she is slightly less brilliant than the male, and a little more brown in her plumage. (5) They have been bred in captivity, but not frequently. (6) About 2s. 6d., but they are very improbable (not impossible) breeders in a moderate sized aviary with a mixed series of birds.

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS

should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Aradavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

An Ailing Grey Parrot.

D. Crook.—The diet should consist of seed mixture, ripe fruit, and plain biscuit; a pinch of grit (not sand) should be added to the daily supply of seed mixture and a piece of clean cuttlebone be kept hanging in the cage. A little cooked vegetable (what happens to be going) may be given, but it should be unseasoned and without gravy. Our Nutshell Booklet, "The Grey Parrot," 2½d. post free from our Manager, would help you. Give occasional doses (as required) of Dinneford's Magnesia—one teaspoonful added to the luke-warm water—so as to keep the bowels moving quite freely, but the voidings must not remain watery loose. When not giving the magnesia a little chemical food may be added to the drinking water. If there are any blue parts, anoint these, not heavily, with Spratt's Pennaknra. I should continue to use the quassia for a time, as this will help to make the plumage distasteful if the bird is addicted to feather picking. Do not give any tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, nor any kind of animal food whatever. Report progress about six weeks hence.

Illness of Birds.

Tavistock.—It is not easy to assign a reason, or to suggest treatment in the absence of definite data. It would be best to send the next body to our Mr. Yates for post-mortem examination, as the trouble maybe, probably is, contagious. So far as I can gather, the birds had some septicæmic affection resulting in weakness and partial paralysis. They should be caged in the first stages and the bowels kept moving quite freely (but not watery loose) by occasional doses of Dinneford's Magnesia, one teaspoonful in the daily supply of drinking water. When not giving the magnesia, add four drops of the tincture of perchloride of iron to the drinking water (one ounce). In addition to your present diet I should keep a small pan of crushed oats and paddy rice (mixed in about equal parts) in their enclosure. To the ailing birds give a little milk sop (rather sloppy), consisting of boiling water, condensed milk, extract of malt, and crumbled sponge. This sop has saved the lives of many Gouldians, and will do no hurt to the healthy birds (if they will take it), but is specially applicable to birds suffering from bowel trouble. The extreme dry heat may have set up trouble in first instance.

Aviary Queries.

F. S. Gardiner.—It is a well known fact that Canaries do not do well in a crowd, but I have had broods reared among a much larger series, though I only included one pair of a kind. Waxbills seldom breed unless in a natural garden aviary, but they may ultimately do so. Put up a couple of cocoa-shell nests and the same number of rush flask nests for these, and it may induce them to do so. Nuns and Mannikins: Except for Bronze and Magpie Mannikins these are not free breeders in captivity. Why, I cannot say. Java Sparrows will ultimately breed with you, and also Striated and Muling Finches. Likely species to breed in your aviary would be: Zebra Finches, Cutthroats, Silverbills, Bengalese and White Java Sparrows. Providing your aviary has a weather-tight and well lighted shelter, the birds can be kept out all the winter; but if you sent me a sketch of aviary with ground plan, I could give you a more satisfactory reply as to what to do and keep.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 2, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

"White Violet."—Canary died of pneumonia of contagious origin, brought about by a germ taken into the respiratory system. I am inclined to think that your aviary is infected, and that your repeated losses are due to this cause alone. There is no positive cure; any medicinal treatment you adopt would only be palliative, and would not eradicate the disease from your aviary. If you could possibly do so, I should suggest that you remove your birds,—that is, your healthy birds, to another room, and thoroughly disinfect the aviary, afterwards giving it a rest of several weeks before re-occupation. In the meantime you might give those ailing 30 drops of the following mixture night and morning in the drinking water:— Aromatic spirits of ammonia 2 drachms, tincture of squills 3 drachms, infusion of gentian Co. 1 drachm, syrup of prunes ½ ounce, water up to 3 ounces.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

A Tideswell Photograph (The Secretary).—We are pleased to receive this photograph, and shall hope to reproduce it in one of our special numbers.

An Address (S. Sykes).—Thanks for the address you sent us.

The Lancashire Canary (John Bilton).—The Lancashire Canary is fully dealt with in parts 10 and 11 of "Our Canaries."

A "Champion" Young Singing Linnet (A Visitor).—Your communication is too much of the nature of an advertisement to be inserted in our correspondence columns. Probably if you sent it to the owner of the Linnet in question he might like to utilise it as a testimonial.

A Club Notice (J. Lewis).—Your card was posted too late, reaching us after CAGE BIRDS had gone to press.

A Canary Matter (J. F. E.).—You had best consult "Our Canaries" (see advertisement on back page of this issue); you will find all that you require in Part 14.

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In the Courts.

A Dispute in the Woolston F. & F.A.

A "split" amongst the members of the Woolston and District F. and F.F.A. had a sequel in an action in the Southampton County Court on August 15, before his Honour Judge Gye, in the form of a claim, by James Levy, Frederick G. Etheridge, and David Stevens, chairman, secretary, and treasurer of the Woolston and District Fur and Feather Fanciers' Association, and certain members of the Committee, suing for the Association, against Charles John Musselwhite, of the London Hotel, Woolston, for £7 6s. 7d., which was alleged to have been improperly retained by the defendant.

Mr. F. G. Warne appeared for plaintiffs, Mr. E. R. Ensor representing the defendant, on whose behalf it was stated that he was prepared to pay money over to the proper person entitled to it.

On behalf of the plaintiffs it was stated that when the Club was formed defendant, who subscribed a guinea, became treasurer, the inaugural meeting being held in the Assembly Rooms, which adjoined the defendant's hotel. At the end of last year the Association desired to remove its headquarters from defendant's house to the Alexandra Coffee Rooms, and the matter was discussed at the annual meeting and adjourned till a later meeting convened for the purpose, and at which, said Mr. Warne, there was dissension among the members on the point, one of the objections raised being that formal notice in writing of the meeting had not been circulated. The decision to change headquarters was finally come to by eleven votes to seven. At a later meeting the present defendant was thanked for his services as treasurer and requested to hand over the moneys of the Association then in his hands. There was no reply, and personal application also failed, 48 hours' notice to return the Association's money being given by the Secretary.

The Judge (to Mr. Ensor): Are you in the position of an innocent holder of money, and you don't know whom to pay to?

Mr. Ensor: Yes.

The Judge: And all you want is the direction of the Court, which will relieve you of liability. I can give you that now.

Mr. Ensor said his case was that the meeting at which the decision was come to was convened only among the supporters of the change. At the present time some of the members met at defendant's Assembly Rooms and some at the Alexandra Coffee Rooms.

The attempt at settlement having failed, the case was heard out.

Frederick George Etheridge, secretary of the Association, said that at the annual meeting the defendant, previously treasurer, was not reappointed, and the question of a change of headquarters arising, a special meeting was called to settle the matter, and at one such special meeting the decision to change was come to. Cross examined, Mr. Musselwhite was not re-elected as treasurer at the formal annual meeting.

Explaining the case to the Judge, Mr. Ensor said that the meeting of the Association was perfectly legal, the officers being then appointed; the second and later meeting when the appointments were made again was illegal and unnecessary.

Called for the defence, Archibald McKeller, chairman of the Association in December, 1910, said that at the first-mentioned meeting the balance sheet was passed and officers were appointed, including Mr. Musselwhite as treasurer, and his name ought to be in the minutes. As a matter of fact the Society was split in two, and the money in Mr. Musselwhite's hands included the subscriptions of all the members.

The Judge said that the case was nothing but a petty quarrel, consequent upon the decision of the members to remove their headquarters from defendant's house. It had been a wretched quarrel, which he was extremely sorry to see, because such a Society was very beneficial in many ways. Judgment would be for the plaintiffs forthwith.—"Hampshire Independent."

Huddersfield O.S.'s New Headquarters.

Will all members of the Huddersfield O.S. please note that the Society have changed their headquarters from the White Hart Hotel to "Ye Old Hat Hotel," West Parade, Huddersfield? writes Mr. F. Sykes, the Secretary.

The Thrush Family.

The Thrush family appears to be one of the largest among birds, so many species being closely related to it. The common Flycatchers reveal their affinity to the Thrushes by the mottled character of their plumage, although they have broader and flatter bills.

The Nightingale.

The following verses upon "Nature's sweetest chorister" are taken from a poem which reaches us from Mrs. Phœbe Ball, of Shotton, Flintshire.

Sing on, sweet bird, the night is fine
And lovely as the notes of thine;
Thy sweet sad "Tiu" has forged thy name
A stronger link to world-wide fame.

Sing on, sweet bird, take not thy flight
Amid the dews this shady night—
Stay, raise that harmony divine,
Which charms my heart e'en more than thine.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Alnwick C.B.S.—August 31, Temperance Hotel, 8.—R. Forster.

Annfield Plain C.B.S.—Aug. 30, Railway Hotel, 7.30. Annual show and schedule business. Fanciers welcome.—T. Robinson.

Bankfoot C.B.S.—Aug. 29, Red Lion Hotel, 8. Balance sheet for members' show; arrangement of winter syllabus and other important business; all please attend.—F. Gelder.

Blaydon C.B.S.—Sept 2, Co-op. Library, 7.30. Members' classes for annual show, etc.—G. Havver.

Bo'ness F.S.—Aug. 26, Table show of Redpolls and smaller and larger birds. Mr. T. Bell, judge. Staged 6 o'cl.—T. Cameron.

Brighouse C.B.S.—Aug. 31, Round House Inn, 8. Please note change of meeting night and place.—F. Mitchell.

Brighton C.B.A.—August 30, headquarters, 7. Committee only. Annual show business; classes, rules, prize money, specials, etc.; and general.—W. H. Gibb.

Border City (Carlisle) O.S.—August 27. Meet Eden Bridge, 1.45, Ramble.—J. C. Bell.

City of Bradford O.S.—Aug. 26, Flying Dutchman Hotel, 8.—F. Rhodes.

Dunfermline C.B.S.—Aug. 26, Co-operative Hall, 7. Cup business.—R. T. Campbell.

Darwen C.B.S.—Aug. 29, Headquarters, 7.30. Pies and coffee, free; arrangements for annual show, judges, etc.—W. T. Singleton.

East Ham C.B.S.—Aug. 31, 8 o'c., Hartley Avenue Schools, Wakefield Street. Report of show and distribution of prizes. Election of new chairman. Will members kindly settle for all tickets at or before this meeting.—B. C. Smith.

East Ham F.S.—Aug. 28, Earl of Wakefield, Wakefield Street, 8. general meeting; special committee's report re change of date of Y.S. show, and presentation of schedule. Members asked to attend prompt.—H. Rutter.

Elgin C.B.A.—Aug. 28, Gordon's Temperance Hotel, 8. Classification for annual show, etc.—A. W. Douglas.

Glasgow and West of Scotland N.M.B. and F. Club.—Aug. 29, College Hall, 28, Spoutmouth, 8. Monthly meeting and lecture on Norwich Canary, by R. B. Jarvie.—F. Taylor.

Glossop Hadfield C.B.S.—Aug. 29, A. Deakins, 59, Hague Street, Glossop, 8.15. Fixing date of annual show; consideration of classes, and general business. Will all members attend?—E. Thompson.

Grangemouth O.S.—Sept. 1, Boilermakers' Hall, 8. Annual show business. Member requested to attend.—J. D. Miller.

Gt Horton (Good Intent) O.S.—Aug. 26, Church Schools, 7.30.—H. Gornall.

Great Horton O.S.—Aug. 26, Butchers' Arms, 8. Special business.—J. Holroyd.

Hebden Bridge and Calder Valley O.S.—Aug. 31, Nutclough Tavern, 7.30. Table show; birds to be staged 7.30. A.V. Canary, A.V. British, Mule, or Hybrid.—A. Pickles.

Hetton-le-Hole C.B.S.—Aug. 26, Crown Inn, 7.—A. J. Notley.

Highgate and Hampstead.—Aug. 31, Spencer Hall, 8. Moulting and staging for exhibition, by Mr. W. Shakespeare. Will members please attend? Important and urgent business.—C. W. Law.

Halifax O.S.—August 26. Ramble, Wade Wood to Ogden Moor; leader, Mr. E. Roberts. Meet King Cross tram terminus, 2 o'clock. Fanciers and friends invited.—J. J. Dunn.

Hebden Bridge C.B.F.A.—August 29, Lello's D Rooms, 7.30. Please attend.—A. Roberts.

Kettering C.B.S.—Aug. 28, Rifle Band Club, 8.15. Paper by Mr. J. Roberts. Subject: "Bird Anatomy." All fanciers cordially invited.—J. Roberts.

Lochore and Glencraig C.B.S.—Aug. 26, McMenemmy's Hall, 6.30. To make arrangements for gathering in of specials and general business; members requested to attend.—D. Grant.

Manningham C.B.A.—Aug. 26, Baildon Green, 2.30. Baildon Bridge Car Terminus cricket match with Windhill C.B.A.—H. Grange.

Midland Roller C.C.—Aug. 31, Swan and Peacock, 8. Judges for our annual show. Members please attend.—T. J. Smith.

Morley C.B.S.—Aug. 26, Sycamore Hotel, 7.30. Business of importance.—D. Holliday.

Morpeth C.B.S.—Sept. 2, Earl Grey Hotel, 7.30. Fixing up special prizes. Members please attend.—E. Cowling.

National B.B. and M.C.—Aug. 31, "Feathers" Hotel, Great Chapel Street, Westminster, 8.—Plumbridge and Carr.

Newsham C.B.C.—Aug. 26, Willow Tree Inn, 7.30. Important business; all members try to attend to make arrangements to join the Cage Birds League. Any fanciers can attend.—C. Snowdon.

Provincial Roller C.C.—August 26, Swan Hotel, Fountain Street, Manchester, 6. Ordinary business followed by lecture by Mr. Massey (Bolton).—A. Percival.

Paisley, Tannahill O.S.—Sept. 2, Lockie's, 2, St. James' Street, 7.30. Nomination of office-bearers, fixing of prize cards and receiving of specials.—J. Stewart.

Partick C.B.C.—Sept. 1, Trades Hall, Anderson St., 8 o'c. General; new members cordially invited.—W. Priest.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—Aug. 28, Irwell Castle, Lower Broughton. 8. Show business, very important. Please attend.—J. Critchley.

Pontypridd F. and F.S.—Aug. 28, Victoria Hotel, 8. All cordially invited. Schedule for open show, Nov. 8, now being drawn up. Please note change of address.—A. A. Gordon McLucas, 48, Rosser Street, Maesycoed, Pontypridd.

Rotherham C.B.S.—Aug. 26, College Inn, 8. Arrangements for annual members' show, etc.—B. Bailey.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—Aug. 30, Temperance Club, Coad Lane 8. Committee meeting.—E. Hartley.

Sale Open O.S.—Aug. 28, Volunteer Hotel, 8 o'c. Open show, rules, etc.—J. Irlam.

Sunderland C.B.A.—Sept. 2, Fawcett Street Cafe, 7.30. Further discussion re open show.—J. Jeffrey.

Stirling C.B.S.—Sept. 2, Douglas Hotel, 8. Enrolment of members.—W. Bisbop.

South Shields C.B.S.—August 26, Lockhart's Cafe, 7. Very important to members, and show business.—J. Barrass.

Uddingston O.S.—Aug. 31, Reading Room, 7.30. Open show business, judges, etc.—J. Kilpatrick.

West Bromwich C.B.S.—August 29, headquarters, 8. General business.—J. G. Andrews.

Wallasey C.B.S.—Sept. 7, Headquarters, 8. Schedule for old show and elect delegates for amalgamated show.—W. Mallinson.

Warrington C.B.S.—Aug. 31. Blue Bell, 8. Open show business. Will members endeavour to attend.—G. M. Nelson.

Windhill O.S.—Aug. 26, cricket match with Manningham C.B.A., on Baildon Green; wickets pitched at 2.30. Ladies and friends invited. Meet at Baildon Bridge at 2 o'c.—J. Cook.

Wibsey C.B.S.—Aug. 27, ramble to Colne Bridge; meet at Bankfoot, 11.45. Fanciers and friends cordially invited (men only).—H. C. Crossley.

Wombwell B.F.A.—Aug. 26, Wesleyan School, Park Street, 8. Discuss annual show business.—J. Hudson.

Wild-Bird Life.

Young Starlings.

The majority of the bird books tell us that the common Starling is single brooded; that is, he only assists in the rearing of one brood of young ones each season. But occasionally observers find late nests that cause them to think there are exceptions to this rule. No doubt many of our single brooded birds construct another nest lay, and hatch the young when the first nest has been rifled or destroyed either by human beings or birds' natural wild enemies. The writer recently came across a case in the month of July of several pairs of Starlings nesting under the eves of some old houses in the West of England. These, in his opinion, would undoubtedly be second nests, if not third ventures. The Starling generally speaking is not by any means a late breeder; in fact, isolated nests may frequently be found in the month of February, although April is when the majority make a start at housekeeping. In the South-West of England, where the climate is certainly milder than further North, these birds would not delay their nesting operations, and so if they started early in April they would have plenty of time to be rearing their third broods now. Flocks of various sizes can be seen feeding on every available field and meadow, and of these the majority are certainly birds of the year. The writer carefully watched a gathering of about 50 or 60 feeding in a quiet meadow, and through the glasses it was easy to identify the young birds, as they differ from the old ones so much in plumage, being brownish or mouse-coloured, and wanting the gloss and spangling of the parent birds. Of all this flock there were not more than twenty adult birds. Some of the youngsters were getting well on in the moult, and at first glance looked like old ones, as they were quite as large; but a closer scrutiny revealed the baby feathers upon the head and neck—the last place for all birds to finish moulting. It is a general rule for wild birds to retain the wing and tail feathers until the following autumn, but the large feathers of the wings are undoubtedly shorter than in the adult bird that has had a second moult. In some species this difference is much more marked than in others.

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Aberdour C.B. etc., Society's annual show held Aug. 16. This society has been dormant for 11 years, but thanks to a splendid working committee and the untiring efforts of a worthy secretary it has been re-started. The show was a great success in all sections, but owing to the birds being thick in moult many entries were held back from the section, although some really good birds were staged. The secretary was the Rev. E. V. Kessack, and the judge for cage birds Mr. Wattie (Elgin).

CL. YELL: 1, Goodall. BUFF: 1, medal for best Nor., 3, Goodall; 1st, rare type and quality, an easy win; 2, Chalmers, very nice Buff hen, plenty of size. VARIEG: 1, Chalmers, nice even yellow; 2, Robertson, rare type and finish, presses winner hard; 3, Grant, good type, fails only in size. MATCHED PAIR: 1, 2, two well-matched pairs; 3, Morrison. SISKIN: 1, Duncan, ideal exhibit, in perfect order; 2, Goodall; 3, Chalmers, both good specimens. BULLFINCH: 1, Duncan, splendid size and col.; 2, Chalmers, good size, fails only in col.; 3, McKay. LINNET, ETC.: 1, 3, Chalmers, both nice bold Linnets; 2, Stewart, smart Lesser Redpoll. BRIT. A.O.S.: 1, medal for best Brit., Morrison, Goldfinch cock, in perfect condition, a real gem; 2, Mackie, fine Horned Owl; 3, Cruickshank, nice Brown Owl. FOR.: 1, Goodall, lovely pair Green Budgerigars, in perfect feather and health; 2, Young, nice pair Indian Green Parrots; 3, Rev. E. V. Kessack, lovely Rose-crested Cockatoo.—R. Morrison.

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Correspondence.

A White Norwich Plainhead Canary Bred.

Sir,—Having read of white Canaries being exhibited at the Crystal Palace, it may interest my fellow-readers to know that I have bred a pure white Norwich Plainhead this season from a heavily-marked yellow cock and a buff hen. Last season this pair of birds bred two pure white ones, but both these died at ten days old. If any fancier would like to see it, it can be seen at any time on Sundays. It is a month old. I have, I may say, been a reader of Cage Birds for this last four years. I wish C.B. every success.

G. Pye.

One of the Last of the Fen Cage Makers.

Sir,—While on a recent holiday I saw an old man sitting at the steps of his van hard at work, and as his fingers moved in and out over the cane framework, he crooned the formula of wicker cage-making to a couple of children, his grandchildren, who looked on with half open eyes. "One in two out, one in two out" hummed the old man as he twisted one strand under the framework and two over it. He was a gipsy bird cage-maker, and the fruits of his labour were piled up on the ground near by. The locality was in the Fen country between Downham Market and Ely, and the cages, when completed, were sold in King's Lynn, Norwich, Downham, and other neighbouring towns. The number of cages he could turn out in a day depended on the size and variety. "I make five different sizes of cages," said the old man, "and I could make, I daresay, if I wanted to, ten different kinds of each cage; but there's no need to. The cheapest kind is a shilling, with one perch and one drinking 'cup.' The most expensive is 6s., but I don't make them unless they're ordered beforehand. Half-a-crown and three shillings is the usual price I make, and they're well worth it, too." The old man was alone to-day. There was a fair on near by, and his wife and daughters and the residents in the two other vans that stood close by had gone over. The making of cages was at one time common amongst the Fen gipsies, as these nomads are called, though they are not of pure Romany blood; but it has to a considerable extent died out of late years. "I used to deal in birds, too," said he, "but I gave it up. I had too many accidents with them. You can't do things properly unless you've got plenty of room, and there's no room in a van. This time of the year is dull for me. When the winter commences I get busy. It's harder work than you would think. Women can't do it. It hurts their hands; their flesh is too soft. I'm the only one of my family doing it. My daughters do the selling." The old man obtained his cane from London, through a business man in Downham. His working outfit consisted of a pair of sharp scissors, some rough emery paper, and a bottle of "home- made" varnish. "There's nothing in that bottle could hurt a bird," he said; "it's my own invention"—and he held the bottle up to the light.

D. G. Ricard.

The Feeding and Exhibiting of Goldfinches.

Sir,—The Goldfinch rears on the average two broods a season, and the young, as all bird fanciers know, are called Greypates until they have moulted out into the proper colour. The best time for procuring Goldies is about the end of October or the beginning of November—just when the frost has nipped the ground, as then, if they are clean-moulted birds you are almost sure of their being early ones, which is a great advantage, as the late-moulted birds are rarely sufficiently up in colour until half the season's shows are over. When the birds are caught the best plan is to put them into flight cages for a week or so, giving crushed hemp, a little inga, teazel, thistle and maw; also tufts of thistles or groundsel, and water on the bottom of the cage. It is advisable to have a house-moulted, steady bird in with them; and with the usual seed hoppers and drinkers full, the young birds will be soon following the old one's example. As soon as they are observed feeding and drinking cage them off, when they will soon settle down to indoor life. After a while the following will be found to make a good stock mixture: teazel, canary, linseed, rape and hemp. When the birds have become pretty well settled, they should every other day or so have in season chickweed, dandelion and a host of other seeds if they can be got at, as these make up their food when they are wild, and help to keep them up in colour. The bath is also welcomed occasionally, and is a great help towards bringing them into condition for mule breeding. Some fanciers say that the Goldfinch won't breed unless he is house-moulted, but this is not always the case. A field-moulted bird will breed quite as readily if it is caught early in the season and well looked after till the time comes. The male bird pairs readily with a hen Canary, a Bullfinch, etc. The best kind of cage for Mule breeding purposes is a compartment cage, so that the birds can be parted off if they quarrel. The latter end of March or the beginning of April is time enough for pairing up. When paired they should be watched as sometimes he plays havoc with the eggs and so destroys a nest. Some fanciers separate the two after the eggs are laid, as they think the hen manages the young ones better by herself. The Goldfinch cock paired with a Canary is the most common as the general run of fanciers crave after light Mules. But light Mules are scarce, as the young ones generally turn after their male parent, and are known as dark Mules; thus it is which makes light Mules very valuable. Two or three is the average number of nests a season. After the breeding season comes the moulting season, which is a trying time for our Goldie. He should be well looked after; give him plenty of his own natural food and a frequent use of the bath; and a pinch of Epsom salts in the drinking water will do no harm. We hear a lot to-day about the colour feeding of the Goldfinch, but this I do not hold with, for if he has a good colour to commence with he requires no "feed" to improve it. For exhibition the Goldfinch must, first of all, be steady, as tameness is an important point. He must have a good large head, the blaze should be square and clean cut, and of a rich colour. The cap must be of nice width, clean cut, black and tapering down each side of neck. The wing bars must be clearly seen and bright, and the buttons must be very distinct, running down evenly to the end of wings. The breast colours must be clear and pure with nice even markings, and tail and feathers short, nicely folded, showing three white buttons on the tips. Shape, condition and length are also taken into account. He must be lively and his colours glossy, and not dull looking. There are, what are called the Cheveral and the Peathroat Finches, but these are only mismarked birds. The Cheveral is known by a pure white mark running clean through the centre of the blaze under the bill. The Peathroat has a white spot in the same place in the blaze under the bill. In other respects they are same as the ordinary Goldfinches. With these few remarks I will close by saying that the Goldie is a general favourite with most bird lovers, and that it is a very fair songster.

Percy Kemp.

Wasps' Nests and Food for Insectivorous Birds.

Securing the Grubs for Winter Use.

Sir,—Never can I remember such a year for wasps as this year has been. These are about us in their thousands. Nearly every one about here (Ramsey) complains of being stung; some have been stung badly on the face, and one on the tongue. The children have particularly suffered. The fruit in the orchards before it is even ripe is being attacked, and little will be left to gather. I have in years gone by taken some hundreds of wasp nests to prevent the wasps from taking the fruit, being paid at the rate of 6d. per nest; and the taking of the nests being quite an easy matter I will tell my fellow readers how to do it, as it will benefit, no doubt, a good many keepers of soft-billed birds who, by this means, could lay in a good stock of insect food at little expense—enough to carry them over the winter months. Wasps are also a good food with which to meat off birds. The first thing you do is to find the nest in the day time, and put a stick near to it, so that you can find it easily in the dark. After the wasps have all gone to the nest, and when it is dark, go with a lantern, a spade and a bucket, and insert a squib (made of gunpowder and sulphur; you mix this up into a paste with water, and make it something like a cartridge; then wrap it in paper about the size of a cartridge). You then apply a match, and when it goes off you push it into the hole and then place a sod of earth over the hole and allow a few minutes for the smoke to suffocate them. Then the nest can be dug out, and the dead wasps brushed from the comb or cakes. The cakes or combs should then be put into an oven and just baked a little to kill the grubs; or boiling water may be poured over them. In this case they must be dried. Keep them in a cold place for use. Another way of taking them is to saturate a piece of rope with cyanide of potassium, but as this is a very deadly poison, it is best not to adopt this method. Another way still is to use carbon bisulphide on lint, and placed in the hole, covering the hole with a turf. Neither of these chemicals have I used personally, but I have seen them used. I prefer the old squib as the safest method. I have taken some hundreds of nests, and I can say that I was only stung once, and that was through not being able to find the nest in the dark before they all came out. I am quite aware that persons living in towns have not the chance of taking these pests, but anyone in the country districts can do so, for anyone would give him permission to rid him of them. I hope these few lines will enable lovers of Softbills to lay in a winter stock of food. I saw a nest which was taken last Wednesday night; it had nine layers of comb. I have also twice in my experience taken hornets' nests, both in old willow trees. This was a very ticklish job, as they were so awkward to get at. Hornets' nests and combs are similar to the wasps'. Although wasps' nests have been a nuisance this year, I have not as yet seen a hornet's; it is now some years since I saw one.

Nimrod.

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Information Wanted on Lark Catching.

Sir,—Being a lover of Larks I should like to know if any reader could help me out of a difficulty. I should like to know three things: 1st, the best size of net to use; 2ndly, the best nights to go out; and 3rdly, the best places to find them. I have been out a few times with a friend, but the Larks seem to fly up a few yards in front of one.

J. Ansell.

Was it a Case of Suicide?

Sir,—As a regular reader of Cage Birds, I write to know if any other breeder has met with a similar case to the following. A young Border Fancy Canary about two months old I found drowned in the water glass; the whole bird was, in fact, in the glass, except its tail. As is usually the case, the bird was one of the most promising young ones I have bred this year. Some neighbours suggest it was a case of suicide!

"Border Blend."

The Successful Handrearing of Grasshopper Warblers.

Sir,—it may interest readers of Cage Birds to know that I have this season successfully handreared a nest of Grasshopper Warblers, which were taken from the nest in June and successfully reared on live ants' eggs, and then gradually accustomed to Trower's insective food which is now their principal diet. Like other birds, they are fond of mealworms, but I am afraid to supply these except in the most frugal manner, as my experience teaches me that they are most dangerous food when given for any of the tiny Warblers. Garden insects and house flies are the best and safest tit-bits to supply. As exhibition birds Grasshopper Warblers, will doubtless render a good account of themselves if given a good moult.

F. J. Evans.

An Afternoon Ramble Amongst the Birds in the Midlands.

Sir,—Leaving Rugby behind us let us follow the dusty white road for a mile or so. While we are still close to the town our friend, the ubiquitous Robin, flits out from the ditch at the side of the path. We stop, and after a minute's search a little nest, half hidden by a dock leaf, is revealed, containing five dark-spotted young ones. Soon we are confronted by a reed-fringed pond. As we walk round the pond along a rough pathway, enclosed on the one side by the hedge and on the other by a steep gorse-clad slope, a cock Linnet in all the pride of his crimson-splashed summer plumage flits about in the branches above us. Low down in the hedge is a mud-lined nest containing three beautiful blue eggs, spotted with black; they are those of the sweet-voiced Song Thrush. When we emergo into the open field once more a wide stretch of ploughed land spreads itself before us. Over it are sweeping some vociferous Lapwings uttering their tireless "pee-weep, pee-weep." Were they to allow a near approach, we might hear, as we have often done, the musical whistle made by their wings as the birds sweep over the fields; now almost on the ground, now high in the air. But they see us, and with a shrill "pee-weep" fly off to the farthest corner of the field. A harsh chatter comes from a neighbouring tree; it is answered from an elm on our right. A glimpse of black and white among the green of the elm shows us a Magpie. This species is unusually numerous in this district, for very little game-preserving is done, and gamekeepers, their worst foes, are few and far between. We force our way in among the thick furze and a little brown-backed bird flies hurriedly off its nest in a gorse bush. It is followed by two smaller birds hardly able to fly. We look into the hair-lined nest and there is one left—a little bright-eyed creature that views us suspiciously, and then follows its brethren as best it can. A pace or two farther on is another nest with eggs, and then another, for where there is sufficient gorse the Linnets form little colonies; the writer has found six nests in a comparatively small area, and might doubtless have found more had there been time enough to search. "U-tick, u-tick," came from what proved to be a little brownish bird with a white eye-stripe, and bright fawn-coloured breast. It is a cock Whin-chat. As we make our way through the gorse another little bird flies from a thick low bush; it is like the first, but much duller. We bend down and search the bush; at first it was in vain, for few birds conceal their nests better than the Whinchat; but at last a cunningly hidden little nest of grass and moss at the end of a tiny tunnel-like passage through the grass is exposed. This therefore was the cause of the cock's excitement. In it are five green-blue eggs which closer examination shows to be thinly speckled with rusty-brown at the larger end. Half-an-hour's walk across the fields brings us to the head of a narrow lane, one side of which is covered with thick undergrowth. A dry ditch runs along by the hedgeside hidden from the road by wild-rose and hawthorn bushes and brambles. We get into it and walk along, keeping an eye on the undergrowth and nettles on the bank. We stop as a little ash-brown bird slips quietly off its nest; we would have passed it by but for its bright, beady eye, which caught our glance as we passed. The nest, though frail, is deep, and contains four greenish white eggs, blotched with violet-grey—the eggs of the nettle-loving Whitethroat. Further on are several Whitethroats' nests, containing from two to four eggs each, for, whenever there is undergrowth suited to their skulking habits, Whitethroats abound. Then we put a Yellowhammer up from her nest in a thick low thorn bush. There were three eggs curiously marked and scrawled with purple-red on it. It is these markings that give rise to the quaint name of "Writing Lark," which is applied to this bird in some districts. Meanwhile, the weird laughing cry of the Green Woodpecker is heard, and in an ash tree we see a neat circular hole cut into the tree at about twenty feet from the ground. As we approach, the old bird, who is not so handsome as her scarlet-crowned mate, slips out of the hole and flies off, dipping down every few yards as all Woodpeckers do. In this part of the country (Rugby and District), where the Green Woodpecker is comparatively abundant, it almost always, as far as the writer's observations go, chooses an ash as its nesting site, though he has seen their nesting holes in oaks and poplars. Often the holes are occupied by the noisy chattering Starling, who shows a great deal more anxiety than the Woodpeckers about their eggs or young, for they sit within a few feet of us, squawking and scolding until we have placed some distance between ourselves and their nest. Let us go now in another direction and follow the path that runs through the fields by the hedgeside. Soon an old ash lichen covered stump comes into view; it contained, a week or two ago, a little black-headed Marsh-Tit's nest. The birds had bored a hole downwards from the top of the stump, which is ten or twelve feet high, and at about a foot's depth had made a cosy nest of rabbit's fur. It is invisible to anyone walking along the path, but the sprightly little birds' anxiety when the stump is approached, and the tiny chips of wood, like sawdust, scattered about it, betray the site to the observer. Climbing a gate we get into the fields, and make our way along the side of a thin copse that contains a miniature Rookery. There are only five or six nests, for it is an offshoot of a larger colony a mile or so away. The Rooks breed later than the majority of their relatives, for they had only just laid their full complement of green olive-blotched eggs in a big nest at the top of an elm towards the end of April. Standing in the middle of the field are two giant elms; one of them contains a Jackdaw's nest, but for some reason the grey-headed birds have left their stronghold, and the only visible tenants are a pair of intruding "cheeping" House Sparrows, who have built a nest (under the Jackdaws' place), which contains one egg with a few brown spots on it. In the corner of the same field stands a barn which is regularly used by one species or another for nesting. The writer has found in it in one season a Pied Wagtail's nest, containing five whitish eggs thickly covered with ash-grey spots; a Blackbird's, a Wren's, and a Swallow's, with five long white eggs, speckled all over with brown and grey. In an elm in the hedgerow a Bullfinch has built a nest. This is cunningly placed among a little bunch of twigs about six feet up the trunk, and the grey-backed hen lets us almost touch her before she flies off, leaving five pale blue eggs speckled and streaked with purple—grey at the larger end; these are in a dainty nest of twigs lined with fine rootlets. A babbling stream, almost blocked in places by the wealth of rushes, flows past the barn. It is the haunt of several pairs of Moorhens, most of which build their nests among the rushes and reeds in mid-stream, but one pair, at least, prefers a thorn bush that is growing a foot or two from the water's edge; and as we approach the hen flies off with a great clatter, and plunges headlong into the water, exposing a reed-built nest containing eight eggs. Following the course of the stream we put up a couple of graceful Yellow Wagtails, that fly off uttering their shrill "chit-up." We pass an old apple tree that last year was occupied by a pair of Great Tits; this year it is being used by some Starlings. Now we come to a picturesque bridge of red brick, covered with dark green ivy. In a space left by a broken brick two little Spotted Flycatchers have built their nest, made of moss and lined with hair. A few minutes' walk past a lofty elm, in which a pair of long-tailed Magpies reared a brood this year, brings us on to the road once more, and now we make our way homewards for evening is drawing near, and we have a good three-quarters of an hour's walk before us.

C. D. Bullock.

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Canaries at Batheaston Show.

Sir,—I entered two Canaries at Batheaston Show (near Bath) on August 17th, in the Any Variety Class. The Canary judge was Mr. T. Tayler, of Bath. I was under the impression, and was told, that a Mr. Trickey was appointed to judge Canaries. On arrival at the show in the afternoon, to my surprise, Mr. Folwell's three birds were awarded 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, and the judge awarded my birds two very highly commended cards, both being previous 1st prize winners, one being awarded 1st on July 27th, 1911 (under a Bristol judge), here beating two of Mr. Folwell's birds, the other being awarded 1st last season (under a different judge), again beating two of Mr. Folwell's birds. I have beaten Mr. Folwell's birds every time I have met them for the last five years in succession. I should like the judge, Mr. Tayler, to inform me through your paper on what points he awarded 1st, 2nd, and 3rd over my two exhibits.

Bath. G. E. Lanham.

An Excellent First Attempt.

Sir,—My first attempt at breeding may interest and encourage some of your amateur readers. This is a record year in many things, and it seems to me I have a record little family of Canaries. The parent birds I purchased at the Crystal Palace Show of February of last year, but I have forgotten the name of the breeder. They are Yorkshires, of good stock, each having a silver band round the leg with the date of birth thereon. I could not mate them early, as I was not at home, but on July 18th I put them in the breeding cage. The next day I was surprised to find an egg, another the next day, and so on until there were four. I left them all there. The hen sat most devotedly for a fortnight, when the first chick was hatched, another each day following until there were three. The fourth I found on the bottom of the cage; evidently the others had been too much for it. Now they are a few days only over a fortnight old, and really the honniest little family possible. They are mostly out of their nest, sitting on its edge or on the platform, preening their feathers, so big and fine I can scarcely tell them from their mother except by their tails. The cock has always been with them, and is most good in helping to feed them. I have always kept a small open wire cage adjoining the breeding cage, with doors open between the two. I shall be glad to learn if this is an unusual case of eggs to be fertilised so rapidly, also of chicks being so precocious and strong. I put it down to the abnormal summer we are passing through.

Mrs. M. Tingle.

The Alleged Faking of Exhibition Linnets.

Sir,—With reference to the correspondence appearing in your columns respecting certain portions of my lecture re a Linnet said to be faked and stained, I can only account for it being a case of "Lapsus calami," or an error on the part of the short-hand writer. The report in question should have read: Mr. Mortlock started the subject by stating some years ago (not two years, as printed) a Palace winning Linnet to his idea was a clear case of faking and staining, and tackled the exhibitor of the bird on this point, who replied that he thought that it was just as legal to put the colour on outside as to put it inside. Then again, the shorthand writer omitted to include my name with this question, when I quite agreed with him over this particular bird, thinking it to be the bird of two years ago, whereby I stated that two years ago a Linnet was awarded first at the Palace, a London judge adjudicated, and to my opinion the bird was faked and stained right and left. The next year the same bird came out under another owner and stood cardless, the colour being quite conspicuous by its absence; and I am firmly convinced to this day that the bird was certainly stained, withal it being tested in the presence of another judge, as the best of judges are not infallible, and everyone is entitled to his own opinion. Still, I take rather an exception to Mr. Weston's suspicious remarks, which throw rather a doubt upon the verity of my report, and would ask him to remember the old Latin phrase: "Honi soi qui mal y pense." Neither do I desire any of his feeble attempts at sarcasm re my developing champions in his letter of August 5th, and also criticising the vulgar term that was used, "faked right and left," as I can only retaliate by requesting readers to gaze over a few of his choice epithets frequently in your advisory columns, and although I am well aware there is no love between us, I think it would have been much more to his credit, as one of your staff, had he allowed Mr. Mortlock or myself sufficient time to correct the aforementioned error, and not have rushed into print like an hysterical Suffragette the very same week the question was in print. In conclusion, I feel very sorry indeed that Mr. Mortlock's name should have been dragged into this matter, as I have always found him as straight as a gun-barrel, and apologise for the annoyance it must have caused him, but as regards the general tone of Mr. Weston's remarks about myself I take them with "Cum grano Salis."

A. J. A. Marley.

[The above letter was accompanied by a request to print it exactly as written. We have had pleasure in complying. We have no desire to interfere in this matter, but it seems strange to us that Mr. Marley should attack the credit of a member of our staff on the ground of not giving him time to correct the error, seeing that he himself (Mr. Marley) supplied us with the report in question (at our request). It is not unreasonable, we hope, to express surprise that Mr. Marley when penning this report should have overlooked the fact that he was putting his own remarks into the mouth of Mr. Mortlock.—Editor.]

Sir,—I am afraid the precise meaning of Mr. Marley's phrase about there being "no love between us" is lost upon me. I know of no reason why I should love him or why I should bear him ill-will; and so far as I am aware I do neither. Why he should be angry with me for correcting something which he himself admits to be altogether inaccurate I cannot conjecture. In fact the whole affair is something of a puzzle. For instance, I did not use the word "vulgar" at all; nor did I notice any "vulgarity." Mr. Marley is apparently content to label his own language "vulgar" in order that he may have the pleasure of exposing the "choice epithets" I myself use when answering querists on another page. I have no doubt his censure is well deserved—I must try to mend my ways—just as I have no doubt that he himself could answer the questions far better than I am able to do. He speaks of my "feeble attempts at sarcasm" when I mention his ability in developing birds into champions. Mr. Marley himself has told us of his own ability time and again; and the show reports bear him out. Therefore this is not "feeble sarcasm;" it is only the solid truth. I am, I think, as ready to admit my mistakes (they are numerous enough) as most people; infallibility is a privilege reserved, it would seem, for one or two exhibitors.

G. E. Weston.

The City of Glasgow O.A.

Sir,—I have been lying low in connection with the recent quibble—I use that term advisedly, because it is given out openly that a large stock of young birds has been bred by one of the expelled members, and that these will take part in the competition of the City of Glasgow in spite of the expulsion. Present the opportunity of showing good birds, and plenty are ready to act. Where old and young are mixed in the same classes, as at the City of Glasgow, it is impossible to say whom the exhibits belong to beforehand. It may come out afterwards, but that is too late to be of practical utility. The president, Mr. Black, is a gentleman full of resource, and I ask him thus publicly, how he will meet what is almost certain to arise? The effort to keep them out of the shows will give rise to no end of quarrelling under the existing rules; and, in the end, where are the members? I do not mention this to stir up animosity, but simply want to warn members, so that they may be prepared for eventualities. Now is the time to discuss the pros and cons of the position.

A Member.

The "Champion" Singing Linnet

Sir,—In reply to Mr. Green, I am greatly surprised at his letter. He knows very well that my champion never sang in the contest which he won. Had he sung I have no douht in the least what the result would have heen. My champion Linnet has won every contest he has been entered in, with the exception of two, and on both these occasions he did not sing. He has only sung once in Leeds, and easily won first prize. After that contest a Leeds gentleman, well known to Mr. Green, offered £8 for him. I offered to sing Mr. Green on his own terms; also another Leeds champion. Mr. Green's hird has been placed third several times. If Mr. Green would like a match, I will sing him £6 to £4, the winner to give the amount won to the Leeds or the Hull Hospital. Should Mr. Green not accept this, I would kindly ask him to omit my name from any further challenges and letter writing, and seek notoriety elsewhere.

Fred Allen.

Sir,—Re Mr. Green's letter regarding the "champion" Linnet singing in the Whitsuntide contest at Castleford. If your readers refer hack to your paper with the report of the sing, they will find that Mr. Towers was placed first, but it was with Mr. Green's hird, which he had hung previously in the same contest himself. It did nothing for Mr. Green. Our members had also heard them say in Leeds since the contest that Mr. Nelson (one of our members) ought to have been first, hut was placed third. The judges for quality, for which Mr. Towers got first with Mr. Green's bird, were both Leeds men, as we do not understand quality singing in Castleford.

A. Towler.

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The Yorkshire :: :: Canary. The Pride of the Fancy.

By E. J. CUNDALL, Halifax.

The beauty of form, the graceful carriage, and the lovely quality of feather of the present-day Yorkshire Canary appeal irresistibly to the bird lover. North, south, east, and west, throughout the United Kingdom, hath the Yorkshire set his sway. Here, there, and everywhere have his subjects formed societies for his advancement, and our cousins across the seas have acknowledged his supremacy. And the Yorkshire bird must know it, else why that proud and confident carriage?

Do you remember the fancier from Australia—I forget the gentleman's name—who visited the Crystal Palace Show of 1908, or was it '07? Well, his vocabulary was sufficient until he came to the Yorkshire classes, when he was struck speechless and straightaway fell down and worshipped. He had, he said, seen birds of other varieties in his own country that compared favourably with those of the same varieties here. But the Yorkshires!!

The Aspect of the Room.

It is not my intention to lay down the law as to which aspect the Yorkshire breeder's bird room should have. The vast majority of the fanciers are working men who have to make use of the spare attic or bedroom without regard to the question as to whether it faces any particular point of the compass; and besides, it is not an essential point. I have found fanciers on opposite sides of the street who have done equally well; and a friend of mine who faces due north invariably breeds a good number.

The same applies to cages and the general paraphernalia of the bird-room. Most of us have built up our stock as we have progressed—from the season when someone persuaded us to try "just an odd pair." So that uniformity is not necessary for the successful breeding of the Yorkshire. It looks better, certainly, but it is not within the province of this article to deal with these matters. Let me here recommend to the novice (we have some old-fashioned novices here in Yorkshire) that book of Mr. Claude St. John's, entitled "Canary Breeding for Beginners."

Neither shall I lay down hard and fast rules as to diet. Clean seeds, good food, plenty of grit, and pure water are essential; and remember the old saying, "Cleanliness is next to Godliness."

What a Yorkie Really is.

Before you can breed Yorkshires you must have in your mind's eye a true conception of what a Yorkshire is. The ideal, to my mind, is to be found on the plate of Cinnamon-marked Yorkshires issued by Cage Birds some time ago. Keep that ideal impressed on your mind when you are selecting stock and pairing up, and just as surely shall you get birds as good.

I remember visiting, some years ago, a well-known breeder's room to buy a yellow cock. I was afraid I should have to come away without the birds I was seeking. None of the birds he showed me suited, until he fetched one from the flight, and as I sat by the table where he was staging them, I got a view of the profile of the bird, and I knew I had found what I was seeking—a long, well-drawn bird of good condition, compact, and having plenty of swagger. Unfortunately I soon had him claimed, as I was exhibiting in the novice classes of the Yorkshire Union.

A Yorkshire, remember, is all of a piece—not a body with a head, wings, legs, and tail stuck on, as it were. These parts must harmonise and make up as a symmetrical being.

How to Get Position and Outline.

How are we to get position and a clean-cut nicely tapered outline bred into our birds? Briefly, the secret is: use Belgian blood with discretion. A second or third cross is best. Remember that when using the Belgian you have to guard against flat backs, sharp fronts, thin necks, snaky heads and poor feather. You must see to it that the birds which you are pairing your Belgian bred birds to have none of those grave faults, but possess nice round heads, well filled-in necks, clean fronts, nicely rounded backs, and short feather of extra good quality. Thus you will get birds that will be "all there," whether in the show cage or in the box cage. You will always find them in that position—upright and fearless—so essential to the Yorkie, and your birds will have that delightful bit of "swagger" that marks the high-class Yorkshire.

Not Made in One Season.

A strain of Yorkshires that will throw exhibition birds is not made in one season. Even after much study and careful selection two or three breeding seasons will pass before you get a good grip of the possibilities of your birds, and can confidently pair up with the certainty of breeding one that will hold its own in any company. The successful breeder of this or any other variety must have the gift of foresight, which may best be summed up as "intelligent anticipation."

While colour only counts 5 points in the official scale of the Yorkshire Canary Club on the show bench, it has more weight. Good colour on a Yorkshire does not cover a multitude of faults, but certainly it is a great help to successful exhibiting, and you will get it by using Green blood of the right sort. There is Green blood and Green blood, but what you require is the "bronze green," and not the washed-out kind. The same applies to Cinnamon markings; they must be rich cinnamon colour. I know a breeder who has bred self-greens and self-cinnamons from his ticked and variegated birds in one season, but he never gets a good colour on his Yorkshires. It is a sort of washed-out green and cinnamon. So when you introduce Green or Cinnamon marked birds, see that they have a rich depth of colour.

Avoid Chopping and Changing.

The breeder who is always chopping and changing, introducing fresh blood from this, that, and the other room, and pairing up without regard to the stamp and pedigree of the birds, is not likely to be successful. The breeder who is content to plod on for a year or two with a knowledge of the possibilities of inbreeding will arrive at his goal far sooner.

From good stock pair up cousins, uncle and neice, aunt and nephew. But I do not recommend going nearer than half-brother and sister. If your strain of birds is all right, in three or four seasons you will be able to pair up and *know* what to expect. In all your pairing up avoid that abomination—the drop tail.

Double-buffing and double-yellowing are often questions of debate when Yorkshire breeders meet. So far as double-buffing is concerned, I would remind you of the famous advice of "Punch," viz., don't. Double-buffing has been extensively tried in the past to increase size; and it may have been successful. But it has tended to increase feather also. The fact that most fanciers breed more buffs than yellows can, in my opinion, be put down to forebears, which were bred from double-buffs. No, don't double-buff.

Double-yellowing, however, I recommend; but don't do it indiscriminately. If you have a pair of yellows on the strong side, then you can pair them up to advantage; but never pair up finely-drawn breedy birds that are somewhat scanty in feather. You will get birds too sharp, stilty, and scanty of feather.

The Best Results.

I certainly think the best results are obtained by running one cock with two hens. Of course, you have to watch them to see whether the hens will feed without the cock, but as a rule take the cock bird away when the hen has sat a couple of days. She will be found to hatch the young ones out all right, and will bring them up by herself. If the hen does not take kindly to feeding, then put the cock back.

(To be continued.)

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(See Page 111.)

Budgerigar Breeding IN Outdoor Cages.

By C. T. HUMPHREY (Kingstown).

Of all the many fascinating branches of the hobby of bird keeping, I doubt if there is one that is more interesting or that requires so little attention as the breeding of that delightful little Parraquet the Budgerigar. To successfully breed these birds it is not necessary to erect an extensive aviary; I have found that they are quite ready to rear a family when kept in a fairly spacious cage.

A Suitable Cage Described.

A very suitable cage is one measuring five feet in length, two feet in height, and about two feet from back to front. This would accommodate two breeding pairs, and if it is made perfectly weather-proof by means of covering the roof, back, and sides with good felt, the birds can be kept out of doors all the year round, as they are very hardy; they will, in fact, keep in better condition if housed in this manner than if kept in a small cage indoors.

Two husk nests should be fixed at each end of the cage, so that the hens may have a choice of a nesting place, and so prevent as far as possible any quarrelling between them. The best husks are those with the entrance at the top, which to some extent will prevent the hen from accidentally throwing out her eggs and young.

Although when they once make a start Budgerigars are very free breeders, they do not always settle down to nesting at once, some birds taking several months, while others will commence breeding in a few days.

Quite Hardy, But ——

Do not allow your birds to rear more than three broods in the year, and although I have had young leave the nest in January when the snow was on the ground without suffering any ill effect from the weather, it is not advisable to begin breeding operations until the beginning of April.

They should be removed to a fresh cage as soon as they are able to look after themselves, as they are apt to interfere with the old birds, which will have commenced nesting again by that time. A large cage should be provided for them, which should be well furnished with perches, swings, etc., which will afford them means for exercising, and give great amusement both to themselves and to their owner.

They Soon Become Tame.

Cage-bred Budgerigars soon become very tame, and if accustomed to it will allow themselves to be lifted from their perches into the swing by means of a thin stick put through the wire; and the more violently they are set swinging to and fro the greater seems to be their enjoyment.

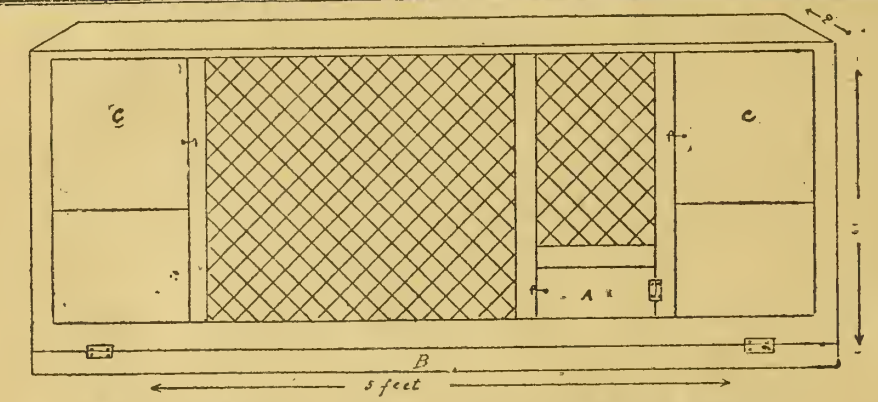
If a casual glance is taken at a group of Budgerigars they appear to be exactly alike in every respect, but on closer inspection each bird will be found to have some distinguishing mark, either in manner or expression, and it soon becomes quite an easy matter to pick out any particular bird.

Although when in their wild state these birds are said to bathe by rolling in wet grass, I find that my Budgerigars have no objection to bathing in the usual way, and will splash about in a shallow dish of water with evident enjoyment.

Their Diet is Very Simple.

The diet of the Budgerigar is very simple; Canary seed and white and spray millet are its chief food. Flowering grass should be supplied always when obtainable, especially when young birds are to be fed, and a few white oats given occasionally will be much enjoyed, while a piece of cuttle fish bone should be hung always within their reach. A hen Budgerigar I once possessed was very fond of catching any small moths which found their way into the cage, and would devour them with great relish.

There is one thing to be avoided if your birds are to be kept in health, and that is overcrowding. It is certainly much better to have a few birds in perfect condition than a large number of unhealthy-looking specimens. Budgerigars are lively, cheerful little birds by nature, but if too closely confined they will soon become dull and uninteresting. So for his own sake as well as for the birds' sake, the fancier who wishes successfully to breed Budgerigars in cages should make sure that they are able to obtain all the exercise essential to their well-being.



A BREEDING CAGE FOR BUDGERIGARS.

This very suitable type of cage can easily be constructed out of a strong packing case.

A: Small door for use when feeding, etc. B: Hinged flap for cleaning purposes. C: Large doors for use when removing husks, etc.

It is very interesting to watch the hen Budgerigar as she pops in and out of the husks selecting one to her fancy, and then busying herself in shaping the interior to her liking and removing all hard pieces of fibre. The cock meanwhile follows her about evidently much interested in the proceedings.

From four to eight, or even nine, eggs are laid, but I find that the usual number of young birds reared is about four. Incubation, which lasts about three weeks, is undertaken entirely by the hen; but as soon as the young birds are hatched the cock enters the husk and assists his mate in feeding them.

A Most Careful Housekeeper.

The hen Budgerigar is a most careful housekeeper, and gives her nest a daily cleaning, which does not, however, seem to be greatly appreciated by the members of her family, who give vent to their disapproval with loud squeaks and grunts as they are unceremoniously hustled about by their industrious mother.

The young birds do not leave the nest until they are five weeks old and fully fledged. They are the most delightful little birds imaginable, with their beautifully sleek little bodies and large shining black eyes. When in their nest feather young Budgerigars do not have yellow foreheads like their parents, the pencilling being continued to the base of the beak; the green of the breast is of a lighter hue; and the markings on the wings are not of so deep a black as those of the adult birds.

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BUDGERIGARS, OR UNDULATED GRASS PARRAKEETS.

Male, Female, and Fledgling: Note the absence of the clear yellow forehead in the young bird, the "pencilling" being carried to the base of the beak.

Bird Organs.

How to Adjust and Repair Them.

By TOM ROUTLEDGE (Stockport).

"I wonder what is the matter with the organ? Just when I want it it will not go." This was the remark which was passed in a county town in Lancashire. Being interested I was asked to look at the organ, and I came to the conclusion that a good shake would do it good, as the notes were working all right, only they were not vibrating or trembling. I gave it a good sharp tap with the palms of my shands simultaneously on each side, and the organ began to do its duty at once—the beautiful schookel-like trembling was resumed as it used to be.

"Well, I never," said Bill. "Who'd a' thought o' that?" I explained to them that probably they had kept it for some time without working it and the vibrator had cemented up. I left them in the highest glee.

Small things that matter.

These are the little things that stop the working of the bird organ. If the notes are clear but do not vibrate, it is the vibrator that has stuck, or sometimes it is something worse when the vibrator becomes unfastened at the hinge. This latter is a far more serious matter, as the machine requires pulling to pieces to allow one to get at the vibrator. The vibrator will require cementing to the wood flap. This is a very tedious job, as you must keep trying it to see that it will work all right before putting the organ together again, or your labour will have been in vain.

Sometimes you will find that the notes are all rumbling. To alter this you must see that the strips or canes on the barrel are working in rotation, and see, too, that the valve rods are not stuck; these are easily strained and every care is required in working the valves, as they are the most particular part of the organ. Try all the valves with the mouth first.

Clearing its Voice.

To undo the Queck organ, take out the tube through which the air passes. This is a tight fit, but it is only just pressed in. After taking out the tube, lift the organ out of the tin case. Then blow down the tube and through the organ, at the same time turning the barrel round with your hand. This will clear all the passages in the notes and will clear your organ, too, and do it good.

In the case of the Buhl organ, unscrew it from the bottom, where you will find three screws. After this lift the organ out of the wooden case and blow through the organ just the same as in the case of the Queck, at the same time turning the barrel round with your hand. Sometimes in the case of the Queck organ you will require to adjust it, as you will notice the levers work differently from those in the Buhl organ. Try adjusting it by unscrewing the two screws that fasten on the bridge—a little turn either way will make a great difference, as it puts your adjustment on your valves. These require careful attention, as the least turn will undo all your work at once.

Keeping it going.

Always work your organ once a day; that is, let it run down once. If you do this you will not be troubled by your organ being out of order very often. In most cases it is the owner's fault when the organ is out of order. I have had organs that a sharp tap has set going; others have had to be pulled to pieces, and I have had to go over them many times before I have discovered that the defect has been a crack in the wood through which the air has been escaping. In the case of one of them I found that the bass would not work. I was in sore trouble; I tried all ways with it, but it was no use. I then came to the conclusion that the hammer was too heavy for the pressure of air to lift it. I therefore nipped off a piece of lead from the hammer and that did the trick. The bass worked beautifully. Always watch the hammer if anything is the matter with the bass. If the bass is not working right it may require a little adjusting by pressing the hammer so that it beats right on the drum. If not right, then try by bending the wire of the hammer down until the lead weight rests on the drum.

Always try to leave your organ at rest; that is, always leave it at starting point when all the valves will be at rest. By watching these little points there will be less complaints about organs, and those that have them will make themselves acquainted with the working parts, which will be far more satisfactory than having to send them over to Germany to be adjusted.

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THE R.S.P.C.A. AND RAILWAY COMPANIES.

Notes by the Secretary.

Members will have noticed that in the first extract taken from the "Animal World" and published last week there occurs a statement which is very far indeed from the truth. In their anxiety to make a case for themselves the professional humanitarians do not scruple to say whatever occurs to them at the moment, but that is no reason why we should allow misstatements to pass uncontradicted. I therefore thought it my duty as your secretary to write to the Editor of the magazine in question, and as the "Animal World" may not be read by all our members I reproduce my letter in these columns. It reads as under, and the answer, if any, will also be republished.

Our Letter to the R.S.P.C.A.

Sir,—I should be obliged if you would allow me a few words in direct reply to your leaderette in the News and Notes columns of "The Animal World" for the current month. In your reference to CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE you make a definite statement that "the appeal for better treatment seeks to obscure the real issue." The real issue is whether or not those who wish to keep *under proper treatment* birds of any kind in captivity shall be allowed to do so without molestation, and I would say emphatically that this issue has never been kept out of the forefront of any statement made by CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE. The main raison d'etre of the LEAGUE is to oppose undue interference on the part of those who would abolish altogether the hobby of bird-keeping. It is the contention of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE that, in proper conditions, birds may be kept in captivity not only without cruelty, but in such manner that their lives are spent in perfect contentment, free from the vicissitudes to which they would be subject in a state of Nature. It is admitted that some people err in the treatment of their pets, not from intent, but from lack of knowledge of their requirements, and to supply this knowledge, and so improve the lot of badly kept birds, is an object, and a perfectly legitimate object, of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE, one which seeks neither to obscure the real issue nor to beg the question whether or not discomfort, amounting sometimes to cruelty, is occasionally inflicted upon captive birds. Your "grave suspicions as to the value of this LEAGUE" may be left to yourself. We who know something of our subject know its value, and with that knowledge we are content. Those who know neither its value nor its strength will show both as circumstances develop.

The interesting article entitled "A Monkey Tea Party," in the same issue of your magazine, is particularly apropos. If the writer will alter "monkeys" into birds, "hair" into "feathers," and will favour me with a few minutes' interview at any bird show, say the forthcoming exhibition at the Horticultural Hall, Wesminster, or that at the Crystal Palace, I will undertake to convince her that every word of her three introductory paragraphs may be written of any exhibition of cage birds, and that a "revelation" awaits her equal at least to that which she experienced at the Monkey Tea Party.

In conclusion, a word, with your permission, on your review of the pamphlet, "The other side of the Bars." To put it bluntly, this pamphlet is a gross and unwarrantable exaggeration. There is the slightest possible foundation for some of the statements made therein, and upon this flimsy basis has been built up a gross diatribe of which not a single paragraph is justifiable. A full and complete answer to its hysterics was published in CAGE BIRDS of June 3 last, and I beg to enclose a reprint of this for your kind perusal. I shall be pleased to support in fair and open argument any or all of the refutations contained in that reply."

How Caged Birds "Suffer."

I commend to the notice of those who apply such epithets as "an outrage on Nature," "an acted blasphemy," and the like to the keeping of birds in cages, the extract quoted below from a letter received from a patient in Sunderland Royal Infirmary:

. . . Worse still, I am in the infirmary with a lame knee. But I have something to interest me at the head of my bed. The Sister has the wisest Goldfinch I have ever seen: it will come and kiss her, and take tit-bits out of her mouth. No matter how many people pass up and down tho room, it takes no notice until Sister herself passes, when it chirps and sings to her, and is disappointed if sho takes no notice of it. The Sisters have plenty of work and not many amusements, and this one takes a real pleasure in looking after her bird. The sight of tho affection existing between the owner and the bird goes a long way to ease my pain as I lie upon my bed.

Fence Houses, Durham. D. HANN.

This letter, of course, is only a sample of hundreds of cases which may be cited to prove the fallacy of the hysterical arguments advanced against bird-keeping. But as the bird mentioned is one of our own native "feathered fellow creatures" which are especially chosen by these people as the basis of their attacks, I have quoted the caso as being particularly apropos.

A Move at Nottingham.

I have received a letter from a Nottingham reader containing the information that the R.S.P.C.A. inspectors of that town have gone to the extreme of warning the booking clerks that they are liable to prosecution if they receive for transmission any British bird, whether scheduled or not, or whether in or out of the close season. I have heard something of this before, and mention it here only to show the activity of those who mean if they can to abolish the hobby of bird-keeping. Whether the directors and shareholders of the railways concerned know that their clerks are thus refusing revenue I am not aware. Three railway companies serve Nottingham—the Midland, Great Northern, and the Central—and I am taking steps to ascertain whether the action of the booking clerks, under the pressure of the society inspectors, is a matter within the knowledge of the authorities of these three companies.

My correspondent says he has often wondered if the R.S.P.C.A. knows or cares of the methods prevailing in the hatching of Pheasants' eggs under poultry, and goes on to describe some of these methods. He says that the sitting hens are confined in verminous boxes about a foot square for twenty-three and a-half hours out of the twenty-four, and that during the remaining half-hour they are tied by the leg with a string about a foot long attached to a peg driven into the ground.

The Obvious Remedy.

As cage-bird keepers we have nothing to do with poultry, but it would certainly seem that here is an outlet for the energy of the humanitarians which would do them infinitely more credit than their unwarrantable interference with a hobby which affords instruction and recreation to thousands upon thousands of working men with an absolute minimum of discomfort to the birds themselves.

An interference with the sport of the monied classes would be quite a different matter from the prosecution of the working man in the pursuit of his hobby, and it is not likely that the professional humanitarians wish to have their attention called to any cruelty contingent upon the sport of the well-to-do. Much rather would they prevent an individual householder from keeping a pet Canary. This seems to them an easier as well as a more politic proceeding, and we can only face them by an enormous combination. As I have said repeatedly, it is in the power of the readers of CAGE BIRDS to form this combination in a week. When the blow has fallen it will be too late. Prevent the possibility of the blow by joining CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE at once. The League is already of a strength which would surprise our adversaries, but it rests with every individual reader of these lines to make that strength into impregnability. It was said last week, "To-morrow never comes." Don't put off your joining until "to-morrow." Join to-day.

The Oppression at Millom.

I have received from Mr. Park a letter of thanks for the interest taken by members in this case, and for the advice already tendered him by our worthy Editor. Enclosed with the letter is a copy of a local newspaper referring to the case, and I trust next week to be able to report progress. I think every member of the League will be pleased to hear that we are taking action in the matter, especially as Mr. Park and a number of other Millom fanciers have now become members. In his letter Mr. Park says, "The only thing I regret is that we did not join before this trouble came upon us. I hope it will be a warning to others, for they may at any time be sprung upon with the same surprise as myself."

The Rolled Gold Badges.

Since the introduction of the rolled gold badges nearly every member joining has applied for one of these in preference to the 6d. ones, and the demand for one pattern (that in brooch form) has been so great that the stock has completely run out. A large order for a fresh supply is in course of execution, but the new brooches will not be ready for a few days, and I ask the indulgence of those about to join, and who wish for this particular form of badge. I have plenty of all the other forms mentioned in our list. New members joining and applying for the rolled gold brooch will receive their membership receipt by return post, and the badge as soon as delivered by the makers, who have been delayed in the execution of the order by the Strikes.

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More Local Hon. Secs.

It gives me great pleasure to publish the following additions to the list of names of gentlemen who have kindly undertaken to act as local Honorary Secretaries to CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE. Pamphlets explaining the aims and objects of the LEAGUE may be had of these gentlemen who will also be glad to give any other information that may be required. Previous lists of local Honorary Secretaries appeared in CAGE BIRDS, issues dated August 5, August 12, and August 19. It is hoped that fanciers in all the towns mentioned in these lists will join the LEAGUE through their respective local honorary secretaries.

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I have still some of each of the sixpenny pamphlets on British Bird Culture and on Canary and Hybrid Culture, and, as long as they last, one of either will be sent gratis to all new members applying for a copy at the time of joining. Those of the old members who have not yet had a copy may receive one of those reserved for them on sending a penny stamp for postage. Only one copy of either book can be sent free either to new members or old, and when the stock in hand is exhausted I may not be able to get a fresh supply, so that those who would make sure of getting one of these useful pamphlets should send on their application with their membership fee without delay.

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NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Usual week-end Linnet contest held Prince Albert Inn, when nine of the best picked birds of Leeds sang for three good prizes given by Mrs. M. A. Saynor. Judges, Messrs. J. Smith and W. Sissons. 1, A. Butler; 2, 3, Binns.—E. Wood, Hon. Sec.

DURHAM.

Owing to the railway strike our Linnet singing had to be postponed (at the Travellers' Rest, Gilesgate Moor), as only five birds turned up. Next contest, and the last this season, will be held Mr. Hindmarche's, 3, Blue Bells, Crook; prizes, a cup and 12s. 6d. in cash. Meet 2 o'cl., August 26.—Geo. Reed, Sec.

PONTEFRACT.

Contest held August 19, before a large company for three good prizes, when some very grand singing was heard. 1, T. Jones; 2, J. Martin; 3, H. Chatterton. Open contest, August 30 (3 minutes' sing), when we had a large number of birds, and some very good time was done for three prizes. 1, 2, J. Kirk, 82 and 68; 3, T. Piper, 52. We are having an open contest on Aug. 27, for three good prizes. First bird hung one o'clock. All invited.—H. Chatterton, Sec.

SALFORD.

At the meeting held at the Boat House Hotel on Aug. 20th, the members present decided to hold an open contest for time, Sept. 16, for 1911 field-moulted, red-breasted birds. This is our first venture with this year's birds; we hope all members will make an effort to ensure success by bringing a bird, as the novices have every chance of a prize. Entrance fee 6d., and commence at 2.30. Next meeting, headquarters, Sept. 3rd, 7.30 o'c., when all members are requested to attend. Don't forget concert for the benefit of Mrs. Edge on Sept. 1st, 8 o'c.—B. Wharton, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS.

Skinners Arms, Linnet F.A., Buslingthorpe Lane, usual quality singing contest held August 20, when eleven birds competed for three good prizes. Result: 1, J. Sellars; 2, F. Hullen; 3, H. Kibler. Judges, Messrs. C. Biss and W. Lunn.—W. Lunn, Hon. Sec.

Weekly Linnet singing contest held Old Bird House, King's Head, Shannon Street, August 19, when 18 of the best birds in Leeds sang for three good prizes, when some very good singing was heard. 1st and 2nd, Wigfield; 3, C. Prince. Judges, Messrs. W. Naylor and Appleyard. Also on August 20, when 16 birds faced the judges, who gave every satisfaction. 1, Wigfield; 2, Stead; 3, shared between Wigfield and Johnson. Judges, Messrs. Walt. Naylor, and H. Hayes.—T. C. Summers, Hon. Sec.

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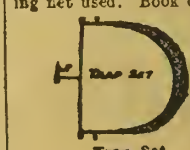
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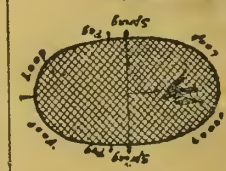
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The Shows.

NOTE.—We cannot possibly undertake the writing out of lists of awards from the catalogues of shows. A fully written report must be sent us. —EDITOR.

SWANAGE & I. OF PURBECK F.S

Members' show held August 17th, at the Central Hall, Swanage. The entries were very limited, but the birds were of very excellent quality. Mr. J. T. Wills (Weymouth) was responsible for the judging. CAN. A.V.: 1, res, H. W. Bruton; 2, 3, c, Mrs. J. Cardew; vhc, L. C. Weeks. BRIT. A.S.: 1, 2, A. F. Morrison. FOR.: 1, 2, 3, res., W. E. Edmunds. Special prize (value 5s.), presented by Mr. H. P. Klitz (Swanage), for best cage bird, was won by A. F. Morrison with a Bullfinch. Each competitor paid an entry fee of 9d. per exhibit, from which the prize money in each class was made up as follows: 1st, 50 per cent. of entry fees; 2nd, 30 per cent., 3rd 20 per cent.—L. J. Weeks.

NORTHERN COUNTIES N. & C.C.

Meeting held July 19th. Chairman, Mr. Smith, presided over a fair attendance. In connection with the meeting a table show was held, Mr. A. Holden (Gateshead) judge; and he gave every satisfaction. The only other business was the allotting of patronage for the forthcoming season. The following societies were nominated: Morpeth, Newcastle, Blaydon, Alnwick, Darlington, Gateshead, Carlisle. The final selection will be made at our next meeting, Sept. 6th (Members please note change of date). Will any fancier wanting to join please attend next meeting, or send his name to the secretary. Subscriptions, 2s. 6d., now due. CL. ETC. YELL.: 1, A. Hermiston; 2, C. McKay; 3, 4, R. W. Smith; hc, Hope. BUFF: 1, C. McKay; 2, R. W. Smith; 3, Hermiston; 4, Wellsbury; hc, Topping; c, Laidlaw.—W. Curry, Sec.

CAPEL-HENDRE (Carm.)

Cage Bird show, held in conjunction with the Poultry, etc., show, Aug. 11th. Not many classes were provided, but some splendid specimens were staged. Everything was splendidly arranged by Mr. Roberts, the hon. sec., and hard-working stewards. Mr. A. D. Hughes (Ammanford) judged and gave every satisfaction.

CAN. A.V. (5): 1, Davies, fine large Nor., good type and col., well staged; 2, Francis, good reachy Yorks., loses only in condition to winner; 3, H. Davies, good one, just a trifle loose in feather; vhc, hc, Morgans. GREENFINCH (5): 1, 3, Lewis and Richards, nice all-round Finch; 3rd, good tannings, loses only in blaze and bars; 2, Phillips, good hars. buttons and tannings, steady as a rock; vhc, Thomas; hc, D. Davies. A.O.S. BRIT. (3): 1, sp, H. Davies, capital Greenfinch, very shapely, good bars and col., plenty of size; 2, Lewis, Chaffinch, fine cap and bars, very rich col. throughout; 3, Thomas, Bramblefinch, a trifle unsteady. MULE or HYB. (5): 1, Davies, really fine four-pointed Goldie Mule in capital feather and condition, wins; 2, Williams, good coloured shapely dark Goldie Mule; 3, Morgans variegated Goldie Mule, good size and shape; vhc, hc, Francis.

NANTLLE VALE.

This show, the first of its kind in our district. It was held at Nantlle Vale, Talysarn, August 26. The quarrymen represented their district well; an extra good attendance being on the ground early in the day, and no doubt the Nantlle Band, which is so well known, was very attractive. Some good specimens of birds were on view. Messrs. W. M. Jones and Llewelyn Jones made efficient secretaries, and they and the committee deserve a word of praise. Special for best bird in show was awarded to Mr. E. D. Owen, with a typical yellow Norwich in excellent form. He also captured special for most points in the Canary section. Mr. J. O. Williams won Yorkshire specials in both classes. Messrs. R. H. Jones and E. J. Jones won in the Borders. Mr. W. Aitken topped the class for 1911 bird and won special with a grand young Norwich. In British, Messrs. J. Hughes and R. E. Griffith; and in Mules or Hybrids, Mr. W. G. Jones. Mr. E. R. Roberts made the awards and gave satisfaction.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, spls, E. D. Owen, grand cl. yell. of immense size and substance, good head and eye, well known, 2nd another marked yell., grand body and col., 3rd variegd., good quality, close up; vhc, E. J. Jones. BUFF: 1, 3, E. D. Owen, two typical birds, plenty of size, good formation of body, nicely cut away, worth their positions; 2, E. J. Jones, variegd., good show and stock bird combined. YORKS. YEL.: 1, spl, J. O. Williams, lengthy and stylish, cl. yell., easy win; 2 (name not in catalogue), nice cl. ycll., good position and feather; 3, John Williams, ticked, good position, grand wings and tail; vhc, J. Hughes; hc, E. Williams. BUFF: 1, spl, J. O. Williams, long and shapely buff, well moulded youngster, straight and slim, tight, won comfortably; 2, P. C. Roberts, cl. buff, excellent feather; 3, R. Jones, nice length, good wings, well folded. BORD. YELL.: 1, spl, R. H. Jones, cin. variegd., nice jaunty carriage, in good condition; 2, R. Jones, cl. yell., very shapely, good quality; 3, E. J. Jones, marked yell., good carriage and feather, close up; hc, W. Griffiths, nice cl. yell. BUFF: 1, spl, E. J. Jones, variegd. buff, very shapely and jaunty, good feather, in the pink; 2, 3, R. H. Jones, cl. buff, nice size and good condition, 3rd cheek and wing mark, close up; vhc, R. Jones. ANY BIRD (HATCHED IN 1911): 1, spl, vhc, hc, W. Aitken, head marked yell., good early youngster, well through moult, vhc Vaynol winner, hc nice Greenie Mule, good col; 2, E. D. Owen, cl. yell., grand stamp; 3, already noted, winner 2nd open; vhc, James Jones, cl. yell. Yorks, nice length and style, promising youngster; c, W. W. Griffith. MULE OR HYB.: 1, spl, W. G. Jones, good size Goldie-Can., jonque, sound col., easy winner; 2, vhc, J. S. Roberts, good Linnet Mule; 3, Aitken. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, spl, 2, J. Hughes, very neat Goldie, good blaze and colour, 2nd very similar, close up, both breaking into moult; 3, Mrs. Kate Rowlands; hc, E. J. Jones. BRIT. BIRD A.O.S.: 1, 3, R. E. Griffith, tailless Hawfinch, nice size and markings; 2, J. Rowlands, grand Bullie, in good form; 3, E. Williams; hc, A. J. Hughes. SELL.: 1, E. J. Jones; 2, E. D. Owen; 3, James Jones. LOCAL A.V.: 1, spl, D. M. Hughes; 2, R. Jones; 3 J. Williams; vhc, Mrs. Rowlands, E. Williams; hc, E. M. Hughes. GIFT: 1, W. Aitken; 2, A. J. Hughes; 3, E. J. Jones.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

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*Oct 6 & 7.—**Burnley.**—(R. Towler, 25, Pear Street.). J.C.B., J.H.R.

Oct. 7.—**Chopwell** (J. Brown, 26, Humber Street). T.D., J.R.S.

Oct. 7.—**Longton.**—(Hallam and Lovatt, 5, Francis Street). J.H.R.

Oct. 11 & 12.—**Clapham.**—(A. L. Priest, 28, Kyrle Road.). C.A.H., J. R., J.F.

Oct. 12 & 13.—**Norwich Alliance.**—(R. Roll, 58, York Street).

Oct. 13 & 14.—**Bolton.**—(P. Brierley, 24, Cromer Avenue, Tonge Moor.). J.H.R., J.W.C.

Oct. 14.—**Coventry Godiva.**—(R. Symonds, 29, Melbourne Road, Earlston.) W.V.

Oct. 14.—**Leeds.**—W. A. Wilson, 75, Bayswater Mount, Roundhay). J.H.R., J.B.

Oct. 14.—**Morpeth** (E. Cowling, Fullbeck Cottage) J.C.B., A.H.

Oct. 17 & 18.—**Plymouth.**—(T. Pope, 98, Embankment Road.) C.A.H., J.R.

Oct. 18 & 19.—**Birmingham.**—(S. Mole, 87, Greenway Street, Small Heath.) T.H.

Oct. 18 & 19.—**Portsmouth C.B.S.**—(King and Joiner, 80, Stubbington Avenue, North End). J.R.

Oct. 19.—**Hanley.**—(B. Peake, 6, Rhodes Street). W.M., J.T.

Oct. 20 & 21.—**Newcastle.**—(J. E. Atkinson, 8, Trewhitt Road, Heaton, Newcastle-on-Tyne.). J.R., W.M., W.V., J.S.C., C.H.

Oct. 20 and 21.—**Rochdale O.S.**—(R. Blincoe, 160, Drake Street, Rochdale.)

Oct. 21.—**Burton-on-Trent.**—(W. Elliott, 22, Leicester Street). J.R.

Oct. 21.—**Middlesbrough.**—(A. Wake, 41, Aske Rd.). G.H., C.H.

Oct. 25.—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).**—(J. N. Jeffery, Sartor House, Winner Street). J.H.P.

Oct. 25 & 26.—**Grimsby.**—(Towl Bros., 205, Welholme Road.) W.V.

Oct. 26.—**Oxford C.B.S.**—(A. F. Fifield, 6, Buckingham St.). J.H.R.

Oct. 27 & 28.—**Wolverhampton.**—(J. Gibbons, 64, Napier-rd). J.R.

Oct. 27 & 28.—**Manchester (Belle Vue).**—(H. Boothman, 8, Kettering Rd., Levenshulme.)H.W.B., A.G.D., E.G., C.H., S.H., J.Sll.

Oct. 28.—**Derwent Valley.**—(J. Lindsay, Railway Cottages, Westwood, Medomsley, R.S.O., Co. Durham.) A.B., F.M.

Oct. 28.—**Hartlepools.**—(E. Woodhead, 38, St. Paul's Road, W. Hartlepool).—H.W.B., J.M.

Nov. 1.—**Liskeard.**—(H. Jones Robins, Market St.) J.H.P.

Nov. 1 and 2.—**Cheltenham.**—A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Avenue). W.E.G., H.W.B., J.Ftk.

Nov. 1 and 2.—**L. and P.O.S.**—(C. W. Law, 9, Oak Villas, Archway Road, Highgate, N.) T.H., J.R. and A.S.

Nov. 2.—**Tunstall.**—(H. Evans, 18, Sneyd St.). J.C.B.

Nov. 3 & 4.—**Liverpool O.S.**—(Metcalfe and Hillmen, 68, Brunswick-rd.). W.M., W.V. and A.W.

Nov. 3 & 4.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne.**—G. Havver, 1, Theresa Street.)—J.R., H.W.B.

Nov. 3 and 4.—**Sheffield O.S.**—(T. Bishop, 69, Alexandra-rd.), J.H.R., C.H.

Nov. 4.—**Cleator Moor** (J. E. Byrne, 110, Birks Road) J.Wk.

Nov. 4.—**Stockton-on-Tees.**—(J. W. Lowes, 17, Canning-st).

Nov. 4.—**York.**—(H. Thompson, 57, Nun Mill Street, Scarcroft Road.) A.H.

Nov. 4 and 6.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(A. Freestone, 79, Clarendon St.) C.H., J.R.

Nov. 7 & 8.—**Bournemouth.**—(W. O. Brooke, 102, Nortoft Road.) J.R.

Nov. 8.—**West Bromwich.**—(W. G. Andrews, 1, Hayes Street, Carter's Green.) J.H.P.

Nov. 8 and 9.—**Brighton.**—(Will H. Gibb, 13, Bond Street.) C.A.H.

Nov. 8 & 9.—**Southend.**—(W. C. Lockwood, 9, East Street, Leigh-on-Sea.)

Nov. 9.—**Peterboro'.**—(S. L. Cocks, Corn Market.) J.R., S.H.M.

Nov. 10 and 11.—**Barnsley.**—(F. C. Sims, 15, Wright-terrace, Grace-st.) H.W.B.

Nov. 11.—**Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.**—(A. Walker, 47, Montrose St.). J.Wk., J.W.

Nov. 11 & 13.—**Nottingham.**—(G. E. Wilkinson, 9, Wellington Square, Park Side.). T.H., J.T., J.F.D.

Nov. 11.—**Warrington.**—(G. M. Nelson, 466, Knutsford Road.) A.W.

Nov 14 and 15.—**Wimbledon.**—(H. Smith, 115, Merton Road.)

Nov. 15.—**Alnwick.**—R. Forster, 36, Bondgate, Without.). H.W.B., A.C.

Nov. 16.—**Stoke-on-Trent.**—(J. Pitchford, 218, London Rd.) A.W.

Nov. 17 & 18.—**Preston.**—(J. P. Leeming, 40a, West Cliff.)

Nov. 17 and 18.—**Hull.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19, Lambton-st.), J.R., J.M.

Nov. 18.—**Coventry O.S.**—(A. J. Barratt, 38, Craven Street.) J.R.

Nov. 18.—**Tideswell.**—(Flint and Swarbrick, Tideswell, near Buxton.) A.H.

Nov. 18.—**Yarm, Eaglescliffe.**—(T. Wilson, High Street.)

Nov. 18.—**Crook Original.**—(J. Horner, White Lea.)

Nov. 18.—**Harrogate.**—(W. E. Fergusson, 62, Harlow Terr.) J. By.

Nov. 23.—**Ludlow.**—(W. T. Woof, 1, Mill Street.) J.H.P.

Nov. 23.—**Stamford.**—(A. Harrison, 7, New St.). J.R.

Nov. 24 & 25.—**Doncaster.**—(G. Bescoby, 26, Duke Street.) J.C.B., J.M.

Nov. 24 & 25.—**Great Harwood.**—(W. T. Mattinson, 32, Orchard Street.) H.W.B. and A.W.

Nov. 24 and 25.—**Hinckley.**—(H. Ridgway, Priesthills Road).

Nov. 24., 25, 27.—**L.C.B.A.**—(Mugford and Tyson, 1, Strathearn-rd., Wimbledon, S.W.)

Nov. 25.—**Cramlington.**—(J. R. Chestney, Quarry Cottage). A.B., H.S.

Nov. 28.—**Launceston.**—(N. H. Reed.)

Nov. 29.—**Windsor.**—(E. A. Stickland, 36, Alma Rd.).

*Dec. 1 and 2.—**Lancaster Primrose C.C.A.** (J. Johnson, 45, Perth-st.) W.M., S.M.

Dec. 2 & 4.—**Derby.**—(W. Stevens, 58, Olivier-st.). J.R., R.R.

Dec. 7.—**Newport and Dist.** (J. Hammett, 56, Milman-st., Newport, Mon.) J.R.

Dec. 8 & 9.—**Bradford National.**—(H. Hill, 15, Settle Terrace, Thornton Lane, Little Horton).

Dec. 8 and 9.—**Gateshead.**—(A. Holden, 5, Cramer Street.) J. R., J.H.R., J.B., J.F.D.

Dec. 8 & 9.—**Runcorn.**—(T. P. Baxter, 163, Greenaway Rd.). A.W.

Dec. 9.—**Sheffield and Dis. C.B.S.**—(A. Hobson, 66, Langsett Av.). W.A.C.

Dec. 15 & 16.—**Blackburn.**—(J. Cook, 6, Charlotte St.).

Jan. 6.—**Guisbrough Priory.**—(S. H. Lambert, 25, Gill Street).

Scotland.

Oct. 7.—**Paisley O.A.**—(J. Kelly, 7, Underwood Lane). G.F., J.S., J.A., P.Pce.

Oct. 14.—**Lochgelly.**—(W. Whiteford, 81, Hall St.) W.Tn., J.F., G.H., G.F.A., A.C., J.F.D.

Oct. 14.—**Broughty Ferry.**—(R. Whitton, 2, Churchill Place.) D.B., W.R., W.G., J.S., R.V.R.

Oct. 20 and 21.—**City of Glasgow.**—(A. Macdonald, 279, Crow Rd., Partick). J.H., D.L., J.Hy., A. McL., J. Wtn., J. Fg., A. C., A. Ct., G.A., J. Mn., S.W., W.S.C., J.W.B.

Oct. 21.—**Kelty and Blairadam.** — (A. Dickson, 37, Adams-terr., Kelty.) C.B.,W.M., R.B.G., W.P., W.H., A.W.W.

Oct. 21.—**Selkirkshire.**—(J. Robertson, 4, Green Terrace, Selkirk.)

Oct. 28.—**Ayr and District.**—(J. Sloan, 19, New Bridge Street.) J.F.D.; A.Wn.

Oct. 28.—**Dysart.**—(J. S. Harris, Victoria Bar.) J.T., R.L., J.Wr., R.G., C.W.

Nov. 4.—**Bo'ness.**—(2. Cameron, 7, Ash Terrace, Grangepans).

Nov. 4.—**Stonehouse.**—(J. Hamilton, 36, Camnethan St.). A.C., J.P.

Nov. 4.—**Brechin.**—(G. Mitchell, 118, Montrose St.). W.B., G.Hp., J.St.

Nov. 10 & 11.—**Kirkcaldy.**—(E. McAnally, 78, St. Clair Place).

Nov. 11.—**Hamilton (Cadzow Oaks).**—(G. Marlin, 21, Glebe Street.) F.B., A.Wn., A.Wr., P.P.

Nov. 11.—**Forfar.**—(J. Fyfe, 137, East High Street.) R.B.J., W.M., A.W.W.

Nov. 18.—**Buckhaven.**—(J. Lawrie, Grahams Buildings, Randolph Street.) G.H., J. M'L., Ax.C.

Nov. 18.—**Cowdenbeath.**—(J. R. Reid, 7, Woodland Place).

Nov. 18.—**Kilmarnock O.C.B.S.**—(W. Guthrie, 10, Hood St.)

Nov. 18.—**Galashiels.**—(C. Lugton, Botany Cottage). W.R., J.Tn., J.W.N.

Nov. 23.—**Lockerbie.**—(H. Davidson, Royal Hotel.) J.F.D.

Nov. 25.—**City of Dundee.**—(A. Miller, 3, Park Ave.) J.Y., W.H., J.Gse. J.Stn., T.A., R.V.R.

Dec. 2.—**Blairgowrie** (M. Irvine, 17, Brown Street) J.F.D.

Dec. 2.—**Whitburn.**—(T. Duncan, 9, West Main Street.) J.W.B., J.Bp.

Dec. 9.—**Kilsyth.**—(A. D. Duncan, "Chronicle" office)

Dec. 16.—**Broxburn.**—(W. McLaren, Church Street.) J. Mc.Ln., G.Sfe., J.Tn., J.M., J.Sn.

Dec. 30 and Jan. 1, 1912.—**Scottish National** (A.W. Watson 58, Colinton Road, Edinburgh.)

Jan. 1 & 2.—**Paisley O.A.**—(W. Lambie, 25, Caledonia Street.)

Jan. 2 & 3.—**Glasgow C.B.A.**—(F. Bowman, 5 Parkview, Tollcross.). W.B.M., J.Cg., J.W.B., L.J.A., A.C.

Wales.

Nov. 8.—**Pontypridd.**—(A. A. Gordon, McLucas, 48, Rosser St., Maesycoed).

Nov. 8 & 9.—**Swansea.**—(S. H. George, 32, Fisher Street). H.W.B., A.S.

Nov. 15 & 16.—**Cardiff.**—(J. W. Dummett, 34, Tudor Road). J.H.P., J.R.

Nov. 28.—**Llanelly.**—(D. John, 9, Pottery Place). H.N., J.H.R.

Ireland.

Nov. 2 & 3.—**Yorks C.B.S. of Ireland.**—(C H. Holley, 66, Fitzroy Avenue, Drumcondra, Dublin.)

Nov. 9 and 10.—**Banbridge.**—(A. McCammon, Riverview.)

Dec. 1 & 2.—**Ulster O.A.**—(R. Trimble, 11, Waring Street, Belfast.) D.B., R.T., G.M.

Dec. 7 and 8.—**Larne.**—(T. Mayne, 35, Barnhill).

Singing Contests.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Usual week-end contest held Prince Albert Inn. 10 of the best picked in Leeds sang. Judges, Messrs. J. Smith and W. Sissons. 1st prize, D. Madden; 2nd and 3rd, A. Binns.—E. Wood, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS.

Weekly Linnet singing contest for quality held Old Bird House, King's Head, Shannon Street, Aug. 23th, when 14 of the best birds of Leeds sang for 3 good prizes. Some very good singing was heard. 1, C. Prince; 2, D. Clegg; 3, McGreggor. Judges, Messrs. Walt Naylor and A. Hodgson.—T. C. Summers, Hon. Sec.

Skinner's Arms Linnet F.A., Buslingthorpe Lane. Usual quality singing contest held August 27th, when 19 good birds competed before a large and delighted audience. I am pleased to say we enrolled nine new members, which included our esteemed friend Mr. H. Allen. We have now upwards of 50 members, and I have every confidence in saying ours is the coming Linnet Club of Yorkshire. Result: 1, H. Wigfield; 2, W. Lunn; 3, H. Wigfield. Judge, Mr. H. Allen; timekeeper, Mr. C. Bise.—Wm. Lunn. Hon. Sec.

HAMILTON (Cadzow Oaks) O.S.

PRESENTATION TO MR. W. SHEARER, JUN.

One of our members, Mr. Wm. Shearer, jun., of this town, leaves at an early date for New Zealand, and recently we met at his house and presented a small souvenir to him as a reminder of the fancier friends he leaves behind in the old country. Our worthy Vice-President (Mr. J. Braidwood) in a few well-chosen words made the presentation, and at the same time conveyed our appreciation of our departing member, referring especially to his successful career as an exhibitor of evenmarked Borders, and judge of all varieties of Borders; also to his upright character and sterling worth as a man. Mr. Shearer, who was feeling keenly the parting from his loved ones (his wife and family do not go out with him yet), replied in very suitable terms, and stated he would always remember us, and no matter in what part of the world he might be, he would always remain a member. He hoped to be able to continue in the Fancy in the land of his adoption. If his wish bears fruit, he will be an acquisition over there, and our loss will be their gain. Afterwards a high tea was disposed of and all present wished him prosperity, good health, and a pleasant voyage. This terminated a very happy gathering, one that will always remain a happy memory.—For Wm. Shearer, President, A.C.

Club Reports.

SITTINGBOURNE & DIS. F. & F.S.

Committee met August 21st, when business connected with the annual show, 25th and 26th October, was dealt with. The schedule was approved and passed, showing a wide range in classification which should attract all branches of fanciers, and a highly successful show is in prospect. The judges are Messrs. G. Gardiner, London (cage birds, etc.), and J. N. Harrison, of Belper.

PROVINCIAL ROLLER C.C.

Meeting held Swan Hotel, Fountain Street, Manchester, August 26, Mr. A. Foulds in chair. There was a nice turnout of members. After the business of the meeting, Mr. Massey (Bolton) gave us an interesting lecture. This was very cordially received. There is an interesting item to bring before the members at next meeting; all the members that can are requested to attend.—Tom Routledge.

FIFE AND KINROSS N.P.C.

Meeting held "Masonic Arms," Cowdenbeath, Mr. A. Dickson in chair. Decided to grant patronage to Lochgelly, Kelty, Cowdenbeath and Bowhill shows. A handsome challenge silver cup, 3 silver medals, and a host of valuable specials are to be given for competition at the four shows. All Fife fanciers desirous of becoming members can be enrolled by paying 2s. 6d. for membership, which entitles them to compete for club's specials and thus bring the Norwich Fancy still more to the front.—Gilbert Fisher, Sec.

PENTRE AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

At a poorly attended meeting (Mr. G. Lewis presiding) the following resolutions were passed: "That Mr. J. H. Payne be appointed judge for our next half-annual open show, to be held on Oct. 12th"; "that all fanciers wishing to become members can do so by paying the 1s. 3d. entrance fee and 2s. 6d. annual contribution," and "that all members wishing to retain their membership and secure the privileges offered by the society to members at our next show must not fail to comply with the above within 28 days from above date, or they will forfeit their claims to same." The usual vote of thanks was passed.—Geo. Lingard, Sec.

LOCHORE AND GLENCRAIG C.B.S.

Meeting held Mr. R. Johnston's room, 26th Aug., Mr. J. Donaldson in chair. There was a fair attendance of members present. Sec. read over classifications for show to be held 25th Nov. All classes were passed without any comment. We are giving following: Scotch Fancy 9, Borders 12, Crest and Crestbred 6, Yorks 9, Norwich Plainhead 14, Common and Gift 1 each, Mules and Hybrids 4, British 12, Foreign birds 3, making a total of 71 classes. Sec. also instructed to get samples of prize cards, and get 100 members' cards printed. The aims and objects of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE were discussed at some length, after which Sec. enrolled seven members' names; he has hopes of adding a few more.—H. Grant, Hon. Sec.

GLASGOW, QUEEN'S PARK AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held 25th August, Marie Stuart Halls, Crosshill, Mr. Richard Thomson presiding before a large number of members. The third annual show has been fixed for 28th October, and this to be held in the Victoria Rooms, Victoria Road. Classification was given for Norwich, Crest and Crestbreds, Borders, Yorkshires, British, Mules or Hybrids, and Foreign Birds—53 classes in all. Four open classes for Norwich Plainheads were also agreed to, entry fee in the open classes to be 1s. each exhibit, and after deducting expenses for cards, etc., the balance to be divided up proportionately between 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th. The judges appointed are Mr. Smeaton (Musselburgh) and Mr. R. B. Gibb (Ibrox).—Robt. Heggie, Sec.

STOKE-ON-TRENT C.B.A.

Meeting held headquarters, Aug. 21st, when the classification for the open show, to be held in November, was arranged. Norwich have 6 classes, Yorkshires 6, British 6, Mules 3, Foreign 2, Selling 2, A.O.V. Can, 1, Novice Nor. 4, Novice Yorks. 4, and twelve members' classes. Mr. T. Turncock (Fenton) was elected a member. Also decided to have a ramble on Sunday, Sept. 3rd., the venue being Moddersall. Meet at Red Lion Hotel, 1.15 p.m. Members will be photographed before starting, so that it is desirable that all should attend who can make it convenient to do so. We go by train to Blyth Bridge. It was also decided to hold a club show on Boxing Day, when the cup competition will take place. This will be held at Newcastle-under-Lyme, and as it is many years since there has been anything of the kind there, the venture should prove both popular and successful. Next monthly meeting, Sept. 10th.—J. Pitchford, Sec.

YORKSHIRE CANARY CLUB OF SCOTLAND.

Meeting held 15th August at 71, London Street, Glasgow, Mr. Penman (President) in chair. The Secretary read applications for patronage from nine open shows. Unfortunately, however, two of these clashed in October, and three in the New Year week. After a general discussion it was decided that, under the circumstances, we grant our patronage to five shows only, instead of six as had originally been intended. The following were the successful applicants, viz., Lochgelly, Ayr and Dis., Kilmarnock, Lochore and Glencraig, and Glasgow and Dis. Our club show is to be held at the last-named fixture. The President pointed out the necessity of having a special prize subscription list opened. This was agreed to, and in a few minutes the sum of 25s. was subscribed by those present. I would respectfully draw the attention of our members to this list, and trust that all will endeavour to send on a small donation. Mr. Penman then intimated that he intended presenting the sum of £1 to the club funds, and Mr. Bowman offered to give a special for most points in the young bird classes at each of the patronised shows with the exception of Glasgow. Needless to say, these kind offers were gratefully accepted, and both gentlemen cordially thanked. The following new members were enrolled, viz., Messrs. T. Reilly (Buckhaven), D. Aitkenhead (Partick), J. F. Park and J. Cargill (Glasgow), and J. Sloan (Ayr). Members who have not already done so might let me know at once how many show cages they require, as the order is now on hand. Will show secretaries and others please note that I am presently on holiday, but will attend to all correspondence, etc., immediately after my return on 4th September. —R. B. Gibb, Hon. Sec.

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J. W. METCALFE, The Yorkshire Aviaries, 68, Brunswick Road, Liverpool. Judge of Cage Birds. Specialist Yorkshire and Norwich.
W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Manningham, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.
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C. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Life experience.
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Twitterings.

Mr. T. Barker will, we hear, judge the Eastfield Side C.B.S. annual show on November 4th.

Allow me to wish CAGE BIRDS every success. It is very helpful indeed to fanciers.—L. J. Weeks (of the Swanage and Isle of Purbeck F.S.).

Our show date is fixed for October 28th, and Mr. H. Seely, of Choppington, is engaged to judge, writes Mr. Jas. Barrass, secretary, South Shields Cage Bird Society.

I regret to say, writes Mr. A. Cant, late secretary of the Hamilton (Cadzow Oaks) O.S., that our worthy secretary, Mr. G. Marlin, has met with a slight accident in the pit which will incapacitate him for a week or two.

We have extended our radius to sixteen miles from Newark Market Place, writes Mr. W. Lidgett, chairman of the Newark and District Cage Bird Society. Will fanciers in the neighbourhood please note and join the society?

You will be interested to learn, writes our local representative, that the Market Drayton Agricultural Association have this year included a cage bird section (13-mile radius) at their show to be held on September 21. Mr. A. C. Brotherhood (Newport, Salop) is judging in this section.

The Aylesbury and Dis. F.S. have engaged Mr. Geo. Gardner to judge cage birds at our next show, to be held in the Town Hall, Aylesbury, on Oct. 26, writes Mr. F. Rayner, sec. Our membership radius is now extended to 25 miles.

We have received an order for a copy of "Aviaries, Birdrooms and Cages," by Mr. H. Norman, from Mr. William James, but before we can send him the book we require to know his address, which he omitted to give when writing us.

Members of the Lancaster and District C.B.S. are earnestly requested to attend meeting next Saturday, September 2nd, at 7 p.m., at the Market Hall Coffee Tavern, writes Mr. W. H. Winder. The business is the reading of a special letter of apology.

We have arranged to hold our annual open show on November 22nd, writes Mr. W. Colyer, hon. secretary of the Swanley and District F. and F.A. This year we are adding cage birds to our schedule, for which we have 34 classes Mr. C. A. House is judging this section.

The Council of the London Federation of Cage Bird Societies has elected Mr. H. W. Cook, 4a, St. Dunstan's Alley, Great Tower Street, E.C., to the position of show secretary for the show which is to be held under its auspices on October 27th and 28th next, writes Mr. James Bray, jun., the hon. secretary. All letters relating to the show should be sent to Mr. Cook.

The next meeting of the Edinburgh Norwich Canary and Mule Breeders' Society, writes Mr. James Finnie, the secretary, will be held in Rooms, 142, High Street, on September 7th, at 7 p.m., when Mr. Steel (Dalkeith) will give a lecture on "Foods and Fallacies," and show specimens of wild seeds and live insects in relation to the feeding of British birds; at the finish of the lecture he will answer questions, all questions to be submitted in writing. All fanciers are invited to attend.

Kindly accept my thanks for the many useful hints I have had from CAGE BIRDS from time to time, and I wish your paper every success. I could not get a copy for three weeks, as it could not be had in this out-of-the-way district, but I have arranged with the newsagent now to have it ordered on his list every week, so I hope to get it regularly now. I felt so lonely without it.—A. WILLIAMS (Trefriw, North Wales).

We have, write Messrs. Danysz Virus, Limited (52, Leadenhall Street, London), just brought out the Virus in liquid form, which is sold in bottles of about one quart each, and which need simply be poured over 2½lbs. of stale bread or flaked oats, and the bait is ready for use. The liquid Virus is harmless to other animals and human beings, shows visible results, and has a most sweeping effect on the rats. Practical trials have been made in this country with most gratifying results.

Mr. Winter has resigned his position as secretary of the Guisborough and District Priory C.B.S., and I have been appointed his successor, writes Mr. S. H. Lambert, 25, Gill Street, Guisborough. I hope exhibitors will note, and give their continued support to this society.

The third outing of the Sheffield C.B.S. is to be held on Saturday, September 2nd, the place chosen being Strines, writes Mr. J. Woolhouse, the assistant secretary. Wagonettes leave Hillsborough Bridge at 2 o'clock, and go via Rivelin Valley and Hollow Meadows. The fare is 2s. All friends are cordially invited.

We have removed our headquarters from the Red Lion Hotel to the Shoulder of Mutton (Girlington), writes Mr. F. Western, sec. of the Bradford West C.B.A. Our next meeting is on Sept. 9 at eight o'clock. Very comfortable rooms have been secured for our meetings, and it is the committee's desire that all members should attend this meeting.

Our open show has been fixed for Nov. 11, writes Mr. Jas. Robertson, jun., the cage bird sec. of the Darvel O.S. In order to try and increase interest in the cage bird section, we have appointed a judge for each section, as follows:—For Norwich, Mr. W. G. Muir (Kilmarnock); for Borders, Mr. J. Smillie (Riccarton); for British birds, Mr. A. Hoyle (Musselburgh). We have also secured the patronage of the Border Fancy Club. We trust fanciers will rally round and support our efforts to increase the interest in our hobby in this district.

The services of the following well-known fanciers have been secured for judging at our show on October 20th and 21st, writes Mr. Alex. Macdonald, secretary of the City of Glasgow O.A.: Scotch Fancy, etc., Messrs. Joseph Higgins (Hamilton), David Low (Dundee), John Hannay (Dumfries), A. McLachlan (Govan), James Watson (Glasgow), and James Fleming (Glasgow); Norwich Classes: Plainheads, Messrs. Allan Chambers (Kirkintilloch), A. Cant (Hamilton); Crests and Crestbreds, Mr. Geo. Arnott (Kirkcaldy); Mules, British, and Foreign Birds, Messrs. James Mason (Peebles), and Samuel Ward (Glasgow); Borders, Messrs. W. S. Clarke (Irvine) and J. Bruce (Coldstream).

A Rare-feathered Robin.

It may interest fellow-readers of CAGE BIRDS to know, writes Mr. A. W. Fullwood (Wolverhampton) that I recently secured a cock Robin that has snow white wings and a bill as amber in colour as a Blackbird's; he seems quite "at home" already with me.

London Federation Show.

As show secretary of the London Federation of C.B.S., writes Mr. H. W. Cook, I have pleasure in announcing that the Council have decided to hold a show, which will take place at the St. Marylebone Institute and Club, Paddington Street, W., on October 27th and 28th. Judges: Mr. C. A. House (Canary Sections), and Mr. John Frostick (Hybrid, British, and Foreign Bird Sections). This show is, I may say, being held solely for the benefit of members affiliated to the Federation. The hall in which the show will be held is a very fine one, and we are hoping that the affiliated members will rally round us, and make this, our first show, a huge success.

Welsh Cage Bird Club.

The Welsh C.B.C. will hold a committee meeting at the Ship and Bell, Merthyr, on Sept. 16. Will any member who has anything to place before that meeting forward it either to the secretary or to myself, and it shall have due consideration? We welcome new ideas appertaining to the uplifting of the club. At the annual meeting it was suggested that we should solve the question how we could assist financially the clubs which applied for our patronage, and at the same time do justice to our own members. We want to make this year a marked one in the Fancy, so come along and help us to do so by your suggestions and subscriptions, which latter are now overdue. Will clubs requiring our patronage apply for same at once? I am pleased to say that Mr. A. E. Brown, 66, Clive Street, Merthyr Tydfil, will take up the office of hon. sec. at the committee meeting. I ask all fanciers in Wales to support him on behalf of the committee.—D. H. Tedstone, chairman, Brynter, Brecon.

On Behalf of Another.

It is with the sincerest regret, writes Mr. Alf. Hitchings (Swansea), that I beg to invoke the condolence and sympathy of South Wales fanciers for Mr. E. M. Evans, the well-known Border exhibitor, in his great misfortune. Mr. Evans has for a considerable period suffered with a diseased leg, but with the indomitable courage and fortitude which so characterises a Britisher he never complained or bemoaned his misfortune. About a fortnight ago he decided to have his practically useless member removed, and, consequently, underwent, at Swansea Hospital, an operation, which I am pleased to state was successfully performed. I am positively sure that not even the most casual observer could doubt the inestimable value of Mr. Evans to the Fancy. He has long been a successful exhibitor, a zealous and staunch club member, an indefatigable co-worker, and a valued friend. Though he is so greatly incapacitated, and, as a result, debarred from taking such an active part in the welfare of the Fancy, I trust I express the wishes of all Welsh fanciers, in not only according him sympathy in his misfortune, but in hoping that he may still see his name in the forefront during the forthcoming show season.

Illustrated Ideas

No. 536.
A Cage-making Device.
Sent by Mr. W. Milligan, 16, North Main Street, Wigtown.

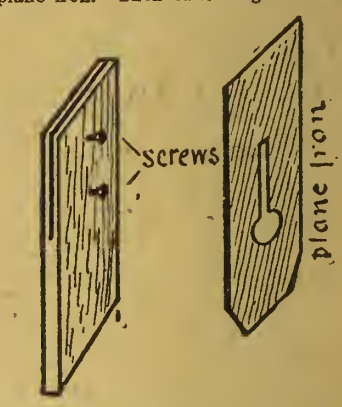
The following may be useful to readers of CAGE BIRDS for making cage doors, etc., where only a certain distance has to be drilled. Get



a cork and cut it to the size required; put the brogue through, leaving just the size of the brogue required. In this way all the holes can be drilled the same depth.—W. Milligan.

No. 537.
A Cage Scraper.
Sent by Mr. J. W. Conkey, c/o Mr. J. Binks, 62, Kitchener Street, Darlington.

Enclosed is a drawing of a handy cage scraper which I find very useful for different purposes. First get some joiner you know to get you an old plane iron. Then take length of wood required according to depth of cage, say, 1ft. long, ¾in. by ¾in. (pitch pine). Mark five inches down the centre of ¾in. edge and saw down. Then take your iron and fit same in; put in two small screws, and you have a very cheap scraper for cages, walls, etc. I think the sketch will explain the idea.—J. W. Conkey.



The Young Naturalist.

Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given weekly for the best three anecdotes about birds sixteen years of age, and state whence stories are taken. Two stars indicate the Winning Contribution; one star the runners-up. Contributors must be under written on postcards. Competitors must be under-

*A Blackbird's Bravery.

Recently a Blackbird built her nest in a hedge, and soon she had a brood of young ones. One day a rat was climbing up to the nest. The Blackbird flew down and pecked the rat so much that it had to retreat.—Sent by Gordon Taylor (aged 10), Tean, Staffs.

*Playful Sparrows.

Last week we hung our Canary out, and a lot of Sparrows came on to its cage. They stayed round about trying to fly in. The Canary, too, kept on trying to get out, till at last it broke a wire, when it got out. The Sparrows flew at it, and pecked it till it flew in the house. Then we put it into its cage, and the Sparrows sat on the cage trying to make friends.—Sent by Wilfrid Mather (age 13), Market Street, Rainhill.

**"Darby and Joan."

Four years ago a poor frightened little Dove flew in my bedroom window. Her feathers were all ruffled, and the poor little thing dropped exhausted. My brother put her in a cage and fed her, hardly thinking she would live; but she soon began to revive, and in about two weeks was quite strong again. It has been in its cage ever since, till about two months ago we bought another Dove and built a smart little house for them, with creeper growing over the top. They looked such a quaint little pair that we called them "Darby and Joan." There she laid two eggs—such small ones! We watched them day by day until one morning, after a fortnight had elapsed, two funny little objects appeared with fluffy white feathers and peculiar long beaks. The parent Doves are ever so proud of them, and they actually put feathers in the nest for the little ones' comfort. They are growing beautifully now, and can nearly feed themselves.—Sent by Ada Tonkin, 20, Kennington Park Road, London, S.E.

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(Continued from page 94).

No. 12.—My Mealy Rosellas.

As Master Mobbs' double-bladed knife with a corkscrew in it was sent by his step-mother to the missionaries; so an inconvenient or superfluous article can always be utilised as a wedding present or a Christmas gift. I suppose it was on this principle that I got hold of my Mealy Rosellas. A friend wrote and offered me his pair, as they were so spiteful that nothing could live with them. I found out later on that the poor things had been imprisoned in a small enclosure about 4ft. square, which was dignified by the name of aviary; that in the same enclosure a number of quiet little birds like Zebra Finches had been confined; and that the Rosellas, no doubt annoyed by their fussy ways, had occasionally told them to move on, and on their failing to comply had used what Mr. Winston Churchill would describe as "a little necessary force" and had nipped off, no doubt quite unintentionally, a leg or two.

How could one expect birds to behave properly under such abnormal conditions? Who, in the first place, would dream of keeping Rosellas at all with little birds, and who would do so at a time when the said Rosellas wanted to go to nest?

What is Tact?

Of course, it required a good deal of tact to accept a present under these conditions, and yet not to speak unadvisedly with one's lips. Most of my readers will have heard of people who want tact. An admiring visitor said to Archbishop Langley, when he went to stay at Addington, "Dear Archbishop, everybody knows that you have the most wonderful tact in the world; how would you define it?" This was his Grace's answer: "Not long ago a priest wrote to me soliciting a Living. He began his letter thus: 'Knowing your Grace's advanced age and increasing infirmities, I can no longer delay to put my wishes before you.' That," said his Grace slyly, "was not tact."

If I had told my friend that nobody but a fool would have put Mealy Rosellas with Zebra Finches, I should undoubtedly have lost a friend for life. I therefore concealed my knowledge, and wrote back that it was exceedingly kind of him to think of making me such a valuable present, and that practically what the Rosellas wanted was a course of solitary confinement, then, as St. Paul says, they might "learn to behave themselves." This, I felt sure, would please my friend, and was clearly non-committal on my part. The consciousness of intellectual ripening tends to produce in unchastened natures that tendency to "sit alone on high tower," which the son of Sirach condemns. In keeping birds you want to sit on no towers, high or otherwise; but to make yourself agreeable—if you can!

A Difficult Task.

I was not long, after the offer came, in going to fetch my new possessions. There was not much bother in catching them, as the place was so small that it left no room for spacious evolutions. The only difficulty was to get into the place without the Rosellas getting out. It seemed so unlikely that my big body could get in before they could pop out, that I determined not to risk it. To prevent any possibility of accident I bought a big length of string netting, and placed it in front of the door behind my own person, and then slipped in quickly, and the first danger was over. The rest was comparatively simple. It was only a question of quickness of eye.

In Parrot catching it is the first to get hold that matters. I always like it to be myself. I should'nt advise a beginner to catch Rosellas, as it would undoubtedly lead to shedding of blood on the amateur's part. In this case discretion is the better part of valour, and I should advise him to have recourse to the ignoble plan of throwing a big cloth over the victim. In the case of the inexperienced there is nothing to do but to get the Rosellas to fly against the wires, and take hold with his beak; then go quickly up behind him, and with one swift grab get him by the back of the neck and shoulders, when he is yours to do what you like with him. But bear in mind, if you miss, you will be exceedingly sorry. In my case, there was no miss, and my two friends were quickly conveyed to a soap box, and carried off to their new home. They used, I am afraid, very bad language; at any rate it sounded so to a mere human, like myself.

When I got home it was May, and Mays have nearly always been disagreeable. Matthew Arnold notes a dull first of May in 1863, and in May 1869 he writes that in the vile east wind everything looks harsh and gloomy. May 22, 1867, was Derby day, and "Hermit" won his famous victory with snow lying on the course. In May 1873 Bishop Wilberforce wrote: "The marks of the frost are very sad; large oaks with every leaf shrivelled up, and black as if they had been burnt." I determined, therefore, to give my Rosellas no opportunity for making fools of themselves by nesting, till the weather improved. I know it says in books that Australian Parrakeets go to nest at Xmas. Well, they don't with me, because I can't afford to lose my hens with eggbinding. I therefore did nothing to encourage the birds, but everything to disgust them, by withholding nest boxes in any shape or form.

June came in nice and warm, and after a few days I put up a big nest box, which they soon began to pay attention to, by eating great bits out, round the entrance hole. This I did not mind, although it rather spoilt the look of the box, yet I knew that it meant the beginning of the nesting season.

Now, I do not propose to go minutely into the operations of every day before the eggs were laid. Rosellas are seldom in a great hurry, and like to do things their own way; and if I were to relate my hopes and fears as each day came round, you might think me tedious. Boswell, you will remember, was careful to tell us that "it was a dull country magistrate who irritated the doctor by a long and tedious account of four convicts whom he had sent to transportation, and drew down upon himself the dreadful response 'I heartily wish, sir, that I was a fifth.'"

Eggs and Young Rosellas.

Now I shouldn't like you to feel like that about me, so I will skip the preliminaries, and confess that eggs were duly laid, and Mrs. Mealy disappeared into the box for the usual time. Her husband spent his time on the travel outside, and gave vent to a plaintive sort of whistle, if anybody came near. Sometimes, by careful watching, I would see Mrs. Rosella appear with head and shoulders just clear of the hole in the box, and then Mr. Rosella would begin to pump half-digested food into her until she bade him stop. Then, with a few muttered remarks she would drop back into the box, and nothing more would be seen of her for 24 hours, the cock spending the interval as best he could in dozing and thinking. It was well he had plenty of rest during these weeks, as it was very little he got afterwards.

One day, I suppose in response to some communication from his wife, I saw him eating as if there was no hereafter, at the seed tray. Then he flew up to the box, and after a given signal Mrs. Rosella appeared at the opening, and was duly pumped full of food. Down she dropped, and no doubt commenced feeding though I could see nothing. Still, by standing like an image below the box I could hear a scrambling of tiny feet, and knew that once more I was the undoubted owner of some newly-hatched Mealy Rosellas.

As my Mealys are very friendly, I thought I would put their friendly feelings to the test; so about a week later than I am writing of, I got on a chair and opened the lid of the box, and peeped in. I know I ought'nt to have done it, but one can't always be circumspect. It is not only women that are curious. There in the hollow at the bottom of the box I beheld six little yellow balls of fluff, with heads weakly wagging about, and with voices feebly complaining. I must say that, as Mr. Folair said, they looked "pernicious snug." However, I did not spend much time in gazing, as I knew I had done wrong, and when people have done wrong they know it. Adam and Eve were the first, but they have not been the last to hide behind the trees of the garden!

I am thankful to say that in this case nothing happened to punish my temerity. My conscience has long since given up communion with me on birdy matters, in consequence of the many snubs it has received.

One day, on going to the aviary, I was surprised to see a third Mealy Rosella, where formerly there had been only two. It was the first of the nest to come out. It was marked very much like its forbears, only in rather paler tints; but it was only about half the size. After a very few attempts it could fly perfectly, and had a most fascinating way of sitting on a branch, and half dozing through the long hot hours of noon, with one eye closed in a way that reminded me of Victor Hugo's "Quasimodo" in "Notre Dame."

An Unfortunate Youngster.

On succeeding days various brothers and sisters emerged from the box, until I counted five. I afterwards discovered an addled egg in the box, so that I knew the clutch had numbered six. All, I am sorry to say, were not so fortunate as No. 1; for one of the youngsters dashed so fiercely against the wires that, like Abimelech, when the lady dropped the stone on him, it alto broke his head; and I had to put the bird out of his misery. As I felt the broken skull afterwards I could not help being reminded of an Irish story I once heard. Said the aggressor, "I did not hit him very hard, and why the deuce did the Government make a ganger of the man that had a head no thicker than an eggshell!"

The old birds seemed very much upset by the catastrophe, and before their reproachful glance I felt like a Sunday school child taken to task for not being able to give the Kings of Israel and Judah in their right order.

The other four youngsters did nothing to shorten their days, and I found no difficulty in finding new homes for them. Unfortunately there was only one hen amongst them. There is not much difference in sex, except that the hen is decidedly smaller and more rounded in skull than the male, and her colours are paler and less sharp.

These are not birds to be trusted in a mixed aviary, but if placed with suitable companions such as Budgerigars or Cockateils they will behave admirably, and all will nest in peace side by side.

Before another season came round, the cock bird passed peacefully away. I fear he was old when I got him. I felt like country folk do when a neighbour dies. They take a last look at the breastplate of the coffin to see how old he is, and some shake their heads as if even in the grave this old friend was not quite candid about his age. That was how I felt when my friend dropped off his perch, and attained immortality. Had he been quite candid about his age?

A friend happened to call the day he died, and told me how very sorry he was at my loss. I quite loved that man. There is, I suppose, no quality so winning as that which enables a man, in the Apostle's phrase, "to rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep." I made a virtue of necessity, and incidentally gained a reputation for splendid generosity, by giving my old hen to a friend who had bought one of my young cock birds.

Let me close with a bit of advice about catching Parrots. Captain Boler of Bonny says: "Never be afraid of a Parrot if you can help it, but never show it, anyhow."



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As soon as the young birds are ready for separating I place them in cages. The best time for separating is, I consider, when the young cocks are moulting their neck feathers. I train them with the organ and schoolmaster; I rely mostly on the schoolmaster, providing he is a good bird. Now is the time I watch for the impulsive birds, and when I perceive any singing too hard I check them by changing their cages. It is highly important that all faulty noises be kept away from the birds at this period, as they are particularly apt to pick up sounds which will result ultimately in serious faults.

Hard Singing a Fault.

The young birds must be kept from singing too hard on account of the habit making them loud, this ruining their tone. To check too hard singing I darken them. I take care not to bring the old birds on song too soon, but to rest them as much as possible. If they have a tendency to be forward too soon, I change their cages, thereby giving them a check, because if they do not rest they are apt to contract hoarseness. The young birds must be kept from too loud singing and from over-singing, as these are liable to bring about an Auzfug.

As the birds proceed in their training a sharp look-out must be kept for those with faulty notes. The birds with the deep tone will be the best when further trained.

Steadying the Birds.

To judge the abilities of a young bird I place it at the side of the old one, and keep a judging sheet in my hand; this steadies them, and trains them to be accustomed to the presence and actions of the judge. I have known some birds which would only sing when closed up. To check this, keep the cage doors open until the birds do sing; then gradually close them. This eventually gets them to sing when the door is opened.

I give the young birds egg food, and at the same time put the seed in uncrushed, so that they can pick it when they like; that is, when they are in the flight.

I am now prepared to answer any questions on this subject.

Mr. Tomlinson: At what time do you put the young cocks into the cages?—Answer: About a week before they finish their moult; that is, when they moult their neck feathers.

Mr. Kremner: Why do you change birds when they are moulting?—I only change those that are singing in their moult, so as to check their singing.

Mr. Wareing: Why do you object to the bird singing in its moult?—If the bird is allowed to sing whilst in moult it is, in my opinion, weakening to it.

Mr. Lyons: Why do you place the old bird above the young one when teaching?—Because in my opinion the sound travels better from above.

Mr. Mawhood: Why do you darken the cages of the young birds in training?—To keep the young birds from singing too much.

Mr. Foulds: Is it not your opinion that the Glucke birds have the most tendency to Auzfug?—Yes.

In keeping your birds closed up, does it not delay them in their song?—I do not think it makes much difference.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Massey for his most interesting lecture.

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Mites or Vice.

Ted.—I am inclined to think the bare and sore backs are due to the young plucking each other, and have nothing at all to do with red mite. Still, the fumigation of room would do no harm, and might have done much good at this season. If you find mites really troublesome, deal with them as advised to "Red Mite" a fortnight ago. Keep a sharp watch over the bird, and if you discover any pluckers, cage them up separately until the moult is quite over. From the time of plucking until the new feathers are fully grown will be nearly six weeks, though they will be well grown and cover the body nicely in a month. There is no necessity to put on anything to assist the growth. If the skin is still sore, smear it a few times at intervals of two days with zinc ointment or Lanocyllin until the quills appear. If you are not colour-feeding them give a morsel of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut to each every second day for three weeks, and slightly dust this with flowers of sulphur, and then sprinkle it with soft sugar. On the alternate days give a pinch of maw seed. It will help to keep down red mites if you add a few drops of quassia essence to the bathing water twice a week for a time.

A Seasonable Moult Desired.

Moonracker.—It depends largely upon the length, extent, and also the cause of the soft moult which you say has been going on all the summer and has now ceased, whether the birds will moult again this season. The chances are greatly in favour of their not doing so, and I doubt the wisdom of trying to force them to moult, or of such an attempt proving successful. Add two ounces of hot natal to a pound of pure tasteless in making up your colour. Then cage up the birds in twos and threes and keep them in a fairly warm place for a few weeks. Meantime give a small quantity of soft food with a little colour food added three times a week, or five times in a fortnight. Every second day give a quarter teaspoonful of maw per bird. Let the staple consist of plain canary. In the drinking water give 20 drops of whisky and a few blades of saffron twice a week. If the birds commence to shed feathers cover over the cages, begin giving colour food regularly every day, and otherwise continue the same general treatment. On the other hand, if they do not start moulting in, say, a month from now, move them to a distinctly colder room, for a week or so, and then back to the same temperature as before. If neither of these changes starts the moult, then you had better leave things as they are, and hope for better luck next year.

A Screw Loose.

Pit Laddie.—There is certainly something radically wrong with your general management, and until this is discovered and remedied I fear you will have but little success. You would he well advised to get one of our handbooks, House's "Manual," or "Canary Breeding for Beginners," and study the subject generally and see if you can discover what is wrong. For one thing your feeding is at fault, and you almost certainly keep the birds in a draughty position, or one where the temperature fluctuates violently—perhaps through being overheated by day and correspondingly cold at night. Keep cages well strewn with clean, gritty sand. Give a staple of plain canary seed only. Give a pinch of summer rape separately every second day, and on the alternating days, if not colour feeding, give twice a week a small teaspoonful of egg food sprinkled with maw, or the equivalent in bread and milk, or crushed sponge cake; and on two other days give half a teaspoonful of the seed mixture advised to "T.H.S." last week. Give a spray of green food three times a week. If colour feeding, you must give the soft food with colour daily, when once a week is sufficient for the seed mixture, and add a pinch of maw every second day. At the end of the moult add 20 drops of chemical food to the water daily for a fortnight. Give the Yorkshire cock that coughs badly six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom salts for three days, and afterwards the mixture advised at end of reply to "Pompey" last week. You ask if you keep something by you if it should be corked or exposed to air, but I regret I cannot decipher the all-important word. Please repeat this query. The query about coloured plate is also very vague. You will find a list of them, with prices, given in the advertisement columns frequently. If you will tell me definitely what plates you want I will endeavour to help you. You should write to CAGE BIRDS office for these things.

Bald Patch and Cause of Death.

Amadis.—(1) The theory of the skin hardening is quite fanciful and far-fetched. It is far more likely that the moult has received a check, and will right itself, or that the bird is a debilitated specimen, which will not reproduce this lost plumage. Quite a number of weakly and closely bred specimens are thus permanently disfigured. Give a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut, slightly dusted with flowers of sulphur, and sprinkled with soft sugar every second day for two or three weeks, and on the alternate days give a quarter teaspoonful of maw seed, and add to the drinking water six drops of glycerine, and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a threepenny piece. Slightly moisten the skin once a week with carbolised vaseline. If this is not effective, write again at end of a month referring to this reply, and I will advise further. (2) I have not the slightest doubt this bird succumbed to an attack of pneumonia. Probably nothing would have saved it, but keeping it out of the window would have prevented the attack. Thanks for good opinion about CAGE BIRDS. Glad you find it so helpful. As you are a beginner, you could not do better than get "Our Canaries," which you would find invaluable.

Another Bald Head.

L. M. Nicholls.—(1) In a sense you are quite right in concluding that Crests are subject to a bare place at back of Crest, but far from its being of so little moment, it is a natural physical defect, and one which it is very difficult to breed out once you get it in a strain so that whenever possible a bird so affected should be totally discarded for breeding purposes, and if any particular bird is so affected and bred off parents similarly affected, the necessity for weeding them out is increased immensely. Therefore, if you were to breed again from these youngsters, the chances are all in favour of their progeny being, without exception, far more badly affected in the same way. I strongly advise you to discard them for breeding, even if you can only replaced them by a single good bird with a well-feathered and nice smooth back, showing no sign of bareness or break. Get Part XIII. of "Our Canaries," which deals with this and all Crest matters far more fully than is possible here. It is just possible the inflamed appearance may be the forerunner of more or less new feathers coming. Moisten the part three or four times at intervals, of a few days with a feather dipped in strong malt vinegar. (2) Gold of pleasure, a small brown seed similar in size and shape to maw, is a rich, oily, stimulating seed. Its chief value is to give a pinch in the same way as you would give maw, to birds down in condition, or backward in coming into breeding condition, when it acts as a pick-me-up and stimulant. Glad to hear bird with weak legs is now much better.

CANARY QUERISTS

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping (1/1); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy." All thoroughly practicol and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

Badly Feathered Young.

Sigma.—You do not say what was the composition of the colour food upon which the parents were fed by mistake whilst these young were in the nest, and unless it was largely composed of hot pepper I should seriously doubt its having anything to do with the scantiness of plumage. Even if largely composed of hot pepper I should be inclined to doubt its being the direct cause, as the parents would most likely have refused to feed with it. As a matter of fact these young show distinct signs of being weakly, debilitated specimens, such as may result from the mating of weakly, unhealthy stock, or too closely related specimens, or may even arise in weakly nestlings from semi-starvation through the parents being bad feeders. If you treat them as follows they will come through the moult in a greatly improved condition, though the constitution may be permanently impaired. As a staple diet give a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape. Every second day for a fortnight and twice a week afterwards until end of moult give a little bread and milk with cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it (allow a piece the size of a hazel nut and two drops of emulsion to each). On the alternate days give a pinch of maw seed and a morsel of banana. Twice a week give a small teaspoonful per bird of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, linseed, black rape, millet, and broken groats. Give a green plantain stalk every day or two as long as obtainable, and keep a piece of cuttlefish handy for them to peck at. Catch those that have quills adhering to the feathers twice a week and gently rub off between the thumb and forefinger as much of the quill as is quite dry and will separate readily from the web of the feather, until the whole feather is released. Give twelve drops of syrup of hypophosphites in the water three times a week for a month. When they start moulting keep them on the warm side until it is over, and slightly dust the bread and milk with flowers of sulphur now and again.

Feeding for Song (Nexite).—A staple of three parts canary to one part summer rape, mixed together, and for the rest the same as given in the Nutshell booklet, is how I would feed Norwich for song. See insert of list of books in this column. (2) The best strain of Rollers for singing is very much a matter of taste, and depends also very largely upon the nature and thoroughness of the tuition they have undergone. For general purposes a so-called Seifert Roller is the most satisfactory all round. The price of a pair again depends wholly upon the efficiency of the training, and the singing abilities of the cock. About 25s. should purchase a decent pair. The hens range from 2s. 6d. to 4s.; the cocks from about 10s. 6d. to 30s., the higher prices representing the most proficient performers. Glad to hear the treatment for grey lice proved so successful.

Lump at Vent.— (R. C.).—I cannot tell what this substance is without seeing it. It is most likely a small tumour or cyst, and I would not advise you to interfere with it in any way. If you painted it with iodine, the only external treatment likely to be useful, the bird would probably peck the part into a sore, and make matters worse than they are. Therefore, leave it severely alone. For the bad plumage when the bird is starting to moult give her the bread and milk with sulphur and potash in water, also the maw seed, as advised in reply to "Amadis" in this issue for three weeks. Keep her in an equable and fairly warm temperature, and she should come through the moult in good feather.

Young Crests.—(H. James).—(1) Give the young that are shelling the seed, and leaving the kernels a staple of two parts canary to one part summer rape mixed together. In addition to this, give a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with soft sugar every second day for a fortnight. On the same days also give a plantain stalk or seedy head of shepherd's purse, per bird. On the alternating days give a quarter teaspoonful of maw seed, and a morsel of ripe banana. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb, and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week. In the next week give four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid, every second day. (2) You should have described appearance of swelling more definitely. As it is, I cannot venture to guess what is wrong. Give a diet of plain canary seed only, with a little green food daily for a week, and in the water give the rhubarb and salt as above daily for three days, and every second day for the remainder of week, and in the next week the gentian mixture as above. If not better, then write again and give more particulars.

Questions about Young (CAGE BIRDS Admirer).—(1) Yes, all young bred so far this year will in normal circumstances breed next year. It will, however, be advisable to mate them with birds a few months their seniors in age, and those just leaving the nest should not be mated before next April at the earliest. (2) Give a staple winter diet of three parts canary to one part summer rape; twice a week a small teaspoonful of mixed seed as described in several replies in last two issues, and twice a week a little egg food, or some equivalent. For fuller details, get "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d., post free, from our manager. (3) Give a fair amount of exercise, proper feeding, and freedom from draughts and damp; the cold room will be no drawback whatever. (4) It does not necessarily follow that every bird that has started twittering will prove a cock, though this is possible. The best test is to cage them up separately as soon as they have moulted, when in the case of the cocks the twitter will soon develop into a sustained song with very plain swelling and throbbing of the throat. Those that do not begin to twitter before, say, next March, may fairly safely be marked down "hens," though exceptions will occur. (5) Full details for distinguishing sex are given in the above-named book, and also in "Our Canaries"; in the latter you would find an art plate which shows the sexual appearances very clearly.

Scaly Feet (G. J. F. Y.).—This is one of the usual accompaniments of age, which may possibly account for the bird keeping much to the floor. To remove the large scales, get a saucer of fairly hot water—as hot as you can comfortably bear the little finger in for some time. In this you may dissolve a little borax, but it is not essential. Catch the bird and immerse the feet for a few minutes in the hot water, occasionally lifting them out at the beginning to wash away any dirt that may be adhering. After soaking for, say, ten minutes, lift them out, and very gently press the end of the thumb-nail, or a match stick, against the raised edges of the scales, one after another, when the scale will probably lift up quite readily, and may be easily removed. If the scales do not readily respond to gentle pressure, continue the soaking for a time, and try again, repeating this until they raise quite easily. Use only quite a slight amount of pressure, and strictly avoid making them bleed. Finally, gently dry the feet and smear slightly with zinc ointment. Better do one foot first, and the other a few days afterwards. See if the claws are overgrown, and, if so, trim them back during this operation.

Norwich Hen (E. T.).—See that the hen is not exposed to temporary chills, and keep in an equable temperature. Do not allow her to bathe until she is well able to preen, and dry her plumage, and then, for a time, only allow her to do so in quite warm weather. See if the kernel of the hemp is quite sound and sweet, and, if not, reject it. Keep a supply of plain canary (dry) available, and, in addition, supply daily in a separate vessel half a teaspoonful of summer rape, soaked for two hours in cold water, and then drained and wiped dry. As a staple food for the next fortnight, give a daily supply of bread soaked in cold milk (a piece the size of a cob nut will suffice), drained, three drops of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and well sprinkled with maw seed. Give no green food until well, but a morsel of ripe banana every two or three days will do no harm. In the drinking water give 20 drops of whisky, as much sulphate of soda as will cover a sixpence, and five drops of laudanum for two days, and afterwards dissolve a crystal of sulphate of iron the size of a small pea and a crystal of sulphate of soda half as big in two tablespoonfuls of water, add five drops of dilute sulphuric acid and give this instead of plain water for drinking daily for three days, and afterwards every second day for a fortnight.

What Disease (C. Bland).—I cannot venture to dogmatise from the few particulars you give, but it looks uncommonly like a non-virulent type of septic fever that is among your stock. If the deaths have mostly occurred in one or two particular cages, as may be the case, by all means remove those cages, together with any birds that may now be in them, right away from your other stock. Put the birds in some temporary cage or cages (an old affair which you would not mind burning afterwards for preference), and keep them isolated for a month. If they keep quite well through this time you may return them to your other birds. Meantime thoroughly disinfect the cages they now occupy. The Nutshell booklet on "Disinfection" would give you all details for doing this, and you would also do well to get the handbook on "Septic Fever" and study its contents. If another bird dies soon, get a post-mortem on it to set all doubts at rest. See that your egg-food, in particular, is quite above suspicion in freshness and purity, and prepared from fresh eggs from healthy fowls. If you are not colour-feeding you might with advantage discard egg-food for a time and substitute bread and milk, or crushed sponge cake, now and again.

Deformed Toe (F.C., A Novice).—If, as I suspect, the deformity existed when the bird left the nest, I very much doubt whether you will be able to remedy it, as it has now been neglected too long. These things require very early attention if they are to be done any good at all. In nearly every case when the deformity is firmly established it is by far the best and kindest method to leave it severely alone, but as the case in your bird seems likely to he continually inflicting additional injury the best course would be to get a vet. to amputate the toe. I will not advise you to attempt this yourself, though I consider it the best and only really serviceable remedy. The usual rubber would almost certainly prove quite useless besides inflicting great punishment upon the bird.

Losing Young (J. Williams).—First of all see that you are not overcrowding the cages with birds, and keep both floors and perches as clean as possible. Keep floors strewn well with clean, gritty sand or sawdust, but in the latter case give grit in a shallow vessel in one corner of cages. Keep food and water vessels scrupulously clean, washing them out daily before replenishing them. Cut the egg-food and bread and milk down to a little of one or the other, but not both, twice a week after the first fortnight, and for the first fortnight feed as advised to "Sigma" in this issue. Limit the quantity of green food to one plantain stalk, or spray of seeding chickweed, per bird about every second day. In the drinking water add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a threepenny-piece for two days, and afterwards give four drops of tincture of gentian and two of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a week. If deaths still continue after this, follow advice given to "C. Bland," and take the first opportunity to get a post-mortem opinion concerning the deaths.

Sneezing Sound ("What Is It?").—It is not unlikely the bird might have got a chill in its change of quarters. One would scarcely expect this to be the case in this brilliant summer, but it is nevertheless a fact that many birds are, and have been, so affected, and the close packing for the journey would render the birds peculiarly liable to it. The moult also always aggravates these little weaknesses. See that the birds are kept fairly equable, in a bright, well-ventilated place, away from fumes of burning lights, but still free from draughts. Give a staple of plain canary, a pinch of summer rape every second day, and on the alternate days for a fortnight give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw seed. In the drinking water give ten drops of syrup of buckthorn for one day, and afterwards twenty drops of whiskey, six each of oxymel of squills and glycerine, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, every second day for a fortnight.

Moulting (E. D., Glasgow).—The bird is just commencing moult in a perfectly normal way, so it would not have moulted before you bought it. The approach of the moult also accounts for its not singing much, and also for the depraved appetite. It will not sing now until the moult is finished. Keep it fairly warm, free from draughts, the air equable as possible. A light cover thrown over the cage is useful to prevent draughts, and tends to hasten on the moult. In addition to the staple of plain canary seed give half a teaspoonful of rape every second day, on the alternate days a pinch of maw, twice a week a pinch of the seed mixture, and on two other days each week a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut. Give a spray of green stuff three or four times a week. For the first week, only, give the bread and milk every second day and slightly dust it each time with flowers of sulphur, and on the alternate days add twenty drops of whiskey, as much chlorate of potash as will cover a threepenny-piece, and six or eight blades of saffron to its drinking water.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Most of the appended replies have been kindly supplied by Mr. H. J. Fulljames, in the absence of Mr. Weston on holiday.

In a Box Cage.

Normandy.—Your cage, as I presume you know, is suitable for one pair of Finches only. If you put in more, then your chance of breeding dwindles to vanishing point. As regards likelihood of breeding, I should place the species mentioned in the following order: Linnet, Bullfinch, Goldfinch, Siskin. Cage-bred Linnets, however, are very wild, disappointing birds; in my opinion not worth bothering with. Hen Bullies, too, are very easily obtained young, when they get extremely tame and are easily induced to nest, therefore also seem hardly worth while. A "strain" of house-bred Goldfinches, for muling purposes, would be distinctly worth having, however, especially if bred from an English cock and a Siberian hen (or vice-versa). Probably you would have to rely upon a hen Canary to rear the young Goldies (the first year, any way). Feed as recommended in the "Nutshell" booklets (this applies to all the species). The only essential cage fitting, other than the usual ones for seed, etc., is a sheltered nest-box, such as has been frequently illustrated and described in CAGE BIRDS for the use of Hybrid couples. A cock Reed Bunting would be a good mate for a tame hen Yellowhammer. It is quite possible the latter might sit; and I think she would rear young if given live ants' eggs freely and some good prepared insectile food. It often happens that birds are seen to pair, yet have unfertile eggs. I do not know of any special French species; the birds there (the breeders in cages) are similar to our own.

Feeding Yellowhammers & Larks.

Lover of Bird Song.—Your Yellowhammers will do particularly well exactly as you have been feeding them; this for as long as you care to keep it up. As they get older supply them with plain canary as a stock food, still offering them the soft food mixture you are now giving them. To the latter you might add a little dried silkworm pupæ or some "dried flies" and some powdered biscuit. Silkworm pupæ is a comparatively recent introduc-

tion in the feeding of British birds; it has long been used by Continental fanciers and is a very useful food. "Dried flies" also are a good food when obtainable of good quality, but this is not always. A mealworm or two occasionally will be relished. You will not need to colour-feed your young birds this season as they will, of course, not be required for exhibition. Next year begin just before the moult, and continue until the birds are quite through. The process is one which requires a deal of judgment, or you may get the birds too "hot" in colour. About a quarter of the strength recommended by the vendors would be enough for a Yellowhammer. As for the Larks, you may feed them upon soft food similar to that upon which you have reared your 'Hammers, with the optional additions mentioned above. They should have some canary seed (shelled for preference) and some crushed oats in a separate vessel. I don't like mixing the seed with their soft food as sometimes recommended. You must be careful that they are feeding well for themselves before entirely giving up the hand feeding.

Identity of Wild Seed (A. E. Bone).—The seed-heads you send are of the Marsh Plume-Thistle (Cnicus palustris). The seeds are very useful as food for any of the British Finches.

Another Seed Query (C. G. C.).—It is not easy to say definitely from the seed alone, but I think your seed are from the common dock. If you would send me a spray I could tell you for certain.

A Linnet-Bullfinch (Leonard Davies).—A Linnet-Bullfinch Hybrid makes a very pretty exhibit, and is one with quite a fair chance of getting to the top of the class. The cross is not particularly rare, yet it is far from a common one. A really good specimen may be worth anything up to five pounds. You would scarcely have a chance of winning with your young bird at an autumn show unless the competition was limited. Far better keep him at home until next season.

An Elderly Bullfinch (A.H.B.).—It is not uncommon for a very old bird to go somewhat bald about the head. We do this sort of thing ourselves. All the same, I think the feeding has been altogether too monotonous and unsatisfying. The packet mixture upon which it has had to exist may be of any sort of quality, or no quality at all. A Bullfinch requires much more than the same kind of food year in and year out, no matter how good it may be. The Nutshell on the Bullfinch, No. 11, treats fully upon the proper feeding, and I would advise your friend to get this from the local bookseller, or direct from the office for twopence-halfpenny. It is much too large a subject to be properly treated in a short reply.

Identity of Stuffed Specimen (A. G. Lewis).—Your bird would appear to be one of the Herons; probably either the Lesser White Heron or the Night Heron, both very rare as British birds. Has it long, soft feathers hanging from the lower end of the neck? I am answering this query with all diffidence, as the bird certainly does not come within the category of cage birds, and is, therefore, somewhat out of my line. If you could send me a rough sketch I could probably help you further.

Freshly-caught Birds Dying (R. H.).—You say nothing of what kinds of birds they are which die soon after being caught, nor of the season in which you have been catching them. Speaking generally, if they are seed-eaters they should at first be fed upon seed which has been soaked till fairly soft and rubbed dry in a cloth. When soaking the seed the water must be changed daily. Of course, it is hopeless to expect birds to live if taken in the breeding season, to say nothing of its being contrary to law. If you will tell me what birds you mostly take I shall be glad to advise you more fully.

Sample of Seed (W. J. Hawes).—The mixed seed you send is just the ordinary packet mixture, and contains much that would be wasted in an outdoor aviary of British seedeaters. About all that is of any use in it is the Canary and the few grains of hemp seed. It is far better to give the principal seeds, Canary, hemp, rape, etc., in separate hoppers, with an extra hopper for mixed wild seeds. Millet is of no use for British Finches.

Young Bird Query (Inquirer).—Your bird is evidently a young cock Bullfinch. It should be in good colour before Christmas, but will improve materially next year with proper feeding. You say you have the Bullfinch Nutshell. You cannot do better than closely follow the instructions therein as to feeding. Especially do not forget the autumn berries, of which you should soon be able to get plenty. These are the whole secret of good colour. Be careful with the hemp; Bullies are very fond of this, but too much is not good for them; half a dozen or so once a day is quite sufficient. The proper berries for a Bullfinch are mentioned in the Nutshell you have, and you may give any of these as convenient. You are not likely to have much success in teaching the bird to pipe tunes, unless you are possessed of an infinity of patience and the ability to always whistle to it in absolutely the same key.

An Outdoor Aviary (A. Williams).—The birds you mention will agree nicely together. You might have them in pairs, but not more than one pair of a kind, or there will be trouble. All that is absolutely necessary is a snug shelter for roosting and an open flight covered with ½in. wire netting. Of course the more space you can give the better for the birds, and you may make the shelter or the flight as plain or elaborate as you choose. Plenty of perches should be provided, and in the outdoor portion nothing is better than twiggy shrubs or small tree branches stuck in the ground and renewed when soiled. A useful article on the subject was published in CAGE BIRDS of 11th March last. Our publisher will send you a copy for twopence. Mr. Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms and Cages," 2s. 3d. post free, is full of practical hints.

BRITISH BIRD & HYBRID QUERISTS

should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4 "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

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FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

Indian Ringnecks.

J. B. Barnett.—The pair of birds are Ring-necked Parrakeets; the larger bird is an Alexandrine Parrakeet. As regards the pair the all-green bird is the hen, and I am inclined to advise the cock bird being caged separately till its plumage is decent; it can be treated better, though its cage should be kept in close proximity to the hen bird, so that they may converse and caress through the wires. I should put him on a course of Byno-phosphates, and keep his bowels well regulated with Dinneford's Magnesia, and also give him a weekly spraying with quassia solution. Diet: Seed mixture (half hulk to be Canary and white millet, the other half to be oats, maize, hemp and sunflower seed in equal parts), green food, ripe fruit, nuts and plain biscuits. A piece of clean cuttlebone should be continually in the cage, and a pinch of grit (not sand) added to the daily supply of seed mixture. The Ring-necks will not have the red wing patch.

Birds for Aviary.

Drury.—I am assuming that you have a well lighted and weather-proof shelter attached to your aviary. In such case you could keep any of the following: Ruficauda and Long-tailed Grassfinches, Common and Green Avadavats, Zebra and St. Helena Waxbills, White Java Sparrows, Bronze and Magpie Mannikins, Cuba, Ribbon, Zebra, Striated, Spice and Chestnut Finches, Grey and Green Singing Finches, Silverhills, Chinese Painted Quails, and a pair of small Doves, Diamond for preference, but any small species obtainable will meet the case. So as to secure as many breeding results as possible I should only put in 12 or at the most 15 breeding pans, though the aviary would accommodate about 60 birds the size of a Norwich Canary. A perusal of my reply to J. S. Gardiner in this issue should assist you. The open part of your flight should be planted as a wild garden, with a few evergreen shrubs dotted about such as Enonymous, Box, Laurel, Berberis, Fir, etc. If your county is a very northern one some of the birds would have to be taken indoors in winter.

Treatment for Parrot.

H. Atlay.—Your supposed Parrot is the Roseate (Rose-breasted) Cockatoo. The treatment, etc., given in our booklet, "The Grey Parrot," will meet your case fully, with the addition of a little maize (one portion) to the mixture advised therein, and you will find the booklet helpful. I presume, after such a period of cage life, the bird is quite tame, and it should certainly talk a little. Train it as advised to "Abertillery" in this issue. Make a chum of your bird, and as soon as it has got over the neglect, and is thoroughly at home in its new quarters, it should prove responsive, at any rate, to the extent of a word or two, mimicking sounds and cries, and also entertain you with its acrobatic ability. In their native country they have a good reputation as linguists, but over here the talent of the majority in this respect rules rather low. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever.

Indian Parrot.

Abertillery.—This species needs careful training. It is among strangers, and I expect much of its screeching is caused by fear; and I must regretfully add some remain screechers to the "end of the chapter." You must overcome this by steadiness and quietness of movement when attending to its wants, cleaning out, etc. See that your young people do not scare it by sudden movements in its vicinity; tempt it by offering it such items of its diet as it most favours with your fingers. When it is quiet and restful talk to it quietly, and teach it by constant repetition of, at first, a single word till this is mastered, and then try it with a sentence of two or three words. When it has once made a start it will soon make progress and pick up what it hears promiscuously as well as what it is taught. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever.

Aviary Queries.

Freda.—Cockatiels are usually quite safe with small Finches, etc., but other Parrakeets, large or small, are not. Do not include them, moreover, in the open part of flight. You should not have growing evergreens and deciduous bushes; Parrakeets would soon ruin these. In addition to what you have, add the following: Grey and Green Singing Finches, Silverbills, Long-tailed Greenfinches, Zebra Finches, Golden-breasted and St. Helena Waxhills, Bronze and Magpie Mannikins, Paradise Whydah, Red-billed, Madagascar, and Napoleon

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS

should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

Weavers, Diamond or Picui Doves. You can also include the Indigo Buntings, but I cannot advise the Rosella Parrakeets. All those named above can be kept out of doors all the year round, provided there is a well-lighted, weather-tight shed attached to your aviary. If your county is a northern one you had better send me a rough sketch of the aviary, and I can then definitely advise. Given proper accommodation all the species named above should be safe out of doors in the Midland, S., S.E., and S.W. counties. "Foreign Birds for Beginners," 1s. 1d., post free, from our Manager, should help you.

Aviary Queries.

F. S. Gardiner.—Your aviary is none too large as a flight as it is, and it will be a pity to curtail it by turning part of it into a shelter shed. It seems to me there are two courses open to you, the more preferable being to turn the space between the aviary and greenhouse into a shelter shed, the front of which should be 3ft. of match boarding and the other part glass, covered on the inside with ½in. mesh netting, and the roof boarded and felted. You would only need a front and roof and a few holes cut in the end of aviary for the birds to get in and out. The other alternative is to have a wood and glass shutter or shutters to close up the front of aviary during the winter season and cold spring and autumn nights. You must, of course, make provision for ventilation without draught, and there must be sufficient glass in shutter to leave the aviary quite light. So arranged you could keep out of doors all the year round Green and Common Avadavats, Ruficauda and Long-tailed Grassfinches, Zebra Waxbills besides in addition to those named in my previous reply. It would help you if you got our "Nutshell" booklet, 2½d. post free from our Manager—dealing with the birds named above, also "Foreign Birds for Beginners" from same source. The back of the aviary should be well furnished with twiggy branches, and rush, coco-nut shell, Hartz travelling cages and boxes should be placed about as nest receptacles. A narrow border inside the aviary (along front) should be sown with grass and cereals, and the same outside the aviary, planted with such annuals and plants as flourish locally to attract flies and other insects.

(The Club and Society Notices will this week be found on page 127.)

A Garden Aviary.

Claude.—In the first place I should cover in (north end) 10 ft. of the roof of aviary with boards and felt, and under this in north corner form a shelter shed 8 by 6 ft., entirely closed in, thoroughly damp and draught proof, yet well lighted. The latter is really important, as birds will not use a badly-lighted shelter. The remainder of front (12 ft.) of roof (10 ft.) and south end to be covered with half-inch mesh wire-netting, the netting when stretched to have a coat of Brunswick black; the whole of the woodwork, before wire-netting is stretched on, to be coated with "Solignum" (brown), a good preservative which also looks well. The roofing felt should be well tarred. This will fill in all seams and make everything weather-tight. I advise the whole aviary to be span-roofed, and 6 ft. high at the eaves and 9 ft. at ridge. The portion of flight under open netting to be planted with laurel, fir, hox, berberis, and ivy or wild clematis on back. I have had individual pairs of Parson Finches that did not do any mischief, but the majority are quarrelsome. Why not keep Long-tailed Grassfinches? They are similar in plumage to the Parsons, quite as beautiful, and are amiable. Diamond Sparrows, though interfering at times, I do not think will do any damage (possibly they are rather crowded at present). The Ruficauda, Zebra, Parrot, Long-tailed Grass and Diamond Finch ought to agree together. It is too late to purchase newly-imported birds and turn them out now, especially as I presume it will take you two or three weeks to fix up aviary. If you tell me how and where you have been keeping the birds, I can give a definite reply. Note: All glass must be covered with netting on the inside.

Bird Books (A. H. B.)—Should get the books advertised in this column and also on back page of our issues, so far as they refer to the species he desires to keep. Illustrated books are costly, and often none too comprehensive, and it means getting several to cover a given group very often. If A. H. B. will send me a stamped addressed envelope, per Editor, and state what ground he wishes to cover, I will try and give a fuller reply.

Red-crested Cardinal (Mrs. Kerry).—Canary and millet in equal parts should form the staple mixture, with a few sunflower seeds and very little hemp as extras. They must also have greenfood, ripe fruit, and a few live insects—anything you can capture almost—smooth caterpillars, beetles, spiders; and when these are unobtainable, say three mealworms per bird daily. Grit, cuttlebone, and water must also be supplied. These are active, restless birds, and should have a roomy cage, fitted preferably with twiggy branches for perches, and a bath which fixes outside the cage, over the open door.

Small-billed Toucan (J. C.).—Small-billed Toucans or Toucanettes are simply miniature Toucans, requiring similar treatment, viz., soft food, ripe fruit and live insects. They have not yet mated in captivity, but they should do so if placed in a roomy outdoor aviary for the summer months (May to Sept. inclusive) and then taken indoors for the winter. I cannot describe, as plumage varies with almost each species, and they are legion. Re Olive Finches: In addition to the usual seeds (unhulled spray millet) treat as Jacarini Finches. The accident to young Jacarini was most vexatious. Olive Cuba Finches is a fancy name—properly they are merely Olive Finch, both the Olive and Cuba Finch belong to the same genus, viz., Phonipara.

The Persian Nightingale (D. Lafizi).—The food, general treatment and winter housing given to other gales will meet the requirements of this species. The species is if anything hardier than the common Nightingale, and a more powerful songster, and also has a much longer tail. Its song, however, is not so sweet as that of our bird. In the past the species used to be fairly free on the market, but now seldom comes to hand. Its present value would be about 50s. to 60s., possibly more according to the condition and ability of the bird. On the contrary, if a fair consignment came to hand price would drop materially at once.

What Parrot? (P.H.C.).—It is a Roseate (Rose-breasted) Cockatoo, a handy Australian species, which has not a good reputation for talking in this country, but most individuals talk a little at any rate; they become very charming, and are good acrobats. A reply to another correspondent in this issue will help you as to treatment and training to talk. The red pods enclosed are chilies, and most parrots and cockatoos are very fond of them, and when the bird has a cold they tend to check sneezing. The diet should consist of seed mixture, ripe fruit, greenfood, nuts and plain biscuits. Add a pinch of grit (not sand) to the daily supply of seed, and keep a piece of clean cuttlebone hanging in the cage.

Moulting of Parrakeets (E.V.H.)—(1) It is not easy to tell the age of these birds, but if its head is full coloured it is about two years old at least. Apart from this judge by the legs of the bird; if the scales are very hard, coarse and horny it is an old bird. (2) The moult is about usual, unless an individual gets a check and out of tone. As a rule the first moult in this country is the most difficult, though a really aged bird often fails to reproduce its plumage properly. (3) The bowels should be kept moving freely (not watery-loose), and chemical food or Byno-phosphates put in the water. A spraying occasionally with a weak solution of quassia would tend to keep the plumage clean. Canary and white mill should form the bulk of its seed diet, with a few oats, paddy rice and sunflower seeds; also nuts, ripe fruit, green food and plain biscuit. A pinch of grit (not sand) should be mixed with the daily supply of seed.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

Border Fancy Article (W. M., Arbroath).—Thanks for the suggestion; we will see what can be done in the matter.

"Champion Linnet" ("Disgusted").—We can take no notice of anonymous contributions.

Cuttings (J. W., E.H.S., J.L.W., and others).—Thanks for sending us the newspaper cuttings, etc.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 2, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

F. Boxall.—The sample of seed you sent me was a very indifferent one, and although I could not detect the presence of the black sand, yet on washing and straining there was a large amount of foreign matter and gritty deposit. The latter would be quite sufficient to produce the impaction, and would long retain a blackened appearance. I should advise you to discontinue its use.

Highlane.—Yorkshire cock died of congestion of the lungs.

Quick Death.—There was acute double-pneumouia; otherwise the bird was in a quite healthy condition, nor was there any evidence of existing disease. It is difficult to define the cause of same, as your birds appear to be well housed. Possibly the recent damp weather following on a long period of heat may have been the exciting cause.

Hursthotme.—Your birds are dying of a contagious disease, viz., contagious pneumonia. In both birds the lungs were inflamed, solidified, and in parts were necrotic. Remove those birds which appear healthy to other quarters, and disinfect as far as possible.

Country Rambles

HALIFAX O.S.

A good number of members and friends had an enjoyable ramble on August 26. Meeting our leader, Mr. E. Roberts, of the Ovenden Naturalists' Society, at the Fountain, King Cross, we proceeded by car to Luddenden Foot; then along Luddenden Lane to Wade Wood. It being rather late in the season, we did not meet a lot of bird life, but the Grey Wagtail was to be seen, also Jenny Wrens, Yellow-Hammers, and a few members of the Thrush family. After a good substantial tea, which we all enjoyed, we decided to make our way home; the rain came down rather fast.—F. Burdeken, assistant secretary.

THE BIRD-LOVER'S LIBRARY.

"Bird Protection and the Feather Trade," price 6d. A pamphlet bearing this title has just been published by Messrs. Sampson, Low, Marston and Co., Ltd. (Southwark, S.W.). It is written by Dr. A. Menegaux, assistant in the Department of Ornithology at the National Museum of Natural History, Paris. Dr. Menegaux tells us, on the authority of the Hon. Walter Rothschild, that in less than 500 years at least 140 specimens of birds have disappeared; 63 of them are only known by their bones, feathers or eggs, and 77 by sketches or stuffed skins. In addition to these, he adds, 47 species are well-nigh extinct, and 51 species are threatened with extinction in the near future. Dr. Menegaux holds that it is possible to safe-guard the world's bird-life by the following methods: 1st, developing the breeding of certain species; 2nd, domesticating others whose plumage has a trade value; 3rd, creating reserves; and 4th, instituting international protective laws to serve agriculture, commerce and science equally. The causes of the diminution in bird-life are, we are left to conclude, mainly two, viz., the feather trade, and the hunting of birds for food purposes; but nothing is said of the "natural" cause—the simple dying out of very many species in the ordinary course of events. The pamphlet is written by an expert ornithologist, and offers a capital study for those who wish to see bird-life not only maintained but considerably extended.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Moffat and Upper Annandale (B.F.C.C.).—Sept. 15. —Judge, Mr. Jos. Thomson. 10 open classes: Bord. 8, Mule 1, Brit. 1. Prizes 5s. and 2s. Fee 6d. Ent. close Sept. 8 to James Johnstone, Solicitor, Well Street, Moffat.

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Correspondence.

Random Notes on Exhibition British Birds.

A Correction.

Sir,—In my notes on exhibition British birds published in your last issue, an error has inadvertently crept in. The printers have made me say that when Goldics carry much black between the eyes and the blaze they appear to have more blaze than they really have got; whereas what I meant was exactly the opposite, viz., that the blaze appears larger in those birds which have very little black.

STEWART GRAHAME.

Where are the Starlings?

Sir,—In reference to the query in CAGE BIRDS of August 26, I may say that Starlings are here at Taunton in their thousands, our lawns having flocks of them daily. They feed with the Sparrows, and are on the best of terms with them. Blackbirds, here, are conspicuous by their absence.

W. H. GRANT.

Local Hon. Sec. (for Taunton) of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE.

The Northern Border & Scotch Fancy Club's Patronage.

Sir,—I see it is stated in "Twitterings" of last week that the Lancaster Primrose C.B.A. have received the patronage of the Northern Border Club. This is not so. Our patronage has been allotted to Chopwell, Newcastle, Blaydon, and Gateshead. We have still two vacant dates, however, and secretaries should apply at once if they desire the patronage of this flourishing young society.

J. N. F. SCOTT.

Methods of Bird-catching.

Sir,—Having read from time to time various fanciers' experiences, I should like to give my fellow-readers mine as an amateur bird-catcher. I dare say that very many of your readers are, like myself, working men, and cannot afford the cash to buy expensive appliances. The nets I use are the self-acting spring net traps, which, in my mind, are the best nets for the fancier who catches a few birds for his own use. The first thing I do is to go out for a few times and find where the birds are feeding, not forgetting to throw plenty of food about, the same as I am going to bait my nets with. When I set my nets, I put them in a circle (six in all), with my call birds in the centre; this I find is the best plan. I have found out several good points by using these nets. They do not take long to set. I can go away and leave them, as they are self-acting; and they are not so bulky to carry about as the large nets. I have several good British birds by me at present, all my own catching, and I am looking forward to a good moulting season. As regards catching softbills with these nets, I put them singly down hedges baited with mealworms or earthworms, which are very effective for Thrushes and Blackbirds. I should be pleased to hear other fanciers' opinions of bird-catching, as it will be very helpful to many of us.

E. D. LEAVY.

Canaries at Batheaston Show.

Sir,—Kindly allow me a space in your valuable paper to reply to G. E. Lanham's letter. This exhibitor at the late Batheaston Show, held August 17, seems to have been greatly disappointed that a fur judge was not appointed to award the prizes in the cage bird section, and was surprised on going to the show to find that a cage bird judge had been secured. The 1st prize exhibit of Mr. Follwell's was an unflighted yellow Norwich cock, a far superior bird to the Crest-bred, having a nice bold head, with a short, thick-set neck, good chest, short compact flights and tail, and nice quality feather—a real good Norwich, which, with a satisfactory moult, will do its owner great credit during the coming show season. The second bird was an unflighted buff Norwich, very similar to first bird, but it lost a little in head. The third bird was a good ticked yellow Yorkshire of nice length and shape, one of the real Bradford type, the like of which are seldom seen in this neighbourhood and when through its moult will be heard of again. The vhc bird was a Crest-bred and had a very small head (a great failing in this variety), and was also wanting in substance. The other vhc bird, a so-called Yorkshire, I do not need here to describe, and if it has ever won a first prize I should say it was shown either under a rabbit judge, a poultry judge, or a pigeon judge, certainly not a cage bird judge. The remaining part of the letter I treat with contempt. Mr. Follwell and his birds are quite capable of taking care of themselves in the future as they have done in the past, as all good fanciers know, and in conclusion, as Mr. Lanham doesn't seem to know the value of his birds, let him take my advice and send them out to some of our leading shows under specialist Canary judges; then perhaps he will be a sadder but wiser man.

Bath. T. TAYLER.

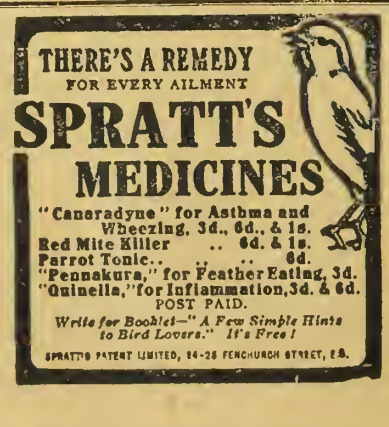
Sir,—In your last week's issue I read with much dislike G. E. Lanham's letter re the above, in which he states that he has beaten my birds every time that he has met them for the past five years. In the first place, he has never met my birds under a specialist Canary judge. The only shows that he has met them at have been the local horticultural shows, which are usually held during the months of July and August in the neighbourhood of Bath, most of which have a live stock section in which there are usually a few cage bird classes, including an "any variety Canary" class. The cage birds at these shows are invariably judged—or "judged at"—by either the pigeon, fur, or poultry judges, and I think there are not many cage bird fanciers who have had any experience of the above judges but what will agree with me that it would be more to their credit if they refused to judge in these classes on the ground that they do not understand cage birds. Then the officials of these shows would be compelled to have proper judges for the cage bird classes or strike these classes out altogether. At the recent Batheaston Show there was an exception to this rule, the cage birds being judged by Mr. T. Tayler, of Bath, who has for many years successfully bred and exhibited the Norwich Canary, and I am certain he has forgotten more about Canaries than some people ever knew. Now let me take Mr. Lanham back to the year 1908, to see if he can remember the Weston Show, where my wife, with three birds, won 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, while his had to follow on behind? Also at the Batheaston Show in the same year how my wife won 1st, and he had to be content with the 2nd place? During the season 1909 my birds did not meet his, but in the following year they met at the Larkhall Show, where his birds were awarded 1st and 3rd, while my two birds (one of which was my well-known winning Buff Norwich hen, whose portrait has appeared on the front cover of your valuable paper, and the other a clear yellow Norwich cock then unflighted, which in the same year won 1st at Gloucester, Frome, and Cheltenham, 2nds at Cardiff, Bristol, and Bath, both being my own breeding) were placed back in the honorary cards. I admit they were beaten, but only on condition, as they had both started moulting. Can Mr. Lanham truthfully say that the Yorkshire or the Norwich that he was awarded 1st and 3rd with at this show has such a record as this? Can he say that he has ever won a prize during the past six years either with them or with any other Canary that he may have, in open competition under a specialist Canary judge? I say no, he cannot. Perhaps he will say he has never sent them out to our leading shows. Why? Because he knows only too well what the result would be. I think it will be quite soon enough for him to start "swanking" about what his birds have done when he breeds or buys some that are capable of winning as much as mine have done. And the two I have mentioned are two out of a number that I have that have done well on the show bench under our leading judges. On July 27 last our birds again met at Larkhall Show. He exhibited a Crest and a Crest-bred, while I put down a yellow Yorkshire cock and the same clear yellow Norwich that I exhibited at the show last year, both being in tip-top condition. The judge (a fur judge) placed the Crest-bred 1st, the Norwich 2nd, and the Yorkshire 3rd, but why he placed them thus I am at a loss to know. On August 17 our birds again met, this time at Batheaston, the judge being, as before stated, Mr. T. Tayler. Mr. Lanham again exhibited his Crest-bred and a Yorkshire, the birds I staged being the same Yorkshire that I had at Larkhall and two 1911 bred Norwich in nest feather. The result of the judging was that my two young Norwich were 1st and 2nd respectively, and my Yorkshire 3rd, the latter having started moulting. Since beating Mr. Lanham's birds the above-named youngsters and a stable companion have won for me 1st, 2nd, and 3rd at Stapleton Road, Bristol, where the Eastville and Bath fanciers competed for the challenge trophy on August 26. Mr. J. Houghton, of Gloucester, judged. Perhaps that gentleman will kindly state whether he thinks these birds are, as I believe Mr. Lanham would like the readers of CAGE BIRDS to think, third-raters. Now, Mr. Lanham, as you appear to have such a high opinion of your Crest-bred, be a sportsman and send it up to the coming Cheltenham Show, so that other fanciers, as well as the Bath fanciers that know a good bird, may have a laugh.

F. L. FOLLWELL.

Goldfinches Breeding in Cages.

Sir,—A friend of mine has bred Goldfinches in an ordinary breeding cage. He had to put the eggs under a Canary, as the Goldie cock broke the first egg. Four were laid. The other three hatched out, and the young Goldies are now ten weeks old and fine healthy youngsters. I may say that the Goldies were caught last October—"Greypates."

T. T. SPENCE.



Siskins and the Rearing of Young.

Sir,—Having seen in CAGE BIRDS that a fancier states that the Siskin will not rear young, I would like to give my experience. I put a pair together at the commencement of the present season. The first nest of four eggs were all fertile; but only two hatched. I was greatly disappointed the next morning to find the two young on the bottom of the cage dead. The second nest, other four eggs were laid, and being a bit dubious of the Goldie cock, I took him out, and left the Siskin to incubate. Another two young were hatched, which she has reared safely, giving them more care than many a Canary. They are now eight weeks old and beginning their moult. They show both parents well.

T. T. SPENCE.

The Alleged Faking of Exhibition Linnets.

Sir,—Whatever value attaches to Mr. A. J. A. Marley's opinions on the staining and faking of Linnets, he rather runs past himself when he almost spitefully invites readers to "gaze upon" the "choice epithets" employed by Mr. G. E. Weston in your advisory columns. If Mr. Marley's idea in directing attention to the said columns is to discount Mr. Weston's conducting of them, he has loosed a shaft which will never find its mark. Mr. Weston himself could scarcely wish for a more complete vindication than the perusal of the "Answers to Queries" column will afford him. Personally, I have never read them without being struck by the soundness and usefulness of the replies, as well as the tact and ability with which Mr. Weston handles his difficult weekly task. I do not believe, however, that Mr. Marley intended to be spiteful, and I also doubt not that he will himself be the first to acknowledge that in this matter he has displayed some haste and not a little heat.

C. PRIOR.

Information on Lark Catching.

Sir,—I see Mr. J. Ansell wants to know three things on catching Larks with a net. In answer to his first question, he wants a net from 18 to 25 yards long and four yards deep, so that he will have plenty of trail; secondly, he wants to go on dark nights, and not when it is moonlight; and thirdly, the best place to find them is on a clover root field or old pastures. When you start to trail the net you must keep it as tight as possible at the front, and about two feet from the ground. If the birds get under the net at your end just pull the line, and the man at the other end will let it drop, as he might not have heard them; of course, he will do the same should any get under the end nearest to him. When there are any birds under the net you must go behind to get them. First put one hand on the bird; then with the other hand you must lift the net and get hold of the bird's body, allowing its wings to be free. Lift the net off it, as you will always find the bird's head is through one of the meshes of the net. If you will go about an hour before dark where you intend trailing you can pick the fields out, and see that they are not bushed, for if they are you will have no net left for a second attempt.

RD. WILFORD.

Northampton St. Crispin C.B.S.

Sir,—Being a regular reader of CAGE BIRDS, I read a report of a new cage bird society being formed to be called the St. Crispin Cage Bird Society, and also that it was decided to hold a nest feather show in July, the date of which was duly published in CAGE BIRDS. The result of the show was naturally watched with interest by the fanciers here generally; but up to the present I have not read any report of the show, and the fanciers of the town have been kept in the dark as to the progress or otherwise of the St. Crispin Society. The news leaked out through a report of a meeting and ramble of the St. Crispin Society which was published in CAGE BIRDS of August 12, over the name of one of the members of that society, in which it was stated that, owing to lack of interest, it was deemed necessary to wind up the St. Crispin C.B.S. Then, on taking up CAGE BIRDS of August 19, lo! and behold! another letter was published over the name of Jno. Nason, hon. sec., that the previous week's report (signed T. Gammage) was a misleading report of the doings of the St. Crispin Society, at the same time inferring that the writer was a member of another society. Now, sir, as a member of the only other society in Northampton devoted solely to cage birds (the Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.), I consider this uncalled-for remark of Jno. Nason does no credit to him, for if John knew the writer, whether he be a member of his own self-formed society or a member of any other society, he has his own remedy, without throwing suspicion on another society: and knowing personally each member of the Hand-in-Hand C.B.S. (which has a membership of about sixty) I do not believe one of them would lower himself to hit either Mr. Nason or the St. Crispin Society below the belt in the way the writer of the letter did. But I doubt not, John, that any member of the Hand-in-Hand would give you every credit if you could bring this new-found blackleg of yours to book, and I should advise you to look well over the nest of hornets you have given so much time and trouble to hand-feed. It would be interesting to know, John, if your blackleg fledgling was on view at the St. Crispin's nest feather show.

W. E. ALLEN.

Another White Swallow.

Sir,—As I have read of several White Swallows being seen this summer, perhaps the following will be of interest to the readers of your most interesting paper. While walking along by the river Trent near Stone, Staffordshire, on August 26, I was quite surprised when I saw a pure white Swallow flying up and down the river along with several ordinary coloured ones, among which it looked quite conspicuous. I have since been told that it has been in this vicinity during the last week.

J. A. BOWDIDGE.

A Question for Border Fanciers.

Sir,—Can any of your readers explain the following: I had a nest of five young Borders, which have done very well until lately I noticed some of them getting red and swollen-like at the feet. Latterly I noticed that two of them were to lose their centre toe-nails; these just seemed to rot off. Yet the birds are as healthy as one could wish to see. Another thing I wish to ask is, would a bird without a claw be thrown out by a judge at any of our shows?

BORDER FANCY.

An Excellent First Attempt.

Sir,—Referring to Mrs. Tingle's letter, I may say that I also experienced a very similar case to hers, this year being my first in bird breeding. I paired my birds up on May 12, and the first egg was laid next morning (the 13th). I had three more eggs—one each morning following—but I did not leave them there as Mrs. Tingle did; I removed them as they were laid, and replaced them on the fourth morning; all four hatched out on the thirteenth day within a few hours of each other, and all are now doing well on hard seed. I also let the cock bird stay with them during the process of rearing, which he did almost entirely, the mother not feeding after the second or third day. Yet they were the healthiest youngsters one could wish to see, leaving the nest at seventeen days old. The second nest was better still. Five youngsters hatched out on the twelfth day of incubation, the cock again doing the "lion's" share of the feeding; these also left the nest at seventeen days old. I have had three nests—one four and two fives (fourteen in all)—and every egg hatched, but unfortunately the last nest of five were lost by the heavy thunderstorm last Saturday week, causing the hen to lay on them, they then being only three days old.

ARTHUR FORREST.

The Food of the Chaffinch.

Sir,—The following, which I came across in "Country Life," will probably interest fellow-readers:—A pair of Chaffinches built last summer, and again this, in a flowering shrub in my garden (says the writer of the letter). Last summer two nestlings were found dead below the nest, probably taken by a cat, but the old birds managed to get one safely away, and when they had started her or him in the leafy world they returned to partake of canary and hemp seed, which I threw out on walls below the dining-room window. I have a little Redpoll in a cage in the window who is always charmed to see the Chaffinch, and, as a rule, he does not bring his wife with him. This summer the same pair built in the same bush, but, as if warned by experience, placed the nest a yard or so higher up. They came several times daily for canary and hemp seed, always joyfully greeted by the Redpoll, until the young were hatched. But they then gave up coming for seed, and I watched them constantly catching flies and insects on the wing, which they carried to their young. I concluded that they did not think bird seed suitable for tender digestions, and sacrificed their own fancy for it for the good of their nestlings. In due time I watched the young family leave the nest one fine morning and disappear with their parents into the woodland below. I felt sure the Chaffinch would return when the young were able to look after themselves, as he had done last summer. In about ten days he came and greeted the Redpoll and picked up seed from the walls as before. Almost at the same minute a Yellow-hammer appeared with two young ones. The latter were quite able to fly, but the elder bird fed them with canary and hemp seed, which they seemed fully to appreciate. The Chaffinch made a show of driving them away, but they persevered in remaining, and came again several times. I may add that I have never seen such beautiful specimens as these Chaffinches and Yellow-hammers. The female of the latter has a rich yellow-striped head. I think the climate and the iron in the soil of North Devon produce a redundancy of colour observable in birds and flowers.

A. E. WALKLEY.

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Canaries, etc., with Air-distended Skin.

Sir,—In reply to "Reader and Breeder," I have had such on several occasions during my experience of many years as a bird fancier. Some of the birds reminded one more of a miniature balloon. I have found it more so when hand-rearing. I put it down to weakness and inability to digest the food. I have also pricked the skin (I avoid penetrating a vein), but it has come again with next feeding, and I have seldom met with success in rearing the birds thus affected.

F. J. Weaire.

Sir,—I thought it might interest your correspondent, "A Reader and Breeder," to know that young Greenfinches, when hand-reared, often suffer from distended skin in the way described. They generally die when this occurs; but this year I had a very fine nestling brought me "in a nest of three." He showed signs of this ailment, if I may so call it, about two days after I had him—as soon as he began to call for food. It appeared to raise the skin from the roof of the beak to the joining of the wing. It had the appearance of a child's toy balloon with a little stringy neck in the middle, and every vein was stretched to its utmost. My greatest fear was that one of the veins would burst. I used to press it back, and the wind escaped through the mouth. I held the neck firmly while I fed the bird. I also tried a thin elastic band sown round, but it was no good. Then I began to prick the little air cells with a needle; the swelling would go down for a bit, but as soon as the bird began to call "chicket, chicket" for food the swelling would come up as badly as ever. I had not the heart to kill the bird, although that is what I thought I ought to do. At last I found that the air seemed to escape from the lungs just above where the left wing join the body, so there I put the needle right through, and made a little slit that could not easily fill up again, and this treatment proved successful, as the bird was, in the end, the only one that lived. (I find that Greenfinches are hard to rear.) It is now such a bonny bird that I have to look twice to be sure which is the old Greenfinch and which the young one. I am hoping to mate him to a young Roller hen next spring. I have read that some birds have the power of filling the bones with air when about to take flight. I have thought that probably the same thing applies to the inner skin, and that this sort of "indiarubber" skin is due to an abnormal number or size of the air cells. I also thought it would interest "Aviator" to know that I have taken the measurements of my young Cuckoo (that was taken from a Wagtail's nest in England), and is only now just beginning to feed himself a little. They are as follows: From tip of beak to tip of tail, 12 inches; from wing point to wing point (when fully stretched for flying), 20 inches; round body, over tightly closed wings, 8 inches. I have seen a specimen of an old Cuckoo (caught in England,) in our Victoria Institute, that could, I am sure, compete for size with any pigeon. I am told they are often shot in mistake for such.

Mrs. E. M. Sargeant.

BREEDING RESULTS OF THE 1911 SEASON.

Notes on the results of the present breeding season, or of any interesting happenings, are invited from the secretaries of societies and others. The communications must in each case be accompanied by the sender's name and address

Sunderland C.B.A.

The breeding results of the Sunderland fanciers during the past season may be regarded as fairly satisfactory, for although some of the members have had only poor results, others have done very well. Instances of clear eggs have not been very numerous, although a number of fanciers have had a good many youngsters dead in shell. But the principal complaint has been bad-feeding hens. Taken all through, however, the results have been much better than those of the previous season, and this can doubtless be put down to the grand summer we have had. I am giving you the results of sixteen of our members, the aggregate of these being just 500, made up as follows:—W. F. Swan, 130 (Crests 30, Yorkshires 17, Lancashires 6, and the rest Borders); J. Farrar, 50 (Crests, Yorkshires, and Borders); J. Snowball, 46 (all Norwich); A. Walker, 48 (40 Borders and 8 Lizards); T. Davidson, 30 (Borders); T. Bainbridge, 30 (Borders); W. Reid, 30 (11 Norwich, 13 Lizards, 4 Borders, and 2 Mules); J. Jeffrey, 28 (Lizards); J. Riseborough, 26 (17 Norwich, 5 Yorkshires, 2 Lizards, and 2 Cinnamons); R. Newcombe, 25 (Borders); C. Waters, 14 (10 Canaries and 4 Mules); T. Gray, 14 (all Yorkshires); R. Haswell, 12 (Lizards and Borders); J. A. Murray, 8 (5 Mules from Mules and 3 Canaries); J. Machin, 5 (Norwich); and G. Davidson, 5 (Lizards). It may interest readers of Cage Birds to know that the Mules from Mules bred by Mr. Murray this year are bred from the same cock Linnet Mule and hen Canary that produced the youngsters I have previously written about, this year's birds being bred before I sent the old pair on to a well-known muling expert who now has them in his possession, of which more anon.

W. Reid.

My Experiences as a Fancier.

By J. SHEPHERD.

The following lecture was delivered before the members of the Northern Border and Scotch Fancy Club on August 14.

Mr. Shepherd said it gave him the greatest of pleasure to give an account of his experiences to the Border and Scotch Fanciers present. To make a start he should have to go a long way back—to the year 1866, in fact—when he lived in a colliery village called Colliery Dikes, or, as it is now known, Dipton. Here he lived for a number of years with his grandmother, and from Grannie received his first lessons on bird keeping.

A Nestful of Sparrows.

His Grannie was fond of birds, and was always pleased to tell him all she knew about a case of stuffed birds that had come from warmer climes. There were about 25 birds in the case, but all Mr. S. remembers of them was a Rock Mynah and a cock Goldie. But their grand colours did not entice him, and he longed for a Sparrow, and many a pinch of salt he ran out with to put on their tails. But at last a friend who was pulling down a house gave him a nestful—nest and all. Mr. S. ran home to Grannie in high glee, only to get a lecture on his cruelty, until she understood how he had got them; then Grannie told him how they were too young to feed themselves, and showed him how to chew up bread with a drop of milk, and how to feed the young ones. She also put them out in an old cage so that the old ones could help feed them; this they did. At last they were full-fledged, and one morning, before Mr. S. got up, Grannie let them go, much to his sorrow. Grannie promised him another bird, one that would sing, which consoled him.

After a few months a friend gave him a Greenfinch, and as the old cage could not be got one had to be made; so Mr. S. went to the nearest grocer, got a box, and put strips of wood up for wires. Greenie was put in there, and it was more like a rabbit hutch than a cage.

When Halfpennies were Scarce.

Greenie became a great favourite and was carried about all over Dipton. It hardly ever had a half-pennyworth of secd, it was fed on green food and oats and on whatever scraps could be had. Halfpennies were scarce then. A friend took a fancy to it as it was such a size and such a grand colour, and Mr. S. sold it at the then enormous price of 2s.. and a pair of Canaries, and he believes that up to that time it was a record price. The friend sent him, as promised, a pair of the then "wee gems"—Cumberland Fancies—and for three years Grannie and he bred with them. During that time he had always a Linnet or two and some Greenies.

A trade was then to be taken up, and owing to his always pottering among rabbit hutches and cages it was decided to make him a cabinet maker. His first place was at Consett. His master here was a fancier, and encouraged him in the Fancy. He was only a short time with him, and then came to Newcastle, where his new master also encouraged him in the care of feathered friends. Mr. S. also met, and enjoyed the company of, other fanciers. Finishing his time here, he was advised by fellow workers to get to Scotland to learn a better style of work, and it was a good day for him when he left for Edinburgh, as when he arrived he found he had a lot to learn.

With "The Shamrock."

Here he was bench-mate with one Jimmy Bradley, one of the finest workmen he has ever known, before or since, and he owes everything to him. Jimmy was a bird fancier, but Mr. S. did not know it until one day the shop-boy caught a Chaffie, and said he would take it to "the Shamrock," explaining that "the Shamrock" was Jimmy Bradley, and that he got the name of "Shamrock" because he had said he had a Blackbird that could whistle "The Dear Little Shamrock." They soon went to lodge together, and had some birds. But after some time they went to Dundee, leaving their tools in Edinburgh. Jimmy, being well known, got a job at once, tools or not. But Mr. S. was not so fortunate, and walked the streets for some days, Jimmy sticking to him and going to see him through. Mr. S. saw an advertisement in a window for a male polisher, went in and got the job, having learnt the art of polishing from an old hand at Consett in his spare time at nights. This master was a fancier as well, and carted Mr. S. all over the place. One day he asked Mr. S. if he knew of a good cabinet maker, as he wanted one very badly, having got in a big ordor. Mr. S. was in a fix, but told his master, with the result that he started again at his old trade on the Monday, thereby doubling his wages. Then "the Shamrock" and he went off to the Granite City, but the work was not up to the mark; as Jimmy said, when his master asked him what he would call a sideboard, "Shure, an' I would call it an ould coal box."

Mr. S. and he returned to Glasgow. They stayed some time in Glasgow and lodged with a rare old fancier; and it was here Mr. S. saw his first "Glasgow Don," the now Scotch Fancy. Several fanciers were met here, and Mr. S. and Jimmy had a room to themselves. It was half birdroom and half bedroom.

A Sad Parting.

Sickness among Jimmy's old folks in Belfast here caused a parting never again to be repaired. On Jimmy's advice Mr. S. came on to Liverpool, and getting work across the river at Seacombe, lodged there. In his lodging here he saw his first living Goldfinch. His landlord was a real fancier, and gave Mr. S. a Goldie, and from him Mr. S. learned how to keep Hawfinches. Adult Hawfinches are, he said, hard to moult, and are best fed on green peas during the moult.

A friend used to visit the house, and used to be much more interested in Mr. Shepherd's birds than anyone's, and this friend asked him his opinion regarding their Bantams; he said they were a tip-top pair, and when they were sent to a show a few weeks after the Judge confirmed his statement, and they came home with the coveted first and special. That clinched matters, and the friend is now Mrs. Shepherd, as they were married not long after, and from then till now they have never been without a bird in the house.

At Liverpool he came in contact with Mr. Hadwin, and took up at this time the breeding of Yorkshires. About this time, too, he sent a Greenie to Earlston show, and Mr. Houlton was judge. Mr. S. thought the Greenie had a good chance, but it was out of it. He fought for the common Greenie, and has fought for it ever since. Then he was some time at Cloughhold among the Lizard fanciers, and later at Rochdale among the Lancashire Coppies; and there he had a interesting experience. Sent to a job, he was at it some time, and on going into the village near by he went to the barber's and then found out he had been shaved by the Farnworth hangman, the famous Billington. He lived in and about Liverpool for a matter of 14 or 15 years, and 10 years ago he took the fancy and came back again to Newcastle.

A Stroke of Bad Luck.

Mr. Maddison was the first fancier he met. He intended when he came not to keep more than a singing bird or two, but you should see his room. He had had his ups and downs in the Fancy, but had nothing serious until he lost 250 birds, and he was rather suspicious. It was due to two bought birds being put among his others. He only saved about a dozen, and they were mostly British. The wood alone for the cages cost over £30, and they were tossed out into the yard, exposed to the weather. Twelve months after he tried them, and he found that weather and time had been as efficacious as a disinfectant.

Liverpool men rallied round him and set him off again with six pairs. He had always found fanciers true hearted, and the best of friends one could have. He was confident they would never see a fellow fancier want.

Mr. Currah said how pleased he was to have heard Mr. Shepherd, and that he would often think of what Mr. Shepherd had said when he was thousands of miles away. Mr. Ernie Atkinson said he, too, had enjoyed the lecture; he only wished he knew Mr. S. better than he did. Mr. Shepherd was asked if he found it true that an adult Sparrow could not be kept in captivity, and his answer was that it was practically true, as he had never been able to steady an adult bird, and never yet was he able to get one into exhibition condition. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Shepherd for his kindness. Regret was evident on all sides that Mr. Currah would have to leave us.—J. N. F. Scott, Sec.

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British Softbilled Birds.

How I feed and treat them.

By
MISS C. D. FITZMAURICE
(Kilrush, Co. Clare).

In commencing these few notes on my favourite soft-bills I may state that there are a few sorts which I prefer to hand-rear. In hand-rearing I have found the following contrivance useful and inexpensive. Most probably the greatest difficulty in rearing young birds is to supply an equivalent for the heat of the mother bird, many promising youngsters succumbing to a single night's cold. It is easy during the daytime to keep the birds near the fire, but for the night I adopted this plan: I got an ordinary biscuit tin, a night-light and glass, a piece of wire nailed on a wooden frame, a flower-pot and an earthenware nest pan. Then I put the night-light in the tin, covered the tin with the wire, on the wire set the flowerpot and nest pan, and in the nest pan in flannel placed the young birds. It seems silly, but in reality I have found it a workable idea, and have reared Swallows, etc. successfully by means of it.

A Delightful Songster.

I will pass over the Nightingale, as this bird is not met with in Ireland, and I have no experience of it; and I will proceed to write about that delightful songster, the Blackcap. In June is the best time to search for a nest of Blackcaps. I have usually discovered their cosy abode in tangled brambles. Take the young birds when the ends of the feathers are beginning to peep through the pen-coverings. Then bring them home, and see that they are kept warm; feed as follows. If one lives in the country and has time, nothing, of course, can beat caterpillars, spiders, grubs, and such like in profusion; but few bird-keepers can offer such luxuries to their pets, so one has generally to be content with a good insectivorous food, supplemented with small mealworms, gentles and chopped lettuce, green food being essential. During the moulting season I have found elderberries and spiders very useful.

The best cage is a large box cage enamelled light green inside, with the perches arranged a good distance apart so as to give the birds plenty of exercise. If kept in this way, a bath and frequent live tit-bits being supplied to it, the Blackcap will prove a charming songster and a good show bird.

However, it is not always possible to hand-rear our pets, the process involving much time and trouble. So sometimes we must be content with wild-caught birds, though the latter are never as tame. I have never found it easy to capture full grown Blackcaps, but whenever I succeeded it was with a spring net trap, baited with elderberries. When caught I put the bird into a large box cage with a wooden bar front, which I keep specially for freshly captured birds, and then place it in the dark with a little water, but no food, until early next morning when the hungry bird is tempted with some lively small mealworms, a spider or anything of the sort obtainable. If it does not eat then, I sprinkle it with water; and if that is ineffectual I release it, as a sulky bird seldom comes to any good. But during my experience of bird keeping it has only once been necessary to liberate the bird; yet my best Blackcap, "Joey," had to receive a shower-bath to give him an appetite. "Joey" is a decidedly handsome fellow, being large and well-shaped, having a glossy black cap and neat silky plumage in different shades of blue-grey and grey-brown. He will take a spider from my fingers fearlessly and has a very sweet, clear song, which he keeps up well during the summer and on bright days through the winter. I have three others at present, two cocks and a dainty little brown hen to whom "Joey" is devoted, and if I had my aviary now, I should have hopes of their breeding.

The Pretty Meadow Pipit.

The Meadow Pipit is a great favourite of mine, being sprightly, tame, easily kept and charmingly pretty, its soft plumage of pale yellow, barred with olive brown, and its dainty slim form making it most attractive. I like a low long cage in which to keep it, the bottom covered thickly with stream sand which must be very fine, as the bird's feet are in my opinion, rather tender.

It is not at all difficult to meat off the Meadow Pipit, and it is quite unnecessary to hand-rear it, as it is easily tamed, and soon settles down to cage life. I often give my birds a run in an empty room for exercise, as they do not seem to keep in the best of plumage without it. "Dick," the first specimen of this bird I obtained, I have had now for over five years. He is extremely tame, sitting on his little moss cushion and warbling his cheery song while I carry the cage about. I prefer a piece of moss (the common flat sort that covers old walls) on a tin lid, to a sod, as it does not get dirty so quickly and is easily obtained.

The simplest food keeps a Pipit in good condition, and I have noticed that "Dick" is very partial to hulled and soaked Canary seed. He is also fond of picking over a handful of garden earth.

To maintain Meadow Pipits and indeed all softbills in health and beauty of plumage, the greatest cleanliness is necessary; food and water vessels should be kept scrupulously clean and the cage raked out frequently. It is certainly troublesome, but the genuine bird-lover will not grudge a little bother in the interests of his pets.

A large, brightly coloured Pipit should make a good show bird, although, of course, its commonness is against it. Still, in my opinion, a Pipit in glossy feather in a cage enamelled egg shell blue should not be beaten even by rarer birds if the latter are not in first rate condition.

The Stonechat and Its Feeding.

The Stonechat is rather difficult to keep, it being almost impossible to meat the species off. However, two years ago I hand-reared two out of a nest of four, and they certainly repay all the bother I had with them, for two prettier creatures surely cannot exist. The Stonechat may not be well-known to the town dweller, for it is essentially a bird of the country, and frequents commons and heaths, being most plentiful, in my experience, near the sea. Its nest is artfully hidden, and can only be discovered by the exercise of great patience on the part of the searcher, it being generally necessary to watch the birds to their home; and as they are very suspicious this is no easy task. I have invariably found the nest under furze bushes growing on low banks.

This bird requires a large roomy cage, and will not be content with a small one, being restless. An extra good insectivorous mixture should be supplied to it, and as much live food as possible. In my case it does not care much for fruit or green food, so these must be well mixed with the dry food, or the bird will reject them. The Stonechat's plumage is most attractive; it is, in colour, a mixture of black, white, chestnut-red and brown, tastefully disposed. The female is more soberly attired in various shades of brown and white. I fancy sea-green is the most suitable colour for the inside of a Stonechat's cage, but pale blue should also answer.

The Saucy Blue Tit.

Our prettiest Britisher, with perhaps the exception of the Kingfisher, is, I consider, the saucy Blue Tit with its azure crown, wings and tail, its yellow breast marked by a dark blue line, its olive green back and its white cheeks. But alas! it is almost impossible to keep it for long in a cage. Many times have I tried, but almost always with the same sad result. Again and again I vowed never to keep one again, but, a glint of blue and a saucy "spee, spee," and I was conquered.

My present bird I have had for upwards of four months. He is kept in a very large all-wire cage, in a cosy corner of the room (by the bye, always see that the wires are close together; "Thomas" is a great hand at squeezing out, and cats abound!). A bit of fat dangles on a long string; a cocoanut husk forms a warm sleeping-place; and sunflower and hemp seeds, mealworms, gentles, blue bottles, a bit of apple, a bit of cocoanut and a good supply of ants' eggs form his larder. Up to the time of writing "Thomas" is very bright and perky, and always has a cheery "spee spee, chiddle-dee" for me when I enter the room. Long may he remain so, for if dear little "Tommy" were to die, it would be like parting from my best friend.

A Sweet and Constant Singer.

Oh how the sentimentalists will cry out against me when I speak of caging Robins! But I have no patience with sentimentalists, not the very least; they are either ignorant, prejudiced or affected. A lady once said to me: "How you can be so cruel as to keep poor innocent little birds in cages I don't know; it's positively wicked!" I looked at her seal-skin coat, and egret-plumed hat, and remembered having seen Quails, Larks and Wheatears on her table, and I answered nothing, but reflected a good bit. A man told me "it showed ignorance of Nature and all suitability to imprison the wild birds" I heard him afterwards declaring that "a Lark's song hadn't any more music in it than a barrel organ." Need I add that this story is a true one? So you can guess what my opinion of the sentimental crew is. Now, a Robin is a very sweet and constant singer, not to speak of its prettiness and friendliness, so I am never without one. I feed it on plain insectivorous diet, and supply worms and fruit in plenty to it, and a bath very often.

I cannot close my note on this bird without referring to a Robin called "Bobbie" I had years ago. "Bobbie" was brought to me by my little sister Ethel, who told me that cruel boys had broken his wings and hurt his leg with a stone while he sat on his nest in a hole in the wall. I amputated poor "Bobbie's" wing which was hopelessly injured and let him loose into a room which was my first aviary. He immediately set up as lord of the room, and it was very amusing to watch his wars with the other Robins. He delighted in a bath, and when the glass dish which served as a public bath to the inhabitants of bird town was renewed in the morning "Bobbie" at once had a splash in it. He wasn't content with this but would go round a corner away and wait until another Robin was in the water, when he would limp angrily up and drive the offender off, after which he would jump into it himself and warble a short song of triumph. He lived a happy life for some years, but at last succumbed to a very vicious Robin whom I had unfortunately introduced into the room. "Bobbie" was wonderfully tame, and always came to meet me as I entered the room with expectanoy of getting a worm, in which he was seldom disappointed.

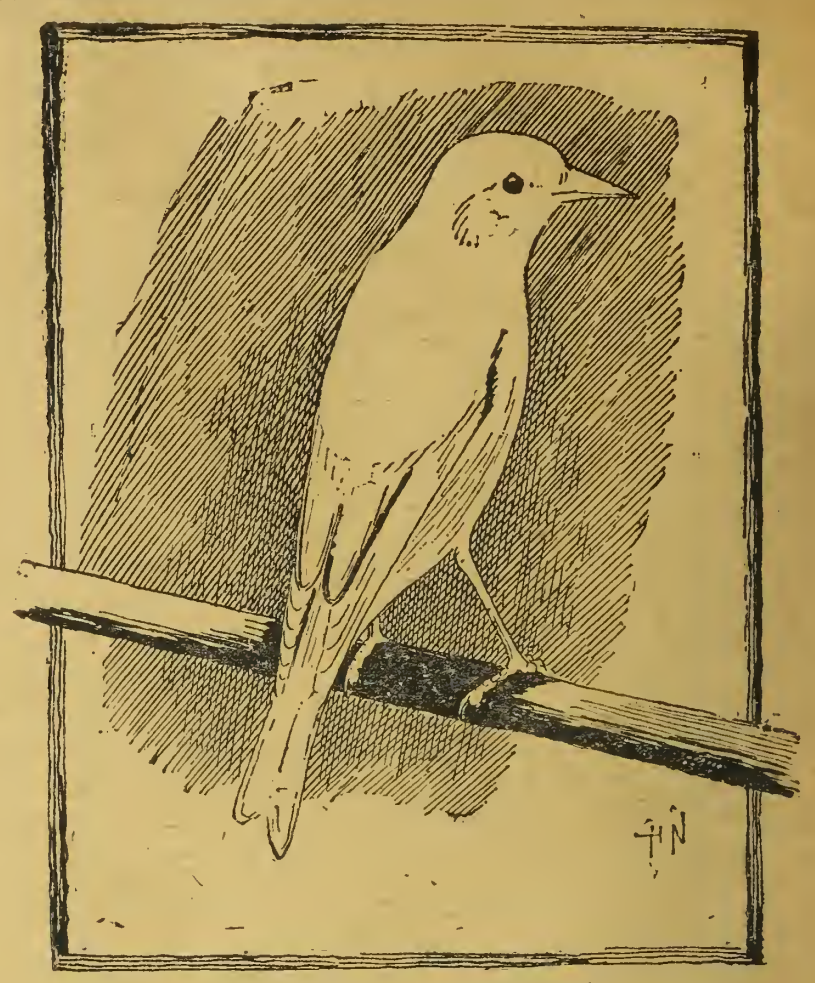
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A FREAK OF NATURE.

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Wild-Bird Life.

After the Harvest is Over.

Now that the greater part of the harvest is gathered the hills and valeys have lost some of their beauty. The golden grain lent a richness to the landscape unseen at any other time. The stubble still gives colour, but not the colour of the standing corn. To have acres of cover removed in a few days must be a rude shock to the wild birds frequenting such glorious hunting grounds. The hedgerows bordering the fields are dense and thick, and to these the birds fly at the first approach of danger. They are thickly populated with both young and old of many species, although thousands have already moved quietly southward, most probably, doing the journey to our southern shores in easy stages, for there is no need for hurry. Winter, we hope, is a long way off yet, and the journey across the seas need not be made until there is a decided change in the weather and the food supply is not quite so liberal as formerly. Now the harvest is cleared, hundreds of birds settle on the stubble and feed greedily upon the shattered grain. It is very doubtful if at this time wild seeds form even a part of the bill of fare of several species. Some half-dozen Sparrows killed out of a flock of perhaps a hundred, could not muster a single grain of wild seed among the contents of the crops of the whole of them. They had nothing but good sound wheat. So, also, had a couple of Greenbirds. The pretty free-flying Turtle Doves come down from the wooded hills and feast to their hearts' content in the open fields. Although these birds will not be departing for quite a month, they have gradually altered their habits. Till recently they were only to be met with in pairs, or at most three or four, old birds and young; but now they can be seen in slightly larger parties. This is apparently the outcome of the desire to consort with their fellows, and will eventually lead to the coming together of the huge flocks which can be noted in favoured localities some time previous to their final departure. Unlike the Wood-pigeon, these pretty Doves only rear one brood of young during the season, but they are generally fairly plentiful, and in some seasons so numerous that they become destructive to certain crops. But as a rule they can safely be classed with our useful birds.

A Suspicious Nest-builder.

Most birds dislike any interference with their nest and eggs, and some are much more suspicious than others. The tiny Wren is particularly fastidious, and should her home be touched ever so lightly during her absence she will detect it, and most probably abandon her eggs at once.

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CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE

THREATENINGS AT MILLOM.

NOTES BY THE SECRETARY.

Following is the report to which I referred last week as having been published in a Millom contemporary:

CAGE BIRDS AND DISEASE.

STRONG ACTION BY MILLOM HEALTH AUTHORITY.

In their war upon all pulmonary disease, the Millom Health Committee have taken very strong action in the matter of cage birds.

Within the past few days notices have been served by the Inspector of Nuisances (Mr. A. Haynes) to all known owners of birds who keep the same upon their living premises, informing them that the birds must be disposed of within a certain period.

This power is vested in the Health Committee under Sections 95 and 96 of the Public Health Act (1875), and the putting into operation of this is being much resented by "fanciers" in the Millom district, who talk of combining for the purpose of testing the legality of the sanitary authority's action. Already several small sums of money have been subscribed or promised towards this object, and for the purpose of more effective action a cage birds' society is in process of formation.

It is understood that all owners of birds above one will be affected. Dr. Stoney, Medical Officer of Health for the Urban District Council, has made a personal inspection of a number of residential premises where cage birds are known to be kept.

The number of phthisis cases in Millom, especially among the young, and particularly in the Newtown portion of the district, is alarming, and Dr. Stoney is earnestly engaged in combatting the tubercular scourge by means of a free dispensary promoted by the Millom Urban Council on his suggestion, and by domiciliary visits, etc.

Mr. Park says in his letter, "These officials seem to have slackened off in visiting rooms and serving notices. I sincerely hope they will let the matter drop, although I am informed it is to come up again in about three weeks." This letter from Mr. Park is dated August 21, and I have not since heard from him. In the meantime CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE has not been idle, and I am only waiting to hear what further steps, if any, are threatened by the Millom authorities.

How Far Will They Go?

The combination of fanciers mentioned in the above article may be assured that every assistance will be afforded them in their resistance to any action on the part of the authorities which is not strictly within their legal powers. To threaten that "all owners of birds above one will be affected" is, of course, simply ridiculous; that is, in the present state of the law. No magistrate would order an owner of two birds kept in proper conditions to part with his pets, nor the owner of any number of birds to do so, unless the Health Committee could prove to his satisfaction that their keeping was a menace to the public health. Whether the law will in the more or less immediate future be altered to make cage bird keeping an offence in itself, either if one or two birds or one or two hundred are concerned, is another matter. I have many times pointed out that this is the avowed object of the professional humanitarians. It is the undisguised goal toward which they are striving, and only a combination of many thousands of bird-keepers may prevent the consummation of their frantic endeavours. A few fanciers, or a few hundred fanciers, would be entirely at their mercy, and bird-keepers must themselves band together in their united thousands to avert the disaster which is imminently threatening.

In Numbers is Strength.

We have capital to fight against, and only numbers can give us success. CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE is already a power to be reckoned with, and our opponents know it. We must show them, and show them soon, that it is such a power that their efforts will be of no avail. Then, and not till then, the bird lover who is as much of a humanitarian as these paid servants of public societies will be left in peace to pursue his innocent hobby. Send along your subscription at once, and the end of all persecution is near.

The Booking Clerks and Bird Parcels.

Enquiry is being made into the alleged action of the booking clerks at Nottingham in refusing to accept live birds for transmission, and I hope to have a further announcement to make next week in regard to this matter.

Non-members and Our Badges.

I am continually getting applications from non-members for badges. Will readers kindly note that badges are for the wearing of members of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE as a visible token of membership? They are not supplied to non-members under any circumstances. Those who would wish to wear one of the League badges must therefore enclose with their application the membership fee as well as the price of the badge.

More Local Hon. Secs.

I have the pleasure of noting the following additions to our list of Local Hon. Secs. Many secretaries have written that, owing to there being no meeting of their societies during July and August the matter is in abeyance, and I hope soon to announce a large extension. Intending members residing in towns already represented (see lists in the past three issues) may send their applications for membership either direct to me, or through their Local Hon. Sec. In the latter case, they will be benefiting their own local society in the competition for our prizes.

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The Way Members are Helping.

Sir,—Our meeting has been postponed until September 4 owing to so many members being on holiday. Will you kindly send me a good parcel of pamphlets? I have made arrangements with our leading seedsman to deliver them to fanciers. I intend to make things go here. All the members I have met are willing to join the LEAGUE.—F. PRICE, Local Hon. Sec. Walsall.

Sir,—The rolled gold badges are about the neatest thing I have seen. I shall wear mine at every opportunity. I have given a lot of bird fanciers the CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE pamphlet, and I will bring its aims and objects before our society at our next monthly meeting, to be held on September 6. Wishing CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE every success.—C. RAMSEY, Local Hon. Sec.

Croxdale, Co. Durham.

Sir,—At our last meeting a debate was opened on the subject of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE to decide upon the action of our club in the matter. We realised as fanciers that our hobby is in danger of serious attack, and we unanimously decided that to connect ourselves with the LEAGUE was the proper thing to do. It was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously that I accept the position of Local Hon. Sec., and I should be glad if you would kindly forward me some pamphlets for distribution. Our chairman, myself, and other members have agreed to join, and I am hoping that nearly all of our members will follow suit in due course.—G. H. WHARAM, Local Hon. Sec.

Derby.

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CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

Altrincham C.B.S.—Sept. 5, Victoria Cafe, 8.—C. C. Blackshaw

Ardwick C.B.S.—Sept. 5, Onward Hall, 8. Open question night.—J. Spencer.

Ashton-under-Lyne.—Sept. 5, P.S.A. Rooms, 8. Final table show and back end show business.—J. R. Colville.

Barnoldswick C.B.S.—Sept. 5, Alexandra Cafe, 7.30. Important.—J. Wilson.

Barnsley C.B.S.—Sept. 2, Clarence Hotel, 7.30. Open show business. Members please attend.—F. C. Sims.

Bristol C.B.S.—Sept. 6, City Hotel, Wine Street, 8. Show and other important business.—A. Carter.

Bootle C.B.S.—Sept. 5, Thompson's Rooms, Primrose Road, 8. Schedule for annual old show, etc.—F. E. Hawkes.

Border City (Carlisle) O.S.—Sept. 6th, 8.15, Headquarters, general meeting; final revision of schedule; arrangements for specials, etc. Full attendance requested.—J. C. Bell.

Bradford East O.S.—Sept. 5, Park Chapel Schools, 8. Allotting specials for members' shows; nomination of Union judges for next year's shows; arrangements for Sept. show, etc. Members please attend.—H. Hill.

Cheltenham C.B.S.—Sept. 6, Sydney Arms Hotel, 8. Paper by Mr. Gwilliam (Gloster), on "The Border Fancy."—A. S. Treasure.

Chester C.B.F.A. — Sept. 5, Nag's Head Cocoa House, 8.30. Arrangements for washing competition, etc. Please attend.—J. Swindley.

City of Birmingham C.B.S.—Sept. 6, Crown Hotel, 8.30. Please make effort to be present.—S. Mole.

City and County of Perth O.S.—Sept. 4, Laidlaw's Temperance Hotel, Leonard Street, 8. Important.—J. Kerr.

Clapham C.B.S.—Sept. 5, Landor Hotel, 8.30.—Schedule and general open show business; very important; all attend.—A. F. Priest.

Clitheroe C.B.S.—Sept. 4, Bennett's Tea Rooms, 8. Making of schedule for December show.—J. Southworth.

Colne C.B.S.—Sept. 7, Dockray Chambers, 8. General; etc.—W. Maxwell.

Coventry O.S.—Sept. 6, Sydenham Palace, 6.30. Schedule for open show.—A. J. Barratt.

Crook Original C.B.F. and F.S.—Sept. 2, Crown Hotel, Crook, 8. Important; members please attend.—J. Horner.

Cumnock C.B.S.—Sept. 2, Co-op. Hall, Auchinleck, 7. Selection of cup for yearly competition, etc.—J. Nutt.

Dalkeith C.C.—Sept. 2, Ship Inn, 7. Selection of medals and to decide judges.—Ewing and Steel.

Darlington C.B.S.—Sept. 6, Labour Hall, 7.30. Discussion; colour feeding; etc.—H. Todd.

Derwent Valley C.B.S.—Sept. 2, Mr. Barkas's, 19 High Westwood, 7.—J. Lindsey.

Dewsbury C.B.S.—Sept. 2, Saville Hotel, 7.30. Meeting.—S. Shaw.

Doncaster C.B.S.—Sept. 9, Victoria Rooms, 7. Final arrangements; open classification rules, specials, etc. Will members please make special effort to attend; business important.—G. Bescoby.

Dulwich and Peckham C.B.—Sept. 5, Reindeer Hotel, Rye Lane, Peckham, 8 p.m. Questions night.—W. Hodson.

Eastfield Side C.B.S.—Sept. 2, Masons' Arms, 7, Lecture on Norwich Plainhead, by Mr. F. Beardall, and special meeting in connection with annual show.—R. Nuttall.

East Ham F.S.—Friday, Sept. 1, Earl of Wakefield, Wakefield Street, East Ham, 8 p.m. Adjourned general meeting re Y.S. show. What about specials, members, please?—H. Rutter.

Eccleshill C.B.A.—Sept. 2, Fountain Inn, 8. Open show business; members please attend.—W. Nettleton.

Edinburgh Eastern O.S.—Sept. 4, Free Gardiner's Hall, Abbey Mount, 8.—D. D. Horne.

Forfar C.B.S.—Sept. 9, Granite Bar, 7. Open show business.—J. Fyfe.

Gateshead C.B.S.—Sept. 5, Lockhart's Cafe, 8. Committee meeting.—A. Holden.

Glasgow and Western Counties.—Sept. 2, 122, Ingram Street, 6.30. Classification for annual show; election of judges.—T. Drysdale.

Glasgow West End C.B.C.—Sept. 8, Clarendon Hall, 8. Lecture, "Border Fancy Canary," by Mr. A. Miller. Good attendance requested.—W. Proudfoot.

Gt. Harwood C.B.S.—Sept. 4, Dan MacNally, Church Street, 7.30. O.B. show business.—A. Bentley.

Hanley C.B.S.—Sept. 2, Albion Hotel, 6.30. Classification for open show and other important business. Members please attend.—G. Lawton.

Halifax O.S.—Sept. 2, Plummet Lane Hotel, Bull Close Lane, 8. Meeting and lecture by Mr. F. Greenwood (Hebden Bridge), on "Local birds from an avicultural point of view and their foods." Fanciers invited. Members note change of meeting room.—J. J. Dunn.

Hartlepools C.B.S.—Sept. 6, Y.M.C.A., Whitby St., 8. Distribution of specials, books, etc.—E. Woodhead.

Houghton-le-Spring C.B.S.—Sept. 2, White Lion Hotel, 7.30. Annual show business.—R. H. Dixon.

Huddersfield O.S.—Sept. 4, Old Hat Hotel, West Parade, 8. Coming show.—F. J. Sykes.

Hull C.B.S.—Sept. 4, Oddfellows' Hall, 8. Seed and berry competition. Judge, Mr. T. Perkins.—E. R. Ridley.

Hyson Green (Nottingham) C.B.S.—Sept. 5, Cricket Players' Hotel, 8. Open show business; urgent; all members please attend.—W. Cottingham.

Ilkeston C.B.S.—Sept. 2, Prince of Wales Inn, Bath Street, 7. Discussing classes for open show.—T. Smith.

Jarrow, Hebburn C.B.S.—Sept. 5, Lockhart's Cafe, 8. Will all members attend to fix date of show, schedule, and appoint a judge.—R. Blore.

Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A.—Sept. 5, headquarters, 6. Drawing in of cash, show business; members' yearly subs. due at this meeting.—A. Dickson.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—Sept. 6, Railway Hotel, 8. Open show and other very important business; duties of the members.—J. E. Hudson.

Lancaster C.B.S.—Sept. 2, Market Hall, Coffee Tavern, 7 o'c. Special letter of apology to be read and other business.—W. H. Window.

Larkhall C.B.A.—Sept. 9, Miners' Hall, 7. Mule and Border Canary judging competition; annual show business; members please attend.—J. Pollock.

Leadgate C.B.S.—Sept. 2, Church Square Hall, 7.30. Table shows, etc.—J. A. Turnbull.

Leeds Roller S.C.—Sept. 2, 55, Briggate, 7.30. Show business.—H. L. Davis.

Leeds C.B.S.—Sept. 2, Lockhart's, Briggate, 7.30. Open show business, also lecture on colour-feeding and exhibiting, by Mr. H. J. Chittenden (Bradford); fanciers invited.—W. A. Wilson.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.A.—Sept. 5, White Swan, 8.30 p.m. "Preparing for Exhibition," by Mr. W. A. Gibbins; and general business.—A. Freestone.

Leith O.S.—Sept. 9, Liberal Club, Hope Street, 7. Show business.—C. Brown.

Leyton C.B.A.—Sept. 4, Grange Park Hall, Leyton, 8. Questions and answers; fanciers invited.—Forse and Son.

Liverpool B.B.A.—Sept. 14, Oldham Hall, 8 p.m. Schedule for old show and elect delegates for amalgamated show.—F. Eccleston.

Llanelly C.B.S.—Sept. 2, Greyhound Hotel, 7. Important; auditors' report and show matters. Hope to have our President to attend this meeting.—D. John.

Loanhead C.B.S.—Sept. 9, Mason's Arms, 7.30. Selection of medals and other show business. Members please attend.—W. B. Smart.

Longton C.B.S.—Sept. 5, Castle Inn, 8. Show business. Fanciers invited.—Hallam and Lovatt.

London Federation of C.B.S.—Sept. 1, "Feathers," Westminster. Special meeting. Federation show business.—J. Bray, jun.

Mid Rhondda C.B.S.—Aug. 31, White Hart Hotel. Important business will be brought forward bearing on the future of the society.—J. T. Lloyd. (We have published the above, but possibly Sept. 7 is meant).—ED.)

Manningham C.B.A.—Sept. 2, Mowbray Arms, 8. Open show business. Members kindly attend.—H. Grange.

Manchester and N.C.O.S.—Sept. 4, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Open show business; important.—H. Boothman.

Middlesbrough and Teeside C.B.S.—Sept. 6, Crown Hotel, 7.30. Business important; schedule for open show.—A. Wake.

Newcastle C.B.S.—Sept. 7, 65, Granger Street, Newcastle, 8. Show business; specials, etc.—J. E. Atkinson.

Nelson C.B.S.—Sept. 4, Thornton's Restaurant, 8. Nomination and election of judge, also classification, etc.—J. Gregson.

New Cross C.B.S.—Sept. 7, headquarters, 397, New Cross Road, 8. Question night and special business; members please attend.—Barton and Hearn.

Northern Border and Scotch F.C.C.—Sept. 4, Lockhart's, 8. Patronage.—J. N. F. Scott.

Northern Yorks C.C.—Sept. 6, 65, Grainger Street, 8. Business important; members requested to attend.—R. Tindale.

Nottingham and Notts O.S.—Sept. 6, Mechanics' Hall, 8. Arrangements for coming show.—G. E. Wilkinson.

Old Shildon Workmen's Club C.B.S.—Sept. 4, Workmen's Club, 8. Annual open show; all members requested to attend; contributions taken.—J. H. Elwell.

Ormskirk C.B.S.—Sept. 4, Church House, 8.—T. H. Tiffen.

Oxford C.B.S.—Sept. 7, St. Peter-le-Bailey Hall, 8. Important business in connection with open show.—A. F. Fifield.

Preston O.S.—Sept. 7, Tokio Cafe, 8. Important show business, classification, staging, etc.—J. P. Leeming.

Parkgate and Rawmarsh C.B.S.—Sept. 2, Sportsman Inn, 8.30. Important.—G. A. Watson.

Pudsey, Stanningley and Dis. C.B.S.—Sept. 4, Fleece Hotel, 8. General.—H. Raistrick.

Queensbury C.B.S.—Sept. 5, Granby Inn, 8. Business important.—A. Hartley.

Reading C.B.S.—Sept. 6, Palmer's Hall, 8. Important business; all members please attend.—W. H. Pyke.

Rochdale O.C.—Sept. 4, Club Rooms, 8.30. Committee meeting and open show business.—R. Blincoe.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—Sept. 6, Temperance Club, Toad Lane, 8. General meeting.—E. Hartley.

Scottish Plainhead Club.—Sept. 2, 142 High Street, Edinburgh, 5.30. Committee. Allocation of patronage.—J. Brown.

Sheffield O.S.—Sept. 5, Rose and Crown Hotel, Waingate, 8. Open show arrangements; most important every member should attend. Bring uncoloured nest feather show tickets with you.—Bishop and Colton.

Sheriffhill F. and F.S.—Sept. 2, St. John's Parish Hall, 6.30 prompt. General meeting; and table show of Ner., Yorks., British, and For. birds. Mr. J. Smith (Sheriffhill) judge; all kindly invited.—W. H. Stockton.

Shipley O.S.—Sept. 5, Prince of Wales, 8. Selection Y.U. judges.—A. Tillotson.

Sittingbourne C.B.S.—Sept. 4, headquarters, 8.30. Annual show business; all members and prospective members welcome.—B. Tidy.

Smallbridge C.B.S.—Sept. 4, headquarters, Garside Street, 7.30. Back-end show, etc.—W. Lanyon.

Southall F.S.—Sept. 2, St. John's Schools, 7. Table show; all sections.—A. E. Argyle.

Spennymoor C.B.S.—Sept. 6, County Hotel, 7. Sub night, 3s. due; and to fix date for 1st annual show; other special business; members please attend.—E. Ramsey.

Stoke Newington F.A.—Sept. 12, Amethyst Club, 110, Church Street, 7.30. Y.S. show, after which a meeting will be held to make arrangements for annual show, Nov. 24th and 25th.—J. C. Spence.

Stockton-on-Tees C.B.S.—Sept. 7, Leeds Hotel, 8. Open show business.—J. W. Lowes.

Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A.—Sept. 3 (Sunday), Red Lion Hotel, 1.15. Ramble to Moddersall. Train leaves for Blyth Bridge 2.25 p.m.; friends invited.—J. Pitchford.

Stonehouse C.B. and F.H.S.—Sept. 9, Public Hall, 7.30.—W. Melvin.

Thatto Heath O.S. (St. Helens).—Sept. 4, Nutgrove School, 8. Final arrangements re O.B. show. All members requested to attend.—Tyson and Leather.

Tunstall C.B.S.—Sept. 4, headquarters, 8. Classification for annual open show, etc.—Evans and Brough.

Vale of Leven C.B.C.—Sept. 5, Village Schoolroom, Alexandria, 8. Current topics.—A. H. McLean.

Walkden C.B.S.—Sept. 5, Institute, 8.—H. Howard.

Walsall C.B.S.—Sept. 4, new headquarters, White Hart, Caldmore, 8. Cage Birds League. Fanciers wishing to join please attend.—F. Price.

West Auckland C.B. and P.F.S.—Sept. 2, 7.30, Station Hotel. Show business.—J. Gill.

West London F.A.—Sept. 7, Bush Hotel, Shepherds Bush, 8. Wesley T. Page, Esq., F.Z.S., will lecture on Foreign Birds.—J. Dewhurst.

West of Scotland O.S.—Sept. 2, Nelson's Temp. Hotel, 7.30. Arrangements for annual show. New members still being enrolled.—W. Hutchison.

Wilsey C.B.S.—Sept. 2, Horse and Groom Inn, 8. Arrangements for next ramble. Members please attend.—R. C. Crossley.

Wigan C.B.S.—Sept. 3, Legs of Man Hotel, 8. Show business.—W. Dyer.

Windmill O.S.—Sept. 2, Blue Bell Hotel, 8. Classification for members' shows, etc.—J. Cook.

Windsor C.B.A.—Sept. 8, headquarters, 8.15. To arrange for annual show on Nov. 29.—E. A. Strickland.

Wolverhampton C.B.S.—Sept. 7, Duke of York, 8. Fixing up schedule for open show, etc.—J. Gibbons.

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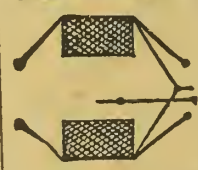
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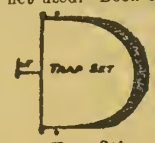
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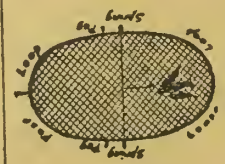
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The Shows.

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Ruthin eighth annual show held Aug. 31st, in the beautiful grounds of Ruthin Castle (by kind permission of Col. Cornwallis West). As usual, the show was held in connection with the flower show, etc., in favourable weather, and was well attended. Mr. Butler held the secretarial reins, which were well handled. Yorkshires were the feature of the show. In quality and numbers Mules were well represented, and some good ones were shown. Goldies, too, were a very fair lot. The first feather class and the British A.O.S. class were very fine. Mr. T. Powell (Corwen) judged and gave general satisfaction.

CAN. (11): 1, 3, J. O. Williams, well drawn yell. thigh ticked Yorks hen, full of style and quality, well through moult, 3rd lengthy yell. youngster, often reviewed, not in his best clothes to-day; 2, O. H. Roberts, good cl. yell, very typical, in good condition, nice outline; res, W. Davies, buff Yorks. MULE (10): 1, 2, W. Davies, eye and wing mkd. Goldie-Can., good type, nice size, in grand condition; 2nd same cross, varieg. yell., very typical and stylish, good sheen; 3, James Williams, neat varieg. buff. BRIT (Goldfinch excluded) (7): 1, H. Morgan, good steady young Hawfinch, very promising; 2, W. L. Forder, another nice Hawfinch, close up, in good condition; 3, Goronwy Evans, neat Siskin, in fine feather; res, James Williams. FIRST FEATHER BIRD (8): 1, 2, 3, J. O. Williams, trio of grand Yorks. led the way here, in the order named, 1st Nantlle Vale winner, lengthy and stylish buff, 2nd cl. yell., 3rd wing tkd. yell., a very even lot. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (8): 1, W. Davies, good Finch, square blaze, rich col.; 2, W. Edwards, good body col., beaten in blaze only; 3, J. Richards, fine type and ground col.; res, J. A. Rickman.

BLENNERHASSET (Cumb.).

Blennerhasset C.B., etc., Society's annual show, held September 2nd, in the Mills. It could not be called a success, as many classes were cancelled owing to want of entries. Of course, this is a bad time for a cage bird show, the great majority of birds being in the moult. However, what was lacking in quantity was made up for in quality. The buff hen staged by Mr. Hennington is a good one, and will be heard of again. Mr. W. Jackson makes an ideal secretary, and everything passed off without a hitch. Mr. J. Thompson (Wigton) judged, and his efforts met with general satisfaction.

BUFF BORD. CK.: 1, Ellwood, neat, fine size and col., good wings and tail, lovely bloom; 2, 3, Pennington, brace of grand Borders, excelling in type and quality; 4, Pearson; 5, 6, Dixon. CK. A.O.C.: 1, Dixon, grand even marked, good col., fine type and quality, well put down; 2, Coulthard, Cinn., staged in the best of form; 3, Pennington, green, in good feather; 4, Pearson. BORD. HEN: 1, Pennington, cl. buff, stylish exhibit, neatly drawn, well tapered, grand wing carriage, in rare condition; 2, Ellwood, yell. ticked, neat and typical, good col., fine quality, rare feather; 3, 4, Pearson, brace of Cinn., former even marked buff, latter var. buff; both in grand feather.

EAGLESFIELD (Dumfries).

This fixture was duly brought off on Sept. 2nd at Kirkbridge. Cage birds were accommodated in a tent, and a band of willing workers looked after their welfare. Borders predominated as formerly, and the club medal was won by Mr. R. Watt, with a buff cock that should do him some good. Scotch Fancies and Plainheads were a nice lot, and the Mules good. British, although not numerous, were topping, the winning Goldfinch especially so, and in this Finch Mr. H. Davidson has a stormer. Mr. Allan Doyle acted as secretary, and his arrangements were well carried out. Mr. W. Davidson (Kirtlebridge) judged, and his awards appeared to be well received.

BORD. CK., YELL.: 1, Robinson, grand exhibit, good colour, fine type and quality; 2, 3, Stewart. HEN: 1, Watt, neat and typical, good col., nice bloom, some perferred 2nd; 2, Davidson, grand stamp of a Border, put down in the pink of condition; 3, Robinson. BUFF CK.: 1, medal, Watt, with grand Border, good colour, fine head and neck, nice wings and tail; 2, Robinson, presses, not much between them; 3, Davidson, will make a grand bird when quite ready. HEN: 1, Davidson, young bird, nicely rounded, good wings, rare tail, put down in grand order; 2, Watt, not quite finished yet; 3, Johnstone. EVEN MKD.: 1, Davidson. UNEVEN: 1, Watt, buff three point, nicely drawn, well tapered, in fine bloom; 2, 3, Lockhart, brace of very decent Borders in good feather. FOUL: 1, Davidson, Kirkpatrick winning hen, sweet head and neck, grand carriage, fine flights and tail, in A1 trim, head and wing mkd. yell.; 2, Watt, buff, marked head, round as a marble, fine head and neck; 3, Robinson, ticked Buff, neat and typical. A.O.V. BORD.: 1, 2, Davidson, brace of yell. Cinn., put down in grand form; 3, Walker, nice foul Cinn. BORD. (CONFINED): 1, 2, Robinson; 3, Stewart, all good. A.O.V.: 1, 3, Lockhart; 2, Robinson. SCOT. FCY.: 2, Muir. HEN: 1, 2, Muir. CREST: 2, Lockhart. NOR. YELL.: 1, Laidlaw; 2, 3, Lockhart. BUFF: 2, Laidlaw. LIGHT MULE: 2, Crosbie, well known four pointed buff, in grand trim. DARK: 1, 2, Crosbie; 3, Lockhart. LINNET: 1, 2, Murray, pair of good Finches, former excels in colour and lacing; 3, Watt. GOLDFINCH, BRIT.: 1, Davidson, good size, fine flush of rare colour, neat tans, we understand the Kirkpatrick winner in new hands, grand Finch in fine fettle; 2, Lockhart; 3, Anderson.

NORTH SUBURBAN C.I.S.

The North Suburban Canary Improvement Society held its 17th annual show in the Town Hall, Brunswick, Australia, on June 26th, 27th, and 28th. It was the largest and most successful show held this year. Norwich classes were a really good section, as also were the Crests. Of course in both sections there were some birds that stood out ahead of the others in merit, such as Mr. A. B. Mason's green crested cock, which won the special for Crest natural colour, also the certificate for the best Crest in show. Mr. W. Bennett won the special for best pepper-fed Crest. Mr. H. Hagg secured his first win with a beautiful young clear body with dark crest in the Crest Club open trophy. The same bird also won the "Charles Robert" cup and the "W. H. Stevens" cup, and won the £10 10s. trophy right out in the Crest Club for novices. The other winners in this section were: Messrs. Garney, Whaley, A. B. Mason, S. Chambers, C. Jarvie, W. Bennett, and F. Anderson. In Crestbreds Mr. Garney Whaley won the special for best pepper-fed Crestbred, also the certificate for best Crestbred in show. Mr. S. Chambers woo the special for best natural coloured Crestbred, and the challenge trophy for young Crestbreds. The other winners were: Messrs. J. Wales, H. Hagg, C. Jarvie, W. J. Myring. The Plainhead Norwich were well represented by the leading breeders in the State. For the "George Whaley" Memorial cup 28 entries were received, and for the "George Ward" cup 31 (all young birds). Mr. C. E. Schieferdecker won both with a bird of good type, colour and quality (a variegated buff hen). He also gained the certificate for best bird in show, Messrs. Warner and Rose (who were the largest winners in the show in this section) securing the special for best clear natural coloured, and Mr. C. Shepherd that for best natural coloured variegated. The other winners were: Messrs. Garney Whaley, A. E. Gardner, W. T. Francis, R. Nettlie, E. Baillie, E. T. Frost, H. Holton, J. Holkry, A. E. Koetsvelt, and C. Hunter. Cinnamons were well represented. The pride of position was secured by Mr. W. J. Myring, who won the challenge cup and special for best bird in this section, Messrs. W. L. Thompson and H. Kilner also securing prizes between them. Yorkshires were well represented, and some fine exhibits were to be seen on the stages. Mr. Poole won the challenge trophy, and Mr. Myring the certificate for best Yorkshire. The British bird classes, though not large, contained some really choice exhibits. The Foreign and Australian bird section was one of the most interesting that has been seen out here. There were some rare birds shown in beautiful condition. Mr. A. G. Boardman secured the most prizes, also special and certificate for best collection, Mr. P. Lee securing special for best pair of Finches. Special mention might be made of Mr. A. G. Boardman's Hybrid, bred between a Side-spotted Finch (Diamond Sparrow) and a Chestnut-eared Finch (Zebra Finch). It showed the parents on both sides very distinctly, and was very attractive, drawing forth some very admiring comments (much more so than the Canary Mules). This bird won 1st and special for best Mule or Hybrid. A few words of praise might be said of the Secretary (Mr. C. F. C. Rose), who carried out his duties to the full satisfaction of all concerned, backed up by an energetic committee. The judges in the cage bird section were Mr. E. Sharpe (Crests and Crestbreds), Mr. W. L. Thompson (Norwich Plainheads), Mr. G. Coleman (Yorkshires), Mr. A. Warner (Cinnamon), and Mr. A. G. Keartland (Foreign and Australian birds), who gave general satisfaction.

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England.

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Oct. 7.—**Chopwell** (J. Brown, 26, Humber Street). T.D., J.R.S..
Oct. 7.—**Longton.**—(Hallam and Lovatt, 5, Fraocis Street). J.H.R.
Oct. 11 & 12.—**Clapham.**—(A. L. Priest, 28, Kyrle Road.). C.A.H., J. R., J.F.
Oct. 12 & 13.—**Norwich Alliance.**—(R. Roll, 58, York Street).
Oct. 13 & 14.—**Bolton.**—(P. Brierley, 24, Cromer Avenue, Tonge Moor.). J.H.R., J.W.C.
Oct. 14.—**Coventry Godiva.**—(R. Symonds, 29, Melbourne Road, Earlsdon.) W.V.
Oct. 14.—**Leeds.**—W. A. Wilson, 75, Bayswater Mount, Roundhay). J.H.R., J.B.
Oct. 14.—**Morpeth** (E. Cowling, Fullbeck Cottage) J.C.B., A.H.
Oct. 17 & 18.—**Plymouth.**—(T. Pope, 98, Embankment Road.) C.A.H., J.R.
Oct. 18 & 19.—**Birmingham.**—(S. Mole, 87, Greenway Street, Small Heath.) T.H.
Oct. 18 & 19.—**Portsmouth C.B.S.**—(King and Joiner, 80, Stubbington Avenue, North End). J.R.
Oct. 19.—**Hanley.**—(B. Peake, 6, Rhodes Street). W.M., J.T.
Oct. 20 & 21.—**Newcastle.**—(J. E. Atkinson, 8, Trewhitt Road, Heaton, Newcastle-on-Tyne.). J.R., W.M., W.V., J.S.C., C.H.
Oct. 20 and 21.—**Rochdale O.S.**—(R. Blincoe, 160, Drake Street, Rochdale.)
Oct. 21.—**Burton-on-Trent.**—(W. Elliott, 22, Leicester Street). J.R.
Oct. 21.—**Middlesbrough.**—(A. Wake, 41, Aske Rd.). G.H., C.H.
Oct. 25.—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).**—(J. N. Jeffery, Sartor House, Winner Street). J.H.P.
Oct. 25 & 26.—**Grimsby.**—(Towl Bros., 205, Wetholme Road.) W.V.
Oct. 26.—**Oxford C.B.S.**—(A. F. Fifield, 6, Buckingham St.). J.H.R.
Oct. 27 & 28.—**Wolverhampton.**—(J. Gibbons, 64, Napier-rd). J.R.
Oct. 27 & 28.—**Manchester (Belle Vue).**—(H. Boothman, 8, Kettering Rd., Levenshulme.)H.W.B., A.G.D., E.G., C.H., S.H., J.Sll.
Oct. 28.—**Derwent Valley.**—(J. Lindsay, Railway Cottages, Westwood, Medomsley, R.S.O., Co. Durham.) A.B., F.M.
Oct. 28.—**Hartlepools.**—(E. Woodhead, 38, St. Paul's Road, W. Hartlepool).—H.W.B., J.M.
Nov. 1.—**Liskeard.**—(H. Jooes Robins, Market St.) J.H.P.
Nov. 1 and 2.—**Cheltenham.**—A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Avenue). W.E.G., H.W.B., J.Ftk.
Nov. 2.—**Tunstall.**—(H. Evans, 18, Sneyd St.). J.C.B.
Nov. 3 & 4.—**Liverpool O.S.**—(Metcalfe and Hillmen, 68, Brunswick-rd.). W.M., W.V. and A.W.
Nov. 3 & 4.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne.**—G. Havver, 1, Theresa Street.)—J.R., H.W.B.
Nov. 3 and 4.—**Sheffield O.S.**—(T. Bishop, 69, Alexandra-rd.), J.H.R., C.H.
Nov. 4.—**Cleator Moor** (J. E. Byroe, 110, Birks Road) J.Wk.
Nov. 4.—**Stockton-on-Tees.**—(J. W. Lowes, 17, Canning-st).
Nov. 4.—**York.**—(H. Thompson, 57, Nun Mill Street, Scareroft Road.) A.H.
Nov. 4 and 6.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(A. Freestone, 79, larendon St.) C.H., J.R.
Nov. 7 & 8.—**Bournemouth.**—(W. O. Brooke, 102, Nortoft Road.) J.R.
Nov. 8.—**West Bromwich.**—(W. G. Andrews, 1, Hayes Street, Carter's Green.) J.H.P.
Nov. 8 and 9.—**Brighton.**—(Will H. Gibb, 18, Bond Street.) C.A.H.
Nov. 8 & 9.—**Southend.**—(W. C. Lockwood, 9, East Street, Leigh-on-Sea.)
Nov. 9.—**Peterboro'.**—(S. L. Cocks, Corn Market.) J.R., S.H.M.
Nov. 10 and 11.—**Barnsley.**—(F. C. Sims, 15, Wright-terrace, Grace-st.) H.W.B.
Nov. 11.—**Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.**—(A. Walker, 47, Montrose St.). J.Wk., J.W.
Nov. 11 & 13.—**Nottingham.**—(G. E. Wilkinson, 9, Wellington Square, Park Side.). T.H., J.T., J.F.D.
Nov. 11.—**Warrington.**—(G. M. Nelson, 466, Knutsford Road.) A.W.
Nov 14 and 15.—**Wimbledon.**—(H. Smith, 115, Mertoo Road.)
Nov. 15.—**Alnwick.**—R. Forster, 36, Bondgate, Without.). H.W.B., A.C.
Nov. 16.—**Stoke-on-Trent.**—(J. Pitchford, 218, Loodon Rd.) A.W.
Nov. 17 & 18.—**Preston.**—(J. P. Leeming, 40a, West Cliff.)
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Nov. 23.—**Stamford.**—(A. Harrison, 7, New St.). J.R.
Nov. 24 & 25.—**Doncaster.**—(G. Bescoby, 2, Duke Street.) J.C.B., J.M.
Nov. 24 & 25.—**Great Harwood.**—(W. T. Mattinson, 32, Orchard Street.) H.W.B. and A.W.
Nov. 24 and 25.—**Hinckley.**—(H. Ridgway, Priesthills Road).
Nov. 24., 25, 27.—**L.C.B.A.**—(Mugford and Tyson, 1, Strathearn-rd., Wimbledon, S.W.)
Nov. 25.—**Cramlington.**—(J. R. Chestney, Quarry Cottage). A.B., H.S.
Nov. 25 and 27.—**Ilkeston**—(T. Smith, 5, King Street). J.C.B.
Nov. 28.—**Launceston.**—(N. H. Reed.)
Nov. 29.—**Windsor.**—(E. A. Stickland, 36, Alma Rd.).
*Dec. 1 and 2.—**Lancaster Primrose C.B.A.** (J. Johoson, 45, Perth-st.) W.M., S.M.
Dec. 2 & 4.—**Derby.**—(W. Steveos, 58, Olivier-st.). J.R., R.R.
Dec. 7.—**Newport and Dist.** (J. Hammett, 56, Milman-st., Newport, Mon.) J.R.
Dec. 8 & 9.—**Bradford National.**—(H. Hill, 15, Settle Terrace, Thornton Lane, Little Horton).
Dec. 8 and 9.—**Gateshead.**—(A. Holden, 5, Cramer Street.) J. R., J.H.R., J.B., J.F.D.
Dec. 8 & 9.—**Runcorn.**—(T. P. Baxter, 103, Greenaway Rd.). A.W.
Dec. 9.—**Sheffield and Dis. C.B.S.**—(A. Hobson, 66, Langsett Av.). W.A.C.
Dec. 15 & 16.—**Blackburn.**—(J. Cook, 6, Charlotte St.).
Jan. 6.—**Guisbrough Priory.**—(S. H. Lambert, 25, Gill Street).

Scotland.

Oct. 7.—**Paisley O.A.**—(J. Kelly, 7, Underwood Lane). G.F., J.S., J.A., P.Pce.
Oct. 14.—**Lochgelly.**—(W. Whiteford, 81, Hall St.) W.Tn., J.F., G.H., G.F.A., A.C., J.F.D.
Oct. 14.—**Broughty Ferry.**—(R. Whitton, 2, Churchill Place.) D.B., W.R., W.G., J.S., R.V.R.
Oct. 20 and 21.—**City of Glasgow.**—(A. Macdonald, 279, Crow Rd., Partick). J.H., D.L., J.Hy., A. McL., J. Wtn., J. Fg., A. C., A. Ct., G.A., J. Mn., S.W., W.S.C., J.W.B.
Oct. 21.—**Kelty and Blairadam.**—(A. Dickson, 37, Adams-terr., Kelty.) C.B.,W.M., R.B.G., W.P., W.H., A.W.W.
Oct. 21.—**Selkirkshire.**—(J. Robertson, 4, Green Terrace, Selkirk.)
Oct. 23.—**Ayr and District.**—(J. Sloan, 19, New Bridge Street.) J.F.D.; A.Wn.
Oct. 28.—**Dysart.**—(J. S. Harris, Victoria Bar.) J.T., R.L., J.Wr., R.G., C.W.
Nov. 4.—**Bo'ness.**—(T. Camcroo, 7, Ash Terrace, Grangepans).
Nov. 4.—**Stonehouse.**—(J. Hamilton, 36, Camnethan St.). A.C., J.P.
Nov. 4.—**Brechin.**—(G. Mitchell, 118, Montrose St.). W.B., G.Hp., J.St.
Nov. 10 & 11.—**Kirkcaldy.**—(E. McAoally, 13, St. Clair Place).
Nov. 11.—**Hamilton (Cadzow Oaks).**—(G. Marlin, 21, Glebe Street.) F.B., A.Wn., A.Wr., P.P.
Nov. 11.—**Forfar.**—(J. Fyfe, 137, East High Street.) R.B.J., W.M., A.W.W.
Nov. 18.—**Buckhaven.**—(J. Lawrie, Grahams Buildings, Randolph Street.) G.H., J. M'L., Ax.C.
Nov. 18.—**Cowdenbeath.**—(J. R. Reid, 7, Woodland Place).
Nov. 18.—**Kilmarnock O.C.B.S.**—(W. Guthrie, 10, Hood St.)
Nov. 18.—**Galashiels.**—(C. Lugton, Botany Cottage). W.R., J.To., J.W.N.
Nov. 23.—**Lockerbie.**—(H. Davidson, Royal Hotel.) J.F.D.
Nov. 25.—**City of Dundee.**—(A. Miller, 3, Park Ave.) J.Y., W.H., J.Gse, J.Stn., T.A., R.V.R.
Dec. 2.—**Blairgowrie** (M. Irvine, 17, Brown Street) J.F.D.
Dec. 2.—**Whitburn.**—(T. Duncao, 9, West Main Street.) J.W.B., J.Bp.
Dec. 9.—**Kilsyth.**—(A. D. Duncan, "Chronicle" office)
Dec. 16.—**Broxburn.**—(W. McLaren, Church Street.) J. Mc.Ln., G.Sfe., J.Tn., J.M., J.Sn.
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Jan. 1 & 2.—**Paisley O.A.**—(W. Lambie, 25, Caledonia Street.)
Jan. 2 & 3.—**Glasgow C.B.A.**—(F. Bowman, 5 Parkview, Tollcross.). W.B.M., J.Cg., J.W.B., L.J.A., A.C.

Wales.

Nov. 8.—**Pontypridd.**—(A. A. Gordon, McLucas, 48, Rosser St., Maesycoed).
Nov. 8 & 9.—**Swansea.**—(S. H. George, 32, Fisher Street). H.W.B., A.S.
Nov. 15 & 16.—**Cardiff.**—(J. W. Dummett, 34, Tudor Road). J.H.P., J.R.
Nov. 28.—**Llanelly.**—(D. John, 9, Pottery Place). H.N., J.H.R.

Ireland.

Nov. 2 & 3.—**Yorks C.B.S. of Ireland.**—(C H. Holley, 66, Fitzroy Avenue, Drumcondra, Dublin.)
Nov. 9 and 10.—**Banbridge.**—(A. McCammon, Riverview.)
Dec. 1 & 2.—**Ulster O.A.**—(R. Trimble, 11, Waring Street, Belfast.) D.B., R.T., G.M.
Dec. 7 and 8.—**Larne.**—(T. Mayne, 35, Barohill).

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Club Reports.

FALKIRK (Good Intent) C.B.A.

Meeting held August 26th, Mr. J. Muir presiding. The Treasurer submitted a very gratifying report of the F.F. show, which had proved a financial success. —W. Clubb, Sec.

ILKESTON AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held Prince of Wales, September 2nd, Mr. J. H. Booth in chair. There was a good attendance of members. Our schedule for the open show was discussed and a few alterations made; classes were decided upon as follows: Norwich 10, Crest and C.B. 3, Yorkshire 6, A.O.V. 1, Mule 2, Brit. 8, For. 2, Gift 1, Members' 5.—Thos. Smith, Sec.

LARKHALL C.B.A.

A few members and friends met in the Royal Hotel, September 2nd, to do honour to Mr. Thos. Thackeray, one of our members, who sails for New South Wales on September 16th. Mr. R. McClue occupied the chair, and after a few humorous remarks called on our worthy President to make the presentation, which consisted of a silver-mounted pipe and tobacco pouch. Mr. Rundell, in handing these over referred to Mr. Thackeray's sterling worth as a member and wished him success in the land of his adoption. Mr. Thackeray suitably replied. The rest of the evening was spent in song and sentiment.—Jas. Pollock, Sec.

UDDINGSTON AND DIST. O.S.

Meeting held August 31st, Reading Room. Mr. H. Donnon (Vice-President) in chair. Letters were read from Norwich Plainhead Club and Border Fancy Club anent their patronage for our open show. Agreed to appoint another judge for Cage Birds Section. Estimates were read for printing of society's new rules; agreed, to have same ready for next meeting, when every member will receive a copy. Agreed, to have collecting books ready for next meeting, and handed out to members for collecting specials, etc. Members are requested to turn out to our next meeting, on last Thursday of this month, to help us get on with show business. —Jno. Kilpatrick, Sec.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Meeting held September 2nd, Fawcett Street Cafe, Mr. J. Farrer presiding. It was decided that we hold an open show on January 12th and 13th, 1912, the feeling of the members being that these dates would prove to be more suitable to exhibitors than our usual time in November, seeing that there is not a show held in the North in January. We hope our efforts to cater for fanciers will be appreciated and supported in a practical manner. We have taken the Miner's Hall, Rover Avenue, which will be found to be most suitable for the purpose. Several gentlemen were nominated as judges, the secretary being instructed to write for terms. We have been granted the patronage of the Northern Lizard C.C. Next meeting September 16th, when the schedule will be considered. Will members please attend.—J. Jeffrey, Hon. Sec.

EAST HAM C.B.S.

Members gathered in strong force on August 31st at headquarters to receive prize money and specials awarded at the last show, which, like its predecessors, proved a financial success. Through the resignation of the chairman, Mr. J. H. Paxman, it became necessary to fill the vacancy, and the chair was offered to the vice-chairman, Mr. H. B. Rout, who accepted. He has in the past ably carried out his duties, and is always on the best of terms with the members. Mr. J. H. Paxman has sailed for Australia, and he has the society's best wishes for his future prosperity. Mr. A. Morris, a generous donor of a cup to the society, sent a telegram expressing regret for his absence. A general discussion concluded the evening. These "birdy" talks amongst members are fast becoming popular, and will no doubt prove educating.—B. C. Smith (Club Reporter).

SCOTTISH BRITISH BIRD & M.C.

General meeting held 142, High Street, Edinburgh, September 2nd, President (Mr. Turner) in chair, before a very large gathering of members. The following new members were admitted: Messrs. Nicol (Bathgate), J. Type (Forfar), G. Paton (Edinburgh), J. Lawson (Musselburgh), and R. V. Raine (Glasgow). Applications for patronage were then gone into and granted to the following clubs:—Broughty Ferry, Kelty and Blairadam, Bo'ness, Forfar, Bucklhaven, Cupar (Fife), Kilsyth, Broxburn, Glasgow and Dist., and Bathgate; while Leith and Edinburgh and Dist. got patronage for club shows. Mr. Cochrane pointed out that the rule relating to partnership had been omitted in printing. The rule reads: "When birds are shown in the name of a partnership, points won by such exhibits will not count for club prizes unless each member of such partnership is a fully paid member of the club, and no partnership, either collectively or individually can win more than six silver or one gold medal during one season." This was all the business, and a very enjoyable meeting ended with a hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman. I should like to draw the attention of members who have not yet paid their subscription to the fact that it is now due.—John Allan, Sec.

HIGHGATE & HAMPSTEAD C.B.S.

Meeting held August 31st, when Mr. Shakespeare gave a very interesting and instructive lecture on moulting and staging for exhibition. He compared the old and new ways of preparing the birds. A great many questions were asked and answered. Mr. Neal, our late secretary, was present, and opened a very keen debate from several points on which the lecturer touched. The secretary tendered his resignation on account of his leaving the neighbourhood, but after several suggestions from Mr. Dann, the chairman, secretary and assistant secretary proposed acting jointly till the annual general meeting, when it is hoped a new secretary will be appointed. It is just possible Mr. Neal, the late secretary, may be induced to take up the work again, as he is coming back to London to live. The annual show will be held in November, when the judge will be Mr. G. Gardner. Several very valuable specials have already been promised, including a very fine shield presented by Mr. Neal. Will members please bear in mind that at our next meeting, on September 28th, we are to have a lecture on Hardbills by Mr. E. S. Lugg, and it is hoped that the meeting will be attended by all who can possibly do so. Several subs. are still outstanding; the secretary would be glad to receive same as early as convenient. Members, do please take in CAGE BIRDS every week, and see what your society is doing, as the last two meetings have been very badly attended.—C. W. Law, Hon. Sec.

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F. COLLINS, 60, Union-st., Camborne. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Life experience.
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C. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Life experience.
WALTER SWAYSLAND, 47, Queens-rd., Brighton. Judge all varieties of cage birds. Life experience.
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Twitterings.

Mr. F. J. Wickham (Chatham) will, we hear, judge cage birds at Sheerness annual show on November 23rd.

The Brighton F. and F.A are holding an open show on November 22nd and 23rd, writes Mr. W. J. Donne, the hon. sec.

Kindly note my change of address from Marshall Street to 57, Church Street, Larkhall, writes Mr. Jas. Pollock, sec. of the Larkhall C.B.A.

We have got the patronage of the Border Fancy Club, also of the Scottish British Bird and Mule Club, for our show on November 11, writes Mr. J. Fyfe, sec. of the Forfar C.B.S.

Mr. A. T. Lander, of 36, Crusoe Road, Mitcham, Surrey, writes asking us to state that he will be glad to go as companion with any birdcatcher in his neighbourhood for a week-end.

Our open show, writes Mr. H. W. Briggs, hon. sec. of the Cannock and Dist. F. and F.S., will this year be held on November 9, with Mr. A. J. Gladwin as judge in the cage bird section.

I have a Goldfinch Mule in full song and moulting, and he is quite eleven years old, writes Mrs. I. F. Mannsell-Eyre (Congresbury). I think you will agree that this is a little unusual.

Photographs of the National British Bird and Mule Club's outing are now ready, and can be obtained from Mr. Trower, 442, Caledonian Road, at 2s. 6d. each, write Messrs. Plumbridge and Carr, the secs.

Kindly announce that I will forward schedules of Bromley show to those who have written for them as soon as I receive them from the printers, writes Mr. A. T. Bellinger, the hon. sec. They ought to have arrived on September 1st.

The Wandsworth F.A. are holding an open cage bird show on December 6th and 7th in a commodious room adjoining the "Spread Eagle," High Street, Wandsworth, Mr. H. Norman judging, writes Mr. W. Lightfoot, the hon. sec.

We have been successful in breeding a really good cock Linnet-Bullfinch Hybrid, which has been seen by several well-known exhibitors, and is now in the possession of a well-known Scottish fancier, write Messrs. Morris and Adams (Ilford).

Young Scotch Fancy Canaries promise to be above the average in quality, writes a Scottish correspondent, and a pleasing feature is that fanciers who have only recently begun the breeding of this particular variety are likely to make a name for themselves.

Many thanks for the delightful surprise I had in seeing my winning Yorkshire at Epsom depicted in your issue of August 19. The honour of winning I share with your valuable paper, which, by its information, enabled me to breed the bird.—(Miss) M. Hall (Brixton Hill, London, S.W.).

Will the person of Grange Town, Yorks, who sent us a postal order for 1s. 3d., but omitted to enclose any letter stating for what purpose it was intended, kindly communicate with us?

We have fixed our old bird show for November 18, and having decided unanimously to accept Mr. Houlton's (St. Helens) apology for his non-attendance at our Nest Feather Show, have secured his services for our Old Bird Show, writes Mr. R. Charleson, hon. sec. of the Leigh and Dist. C.B.S.

The London and Provincial O.S. have been compelled to abandon all ideas of holding an autumn show, as they were unable to obtain a suitable hall in which to hold the show, writes Mr. C. W. Law, hon. sec. However, the committee propose giving additional prize-money for members at the National Show to be held in February.

Mrs. Lloyd, writing to us from 130, Haydon's Park Road, Wimbledon, London, S.W., makes the following kind offer: "My husband has the peculiar hobby of breeding tame mice for colour and markings, and as he is always having very pretty but mis-marked ones, he says that if any fanciers' children would like a pair, he will be glad to make them a present of a couple."

A Norwich Canary show will be held at the "Travellers' Rest," Gilesgate Moor, Durham, on September 16th, writes Mr. Geo. Reed, sec., Brandon Colliery. The first prize will be a tea and coffee service valued at £2; the second, a copper kettle; the third and fourth, cases of silver spoons. Each bird is to be benched by 2.30 o'clock, and the entrance fee will be 1s. The judge will be Mr. Wm. Rutherford (Crook).

The entry forms for the Scotch Fancy National Derby Show have been issued, writes Mr. Thos. Smith, the secretary, and members are reminded to fill up the forms correctly, giving the price at which each bird may be sold. Entries are not to be accepted without the price being stated. I should like the completed forms to be sent to me as early as possible, but not later than September 17.

We have just received another silver cup for the best unflighted Norwich Plainhead bred by a member, and hope to have other two trophies for competition before schedule goes to print; also a large number of valuable specials, writes Mr. Wm. Whiteford, sec. of the Lochgelly C.B.S. The show will be held under the patronage of the following clubs: Fife and Kinross N.P.C., Scottish Crested C.C., Yorkshire C.C. of Scotland, Border Fancy C.C., and West of Fife C.B.L.

The "Avicultural Magazine" for September contains an interesting article on the nesting of the Sprosser, by Mr. W. E. Teschemaker, B.A.; another on Laughing Kingfishers, by Mrs. K. Currey, and one by Mr. Hubert D. Astley, M.A., F.Z.S., on the nesting of the Rose-breasted Grosbeak. Miss Ivens contributes some "Notes of Birds and Aviculture in Portugal," and under the heading of "Practical Bird-keeping," Mr. S. M. Townsend writes on the subject of Tanagers and their treatment in captivity.

We shall be pleased to hear from any brother secretaries who will assist us to make our show as widely known as possible by accepting a bill and displaying it as prominently as possible—we suggest at their place of meeting—in return for which we will gladly do likewise, write Messrs. King and Joiner, 80, Stubbington Av., Portsmouth, secs. of the Portsmouth C.B.S. We venture to say that some little good may result to both by an extra entry or so. We ask that they will mention CAGE BIRDS when applying.

The South Birmingham O.S. is still making good and rapid progress, writes Mr. J. Sheppard, the secretary, and it is to be hoped that the members will again turn up in their usual good numbers for the September meeting, as business requires their best attention. Our treasurer has granted us the large show room for December 26 (Boxing Day) for our members' show, and many have expressed a wish that the show should be open to all fanciers residing in Greater Birmingham—a grand idea if we can see it through.

It is with sincere regret, writes Mr. Geo. Harland (Hull), that I have to inform the readers of CAGE BIRDS of the serious illness of our dear friend and brother fancier, Mr. Jesse Calam, of Hull (judge). For some time he has not been feeling in the best of health, and in consequence he paid a visit to Holme on Spalding Moor (his native place) and also to Harrogate; but I am sorry to say he did not derive any benefit from the change, and unfortunately on Friday, August 31st, he broke a blood vessel, since which time he has been confined to his bed. I am sure that those with whom he has come into contact, and also his many friends, fanciers in general, will wish him a speedy recovery, and will hope that he may soon be amongst us again.

Welsh Cage Bird Club.

The committee will meet on Saturday, Sept. 9, and not on the 16th, as stated in last week's issue, the 16th not being convenient for Mr. Brown and others, writes Mr. D. H. Tedstone.

Midland Counties Y.C.C.

A silver challenge cup, value five guineas, for most points at the six shows, in champion section, is to be competed for, to be won three times in all for complete possession, not necessarily successively, write Messrs. Beck and Andrews, secs. of the Midland Counties Y.C.C. Also a cup value two guineas in novice section for most points at the four shows, to be won outright; and a silver medal for runner-up in each section.

We have decided to hold a cage bird, etc., show at Llanrwst in November, and I should be glad to hear from anyone who is willing to subscribe to it or give specials for any of the classes, writes Mr. J. Kershaw, sec. of the Llanrwst Show, Watling Street, Llanrwst, N. Wales.

A great boon to the Fancy is to know where to get reliable seed. We draw our readers' attention to the special advertisement in this issue of Messrs. W. A. Rudd and Co., who cater so well for the Fancy that country buyers are, we are informed, almost on an equal footing with the London fancier for getting their supplies. Mr. W. A. Rudd is a practical bird-seed specialist with 25 years' experience, and has kept and bred nearly every kind of British and foreign bird. He has made a special study of their requirements, so that keepers of all kinds of birds can obtain from this firm just the right kind of goods they require. The prices quoted are most reasonable, and fanciers who find any difficulty in obtaining good seed should send this firm a trial order.

Protection of Birds in Lancashire

An Order was published recently in the "London Gazette," under date September 1st, in regard to the protection of wild birds in Lancashire, says "The Times." The close time is extended so as to be between the last day of February and September 1st in any year, except in the case of Wild Duck, Snipe, and Woodcock. A list is given of species added to the schedule of the Act of 1880 and of certain areas in which birds are protected during the whole of the year. The following birds are to be protected throughout the year:—Buzzard (all species), Peregrine Falcon, Goldfinch, Harrier (all species), Hobby, Kestrel, Kingfisher, Kite, Lapwing (Peewit or Green Plover), Merlin, Owl (all species), Raven, Woodpecker (all species). Orders in regard to the taking or destroying of eggs are also published.

The Young Naturalist.

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*A Curious Nesting Place.

A pair of Water Wagtails built their nest last July among the flower pots which stood on an old flue in my father's greenhouse, and reared two lots of young, five in each nest. Although my father used to go in every day to water the plants, they did not take the least notice of him, and were not a bit afraid, going in and out as they liked.—William Chas. Fox (age 12), Skeffington, Leicester.

*The Robin's Invitation.

There came to my window,
One morning in spring,
A sweet little Robin;
He came there to sing;
And the tune that he sang
Was prettier far
Than ever I heard
On a flute or guitar.
He raised his light wings
To soar far away,
Then, resting a moment,
Seemed sweetly to say:
"O, happy, how happy,
This world seems to be;
Up, up, little girl,
And be happy with me."

Taken from "Nursery Songs," etc. Sent in by J. Simpkin, age 12, 69, Lichfield Road, Sneinton Dale, Nottingham.

**A Redpoll Pensioner.

My uncle has a Redpoll, that got out one day, and we all thought it was lost, as it flew away over the top of our house. But we were surprised when it came back at night; it flew right in the window, and right into its cage, both the window and the door of its cage being open. It got out again one night when my uncle was cleaning his cage. The cage was hung out all night, and I was told to watch for it next day. But I never saw it all day, so I thought it was lost. But at about half-past six that night, after my uncle had finished his work, he went to look at his birds, and, judge his surprise to see his Redpoll sitting in its cage, which was still hanging outside the window. My uncle says that his little Redpoll is a pensioner now.—Robert Kilpatrick (age 12), c.o. Mr. H. Rose, W. High Street, Buckhaven.



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The Goldfinch.

The proper caging, feeding and moulting of the species, together with some observations on colour-feeding, exhibiting, and hybrid breeding.

By GEO. H. GROOCOCK (Leicester).

In choosing the Goldfinch as my subject I do so because this bird is the favourite Britisher of myself and of many other people. It is too well known to need description, for everyone knows Goldie's beautiful crimson face, his brilliant golden wing-bars, and his white buttons. It has many attractive features, among them being a pretty and pleasing song, which is not at all shrill or piercing. Also, so long as it is kept in good health, a cock Goldfinch can always be depended on for plenty of singing. It is very tame and confiding once it has become used to captivity (which is not long in the cases of most specimens), and makes a most charming pet.

A Goldfinch before its first moult, i.e., while still in its nest feather, lacks the crimson blaze, white cheeks, black head and tanned chest of the adult bird. Instead, its chest is spotted, and its head is greyish in colour. They are therefore known as Greypates.

How and Where the Nests are Made.

The species is found in all parts of England. The nest is built in the trees of the orchards, the apple, pear, and plum being particularly favoured, and also in the elm, ash, and poplar. The Goldfinches which are bred in pear trees are supposed to be the largest of the British Goldfinches; but how far this is true I do not know. The term "peartree" is now applied to birds which are above the ordinary size, no matter where they have been bred.

Goldfinches usually begin their nesting operations in May. The nest, in the construction of which the Goldfinch is a past master, is made of such things as fine roots and stalks interwoven with wool, moss, and the down of dandelion heads. Three or four eggs are laid, and these are of a bluish colour, with little spots of red.

We often hear of Cheveral and Peathroat Goldfinches. The latter has a small patch of white in the middle of the blaze under the lower mandible, generally about the size and shape of a pea; hence its name. A Cheveral has this patch of white extending right through the underblaze, completely cutting it in two.

Never choose one of these for exhibition purposes, because the present standard registers this as a fault. It says: "Blaze: free from black stripes or breaks." There is one case at least known of a Peathroat getting first in a class of seventeen, but I should never trouble with one for show.

How to Sex Goldies.

Many people find a great difficulty in sexing Goldfinches. But there are many different points which can be noticed, and if all are looked for, a person can hardly go wrong. First, a cock always has a cheekier appearance, a bolder eye, and a more jaunty manner than the hen. His colours are always of greater depth and brilliancy than those of the hen, and his markings are more distinct with a clearer outline. The beak of a cock bird is longer and thicker at the root than the hen's, and he has a flatter skull and a snakier head.



The Sex Differences in the Heads of Goldfinches.

A very good sign in a full-coloured Finch is the blaze; in the cock this extends right to the back of the eye, while in the hen it only goes to the middle of the eye. This applies particularly to the under-blaze. The sketch shows the heads of a typical cock and a typical hen.

Also the colour at the root of the beak and going back to the eye is a deep black in the case of the cock, but a greyish brown in a hen.

A very good test, too, is the shoulder butt. Open the wings, and examine the shoulders or wing butts. If the butts are pure black, the bird is a cock; if brown, or black mixed with brown, it is a hen. Sometimes the butts of a cock are of a greenish, metallic shade instead of black. Blow up the feathers on the breast, and notice the broad part of the tan feathers, and in the cocks you will find that one or two are a distinct yellow in colour. Open the wing, and look amongst the white feathers underneath the shoulder. If the bird is a cock you will find there is a noticeable yellow tinge.

The best way, however, to get used to all the differences between the sexes is to compare a cock and a hen side by side. Of course, all these signs are not infallible. For instance, there are hens that have wing butts as black as those of a cock. But if all these signs be combined you cannot go wrong very easily.

How to Hand-rear the Species.

The Goldfinch in a state of freedom feeds on the seeds of the thistle, dandelion, groundsel, plantain, poppy, and other sorts of wild seeds. It is not, therefore, an easy matter to hand-rear nestlings, for they are very tender and delicate. One method is as follows:—With some boiled bread and milk mix a little Canary seed ground to powder, and a pinch or two of thistle seed. Give this and a little soaked biscuit every two hours until the birds are five weeks old. Then gradually wean them on to a diet of teazle, hemp, Canary seeds, etc. The birds should be taken when about ten days old. If the eggs are procured and put under a sitting hen Canary, she will bring them up as her own.

The Goldfinch is caught either with limed twigs baited with thistleheads, or by means of a net. A good call bird must be used, and frequently Goldfinch-Canary Mules having the pure Goldfinch song will be found useful for this.

Many people find it hard to keep fresh-caught Goldfinches alive, but it is not so difficult if one goes about it in the right way. The birds should be caged several together, and it is a good thing to put an old Finch with them in order that they may find the seed and water the more quickly. The cage used should be a store cage—i.e., a long cage of good depth but not too high, say seven inches. The top should be made of canvas to prevent the birds from hurting themselves by flying up when anyone goes near. The birds should be left in a quiet spot for a few days, and should only be approached for feeding purposes. The food and water vessels should be inside the cage, though it is not a bad plan to put them outside as well.

Where a Great Mistake is Made.

A great mistake that many people make is to think that the only food fresh-caught Goldfinches need is crushed hemp. The seed they seem to eat first and like most is inga and teazle; therefore, give them plenty of these at first. Besides, these give maw seed and cracked hemp (freshly cracked each day), and a little linseed and whole hemp. The cracked hemp should be kept in a separate vessel; then what is not eaten can be taken out each day. Do not give the food in deep vessels—only shallow ones.

Besides having the seed in vessels it is as well to put some on the bottom of the cage also, as the birds seem then to find it more quickly. Any wild seeds that can be obtained are a help, but they are not absolutely necessary, except in the case of birds which refuse the other seeds. Then such as thistle heads, knap weed, sow thistle, seeding groundsel, etc., come in most useful. If the birds are caught during a spell of wet weather, it is best to give them some soaked seed in addition to the other.

Treatment for "Thick" Birds.

When you have a bird "looking thick," try what Mr. Weston advises, viz., a dose of sulphate of soda—as much as will lie on a shilling dissolved in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water. Repeat (but on half strength, and with the addition of half a teaspoonful of brandy) after a day's interval on plain water.

When the birds are feeding well on the seed, they must be weaned from the inga. Reduce the amount of inga a bit each day. They can then be caged separately. I have always found a fair-sized cage the best at this stage, one of the box type. Do not use the little hop cages, for the birds break more feathers in them than in larger ones. They now want to be put on to a proper diet. I have always found Goldfinches rather slow at taking to whole hemp seed, and I generally force them to eat it by keeping other seed away for an hour or two in the morning. They soon eat it then, and once they start doing so they are extremely fond of it.

(To be continued.)



Photograph by] *[E. Arthur (Castleford).*

A FEW CASTLEFORD LINNET SINGERS.

Members of the Castleford and District Linnet Club. Back row: Messrs. S. Scott, T. Price, S. Morley, W. Hall, W. Dobson (Hon. Sec.), J. Smith (President), J. Wainwright, J. Ramskill, and W. Nelson; middle row: Messrs. L. Parker, J. Brierly, J. Rollinson, J. Collishaw, J. W. Wood, J. Wainwright, jun., A. Towler, and A. Jennings; front row: Messrs. A. Potter, W. Wilson, B. Nelson, J. Papworth, A. Watson, J. Kirk, T. Piper, C. Scott, and E. Wainwright.

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A Chat on Colour-Feeding.

By F. J. WEAVER (Wolverhampton.)

A lecture delivered before the Wolverhampton C.B.S. on August 17th.

I have great pleasure in giving this lecture to you. I wish to give you the main points only of a consideration of the question of colour-feeding. You all know what helps to make a real good bird for the present-day show bench; I am referring to colour; for even when a real "stormer" is patchy in colour it is put down. Do try above all things to get your bird even in colour. Day after day you hear the same old cry "moulting and colour-feeding are really a nuisance"; and such talk poisons the minds of many would-be fanciers. Not only are moulting and colour-feeding said to be a nuisance, but some say the latter is a very expensive matter. Now I think such talk is all bosh.

"Cramming" Unnecessary.

There is a big difference between colour-feeding and cramming. For instance, I feed over sixty birds every year, and I never use more than 5lbs. of cold and 1lb. of hot pepper; so you see there is no expense worth speaking of. I don't believe in giving a ¼-lb. per bird as some fanciers say you should.

I take 4lbs. of cold and ¾-lb. of hot pepper and mix them well together; then I rub it through a sieve so as to smash up the small lumps, because otherwise the birds would only throw them out when they came across them. I add olive oil according to the state of the colour food; if it is of a dry nature I add 1oz. of olive oil to every pound. I also add 2oz. of castor sugar to every pound. When I have mixed the feed as stated I place it in earthenware jars, and keep it there—not in tins—until I want to use it.

Nearly every year I have heard of difficulties with regard to young birds and colour-feeding. The fanciers get their birds on to hard seed as soon as possible, stop giving the egg food, and then when the birds reach the age of eight or nine weeks put them back again on egg food with a little colour in it. Naturally the birds gorge it, and this causes their bowels to become loose, and the birds mope. It is better, let me tell you, to keep your birds on egg all the time. But for looseness of the bowels I have always found that a little ground cuttle-fish bone in the egg food is a good thing; and if this does not act I give a little gentian, though I don't think for a moment that gentian is a good thing for the liver. Do not hang cuttle-fish bone in your cages when moulting is in progress, as it not only collects dust, but is affected by the smell of the excreta, and what is worse than a bad smell for anything? So that you can with my method get a bird on to colour without relaxing the bowels.

The Main Point to Remember.

The main point to remember is the proper mixing of the colour food with the egg food so as to get the best colour. I take the quantity I want for all my birds, put it into a bowl, and with my clean hands I pinch the colour food well into the egg food, and leave until next morning.

After I have done breeding with my stock I take the old birds and place them in my stock cages (which run about 18 inches by 12 inches by 9 inches) for a rest. I get some of the fat off them by this means. All birds should be handled after breeding to see what state they are in before moulting begins; then when you have got them right, if anything was wrong, they will go through the moult quicker; you should, in fact, have some of the birds ready for the show bench the last week in September.

After the fat is off these old birds I start them on colour-feed the same way I do the young—merely a tint first, gradually raising the strength. What for? Well, I will tell you. Some fanciers take them right out of the breeding cage and start them on strong food; but what is the consequence? They fall sick, and are a long time in starting the moult.

Some of you may think "well, why does he say single cages instead of flights?" I have always found my birds moult better by themselves, and I know that moulted thus they cannot be plucked. Again, you may think he hasn't got sixty cages in which to moult all his birds separately? No; but my experience teaches me to know a likely bird when I see it, and the "Scraps" I naturally put all together in a flight.

But there is one thing I do strongly protest against, and that is the taking off the seed during the colour-feeding process. Some birds eat more than others, so by all means give the birds both seed and colour, and you will see that they will eat them both like a horse does hay and corn.

How the Egg-food is Mixed.

Some of you may wonder how I mix my egg food. I have already told you I have sixty birds to feed. I simply cut a 1in. thick round of bread, and put to one egg; I add 5 teaspoonsful of colour food and mix as before mentioned. I give only half a teaspoonful to each per day, no more. So you see that the birds are not crammed with it.

What benefit do I get from hot pepper? Well, I think hot is more fixing; when you give the cold pepper by itself the excreta is red and sloppy, and when the hot is added it is normal. All these little things, of course, you must study. Which do I prefer to give, linseed or linseed meal? The latter, of course, as when you give the seed you have to chance whether they eat it or not, whereas if you give a piled-up teaspoonful of linseed meal in the egg food they are obliged to eat it. I must be drawing to a close now, but there is one thing more I have to bring before you, and that is the darkening down of the birds during the moult. When I say darkening down I don't mean you should put a bag over the window, or draw down the blind so as to block out the light. No; far from it; I mean darkening down by means of yellow muslin curtains. This you will find keeps off the strong rays of the sun, prevents the birds from becoming excited, and enables them to eat their seed and colour-food better. Last of all, it keeps off the dirt. I keep the curtains closed till I get home to tea, and I open them till dark, so that the birds can exercise. I hope, in conclusion, that I have made it clear that colour-feeding is not an enormous expense or task, nor do the birds require an enormous amount of feed. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the lecturer.

Questions and Answers.

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Two Border Fancies.

Border Fancier.—These birds have a difficulty in breaking away with the moult. Keep them fairly warm, and in an equable temperature, and cover the cages over for a time until the moult is well under way, or if it goes slowly after starting keep the cover on until the feathers cease dropping. For the next fortnight give a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut daily, and every second day slightly dust it with flowers of sulphur and sprinkle it with maw seed. On the alternating days when sulphur is omitted put two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkle it with maw. Give a morsel of ripe banana two or three times a week, and a green plantain stalk about as often. For staple diet keep a mixture of two parts canary to one part summer rape accessible. Let this dietary suffice for the time named. In the drinking water give 20 drops of whisky, as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and half as much chlorate of potash, every second day for a week, and on the alternate days four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba and aromatic sulphuric acid. Arrange it to give the potash mixture on the days when not giving sulphur. You would doubtless find the Nutshell booklet on the Border Fancy of much service.

Canaries in India.

F. H. Coffe.—I am eorry I cannot go fully into all details of breeding, so I hope you will find much of the general information you need in the books. Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries," House's "Canary Manual," and "Our Canaries" are the most generally useful. No doubt, if judiciously managed, English Canaries will thrive well in India. Your idea of getting the birds acclimatised before the hot season is very good, hut to confine them in box cages is scarcely the way to do it. By keeping them in the covered verandah well protected from the sun, also protecting cages from draughts, I think you would do better to use cages with wired fronts and ends, and solid wood only for top, bottom, and back. When the hot season is in full swing, transfer birds to open wire cages of the "Jerome" type (see any large English dealer's catalogue). The latter type of cage, or something similar to the Crystal Palace type shown in "Our Canaries," would also form excellent flights for the young birds, and he far more healthful than box cages. If you are in a mosquito district it would also be a good plan to so arrange the cages that you can cover the lot with a mosquito net from sundown until next morning. Get the birds out as soon as possible after their first moult, and adhere to sound, healthy yearling birds for stock to commence with, and thus gradually get a strain of birds quite inured to your climate. You would also probably do well to begin mating up if the birds are in the proper conditiou about the beginning of February, but on this point be guided by the experiences of the first season or two. Re your proposed method of feeding; you should be quite sparing in the use of such seeds as niga, rape, and gingelly, as you term it; and linseed I should utterly eschew. Egg, too, I should try to avoid entirely, and in any case limit its use to a minimum. I would suggest giving as a staple food a mixture of two parts canary and a half-part each cumbu and korra, gradually doubling the proportion of the two latter as the birds get accustomed to the change, with a pinch of rape and a few grains of swollen rice and crushed biscuit occasionally, and green food or banana freely. To this add during the breeding season a regular supply of crushed plain dry biscuit, ripe banana, green food, and a saucer of white millet scalded until soft and made into a crumbly mass with a sufficient quantity of crushed grain or cholum. You might try one or two pairs on the orthodox egg and biscuit diet if you wish, but, personally, I have far greater confidence in the success of the above system in your climate. You could get a bird organ the same as is used to teach Rollers to sing for tutoring the Yorkshires, though these birds are not usually trained for singing in this country. Have replied separately re seeds.

Indian Seeds.

F. H. G.—I think several of the seeds might be very profitably used for feeding Canaries and seed-eating birds in a hot climate such as yours, where rich, oily seeds are far better omitted from the regular dietary. Most of these seeds and their names, as you employ, are practically unknown here. You say you believe cumbu is used freely at home. If you mean used freely in this country it certainly is not. It was recently introduced to English fanciers under a fancy name as a new discovery for the bird-keeper's larder. Its value I rate about the same as millet, and in your country it might form a regular portion of the diet. The virtues of korra I should say are practically the same, and it might be used in about equal proportions with cumbu. Cholum crushed and scalded until soft might form a very useful soft food as a change, but these seeds and safflower are of little or no use for small birds, Gingelly reminds me very strongly of the seed known here as sesame, and I am of opinion the latter seed is what you would call white gingelly. Tbey are in no sense hot to the taste. You might give a pinch of these seeds occasionally as a treat in the same way as we would use hemp. Maw seed may either be given separately as a treat, or added to any soft food as a kind of appetiser. You could safely use it in this way out there. I do not know whether the seed you call Indian rape is really rape or something else. Better send us a sample for inspection.

Growth Near Eye (Foam Queen II.).—The cause of swollen appearance of the eye is practically certain to be a small tumour in the orbital cavity. I cannot advise you to attempt any interference, but if the bird is a valuable one your best course is to ask a veterinary surgeon to operate and remove it. It is often quite a simple operation, and the tumour very easily removed; but, still, in these matters for an amateur to interfere, or anyone to start on the job without the necessary anatomical knowledge and technical skill to meet any contingency that turns up unexpectedly, is the height of folly. No other treatment than that suggested is likely to be of any use.

Judging Crests (Foam Queen I.).—It is certainly wrong to suggest as your friend does that mere size of crest is everything in judging these birds. If a crest is full of splits, and has little or no radiation, and a large bare centre, and so on, it matters not how much it exceeds the circumference of a penny, or how far it extends beyond the beak or over the eyes, it would stand very little chance in competition with a bird with a moderate sized crest which was perfect in shape and radiation. Size of crest is certainly most desirable, but there must be proper shape, radiation, droop, etc., with it to make a very successful show bird. Get Part XIII. of "Our Canaries" to see all that a perfect crest should be.

Weak on Legs (B. Y.).—The bird is probably a weakling. Keep in a comfortable and well aired place out of reach of draughts, but with plenty of fresh, pure air, and in a moderate sized cage. Feed on a staple of plain Canary only. Every second day give half a teaspoonful of summer rape and a morsel of ripe banana. On the alternate days give a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut, with three drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with maw seed. Twice a week give a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, millet, teazie, inga, and broken groats, and about three times a week a spray of green food. Keep a piece of cuttlefish in the wires for it to peck at. In the drinking water give ten drops of syrup of buckthorn for two days, and afterwards four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a week, then 20 drops of chemical food every second day for a fortnight or so.

Birds Dying (W.N.).—See reply to "C. Bland" in last issue, under heading "What Disease?" If another death occurs soon also send body on to Mr. Yates, as per rules under post-mortem, and thus settle any doubt as to cause of death. I think it most likely that the deaths are due to septic fever, so that whilst awaiting a post mortem announcement you would be well advised to get the "Nutshell" booklet on "Disinfection" and Dr. Clarke's brochure on "Septic Fever," and adopt all the necessary precautions to cope with this disease. You might give a dose of 20 drops of whisky and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence in the water for two days, and afterwards four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and dilute sulphuric acid, every second day for a week. Also give a morsel of bread and milk with three drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with maw seed every second day for a fortnight.

Canaries for Singing (Robin).—If you want birds for singing pure and simple a trained Roller is quite the best you could have, and a so-called Seifert or St. Andreasberg would most likely give the best satisfaction. The other varieties of Canary yon name, though possessing an ordinary type of song similar to any common Canary you may have heard, are not bred specially for singing abilities. Their most valued points are shape, colour, size, etc., etc., so that it is purely a matter of taste which you considered best. You should get the parts of "Our Canaries" wherein you would find excellent coloured plates of every breed, and could then suit your own choice. The prices of these breeds you can gather from our advert. columns, which will soon be filled with hundreds of offers. The Rollers vary from about 10s. 6d. upwards for fairly good performers. The most proficient singers command the higher prices in this variety. Of cheap handbooks you cannot do better than get House's "Manual" or "Canary Breeding for Beginners," and the "Nutshell" booklets on "The Canary" and "The Roller Canary." For prices see inset in this column. British bird query should have been on a separate sheet; see Mr. Weston's column for reply next week.

Yorkshire Hoarse (Anxious).—As the bird is not yet over the moult the hoarseness may be quite natural and of no serious import at all. The voice is always more or less hoarse for a time when the bird is just resuming its song after moulting, but this gradually disappears. But as there appears a history of asthma treat as follows for a fortnight: Staple diet, a mixture of three parts Canary to one part summer rape. Every second day give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it and sprinkled with maw seed. Twice a week on the alternating days give a pinch of mixed seeds, and on each of the remaining days a spray of green stuff or morsel of banana. In the drinking water give 20 drops of whisky, as much Epsom salts as well cover a sixpence, and half as much chlorate of potash for three days, and every second day afterwards for a fortnight 20 drops of whisky, six each of oxymel of squills and ipecacuanha wine, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together. See that it is not exposed to any draughts.

Canary Eating Feathers (West Ham).—Its cessation of song for so long a period seems to point to something being wrong with the general management. You would do well to look up these replies for a few weeks past, or get one of our handbooks, or the No. 5 Nutshell booklet, and look into this matter. See inset for list of books. Also thoroughly examine the cage to see if red mites are the cause, and if these pests are found deal with them as advised to "Red Mite" on August 19th. Keep cage strewn with clean gritty sand. Give a staple diet of plain Canary only. Every second day give half a teaspoonful of summer rape and a green plantain stalk, and on the alternate days three times a week for one week only give a morsel of bread and milk with a light dusting of flowers of sulphur and sprinkled with maw seed, and on two other days a morsel of ripe banana. Also give a mealworm a day for a fortnight, if available. In the drinking water give 20 drops of whisky, as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and half as much chlorate of potash every second day for a week. A fortnight of this treatment should set matters right, but you must not expect tho bird to sing now until after moulting.

CANARY QUERISTS

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canories" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping (1/1); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES, AND HYBRIDS.

The appended replies have been kindly supplied by Mr. H. J. Fulljames in the absence of Mr. Weston on holiday.

Fresh Caught Finches.

R. H.—You should remember that newly caught birds have been living upon semi-ripe and sometimes rain sodden seeds, and they must not be expected to thrive if suddenly put upon hard dry seed. Almost any kind of seed—canary, rape, charlock, etc., may be soaked in water (changed daily) until almost sprouting, then rubbed dry in a cloth before being offered to the birds. A tin of the same in a dry state should also be kept in the cage, and the birds will soon accustom themselves to it. Fresh gathered wild seeds, with some green stuff, chickweed, groundsel, etc., must also be given. The subsequent treatment and feeding of all the birds you mention are fully described in our "Nutshells," 2d. each, or post free 2½d., and one of these for each bird you keep will save you an immensity of trouble. The bird you mention is evidently a Corn Bunting. It is very considerably larger than a Linnet. When freshly caught it requires soaked or wild seed as above, and a mealworm or two; for subsequent treatment of this or any Bunting see answer to "Foam Queen."

"Spotted Sparrows" (J.S.).—Like yourself, I have never seen a "Spotted Sparrow." If you will describe the plumage of the bird to which you have given this name I will try to name it for you.

Identity of Seed (Curious).—The seed-head you send is of the Spear Plum-thistle (Cnicus lanceolatus), a biennial plant. This is the plant of which the wild Goldfinches are so fond, and its seeds form a valuable food for any Finch, especially Goldfinches.

Birds and an Aviary (W. B.).—Your aviary is fairly fully stocked and would scarcely accommodate many more birds with comfort. The freshly caught Chaffinch should be kept in the box cage until it settles down to cage life. When you ultimately turn him into the aviary it will be well to watch him. Chaffinches are sometimes spiteful with the smaller Finches. You probably know that the Chaffinch is somewhat of an insectivorous bird, and requires more than a plain seed diet. You will find the "Nutshell" on the species (No. 13) very helpful.

Breeding Linnets (C.E.N.).—Yes, Linnets may be bred in an ordinary breeding cage, but are scarcely worth the trouble. All nestling Finches are fed by their parents largely upon live insects, and this renders the old birds somewhat difficult to cater for when they have young in a cage. The nest is built of moss and grass, and lined with hair, feathers and wool, and you should supply material accordingly. It will be as well to screen the nest box with a bunch of furze or something. The feeding of Linnets in captivity is very fully described in the Nutshell you mention, and you should certainly get it. Your present feeding is quite good for the time of year.

Sex of Snow Bunting ("Foam Queen").—The hen Snow Bunting is a considerably smaller bird than the cock, her total length from tip of beak to end of tail feathers rarely exceeding six inches, while the cock is fully an inch longer. In breeding plumage the cock has white wing coverts; the wing coverts of the hen at the same time are only tipped with white. The hen is never so black as the male bird, and her whites are never so pure. The wing of the cock bird is nearly five inches long, and of the hen scarcely four inches. Buntings require only Canary seed as a staple food, some will eat also crusbed oats and a little hemp, and they should always be offered these. If they will eat some insectivorous mixture they will be the better for it, and a few mealworms should be given each day.

Breeding Mealworms ("Foam Queen").—Unless you have a great many birds it is better to buy these than to take the trouble of breeding them. They may be purchased from any of the several advertisers in our columns. If you decide to breed them, procure a biscuit tin or wooden box, the latter for preference; nearly fill this with old sacking, bits of woollen rag, etc., broken dog biscuits, sharps or any kind of meal; then turn in some mealworms, say a pint, shut down the lid (which should, of course, be ventilated either by small holes or larger ones covered with perforated zinc), put the box in a dry and moderately warm place, and forget all about it for some months. The "worms" will change into beetles in due course, the beetles will lay eggs, and your stock will be multiplied.

BRITISH BIRD & HYBRID QUERISTS

should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1, "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4 "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

Young Cockatiels.

Amateur.—You will be able to sex the young Cockatiels as soon as the moult sets in, till which period both sexes are similar in plumage to their mother. They can be removed from their parents as soon as they are able to fend for themselves, but unless their parents begin to bully them, or the young birds interfere with their parents' nesting. It is not a necessity to remove them. Common Quails are plain brown birds; the male has a few white facial markings. The male of the Chinese Painted Quail is quite handsome with his black and white facial markings, ruddy chocolate, and blue body and wing areas; the hen is brown. Quails are improbable breeders unless they have a grass run. A pair of Diamond or Peaceful Doves should breed with you, and would not interfere with your Finches. The Chinese Quails are worth keeping even if they do not breed.

An Ailing Grey Parrot.

F. C. Matell.—Give the bird one dose Dinneford's Magnesia—one teaspoonful in two tablespoonfuls of water—this to form the drinking water for the day, and after a week's interval repeat the dose. On intermediate days add half-teaspoonful of Parrish's Chemical Food to the daily supply of drinking water. While the sores remain, cleanse them daily with the warm water and Condy's Fluid, and also anoint with a little healing antiseptic ointment, obtainable from your chemist. Diet: Seed mixture (two parts each canary and white millet, and one part each hemp, dari, oats, paddy rice, and sunflower seeds—well mix together), ripe fruit, nuts, and plain biscuit. Keep a piece of clean cuttlebone hanging in the cage, and add a pinch of grit (not sand) to the daily supply of seed. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever. I expect improper feeding in your absence has caused irritation, and possibly a little inflammation round the organ, which the above treatment should allay. If there is no improvement in, say, fourteen days, repeat query with fullest details.

Cockatoo in Poor Plumage.

Hunter.—The booklet sent you will help you as to general treatment, and you will only need to add a little maize to the mixture there advised to make it fully meet your case. For a month at least regularly colour its drinking water (use a crock or glass drinker when giving drugs) with Allan and Hanbury's Byno-phosphates, and once a week, in lieu of the above, put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the water. Also do not give much bread and butter, but if the bird will take it so, lightly dust the buttered surface with flowers of sulphur, or bread or biscuit damped with warm water and similarly dusted, will certainly help at this juncture. Also spray the bird twice weekly with quassia solution (using a mist sprayer); this will make plumage distasteful to the bird, and also check parasites if there are any. In addition to its seed mixture and the items mentioned above, the bird can have ripe fruit, green food, nuts, and plain biscuits daily. Add a pinch of grit (not sand) to the daily supply of seed mixture, and keep a piece of clean cuttlebone hanging in its cage.

Swelling on Tongue.

E. Frost.—If the swelling on the tongue comes to a head and discharges, it will soon heal afterwards, but if there is no discharge after swelling appears ripe, you had better let your local vet. lance it for you. You must keep the bird's bowels moving freely, not watery loose, by giving a dose of Dinneford's Magnesia—one teaspoonful to each two tablespoonfuls of drinking water—once or twice a week, according to the condition of the voidings, which should not remain watery loose. Get a box of honey and borax from your chemist, and with a camel-hair brush wipe out the bird's mouth twice daily, well cleansing the brush after each operation. If the bird gets at all weak, add two or three drops of brandy to the daily supply of drinking water, but this should not be continuous. If the swelling does not yield to above treatment you had better let a vet. see it, as it may require cutting out to save the bird's life; however, if there are any signs of a white head showing, you can hope that it will soon become ripe and empty itself. You must continue to use the honey and borax till all signs of soreness or inflammation have disappeared. Our Nutshell booklet, "The Grey Parrot," 2½d. post free from our manager, would help you as to general treatment.

Aviary and Birds.

E. A. M.—At the present time you cannot do better than leave the shed as it is, merely examining the building well for holes by which birds might escape. You must cover up the front glass with wire-netting, and I should advise match boarding the roof under the slates. The back wall must be covered with twiggy branches, various nesting receptacles being hung behind same; and stand about at suitable intervals dead spruce firs, planted in tubs; also suspend husks and nest boxes from the roof. Useful nesting receptacles are Hartz travelling cages with the fittings removed and a bar cut away for the birds to get in and out; rush nests, coco-nut husks, coco-nut shell nests, and square boxes (about 6-in.), with a round hole cut in for entrance. Shallow porcelain photographic dishes (whole-plate) make excellent baths. Cover the floor with three or four inches of gritty sand, which can be raked over at intervals and renewed as required. Suspend a box about 2 ft. square by 4 in. deep from the roof with wire, and place food vessels in this; it will not only keep the aviary tidy, but be difficult of access to mice if they find an entrance. You can include pairs of the following: Green and Common Avadavats, Orange-cheek, Grey, St. Helena, and Golden-breasted Waxbills; Grey and Green Singing Finches; Ruficauda, Long-tailed, and Masked Grassfinches; Cuban, Bib, Spice, Zebra, Gouldian,

Aurora. Ribbon, Red-headed, Lavender, Jacarini, Fire, Striated, Alario, and Parrot Finches; Bronze, Three-coloured, White-headed, Black-headed, and Magpie Mannikins (Nuns); Cordon Bleus, Bengalese, Silverbills, White Java Sparrows, Indigo Buntings, Combassous, Paradise Whydahs, and Madagascar Weavers. You have accommodation for 40 pairs of above. The main diet is seed. You should get from our manager, "Foreign Birds for Beginners," 1s. 1½d. post free, and Nutshell Booklets Nos. 6, 14, 16, and 20, 2½d. each, post free.

Mealworms for Cardinals (A. S.).—While these birds will do well for a good period without live insects providing they get greenfood, ripe fruit, and seed, yet they are much better for an occasional insect or so. Give the bird, say, three mealworms daily, or during the summer you should be able to capture sufficient smooth caterpillars, flies, beetles, and spiders for it, falling back on the mealworms for winter use.

Birds for Aviary (Freda).—As it is now so late in the year I should not turn out any more birds till spring, but I think you may risk the little Quails if you put them outside at once. Cover the floor of right shelter with three inches of sand; and it would be well to tack felt over half the flight for the winter months only, or you might permanently cover in the 5 ft. of roof adjoining shelter. I should advise Zebra Finches, Java Sparrows, Silverbills, Green Singing Finches, and a pair of Diamond Doves, and you could add Madagascar and Red-billied Weavers for colour effect; but you must not put out, and leave out, newly-imported birds at this time of year.

Garden Aviary (Claude).—It will be safest to get your aviary properly prepared, and not to put the birds outside till next May—this will give you ample time to plant the flight and to get the plants established. Laurel, box, euonymus, and fir, with such creepers as Rambler rose, hops, wild clematis, etc. It will be better not to put in more than 10 pairs the size of a Norwich Canary, or 15 pairs about the size of Waxbills. As regards the shelter, it must be well lighted, and the side facing the flight should be a board partition with an open doorway about 1½ ft. wide by 5 ft. in the middle of same.

Wintering Birds in Conservatory (A. F. Hall).—So long as you do not keep up too moist an atmosphere for plants, and get rid of draught, the birds should do well, and a Clark's syphon gas stove should give ample heat, and also some light for the birds during the night and dark mornings and evenings. It will be necessary to cover up part of the glass roof temporarily, and one of the sides, as the birds must have some part they can go to that is not all glass for shelter. You can either screw boards up inside, or tack roofing felt outside the glass. If you sent me rough plan and sketch of the conservatory, and state whether they are to fly loose or to be confined in cages, I could give you clearer

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS

should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½): Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

advice. A night temperature of 50 degrees Fahr., rising by degrees to 60 degrees, would suffice. Size and height of house must be sent to stove makers, who will then supply a suitable size. Do not encourage winter breeding. Let Parrot Finches fly with the rest.

Green Singing Finches (Rita).—The principal period during which birds sing is during the breeding season. Yours are evidently young birds, and I conclude they, or rather the cock, will sing freely enough next spring, if not before. I take them to be Green Singing Finches, but there are so many Serins which closely resemble each other that it is impossible to state definitely, as more than one species of Serin are sold as Green Singing Finches. In addition to seed you should give them green food and a piece of apple occasionally; also give a teaspoonful of British Finch seed mixture two or three times a week. If you have a cock it will sing next spring, if not before. Hope I've made all clear.

What Bird? (A. M. B.).—Your bird is evidently one of the Babbler Thrushes, but it calls for a little research, and I will give you a definite reply next week. It needs much care in keeping widely-separated species together in cages, and I think it would agree with a Bulbul, but there is so much individualism with such birds, even of the same species, that you must keep them under pretty close observation if they become combative. If there is very much disparity as to size they had better not be put together, and much depends on the size of the cage.

Amazon and Grey Parrot (T. Williams).—You have a Cuban Amazon, and so far as my experience goes they do not talk much; at the same time, I am of the opinion that all Amazons should talk, and your bird will doubtless respond to training and kindness. Keep it where it will hear conversation, also talk to it and teach it by constant repetition. Diet: Seed mixture—canary and millet seeds two parts each, hemp, maize, oats, paddy rice, and sunflower seeds, one part each—well mix and keep a supply in the cage. Also supply ripe fruit, nuts, plain biscuit, grit, cuttlebone, and water ad. lib. for drinking and bathing. Some Amazons scream, but if yours does not already do so it should continue a non-screamer. As regards the Grey Parrot, it is a better talker and more teachable, but you had better get our Nutshell booklet, 2½d. post free from our manager, on this bird. It will give you full and concise directions as to treatment, etc., of adult and young birds; then repeat query on any doubtful point.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 2, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

Club Notices (A. H. C. Legg and others).—Your notices of meetings reached us too late for insertion in our last week's issue. See the special note on page 127 of that and previous issues.

Coloured Plates, etc. ("Robin").—We shall be pleased to let you have a list of prices, etc., of our coloured plates, on receipt of your name and address.

Gone Astray (R. Charleson).—We cannot trace having received the postcard. Are you sure you addressed it correctly?

Newspaper Cuttings (S. T., A.W., and others).—Thanks for the cuttings sent.

Bird-catching (A. T. L.).—We could not publish your letter as sent, it being too much of the nature of an advertisement. No doubt you will get some replies if you advertise your wishes in our columns.

GREEN CANARY ASSOCIATION.

A most important meeting should have been held at headquarters on August 24th, but for some reason none of the members turned up, hence the schedule for the ensuing year could not be arranged; neither could the season's specials be allotted. The show season is close at hand, but there are members who have not yet paid their subscriptions, viz., 5s., although the rule distinctly states they shall be paid on or before August 31st in each year. Reference has been made to this matter on numerous occasions, and notice is hereby given that unless same is received by the 12th inst. names will not be included in the list sent out to the societies who have been granted the patronage; neither will syllabuses or specials cards be sent; enough postage having already been expended. The Society was formed to be run on business lines, and not as a philanthropic institution. If not continuing membership, a post-card intimating the fact would be appreciated.—Geo. Green, Hon. Sec., 36, Lord Nelson Street, Liverpool.

BANKFOOT AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held August 29th, Mr. J. Taylor (President) in chair. Mr. B. Wilman proposed, and Mr. J. Mitchell seconded, that Morecambe be selected for the Society's annual outing on September 23rd. Will all members desirous of making the journey kindly send in their names, so that proper arrangements may be made for the journey? Return fare, 2s. 3d. Specials for best cock bird and best hen at each of our old bird shows were promised by Messrs. Wilman, Taylor, and Gelder. Arrangements were made in connection with the winter syllabus. Three of the lectures will be given by members, and it is hoped all will do their best to be present on these occasions. The subjects include "Washing and Staging for Exhibition," by Mr. J. Smith; "Moulting and Colour-feeding," by Mr. J. Taylor; and "A Novice's advice to Beginners, after a costly experience." Other items include a washing exhibition, at which prizes will be given without any entry fee being charged. "Matched Pairs for Breeding," a smoking concert at the opening of the syllabus, and a concert and supper at the conclusion of the season. Arrangements are to be made for our annual tea and concert and prize distribution, to be held at the Bankfoot Schools.—F. Gelder, Sec.

LEEDS C.B.S.

Meeting held 2nd September, Lockhart's Cafe. In the absence of Chairman, Mr. J. Chambers was asked to preside. I am sorry to record a poor attendance of members. The business of the evening was a lecture on colour feeding and exhibiting by Mr. H. J. Chittenden (Bradford), and right ably did he deal with his subject. His audience were fortunate, I am sure, in listening to the experience and hearing the good advice of a fancier who is one of the pioneers of the Yorkshire Canary. Many were the questions showered upon him. He answered every one, after which a hearty vote of thanks was accorded him. Classification for open show was read and confirmed, all sections being well catered for, viz., Yorks 7 classes, Norwich 7, British 7 (including class for Softbills), Novice Yorks 4, Novice Norwich 4, with 5s. and 2s. 6d. for first and second most points in each section, and 2s. 6d. for most points in each class, 2 selling classes and A.O.V. Canary class. 1s. 6d. entry fee; prize money, 10s., 6s., 4s., 2s. Messrs. H. J. Mennard, T. Baldwinson G. Sykes, and J. Owen kindly presented 2s. 6d. each towards special fund, which was gratefully accepted. So get prepared, Leeds fanciers; the open show is upon you, and let us try to make it a record one-day show. Also do not forget October novice washing competition, 1st prize gold-centre silver medal; judge, Mr. W. Johnson, entrance free. Further particulars from Hon. Sec. Mr. J. Dowsett was elected a member. Schedules for open show will be given out at next meeting.—W. A. Wilson, Hon. Sec.

CINNAMON CANARY CLUB.

Special committee meeting held at Blackburn on August 31st. Members present: Messrs. W. A. Bladon (President) in chair, E. Godley, A. Bentley, L. Roberts, H. Riding, V. H. Deacon, W. Dormer, and J. W. Metcalfe. The minutes of the Manchester 1910 meeting were read and confirmed. The President read out the list of new officers. The question re sixth judge was put. Mr. W. A. Bladon was elected as a club judge. The revised rules as drawn up by the sub-committee caused considerable discussion, Messrs. Dormer and Bentley moving that the rules would have to be confirmed by a general meeting; but when it was explained that considerable time might lapse before we could get a quorum at the Palace, they withdrew in favour of a motion by Messrs. Deacon and L. Roberts "That all members be asked to vote on the rules sent to them by Mr. Bentley some time ago, and which have been altered and approved of by this committee."—Carried. The following are the only alterations and additions to the rules now in force:—Rule 5: That there shall be two meetings a year. First meeting to be held at Manchester on Saturday during the Manchester Old Bird Show. The second meeting to be the annual general meeting, to be held on the first Thursday in April at Blackburn. Rule 6: The names and addresses of all candidates for membership shall be sent, with the entrance fee of 2s. 6d., to the Hon. Sec., who shall send a list of names and addresses of such candidates to the officers and committee at least seven days before election. If not elected, the entrance fee will be returned; if elected, forward the balance of subs. (2s. 6d.) to the Hon. Sec. Rule 9: That auditors shall not be elected through the annual voting paper, the same not to be put on the voting paper, but must be voted for annually at the general meeting. This rule to be strictly enforced. Rule 10 add: "Also that all exhibits must be clear of rings." Rule 17 add: "And same to be judged by a club judge, who shall not judge the club show two years in succession." Rule 19 add: "In Cinnamon classes, but that he remains a novice throughout the same season." Additional rule: "On a requisition signed by seven members of the club a special general meeting shall be called for the discussion of any matter connected with or affecting the interest of the club. Notice of such annual or general meeting shall be sent by the Hon. Sec. to all members fourteen days before the meeting." Will all members give these alterations their serious consideration, and let me have their opinions as early as possible? Messrs. Godley and Dormer were instructed to advise the Hon. Sec. on which wires the perches were to be placed. Patronage was granted to the following shows: Newcastle, Manchester, Liverpool (club show), Gt. Harwood, Gateshead, Scottish National, and Palace. Season's specials: 1st most points, pair of watercolours, value £4 4s., presented by Mrs. Deacon; 2nd ditto, gold medal, presented by W. Donner (donors not to compete for above); 3rd ditto, 12s.; 4th ditto, 8s. Novice section: 1st, Lawrence memorial medal; 2nd, 7s. 6d.; 3rd, 5s., and the C.C.C. trophy. I should be pleased to hear from any member willing to give a special for the club show, so that if possible it may prove a record show of Cinnamons. I beg to make an appeal to all Cinnamon fanciers to become members at once, so as to share in the season's specials. I should like to hear from any fancier who has been a member, and hope they will become members again. Should this catch the eye of any Cinnamon fancier over-seas, will they send me their address as we have something that will greatly interest them?—J. W. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., 68, Brunswick Road, Liverpool.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Caterham.—Sept. 20 and 21. Public Hall, Caterham Valley. Judge, Mr. Geo. Gardner. 19 open classes: Nor. 5, Yorks 3, Crest 1, Bord 2, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 3, For. 2, Sell 1, and 3 local (5-mile) classes. Prizes: 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d., and specials. Fee 1s. 6d. Entries close Sept. 12 to H. Fabian Russell, "Ravensbury," Caterham Valley, Surrey.

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Amble C.B.S.—Sept. 16, Gardeners' Arms, Amble, 6. Arranging classes for annual show, etc.—J. T. Crackett.

Attercliffe C.B.S.—Sept. 14, Horse and Jockey Hotel, 8. Arrangements for annual show. — W. Richardson.

Ashington and Hirst C.B.S.—Sept. 9, Mr. Rowley's, 6.30. Special business in connection with annual show.—W. Hall.

Barrow C.B.A.—Sept. 13th, club-room, 7.30.—W. C. Templeton.

Barrington C.B.S.—Sept. 9, Social Club, Chappington St., 7. General business and subs.—T. Griffiths.

Bury C.B.S.—Sept. 12, Y.M.C.A., 8. Autumn show business and prize draw.—H. Jameson.

Batley O.F.S.—Sept. 11, Talbot Hotel, Batley, 8. Show business, etc.—G. Stafford.

Bradford West C.B.A.—Sept. 9, Shoulder of Mutton, 8. Open show business nominations of Y.U. judges for 1912. Please note change of headquarters.—F. Western.

British Roller C.C.—Sept. 12, Royal Mail, Noble Street, St. Martin-le-Grand. Important.—J. W. Norris.

Bramley O.S.—Sept. 12, Old Unicorn Hotel, 8. Washing exhibition, by Mr. W. Richmond.—W. Maltby.

Blaydon C.B.S.—Sept. 9, Co-op. Library, 7.30. Special adjourned meeting; business of the utmost importance.—G. Havver.

Brighouse C.B.S.—Sept. 14, Round House Inn, 8.—F. Mitchell.

Bolton Roller C.S.—Sept. 12, Joiners' Arms, 8. Show business.—W. Massey.

Birmingham (South) O.S.—Sept. 13, Sydenham Hotel, Small Heath, 8.30. Members' show business, and possibility of including fanciers residing in greater Birmingham. A few subs. due, please remit.—J. Sheppard.

Bolton C.B.S.—Sept. 11, Joiners' Arms, 8. Important open show business.—P. Brierley.

Bolton Woods C.B.S.—Sept. 9, Victoria Hotel, 8. Show business for Sept. 30.—W. Skirrow.

Choppington C.B.S.—Sept. 9, Railway Hotel, 7.—G. H. Seely.

Chester-le-Street C.B.S.—Sept. 9, 7.30, Butchers' Arms, Middle Chase. Annual show.—J. Hedley.

City of Wakefield O.S.—Sept. 9, Crown and Anchor Hotel, 7.30. Important; to elect judges for members' shows, etc.; fanciers invited.—J. Atkinson.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—Sept. 11, 59, Paddington Street, 8.15. Wild seed competition. Judge, J. S. Clarke, Esq.—A. W. Curtis.

City of Bradford O.S.—Sept. 9, Flying Dutchman Hotel, 8. Nomination of judges for Yorks. Union.—F. Rhodes.

Dubmire Workmen's Club C.B.S.—Sunday, Sept. 10, Dubmire Workmen's Club, 10.30.—B. Robinson.

Denton C.B.S.—Sept. 11, Headquarters, 8. Show business; new members may be enrolled at this meeting; fanciers invited.—W. Hopwood.

Dalziel O.A.—Sept. 16th. Y.M.C.I., Brandon Street, Motherwell, 7. Classification.—J. Mathieson.

East Ham F.S.—Sept. 11, Earl of Wakefield, Wakefield Street, 8. Distribution of literature for Y.S. show; allocation of specials; more specials wanted.—H. Rutter.

Fife and Kinross N.P.C.—Sept. 16th, Masonic Arms, 7. Selection of medals; general business.—G. Fisher.

Guisbro' Priory C.B.S.—Sept. 16, Wear's Rooms, 7.30. General.—S. H. Lambert.

Grimsby O.S.—Sept. 14, Slatter's Room, 8. Arrangements re open show, etc.—Towl Bros.

Gateshead C.B.S.—Sept. 13th, Lockhart's Cafe, 7.30. General. Members' classes.—A. Holden.

Great Harwood C.B.S.—Sept. 11th, Dan Mac Nally, 7.30. O.B. show.—A. Bentley.

Heptonstall C.B.S.—Sept. 14, Wadsworth View, 8. Important O.B. show business.—H. Taylor.

Huddersfield O.S.—Sept. 11th, Old Hat Hotel, 8. Show business.—F. J. Sykes.

Inverness O.A.—Sept. 13th, Crown Mission Hall, 8.15. Classification for annual show.—Urquhart and Sutherland.

Ilford F. and F.S.—Sept. 12, White Horse Hotel. General meeting; at conclusion Mr. Skinner will give a lecture.—J. H. Priestman.

Keighley C.B.S.—Sept. 12th, Black Horse Hotel, 7.30. Important.—J. Binns.

Kent County C.B.A.—Sept. 13, Baston Road Boys' School, 7.30. Patronage and general.—A. Hendry.

London C.B.A.—Sept. 13, "Feathers," 8. Usual business, also wild seed competition. Will members kindly send collections to make meeting a success?—W. H. Mugford.

Littleborough C.B.S.—Sept. 12, Coffee House, 8. New rules and back end show.—J. R. Mayers.

Lochgelly C.S.—Sept. 9, Bay Horse Tavern, 6. Balloting of specials, appointment of stewards.—W. Whiteford.

Leicester C.B.S.—Sept. 13, Saracen's Head Hotel, 8. General meeting; important; winter programme.—W. R. Adams.

Leigh C.B.S.—Sept. 13, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Old show business; important.—R. Charleson.

Midland Roller C.C.—Sept. 14, Swan and Peacock, 8. Special general; important show business.—T. J. Smith.

Metropolitan C.B.A.—Sept. 9, Headquarters, 8.30. Election of new members and select prize cards.—G. Harwood.

Morley C.B.S.—Sept. 9, Sycamore Hotel, 7.30. To consider winter programme.—D. Holliday.

Newport C.B.S.—Sept. 12th, Old Bush Hotel, 8. Important.—J. Hamnett.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Sept. 12th, headquarters, 8. Show business; important.—J. Davey.

Oldham C.B.A.—Sept. 12, Textile Dining Rooms, 8. Special meeting.—Drawings up syallabus for coming winter show business, etc.—J. Cope.

Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.—Sept. 21, Headquarters, 8. Correspondence; report of delegate to Federation; decide open show, etc.; receive subs.; and question evening. Fanciers invited.—Meades and Woolgar.

Pentre C.B.S.—Sept. 9, Queen's Hotel, 7. Important; to hear schedule read out, so that it goes to print Monday.—G. Lingard.

Portobello C.B.S.—Sept. 12, Masonic Hall, 8. General.—J. Bell.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—Sept. 11, Irwell Castle, Lower Broughton, 8. Show business.—J. Critchley.

Pontypridd F. and F.S.—Sept. 9, Victoria Hall, 8. Complete arrangements for drawing up schedule, etc.—A. A. Gordon McLucas.

Queen's Park C.B.A.—Sept. 14, Emmanuel Hall, Harrow Road, W., 8. "Preparing and painting cages," by Mr. H. Peverall.—J. C. Birch.

Sheffield C.B.S.—Sept. 14, Wentworth Cafe, 8. Open show.—A. Hobson.

Southend and S.G.O.S. — Sept. 13, Alexandra Hotel, 8 o'c. Members must attend if the open show is to be a success; very important.—W. C. Lockwood.

Skipton C.B.S.—Sept. 11, Headquarters, 8. Balance sheet read; election of officers.—R. Roberts.

Sowerby Bridge C.B.S.—Sept. 9, Wharfe Hotel, 7.30. Extempore night.—Sutcliffe and Walker.

Selston F.S.—Sept. 9, N. Schools, 6. Table show, Can., A.V., Brit. A.V.; staged 6 p.m.—C. H. Bacon.

Swansea C.B.A.—Sept. 12, Market Coffee Tavern, 8. Important re open show.—S. H. George.

South West London C.B.S.—Sept. 14, "Plough," Clapham Junction, 8.30. Annual show business.—J. Jeffrey.

Skelmanthorpe C.B.A.—Sept. 12, Liberal Club, 8. Nomination of Y.U. judges, etc.—J. Hird.

Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A.—Sept. 11, Red Lion Hotel, 8. Important show business.—J. Pitchford.

St. James-the-Less F.A.—Sept. 17, Ridley House, St. James' Road, 8.30. To arrange classes for Y.S. show, Oct. 7. Members' entries to be sent to secretary by the 17th.—E. A. Suter.

Scottish Crested C.C.—Sept. 9, Nelson's Hotel, Ingram Street, Glasgow, 5.30. Committee meeting: Club patronage; annual show arrangements, and consideration of Club drinker question.—J. Young.

Sunderland C.B.A.—Sept. 16, Fawcett St. Cafe, 7.30. Show business, schedule and judges.—J. Jeffrey.

South London Col. and F.A.—Sept. 14, Head quarters, 8. Show.—N. Caunter.

Sandy Lane C.B.A.—Sept. 12, Victoria Hotel, 8. Business important.—Ratcliffe and Shaw.

Tong C.B.S.—Sept. 12, Hand and Shuttle Inn, 7.45—W. Walker.

Wombwell B.F.A.—Sept. 9, Wesleyan School, Park Street, 7. Selecting judge for annual show, etc.—J. Hudson.

West Stanley C.B.S.—Sept. 9, Stanley Inn, 7.30—W. Elliott.

Wandsworth F.A.—Sept. 14, "Red Lion," 8. Completion of arrangements for Y.S.S.—W. Lightfoot.

Wallsend C.B.A.—Sept. 13, Station Hotel, 7.30. Mr. Slack's reminiscences of bird-keeping and exhibiting.—J. McDonald.

Wood Green F.F.A.—Sept. 12, Headquarters, 8 o'c. Table show; monthly egg competition; also discussion on shows.—T. Callegari.

West Bromwich C.B.S.—Sept. 12th, headquarters, 8. Alteration schedule to suit M.C.Y.C.C. (Yorks section).—W. G. Andrews.

Yarm Eaglescliffe C.B.S.—Town Hall, 8; important.—T. Wilson. (No date given.—Editor).

Singing Contests.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Week-end contest held September 3rd, when 11 picked birds in Leeds entered for 3 good prizes. The majority of birds are coming into condition just now, and some very good singing was heard. Judges: Messrs. E. Wood and J. Smith. 1, S. Nevins, 2, J. Chippendale; 3, divided between A. Binns and T. Chippendale.—E. Wood, Hon. Sec.

SALFORD L.C.

It has been decided to postpone the contest for 1911 birds from Sept. 16th until some future date; but there will be a contest for club members, and any fanciers wishing to join on the above date, at the Boathouse Hotel, first pair up at 2.30. Members are requested to send their contribution if unable to be present, re Rule 16.—B. Wharton, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS.

Singing contest held Old Bird House, King's Head, Shannon Street, September 3rd, when 17 of the best birds in Leeds sang for three good prizes. 1st prize, J. Simmons; 2, McGregor; 3, Armitage. Judges, Messrs. T. C. Summers, A. Jennings. Also match to be held above house, September 9th. First pair of birds on nail at 3 o'clock prompt. Special qualified judges to sit.—T. C. Summers, Hon. Sec.

Skinner's Arms Linnet F.A., Buslingthorpe Lane. Usual week-end contest held September 2nd, when 19 good birds competed for 3 good prizes. Result: 1, C. Ward; 2, H. Wigfield; 3, P. Madden. Judge, Mr. J. Green; timekeeper, Mr. J. Dalton. Also on September 3rd, when 36 of the best birds in Leeds competed, this being a record entry. Some very good singing was heard, and the birds were judged to the satisfaction of everyone. Result: 1, H. Wigfield; 2, W. Lunn; 3, C. Ward; 4, J. Sellars. Judges, Messrs. H. Allen and J. Grainger; timekeeper, Mr. J. Green.—Wm. Lunn, Hon. Sec.

Correspondence.

Another White Canary.

Sir,—I had the pleasure to-day of seeing a white Canary bred from a variegated yellow cock and a buff hen. It is now six weeks old, and with a successful moult should make a sensation among fanciers at local shows. It was bred by Mr. Pye, of Wavency Road, Southtown, Great Yarmouth.

W. Lowne.

The Northern Border & Scotch Fancy Club's Patronage.

Sir,—In your correspondence columns of last week's Cage Birds, Mr. Scott states we have not received the Northern Border Fancy Club's patronage. Is this a new starter off the original Border Club? I may say again that we have the patronage of the old original club, and would welcome the patronage of Mr. Scott's club as well for our show to be held on December 1 and 2.

J. Johnson,
Secretary of the Lancaster Primrose C.B.A.

A Canary with One Wing.

Sir,—As a breeder of the Border Fancy Canary, I was over at a sister's house on Sunday last, and saw a bird bred by her husband. I say it is a freak of nature. It is a Buff Border Fancy hen (variegated). It has only one wing. There is no sign of the other one, not even a stump. The bird was hatched on the 24th or 25th of June, and is now doing well. Its only difficulty is when it falls on its back—it cannot rise very easily. Has any breeder ever bred a bird with one wing before? And of what value is the bird?

Midlothian.

P.S.—The bird can be seen at any time by any breeder by calling at Mr. George Cairns's, West End Cottages, Loanhead.

Methods of Bird-Catching.

Sir,—Kindly allow me space in Cage Birds, in reply to Mr. E. D. Leavy's letter under the above heading. I am only what may be termed a young recruit at bird-catching, but at the same time I can catch enough birds to fill my own little bird-room. Around the part where I live we get a lot of all kinds of Finches, and Goldfinches in great numbers. I am of the same frame of mind as Mr. Leavy concerning the valuable "spring net trap," but instead of putting them in a circle I put them in rows, with my call birds each end. By setting them so, I find the birds do not fight shy of the nets so much. When I go out I always make up my mind what kind of birds I intend catching, so that I can take the right kind of bait and call birds to suit. Mr. Leavy also states that working-men fanciers cannot afford to buy expensive catching appliances. Of course, in the first place, spring net traps are not expensive. Again, with a paper like Cage Birds each week, surely we can get what we require through the exchange columns in exchange for anything we can spare. I myself find this is a very inexpensive way of getting things.

Spring Net Trap.

The Migration of Birds.

A Song Thrush's Journey of 1,500 Miles

Sir,—The following will, I know, be perused with interest by your numerous readers. The account is taken from a Nottingham daily newspaper: The "Daily Mail" has received from the Natural History Department of Aberdeen University a report signed by Professor J. A. Thomson and Mr. A. L. Thomson, giving some of the results of the work of the Aberdeen University Bird Migration Inquiry. The inquiry aims at collecting more definite information on the subject of the migration of birds by means of the method of placing rings on the feet of a large number of birds in the hope of hearing of the subsequent movements of some proportion of them. The following are a few of the records:—A Widgeon duckling, one of five marked in June, 1909, on Loch Brora, Sutherland, Scotland, was taken in a duck-decoy in Province Groningen, North-eastern Holland, on September 3, 1909. This bird was thus only three months old when it was found more than 500 miles from its birthplace. A second member of the brood was shot on the Trent near Retford, Lincolnshire, in January, 1911, having worn the ring for a year and a half. Five Lapwings marked as chicks in the north-east of Scotland, in the summer of 1910, were shot respectively in Counties Tipperary, Roscommon, Cork, and Limerick, Ireland, and in Southern Portugal, during the winter 1910-1911. A Song Thrush, one of a brood marked as chicks in the nest at Skene, Aberdeenshire, in early June, 1910, was shot near Leiria, Portugal, in early November of the same year. The two localities are about 1,250 English miles apart in direct overseas line, and this Thrush thus made a journey of probably more than 1,500 miles within the half-year of its life. A Guillemot, marked as a newly-hatched chick on the Aberdeenshire cliffs on July 11, 1910, was shot on November 29, 1910, a dozen miles north of Gothenburg, Sweden. This bird was then four and a half months old when it was killed more than 500 miles due east of its birthplace.

S. T.

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A Question for Bird-catchers.

Sir,—Will some of your readers kindly give me, through your columns, an idea or two as to how they make their sockets to fit on the hedge to hold limed twigs when catching small birds. May I wish Cage Birds and Cage Birds League continued success?

Linnet.

The National British Bird and M.C. Petition.

Sir,—It may be of interest to those who have helped in the matter of the petition referring to the sale and possession of wild birds, and circulated by the N.B.B. and M.C., to learn that this has been duly presented, together with full particulars and information supporting the same. A favourable reply has been received, and the matter is under investigation.

Plumbridge and Carr, Secs.

Yellow versus Buff Norwich Hens.

Sir,—I should like to ask through your esteemed paper, Cage Birds, has a yellow Norwich hen any chance against a buff in a mixed class for Norwich? This is a question that we have had plenty of discussion on in our society, some contending that we have type and size on the buff side, whilst we have only colour in the yellow; others say that a judge knows what a yellow should be, and also what a buff should be. Has a buff hen the right to win because it is bigger? I should think not.

R. Charleson,
Sec. of the Leigh and Dist. C.B.S

The Breeding of Nightingales in Captivity.

Sir,—It may interest some of your readers to know that Mr. A. Sills, of 260, Loughboro' Road, Leicester, has been successful in breeding a young Nightingale from an adult pair of 'Gales in his garden aviary this season. The birds went to nest, and built in some ivy against the wall. They laid three eggs, and successfully reared one youngster. Both birds and nest, just as built, can be seen by any fancier who chooses to give Mr. Sills a call during the month. After that the birds may have to be taken indoors. I think this is very encouraging for a first attempt. If fanciers would only realise how readily these birds will go to nest and sing in confinement, I think many more would try the experiment.

J. Jeffrey.

Sir,—For the past few years I have taken a great interest (as a side line to my Canary breeding) in our King of Songsters, the English Nightingale, and the longer I keep them the more fascinating they seem to get. The fascination, no doubt, is rendered greater by their beautiful soft song, which myself and friends have often heard, not only during the day, but in the small hours of the night, which is a strange thing for this district (West Ham, London). Last season I tried to breed with a pair, and as I always take Nature for my guide, knowing their places for nesting, I imitated Nature the best I could with such conveniences as I have. I succeeded in getting three fertile eggs, but they did not hatch. This was caused through the nest not being sufficiently under cover, as when I went to feed them the hen left the nest each time, and eventually gave up sitting; so I had to give up, with a view to trying another season. This season, I am pleased to say, my pair have had five young ones. These left the nest on June 10th. All were reared, and did well till June 27th, when one died. One a friend of mine has, and the other three have moulted out splendidly, and are beautiful in colour. Through the great care and attention I have given them, they are going to make three good winners. They are in separate cages, and turn out to be three cocks, all singing well for youngsters, and without fear when I am standing in front of the cages. The parent cock gave his last song for the season on June 26th, at 12.30 midnight, and with his partner went into a moult. They are both going through well, and as migrating time draws near they are constantly on the move during the night. As I have never read of anything of this kind before, I did not know if it were a record or not. It is interesting to stand and see the parents take four or five mealworms at a time, causing one to wonder what is going to be done with them all. They deposit each one very carefully sideways in the youngsters' mouths, and they take care not to miss one when the food is at hand. This is where some of the pleasures of the Fancy come in—watching the results of your labours. All that is wanted in this case is plenty of patience and a determination to see the thing through, which is not such a trouble when it is made interesting.

A. Mallett.

The Champion Singing Linnet.

Sir,—In reply to Mr. Fred Allen re "champion" Linnet, I will sing him for £5 aside, and will pay his expenses to sing at Leigh on any date this month. I don't want any £6 to £4 and give to the hospital. Let us see who has the best singing Linnet. An answer through Cage Birds will be attended to.

Harry Brown, Globe Inn, Leigh (Lancs.).

A New Cage Bird Society for West Wemyss (Fife).

Sir,—A meeting of fanciers was held last week, and it was decided to form a cage bird society to be called the West Wemyss Cage Bird Society. It was further decided to hold, as a first venture, an open table show on October 21, when we hope to be favoured with the support of fanciers in the district.

James Henderson.
Main Street, West Wemyss, Fife, N.B.

Tasmanian Rosellas and their Diet.

Sir,—I have read in Cage Birds the Rev. C. D. Farrar's article on Rosellas, and would feel greatly obliged to him if he would kindly tell me how a Tasmanian Rosella should be fed. Mine was brought to England two years ago, and when it moulted, about August, it lost all its long wing and tail feathers, and has never regained them. It was a very handsome bird, only six months old, and has apparently been quite healthy and active, though of course unable now to fly. I keep him in the garden in summer, and in the house in winter (out of draughts), and have tried all sorts of seeds as food—chiefly canary and white sunflower, but nothing seems to bring back the handsome plumage.

F. W. D. Mitchell.

An Appeal for a Swansea Fancier.

Sir,—Mr. E. M. Evans, as I have previously explained, only recently underwent an operation at Swansea Hospital for the amputation of one of his legs, and is thereby greatly incapacitated not only as regards exhibiting, but also as regards employment. I have already enumerated his sterling qualities as a member of the Fancy, and I think this is undoubtedly a deserving case. Mr. Evans has a large family dependent upon him, and the additional expenses of the operation and an artificial leg are quite beyond his resources. May I therefore appeal to the generosity of all club secretaries and members of the Fancy, especially in Wales, to assist in the disposal of the "prize drawing" books, which I will immediately forward to any address upon receipt of postcard? The drawing is entirely for Mr. Evans' benefit, and I trust the Fancy will not be outclassed by any other organisation in according their support to a brother in difficulties.

Alf. Hitchings.
80, Mysydd Road, Landore, Swansea.

On Holiday with a Field Glass.

Sir,—This year for several reasons I have had a very varied holiday in Scotland. I went North by the West Coast, having added a field glass to my other impedimenta, and on the way I observed a few kinds of birds, including Magpies. My first stop for a few days was at Galashiels, in the Scott country, where even every bush has its own special song or story. From Galashiels as a centre I had some fine motor drives at the rate of 20 miles an hour, a moderate rate, but still a fine way of seeing the country. We went up the poetic vale of Yarrow to St. Mary's Loch, viewing the "Braes of Yarrow" as we went, and noticing on one of the "braes" at the Loch the statue to Hogg the Ettrick Shepherd; and in returning we crossed over from Yarrow to the Tweed at Innerleithen and down Tweedside. Another day we went down Tweedside past Melrose to Leaderfoot and up Leaderside to Lauder and over Sutro Hill, from which we had a fine view over Midlothian and Eastlothian to the Bass Rock. We then turned aside to the top of Gala and down Gala Water. Another day I motored out from Edinburgh via Peebles and Tweedside. Motoring is a fine way of seeing the country, but, like the train, is too speedy for observing small birds; but in Yarrow I saw, amongst others, Heron, Wheatear, Kestrel, Grouse, Curlew, and Barn Owl. I then went on to Carnoustie, a little way north of Dundee, on the coast, and in passing saw the big camp on Barry Links, a fine place for soldiering. At Carnoustie I saw, amongst others, Kittiwake, Redshank, Herring Gull, Common Gull, Eider Duck, Common Tern, Ringed Plover, Dunlin, Oyster Catcher, Corn Bunting, Whinchat, Dipper, Whitethroat, Lesser Black-backed Gull, and Gannet. It is a sight to see the collection of Terns and Gulls at Buddonness at the mouth of the Tay. I walked along the Barry Sands from Carnoustie one evening to see them, and also to see the Gannets at their evening meal, a most wonderful sight. Macgillivray makes an order of birds which he calls Plungers, and surely the Gannet is the "King of the Plungers," for nothing can be nobler than his swoop down from a height on the fish he has caught sight of in the water. But perhaps I forget I have not seen the Golden Eagle in the wild state. I then moved on to Newtonhill near Stonehaven, and from there visited various places in Kincardineshire. I walked past Dunnottar Castle, and its Dungeon Keep, where in olden days Covenanters were imprisoned and died, to Fowlsheugh, the most famous nesting place for Kittiwakes on the East Coast of Scotland. It consists of conglomerate rock rising sheer out of the sea, and sometimes overhanging, about 200 feet high and nearly a mile long. All along the rock and all up and down the rock round stones have got detached and have fallen out, and in each niche thereby created it is curious to see a Kittiwake sitting composed and safe from everybody and everything. And oh; the Babel! I saw hundreds. I may safely say thousands. Besides Kittiwakes, I saw Herring Gulls, Cormorants, Guillemots, Puffins (locally known as Tammie Norrie), Grey Crows, and Rock Doves. I had the place all to myself; there was not a soul near, and it was a satisfaction to be out of the reach of the everlasting tripper who often precedes one noisily and and disturbs the very birds one wants to see. Another day I went inland to Auchinblae (Parish of Fordoun) where I identified among others the Meadow Pipit, Grey Wagtail, Goldcrest, and Spotted Flycatcher. Another day I went to Muchalls on the coast, where I saw Stonechats, Rock Pipits, and two Hybrids between the Carrion Crow and the Grey Crow. They were with a Grey Crow, but were decidedly black all over, but with grey patches on back and on neck. They were quite different from the ordinary Grey Crow, still, not pure black like the Carrion Crow. I also again saw there Eider Duck, Puffin, Kittiwake, Wheatear, Whinchat, Dipper, Long-eared Owl, etc. The last date on which I saw the Swift was 15th August, but I was not again in the place where I saw it. I saw only one Lark, and no Grey Wagtail till I came to Auchinblae and Newtonhill. I only saw one Blue Tit, and Coal Tits twice. I saw five or six Herons in all. One pair of Wild Ducks and young, Wheatears repeatedly, Whinchats fairly frequently, Dippers twice, more Puffins than Guillemots, Goldcrest and Flycatcher only once (both at Auchinblae), Stonechats, two pairs, the cocks with fine rose-coloured breasts (like Linnets) from the white neck-mask downwards, Rock-pipit (one brood with old ones both at Newtonhill), Whitethroats (a pair at Carnoustie and a single one at Newtonhill in a small dell near the sea—a very fine specimen in splendid feather and extra large). I thought if I could have put salt on this bird's tail I might have handed him over to our old friend Sam Cook or some one who could have kept him in condition to catch the judge's eye. The following is a complete list of all the 66 kinds I saw: Mistle Thrush, Song Thrush, Blackbird, Dipper, Wheatear, Whinchat, Stonechat, Whitethroat, Robin, Goldcrest, Willow Wren, Hedge-Sparrow, Coal Tit, Blue Tit, Wren, Pied Wagtail, Grey Wagtail, Meadow Pipit, Rock Pipit, Spotted Flycatcher, Swallow, House Martin, Greenfinch, Sparrow, Chaffinch, Linnet, Corn Bunting, Yellow Bunting, Skylark, Starling, Magpie, Jackdaw, Carrion Crow, Grey Crow, Rook, Swift, Barn Owl, Long-eared Owl, Kestrel, Cormorant, Gannet, Heron, Swan, Wild Duck, Eider Duck, Ring Dove, Rock Dove, Pheasant, Partridge, Grouse, Waterhen, Coot, Ringed Plover, Lapwing, Oyster-catcher, Dunlin, Redshank, Curlew, Common Tern, Blackheaded Gull, Kittiwake, Common Gull, Herring Gull, Lesser Blackbacked Gull, Guillemot, and Puffin. The mountain ash and hawthorn and other berries are a sight all over this year, presaging plenty of winter food for softbills and others. I lay no claim to being a "Wandering Jew," I am only a

Wandering Scot.

The Breeding of Mealworms.

Sir,—Being a regular reader of your valuable paper, Cage Birds, I would like some fancier to give me full information on how to breed mealworms.

Lancashire Lad.

[Possibly some reader will detail his method for the benefit of "Lancashire Lad." Many of the back numbers of our journal contain full instructions, and these can usually be obtained from our publisher.—Editor.]

A Five-weeks-old Three-legged Canary.

Sir,—It may interest your numerous readers to know that a freak has been bred and reared in Hamilton. The bird in question is a Border Fancy Canary having three legs. I saw the bird this week, and it has three complete legs and feet. The extra leg comes out between the other two, but nearer the right. The leg is full size, and can be moved about at will. It is curious to see the various positions the bird stands in, sometimes standing on both ordinary legs with the extra one stuck out in front, sometimes with it out at back. It can also hold the ordinary leg with the extra foot. The bird is one of a nest of four, and is five weeks old. The owner is a novice, this being his first season. As may be expected, he is proud of his three-legged Canary. Large numbers of fanciers have been to see the bird. The owner will be delighted to let anyone see it, his name and address being Mr. Samuel Paton, 36, Church Street, Hamilton.

Dan Hamilton.

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Payment of Prize Money Won at Oakham Show.

Sir,—Kindly allow me space in your valuable paper re Oakham Show, held on August 7th. Being an exhibitor at this show in the Cage Bird Section, I won in Class 5 first prize (6s.), in Class 10 third prize (2s.), and in Class 12 second prize (4s.) and vhc; total, 12s. On receiving cheque for payment of prize-money, I was greatly surprised to find that it amounted to 8s. only instead of 12s. I have written the secretary, Mr. J. W. Monton, twice to remit the 4s. balance, but he has not replied. Has any other bird exhibitor been served the same?

T. H. Ride.

Northampton St. Crispin C.B.S.

Sir,—In reply to the letter from Mr. W. E. Allen of September 2, I think that on the face of it anyone can judge it is written from a very jealous feeling. The reason the show was not held was owing to the lateness of the date and the bad breeding results experienced by the members. The imaginary sixty members of the Hand-in-Hand I congratulate him upon, but we are trying to build up a society in reality. Good luck to both of us. My motto is, if you cannot do anybody any good, don't do them any harm. Respecting the hornets referred to in the latter part of Mr. Allen's letter, I can well afford to pass this unnoticed, and put this down to the general disposition of the writer. Hornets are insects which I have up to now given a wide berth to; in fact, I am not well versed in their habits. Perhaps Mr. Allen is, or he would not have them so much on his mind.

Jno. Nason,
Hon. Sec., Northampton St. Crispin C.B.S.

Sir,—My attention was called by Mr. Healy to the report in your issue of August 12th, which stated that he had gone to Ireland on a well-earned holiday, and as this means to the said gentleman more than it is in my place to express, he asked me if I had any idea of the origin of the report. I told him I had not the slightest idea of it, and was most sorry that anyone should dream of such a thing, let alone put it in print. I therefore called out our committee (the Northampton Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.) to see what steps we should take in the matter, and it was decided that the same should stand over until the monthly meeting, which should be a specially summoned one. The meeting took place at the society's headquarters, "The Old House at Home," Wellingborough Road, on August 29th, Mr. S. G. Ette in the chair. The meeting, after considering the above report, wished me to write to you, sir, expressing their deep sense of regret at anyone being so foolish as to put such a report into print, which seems to be nothing but a pack of lies, and also a disgrace to the Fancy. The members also wish to state that they will be most pleased to do anything in their power to find out the guilty person. Why Mr. J. Nason thought well to start a new society against the "old one" is best known to himself, and is no doubt the cause of the whole trouble.

S. G. Ette, Chairman.
A. W. Law, Secretary.

P.S.—We are pleased to state that the Hand-in-Hand Society is in a most flourishing condition, and at the above meeting Messrs. T. C. Ette, W. Bellham, G. Jones, C. Botterill, and A. Clifton were duly enrolled as members of the old society.

Canaries at Batheaston Show

Sir,—Kindly allow me space in your valuable paper in reply to Mr. F. L. Follwell re his Norwich at Eastville Show, as he wishes me to reply. I may say that the birds in question are three good Norwich, the first and second being two clear yellows and the third a marked buff; and with a good moult they should prove for themselves whether they are first or third raters at our autumn shows. I might add that if Mr. Lanham accepts Mr. Follwell's advice and sends his valuable specimens to Cheltenham open show it will show whether they have been wrongly placed or not, as there are always some tip-top specimens exhibited there, and the birds are looked after and cared for by one of the best show committees in the country.

J. R. Houghton.

Sir,—Kindly allow me a little space in your valuable paper in answer to Mr. Tayler's letter. I wish to inform him that I was not a "disappointed exhibitor" until after I was told that he acted as judge. Shortly after I arrived at the show in the morning with my two exhibits Mr. Follwell came into the tent with his three birds. Immediately afterwards followed Mr. Tayler. He was present when Mr. Follwell staged his birds, and Mr. Tayler and Mr. Follwell had a long conversation together in the tent directly in front of the Canaries before judging time. Had I known in the morning that Mr. Tayler was going to judge, he would not have adjudicated upon my birds; I should certainly have brought them away and forfeited my entry fees. Re his remarks on Mr. Follwell's 1st, 2nd, and 3rd birds, these read very nicely on paper, but don't quite fit the birds exhibited. I must thank Mr. Tayler for trying to "swank" your readers that he can teach me what a Norwich or a Yorkshire is; and as to my Crest-bred, I wish to inform him and your readers that this bird has a good broad skull, bold entrance, and grand eyebrow, but fails in substance of body (which is a little failing in this variety). No doubt Mr. Tayler has never bred or had a Crest-bred of this merit; otherwise he would know the value of such. Re my "so-called Yorkshire," I wish to enlighten Mr. Tayler. The bird he refers to is fully 6¾ inches long, has good head, wings and pipe tail, and comes from the true, direct Girlington (near Bradford) blood. Close relations of it won at the Crystal Palace. The "so-called Yorkshire's" uncle won the championship diploma and silver medal for best Yorkshire at the Crystal Palace, and it was acknowledged to be the best bird living that day. Now, I wish to inform Mr. Tayler that I know a good bird when I see one; and to prove it, some years ago I was judging a show, and I awarded a 1st prize to a Green Crest-bred in an A.V. class, first time shown (this was a similar bird in head points to my vhc Batheaston, 1st Larkhall winner). Through my advice the bird was sent to the Plymouth show, where it took 1st and special in the Crest-bred class; afterwards Bristol show, 1st in the Crest-bred class, 1st Frome, etc., etc. A big price was afterwards offered for it by a noted Crest breeder and exhibitor. As to Norwich Plainheads, I consider I have a little knowledge of these, and Mr. Tayler has good reasons to know it. At Bath show in September, 1906, I exhibited ten birds, chiefly Norwich, under Mr. J. H. Payne (Gloucester), the Norwich specialist judge. With my ten birds I was awarded four 1sts, two 2nds, two 3rds, two vhc's, gold medal for best Canary, also 10s. 6d. for best Norwich in show, etc. The gold medal was kindly given by Mr. Tayler, who professed before the show that he had the best Norwich in Bath. I believe he made ten entries, and was also competing for his own gold medal and the 10s. 6d. special. Did Mr. Tayler, a day after the show, send a gentleman to my address to offer me £5 for the medal winner, which I refused? Shortly after the show one of the no doubt "disappointed exhibitors" rumoured that I borrowed my gold medal winner. I then challenged, through your paper of March 16th, 1907, the "disappointed exhibitor" for £50 a side to prove his statement, which challenge was never accepted. And I have the same bird to-day. I may inform your readers that I bred winners and judged at shows before Mr. Tayler and Mr. Follwell ever kept Canaries, and won eighteen years ago with Crests, Crest-breds, Cinnamons, Yorkshires, Scotch Fancies, Norwich, Mules, British and foreign birds in open competition under numerous judges (specialist Canary judges as well as poultry, pigeon and fur judges). Surely these judges who awarded me prizes were not all short-sighted? Batheaston show was Mr. Tayler's first time of judging, and he took nearly two hours in which to judge nine Canaries. There may be a little excuse if the fur judge Mr Tayler refers to is the Larkhall judge; if so, I have been informed since Larkhall show that this gentleman (the Larkhall judge) has given as much as £15 and £20 for Crests and Crest-breds. So I think he as well as Mr. Tayler ought to know a Crest-bred. Mr. Tayler has never kept one. Re Mr. Follwell's letters, I do not wish to pen much, as I think the first part of my letter will convince your readers. If, Mr. Follwell, the birds you say your wife exhibited at Weston were her own property, then I am still in the position to say that I have beaten you every time. Or did you ever show them before or after your wife exhibited them at Weston? The bird, a Yorkshire, which I had to follow on behind with at Weston, I will admit, was rightly placed. Unfortunately it was heavily in the moult, but not so bad as the real "Bradford type" one at Batheaston show. This bird was up in a ball, being very heavily in the moult, and had only four or six feathers in the tail. Allow me to inform Mr. Tayler that there are better Yorkshires in Bath than the 3rd Batheaston "real Bradford" one. Those who live the longest will see the most. Would either of the gentlemen visitors to Bath who called on me kindly pass their real opinions of my Crest-bred and state whether it has a "very small" head or a large head? I shall be pleased to show the bird to any fancier (Crest-breeder preferred). I may say that I have been offered £5 for him by a Crest fancier, but it is not for sale. This is my final letter on the subject.

G. E. Lanham.

Hen Greenfinch and Hen Canary Sit Together.

Sir,—The following account may interest the readers of Cage Birds. The season started with two hen Greenies in a collection of Goldfinches, Siskins, Chaffinches, and about ten pairs of Canaries in an outdoor aviary. One Greenie had to be given her liberty, as she interfered with the nesting Canaries. The other was discovered one morning calmly sitting on a nest beside a hen Canary. On examination four Canary's and four Greenie's eggs were found in the nest. The former's eggs were put under other hen Canaries, and the joint sitting arrangement continued for seven days, when Mistress Greenie apparently got tired, and left the Canary in charge. Result: Two Canary-Greenfinch Mules, both reared successfully. After a little rest Mistress Greenie went through the same performance again, but chose another sitting hen Canary for companion. Canary eggs distributed as before, and Mistress Greenie again got tired of sitting—after nine days. Result: Canary reared three Mules out of five eggs. Mistress Greenie apparently then made up her mind to do a little on her own. She built her own nest, and laid five eggs. Two of these proved fertile. Result: Two Mules have this day (September 5th) left the nest, and are being fed by the hen Greenie.

G. L. Wallbridge.

Wild-Bird Life.

Birds on the South Downs.

The centre of interest in wild bird life has moved somewhat to the Southern counties now that the summer is on the wane. The thousands of young birds bred during the past glorious season are gradually wending their ways towards the Southern coast. If one wants seriously to study the first stage in autumn migration he should get within touch of the seashore, and nowhere is so favourable as the Sussex coast for the purpose. The vast range of hills known as the South Downs makes a grand gathering place for the departing birds. Here we have miles of undulating ground within sight of the sea, and consequently close to the final starting point. These downs are only partially cultivated, the remainder being covered with short grass with here and there patches of furze and brambles. Wild plants flourish everywhere. In some of the hollows tall thistles and ragwort cover the ground, and hundreds of Linnets, Greenbirds and an occasional family of Goldfinches feed daily upon them. Young Chats are almost as numerous, and to one accustomed to see these attractive birds singly or in pairs, a group of them is certainly unusually interesting. On the marshy ground and along the sea walls bordering the river Wheatears are almost as plentiful as Sparrows in a country village; some of them are fine bold birds, well grown and tight in plumage. They are not by any means shy, and as one approaches them they spring into the air, and apparently allowing the wind to take them, glide with ease to another hillock. Although not in the habit of perching, these birds love to be upon ground a little higher than usual. When in the open fields, a clod of earth or large stone forms an admirable position for them. Upon the rough moors a rock partly buried in the coarse turf is their usual post, and the writer has frequently amused himself by keeping one on the move to see if it was possible to cause him to settle on level ground. The bird will, of course, do it while feeding, but otherwise an eminence of some kind is his chief delight. When walking them up along the sea wall they will frequently get up just before the intruder and then, flying round him, settle upon the bank he has just passed.

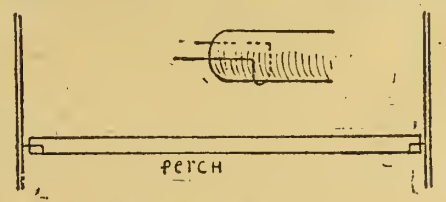
No Lover of Ireland.

The "King of Songsters," the soberly-clad Nightingale, has never been known to visit Ireland, although doubtless food for it would be abundant in some localities.

Illustrated Ideas

No. 538.
A Useful Feeding Perch.
Sent by Mr. W. Thexton, 5, Beech Street, Windermere.

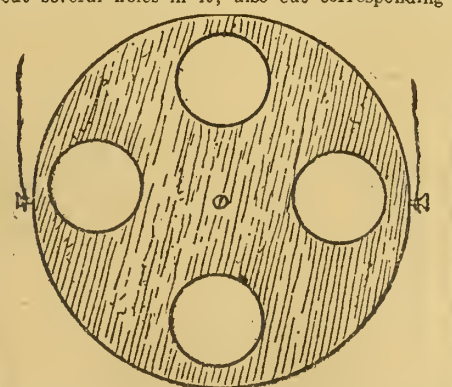
I send you herewith a sketch of a feeding perch which I am finding is very useful in my cages. To make it, get two staples and bend



same as shown in the sketch. The perch merely rests in these, and the idea is complete —W. Thexton.

No. 539.
A Useful Ventilator for Aviaries
Sent by Mr. A. Weedall, 110, High Street, Winsford, Cheshire.

This ventilator will be very useful for outside aviaries. Procure a lard bucket top, and cut several holes in it; also cut corresponding



holes in wall of aviary. Place the bucket top over these holes inside the aviary; put a screw in the centre to fasten and for it to revolve on. A screw at each side with a cord attached will be useful to work it.—A. Weedall.

BREEDING RESULTS OF THE 1911 SEASON.

Notes on the results of the present breeding season, or of any interesting happenings, are invited from the secretaries of societies and others. The communications must in each case be accompanied by the sender's name and address

The Mersey District.

On the whole the breeding season in this district has been fairly good. I should like here to state that the most successful breeders have fed their young on egg and puppy biscuits. Bob Algie (Bootle) has bred close on 100 (Greens and Clears), and there are some really smart youngsters amongst them. Mr. S. McNulty has done very well, finishing up with 125. He has succeeded in breeding some very promising birds from his Scottish National winner, and has his eye on the G.C.A. Cup and the Bootle special. Mr. Kincla (Bootle Society's chairman) is very well pleased with his results—57 young, and a nice lot they are. Mr. Young (Newbrighton) has done fairly-well—50 young (Greens and Clears). He has bred from some real good birds. He is a very enthusiastic exhibitor and generally finds the cards. Mr. Harry Hughes (Birkenhead) has bred some nice Greens, just on 60 in number. Mr. E. A. Lloyd (the Birkenhead Society's secretary) has done very well —Yorkshires, Norwich, and British. He has 40 young ones, and very good ones. Fanciers will be sorry to hear that he has been down with a serious illness, which nearly cost him his life. All will be glad to hear he is now rapidly recovering. Mr. Harry Hawkes (Birkenhead) has done exceedingly well—70 young. Mr. Cooper (Liverpool) from fourteen pairs has bred 70 young Greens and Clears in Yorkshires and Borders—a nice lot. Mr. Corbett (Oxton, Birkenhead) is pleased with his results—65 youngsters, all doing well. Mr. Potter (Bootle) has done well—85 in all, and a very good lot they are. Mr. Lobb (Bootle) has done very well with close on 100 to his credit, nearly all Clears. He is in a good humour over his success, as he did badly last season. Mr. Hamilton (Bootle) has done as well as he expected, having about 40 birds. He has some very good birds for a novice, both Greens and Clears. He is building up an excellent strain. Mr. Cutts (Annfield) has done well with close on 100. He is getting on well, is Tom. He has some nice youngsters. Mr. Warmsley (Annfield) has not done so well; he only has six youngsters, all Greens. Better luck next time! Mr. Southworth (Annfield) has bred a nice lot, just on 40—Green and Clear Yorkshires, with some nice birds amongst them. Mr. Frank Hawkes has done well—50 young Norwich, Greens and Clears, all very good birds. Mr. G. Bell, that well-known breeder of Yorkshire Greens, has done fairly well—forty youngsters. A specialist in colour, is George. Mr. Leatherbarrow has reared 47 young Yorkshire Greens, and there are some very nice ones amongst them. Mr. Harrison, the Annfield novice, has started nicely, rearing 37—Yorkshire Clears and Greens. He puts his success down to reading Cage Birds. Mr. Wynn, another Annfield novice, has reared 70 youngsters. Mr. Percival (Ellsmere Port) has done very well; he is another who believes in following the advice in Cage Birds. Mr. Jones, that well-known Birkenhead fancier, has had a rattling good season, having bred some very nice youngsters. Mr. Morton (Birkenhead) has done very well both in numbers and quality. Mr. Johnson (Ormskirk) has had a very good season with Yorkshire Clears. Mr. Mallinson (Wallasey) has done well in British. Fanciers will be sorry to hear that his wife has been dangerously ill; but I am pleased to hear she is recovering. Mr. Atty (Annfield) has had remarkable luck, rearing 37 birds. Last week he came home from work only to find that a cat had got into the room and left him with only four birds alive. He had just gathered the dead ones up when I called on him. Mr. Gore has succeeded in rearing some good young Green Yorkshires. Will Douglas, I am glad to say, has taken up the hobby again in real earnest.—R. B. Wright (Liverpool).

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"How I became a Fancier."

By Members of the Liverpool B.B.A.

At the meeting of the Liverpool Bird Breeders' Association held on August 10th the following papers were read by Novice Members, viz., Messrs. T. R. Jones, J. Lloyd and J. Saul.

No. 1. Mr. Jones's Paper.

I have always been a lover of bird life. I am a native of Liverpool, and have always worked in the city; consequently my visits to the woodlands and moors have been few but very interesting.

During the year 1903 I had occasion to visit a member of a friendly society to which I belonged, and I noticed he had several breeding cages in the front room, so I asked him several questions regarding the birds. He answered by telling me of his experience; he also showed me a few of his old numbers of CAGE BIRDS, and said that he would be pleased if I would take some home, as he knew they would be interesting. Having perused the copies, I decided to take CAGE BIRDS weekly, and as a start in the Fancy I built a small out-door aviary.

The First Purchases.

I purchased two Lesser Redpolls, three Greenfinches, one Chaffinch, one Bramblefinch, one young Goldfinch or Greypate, and two Linnets. I got all on to hard seed with the exception of a Greenfinch and a Linnet. I noticed that the Liverpool O.S. had an advertisement in CAGE BIRDS re their first show, and as I had never seen anything of the kind, I decided to pay same a visit. I attended the show on Saturday, November 7th, and was exceedingly pleased with the exhibition. The clear Yorkshire section took a deal of my attention. I heard somebody say that they put the birds through a mill at Bradford, and I believed them.

At that time I was interested in British birds as being the only kind of birds I possessed, so to the British Classes I went. I was very much pleased by the way I was treated by some of the visitors (or should I say "fanciers?"). Whichever class I was at, there seemed to be always somebody willing to show me the various points about the birds. At the Goldie class a young man gave me a special lecture on them. He was evidently very much interested in his subject. I appreciated my guides the more because I was a complete stranger to them all, and I must say that that show left a very good impression upon me, and I decided to be among them in the future.

After the show I closely perused the catalogue, and after studying the various classes I began on the adverts. I noticed one in particular from a breeder of Greens, etc. I knew the advertiser personally, but I did not know he was in the Fancy. Meeting him soon after, I told him of my visit to the L.O.S. show and what I had seen. The result was an invitation to his bird room, which I readily accepted. It being the first bird room I had seen, I was exceedingly pleased with my visit.

A Start in Canary Breeding.

I now had a liking for the breeding of Canaries, and this friend started me with a pair of Yorkshire Greens and a double breeding cage, and promised me as much advice as I should require. The last offer I think I took full advantage of, and I was delighted with my start. I read over the "Club Notices" in CAGE BIRDS, naturally taking particular notice of what the Liverpool Societies did at their meetings, and, as I saw that fanciers generally were invited, I arranged to hear several of the lectures, etc., which on hearing I found very instructive. Again I was surprised at the cordial welcome given to strangers. Regarding these meetings, I wish to mention one in particular. A Washing Exhibition was to be given by Mr. W. Hales at Oldham Hall. Promptly to time I arrived at the hall, and to my surprise, with the exception of Messrs. Hales and Hadwin, I found I was the only person who had responded to the announcement. At 9 p.m., when two others had strolled in, Mr. Hales said it was too late to start washing birds, although I could see that everything was ready. I felt disappointed indeed, but as I overheard Mr. Hales say that the birds would have to be washed that night, and that they would be done at his home, I told him that I had come some distance to see the Bird-washing and asked him if he objected to my going to his home to witness the process. "Certainly not," said Mr. Hales, and right off we started for Canterbury Street (I might mention that Mr. McDermott also took advantage of the invitation). I am pleased to say that Mr. Hales did all he could to show us the art of bird-washing, and I have not forgotten my first lesson.

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Eight Young Canaries.

I now come to the 1909 breeding season. I had my double breeding cage and a pair of Yorkshire Greens as stock, a few cuttings out of CAGE BIRDS and a CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL, and I was ready to try my luck as a Canary breeder. I was successful in rearing eight young Canaries. I used Spratt's Cod Liver Oil food until the birds were well through their moult. I attended the 1909 Liverpool O. S. show, also the Green Canary Association's and the Liverpool Bird Breeders' Association's old bird shows, for according to the advice I had received, novices should attend all shows when possible.

Again I must mention I was surprised with the manner in which I was treated when attending these shows. At the L.O.S. show one of the stewards gave me a delightful few minutes' chat on the clear and ticked Norwich. It was through the kindliness shown to me as a stranger that I decided to join both the Green Canary and the Liverpool B.B. Associations.

At the Shows.

The 1910 breeding season proved disastrous, for I only succeeded in rearing two from three pairs. As a member of the G.C.A. and the L.B.B.A. I have been fortunate in being able to attend all the meetings and shows. I was specially interested in the G.C.A. night shows. I thought they made good competition locally. At the commencement of the season I was advised to show locally. My first attempt was at a G.C.A. night show, when I obtained one first and a vhc. At the 1910 L.O.S. show I entered two birds, and obtained two vhc's and a cash special in fairly strong classes. At the Amalgamated Show I was awarded a 2nd and a vhc, together with a special for novice points. At the L.B.B.A. I got a 3rd, and my last attempt at showing was the G.C.A. old bird show, when I obtained a 2nd. The result of my first season's showing was one 1st, two 2nds, one 3rd, four vhc's, two cash specials, and a bottle of Parrish's Chemical Food. I am well satisfied with my first year's experience as an exhibitor, and I beg to thank all those who have been so kind and courteous to me since I joined the Fancy; and I hope in my turn to assist in the advancement of this delightful hobby. In conclusion, I must say that I consider CAGE BIRDS and the first L.O.S. show are responsible for my introduction to the Fancy, and I wish them every success in the future.

(To be continued.)

Some Recent Arrivals from Abroad.

By W. E. TESCHEMAKER, B.A.

(Continued from page 78).

The Cinnamon Tree Sparrow.

Now that the surplus of Mr. Brook's unique consignment of Indian birds has been offered for sale, a few notes on some of the commoner species may not be out of place, because the latter will probably find their way into the hands of a good many of our readers. The above-mentioned species is a handsome Sparrow, smaller than the cosmopolitan *Passer domesticus*, having the whole back of a warm cinnamon-brown shade, the breast and lower parts pale yellow and the centre of the throat covered by a large black bib. It is a Himalayan species, ranging as high as 7,000ft. in summer, and descending as low as 4,000ft. in winter. The female is somewhat similar to the male, but lacks the black bib.

So far as I know the first Cinnamon Tree Sparrows to reach this country were a male and two females caught near Dalhousie and imported in the spring of 1908. Capt. Perreau found them quite common in this district, and they were nesting in holes of trees. Singularly enough, the male in the December following the date of his capture developed a bright yellow breast, which led the importer to think that this might be a previously unnoted characteristic of the species. Oates, however, states that the breast of the male is rather brighter in the breeding season (i.e. June), which is of course what one would expect, and the two young males which I bred from this bird did not exhibit this characteristic. There is, however, a race of this Sparrow (*Passer rutilans*) found in China, which has the breast much paler than *P. cinnamomeus*, and in the same way there may be a hitherto unnoticed race which has the breast brighter than the latter species.

I found Cinnamon Sparrows rather quarrelsome among themselves, but quite harmless among smaller birds. A somewhat similar Sparrow—the Pegu Sparrow (*P. flaveolus*)—may be now seen at the Zoo; it has a brighter chest colour but a duller bib.

The Indian Redstart.

This bird is very similar to our Redstart in size and shape, and has the same characteristic quivering motion of the tail, but is not nearly so handsome. Its head, neck, mantle, wings and upper breast are black; the other parts of its body rufous. The female has the head and neck greyish. A pair (as I thought) of these came my way, but towards the end of August the supposed hen developed a black feather on the throat, then another, and is now rapidly acquiring a black head. I had not suspected that it was a cock, because young male European Redstarts acquire the adult plumage before they are a year old, and as Indian birds nest at the same time of the year as British species it is evident that my birds must be more than a year old.

Evidently therefore *R. rufiventris*, like the Blackstart, takes two (or possibly more) years to acquire its adult plumage. The Indian Redstart has an extensive range from the Lebanon eastward. My two specimens seem most peaceably disposed not only towards other birds, but towards one another. In this respect they differ markedly from the European Redstart which, like other birds showing red in the plumage, is a born fighter. A pair of Redstarts which have been the best of friends during the summer will often in a large aviary fight to the death in the winter. The Blackstart is worse than a fighter: he is an assassin, whose stealthy and deadly methods of warfare have cost me not a few valuable birds. Of the four typical Redstarts of the Eastern Hemisphere the European and the Indian may be said to be the most distinctive; the other two are *R. mesoleuca* (found in Persia and Asia Minor), which has a white patch on the wing, and *R. ochrurus* (found in the Caucasus and Armenia), which has the underwing black.

The Indian Siskin.

This is a remarkably handsome species. It is larger than our Siskin, and has a larger beak; though somewhat similarly marked, it is a far more showy bird of quite distinctive appearance. The crown, cheeks and short moustachial streak in the male are black or brownish black; the wings are blackish with broad yellow bar; and the throat and underparts are bright yellow. The female is similarly marked, but so much duller that the sexes can be distinguished at a glance.

I have not found the species a very free singer in an aviary, and its song is not noteworthy, the only part of it that reaches the ear at a little distance being the long-drawn note of our Greenfinch. (It has been called a Greenfinch by some writers, and Hume considers that it is not a Siskin at all, proposing a separate genus for it; Saunders, however, regards it as a true Siskin). It likes well-wooded districts and is a late breeder. This little bird is a great favourite of mine, but the specimens which I obtained some years since did only fairly well. The bird seems to miss something—perhaps the rare and bracing air of its homeland, the great mountain range which has been well called "the roof of the world"; but more probably some essential constituent of its natural diet, because the majority of the Himalayan species do remarkably well in this country.

The Himalayan Goldfinch.

It is, however, not by any means so puzzling a species as the Himalayan Goldfinch—a bird which not only closely resembles our Goldfinch (differing chiefly in the absence of black on the head and the smaller blaze) but is really identical with ours, as can hardly be doubted by anyone who has examined the interesting case in the Entrance Hall at the Natural History Museum, which shows how the one form gradually merges into the other as we proceed further east. Yet, though it is so closely related, I have never been able to keep the Indian Goldfinch in health for more than a few weeks, and I think others have had the same experience, because it is said not to have as yet been bred in this country, though frequently imported.

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No further Developments at Millom.

I have heard nothing further from Mr. Park or the other bird-keepers at Millom who were threatened by the authorities that they would have to give up their birds. I can only conclude that "no news is good news," and that the local Health Authority has discovered that it has started a crusade which will cause it more trouble than was anticipated.

The "Animal World" and Ourselves.

The only reply I have received to my letter published in our Journal of August 26th is an intimation that the Editor is away on holiday. No reference to the subject is made in the September issue of "The Animal World."

Booking Clerks and Bird Parcels.

I have received letters from Mr. Grinling, the chief traffic manager of the Great Northern Railway and Mr. Bramley, the district superintendent at Nottingham of the Midland Railway, stating that the alleged refusal of the Nottingham clerks to accept parcels containing birds is being inquired into. From these it would appear that the authorities of the two railway companies had no previous knowledge of the procedure. I shall doubtless hear more of the matter in due course. The Great Central Railway has not acknowledged my letter.

A new Member makes a Suggestion.

Below is a suggestion from a new member, Mr. Vickers, of Liversedge. There can be no doubt that there are many thousands of bird-keepers who are without the knowledge of the existence of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE, people who have no idea that by simply writing to CAGE BIRDS they may obtain help in any difficulty that may arise in the keeping of their pets, and who have not yet any idea that the keeping of a pet bird is in danger of prohibition. The step proposed by Mr. Vickers would entail some considerable trouble on the part of honorary workers, and for this reason may be somewhat impracticable. I should be pleased to hear the opinions of our Local Hon. Secs. and of those gentlemen who may be thinking of accepting the post but who have not yet joined.

Sir,—May I take the liberty to suggest that there are a good many cage bird fanciers who are ignorant of the danger in which their hobby stands, and who would, I feel sure, be only too pleased to help on a league the object of which is to befriend cage birds and those who keep them, did they but know the danger to which they were exposed. I suggest, therefore, that it would be well spent money if a number of handbills (setting forth the danger to which cage-bird keepers were exposed, and the objects of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE) were printed for distribution and sent on to the secretaries of various bird societies with the request that they should be taken to every house where a bird is kept. If this were done I feel sure that the number of the members of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE would be greatly augmented, and our journal, CAGE BIRDS, introduced into many fresh homes. Wishing CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE every success.

T. W. VICKERS.

Larkhall falls into Line.

In my notes of August 12th I wrote that some members of the Larkhall C.B.A. did not quite approve of that part of our scheme which allowed a member the option of allocating half of his subscription to the special prize fund or to any other of our objects with which he might be especially in sympathy, and that they were therefore disinclined to join the LEAGUE. I now have the pleasure of recording that Mr. Pollock, the Secretary of the Society named, writes that my reply to his former letter was considered in every way satisfactory, and that he hopes to add considerably to the list of members from the Larkhall C.B.A. forwarded with his letter, which list includes among others the names of the Chairman of the Society and himself. Mr. Pollock also agrees to act as Local Hon. Sec. for Larkhall and District, and I am pleased to add his name to our list as below.

Practical Help for the League.

Mr. J. W. Parkes, of Southsea, in sending his subscription for membership, writes: "If you care to send any leaflets I shall be pleased to place them on my counter, as one means of bringing CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE to the public notice." I need scarcely say that I should be pleased to send a number of the leaflets to any member who would assist the LEAGUE in this very practical manner.

More Local Hon. Secs.

Since our last issue the following gentlemen have kindly consented to act as Local Hon. Secs. for their respective towns. We have now the help of sixty or more Local Hon. Secs., and membership may be made either through any of the gentlemen whose names have been published during the past five or six weeks, or direct to me. In the former case fanciers entering the LEAGUE will be benefiting their own local society both in the competition for our prizes for recruiting and in the allocation of half of their subscriptions towards the special prize fund for their own show.

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LONDON AND COUNTIES A.C.B.

A well-attended meeting was held September 2nd, "The Earl of Cathcart," Munster Square, N.W., Mr. W. Gilbert in the chair. A balance sheet of the Y.B. show was presented, showing a small profit. The autumn show was fixed for November 4th, at the above house, Mr. W. Shakespeare being appointed judge. Classes were suggested for champions: Nor. 2, Yorks 2, Crests and C.-B. 2, Cinn. 2. Novices: Nor. 2, Yorks 2, Crests and A.O.V. 1 each, Hybrids 3, Brit. 6, For. 1, and Scil. 2. Several specials were given and promised. Next meeting, 16th Sept., as above.—O. Heine, Official Reporter.

MIDLAND COUNTIES Y.C.C.

The patronage of the above club has been granted to the following shows:—Champion and Novice: Birmingham, October 18th and 19th, judge, T. Heath; Wolverhampton, October 29th and 30th, judge, J. Robson; West Bromwich, November 8th, judge, J. H. Payne; Derby, December 2nd and 4th, judge, J. Robson. Owing to the close proximity of several shows applying for patronage, the committee could only grant same to four shows in the Champion section. Members will be notified in due course of the two shows to complete the competition. Members are particularly requested to mark all their entries on entry form M.C.Y.C.C.—Beck and Andrews, Secs.

PAISLEY, TANNAHILL O.S.

Meeting held September 2nd, Mr. Lockie's, 2, St. James Street, Mr. R. Neil (President) in chair. There was a good turn-out of members. Mr. T. Hamilton gave report of Amalgamation meeting re alteration of hall for our next show, which is to be held in the new Co-operative Hall, Causeyside Street. A motion was passed that the prize cards be the same as last year. Treasurer requested that all contributions be paid by the second meeting in October. All the present officials were nominated for re-election. The Chairman then took account of young birds bred, when the 13 members present were found to have between them 91 young. Sec. informed members that 16 specials had been secured for our shows. Any other member wishing to add to same might do so at once.—John Stewart, Sec.

LOCHGELLY C.B.S.

Meeting held ante-room of Drill Hall, Mr. Wm. Duff presiding. Very few new members turned up and membership was closed as far as competition for local cup was concerned. Secretary intimated we had received the patronage of the following specialist clubs since last meeting: Yorkshire C.C. of Scotland, and the Fife and Kinross Norwich P.C.; also the Border Fancy C.C. Mr. T. Wildridge reported he had received a silver cup for the Society, to be given to best unflighted Norwich Plainhead bred by a member, and to be competed for yearly. Mr. T. Wildridge was unanimously appointed in place of Mr. Taylor, who was unable to find time to devote to this position. Agreed, that a meeting be held at Mr. H. Kelso's, West End, 30th October, and a preceding meeting in Bay Horse Tavern, 9th Sept., when specials will be ballotted and stewards appointed.—Wm. Whiteford, Sec.

HALIFAX O.S.

Meeting held Plummet Line Hotel, September 2nd, Mr. Lee presiding, when a good turn up of members and friends listened to a most interesting lecture on "Local British birds; their habits, where found, and also how to feed and treat them in captivity," by Mr. Greenwood (Hebden Bridge), a gentleman with wide experience on this subject. He dealt with most of the numerous birds to be found in the district, and then went on to describe the different materials they use, and the shape of nest each species makes, and the various ways of catching them, and how to get food for them. His method of getting ants' eggs and wasps' nests was very interesting. He brought a good number of specimens of seeding plants, which he named and described as food for the different birds. Questions were asked and answered, after which a vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Greenwood, proposed by Mr. Lord and seconded by Mr. Holroyd, for his able lecture.—F. Burdekin, Assistant Sec.

MANNINGHAM C.B.A. VERSUS WINDHILL O.S.

These societies met on Baildon Green on August 26th in a game of cricket. Windhill have not been beaten before this match, but they had to bow the knee this time in a low scoring match. Manningham 45, Windhill 35. They were beaten by good bowling backed up by good fielding, each man on the winning side doing his duty. Manningham will begin to think they are the champion bird society at cricket, having won the last five matches.—H. Grange.

WEST OF SCOTLAND O.S.

Meeting held Nelson's Temperance Hotel. Mr. P. Thorn presided. Report of Mule Show read and adopted. As the members are to be favoured by a lecture from Mr. F. Bowman on "Wild Seeds and Plants" at October meeting a large attendance is requested; it should prove a most instructive lecture. Several items in connection with annual show were taken up, and decided upon. The club are about to lose one of their most enthusiastic members in Mr. R. Rennie, who sails shortly for Sydney. This being all the business a vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the meeting.—W. Hutchinson, Sec.

CUMNOCK AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held September 2nd, Co-op. Hall, Auchinleck, President (Mr. Kinnear) in chair, a good turn-out of members being present, for the selection of a cup. Mr. Brown put before them four different designs to select from, and one very handsome cup was selected to the satisfaction of all. It has to be won on most points in any one section, and it becomes the property of the winner who wins it three times, but not necessarily in succession. The winner also receives a medal along with cup. The fixing-up of classes was gone on with; classes as follows:—Scotch Fancies 4, Norwich (natural colour class included) 6, Borders 10, British 9, Mule or Hybrid 1, British (for boys only) 1; also a gift class—a total of 31 classes, two less than last year. Next meeting fixed for 30th September.—Joseph Nutt, Sec.

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MUST clear, 20 Borders, 1910-11, good birds, lot cocks, 4/-; hens, 2/-; hen Siskin, house-moulted, laid eggs, 2/-; 4 Goldfinch mules (3 cocks), 18/-; best offer for lot; letters, please: Allan Doyle, 32, Munches-st., Dumfries.

WANTED.

WANTED to sell weekly, Goldfinches; what offers: H. Woodroff, P.N.P.-st., Devizes.

WANTED for export; hen Canaries, 1/- each given: Manager, Bird and Seed Stores, Kirkgate, Wakefield.

WANTED, offers; exchange white Pom. bitch, 7 months; sell, 12/6: 170, Manchester-rd. West, Little Hulton.

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WANTED, good cock Hawfinch; exchange Silver English lever, or pair Yorks; approval both ways: Springthorpe, 24, Havelock-st., Barnsley.

WANTED dealer to take a weekly supply of all kinds of British birds; send to Hollinshead and Cash, Cheshire Aviaries, Howard-st., Stockport.

WANTED, reliable catcher to supply Linnets, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Thrushes; state lowest price; stamp reply: Lewis, Owler-lane, Sheffield.

WANTED, good house dog, young, retriever preferred; exchange Norwich Canaries: A. E. Watson, 16, Norfolk-road., Thornton Heath, Surrey.

WANTED: Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, cock Canaries, also British; send lowest prices to: A. Leitch, East-End Bird Mart, 469, Gallowgate, Glasgow.

WANTED, cash offers for seven young Canaries, as bred, cocks starting to sing, cold room bred: Apply, W. Warner, Horseman's Green, Whitchurch, Salop.

WANTED: Canaries and Mules, prompt cash, or exchange laying fowls, fancy pigeons, rabbits; state wants, offers: Simmonds, 64, Stean-st., Haggerston, London.

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NOTICE; will give 6/- per pair for Norwich and Yorkshires, colour-fed preferred; also wanted, Crests and Scotch Fancy; must be reasonable: M'Keand, Seabright Villa, Castle Douglas

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WANTED phonograph and records, in exchange for 2 pairs Yorkshire Canaries, and 1 pair Norwich, with 4-compartment breeding cage, or sell £2: Stubbs, Lazenby, Eston, Yorkshire.

WANTED good talking Grey Parrot and cage, Canaries, or bicycles, no rubbish, in exchange for new 9 carat lady's or gentleman's gold watch, or bangle: L. Wheaton, 13, Durnford-st., Stonehouse, Devon.

WANTED, shopkeepers, dealers, agents, to sell our celebrated fishing tackle, magnificent greenheart trout rods, 3/11; roach rods, 1/4; tackle, every description; wholesale catalogue one stamp: Fred Kings, Manufacturer, Erdington, Birmingham.

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NOTICE. Will give 2/5 each for cock Canaries, cock Goldfinch Mules, or cock Linnet Mules, well on song, 9d.; hen Goldfinch Mules 9d., small 1/-; large hen Canaries; wanted talking Parrot, Goldfinches; other British from catchers: B. Soanes, 92, Bevan-st., Lowestoft.

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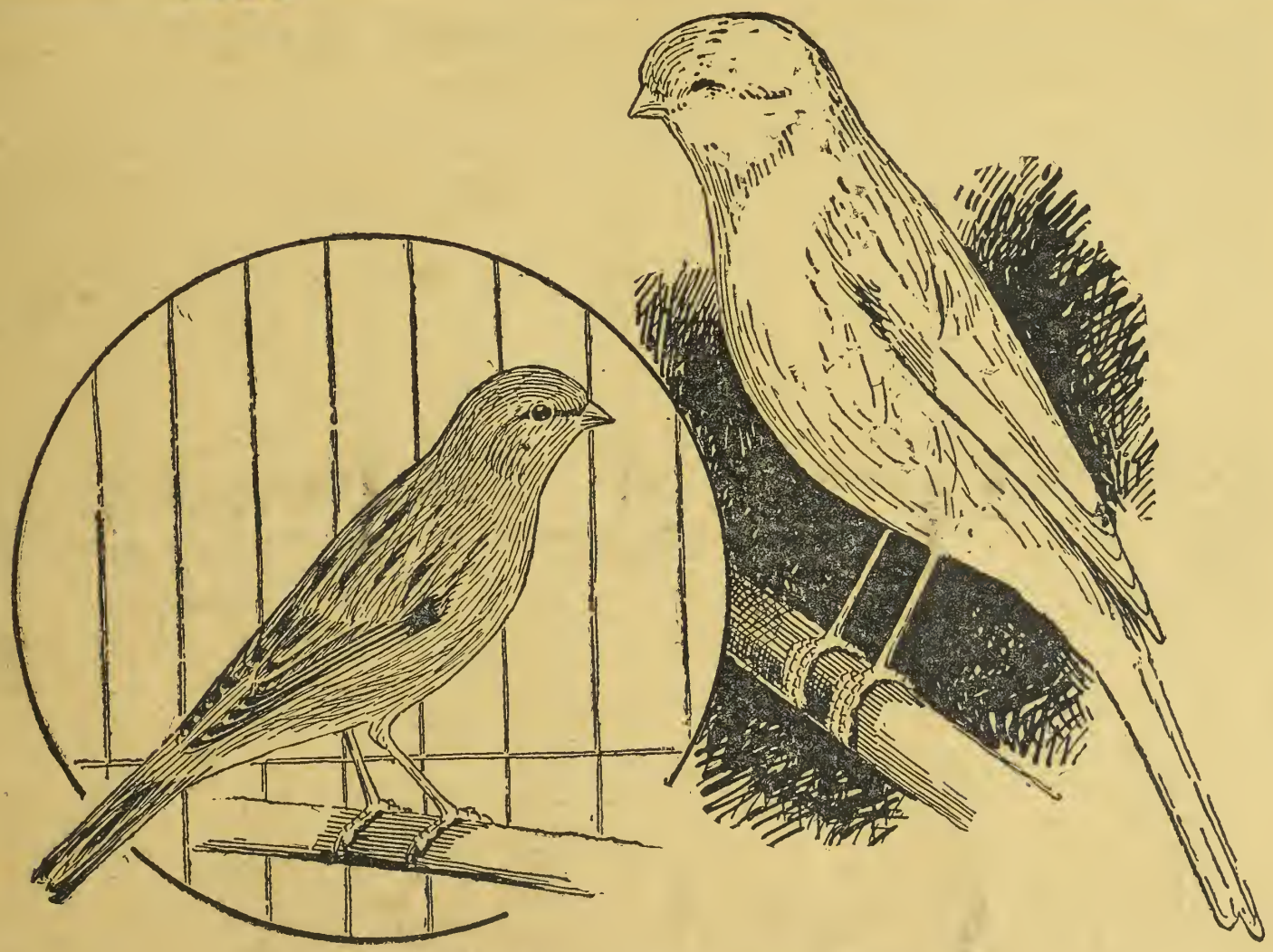
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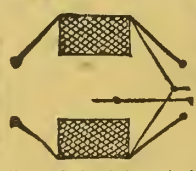
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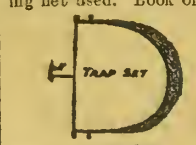
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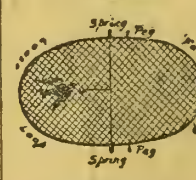
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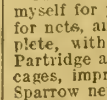
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Dec. 16.—**Broxburn.**—(W. McLaren, Church Street.) J. McLn., G.Sfe., J.Tn., J.M., J.Sn.

Dec. 30 and Jan. 1, 1912.—**Scottish National** (A.W Watson 58, Colinton Road, Edinburgh.)

Jan. 1 & 2.—**Paisley O.A.**—(W. Lambie, 25, Caledonia Street.)

Jan. 2 & 3.—**Glasgow C.B.A.**—(F. Bowman, 5 Parkview, Tollcross.). W.B.M., J.Cg., J.W.B., L.J.A., A.C.

Wales.

Nov. 8.—**Pontypridd.**—(A. A. Gordon, McLucas, 48, Rosser St., Maesycoed).

Nov. 8 & 9.—**Swansea.**—(S. H. George, 32, Fisher Street). H.W.B., A.S.

Nov. 15 & 16.—**Cardiff.**—(J. W. Dummett, 34, Tudor Road). J.H.P., J.R.

Nov. 23.—**Llanelly.**—(D. John, 9, Pottery Place). H.N., J.H.R.

Ireland.

Nov. 2 & 3.—**Yorks C.B.S. of Ireland.**—(C H. Holley, 66, Fitzroy Avenue, Drumcondra, Dublin.)

Nov. 9 and 10.—**Banbridge.**—(A. McCammon, Riverview.)

Dec. 1 & 2.—**Ulster O.A.**—(R. Trimble, 11, Waring Street, Belfast.) D.B., R.T., G.M.

Dec. 7 and 8.—**Larne.**—(T. Mayne, 35, Barnhill).

The Shows.

HEBDEN BRIDGE AND CALDER VALLEY O.S.

At meeting held August 31, Nutclough Tavern, it was decided to hold a show on September 21, at headquarters, when five classes will be provided. Birds to be staged at 7.30 p.m. Judge, Mr. F. Townsend (Halifax). Result of show, August 31:—A.V. CAN.: 1, Maiden; 2, Barnes; 3, vhc, hc, Spencer; c, Sutcliffe. BRIT. OR HYB.: 1, 2, Spencer. Mr. T. Meadowcroft judged, and gave entire satisfaction.—A. Pickles, Sec.

GAERWEN (Anglesea).

Held Sept. 9th. The cage bird section provided one class only. The Rev. Canon Davies made an eloquent speech at the opening. The weather was all that could be desired, and the inhabitants of the Island seemed deeply interested in the fixture. Mr Thomas made a very efficient secretary. Mr. J. O. Williams judged and gave satisfaction.

A.V.: 1, 2, 3, and r, W. Nolan, grand team of Yorks., nicely staged, 1st buff, nice length, brimful of quality, straight, nicely moulded, 2nd neck-mkd. buff, extra long, very typical and stylish, good length of winge, 3rd nest feather yellow tkd., good length, stands well, res. another young yell. ben, nice length, slim, and leggy; vhc, W. Hughes, neat yell., nat col., cap and thigh mkd; hc, c, Joe Williams.

Singing Contests.

WIGAN.

Wigan Linnet annual club contest held August 26, Collier's Arms Hotel, Samuel Fishwick Road, Frog Lane, when 22 members sang for prizes, each member being entitled to a prize. W. Fishwick 1, E. Pett 2, M. McFarlin 3. After contest members did ample duty to a "hot pot." Afterwards the evening was spent singing and dancing. Will all secretaries of Linnet clubs kindly note the address of Wigan Linnet Club's secretary, Mr. James Ashurst, 31, Silcfield Lane, Wigan.

LEEDS.

Linnet singing contest for quality held Old Bird House, King's Head, Shannon Street, when 37 birds sang. Some good singing was heard. 1st C. Prince, 2nd D. Clegg, 3rd H. Wigfield. Judges, Messrs. Walt. Naylor and A. Jennings. T. C. Summers.

Skinners' Arms Linnet F.A., Buslingthorpe Lane, quality singing contest held September 9th, when 19 birds competed. Result: 1st, Wigfield; 2nd, Ward; 3rd, Lunn. Judge, Mr. A. Butler. Timekeeper, Mr. J. Green. Also September 10th, when 23 birds competed before a large number of well-known Linnet fanciers. Result: 1st, Wigfield; 2nd, Ward; 3rd, Lunn; 4th, Richardson. Judge, Mr. Wm. Sissons. Timekeeper, Mr. J. Grainger.—Wm. Lunn.

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

J. C. BARNES, 113, Northfield Road, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Long, practical experience. Terms moderate.
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F. COLLINS, 60, Union-st., Camborne. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Life experience.
W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington, Bradford. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Practical experience. Terms moderate.
GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road, London, N.W. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.
C. A. HOUSE, 82, Upper Walthamstow Road, Walthamstow. Judge of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds.
W. R. MILES, The Aviaries, Chichester. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Life experience.
J. W. METCALFE, The Yorkshire Aviaries, 68, Brunswick Road, Liverpool. Judge of Cage Birds. Specialist Yorkshire and Norwich.
W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Manningham, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.
H. NORMAN, The Eyrie, Salisbury Road, Carshalton, Surrey. All varietics of Cage Birds. Specialist Hybrids and British Birds.
A. E. PATTRICK, 6, Essex-st., Southend-on-Sea. Judge of Canaries and cage birds; life experience.
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J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.
C. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Life experience.
WALTER SWAYSLAND, 47, Queens-rd., Brighton. Judge all varieties of cage birds. Life experience.
R. TAYLOR, Lime Kiln, Preston.—Judge all varieties; Norwich a speciality. Terms moderate.
HENRY TAMS, Orchard Place, Longton, Staffs. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Twenty-five years Breeder and Exhibitor.
S. TICKELL, 22, Honey Street, Bodmin. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds; specialist Norwich, Cinn. & Lit. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.
W. VARDY, The Aviaries, Hucknall Huthwaite, Notts. Judge of all varieties; specialist in Norwich Plainheads. Life experience. Terms moderate.
G. WILSON, 14, Frizington Road, Frizington, Cumberland. Judge of Mules, British and Foreign Birds. Life experience. Fee moderate.

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COVENTRY

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BROUGHTY FERRY.

C.B.S.'s Annual Show of Canaries, Mules, British & Foreign Birds, will be held in the **Good Templar Hall,** on **Saturday, October 14th,** under the patronage of the B.F.C. and B.B. and M.C. **49 Classes.** All specials open; equal prize money. Judges: Scotch Fancies, Messrs. D. Black and W. Rodger; Crests and Norwich, W. Griffiths; Border Fancies, Jas. Smillie; British and Foreign, R. V. Raine. **Entries close October 9th.** Schedules from **Rob Whitton, Secretary, 2, Churchill Place, Broughty Ferry.**

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MIDDLESBRO

and Tees-Side C.B.S. 6th Annual Show, Oct. 21st, 1911. Prize money, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, 1/-; good specials; 1/- entry. Judges, Geo. Harland, Esq., C. Houlton, Esq. **Entries close Oct. 16th.** Schedules, apply, **Arthur Wake, 41, Aske Road, Middlebro'.**

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Will hold their **23rd Annual Show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds,** Pigeons and Cats(open to the United Kingdom), on **Saturday, 21st October.** Judges, H. Bennet, Esq., Kelso, Canaries; Tom Nisbet, Esq., Galston, Working Homers; John Scott, Esq., Edinburgh, varieties. **Entries close Saturday, 14th October.** Schedules from **James Robertson, 4, Green Terrace, Selkirk, N.B.**

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Twitterings.

Will secretaries of societies please note our change of address, write Messrs. Shaw and Booth, to Queen Street, Sutton-in-Ashfield.

Messrs. Roe and Houlton are the elected judges for our show on November 17th and 18th, writes Mr. J. P. Leeming, secretary of the Preston O.S.

We had a successful show on August 26th, and all prize money was paid September 4th, writes Mr. A. Shaw, secretary of the Troon and Loans P.P. and C.B.S.

Mr. R. H. Douglas (Loanhead) will judge all classes at our club show on October 7th, write Messrs. Ewing and Steel, the hon. secretaries of the Dalkeith and Dist. C.C.

The members' annual show will be held on November 4th, Judge, Mr. W. Vardy, writes Mr. G. T. Wall, secretary of the Long Eaton and Dis. C.B.S. Schedules will be ready for the next meeting.

Mr. Thorpe, of 174, Elmshurst Mansions, Clapham, and myself will from this date exhibit as partners in the name of Clarke and Thorpe, writes Mr. F. Clarke, 74, Park Crescent, Clapham, London, S.W.

Owing to the resignation of our secretary, Mr. F. Washbourne, Jun., writes Mr. A. Smith (10, Enoch Street, Miles Platting, near Manchester), all correspondence in connection with the South Manchester C.B.S. is in future to be addressed to me.

Bathgate and District C.B.S. have secured the services of Messrs. J. F. Dewar (Edinburgh) and W. Bishop (Stirling) as judges for British, Mule, and foreign bird sections at their annual open show on January 20, 1912, writes Mr. Alexander Nicol, the sec.

The Molassine Co., Ltd., of Greenwich, inform us that Welham's old-established bird food business has been taken over by them. Welham's "Canarydine," Parrot Food, "Larko," and all other specialities will in future be prepared by the Molassine Co.

Our first open show is to be held on October 11th, writes Mr. B. Clare, the secretary of the Craven Arms (Salop) Society. Mr. Edwards (Shrewsbury) judges, and ten open classes are provided. Most of the classes are guaranteed, and gold medals are to be competed for. Will fanciers please help?

I had a pleasant surprise on opening my CAGE BIRDS of September 9 and seeing my winning Siskin depicted in your valuable paper. I may say that the bird is one of the finest specimens it has been my lot to have in my possession, and I have had a few. I hope its new owner will have a very successful season with it.—Alexander Nicol (Bathgate).

We have been compelled to extend date of entries closing, writes Mr. H. Fabian Russell, sec. of the Caterham Show (September 20 and 21) to first post Saturday, September 16.

The Bush Hill Park F.S. Y.S. Show entries are very small, writes Mr. H. G. Mercer, the hon. secretary. Unless members rally round and put in a few entries the society will be at a great loss. I will keep entries open till Sunday morning's post (September 17th). We have lately been presented with a silver cup on a black ebony sphinx by Mr. and Mrs. Faraker—this is the best trophy in the society, and also the Rev. Mr. Gray has promised to present us with a silver cup in time for our annual show, December 9th.

The London and Provincial O.S. are having a lecture on "Bird and Animal Life," by Richard Kearton, Esq., illustrated with cinematograph views, in October, at their headquarters, Leysian Mission, City Road, writes Mr. C. W. Law, the hon. sec. The society warmly invite the members of all other societies to attend this very interesting lecture. Mr. Kearton has just returned from a six months' tour, and will be showing some very fine pictures taken during this tour. The hall holds 1,600 people, and the admission will be one penny. All the films are non-flammable.

The Welsh C.B.C. intend holding the club show at Tredegar this year, some time in December, writes Mr. A. E. Brown, the secretary. Mr. E. J. Bevan, as show secretary, will be glad to hear from any member upon club show matters. Applications for the club's patronage from Swansea, Tredegar, and Pentrebach were dealt with at last meeting. Members who have not yet paid their subscriptions are requested to send same to me with as little delay as possible, so that each one may receive a ballot paper to elect judges. Will any society requiring our patronage please apply for it by the end of this month?

The handbook of the Yorkshire Union has just been issued. It is, as usual, admirably got up. The book contains, among other things, a list of the delegates' names and addresses, the general and show rules and regulations, and a list of the Union shows. But the principal feature is that under the name of each society affiliated to the Union are given particulars of its place and time of meeting, the names and addresses of its members, etc. Eleven Union show schedules are published, and the balance-sheet for 1910-11, showing a balance to the good of £35 2s. 10½d. The handbook reflects much credit on the popular hon. sec., Mr. H. Hill, whose task in preparing it must have been a very heavy one.

London is to have a Permanent Exhibition of Patents. The Exhibition will be situated in a central position, and will be open to the public all the year round. There will be no charge for admission. The object is to establish a centre where inventors may display their patents for the purpose of attracting the attention of possible purchasers, not only in the British Isles, but visitors will be received at the Exhibition from all parts of the world and conducted through the various sections by expert demonstrators, who will not only be able to point out the merits of each patent, but will be able to quote for any country in the world for same. Further particulars are contained in the prospectus, which may be had on application to the Administration Office, Patents Exhibition, 165, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

A Winter Visitor.

No instance of the Jack Snipe breeding in the United Kingdom has been recorded. The birds come here from the far north in October, leaving again in March and April; but they are constantly moving, and may be plentiful in one spot to-day and missing to-morrow.

Young Cuckoos.

The old Cuckoos have left us, but the big young ones still haunt the place of their birth, and some will no doubt remain several weeks yet, especially if the weather should continue to be good. As the youngsters are so loth to leave their homes, one is tempted to ask the question, Do they return to the same haunt the following season? A few rings placed upon young ones would soon furnish the answer.

A Many-nest Builder.

A peculiarity of the Sea Magpie (so called on account of its black and white plumage, although its real name is Oyster-Catcher) is the number of nests it forms and then deserts before making one quite to its liking. One may sometimes find several of these attempts quite close to each other. Whether this is done for the sake of occupation, or on account of a difficulty to please itself, it would be hard to say.

Notice to Cats!

One day last June a friend came to me to see if I could find a means of preserving the lives of a family of Blue Tits whose home was in a hole of a tree just large enough for the old birds to enter, and only a few inches from the ground. The only enemies to fear were cats, and all day long one or two could be seen watching the home of the young family. How to save them from sure death we could not think, until I remembered reading about another such nest of young birds being saved by digging a small hole in the ground and burying up to the neck a small uncorked bottle of strong ammonia. This we did with good results, for next day I saw one of the tormenting cats take just one sniff at the newly-turned earth, jump sky high, and fly towards home for dear life. After that the birds were left in peace.—Sent by Master J. F. Huckvale, 35, Rother Street, Stratford-on-Avon.

Notes on the Breeding of Norwich Canaries.

A Lecture delivered by Mr. J. Hillman before the Abersychan and Dis. C.B.S. on Sept. 2nd.

First, with regard to the bird room and cages. I prefer an 18-inch breeding cage; it is easy to keep clean and takes up less room, for most of our room is limited. It is very essential to ventilate your room well for the health of your birds; only mind to avoid all draughts.

Having got your room into shape the next thing will be to choose your stock. I would advise you to place yourself in the hands of a reliable breeder, one you know breeds his own winners. Tell him what you require, and try to buy your birds as near as possible to those depicted in Cage Birds from time to time. I also advise you to buy as good birds as ever your pocket will allow, as it is less expense to buy good stock at the start than to have inferior birds.

I like nice size on the cock's side, with as good colour as possible. The hen you must have as typical as possible. I don't mind if the hen is a little on the small side, but I prefer having the pair as good in size as possible, there is nothing worse than to have your birds with small head and neck and yet good body, or vice-versa.

Try to have your birds no later than December, thus giving them time to become accustomed to you and your room. Feed them on a good Canary seed until February, then give them a little mixed seed; on alternate days give a little food with a pinch of maw seed.

Saving Time and Trouble.

I would advise you to keep the cock in the next cage to the hen with which you intend to pair him, as some hens pair up by the call; and by doing this you will save a lot of trouble. The cock will be in full song when he is ready for breeding, and you can tell when the hen is ready by seeing her flapping her wings. By having your birds in good condition you will save a lot of time.

I always trim the hen around the vent, and cut her nails to prevent her from pin-holing the eggs. Another important thing is to see that you have your nest hanging a little above the perch, as by having the nest below the perch the hen is liable to fly out of the nest on to the perch, carrying a young bird under her wings and dropping it to the bottom of the cage. If she does so, and the bird appears to be dead, take it out of the cage, place it between both hands, and breathe through the hands until you feel life; then place it back in the nest. You will save many a bird by this method. I also advise putting sawdust on the bottoms of the cages, as it often saves eggs if they are dropped from perches.

When your birds are paired don't put the nest in too soon, but give them plenty of nest material to play with; and don't forget to give the hen a little inga seed to prevent egg binding. If you get a hen that appears egg bound make sure first she is really egg-bound. If you handle her be very careful so as not to break the egg or it may cause the death of the hen. Get a knitting pin and warm it; then with it drop a spot of castor oil into the vent. If this doesn't ease her, get a small jug or cup, and fill it with hot water; place a piece of muslin over the top, and then hold the hen with the vent as near as possible to the muslin, but be very careful to see that she doesn't catch cold after this.

Eggs and Young.

Take the egg out of nest each morning as laid until the hen has laid her third egg; then in the evening place the three eggs back. Also give the eggs a good dusting with Keating's powder. I always take the cock away, and leave the hen to sit and rear her young. You can run the cock with two hens if you wish; but some prefer to let the cock remain with the hen to help to feed the young, though there is a danger then of the hen coming on to nest again before the young are out of the nest. You will have to watch this very keenly, as the hen may commence to pluck the young. Take the young, and place them in a nursery cage, and hang this on the front of the breeding cage. Also give them a little egg food. The old birds will also feed them, but as soon as you are satisfied that all the young birds are eating I would advise you to place them in a cage by themselves; and give them a little crushed seed sprinkled on their egg food.

Now, I think, comes the most critical time—the weaning of the young on to seed. More birds die at this period than at any other time. Young birds are like young pigs—they don't know when they have had enough to do them good They gorge themselves, causing inflammation of the bowels. Prevention, of course, is better than cure, and I would advise you to give them some milk sop sprinkled with maw seed, say two or three times a week. Also give tincture of gentian (about 8 drops) in the drinking water; give this until they commence to moult.

I don't advise breeding too late, as late-hatched birds don't come through their moult before the cold weather sets in, so that they don't pay for the extra trouble. Do not take more than three nests off a pair at the most.

A strain of Norwich that will throw exhibition birds is not made in one season. A year or two may pass before you get a good grip of the possibilities of your birds or before you can pair up with a certainty of breeding birds that will hold their own in good company. The breeder who introduces birds from this, that, or the other room, and pairs up without regard to the proper shape and pedigree of his birds, is not likely to be very successful on the show-bench. But the fancier who is willing to plod on with a keen eye to type and to getting a knowledge of in-breeding will arrive at his goal the first. Now if your strain of birds is all right, in a year or two you will be able to pair up and know what to expect. But my advice is to pair old cocks with young hens or vice versa. But mind you don't pair two birds having the same fault. If you should have a hen that is a bit weak in the neck, pair a cock that is extra good in this respect to her. Don't pair birds any nearer than half-brothers or half-sisters.

The most essential thing in Norwich breeding is to select birds having good broad skulls and stout necks with good sound chests—birds that are short in body and tail and that have good bold eyes with plenty of colour.

British Softbilled Birds.

How I Feed & Treat Them.

By Miss C. D. FITZMAURICE (Kilrush, Co. Clare).

(Concluded from page 126).

Well Worth Keeping.

I cannot speak of the Robin without mentioning the Hedge Warbler or Hedge Sparrow—"Tommy Fox," as they call it in the country. With its steel blue and brown plumage, neat demure little form and cheery song, it is well worth keeping. The same treatment as that advised for the Robin suits it. They are very wicked to each other. One bird I had was named "Jacky-kill-em-all," and indeed he deserved the title, for never an unfortunate Hedge Warbler went into the room with "Jacky," but he was sooner or later "brutally murdered." "Jacky" I had for three years, during which time he lived on yellow meal made into porridge with an egg (the food softbills ate and thrived on in my early bird keeping days), and never once was he ill. Robins, Blackbirds, Thrushes and Larks were also kept in the very pink of condition on this apparently hopeless food. I had a Blackbird then which would have turned any exhibitor green with envy—tame, large, well-formed, of intense jetty black flawless plumage, with orange yellow bill and ceres. Yet he never saw any food but the yellow meal, and, of course, plenty of garden fruits and insects in summer.

The Dainty Treecreeper.

I have one specimen of the exquisitely dainty tree-mouse, as the Tree Creeper is called, and it is kept in a cage three feet high by two feet long by one foot broad, the back of the cage being formed of a board on which is glued a piece of elm and fir bark. This idea was my own; I have always tried to imitate natural conditions as nearly as possible for my birds, and it has certainly been a success in "Midget's" case, for the tiny creature is in perfect health, and has been so for over a year. It is fed on my best insectivorous mixture, and I am constantly giving it pieces of bark from dead trees. I have never seen it bathe, and as I have never possessed another of the same kind or known anyone else to have one, I am not aware if this is peculiar or otherwise.

Tame, Dainty and Sweet Voiced.

Tame, dainty, sweet-voiced, the wee "Willow Wren" (Willow Warbler) will always claim a warm place in my heart. It is useless trying to hand-rear the species. They settle down to cage life without the least trouble, and the hand-rearing of such tiny creatures is almost a hopeless task. It is one of the birds for which I advocate an all-wire cage, provided, of course, that it is kept out of draughts; and as in the case of the Blue Tit, the wires should be close together. The bird is a bit fastidious in the matter of its feeding, and should get plenty of live food. And it is a little hard to meat the species off. It delights in a bath; but oh! be careful that the dish is not too large, or you may be grieved to find on going to remove it that "Will" is represented by a draggled bunch of feathers in the bottom of the bath.

My "Will" has a strange taste; he loves a drop of cream, and will come on my finger to get it. Fruit also he revels in, strawberries and raspberries particularly; such evidently agree with him. A fly round the room, with doors and windows well secured, is also greatly enjoyed, and a dash after a small white butterfly opens to him all the delights of the chase without any of its attendant heartless cruelty. Curious to say, "Will" and "Fairy," to whom I will shortly refer, are the best of friends, and when let out fly about together with cheery chirps, while they keep up a constant conversation, like the naughty little gossips they are when in their respective homes.

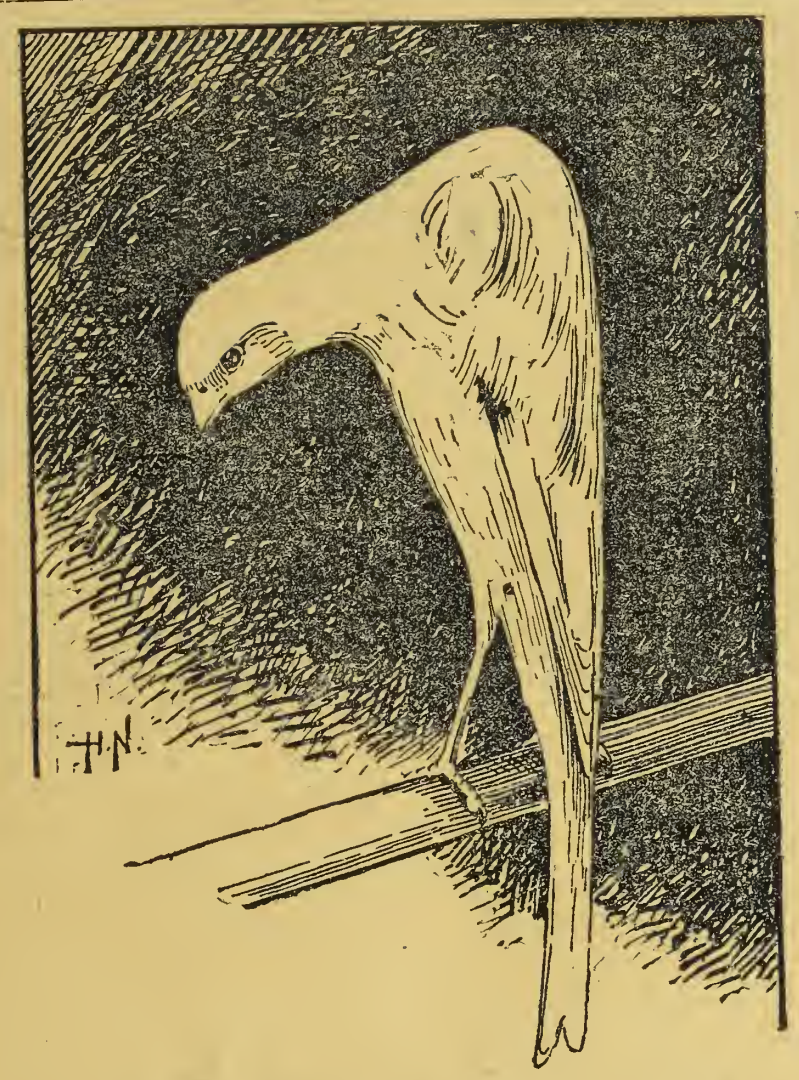
A Winning Little Pet.

Ever since reading Mrs. Brightwen's charming account of her Lesser Whitethroat "Fairy," I was possessed by a desire to own a similar bird. Quite unexpectedly I stumbled on the Wren-like, feather-lined nest of this bird which is not nearly so well known as its larger relative. Of course, two had to be taken, and of these I actually succeeded, by constant care, in rearing one, and she was, of course, also named "Fairy." It is a queer coincidence that my "Fairy," like Mrs. Brightwen's should have escaped and come back of her own free will, though as I have not the time to attend so closely to her I have not made her quite so tame as that lady's. Yet she is a winning little pet, and she and her wee sweetheart "Will" are a pretty sight.

"Fairy's" favourite tit-bit is an aphis infected rose shoot, and she make short work of the herd of "ants' cows." I fancy, did she live near an ant hill, the ants would have to shut up their dairy if they keep such a thing. She, like "Will," inhabits an all-wire cage, and she has beech twigs for perches, for she prefers them to the ordinary fixed ones. Certainly they keep her feet in splendid order. "Fairy," after the manner of all good little ladies, is not a suffragette; she follows "Will" about most dutifully, and listens to his sweet little song attentively. Her own song is very meekly proffered, sounding more like a compliment to "Will" than an effort on her own part.

Some Softfood Recipes.

I will close these few notes by giving my recipes for softbill food, as I prefer home-made to packet mixtures. For delicate birds: three parts biscuit meal, two parts best ants' eggs, two parts ground silkworm cocoons, one part egg flake, one part dried flies; for Robins, etc.: two parts pea meal, two parts biscuit meal, one part egg flake, one part ants' eggs, one part dried flies. I do not, of course, stick up for my mixtures as being the best, but I have succeeded in keeping my birds in good health on them, though I am a great believer in live food and fruit.



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NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc., of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his questions for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Prolonged Moult, etc.

Bert Johns.—You omit to say how long the bird has been moulting, though you should know the moulting season is not near the end yet for a great number of birds, and if this one only commenced dropping feathers at a reasonably early time, there is really nothing to worry about. Some birds naturally moult very gradually. To hasten matters, keep bird quite on the warm side and cover cage over so as to keep it in semi-darkness for a time. Before covering it see it is quite free from red mites. To cure the perverted appetite give ten drops syrup of buckthorn in the water for two days, and afterwards 20 drops whisky and four each tincture of gentian and tincture of calumba for two or three days. Also give a green plantain stalk each day, and a bit of cuttlefish to peck at; and a mealworm occasionally will prove beneficial. You must not expect it to sing until moult is finished. In addition to the staple diet give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake twice a week, on two other days a similar quantity of the mixed seed advised to "Pit Laddie," and on two other days a pinch of maw. Yes, egg-food substitutes certainly have their uses. As tit-bits during the winter and spring, and for birds not breeding, many of the foods on the market may be most usefully employed, but whether they can wholly take the place of home-made egg-food is a matter of opinion.

More Indian Seeds.

F. H. C.—Since replying last week your other samples have come to hand. The gingelly I can only describe as I did last week. It appears to be merely colour varieties of what we know as sesame, and until I had made prolonged trials with it in actual practice, I would not undertake to advise its use in any other way, which is, to give it in small quantities in conjunction with gold of pleasure to help to bring backward birds into breeding condition. This is the best use I have ever found for these two seeds. In a climate like yours I should certainly be chary of using such oily seeds liberally. The inga, or niger, is the same as we use, and is of very excellent quality. It is a very stimulating seed, for which reason, and its exceptionally oily qualities, it is, even in this country, more suitable for very moderate use as a tit-bit, or occasional change, than to form a material portion of the regular diet. The rape is practically the same as would be termed here "summer," or "German" rape. It differs only in being decidedly larger, and lighter, and brighter in colour. These differences may be due simply to climate and soil, if, as I take it, this seed is grown in India. If my surmise is correct, I should term it a very fine sample of summer rape. It is probably a new crop, being a trifle strong in flavour, but this would largely disappear, and the seed be improved, by a few months' careful storage. As regards tests, I would not mind trying the effects of, say, a few pounds of cumbu, korra, and gingelly—these being the most likely to be serviceable.

A Mixture.

Pit Laddie.—Sorry you had so much difficulty about papers. The latter was an error which has now been rectified. For the prolonged moulting of the Yorkshire follow general advice given in last reply. Keep in separate cage, rather on the warm side, quite free from draughts; and cover over cage front until feathers cease dropping. Feed on plain Canary as staple. Every second day give a pinch of rape, and on the alternating days twice each week for a month half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, dusted with flowers of sulphur each time for the first fortnight, and afterwards with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion, well mixed in it; in both cases sprinkled finally with maw. On two other days each week give a pinch of a mixture of two parts each hemp and inga, one part each black rape and millet, a half part each linseed, teazle, maw, gold of pleasure, and a sprinkling of yellow mustard and chopped sunflower seeds. Add to the water every second day for a week, 20 drops of whisky and so much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence; then omit the potash and add six drops oxymel of squills and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together. Continue this for another week. (2) See if ruffled hens are pestered with red mites. If not, treat as above for a fortnight, excepting the eucalyptus mixture. (3) Seeds are much the best stored in canvas bags provided they are safe from mice attacks, etc.; wood, or cardboard boxes, with lids are next best; tins are least suitable of all on account of liability to "sweating" the contents, but this can be obviated by piercing the lid with a number of minute holes to allow free ventilation. Then they are very suitable, and safe from rodents. (4) The following are titles of coloured plates, all of Yorkshires, which our manager will send you post free for 2d. each. The first-named is probably the one you most want. "Extremes in colour," "Three Champion Yorkshires," "Cinnamon-marked Yorkshires."

Blind and Bald (E. Higginson).—(1) There is absolutely no cure for the bird that has gone blind. No treatment will be of the least service, so you may as well refrain from worrying bird with supposed cures. Cage it by itself in a nice bright place, arrange its perches, and seed and water vessels, as conveniently as possible, putting seed and water in small vessels inside cage if necessary, until it has found the way to the vessels hung on outside, when it will very quickly accommodate itself to the conditions and live quite comfortably for the term of its natural life. (2) Treat the hen on the general lines advised to "Bert Johns," to get it to go through a quick and good moult. But give a pinch of maw every second day and as soon as she shows signs of beginning to moult give the crushed sponge cake every second day alternately with the maw, and for the first fortnight dust it lightly each time with flowers of sulphur. During this fortnight add to the water on the days when you give maw 20 drops of whisky, a few blades of saffron, and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a threepenny piece. Slightly moisten the bare place twice a week for a month with a feather dipped in strong vinegar.

Roller Cock (I.D.).—There is probably nothing at all wrong with the bird, the manner of sleeping being most likely due to habit. You might add a pinch of Epsom salts to its water for two days, and a few quassia chips to its bath daily for a time in case it is troubled with grey lice. Examine the bird to see if this is so.

Two Questions (A Constant Reader, Rotherhithe).—(1) No, sawdust will not hurt the birds, but you must supply gritty sand also in a shallow tin in one corner of the cage. Possibly your birds are too loose in bowels owing to wrong feeding. You should send a query on the subject separately for Mr. Weston. (2) A good "seed mixture" for a tit-bit consists of two parts each hemp and inga, one part each black rape and millet, a half-part each linseed, teazle, maw, gold of pleasure, and a sprinkling of yellow mustard and chopped sunflower.

Samples of Sand (A. W. H.).—No. 1 sample, from the Trent, is a very nice gritty sand, and would do very well indeed for general use for birds. It is just a trifle dusty, but not more so than some samples on the market. Still, if you can contrive to collect it quite free from dust it will be all the better. Of course, you must get it from a portion of the river which is free from contamination. No. 2, the white sample, is, I believe, simply "silver sand," which can be bought at almost any florist's. Except as an aid to cleanliness it is quite useless in a bird-cage, and as No. 1 will serve this purpose just as well, No. 2 is not worth your consideration.

General (Somerset).—You should have sent queries on separate sheets for Messrs. Page and Weston. See their replies. Practically any kind of Canary would answer your requirements as regards thriving and breeding under conditions described, but I really do not know whether they would answer the clause about being "not noisy." This depends solely upon your own ideas regarding quietude. Trained Rollers or Border Fancy would be the most likely candidates among Canaries, but a really healthy cock in breeding form even of these varieties can make himself heard. Personally, I should not call him very noisy if there were not "too many of him."

Sore Feet (Constant Reader).—See the cage floor is kept strewn with clean gritty sand to prevent moisture laying about or excreta adhering to the feet. Also see that the bowels are kept regular, and if loose and watery regulate this by proper food, for which you might get the No. 5 Nutshell booklet. To relieve the condition, dissolve a small teaspoonful of boracic acid in a saucerful of hot water, and whilst still fairly warm catch the bird and bathe the feet and legs for a few minutes, carefully removing any dirt or filth adhering to the feet and continuing the bathing a minute or two after they are quite clean. Then dry, and gently anoint them with a little zinc ointment, wiping off any surplus before returning bird to cage. Repeat this daily for a few days until the feet are well. If the bird is an old one with large, coarse scales, treat as advised to "G.J.F.Y." a fortnight ago.

Flying Loose in Room (Urias Mason).—Yes, the birds would undoubtedly breed successfully under these conditions, but it would be advisable not to introduce the cocks until about the middle of next March at the earliest, otherwise you would probably have a great number of unfertile eggs, representing so much wasted energy. You would do well to get the early parts of "Our Canaries," which deal with all such matters as these. A small fir in a tub would be as good a centre-piece as anything, as you could remove it occasionally outside into a downpour of rain to get a needful washing. Plants in such situations soon get unsightly, and require a good wash occasionally, so that two or three in tubs are best, one or two remaining outside recuperating whilst one is "on service" indoors. You should also fix up a few evergreen branches around the walls.

Norwich Hen and Hemp (E. T.).—The hemp is a very poor sample, and not fit for feeding Canaries. Discard it, and if you cannot get some which when broken open shows a milk-white, oily-looking kernel, use none at all for a time. Try following treatment for a fortnight or so. Give a staple of three parts canary to one part summer rape. Every second day give a quarter teaspoonful of maw, and either a morsel of banana or a green plantain stalk, and on the alternate days a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it and sprinkled with maw. If she refuses the sponge cake with oil, omit the latter and add two finely minced mealworms each time instead. In the drinking water add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week, and in the following week give the iron, soda, and acid mixture in water as previously advised.

Sits Puffed Out (Mrs. Christie).—The recent egg-binding has evidently weakened this hen considerably, and I doubt whether she will regain her former activity now until she has got well through the moult. Give a staple of plain canary seed, with half a teaspoonful of summer rape separately every second day. On the alternating days give a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar, and in the first week dust it with flower of sulphur each time. Also give a pinch of maw every second day, and a morsel of banana or green plantain stalks three times a week. In the drinking water give 20 drops of whisky, as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and half as much chlorate of potash for two days, and afterwards four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a week. See Mr. Weston's column for Linnet and Mule replies.

Losing Young (B. W. Silvester).—There must be something seriously wrong with your feeding, or the condition under which your birds are kept, for these deaths to occur so persistently. Had you given full details regarding these matters I might have been of some assistance to you, as it is, I can only advise you in a general way, but if you will send on particulars indicated I will do my best to help you. Meantime, see that the cage and perches are quite clean and well strewn with gritty sand. Keep seed and water vessels scrupulously clean. Feed on plain canary only as staple. Every second day give about half a teaspoonful of summer rape per bird, and twice a week on the alternating days a small teaspoonful of the seed mixture advised to "Bannockburn," and on two other days either half a teaspoonful of egg food per bird, or, as a variety, an equivalent quantity of bread and milk, sprinkled with soft sugar, or crushed sponge cake. As soon as a bird shows signs of "going thick," cage it separately, give a morsel of bread and milk, as above, with the addition of two drops of cod liver oil emulsion, each day for a week or so, and ten drops of syrup of buckthorn in the water for two days, and afterwards 20 drops of chemical food daily for a week or two. You would be well advised to get "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d., post free, from our Manager, and see if you can discover where your treatment fails. If another death occurs soon send the body to Mr. Yates for post mortem, as per rules, and let me know report, then I shall be in a better position to give you good advice.

Difficulty in Perching (E. S. M.).—You should have examined bird's feet as it stood on perch to see if any accident had caused deformity of toes. Do this at once, and if any toe (or toes) is deformed adopt one or other of the devices frequently named in this column to correct it, using, of course, the one that is most applicable to the case. If nothing is wrong with the feet, treat as follows for a fortnight. Give a staple of plain canary only. Every second day give half a teaspoonful of summer rape and either a piece of ripe banana or a green plantain stalk, and on the alternate days a morsel of bread and milk with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and well sprinkled with maw seed. Stop all other seeds and foods for the time being. In the drinking water give 20 drops of whiskey, 10 of lemon juice, and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, for one day, and afterwards 20 drops of chemical food every second day for a fortnight.

Persistent Diarrhœa (E. D.).—You ought to have said whether your water supply was "hard" or "soft." Try following course, which I think will be all that is necessary. Keep a staple diet of equal parts canary and summer rape available, and see that the rape is sound, sweet, mild to the taste, and quite free from a very small mite that sometimes infests this seed. In addition to this staple give a third of a teaspoonful of maw seed and a morsel of ripe banana every second day, and on the alternate days a little dry crushed plain biscuit and a few grains of hemp—see that this also is quite good and sound, and has a milk-white kernel when broken. Give no green-food for a time. Add a teaspoonful of lime water to each two tablespoonfuls of drinking water daily for a time, gradually withdrawing it when the bowels appear quite healthy again. If this does not set matters right in a few days give a morsel of bread and milk instead of the dry biscuit a few times, and dust with carbonate of bismuth.

Sleepy and Ruffled (A. M. P.).—It is quite possible a chill from the open window might have brought about a crisis, but I think the real trouble is a rather hard moult. Keep it caged separately, and in a fairly warm and equable temperature, and cover the cage over to expedite the moult. Give a staple of plain canary, and each day for a week (and every second day afterwards until better) give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cage with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it and sprinkled with maw seed. Every second day for the first week slightly dust this with flowers of sulphur. Give also every second day a pinch of summer rape, and either a morsel of ripe banana or a green plantain stalk. Limit the diet to this for a fortnight or so. In the drinking water give 20 drops of whiskey and a pinch of Epsom salts for two days, and afterwards 20 drops of whiskey and 5 or 6 of malt extract every second day for a fortnight. A mealworm a day, if available, would be beneficial.

Lost Use of Legs (Bannockburn).—You should have given more details as to symptoms and your general management, as the relief or cure of this condition must depend very largely upon the cause. Try what a month of the following will do. Keep in a moderate-sized cage with firmly-fixed, suitably-sized perches, and in a bright, well-ventilated position, but quite free from draughts. Give a staple diet of plain canary seed only. Every second day add half a teaspoonful of summer rape and a morsel of banana or green food, and on the alternating days a similar quantity of crushed sponge cake with three drops of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it and sprinkled with maw seed. Twice a week give a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, millet, teazle and broken groats. Keep a piece of cuttlefish in the wires for it to nibble at. In the drinking water give 20 drops of syrup of buckthorn for two days, then four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid, every second day for a week, and afterwards 20 drops of chemical food every second day for the remainder of the month.

Garden Aviary (Novice).—I presume you intend to let the birds fly loose in this aviary, in which case the covered-in portion will accommodate at its full capacity about 25 birds and the wire flight about 20 more. But as the birds will occupy both portions simultaneously and will, or should, all sleep in the covered part, 30 birds would be ample to put in. You omit to say whether you have bred with birds flying loose, or in cages, so I cannot suggest the cause of your rather poor results. I hope what is lacking in quantity is well made up in quality. As regards your definite queries: (1) If well sheltered from rain and cold winds I think the aviary will answer admirably for your intended purpose. (2) Answered above. (3) I do not think it would be quite safe to introduce the Budgerigars. The space is too limited to risk such an association. (4) A staple of three parts Canary to one part summer rape, and three to four times a week, according to severity of weather, a little of the seed mixture advised to "Pit Laddie."

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

The appended replies have been kindly supplied by Mr. H. J. Fulljames in the absence of Mr. Weston on holiday.

Choice of British Birds.

Robin.—You put a very big proposition before me. There is a wide choice indeed, but as you are a beginner, some of the very best singers must be left out for the present. The choicest musicians are to be found among the insectivorous birds, but you would do well to limit your early ambitions within the ranks of the seed-eaters. There will be time to think of such superlative songsters as the Blackcap and Nightingale after you have gained some experience among the more easily kept birds. Fortunately it is easy to name a bird which possesses a high degree of musical ability, and which offers little difficulty in its keeping. This is our little brown friend the Linnet, a bird kept by thousands of enthusiasts who have a separate name for each little turn of the bird's song. The Goldfinch is little inferior to the Linnet in musical talent, but many beginners fail in keeping this beautiful bird. The Chaffinch is degrees behind these two in natural song, but may be trained to vary the monotony of its own repertoire by indulging in imitations of other birds. You might make a start with either or all of the three birds named, and in your first attempts you cannot do better than obtain the "Nutshell" booklet on each bird. Nutshell No. 12, "How to Moult British Birds," and No. 6, "Ailing Cage Birds, and how to cure them," will also be of great assistance to you in any little difficulties that may arise. It is of course unnecessary for me to say that these columns are always at your service if further advice is needed.

A Muling Query (Ignorant).—Of course a Norwich Canary can will breed with a Linnet, hundreds of Mules are so bred.

A Linnet out of sorts (H. W. Wood).—Give your bird on alternate days for a week an aperient of sulphate of soda as recommended to Mrs. Christie. This will probably be all that is necessary, but if the bird seems somewhat low in condition after treatment, write again and I shall be pleased to help you.

Sexing Redpolls (V. Moore).—In a wild state there can be no mistaking a hen for a cock Redpoll. The cock has crimson upon his crown, breast, and upper tail coverts, and a well marked bib, while the hen has very little red on her crown, none on her breast or tail coverts, and scarcely any bib. After the autumn moult the crimson markings of the cock are hidden by the pale edges of the new feathers but can generally be seen if these are blown up. In captivity the cock does not reproduce his crimson, but shows a dingy orange crown in place of the red, which he would have attained in a wild state. His bib generally gets smaller, but is always larger than that of a hen. The lacing of the under body is generally more heavy in a hen than in a cock.

A Goldfinch Query (Campion).—The bird has evidently been kept in a small cage, and is not yet used to the more extensive quarters. He will soon appreciate the change, and be all the better for it. There is no means of telling his exact age. At two years and a half, which you think he has reached, he should be at the tip-top of his form, feet clean and free from scale, eye bright, and plumage at its best, and he should do well for several years.

A Linnet Killed in its Cage (J. Atherley).—It is quite evident that your bird met with a violent end, presumably at the claws of a cat, although you say no cat could get to the cage. Cats are resourceful creatures where birds are concerned, and they will reach apparently inaccessible places. I don't think the bat you noticed was responsible for the murder.

Treatment of newly received Linnets (Linnet).—Your birds were probably suffering from want of water, especially in the torrid weather which we have lately experienced. They should have been offered water from which the chill had just been taken, and watched to see they did not at first take too much. Perhaps you gave them cold water, and they overdrank themselves after their journey. Prepare for your next lot by having ready some wild seeds or some soaked rape or charlock seed, and put them very gradually on to hard seed. See "Nutshell" on the Linnet (No. 2), for full information as to the treatment of freshly-caught birds.

An Outdoor Aviary (Mrs. Christie).—Your Twite-Canaries should do quite well in the position named, especially if you let them have the benefit of your commodious outside flight. The Linnet should have a gentle aperient, say as much sulphate (not sulphite) of soda as will lie on a shilling dissolved in two ounces of water. Give this on alternate days until you see the bird is relieved, afterwards once a week for a time. It is quite natural for it to be getting on to the hard seed now. Please see "Nutshell" (No. 2) for very full information on the proper feeding of a Linnet. Your flight should accommodate quite a number of small birds, fifty or sixty. The sheltered portion should be well lighted or the birds will not use it as they should.

Birds for a Large Cage (Somerset).—"Large cage" is somewhat indefinite. Many of the small foreign birds—Cutthroats, Nutmeg Finches, Mannikins, Bengalese and such like would do well if not too crowded, and would fulfil your requirement of not making too much noise. Nearly all the small foreigners will breed in a cage, but not if they are kept indiscriminately together. Much information is conveyed in "Nutshells" No. 14, 16, 18, 19, and 20, all of which treat of small foreign birds, and you should certainly have these as guides to your first steps. (2) Yes, Bullfinches would do in the conditions named, but the cock Bullfinch is not much of a success as a breeder. You would be more likely to succeed with some other Finch paired up with a Bullfinch hen.

BRITISH BIRD & HYBRID QUERISTS should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hordbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Dr. Clorke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4 "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

Treatment for Amazons.

J.L.B.—Its diet should consist of seed mixture, ripe fruit, nuts, and plain biscuit, with grit, cuttle-bone, and water. I take it from your note water has been withheld for a time, so do not leave it in the cage at present, but permit it to satisfy its thirst two or three times daily; at the end of a month the water can be left in cage continually. As the bird is rather thin, give it a little boiled maize daily—say one tablespoonful—boil till soft, drain off all water, dust with flowers of sulphur, and supply to the bird (this only keeps fresh one day). The boiled maize is in addition to seed mixture, etc. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever. Keep bowels moving freely (not really loose) with either a few grains of Epsom salts or a little fluid magnesia in the drinking water. Give one quart each: Canary and millet seeds, and one pint each: hemp, wheat, oats, paddy rice, maize, dari, and sunflower seeds. Well mix together, and keep a supply in cage, adding a pinch of grit (not sand) to the daily supply. Report progress a month hence.

What Parrakeet?

A.R.—Your description is not quite complete, but if any have seen the bird they would hardly be likely to make an error, and I expect it is a Quaker. To be quite clear, a rough description of the Quaker Parrakeet would be: Top of head, sides of face, throat and upper breast grey; remainder of under-surface light green; above it is dark green,

with the exception of the larger wing and tail feathers, which are blue; beak, legs and feet, flesh colour. Its value is but small, 6s. to 7s. 6d., and the majority of specimens do not talk. Its principal seed mixture should be canary and white millet mixed, and give separately a little hemp, oats and sunflower (mixed), in about equal parts. Lettuce, groundsel, seeding grass, according to season, are the best green foods. Also give a little ripe fruit, nuts, and plain biscuit, with water, grit, and cuttlebone. Do not on any account give any tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever. It is more an aviary than a cage bird.

Show Cages.

Zebra.—(1) A glance at a show cage will help you more than yards of print. A good size for a single bird the size of a Pekin Robin, or for a pair of smaller species, is 12 inches across front, the same height, and about nine inches deep—this is a good general size. As regards perches, these are usually fixed to the back of cage, and do not extend right to the front. Personally, I like three—two near bottom of cage, convenient for food hoppers, and one in centre higher up, so that head of bird will not rub against it when on the lower perches, and the latter should be so arranged that the birds do not fray their tails against sides of cages when on them. (2) If the soft food mixture is made merely crumbly moist and not wet, it will need no preservative. If food is sent for use at show it must be sent dry, leaving the show stewards to moisten it when feeding the birds.

Ailing Budgerigar.

S. Tulloch.—I am afraid the hen will never be any good for breeding purposes, and I personally consider the kindest thing would be to let your chemist chloroform it for you. However, you may not care to do this; if not, cage it separately, keep its bowels moving quite freely (not watery-loose) with occasional doses of Dinneford's Magnesia—four drops given direct to the beak from a quill—as often as may be required, but once or twice weekly should suffice. Put into the drinking water (Budgies are small drinkers, and only a small glass drinking vessel is required) six drops of Allen and Hanbury's byno-phosphates to each tablespoonful of water. Supply it crushed oats and plain biscuit crushed to the size of oats, in addition to the usual seeds. Do not omit green food—lettuce and seeding grass are about the best.

Improving Plumage of Amazon.

T. Williams.—If you are not giving boiled maize do so, about one tablespoonful daily—boil till soft, drain off all water, and then dust with flowers of sulphur. Also give byno-phosphates in the drinking water, and an aperient as necessary to keep the bowels moving freely but not watery loose. I consider fluid magnesia, one teaspoonful, water two tablespoonfuls, best—this to form the day's drinking water. Yes, birds have parasites; no bird entirely free, but a weekly spray with quassia solution will keep them within natural limit. A good seed mixture is given under our reply "West Indian Parrot" in this issue—fill the hopper in the morning and do not give more for the day so long as there is sound seed left. The following morning clear away all husks and dust out of hopper and refill same. The mixture given makes a good whole; the large seeds may be eaten first; it will then take the others according to its fancy. It should also get ripe fruit, nuts, plain biscuits, grit (not sand), and cuttlebone.

Birds for Northern Aviary.

Freda.—I must repeat what I have said in previous replies that, excepting the Quails, unless you purchase birds that have been out of doors at least two months you must not put them out till spring. You can have Cockatiels, but not Budgerigars; the former, however, while agreeing with Finches, etc., will I fear soon destroy any plants or trees the aviary may contain. You can keep all the birds named in both replies, but it would be necessary to house the Indigo Buntings indoors for the winter months, taking them in about the first week in November, and any of the Waxbills appearing to feel the cold should be similarly treated. You can easily discern this, as normally they are active, cheerful birds with their little voices scarcely ever still, and if they are fit, and cold is not too much for them, their demeanour will be very similar, even during the coldest weather; if they are mopy and dull they must be taken indoors till spring. I trust this makes all clear. As your situation is quite northern, could you arrange a covering for the front of aviary for night use only during winter. Many northern aviculturists tack roofing felt over the roof of aviary in winter, removing it each spring.

Books (H. W. Fennessy).—The only book we publish dealing with this subject is "Foreign Birds for Beginners," which contains a chapter on the general treatment of Foreign Doves. If you choose to send me a stamped addressed envelope (large), per Editor, I will send you a reprint of an article on keeping the Diamond Dove. I have one by me.

Budgerigars (Budgerigar).—(1) The husk should be hung up horizontally, and with the opening on top and towards the light. They are usually so wired; those wired perpendicularly are intended for Finches. (2) Leave them just as they are; there is still time for them to bring off a brood. Get our Nutshell booklet, "Budgerigars," 2½d. post free from our manager; it will help you.

Budgerigars Not Breeding (R. Armstrong, Junr.).—Remove the box and put in a couple of coco-nut husks, as the nesting receptacle must have a concave bottom, or the eggs roll about and get spoiled. If your birds are in breeding condition, the cere of the cock will be blue and that of the hen brown. One often has to wait a year for foreign birds; they do not settle down as quickly as Canaries, and patience must needs be exercised, but I have no doubt but what you'll have some luck next year. Send me a rough sketch of your cage, and I will see if any revision is necessary. Nutshell Booklet, "Budgerigars," 2½d., from our Manager, would help you.

Owing to pressure on our space, several answers to Foreign Bird Queries have had to be held over.

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS

should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 2, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

A. M. Potter.—Upon examination of bird I find a fatty degenerative disease of the liver, and enlargement of the spleen, better known as the milt. Fatty changes of the liver substance sometime arise from a diet too rich in fats and oils. At other times due to a specific organism. In those cases where splenic enlargement accompanies this, it is invariably due to a contagious element, which further occurs as an epizootic, and is responsible, as in your case, for the loss of several birds. It is a contagious disease, the infective material being taken in with the food, and food soiled by the excrement of diseased birds, and not carried in the air. I would advise you to segregate those affected, and to give to each once daily on every alternate day one grain of ammonium chloride (white crystals), and on the intervening days a small pinch of sulphate of soda, each dissolved in the drinking water. It will be necessary to thoroughly clean the cages, and well wash the feeding and water pans, the latter once daily at least, and any cages occupied by the deceased birds should be well disinfected before using again. I have no doubt but that you will soon by these means disperse this troublesome disease.

H. J. Bunyard.—Acute inflammation of the bowels and pneumonia resulting from the introduction of ptomaine generated within the food. Death from this cause is often very sudden, and it is the pneumonia which in nearly all cases is responsible for death. Practise the most scrupulous cleanliness by thoroughly washing the utensils daily in a weak solution of Condy's fluid, giving a little also in the drinking water to which a little glycerine may be added.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

Two Snapshots (W. Rolfe).—Thanks for photographs, which we will try and have reproduced in an early issue.

Cuttings (W. Turner, G.H., B.W., and others).—Please accept our thanks for the interesting cuttings sent.

A Report, etc. (E. R. Ridley).—Your communication was addressed to us at 154, Fleet Street, Hull, and consequently did not reach us until after "C.B." had gone to press.

A Doubt About the Peacock (Peacock).—The doubts of your friends have no foundation. The eggs of the Peafowl are fertilised in the same manner as the eggs of other fowls.

Club Notices, Etc. (G. Lawton, G. A. Watson, J Ashurst, and others).—Your communications reached us too late for insertion in our last issue.

Club Reports.

KELTY AND BLAIRADAM C.B.A.

Meeting held Sept. 5th, Mr. J. Stenhouse (president) in chair. The chairman feelingly spoke of the loss our treasurer, Mr. McConville, had sustained in the death of his infant child, also of the loss to our last secretary, Mr. Ford (his six-year-old boy). A motion of sympathy with both gentlemen was passed. The delegates to the West Fife League gave a satisfactory report. It was agreed that Mr. A. Anderson be appointed auditor in place of Mr. J. Ford. The books that were issued for donations and specials were drawn in, and all the members present paid their membership fee. We are looking forward to having a record show for this part of Scotland. We have the essential things—specialist judges, plenty of specials, and a good classification. We have six cups this year (that is five more than formerly), which says a lot for the way in which our committee have been working. We have a cup for every section (of which there are six), except the Yorkshires; also the Laing cup for best bird in show. We have also secured the patronage of the West Fife C.B. League, Border F.C.C., Fife and Kinross N.F.C., Scottish Crest Club, and the full patronage of the Scottish B.B. and M.C., which means four cups, one trophy, and nine medals—a total of 12 cups, 1 trophy, and 18 medals. I should consider this a record for a show outside a city. I hope the outside fanciers will rally round us, and give us a bumping entry. They need not be afraid to send their birds to Kelty, for the birds will be in the hands of one of the most experienced and best working committees to be found in the whole of Scotland.—A. Dickson, Sec.

NORTHERN BORDER & S.F.C.C.

Meeting held September 4th. Our chairman and vice-chairman both being absent, Mr. Smith (Gosforth) presided. The following new members were elected: Messrs. J. H. Elliot (Edmonley) and R. Christer (Wallsend). Correspondence was read from the Blayden C.B.S. re classes; it was considered satisfactory. Letter read from Mr. J. Patterson (Chirnside) offering a paper on any subject the club desired; it was unanimously agreed to ask for a paper on "The Breeding and Staging of the Border Fancies"; and it will be given at our next meeting. Agreed, that we give following specials to be competed for at the shows which have received our patronage. At each show; 2 silver medals (one for champion and one for novice) for member gaining most points with 3 highest birds; also a gold medal for most points over season, and a silver medal for second most points in both champion and novice sections. A silver medal was given by a fancier for best bird at Blayden show. A silver medal for 3rd most points in champions was given by the president, and a hand-painted mantel-piece border will be given for best young bird bred by a novice at Newcastle show. This makes a total already of 18 specials; if any member wishes to add to these, we will gladly accept. The Scotch Fancies compete for a medal for most points, and one for 2nd most points over patronage shows. Messrs. Johnson and Scott were elected representatives for the annual social and distribution of prizes. Novices were then given a half hour, and right good use they made of it. Mr. Johnson was asked a question, and once they got him started they kept him at it, and before he had finished it was as good as a lecture. The secretary is going to be hard on his heels for a lecture. This club is now an assured success, and is already nearly the strongest in the North.—J. N. F. Scott.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

Ashton-under-Lyne O.S.—Sept. 19, P.S.A. Rooms, 8. Committee meeting; important.—J. R. Colville.

Arbroath C.B.S.—Sept. 20, Crockart's Rooms, Catherine Street, 9. Annual show.—J. S. Napier.

Ardwick C.B.S.—Sept. 19, Onward Hall, 8. Important business.—J. A. Spencer.

Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.—Sept. 19, Staffordshire Knot, 8. Special meeting to arrange specials for coming show.—W. Elliott.

Birkenhead C.F.A.—Sept. 19, Abbett's Cafe Room, Market Street, 8. Special business. Question night. Most important business. Mr Wright and Mr Metcalf.—A. E. Lloyd.

Blaydon C.B.S.—Sept. 23, Co-op. Library, 7.30. Business important.—G. Havver.

Border City (Carlisle) O.S.—Sept. 20, headquarters, 8.15. General meeting. All specials for open show to be given in when allocation will take place.—J. C. Bell.

Bournemouth C.B.A.—Sept. 21, Railway Hotel, Holdenhurst Road, 8. Adjourned social evening and presentation to Chairman.—W. O. Brooke.

Bradford National Show Committee.—Sept. 20, Market Tavern, 8. Classification and judges, also other important business. All members of committee please attend.—H. Hill.

Cardiff C.B.S.—Sept. 21, Maskell's, 8. Completion of open show schedule.—W. Sampson.

Clapham C.B.S.—Sept. 18, Landor Hotel, 8.30. Allotting specials, etc. Final meeting for receiving printing matter for schedule and catalogue.—A. L. Priest.

Coventry O.S.—Sept. 20, Sydenham Palace, 8.30. Final date for making schedule.—A. J. Barratt.

Cowdenbeath C.B.S.—Sept. 20, Arcade Hotel, 7. Allocation of specials. All books to be in before meeting. Members' subs. now due.—J. R. Reid.

Crewe O.S.—Sept. 19, Highstown Wesleyan Institute, Beech Street, 8. Next show classification.—E. Jaycott.

Dalziel O.A.—Sept. 16, Y.M.C.I., Brandon Street, Motherwell, 7. Classification for annual show.

Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.—Sept. 20, George Hotel, 8. Cage Birds League. Printing for open show. Paper on Yorks. Canary, by Mr. T. C. Crawhall.—A. Walker.

Derwent Valley C.B.S.—Sept. 16, headquarters, 7.—J. Lindsay.

Dewsbury C.B.S.—Sept. 16, Saville Hotel, 8.30. Special meeting.—S. Shaw.

Edinburgh C.B.S.—Sept. 19, Cairns Hall, George Road, 7.30. Important. Hand-washing exhibition by Mr. W. R. Dunn (Portobello).—J. I. Mackie.

Gt. Harwood C.B.S.—Sept. 18, Dan MacNally, 8. Very urgent.—A. Bentley.

Greenwich and Deptford C.B.S.—Sept. 19, Mrs. Atkins, confectioner, 216, Woolwich Road, Charlton, 7.30. For purpose of clearing up all outstanding matters.—H. R. Hearn.

Huddersfield O.S.—Sept. 18, Old Hat Hotel, 8. Show business.—F. J. Sykes.

Halifax O.S.—Sept. 16, Plummet Line Hotel, 8. Special members' meeting. Annual show classification, etc.—J. J. Dunn.

Hanley C.B.S.—Sept. 16, Albion Hotel, 6. Open show business, etc.—G. Lawton.

Hebden Bridge and Calder Valley O.S.—Sept. 21, Nutclough Tavern, 7.30. Show, 5 classes: 2 Yorks, 2 Nor., 1 A.O.V. Can. or Mule; staged 7.30. O.B. show business.—A. Pickles.

Hyde C.B.S.—Sept, 18, St. George's School, 8. Classification for annual show, etc. Friends and intending members invited.—T. Allsop.

Hirst Universal C.B.S.—Sept. 17, headquarters, 7. General.—H. Middleton.

Hemsworth C.B.S.—Sept. 16, headquarters, King's Head Hotel, 7.30. Classification for next show; special challenge, prize fund, new members, etc.—J. Gillings.

Hyson Green (Nottingham) C.B.S.—Sept. 18, Cricket Players Hotel, 8. Show business.—W. Cottingham.

Larkhall C.B.A.—Sept. 23, Miners' Hall, 7. Fix prize money and select prize cards for annual show.—J. Pollock.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—Sept. 20, Railway Hotel, 8.15. Open show business; very important.—J. E. Hudson.

Lancs. and Liz. F.A.—Sept. 16, Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove, Manchester, 6.30. Important business; subs now due.—J. Rukin.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—Sept. 19, White Swan, 8.30. Schedule "All England Show."—A. Freestone.

L. and P.O.S.—Sept. 21, Leysian Hall, City Road, 8. Lecture on seeds by Mr. T. A. Trower. Free to all.—C. W. Law.

Manchester and N. C.O.S.—Sept. 18, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Show business, etc.—H. Boothman.

Mid-Rhondda C.B.S.—Sept. 21, White Heart Hotel, Tonypandy, 7. General. Shall be pleased to receive new members for "Cage Birds' League" at this meeting.—A. H. C. Legg.

Middleton B.C.S.—Sept. 18, Old Boar's Head. 8. Classification for December show; election of judge, etc.—J. Oldham.

Northern Counties N.C.C.—Sept. 20, Lockhart's, 65, Grainger Street, 8. Important.—W. Curry.

Newcastle C.B.S.—Sept. 21, 65, Granger Street, 8. Special meeting. Show business; most important.—J. E. Atkinson.

Northern Liz. Club.—Sept. 16, Fawcett Street Cafe, 7. Important.—G. C. Davidson.

North London C.B.A.—Sept. 20, headquarters, 8. Special business and payment of prize money.—R. P. Harper.

Oldham C.B.S.—Sept. 12, Textile Dining Rooms, 8. Draw and show business; drawing up winter syllabus and social business.—J. Cope. (Possibly Sept. 19 is meant.—Ed.)

Parkgate and Rawmarsh C.B.S.—Sept. 16, Sportsman Inn, 8. Arrangements for annual show.—G. A. Watson.

Rochdale O.S.—Sept. 18, Club Rooms, 8. Classification at open show.—R. Blincoe.

Scottish National C.B.S.—Sept. 21, 152, High Street, Edinburgh, 8. Committee.—A. W. Watson.

South Manchester C.B.S.—Sept. 21, headquarters, 8.30. Election of judges, show dates.—A. Smith.

South Shields C.B.S.—Sept. 16, Lockhart's Cafe, 7. Schedule, show, etc.; subs. to members now due.—J. Barrass.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—Sept. 18, Commercial Hotel, 8.—J. H. Lewis.

Stonehouse C.B. and F.H.S.—Sept. 23, Public Hall, 7. To reconsider classes for open show.—W. Melvin.

Tunstall C.B.S.—Sept. 20, headquarters, 8. Business important.—Evans and Brough.

Walkden C.B.S.—Sept. 19, Institute, 8.—H. Howard.

Wigan C.B.S.—Sept. 16, Legs of Man Hotel, 8. Show business.—W. Dyer.

Windsor C.B.A.—Sept. 21, headquarters, 8.15. Final revision of show schedule for November show.—E. A. Stickland.

Wolverhampton C.B.S.—Sept. 21, Duke of York Hotel, 8. Completion of schedule, etc.—J. Gibbons.

Wombwell B.F.A.—Sept. 23, Wesleyan Schoolroom, Park Street, 7. To discuss proposed scholars' drawing competition.—J. Hudson.

NEWCASTLE C.B.S.

Meeting held September 7th; chairman, Mr. J. G. Hutchinson. Our chairman performed the pleasing duty of presenting Mr. A. C. Young with the N.F. cup for best British or foreign bird at our late N.F. Show. Following new members elected: Messrs. C. Cattell (Newcastle), J. Johnstone (Wallsend), and Winter (Gosforth). The following clubs' patronages were received: Northern Yorkshire, Green C.A., Cinn. C.C., Northern British B.M. and F.B.C., Northern Border and Scotch F.C. The wording of the Scotch Fancy classes was altered so that all varieties may be shown. Closing date of members' entries was discussed, and the opinion was we could not close earlier than the Monday before the show, but that members could facilitate matters by having their entries in by Saturday or Sunday early. The secretary will not mind the number of callers on the week-end. Will novices please note that in future they may show only in two sections, either open and members or open and novice members; but not in three sections as previously. The secretary received several specials, and would ask members to put their best efforts forth and get all they can, collected or promised, by the special meeting, September 21. We have plenty of room in our new hall for a few extra stalls also. Breeders' adverts., cards, etc., will be arranged for at special meeting, when schedule will be closed.—J. E. Atkinson, Sec.

SCOTTISH PLAINHEAD CLUB.

Committee meeting held 142, High Street, Edinburgh, 2nd Sept. In the unavoidable absence of Mr. J. Hector (President), the chair was occupied by Mr. T. Adamson (Vice-President), others present being Messrs. W. Aitchison, S. Buglass, J. Logan, J. McLay, J. Winter, J. Young, and the Secretary. Following new members were elected: Messrs. A. Hirst (Accrington), W. M. Cubbin (Motherwell), J. Braidwood (Hamilton), D. J. Kidd and J. Bowman (Forfar), B. Welsh, J. Peters, D. Thomson, and J. Lawrie (Buckhaven), P. Honston, A. Crawford, and A. Paterson (Glasgow). Club patronage was then considered, there being 23 applications. After careful study of dates and judges, same was granted to the undernoted shows: October 20th and 21st, City of Glasgow (A. Cant and A. Chalmers, judges); November 4th, Brechin (W. Bishop); November 10th and 11th (Kirkcaldy (J. Logan); November 18th, Kilmarnock (G. Mitchell); November 25th, City of Dundee (W. Hampton); December 15th and 16th, Aberdeen (J. Sandison); December 30th and Jan. 1st, Scottish National (A. Hirst and J. Sandison). Patronage also granted to Edinburgh, Norwich, Musselburgh, and Glasgow and West of Scotland club shows. Decided, to hold annual club show in conjunction with the Scottish National, Mr. Hirst to judge the unflighted classes confined to members of S.P.C. For the part he took in what has been called the "City of Glasgow scandal," Mr. D. Graham was expelled from the club for all time. Will those members who have not yet paid their subscriptions note that same must be paid early? I would also appeal to members on behalf of the special prize fund, which must be greatly augmented before club show comes off. A hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated a pleasant meeting.—J. Brown, Sec.

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HOLYWOOD & DISTRICT C.B.S.

General meeting held Old Masonic Hall, Ean Hill, Sept. 5th, Mr. W. J. Hunter in chair. A very good attendance of members. Business: Election of show committee, stewards, etc., to discuss arrangements for forthcoming show and passing of show schedule. Correspondence was read and discussed. Some very interesting letters were received from Belfast, Dublin, etc., as to advising us how to arrange annual show to suit all exhibitors. After some general discussion it was decided to ask for patronage of the Y.C.B.S. of Ireland, agreeing to abide by their rules and carry them out as far as possible; secretary to apply for same as early as possible. Show committee elected: Messrs. Hunter, Malcolm, T. Dunwoody, Cole, Devlin, McDowell, Jack Patty, and J. Patty. It was further passed that the arranging of the schedule and catalogue should be kept in the committee's hands. As it was not possible to get through all the business, it was decided to hold a meeting on Oct. 3rd. As business is very important, will all members please attend? There are a few subs. due; it is to be hoped members will pay these as early as possible, so as to get the books cleared before show.—F. Cole, Hon. Sec.

OPEN NORWICH P.C.

Committee meeting held Market Tavern, Godwin-street, Bradford, September 9th, Mr. A. Hirst (Accrington) in the chair. Owing to the serious illness of the secretary, the undersigned, in accord with the unanimous wish of the committee, accepted the secretaryship until such time as Mr. Mitchell feels himself able to resume his official duties. It was resolved to forward an expression of the committee's deep sympathy with him in his present indisposition, with the hope that his recovery would be rapid and complete. Reference was made to the great loss the club had sustained by the death of a prominent member and fellow-committeeman in the person of Mr. J. Calam (Hull), and the committee requested that a vote of condolence be sent the relatives of deceased. It was unanimously decided to ask Mrs. C. M. Sunderland to allow her name to be added to the list of vice-presidents. The thanks of the meeting were tendered to Percy H. Illingworth, Esq., M.P. (president), for his handsome gift of £5 to the funds, which amount was allotted to the competitions for the coming season as follows:—First prize, open section, £2 10s.; first prize, amateur section, £1 10s.; first prize, junior novice section, £1. Also decided to increase second and third prizes in the junior novice section to 15s. and 10s. respectively from the club funds. It is hoped this generous treatment of the last section (for juniors who exhibit in the novice classes at the Yorkshire Union Shows) will result in a substantial addition to our membership from their ranks. The committee appointed a sub-committee to transact any business of minor importance, not necessitating the calling together of the full committee. The following members were elected as sub-committee: Messrs. H. J. Chittenden, W. A. Cowgill, S. Dean, T. Fortnam, A. Haigh, and H. Simonett.—Fred. Hammond, Sec., pro. tem.

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REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Craven Arms.—Oct. 11th. Judge, Mr. Edwards. 10 open classes: Nor., Yorks., Creet, A.O.V., Mule, Sell. and For. 1 each, Brit. 3. Schedules from B. Clarke, Grove Lodge, Craven Arms, Salop.

Correspondence.

Hints Wanted on the Catching of Robins.

Sir,—I have been trying to obtain a pair of Robins for the winter months, but have been, up till now, unable to find a bird dealer who will trouble to get them for me. Could any of your readers give me a hint as to the best way of catching them?

Yorkshire.

A Suggestion for the Millom Health Authorities.

Sir,—It was a belief in the days of my youth that wayfarers were at liberty to help themselves to a turnip from a field, and it was said that in some places notice boards were erected bearing the following legend: "Take one; take two. Take three, I'll take you." Might I suggest as a notice from the Millom health authorities to the local fanciers: "Keep one; not two. If you do, we'll summon you"?

Bird-Keeper.

Queer Names for Foreign Birds.

Sir,—In an account of the French Congo region which appeared in the "Daily Telegraph" of the 6th inst. I note that the following, among other birds, are given as inhabiting the district:—Ice-birds, Rhinoceros-birds, Butterfly-finches, and Helmet-birds. I have some knowledge of foreign birds, but I confess that these names are all "Dutch" to me, and I should be obliged if one of the numerous experts who delight us from time to time by their interesting articles in Cage Birns would be kind enough to enlighten me a little further on the subject. I douht not that some other of your readers will be interested in particulars of birds with such unusual names.

Congo.

Wasps' Nests and Food for Insectivorous Birds.

Sir,—Since I wrote my letter in your issue of August 26th I have received a letter respecting the same, so it appears to have been appreciated by lovers of Softhills. During the last few days I have tried to get some good cakes of grubs, hut I found in all the nests brought me that most of the grubs have turned to wasps, and have gone. Some nests have heen very large indeed—larger than I havo known for years. The season has been so hot that most of the nests have now hatched out their grubs, and it is quite a job to get a cake half-filled. As the fly nuisance has also becn very had, a good supply of flies could still be saved hy using the wire fly-catcher, or the glass globe. The flies could be dried, and kept in air-tight tins for future use—to be mixed with any kind of soft food.

Nimrod.

A Pair of Cutthroats and their Domestic Troubles.

Sir,—Seeing recently an account of a pair of Cut-throats, the following may he of interest to your readers. Last Septemher I had a pair of these given me, and not possessing an aviary, I put them in a fair-sized cage, and hung up a husk in case they wished for a family. At the end of four weeks the hen laid two eggs in the bare husk. Although well supplied with hay, grass and feathers, they did not attempt to make a nest. The hen sat close for 12 days; the cock did not sit at all (although I have read that he shares the duties of incuhation). I was in high hopes of seeing some young, but on the 13th morning I found her dead on the bottom of the cage; and the eggs proved to be clear. I don't know what killed her, unless she sat too long without feeding, as the cock never fed her. Nothing daunted, I procured another hen and introduced her. The cock seemed to be very pleased, and made a great fuss, preening her head and neck feathers. After a few weeks I saw the cock taking up some feathers, and he had a nice nest, the hen looking on very interested, hut not helping at all. She laid two eggs, hut threw them out on the fourth day, and two days after started to lay again, laying four eggs. Then began a fight as to who should sit. The cock wanted to, and she wouldn't let him, fiercely chasing him out of the nest if he ventured in. They fought in the nest, and broke two of the eggs. The cock eventually sat on the other two for nine days, when he picked a hole in both. Both eggs had young in them, and I felt inclined to wring his neck, but didn't. After another fortnight, she laid three more eggs, and the fighting began again, so I took the cock away, when the hen promptly threw out the eggs. Thus ended nest numher four. A fifth attempt resulted in three eggs again, which I took away and gave to a Canary that had made a nest and only had one egg which she had been sitting on for two days. She accepted the addition, hut strange to say threw her own egg out the next day. She sat close on the others. On the afternoon of the thirtecnth day, two hatched, and the other hatched during the evening. I prepared some "Cecto," hut, as I expected, the hen would not touch it, so I made some egg and biscuit, and thought to myself, "if they die, they must." The next morning one bird was dead in the nest. Another survived for five days, and the third managed to live, but I feel sure it was due to my feeding it three times a day with live ants' eggs I got out of the garden, and once a day with "Cecto," but it was a very sickly-looking bird, and very weak in the legs. It left the nest when nearly five weeks old, and could scarcely stand. But it got on wonderfully once out of the nest, and lived almost entirely on live ants' eggs as long as I could get them. It was a cock, having the red throat mark in the neck. During this time the parents had had another nest of two eggs, which the cock picked holes in. But they were not half done, the hen laying four more, which, as per usual, they fought over, the cock eventually sitting on them for nine days, when they threw them out. The eggs all had young in them. The hen is now sitting on two eggs, having laid three, but I recently found one thrown out, which was clear. As the hen has been sitting for eight days very close, the cock not interfering at all, I still have hopes of their bringing off some youngsters themselves. I have adopted "never despair" for my motto.

(Mrs.) Lloyd.

A Canary Breeder's Method of Feeding.

Sir,—I have been most lucky always with my young Canaries, and have never lost one. If it is worth anything to any of my fellow-readers, I may say that this is how I feed my Canaries from the first:—I give half a hard-boiled egg and half a tea biscuit rolled small and well mixed with a little maw seed (dry—no water with it), and plenty of chickweed every morning. I give the food three times a day—first at 5.30 in the morning.

(Mrs.) J. F. Mannsell-Eyre.

Late Nesting of Swallows in Newcastle.

Sir,—I notice to-day (September 10th) that there is still a nest of House Martins being fed in the Cartington Terrace, Newcastle. I noticed it first fourteen days ago, and thought it strange then, as all Swallows were supposed to have left the country earlier than usual this year owing to the dryness of the weather. Maternal instinct must in this case have predominated over the migratory one; and yet in text-books we are often told that the migratory instinct is predominant over all other instincts.

J. N. F. Scott.

P.S.—Since writing the above I have been out and noticed on the Heaton Road another nest of birds being fed, Swallows this time.

An Appeal on Behalf of a Northampton Fancier.

Sir,—At our last monthly meeting Mr. Arthur Clements, of Lark Hall Lane, Harpole, felt compelled to send in his resignation, having lost the whole of his stock hut two. He being a man of very small means, and at the same time every inch a gentleman in his dealings and character, it is the wish of the members of my society to ask you if you would allow us to make an appeal through Cage Birds on his behalf; so that we may give such a good fancier a fresh start. Any fancier who can spare a bird for so deserving a case will have the heartfelt thanks of the one in distress. I enclose his letter for your perusal.

A. W. Law, Secretary,
Northampton Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.
10, South Terrace, Northampton.

[We have read the letter written by Mr. Clements, and its contents certainly seem to reveal a case meriting sympathy and help.—Editor.]

Moulting British Birds Out of Doors.

Sir,—I generally save the best of the British birds I can get hold of each year and moult them out of doors in as large a cage as I can, putting some shade (oilcloth) over the cage top to prevent too much sun getting at them; this also protects them from the wet. I always take good care never to put the birds in a draught, and I put them out of the reach of dogs and cats. And on several occasions when I have had birds hung out like I have mentioned I have had them killed by both Sparrow and Kestrel Hawks in the early hours of the morning, as I used to leave them out all night. I gave the birds all the wild seeds I could get, besides fruit and berries for the different birds which will eat them, and a good supply of clean water twice daily for bathing (they will bathe several times a day, particularly in very hot weather). Bathing gives the birds a good gloss and bloom. Birds moulted outdoors are apt to be a bit more wild than those moulted indoors, but the colours are much better, even if moulted out of doors in towns.

Nimrod.

The "Champion" Singing Linnet

Sir,—In reply to Mr. Brown in your issue of September 9, I accept his challenge with pleasure. Birds to be judged on quality singing, length, turns, and form. Both birds to sing. As I have to do the travelling, also to sing at Mr. Brown's Club House, I am sure he cannot object to my choosing a judge. If Mr. Brown will let me know by Monday, September 18, I will send my £5 along to the Editor of Cage Birns. Hoping the best bird wins.

Fred Allen.

Questions for Bird-catchers.

Sir,—Will the reader who signs himself "Spring Net Trap" in your last week's Cage Birns be kind enough to let me know through your columns what he finds to be the best baits for the different kinds of Finches, as I have some net traps and have not caught any with them yet? Linnets, I find, do not seem to go for the seed on the bait board as I expected they would. Would he much obliged for information as to where to set and how to arrange them; also the hest baits.

Bait Box.

Tasmanian Rosellas and their Diet.

Sir,—In reply to your correspondent, the Rosella has what is called "French moult," and will never, I fear, get its flights. I believe it is caused hy taking the birds too young from the nest. I have had Bourke's Parrakeets just the same, and they never grew their flights; or they produced only small, useless curled feathers. Your correspondent might try "Chemical Food," but I don't believe it will do any good. If the bird is a cage pet, it won't matter much. In some nests of Budgerigars there will be two or three such cripples. I generally introduce them to a pail of water to put them out of their misery.

C. D. Farrar.

The Green Canary Association.

Sir,—I notice in Cage Birds of Septemher 9th a few notes from the secretary of the G.C.A., which I don't think coincide with what he states, viz., that the society was formed to be run on business lines. The other part of sentence, "and not as a philanthropic institution," I put down as sarcasm, which should not be connected with any business. And I fail to see where the business lines come in if he is going to receive subscriptions now, when he remarks that the "rule" distinctly states they shall be paid "on or before August 31st." Therefore, I think that if he wants the society run on "sound business lines" he should not strain a point anywhere, but carry out the rules of the society to the letter, which would no doubt satisfy the remaining members, and also

No Dollar.

A New Cage Bird Society for Annfield, Everton & District.

Sir,—I have been requested by a large number of fanciers to form a society to be called the "Annfield, Everton, Walton and District Cage Bird Society," open to all classes for Canaries, British and Hybrids. There is quite a colony of fanciers springing up in and around the above-named districts. I am asked to state that the society would be willing to receive members from all parts of Liverpool and neighbouring towns. The subscription is to be 2s. 6d. per annum. I have a good list of fanciers willing to join. There is every reason to believe that a good society would flourish, and be an immense boon to the very numerous novices and genuine fanciers, 50 per cent. of whom belong to no society. I should esteem it a favour if anyone willing to join would drop me a postcard. I would then notify him by return when and where we propose to hold our first meeting to elect officers and enrol members. One of the best-known fanciers in Liverpool has very willingly consented to act as secretary, if elected. There are some excellent rooms to be got for shows, etc. The date and place of meeting will be published in Cage Birds. Send your applications in at once to me.

R. B. Wright, sec. pro tem.
95, Hornsey Road, Annfield.

Bird Organs and the Training of Young Birds.

Sir,—My sole reason for writing to you upon anything that has appeared in your pages from the pen of Mr. Claude St. John is to save one of his correspondents, "F. H. Goffe," the trouble and expense of purchasing a Roller organ. In the reply to Mr. Goffe—I am assuming your correspondent is of the male sex—your expert says that Mr. G. could "get a bird organ for tutoring Yorkshires, though, etc." I myself would go further, and advise him not to go to this trouble and expense, for the results would he anything but satisfactory. Even amongst us Roller fanciers there is a diversity of opinion as to its value in tutoring even the high-class Roller Canary, which has a song approaching to, and more like, the tours and rolls played hy the organ than any other variety of Canary. I suggest choosing the hest singer of the variety you have, then place the young cocks out of hearing of your stock birds, and this will give far better results than tutoring Yorkshires under a Roller organ. I do not wish Roller fanciers to think that I do not advocate the use of an organ in Roller training, for my own results, with deep-toned birds were quite satisfactory, as these youngsters brought out the bass and water glucko tours in a deeper tone than their sire did.

Joseph Tomlinson.

An Escaped Canary Follows Its Owner to Work.

Sir,—The following, which was published in the "Ripley Advertiser," may be of interest to my fellow-readers:—It appears that a Canary belonging to Mr. W. Cutts, jun., of Pinxton, escaped from its cage and flew away. The following morning it returned and settled on the house. Failing in his attempts to capture it, the owner started off to his work at the Langton Colliery, and he had gone about half a mile when, to his surprise, he discovered that the Canary had followed him. He again lost sight of it, but later in the morning, whilst he was at work in the weigh office, his feathered pet calmly hopped in and allowed itself to be taken into custody.

Wm. Turner.

Redpolls Breeding in Captivity.

Sir,—Since writing you respecting my Redpolls which have paired, the hen sitting on three eggs, you may be interested to hear that on August 28, in the morning, I noticed the hen flying excitedly about the cage with something in her beak. This, upon investigation, proved to bo a young bird—I think only just out of the shell, as she had only been sitting nine days. She settled upon the perch, gave her offspring two vicious nips, and dropped it on the bottom of the cage. My wife picked it up and returned it to the nest, in which was another young one and the remaining egg. When we examined the nest this morning (Wednesday) there was a little one alive, one dead, and the egg had entirely disappeared. I am in hopes of her rearing the one left, as it appeared quite lively; but what she feeds it on I am at a loss to say, as she entirely ignores the food we prepare for her, such as chopped egg, etc., and the male bird never goes near the nest. I have got chickweed and other small weeds for her, of which she seems to approve.

J. B. Fletcher.

A Canary that Sings by Request

Sir, Being a regular reader of your valuable paper, Cage Birds, I thought it would be of interest to some of your readers to relate the following:—I have a Norwich cock Canary which, when called by his name "Dick," and asked to sing, immediately gets upon the top perch of his cage and pours forth his beautiful song. During the fine days he has been hung out in the garden some distance from the house, and it has amazed many friends who havo visited us when I have gone to the door and asked him to sing to notice the willing way in which he has obeyed. He has in no way been affected by the moult, which he is just completing, but has been just as ready as ever to do his duty when called upon. He is naturally the favourite, and he certainly appears to realise his position. I have also a good number of Roller Canaries, but have found it impossible to get any one of them to do likewise. No doubt many of your readers could give similar and perhaps more unusual accounts, and it would be interesting to hear from them. I might add that the truth of the above can he vouched for by a breeder friend of mine in the neighbourhood, who has had many years in the Fancy, and who admitted that he had never come across such a bird before.

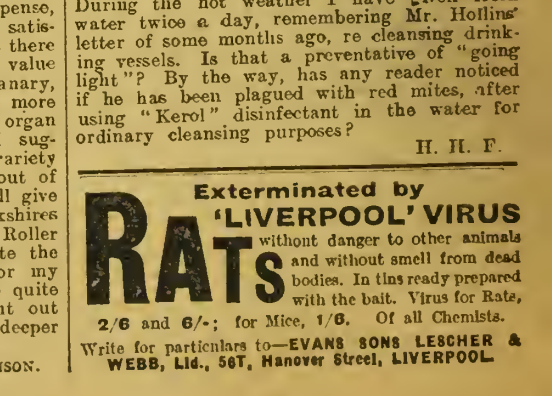
Victor Moore.

Was it a Case of Suicide?

Sir,—It is rather late to reply to a letter in your issue of August 26th, headed, "Was It a Case of Suicide?" but as I have not seen any other answer I venture to reply in the negative. According to my thinking, animals and birds enjoy life too much to do anything of the kind. That is reserved for the higher order of beings to which we belong. What would "Border Blend" say of a hen found drowned in a drinking glass in the early morning of hatching out three youngsters, and themselves dead in the nest for want of feeding; or of a most promising young cock, let out for a fly round the room, and with four baths opposite his cage, goes into another cage and wedges himself in the drinking glass, where, after a short absence from the room, I found him dead? Some birds seem seized with an overmastering desire to wash all over directly they begin to bathe. I had several fatalities through having the small covered drinkers fixed on outside of cages; then I changed them for the larger size fixed inside, hut both the above incidents occurred with them. I have now discarded covered drinkers altogether, and I use open "Thrush glasses." These glasses may be used for washing, and will, consequently, set up decay of the woodwork of cages, but this can be renewed, whereas your drowned birds cannot be recalled to life. During the hot weather I have given fresh water twice a day, remembering Mr. Hollins' letter of some months ago, re cleansing drinking vessels. Is that a preventative of "going light"? By the way, has any reader noticed if he has been plagued with red mites, after using "Kerol" disinfectant in the water for ordinary cleansing purposes?

H. H. F.





Belfast Norwich C. and Y.C.C. Meetings.

Sir,—Being a member of the above club and unable to attend the meetings, I am naturally anxious to know how the last summoned meeting was attended and the decision of the members re the prize cards and the classification. I am sure I am voicing the feelings of all true fanciers when I say that the secretary or assistant secretary should report through CAGE BIRDS at least the summoned meetings of the society.

ANXIOUS MEMBER.

Where are the Yorkshires at Glasgow City Show?

Sir,—I am very sorry, and so are others, to observe from Mr. MacDonald's list of class judges that there is no mention made of Yorkshires. Is the "Gentleman of the Fancy" not worth even mentioning? There is surely something wrong here. I understand the City Show professes to be "open to the world." The little village shows in Fifeshire give four or six classes for Yorkshires, and the Glasgow and District are giving nine, but the old show is evidently giving none at all! At least, they don't mention them, nor have they a judge on their list who is supposed to know Yorkshires.

A. HENDRIE.

Northampton St. Crispin C.B.S.

Sir,—In reply to Mr. Nason's letter of the 9th, I should like to inform him that the Hand-in-Hand C.B.S. consists of a body of fanciers who have paid their subscriptions as members of this society, which our recent nest feather show proves; our membership is not "imaginary," as Mr. Nason states. And I am glad to say that new members are being enrolled each meeting night, which augurs well for a record show at Christmas. Mr. Nason has so much imagination as to get entirely out of his stride, and I would willingly be one of the first to congratulate Mr. Nason if he would only practise instead of preach his motto: "If you cannot do anybody any good, don't do them any harm." I would advise Mr. Nason to adopt the motto instead of the dog-in-the-manger motto, which is no good to any true fancier or anybody else. The "general disposition" of the writer I am fully prepared to leave in the hands of fanciers to decide. Hoping all will have a successful moulting season, and then an even more successful show season.

W. E. ALLEN.

Canaries at Batheaston Show.

Sir,—I shall esteem it a favour if you will allow me a space in your valuable paper in which to reply to the disappointed exhibitor at Batheaston Show. In the first place, I will remind Mr. Lanham that when anyone has to resort to incorrect statements, that person has a very poor case indeed. In regard to the Batheaston Show, I was given to understand that all exhibits would be ready for judging by ten o'clock. I arrived a few minutes after this time, and was informed by the steward that the birds were ready for judging. Quite naturally I walked into the tent, and, only finding four birds staged, I went to the other side of the tent, where I must have been when you, Mr. Lanham, and Mr. Follwell entered the tent. Mr. Follwell had his birds staged before I knew he was present, and as to a conversation which we had, your remarks remind me of that old proverb, "He that evil doeth evil thinketh." Such remarks as yours tend to show childishness. Do you think that because a man is asked to judge at a show it is his duty to ignore every fancier friend he may meet on the show ground previous to judging? Such ideas as these one would only expect to find in the undeveloped mind of a schoolboy. After the way you have "swanked" your Crest-bred to the readers of CAGE BIRDS, no doubt every fancier of this variety will be looking forward to the great doings of your "champion" during the coming show season. But, readers, wait and see! I can tell this great breeder and exhibitor of eighteen years' standing that I have seen and handled nearly all the champions of this variety at the leading shows of this country during the past eight years, while he has been admiring his "champions" at home. I was greatly amused at his remarks respecting his Yorkshire and his ideas as to how these "champions" are bred. He thinks that because his bird's uncle may have won at the Palace this fact alone should make his a topper. It is common knowledge, even to a novice, that some of the biggest "wasters" are often bred from the same parents as our best birds, and when a man of eighteen years' experience talks in this way, every reader may know how much he understands about bird-breeding. I see by his letter that it took me nearly two hours to judge nine birds at the Batheaston Show. Your "tout" that gave you this information has sadly led you astray, Mr. Lanham, as it can be proved that my judging slip was in the secretary's tent twenty minutes after judging commenced. Now, Mr. Lanham, with regard to the Bath F.S. members' show held in September, 1906, I, like you, have great cause to remember one thing, which is still very vivid in my mind. On the last day that entries were to be accepted you stated at the meeting, with a face as long as a wet week, that you had no birds to enter because your birds were all dying. Yet two or three days before the show did you not enter birds which, if our secretary had done his duty, should never have been allowed in the show room? No wonder some fanciers had their suspicions aroused as to where these ten birds came from! Now, Mr. Lanham, did you or did you not purchase some young Norwich from a gentleman at Bristol a few days before the show? Having our suspicions aroused, I and other members of the committee decided to send a member to inquire whether you would take £5 for the medal winner. The sole reason for this was to discover, if possible, whether you still had the bird in your possession, and not because anyone thought it was worth £5. Now, Mr. Lanham, were you compelled to resign? As Mr. Lanham has fully stated in his letter, he exhibited the ten birds, with the result as he has given, but as he had previously stated that all his birds were dying, where did these ten exhibits come from? I think that your readers will agree with me that if he bred them they were bred and exhibited in record time.

T. TAYLER.

Sir,—I must again ask you kindly to favour me with space in your always interesting paper to reply to Mr. Lanham's latest, in which I note he states that if the birds my wife exhibited were her own property, then he is still in the position to state that he has beaten my birds every time that he has met them for the past five years in succession. Now, I do not think there is a single reader of this paper who will take this boastful, unfancierlike statement to mean other than that he has met my birds in competition each year for the past five years and defeated them on each occasion. Let Mr. Lanham kindly state when, how, and where he did these gallant deeds. As to whether I exhibited the birds that my wife showed at Weston and Batheaston at any other show or not, this is none of his business; it will be sufficient for him to remember that they will beat his, and that he has not beaten my birds for five years in succession, and never under a specialist Canary judge. In another portion of his letter he states that Mr. Tayler was present when I staged my birds at Batheaston. This is not correct; Mr. Tayler was not near me when I unpacked and staged my birds, but came in the tent a few minutes after. Mr. Lanham also states that my Yorkshire was all up in a "ball" and had only four or six feathers in its tail; this is another incorrect statement. My Yorkshire in the afternoon certainly did not look well, which could not be wondered at considering the heat of the tent; but in the morning he looked well in spite of the fact that he had lost three tail feathers and a few on the chest, but not sufficient to mar his appearance. It may interest Mr. Lanham to know that this bird, unlike his, has won firsts at Hoyland, Keighley, Windhill, and Gateshead; second at Halifax; and fourth at the Crystal Palace. Now these prizes are what this bird actually won for its owner before it became my property, not what its great-grandfather or its uncle or a near relation has done. Fancy Mr. Lanham trying to "cod" your readers up to thinking that a bird whose relations have been champions must also be a champion! Why, the novice can teach him something here. Towards the close of his letter he states that he has been offered £5 for his Crest-bred. I should not have been surprised if he said he had been offered £100. Surely he must think the readers of CAGE BIRDS are a lot of "thick-heads." Is there anything to prevent me from getting a friend to offer me £20 for my unflighted yellow Norwich, and then "swank" it in the Press that I have been offered that fabulous sum for it? In conclusion, Mr. Lanham states that this is his final letter on the subject. If so, I shall conclude that it is his way of admitting defeat in an argument which he himself started.

F. L. FOLLWELL.

(Several letters held over owing to pressure on space.)

BREEDING RESULTS OF THE 1911 SEASON.

Notes on the results of the recent breeding season, or of any interesting happenings, are invited from the secretaries of societies and others. The communications must in each case be accompanied by the sender's name and address

Stamford (Lincs.) and District.

Being on business at Stamford (Lincs), I thought I would look up a few of the fanciers there, and see what sort of a breeding season they had had; below you will see the results. The first I called on was Mr. Clarke. This gentleman goes in for Yorkshires, but does not personally keep many of those he breeds. He also had a pair or two up for Hybrid breeding, but has had no luck so far. Mr. Baker goes in for British birds and for Hybrid breeding. He has bred two very nice Greenfinch-Bullfinch Hybrids, but I am sorry to say that one has a deformed foot. Mr. B. has also bred a few Goldfinch-Canary Mules. Mr. A. Harrison goes in for Yorkshires, and has bred a fine lot this season—56, and some of these look like making a name for themselves. He has one or two fine yellows which will take some stopping if they go through the moult all right. Mr. Welch goes in for Norwich, and is a novice. He has bred about 20, with one or two fine birds amongst them. One I noticed was a nice yellow hen, not over large, but of good type. Through the kindness of Mr. A. Harrison, I got a few more breeding results:—Mr. Sprigg, 20; Mr. E. Harrison, 20 Yorkshires; Mr. Fancourt, 12 Yorkshires; Mr. T. Wright, 6 Yorkshires and 15 Norwich; Mr. T. Wood, 20 Norwich; Mr. G. Grimes, 16 Norwich; and Mr. B. Grimes, 10 Norwich.—C. H. Cooper (West Ham).

Wild-Bird Life.

September Notes.

The harvest is over. The last load has rumbled down the narrow lane, which is plentifully decorated with ears and stalks snatched from the passing loads by the thorny brambles. Some of these ears will hang until Christmas, when possibly the first fall of snow will cause the Buntings and Finches to seek for food about the white mantle covering their daily fare. At present the fields are bare save for the golden stubble which is here and there broken by long strips of rich brown earth where the farmer's team is already preparing for next season's sowings. Pied Wagtails are busy seeking among the upturned soil, generally selecting the more recently exposed furrows as more likely to contain the insects they need. At the further end of the field a few Lapwings are busy. They will allow the team to get much nearer to them than an ordinary pedestrian, so by keeping close to the horses one is able to note the crests of the old birds, their brightly burnished wings showing a bright bronze green in the morning sun. They rise with the old familiar cry—not with the anxious solicitude of the early spring, when, with every device known to wild birds, they seek to lure one away from the pointed eggs or downy young reposing near by. The fledged young, not quite so wary as their parents, nor so familiar with the danger of too near an acquaintance with mankind, linger after the old ones have flown, but at length they too take wing and follow their leaders—broad dashes of black and white against the bright sky. The companies of Sand Martins down by the stream have been larger than usual this season, and several freshly-made holes for nesting have been scooped out. These can be noted by the piles of earth lying at the foot of the bank. It is a marvel how such soft-billed and feeble birds can cut their way even into this yielding soil. Their labours are over now. The old birds and their broods are out all day together. The morning and evening are spent with the House Martins and Swallows on the river. Where food is abundant, they dip their wings now and again with a light splash, making ever widening rings of silvery ripples.

Country Rambles

SHEFFIELD C.B.S.

Third outing, held September 2, to Strines. The weather was all that could be desired Starting from Hillsborough Bridge, we were soon away from bricks and mortar, and making our way along the New Road, which runs through the beautiful Rivelin Valley. This is one of the numerous beauty spots to be found on the outskirts of Sheffield. Many items of interest were noticed. The Linnets were very numerous, and the Starlings, as they followed the cattle in the fields, looked very beautiful. We saw several Wagtails, and the Swallows congregated in large numbers, preparing for their autumn flight. Reaching the summit of the hill, we came in sight of the moors. Nearing the famous hostelry at Strines the scene is magnificent. To the left is one unbroken stretch of moorland, while on the right, far below the road, lay the Strines and Dale Dyke Dams. After partaking of a good tea we set out to inspect the woods and lanes. We made our way down the steep road on the side of the hill, one side of which is overhung with huge rocks and trees, the other being a sheer drop of some hundred feet, covered with trees and undergrowth—reminding one very much of some Alpine pass. Reaching the bottom, we crossed the bridge and came upon our friend the keeper; he proved a good "find" indeed, for he was our guide for the rest of the ramble. Turning to the left, we ascended a delightful road, leading directly on to the moors. The road is some four to six feet below the surrounding level, and the banks are covered with beautiful heather, ferns, etc. We traversed the moors for a little way, and on the summit of the hill (1,535ft. high) we came to Fulstone Cottage, one of Earl Fitzwilliam's shooting boxes. The surrounding country from this spot is magnificent. To the right is Back Tor (1,765ft. above the sea level) in the distance; Moscar, Stanish Pole, and other places were pointed out. All were loth to leave this enchanting spot. Descending the hill we found the vehicle ready to convey us on our journey home. Going via the village of Bradfield, we were again delighted with the grandeur of the scenery. We reached our starting point at about nine o'clock.—J. Woolhouse, assistant secretary.

WALLASEY C.B.S.

The second ramble took place on Sunday, August 27. Wallasey is noted for its British bird fanciers, and a goodly number of them took this opportunity of gathering all the wild seeds they would require for the coming winter. The company included Messrs. Reed and Barker (two Cheshire botanists), who acted as guides and explained in detail the various seeds as they came across them, Mallinson, Howard, Holden, Benson and two sons, Alston, Young, Metcalfe and son, and one or two fanciers from Liverpool whose names we did not catch. Everybody was armed with a goodly-sized bag, which evidently meant a rare treat for the pets at home. A start was made at 10.30 a.m. through Wallasey Village on to the Marshes. Here almost all the wild seeds that are worth gathering for Britishers were to be found in abundance. Those of the company who had not been on the Marshes before promised future visits. After our bags were well filled (the children vied with one another who could gather the most), we strolled up to the River Birkett. It might have been a river once, but now it looked more like a pool owing to the prolonged drought. We rested here while our two guides visited a noted rose garden owned by a friend of theirs. Some one suggested a glass of wine, and as it was about time the inner man was looked after, out came our parcels of sandwiches. It was hard lines for the fancier who had got up before his breakfast that morning when he found that instead of salt on his snack it was carbonate of soda! That's the worst of keeping a medicine chest for the birds. However, he got "his own" back. Another start was made at 2 p.m. for Bidston Woods. A steady climb brought us to Bidston Observatory, and then on to the Woods; we arrived just when it commenced to rain. Fortunately, we found a shelter, and then we saw what is worth going miles out of your way for: the rain drove the birds into the trees, and then our friend Mr. Mallinson began to enlighten us on the various species that frequent Cheshire. The trees were full of them, from the Tree Creeper to the Jay. What amused us all, especially the children, were the Squirrels. A mile on through the woods and we came to the famous Bidston Church. Unfortunately, rain came on again heavily, so we had to make our nearest way home, arriving at headquarters at 6 p.m., each one acknowledging it was the finest day's outing he had had for years. We were sorry for the Liverpool fanciers, who had to trudge home on their bikes in the rain.—J. W. Metcalfe.

OBITUARY.

Mr. JESSE CALAM (Hull).

It is with sincere regret, writes Mr. E. R. Ridley, hon. sec. of the Hull C.B.S., that I write to tell you of the painful death of that esteemed fancier, member, and friend, Mr. Jesse Calam. Death took place on September 5th. Mr. Calam had been in failing health this last few months, but it was only for the last nine or ten days that he became bed-fast; and no one had the least idea the end was so near. Mr. Calam was a keen and thorough fancier, having bred and exhibited birds for about thirty years. He was one of the select few who founded this society, and helped to put the Fancy on its present strong footing in Hull. He was a hard-working and enthusiastic member. His genial smile and help will be much missed at the forthcoming open show, which event he had not once missed attending for seventeen years. Mr. Calam was also a member of the Grimsby O.S., the Norwich Plainhead Club, and was on the committee of the Open Norwich P.C. Mr. Calam was the elected judge for the Belfast C., N., and Y. C.C.'s show in November, and he was looking forward with pleasure to the opportunity of seeing Belfast and of meeting Irish fanciers. The funeral took place on September 7th, and amongst a host of beautiful wreaths I noticed those sent by the Hull Society, Grimsby O.S., Mr. and Mrs. Clews (Grimsby), Messrs. Boyle, Richardson, and Hunter (York), Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Pepper (Hull), Mr. and Mrs. G. Harland (Hull), Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Ridley (Hull), and others. The following members of our society were present:—Messrs. G. W. Oliver (chairman), W. H. Stamford (vice-chairman), E. R. Ridley (secretary), W. Clews (Grimsby), W. T. Pepper, T. Perkins, D. D. Longhorn, G. Harland, H. Sowden, W. Calvard, S. Hogg, and several others. Mr. Calam was 62 years of age. Mrs. Calam wishes to thank all fanciers friends for their expressions of sympathy in her trouble.

We have also received from Mr. Geo. Harland (Hull) and Mr. Samuel Dean (Great Horton, Bradford) similar letters of condolence with the deceased gentleman's relatives.

SITTINGBOURNE & DIST. C.B.S.

Meeting held Sept. 4th, Headquarters, nearly every member being present. Mr. F. J. Gibbs (Canterbury) was decided upon to judge at annual show. One more new member made. Decided, to hold members' monthly show October 2nd.—B. Tidy, Hon. Sec.

LEYTON AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

Meeting held Grange Park Hall, Sept. 4th, Mr. J. A. Bartlett in chair. Chairman announced that the table show of Norwich had been postponed till next month to allow more of the birds to be finished the moult, and that next month's fixture, viz., "Questions and Answers," would be taken this evening. The hat was then passed round containing the slips with questions written on them, each being answered in turn. As usual, the result was most interesting and instructive.—Forse and Son, Hon. Sec.

STOKE-ON-TRENT C.B.A.

Well attended meeting held Red Lion Hotel, September 11th, when the classification for open show came up for further consideration. Decided, to add one additional class in the Norwich section, and one in the Yorkshire section, which will make seven in each. Also decided, to accept the patronage of the Midland Counties' Y.C.C. Much other show business was transacted. Some very handsome specials were promised, including a valuable oil painting, by one of Minton's artists. I shall be pleased to hear from any of our friends who have not already promised a special prize, before next meeting, Oct 2nd.—J. Pitchford, Sec.

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(Continued from page 121).

No. 13.—My Turquoisines.

I wonder how many years ago it is since a hen Turquoisine was offered for sale in England. At one time Turquoisines were fairly plentiful; the time I refer to is some 30 years ago. This to me now seems but a little while; so quickly does the water slip under the bridge of Time. I remember paying a visit to the late Mr. Joseph Abrahams, of St. Georges in the East, and in one of his big cages I saw a hen Turquoisine, sitting on the floor. I was so eager to become her possessor that I never stopped to wonder why she preferred the floor to a perch, but Mr. Abrahams, who was the soul of honour, explained. "She is a cripple," he said, "at least, she can't fly; and if you like to give me a sovereign for her she is yours and welcome." I positively jumped at the offer, as I fancied that in a big flight, the defective wing would become strong, and then what a bargain would be mine!

A hen Turquoisine for twenty shillings! I gleefully carried her off to Yorkshire, and gave her her liberty; but, alas! she could do nothing but run swiftly about on the sand, giving an occasional half-spin round. I knew in a moment what was wrong; she had received some injury to her spine, and would, I felt sure, be a cripple for life. I gave her a season to recover, but as she made no signs of mending, I foolishly sold her to a brother aviculturist; and then the unexpected happened. It always does; that "wretched" hen went to nest and reared a fine brood for her happy owner.

Feelings Akin to Napoleon's.

Try to picture my feelings when I heard the news! They resembled those of Napoleon after the battle of Waterloo. In the flight from the battle Napoleon showed great depression. The member of his staff who was riding by his side thought he might be sorrowing over the loss of so many old companions in arms, and tried to comfort him by saying that Wellington also must have lost many old comrades. *He has not lost the battle* was the only reply. What did it matter to me that some people had lost Turquoisines by death? I had suffered something far worse. By my own insensate folly I had lost the chance of breeding Turquoisines, all for want of a little patience. Need I tell my readers that I went home and kicked myself without mercy?

I felt, however, that it was no good to cry over spilt milk; so I made up my mind to try again. A man is never happy with the second best or the third best, with anything less than the ideal he is capable of imagining. So long as he can imagine something better than which he possesses already—so long as he can feel that he has missed something he might have had but for ill luck or no chance—he's bound to be miserable.

Is not the whole machinery of Heaven and Hell and Earth perpetually set in motion to dissociate those who were born to be together, and disorganise things which were created to work in unison? I certainly thought so. Here, so to speak, I had held the trump cards in my hand, and like a silly fool, I had thrown them away. I knew very well that if ever I was lucky enough once more to alight on Turquoisines for sale, the price would not be 20s. each. What was Iago's advice to lovesick Roderigo? "Put money in thy purse." I did so, and then looked abroad to find adventures.

How eagerly I scanned the advertisement columns of the Press for Turquoisines. I never could find any for sale. There were plenty of folks wanting them; but their price must be moderate. One day I saw an advertisement (not in Cage Birds), which nearly made my eyes drop out of my head. Two pairs of Turquoisines for sale; perfectly healthy and acclimatised, price £5 the pair.—Apply Dr. X., a certain street in the West Central. To rush out and jump into a hansom was the work of a moment. I was staying in London at the time. I told the cabman to "drive like blazes" to the address named, for I imagined hansom cabs converging to the same direction from every point of the compass. Strange to say, I could not notice any great congestion of traffic, though so rapid was our progress that I quite expected to be shot out on the pavement at any moment without further warning.

Disappointed Again.

Arrived at the street, what was my disgust to find it a dirty little shop where letters might be left till called for. In vain I begged the woman to give me Dr. X.'s private address. She blankly refused, but promised to forward any letters I might entrust to her. I wrote offering to take every Turquoisine he had and promising to meet him at any given time and place with the money. But from that day to this I never got a line in reply. I now firmly believe that those Turquoisines never existed. They were simply a trap to catch the unwary. Had I sent the money, the doctor would have skipped, and no doubt tried the dodge successfully again.

Some months after this I was in a fashionable West End bird shop, when I lighted on a pair of Turquoisines once more. The price asked was £15. After a long survey of the birds, I said, "Get thee behind me, Satan." Resolutely I turned my back on them, and by walking rapidly I soon got so far away that it became too much of a task to return for just a couple of birds. At least, that was how I tried to argue.

One day I was rewarded, as the good always are—in story books—by getting a letter from a friend, telling me that he had eight young Turquoisines for sale at £2 each. As I read that letter slowly over, I felt something of the solid joys and lasting treasures that the hymn wrongly tells us none but Zion's children know. I was certainly not one of Zion's children, but I was sure nobody felt more happy than I did. I wired off to say I would buy the lot; but, alas, someone had been before me, and I only managed to secure two pairs. How I hated the man who had got the other two! Still, to have secured four Turquoisines was something. For one who has had so many bitter disappointments, it was like a green pasture and waters of comfort.

Of course, I knew that nothing could be done that year. I must possess my soul in patience for another twelve months; and then, who could tell? I might be the happy possessor of a nest of Turquoisines. Anyhow, I said, fortune favours the brave. The only question was: Do I individually come under that class?

Young Ones At Last.

Next year I put my precious charges into the nicely sheltered garden aviaries and awaited events. I had not long to wait. Turquoisines love to nest. Within a fortnight both pairs were busy, and soon the hens disappeared into their respective logs, and their mates gave themselves up to melancholy reflection. The allotted days of incubation passed rapidly, and in the first nest I soon could hear the sounds of young life. I had, however, made one sad mistake.

My friend had told me at the time I bought the birds that they were great lovers of grass. "Mind," he said, underlining the words, "you give them a small grass plot to go at." I was young and conceited in those days, and did not always take good advice. In a moment you will hear what it cost me. For many days all went swimmingly by. The cock was a perfect paragon, and fed early and late, but he knew that baby Turquoisines wanted something beyond dry seed; they must have green stuff. There was no grass in the place. In Australia he would have fed his babies on soft-growing, half-ripe grass seeds; here in England what could he do? In the aviary was growing a vivid green elder. It caught his eyes, and he fed greedily off it. I saw him doing it; but thought nothing about it. I saw him fly up to the log and return. Still, I thought nothing. It was towards evening that I felt a bit anxious, as I noticed the old birds around the log. Still, I did not realise the dreadful truth. It was only the next day when they still kept away, that I knew that something was wrong.

After waiting till I could wait no longer, I went and opened the box and looked in. I did not need anyone to tell me what had happened. It was a hot July day, and before I got near the box I noticed that the smell in the aviary was violent, and it was unmistakably organic in its origin. I proceeded to investigate. Meanwhile, the bodies (there were five of them) were going bad, rapidly bad, and the smell for a mile around was strong enough to take the paint off the doors.

The other nest fared better. Luckily there was no elder tree in that run, and the babies were younger. By keeping fresh turfs in the place, I managed to supply the requisite green food, and this, with plenty of ripe flowering grass and groundsel supplied all the green stuff that was necessary; and one day I found myself the happy owner of my first nest of young Turquoisines. How proud I was of my good fortune; how I admired these wonderful babies with their great soft black eyes and gentle ways!

One season I was fortunate enough to rear something like ten youngsters; and if you have any for sale, people fairly pull you out of the house for them; you can imagine that I was consoled for all my past troubles and disappointments. Still I was dog in the manger; most birdy people are, and I was determined to have a corner in Turquoisines.

The Obvious Moral.

I was reminded the next season of a quaint story told by Hellewell Sutcliffe of a farmer high up in the Dales. "He was fearfully soft-hearted was John Preston. A good worker, a good farmer, but he got that fond of his stock that he couldn't bear to part with them. Once I found he bought half-a-dozen geese in September, and he said to his wife that they'd fatten them one by one, killing three or four as green geese, and leaving t'others for Christmas. Well, the time came for killing the first of a grand lot, and Preston rubbed his chin in a way he had when bothered, and told his wife they were too good for such like work, and that he'd keep them all to make rare birds at Christmas; he could sell what they didn't want, he said, and make good profit by it. His wife knew well enough, but Preston didn't that he'd grow so fond of his six geese through watching of 'em and feeding of 'em, and talking to 'em, that he couldn't for his life have dared put a penknife to the throat of one of them. Well, Christmas comes, and Preston rubs his chin again and says he reckons he'll keep 'em all for laying in the spring. His wife says nothing—being a little quiet body who knew her place—and the spring comes. And then it seems that, by some mischance or other, they were all ganders, and not the chance of an egg among them. But Preston had got fonder and fonder still about them, and the end was he kept 'em all, eating their heads off out of his pocket, as you might say, and for all I know they are there to this day."

Well, I was not quite as bad as that, but I kept my Turquoisines too long. It often happens in the case of Parrakeets that a nest will be all of one sex. It was so in this case. When the next year came, all my young Turquoisines proved to be of the male persuasion, and so there was not a chance of an egg amongst them. The obvious moral of the tale is: Don't be greedy, or you may possibly over-reach yourself.

Turquoisines are very easy to keep; they only need good Canary seed, and an abundance of green food; but they will not stand severe cold. They are far too valuable to run any risks about; so if ever you are lucky enough to get hold of some, take them in when the days become chilly, and keep them in a cold birdroom during the winter. By a cold birdroom I mean, of course, an unheated one.

It was Herry Quatre, who said to Montague, "I like your books," and who got in reply, "then sire, you will like me, for I am my books." I am sure that if ever you meet me in the flesh, you will like me, and for the same reason!

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects. Harmless to everything.

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Under the White Rose.

IN a very short time we shall have the show season upon us. Some of the birds are getting very nearly through the moult, though by far the greatest number will not be ready for the first few shows. But this year will be somewhat in advance of the previous one, the weather being very suitable for a quick moult; and if no cold snaps come the birds should get through in good time, and be in prime condition. The specialist clubs are now busy preparing their year books. That of the Cinnamon Marked Club is already in the hands of the members, and is of very handy size to carry in the pocket. It contains a full list of officers and members, particulars of competitions and shows where patronage is given, special prize list and conditions for same, and much other useful information. Intending members who apply may have one free, and any other information desired, from Mr. S. B. Grayshon, Wormald Street, Flush, Heckmondwike, Yorkshire.

THE O.N.P.C. secretary is unfortunately very seriously ill, though the latest news is rather pleasing, he having now got a turn for the better, and it is hoped that all danger is now past. Typhoid fever is the fell disease, and at the best it will be some weeks before Mr. Mitchell is able to be out again. In the meantime, Mr. F. Hammond has kindly consented to undertake the secretarial work of the club, and, under the circumstances, members and others are specially requested to have patience. The year book will be got out as soon as possible, though, of course, it will be somewhat late.

BRADFORD WEST C.B.A. have removed their headquarters. For some time they have put up at the Red Lion Hotel, but in future their home will be the "Shoulder of Mutton," this latter being very near the school where they have their open show, which, by the way, I hear is to be on quite a large scale, larger than anything they have attempted before. May it be a success, and may they grow strong in their new home.

DURING the week end I was shown quite a novelty by one of the members of the Bradford West Society. Mr. W. A. Cowgill, besides being a birdy man, is also interested in horticulture, and from one of his plants, a delphinium, or something in that line (am out of my latitude here), he had a seed stem the pods of which represented, as near as possible, so many birds growing up the stalk—beak, eyes, wings, all quite life-like; in fact, when looked at from a distance they looked just like so many birds perched on a branch.

THE Cinderella Club Show is proceeding apace. A lot of the work has been done, but there is a lot still to be done. The next move is the classification and allotting of judges; and at the next full meeting the details in regard to same, as suggested by the sub-committee, will be brought forward for approval and revision. Tickets are now to be obtained from all members of the committee, and are, I hear, selling very well.

"STRAIGHT 'UN."

The Young Naturalist.

*A Thoughtful Mother Bird.

The other day I saw a poor little Greenfinch in the hedge. It could not fly, as something had hurt its wing, and it was a very young bird. I took it home, gave it some food, and put it in a cage, hanging it out on the wall. The next day I heard a great twittering outside, and when I went out I saw a hen Greenfinch at the cage trying to feed the young one. It was evidently her own bird, and she had come to feed it. The young bird is now well enough to fly, and has in fact flown away with its mother.—Gladys Harris, 7, Decoy Road, Newton Abbot, South Devon.

**Polly's Impertinence.

The parents of a friend of mine asked me one day if I would keep their son company while they were out. I readily consented, and went to my friend's house. For some time we played with the Parrot, until there came a knock at the door. My friend rose, saying "The milk, I suppose," and went to answer the door. "How much milk will you have to-day, please?" asked the milkmaid. "Oh, only a penn'orth, the same as usual, thank you," replied Polly, who had followed his young master to the door.—H. G. Howells, aged 15, 7, Francis Terrace, Carmarthen.

*Dickie's Adventure.

My dada has a bird-room. One day, when Dada was going to feed his birds, one little Crest three weeks old had escaped from its cage, and flew out of the door as Dada entered, down the stairs, and out into the garden. We did not know where Dickie had flown, but in the evening we were attracted by its crying, and it was hovering around the chimney-pots close by. But we gave up all hope of getting our bird back again. When we were at dinner next day a boy brought our bird home. It had fallen down the kitchen chimney. Dickie was no worse for its adventure—only it was a different colour—and when restored to its parent she did not know it.—Sent by Miss M. Farmer, aged 12, 106, Beresford Road Walthamstow.

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A Generous Patron.

The distinguished aviculturist Mr. E. J. Brook, of Hoddam Castle, whose services in the way of extending our knowledge of the most beautiful and the rarest of all foreign birds have been absolutely inestimable, writes as follows:—

Dear Sir,—I do not care to add to my subscription list just now, but I enclose a donation to CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE. I am afraid the members of the Humanitarian League are, many of them, hopelessly ignorant of the matters about which they agitate. If these people would confine themselves to real cruelty, such as the absolutely unnecessary docking of horses—I write as one who was Master of Fox Hounds for fifteen years—they would do a lot of good, and get much support. However, they are bent on making out cruelty in everything they possibly can, being carried away by ignorance and false sentiment. I certainly think that there might be great improvements made in the methods of importing birds and in the sanitary and other conditions of bird shops; but that is another question, and too practical a one for the League of Humanitarians.

E. J. BROOK.

With the letter is enclosed the munificent donation of £10, and I am sure I am only anticipating the unanimous wish of the members of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE in conveying on their behalf our joint and very full appreciation of Mr. Brook's great kindness, and our entire agreement with the sentiments expressed in his letter. It is to be thought that those who are so frantically inveighing against the delightful hobby of bird-keeping have been somewhat under the impression that they have only to deal with a number of individual bird-keepers of more or less limited income, without any organisation to defend them against oppressive action, and that the monetary backing which is so freely afforded by the wealthy patrons of the so-called Humanitarian Societies would be lacking from any defence which might be set up against their misguided attacks. That they were mistaken in the first of these premises we have shown them already by the successful organisation of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE, and that they are equally wrong in the second we hope to show them by the kind support of such generous patrons as Mr. Brook and other aviculturists who are more blessed with the good things of this world than the great majority who find pleasure and instruction in the pursuit of a hobby which appeals alike to the inhabitant of the cottage and of the palace.

The Views of H. D. Astley, Esq., M.A., F.Z.S., M.B.O.U.

Mr. Astley in enclosing subscription for two years as Vice President, writes as follows:—

Dear Mr. Fulljames,—I do think that something ought to be done to stop the wholesale catching of our British wild birds, which are now not only caged at home, but are exported to Australia, North America, etc. North America and Australia have made laws forbidding the exportation of their birds, and we should do the same. CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE should show that it is not in favour of indiscriminate imprisonment of birds, and should set its foot down against Nightingales, Stonechats, etc., etc., being caught in the spring and nesting season.

HUBERT D. ASTLEY.

Mr. Astley has for many years been known as one of the most eminent of British Aviculturists, and his wonderful collection of the larger birds is perhaps unrivalled in its way. It is with great pleasure that I publish Mr. Astley's letter, and that I assure him that his sentiments are exactly those of the members of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE. If the Humanitarian Societies were to devote their efforts to the establishment of salutary laws, and to the proper enforcement of the existing regulations, they might reckon upon the wholehearted support of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE. To take wild birds of any kind during the nesting season is not only against the law of the country; it is cruelty, and useless cruelty, for there are very few birds indeed which will live if they are taken when they have eggs or young, and I am sure that every member of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE would do his utmost to prevent the perpetration of an outrage which could only be inflicted by the ignorant schoolboy or a degraded person whose only object could be to dispose immediately of the freshly-caught birds before they had time to die. But when these Humanitarians seek to abolish in its entirety the wholesome hobby of keeping a pet bird or a collection of birds for study or interest, and when they advance as a reason for their crusade a solitary case or two which should be entirely preventible, and which even as they stand bear a smaller proportion to the immense number of cases where birds are sold, bought, and kept than could be quoted in connection with any other carthly thing, it is then that it behoves us all to make a stand in our own defence. That stand is now being made, and I hope every reader of CAGE BIRDS will express his (or her) appreciation by becoming a member of a LEAGUE which is proud of having at its head such gentlemen as Messrs. E. J. Brook and H. D. Astley.

I have the pleasure also of acknowledging the receipt of a donation towards the funds of the LEAGUE from Lady Morshead, of Bodmin.

Marking Time at Millom.

Mr. W. R. Watson, Hon Sec of Millom C.B.A., and Mr. W. J. Park write as follows:

The health authorities of our town seem to be at a standstill, for the present at least. They recently visited a room belonging to a friend of mine, and ordered him to get rid of his birds. They have told us all that tale, but we are taking no notice. All the bird-rooms here are big, clean, and healthy, and are mostly at the very top of the houses, away from everybody.

W. R. WATSON,
Sec., Millom C.B.A.

Sir,—In reference to the Millom case, I was visited on August 29th—that is, a fortnight ago—by the Nuisance Inspector to see if I had disposed of my birds. Of course, I had not, and said I did not intend to. He said he would have to report it to the Council, but I have heard no more so far. Another of our members had his room inspected about a fortnight since, and he was informed that he must get rid of them, although he has not been served with a formal notice. He also is sticking out against them. We cannot learn anything yet as to what steps they may take, but we fancy they will let the matter drop, as they do not seem to be bothering any other fanciers now, and the local papers are speaking on the fanciers' side. Many thanks for the badges sent, which are quite neat and effective. We shall not forget to wear them and point out to other fanciers the necessity of joining CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE as a protection to all birdlovers.

Millom. W. J. PARK.

"The Cumberland Pacquet" has an article on the subject from which I have pleasure in quoting as follows:—

"The action of the Committee, it is almost needless to say, is being strongly resented by the bird fanciers of the town, as well as by others all over the country, with whom birdkeeping is a most enjoyable and profitable hobby; and CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE—a Society founded purposely to protect, further the best interests of fanciers, and contest cases of this kind—is, I am proud to note, bestirring itself in the matter, prepared to see that its members get fair play so far as rightful consideration goes. Personally speaking, my sympathies lie with the bird fanciers, and I think it will be very hard indeed if a person be prohibited from keeping a few cage-birds, providing they are kept in a perfectly clean and healthy state. If those kept in Millom are not kept clean and healthy, then I quite agree that steps should be taken to compel the owners to do this, but where they are kept—as I say—healthy and clean, I do not see any occasion why the Committee should rigidly insist on such an apparent drastic step being taken. As I understand, the Committee will be dealing with the matter again very soon, I will reserve further comments for the present, merely hinting in concluding these notes that *it behoves every bird fancier to join the* LEAGUE *in order to have his rights and hobby protected.*"

"The Ashton-under-Lyne Reporter" in its issues of 26th ult. and 2nd inst. published a very long and interesting article entirely supporting the views of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE. I am sorry that I may not be spared room to publish this week an instalment of this, but I hope to be able to insert a portion of it next week and to continue it in subsequent issues.

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Fence Houses, Co Durham, Mr. Barras Robinson, 8, Sedgletch

Many letters are unfortunately crowded out this week. I hope to find room for these in our next issue.

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YORKS. C.B.S. OF IRELAND.

Meeting of Council held September 4. Present Mr. C. Holley, in chair; also Messrs. Bowerman, Birse, McDonnell, Sheridan, Callaghan, Stewart. Communications were received from Larne, Dundalk, Ulster, and Holywood Societies, re patronage for forthcoming shows. Unanimously decided, to grant the patronage to Larne and Dundalk shows. Also decided, to hold a draw for Canaries on the second night of show, and to abandon gift class. Other business of a general character relative to schedule and rules was adjusted.—C. Holley, Hon. Sec.

VALE OF LEVEN C.B.C.

Meeting held headquarters, Village Schoolroom, Alexandria, Mr. J. Hannah (president) in chair. Secretary gave report of F.F. show, with balance on right side. The great success of this show stirred up the desired enthusiasm, and a good amount of annual show business was got through in a short time, each member present promising a special, the secretary intimating it was not bad for a start to receive 30 specials. Several applications for membership were considered, but it was finally decided to adhere to rule. Mr. W. Connelly (Glasgow) has kindly consented to judge all classes on November 18, except Scotch Fancies.—A. H. McLean, Hon. Sec.

WREXHAM AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held Sept. 8th, when we received a visit from the well known fancier, Mr. Wilson (Bradford), whom we were pleased to see. A start was made with the arrangements for the adult show. Date fixed for November 11th. It was pleasing to note that our members present had had fairly good luck, which augurs well. Decided to have a draw for a bird and cage in connection with the show, the price to admit purchaser of ticket to both the draw and exhibition. We hope this will be a help to members to get rid of a nice number of tickets, and also an inducement to would-be purchasers. Will members please note that we are having another meeting on Sept. 22nd to draw up schedule and select judge, etc.? Kindly make effort to be present. Fanciers and friends wishing to join please drop a card to me.—B. Bennett, Hampden-road, Wrexham.

HULL C.B.S.

At the last meeting a Wild Seed and Berry Competition was held, the number of competitors being very disappointing, only two competitors taking part, viz., Messrs. Riley and F. F. Potter. They were both very interesting collections, Mr. Potter's consisting of a grand selection of fresh gathered seeds, etc., looking beautifully fresh and natural, but none of them was named. The collection staged by Mr. Riley consisted of a rather larger variety, the majority being pressed, and all of them named, which was very entertaining to the large number present. Mr. T. Perkins was the elected judge, but he being absent Mr. G. W. Oliver kindly officiated, and awarded 1st prize to Mr. Riley, but would have great pleasure in giving the 2nd prize (which was awarded Mr. Potter) to the value of the 1st. A vote of sympathy was unanimously accorded to our esteemed member Mr. Jesse Calam in his serious illness. (Mr. Calam has since passed away. ED.) —Ernest R. Ridley, Hon. Sec.

CHESTER C.B.F.A.

Meeting held Nag's Head Cocoa House, September 5th, Mr. Bracegirdle in chair. Messrs. Bracegirdle and Gardner kindly consented to give a washing exhibition at next meeting (October), and we hope there will be a good attendance of members and friends. Some minor matters in connection with the annual show were discussed and satisfactorily arranged.—J. Swindley, Sec.

WARRINGTON AND DIST. C.B.S.

Meeting held August 31st, Mr. Knowles presiding, Mr. H. Pitchford was proposed. Classification for annual show (open) drawn up as follows: 5 Yorks., 5 Nor., 5 Bord., 3 Green Yorks., 3 Mules, 5 Brit., 2 Sell., 5 Novice Yorks., and 5 Novice Nor. Several specials were promised, and full prize money was guaranteed in the Border section. Prize money, 10s., 6s., 4s., and 2s. This ought to make an attractive schedule. A splendid room has been engaged.—G. M. Nelson, Sec.

PRESTON O.S.

Meeting held Tokio Cafe, Sept. 7th. Business was mostly in connection with the big show in November. Secretary read a notice from the secretary of the Green C.A., allotting us their patronage. The schedule was decided on as follows:—Open Section: Nor. 11 classes, Yorks. 2, Borders 2, Greens 8, 1 Mule, British 6, Foreign 2, 2 Selling and Gift. Open Amateur Section: 6 Nor. New staging was arranged for. All the Norwich section will be staged on the three-tier system. As this was the most important meeting of the year I was much disappointed and surprised at the poor attendance.—J. P. Leeming, Sec.

SCOTTISH METROPOLITAN (Open Derby) O.A.

Entry forms were dispatched to members on Sept. 4th. Hope to be favoured with a large return of exhibits. Closing date, September 21st. One entry form has been returned minus name and address of member. The entries made were: One in each of the classes 2, 3, 5, and 6. Price of first two put in at £3 3s. each, and of the latter two £2 2s. each. Stamps in payment of catalogue also enclosed. Should the member see this notice, will be kindly send on at once his name, etc. I would impress upon members being very particular in giving all the information desired as per entry form. Show hall will be open on the Friday evening, Sept. 29th, for taking in of birds.—J. R. Meikle, Sec.

WOLVERHAMPTON C.B.S.

Meeting held September 7th, Mr. F. J. Weaver in chair. A good number of members turned up to "thrash out" the schedule for our open show. And right well it was done. We decided to make the 41 classes as in previous years. There was one alteration from last year, and that was the cutting out of the natural colour class, which in previous years has not come up to expectations; so we decided to put in its stead a novice hen class for Norwich, as it seems hard on the novice to have to keep his hens at home and only send his cocks and unflighted birds out; so we hope the novices will patronise this class and make it a success. The club has been favoured again with the patronage of the M.C.Y.C.C. for champion and novice classes, and are providing two cups for competition.—J. Gibbons, Sec.

READING AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held September 6. Two new members were elected—viz., Mrs., Wright and C. Sugden, Esq. A discussion took place as to whether F.F. Show 1st prizes should affect the amateur definition, but it was finally decided that neither pair shows nor F.F. show should count. Members please note this. The hon. sec. intimated he had been appointed local hon. sec. for CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE, and pointed out several ways in which it would be a very useful body. It was hoped the schedule for the November show would be gone through, but it was agreed to leave it till next meeting, October 4, when it is hoped every member will turn up. Local fanciers are reminded that according to rule their names must be proposed as would-be members at next meeting, or they will not be eligible to compete at November show. Secretary would also be glad to receive outstanding subs., as several are overdue. Secretary handed round a microscope containing some red-mites; this caused a lot of interest.—W. H. Pyke, Hon. Sec.

GLASGOW (West End) C.B.C.

Meeting held Co-operative Hall (St. George's Cross), vice-president Mr. C. Campbell presiding over a good attendance. Usual club business transacted. Secretary intimated the change of hall for annual members' show. After negotiations, the "Co-operative Hall," 40, Gladstone-street (St. George's Cross) has been secured for this event. It is within a few yards of our old quarters, which we have been obliged to vacate. The chief business was a paper on the "Border Fancy Canary," by Mr. Andrew Miller. This gentleman is not a stranger amongst us; he is well known in the Fancy all over Scotland as a judge, breeder, and exhibitor. Much as he admired Crests, Plainheads, and Yorkshires, he said, he did not consider his bird-room complete without a few pairs of Borders. He advised those about to start to go in for a good pair of Borders. They were hardy and easy to keep. Buy a first-class pair, and they would repay one. As to size, no Border should be over 5½ inches long; it must be true to type, lightly made, well filled in at the shoulders (no hollow in back), head neat and round, wings just meeting at tips, tail nice and compact (crossed wings and "fish-tail" is a bad fault in a Border). Colour: rich and level; carriage gay and jaunty, bird standing at an angle of 45 degrees. Some birds, Mr. Miller said, were disqualified for being colour-fed when there was not the slightest colour-feeding about them. It was purely the rich colour which some of our judges suspected very often. With regard to hand-washing, fanciers in the country had a great advantage, as they scarcely ever required to wash a bird for a show, whereas we in a city like Glasgow had always to wash our birds for every show. The washing had one fault: it tended to lessen that rare bloom we all liked to see in a Border. Mr. Miller dealt at great length on marked breeding. This, he said, required to be watched and thought out very carefully and judiciously; sometimes it took years to get the much-desired even marks. Regarding Cinnamons he had never kept very many of these, only an odd one or two for stock purposes, and he thought this subject would make another lecture. In closing his very interesting paper, Mr. Miller thanked the members for their attention, and said he would be pleased to answer questions. A great many questions were asked, and were very ably answered. A hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer and to the chairman brought a very pleasant and enjoyable evening to a close. Will members please note that the monthly meetings (until further notice) will be held in the Co-operative Hall, 40, Gladstone-street (St. George's Cross)?—William Proudfoot, Sec. and Treas.

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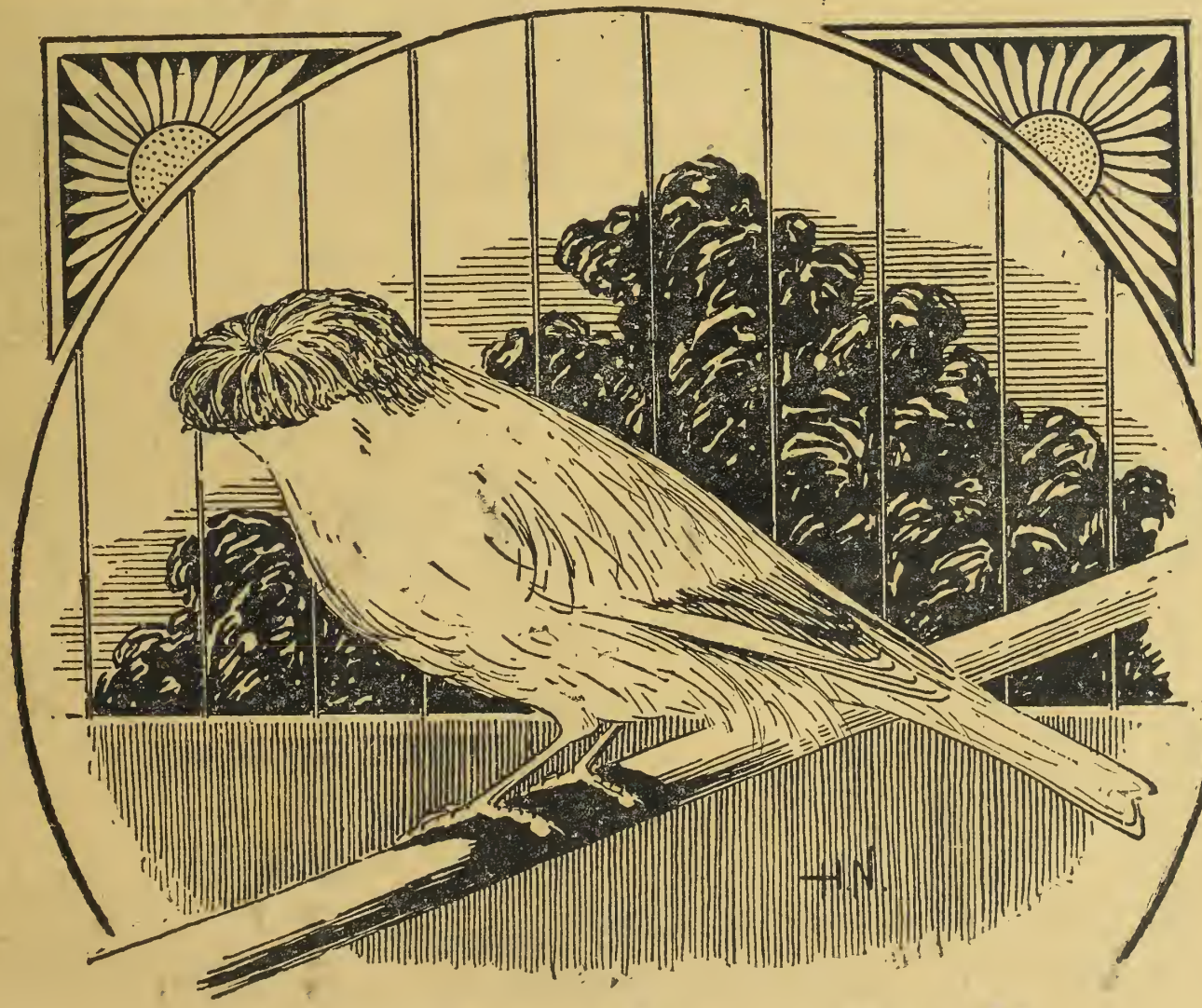
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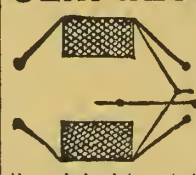
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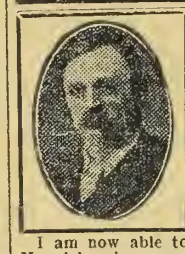
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GRIMSBY AND DISTRICT O.S.

Meeting held Sept. 14, Slatter's Rooms, ten members being present. Arrangements were made for our open show on Oct. 25 and 26. A letter of condolence was sent to the widow of our late member, Mr. J. Calam; our chairman, Mr. W. Clews, represented the society at the interment.—Towl Bros., Secs.

YORKS. COUNTY B.B. AND M.C.

The following is a full list of shows where our patronage is given: Oct. 14, Bradford West; Oct. 21, Huddersfield; Oct. 28, Wakefield; Nov. 3 and 4, Sheffield; Nov. 9, Malton; Nov. 17 and 18, Hull; Nov. 24 and 25, Doncaster; Dec. 8 and 9, Bradford National (Cinderella); Dec. 16, Yarm-on-Tees; Jan. 20, Bradford City.—J. Lane, Hon. Sec.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Meeting held September 16th, Mr. Farrer presiding. Schedule for open show, January 12th and 13th, was considered. Decided, to have 40 classes, particulars of which will be given later. Messrs. Stanger and Maddison were appointed judges. Shall be glad if every member will now consider it his duty to seek specials and subscriptions. At next meeting the schedule will be further considered, and members are urged to attend promptly at 7.30 p.m. on September 30th. We have accepted the patronage of the N.J.C.C.—J. Jeffrey, Hon. Sec.

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM C.B.S.

Meeting held Crown Hotel, Sept. 6th, Mr. Burke in chair. Mr. Raby was elected a member. Secretary reported we had received the M.C.Y.C.C. patronage, both champion and novice classes for open show. A long discussion took place regarding show expenses, the printing bill for last show again coming in for criticism, in which matter the late Sec. ably held his own against the opposition. Eventually the printing and other matters were left in the Secretary's hands to deal with. Mr. de Maillet proposed that a second judge be appointed, and Mr. J. C. Barnes was engaged, the show promising to be a great success. The allocation of special prizes could not be dealt with as time was short, and these have to be fixed at a special meeting, Sept. 20th.—J. H. de Maillet, for present Sec.

NATIONAL BRITISH BIRD & M.C.

Committee meeting held headquarters, "Feathers" Hotel, Great Chapel Street, Westminster, Aug. 31st. Present: Messrs. J. Dewhurst (in chair), T. R. Trower, J. H. Shepherd, C. Botting, A. Silver, G. Mortlock, C. T. Maxwell, A. J. Mariey, W. Page, G. Crabb, R. A. Newley, A. Plumbridge, and J. P. Carr. It was unanimously decided, to hold Club show in conjunction with the L.C.B.A. show, Nov. 24th to 27th, Horticultural Hall, under same conditions as in previous years. A gold, silver, and bronze medal will be awarded for first, second, and third most points in each of the three sections. Mr. Trower has very kindly given a silver medal for each section, for most points gained by a member who has not previously won a medal. A silver medal, given by the Toronto C.B.A., will be allotted to the best bird in the three sections. The silver "Hybrid" Cup and the silver "Nomination" Hardhill Cup will be competed for at this show. It is hoped that the club show will be better supported by the members than it was last year. Application for the Club's patronage was read from Swansea C.B.A., and two silver medals were granted. Bournemouth C.B.S., having forfeited the medal allotted them, there remains one silver medal to be allotted. Brighton C.B.S., was allotted a gift medal. A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded meeting.—Plumbridge and Carr, Hon. Secs.

GLASGOW AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

Committee met September 12 in Duncan's, 71, London Street, Glasgow, Mr. W. Hutchison, vice-president, in the chair, before a large turn-out of members. Letters of resignation were read from Mr. R. B. Jarvie (president) and Mr. D. Graham, and after a good deal of discussion it was decided to accept these. A motion was also unanimously carried, debarring Messrs. D. Graham and A. McFarlane from exhibiting at our open show. A rule was also made, "that any fancier found entering birds that were not his bona-fide property shall be debarred from exhibiting at any future show." The members were very fortunate in persuading Mr. W. Hutchison, the popular sec. of the West of Scotland, to accept the position of president. Mr. M. Craig was also elected to fill Mr. Hutchison's place as vice-president, and with two such experienced and hard-working fanciers at the head, there is every prospect of the show having a successful termination. The secretary then informed those present that the club had been successful in gaining the patronage of the S.B.B. and M.C. and their full complement of cups, trophy, and medals will be on competition at the show, also the Yorkshire C.C. of Scotland have granted us their club show and specials. The Border Fancy Club medal for best bird, and possibly one of their novice medals, will also be on competition. The club were unfortunate in not getting the patronage of the S.C.C. owing to the judge appointed not being a member of that club. It was decided to again purchase Garrison's prize leather cards. Several other items were decided, after which the meeting terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman.—F. Bowman, Sec.

SHEFFIELD C.B.S.

Meeting held Sept. 14th, Wentworth Cafe, Pinstone Street, Mr. A. Bradshaw in chair. Arrangements for our 32nd open show, Dec. 9th, Montgomery Hall, were made. Everything is being prepared in the hope of having a record show. Popular prize money fixed, viz., 10s., 6s., 4s., 2s., in Canary, Hybrid, and British Bird classes, large Foreign classes 15s., 10s., 5s.; small Foreign, 12s., 8s., 4s.; entry fee 1s. 6d. all sections. All prize money is guaranteed. Also decided, that we engage an additional judge. Several specials were promised, as also were birds for the Gift class. The two secretaries have guaranteed to the amount of £3; also Messrs. Cowley and Thorpe the auditors' fees. Arrangements are being made re adverts. in schedule and catalogue. The following classes for the various sections were decided upon: Yorks. 11, Nor. 8, Crests 4, Mule or Hyb. 3, Brit. 7, For. 2, Sell. 2, Gift 1, Extra Stock 1. Novice exhibitors are being specially catered for, having 7 classes. Secretary gave a detailed report of the N.F. show. All members who have not brought their ticket money are asked to bring it in on next meeting night. Previous rambles having been such a marked success, it is proposed to have another on Sept. 23rd to Redmires. Wagonettes will leave Hillsborough Bridge at 2 o'c., and will meet friends from the other side of the city at the top of Townhead Street at 2.30. Return fare 1s. 6d. Members and friends invited. October meeting is a washing exhibition by Mr. G. Browning (Rotherham) and nominations for officers for 1912. In addition to the judging competition on Nov. 2nd, a table show of unflighted Yorks. and Nor. has been arranged; two classes each variety; full particulars later. Mr. P. Jackson was elected a new member.—J. Woolhouse, Assist. Sec.

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GODIVA Cage Bird Society, 51h annual open show of Canaries, Mules, and British Birds will be held at the Chequers Hotel, on **October 14th, 1911.** Judge, W. Vardy. For schedules apply **R. SYMONDS, Hon. Sec., 29, Melbourne Road, Earlsdon, Coventry.**

BROMLEY and West Kent F.A. hold their 20th Annual Open show of Canaries, Mules, and British Birds on **October 18th and 19th, 1911.** First 14 classes guaranteed, and plenty of specials. Judge, C. A. House. Apply—**A. T. BELLINGER, Hon. Sec., 26 Nightingale Lane, Bromley, Kent.**

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and District C.B.S. Undoubtedly the finest one-day Show in the North, **October 14th, 1911.** Open to the United Kingdom. Four money prizes and specials. 1s. entry fee. Judges, Mr. J. C. Barnes and Mr. A. Hay. **Entries close Oct. 7th.** Schedules will be sent to all last year's exhibitors; others requiring one, apply to **E. Cowling, Fulbeck Cottage, Morpeth.**

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Cage Bird Society. Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules, Hybrids, British, and Foreign **Cage Birds** will be held at Crown Hotel, Hill Street, the finest room in the Midlands for **Cage Birds,** on **Wednesday and Thursday, October 18th and 19th.** Judges, T. Heath and J. C. Barnes. Schedules ready in a few days.—**S. MOLE, 87, Greenway Street, Small Heath, Birmingham.**

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2nd Great Annual Show, October 18th and 19th, 1911. Entries close **October 13th.** Judge, John Robson. **31 open classes** Canaries, Mules, British, Foreign. **Good prize money** and specials galore, **guaranteed.** Send for schedule.—**King and Joiner, 80, Stubbington Avenue, Portsmouth.**

NORTHAMPTON 40th Annual Show of Canaries, British, and Foreign Birds, **October 18th and 19th, 1911.** Judge, Mr. J. H. Roe. **Entries close October 9th.—COX and BARRETT, Secretaries, 69, Hunter Street.**

EASTBOURNE

6th Annual Open Show, of **Cage Birds,** etc., **October 18th and 19th next.** Judge, W. R. Miles, Esq. **Entries close October 5th.** For Schedules apply—**R. M. Daly, 120, Whitley Road.**

Newcastle-upon-Tyne

C.B.S. 6th Annual Show, **Oct. 20 & 21.** 95 Open Classes, including 8 Novice Classes. Judges, W. Vardy, J. S. Clarke, J. Robson, W. Mundell, C. Houlton. Splendid hall. Valuable Specials. Quick return of birds. Prompt payment of prize money. Under the patronage of all leading Specialist Clubs. Schedules from—**J. E. ATKINSON, 8, Trewhitt Road, Heaton, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.**

MIDDLESBRO

and Tees-Side C.B.S. 6th Annual Show, Oct. 21st, 1911. Prize money, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, 1/-; good specials; 1/- entry. Judges, Geo. Harland, Esq., C. Houlton, Esq. **Entries close Oct. 16th.** Schedules, apply, **Arthur Wake, 41, Aske Road, Middlebro'.**

SELKIRKSHIRE O.F.A.

Will hold their **23rd Annual Show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds,** Pigeons and Cage open to the United Kingdom), on **Saturday, 21st October.** Judges, H. Bennet, Esq., Kelso, Canaries; Tom Nisbet, Esq., Galston, Working Homers; John Scott, Esq., Edinburgh, varieties. **Entries close Saturday, 14th October.** Schedules from **James Robertson, 4, Green Terrace, Selkirk, N.B.**

Hartlepools'

C.B.S. Seventh Annual Show on **Saturday, October 28th.** 44 classes; 4 novice classes. Judges, Messrs. Battye and Maddison. Patronage N.Y.C.C. **Entries close October 23rd.** Schedules from—**E. WOODHEAD, St. Paul's Road, West Hartlepool.**

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C.B.C. 4th Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules, British, and Foreign Birds, **Saturday, October 28th.** Under patronage of Border Fancy and Yorkshire Canary Clubs. Good classification. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, and 2/6, and specials, for 1/6 entry fee. Popular judges. Schedules ready **October 7th** from—**JAMES SLOAN, 19, New Bridge Street.**

DYSART

Cage Bird Society 7th Annual Exhibition of Canaries, Mules, British, and Foreign Birds, on **Saturday, 28th October.** 70 Classes. Cup, medal, and numerous specials. Popular judges: Scotch Fancy, J. Thomson, Kirkcaldy; Border Fancy, R. Lambie, Whitburn; Norwich, Crests, and Plainheads, James Winter, Edinburgh; British and Foreign Birds, Christopher White and Robert Gilmour, Kirkcaldy. **Entries close 23rd October.** Schedules from **John S. Harris, Victoria Bar, Dysart, Fife.**

ROYAL LEAMINGTON SPA

Cage Bird Show, confined to the County of Warwick. Judge, Mr. Treadwell. Entries close October 12th, to—C. BROOKS, 5, Althorpe Street, Leamington.

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BRIGHTON

CAGE BIRD ASSOCIATION 2nd Annual Show. Canaries, British, Foreign. Nov. 8th and 9th, North Road Lecture Hall. Good classification, numerous specials, model prize cards. Judge, C. A. House, Esq. Entries close Nov. 1st. Note prize money: 10/-, 6/-, 4/-; 1/6 added in large classes. Schedules of—WILL. H. GIBB, Hon. Sec., 19, Bond Street.

BRISTOL, Nov. 14th & 15th

BLACKWOOD SHOW of Cage Birds and Pigns, Sat., Nov. 18. J. HAMILTON, Sec., Kirkmuirhill, Lanarkshire, Scotland.

DON'T FORGET THE

DONCASTER

C.B.S., Nov. 24th and 25th. 40 classes; numerous specials. Popular judges, Barnes and Maddison.—G. BESCOBY, 26, Duke Street.

It was a pleasaut surprise to me on Friday last when I got my copy of Cage Birds to find the picture of one of my birds occupying such a coveted position as the front page of this bird-fancier's encyclopædia. The bird did fairly well for me last show season for a young bird, as I only bred it last year. I might say that I breed all my own winners. The bird was out five times, and its record is: 1st and gold medal, Rochdale; 1st, Liverpool; 1st and B.F. C.C. Proof Model and special for best Green at Swansea; 3rd at Manchester; and 2nd at Palace. Being one of the team that won for me the Green Canary Association Silver Cup, I think readers of Cage Birds will agree with me when I say that the honour you have conferred on it is a just reward. I must also thauk your artist, Mr. Norman, for the pleasing and lifelike reproduction, and I trust that our owu weekly budget, "C.B.," may keep on prospering, which I am sure it richly deserves. James Johnston (Wallsend-on-Tyne).

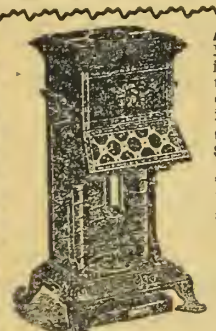
A Large Migrant.

Tho huge Stork, a bird measuring three feet in length, was at one time common in these islands upon migration, but times have changed and although the species still freqnuent Contiuental northern districts, these birds no longer visit us, although the couditions under which they flourish are to be found here, and no doubt, if unmolested, they would again soon become fairly plentiful.

Country Rambles

STOKE-ON-TRENT C.B.A.

A nice party assembled at headquarters on Sunday, September 3, to take part in a ramble to Moddersall, one of the prettiest spots in North Staffordshire. Before starting, the party was photographed. We went by train to Blyth Bridge as arranged, the weather being gloriously fine. We had a lovely walk across the fields and along pleasant lanes. Arriving at Moddersall, everyone was ready for refreshment, and full justice was done to a capital tea at the Boar Hotel, Mr. H. George rendering great assistance to the management. Starting off again for Barleston Station, we had a most enjoyable walk. The sun having gone down, the weather was much cooler and pleasanter than in the afternoon. Several members of the party expressed regret that more fanciers had not taken part in the ramble. Stoke was reached at 9.50 p.m., everyone having thoroughly enjoyed the outing.—J. Pitchford.



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Twitterings.

Dunbar and Dist. C.B. show will be held on November 1, writes Mr. M. Gilhooly, the sec.

Kindly note my change of address, writes Mr. J. Shore, to "Market Hotel," Market St., Glossop.

Kindly note my change of address to Summer Hill House, Blaydon-on-Tyne, writes Mr. G. S. Ellwood.

Mr. A. Hirst (Accrington) has been appointed as one of our judges, writes Mr. R. Blincoe, sec. of the Rochdale O.S.

I have removed from Mill Street to 2, Market Street, Ludlow, writes Mr. W. T. Woof, hon. sec. of the Ludlow C.B.S.

Will fanciers and friends please note that my new address is 143, Back Lane, Hyde, Cheshire, writes Mr. Wm. Wrigley.

I have been elected to judge the cage bird section of Dalheattie Show, to be held on January 1, 1912, writes Mr. John Martin (Castle Douglas).

Will fanciers and secretaries please note my change of address from Bankfield Street to 16, John Street, Bunkers Hill, Colne, Lancs, writes Mr. J. Laycock.

The judge for our show on December 7 and 8 will be Mr. H. W. Battye (Huddersfield), writes Mr. Thos. Mayne, sec. of the Larne and Dis. C.B.A.

Kindly note my change of address from Longsight to 40, Vernon Street, Gorton, Manchester, writes Mr. B. Wharton, sec. of the Salford Linnet Club.

Our next show is fixed for November 14 and 15, writes Mr. G. T. H. Maggs, sec. of the Bristol F.A., and the judges appointed are Messrs. J. H. Payne and W. Vardy.

Schedules of our show to be held on October 5 will be out this week, writes Mr. A. H. Calcutt, sec. of the Oxford F.S. The delay was due to the making-up of special prize list.

Roller fanciers, don't forget Oxford Show on October 26, under patronage of the B.R.C.C., who are giving a large silver cup and bronze medals. Prize-money guaranteed. Separate cosy room.—Advt.

Will fanciers please note that Blaydon C.B.S. have decided to add another four classes to annual schedule, namely, three for Border Fancies and one for Twite, Redpoll, and Siskin? writes Mr. Geo. Havver, the sec.

We are pleased to say that we have engaged a fourth judge for our open show on November 3 and 4, write Messrs. Melcalfe and Hillmen, hon. secs. of the Liverpool O.S. Mr. W. Dormer (Rishton) will judge all Cinnamon classes.

Mr. Shakespear, the veteran fancier, has promised us a lecture at our next meeting on October 7, when we hope to see a good number present, all fanciers being invited, writes Mr. J. W. Burgess, assist. sec. of the Metropolitan C.B.A.

The Midland Roller C.C. have secured the services of Messrs. F. A. Lester (London), T. W. Walton (Leeds), and J. Lyons (Blackburn) as judges for their open contest, to be held on November 2 and 3, writes Mr. T. J. Smith, the sec.

Will fanciers and members who intend to compete for the Lancashire C.A. specials kindly forward me their subscriptions on or before the last day of September? writes Mr. J. Hampshire, the sec., 7, Cowper Street, Oldham; otherwise they will be late to compete for this season's specials.

Please mention that the spring uet traps which I am continuously advertising in exchange for Canaries will in future be called the "Pioneer" spring net traps, writes Mr. W. Cornwall, of Peterborough. My reason for doing this is to guard against their being confused with any inferior nets on the market.

Owing to the unexpected and regretted departure of Mr. Dunnett from Cardiff, the office of secretary of the Cardiff C.B.S. has been rendered vacant, and the executive having experienced a difficulty in obtaining a successor have again prevailed on me to undertake the duties, writes Mr. W. Sampsou, 93, Llanishen Street, Cardiff.

Among other articles in the September issue of "Bird Notes"—the journal of the Foreign Bird Club—are "A Yorkshire Aviary" (by Mr. Wesley T. Page), "My Aviaries and Their Inmates" (by Mr. H. S. Dean), and "The Nesting of Hoopoes" (by Mr. M. Armstein). A large number of interesting notes, etc., complete a capital issue.

Tho rules and list of members of the Cinnamon Marked Yorkshire C.C. have just been issued. The pamphlet is of handy size, and contains also the balance sheet for 1910-11, and particulars of the members' competitions during the coming show season. Tho secs. are Messrs. S. B. Grayshon and F. Allen, Wormald Street, Flush, Heckmondwike, Yorks.

We have engaged the following judges for our show on November 25, writes Mr. Jno. Kilpatrick, sec. of the Uddingston and Dis. O.S.: Norwich Section, Mr. G. Muir (Kilmarnock); Border Section, Mr. G. Smart (Carmyle); British Bird Section, Mr. R. Bald (Bathgate). We only wish for the saue entry as we had last year, and we will not grumble.

As so many shows are being held on November 18, writes Mr. T. Wilson, hon. sec. of the Yarm, Eaglescliffe, and Dis. C.B.S., we decided at our last meeting to hold our open show on December 16. Will fanciers kindly make a note of this date? Mr. F. Marwood (for British, Mules and Hybrids) and Mr. Mundell (for Canaries, etc.) have been appointed to judge.

The patronage of the Northern British Bird, Mule and F.B.C., writes Mr. George Taylor, the secretary, has been granted to the following societies:—Chopwell, October 7; Newcastle, October 20 and 21; Derwent Valley, October 28; Blaydon, November 3 and 4; Alnwick, November 15; and Gateshead, December 8 and 9.

The event of the week is the Scotch Fancy National Derby O.A. show in the Grand National Hall, Glasgow, on September 23. The secretary writes that the show is likely to be up to its usual, which augurs well for the event. Style is said to predominate in the Scotch Fancy Canary this year. The judges are Messrs. Kean, Holden, Nisbet, and Kennedy.

OBITUARY.

Mr. W. MILLWARD (Blackburn).

It is with deep regret that we report the loss of our worthy president, Mr. W. Millward, of Blackburn, who died on September 14 after a very short illness, write Messrs. Flint and Swarbrick, secs. of the Tideswell C.B.I.S. Fanciers and friends who knew him in the Lancashire district will kuow the loss we have sustained, and will share our sympathy towards his wife and family.

Mr. EDWARD SCOTT MUIR (Eaglesfield).

There has just been removed by death at Eaglesfield, on September 11, Mr. Edward Scott Muir, ono of the oldest fanciers in Dumfriesshire, writes Mr. W. Muir (Edinburgh), a nephew of the deceased. Born at Ecclefechan 81 years ago, Mr. E. S. Muir from boyhood had a love for birds and all that pertained to them. The Belgian, Scotch Fancy, and Goldfinch were his favourites, he retaining these to the last. He was an exhibitor in a quiet way at local and other shows, where he was very successful. Not later than September 2, at a local show, his birds graced the bench, where again he met with success. Besides being a fancier, in his earlier days he was a champion draughts player over a wide Border district, where he had always lived. He was a winner of many tourneys, and in later years he was always looked upon as an authority of the game. He was held in esteem hy all who knew him. On September 13, in Hoddam Churchyard, amidst sympathy of many fanciers and friends, he was laid to rest.

The Eastern Counties C.B.S. have arranged a series of tahle shows to take place this coming season, the first to be held on October 5, at 8 p.m. sharp, at our headquarters, the Social Settlement, Fore Street, Ipswich, writes Mr. W. Barrett, the hon. sec. Two classes aro provided, viz., A.V. Norwich P.H. Adult Yellow, and ditto Young Buff. Mr. J. Bevan (Ipswich) will judge.

The 1911-12 handbook of the Southern Yorkshire C.C. has just been issued. It contains the rules of the club, the scale of points for exhibition birds, the committee bye-laws, the 1910-11 halance-sheet (showing cash in hand £7 17s. 11d., as against £6 9s. 11d. in the previous year), a list of the special prizes, etc., for competition, and the members' names and addresses. The sec. is Mr. J. W. Rennie, The Junction Hotel, Andover, Hants.

Many thanks for the portrayal of my Palace winning Belgian in the place of honour in your valued paper, Cage Birds. I must compliment your artist, Mr. Norman, on his lifelike drawing of same. I am pleased to say that the bird has again moulted out grand, and should he heard of later. I have to thank your paper for my success. "C.B." always contains sound advice, and as an advertising medium it has no equal.—Harry Lohr (Carmarthen).

We will forward a schedule to all who patronised our shows last year, write Messrs. King and Joiner, secs. of the Portsmouth C.B.S. We are equipped with one of the finest halls for a cage bird show that it is possible to obtain. It is capable of staging from two to three thousand exhibits. The society has been to the expense of new staging, which will prove a boon to visitors and exhibitors. The hall can be heated to requirements, and contains every possible convenience. We have received congratulatory letters from fanciers in all quarters on our past shows, and we trust to receive every support for our show on October 18 and 19.

Southern Yorkshire C.C.

Tho following shows have received the Southern Yorkshire Canary Club's patronage:—Cup Competition: Clapham, Plymouth, Cheltenham, Southend, Wimbledon, and L.C.B.A.; Trophy: Clapham, Plymouth, Cheltenham, Swansea, Cardiff, and L.C.B.A.; and Novice: Clapham, Southend, Wimbledon, and L.C.B.A.—J. W. Rennie, hon. sec.

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Sept. 28.—**Oxford F.A.**—A. H. Calcutt, Kidlington, Oxon.

Sept. 29.—**Cross Hands.**—D. Morgan, 3, Tynewydd Terrace.

IMPORTANT TO SHOW SECRETARIES & OFFICIALS.

Kindly Give This Your Attention.

We invite the co-operation of show secretaries, managers and others in the preparation of Cage Birds annual "Guide to the Season's Open Shows." This "Show Guide" has proved enormously popular in the past, and the help we have always received in its compilation encourages us to hope for similar assistance now. We should be glad to learn from the officials of every cage bird show already fixed the following particulars:—(a) name and date of show; (b) names of judges officiating at same; (c) the approximate number of cage bird classes; (d) name and address of secretary (or show manager); and (e) whether show is open to the United Kingdom.

The list is already a fairly full one, and we print the names below. We should like to hear from all societies whose fixture is not included in this list.

Kindly note: A POSTCARD WILL DO. POST SAME AT ONCE.

Fanciers generally can help us materially by bringing the above to the attentiou of the society to which they belong.

HERE ARE THE NAMES OF THE FIXTURES WE HAVE ALREADY ON OUR LIST:—

Avonbridge, Aylesbury, Ayr C.B.C., Ashington and Hirst, Amble, Alnwick, Arbroath, Aberdeen, Bankyfelin, Brasted, Bideford, Burnley, Bolton, Broughty Ferry, Bradford West, Bromley (Kent), Birmingham, Burton-on-Trent, Border City, Bonnyrigg, Barnstaple, Blaydon-on-Tyne, Bo'ness, Blantyre, Brechin, Bournemouth, Buckie, Brighton C.B.S., Bodmin, Banbridge, Barnsley, Buckhaven, Brighton F.A., Beamish, Bury, Brighouse, Blairgowrie, Bradford National, Bootle, Birkenhead, Bush Hill Park, Blackburn, Broxburn, Bathgate, Coxhoe, Colwyn Bay, Catcham, Cross Hands, Chopwell, Coventry Godiva, City of Glasgow, Codnor Park, Clydebank, Cheltenham, Chatham, Cleator Moor, Cannock, Consett and Blackhill, Coventry O.S., Cardiff, Crook Original, Cowdenbeath, Cramlington, City of Dundee, Chilhetoe, Coaltown of Wemyss, Cupar, Chester, Craven Arms, City of Bradford, Dolgelly, Dalkeith, Dafen, Dysart, Derwent Valley, Dunfermline C.B.S., Dover, Darlington C. and B.B.F.A., Darvel, Doncaster, Derby, Dublin P.P. and C.B.S., Dunfermline and West of Fife, East Lothian, Edinburgh Southern, East Reading, East Ham C.B.S., Eastfield Side, Eccleshill, Edinburgh N.C. and M.B.S., Epsom and Ewell, Exeter and Devon, Edinburgh C.B.S., Eastbourne, Edinburgh Open, Elgin, Falkirk C.B.S., Forfar, Forres and N.C.O.S., Grimsby, Glasgow Queen's Park, Gt. Horton O.S., Glasgow West End, Galashiels, Gt. Harwood, Grimsby and Cleethorpes Roller, Garston, Guernsey, Gateshead, Glasgow C.B.A., Guisborough Priory, Haverton Hill, Hyson Green, Hanley, Huddersfield, Hartlepools, Hamilton (Cadzow Oaks), Hirst Universal, Hull, Harrogate, Holywood, Hinckley, Halifax, Hebden Bridge and Calder Valley, Inverness, Ilkeston, Ilford, Kelty and Blairadam, Kirkcaldy, Kilmarnock O.C.B.S., Kilsyth, Kendal, Longton, Laisterdyke, Loughor, Loanbead, Lochgelly, Leeds, Leamington Spa, Luton F.S., London Federation, Liskeard, Liverpool O.S., Leicester Hand-in-Hand, Lowestoft F.S., Luton C.B.S., Leith O.S., Leigh C.B.S., Leatherhead, Lockerbie, Ludlow, L.C.B.A., Lochore and Glencraig, Llanelly C.B.S., Launceston, Lancaster Primrose, Larne, Llanelly P.P. and C.B.S., Leadgate, Moffat, Market Drayton, Morpeth, Middlesbrough, Manchester and N.C.O.S., Manningham, Molesey, Maidstone, Muirkirk Metropolitan C.B.A., Musselburgh, Norwich Alliance, Newcastle, Nottingham P.O.S., Nottingham and Notts, Newport C.B.S., Newtownards, N. Wales C.B.S., Oxford F.S., Oxford C.B.S., Old Shildon, Paisley O.A., Pentre, Plymouth, Portsmouth C.B.S., Portsmouth F.S., Perth, Penrhwceiber, Pontypridd, Peterborough, Penzance, Preston, Polmont, Poplar, Pelton Fell, Provincial Roller, Queensbury, Resolven, Rochdale O.C., Rutherglen, Reading, Runcorn, Scotch Fancy National Derby, Six Bells, Selkirkshire O.F.A., Sittingbourne, South Shields, Sligo, Sheffield O.S., Stockton-on-Tees, Stonehouse N.B., Southend and S.C.O.S., Swansea, Stoke-on-Trent, Sutton-in-Ashfield (amalgamated), Sale Open, Stirling, Swanley, Stamford, Sheerness, Stoke Newington, Selkirk, Stratford-on-Avon, Sheffield C.B.S., Shiremoor, Scottish National, Sandy Lane, Sunderland, Stratford and East London, Skelmanthorpe, Torbay O.S., Tunstall, Treharris, Tideswell, Tonbridge, Thatto Heath, Uddingston, Ulster O.A., Vale of Leven, Whitehaven, West Bromwich, Wolverhampton, Warrington, Wimbledon, Woodside, Windhill, Woolwich F.S., West of Scotland, Windsor, Whitburn, Wandsworth F.A., Wakefield Roller, West Stanley, Weybridge, Y.C.B.S. of Ireland, York, Yarm Eaglescliffe, Yeovil.

Since writing the above, we have received notification of the dates of the following fixtures:—Bristol F.A., Dunbar, Leek, Midland Roller C.C., Pentrebach, and Shettleston.

JUDGES' NAMES, ETC., WANTED.

The judges' names and the number of classes being provided are wanted in the cases of the under-mentioned shows to enable us to complete our list:—

Bolton, Brighton F.A., Berder City, Barnstaple, Buckie, Banbridge, Cowdenbeath, Chatham, Craven Arms, Cleator Moor, Crook Original, Dafen, Dunbar, Dunfermline C.B.S., Hinckley, Hyson Green, Hirst Universal, Inverness, Kirkcaldy, Loughor, Leamington Spa, Launcestou, Molesey, Muirkirk, Nottingham P.O.S., Penrhwceiber, Pontypridd, Selkirkshire, Six Bells, Sligo, Stonehouse, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Treharris, Wakefield, Windsor, Woolwich, and Y.C.B.S. of Ireland.

The names and addresses of the secretaries of the following fixtures are wanted:—

Blantyre, Beanish, Barnstaple, Chatham F.A., East Reading, Epsom and Ewell, Leatherhead, Luton F.S., Molesey, Maidstoue, Penrhwceiber, Swanley, Sheerness, Selkirkshire, Woolwich, and Yeovil.

I have had so many applications in reply to my advertisement in "CAGE BIRDS," that I find it impossible to answer them all. I have had letters from all over the country, and could have sold the birds, etc., two or three times over. — Geo. W. Wright (Fallowfield).

CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE

Patrons: Mrs. TINNISWOOD MILLER, London; E. J. BROOK, Esq., Ecclefechan; The Rev. G. H. RAYNOR, Maldon. Vice-Presidents: Mrs. M. B. PARTRIDGE, Worthing; Miss C. M. E. HILL, Exeter; Sir CHAS. LAWES-WITTEWRONGE, Bart., London; H. D. ASTLEY, Esq., M.A., F.Z.S., M.B.O.U., Newbury; GERALD E. RATTIGAN, Esq., London; CHAS. CUSHNY, Esq., London.

The Views of Our Vice-Presidents.

Sir Chas. Lawes-Wittewronge writes: "I shall be pleased to become a Vice-President or Patron, or whatever you wish, of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE. Why do not these people stop the *shooting* of wild birds? There would be some sense in that. But they are too cowardly to attack the real thing."

Mrs. M. B. Partridge, Worthing, who is already a member, writes: "I shall be very pleased to be a Vice-President of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE. My interest is very strong, and I am recommending the LEAGUE to all my friends who are interested in birds, and am trying to enrol all my fellow members of our local Fanciers' Association.

Gerald E. Rattigan, Esq., London, writes: "I thoroughly approve of the objects of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE, and shall be very pleased to be enrolled as a Vice-President.

The Rev. G. H. Raynor, Maldon, in sending a donation to the funds, writes: "By all means add my name as a patron of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE. Personally I don't think that such a thing as putting an entire stop to bird-keeping in England could ever come to pass, but it is of course as well to take preventive measures."

(I quite endorse Mr. Raynor's opinion. CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE is here to see that an entire stop is not put to bird-keeping. There is, however, a section of so-called Humanitarians who are leaving no stone unturned to effect this object, and we need all the support we can get to put up such an opposition that they will see that their efforts are futile).

Booking Clerks and Bird Parcels.

I have now completed the enquiries into the alleged refusal of the Nottingham booking clerks to accept for transmission parcels containing birds, and of the three companies serving Nottingham, two, the G.N.R. and the G.C.R., inform me that no instructions had been given their clerks to decline to forward these. The third company, the Midland, writes as follows:—"As the Nottingham City Bye-laws make it an offence for anyone to have in possession certain scheduled birds at *any time* of the year, we do not, therefore, accept these birds for conveyance." I have written to the District Superintendent of the Midland to the effect that it is only an offence to have "freshly taken" birds in one's possession (this has been already decided in the Law Courts), and that no bye laws could legally make it an offence to have in possession birds other than those "recently caught." Anyway, two of the three Companies say that they do not refuse to carry birds, and there would therefore seem to be facilities for despatching birds without troubling the Midland Railway Co. to add to their traffic receipts.

More Groundless Assertions.

The letter to which Mr. Watson in another column refers is written over the nom-de-plume of "Sheffielder," and consists mainly of the hysterics to which we have become accustomed. It displays the usual amount of ignorance of the circumstances under which many thousands of birds are kept in happiness and comfort. One quotation will be sufficient. The pseudonymous writer says of the birds which are taken during the close season "Of these an enormous percentage die almost at once, while the rest lead a more or less wretched existence in cages, until death, hastened only too often by neglect, brings release." Of course, after the "enormous percentage" and "the rest," there are no birds left at all which are being kept in rational conditions. No pet birds! No birds living from ten to twenty years in the loving care of their owners! No exhibitions of cage-birds with hundreds of competing birds, each and all in such perfection of plumage and healthy condition as would never have been attained if they had been left to fight for their food and life in freedom! No anything; except corpses of the birds which have immediately died or have perished from neglect! Could anything be more absurd? Yet there are some people who are misled by such vapourings as those of "Sheffielder" and his kin, and who honestly fancy that the caging of a bird is an act of monstrous cruelty. The doctrine is promulgated by paid preachers, but it is accepted without question by a proportion of kind-hearted people who know, if possible, less of the subject than the stump orators; and it is this section who find the money and who would vote for any prohibitive legislation. It behoves all real bird lovers to face the danger which threatens the entire banning of their hobby, and to do so now. It will be too late if ever these perfervid opponents get in the thin edge of the wedge, and we can only by united efforts prevent its insertion. Bestir yourselves now, and join CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE. The rest is easy.

Practical Help Indeed.

Mr. F. J. Wickham, of Chatham, kindly writes as follows:—"I shall offer prizes during the season at shows around Kent of one year's subscription to CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE, with pendant or brooch at winner's option." This is a very practical method of helping the LEAGUE, and one which is open to many who are unable to make a substantial donation, but who would be willing to support it by a means which is within the scope of their power. Our strength lies in *numbers*, and every new member not only helps himself but helps his fellow members in making the stand which has been rendered imperative in the defence of our joint hobby.

A Coincidence.

It happens very curiously that the idea of Mr. Wickham has simultaneously occurred to another member, Mr. Hinckley, also of Chatham. Mr. Hinckley has, however, "gone one better," for he has already put the idea into execution, and has presented a subscription and badge to be competed for at Chatham Show in any class at the option of the Committee.

A Newspaper Article.

I referred last week to an appreciative article which had been published in the "Ashton-under-Lyne Reporter," and in another column appears a reprint of a portion of this. I hope to publish in subsequent issues the continuation of this interesting contribution. I am sure it will be appreciated not only by new readers, but also by those who have already seen my own reply to the exaggerations contained in the pamphlet published by the Humanitarian League.

The verdict to which Mr. Colville refers has already been upset. In the case of the R.S.P.C.A. v. Bennett the Society sought to establish that birds which had been kept for seven weeks by Mr. Bennett were "recently taken" within the meaning of the Act. They contended that a wild bird if caught at any time within the previous six months was "recently taken." The police magistrate decided against them, and they took the case to the Divisional Court. Here, the Lord Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Ridley, and Mr. Justice Bray unanimously upheld the magistrate's decision. Mr. Justice Bray, in giving judgment, said he "should be very slow to find that any bird which had been taken even for fourteen days was 'recently taken.'"

Clackmannanshire C.B.S. Support.

Mr. Arnott, the Hon. Sec. of the above Society, writes as follows:—

Sir,—At a meeting of our society on 16th inst. I had the pleasure of laying before the meeting your letter dated July 27 last, and I was asked to take up the position of local hon. sec., and to endeavour to get as many members for the LEAGUE as possible. Will you kindly, therefore, forward pamphlets for distribution, so that I may get to work at once?

Alloa, N.B. PETER ARNOTT.

This week I have the pleasure of announcing additions to our list of Local Hon. Secs. as follows:—

Camborne, Mr. F. Collins, 60, Union Street.

Alloa, N.B., Mr. P. Arnott, 37a, Grange Road.

Colne, Mr. A. Wilkinson, 193, Cotton Tree, near Colne, Lancs.

Tideswell, Buxton, Mr. W. F. Swarbrick, High Street.

Full particulars of our Free Booklets, Coloured Seals, Badges and terms of Membership, Vice-presidentship and Patronage, will be found in last week's issue, page 159.

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Some Recent Arrivals from Abroad.

By W. E. TESCHEMAKER, B.A.

(Continued from page 142).

Uncommon Song-Tanagers.

It is quite a puzzle why rare Tanagers should be more frequently imported now than formerly in view of the fact that some of the best sources of supply are now legally protected, such as British Guiana and Jamaica, and that a well-known professional, who used to make a practice of travelling with birds between South America and English ports, has gone out of the business. I can only suppose that the British sailor-man, who I fancy does a good deal of the importing nowadays, has acquired wisdom and can now spot a good Tanager in a mixed lot. Mr. C. T. Maxwell, the well-known exhibitor, writes me that he recently picked up three Tanagers of the Euphonia type but with blue caps. The description given me is not detailed and, as there are at least five members of the genus Euphonia which have a blue cap, I am not too certain as to their identity, but it is probable that they are *E. sclater*, a rare species hailing from Porto Rico.

The male has the upper surface blue-black; the underparts and forehead orange; the cap bright blue. A singular characteristic of these blue-capped Tanagers is that the females, though their body colour is mostly the usual olive green, also have the blue cap which gives them a very distinctive appearance. Mr. Maxwell's are doing well and will, I daresay, make their appearance in due course on the show bench; but two other aviculturists have not been so fortunate with the same, or a similar, species.

Habits of the Violet Tanager.

I have been quite content for the past year or two to keep only Song-Tanagers in my aviary, and have found them most interesting, especially the little Violet, a species which most aviculturists seem to think too common to be worth notice. In some previous notes I alluded to two odd habits of this species—its queer hobby of building domed nests at all seasons of the year, and its curious knack of hanging, head downwards, from a branch in a shower, presumably to allow the rain to penetrate to the skin and dislodge red mite. I could mention many others. I find that, if there is no cock in the aviary, hens will sing quite as well as cocks. One day I surprised the hen of a breeding pair in the act of feeding the male with regurgitated food, which seems to me to be quite interesting as suggesting a close connection between the Tanagers and the Finches. One would not have been so surprised to detect this habit in a species such as the Black Tanager, which eats a little seed, but the Violet has always been regarded as essentially a fruit-eater. I find, however, that it has really very catholic tastes in the matter of diet; it is fond of the flowering heads of groundsel and milk-thistle; it is partial to slugs—the larger the slug the more it is appreciated, and it is quite an epicure in the matter of gentles which it chews—perhaps I should say mandibulates—slowly and with great relish.

Concerning Hoopoes.

A few of these handsome birds have been imported lately, but by no means so many as last year—in fact, I fear that, what with the bitter spring which killed vast numbers of the migrants returning to their breeding areas and the extraordinary drought of the past summer which has caused a great shortage of insect food, there has been a considerable reduction in the numbers of European birds. Reports just to hand state that the recent winter in parts of Australia and New Zealand has been more severe than any during the past thirty years, and, if this fact indicates (as it is supposed to indicate) that the coming winter in our country will be exceptionally severe, bird life will be scanty indeed next spring. A notable success has lately been attained by the rearing of five young Hoopoes in the aviary of Mr. Armstein, of Cork—a success which will rank with the nesting of Princess Stephanie's Bird of Paradise in Mr. Brook's aviary, and the partial rearing of three broods of Gold-fronted Fruitsuckers in Dr. Amsler's aviary at Eton as among the most interesting events of the year from the aviarist's point of view, though the brood of Striated Colies, which Mr. Thorpe tells me are now feathering in a Newcastle aviary, will also be a noteworthy record if fully reared. Of course, Hoopoes as they were kept in Bechstein's days, in a stuffy, stove-heated bird-room, could not be expected to do well, but when we reflect that, even with the skilful, out-of-door treatment provided by our Zoo, they have never done well for any considerable length of time and that scores of experienced bird keepers have failed with this species, we shall all admit that the greatest possible credit is due to Mr. Armstein. Our readers will find particulars of the occurrence in the August and September numbers of "Bird Notes," from which it appears that the eggs were laid in a chocolate box in a dark corner behind some cages. The beaks of the young were no longer at first than those of young Thrushes and, even when the young Hoopoes were fully feathered and could erect their crests, their beaks were only 1¼ inches long.

Two points may be noted. The first is that the parents were obtained in the month of May. Many worthy people, whose knowledge of practical trapping is probably rudimentary, seem to imagine that birds caught in the spring do not prosper: my own experience is that they do every bit as well as those caught in the Autumn, and on several occasions I have known them to go to nest very shortly after capture. Of course by Spring-caught birds I mean those trapped before pairing has taken place; after that date no experienced or humane person would do any trapping.

The second point is that Mr. Armstein tells us that his aviary is of very moderate size and contains a fair number of other birds. This shows us that it is not necessary to have a palatial aviary to command success even with such a difficult subject as the Hoopoe—indeed we must all have noticed how very barren of results these costly structures are. Though it is the greatest possible treat to me to be allowed to visit these aviaries, I never feel a pang of jealousy.

Questions and Answers.

DOUBTS AND DIFFICULTIES SOLVED BY SPECIALISTS.

Queries will be answered under the following conditions:—

(1)—*All questions must be clearly written in ink (or typewritten) on one side of paper, and must conclude with either the correct name of querist, or a pseudonym, or initials.*

(2)—*The proper name and address in full of querist must always be written on a separate sheet of paper, and enclosed with the query. In no case must the oddress appear on the query.*

(3)—*Queries intended for different specialists must not be written on the same sheet of paper.*

(4)—**Queries must not include** or *be included in orders for books, instructions re advertisements, or any other matter for publication.*

(5)—*The department to which the queries refer must be stated in bold letters on the left-hand corner of the query.*

(6)—*If an answer in the same week's issue is desired, queries must be posted to reach us by* **Monday's first post** *at latest. Queries will be dealt with in the order in which they are received, and only as space permits. The earlier queries are received the better attention they are likely to have.*

(7)—*Queries relating to illnesses of birds, except enquiries as to cause of death (for which see Post Mortems) will be answered by return of post on receipt of a postal order for sixpence and an addressed stamped envelope. Queries of an ordinary nature will be answered by post, if desired, on receipt of a postal order for one shilling and a stamped addressed envelope.*

(8)—*All who require letters of complaints written to advertisers must state grounds for doing so clearly and fully, and enclose a fee of sixpence, otherwise their letters will not receive attention. All the fees received from this source will be handed over in full to the "Referee's" Poor Children's Dinner Fund (London).*

(9)—*All queries must be addressed the* **Editor, "Cage Birds,"** 154, *Fleet Street, London, E.C. Only queries so sent will be answered. Postcards are not admissible.*

THE following gentlemen represent CAGE BIRDS staff of **ADVISORY EXPERTS.** Queries must in no case be addressed to any of them individually, but to the Editor.

Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** British Birds, Mules and Hybrids—**G. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., &c., Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc., of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his questions for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Indian Seeds (Correction).—A little printer's error occurred, I find, in the reply on this subject on Sept. 9th. Will the querist please note that the words "crushed grain or cholum" should read "crushed gram or cholum."

Reply by Return (C. Tyrell).—A reply should have reached you before your second letter reached us. You may not be aware that queries have to be re-posted to me after arrival at the office, thus occupying at lease two "posts" before reaching me.

A Tender foot (Anxious).—First examine feet as bird stands on perch to see if the toes are normal in shape. See that it has suitably shaped and well fitting perches of a proper size. Keep cage floor and perches clean, and the floor strewn with clean dry gritty sand. Then treat the feet for a day or two the same as advised to "C. Tyrell."

Cause of Clear Eggs (12 clear eggs).—It is quite impossible to put the finger on the cause of this without very full particulars of the management and general condition of the stock.. It is not at all uncommon for a pair of birds to appear in the very pink of health and condition, to pair freely, and apparently perform all necessary duties with the greatest freedom, and yet absolutely fail to produce a fertile egg. They do not 'hit," as an old hand would term it, and that is about all that can be said of many cases. Either one or both birds may be sterile; excessive fatness of one or both birds; a snap of chilly weather, especially East winds, when the eggs are being produced; and accidental obstructions are only a portion of the possible causes. You should read up the chapters on breeding in "Our Canaries."

Colour-fed Border (Border Novice).—(1) Colour-feeding is strictly prohibited in this variety; therefore, if your bird shows evident signs of colour-feeding it would be passed unnoticed, either in an A.O.V. class or a separate Border Fancy class, or, which is still worse, it might possibly be disqualified. (2) No; a colour-fed Border would not stand a better chance than a "natural" colour one in the A.O.V. class. Quite the reverse would be the case. (3) No, not unless the two birds were sold at the limit price of the class, as, for example, a matched pair. Each cage represents a separate entry.

A Window Songster (Novice).—For mercy's sake do not keep the bird in the window. It is absolutely the worst position you could choose for the health and well-being of the bird. Keep it in a nice, bright position within the room, in a box cage for preference, but in any case quite out of reach of draughts, foul air from burning lights, etc., and extremes of heat and cold Give a staple of two parts canary to one part summer rape. Twice a week give separately half a teaspoonful of the seed mixture you now use as staple, and once a week a small teaspoonful of egg-food, or crushed sponge cake, or the equivalent in bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar. Give a little greenstuff about three times a week as long as the weather keeps open, then substitute a morsel of banana, sweet apple, or boiled or raw carrot. Supply a bath two or three times a week (daily in summer), and keep cage strewn with clean gritty sand. You should get the Nutshell booklets Nos. 5 and 10.

Constantly Picking Itself (J. Whitfield, St. Helen's).—Catch the bird and see if it is troubled with grey lice. If it is you will soon be aware of the fact by their running about your hand, in which case take the necessary steps to eradicate them, as frequently detailed here. Feed as advised to "Novice" in this issue, except that for the first week give a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut, slightly dusted with flowers of sulphur, and sprinkled with maw seed every second day, and on the intervening days add as much sulphate of soda as will cover a sixpence, and half as much chlorate of potash to the drinking water. In the next week give four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day. Keep it in an equable and fairly warm temperature to expedite the moult. You should read our No. 10 Nutshell booklet.

Acknowledgment (M. E. W.).—Thank you for letter. Sorry to hear another death has occurred. I think it rather a pity you did not send this body to our post-mortem examiner for an ordinary report as to cause of death. This would have cost only 1s. 6d.—not a guinea—and would doubtless have indicated whether it was worth while investigating further for poison.

Feathers Ruffled (Anxious).—It is quite usual for birds to appear somewhat loose-feathered and ruffled when at roost, so if this is not excessive in your bird it may not mean much. The digestive organs are evidently somewhat out of order. Give plain canary only as a staple diet. Every second day give separately half a teaspoonful of summer rape and a morsel of banana, and on the alternate days a pinch of maw and either a green

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should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Norman's "Aviories, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

plantain stalk or a small spray of watercress. Limit the diet to this for a fortnight. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week, and in the following week give four drops each of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day. Keep cage floor strewn with clean gritty sand, and see that all food and water vessels are kept scrupulously clean. See Mr. Weston's column for reply re Ortolans.

Moulting Lighter (Esparto).—It is quite a trifle uncommon for birds to lose markings of plumage at moulting, but by no means unknown. When there is a cinnamon taint in the blood these light changes are often met with. Providing the birds are in apparently good normal health, you should do nothing at all. Certainly anæmia has nothing to do with the change. As regards your poor results, I would advise you to try to get a little lettuce drawn up in a cellar or under glass for the first round, or use tender young groundsel, and do not pair up until quite the end of March or first week in April. It is quite possible to be too fussy and interfering during the nesting time, but it is still essential that scrupulous cleanliness be observed. The type of management you instance is as dangerous as it is disgusting. It succeeds for a time, but when nemesis steps in in the form of disease, there is generally "a clean sweep" in double-quick time.

Cannot Perch (Imprimature).—See if bird's toes are perfect and in a normal condition, and also see that the perches are of a proper size and shape, and fixed firmly so that they do not wriggle about when the bird gets on them. In addition to the staple of plain canary give half a teaspoonful of summer rape, and either a morsel of banana or greenfood every second day. On the alternate days give a scrap of bread and milk with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it and sprinkled with maw seed. Twice a week give a small teaspoonful of the seed mixture advised to "Pit Laddie" last week. Keep a piece of cuttlefish in the wires for bird to peck at. In the drinking water give six drops of tincture of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts every second day for a week as will cover a sixpence; in the next week give four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid. After this for a fortnight give 20 drops of Chemical Food every second day.

To Cure Fits (Auld Killie).—Your system of feeding is decidedly bad, and I cannot help thinking the position in which bird is kept is also a very bad one. Any position in a window is almost invariably draughty or extremely fluctuating. The fits are due to excessive nervousness, which might have been brought on or aggravated by the unsuitable conditions. Keep it in a box cage, out of draughts, in an equable temperature, and a nice bright position further in the room. Let it be where it will see people constantly moving about, but not too prominent, or near to the movement, until some of the nervousness has worn off. Give a staple diet of three parts Canary to one summer rape; once a week a small teaspoonful of egg-food, or the equivalent in bread and milk, and once a week a similar quantity of mixed seed as advised "Pit Laddie" last week. Give a little green food three times a week and a bath about as often. In the drinking water give every second day for a week as much sulphate of soda as will cover a sixpence, and half as much bromide of potassium; in the next week give four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and dilute sulphuric acid every second day. Afterwards repeat two weeks' treatment in same order. Get No. 23 Nutshell booklet.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES, AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Some of the appended replies have been kindly supplied by Mr. H. J. Fulljames in the absence of Mr. Weston on holiday.

Feeding of Ortolan Bunting (Anxious).—Yes; the principal seed eaten by all the Buntings is canary seed. In an outdoor aviary your bird would doubtless have the opportunity of eating other seeds if it should care to do so. A mealworm or two occasionally is appreciated, and most Buntings will eat a little soft food such as is given to insectivorous birds.

"Six-by Three" (J. H. E.).—I have heard of at least three varying explanations as to the meaning of the term "three-by-six" (or "six-by-three") applied to the Goldfinch. The most general and I think the correct one is that it refers to the white markings (or "moons") found on the underside of the outer tail-feathers. These more-or-less oval white markings are generally four in number; two at each side of the tail. But in a few Goldfies three "moons" are found at each side—six in all. Hence the term "three-by-six." A bird so marked is generally held to be of some extra value by the "knowing old fanciers" (as "sure mulers," and the like). It is a fact, which I have verified myself, that "three-by-six" birds are practically always exceptionally good in colour and quality (silkiness) of feather.

Which Hen Finch (E. D. G.).—Quite a number of hen Finches will breed with a cock Canary. I may mention the Bullfinch, Greenfinch, Linnet, Redpoll, Goldfinch and Siskin. The size of the Canary should be regulated somewhat, of course, to agree with the size of its partner. The hen Greenfinch is at all times a likely breeder in a cage. The hen Bullie, too; and from this hen you would get, if successes attended your efforts, by far the most valuable progeny. You will be well advised to let the couple (whichever mating you decide to try) run together through the winter. The hen should be well domesticated (tame, and used to cage life) before the breeding operations are due to be embarked upon.

A Hen; and a Goldfinch (Iredale).—A Roller hen is quite a good mate for a British Goldfinch when Mules solely for singing purposes are desired. They will be small, of course. A great deal of their proficiency in singing will depend, however, upon the tuition the Mules get in their early days. If you keep them, for instance, within earshot of a Goldfinch, a Linnet and a Canary, all of them good singers, the Mules will pick up a far greater variety of notes than would be the case if they heard only the song of their male parent. It is quite possible that the change of cage has caused your Goldie to go off song temporarily. Or can it be that he is about to commence moulting You do not tell me whether he has moulted this season. Let the couple run together during the winter.

Sexing Goldfinch and Linnet Mules (A Weekly Subscriber).—I presume you mean young Mules? If so, there is, as I told another querist a few weeks ago, no method by which the cocks and hens can accurately be told, for both sexes are alike when in nestling plumage. It is true that the experienced breeder can make a practically accurate forecast, but I am thinking of the man of small expericnce in muling. And it adds enormously to the difficulty when the young Mules are seen singly. Get the whole of a brood together and then it should be possible for a cock or two to be sorted out with some certainty. In the case of Linnet Mules, go for the birds which are the warmest in ground colour—the likely liens will be of a decided silvery-grey tone, especially on the throat and breast, whereas the likely cocks will be a warmish-

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should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Monual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Coges" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Sceptic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding' (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4 "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

brown, often with a faint tinge of yellow on the throat. The same applies to Goldfinch Mules; choose the deepest coloured youngsters (especially at the throat and on the breast) with the brightest wings and longest heads (when viewed in profile). Size, of course, is in all cases a promising sign. The stumbling block for beginners will be any yellow hen Mules (when a yellow hen Canary has been used), for these are better so far as colour goes, than cocks bred from buff hens. They are generally, however, appreciably on the small side, and not hard to spot when viewed with other Mules which may have been bred from the same parent.

Sexing Blackbirds (H. Phillips).—This is a very easy matter after the first autumn moult. The young birds are nearly alike—browns of different shades, and showing the mottled markings common to all Thrushes, of which the Blackbird is, of course, one kind (scientifically, that is). After the first moult the new body colour of the cock birds is blackish brown, still faintly showing the mottling, while the hens moult only a little darker. The cocks get blacker with each succeeding moult until the mottlings are not visible, and their bills turn to bright orange-yellow. The hens never lose their brownish tinge, and their mottlings are always to be seen; neither do their bills turn yellow, except slightly so when they are several years old. If your bird is "very dark," as you say, with the spots only faintly showing, it may be a young cock, but if the spots are plainly visible and the bird is more than a year old, it is certainly a hen. Any way, it is not a Song Thrush, as suggested by your friend.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

Parrot (with Growth on Tongue.

C. R. Adams.—If there are indications of the growth being full of pus, it should be lanced and cleansed, and this should really be done by a vet.—he has the proper instruments and necessary skill. A great deal depends on the character of the growth. It may clear itself away if treated with honey and borax (put on with a camel hair brush, well cleansing the brush after each occasion) daily, but only an examination could determine this. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food. As the bird has been accustomed to sopped bread, soak the bread in chemical food and water (equal parts). Twice weekly give as drinking water one teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia in two tablespoonfuls of water. While the mouth is sore, give about one tablespoonful of boiled maize daily. Also give seed mixture, grit, ripe fruit, shelled nuts, plain biscuit, and a little boiled potato. Note: Boiled maize only keeps fresh one day, and a crock or glass drinking vessel should be used when giving drugs. I certainly advise letting a vet. see it, as it may be necessary to cut out the growth.

Parrot in Poor Plumage.

M.T.D.W.—It is very difficult to check a Parrot pulling if he is determined on it. You do not state how you have been treating and feeding the bird. Our Nutshell Booklet, the "Grey Parrot," 2½d. post free from our manager, would help you as to diet, etc. Every fourth day in lieu of plain water give one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia to two tablespoonfuls of water, and on the intervening days put one teaspoonful of byno-phosphates into the daily supply of drinking water. If the voiding should become watery-loose you must cease the magnesia for a time. As a last resource you must get a broad thin metal (or leather) collar fitted, sufficiently broad that it will prevent it getting at its feathers, but not its food and water; if of metal, the edges must be turned over so as not to chafe the neck or cut the feet if bird tries to get rid of it. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk sop, table scraps or any kind of animal food whatever. Spray once or twice weekly with quassia solution, using a mist sprayer.

Aviary Queries.

Mixed Birds.—(1) About thirty-five to forty; number could be increased with smaller species. (2) Grey and Green Singing Finches, Alario, Zebra, Ribbon, Jacarini, and Grey (S. Grisea) Finches, Black-head and Hooded Siskins (not cheap, but handsome and good songsters), Common (Red) and Green Avadavats, Common, Golden-breasted, Orange-cheek and St. Helena Waxbills, Long-tailed and Rufous-tailed Grass Finches, Bronze and Magpie Mannikins, Java Sparrows (White and Grey), Bengalese and Diamond Sparrows, also Napoleon, Madagascar, and Half-masked Weavers, for plumage only. Note: Chaffinches, Brambles finches, and Greenfinches must be accounted dangerous, though remaining apparently amiable for a time. I have interpreted your query as applying to Hardbills only. (3) I have found that, excepting Cockatiels, mixing Budgerigars and other Parrakeets with Finch-like birds sooner or later spells disaster. Note: Unless you purchase birds that have been out of doors at least two months, you must not stock the aviary till spring. Several of our Nutshell booklets (2½d. post free from our manager) deal specially with some of the above, and would help you as to treatment.

West Indian Parrot.

J. B.—The West Indian Parrots are almost legion in variety, and your description is altogether too vague for me to be sure as to its species, but I am assuming that it is a Yellow-fronted Amazon, which is a larger bird than a Grey Parrot, but somewhat similar in form, and has a short tail. Unless a bird has been denied water for a time it should have continuous access to same; it is safe, perhaps, to offer it three or four times a day at first, then in about a month it should be safe to leave it in the cage altogether. Seed mixture: Canary and white millet one quart of each, and half-pint each of maize, oats, paddy rice, hemp, and sunflower seeds—well mix, and keep a supply in the cage. I should spray it during fine weather (use a mist sprayer) twice weekly with quassia solution; this will keep it free from insect pests. In addition to seed supply ripe fruit, little potato (dry), nuts in variety, and plain biscuit. A pinch of grit (not sand) should be added to the daily supply of seed mixture, and a piece of clean cuttlebone kept hanging in the cage. Do not give tea, coffee or milk sops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever.

Sexing Grey Singing Finches. (B.K.G.).—The distinctions between the sexes is almost infinitesimal as regards plumage and size, but if you closely observe them when they are singing or calling, you will notice a small pea-shaped white patch under the lower mandible of the male; this is only visible when he is warbling. It may still be a cock in spite of the nest building. It would mate with either a small variety of Canary or the Green Singing Finch. The bird is a Grey Singing Finch, and I opine a cock—if it is a strong singer it certainly is. Put a certain hen in of some species of Serin or Canary, and you will soon settle the points by its demeanour.

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS

should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them." No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

South African Birds (T. A.).—Here are a few, all of which would, I think, be obtainable in Cape Town, though some may be common to a neighbouring district: Cape Canary, the Cape White-eye, Alario Finch, St. Helena and Sulphur Seed-eaters, St. Helena Waxbill, Violet-eared Waxbill, Red-headed Finch, Silverbill, Combassou, Pin-tailed, Paradise, Long-tailed, and Red-collared Whydahs, Yellow-shouldered and Grenadier Weavers, and several species of Dove, including the Cape Dove, should all be worth bringing over. There are undoubtedly many other species, inhabiting neighbouring districts, which would be obtainable in Cape Town.

What Parrakeet (Mrs. B.).—It is a Ring-neck Parrakeet, and should do well with you, and improve in talking capacity; but it must not have the bulk of which is Canary and white millet seeds and the other half of hemp, maize, oats, paddy rice and sunflower seeds in about equal parts; well mix and keep a supply in the cage. Also supply ripe fruit, greenfood, nuts, and plain biscuit, with grit, cuttlebone and water for drinking and bathing ad. lib. The above will give an ample and varied dietary, and if kept out of draughts the bird should thrive generally in the temperature of any ordinary living-room.

Parrakeets in Large Cage (Rosella).—Red-rumps, once they have settled down, would be almost sure to breed; very doubtful if Rosellas would. Twelve inches of the front (at one end) should be boarded in and the nest log hung behind this, near top of cage. If the top of cage is made waterproof, and a cover be tied in front of cage each night, the cage could be left out-of-doors all the year round in any sheltered position, where the birds would get some sun during the day. If kept indoors, the cage must be kept in coolest corner of kitchen, out of draught, yet in the part farthest removed from fire, so that they will not suffer from a sudden rise of temperature.

Are Zebra Finches Gregarious? (T.).—Several pairs of Budgerigars are kept together that they may stimulate each other to nest; Zebra Finches do not need this stimulus. Several pairs will agree together in one aviary, if it is large enough for them to find nesting receptacles without encroaching on each other. Your aviary, I take it, is small, and I should not include more than two pairs. You could keep with them Silverbills, Bronze Mannikins, Cut-throats, Bengalese, and Waxbills, according to capacity of aviary, and this company should supply the necessary stimulus. But Zebra Finches are

always anxious to nest, and you will get ultimate success with your pair in the cage, though they will do better in the aviary. "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1s. 2d. post free from our Manager), would help you.

LEGAL QUERIES.

Answered by A BARRISTER.

H. O. (Glossop).—Your query raises an interesting point, assuming the following to be the facts. O sends by train 3 birds consigned to H by a certain railway, and pays this company a higher rate in order to ensure their safe delivery. The birds leave J at 9.50 p.m. and reach H's station at 5 p.m. next day. The next day O sends a further consignment to H, which leaves J at the same time and reaches its destination at 9 a.m. He learns later that the three birds when they arrived at H's station were dead; and he says that the death of the birds was due to the unreasonable delay in the journey. The explanation of the station officials was that the day was Saturday and that they were short-handed, and for that reason could not send the birds to H, who had to send for them about 6 p.m. On these facts, O asks is the Company liable? If O's contract with H was that the birds were not to be H's till they were delivered at his house, the property and the risk in the birds lay in O during the transit. If by the negligence of the company's servants the transit of the birds was so delayed as to bring about their death, the company is liable to O for that negligence. Moreover, as he had paid the company at an extra rate to secure their speedy arrival, he can claim damages for breach of contract. If all the facts are as stated in O's letter, he has a good cause for action against the company.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 2, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 1s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Blue Pigeon.—Death arose from bronchopneumonia, the most fatal form of lung affection. It had its origin in a common cold; bronchitis following, as evidenced by the wheezing sounds produced during respiration. Later, owing to the disease being unchecked, the smaller bronchial tubes and the substance of the lungs taking on inflammatory changes. Catarrh of the upper air passages is such a common condition, many recovering spontaneously, that very little importance is attached to it; but in all cases it is absolutely essential that early treatment should be adopted so as to minimise risk of loss from any one of its many complications. I have carried out your wishes with regard to disposal of remains.

Brownie.—Your bird died of congestion of the liver, this organ being much enlarged, soft, pulpy, and engorged with blood. There were also upon its surface a number of blood spots or small hæmorrhage. Such post-mortem symptoms are indicative of irritant substances introduced into the digestive system with the food, and unassociated with contagion. Generally where several deaths occur the source is to be found from one common cause, viz., the food. I have occasionally noticed this similar condition at the commencement of colour feeding, but whether this bears any relation to the disease it is difficult to determine. I would suggest the occasional use of a little glauber salts dissolved in the drinking water.

F. S. Berg.—The Canary you sent me for examination I found to be in an ill-nourished condition, intestines practically empty, resulting, I conclude, from its illness. It was similarly very anæmic, lungs very pale, and the body contained very little blood. If you are not already doing so I should supplement their diet by allowing a little egg food, and to give them night and morning in their drinking water a few crystals of citrate of iron and quinine as a blood tonic. The organs were healthy in other respects, the anæmia being in my opinion the cause of loss.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

Waterfowl for Aviary (M. A. W.).—Mr. W. T. Page will give you an answer in the query columns of our next issue.

Canaries at Bathealton Show (A. Bath Fancier).—We prefer not to publish anything on this subject which is written over a nom-de-plume. The matter is now closing, so far as our columns are concerned.

Concerning Robins (H. Palfrey).—We shall be glad to publish any information on this subject which you care to send us. Thanks for your card.

"Champion" Linnet Challenge (A Working Man).—We can take no notice of anonymous communications; we must have the name and address of a contributor as a guarantee of good faith.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Cross Hands.—Oct. 5, Public Hall. Judge, J. N. Harrison. 3 open classes: Can. 2, Brit. 1. Prizes 8s., 4s., 2s. Fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Sept. 29, to D. Morgan, 3, Tynewydd Terrace, Cross Hands.

Norwich Alliance (F.B.C.).—Oct. 12 and 13, Corn Hall.—Judges, W. E. Greeves, J. Robson, and W. Vardy. 57 open classes: Champ. Nor. 6, Champ. Crest 5, Amat. Nor. 6, Amat. Crest 5, Cinn. 2, Young Crest 2, Non-flig. Nor. 4, Non-fed Nor. 2, Limit 11, Evenly-mkd. Nor. 1, A.O.V. 1, Mules 2, Brit. 6, For. 4; and 6 local breeders' Can. classes. Prizes 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee 1/6 (except in Amat. classes 6/-, 4/-, 3/-, 2/-; fee 1/-). Ent. close Oct. 7 to R. Roll, 58, York-street, Norwich.

Exeter and Devon.—Oct. 11, Lower Market.—Judge, Mr. T. Heath. 29 open classes: Bord. 1, Nor. 3, Crest 4, Yorks 5, Mule 3, Novice Can. 1, Ladies' Can. 1, A.O.V. 1, Pairs 2, Brit. 3, For. 2, Limit 1, Sell 2. Prizes 8/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Ent. close Oct. 2 to W. A. Cornish, 93, Regent-street, St. Thomas, Exeter.

LEADGATE AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

At our monthly meeting it was decided to start our usual monthly shows, commencing Oct. 7th, when Mr. J. Powell was elected to judge the following classes: Yorks. A.C., Nor. A.C., Border A.C., Brit. A.V.; birds to be staged by 7.30. Show will be held in Church Square Hall, when we would like to see a good turn up of fanciers.—J. A. Turnbull, Sec.

Club Reports.

WEST STANLEY C.B.S.

Meeting held headquarters, September 9th, Mr. W. Butler in chair. It was arranged to have four table shows, the first to be held October 7th, Mr. J. Hunter, jun., to judge. Classes: A.S.B., Nor. Buff ck., Yorks Buff hen, Bord. Buff hen, Cin. cock. All birds to be staged by 6 p.m.—W. Elliott, Sec.

LONGTON AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held September 6th, Castle Inn, Mr. J. Davies in chair. Decided, to leave printing of schedules and catalogues in secretary's hands; also that we put three more classes on in open novice. We have some grand specials for our open show, consisting of two rose bowls, pairs of vases, flower pots, china flower stands, sets of china jugs, besides cash specials. Mr. George Perrins was elected a member.—Hallam and Lovatt, Hon. Secs.

CROYDON AND DISTRICT F.A.

General meeting Sunflower Hotel, George-street, September 21st, 8.30, to confirm schedule for second annual show (fixed for November 1st next). The committee hope as many members as possible will attend. Will they also please note that this meeting will be practically the last opportunity of proposing any new members before show, as the association has passed a resolution that no new member be admitted within one month of date of forthcoming show? Nor shall any member be eligible to compete unless subscriptions are paid at least one month before date of forthcoming show. Fanciers residing within 12 miles radius wishing to join please communicate with me.—F. W. Capell, Hon. Sec., 121, Brighton-road, South Croydon.

STRATFORD & E. LONDON F.S.

Committee meeting held September 14, Mr. A. Wasey in chair. Resolved, to postpone lecture by Mr. T. H. Harrison on September 28, owing to the East Ham Show being held on that date, and to have same on October 12, to commence 9 o'clock, fanciers and friends cordially invited; to be held Workmen's Hall, Romford Road, E. Schedule for Y.S. Show was drawn up. Judges for both shows elected as follows: Y.S., Oct. 25, Messrs. J. S. Chatterton and J. Waters; Annual, Jan. 10, Messrs. T. B. Mason, W. W. Broomhead, J. Robson, and F. Palmer. Mr. A. W. Harris (Leytonstone) was elected a member. Fanciers joining now can compete at both shows. Will members willing to give a special for the Y.S. Show please write me per return?—W. Maxey, Hon. Sec.

HANLEY C.B.S.

Meeting held Albion Hotel, September 16th, when there was a good attendance of members. The classification for open show, October 19th: Eight classes were put on for Norwich, eight for Yorks, and three for Clunamons, which we hope will be better patronised than in previous years. Also decided, to add two Lizard classes (one Gold and one Silver). Another selling class to the open section. Ten classes were provided for Mules and British birds; also four for foreign birds, making an addition of two classes on last year's. The open novice section: Six classes were provided for Norwich and six for Yorks. We are also putting on two selling classes (one for Nor. and one for Yorks, price not to exceed 12s. 6d., bird and cage). Members' classes stand as last year. We hope fanciers will rally round. Messrs. Mundell and Trengove are the judges.—G. Lawton, Gen. Sec.

NORTHERN YORKSHIRE C.C.

Meeting held Sept. 6th, Mr. T. C. Crawhall in chair. There was a good attendance. Correspondence was read from the secretary of Whitehaven C.B.S., arising out of which the following resolution was passed: "That owing to Whitehaven not being able to return birds on the Saturday, we adhere to minute passed at previous meeting, that we do not grant patronage at above show." A discussion then arose as to which show was to have our one remaining patronage. It was decided to grant same to Sunderland show, our club to guarantee two of the champion classes. Mr. Crawhall kindly proposed to pay half loss, if any, in the two novice classes. We hope to have our year book of rules, etc., ready in a week or two; will fanciers and others desirous of having an advert. printed in same kindly let me know as early as possible? Mr. J. T. Carrick (Jarrow) was elected a member. Next meeting fixed for Sept. 27th, when the secretary will give a travelling case making demonstration.—R. Tindale, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE AND LIZARD F.A.

Well attended meeting held Old Boar's head, Manchester, Sept. 16th, Mr. J. Garner in chair. A mass of correspondence was gone through, relating to patronage, etc. After a lengthy discussion it was decided that we give the patronage to the following extra shows, viz., Rochdale O.S., Sheffield O.S., which, with another show to be agreed upon with the Northern Lizard Club, to have our first annual competition with them, will complete our season's patronage shows, as follows:—Rochdale O.S., Oct. 21st and 22nd; Manchester, Oct. 28 and 29; Sheffield, Nov. 3 and 4; Nottingham, Nov. 11 and 13; L.C.B.A., Nov. 24, 25 and 27. It is also proposed to have two shows confined to members of L. and L.F.A., at Hyde and Shaw, dates to be decided later. A proposal to alter standards, etc., of the Lancashire and Lizard, was lost, owing to rule, calling upon any alteration as to rules, etc., only being made at general meeting. Secretary requested to inform members that subs. are now overdue, and that all subs. must be sent to arrive Sept. 23rd, to make members eligible to compete for club specials at opening show at Rochdale. There seemed to be a general cry of losing promising youngsters, but it is to be hoped when the shows come round again, the classes will be well filled. We have fanciers of the right sort, both in the open and novice sections, and are looking forward to a good season. A hearty vote of thanks to the chairman concluded meeting.—J. Rukin, Hon. Sec.

SCOTTISH CRESTED C.C.

Committee meeting held Nelson's Temperance Hotel, Ingram Street, Glasgow, September 9, Mr. Noble (president) occupying chair. Previous to commencing business, the Chairman very feelingly commented on the great loss the club had sustained by the accidental death of Mr. J. Sanderson (Port-Glasgow), an office bearer, who was a keen Crest fancier, and who always took an active interest in the affairs of club. Secretary was asked to forward to the family a note of condolence, expressing the sincere sympathy of the members. Mr. Sanderson was a good husband, a kind father, and a friend. Correspondence was read, in which several members expressed their regret at being unable to attend. Additional applications for club patronage were duly considered, and the following associations have been successful, viz.: Lochgelly, Kelty, Kilmarnock, Dundee, Dunbar, Dunfermline, Scottish National, and Kilsyth (conditional). Secretary was instructed to proceed with arrangements for club show at Kilmarnock, Nov. 18 next, in conjunction with that association's open show. The question of club drinker tin came up again for discussion, but as no definite finding could be arrived at, it was ultimately agreed to leave the matter open for this show season. The President kindly offered a prize at club show for best drinker tin most suitable for a Crest show cage (open to all exhibitors or otherwise), when a small committee will be appointed to adjudicate and report. Following gentlemen admitted to membership:—W. J. Summerhill (Glasgow), and A. J. Howie (Dunfermline). I would like to draw the attention of those having fees still unpaid to the fact that, owing to near approach of show season, we will require to close our list; therefore, I would esteem a great favour if they would kindly remit at once.—John Young, Sec. and Treas.

SHEFFIELD O.S.

Meeting held Rose and Crown Hotel, Waingate, Sept. 5, the chairman, Mr. T. Down, presiding. A fair number of members were present, but not so large as we anticipated. We considered details in connection with the All-England Show in the Cutlers' Hall, November 3 and 4. Unanimously decided, to invite the president, the Right Hon. Earl Fitzwilliam to open the exhibition. Secretary announced we had been successful in obtaining the patronage of the following clubs: Cinnamon Marked Y.C.C., National British B. and M.C., Yorks. Marked Y.C.C., National British B. and M.C., Yorks. County B.B. and M.C., and Foreign Bird Club. The Crested C.C. we have not yet heard from definitely, but are hoping to receive a favourable reply in the course of a few days. We trust the members of the above-mentioned clubs will rally round us and give us a bumping entry, as we are giving good prize money and a fine lot of valuable specials. Prize money was fixed as follows: Canaries, Hybrids, and British bird classes, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, and 2/-; the foreign bird section we are doing more for as a special inducement for their owners, viz., 12/-, 8/-, 4/-, and 2/-, all for a 1/6 entry fee. Classes for the various sections were decided upon as follows: Yorks., 9; Cinnamon Marked Yorks., 6; Nor., 7; Crests (left over pending reply from Crested C C; which, if we are favoured with their support, 8 classes); British, 12 (including Albino class); Hybrids, 4; Foreign, 6; Selling, 3; Gifts, 1 and 1 Extra Stock. The special prizes promised at the meeting totalled £7 in cash, together with several other specials. This is not a bad start. A discussion was opened as to judge for members' show in December. Several names were submitted, three being decided upon for the secretary to write to. We again had the pleasure of adding several new names to our list of members. Don't forget next meeting, Oct. 3; this commences at 7 o'clock, not 8. Subject, "Washing Exhibition," by Mr. J. Bailey (Bradford).—J. A. T. Woodall.

CODNOR PK. & EASTWOOD C.B.S.

Committee meeting, held Portland Arms, Sept. 16, when the passing of the open show schedule was the principal item. Mr. R. Cooper in chair. We have made a good classification for all sections, with 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. as prize money. Schedule consists of 9 Nor., 6 Yorks., 2 Crests, 1 A.O.V. Can., 1 Selling, 2 Mules and Hybrids, 6 Brit., and 9 Members' classes. Mr. J. H. Roe is judge. We also have a good number of specials, and more to come. Members' challenge cup is put up for most points gained throughout show; gold centre silver medal is for runner-up, 2s. 6d. cash for fastest loser. Schedules are in printer's hands and will be out shortly. Will members please note their subscriptions must be paid up by September 30th to enable them to show as members. A general meeting is called for Sept 30th, so please try and attend; all welcome.—J. H. Mitchell, Sec.

HALTWHISTLE AND DIST. C.B.S.

Meeting held September 11th, Mr. W. Pape in chair. Date of annual show fixed provisionally for November 10th. It was thought that Friday is a more suitable day than Saturday, as all birds can be sent off on the Saturday morning to reach destination better than is sometimes possible with Saturday shows. We are endeavouring to get the patronage of one or two of the Northern clubs; also we are making an open membership this year. The subs. is 2s. 6d., and we are hoping quite a lot of North Country fanciers will join, seeing we are provided with such a splendid train service from both east and west. Application for membership to be made to the secretaries at Westgate, Haltwhistle. Four judges were nominated, and the selection will be made at next meeting, when the schedule will be drawn up. We have engaged the spacious Mechanics' Hall, it being an admirable place for the occasion, and we are looking forward to quite a great show at Haltwhistle this year.—Nicholson and Tallantyre, Hon. Secs.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Adwick-le-Street C.B.S.—Sept. 30th, Foresters' Arms, 6. Classification for show. Intending members invited.—C. H. Robinson.

Altrincham C.B.S.—Sept. 25, Victoria Cafe, 8. Election of judge; rules for table shows, etc.—C. C. Blackshaw.

Annfield Plain C.B.S.—Sept. 27, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Show business.—T. Robinson.

Ayr C.B.C.—Sept. 27, Academy Hall, 7.30. Important show business, and lecture by Mr. R. McKay, "The Ailments of Cage Birds and how to cure them."—J. Sloan.

Barrow C.B.A.—Sept. 27, Club Room, 7.30. Classification and nomination of judge for back end show; also to discuss date for presentation of cups.—W. C. Templeton.

Bankfoot C.B.S.—Sept. 23, Midland Station, 1. Annual outing to Morecambe; friends invited. Meeting Sept. 26th, Red Lion Hotel. Arrangements for Oct. show.—F. Gelder.

Beamish C.B.S.—Sept. 23, Bird Inn, High Hold, 7.—W. Knowles.

Bolton Woods C.B.S.—Sept. 30, Victoria Hotel. Members' O.B. show. Judge, Mr. H. Long; birds staged 2.30. Entries 29th, 8.30 to 10.—M. Skirrow.

Brighouse C.B.S.—Sept. 28, Round House Inn, 8. Show business.—F. Mitchell.

Brighton C.B.A.—Sept. 27, 2, Cheapside, 7. General meeting; annual show rules, regulations, classification, etc.—W. H. Gibb.

Cheltenham C.B.S.—Sept. 27, Sydney Arms Hotel, 8. Mr. Gwilliam's (Gloucester) postponed paper on the Border Fancy.—A. S. Treasure.

Chesterfield C.B.S.—Sept. 30, Welheck Inn, 7.30. General.—T. Booker.

City of Bradford O.S.—Sept. 23, Flying Dutchman. Members' show, Yorks., Nor., and Brit. Judge, Mr. W. A. Cowgill (Bradford). Birds staged 2.30; distribution of Y.U.C.B.S. handbooks.—F. Rhodes.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—Sept. 25, 60, Paddington Street, 8.15. Judging competition in Norwich P.H.; judge, Mr. G. E. Weston. Members will oblige by bringing birds.—A. W. Curtis.

City of Wakefield O.S.—Sept. 23, Crown and Anchor Hotel, 7.30. Special general meeting.—J. Atkinson.

Codnor Park and Eastwood C.B.S.—Sept. 30, Three Tuns, Eastwood, 7. Show business, and distribution of schedules and bills. "What is a Novice?"—J. H. Mitchell.

Derby C.B.S.—Sept. 30, Derwent Hotel, 7. Paying up for Y.B. and open show business.—W. Stevens.

Dubmire Workmen's Club C.B.S.—Sept. 24, Club, 10.30. Election of judge. Subs. taken.—B. Robinson.

Dunfermline C.B.S.—Sept. 23, Co-operative Hall, 7. Show business.—R. T. Campbell.

East Ham F.S.—Sept. 28, Harmonic Hall, Green Man Hotel Grounds, Plashet Grove, E., 2 to 10.30. 3rd Annual Y.S. Show. Judge, Mr. F. Easterling. Specials in all sections.—H. Rutter.

Glossop Hadfield C.B.S.—Sept. 26, Mr. A. Deakin's, 59, Hague Street, Glossop, 8. Annual show business and nomination of new members.—E. Thompson.

Great Horton O.S.—Sept. 23, Butchers' Arms, 8.—J. Holroyd.

Gt. Harwood C.B.S.—Sept. 25, Dan MacNally's, 8. O.B. show.—A. Bentley.

Green C.A.—Sept. 28, Oldham Hall, Oldham Street, Liverpool, 8. Important: Allotting season's specials and arranging syllabus for 1911.—G. Green.

Hanley C.B.S.—Sept. 23, Albion Hotel, 6. Open show business.—G. Lawton.

Huddersfield O.S.—Sept. 28, Old Hat Hotel, 8. Show business.—F. G. Sykes.

Heywood O.S.—Sept. 26, "Rochabite Hall," Pine Street, 7.30. Rules re Lancs. and Chesh. Union. Election of judge, etc.—A. H. Meadowcroft.

Hetton-le-Hole and Dis. C.B.S.—Sept. 23, Crown Inn, 7. Important.—A. J. Notley.

Ilkeston C.B.S.—Sept. 30, Nag's Head, South St., 7. Arrangements for open show.—T. Smith.

Kirkcaldy C.B.S.—Sept. 27, Recreation Rooms, 8. Important.—E. McAnally.

Lancaster Primrose C.B.A.—Sept. 28. Mr. Capstick's, Nicholas St., 7.30. Important.—J. Johnson.

Leicester C.B.S.—Sept. 27, Saracen's Head Hotel, 8.15. Lecture on "Preparation for Showing." Mr. W. Stevens.—W. R. Adams.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—Sept. 27, Railway Hotel, 8. Open show business for final arrangements. For schedules of our open show held Oct. 7, apply to me. Ent. close Oct. 3.—J. E. Hudson, 75, New Hey Rd., Bowling, Bradford.

Leek C.B.S.—Sept. 25, Unicorn, 7.30. Show business.—J. Pegg.

Leigh C.B.S.—Sept. 27, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Paper by secretary, on his experiences in Canary breeding. Fanciers invited.—R. Charleson.

London Federation of C.B.S.—Sept. 22, "Feathers" Hotel, 7.45. Show business.—J. Bray, junr.

Midland Roller C.C.—Sept. 28, Swan and Peacock, 8. Show business.—T. J. Smith.

Morpeth C.B.S.—Sept. 30, Earl Grey Hotel, 7.30. Arrangements for show.—E. Cowling.

Morley C.B.S.—Sept. 23, Sycamore Hotel, 7.30. Continued discussion of winter programme.—D. Holliday.

Musselburgh O.S.—Sept. 30, Gray Horse, 7. Classification, etc.—W. Nisbet.

National B.B. and M.C.—Sept. 28, "Feathers" Hotel, Gt. Chapel St., Westminster, 8.—Plumbridge and Carr.

Northern B.B.M. and F.B.C.—Sept. 27, Lockhart's Cafe, 65, Grainger St., Newcastle-on-Tyne, 8 p.m.—G. Taylor.

Northern Yorks. C.C.—Sept. 27, 65, Grainger St., 8. Travelling case making demonstration.—R. Tindale.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Sept. 26. St. Stephen's School, Conran St., Harpurbey, 8. Show business; important.—J. Davey.

Old Shildon Workmen's Club C.B.S.—Sept. 29, Club, 8. Consider open show.—J. H. Elwell.

Oxford C.B.S.—Sept. 28, St. Peter-le-Bailey Hall, New Inn, Hall Street, 8. Please note change of date. Important show business.—A. F. Fifield.

Oldham C.B.C.—Sept. 26, Textile Dining Rooms, 8. Show business, social business; also washing exhibition by Mr. G. Fitton.—J. Cope.

Pelton Fell C.B.S.—Sept. 23, Institute Hall, 6. Please see if we can't get something definite settled for annual show.—W. Forster.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—Sept. 25, Irwell Castle, Lower Broughton, 8. Arrange evening shows. Election of judge for Nov. show; intending members invited.—J. Critchley.

Pentre C.B.S.—Sept. 23, Queen's Hotel, 7. Show business and election of officers.—G. Lingard.

Poplar C.B.S.—Sept. 28, 147, East India Dock Rd., E., 8. Lecture by Mr. G. Gardner. Fanciers and friends welcome.—H. W. Cook.

Queen's Park C.B.A.—Sept. 28, Emmanuel Hall, Harrow Road, W., 8. Table show and judging competition.—J. C. Birch.

Rochdale O.C.—Sept. 25, Club Rooms, 8. Open show business; also committee meeting.—R. Blincoe.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—Sept. 27, Temperance Club, Toad Lane, 8. Committee meeting.—E. Hartley.

Smallbridge C.B.S.—Oct. 2, Headquarters, 7.30. Back end show, social, etc.—W. Lanyon.

Sowerby Bridge C.B.S.—Sept. 28, Wharfe Hotel, 8. General.—Sutcliffe and Walker.

Springburn Possil Park C.B.C.—Sept. 27, Reid Hall, 8. Prize cards for F.F. show.—J. Waugh.

Stockport B.F.A.—Sept. 26, Boar's Head Hotel, 8. Very important.—W. Stafford.

Stoke Newington F.A.—Sept. 26, 142, Stoke Newington Rd., 8.30. Arrangements for annual show, Nov. 24th.—J. C. Spence.

Sunderland C.B.A.—Sept. 30, Fawcett St. Cafe, 7.30. Open show business, schedule, etc., very important.—J. Jeffrey.

Uddingston O.S.—Sept. 28, Reading Rooms, 7.30. Open show business; judges; classification, etc.—J. Kilpatrick.

Warrington C.B.S.—Sept. 28, Blue Bell, 8. Show business.—G. M. Nelson.

West Bromwich C.B.S.—Sept. 26, Headquarters, 8. Arrangements for show, allotting of specials.—W. G. Andrews.

Windhill O.S.—Sept. 30, Blue Bell Hotel. Members' show; judge, Mr. J. Greaves; 20 classes, good specials.—J. Cook.

Wood Green, F.F.A.—Sept. 23, Adult School, Brook Rd. Y.S. show, open 2 till 9; judges, Messrs. R. Kirk, W. Fellowes, and G. Gardner. Hearty welcome to all.—T. Callegari.

Correspondence.

The Midland Counties Yorkshire C.C.

Sir,—Would you please allow us to call the attention of Yorkshire fanciers in the Midlands to the above Club? We are in a good financial position. We have a silver challenge cup for competition in the champion section and a cup value two guineas to be won outright in the novice section, with silver medals for runners-up in each section. All members joining before the date of first show on October 18 will be able to compete. Now, Yorkshire fanciers, send your names and addresses at once and help to make the Club one of the strongest specialist clubs in the kingdom. The annual subscription is 2s. 6d. and 1s. nomination fee.

Beck and Andrews.

School House, Rookery Road, Handsworth, Staffs.

Where are the Yorkshires at City of Glasgow Show?

Sir,—If my friend Mr. Hendrie had been very closely in touch with the Fancy he would have known of the classes provided for Yorkshires at our forthcoming show. There will be four classes, which are the same as last year, and an increase of one from the year previous. Even at this date there may be two more classes if the generous offer of a Yorkshire fancier is successfully arranged. It is all very well for Kelty and the Glasgow and District to give so many classes when they only pay restricted prize-money. Glasgow pays full prize-money in all classes, and fanciers should bear in mind that this involves a great financial loss over all the classes. Fanciers can rest assured that an efficient judge will be appointed.

Alex. Macdonald,
Sec., City of Glasgow O.A.

The Green Canary Association.

Sir,—Referring to the article in last week's issue, signed "No Dollar," doubtless he is one of the defaulters. If not, then my notice in the previous issue of Cage Birds should not have interested him. I reiterate, the Society was formed to be run on business lines. The rule re subscriptions does not debar my accepting same after the date mentioned. There are such things as overdue accounts connected with the most up-to-date business concerns. It is such as "No Dollar" who is the cause of the Society not being able to carry out its object, and any member whose name appeared on last year's balance-sheet, and did not intend continuing his membership, should have tendered his resignation months ago; otherwise he has an obligation to fulfil—common courtesy calls for that. Probably there are a few who come under this heading, and who have had the Society's money expended on them since the end of March; hence the remark "philanthropic institution" is quite relevant and not "sarcasm." I have no desire to enter into a controversy, the only endeavour being to fulfil the duties connected with my office, which is that of hon. secretary, and not "secretary." Surely it is not asking too much when I request the favour of a postcard? I am sure "No Dollar" will never be missed. Let him disclose his identity, when I shall be delighted to expound my views in person.

Geo. Green.

A Handsworth Fancier's Splendid Outdoor Aviaries.

Sir,—Started in the end of December and finished in the end of August, I now have my new range of seven outdoor aviaries finished with the exception of a little paint and a few odd details. These are without doubt one of the finest ranges of outdoor aviaries in the Midlands. They are situated under the shade of an old apple tree, at the bottom of a very pleasant garden 155ft. long. My bird-room (where all new arrivals are caged up before being turned out) comes first. This is made of matchboard, and, being covered all over with tarpaulin, back, front, top, and ends, is nice and warm and quite draught proof. In the back of this room is a doorway leading into the corridor (about 30ft. long and 3ft. wide), which runs the full length of the aviaries. The corridor is lighted with a skylight which runs the whole length. This skylight answers a double purpose, viz., lighting the corridor and also the sleeping compartments of the aviaries, all of which open into the corridor. Six of the aviaries have flights about 8ft. long, half of which is a board and felted span roof; the front half is a little lower, with open half-inch mesh wire netting with a flat top. The sleeping compartments are about 1½ft. higher, and well lighted. I have no difficulty in getting the birds to sleep in the proper places in these aviaries, although in the seventh aviary (which runs across the bottom of the garden and is much larger) the sleeping compartment is never used except by an odd bird or so. This sleeping compartment and the flight are the same height, and birds seem to like to fly up to go to bed; but as the weather gets cooler I fancy they will go in rather than sleep out in the cold. If at any time any reader of Cage Birds is in Birmingham, I should be very pleased to have the honour of being visited. I make all the nest boxes and wire all husks, I may say, to supply the many customers from my advertisement in Cage Birds Annual.

H. Lewis.

76, Wellington Road, Handsworth.

Northampton St. Crispin C.B.S.

Sir,—In reply to Mr. Allen, the main question at issue was who wrote the scurrilous report re the St. Crispin Cage Bird Society, and not a free advertisement for the Hand-in-Hand Society. If he knows anything about who wrote the report, let him say so; if not, dry up! The "dog in the manger" sneer can be put aside, as the dog can rest contented and sleep with one eye open, scorning those that are off the chain and prowling about looking for scraps of malice. I say again, Mr. Allen, if you cannot do anybody any good do not do them any harm. You ought to know what that is by now, especially as you designate yourself a true fancier.

Jno. Nason, Hon. Sec.

[This correspondence is now closed.—Editor.]

The Breeding of Nightingales in Captivity.

Sir,—I was very pleased to read Mr. Mallett's letter on the breeding of Nightingales. Ever since I first bred these birds and wrote the article that won your first prize essay competition I have been trying to persuade different people how readily these birds would nest in confinement, but have made very slow progress, for, as far as my knowledge goes, only Mr. Sills and Mr. Mallett have made the attempt, and I am very pleased they have both been successful. Perhaps it will now begin to dawn upon fanciers that the thing is possible. I have tried to convince a good many, but they would have none of it. Let them give it a fair trial; they will soon see for themselves.

J. Jeffrey.

A Word to Show Secretaries.

Sir,—Will you kindly allow me a little space in your valuable paper on behalf of a few of us novices? Now the show season is at hand I hope secretaries will put in their show advertisements the county in which the shows are to be held. I am sure they would get more support from us if we only knew where some of the shows were situated, as some are held in places of which we seldom hear. Another item I should like to point out is, when paying prize-money, let us have postal orders instead of cheques for small amounts. For instance, last season I got a third prize in a class of under eight entries, and therefore received a cheque for the large sum of 1s. 3d., and I think I wore a pair of boots out trying to change it, as I am not lucky enough to possess a banking account. I hope this may meet the eye of some of the secretaries.

One of the Novices.

The Foreign Bird Fancy in and Around Cork (Ireland).

Sir,—What is the cause of the scarcity of the small foreign birds in the South of Ireland? Although in an hour's walk through the suburbs of Cork you may see hundreds of Linnets, Goldfinches, and Canaries hung outside houses, I do not remember having seen a foreign bird of any description. I am sure that if the fanciers of Cork were only brought into contact with a few of the small Waxbills (which to my mind are the most charming of pets) they would soon take up this most interesting branch of bird-keeping. Although they are not very great singers, a large amount of enjoyment may be had by watching the amusing and engaging habits of these charming atoms of bird life. They are much easier to cater for than the Linnet or Goldfinch, and the price is well within reach of the working man. If any fancier thinks of taking up this branch of the Fancy, I shall be pleased to give him any information likely to assist him in this pleasure-giving hobby.

T. A. Webster.

Lce-Cpl., 2nd K.O.Y.L.I.

Another Faddist on the War Path.

Sir,—I see by a letter in the "Yorkshire Telegraph and Star" that we have one of the faddists in our midst. He has written asking for the help of the public to stop bird-catching, and has told them what to do. I think he would be better employed in writing to Earl Fitzwilliam about his gamekeepers shooting every Magpie, Jay, and other birds that they see. I would also like to know what all the Pheasants are bred for every year at Wentworth. The writer of the letter, who signs himself "Sheffielder," might better enquire into these matters, rather than try to instruct the police in their business. I think it is a generally accepted fact that bird-keepers as a body love their pets, and do their utmost to keep them in good health and feather. As for the remark about landowners, I can prove that there are farmers in this district who would welcome a few catchers to reduce the number of birds in their fields, but dare not do so, and these farmers would welcome a repeal of the bird laws for a couple of years.

G. A. Watson,

Local Hon. Sec., Cage Birds League, Parkgate and Rawmarsh Dist.

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Canaries at Batheaston Show.

Sir,—I fully intended not to write any further respecting the above, but I feel I must answer Mr. Tayler's letter, seeing he is so greatly upset with regard to my last. Now, Mr. Tayler, I wish to inform you and the readers that I am not a "disappointed exhibitor," as I and several others who know you personally allow for your inexperienced judgment. Mr. Tayler states that he was in the tent before me and Mr. Folwell. Allow me to contradict you, Mr. Tayler. When I arrived at the show there were only two Canaries there. Then came Mr. Folwell and Mr. Tayler behind him. You try and make the readers believe that you have handled nearly all the champion birds. A few might believe this, but thousands would not. You write as if you had judged at the Crystal Palace and all the leading shows. Re my birds dying in 1906, this is perfectly correct, which I have good reasons to remember. I hope Mr. Tayler will never have such a blow; otherwise he will be in a position to sympathise with other fanciers. If he had had the loss I had he would have a face as long as a fiddle, not a wet week. I do not think he will have such a loss, as he doesn't keep birds; he is only a looker-on—one of those who try and find fault. Allow me to inform him that I had about 150 Canaries in my rooms, every bird my sole property, including several open winners, which had won for me. Now, Mr. Tayler, I invited one of your neighbours (Mr. B. Clark, whom you know well) up into my bird room about three weeks before Bath Show, 1906, and he can witness that he saw quite 100 Canaries, including all the ten birds I exhibited. He (Mr. Clark) remarked: "I suppose you have a hundred here?" I replied, "Quite," and I showed him two large cages of young Norwich Canaries, about forty in number, and he said: "They are a grand lot," and added: "You will be sure to run Mr. Tayler very close at the show." I had heard that Mr. Tayler had the best Norwich in Bath some six or eight weeks before the show. I was sorry, Mr. Tayler, you were not able to take your gold medal to the engraver again and have your name put upon the front, as you intended. Never count your chicks before they are hatched. It is correct that I was compelled to resign through asking for the balance of my prize-money (which I afterwards received). Had my birds been awarded all v.h.c. cards, I should never have been compelled to resign. Through my being compelled to resign several other members resigned. I have been asked several times to rejoin, but I have replied "No." Mr. Tayler, if you are a fancier or sportsman, act as one. The gentleman to whom you refer as my "tout" is a gentleman, not a "tout." I have known him over twenty years as a good breeder, exhibitor, and an honest judge. I do not think Mr. Tayler would care to call him a "tout" to his face. I hope my remarks will satisfy Mr. Tayler and your readers.

G. E. Lanham.

[We think this correspondence may very well close with Mr. Tayler's reply (if he chooses to briefly make one), as much purely personal matter, quite foreign to "Canaries at Batheaston Show," has been introduced. We have had to condense the above letter.—Editor.]

Questions for Bird-catchers.

Sir,—I see in Cage Birds of September 16 that "Bait Box" wants to know various points concerning the using of the valuable spring net trap. He asks me for several hints, and I think if I tell him the proper routine of catching with these nets it will be useful to a good many more as well. The first thing is concerning the net itself. Some fanciers think that the larger the net the better, but that is absolutely wrong. As long as your net is large enough to hold a bird as big as a Thrush it will do. Do not get your nets with a wood base, because the birds fight shy of these. Before taking out your nets, have a walk or a cycle ride in the country to find whereabouts the birds are to be found. If you require Goldfinches, look out for a patch of rough land with plenty of thistle seed about, and keep your eyes open for an hour or two; or find a brook or a dyke where plenty of teazle seed is growing, as these are the Goldie's favourite haunts. As for Linnets, etc., hundreds of these can be found in stubble and clover fields at the present time. When you have satisfied yourself that you have found a secluded spot, take out your nets. If after Goldfinches and you have for your destination a dyke or brook, look out for a willow tree, as these are their favourite perches. Set your nets about a dozen yards away from it. As regards setting your nets, clear the ground a little, but not too much, as Goldfinches are very shy. Then put your nets in a circle with a good call bird in the centre. See that your nets are three feet apart from each other. For baiting, select a large ripe head of teazle seed or thistle; but before baiting your net with it, break the head open so that the birds can see the seeds. If you are after Linnets, etc., set your nets (in a stubble field where you know there are plenty of birds) about twelve yards from a hedge, and arrange them the same as advised in the case of Goldfinches. You will find that, these nets being self-acting, you can take a walk round the field and work the birds round to your nets. The bait you will require will be charlock seed and a good sprinkling of chaff around your nets. For catching Bullfinches, these nets make your work as easy as catching flies on a flypaper. What you require is a good trained call-bird, one that will call while you hold call-cage in your hand. The most likely place to find Bullfinches is around a wood or orchard. Take a walk round and your call-bird in your hand a-calling as you go along, and if there are any Bullfinches about you will soon hear them. As soon as you hear any, set your nets at once with your call-bird, and then go for a walk; then, by the time you come back, you can rely upon having a Bullie in your net. The best bait for Bullfinches is almost any kind of berries. For catching Blackbirds and Thrushes, your net requires a piece of cork on the bait tin; pin live worms, etc., on to this. The best place for catching softbills is among strawberry plants and fruit bushes. These spring net traps also come in useful for catching Nightingales and other small softbills, but as their season is now over, we will leave them for another time. Wishing "Bait Box" a little better luck.

Spring Net Trap.

The War Against Red-mites.

Sir,—As the breeding season is now over, we usually make a careful inspection of our cages, on the look-out for our enemies, the red mites. I have heard it said from old fanciers: "No mites, no young birds." Whether this is the case or not I cannot say. But one thing I can say is that if this has been a good season for young birds it has equally been a good season for mites, as mostly every one has the same complaint. The hot summer might have something to do with it. I have tried many things for keeping them away, but still they come. Now, this season I tried a substance used by joiners to prevent decay in wood, especially wood that has to go below the ground—"crozott," I think, is its name. I put some on the end of all my spars, and I can assure you I have never seen any mites this season. When the "crozott" is applied it has a strong smell, but this soon dies away. It is very cheap. I think it is worth a trial.

Jno. Kilpatrick.

[Probably Mr. Kilpatrick means creosote, which we have used ourselves, and have known used by several bird-keeping friends, as a preventive of red mite. It is most excellent for this purpose, apart from its powerful smell and the necessity for keeping the birds from contact with it.—Editor.]

Breeding Canaries from a One-winged Bird.

Sir,—Referring to "Midlothian's" query in last week's Cage Birds, I also have bred a Canary this season with only one wing. It was one of a nest of four Lizards, and appeared the largest and strongest of the lot; and it was only when the other three left the nest and took to the perches that I noticed this one remaining on the edge of the nest for some days. Not understanding why it should be so inactive, I took it from the cage, and found it had one wing only, not a trace of the other, the body being quite smooth and round. At first I thought I would rear it, and keep it as a freak, but as it was so seriously handicapped, and would never be ably to fly to a perch, or hold its own with my other birds, I took what I think was the most humane course, and destroyed it.

Westgate.

Sir,—In answer to "Midlothian's" letter re Border Fancy hen with only one wing, we beg to inform him that we also have a hen of the same breed that was born with only one wing and unless our memory is at fault there have been at least two letters in Cage Birds this year from breeders of Canaries which had one wing missing. The hen we have, which is a clear buff, was hatched in 1909, and was one of a nest of three, the other two being perfect birds. For the first week or so after it came out of the nest it found a difficulty in getting on to the perch, but soon became used to its affliction, and was shortly able to reach the lower perch; now, by climbing up the wires it is able to get to the top of a large flight. Of course, it often has a fall, but never seems to hurt itself, and is now as strong and healthy as any other bird. We showed the hen to other fanciers, and asked them what we should do with it; they all told us to sell it or else kill it, and under no circumstances were we to attempt to breed from it. However, we couldn't sell it, and we didn't like to kill it; so we determined to breed with it as an experiment. We paired her up to a young cock, and everything went on all right. We put in a nest pan just off the ground so that she could easily reach it, and awaited results. From the first nest of three eggs one young hatched out, the other two eggs proving clear. From the second nest we had four young hatched out of four eggs, all of which the hen brought up, doing all the feeding herself. This year we tried her again. She has had three nests, and has hatched nine young out of eleven eggs, again bringing them all up by herself. All these fourteen youngsters of hers have been perfect birds, and only one died, we having lost one this month from inflammation, which we are sorry to say has carried off a good many of our young birds this year. It would be interesting to know if any other breeder has bred from a one-winged bird without any bad results, as we were warned that the young, if we got any, would be minus a limb, or otherwise of no use, instead of which one of this year's young took second prize at our local first feather show. We should think these one-winged birds are too common to be of any value as freaks.

Burton Bros.

Pure White Crest-bred Canary Bred by a Reader.

Sir,—It may interest some of your readers to know that I have bred this year from a splashed Crest hen and a splashed Crest-bred cock a pure white Crest-bred cock, also a splashed white Crested cock, which unfortunately died when about six weeks old. The pure white is now a fine large bird, and could be seen by any fancier.

T. SMITH.

41, Outram Street, King's Cross, London, N.

The "Champion" Singing Linnet

Sir,—In reference to the Linnet singing challenge matter, my bird has gone into moult, so I shall not be able to sing my bird until the coming season, when I hope we shall be able to arrange a sing.

HARRY BROWN.

Sir,—I have received a letter from Mr. Brown, of Leigh, informing me that his bird has gone into moult; therefore he cannot go on with his challenge, which I accepted. I beg to thank Mr. Brown for his kind letter, and hope to visit his club in the near future. My bird was quite ready for the battle. I cannot take any more notice of any further challenges. I have replied to all that have been thrown at me. Allow me, too, to thank those who have written me letters wishing me success.

FRED ALLEN.

A New Cage Bird Society for Annfield, Everton & District.

Sir,—I see by your issue dated September 16 that Mr. R. B. Wright is appealing to fanciers to form a new society under the above name. At present the Fancy is well catered for in Liverpool and district, and any fancier who is not a member of a society would do well first of all to become a member of any of the following societies:—Liverpool Bird Breeders' Association (subscription, 2s. 6d. per annum; sec., F. Eccleston, 42, Cotswold Street); Green Canary Association (subscription 5s. per annum; sec., G. Green, 36, Lord Nelson Street); Liverpool Open Society (subscription 10s. 6d.; secs., Metcalf and Hillmen, 68, Brunswick Road), whose headquarters are in the city of Liverpool. The district societies are Bootle, Garston, Wallasey, Birkenhead, and Prescot. At any of the above-named societies a fancier would receive material benefit from the lectures, debates, washing exhibitions, and advice from old fanciers, who have brought the Fancy in Liverpool and district to the high standard of the present day. Novices would do well to read the essays by fanciers, read at the Liverpool B.B.A., and kindly published in your issue of September 9. Personally, I should not have thought so much of an appeal for a new society if it had been brought forward by a fancier more known than Mr. Wright. Now, Mr. Wright, kindly let us know where you showed a bird before Bootle Nest Feather this year? Also, is it correct that Mr. R. Algie suplied you with these birds? Let us, too, know the name of this well-known fancier who is willing to take the secretaryship.

W. C. ROBINSON.

[We have been compelled to delete from the above letter certain comments which seem to us to be of too personal a nature.—Editor.]

Singing Contests.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Contest held Prince Albert Inn, Sept. 10th, when 12 picked birds sang. Judges, Messrs. A. Turner and J. Smith. 1st, S. Nevins; 2nd, J. Chippendale; 3, Neat. Also contest, Sept. 17th, when 10 birds sang. Judges, Messrs. C. Wood and J. Smith. 1st, J. Chippendale; 2, J. Clark; 3, A. Binns.—E. Wood.

LEEDS.

Quality singing contest held Sept. 16th, when 22 picked birds sang. 1, C. Ward; 2, Laycock; 3, shared by D. Clegg and W. Sissons. Also on Sept. 17th, when 28 birds entered; the singing was something out of the ordinary. 1, Sissons; 2 and 3, shared by Ward and Laycock; 4th, shared by Richardson and Sellars. Judges, Messrs. C. Biss and Thirkell. Next Saturday being Woodhouse Feast, we are giving a big contest, first bird 3 o'c.—C. Clayton, Sec.

Linnet Singing contest for quality held Old Bird House, King's Head, Shannon Street, September 17, when 29 birds sang. Some extra good singing was heard. Sixty members and strangers attended—the largest since club started twenty years ago. We made 14 new members. 1, 2, Prince; 3, Robinson; 4, Chadwick. Judges, Messrs. A. Jennings and Walt Naylor.—T. C. Summers, Hon. Sec.

SALFORD.

Contest for club members, held at Boat House Hotel, Sept. 16. After a close finish the result was: 1st, Wharton; 2nd, Cain; 3rd and 4th, Cates, Green. Judges, Messrs. J. Green, W. Cain, B. Wharton. Bird-keeper, Mr. A. Marsball. After the contest a very enjoyable evening was spent. Our first open contest will take place on Sept. 30, at 2.30, and all members are requested to bring a bird to assist the Globe Inn Linnet Club to make this club stronger. All fanciers are invited to come; will members and secretaries please note change of address?—B. Wharton, 40, Vernon Street, Gorton, Manchester.

LEIGH.

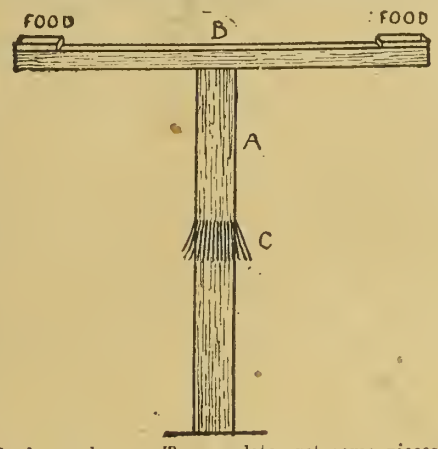
Globe Inn L.C. held club contest, Sept. 16th, when we had an entry of some 20 birds, but some very poor singing was done. The winning bird was the only one that did any singing worth mentioning. Winners for time, 1, T. Statham, 86; 2, J. Hilton, 26; 3, G. Amison, 20; second and third had to sing off for respective places. Will members kindly note they are to make their contribution up to 2s. 6d. by Oct. 1st, or be fined according to new rule. Also will club secs. kindly reply to tho request as regards fixing up dates and arranging inter-club contests, etc. I am requested to ask for a reply to my letter from secs. who received them; if no reply by Oct. 1 we shall fix our own dates and take no further part in the matter.—J. McAllister (Sec.).

Illustrated Ideas

No. 540.
To Baffle Mice.

Sent by Mr. N. Bailey, 14, West Street, Hucknall.

I send you a simple idea for keeping mice from birds' food in aviaries and also from birds while sleeping, as it makes an ideal perch. To make, get a piece of round wood as shown at A, and fix in the floor. Next, get another piece, and nail across the top, as shown at B. At the ends of B fix small flat boards to stand

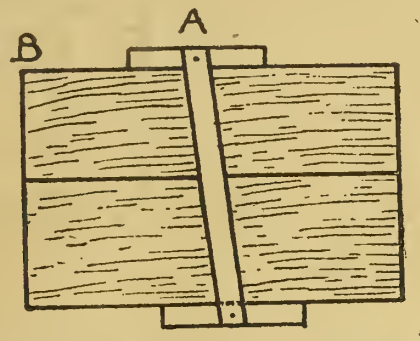


food vessels on. To complete, get some pieces of cage wire about an inch long; point them and fix them pointing downwards on the centre stem as shown at C, so as to thwart the mice. Fix the wires close all round, and this will stop the pests from climbing.—N. Bailey.

No. 541.
A Useful Cramp.

Sent by Mr. S. T. Perrin, 26, Garfield Street, Kettering.

The following little device will be found useful as a cramp for joining cage backs, etc. It is made as follows: Get a piece of wood a little longer than the width of the boards to



be jointed. Nail on each end another short piece as per illustration, letting these work loosely. Put across boards as usual, and by knocking A towards B as illustrated it answers well for cramping joints.—S. T. Perrin.

The Young Naturalist.

*A Knowing Sparrow.

In the Market Place we have a Sparrow which is called "Joey." He sits on the roofs of the houses opposite, and when called, will come and feed from the hands of the man who keeps a stall on the market. The bird is quite tame, but if anybody comes near he will fly away again as soon as he has taken the food.—Sent by Reginald Ditcham (aged nine years), 66, Rupert Street, Norwich.

*Rescuing a Young Bird.

On going to school one afternoon I was attracted by a series of sharp squeaks and chirps coming from an iron pipe near a wall. I looked behind it, and saw a young Sparrow wedged in and evidently in pain. The youngster allowed me to take it home and place it in a cage. I then gave it some food and hid myself to see if it would touch it. A sharp twittering surprised me, and on looking up I saw three Sparrows sitting on the roof. The young one answered them, and presently one flew down and fed the youngster through the mesh.—Sent by L. Davey (aged 12), 1, Henry Street, Plymouth.

**Perched on the Nose.

I am very fond of birds. One day a boy brought two funny young birds in his pocket. He got them out of a hole in a tree. So Dad said he would try and keep them alive. I had to go and find some live ants' eggs to feed them with. He used to take the birds up to bed with him to feed early in the morning. But he forgot to wake early one morning, and one of them got out of the basket and perched right on his nose and made a loud squeaking noise, calling for food, which woke Dad in a fright. They were the prettiest birds he ever had. They were Lesser Spotted Woodpeckers.—Sam Dauncey (aged 10), Bridge Street, Nailsworth, Glos.

The Shows.

DURHAM.

Show of Norwich Plainheads held "Travellers' Rest," Gilesgate Moor, Durham, on Sept. 16th. Entries came up well considering it was so early on in the season, and some very good birds were staged. Mr. Geo. Reed (Brandon) had the secretarial duties in hand, and the judge was Mr. W. Rutherford (Crook), who seemed to give every satisfaction. There were 20 entries.

NOR. A.V.: 1, 4, Wilson, leader cl. yell., grand size, extra good head and chest, fine wing and tail carriage, easy win; 4th, cl. buff, good size; 2, Gowland, Crosby cl. buff, extra fine head and chest; 3, Stanger, cl. yell., grand col.

MOFFAT & UPPER ANNANDALE.

Annual show, held at Moffat, September 15th, when there was a remarkably good entry in the various classes, and the collection of cage birds was the finest ever seen at this show. There was a considerable increase in the number of entries, which came up to something like 30 over last year's. Border Fancies led the way, and a really fine lot they were, the class comprising many outstanding birds that will hold their own in much more pretentious exhibitions. Mr. J. Clark (Moffat), with a buff hen, was awarded the B.F.C.C. medal. Mules constituted a good class, and here Mr. J. C. Crosbie (Dumfries) swept all before him with his noted trio. British birds made another good class, pride of place being secured by Mr. A. Smith (Biggar) with a very fine Hawfinch. Mr. J. Thomson (Wigton) adjudicated on the exhibits, and his decisions gave general satisfaction.

The Critique.

BORD. YELL. CK.: 1, Clark, good one, nicely drawn, fine level col., good back and wings; 2, Ken, another good one, beautifully rounded, in fine order, close up; 3, Walker, grand all-round exhibit. HEN: 1, Ken, topper, one of the right sort, in nice bloom, wins; 2, 3, Davidson, brace of real gems. BUFF CK.: 1, Walker, a clinker, fine taper and bloom, gets home in a canter, will be heard of again; 2, Calderwood, another grand exhibit; 3, Watt, good one, in fine form, Eaglesfield winner, we heard. HEN: 1, sp, medal, Clark, excels in type, nicely rounded, well-braced wings and tail, free and jaunty carriage; 2, Davidson, bonny hen, good type again, nice head, back, and wings; 3, Walker, slimmer than leaders, again in fine form. EVEN: 1, Aitchison, nice type and markings; 2, Davidson, another good one. UNEVEN: 1, Watt, wins, good all-round bird, in nice bloom; 2, Calderwood, still another good one; 3, Walker, very nice buff hen. FOUL: 1, Calderwood, nice and typical, buff, marked on head, real good one; 2, Walker, bead marked yell., fine type, nicely rounded, will be a topper in a month's time; 3, Lockhart, another good exhibit. A.O.V. BORD.: 1, sp, Smith, good yell. grass green, in fine bloom; 2, 3, Davidson, brace of nice ones, must have pressed. MULE OR HYB.: 1, sp, 2, 3, Crosbie, well-known trio, needs no comment. BRIT.: 1, Smith, very nice Hawfinch, not yet quite over moult; 2, Shand and Ormiston, real good Bullie, in fine order; 3, Harkness, nice Bramble, coming into grand condition.

GLASGOW (Confined Derby).

Annual Show held in Grand National Halls, Gorbals, Glasgow, September 16. In years gone by this event was looked forward to with the greatest of interest, and it was considered an achievement to win the gold medal. Undoubtedly the interest has abated, but there were unmistakable signs of a profound regard for the Derby on this occasion. We have seen better filled shelves, and larger birds, but we doubt if there was superior style. The cup winner bred by Mr. Montgomery, the famous Scotch Fancy breeder, of Corkerhill, is a bird full of merit. Some thought that her sister, a clear buff hen, was the better of the two, when judged for the premier position. We are told that the yellow hen won with ease. They are different types, and no one would have said anything had the buff won. She has more arch on the wing, and takes a commanding position on the perch. The entries totalled 77, and the exhibits were neatly arranged around the hall. The putting up of the shelves was in the hands of Mr. A. Orr, who is an expert in that work. Mr. Bullions, the secretary, deserves special mention for the admirable way in which the secretarial duties were handled. Had he only four times the number of birds his powers would have been seen to full advantage. The judges, Messrs. Carlaw (Falkirk) and Caldwell (Baillieston), deserve every credit for the way they placed the awards. The exhibits naturally were in a raw state, but they did their very best, and generally speaking gave satisfaction. The attendance of fanciers and visitors was encouraging. Among them we had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Montgomery, the gold medal winner, Messrs. Black, McClure, Morrison, Muir, Banks, Ferguson, Park, Smith, Scott, Fleming, McIlwaine, Lees, Stewart, Renwick, Bullions, Buchanan, and others.

The Critique.

SCOT. FCY., YELL. CK., CL., ETC.: 1, Smith, neat, typical, upright bird, splendid droop, long neck, sweet head, proportionately built; 2, Wilson, better size, but not quite so stylish, grand body, erect, decided drive; 3, Gray, upright, head well forward, neat head, round shoulder, fine body; 4, Orr, well up, decided reach; 5, McClure; 6, McIlwaine; 7, Miller. HEN: 1, Montgomery, medal winner, very erect, superior droop, sweet head, long, thin neck, prominent top, beautiful front; 2, Smith, splendid second, erect, determined drive, neat head, long neck, grand top, good body; 3, J. Muir, capital size, fine reach, good top and body; 4, Smith, good all round; 5, McIlwaine; 6, Millar; 7, Stewart. YELL. CK. PIED, ETC. (6): 1, Lees, upright, nice drive, good back, and frontal, fine body, full of action, wins with ease; 2, Wilson, good second, of much the same caste; 3, Millar, much admired for size and style, plenty of action; 4, Stewart, erect, decided drive; 5, Orr; 6, Hunt. HEN (8): 1, McClure, upright, fine, round, prominent back, clean front, nice body, good droop; 2, McIlwaine, well up, nice drive, top, and body; 3, Orr, well set on perch, good reach and top; 4, Stewart, grand size, neat head, fine reach; 5, Wilson; 6, Black. BUFF CK. (14): 1, McClure, large, well up, decided reach, prominent shoulder, grand body, full of action; 2, Montgomery, not quite equal in size, pressed hard on each other, decided reach, fine, round, prominent shoulders, rare body; 3, McIlwaine, in the best of company, upright, good head and neck, prominent back, fine body and action; 4, Smith, nice, typical exhibit, good size and action; 5, Wilson; 6, Clark; 7, Black. HEN (9): 1, Montgomery, erect, decided reach, rare top, nice front, good body, fine sweep under perch, sold we believe to a well-known Renfrew breeder; 2, McClure, erect, decided reach, grand top and body; 3, r, Scott, fine pair, similar in style, erect, good body and reach; 5, Gray; 6, Clark; 7, Orr. BUFF CK. PIED, ETC. (8): 1, McClure, very stylish, lightly marked, erect, determined drive, nice crouch, good body and action; 2, Gray, grand size, and body, erect, fine reach and top; 3, Stewart, pressed hard on second, upright, good drive, neat head, fine body; 4, Baillie, good fourth, fine style and action; 5, Buchanan; 6, J. Muir; 7, Hunt. HEN (9): 1, McClure, close in feather, nicely rolled over good shoulder, front, and body; 2, Banks, good size, nice top and body; 3, Buchanan, nice type; 4, Black, stylish and typical; 5, McClure; 6, Muir; 7, Stewart.

DOLGELLY (Merionethshire).

Annual fixture held September 15th, in glorious weather. We were pleased to see the cage bird section provided with a few more classes, entries in which totalled well for this time of the year. Yorkshires held the pride of place in numbers and quality. Norwich were disappointing; Mules were good, also the British. The attendance was all that could be desired. Mr. R. Roberts held the secretarial reins once more, which were well handled from start to finish without a hitch. Mr. W. Nolan won silver cup (to be won twice) for most successful exhibitor in section, also the two specials in the Yorkshire classes, Mr. H. S. Davies being runner-up. Mr. James Jones also had a grand team of Yorkshires. We hope the committee will consider a few more classes for another year, which no doubt will improve the show and the Faucy in the district. Mr. J. O. Williams made the awards, which were well received.

NOR., YELL., CL., ETC. (3): 1, H. S. Davies, cl. yell., nice type and condition, good feather and col.; 2, R. E. Griffith, saddle mark, nice head and eye; W. Roberts wrong classed, a Yorks. BUFF (3): 1, J. E. Jones, cl., typical, good head, excellent feather, in the pink of condition, nice youngster; 2, H. S. Davies, Buff, rich in col., nice size and feather, well shown; 3, J. L. Williams, big bird, nat. col. YORKS., YELL., CL., ETC. (14): 1, 2, r, spl, W. Nolan, 1 Cinn., mkd. head, lengthy and stylish, grand outline and position, best of feather, an early youngster, well through moult, 2 head mark, another youngster, nice length and style, full of quality, r neat yell. hen; 3, vhc, hc, James Jones, 3 good cl. yell., grand length, leggy and stylish, neat tail, beaten in feather only; c, H. S. Davies. BUFF (11): 1, 2, 3, spl, Nolan, grand trio, nicely staged, all in pink of condition, 1 cl. Buff, nice length, leggy and stylish, good wings and tail, well moulded, tight as a Java; 2, Meek, marked, extra length, good position and feather, ideal stock-bird combined, 3, wing ticked, promising youngster good all over, very fit; r, H. S. Davies, neat all over; vhc, W. Butler; hc, Evan Edwards. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (2): 1, Nolan, typical Finch, good blaze, nice size; 2, J. Roberts, nice specimen, in moult. BRIT. A.O.S. (6): 1, H. S. Davies, grand Hawfinch, in superb form, immense size, good, sound col., won comfortably; 2, J. Rowlands, good Bullfinch, fine size and quality, good dense black cap, rich col., breast in fine form; 3, E. Edwards, excellent Corn Butning, steady, good size and col.; r, R. E. Griffiths; vhc, Nolan. BEST C.B., A.O.V.: 1, r. H. S. Davies, unevenly mkd variog. Goldie Mule, nice type, full of quality, showing both parents, excellent feather; 2, J. E. Jones, variog. Goldfinch Can., good size and quality, nicely mkd., in good form; 3, T. Richards, same cross, nice quality and feather.

COLWYN BAY.

Welsh Northern Counties show held at Colwyn Bay, September 16th, in very favourable weather for the time of year. The Cage Bird Section had a marquee to themselves, well lighted, with ample room. If the birds had been staged higher it would have been an improvement. Mr. Cragg had everything in order early in the day, and worked well for the success of the show, ably assisted by a good staff of stewards. All the specials were confined to members. There was a good attendance. The two cups were won by Mr. Sheldon (Llandudno), namely, the Griffith Roberts challenge cup for best unflighted Canary (it was won by this gentleman twice before in succession, and now becomes his property), the Garie Roberts challenge cup for best bird in show, to be won twice in succession or three times in all (this win was the first). Entries were fairly good for this time of year. The quality and type of the Norwich were of a high order; also some of the Yorkshires were very good. Border fancies were cancelled. Mules, too, were good. Mr. J. H. Roe judged.

The Critique.

NOR., P.H., YELL., CL., ETC. (7): 1, 2, r, W. H. Sheldon, grand trio, nicely staged, all in good condition, 1st grand yell., good formation of body, nice size, head and eye, great substance, full of quality, A1 feather, 3 variog., grand quality, immense size, plenty of substance, r very similar; 2, W. Aitken, head mkd., nice type and feather, good youngster, well through moult, was commented on at Nantlle Vale; vhc, W. Williams. BUFF (8): 1, 3, Sheldon, two cl. of exceptional merit, type, col. and substance all there, winner stood well out in grand form, full of quality, nice short wings and tail; 2, W. H. Williams, Buff, very typical, good quality of feather, will make good one; r, W. Aitken, nice type and feather; hc, Nolan. YORKS., YELL., CL., ETC. (11): 1, J. W. Pritchard, good length and style, rich col., in grand condition; 2, D. G. Jones, cl., nice length and quality of feather, very pleasing; 3, r, hc, Monfed, lengthy, good feather, in fine condition, r cl. yell., typical; vhc, c, W. Davies. BUFF, ETC.: 1, W. H. Williams, cl., plenty of length, good position; 2, Thompson, cl. Buff, nice length, slim, good feather; 3, J. W. Williams, cl. Buff hen, full of quality, well-known, some thought an easy winner; r, W. Davies, cl., nice type of feather; vhc, D. G. Jones; hc, c, W. S. Williams. MULE: 1, W. Davies, variog. Mule, Goldfinch and Can., good feather, Ruthen winner; 2, r, Aitken, two good Greenie Mules, will be heard of again; 3, Var, Goldie Can. hen, in nice feather; hc, Donaldson. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, vhc, Hughes, good blaze, tan and condition; c, W. Davies, good blaze and col.; 3, Owens, nice bird, but moulting; r, Donaldson. BRIT. A.O.V.: 1, R. E. Griffith, pied Blackbird, well-known, in good form; 2, R. Jones, nice Bullie; r, Pritchard, dark Linnet; vhc, Donaldson, Siskin. SELL.: 1, W. H. Williams; 2, r, vhc, hc, W. Jones.

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"How I became a Fancier."

By Members of the Liverpool B.B.A.

At the meeting of the Liverpool Bird Breeders' Association held on August 10th the following papers were read by Novice Members, viz., Messrs. T. R. Jones, J. Lloyd and J. Saul.

(*Concluded from page 142*).

No. 2. Mr. Lloyd's Paper.

I do not know if I have always had a love for Cage Birds, but when a lad I always kept a Linnet or a Canary. I also had a young Cockatoo and tried to rear the same. My first start in going in for breeding Canaries was a sudden fancy on hearing them singing in Tibb Street, Manchester. I bought a common German for singing. This had a narrow escape with its life. A cat got into the house and knocked the cage down, but it did not manage to get the bird. I next bought a bird from the market, but that soon died. Then I bought a pair of Hartz Mountain Rollers, and then two other Canaries and a cage for two shillings and sixpence. From these I reared about twenty young ones. I also saw cage birds in a shop in Park Road, and I started buying, and have continued ever since.

I saw a show advertised at Birkenhead, and that started my going to bird shows. I think I went to all the local shows. I next sold all my common Canaries and bought a pair of Yorkshires and an old hen or two. Then I joined the Liverpool Breeders' Association, and was always on the look-out for anything I could buy. From the pair of Yorkshires I didn't rear a young one. But I got one of the cock paired to another hen, a clear yellow hen, and the next season I paired this young one up to a buff-green cock, and got two young ones off same, one of which won for me my first prize in the Green Canary Association's Nest Feather Show. From another pair of greens I got eleven young ones and not one green; they were all variegated or cinnamon marked. I had been told when buying that they were both bred from Greens; after that I took good care that I did not get "taken in" again. I always wanted to see what they were bred from, and always took particular notice of birds belonging to other people and of what I saw at shows. In this way I gathered more information than from the Fanciers.

Feeding the Youngsters.

In feeding I use plain Spanish seed, and give a little mixed seed once or twice a week. In the matter of the feeding of young I have reared more on arrowroot biscuits and eggs than on any other. In colour feeding I use Spratt's Patent cage-bird food, as this does away with eggs; I never give them eggs when using this. I do not care for showing young ones, as I think it does them harm, for I always have a lot of mine go bad, ultimately losing them.

I am also a lover of British birds, and if I had space I would prefer them to Canaries, especially if I could keep them out of doors, as I think they do better outside. I have no favourites, for I have kept a good many species and care as much for a Greenie as for a Goldfinch or a Bullfinch.

In buying British it is far better to try and get in with a catcher, for even if you have to pay double there is more chance of your getting a good one, as I think they are picked before they go to the dealers. I know this, as a friend of mine wrote for me to a catcher for one or two, and he sent two birds down, saying they were the best he had caught that season, but I lost both in the moulting.

A Try at Hybrid Breeding.

I have had a try at Hybrid breeding. I have had full eggs from a Greenfinch and Bullfinch; young hatched out, but I failed to rear them. I have also had fertile eggs from Goldfinch and Greenfinch. Both pairs nested in cages. I have had some success in mule-breeding. I reared twelve mules one season and four the next from the same Linnet. I had one mule that I thought was going to be a topper, but when colour feeding it I put sawdust in the bottom of the cage, and about two hours afterwards I found it dead; I blame the sawdust, thinking the bird must have picked some of it up. For muling I like to get the Britishers as young as possible, as I think they get used to cages better than old ones.

In feeding Britishers I use mixed seed: no particular sort—only what I buy from the dealer, viz. the ordinary mixed seed. But I give them as much wild seed as I can get. In moulting them I give nothing but wild seed, both in a dry and in a green state; in fact, I hardly ever miss a day in taking home some sort of wild seed. If ever I have a holiday I usually go away to Chester. I take a boat up the river, and go to the other side of Eaton Hall where I usually get as much wild seed as will last me for a considerable time, besides having the pleasure of seeing a number of birds in their wild state and getting a number of hints as to their feeding. I enjoy this holiday far more than going to any seaside place, and have spent hours watching the birds. I have been out from as early as three o'clock in the morning until late in the evening.

Britishers I give a little colour-feed to in moulting, as I think it imparts a little extra colour, especially to the Linnets. I give the birds a bath as often as possible, and, in showing, if they require washing I do so a fortnight before the exhibition, spraying them every morning after. But I find that they do not require much washing, as they keep far cleaner than Canaries. Some birds, I find, require far more attention than others when getting them ready for the shows. You must get to know your birds, and what they require, and work accordingly. I find this is far better than taking other people's advice. I take note of other birds I see, and try and get my own as near to them as possible, for in showing you must have the birds in the best of condition or you might as well keep them at home. In getting mine into condition I give them port wine, glycerine and honey, mixed together, a few drops in the water, and I find that this keeps them in good condition all the winter.

No. 3. Mr. Saul's Paper.

It's an old saying "If you never try you can't expect to succeed," so here goes. My first attempt at Canary breeding dates back to about six or seven years ago. This is how it began. I was taking a stroll one Saturday evening, going nowhere in particular, when my wanderings brought me to a lane adjoining St. John's Market. On arriving there my attention was drawn to a fellow selling Canaries in small wicker cages—"Guaranteed German Roller cocks, and on song, at two bob a time." Now, thought I to myself, here's a bargain, I'll get one. I did, and I took it home, procured a cage, put sand, seed and water in it, then hung the bird up on the wall. I anxiously waited for the time when it would burst forth into glorious song. But alas, to my disappointment, it never did any bursting, and after weeks of warbling (all done by myself with the aid of a bottle and cork, to try and tempt it to chime in) I came to the conclusion that it belonged to the deaf and dumb class, or there was something radically wrong with its vocal organs. Thinking there might be something wrong with my feeding, I spoke to a gentleman about the matter, and he, having had a Canary or two, volunteered to have a look at my bird. The upshot was he told me my "fine cock bird" was a hen.

Breeding Operations Started.

To say I was disappointed wasn't in it, but it was this that started "the fever" in me. I had a hen, why not get a cock bird from some reliable dealer, and start breeding? Well, I did. I bought a Norwich cock, made a cage, and the following April from a few hints picked up here and there I made a start. But from want of knowledge and a bit of trouble through having to remove my stock I only reared two birds out of three nests I got. Still I was not down-hearted, and was determined to go on with my hobby, but a death which occurred at home about this time and scattered us about a bit made me give it up, and it was not until this season that I was able to make another start.

I have had three cocks running with five hens, and am sorry to say it has been another bad season for me; I have only reared five birds out of about thirty I got in the nests. But I mean still to go on and by combining better stock with better knowledge (which latter I am hoping to acquire), and last, but by no means least, by the exercise of that one great virtue which every true fancier must possess, Patience, I am hoping to reach the height of my ambition, that is, of carrying home a first-prize winner, bred by myself.

With these few remarks, and wishing the Society and all its members the best of success in the coming Show season, I will close my paper.

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Should Birds be Kept in Cages?

By J. R. COLVILLE
(Ashton-under-Lyne).

[*Following is the extract from the "Ashton-under-Lyne Reporter" to which reference is made by Mr. Fulljames in his CAGE BIRD LEAGUE Notes.*—EDITOR.]

To all lovers of a cage bird as a household pet, and to the novice and experienced fancier, this may seem a superfluous question. But is it so? Anyone who has been paying attention to passing events in the bird world, and more particularly in regard to cage-bird life, cannot but be convinced that a serious menace to our hobby and against the keeping of birds as pets has arisen. CAGE BIRDS, the recognised organ of the Fancy, has for a considerable time been supplying us with information and facts which show how serious this matter really is to bird lovers generally.

A Pronunciamento.

"*It will be a good day for England when the caging of birds is made entirely illegal.*"

Now, anyone who takes the slightest interest in keeping a bird or birds who will give this quotation their serious consideration must see what it means. Mark the words "caging of birds." If this means anything it means "all birds." Not only British birds, but also the many kinds of foreign birds, including the talking Parrot and the other beautiful and entertaining species. And what about the domesticated Canary, of which there are so many different varieties? There is that "made in Germany" songster of which you are so proud, and which you are never tired of praising for its beautiful song. All these are threatened. In a word, bird life in cages is banned.

The Crusaders.

The question naturally arises, Who or what is at the bottom of all this? For some considerable time a society called the Humanitarian League, assisted by the Wild Birds Protection Society, has been on the warpath against the keeping of birds in captivity. Starting with a crusade against cruelty in the catching, selling, and keeping of British birds, they have gradually extended their aims and ambitions, as the quotation in italics above clearly proves. With their original intention no true true fancier or lover of birds will have any quarrel; in fact, quite the opposite. All the help possible would have been given to them to assist in stamping out cruelty to birds in any shape or form.

If, instead of starting this opposition to all cage-bird life, they had invited the co-operation of the bird fancier through one or other of the various representative societies, such as the National British Bird and Mule Club, to mention only one, they would have received such whole-hearted assistance and have been backed up by all fanciers that it would have been a simple matter to have drawn up some plan to put a stop to all the evils complained of. But, no. Amongst their members must have been many who held extreme views on the subject, and they evidently carried the day.

A Doubtful Verdict.

The first serious hint which fanciers and bird lovers get of the campaign is the prosecution in the London courts of two bird dealers for selling in London Skylarks which had been caught at Cambridge.

The prosecution was undertaken by the R.S.P.C.A., and a decision was given by the magistrate against the bird dealers. CAGE BIRDS, in the interests of the Fancy, started a fund to enable an appeal to be made to a higher court, where again a decision was given against the dealers on a technical point of law, namely, that no freshly-caught birds may be in the possession of anyone living in a protected area, even if these birds were caught in a perfectly legal way in an open area, the Judges expressing the opinion that until a bird had been in captivity for three of four weeks it could be termed "freshly caught." That means that if a Lark or other bird is caught in Cambridge, which is an open area, or in any other open area, it must be kept for three or four weeks before it can be sent to London or any other protected area, either to be offered for sale by any dealer or be kept by anyone as a household pet.

This verdict is much open to question, as it is very doubtful if the framers of the Wild Birds Protection Act ever had such an idea in their mind. During the open season you can catch and kill as many birds as you like, and send them immediately to London or elsewhere to make pies and other dainties for the well-to-do, but you must not send any birds alive until after a given period. Does this sound correct?

(*To be continued.*)

Wild-Bird Life.

The Moulting Process.

During the past week we have had a decided change in the temperature, although the weather conditions are still good and as congenial as one could ever wish for in the month of September. Resident wild birds are deep in the moult, and as the growth of feathers is at all times a slow process, a sudden change to very cold or inclement weather would certainly not be good for them. Unless one gets a close acquaintance with the birds of the fields, one is inclined to think their change of plumage is effected in a much easier manner than in the case of aviary or cage birds; but this is not so. They may possibly get over it a week or two quicker, but they are equally as ragged and disreputable-looking while the moult is in progress. In the majority of cases they have now finished moulting the body, but look very dilapidated about the head and neck. It is interesting to noto how, during a few short weeks, wild birds put off the gay plumage of the breeding season for one less showy, for use during the winter months. This change is particularly noticeable in the case of the common House Sparrow. The wings do not appear to suffer much by the change, but the head, neck, and back are far less bright, the chestnut at the sides of the head being mingled with grey instead of being clear and distinct. But is in on the black gorget that we notice the greatest alteration. This has almost disappeared, but if we handle a specimen we shall see that every feather upon the throat and breast is edged with grey, and if we turn them back with the finger we shall find that the remainder of each feather is quite dark; in a word, the gorget is there, but hidden with a covering of grey. In the early spring, when the desire for mating begins to assert itself, this richer colouring will come to the front, and the cheeky Sparrow will strut in all his finery. The same change of plumage goes on in all wild birds. In contrast to the somewhat worn and faded breeding plumage, the Kingfisher, Pheasant, Starling, Finches, and others look clean and bright in their new clothes, but these, clean as they are, are in fact very subdued in colour when compared with the depth of colour, gloss and general brightness of the early spring and summer months.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects. Harmless to everything.

BREEDING RESULTS OF THE 1911 SEASON.

Notes on the results of the recent breeding season, or of any interesting happenings, are invited from the secretaries of societies and others. The communications must in each case be accompanied by the sender's name and address

Loanhead and District C.B.S.

It gives me pleasure to send on our members' breeding results. Taking everything into consideration, I am certain our show on October 14th will be one of the best ever held by the society. Scotch Fancies are down a little, but the quality is as good as ever, and Borders are better than ever I have seen them. Norwich and Mules stand something like last year. James King (Deantown), one Scotch Fancy; A. Jardine (Polton), five Scotch Fancies; D. Small (Loanhead), nine Scotch Fancies; A. Gilchrist, two Scotch Fancies and 36 Norwich and Borders; John Yule, one Scotch Fancy and 43 Norwich and Borders; D. Dalgleish, one Scotch Fancy and 42 Borders; W. H. Nelson, 56 Borders; R. H. Douglas, 43 Borders; C. McGregor, six Borders; W. B. Smart, 64 Borders and six Norwich; J. Noble, three Scotch Fancies and 14 Borders; D. Noble, 15 Norwich; G. Harper, 33 Borders; R. Fisher, 24 Borders; D. Flockhart, 51 Borders; E. Weighley, 10 Scotch Fancies; A. and W. Thompson, 30 Borders; Joe Thomson, 42 Borders; A. M. Gardiner, 17 Norwich; J. Hamilton, 52 Borders; Thos. Bickerstaff, 15 Borders; T. Hamilton, 18 Borders; J. Ewing, 12 Borders; J. Stirling, 48 Borders and 17 Mules; J. Steel (Dalkeith), 43 Norwich and Borders and eight Mules; Alf. Rowe (Eskbank), 33 Borders. I am sorry I am not able to call on Messrs. Dunn (Portobello) and Pearson (Musselburgh).—W. B. Smart, sec.

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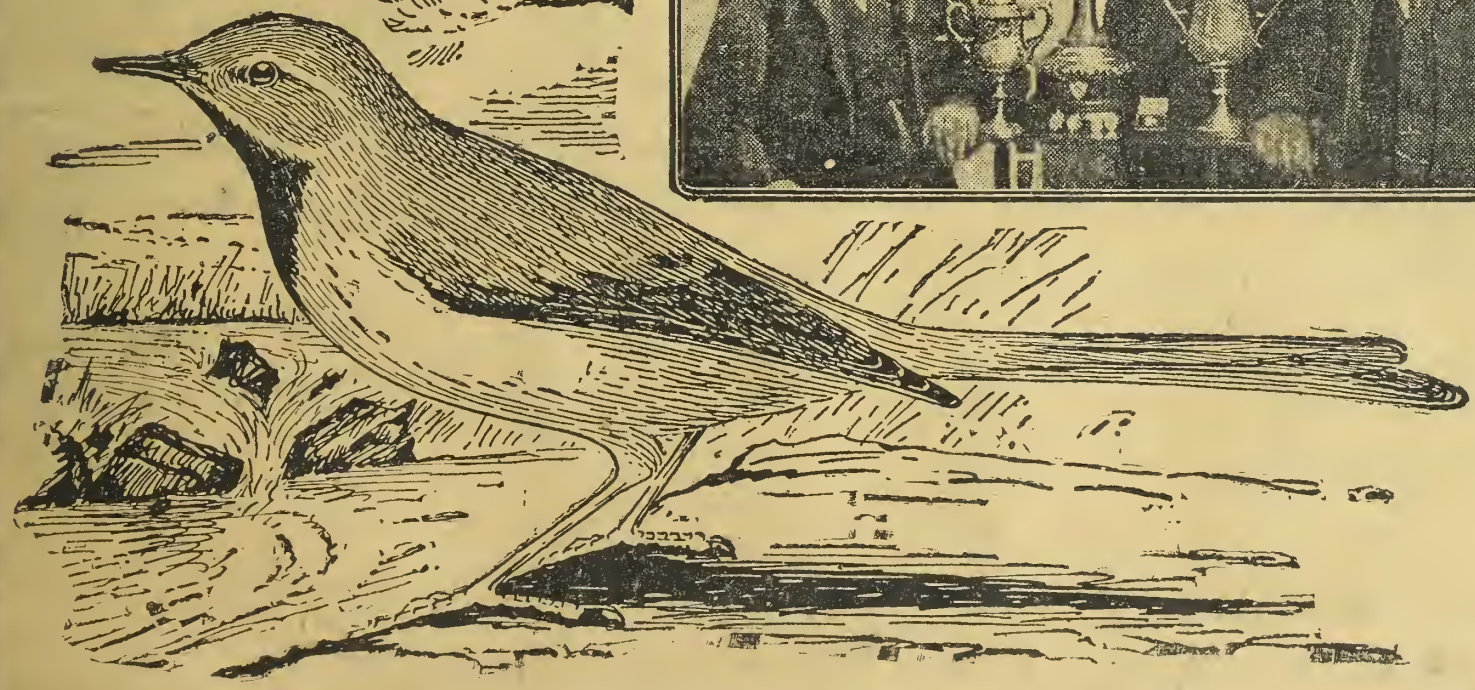
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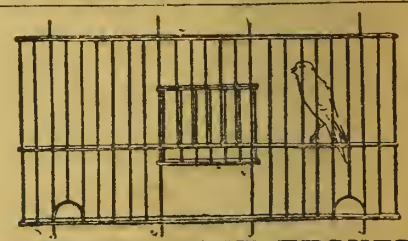
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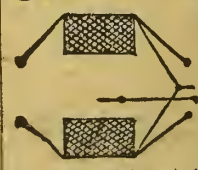
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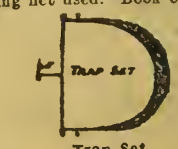
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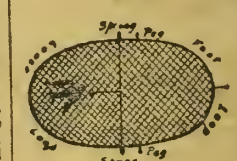
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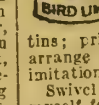
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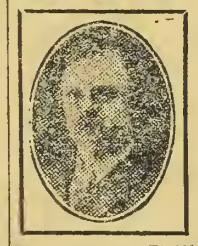
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COCK Red-crested Cardinal, 5/6; Orange Bishop, aviary moulted, nearly in colour, 5/-; hen White Java, 4/6; several hen Redrumps, 14/6 each; Carmine Finch, aviary moulted, 4/6; tame acclimatised Amazon, 30/-: Budgerigars, 5/6; cocks 2/6, hens 3/6, yellow 7/6 pair; Cockatiels, 10/6 pair; Saffron Finches 7/- pair; Spicebirds, Nuns, 2/- pair; Moustache Parrakeets, beautiful colours, 12/6 pair; Bronzewings, Javas, Orangecheeks, Lovebirds, 2/6 pair; following aviary moulted, now lovely colour: Avadavats, Weavers, Lovebirds, 3/- pair; seven outdoor aviaries, quite a zoo; surplus stocks purchased, not Canaries: 76, Wellington-rd., Handsworth, Birmingham.

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Singing Contests.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Usual week-end Linnet contest, held Sept. 23, when nine of the best picked Linnets in Leeds sang. Quality singing only. Judges, Messrs. E. Wood and C. Lorriman. 1, J. Chippendale; 2, T. Chippendale; 3, J. Clark.—E. Wood.

LEEDS.

Contest held Skinner's Arms, Burslingthorpe Lane, Sept. 23rd, when 25 birds sang. 1, J. Sellars; 2, A. Richardson; 3, C. Ward; 4, H. Wigfield. Judges: Messrs. Madden, Green, and Butler. After the contest—being Woodhouse Feast—we spent a jovial evening, when Tubby Wigfield gave us some of his best scrapping, and Mr. Sellars obliged with some of his "whinneying." We made the best of a wet Saturday night. Also Sept. 24th, 32 birds sang; 1, Laycock; 2, C. Ward; 3, Wigfield; 4, Sellars. Judges, Messrs. Madden, J. Green, C. Biss. Contest Saturday, 3.—C. Clayton, Sec.

Singing contest for quality Linnets, held Sept. 24. Twenty-seven birds sang:—1, C. Prince; 2, H. Wigfield; 3, T. G. Stead. Judges, Messrs. Walt. Naylor and A. Jennings.—F. C. Summers, Hon. Sec.

SALFORD.

For the contest, Sept. 30, Boathouse Hotel, Oldfield Road, the President, Mr. Cootes, is giving 10s. for time and quality. Linnet fanciers around Manchester are specially invited to our contests. Held every fortnight at 2.30. Will any Lark fanciers desirous of arranging singing contests kindly send names with a view to business?—B. Wharton, Sec., 40, Vernon Street, Gorton.

Club Reports.

WALKLEY AND DISTRICT. C.B.S.

Meeting held St. Philip's Schoolrooms, Westmoreland-street, Mr. Ridal in chair. Meeting was for hearing the experiences of members. We had a very interesting night indeed. Will members kindly note our next meeting night, October 12th, is for the arrangements for annual show, etc.? Will members who have not brought ticket money in for N.F. Show kindly do so?—J. Scott, Sec.

SHEPSHED AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

Meeting held Pied Bull Inn, September 18, when Mr. W. Watson gave a lecture on the Norwich Canary. Mr. Watson first remarked on the type of Norwich when he first started—the time when colour counted forty points—and on the great difference in the bird generally. He then read over the standard scale of points; he touched on all points, explaining the faulty and the correct, with the aid of a few birds he had brought with him; and what he had not got he soon described by aid of a piece of chalk and a slate. Questions were asked by Messrs. Neale, West, and Moore, which were ably answered.—A. Edwards, Hon. Sec.

ADMIRAL DUNCAN O.S. (Nottm.).

Schedule for 32nd annual goose fair show, October 7, has been passed. We have a total of 31 classes—8 Nor., 10 Crest and C.B., 6 British, 1 Mule or Hyb., and 4 Sell. We have added two Yorkshire classes, 1 yell and 1 buff, by way of experiment, Mr. R. Holmes and Mr. J. Goode guaranteeing both. We have again been fortunate in securing the services of Mr. W. Vardy to judge. Many good special prizes have been promised. Our worthy host is giving an additional £1 to special prize fund; this brings his contribution to the substantial sum of £5. This is our opening and best show of the season, and we are hoping for a "bumper." We are still open to make more members.—J. Cowpertwait, Sec.

COWDENBEATH C.B.S.

Meeting held, Arcade Temperance Hotel, September 20th; Mr. J. Simpson presiding over a large turnout. Four new members joined and we had a splendid meeting. Secretary reported Mr. J. Leitch had intimated he intended giving a more valuable challenge cup; agreed, that it be given for best bird. The challenge cup presented by Mr. G. Penman will be for most points over whole show. A trophy will be given by Mr. G. Penman Junr., for most points by a member. Two gold medals have been given by a friend, one for best Canary and one for best member British. The placing of specials on respective classes was considered, but was not finished; so a special meeting will be held at same place Oct. 4th, when there will possibly be another silver cup, with more specials to place.—J. R. Reid, Sec.

NEWCASTLE C.B.S.

Special meeting held Sept. 21st; chairman, Mr. J. G. Hutchinson. The £25 Robert's challenge cup patronage was received from the Crested C.C., and and also the Northern Lizard Club patronage. Messrs. Steel and Wood, of Blaydon, are to provide refreshments at the show, and those who attended the picnic, will appreciate the value of this. Two members kindly volunteered specials by letter. Mr. Bax (Long Benton Vicarage) was elected a member. Classes for judges to take were selected and an extra Stock class added on same lines as Crystal Palace Show. Specials are very slow in coming in but we expect all members are busy collecting, and hope Mole will still lead the way in this respect. Next meeting time enough to help your own section. We have added a lot of classes and they need supporting. Schedules will be in the hands of fanciers quickly.—J. G. Atkinson, Sec.

WALLSEND C.B.A.

Meeting held September 18th, when a large number of members turned up to hear Mr. Slack's reminiscences, which proved very interesting, and were received with pleasure and applause. Many questions were asked and answered. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Slack. In the absence of our chairman, Mr. McPartling was asked to preside. Mr. T. Robson, another of our ever-welcome friends, spoke very encouragingly. A very lengthened and heated discussion of the class prize money was indulged in, bringing most of the members to their feet, quite a flood of new oratory being displayed. A gold and silver medal, won by Mr. McQuallen for most points at our British Show, was presented by Mr. McPartling, who did so in a pleasing congratulatory manner. Mr. Quallen thanked him for his encouraging remarks, stating that he had done well, and trusted to do still better this season. Show admission tickets were allotted, and it is expected there will be a big sale as a lot of birds are promised for the draw. Schedules are now ready for members. We have conversed with leading fanciers of other societies regarding the holding of our great annual show, as many of the smaller societies find it hard to make open shows pay; say, Newcastle and Sunderland alternately. The first week of the year might prove a great success. Vote of thanks to Mr. McPartling ended a most enjoyable meeting.—Macdouald and Evens, Secs.

SOUTH BIRMINGHAM O.S.

Meeting held Sydenham Hotel, Small Heath, September 13th, Mr. Wilmott in chair. Mr. Swinden was elected a member, making a total of members 39. The Chairman said it had been suggested that the show be open to fanciers residing in Birmingham and covering the Greater Birmingham Scheme. It was a good idea, but others though it should be solely for members this year with the hopes of good open show another season. Secretary had handed him a rough idea of the probable cost; and for the society to see a small profit it would mean at least 120 birds from members alone, and at least 80 from non-members. After keen debate it was resolved that the show be for members only, same to be held December 26th, open at 2 p.m., all birds to be staged by 10 a.m., otherwise too late for competition. Thirty-six classes agreed upon. A special feature will be a market stall for the sale of any variety (not to be judged); entry fee per bird 2d., to cover cost of attendant. Members have here a splendid chance of clearing out surplus stock. Please note, we have very little time left to arrange further business. Rules were passed, and the question of judge was left with secretary, he to approach Mr. Roe with a view to his taking the whole show. (I have just received a letter from Mr. Roe, who is quite willing to judge.) The treasurer has gone out of his way to grant us the room, so it is for all members to make the show a good and attractive one. At the October meeting the washing exhibition will take place, to be followed by a members' competition, so roll up with your birds, and bring a friend or two.—J. Sheppard, Secretary.

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JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

J. C. BARNES, 113, Northfield Road, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Long, practical experience. Terms moderate.

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W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington, Bradford. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Practical experience. Terms moderate.

GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road, London, N.W. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.

C. A. HOUSE, 82, Upper Walthamstow Road, Walthamstow. Judge of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds.

W. R. MILES, The Aviaries, Chichester. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Life experience.

J. W. METCALFE, The Yorkshire Aviaries, 63, Brunswick Road, Liverpool. Judge of Cage Birds. Specialist Yorkshire and Norwich.

W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Manningham, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

H. NORMAN, The Eyrie, Salisbury Road, Carshalton, Surrey. All varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist Hybrids and British Birds.

J. PATTERSON, Chirnside. Judge of Cage Birds; all varieties. Wide practical experience. Specialist Border Fancy Judge.

J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.

C. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Life experience.

WALTER SWAYSLAND, 47, Queens-rd., Brighton. Judge all varieties of cage birds. Life experience.

HENRY TAMS, Orchard Place, Longton, Staffs. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Twenty-five years Breeder and Exhibitor.

S. TICKELL, 22, Honey Street, Bodmin. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds; specialist Norwich, Cinn. & Liz. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

W. VARDY, The Aviaries, Hucknall Huthwaite, Notts. Judge of all varieties; specialist in Norwich Plainheads. Life experience. Terms moderate.

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PENTRE & DIST. C.B.S. Half-annual open show of Canaries, Mules, Hybrids, British and Foreign birds, **October 12th, 1911.** Judge, J. H. Payne, Esq. Cash prizes in all classes and all open specials. Entries close **October 9th.—Geo. Lingard, 127, Llewelyn Street, Pentre, Rhondda.**

DON'T FORGET THE

NORWICH

Show, Corn Hall, Norwich (open to all), **Thursday, and Friday, October 12 and 13, 1911.** Judges:—Messrs. W. E. Greeves, J. Robson, and W. Vardy. Schedules and all particulars from **R. Roll, 58, York Street, Norwich.**

BOLTON

And Dis. Cage Bird Society.

Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules, British, and Foreign Birds (under the patronage of the N.P.C. and Y.C.C.), in the Co-operative Hall, Bridge Street, on

Oct. 13th and 14th.

Judges, Mr. J. H. Roe and Mr. J. W. Cleminson. Good classification and specials. Schedules now ready from—**P. BRIERLEY, Secretary, 24, Cromer Avenue, Tonge Moor, Bolton, Lancs.**

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Nottingham C.B.S. Open Show

OCTOBER 14th

26 classes. Prize money guaranteed. **Entries close first post, October 11.** For schedules, apply, **W. Cottingham, 9, Peveril Street, Nottingham.**

LEEDS C.B.S.

21st Annual Open Show, **October 14th.** 82 Open Classes, viz., Yorks. 7, Norwich 7, British 7, Nov. Yorks. 4, Nov. Nor. 4, 1 A.O.V. Canary, and 2 Selling Classes. Prize money, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-, and money specials for 1/6 entry. Judges, J. H. Roe, Esq., J. Bailey, Esq. Entries close **October 10th.** Send for schedule.—**W. A. WILSON, 75, Bayswater Mount, Roundhay, Leeds.**

BROUGHTY FERRY.

C.B.S.'s Annual Show of Canaries, Mules, British & Foreign Birds, will be held in the **Good Templar Hall,** on **Saturday, October 14th,** under the patronage of the B.F.C. and B.B. and M.C. **49 Classes.** All specials open; equal prize money. Judges: Scotch Fancies, Messrs. D. Black and W. Rodger; Cresta and Norwich, W. Griffiths; Border Fancies, Jas. Smillie; British and Foreign, R. V. Raine. **Entries close October 9th.** Schedules from **Rob Whition, Secretary, 2, Churchill Place, Broughty Ferry.**

DON'T Forget the BRADFORD WEST C.B.A. (The event of the season.) **Annual Open Show** of Canaries, Mules, and British Birds, open to the United Kingdom, will be held in the Whetley Lane School, on **October 14.** The patronages of the Y.C.C., C.M.Y.C.C., N.G.M.Y.C.C., O.N.P.C., G.C.A., and Y.C.B.B. and M.C. Good classification. 47 classes, and prize money guaranteed. 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-, and 2/6 special in each class. Entry fee 1/6. Judges, J. N. Harrison, Esq., and W. Mundell, Esq. **Entries close Tuesday, 10th.** Schedules from **F. Western, 57, Fenton Street, Princeville, Bradford.**

The Show of the Midlands.

COVENTRY

GODIVA Cage Bird Society, 5th annual open show of Canaries, Mules, and British Birds will be held at the Chequers Hotel, on **October 14th, 1911.** Judge, W. Vardy. For schedules apply **R. SYMONDS, Hon. Sec., 29, Melbourne Road, Earlsdon, Coventry.**

LOCHGELLY

Cage Bird Society. 2nd Annual Exhibition and Competition of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds on **Saturday, 14th October.** 80 classes; 4 trophies and numerous specials. Entries close **9th October.** Schedules from **Wm. Whiteford, Sec., 81, Hall Street, Lochgelly, N.B.**

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EASTBOURNE

61th Annual Open Show, of Cage Birds, etc., October 18th and 19th next. Judge, W. R. Miles, Esq. **Entries close October 5th.** (For Schedules apply—**R. M. Daly, 120, Whitley Road.**

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM

Cage Birds Society Annual Open Show of Mules, Hybrids, British and Foreign **Cage Birds,** at **Crown Hotel, Hill Street, on Wednesday and Thursday, October 18 and 19.** 43 classes, **all open,** including 10 Novice. Judges, T. Heath and J. C. Barnes. If you do not receive schedule this week-end, please write to **S. Mole, 87, Greenway Street, Small Heath, Birmingham.**

Cage Birds only. # PORTSMOUTH **Cage Bird Society's** **Cage Birds only.**

2nd Great Annual Show, October 18th and 19th, 1911. Entries close **October 10th.** Judge, John Robson. **31 open classes** Canaries, Mules, British, Foreign. **Good prize money** and specials galore, **guaranteed.** Send for schedule.—**King and Joiner, 80, Stubbington Avenue, Portsmouth.**

BROMLEY and West Kent F.A. hold their 20th Annual Open show of Canaries, Mules, and British Birds on **October 18th and 19th, 1911.** First 14 classes guaranteed, and plenty of specials. Judge, C. A. House. Apply—**A. T. BELLINGER, Hon. Sec,. 26 Nightingale Lane, Bromley, Kent.**

ROCHDALE

Ornithological Society, October 20 and 21. Judges, Messrs. C. A. House and A. Hirst. **Money talks. 23/- per class.** Numerous Specials. Entry fee, 1/6 per cage.—**Sec., R. Blincoe, 160, Drake Street, Rochdale.**

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE

C.B.S. 6th Annual Show, **in Engineers' Drill Hall, Sandyford Road, Newcastle.** 95 classes. Judges, J. Robson, W. Mundell, W. Vardy, C. Houlton, J. S. Clarke. Under patronage of G.C.A., Y.C.C., F.B.C., N.B.B., and M.C., C.M.Y.C.C., B.F.C., N.B. and S.F.C., N.Y.C.C., N.C.C., N.N. and C.C., N.B.B., M., and F.B.C. Valuable Cups and Specials. Splendid Hall, covered vans to convey birds to and from show. **Entries close October 16.** Schedules from **J. E. Atkinson, 8, Trewhitt Road, Heaton, Newcastle-on-Tyne.**

CITY OF GLASGOW

Ornithological Association. The 58th Annual Show and Competition of Canaries, Hybrids, and British and Foreign Birds, will be held on **Friday and Saturday, October 20 and 21, 1911.** 93 classes. Full prize money paid in all classes. Numerous specials and cups. **Entries close on Saturday, 14th.** Schedules, etc., from **Alex. Macdonald, Sec., 279, Crow Road, Partick, Glasgow.**

NOTTINGHAM & DIS. P.O.S. Op. Show, **Oct. 21, 1911,** of Canaries, British, Mules and Hybrids, and Foreign. Judge—F. Beardall, Huthwaite. **Entries close October 19th.** Schedules from **J. BUNN, 81, Ena Avenue, Nottingham.**

Burton-on-Trent

C.B.S. 5th Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds, in the Victoria Hall, on **Saturday, October 21, 1911.** 40 classes. 50 speciale, and four money prizes. Judge, J. Robson. Anyone not receiving schedule by October 7, please send. **Entries close October 16, first post.—W. Elliott, 22, Leicester Street, Burton-on-Trent.**

KELTY

and Blairadam C.B.A. Annual Open Show of **Cage Birds only,** on **October 21.** 13 Cups and Trophies, 18 Gold and Silver Medals, and over 60 Specials. Specialist judges in each section. 7 in class, full prize money. Open membership, 2s. 6d. Schedules from **A. Dickson, 37, Adams Terrace, Kelty.**

MIDDLESBRO

and Tees-Side C.B.S. 6th Annual Show, Oct. 21st, 1911. Prize money, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, 1/-; good specials; 1/- entry. Judges, Geo. Harland, Esq., C. Houlton, Esq. **Entries close Oct. 16th.** Schedules, apply, **Arthur Wake, 41, Aske Road, Middlesbro'.**

NORTHAMPTON

40th Annual Show of Canaries, British, and Foreign Birds, **October 18th and 19th, 1911.** Judge, Mr. J. H. Roe. **Entries close October 9th.—COX and BARRETT, Secretaries, 69, Hunter Street.**

SELKIRKSHIRE O.F.A.

Will hold their **23rd Annual Show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds,** Pigeons and Cats (open to the United Kingdom), on **Saturday, 21st October.** Judges, H. Bennet, Esq., Kelso, Canaries; Tom Nisbet, Esq., Galston, Working Homers; John Scott, Esq., Edinburgh, varieties. **Entries close Saturday, 14th October.** Schedules from **James Robertson, 4, Green Terrace, Selkirk, N.B.**

TAVISTOCK (DEVON)

and District Fanciers' Society. First Exhibition of Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cats, Cavies, and **Cage Birds,** in the Market Hall, Tavistock, **Wednesday, October 25.** Poultry 70, Pigeons 30, Cage Birds 21, Rabbits, Cats, etc., 9 classes. Judges (Poultry), Messrs. Abbott and Camp, (Pigeons) Mr. A. Leith, and (Cage Birds) Mr. R. B. Tope. **Entries close October 16. Full prize money guaranteed.** No amalgamation. Schedules of—**Jno. Young, Hon. Sec., 1, Church Lane, Tavistock.**

GRIMSBY

and District Ornithological Society. Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules, Hybrids, British and Foreign Birds, **October 25 and 26.** Judge, Mr. W. Vardy. 10/- cash for best Hardbill; 10/- cash for best Softbill, and other Specials. Schedules ready in a few days, from **Towl Bros., Secs., 205, Welholme Road, Grimsby.**

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Oct. 27th & 28th.

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Hartlepools'

C.B.S. Seventh Annual Show on **Saturday, October 28th.** 44 classes; 4 novice classes. Judges, Messrs. Battye and Maddison. Patronage N.Y.C.C. **Entries close October 23rd.** Schedules from—**E. WOODHEAD, St. Paul's Road, West Hartlepool.**

AYR & DIS.

C.B.C. 4th Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules, British, and Foreign Birds, **Saturday, October 28th.** Under patronage of Border Fancy and Yorkshire Canary Clubs. Good classification. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, and 2/6, and specials, for 1/6 entry fee. Popular judges. Schedules ready **October 7th** from—**JAMES SLOAN, 19, New Bridge Street.**

DYSART

Cage Bird Society 7th Annual Exhibition of Canariee, Mules, British, and Foreign Birds, on **Saturday, 28th October.** 70 Classes. Cup, medal, and numerous specials. Popular judges: Scotch Fancy, J. Thomson, Kirkcaldy; Border Fancy, R. Lambie, Whitburn; Norwich, Crests, and Plainheads, James Winter, Edinburgh; British and Foreign Birds, Christopher White and Robert Gilmour, Kirkcaldy. **Entries close 23rd October.** Schedules from **John S. Harris, Victoria Bar, Dysart, Fife.**

LISKEARD SHOW Under **Cage Bird Union, Nov. 1st, 1911.** Judge, Mr. J. H. Payne. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Point cup open to any member. No specials awarded to any entry received after **Oct. 26th, 1911.** Enter early and greatly help.—**H. JONES ROBINS, Hon. Sec., 2, Market St.**

BLAYDON & DIS.

Cage Bird Society. Eighth Annual Show, will be held in the **Drill Hall, Blaydon, on Friday and Saturday, November 3 and 4, 1911.** Popular judges: J. Robson, Esq., London, and H. W. Battye, Esq., Huddersfield. Schedules from **C. Havver, 1, Theresa Street, Blaydon. Entries close Saturday, October 28, 1911.**

BRAINTREE 11th Annual Show. Poultry, Pigns., Rabbits, Cage birds, **NOV. 4.** (30 miles radius, £5 limit). Good classification. Numerous Specials. Popular Judges. Entries close **Oct. 23rd.** For Schedules apply,—**F. A. HUNNABLE, London Rd., Braintree.**

BRECHIN C.B.S.

Forty-eighth Grand Annual Show of Norwich, Border Fancies, and Wild Birds, will be held in Temperance Hall, Brechin, on **Saturday, November 4, 1911.** Splendid classification and numerous special prizes. Also under the patronage of B.F.C. and N.P.C. Judges for Norwich, Wm. Bishop; Border Fancy, John Hutchison; Wild Birds, J. Stewart. Schedules now ready from **Geo. Mitchell, Sec., 118, Montrose Street, Brechin.**

BO'NESS & DIS. F.A.

Annual Show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds, in the Masonic Hall, **November 4th,** under patronage of B.F.C., and B.B. and M.C. 62 Classes. Judges: Canaries, Mr. Holmes, B.F. Mr. D. Hamilton, British Messrs. Raines and Watson.—**Sec., T. Cameron, 7, Ash Terrace, Grangepans, Bo'ness.**

The Crystal Palace of the North.

CLEATOR MOOR

Fanciers Society of Poultry, Pigeon and **Cage Birds.** Eighth Annual Open Show will be held in **Market Hall,, on Saturday, November 4, 1911.** Judges: Poultry, H. Inman, Esq., Bradford; R. Pigeons, W. H. Coad, Esq., Burnley; Cage Birds. Specials in galore. **Entries close on Saturday, October 28, 1911.** Schedules now ready, from **Jas. E. Byrne, 110, Birks Road. Cleator Moor, Cumberland.**

STONEHOUSE

Cage Bird and Flying Homer Show, November 4, 1911. Classification: 8 Border Fancy, 12 Norwich, 15 British Bird, 2 Mule or Hybrid, 1 Foreign Class, 3 Members' Classes. Judges: J. Patterson, Chirnside, Allan Chalmers, Kirkintilloch. Schedules from Jas. Hamilton, 36, Camnethan Street, Stonehouse, Lanarkshire.

BRIGHTON

Cage Bird Association 2nd Annual Open Show. Canaries, British, Foreign. Nov. 8th and 9th, North Road Lecture Hall. Good classification, numerous specials, model prize cards. **Judge, C. A. House, Esq. Entries close Nov. 1st.** Note prize money: 10/-, 6/-, 4/-; 1/6 added in large classes. Schedules of—**WILL. H. GIBB, Hon. Sec., 19, Bond Street.**

BRISTOL, Nov. 14th & 15th

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Twitterings.

At Barnstaple Show on October 31 the cage bird section will, we are informed, be judged by Mr. J. Robson.

Will our correspondent who signs himself "Peacock" kindly refer to the answers to "General" queries this week?

Mr. W. R. Miles (Chichester) is, we hear, judging cage birds at Eastbourne on October 18; Chichester, November 23; and Newport, December 6.

We are asked to state that Mr. W. H. Lindley has arrived back from New Zealand, and will be able to fulfil judging engagements during his stay in England (5, Edward Street, Wombwell).

Mr. J. W. Bancroft (Sale) has been appointed to judge at our annual show on Boxing Day—34 classes—writes Mr. J. W. Jones, hon. sec. of the North Wales C.B.S.

Mr. C. A. House will judge cage birds at the Bromley and West Kent Show, to be held on October 18th and 19th, writes Mr. A. T. Bellinger, the secretary.

Mr. Ellis, of Welshpool, writes that he is in possession of an almost all white young cock Goldfinch, which can be seen by any reader of CAGE BIRDS visiting the district.

We have appointed Mr. J. Sandison (Aberdeen) to judge the Norwich at our show on November 11, in place of Mr. R .B. Jarvie (resigned), writes Mr. James Fyfe, hon. sec. of the Forfar and Dis. C.B.S.

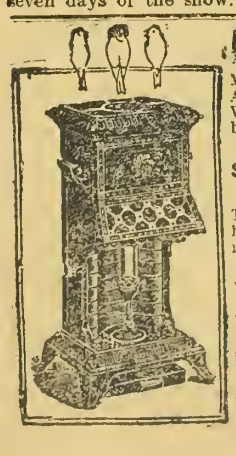
The Sheffield and Dist. C.B.S. have secured the services of Mr. J. C. Barnes in addition to those of Mr. W. A. Cowgill for their 33rd annual open show, to be held at the Montgomery Hall on December 9, writes Mr. A. Hobson, the sec.

We have received a sum of money as a deposit (for a Collie dog) from Mr. J. Paterson, who gives his address as 6, Sharp Hill Road, but omits to state the town. Will he kindly let us know this?

At a special meeting of the Blaydon-on-Tyne and Dist. C.B.S., writes Mr. G. Havver, the hon. sec., it was decided to have 80 classes—57 open and 23 members'—at our open show on November 3 and 4. Will fanciers please note this?

The Edmonton F.A. are holding their seventh young stock show (for members only, membership open) on October 12, at the Edmonton Town Hall. Judges, Messrs. House and Gardner, write Messrs. Jackson and Burgess, the hon. secs.

Will fanciers kindly note, writes Mr. R. M. Daly, secretary of the Eastbourne and Dist. F. and F.S., that our sixth annual show takes place on October 18 and 19 (entries close October 5)? All prize-money will be paid within seven days of the show.



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We have now seven trophies altogether for competition, along with about 100 specials, for our forthcoming show, writes Mr. W. Whiteford, sec. of the Lochgelly C.B.S. Schedules are now out; anyone overlooked will have one immediately on sending name and address.

We have appointed as judges for our show on November 24th and 25th Mr. H. Tams (Longton) for all varieties of Canaries and British, and Messrs. J. Lyons (Great Harwood) and G. Wareing (Bury) for Rollers, writes Mr. W. Dyer, hon. secretary of the Wigan and Dist. C.B.S.

Mr. W. H. Teal, Ancaster, Grantham, asks us to request Mr. E. Hann (Fence-houses) to kindly communicate with him. Mr. Hann wrote recently concerning a hen Canary which was feeding two young Skylarks. (We should be glad to hear if the Larks were successfully reared.—Editor.)

A general exhibition of birds of all kinds will take place in Liege on October 21, 22, and 23, writes Mr. Ch. De Neeff, sec. of the Ornithological Section of the Herstal (Liege), Belgium, Exhibition. This exhibition, the first of its kind here, will, I feel sure, prove a great success, because lovers of cage and aviary birds are numerous in our country.

Will intending exhibitors please note that a mistake has occurred in show schedule, writes Mr. W. Whiteford, sec. of the Lochgelly C.B.S.? Classes 25 and 26 should read "Confined to members of Yorkshire Canary Club"; and the gold medal for best bird confined to radius of four miles should read: "Gold medal for best Yorkshire in the show, open."

Will members of the Sheffield O.S. please take note that the meeting for October 3 (a washing exhibition by J. Bailey, Esq., Bradford) commences at 7 p.m., instead of eight o'clock, to enable the lecturer to get a return train to Bradford, writes Messrs. Bishop and Colton, the hon. secs. Mr. J. H. Roe has been appointed to judge our members' show in December.

Fanciers are invited, writes Mr. W. Hodson, hon. sec. of the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S., to attend our next meeting at the Reindeer Hotel, Peckham, on October 3, when Mr. J. J. Martin will give a washing demonstration, after which a washing competition will take place, for which Mr. Martin is kindly offering prizes to the value of 10s. 6d. for the best washed birds.

The 1911-12 handbook of the National Green Marked Y.C.C. has been issued. Its contents include the rules and regulations of the Club, the standard and scale of points, a list of shows, competitions, etc., and the members' names and addresses. Particulars as to membership, etc., may be had of the hon. sec., Mr. F. Armstrong, 28, Victoria Buildings, King Cross, Halifax.

SENSATIONAL OFFER TO ADVERTISERS!

SEE BACK PAGE.

The committee of the Brighton C.B.A. are offering increased prize money, viz., 10s., 6s., and 4s., with an additional 1s. 6d. in large classes, at their forthcoming open show, writes Mr. Will H. Gibb, the hon. secretary. Schedules will be ready shortly, and will be sent to all exhibiting last year, and to all who apply to me at 19, Bond Street, Brighton.

The Haltwhistle C.B.S. have engaged Mr. J. Dixon (Wigton) to judge their open show on November 10, write Messrs. Nicholson and Tallantyre, the secs. We have secured the patronage of the Border Fancy Club and the Northern Counties Norwich C.C., and expect more to follow. We shall be pleased to enrol as members any member of the above-named Clubs; fee, 2s. 6d., which may be paid now.

In looking through "C.B.," writes Mr. E. Thompson, secretary of the Glossop, Hadfield, and Dist. C.B.S., it gave me pleasure to note that so prominent a fancier and exhibitor as Mr. J. Shore, late of Macclesfield, has taken up his residence in Glossop; and on behalf of the members of the society, I wish him every success, and trust that in the near future he will see his way to throw in his lot with us; anyhow, I extend to him a hearty welcome.

Wigan Linnet Club have appointed a new sec. in Mr. J. Ashurst, 31, Schofield Lane, Wigan. They are, we hear, going very strong, with 37 good members. The sec. informs us that he has been requested to ask the Leigh sec. if he knows how many will meet him to fix contest dates? The Wigan Club will be very pleased if the Leigh sec. and secs. of neighbouring Linnet Clubs will state in CAGE BIRDS where they would like to meet to fix these dates.

IMPORTANT!

Readers should make certain of getting their copy of next week's CAGE BIRDS by ordering it at once. It will contain a surplus coloured plate and extra pages, while its articles, etc., will be of an exceptionally attractive nature. And the price will be one penny.

The coloured plates will be taken from our surplus stock, and comprise a large variety of subjects. Discerning readers will order several copies of this issue, for they will then be in the position of getting charming coloured plates of different bird subjects at a cost of only one penny each.

Advertisers should seize this opportunity, and make an early announcement of the stock they have for disposal. A startling and advantageous offer, made on our back page this week, will interest them. Read it, and remember that next week's CAGE BIRDS will afford advertisers a record publicity for such an astoundingly low cost.

We have decided to hold a social at the Textile Dining Rooms, Shaw Road, on October 7, when fanciers and friends are invited to attend, writes Mr. J. Cope, sec. of the Oldham C.B.S. Our annual show will be held at the Trades Hall, Bow Street, on October 14, when Mr. H. W. Battye will judge.

It is with the deepest feelings of regret that I have to inform you that so able and respected a vice-president as Mr. C. Booth, of Turnlee Road, Glossop, has had to remove from our midst, through taking up another position at Colne, Lancs, writes Mr. E. Thompson, secretary of the Glossop, Hadfield, and Dis. C.B.S. But he can rest assured that he takes with him the well-wishes of his brother fanciers in this society, and we trust Glossop's loss will prove Colne's gain.

At our annual show on October 25th and 26th, writes Mr. J. O. Bell, secretary of the Border City (Carlisle) O.S., we have 55 classes, with prize money £1 per class, and numerous specials and extra specials. Every former exhibitor will receive a schedule in due course. As Carlisle is one of the finest railway centres in the country we should be able to record one of the finest shows. From nearly all prize-winners we last year received thanks for prompt payment and care taken of birds.

Readers who are interested in those handsome flowers, carnations and picotees, should make a point of seeing the catalogue of Mr. Hayward Mathias, F.R.H.S., of Stubbington, Hants. Mr. Mathias is one of the most noted growers and prizewinners in the country (he this year won a silver cup at the big London show), and he supplies all the most charming and popular varieties at very modest prices, while he makes a speciality of sets and selections suited to all pockets and all gardens. We commend his price list to all readers who are carnation lovers and growers.

I have sent schedules out to all exhibitors at the Crystal Palace, L.C.B.A., Battersea, and Clapham Shows, writes Mr. A. L. Priest, hon. secretary of the Clapham and Dist. C.B.A.; it anyone has not received one will he please write? I had rather a good experience of "red tape." I wrote to the Post Office, Lavender Hill, to collect 1,200 schedules on Saturday morning at 8.15. About 8.45 the postman arrived, and asked whether they were ½d. or 1d., because if they were only ½d. wrappers he could not take them, as it was not a total of £5. So back he went with an empty barrow. So I posted them yesterday in the pillar boxes, filling them to the brim, of course, and then they had to send a special man to empty them!

Yorks. C.C. Trophy Competition.

The Bailey Trophy Competition is withdrawn from Laisterdyke Show, the society not having fulfilled the required conditions, writes Mr. John Greaves, secretary of the Yorkshire C.C. The Junior Novice Competition will stand as per schedule.

Changes of Addresses.

We have been notified of the following changes of addresses:—Mr. J. B. Leclair, from Hornsey Rise, London, N., to North View, Southbury Road, Enfield, N.; Mr. W. A. R. Colville, from Coaltown of Balgowie to Earlseat Mines Cottages, by Thornton, Fife; and Mr. E. Hartley (sec. of the Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.), from Dyehouse Lane, to 6, Croft St., Smallbridge, Rochdale. Secretaries and others are asked to note the above.

Can You Help?

Mr. J. Chatwin (Ada Road, Smethwick, Wor.) who last week advertised all his Roller Canaries (old and young) for sale, tells us that he has been reduced to a state of financial difficulty owing to lack of work, and that he would be glad to find purchasers for his stock at moderate prices (he has been a Roller breeder for 23 years). He writes: "I don't like to plead poverty; if any fancier could tell me of a situation, it would be more to my liking. I am a turner and machine tool maker, and have had 30 years' experience in the principal shops. It is the old tale, 'too old at forty.'"

In the Courts.

A Fine for Causing Unnecessary Suffering.

Geo. Palmer, a bird dealer, of Islington, was fined 40s. and 2s. costs for causing unnecessary suffering to thirty-six Linnets, six Larks, and six Goldfinches, on August 28. Mr. H. Ricketts prosecuted for the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and Mr. Margetts defended.

It was complained that the birds were kept in a foul condition, with little seed and fouled water. Some of the birds, it was stated, were dead, and others dying, when Inspector Morrow, of the Royal Society, visited the shop. The cages had not been cleaned for 48 hours. The inspector said the seed was strewn on the floor of the cages with foul matter.

For the defence it was pointed out that it was to the dealer's interest to treat his birds well. Palmer said he fed the birds and changed their water twice daily. The birds died through a bad kind of seed. The cages were cleaned on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday regularly.

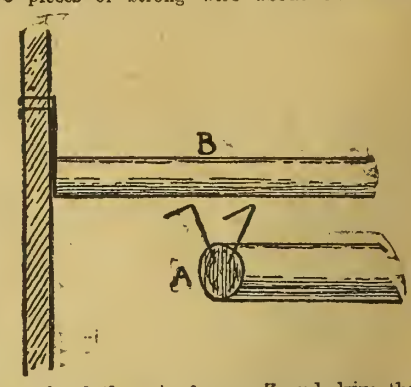
Mr. Bros said if people kept wild birds in captivity they must keep them reasonably clean. Anybody who knew anything about wild birds knew that they were extraordinarily clean, and did not have their food mixed with their droppings. These birds had not been properly cared for.—A fine was imposed as stated.

Illustrated Ideas

No. 542.
A Spring Perch.

Sent by Mr. A. Bailey, 14, West Street Hucknall, Notts.

Enclosed is a sketch of a simple idea which I use myself, and find very suitable. All that is needed is a piece of ordinary perching and two pieces of strong wire about two inches



long; bend them to form a Z and drive them in as shown at A. Fix them through the cage back as shown at B. When complete, it makes a springy perch the same as the bough of a tree.—A. Bailey.

No. 543.
A Cheap Egg-Food Pot.

Sent by Mr. A. Morrison, Peel Road, Woodford.

This can be made with an empty shrimp paste pot and two pieces of wire. Take a piece of wire about six inches long and bend as at A. Have another piece of wire one and



a half inches long, with an eye turned each end, as at B. Slip the eyes over ends of the first piece of wire; insert pot and tighten; then bend the two ends to fit in cage.—A. Morrison.

A NEW SEED FOR FANCIERS.

During the course of a lecture, on Thursday evening, September 23rd, given before the members of the London and Provincial O.S., on seeds, Mr. T. R. Trower introduced "Nuseed," the grains of an African plant, which are readily eaten by Canaries (in the direction of an alternative staple diet to canary seed). It is a seed that has much to recommend it, compared with two allied seeds belonging to the grass order. The analysis works out as under:

	Nuseed.	Canary seed.	Millet seed.
Moisture	10.20	9.30	12.85
Oil	5.20	4.01	4.56
A. Albuminoids	14.38	17.37	11.08
Digestible carbohydrates	67.56	59.33	59.46
Indigestible woody fibre	1.23	4.99	7.45
B. Mineral matter (ash)	1.43	5.00	4.60
A. Containing nitrogen	2.30	2.78	—
B. Including sand and other silicious matter	0.07	0.39	—

It will therefore be seen that as an energy and heat producer it exceeds both canary and millet seeds, although slightly below canary seed in albuminoid (proteid) matter. On the other hand, it exceeds millet in this direction, and, taken as a whole, contains all the food elements requisite for supporting life. Canary fanciers, in consequence, should find "Nuseed" valuable as a foodstuff.

Its outer skin is very thin, compared with that of other bird seeds. It also weighs heavier by about 4lbs. per bushel than canary seed, weighing 62lb. per bushel. The sample that was sent to England some months ago has been tried by several well-known birdkeepers, who find their birds eat it very readily. It can be obtained of Messrs. Trower and Co. (442, Caledonian Road, London, N.), at the low price of 2s. per peck, or 7s. 6d. per bushel. They have just received a large consignment, which is ready for immediate distribution.

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The Goldfinch.

The proper caging, feeding and moulting of the species, together with some observations on colour-feeding, exhibiting, and hybrid breeding.

Concluded from page 137.

By GEO. H. GROOCOCK (Leicester).

These birds never seem to me to be very hard to steady, but perhaps I have never had a difficult specimen, for I know an old experienced fancier and catcher who has a Goldfinch that is so unsteady, notwithstanding it has been caged for months, that he would give it up only it is such a good bird.

The quickest way to win the birds' affections, remember, is through their food. Talk to them often, and give them tit-bits after speaking to them, and they will soon know the hand that brings them these. Why, I have had Goldfinches which, when I put a fresh pot of hemp in the cage, would drop on to it and eat out of it while I still kept my hand on it: and this only a few days after they have come to like hemp seed.

I think a steady hen Canary has a good effect on an unsteady Finch if they are caged together. Of course, do not use your best Canary, for the food of the Goldfinch is not calculated to do the Canary any good. A favourite tit-bit for the Goldie is a thistle head cut in two, especially if it is a rotten one, and has some small grubs in it.

The Best Method of Feeding.

Next comes the feeding of birds which are a bit used to cage life. Goldfinches vary much in their tastes; and what suits one bird does not suit another. But after many experiments I have found the following to be the best way of feeding them: In the usual outside food-vessel put plain Canary seed. Every day in a separate pot give one teaspoonful, well heaped up, of a mixture of two parts of teazle to one of linseed, and also one teaspoonful of hemp. I give a heaped-teaspoonful of hemp to fresh-caught birds, i.e., birds just on hemp seed, but when they get used to cage life they do not get quite such a good teaspoonful.

One bird which I had became ill; I forthwith reduced its hemp to less than half a teaspoonful per day, and it recovered, and has kept in good health ever since. So watch the likes and dislikes of your birds.

The "Tit-Bits."

Then as tit-bits give a little inga, maw, thistle, dandelion, gold of pleasure, plantain, and any other wild seeds. Now and then you can give a little rape seed, but all Goldfinches will not eat this. Greenfood must be given, but, of course, care must be taken to see that it is not gathered with frost on it. Such stuff as watercress, chickweed, dandelion, rape seedlings, or apple is much liked.

Always keep your Goldfinches in a good-sized cage; they seem to keep much brighter and healthier, and sing quite as much as in a small cage. I very often keep mine in a compartment of a Canary breeding cage.

Among other things we must not forget the bath. I have always found that my Goldfinches were not very fond of it. But it was just as the birds felt; one could never tell whether the birds would have one or not. However, they always seem to like one on extremely hot days. But (and it is a very big but) they do not at all like baths hung outside the cage. What they like is one inside. If you object to messing the cage in which it habitually resides, keep a small one especially for the job, and run your bird into that for its bath. It should be given the chance of having a bath on all except very damp, cold days.

The Moulting Season.

Goldfinches can be moulted either in cages or aviaries. If in cages let each bird have a good big cage so as to get plenty of exercise. Let it bathe whenever it will. If your exhibition birds obstinately refuse to bathe spray them gently instead. Be very liberal with tit-bits, for there is nothing like their natural food for bringing out their natural colour well. A delicacy which seems to be particularly esteemed at this time of the year is a grub. I generally give my birds nasturtium flowers pretty freely, as in these, or on the leaves, can often be found a kind of fat caterpillar, which has a very tender skin. These are greatly enjoyed by the birds. Some will eat the tough common green caterpillars. Instead of grubs a mealworm or two may be given daily. A fine thing for bringing the blaze of a Goldfinch out silky in texture is a few drops of cod liver oil in a little egg-food each day. This is for birds that are not colour-fed, but for myself I believe in colour-feeding Goldfinches for exhibition.

I know that many will differ from me on this point. At first I was undecided. Some advised colour-feeding, and some did not. I determined to try one bird. I selected my worst (I did not, of course, want to risk spoiling a good one), and fed it as I was feeding my Canaries. The consequence was it was much improved in colour, and in no wise spoilt. So ever since then I have been a firm believer in colour-feeding Goldfinches for show.

The colour-food can either be given with egg and biscuit, or mixed amongst crushed seed. I like the first way myself, and have found the birds to eat the food all right with a little judicious starving; i.e., when the colour food is given let them have nothing else to eat but Canary seed; you will then find that most Goldies will eat the colour food with avidity. Of course, when the colour food is eaten (which takes about the morning) other seeds must be given; in fact, the birds can be treated like other Goldfinches. Give only tasteless pepper. The birds that are in aviaries should be treated the same as those in cages. A nice plan is to make the aviary something like their natural home by tying up in it bunches of thistles and other wild seeds and grasses which they like. Beside the nasturtium flowers, or instead of them, the usual greenfood can be given. Let them have plenty of sunlight if this is possible.

The Show Bird Described.

An exhibition specimen should be of the cobby, or Norwich, type. It should have a good big head, and a rich clear-coloured blaze extending well beyond the eye and a good distance below the beak. The blaze should be square cut at the base, and free from marks. The black round the beak, and extending to the eye, should be distinct but fine, so as not to darken the face. The black cap should be dense, clean cut, and of nice width, tapering down each side of the neck. The cheeks should be pure in colour except for a slight brown tinge like a finger mark. The breast should be nicely tanned, and of a rich chestnut in colour, showing as little of the white down the centre of the chest as possible. The back must be a rich nut-brown in colour. The wing bars must be large and of a deep bright yellow. The wings must be carried so as to just meet. The buttons must be clear and even.

The bird should stand well up at an angle of 45 degrees, and must be shown in the pink of condition or it will not be at the top.

Hybrid Breeding Hints.

The Goldfinch is a favourite bird for the breeding of hybrids of all kinds, especially Goldfinch-Canary hybrids, or, as they are more commonly called, Goldfinch Mules. Many believe that for a Goldfinch to breed it must be a house-moulted one, i.e., it must have made a complete moult in a cage. But this is not so. Birds which have been caught in their full colour and caged for a sufficient time to get fairly steady will breed. For myself, I prefer, when getting fresh birds, to get Greypates that have no adult colour at all. You can be as sure of these breeding as of an untried house-moulted one. Of course, if house-moulted birds are preferred, they can be recognised by their light, whitish legs, which get lighter with every succeeding cage-moult.

Never be persuaded to pay a big price for a Cheveral or a Peathroat "because it will be a certain breeder." They are no more reliable than others. A bird which is not a tried breeder should either be run with its mate through the winter or be put in the next compartment with a wired slide between. I prefer the latter myself, for the food of a Goldfinch does not suit a Canary.

When the Goldfinch is in breeding condition the black stripe down the centre of the beak will disappear. To bring the Goldfinch into this condition give tit-bits of some kind every day, especially dandelion and thistle, and by way of greenfood give dandelion leaves.

Do not trust the Goldfinch with the eggs. Get up early in the morning and remove them; then set the hen on the evening of the third day, shutting the Goldfinch off. For even if he will not hurt the eggs, he is no use with the hen, and will perhaps kill the young ones when they come.

In conclusion, let me say that if you are over in trouble with your birds write to CAGE BIRDS, whose experts are only too pleased to give you advice. I may say I always read through the answers to queries on British birds, and have picked up many bits of useful information from the replies.

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Next Week's "CAGE BIRDS."



"THE PRIDE OF THE FANCY."

Sketched from the Yorkshire Canary, unevenly marked, exhibited by Mr. H. W. Cook (Poplar) at the Horticultural Hall Show, where it secured second prize.

The Yorkshire Canary:

The Pride of the Fancy.

By E. J. Cundall (Halifax.)

(Concluded from page 109.)

Let me warn Canary breeders against the indiscriminate use of milksop. It has been recommended by some that the use of this as a staple food for young birds is a certain solution of the worries attendant on the time which elapses between the young leaving the nest and their getting well on to seed. I am a firm believer in the usefulness of milksop as an occasional food and as a pick-me-up. But its regular use, without regard to the condition of the bird, I deprecate. When the excreta of your young birds is thin and discoloured—a sure precursor of the evils of inflammation and diarrhœa—instead of flying to milksop, try about a quarter of a spoonful of powdered charcoal with a teaspoonful of egg food or egg and bread. This will at once correct the irregularity, and should be continued for a few days.

I also recommend giving a fairly strong solution of lime water in the drinking glass immediately the young are taken away. Continue this until they are on to hard seed. Many of the illnesses of Canaries result from the drinking of too much water, but lime water will prevent this, and at the same time it will help to build up the growing frame of the young birds.

Conditioning for the Show Bench.

For getting birds into good condition for the show bench, try a seed mixture made up as follows: One part each German rape, gold of pleasure, linseed, teazle, and half parts of maw and hemp. Give one teaspoonful every day and supply twice a week a small quantity of egg (hard-boiled) with a little arrowroot biscuit, and in the drinking water put a few drops of tincture of iron—not too strong, but sufficient to give the water a bitter taste. Last, but not least, spray the birds on every bright day, and after it put the bath on. Do this in the early part of the day. Follow this, and if the birds are good enough bred they will look the whole world in the face and fear not any judge.

Concerning Colour-feeding.

For colour-feeding use the egg-cake instead of egg and bread. If mixed with the colour-food all the better. I make mine as follows: Six fresh eggs, lard the size of an egg, a cupful of sugar, a tablespoonful of baking powder, and a proportion of 2 of flour to 1 of pea-meal sufficient to make a firm dough. I bake it in a slow oven and then dry it so that it will grind up. It makes a highly nutritious food, far preferable to boiled eggs and bread crumbs.

In regard to washing birds for exhibition, there is one fallacy I wish to destroy, and that is "soap in the neck." I suppose every fancier will have seen his wife or his sister (or somebody else's sister) when she has been caught in the act of restoring the curl of the feathers of her best hat by holding them to a hot fire. That is the secret of curled feather in the neck—it is due to drying the birds too quickly.

Points When Washing.

I use three waters for washing; and after rinsing the bird thoroughly I wrap it in a cloth without attempting to take any moisture from it. I lay it before the fire for about twenty-five minutes, and the fact that the bird is sopping wet allows you to use—and it needs—a hot fire. When the bird is taken out of the cloth it should be warm and steaming. On no account should it be allowed to dry in the cloth. Then place it in a cage sufficiently far from the fire so that it will not be scorched. You will have no curled feather then. If the bird be dried too quickly the neck feathers will curl up, because whilst the outer tips of the feathers are thoroughly dry, the hollow of the neck still retains moisture. Let me repeat: Don't let the bird get dry in the cloth; and I add, what is just as important—don't let it get cold. I must conclude these random jottings, and the thought strikes me that in spite of the diversity of opinions as to methods of breeding, rearing, moulting, and preparing for exhibition, the Yorkshire Canary has arrived nearer the ideal than has been attained in any other variety.

Questions and Answers.

DOUBTS AND DIFFICULTIES SOLVED BY SPECIALISTS.

(For rules see last week's issue.)

THE following gentlemen represent CAGE BIRDS staff of **ADVISORY EXPERTS.** Queries must in no case be addressed to any of them individually, but to the Editor.

Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** British Birds, Mules and Hybrids—**G. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., &c., Wild Bird Lite—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc., of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his questions for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Wheezing and Mating.

Sarsfield.—(1) As the wheeziness appears to have been more or less troublesome all through the year, it is doubtful if you will quite cure it. The moult nearly always brings out these little weaknesses, which explains its reappearance now. Try following treatment for a month or so. In addition to staple of plain Canary, give half a teaspoonful of summer rape every second day, and a morsel of banana or green food. On the alternate days for a fortnight give a similar quantity of crushed sponge cake, with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw seed. Limit the diet to this, but, if available, a mealworm a day might be added with benefit. In the drinking water give six drops syrup of rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom salts every second day for a week, and for a fortnight afterwards add to the water every second day twenty drops of whisky, 6 each of oxymel of squills and glycerine, and 2 of eucalyptus oil. Shake well together. (2) You would simply be going from bad to worse to try to breed Crests from your Norwich. A much better course will be to get the chubbiest and shortest feathered yellow hen you can obtain, with as short a tail as possible, and as much of her bulk as possible carried in front of the perch. By this mating you will make a step nearer the true Norwich ideal, instead of getting further away from it.

Making a Start, etc.

D. Thompson.—(1) Had you said what, if any, definite object you had in view, it would have been much easier to choose a suitable mate. It is quite probable the mark on head which you call brown is cinnamon colour, in which case there would be Cinnamon blood in both parents. Well examine colour of its eyes in varying angles of light, and see if they are a pink hue. If so, the bird is certainly cinnamon ticked. You might mate it with a clear hen of the opposite colour—thus if the cock is a yellow, mate it with a buff hen, and vice versa—choosing a hen, if possible, with Cinnamon blood if you wish to breed clear and ticked birds, otherwise you will produce a vast majority of greens and heavily variegated. The bird is in reality scarcely a suitable subject to breed for recognised markings, and would be better employed to improve quality of feather where this was required. (2) Answered in above. (3) In a yellow the yellow colour extends to the extreme end of the web of the feathers, thus giving the bird the appearance of a solid yellow hue. In a buff the body of feather is still yellow, but the yellow colour stops a little short of the end of the web, leaving a narrow margin of white around the tip of the feather, thus giving the bird an appearance of being a yellow more or less "frosted" or dusted with a white powder as it were. All these things are very fully explained in "Our Canaries." (4) Here again you should have said what you wish to breed. In the absence of this knowledge the most generally useful pair I can advise you to get is a ticked buff hen and a clear yellow cock, or vice versa—a bird ticked on one or two flights (inner) for preference.

A Wheezy Youngster (J. Evans).—For a young Canary to be in the condition indicated suggests one of two things—either it has been subjected to grave mismanagement, or it is the product of thoroughly unhealthy parents. In either case the outlook is not very rosy. Keep it in a moderate-sized box cage, in an equable temperature, quite free from draughts or noxious fumes of burning lights, etc. At same time see it is in a bright, well-aired, and healthy position. Keep cage and all food and water vessels scrupulously clean. Feed on a staple of plain Canary only. Every second day give half a teaspoonful of summer rape and a morsel of banana, and on the alternate days a scrap of bread and milk with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it and sprinkled with maw seed. Twice a week give a pinch of mixed seeds, and on two other days a spray of green food. Continue this dietary for a month. In the drinking water give six drops syrup of rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom salts for three days, and afterwards 20 drops of whisky, five each of oxymel of squills and ipecacuanha wine, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, every second day for a fortnight.

Bad Feet (C. Tyrell).—You cannot do better than continue the course of treatment previously advised, except that instead of anointing feet with zinc ointment you should use Lanocyllin, which will be rather better for the job now. It is extremely doubtful whether you will save the middle "claw" of the left foot, which will almost certainly drop off. You will be really fortunate if the disease is arrested at this stage with the loss of the one toe, as now seems likely.

Noisy When Fluttered (W. J. Delves).—See that the birds are quite free from draughts and extreme fluctuations, and treat both as advised to "Sarsfield (1)." This should set matters right. The feathers will probably re-appear around the eye of the cock in due course without attention, though it will do no harm to slightly ancint the bare skin once a week for a month with horacic ointment.

Growth in Ear (Webb, Woolwich).—I cannot say definitely what the growth is without seeing it. It is most likely a deposit of caseous matter from the circulatory system, and its position makes any unskilled interference inadvisable. However, anoint it daily with Tanocyllin, and give a mild aperient, such as a pinch of sulphate of soda, in the water every second day for a week, and follow up with 6 drops tincture of gentian and 4 aromatic sulphuric acid every second day the next week. If the growth does not disappear under this treatment write again, referring to this reply, and describe course it is taking.

Swollen Feet (F.K.).—Am inclined to think this is only a case of scaly accretions due to age, and the "humour" is probably more apparent than real. Keep perches and cage floor as clean as possible, and bathe the feet for a few minutes daily in a very warm solution of boracic acid—a teaspoonful of acid in a teasaucerful of warm water. Whilst bathing gently pass each toe between the tips of thumb and forefinger from time to time to remove any accumulation of dirt and cleanse toes thoroughly. Dry on a bit of soft rag, and well anoint them with zinc ointment, finally wiping off all surplus grease before returning bird to cage.

Samples of Wild Seeds (W. Allison).—The sample is beautifully clean, and well varied, and I find Canaries are very fond of picking amongst it, some of which, at least, they evidently find much to their taste, so that it should form a very appetising and beneficial change as an occasional tit-bit. There could be no possible objection to such a mixture being frequently used as a substitute for the hackneyed, though none the less useful, maw.

Injury to Eye (A. Steel).—I'm afraid you made a big mistake in putting bird into a fresh lime-washed cage with its eye in such a condition. It would have been far better to well wash out the cage for cleanliness, and give the eye a chance to get sound again before applying limewash to its cage. Get a poppy head from a chemist, smash it up, put in a teacupful of filtered rain water, and slowly stew it beside the fire until reduced nearly one-half; then strain the liquor, add two tablespoonfuls of rose water, and bathe eye daily with a little of this—using fresh liquor each time—until the inflamed condition has disappeared. It may recover completely, though there is the possibility of the sight being permanently damaged. Keep a cover over the cage as long as the light is painful to the bird. See rule 7. Glad to hear you are about joining the League; every fancier should do so, Canary lovers also included.

Bareness and Picking (Middleton, Hartlepool).—The symptoms are very like insect attacks. Examine cracks about cage, joints of doors, and ends of perches for red mites; also the bird itself for grey lice, and if any are discovered act as frequently advised here to eradicate them. Add a few quassia chips to the bathing water occasionally for a time. If no insects are found, give a staple diet of plain canary. Every second day give half a teaspoonful of summer rape in addition and a morsel of banana. On the alternate days for the next fortnight give a scrap of bread and milk slightly dusted with flowers of sulphur and sprinkled with maw seed. Sparingly anoint bare places twice a week for month with zinc ointment. In the drinking water give the same medicine as advised to "C.D. and C.M. (2)."

Poison Suspected (M. E. W.).—Certainly there are means of having the seed analysed. You need only submit samples to any recognised chemical analyst, whose fee would vary according to the tests required. In such a case as you name, the county analyst would be best. To claim damages from the seed merchant you would require very clear proof of the seed having been supplied by him, that it contained a poisonous substance in sufficient quantity to cause death, and, finally, that the birds had died from the effect of this poison. Of course there is the probability your birds died from some other cause. It would have been far better to have had a post-mortem on the birds that died to elucidate the real cause.

Suitable Mate for Singer (Iredale).—The bird is probably a Roller, though it would be impossible to say definitely without seeing it. To breed a good stamp of bird for singing only you could not do better than mate it with a so-called Seifert or St. Andreasburg Roller hen of a good singing strain. A 1910 or 1911 bred hen would be the most suitable age, and these ages would be equally suitable provided the hens were equally suited in health, vigour, etc. If the cock is a marked bird you should endeavour to match him with a clear hen, and if a yellow with a buff hen, and vice versa in either case. You would do well to read the chapters on Rollers in House's "Manual," and Part XVI. of "Our Canaries," which will soon appear. Also see reply to "Novice" above.

A Seifert Roller (V. A. G.).—A trained so-called Seifert Roller certainly ranks in the highest place as a household songster—that is, speaking for Canaries only. You should get a very fair singer at the price you name in two or three months hence. At present it is rather early for them to be in the market. They are excellent singers, more varied, less noisy, and not so ear-piercing as ordinary singing Canaries—in a word, the voice and performance is more cultured. As to whether I consider them worth keeping, though they are far from being my special favourites, I am never without at least one cock, which I keep solely for love of the song. They would succeed well in an all-wire cage provided the room were quite free from draughts. A box cage, however, is much less risky. You should get the Nutshell booklet on the "Roller." See Mr. Page's column for reply re Pekin.

Building a Strain (M. W. S.).—As you say you intend getting two pairs to start from a well-known breeder. I feel sure the best advice I can give you is to tell this breeder just what you would like to aim at in breeding, and leave the selection in his hands. Knowing the birds and their parentage, as he doubtless does, he will be able to select matched pairs for any definite object far better than I or anyone else could advise you to choose for yourself. By stating your object I mean you should tell him whether you would like to produce a majority of clears or marked young, or whether you aim at breeding even-marked, and so on. With only two pairs to start I should scarcely advise you to have a green—two clears, one slightly ticked, and one lightly variegated, would give you a fair amount of green blood. As a beginner you should certainly read up "Our Canaries," which deals very fully with all kinds of cages.

Roller Panting (M. Glasgow).—Give a staple diet of two parts canary to one part summer rape. Every second day for a fortnight give a piece of bread and milk the size of a bazel nut, with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it and sprinkled with soft sugar. On the alternate days give a quarter teaspoonful of maw and a morsel of banana, carrot, or a spray of green food. Twice a week give a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, millet, and teazle. In the drinking water give 6 drops syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week, and afterwards 20 drops of the following every second day for a fortnight: Two drachms each glycerine and oxymel of squills, one drachm each chlorodyne and ipecacuanha wine, and eight grains of iodide of potassium. Any chemist will supply. See bird is quite free from cold draughts and extreme fluctuations.

A Border Trio (C.D. and C.M.).—(1) Yes, the cock who is now tailless should in the ordinary course be quite ready and have a full-grown tail by the date named. The only rational way of "speeding up" the moult is to keep on the warm side, free from draughts, and cover over the cage, as mentioned several times lately here. (2) Probably the bird is a glutton—nothing worse. Some birds are naturally of this nature. Give her six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom salts in the water every second day for a week, and in the next week four drops of tincture of gentian and two of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day. (3) You should have given the size and description of your bird-room, with a rough sketch if possible showing what means of ventilation you had in it. Only then could I advise you properly re heating it. At present I can only say that the method you suggest is at once the riskiest and most unsuitable. See reply to "L.B.W."

CANARY QUERISTS

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping (1/1); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

Aviary Queries.

H. B.—Providing the outside aviaries are sufficiently roomy for exercise and that when the glass shutters are closed the aviaries are not draughty, the following can be left out-of-doors: Diamond Doves, Avadavats, Bib Finches, Bronze-wing Mannikins, Orange-breasted Waxbills, and Green Cardinals. During mild genial weather the glass shutters could be open for a few hours during the middle of the day. As it is their first year in this country and Grassfinches are likely to be rather scarce, I think all the others had better go indoors for this winter. As winter store cages, the 5ft cage will accommodate 25 birds, and the 3ft. one a dozen. So long as draught cannot blow through the cages when room is ventilated, the cages need not be boarded up, but it would be good policy to place the cages against a wall so that back and one end would be protected. Use twiggy branches as perches, arranging them round back and both ends. There is just a chance of their rearing the young. By making use of the glass shutters at night you can leave the birds out till end of October, unless the weather should turn exceptionally severe. If you will give me the dimensions of your outside aviary I can tell you if two pairs of same species will be safe together when breeding. I do not think you need break up the pairs for winter caging, but do not put nesting receptacles in cage, nor supply nesting material. Green Cardinals will require ripe fruit, soft food, and live insects while rearing young. Cock birds of same species will agree together, providing there are no hens to fight over. If any of your birds batch out you must supply soft food and green food ad lib. If you have more birds than your cages will accommodate, write me again and I will tell you which are the least risky to leave out. If you have to write again, give me size and description of outside aviaries.

An Ailing Grey.

W. M.—Our Nutshell Booklet, "The Grey Parrot," 2½d., post free from our Manager, should help you as to general treatment. I cannot give you a full reply till I know how the bird has been treated (fed) during the twelve months it has been in your possession. It is evidently in a very weak state, and I am almost afraid it will not recover. Get from your chemist a box of honey and borax, and put a little on its tongue twice daily (use a camel hair brush and well cleanse it each time it is used). This will help to clear the mouth and throat. Give two doses of Dinneford's Magnesia with a day between each dose—one teaspoonful of Magnesia to two tablespoonfuls of water—this to form the day's drinking supply; after this repeat every fourth day so long as the voidings are not watery-loose; on intervening days add one teaspoonful byno-phosphates to the daily supply of drinking water. Mix a pinch of grit (not sand) with its daily supply of seed. If you send me the particulars asked for above, with any other details you can, I will try and assist you further.

An Ailing Amazon.

E. Finch.—Confine dietary as under, and do not on any account give sops, table scraps or animal food of any kind: Seed mixture: One quart each canary and white millet, and one pint each of oats, paddy rice, white maize, hemp and sunflower seeds—well mix and keep a supply in cage. Boil about one tablespoonful of maize till soft, drain off all water, then lightly dust with flowers of sulphur and supply to the bird; this must be prepared fresh daily. Also supply ripe fruit, nuts, plain biscuit and green food. Add a pinch of grit to the daily supply of seed, and keep a piece of clean cuttlebone in the cage. Put a little honey and borax into the mouth twice daily, and cleanse (bathe with a camel-hair brush) its nostrils daily with diluted glyco-thymoline. Put one teaspoonful of byno-phosphates in the drinking water. Keep its bowels moving freely (not watery-loose) with an occasional dose of Dinneford's Magnesia—one tablespoonful magnesia in two tablespoonfuls of water—to be given in lieu of the ordinary drinking water. Continue this treatment till relief is given—the dietary permanently.

Not Moulting Regularly.

W. Webster.—The first moult in this country with Parrots is often irregular and protracted. Keep bird strictly out of draught, yet not in a stuffy corner. Give following seed mixture: one quart each canary and white millet, and one pint each white maize, hemp, dari, paddy rice, oats, and sunflower seeds; well mix and keep a supply in cage. Give a tablespoonful of boiled maize daily, boil till soft, drain off all water, and well dust with flowers of sulphur; this only keeps fresh one day. Also supply ripe fruit, nuts, green food (any salad going), and plain biscuit. Add a pinch of grit (not sand) to the daily supply, and keep a piece of cuttlebone hanging in cage. Every fourth day put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water (two tablespoonfuls), so long as voidings are not watery loose; when this occurs stop magnesia till voidings are normal. When not giving the magnesia, add same quantity of byno-phosphates to the water, and continue till moult is safely past. Spray once or twice weekly with quassia solution, using a mist sprayer. Anoint lightly with cold cream any bare patches, but not sufficiently often to make the skin or plumage greasy. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, nor any kind of animal food.

Blue-fronted Amazon.

C. Meads.—Treat swelling and eyes as already advised. Also keep bowels moving freely (not watery-loose) by giving, about every fourth day, one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in two tablespoonfuls of water—this to be given in lieu of the drinking water. On intermediate days put barely a teaspoonful of byno-phosphates in the daily supply of drinking water. Stop milk sop at once, and in place give a little boiled maize daily; boil till soft, drain off all water, and lightly dust with flowers of sulphur. Seed Mixture: Get one quart each canary and white millet, and one pint each hemp, oats, paddy rice, white maize, grit and sunflower seeds; well mix and keep a supply in cage. Also supply ripe fruit, nuts, and plain biscuit. Keep a piece of cuttlebone hanging in cage. A more airy position would be better, but it must not be in a draught—the temperature of any living room will suince. Am of opinion the "Tck, Tck," is in consequence of a dyspeptic condition, and that with returning health the bird will recommence to talk, and the objectionable call will be left off. Break in upon this call continually, talk to it and otherwise attract its attention. The bird is in low condition and spirits! Treat as above and report progress with full details a month hence.

Another Ailing Amazon.

W. H.—It is a most unsatisfactory position—the bird must have food, yet, if the bread and milk is continued indefinitely, it will only aggravate matters, and ultimately ruin the bird's health. Yet you must not stop the sop suddenly. Boiled maize daily or every other day is quite permissible, but you must also supply dry seed mixture (see previous reply), ripe fruit, nuts, and plain biscuit. A pinch of grit (not sand) should be added to the daily supply of seed, and a piece of clean cuttlebone kept hanging in cage. Get it on to this diet as quickly as possible, and gradually wean bird from the milk sop. The boiled maize only keeps fresh one day. Prepare as follows: boil till soft, drain off all water, and then dust with flowers of sulphur; about one tablespoonful of maize (when boiled) should be ample. Every fourth day so long as the voidings are not watery loose, supply in lieu of plain water one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia diluted with two tablespoonfuls of water. You must give it on two occasions at any rate. On the intervening days put one teaspoonful of hyno-phosphates into the daily supply of drinking water. If the bird will take it, a piece of biscuit moistened in hyno-phosphates 1 part, and water 2 parts, will be helpful. Keep a supply of dry seed mixture in the cage; the sooner the bird returns to it the better.

Zebra Finches ("Zebra Finch.").—I am afraid you are giving them stimulating food and the cock throws out the eggs or newly-hatched young because the nesting fever is on them again. Do not give any soft food till the young are hatched, and then give a little daily. Feed on good canary, white and spray millet, with green food, grit, cuttlebone, and water for drinking and bathing. A few ants' eggs given as bought would probably be appreciated when they are feeding young. Many pairs rear on seed alone. If the cock continues his bad habits, get rid of him and procure another.

What Species? (A.M.B.).—I am still at a loss as to actual species, but it is undoubtedly one of the Babbler Thrushes and should be fed on soft food, live insects and a little fruit. I am keeping your query by me and will try and definitely identify it for you. A rough sketch, even if only approx shape and colour areas are indicated, would be of great assistance. Can you supply this? Only observation can tell you whether it will agree with a Bulbul in a cage. Try them; keep watch and promptly remove one if they quarrel.

Australian Finch (Alarmed).—From such details as you supply I cannot help you definitely. Clipping the flights, unless you also cut away flesh as well, would not account for its condition, and the flights would be renewed at each moult. Possibly it has dashed against the wire netting and injured itself. If you have a vet. near you let him see it and prescribe; if not, well cleanse the wound with tepid water and then dress with antiseptic ointment, which can be obtained from any chemist. Keep the bird's bowels moving freely at this juncture. Half teaspoouful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water every fourth day, and on other days a similar quantity of Byno-phosphates.

Cardinal with Sore Feet (G. Wright).—This bird requires a more generous dietary. Give it a little ripe fruit (apple, banana, etc.), seed mixture (1 quart each of canary and white millet, and half-a-pint each of paddy rice, hemp and sunflower seed, the whole to be well mixed). Also give green food, grit, cuttlebone, and two or three mealworms or other live insects daily. Bathe the foot in tepid water and anoint the sores with a little antiseptic ointment (from any chemist). If the bird picks the sores and makes them bleed again, cleanse the feet in tepid water and then lightly touch the bleeding wound with Friar's Balsam, keeping the bird in the hand till the Balsam has dried. Twice a week for the next month put half-a-teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in its drinking water (the latter about two tablespoonfuls,

Cuban and Other Finches ("Yorkshire Girl").—These Finches require Canary, white millet, also millet sprays, with greenfood, grit, and water ad. lib. for drinking and bathing. A little of the seed mixture you name will do no harm once or twice a week. When obtainable free from frost, a blighty spray from rose or fruit tree or any non-poisonous herbage. During the winter season canary seed can be grown in any sunny window in thumb pots, and when two or three inches high a pot can be put in the cage, and will be much appreciated by the birds. By periodical sowing a supply can be kept up—it is excellent for the birds. A little soft food is also excellent for the birds—for such as will take it. You must consult their taste a little. Most species will take ants' eggs either dry or moistened. Keep birds out of draught, and ordinary living room temperature will be ample.

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS

should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

Weavers and Lavender Finches.

A Bird Lover.—(1) The period of going out of colour is very variable, say any time between Xmas and end of February. (2) Weavers are very difficult to breed in captivity and very few instances of their doing so successfully, even in large garden aviaries, are on record. The demeanour you describe is quite normal, some species being more demonstrative than others. (3) The demeanour of the Cordon Bleus is also normal, and in an aviary your pair are very probable breeders. (4) Give them their choice with husk and rush nests, also a Hartz travelling cage, with the fitting removed and also two bars, so that birds can get in and out. (5) It all depends on size of aviary, condition of shelter shed and locality. If the latter is northern you had better take them in, though with immunity from draught artificial heat is not necessary. If southern, providing the shelter is well lighted, weather-proof, and large enough for them to be shut in during sharp extremes, they will be all right out-of-doors.

Lemon-crested Cockatoo (J. Blackmore).—Supply a seed mixture of one quart each Canary and white millet and one pint each of white maize, hemp, paddy rice, oats, dari and sunflower seeds; well mix and keep a supply in the cage, add a pinch of grit (not sand) to the daily supply. Also supply ripe fruit, plain biscuit, nuts (various), greenfood, gritty sand for cage tray, and water. Stop the tea at once, and give in lieu of same chemical food and water, and twice weekly soak one teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia into a piece of biscuit; if the voiding should become watery this must be stopped for a fortnight. Spray him once or twice a week with quassia solution, using a mist sprayer. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever. Continue the above treatment for about six weeks, and then report progress with full details.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES, AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Colour-feeding a Bullfinch (London).—Your bird having finished moulting, there is no use in colour-feeding him. This should be commenced at the first signs of the moult at the latest. For a Bullfinch, quite the best form of colour-feeding is plenty of such berries as he could get in Nature—blackberries, privet, etc. Give these freely from now. No amount of cayenne pepper will impart a natural colour to the breast of a Bullfinch. You should get our Nutshell No. 11, which goes very fully into the question of the proper feeding of the bird.

Old Hemp (Nauticus).—"Old Hemp" simply means hemp seed that has been stored beyond the season in which it has been grown. Such seed, when it has been properly stored, is better than that of a new crop. The best is of a greyish-brown colour. If green it is unripe, and if very dark has been most probably improperly stored. The kernel should quite fill the husk, and should be white in colour and nutty to the taste.

A Variety (Novicee).—(1) It is not correct to say that a hand-reared Goldfinch will never breed Mules. Don't you believe it. (2) "Do Greypates grow until they are full coloured?" What an extraordinary question! It is like asking: Does a baby grow until it cuts its teeth? The answer is in the affirmative. (3) The young Goldie shows its full blaze at the first autumn moult (in extent, that is), but the majority do not get fully up in colour until well towards the Spring—some, indeed, not until after the second moult, keeping what fanciers term "brassy" in colour. (4) Paraffin and boiling water will exterminate red mites. In fact, either (used by itself) will suffice. (5) I have had no experience of aviaries covered with tarred felting on the inside. I don't suppose the smell (if the place is well ventilated) would adversely affect the birds. By all means open the windows on sunny days during the winter, but use discretion if it is very windy, so that a strong draught is not created.

A "Wild" Thrush (Brownie).—Your bird, I am afraid, is not of a kind (tractable) disposition, and I do not see what more you can do to try and gain its confidence. I shall be surprised, however, if it does not gradually alter and lose its nervousness at your near approach. You must continue to keep it where it has plenty of human company; also to talk to it, and quietly offer it mealworms, etc., with your fingers. That the bird is beginning to sing so nicely is a most excellent sign. A thick layer of finely-broken-up peat moss will be better than paper as a covering for the cage bottom. This can be bought cheaply at almost all hay, corn and food stores; many of our advertisers offer it.

Two Linnets (C. Hart).—The best advice I can give you is to obtain a copy of the Nutshell booklet on the Linnet from our publisher. This is only 2½d., post free, and in it you will find an illustration and description of the most suitable style of cage, with up-to-date advice upon foods, management, etc. Then, if you want advice upon any particular point, I shall be only too pleased to give it.

Stock Mixtures (J. W. R.).—You ask me for a stock mixture for no less than nine species of birds. This is really too tall an order to answer shortly, especially as for any one bird the stock mixture should vary somewhat according to the season. A column could be taken up in detailing the proper feeding of the Goldfinch alone of the birds you mention. You will find very full information in our Nutshells (see list in advt. columns), upon the proper feeding of all the birds in your list, except the Brambichinch, and this bird should be fed exactly as detailed in the Nutshell on the Chaffinch.

Mule-Breeding in Large Flight (F.M.).—Your flight is certainly a fine roomy place, and I see no reason why you should fail to rear some Goldfinch-Canary Mules therein. You are proceeding on the right lines by restricting the inmates to the two species only. Two other points you must observe are: (1) do not put in too many birds; (2) arrange plenty of nesting sites—at least twice as many as there are hen Canaries. I should think that your four Goldies with six hen Canaries would be a wise limit as regards number of inmates. If any of the birds prove persistently quarrelsome (some hen Canaries are very vicious and cruel to others of their kind during the breeding season), they will have to be removed. Catch up the young Mules as soon as they can feed themselves properly, and cage by themselves for at least during the continuance of the breeding operations.

About a Mule (Tilbury).—Your bird, of which you send a sketch (very useful, this), would compete in the class for "unevenly-marked or variegated" Mules. Of course, the wording of class headings varies in the different show schedules (above I am quoting from the schedule of the Crystal Palace Show). Your bird, however, could not compete as a "lightly marked" Mule. If really big and stoutly built it would stand an excellent chance of securing a prize at shows which give a class for variegated birds. Against clear, ticked, and evenly-marked Mules it would be outclassed. I think it a pity that more shows do not offer classes for variegated Mules (to be not more than half light, say, or two-thirds). They would fill well, I fancy. Your bird should be fed as hot a colour as possible.

A Goldfinch's Trouble (Hardbill).—In my opinion your bird has turned dull and queer because it has stuck in the moult for some reason or other, and until the feathers are falling freely again it is likely to continue so—in fact, you may lose him. Could you not try removing his cage into a heated room? I take it he is at present in an unheated one. A warm kitchen would be just the place. It would help if you carefully extracted one or two of the secondary flight feathers of each wing, and a feather or two from each side of the tail, while if this fails to start him, later on take out one or two feathers from the sides of the breast. This may sound rather cruel advice, perhaps, but it is a case of "needs must when the devil drives"; and the operation causes but momentary pain to the bird, while it is fairly certain to save its life. You can also try the effect of steeping a little meadow saffron (fresh daily) in its drinking water.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 2, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

J. R. Runnels-Moss.—Liver in an advanced stage of fatty degeneration, much enlarged, soft, friable, and spotted with small hemorrhages, complicated with intense inflammation of the bowels following upon disorganisation of the liver substance and alteration of its secretions. It is dietetic in origin, and results from the intaking with the food of particles of irritant or poisonous materials, which are responsible for conversion of liver cell tissue into fat. It is gradual in its onset, and symptons are not generally observable until the intestines suffer; and death quickly results from acute enteritis.

L. A. Knight.—Pleuro-pneumonia, otherwise pleurisy complicated with pneumonia, probably tubercular, and not of recent origin. It is difficult to detect this in the living bird, until pneumonia renders evident the trouble. The vendor may have in all good faith sold you what he considered a healthy bird; its new surroundings may also have influenced the course of the disease, unless, of course, there was evidence of illness at time of purchase. I regret your unfortunate loss.

Ebbw.—Read answer to J. R. Runnels-Moss; your case is very similar, except in the absence of bowel inflammation. The liver showed all the same changes, not a portion of it being in a sound condition; but death followed on exhaustion from anæmia and debility, due to improper assimilation or digestion of food. The muscles, also the interior of the body, were watery and dropsical. There is some fault in your diet, and I should advise you to search for this, or to procure a fresh supply.

H.S.—Splenic-apoplexy, meaning engorgement of the spleen with blood induced by ptomaine poison. The spleen is a very important organ, better known to the layman as the milt, capable of holding a very large amount of blood, and highly distensible to many times its ordinary size. It is one of the principal organs most affected in septic fever; in fact, is always enlarged in bacterial diseases, from the toxins or poisons generated by them. Use scrupulous cleanliness. Wash all utensils in a weak solution of Condy's Fluid, and give also of the latter night and morning in the water to drink. You need have no fear of contagion, the trouble arising from one source only, any one bird not being contagious to the others.

G. Heath.—Acute entero-peritonitis, or inflammation of the bowels and peritoneum. The body cavity also contained a quantity of black clotted blood. Symptoms are suspicious of acute mineral poisoning. To any affected birds give twenty to thirty drops of the following medicine in the drinking water night and morning:—Morphia 1-32 of a grain; spirits of chloroform, 10 drops; syrup simplex, ½ ounce; water up to 2 ounces. This needs careful dispensing by a chemist. Do not attempt the use of turpentine; it is much too severe, and only serves to hasten death.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

A Pheasant (L.H.).—The desired information will be given you next week by Mr. Page in his query columns.

Striped Feathers (G.E.).—Mr. St. John (our Canary specialist) will answer your question in his query columns.

Press Cuttings (J. Wager, T. Duncan, A.E.S., and others).—We thank you for your courtesy in forwarding the newspaper cuttings.

Different Colours in Canaries (W. L. Delver).—If you will tell us the variety of Canary (Norwich or Yorkshire) and enclose three 1d. stamps, we will send you a coloured plate depicting the different forms of markings and colour.

A Perch (O. E. Brooks).—This type of perch is in too common use, we are afraid, to be worth illustrating.

Dolgelly Show (Judge Task Bob).—We cannot take notice of anonymous communications. If you want your letter published you must send us your name and address as a guarantee of your bona-fides.

The Peacock (Peacock).—Your question was answered in our issue of September 16th (page 155, col. 2) as follows: "The doubts of your friends have no foundation. The eggs of the Peafowl are fertilised in the same manner as the eggs of other fowls."

Three Items (New Reader).—East Ham is in London (that is, the County of London). Copies of the Wild Birds' Protection Act of 1880 can be obtained from Messrs. Wyman, Ltd., Printers, Fetter Lane, London, E.C.; they also supply copies of the bye-laws made by the various local bodies to adapt the above Act to different counties, etc. They cost 1d. each (postage extra). Copies of local bye-laws can also be obtained from the Town Clerk, or the Chief Constable of the various county towns (or the chief towns of the particular district). Bird-catching is prohibited in Epping Forest all the year round (to wit, in the parishes of Epping, Epping Upland, Theydon Bois, Theydon Garnon, and Lambourne). All of Essex lying within the metropolitan police district is closed the year round; and in many Essex parishes catching is prohibited on Sundays. If you catch birds along the public roads it is conceivable you may get summoned for causing an obstruction. Much depends upon the tackle and the kind of "public road" it is used on.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Ashton-under-Lyne O.S.—Oct. 3, P.S.A. Rooms, 8. Final table and back-end show business.—J. R. Colville.

Ardwick C.B.S.—Oct. 3, Onward Hall, 8. Annual show business.—J. Spencer.

Bradford West C.B.A.—Sept. 30, Shoulder of Mutton, 7.45. Owing to open show being Oct. meeting night, we have postponed same to this date. Open show business, etc.—F. Western.

Bradford East O.S.—Sept. 30, Park Chapel Schools, West Bowling. Members' show; judge, Mr. J. Bailey (Allerton). Birds to be staged 2.30 prompt. Entries taken Friday night and Saturday. Distribution of Union handbooks.—H. Hill.

Border City (Carlisle) O.S.—Oct. 4, headquarters, 8.15. Final arrangements for open show.—J. C. Bell.

Blaydon C.B.S.—Oct. 8, Co-op. Library, 7.30. Make final arrangements for annual show, etc.—G. Harver.

Barnsley C.B.S.—Oct. 7, Clarence Hotel, 7.30. Open show business.—F. C. Sims.

Blackpool and Fylde C.B.F.S.—Oct. 6, Working Men's Club, Church Street, 8.30. Members' Show, etc.—J. R. Crossley.

Bo'ness F.A.—Sept. 30, Coffee House Hall. Table show, Plainheads and Linneta, 5; Mr. T. Scotland, judge.—T. Cameron.

Barnoldswick C.B.S.—Oct. 3, Alexandra Cafe, 7.30. Very important.—J. Wilson.

Blackburn C.B.S.—Oct. 2, Meliora Restaurant, 8. Show classification, etc.—J. Cook.

Bolton C.B.S.—Oct. 2, Joiners' Arms, 8. Open Show business.—P. Brierley.

Bonnyrigg C.B.S.—Sept. 30, Calderwood Arms, 7.30. Show business.—G. Harper.

Bristol C.B.S.—Oct. 1, City Hotel, Wine Street, 8. Important show business.—A. R. A. Carter.

Crewe O.S.—Oct. 3, Hightown Institute, Beech Street, 8. Show business.—E. Jaycott.

City and County of Perth O.S.—Oct. 2, Laidlaw's Temperance Hotel, 8. Arrangements for club show.—J. Kerr.

Clapham C.B.A.—Oct. 2, Landor Hotel, Landor Road, 8.30. Very important; anyone wanting more tickets can have same.—A. L. Priest.

Cheltenham C.B.S.—Oct. 4, Sydney Arms, 8. Paper on "The Norwich Canary," by Mr. Houghton (Gloucester).—A. S. Treasure.

Cowdenbeath C.B.S.—Oct. 4, Arcade Hotel, 7. Important show business.—J. R. Reid.

Chester C.B.F.A.—Oct. 3, Nag's Head Cocoa House, 8.30. Washing exhibition by Messrs. Bracegirdle and Gardner. Members and friends invited.—J. Swindley.

Coventry O.S.—Oct. 4, Sydenham Palace, 8.30. Important; show business.—A. J. Barratt.

Cumnock C.B.S.—Sept. 30, Co-op. Hall, Auchinleck, 7. Consideration of schedule, etc.—J. Nutt.

Dalkeith C.C.—Sept. 30, Ship Inn, 7. Ballot for specials and final arrangements for show.—Ewing and Steel.

Darlington C.B.S.—Oct. 4, Labour Hall, 7.30. Classification for members' show.—H. Todd.

Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.—Oct. 3, Reindeer Hotel, Rye Lane, Peckham, 8. Washing demonstration and competition. Demonstrator and judge, Mr. J. D. Marlin.—W. Hodson.

Derwent Valley C.B.S.—Sept. 30, headquarters, 7. Schedule, etc.—J. Lindsay.

Edinburgh Western O.S.—Oct. 5, Riego Street Hall, 8. Show business; last meeting before show.—R. Lile.

Edinburgh N.C. and M.B.S.—Oct. 5, 142, High Street, 8. Arrangements for annual show.—J. Finnie.

Edinburgh Eastern O.S.—Oct. 2, Free Gardeners' Hall, Abbey Mount, 8. Show business, correspondence, etc.—D. D. Horne.

Forfar C.B.S.—Oct. 7, Granite Bar, 7. Allocation of specials, etc.—J. Fyfe.

Grangemouth O.S.—Oct. 6, Boilermakers' Hall, 8. Distribution of annual show tickets.—J. D. Miller.

Gt. Harwood C.B.S.—Oct. 2, Dan McNally's, 8. O.B. Show; very urgent.—A. Bentley.

Great Horton (Good Intent) O.S.—Sept. 30, Church Schools, 8. Special.—H. Gornall.

Glasgow and Western Counties.—Sept. 30, 122, Ingram Street, 6.30. Election of judges for annual show.—T. Drysdale.

Greenock, Port Glasgow, etc., O.S.—Oct. 4, Co-operative Halls P.G., 7.30. All monies and annual subs. now due.—J. Forrester.

Grimsby and Cleethorpes R.C.S.—Sept. 30, Anchor Restaurant, 119, Cleethorpes Road, 7.30. Arrange for open show and singing contest Dec. 1 and 2.—W. Yardley.

Grantham C.B.S.—Oct. 2, Co-op. Hall, St. Peter's Hill, 8. Members' Show. Fanciers invited. Short discussion.—W. Ratcliff.

Hemsworth C.B.S.—Oct. 4, King's Head Hotel, 7.30. October show; subs.; specials, etc.—J. W. Gillings.

Hyde C.B.S.—Oct. 2, St. George's School, 8. Important; intending members invited.—T. Allsop.

Hull C.B.S.—Oct. 2, Oddfellows' Hall, 8. Washing exhibition by Mr. G. W. Oliver. Judging Competition—Nor., A.V., Yorks., A.V.; judge, Mr. G. W. Oliver.—E. R. Ridley.

Hanley C.B.S.—Oct. 4, Albion Hotel, 8. Open Show business.—G. Lawton.

Houghton-le-Spring C.B.S.—September 30, White Lion Hotel, 7.30. Selection of judge, etc.—R. H. Dixon.

Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A.—Oct. 3, headquarters, 6. Show business, etc.—A. Dickson.

Larkhall C.B.A.—Oct. 7, Miners' Hall, 7. Receive annual show schedules.—J. Pollock.

Longton C.B.S.—Oct. 3, Castle Inn, 8. Final arrangements for show; to elect treasurer, etc.; fanciers invited.—Hallam and Lovatt.

Leyton C.B.A.—Oct. 2, Grange Park Hall. Table Show of Nor.; judge, Mr. C. Cooper. Admission free.—Forse and Son.

Lowestoft C.B.S.—Oct. 2, Fox and Hounds, 8.30. To arrange for annual show, etc.—F. Rackham.

Lancaster C.B.S.—Oct. 6, Corn Market Street, Coffee Tavern, 7.30. Selection of specials for cat show, and selection of cages for Gift Class.—C. J. Cafferty.

Lochore and Glencraig C.B.S.—Sept. 30, McMenemy's Hall, 6.30. Show business and members' fees.—D. Grant.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—Oct. 3, White Swan, 8.30. Completion of schedule.—A. Freestone.

Llanelly C.B.S.—Sept. 30, Greyhound Hotel, 7.30. Show matters. Our president, Mr. Holmes, may be able to attend.—D. John.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—Oct. 3, Railway Hotel, 7.30. Last day of entries for open show (Oct. 7), Bradford Moor Boardschool; bring or send entries in large numbers. Ordinary meeting Oct. 4, 8.15.—J. E. Hudson.

Mid-Rhondda C.B.S.—Oct. 5, White Hart Hotel, Tonypandy, 7. Fixing date of show, selecting judges, and completing schedule.—A. H. C. Legg.

Manchester and N.C.O.S.—Oct. 2, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Washing demonstration by Mr. A. G. Davis, etc.—H. Boothman.

Morpeth C.B.S.—Sept. 30. Final meeting to make arrangements for show Oct. 14. All subs. must be paid, or members will not be allowed to enter in members' classes.—J. B. Creighton.

Nuttingham and Notts O.S.—Oct. 4, Mechanics' Institute, 8. Important show business.—G. E. Wilkinson.

Northern Border and S.F.C.C.—Oct. 2, 65, Grainger Street, 8. Patronage. Paper by Mr. Patterson (Chirnside) on "The Breeding of the Border Fancy." Fanciers welcome.—J. N. F. Scott.

Newcastle C.B.S.—Oct. 5, 65, Grainger Street, 8 Show business, specially urgent.—J. E. Atkinson.

Nelson C.B.S.—Oct. 2, Thornton's Restaurant, 8 Arrangement for special prize fund, etc.—J. Gregson.

New Cross C.B.S.—Oct. 5, 397, New Cross Road, S. Show business, etc.—G. Barton.

Oldham C.B.A.—Oct. 3, Textile Dining Rooms, 8. Show business and names for social; general; schedules for show ready.—J. Cope.

Ormskirk C.B.S.—Oct. 2, Church House, 8. Purchase coupons, etc.—T. H. Tiffen.

Preston O.S.—Oct. 5, Tokio Cafe, 8. Important show business.—J. P. Leeming.

Paisley, Tannahill O.S.—Oct. 7, Lockie's, 2, St. James Street, 7.30. Contributions, specials, etc.—J. Stewart.

Provincial Roller C.C.—Sept. 29, Swan Hotel, Fountain Street, Manchester, 6. A. Percival.

Pudsey Stanningley C.B.S.—Oct. 2, Fleece Hotel, 8. To discuss new rule regarding club business; also Union handbooks to distribute.—H. Raistrick.

Partick C.B.C.—Oct. 6, Trades Hall, Anderson Street, 8. General business; contributions now due; new members invited.—W. Priest.

Pentre C.B.S.—Sept. 30, Queen's Hotel, 7. Show business.—G. Lingard.

Queensbury C.B.S.—Sept. 30, Granby Hotel. Members' Show; birds staged not later than 3. Judges, Messrs. E. Lumb and H. Smith. Oct. 5, meeting, 8. —A. Hartley.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—Oct. 4, Temperance Club, Toad Lane, 8. General meeting.—E. Hartley.

Rochdale O.C.—Oct. 2, Club Rooms, 8. Open Show business, specials, etc.—R. Blincoe.

Rotherham C.B.S.—Sept. 30, College Inn, 8. Important.—B. Bailey.

Reading C.B.S.—Oct. 4, Palmer Hall, 8. Show business; please help by attending.—W. H. Pyke.

Redhill C.B.S.—October 3, Mutton's Hotel, 8. To arrange show, etc.—A. W. Bacon.

Stockton-on-Tees C.B.S.—Oct. 5, Leeda Hotel, 8. Open Show.—J. W. Lowes.

Sheriffhill F. and F.S.—Sept. 30, St. John's Parish Hall, 6.30. Meeting and table show of Canaries, Brit., and For.; Mr. G. Willis (Sheriffhill) judge. Other business.—W. H. Stockton.

Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A.—Oct. 2, Red Lion Hotel, 8. Important Open Show business; new members, etc.—J. Pitchford.

South Manchester C.B.S.—Oct. 5, beadquarters, Jolly Carter, 8.30. Show business.—A. Smith.

Stonehouse C.B. and F.H.S.—Oct. 7, Public Hall, 7. Fixing special prizes for open show; ann. subs. due.—W. Melvin.

Sheffield O.S.—Oct. 3, Rose and Crown Hotel, Waingate, 7. Washing exhibition by J. Bailey, Esq. (Bradford), and other important business. Bring some birds with you.—Bishop and Colton.

Sittingbourne C.B.S.—Oct. 2, headquarters, George Hotel, High Street, 8.30. Show for Yorks., Nor., Brit., and For.; business, special.—B. Tidy.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—Oct. 2, Commercial Hotel, 8. Stewards for show, etc.—J. Lewis.

St. James-the-Less F.A.—Oct. 2, Ridley House, St. James Road, N.E., 8.30. To arrange classes for members' fifth Y.S. Show, Oct. 7. Entries must be in by 2nd.—E. A. Suter.

Shipley O.S.—Oct. 3, Prince of Wales S. Union books; entries for judging competition.—A. Tillotson.

Tunstall C.B.S.—Oct. 4, beadquarters, 8. Further preparations for annual show.—Evans and Brough.

Thatto Heath (St. Helens) O.S.—Oct. 2, Nutgrove School, 8.—R. S. Tyson.

Vale of Leven C.B.C.—Oct. 3, Village Schoolroom, Suzannah Street, Alexandria, 7.30. Demonstration of band washing by Mr. A. Wilson (Glasgow).—A. H. McLean.

Wallasey C.B.S.—Oct. 5, headquarters, 8. Lecture by Mr. W. Mallinson on "The Birds I Have Met in the Wallasey District."—W. Mallinson.

Windsor C.B.A.—Oct. 5, headquarters, 8.15. General business.—E. A. Stickland.

Walthamstow F.A.—Oct. 5, Workmen's Hall, 8. Arrangements for annual show.—H. C. Cooper.

Wigan C.B.S.—Sept. 30, Legs of Man Hotel, 8. Taking adverts. of special prizes for show schedule —W. Dyer.

Wakefield Roller C.C.—Oct. 2, Elephant and Castle Inn, 8. Show business.—H. Roebuck.

Wolverhampton C.B.S.—Oct. 5, Duke of York, 8. Allotting of specials, etc.; contributions due.—J. Gibbons.

Walsall C.B.S.—Oct. 2, White Hart, Caldmore, 8. Fixing classes for Table Show.—F. Price.

Walkden C.B.S.—Oct. 3, Institute, 7.30. Have we to sink or swim?—H. Howard.

Wimbledon C.B.S.—Oct. 2, 6, Broadway, 8. Arrangements for Annual Show, judging competition, Norwich; final judge, Mr. P. Rorke.—H. Smith.

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Correspondence.

Turning White in the Moult.

Sir,—Having been a reader of Cage Birds for some length of time, I thought your readers would be interested to know that I have a Linnet that is turning white in its moult. The bird is four years old.

— Rees.

A Mixed Bag.

Sir,—Would any reader of Cage Birds be kind enough to tell me how to breed, and keep, mealworms and maggots? Could anyone tell me also of a good place for catching birds near East Ham (Essex).

A New Reader.

[There is a back number of Cage Birds which contains an article upon the breeding of gentles (maggots); and the same with mealworms.—Editor.]

The "Champion" Singing Linnet

Sir,—Mr. Allen speaks of not taking notice of any further challenges. Does he think it was only paper talk on my part? If he does, I want him to think again, as he ought to know himself that all birds are likely to go into moult at this time of the year. My bird has not only gone into moult, but he died on Wednesday last, September 20th. So Mr. Allen does not need to be afraid of a challenge from me just yet, anyhow.

Harry Brown.

[This correspondence is now closed.—Editor.]

A Threatened Revolt in Scotch Fancy Circles.

Sir,—In conversation with brother fanciers (I use that term advisedly, because all Breeders should be one common brotherhood) I found a general impression that the Scotch Fancy has suffered, and is suffering, from being confined to a few. A system is in vogue, it is said, with the "upper ten" to exchange birds within their own caste, which keeps those who might, and would, purchase, from getting into the Fancy as successfully as they would like. I think the time has arrived when this serious aspect should be considered. Unless there is an amendment, and that quickly, a serious situation will arise. The fanciers of the "bird of circle" are ripe for a revolt against this endeavour to keep the good birds in the hands of a few. The case of the Scotch Fancy is bad enough, without this kind of thing being resorted to. What do others say?

A Fancier.

The Ladies Feasted at Bradford East.

Sir,—The Bradford East Society have arranged for a supper and social evening (to open the winter session) on Tuesday, October 3, at headquarters, the Park Chapel Schools. A varied and interesting programme has been arranged by a sub-committee, which reflects great credit on their businesslike methods. The evening is one specially set apart for the ladies, who have played a very important part in the society's welfare. In every public function we have always been favoured with their help and support, and although it has been keenly appreciated by the rank and file of the members, still it was considered that we had not, as yet, shown them that appreciation in any outward form. Hence the decision arrived at is a happy idea to try to repay them. The supper is to be served by the members, and in addition they have taken the responsibility of paying for the lady who accompanies them at supper. To fanciers and friends the supper will be served at the modest price of 6d. each. It is hoped all members and their wives or friends will attend. Commence at 7.30 prompt. A special invitation is extended to all. Bowling Old Lane. Trains run to within a few yards of the school.

H. Hill, Secretary.

15, Settle Terrace, Thornton Lane, Little Horton, Bradford.

The Yorkshire C.C. of Scotland and Coming Competitions.

Sir,—I have much pleasure in stating that since our last meeting two of our members have offered "specials" for competition during the coming show season. Mr. A. Girvan, of Ayr, is giving a special prize to the runner-up to bowl winuer. As Mr. Girvan was runner-up himself last season, it looks as though he means to go up "dux" this term. Mr. R. Heggie, of Mount Florida, is giving a gold medal for novices on exactly the same lines as Dr. Syson's medal last year. As we could be doing with more competition for these prizes (particularly the latter), and for the other club trophies, I extend a hearty invitation to all Yorkshire exhibitors in Scotland to join us at this time. I would particularly appeal to Yorkshire fanciers in Fifeshire. There are a lot of them, I know, and yet we have only two members from the "Kingdom" on our books. As we are giving our patronage to two Fife shows this year, I think I can expect further support from the "Fifers." I am also glad to say that the special prize subscription sheet opened at last meeting is filling up nicely, but there is still room for a few more names on it. With regard to the club's standard show cages, the maker informs me that these are now ready, so if those members who have ordered, but not yet paid for theirs, will kindly let me have a remittance, I will have the cages sent on at once.

R. B. Gibb, Hon. Secretary.

96, Middleton Street, Ibrox, Glasgow.

Can a Novice Grow "Too Old?"

Sir,—Would any of your readers oblige by telling me when a fancier ceases to be a novice?—as I see here (Scotland) some old fanciers showing away in the novice classes year after year.

R. Watson.

Something Rare in Hybrids.

The Goldfinch-Twite Successfully Reared

Sir,—It may interest some of your readers to know that a friend of mine (Mr. D. Warwick, of North Shields) has been successful in breeding from a Goldfinch cock and a Twite hen. From the first nest he got three eggs, which he put under feeders. The following week, seing the Twite hen was wanting to nest again, he put the Goldfinch back. She soon laid again, and hatched two eggs; but has only been successful in rearing two of the young hybrids; these are now nearly through the moult. He lost the others when they were about three weeks old. Any fanciers are welcome to see them by calling on him at 9, Canden Street.

T. S. Short.

Members of Societies and their Subscriptions.

Sir,—With the numerous announcements of societies about to hold their annual shows, fanciers generally are looking over their stock with a view to patronising them and the hope of winning some of the prizes that are offered in competition. Does it not behove every fancier to ask himself whether he is doing his best to support the concerns nearer at home—whether he has paid the subscription to his society or societies? When that is paid he must feel a greater sense of security, because he fears the frowns of no man and can say, if he wins, that he has won honourably. To my mind it is dishonourable to enter birds at all at the annual competition until those dues are paid. Of course, all societies have rules that bar this procedure, but rarely does it ever happen that the rule is carried out. Help the secretaries all you can by paying your way, and they in their turn will have the power to refuse those birds whose owners are a disgrace to the Fancy.

Ipso Facto.

Should Overdue Subscriptions be Accepted?

The Green Canary Association and Its Rule.

Sir,—Mr. Green replies to "No Dollar" in last week's Cage Birds that he is not debarred from receiving subscriptions after August 31st. I would like to ask him (as it was through his instrumentality that the rule was made) what is the use of the rule, as receiving subs. after the date named renders the rule obsolete. As regards his reiterating that the society was formed to be run on business lines, I will pass over that, for everyone does not work a business on the same lines. At one time we had an hon. secretary who could get subs. and specials galore, but he did not show any officialism, which I think was the cause of his success. I am one of the defaulters, but as regards being under any obligation to the G.C.A. I fail to see it, for I take it that if a member has not paid his subscription by August 31st he is crossed off the list. As regards the G.C.A. not being a "philanthropic institution," I think it is the want of a little diplomacy that causes him to write in such a manner, as it would not tend to get subscriptions in, even if he did depart from the rule. He says "No Dollar" will never be missed. Not alone, I agree, but when he is put alongside all the other dollars that are not forthcoming, I think he will be rather a severe knock for the Green Club, as it is such members as "No Dollar" that provide specials for the "nuts" to rake in. In closing my remarks, I would like to say that it seems the hon. secretary of the Green Club is trying to twist the rules of the society to suit his own convenience.

Another Missing Dollar.

Sir,—Mr. Green remarks he would be delighted to expound his views in person if "No Dollar" would publish his identity. As I do not think any good would accrue from hearing Mr. Green's views in private, and being debarred from having any voice in the Green Club's meetings, I still prefer to remain

No Dollar.

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The Bird Lovers' Annual Outing.

Next Crystal Palace Show Date has been Fixed: Suggestions for the Classification Invited

Sir,—Arrangements have been made for this show to be held on Feb. 2, 3, 5, and 6, 1912, by the London and Provincial O.S., as usual. It is proposed to give the same classification as at last show. The classification can be extended provided the sections be guaranteed. Any suggestions received from intending exhibitors will be carefully considered. I shall be pleased to receive matter for schedule from secretaries of Specialist Clubs giving their patronage to this show at their early convenience.

J. W. Ramsden,
Show Manager.

11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, S.W.

Lancashire and Cheshire Union of Cage Bird Societies.

Sir,—At the last meeting of the above Union a sub-committee was formed to draw up a code of rules. This has been done, and I have sent a copy to most of the societies in Lancashire and Cheshire. If any society has not received a copy, will the secretary please inform me, when I will send one on. As the show season is about to commence, there will be a greater opportunity of meeting fanciers at the shows. Should any fancier require information with regard to the Union, either Mr. Dent—who is acting as Chairman—or myself will be glad to explain. Will the secretaries who have received a copy of rules kindly let me know the decision of their societies as soon as possible?

James Gerrard, Sec., pro tem.

86, Lonsdale Road, Bolton.

A Lively Letter from Liverpool.

The New Society for Anfield, Everton and District; and Some Sensational Allegations.

Sir,—I am pleased at the opportunity presented of making a further appeal to fanciers to join the above society, and at the same time replying to your correspondent who conceals his identity behind the name of W. C. Robinson. I am rather inclined to think, and I am not alone in my contention, that the real instigator of the letter appearing in your last issue knows more about goldfish and "wasters" than he knows about the needs of a new society in the above districts that have a population of over 100,000. I am afraid, sir, I should occupy too much of your valuable space to go fully into the many matters arising out of your correspondent's letter. First of all, let us deal with his appeal to fanciers to join the three city societies, namely, the Breeders', G.C.A., and Open Society, by first asking the question, Who governs these societies? Are the members allowed a say in matters? I think not. Why are so many fanciers receding from these societies? Is it because they are governed by a clique—of which your correspondent is no doubt one, and a principal at that? Let him come out and sign his name and I will promise him something in my future correspondence to reflect upon. A fancier describes this clique as a "bond of union," or "the charmed circle," limited to about a dozen of the high-standard type. Yes, very high, sir; but decay has set in. Not one of these individuals dare speak ill of one other. Why, the borrowing and lending of birds for show purposes is so rampant that the ordinary members haven't a ghost of a chance. You cannot expect to enrol members while this is permitted. I venture to say this much: the man that speaks out against this kind of thing is very soon riddled out—blackballed, if you like. Let me ask this question: Why did a member of the G.C.A. so suddenly stop competing for the Championship Cup and resign his membership? Now, sir, I know the answer to this. Was it because one of the charmed circle was borrowing birds to compete against him, or was it the thought of having to pay a dollar this coming season? I hope I have given your correspondent some idea why the genuine fancier will not join the City societies. I am afraid unless the talking Canary of these societies is checked there will be no one left but the "charmed circle." The gentleman who has been kind enough to sign the letter is only known to me as a "pot hunter." Perhaps he has been nominated for the cup this coming season? Now, sir, a word on the district societies. These are in fairly decent hands except in one or two instances. Note the difference: Nest feather shows, Birkenhead over 100 birds, Bootle, 120; Wallasey, upwards of 100; City societies, Breeders, about 40; G.C.A., about 30. Something to boast about, isn't it? The City societies are governed by the charmed circle, and the principal business is hatched and colour-fed in anything but the proper place. The outside members are kept on the leash and muzzled. The proposed new society will have lectures, debates, washing exhibitions, etc., by up-to-date fanciers, but no stop-at-home-all-day-talking Canaries. Let us proceed. Who is this Wright of mushroom growth? How dare he have the audacity to start a society without first consulting the charmed circle and supplying all these novice fanciers' names and addresses and giving us a chance to make them pay their footing? This man Wright showed birds about twenty-two years ago, in conjunction with his father, and has kept and bred Canaries ever since. Re Bootle nest feather show, let it be distinctly understood that one of the points I feel very strongly upon is the borrowing or lending of birds for exhibition—money-grabbing, in other words. The birds I showed were my own property, and, what is more, they won. The same applies to Birkenhead. Then, again, the proposed secretary is, or was, a member of the G.C.A. and the Breeders', and he informs me he bred and showed Canaries when your correspondent was in petticoats, and had no idea of slinging mud at the efforts of a real fancier who is endeavouring to help those that keep birds for the love of the sport, and who declines to be muzzled. With regard, sir, to the personal remarks you have thought wise to delete, will this gentleman (so-called) be good enough to repeat them to my face? One word more. I have received applications from members who are seceding from the G.C.A. and the Breeders', together with a good number of novice fanciers who are in no society, who are guaranteed a fair and square hearing, and the rules will be carried out without any favour. I am afraid, sir, there will be no room for your correspondent in this society to advertise himself. I would advise him never to stab a man in the back—say what you have to say to his face, and don't shield yourself behind another man's name.

R. B. Wright.

The Breeding of Cutthroats in Captivity.

Sir,—After reading Mrs. Lloyd's letter re "Pair of Cutthroats and their Domestic Troubles," I feel I must write and give my own personal experience in breeding the above birds, which I have managed with as much ease as my Yorkshire breeding. First of all, you require a cage of the box pattern, size 24ins. by 20ins., by 11ins. deep, with the usual sand tray, and with seed and water vessels inside. Having our cage, let us cut a hole in the right hand side of same, measuring three inches wide and four inches high. The bottom of this hole should be about ten inches from the bottom of the cage. Now take a box about seven inches square, and securely fasten over the hole; this acts as their roosting and nesting quarters. The best method of fastening same, I find, is with small brass corner brackets; they can be screwed up firmly. When fixed, make a wire top for the nesting box; same can be made very neatly out of punch bar and wire. Make this to open and shut, as you would a lid. This will act for two purposes—for giving plenty of ventilation and light, also as a means of peeping within to see if all is well. Having completed our cage, we must purchase our birds, which can be done at any bird shop for about 3s. per pair. I obtained mine at the beginning of March, 1911. I placed them in the cage I had already made, which I kept hung up in the kitchen day and night, and, much to my delight, on April 23 I discovered an egg in the nest (which, by the way, was an ordinary penny nest bag, well pulled to pieces). All went well, and four eggs were laid, both cock and hen sitting upon same alternately. At the end of the twelfth day I was delighted to hear that the eggs were hatching successfully. On peeping into the nest the next morning I discovered four young ones, all eggs having successfully hatched. So straightway I supplied them with egg and biscuit, the same as I give my Canaries. All went well for the first three or four days, and then, to my disgust, the parents started to throw out the youngsters. Strangely enough, they threw out one each morning until all four were dead. I at once thought my method of feeding was at fault. Nothing venture, nothing gain, however. I cleared out the nest and supplied the birds with another nest bag. I did not have to wait long, for on May 26 I discovered the hen had started to lay again. This time again all went well, six eggs being laid; and all hatched successfully at the end of the incubation period. Everything went smoothly until the fourth day, when I discovered they were at their old tricks, one youngster having been thrown out. So I thought I would endeavour to give them a change of food. This I did by crushing equal parts of canary and white millet into a powder; this I mixed with egg and biscuit in the proportion of one hard boiled egg, about six biscuits (butter fingers), and two small teaspoonsful of my crushed seed. This I well rubbed together and supplied them with as often as required, with the usual mixture of canary and millet. Green food I found they would not look at. Well, the following morning I found one more youngster out of the nest, thus leaving four, which I am pleased to say were reared and are to-day "four of the best," all getting nice and steady. When these four were about six weeks old the old pair went to nest again, and another six eggs were laid. All hatched, and the young were successfully reared, making my total of youngsters to-day ten in number, of which six are cocks and four hens. I might mention here that the hen laid four more eggs, which I at once removed, thinking she had earned a rest and being satisfied with the ten youngsters. But these eggs I placed under one of my Yorkshire hens for experiment, to see if she would rear them, but I was doomed to disappointment. They all hatched out successfully, and the hen kept them alive four days, and then gave up the lot; so I concluded that it was not much good relying upon Canaries to rear Cutthroats. I shall be delighted to show my ten youngsters to anyone by appointment at 32, Little Ealing Lane, South Ealing, London; or to answer any question, providing a stamped envelope is enclosed.

Railway Strike Brings Disaster to Hallam and Ecclesall Show.

Sir,—Respecting our show held on August 17 last, owing to the strike of railway employees and the general unrest in the country at the time that the entries should have been coming in, and on the show day, the entry fees and gate money are down about £145. This leaves the society about £80 in debt. At a meeting of the committee it was decided to ask the prize-winners in the district if they will accept 75 per cent. of the prize-money they have won, and also the various tradesmen to give a substantial discount off their bills. Will exhibitors and others grant this favour in the interests of the society?

Bernard A. Firth,
Vice-President, Hallam and Ecclesall Agricultural Society.

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Sir,—A few days ago I was looking through your Nutshell Booklet, "The Ailments of Birds and How to Cure them," when I noticed a recipe for diarrhœa which I know is also a good one for the same complaint in ourselves. I therefore take the liberty to ask if you will kindly publish the same in Cage Birds, as I think it may prove of much value to other readers if they know the right dose to take for themselves. The mixture is, one pennyworth of each of the following:—Tincture of Capsicum, Tincture of Rhubarb, Spirit of Camphor, Essence of Peppermint, and Laudanum. The dose is for an adult, 40 drops in cold water; for a youth, half this dose; and for a child, 5 drops.

A. W. H.

Bird Organs and Training Young Birds.

Sir,—As far as possible I endeavour to indicate the nature of correspondents' Canary queries in the replies thereto, in order to make the replies helpful to as many other readers as possible, but it is evident that the writer under the above heading last week did not quite grip the nature of the query he refers to. Perhaps it is difficult at times to do this. For his edification I have looked up the query, and find the following is a verbatim copy: "Can I buy an organ for teaching young Yorkshires to sing?" Here there was probably an impression that some distinctive kind of organ might be required, or procurable, for tutoring Yorkshires. My reply was, presumably, only wished to settle the douht as to whether an organ could he bought or not, in addition to which I added the fact that it would of necessity be the same as used for tutoring Rollers, and also that the Yorkshire was not usually the subject of such tuition. I neither definitely advised my correspondent not to purchase an organ nor encouraged him to do so, but gave him the necessary facts upon which he might decide the matter for himself. Of course, had I been called upon to give an expression of opinion as to the value of an organ in tutoring young birds, I should have done so; hut even then I might perhaps have differed somewhat from Mr. Tomlinson, who seems to be well aware that there is diversity of opinion on the point. Curiously enough, Mr. Tomlinson himself, whilst wishing to advise one definitely not to get an organ, still is careful to point out that he does not wish Roller fanciers to think he does not advocate the use of an organ.

Claude St. John.

Where are the Yorkshires at Glasgow City Show?

Sir,—I am glad to learn from Mr. MacDonald's letter that Yorkshires are at last to receive proper treatment at City of Glasgow Show. But he doesn't explain why Yorkshires or their judge were not considered worthy of mention in his previous notices. At the great English shows the "Gentleman of the Fancy" usually has "pride of place," whilst here at what professes to be one of the leading shows in Scotland his name is not deemed worthy of mention, and apparently any kind of judge is considered, by the committee, good enough to place the tickets in this section. Now, gentlemen, this kind of thing might have done years ago, when there were no Yorkshires in Scotland, but times have changed, and the committee of the leading show must keep themselves up to date. It is to be hoped that the generous offer made by a Yorkshire fancier to guarantee two extra classes will be accepted, and it remains for all breeders of this variety of Canary to turn out their birds in numbers, and so make the experiment a success, and encourage the show officials in their efforts on behalf of the good old "City of Glasgow."

A. Hendrie.

P.S.—As an efficient judge, I would suggest one of the following, viz.: Mr. McRobbie, Mr. Paterson, Mr. Penman, or Mr. Fred Bowman. These gentlemen know Yorkshires, and (what is more important) have bred and are still breeding good ones.

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The Young Naturalist.

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Among the birds in my outdoor aviary, I have a cock Chaffinch which was caught hy my brother more than a year ago, with a broken wing. One day it escaped, and our spaniel carried it round the lawn. We thought it must have been killed, but it was not much hurt. That is more than a year ago, and it is now in splendid feather, and can fly. I have, I may say, 37 birds of my own—35 foreign and two British.—Sent by Mary Boyd (aged 15), Wehbery, Bideford.

**A Jackdaw Story.

A gold chain was lost in Buckingham a few days ago. A gentleman and his wife were going for a walk and lost the jewellery. On a recent morning, after a long search, what seemed to be a chain was seen hanging on a telephone wire. A ladder was obtained, and the chain secured. It is said that the chain was picked up hy a Jackdaw, which afterwards alighted on the telephone, and the wind caused the chain to become wound round the wire.—Sent by A. Clements (aged 10), 99, Dempsey Street, Stepney, E. (Taken from "The Times.")

*Tame and Playful.

My father had three young Thrushes given him out of a nest. Two died, and he hand-reared the other. We used to give it bits of sweet, jelly and apple. My dada made a platform to project out about four inches, and opened the door of its cage. When we went for walks we left the door of the cage open, and fixed up the platform. When we came home again the Thrush would he on the bars of the empty fire-grate, or else in his hath (which we put outside on the top of his cage). He used to like splashing the picture above him, and the ornaments below.—Sent by John Nicks (aged 12), 44, Teignmouth Road, Bournbrook, Birmingham.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Kelty and Blairadam (B.F.C.C., F. and K.N.P.C., S.C.C.C., Scot. Crest Club, S.B.B. and M.C., and West Fife C.B. League).—Oct. 21, Co-operative Hall, Kelty. Judges, Messrs. C. Berwick, W. Mossie, R. B. Gibb, W. Paull, W. Hampton, and A. W. Watson. 71 open classes: Scot. 10 (2 Sell.), Bord 10 (2 Sell.), Yorks. 7 (1 Sell.), A.O.V. 1, Common 1, Crest 9 (2 Sell.), Nor. 12 (1 Sell.), Mules 3, Brit. 13, Sell. 1, For. 4. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and spls. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close last post, Oct. 16, to A. Dickson, 37, Adams-terrace, Kelty, Fife.

Northampton Good Intent.—Oct. 18 and 19, Corn Exchange. Judge, Mr. J. H. Roe. 23 open classes: Nor. 8, Green 1, Cinn. 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Sell. 5, Brit. 4, For. 2. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close Oct. 9, to Cox and Barrett, 69, Hunter-street, Northampton.

Portsmouth C.B.S.—Oct. 18 and 19, Long's Memorial Hall, St. Paul's Square, Southsea. Judge: Mr. J. Robson. 31 open classes: Nor. 5, Crest 2, Yorks. 5, Bord. 2, A.O.V. 1, Mule 2, Brit. 9, For. 3, Sell. 2. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and specials. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close Oct. 10, to King and Joiner, 80, Stubbington-avenue, Portsmouth.

Eastbourne.—Oct. 18 and 19, Drill Hall, The Goffs. Judge, Mr. W. R. Miles. 21 open classes: Yorks. 4, Nor. 4, Non-fed Can. 1, Crest 1, Mule 2, Brit. 7, For. 1, Sell. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 2/-. Ent. close Oct. 5, to R. M. Daly, 120, Whitley Road, Eastbourne.

Oxford F.S.—Oct. 5, Corn Exchange. Judge, Mr. C. A. House. 27 open classes: Nor. 5, Yorks. 3, Crest 1, A.O.V. 1, Novice Can. 1, Mule 3, Brit. 8, Novice Brit. 1, For. 2, Sell. 2. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6 Fee, 1/6. Entries close Sept. 28, to A. H. Callcutt, Kidlington, Oxon.

Morpeth.—Oct. 14, Town Hall. Judges, Messrs. J. C. Barnes and A. Hay. 24 open classes: Nor. 9 (1 nov.), Cinn. 3, Bord. 4, Yorks. 2, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Sell. 1, Brit. 2, For. 1, 12 members' classes. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, 1/-, and specials. Fee, 1/-. Ent. close Oct. 7, to E. Cowling, Fullbeck Cottage, Morpeth.

Hyson Green.—Oct. 14, "Cricket Players," Lindsay Street. Judges: Messrs. G. Marshall and A. Cooper. 26 open classes: Nor. 7, Crest 6, Pairs 1, Mule 2, Brit. 4, For. 2, Sell. 4. Prizes, 7/-, 4/-, 2/6 (if 7 or more entries), and downwards on sliding scale. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close Oct. 11 (first post), to W. Cottingham, 9, Peveril Street, Nottingham.

Clapham (S.N.P.C., S.Y.C.C., N.B.B. and M.C., F.B.C.).—Oct. 11 and 12, St. Anne's Hall, Venn-st. Judges: Messrs. C. A. House, J. Robson, and J. Frostick. 63 open classes: Yorks. 14, Nor. 13, Crest 2, A.O.V. 1, Mules 5, Brit. 19, For. 4, Sell. 2, Cages 3, and 22 members' classes. Prizes, 12/-, 6/-, 3/-, and specials. Fee, 2/-. Entries close Oct. 4 (last post), to A. L. Priest, 28, Kyrle-road, Clapham, London, S.W.

Leeds.—Oct. 14, St. George's School. Judges: Messrs. J. H. Roe and J. Bailey. 32 open classes: Champ. Yorks 7, ditto Nor. 7, Brit. 7, Novice Yorks 4, ditto Nor. 4, Sell. 2, A.O.V. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close Oct. 10, to W. A. Wilson, 75, Bayswater Mount, Roundhay, Leeds.

Chopwell,—Oct. 7. Workmen's Club Hall. Judges, Messrs. T. Dixon and J. R. Slack. 34 open classes: Yorks 1 (2 novice), Bord 6 (1 novice), Scot. 1, Nor. 5, Sell. 2, Brit. 9, Mule 2, For. 2. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/-. Ent. close Sept. 30 to J. Brown, 26, Humber-st., Chopwell, Co. Durham.

Loughor.—Oct. 12, Uppertown. Judges, Messrs. T. H. Stretch and D. Griffiths. 4 open classes: Nor., Yorks, Brit., and For. 1 each. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close Oct. 7 to D. Erasmus, Belgrave Road, Gorseinon, Glam.

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Oct. 2.—**Exeter and Devon.**—W. A. Cornish, 90, Regent Street.
Oct. 3.—**Burnley.**—R. Fowler, 25, Pear Street.
Oct. 3.—**Longton.**—Hallam and Lovatt, 5, Francis Street.
Oct. 4.—**Clapham.**—A. L. Priest, 28, Kyrle Road.
Oct. 5.—**Eastbourne.**—R. M. Daly, 120, Whitley Rd.
Oct. 6.—**Craven Arms.**—B. Clare, Craven Arms, Salop.
Oct. 7.—**Loughor.**—D. Erasmus, Belgrave Road, Gorseinon.
Oct. 7.—**Norwich Alliance.**—R. Roll, 58, York St.
Oct. 7.—**Morpeth.**—E. Cowling, Fullbeck Cottage.

Wild-Bird Life.

Swallows and Swifts.

Although we are still fortunate enough to get fine sunny days, the temperature at night is considerably lower now, but we hope we are a long way from really cold weather. The few migrants remaining with us are not as yet affected; they appear as perky and bright as ever, particularly in tho evening, when insect life appears to be plentiful. The Swallows, Martins, and Swifts are at present untouched hy the approach of autumn. These lively birds stay with us as long as possible, and are particularly interesting when they collect preparatory to making the southern journey. When staying later than usual, and they are caught by a specially severe night, they appear to be almost numbed with the cold, and will sit in the sun on a tiled roof until thoroughly warmed through before taking flight to search for their daily food. At this time of the year the sooty Swift is a captivating bird to watch. His size makes him conspicuous; his speed is terrific, and he spends all his time in the air, now soaring high overhead, now with a dozen companions dashing around his haunts with exultant screams and at a pace that proves beyond dispute their superiority in the air. The Swallow, the Eider Duck, and the Long-winged Peregrine Falcon are all exceptionally speedy; hut the powers of the Swift are undouhtedly much greater. No bird can pass him. His speed has been estimated at over two hundred miles an hour—a most wonderful performance, especially when we consider that the whole weight of the hird is not more than an ounce. It is only at nesting time that the Swift is for any length of time "off the wing." His home is usually in some cliff or a hole in a building. He will work his way under the eaves of a thatched cottage, where the noise of the young ones when being fed is not conducive to the peace of the inhabitants. Church towers and cathedrals are also favourite places, and the birds love to circle round them in the evening, screaming and toying with each other in sport. Like the Swallows and Martins, the Swift returns to the nesting site each year, which we may take as conclusive proof that the birds pair for life. The eggs are a pure white in colour, and generally two in number.

PORTOBELLO C.B.S.

Meeting held September 12, Mr. Mattbew in chair. Classification gone into. Members reported it had been a bad season for them, and as they were of opinion the Y.B. classes would not fill, it was agreed to add four extra classes for old birds, and four field-moulted classes for British.—J. Bell, Sec.

SHETTLESTON AND DIST C.B.S.

Annual meeting held September 9. There was a good turn-out of members, Mr. McFarlane in chair. Following gentlemen elected: Judges for show on December 9: Messrs. J. Renwick and J. Ward. Classes were divided into three sections. Agreed, to have cups and medals for each section, cups to be won three times before becoming winner's property, not necessarily in succession; a handsome medal to be given with each cup. There is a large increase in the membership. Agreed, to hold next meeting in Mr. Johnston's Hall, Old Edinburgh Road, October 14. A hearty invitation is given to fanciers residing in Shettleston to join. This will be the closing date for enrolment. Hand-washing exhibition will take place at meeting.—A Berry, Sec., 36, Bulgair-terrace, Shettleston.

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM C.B.S.

Special meeting held Crown Hotel, Hill Street, September 20th. Mr. G. E. Millett (vice-chairman) presided. Mr. de Maillet mentioned that at their August meeting the members wished to have two unflighted Yorkshire classes, but upon Mr. Wells (chairman of the M.C.Y.C.C.) pointing out that M.C.Y.C.C. classification must be adhered to if held under patronage, the meeting accepted their classification. Mr. Wells had since telephoned to say he was in error as the M.C.Y.C.C. classification was a minimum and could be added to if desired. Mr. Broadhurst thereupon proposed that an additional unflighted class be added, and this was unanimously carried. One class was also added for old Border Fancies, and one for unflighted. The Chairman called for donations for special prize fund, the result totalling nearly £4, which was equally divided between open and members' competition, the latter having to compete in open classes, none being reserved for members only. Show bills and admission tickets were handed round for disposal, and several members volunteered their services as show stewards, Mr. J. H. Jones again undertook the night duties. A discussion took place regarding the old trouble between this Society and two members over last year's show; it was the unanimous wish that both parties attend next meeting, and, in the interests of the Fancy, and this Society in particular, amicably settle the matter. The usual meeting will be held October 4th, but as our neighbours (the South Birmingham O.S.) have a competition on October 11th, members are requested to send show entries per post, or they may hand same to Mr. Mole, or his deputy, at the S.B.O.S. meeting.—J. H. de Maillet, for present Secretary.

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The Shows.

NOTE.—We cannot possibly undertake the writing out of lists of awards from the catalogues of shows. A fully written report must be sent us. —EDITOR.

MARKET DRAYTON (Salop).

Held in connection with the Agricultural Show, September 21. This is the first occasion that cage birds have been included at this fixture; they were restricted to the society's radius of 13 miles. Judging from the immense numbers of people who gathered about the birds, there can be no question as to their attraction. The tent in which they were staged was packed with people the whole afternoon. Mr. P. Victor Williams staged a grand team, and captured all the leading honours, his birds standing clear away from most of the others. We were informed that this gentleman, in order to encourage other local exhibitors, very generously decided not to take the prizes, but allowed them to drop to the next exhibitors placed in order of merit—a very laudable action, which, no doubt, would be highly appreciated by those exhibitors who were fortunate enough to be well placed. Mr. H. Podmore, the hon. sec., and his attentive stewards, had everything in good order, the birds being nicely staged at a convenient height. Mr. Arthur C. Brotherhood judged.

The Critique.

NOR., BUFF: 1, 2, P. Victor Williams, leader cl. unflig., good type, well cleaned out, rare quality, col., and condition, 2nd also unflig., grand shape, nice head, short, and compact, looks like a promising hen; 3, Windsor, nice, shapely unflig. cl.; r, Bunn; vhc, Edwards. YELL.: 1, 3, Williams, head tkd. unflig., cobby in build, teeming with col. and quality, nice condition, 3rd very nice, shapely young cl. hen, beautiful feathers, shade small; 2, Windsor, cl., good size and type; r, Farnell; w.c., Beeston, Cartwright. YORKS., BUFF: 1, 3, V. Williams, leader unflig., ticked on head, nice length and shape, neat waist, well up on leg, grand head, 3rd unflig., marked cheek and wings, alike as two peas for shape and col., and quality, drops right wing, or must have gone up a peg, two fine youngsters; 2, Windsor, grand length, nice shape, bit stroug in build, good pose; r, vhc, Barnett, hc, Madeley; c, Walker. W. C. Rogers. YELL.: 1, 2, V. Williams, leader unflig., cl., splendid length, lovely type, well up on leg, grandly drawn, tail well packed, rare col., quality, and position, nice one, 2nd very typical cl., rare style, grand col. and quality, hardly fit yet; 3, Windsor, cinn.-mkd., good length, shape, and position, neat tail: r, hc, Barnett; vhc, Walker, w.c. (Mrs.) Hughes. A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE: 1, Windsor, nice yell. cinn., good size and type, very nice col.; 2, 3, Jackson, Goldie-Greenie, rare size, nice face, followed by a dark Goldie Can.; r, Bunn. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1st, withheld; 2, Rogers, nice house-moulted Bullfinch, fine size and col.; 3, Edwards, good sized Goldie. A.O.S. BRIT. OR FOR.: 1, 2, 3, r, v, Williams, well-known Palace winning Chough leading, looking better than ever, 2nd Green-billed Toucan, not quite in feather yet, wants time, 3rd well-known Magpie, nicely through moult; r, Hill Mynah. SELL., 10s.: 1, 2, 3, r, Windsor; vhc, Walker; hc, Sillitoe; c, Barnett,

SCOTCH FANCY CANARY NATIONAL DERBY.

Annual show, under the auspices of this society and the presidentship of Robt. Wright, Esq. (Greenock) held in the Grand National Halls, Main Street, Gorbals, Glasgow, 23rd September. It was a great success. The dull weather suited the young birds, being better than the hot sunshine. Entries numbered 250, and the quality was excellent. Never perhaps were a better class of birds brought together. The cup was awarded to Mr. W. McClure (Mount Florida), who won with a neat buff piebald cock. The cup and medal winner was claimed by a well-known Eastern fancier at catalogue price. The best of opposite sex went to Mr. W. Montgomery's buff hen. The judges were Messrs. D. Holden (Muirkirk) J. Keen (Edinburgh), D. Kennedy (Paisley), and A. Nisbet (Galston). Once again the secretarial duties were in the hands of Mr. Thomas Smith, to whose assiduous endeavours the success of the venture was chiefly due; he is a worker, and no doubt about it.

The Critique.

YELL. CK., CL., ETC. (25): 1, Brown, massive frame, erect, determined drive, neat head, fine neck, grand solid round back, rare body; 2, Gray, erect, fine reach, top and back, rare action, well worth position; 3, Morrison, medium size, nice crouch, ready and full of action; 4, McLennan, fine style and size, erect, good reach; 5, Smith; 6, 7, Dalgleish; 8, Neil. HEN (23): 1, Montgomery, full of quality, very erect, rare droop, sweet head, long thin neck, prominent shoulder, beautiful frontal; 2, Maxwell, erect, fine reach, body, and wing, good size; 3, Brown, some thought could have been a stage higher, erect, neat head and neck, decided drive, splendid top and crouch; 4, Neil, smart typical bird, full of style; 5, Muir, erect, nice drive; 6, McLennan; 7, Morrison; 8, McIlwain. YELL. CK. PIED, ETC. (21): 1, Dalgleish, upright, neat head, round back, fine body, nice front; 2, McClure, erect, decided drive, nice head and neck, round back, good body; 3, Wilson, smart, erect, sweet head, well forward, nice top and body, wins position easily; 4, J. D. Maxwell, good size and type, smart and full of action; 5, P. Maxwell, well up, neat head and neck; 6 Stewart; 7, Vernall; 8, Lees. HEN (31): 1, McMillan, erect, fine reach, neat in head and neck, solid back, nice body and wing; 2, McClure, erect, decided drive, neat in neck and head, solid back, good body and action; 3, Stewart, upright, decided reach, good top and body, nice wing; 4, Maxwell, neat and well set on perch, typical; 5, O'Donnell, well up, nice reach; 6, McIlwain; 7, Fulton; 8, Caldwell. BUFF CK., CL., ETC. (27): 1, Thornton, grand size, determined drive, neat head, fine top, long reachy body and wing, splendid action 2, Caldwell, erect, nice droop, good stamp all through; 3, Maxwell, erect, head forward, good top, body, and wing; 4, Montgomery, typical, splendid stamp, full of merit; 5, Wilson, neat and typical; 6, Morrison; 7, Dalgleish; 8, McIlwain. HEN (31): 1, Montgomery, runner up for cup much admired, sweet head, fine crouch, solid back, clean front, nicely circled body and action; 2, McIlwain, erect, fine head and reach, good top and body, full of action; 3, Maxwell, erect, decided drive, grand back, good style; 4, Brown, upright, splendid style, rare action; 5, McClure, well up, fine size and style; 6, McLennan; 7, Gray; 8, O'Donnell. BUFF CK., PIED, ETC. (34): 1, McClure, cup and medal winner, erect, neat head, nice neck, round solid back, fine body, medium size, claimed at catalogue price (£15 15s.), his career will be followed with interest in the East; 2, McLennan, splendid stamp, decided reach, good front, solid back, fine body; 3, 6, Brown, splendid pair, erect decided drive, neat, full of style and action; 4, Dalgleish, grand size and droop, prominent shoulder, long body and wing; 5, McLennan, nice size and style; 7, Hunter; 8, Maxwell. HEN (39): 1, McLennan, upright, rare droop, neat head and fine neck, good top and body, clean front, full of action; 2, Wilson, hard up, head forward, solid top, grand body, teaming with action; 3, Fulton, erect, neat head and neck in proper direction, solid top; 4, Martin, excellent fourth, full of action and merit; 5, Dalgleish, large and typical; 6, Buchanan; 7, Stewart; 8, Findlay.

CITY OF BRADFORD O.S.

First old show of members' competition, held Flying Dutchman Hotel, Leeds Road, September 23; entry 110 birds, which was very good, as a lot of our members had no birds ready. Some very nice birds present will look better when they have fined down. Mr W. A. Cowgill (Girlington) judged to everybody's satisfaction.

OPEN YORKS SECTION: CL., ETC., YELL., GREEN, ETC. (5): 1, Helliwell; 2, 4, Clark; 3, Birbeck; vhc, Fawcett. BUFF (6): 1, Birbeck; 2, vhc, hc, Helliwell; 3, Bateman; 4, Fawcett. UNEVEN, ETC., GREEN (6): 1, Birbeck; 2, vhc, Wharton Bros.; 3, 4, Helliwell; hc, Clark. CINN. (1): 1, Helliwell. CL., ETC., YELL., HEN (7): 1, 2, Helliwell; 3, Wharton Bros.; 4, hc, Bateman; vhc, Birbeck; c, Fawcett. BUFF (6): 1, Bateman; 2, hc, Helliwell; 3, 4, Birbeck; vhc, Wharton Bros. EVEN, ETC., HEN, GREEN (3): 1, Clarke; 2, Fawcett; 3, Helliwell. CINN.: Void. NOV. YORKS. SEC.: CL., ETC., YELL. GREEN (7): 1, Hunter; 2, Symes; 3, Rhodes; 4, J. C. Rhodes; vhc, Smith; hc, c, Brown. BUFF (12): 1, vhc, Redshaw; 2, Hunter; 3, hc, Rhodes; 4, Brown; c, Smith. UNEVEN, ETC., GREEN (6): 1, Redshaw; 2, hc, Smith; 3, Symes; 4, Hylton; vhc, Hunter. CINN.: Void. CL., ETC., YELL., HEN (5): 1, J. C. Rhodes; 2, W. H. Rhodes; 3, Hylton; 4, Hunter; vhc, Kitson. BUFF (4): 1, W. H. Rhodes; 2, 3, Fletcher; 4, Brown. EVEN, ETC., GREEN (3): 1, 2, Simonett; 3, J. C. Rhodes. CINN. (4): 1, Simonett; 2, 3, 4, Slater. OPEN NOR. SECTION: CL., ETC., CK.: Void. UNEVEN, ETC. (1): 1, Inman. UNFLIG. (4): 1, 2, 3, Plowright; 4, Birbeck. UNFLIG., HEN (7): 1, 2, Plowright; 3, 4, Birbeck. NOVICE, NOR. SECTION: CL., ETC., CK.: Void. UNEVEN, ETC. (2): 1, Roe; 2, Hunter. UNFLIG. CK. (7): 1, 4, hc, Roe; 2, Hunter; 3, Kitson; vhc, c, Brown. HEN (4): 1, 4, Roe; 2, 3, Brown. BRIT. (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, Inman. A.O.V. CAN., ETC. (5): 1, 2, Morement; 3, Inman; 4, vhc, Clark.—J. Roe, Assist. Sec.

CATERHAM.

Annual show of the Caterham F.C. held September 20th and 21st, Drill Hall. The date was much too early to ensure success. The indifferent, and in many cases disastrous, breeding season has left a great number of fanciers solely dependent upon their old stock for show birds, and these are not by any means ready yet. That well known fancier, Mr. A. J. Kilby, remarked, "It has been a cruel season; I never had such a one." Many classes had to be cancelled. The quality of the birds was good. Mr. H. Fabian Russell, the hon. secretary, is to be congratulated on the capital arrangements Mr. Kilby, sen., who for so many years successfully piloted the society, and whose spell of ill-health, now happily terminated, compelled him to relinquish the secretaryship, made an efficient steward in the cage bird department. Special for best Norwich was won by Mr. A. J. Kilby with a rattling fine clear buff, and the same exhibitor annexed the local special with a variegated of the same variety. Special for best Yorkshire was won by Mr. J. A. Taylor with a fine upstanding yellow, and a lovely Whitethroat shown in splendid plumage by Mr. Jont, was awarded the British bird special. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged.

NOR. BUFF (4): 1, withheld; 2, sp, A. J. Kilby, bonny buff, grand body and head, rich quality; 3, H. E. Taylor, another buff, rare feather; res, Silk, full of quality, not quite so good in head and neck; 808, absent. BUFF UNFLIG. (6): 1, Davis, full of quality and col., very forward, nice body, a trifle stilty; 3, Little, sweet hen, when fully fined will be very nice; r, Lewin, variegated, nice tone of feather; vhc, H. E. Taylor; hc, Mrs. Procter. YORKS., YELL. (9): 1, spl, r, vhc, Britton, leader straight, well filled in, nice neck, grand feather; res, another smart bird of good quality; 2, Frisby, not quite so well braced up, good length and col., smart one when ready; 3, J. A. Taylor, stylish, fine quality, good col.; c, Hutton. BUFF (6): 1, J. A. Taylor, ticked on wing, straight as a pencil, full of fire, needs time; 3, Frisby, cl., well up on leg; r, Britton, very pretty; vhc, Hutton; hc, Adams; c, Silk. HEN (5): 2, Hutton, leader very straight and well up on leg, stylish, rare feathered hen; 3, J. A. Taylor, another buff, very full of "go" and rare feather; r, Hutton, sweetly pretty yell., full of quality; vhc, H. E. Taylor; hc, Silk. BRIT. A.O.S. (7): 1, spl, 3, Jont, leader tip-top Whitethroat; 3rd, lovely Wheatear, in grand feather, very rich col., and steady; r, Cadman Bros., grand Chaffinch, very nice; vhc, Miss Hopwood; hc, Davis.

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List of Patrons still Growing. The Various Societies sending batches of Members. The Intentions of the Opposition. What we need to Combat.

Notes by the Secretary.

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Societies Coming Along.

Now that the show season is opening, the membership roll of THE LEAGUE is increasing by leaps and bounds. The Hon. Secs. of several societies have sent in batches of names with a note that there will be more to follow. This is as it should be, for if the out-and-out opponents of bird-keeping get their way, there will of course be no bird shows, and no need for any Cage-bird Societies. Our list of Local Hon. Secs. now numbers about seventy, but there are more than five hundred Societies in Great Britain, and they will all be affected alike if bird-keeping is stopped.

Bear this Always in Mind.

Our opponents are good enough to put their policy in a single sentence. This was quoted last week by Mr. Colville, and must not be forgotten: "*It will be a good day for England when the caging of birds is made entirely illegal.*" This is their openly avowed object, and secretaries of societies should point out to their members that this means *all* birds; not British birds, not foreign birds, not Canaries, but *all* birds. They say that the keeping of any kind of bird is "an acted blasphemy," and the luridness of this language only expresses the fervour of their opposition to our hobby. They mean to stop bird-keeping; we mean that they shall not stop it, and the secretaries of societies can do more than any to increase the strength of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE. I shall be very pleased to send a number of our "Aims and Objects" leaflets to all applicants, and a reprint of the reply which was published in CAGE BIRDS in controvertion of the misstatements made in the pamphlet issued by the Humanitarian League.

Another Good Idea.

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Memberships as Special Prizes.

Referring to my note of last week that it had occurred simultaneously to two members of the LEAGUE to offer special prizes, consisting of a year's membership and a Rolled Gold Badge, Mr. Hinckley writes that the idea was his own, and that Mr. Wickham had adopted it after a conversation with himself on the subject. Mr. Hinckley tersely says that a good lead is generally followed, and I hope that many other members will copy the example of Mr. Wickham in following Mr. Hinckley's very original idea.

The continuation (second instalment) of the contribution by Mr. J. R. Colville, entitled "Should Birds be kept in Cages?" will appear in our next issue.—Editor.

Additions to List of Hon. Secs.

Mr. J. H. Mitchell, in accepting the post on Hon. Secretary for Codnor Park, Riddings, Jacksdale, and Eastwood, writes, "I hope before another month has passed you will have the pleasure of entering us all (the members of Codnor Park and Eastwood C.B.S.) as members of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE." Mr. Mitchell's address is South Street, Greenhill Lane, near Alfreton.

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Under the White Rose.

YORKSHIRE Canary Club Year Book is now in the hands of the members. On running casually through its pages, one is astonished at the great progress made. The membership totals about 200, and in the balance sheet it is very gratifying to note that last year 188 fully-paid up members are accounted for. Truly, such results reflect great credit on the secretary. The balance sheet is the best for years, and shows a good balance in hand—nearly £5, and this after giving over £17 in cash specials during last season. The committee never try to get a big balance in hand; they always give all that is possible away in prizes, and the coming season is no exception. I would advise the junior novices to look up what is given for them; it ought to fetch them in in shoals.

THE full committee of the Cinderella Club Show met last week to fix up the classification and judges for this great event, and after some discussion eighty odd classes were arranged and the judges allocated—a stiff bit of work that took up a good deal of time. Other items were gone through in connection with the show work, and several knotty points settled; and the committee are looking forward to a romping good show and the handing over of a nice balance to the Cinderella Club Fund.

A FEW weeks ago the following incident occurred in the Bingley district. Whilst a couple of Bingley fanciers were out on the moor-edge trying to catch winners for the Linnet section, the call cage, containing the bird, had been put out on the top of the wall, and a stone weighing some eight pounds on top of it. After some little time there was a sudden swoop and swish of wings by a Hawk, and the bird and cage were carried a distance on the moor edge and then dropped. The Linnet suffered a little from fright, but otherwise was no worse for the experience.

WAKEFIELD are booming the British bird section of their society. I hear that at their next members' show they are going to have five open classes with a view to encouraging the section in the neighbourhood; and as there are several fanciers in the district the show on October 28 will be of more than usual interest. Let us hope they find a few new members.

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WANTED offers for 16 hen and cock Canaries, healthy, must sell, deposits: Pratt, Royal Standard, Long Sutton, Lincs.

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WANTED bird-catcher to supply; state best terms for regular supply weekly, prompt cash: Percival, Pimlico Walk, Hoxton.

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WANTED Yorkshire Canaries, exchange pair Brampton's ball-bearing roller skates, or sell 15/-: Hayes, 19, Johnson-st., Little Hulton.

WANTED offers, anything useful, birds, for 1,000 tulips, 1,000 crocus, 1,000 daffs., mixed bulbs, flower lifetime.—Longbottom, Wisbech.

WANTED Norwich, Yorkshires, Cinnamon, and Crests, Borders, Lancashires, and Mules, for export, at once: W. Powick, Dewsbury.

WANTED 2 cock Canaries; exchange 6 ivorine handled knives, 6 nickle silver forks; approval: Robinson, 32, Pearl-st., Sheffield.

WANTED Yorkshire and Norwich Canaries, 5/- pair given, wanted cock Linnets, Larks, 3/- dozen given: Kings, 118, Capel Street, Dublin.

WANTED pair outdoor aviary bred Bengalese or Cordon Bleus, exchange 1 pair Fire Finches: G., Penquite, Dawlish-rd., Teignmouth.

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WANTED, offers for Edison Gem Phono, metal watch, cock Linnet, H.M. cock Goldfinch; yours first: Lunt, 125, Boaler-st. Liverpool.

WANTED household goods, boots, cloth, anything useful; exchange good Norwich, Vardy's strain: Brown, 3, Weldon Street, Hunslet, Leeds.

WANTED, Canaries, exchange catcher's outfit, four Linnet call birds, sell 25/- complete, Linnets worth 20/-: Welch, Parkhurst-rd., Hertford.

WANTED, Yorkshire show cages, cheap, or exchange hand camera, Norwich Canaries, or new cycle covers: Soper, Vernon-rd, Sutton, Surrey.

WANTED, African Grey or Blue-fronted Amazon, genuine talker; on approval; will give in exchange a grand B-flat clarionet, cost £5: 16, Tyler-st., Cardiff.

WANTED Parrot, pigeons, poultry, dogs, cavies, rats, mice, Doves, monkeys, birds, purchase or exchange other Fancy: Barlow's Aviaries, East Greenwich.

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NOTICE. Wanted Canaries or anything useful in exchange for White Wyandotte hen and Duckwing Bantam cock, sell 12/6; approval: Bradley, Somercotes, Alfreton.

WANTED any quantity Norwich and Yorkshire hen Canaries, cheap for cash; or exchange Britishers; (see my British advertisement: W. Gore, 131, Gooch-st., Birmingham.

WANTED for export, small or large quantities hen Canaries, will give 9d. German or greens, 1/- other birds, cocks in song wanted for shop sale, state prices: Manager, Bird and Seed Stores, Kirkgate, Wakefield.

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WANTED to exchange all my Yorkshire Canaries, about 26, bred from the best blood in the Fancy, several won at members' shows; also cages cheap: J. Walker, 34, Mortimer Row, Leeds-rd., Bradford.

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FIVE good Yorkshire hens, 5/- each, or exchange poultry: Blay, 209, Bolton-rd., Heywood.

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EXCHANGE, 12 Roller Canaries, 1911, cold-room bred, for concertina, or offers: J. Hall, 6, Sugden-st., Oldham.

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EXCHANGE four beautiful cock Canaries for watch, alarm clock, boots, new; approval: Thomas 19, C Block, Deepcut, Farnborough.

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EXCHANGE three 1911 rung cock Canaries, value 18/-, for Crystal Palace aviary, state size, condition, etc., to E. Beet, 57, Abbey-st., Rugby, Warwickshire.

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LOOK; exchange one pair of gent's or lady's boots, one dress length or suit length, any colour, for one cock and three hen Canaries: Cummings, 4, Richmond-terrace, Leeds.

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POWERFUL air rifle, kill 150 yards, cost 52/-; steel target, fitted with bell and four small targets, cost 24/-; both equal new; exchange gramophone, disc records, or part cash and anything useful; sell £2: Wilkinson, 42, Sydney-st., Bingley.

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GAS stoves, Omega, suitable for birdroom, 15/-; gent's cycle, cost £8 10/-, nearly new, £6; Remington typewriter, perfect, £6; exchange offers: Allen, Albert Street, Wednesbury.

WHAT offers in Canaries, Mules, Goldfinches, Parrots, for good pair Shetland blankets, 25/-, or dark tweed suit length, 25/-, stamp reply: B. Soames, 92, Bevan-st., Lowestoft.

PURE-BRED Welsh Terrier dog, black and tan, seven months old, 6/-; parents game anything; also wanted, pair fair good Norwich Canaries, yellows; will give good exchange in good Yorkshires; also few Yorkshires, cocks and hens, for sale cheap, cleare and variegated, from cinnamon cock: A. Willey, Flaxton Station, York.

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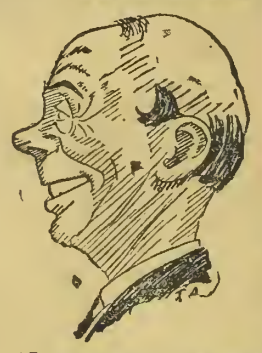
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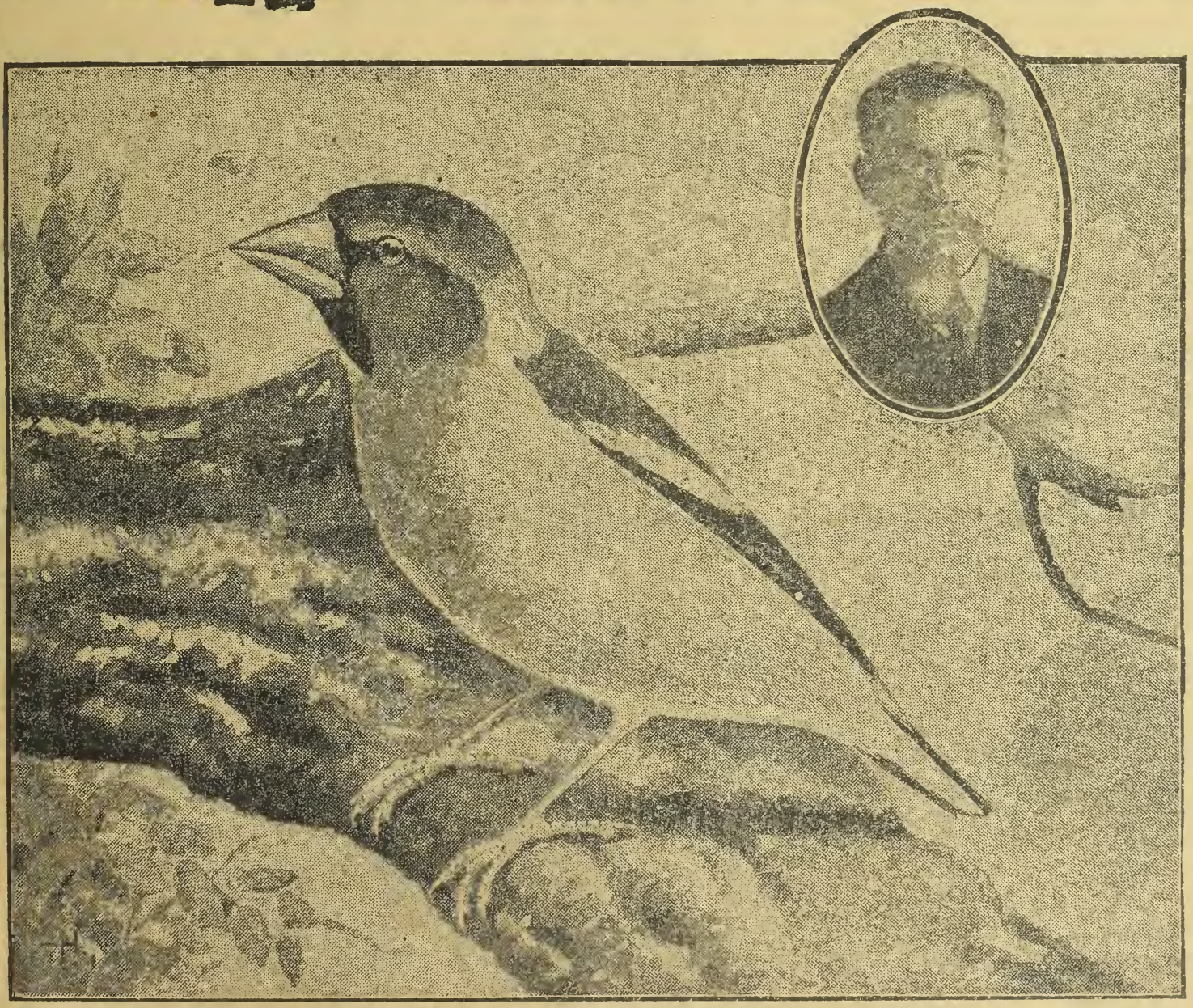
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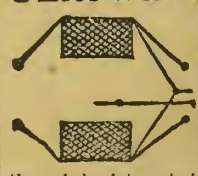
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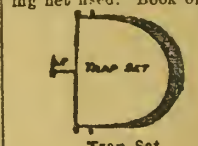
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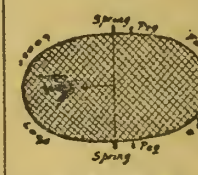
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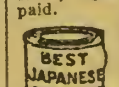
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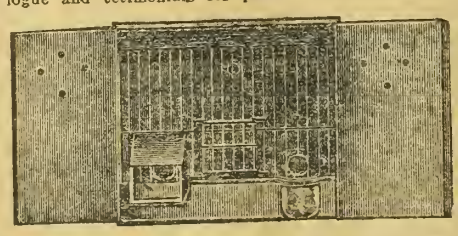
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ADDRESS of small travelling box-maker, as used for Canaries, and price per gross: Broadbent, Canary Specialist, Sheffield.

WANTED, baby's play pen, exchange genuine young cock Linnet Mule: Rawlins, The Limes, Temple-gardens, Golders Green.

WANTED, Irish Terrier dog puppy, age 4 months, rough coated; stamped envelope reply: Palmer's, 352, Upper-st., Islington.

WANTED, Canaries, British and Foreign birds; cash, or exchange new cages: Martin, cage manufacturer, Castle Douglas.

WANTED in exchange for small phonograph and 12 records, child's pram, or Yorkshire Canaries: Stubbs, Lazenby, Eston, Yorks.

WANTED cage birds, will give in exchange value in medal strain of tame rats and prize mice, all colours: Wm. Turton, Bazaar, Ilkeston.

WANTED Norwich, Yorkshires, Cinnamon, and Crests, Borders, Lancashires, and Mules, for export, at once: W. Powick, Dewsbury.

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WANTED offers, net traps, for good coat and vest, cycle stockings, large fed Norwich buff, exchange two common cocks: Cook, Enst-st., Pembroke.

WANTED offers for 5 cocks and 3 hen Canaries, also British show cage and case, as new; toy pom. preferred: W. Cooper, Grocer, Carisbrooke, I.W.

WANTED a good Roller Schoolmaster, 1910 bird, for three good hens and two double breeders, complete; approval: E. Ellis, 9, Cheapside, Morecambe.

WANTED breeding cage, show cage, Norwich Canaries, exchange 4 volumes "Practical Grocer" (listed 30/-): A. Baugh, 197, Westbourne Grove, Bayswater, W.

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WANTED from catchers, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Linnets, for immediate cash; please state price: Ames, Naturalist, 108, Market-place, Bournbrook, Birmingham.

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WANTED, small or large quantities hen Canaries for export, will give 9d. Germans and Greens, 1/- each other kinds; good singing cocks wanted: Manager, Bird and Seed Stores, Kirkgate, Wakefield.

WANTED, good Light Mule or Hybrid in exchange for gent's Rothwell cycle, 25-in. frame, perfect condition; sell 40/-: Dalzell, Ormrod-st., Oldham.

WANTED auy qnantity Norwich and Yorkshire hen Canaries, cheap for cash; or exchange Britishers; (see my British advertisement: W. Gore, 131, Goochst., Birmingham.

WANTED Canaries, exchange gent.'s, ladies', children's boots and shoes, gent.'s and boys' clothing, bedding, etc.; reliable quality; approval: Wressell, Crowle, Doncaster.

WANTED offers for four Yorkshire show cages, three Blackbirds' or Thrushes' show cages, also few British and Foreign show cages; all sizes: E. Thorne. 69, Broadway, Cardiff.

WANTED, hand-made clapnets, complete, 9 yards long, exchange yellow Yorkshire cock, Sib. bred hen, pair cross-bred Canaries, nets first: Cole, 515, Clifford Villa, Foxhall-rd., Ipswich.

NOTICE, here, wanted from catchers, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Siskins, and other British birds, state lowest price at once to: Hollinshead, Cheshire Aviaries, Howard-st., Stockport.

NOTICE.—Will give 6/- per pair for Norwich and Yorkshires, colour-fed preferred; also wanted Crests and Scotch Fancy; must be reasonable: McKeand, Hamilton-place, Castle Douglas.

WANTED, large colour-fed Norwich. also Crests and Mules, good price given; will deposit cash with Editor; send particulars and stamp for reply: Gledhill, Fleet-lane, Queensbury, Bradford.

WANTED, off reliable catchers, weekly supplies of Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Linnets, or any kind of British birds, large or small quantities taken for cash; prices to: Matthews, Bird Specialist, Hyde, Cheshire.

WANTED, winning Goldie-Bullie, Canary-Bullie, Light Mule, or Waxwing, in show form. Exchange exhibition winning whippet bitch, in show form, or sell £2 10/-: Apply, stamp reply, Griffiths, 5, Balaclava-rd., Carnarvon.

WANTED African Grey talking Parrot, will exchange for same, mandoline, in case, also Edison gem phonograph, with brass horn and stand recorder and reproducer: E. Rutland, Bankrupt Stock Buyer, 118, Butler-st., Oldham-rd., Manchester.

WANTED to exchange, six pairs of first-class Yorkshires, over moult, for good Norwich pairs, good h.m. cock Bramblefinch, 2 large h.m. cock Goldies, 4 h.m. cock Linnets, in full song, for good Norwich; yours first: H. Vale, 7c, Block, Rye Buildings, Peckham Rye, S.E.

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THREE large Red-breasted cock Linnets, caged weeks, and 2 cock Goldfinches, sell 8/-, or exchange anything: R. Saunders, 2½, Clarence-st., Gravesend.

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WILL exchange very high class British for Canaries, Mules, or foreign birds, splendid singing birds, and show birds in stock: Harry Allen, City Aviaries, Beckett-st., Leeds.

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PIED Linnet, finger tame, singing, rare magnificent bird, accept 25/-, or exchange gramaphone and records, or Canaries: John Hanley, Whitfield Cotts, nr. Crook, Durham.

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EXCHANGE cock and hen Bullfinch in new breeding cage; would build in aviary; house moulted; for roach rod and tackle, or young cock Canaries: E Penn, No. 8, Sandford-rd., Springfield, Chelmsford, Essex.

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ST. MARYCHURCH AND BABBACOMBE F.C.

Show held September 20, Manchester Hall. The members are to be congratulated on their fine display of cage birds. Some of the exhibits were hardly up in feather yet, and consequently bad to stand down. The winning crest is a good one. Yorkshires were a nice lot; the winner was a smart up-standing, tight-feathered buff, with lovely wings. The British, while not up to last year's lot, were very good. Most notable were the winning Bramblefinch and Thrush. The special winning yellow Norwich of Mr. S. A. Peeke was well worthy of his position of being best in show, being in lovely feather, and most level in colour, with a good head and neck. Mr. J. N. Jeffery judged and gave satisfaction.

YORKS.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, H. Berry; vhc, Beare NOR. COL. FED: 1, sp for best in show, 2, 3, Peeke. NAT. COL.: 1, Peeke. CREST and C.B.: 1, 2, 3, Williams; hc, c, Berry. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, 2, Clay; 3, Hall; vhc, F. Beare; hc, H. Beare. BRIT, LARGE: 1, 2, 3, Wills; SMALL: 1, 3, Wills; 2, Hall. LINNET: 1, Wills.

BRADFORD EAST O.S.

Members' show held Sept. 30, Park Chapel Schools, West Bowling, a capital entry of 131 birds facing the judge, Mr. J. Bailey (Allerton), whose awards gave entire satisfaction. Keen competition was rampant in the champion and novice sections, and some splendid exhibits were on view.

CHAMP. SECTION: CL., ETC., YELL. YORKS. (14): 1, 3, vbc, Walker; 2, Stables; 4, Allen; hc, Priestley; c, White. BUFF (12): 1, Hill; 2, Stables; 3, Walker; 4, vhc, Wilkinson Bros.; hc, Allen; c, Laycock. UNEVENLY MKD. YELL. (3): 1, White; 2, Laycock; 3, Priestley. BUFF (4): 1, Stables; 2, 3, Allen; 4, Hill. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (11): 1, Farrar; 2, Riley Bros.; 3, Laycock; 4, Northrop; vhc, bc, White; c, Allen. BUFF (14): 1, Cruise; 2, White; 3, Stables; 4, Laycock; vhc, c, Walker; hc, Priestley. UNEVENLY MKD. (10): 1, Stables; 2, Walker; 3, Hill; 4, c, Allen; vhc, Stables; hc, Wilkinson Bros. NOVICE SECTION: CL., ETC., YELL. (9): 1, Turner; 2, vhc, Midgley; 3, Rhodes; 4, hc, Cowell and Calloway; c, Rushworth. BUFF (16): 1, 2, Hardaker; 3, Riley; 4, Cowell and Calloway; vhc, Wroe; hc, Greenwood; c, Midgley. UNEVENLY MKD. YELL. (3): 1, Grayshon; 2, Rhodes; 3, Cowell and Calloway. BUFF (3): 1, Turner; 2, Hardaker; 3, Grayshon. CL ETC., YELL. HEN (8): 1, Fielding; 2, Midgley; 3, Cowell and Calloway; 4, Rushworth; vhc, Wroe; hc, Rhodes; c, Myers and Lightowler. BUFF (12): 1, 2, 4, Riley; 3, Turner; vhc, Cowell and Calloway; hc, Wroe; c, Myers and Lightowler. UNEVENLY MKD. (4): 1, Turner; 2, Grayshon; 3, 4, Cowell and Calloway. EXTRA NOVICE SECTION: YORKS. (3): 1, Gregson; 2, 3, Coggill. HEN (1): 1, Gregson.

SCOTTISH METROPOLITAN OPEN DERBY.

Fourth annual exhibition of Scotch Fancy and Belgian Canaries, held in the Buccleuch Parish Hall, Edinburgh, September 30. The members number about 180, and the entries numbered over 300. Owing to the raw condition of the birds a good many did not come forward The quality was splendid, but the birds of the Western fanciers were missed. Mr. Brown (East Kilbride), and Mr. Stewart (Cathcart) entered and did very well. Mr. Dalgleish (Leith) won the cups and gold medals with an ideal yellow piebald cock, for the Scotch Fancy Canary and the Belgian. Among the visitors were Messrs. Gibb (Wisbaw), Wright (Greenock), Findlay (Darvel), Brown (East Kilbride), Brown (Dune), Lees, Stewart, Smith, Bell, Kerr, Dalgleish, Begg, Brown, and others, of Edinburgh, and Leith. The judges for the Scotch Fancy Canary were Messrs. J. Watson (Glasgow), D. Low (Dundee), A. Nisbet (Galston), and A. Hamilton (Caldercruix); and for the Belgians, Mr. Kean (Edinburgh). The secretary, Mr. J. R. Meikle, is to be congratulated on his successful management of the show; he works hard and deserves every support.

YELL. CK., CL., ETC.(36): 1, Morrison, well up, decided reach, round, solid back, good body; 2, Dalgleish, hard up, determined drive, neat head, long neck, nice front, heavy top, grand body, quick in movement; 3, Brown, National 1st, erect, decided drive, neat head, solid back, long body; 4, Melville, well up, nice reach, top, body, and wing; 5, Pringle, good model; 6, King; 7, Hope; 8, Paterson. HEN (49): 1, Brown, erect, fine droop, neat head, round, prominent back, good body and front, quick in movement; 2, Craig, erect, good reach, nice head, solid back, fine body, quick; 3, McLennan, well set up, sweet head and neck, determined drive, good back, long body and wing; 4, Morrison, nice size, good style; 5, Bain, decided reach; 6, Paterson; 7, Maxwell; 8, Gilmour. YELL. CK., PIED, ETC. (32): 1, Dalgleish, winner of gold medal and silver cup, erect, decided reach, massive frame, grand, heavy top, thick through chest, fine body and wing; 2, Rodgers, erect, fine reach, solid top, good body and wing; 3, Hendry, nice type, head forward, round back, fine body and wing; 4, Gilmour, well set up, neat head, decided drive, good type; 5, Munro, nice all-round type; 6, Pennycuick; 7 Martin; 8, Maxwell. HEN (34): 1, Stewart, erect, fine, neat head, and long decided, forward reach, grand top, body, and wing; 2, McMillan, good size, decided reach, solid back, nice body and wing; 3, Buchan, fine, modern type, smart, good type; 4, West, erect, fine head and neck, solid top; 5, Dalgleish, quick and lively; 6, Maxwell; 7 Bowman and Rodger. BUFF CK., CL., ETC. (36): 1, Thornton, erect, fine reach, sweet head, round back, heavy top, grand body and wing; 2, Melrose, well set up, neat head, fine neck nicely set on perch; 3, Dalgleish, good stamp, erect head, down, solid top, fine body, and wing; 4, Rodger, grand size and top, wins position easily; 5, Maxwell, good all over; 6, Stewart; 7, Wallace; 8, Brown. HEN (30): 1, Maxwell, well set up, fine reach, solid top, grand body and wing; 2, Thornton, grand type, erect, decided reach, grand top, long body; 3, O'Donnell, well up, decided drive, good top and body; 4, Brown, erect, decided reach, solid back, nice body; 5, Kerr, good stamp; 6, Barrett; 7, Melrose; 8, Hope. BUFF CK., PIED, ETC.: 1, Dalgleish, well set up, fine reach, solid back, good body and wing; 2, Buchan, erect, decided drive, good top, body, and wing; 3, McLennan, erect, decided type, solid top, splendid body, will be heard of again; 4, Maxwell, good type and style; 5, Pringle, nice all round style; 6, Brown; 7, Morrison; 8, Gordon. HEN (42): 1, McLennan, erect, decided reach, solid back, clean front, good body and wing; 2, Martin, nice solid back, fine body, quick; 3, Paterson, grand, solid, quick, and active, good stamp; 4, Maxwell, fine type; 5, Brown, well up, decided reach; 6, Dalgleish; 7, Livingstone; 8, Maxwell. BELG., CK. (14): 1, Dalgleish, nice type, neat head, good stamp; 2, 6, Paisley, nice type; 3, 4, 5, White; 7, 8, Robertson. HEN (11): 1, Dalgleish, cup winner and gold medal, nice stamp, quick, grand bird all over it; 2, 4, 7, Paisley, 2nd pressed hard on winner, a splendid second here; 3, 5, Robertson; 8, Carson.

The Young Naturalist.

*A Polite Friend.

A few weeks ago I was going on an errand for my mother when I saw a lady with a Cockatoo on a lead. When I got up to her, the bird promptly "raised his hat" to me. This, I thought, was very polite.—Sent by E. Twilley (aged 12 years), The Pines, White Hart Lane, Wood Green, London, N.

**A Narrow Escape.

My father once had a Goldfinch, and he used to put it outside the birdroom window in a box cage. One windy day we went for a walk, and left it out. When we came home our first thought was the bird. Father went into the yard, and, much to his surprise, found the cage lying on the ground, face downwards, and two cats sitting by it. He picked the cage up carefully, and found his little pet quite safe and sound.—Sent by Lena Bratherton (aged 13), 1, Peet Street, Edge Hill, Liverpool.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Six Bells.—Oct. 18, New Drill Hall. Judge, Mr. J. H. Payne. 13 open classes: Nor. 4, Yorks. 4, Novice A.V. 1, Sell 1, Brit. 2, Mule 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close Oct. 11, to E. Churchill, 19, Tillery St., Abertillery, Mon.

Bradford West (Y.U., Y.C.C., C.M.Y.C.C., N.G.M.Y.C.C., O.N.P.C., G.C.A., and Y.C.B.B. and M.C.).—Oct. 14, Whetley Lane Board Schools, Girlington, Bradford. Judges, Messrs. J. N. Harrison and W. Mundell. 37 open classes: Yorks. 17, Nor. 6, Green (Yorks.) 4, (Nor.) 4; Brit. 2, Mule 1, Sell. 3, and 10 Yorkshire Union members' novice classes: Yorks. 8, No. 2. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close Oct. 10, to F. Western, 57, Fenton St., Princeville, Bradford.

Pentre.—Oct. 12, Billiard Hall, Queen's Hotel. Judge, Mr. J. H. Payne. 76 open classes: Nor. 10, Nor. Greens 4, Crests 2, Yorks. 10, Yorks. Green 4, Cinn. 2, Bord. 9, Bord. Greens 4, A.O.V. 1, Sell 2, Mules 7, Brit. 17, For 4. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close Oct. 9 (1st post), to G. Lingard, 127, Llewellyn St., Pentre Ystrad.

City of Birmingham (M.C.Y.C.C.).—Oct. 18 and 19, Crown Hotel, Hill Street. Judges: Messrs. T. Heath and J. C. Barnes. 43 open classes: Nor. 10 (4 novice), Crest 4 (2 novice), Cinn. 2, Bord. 2, Yorks 11 (4 novice), A.O.V. 1, Sell. 3, Brit. 4, Mule 3, For. 3. Prizes 10/-, 6/-, 3/-, 1/6, inter-challenge cup and specials. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close Oct. 11 to S. Mole, 87, Greenway-st., Small Heath, Birmingham.

Broughty Ferry (B.F.C.C., S.B.B. and M.C.).—Oct. 14. Good Templar Hall, Gray Street. Judges, Messrs. D. Black, W. Rodger, W. Griffiths, J. Smillie, and R. V. Raine. 50 open classes: Scot., 10. (2 Sell.); Crest, 7 (1 Sell.); Nor., 11 (1 Sell.); Yorks., 2; Bord., 10 (1 Sell.); Mules, 2; Brit., 7; For., 1. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 3s., and spls. Fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Oct. 9, to R. Whitton, 2, Churchill Place, Broughty Ferry.

Selkirkshire O.F.A.—Oct. 21. Union Hall, Selkirk. Judge, Mr. H. Bennet. 21 open classes: Bord., 10 (1 Sell.); Nor., 2; Mule, 2; Brit., 5; For., 1; Sell., 1. Prizes, 8s., 4s., 2s. Fee, 1s. Entries close Oct. 14, to J. Robertson, 4, Green Terrace, Selkirk.

Craven Arms.—Oct. 11. Market Hall. Judge, Mr. G. F. Edwards. 10 open classes: Nor., Yorks., Crest., A.O.V., Mule, For., and Sell., 1 each; Brit., 3. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee, 2s. Entries close Oct. 9 (1st post), to B. Clare, Grove Lodge, Craven Arms, Salop.

Johnstone.—Oct. 21. Town Hall. Judge, Mr. A. Livingstone. 8 open classes: Bord., 2; Nor., 2; Mule, 1; Brit., 3. Prizes, 12s., 6s., 3s. Fee, 2s. Entries close October 14, to David P. Ritchie, Brookfield, Johnstone, N.B.

Wisbech (£5 Limit, except for foreign).—Oct. 25. Public Hall Judge, Mr. J. Mackley. 21 classes: Nor., 4; Yorks., 4; Crest, 2; A.O.V., 1; Brit., 4; Mule, 1; For. (no limit), 2; Sell., 2; Novice, A.V., 1. Prizes, 8s., 4s., 2s. Fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Oct. 15, to Ward and Allen, Kilmorie, Park Road, Walsoken, Wisbech.

Western Counties O.S. (Plymouth) (S.N.P.C., C.C.C., S.Y.C.C., U.K.B.C.A.).—Oct. 17 and 18, Corn Exchange. Judges, Messrs. C. A. House and J. Robson. 53 classes: Yorks., 8 (1 Sell.); Nor., 11 (1 Sell.); Crest, 12 (2 Novice, pairs 1); Cinn., 1; Bord., 2; Belg., 2; A.O.V., 1; Pairs, 1; Mules, 3; Brit., 6; Sell., 3; For., 2; Extra Stock, 1. Prizes, 10s., 6s., 4s., 2s., and a large number of specials—specials in every class. Fee 1s. 6d. Entries close October 7, to T. Pope, 98, Embankment Road, Plymouth.

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Oct. 9.—**Coventry.**—R. Symonds, 29, Melbourne Rd., Earlsdon.
Oct. 9 (1st post).—**Craven Arms.**—B. Clare, Grove Lodge.
Oct. 9.—**Pentre.**—G. Lingard, 127, Llewellyn St., Pentre, Rhondda.
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Oct. 9.—**Northampton.**—Cox and Barrett, 69, Hunter St.
Oct. 9.—**Lochgelly.**—W. Whiteford, 81, Hall St.
Oct. 10.—**Leeds.**—W. A. Wilson, 75, Bayswater Mount, Roundhay.
Oct. 10.—**Portsmouth C.B.S.**—King and Joiner, 80, Stubbington Avenue.
Oct. 10.—**Bradford West.**—F. Western, 59, Fenton St., Princeville.
Oct. 11.—**Birmingham.**—S. Mole, 87, Greenway St., Small Heath.
Oct. 11.—**Six Bells.**—E. Churchill, 9, Tillery St., Abertillery.
Oct. 11.—**Hyson Green.**—W. Cottingham, 9, Peveril St., Nottingbam.
Oct. 12.—**Leamington.**—C. Brook, 5, Althorpe St.
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Oct. 14.—**Selkirk.**—J. Robertson, 4, Green Terr.
Oct. 14.—**Johnstone, N.B.**—D. P. Ritchie, Brookfield.
Oct. 14.—**Rochdale.**—R. Blincoe, 160, Drake St., Rochdale.

ENTRIES EXTENDED.

Oct. 7 (last post).—**Clapham.**—A. L. Priest, 28, Kyrle Rd., S.W.
Oct. 10 (1st post).—**Pentre.**—Geo. Lingard 127, Llewellyn St.
Oct. 10.—**Eastbourne.**—E. M. Daly, 190, Whitley Rd.

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Half-annual open show of Canaries, Mules, Hybrids, British and Foreign birds, **October 12th, 1911.** Judge, J. H. Payne, Esq. Cash prizes in all classes and all open specials. Entries close **October 9th.—Geo. Lingard, 127, Llewellyn Street, Pentre Rhondda.**

DON'T FORGET

NORWICH

Show, Corn Hall, Norwich. OPEN TO ALL.

Thursday and Friday,

OCT. 12 & 13.

Judges: Messrs. W. E. Greeves, J. Robson, and W. Vardy. Schedules and all particulars from **R. Roll, 58, York Street, Norwich.**

HYSON GREEN

Nottingham C.B.S. Open Show

OCTOBER 14th

26 classes. Prize money guaranteed. **Entries close first post, October 11.** For schedules, apply, **W. Cottingham, 9, Peveril Street, Nottingham.**

For You! a £5 5s. Cup. SIX BELLS (Mon). 4th Gt. Ann. Op. Show of Pty., Pgns, Rabbits, Cage Birds, Cavies and Cats, **Oct. 18.** Cage Birds Judge, J. H. Payne, Gloster. 3 Op. Cups and num. spcls. £5 5s. Cup to be won outright. **Entries close Oct. 11. ED. CHURCHILL, Hon. Sec., 19, Tillery Street, Abertillery.**

NORTHAMPTON 40th Annual Show of Canaries, British, and Foreign Birds, **October 18th and 19th, 1911.** Judge, Mr. J. H. Roe. **Entries close October 9th.— COX and BARRETT, Secretaries, 69, Hunter Street.**

BOLTON

And Dis. Cage Bird Society.

Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules, British, and Foreign Birds (under the patronage of the N.P.C. and Y.C.C.), in the Co-operative Hall, Bridge Street, on

Oct. 13th and 14th.

Judges, Mr. J. H. Roe and Mr. J. W. Cleminson. Good classification and specials. Schedules now ready from—**P. BRIERLEY, Secretary, 24, Cromer Avenue, Tonge Moor, Bolton, Lancs.**

THE SHOW OF THE MIDLANDS

COVENTRY

Godiva C.B.S. 5th Annual **Open Show** of Canaries, Mules and British Birds, will be held at the Chequers Hotel, Little Park Street, on **OCTOBER 14th.** Judge: W. Vardy. **Entries close finally Monday, October 9th.** For schedules apply: **R. Symonds, Hon. Sec., 29, Melbourne Road, Earlsdon, Coventry.**

LOCHGELLY

Cage Bird Society. 2nd Annual Exhibition and Competition of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds on **Saturday, 14th October.** 80 classes; 4 trophies and numerous specials. Entries close **9th October.** Schedules from **Wm. Whiteford, Sec., 81, Hall Street, Lochgelly, N.B.**

Here we are again!

MORPETH

and District C.B.S. **Undoubtedly the finest one-day show in the North.**

OCTOBER 14th.

Open to the United Kingdom. Four money prizes and specials. 1s. entry fee. Judges: J. C. Barnes and A. Hay. **Entries close October 7th.** Schedules being sent to all last year's exhibitors; others requiring one apply to—**E. Cowling, Fulbeck Cottage, Morpeth.**

DON'T FORGET THE EVENT OF THE SEASON.

Bradford West

C.B.A. Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules, and British birds, will be held in Whetley Lane School on

October 14th.

Open to the United Kingdom. Under patronage of Y.C.C., C.M.Y.C.C., N.G.M.Y.C.C., O.N.P.C., G.C.A., Y.C.B.B., and M.C. Good classification, 47 classes and **prize money guaranteed. 1st 10/-, 2nd 6/-, 3rd 4/-, 4th 2/6, vhc 2/-, and 2/6 special each class. 37 open classes,** viz.: 17 Yorks., 6 Nor., 8 Greens, 2 British, 1 Mule, 3 Selling. **10 Novice Classes,** viz.:—8 Yorks., 2 Nor. **and 2s. 6d. special in each class.** Entry fee 1s. 6d. **Judges: J. N. Harrison and W. Mundell.** ENTRIES, classes and prize money guaranteed, **10s., 6s., 4s., 2s.**

BROUGHTY FERRY

C.B.S. Annual Show of **Canaries, Mules, British, and Foreign Birds,** will be held in the Good Templar Hall

On SATURDAY,

October 14,

under the patronage of the B.F.C.C. and N.B.B. and M.C. **49 classes. All specials open. Equal prize money.** Judges: S.F., Messrs. D. Black and W. Rodger; Crests and Norwich, W. Griffiths; B.F., Jas. Smillie; B. and F., R. V. Raine. **Entries close October 9th.** Schedules from **Rob Whitton, Sec., 2, Churchill Place, Broughty Ferry.**

Exhibitors!
OUR FINAL APPEAL!
Support the Show that is composed of

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PORTSMOUTH

C.B.S. **2nd Great Annual Show,**

Oct. 18th and 19th.

31 open classes. Canaries, Mules, British, Foreign. Judge: John Robson. **Good prize money** and specials galore **guaranteed.**

Entries Close October 10th.

Send for schedule.—**KING & JOINER, 80, Stubbington Avenue, Portsmouth.**

Prize-money paid within 24 hours (Guaranteed.)

LEEDS

C.B.S. 21st Annual Show, at St. George's Schools (near Infirmary) **OCTOBER 14th. 32 Open Classes;** 1 to 7 Champion Yorks, 8 to 14 Champion Norwich, 15, 16 and 17 A.O.V. Canary and Selling Classes, 18 to 24 British including class for Softbills and **8 Classes for NOVICES.** 4 Yorks and 4 Norwich. Popular Prize-money 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/- and good **Money Specials** (Entry Fee 1/6.) Judges, J. H. Roe, Esq., J. Bailey, Esq., **Entries close Tuesday, October 10th,** send for schedule to **W. A. WILSON, 75 Bayswater Mount, Roundhay, Leeds.**

W.C.O.S. PLYMOUTH Oct. 17, 18.

PRIZE MONEY PAID FIRST DAY OF SHOW.

Patronage of S.N.P.C., S.Y.C.C., C.C.C., U.K.B.C.A. 150 Specials in addition to Money Prizes. Entry Fee, **1/6 22/-** per Class. Four Money Prizes. **ENTRIES CLOSE OCTOBER 7. THOMAS POPE, Hon. Sec. 98, Embankment Road, Plymouth.**

BIRMINGHAM

C.B.S. Annual **Open Show** of Canaries, Mules, Hybrids, British and Foreign Birds at Crown Hotel, Hill Street, on **Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 18 & 19.** 43 Classes including 10 Novice. All open. Judges, T. Heath and J. C. Barnes. **Entries Close Oct. 11.** Schedules from **S. MOLE, 87, Greenway Street, Small Heath, Birmingham.**

KELTY & BLAIRADAM

C.B.A. Annual **Open Show** of **Cage Birds only.**

On 21st OCTOBER, 1911. 13 Cups and Trophies; **18 Gold and Silver Medals; over 60 Specials.** 71 Classes, Judges: S. F.—C. Berwick; B.F.—W. Mossie; Yorks—R. B. Gibb; Crests—R. B. Paul; Plainheads—W. Hampton; M.B.F.—A. W. Watson. Under patronage of B.F.C.C., S.F.C., F. & K.N.P.C., S.B.B. & M.C. W.F.C.B.L. **7 in Class, full Prize Money paid. No cancelling or amalgamation. Open membership 2/6. Entries close Monday, 16th October.** Schedules ready from **A. DICKSON, 37, Adams Terrace, Kelty, N.B.**

Oct. 27 and 28. MANCHESTER Oct. 27 and 28.

(BELLE VUE).

Under patronage of all Specialist Clubs. **Over 100 Open Classes. Novice Classes for Yorkshires, Norwich, Crests and Cinnamons. Prize Money 12/-, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Specials in every variety.** Judges, Messrs. Swalwell, Battye, Davis, A. G. Hadwin, Godley, Colledge and Houlton.

Entries Close October 21st.

Exhibitors making 3 or more entries receive Free Ticket to Belle Vue and the Show. Belle Vue is the most attractive place of entertainment in the country. Best Collection of Animals and Birds outside the Zoo. **Endless Amusements.** Dancing, Boating, Figure 8, and after close of Show **the finest Display of Fireworks in England. Cheap Railway Excursions from everywhere.** Admission to Belle Vue 6d. each, after 4 on Saturdays 1/-. To the Show 3d. extra. Tickets 6d. each if purchased beforehand admit to both show and Belle Vue at any time on either day. Send for Schedule to **H. BOOTHMAN, 8, Kettering Road, Levenshulme, Manchester.**

Oct. 27 & 28. WOLVERHAMPTON Oct. 27 & 28.

For Schedules apply—**J. GIBBONS, Hon. Sec., 64, Napier Road.**

BROMLEY

and West Kent F.A. hold their 20th annual **Open Show** of Canaries, Mules, and British Birds on

OCTOBER 18th and 19th.

First 14 classes guaranteed and plenty of specials. Judge: C. A. House. Apply **A. T. Bellinger, Hon. Sec., 26, Nightingale Lane, Bromley, Kent.**

EASTBOURNE

SHOW,

OCTOBER 18th and 19th. Entries very short indeed, compelled to extend until TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10th. Please help if possible. Remember that last year **all prize money** was **paid out within 7 days of show,** and we guarantee to do the same this year.—**Hon. Sec.: R. M. Daly, 128, Whitley Road.**

Royal Leamington

Spa Fanciers' Association, 8th Annual Show of Canaries, British, etc., **OCTOBER 19th. Open to all England.** Judge, Mr. Treadwell. Schedules now ready. **Entries close October 12th to C. Brooks, 5, Althorpe Street, Leamington.**

HANLEY

ONE DAY SHOW

October 19th.

Judges: Yorkshires, W. Mundell, Esq.; Norwich, J. Trengove, Esq.; other classes jointly. Norwich open 8 classes (Novice) 6, and 1 Selling 12/6; Yorkshires ditto; Cinnamons 3, Lizards 2, A.O.V.C. 1; Sell., A.V., 30/-, 20/-, 12/6; Mules 2, Hybrids 1, British open 7, Novice A.V. British 1, Foreign 4. **Special arrangements made with Stationmaster to book birds home night of show if exhibitors desire.** Schedules from **B. Peake, 6, Rhodes Street, Birches Head, Hanley, Staffs.**

NOTTINGHAM & DIS. P.O.S. Op. Show, **Oct. 21, 1911,** of Canaries, British, Mules and Hybrids, and Foreign. Judge—F. Beardall, Huthwaite. **Entries close October 19th.** Schedules from **J. BUNN, 81, Ena Avenue, Nottingham.**

MIDDLESBRO

and Tees-Side C.B.S. 6th Annual Show, Oct. 21st, 1911. Prize money, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, 1/-; good specials; 1/- entry. Judges, Geo. Harland, Esq., C. Houlton, Esq. **Entries close Oct. 16th.** Schedules, apply, **Arthur Wake, 41, Aske Road, Middlesbro'.**

The Show of the North.

Newcastle-

on-Tyne. Engineers' Drill Hall, Sandyford Road, **Newcastle.** Judges: W. Vardy, W. Mundell, J. Robson, J. S. Clarke, and C. Houlton. Under the patronage of G.C.A., Y.C.C., F.B.C., N.B.B. and M.C., C.M.Y.C.C., B.F.C., N.B. and S.F.C., N.Y.C., N.C.C., N.B.B.M., and F.B.C. **Challenge Bowl for best bird. Valuable specials in each class and section.**

Entries Close Oct. 16.

Write for schedule to—

J. E. Atkinson, 8, Trewhitt Road, Heaton, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

ROCHDALE

O.C. 31st

ANNUAL OPEN SHOW,

OCT. 20th, 21st.

in the Ambulance Drill Hall, Molesworth Street. **Splendidly lighted, warm, two minutes from station.** Judges: Messrs. C. A. House and A. Hirst. Under patronage of L.C.A. and L. and L.F.A. 13 Lancs., 6 Lizard, 8 Yorks, 4 Crest, 8 Norwich, 3 Mule, 4 British, and 3 Foreign Classes and others. **23s.** per class to entry fee of **1s. 6d. Numerous specials. Entries close October 14th** (Monday 1st post in time) to—**R. Blincoe, 160, Drake Street, Rochdale.**

SELKIRKSHIRE O.F.A.

Will hold their **23rd Annual Show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds,** Pigeons and Cats (open to the United Kingdom), on **Saturday, 21st October.** Judges, H. Bennet, Esq., Kelso, Canaries; Tom Nisbet, Esq., Galston, Working Homers; John Scott, Esq., Edinburgh, varieties. **Entries close Saturday, 14th October.** Schedules from **James Robertson, 4, Green Terrace, Selkirk, N.B.**

BRANDON COLLIERY, Durham. **Open Show, Cage Birds** and Pigeons. Schedules ready. Apply **G. REED, 35, Newcastle Street.**

CITY OF

GLASGOW

O.S. The **58th Annual Show** and Competition of Canaries, Hybrids, British and Foreign Birds will be held on **Friday and Saturday,**

Oct. 20th and 21st.

93 classes. Full prize money paid in all classes. **Numerous specials and cups. Entries close Saturday, 14th.** Schedules, etc., from **Alex McDonald, 279, Crow Road, Partick, Glasgow.**

Burton-on-Trent

C.B.S. 5th Annual **Open Show** of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds, in the Victoria Hall, on

Saturday, Oct. 21st.

40 classes, 50 specials, and 4 money prizes. Judge: J. Robson. Anyone not receiving schedule by October 7th please send.

Entries Close Oct. 16th

first post.—**W. Elliott, 22, Leicester Street, Burton-on-Trent.**

EAST LOTHIAN

C.B.S.'s Show of Canaries, British and Foreign, on **21st October.** 39 classes with as many specials. Entries close 16th.—**Jas. McHolme, Sec., Haddington.**

HUDDERSFIELD

O.S. Annual **Open Show, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21st,** Judges: Messrs. W. A. Cowgill and J. Trengove. **Entries close October 17th.** For schedules apply: **F. J. SYKES, 40, Imperial Rd., Edgerton, Huddersfield.**

PAIGNTON

Torbay O.S. 5th Annual Open Show, Wednesday, **October 25th. No classes** will be cancelled or amalgamated. Schedules now ready.—**J. N. and J. Jeffery, Secs., Sartor House, Paignton, S. Devon.**

WISBECH 2nd Annual £5 limit Show **October 25.** Turbits and **Foreign birds.** No limit. 22 classes for Poultry, G. Barker. 28 classes for Pigeons, Messrs. Murrell and Jackson. 14 classes for Rabbits, Mr. Swales Ward. **21 classes** for **Cage Birds,** Mr. Mackley. Good prize money and specials. **Please enter early. Entries close positively October 15th.** Schedules from **Ward and Allen, Kilmorie Park Road, Walsoken, Wisbech.**

GRIMSBY

and District Ornithological Society. Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules, Hybrids, British and Foreign Birds, **October 25 and 26.** Judge, Mr. W. Vardy. 10/- cash for best Hardbill; 10/- cash for best Softbill, and other Specials. Schedules ready in a few days, from **Towl Bros., Secs., 205, Welholme Road, Grimsby.**

CAGE BIRDS SECTION,

PORTSMOUTH

F.S. Show will be held in the Hampshire Fortress Engineers' Drill Hall, on **WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, OCT. 25th and 26th. 25 classes; special in each.** Entrance fee 1/6, members 1/3. Prize money 10s., 5s., 2/6, for twelve entries and over a fourth prize of 1/6 will be given. Part of Rule 9, re prize money, will not be noticed and **full prize money is guaranteed. Entries close absolutely October 18th.** Schedules.—**T. Tebbs, Hipwell, 7, Osborne Street, Southsea.**

THE FINEST RAILWAY CENTRE IN THE NORTH.

CARLISLE

(Border City O.S.) Show, OCTOBER 25 and 26, Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds. **55 Classes. Prize money 10s., 5s., 3s., 2s.,** with **specials for each class and section,** and **2 silver cups.** Judges: Jno. Robson and H. W. Battye. **Entries close Oct 21st.** Schedules sent to all previous exhibitors; others apply to **J. C. Bell, 23, Botchergate, Carlisle.**

AYLESBURY 3rd An. Show **OCTOBER 26th.** Poultry, **Cage Birds,** etc. Popular judges. Prizes **10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Specials galore.** Entry 1/6. **Entries close October 16th** to **F. Rayner, 27, Ardenham Street, Aylesbury.**

CODNOR PARK & Eastwood C.B.S. (Notts.) Annual **Open Show** of Canaries, Mules, Hybrids, and British Birds, **OCTOBER 28th.** Judge, J. H. Roe **Prize money 10s., 5/-, 2s. 6d. Entries close October 25th, first post.** Schedules now ready from **J. H. Mitchell, Sec., South Street, Greenhill Lane, Alfreton.**

SITTINGBOURNE Open to Kent **OCTOBER 25th and 26th.** Judges: Messrs. J. N. Harrison and G. Gardner. "Hyde's Special Teapot," etc. **Entries close October 19th.** Schedules—**Arnold, 171, Chalkwell Road.**

TAVISTOCK (DEVON)

and District Fanciers' Society. First Exhibition of Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cats, Cavies, and Cage Birds, in the Market Hall, Tavistock, Wednesday, October 25. Poultry 70, Pigeons 30, Cage Birds 21, Rabbits, Cats, etc., 9 classes. Judges (Poultry), Messrs. Abbott and Camp, (Pigeons) Mr. A. Leith, and (Cage Birds) Mr. R. B. Tope. Entries close October 16. Full prize money guaranteed. No amalgamation. Schedules of—Jno. Young, Hon. Sec., 1, Church Lane, Tavistock.

TREHARRIS GLAM. October 26th.

Grand Show of Cage Birds. Judge: E. J. Davies. Challenge Cup etc. Entries close October 19th. Schedules ready.—W. Davies, 6, Edward Street, Treharris, Glam.

OXFORD

and District C.B.S. Great Open Show, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26th. 32 classes. Over 50 specials. Schedules now ready from Sec.: A. F. Fifield, 6, Buckingham Street, Oxford.

FIFTH ANNUAL SHOW OF THE

DERWENT VALLEY C.B.S.

Canaries, Mules, Hybrids, British, and Foreign Birds, to be held in the Church Hall, Hawsterley, on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28th.

Good prize money, good specials, popular judges: A. Brown, Esq., and F. Marwood, Esq. Under the patronage of the N.B.B.M. and F.B.C. Schedules ready shortly, will be sent to all last year's exhibitors. Others please apply.—J. Lindsay, Railway Cottages, Westwood, Medomsley, R.S.O., Co. Durham.

Hartlepools'

C.B.S. Seventh Annual Show on Saturday, October 28th. 44 classes; 4 novice classes. Judges, Messrs. Battye and Maddison. Patronage N.Y.C.C. Entries close October 23rd. Schedules from—E. WOODHEAD, St. Paul's Road, West Hartlepool.

DYSART Cage Bird Society 7th Annual Exhibition of Canaries,

Mules, British, and Foreign Birds, on Saturday, 28th October. 70 Classes. Cup, medal, and numerous specials. Popular judges: Scotch Fancy, J. Thomson, Kirkcaldy; Border Fancy, R. Lambie, Whitburn; Norwich, Crests, and Plainheads, James Winter, Edinburgh; British and Foreign Birds, Christopher White and Robert Gilmour, Kirkcaldy. Entries close 23rd October. Schedules from John S. Harris, Victoria Bar, Dysart, Fife.

LOOK OUT FOR **AYR**

and Dis. C.B.C.'s 4th Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds, on Saturday, 28th October, under patronage of Yorkshire and Border Fancy Clubs. 49 classes. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, and 2/6, and Specials. Entry fee 1/6. Judges: Jas. F. Dewar, Esq., J. B. Paterson, Esq., and A. Watson, Esq. Schedules ready October 7th. James Sloan, Sec., 19, New Bridge Street, Ayr.

BELPER THE BEST SHOW IN DERBYSHIRE.

Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cage Birds, October 28th. Entries close October 23rd. Schedules.—Skillman and Holden, Belper.

BARNSTAPLE

Schedules Ready,
October 31st and November 1st.
Judge, Mr. J. Robson. Sec., Percival Harris, Exhibition Office.

LISKEARD SHOW Under Cage Bird Union, Nov. 1st, 1911. Judge, Mr. J. H. Payne. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Point cup open to any member. No specials awarded to any entry received after Oct. 26th, 1911. Enter early and greatly help.—H. JONES ROBINS, Hon. Sec., 2, Market St.

Cheltenham

NOVEMBER 1st and 2nd. Patronage of C.C.C., S.N.P.C., S.Y.C.C., E. and W.B.F.C.C., N.B.B. and M.C., F.B.C. Judges: Messrs. W. E. Greeves, H. W. Battye, J. Frostick. Show Manager: W. Pounsett, 5, White Cross Square, Cheltenham.

TUNSTALL

and Dis. C.B.S. 3rd Annual Show of Canaries, British Birds, etc., NOVEMBER 2nd, at the Crown and Anchor Hotel, Tunstall (one minute from station). Grand classification. Judge: J. C. Barnes.—Evans and Brough, 18, Sneyd Street, Tunstall, Staffs.

TREDEGAR MON. NOV. 2nd

Open Show Cage Birds. 30 classes. Judge, H. W. Battye. Schedules.—E. W. Sutherley, 17, Church Street, Tredegar, Mon.

BLAYDON

AND DISTRICT

Cage Bird Society. Eighth Annual Show, will be held in the Drill Hall, Blaydon, on Friday and Saturday, November 3 and 4, 1911. Popular judges: J. Robson, Esq., London, and H. W. Battye, Esq., Huddersfield. Schedules from G. Havver, 1, Theresa Street, Blaydon. Entries close Saturday, October 28, 1911.

BRAINTREE 11th Annual Show. Poultry Pigns., Rabbits, Cage birds NOV. 4. (30 miles radius 25 limit). Good classification. Numerous Specials. Popular Judges. Entries close Oct. 23rd. For Schedules apply,—F. A. HUNNABLE, London Rd., Braintree.

BRECHIN C.B.S.

Forty-eighth Grand Annual Show of Norwich, Border Fancies, and Wild Birds, will be held in Temperance Hall, Brechin, on Saturday, November 4, 1911. Splendid classification and numerous special prizes. Also under the patronage of B.F.C. and N.P.C. Judges for Norwich, Wm. Bishop; Border Fancy, John Hutchison; Wild Birds, J. Stewart. Schedules now ready from Geo. Mitchell, Sec., 118, Montrose Street, Brechin.

BO'NESS and Dis. F.A.

Annual Show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds, in the Masonic Hall, November 4th, under patronage of B.F.C.C. and S.B.B. and M.C. 62 Classes. Judges: Canaries, Mr. Holmes, B.F. Mr. D. Hamilton, British Messrs. Raine and Watson.—Sec., T. Cameron, 7, Ash Terrace, Grangepans, Bo'ness.

STONEHOUSE

Cage Bird and Flying Homer Show, November 4, 1911. Classification: 8 Border Fancy, 12 Norwich, 15 British Bird, 2 Mule or Hybrid, 1 Foreign Class, 3 Members' Classes. Judges: J. Patterson, Chirnside, Allan Chalmers, Kirkintilloch. Schedules from Jas. Hamilton, 36, Camnethan Street, Stonehouse, Lanarkshire.

The Crystal Palace of the North.

CLEATOR MOOR

Fanciers Society of Poultry, Pigeon and Cage Birds. Eighth Annual Open Show will be held in Market Hall, on Saturday, November 4, 1911. Judges: Poultry, H. Inman, Esq., Bradford; R. Pigeons, W. H. Coad, Esq., Burnley; Cage Birds. Specials in galore. Entries close on Saturday, October 28, 1911. Schedules now ready, from Jas. E. Byrne, 110, Birks Road, Cleator Moor, Cumberland.

THE BEST ONE-DAY SHOW IN THE NORTH.

STOCKTON-

on-Tees 7th Annual Show,
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4th.

Prize money 8s., 4s., 2s., 1s. 43 classes. Special every class. 1s. entrance fee. Judges: T. Dixon, R. Halliday, H. Tams, T. Hill, F. Marwood. Entries close October 28th. Schedules from J. W. Lowee, 17, Canning Street, Stockton-on-Tees.

YORK

C.B.S. Seventh Annual Open Show on Saturday, Nov. 4th, 1911. 35 classes. Patronage O.N.P.C.C. Prize money 8s., 4s., 2s., 1s. Entrance fee 1s. Judge, A. Hurst, Esq., Accrington. Schedules from H. Thompson, 57, Nun, Mill Street, York.

PONTYPRIDD

and Dis. F. and F.S., Wednesday, Nov. 8th. Prize money, 10s., 5s., and 2s. 6d. Large number of specials. Judges: Messrs. Harrison, Davies, and Hill. Entries close Nov. 1st. Schedules next week.—A. A. Gordon McLucas, 48, Rosser Street, Maesycoed, Pontypridd.

BRIGHTON

Cage Bird Association 2nd Annual Open Show. Canaries, British, Foreign. Nov. 8th and 9th, North Road Lecture Hall. Good classification, numerous specials, model prize cards. Judge, C. A. House, Esq. Entries close Nov. 1st. Note prize money: 10/-, 6/-, 4/-; 1/6 added in large classes. Schedules of—WILL. H. GIBB, Hon. Sec., 19, Bond Street.

OLD SHILDON

Workmen's Club C.B.S. Show on NOVEMBER 10th and 11th. Prize money 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d., 1s. 1s. 6d. entry. Judge: J. Stanger, Pelton Fell. 2s. 6d. special each class. 5s. special most entries. Special value 10s. 6d. for best bird in show. Entries close November 4th. Schedules, apply.—J. H. Elwell, 35, Church Street, Shildon, Co. Durham.

NOTICE!

DARLINGTON

C. and B.B.F.A. 6th Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules, Hybrids, British and Foreign Birds, will be held in the Corn Exchange on Saturday, November 11th. 43 classes. Prize money, 8s., 4s., 2s. Entrance fee 1s. Judges: J. Wilcock and J. Walsh. Entries close Saturday, November 4th. Schedules from A. Walker, Hon. Sec., 47, Montrose Street, Darlington.

BRISTOL, Nov. 14th & 15th

ALNWICK

4th Annual Open Show, Wednesday, 15th November. 40 classes. N.B.B.M. and F.B.C. patronage. 3 silver cups, 7 silver medals, 4 money prizes each class. 1s. entry. Specials galore. Judges: Canaries, H. W. Battye; British and Foreign, A. Cochrane (Edinbro').—Sec., R. Forster, 36, Bondgate (Without), Alnwick.

CARDIFF

Cage Bird Show, NOVEMBER 15th and 16th.—Sec: W. Sampson, 93, Llanishen Street.

LOCKERBIE F.A. Show, Can. (Br. and For.) THURSDAY, 23rd NOVEMBER. Judge: J. F. Dewar. Schedules from H. Davidson, Royal Hotel, Lockerbie.

GALSTON, Ayrshire, Saturday, Dec. 2nd. 14 cl. Scotch Fancies, 7 cl. Borders, 4 cl. British—ALEXANDER FREW, Sec., 26, Duke St.

Twitterings.

Arbroath C.B.S. have had to abandon the idea of holding a show this year for financial reasons; the show was to be held on November 18, writes Mr. J. S. Napier, the sec.

I am resigning the secretaryship of the Stocksbridge and Dis. C.B.S., writes Mr. A. Jarvis, and I hope members will attend meeting on October 7 for the election of my successor.

The Guisborough and District 'Priory" Cage Bird Society, writes Mr. S. H. Lambert, the sec., are holding a table show on October 14, when Mr. T. Hill (Thornaby) will judge thirteen classes of cage birds. All birds are to be staged by 3 p.m. prompt.

Will intending exhibitors please note that Class 18 should read Green or Cinnamon, and that in Class 22 the word hen is a misprint, and the class should read Clear or Ticked Buff Cock, writes Mr. W. Whiteford, sec. of the Lochgelly Show, October 14.

If "New Reader" who wrote last week under the heading of "A Mixed Bag" would call at the Live Stock Shop, Denmark Terrace, East Hant, there is no doubt he could be supplied with the necessary information. So runs a postcard we have received, signed "Well-wisher."

In making our final appeal for support we offer a hearty welcome to all fanciers to pay our show a visit, write Messrs. King and Joiner, secretaries of the Portsmouth C.B.S. Show on October 18 and 19. We are making a reduction of 2d. on 6d. tickets purchased before the day.

Schedules of the London Federation of C.B.S. Show have been posted, writes Mr. H. W. Cook, the show secretary. Should any affiliated member not have received his, if he will advise me of same I will send him one by return of post.

Kindly allow me, writes Mr. Alex. Donnelly (Swinton) to thank all fanciers and societies who conveyed to me expressions of sympathy on the death of my wife, who passed away on September 6 last, when only 39 years of age, and leaving two children. She was respected by every person who knew her.

Mr. A. T. Bellinger informs us that the Bromley and West Kent F.A. have relieved Mr. House of all pigeon classes except two at their show on October 18, so that he may be able to concentrate his ability and time on the cage bird section, which contains forty classes. Cage bird fanciers should note this.

Mr. A. L. Priest, sec. of the Clapham Show, writes there will be someone in attendance at the hall from twelve o'clock on October 10. Will those fanciers who wish to bring their birds note that if they book to Clapham Common by electric train or to "The Plough" by tram, it is only a minute's walk to the Hall?

Owing to our not receiving many entries up to date, writes Mr. B. Clare, sec. of the Craven Arms Show on October 11, we have extended the time of closing to Monday morning's post (October 9). Anyone wanting schedule may have one by return of post on application. This is our first show, and we hope to make it a success.

Entries are coming in very slowly, and do not average one per class, writes Mr. George Lingard, sec. of the Pentre C.B.S. Rule 15 in our schedule was put in by mistake—a printer's error—it should have been abolished, as there will be no cancelling whatever. The entries are extended, and will not close until first post on October 10.

Schedules of our show on October 14 have been posted to all known fanciers, and anyone omitted may have one on receipt of postcard, or any entries received will be duly entered in their proper classes, writes Mr. Robert Whitton, the sec. of Broughty Ferry C.B.S. Class 38½ was accidentally omitted from our prize list; it reads "Green or Cinnamon Border Fancies." Even marks, I may add, compete in the unevenly marked classes.

I made a mistake in our advertisement of last week, writes Mr. F. Western, sec. of the Bradford West C.B.A. It should read 1st prize, 10s.; 2nd, 6s.; 3rd, 4s.; 4th, 2s. 6d.; and vhc, 2s. We shall be taking entries at our headquarters, "Shoulder of Mutton," Girlington, on October 10. The show management will be in reliable hands, and every care will be taken of "away exhibits," which will be sent home at 6.30 on the day of show, and prize-money paid same day as show.

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Attercliffe and Dis. C.B.S. are holding a table show on October 12 for point specials, and all birds must be staged by eight o'clock prompt, writes Mr. W. Richinson, the sec. There will be two classes for Norwich, two for Yorkshires for the novices, and the same in the members' classes; British birds will be classified when entered.

The National British Bird and Mule Club has just become possessed of a handsome diploma, in colours. It is intended (though the point is not definitely settled yet) to present copies to members who have won one or other of the Club's cups, to commemorate their successes. This diploma is a highly ornate and skilful piece of work, very pleasing and artistic in its conception and colouring, and a credit to the gentleman who executed it—Mr. F. H. Burton, St. Leonards-on-Sea (a friend of one of the members of the N.B.B. and M.C. committee).

The officials of Plymouth Show (October 17 and 18) have put an exceptionally fine schedule before the Fancy, comprising 90 open classes, with very liberal prize-money (22s. per class for a 1s. 6d. entry fee), and no fewer than 72 open specials. The train service to Plymouth is one of the best, the hall is an ideal place, and the local fanciers are noted for the care they give to the birds sent for competition. We recommend our readers to apply at once (entries are due to close) to the hon. sec., Mr. T. Pope (98, Embankment Road, Plymouth) for a schedule, and to participate in the good things provided by this famous West-country show.

COLOURED PLATE FREE THIS WEEK.

Every copy of this week's issue of "Cage Birds" should contain a coloured plate, selected from our surplus stock. As these plates vary in subject, new readers have the chance, by ordering extra copies of the journal, of acquiring coloured plates of different bird subjects at a cost of only one penny each. We hope all old friends who may already be possessed of a copy of the plate they receive will do us the favour of handing it on to some acquaintance who is interested in birds, and likely to join the ranks of bird-keepers.

The London and Provincial Ornithological Society are having a lecture by Richard Kearton, Esq., F.Z.S., on Saturday, Oct. 14, at 8 p.m., at the Leysian Mission Hall City Rd., E.C. (opposite Old Street Tube Station), entitled "Bioscoping Big Game in Africa"; also Birds in Norway, including Fieldfare, Redwing, Blue Throat, Brambling, Snow Bunting, and many others in their summer haunts. These films are entirely new, and will be shown for the first time, the lecturer only just having returned from a six months' tour abroad. The committee warmly invite all fanciers and friends to avail themselves of this opportunity of hearing Mr. Kearton. The admission to this lecture will be one penny. The films are of the latest non-flammable type.

The importance of good seed in relation to the health of one's birds is now widely understood—every bird-keeper recognises that if he would avoid digestive troubles, disorders of the throat and bowels, the deadly ptomaine poisoning, etc., amongst his birds, he must be careful in choosing his seeds, and take every precaution to ensure their being sound, well ripened, and thoroughly clean. In achieving this, he can be greatly helped by his seed merchant if the latter be a man who knows his business and specialises in seeds and foods intended for the use of bird-keepers. Such a man is Mr. W. A. Rudd, of 108, Middlesex Street, London, E.C., whose advertisement appears on page 211 of this week's issue. Mr. Rudd claims that the seeds of his firm are the finest that money can buy, and that they are selected with expert knowledge of the wants of all sections of bird-keepers. He is prepared to prove his words by submitting samples of any kind of seed to readers who desire them and will write him stating their wants. Messrs. Rudd and Co.'s stock of specialities is a very varied one, and their method of business very advantageous to buyers.

Norwich Plainhead Club.

There will be a committee meeting of the Norwich Plainhead Club on Saturday next at Burnley Show at three o'clock. Will as many as possible kindly attend?—Jno. Hopkins, hon. secretary.

Something Like Pluck.

I have just fought through two seasons of septic fever, losing over £50 (fifty pounds) worth of birds, writes a well-known fancier of Otley, but I stuck to it, and am pleased to tell you that I have bred over 100 Yorkshires this season.

Changes of Addresses.

The attention of secretaries and others is directed to the following changes of addresses:—Mr. J. Johnson (sec., Lancaster Primrose C.B.A.), from Perth Street to 64, Aberdeen Road, Lancaster; Mr. E. Stevens (Sec., Guildford F.A.), from "Weygate" to 7, Stongton Villas, Manor Road, Guildford; Mr. J. A. Turnbull (Sec., Leadgate C.B.S.), from Consett to 450, Bradley Square, Leadgate; Mr. H. Howard (Sec., Walkden C.B.S.), from Chilham Road, Walkden, to 12, Back Walkden Road, Worsley, near Manchester; Mr. Wm. Paton, from Thornton (Fife) to Balgonie Park, Markinch, N.B.; Mr. W. H. Galling from Elm Terrace to 23, North Street, Otley, Yorks; and Messrs. Morris and Adams from Wingate Road to 219, Henley Road, Ilford.

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Is the Yorkshire Canary on the Down Grade?

By "LONGFELLOW."

Who is to Blame?

Our contributor, one of the best-known of present-day exhibitors, holds that some of the chief characteristics of the Yorkshire are being sacrificed.

It is in all seriousness that I pen these notes with a view to stemming, if possible, the current of events operating to the detriment of the Yorkshire Canary. It will be quite obvious to those who are interested in this beautiful variety, and who have attended the shows during the last two decades, that the Yorkshire has been gradually deteriorating in some of its chief characteristics.

I think no one will gainsay the fact that the winning Yorkshires of to-day do not possess the *beautiful length of side* boasted by birds of former years. Now this is a state of things that is much to be deplored in view of the fact that such strenuous efforts were made many years ago to secure this most valuable and essential property; and, mind you, the efforts were not made in vain. *The desired length was obtained*, and birds have been staged—and good ones, too—possessing as much length as any true enthusiast of a Yorkshire could desire.

I take it that a Yorkshire Canary is essentially a bird of position, length, type, and quality, and our utmost endeavour should be to keep these four properties up to the high-water mark standard. Unfortunately, this system has not been carried out as it should be; hence the great falling off in what I may term the most charming features a bird of this variety should possess.

I may mention that Mr. Robson pointed out in one of his lectures a short time ago that the Yorkshire Canary was not now possessed of that beautiful length of flights and tail which the birds of years ago could boast; and at the last Crystal Palace Show CAGE BIRDS reporter, in his remarks on the Yellow-ticked class, referred to the winners as being of small size.

How Has it Come About?

The question may arise as to how this state of things has come about, and why are we drifting far below the recognised standard? To my mind, the answer is quite clear, and I have no hesitation in saying that our judges are mainly at fault in this matter, and why? Simply because they have placed quality of feather before every other consideration, and have therefore dragged down the once beautiful Yorkshire almost to the level of the Border Fancy in their endeavour to make this bird into a one-property variety of quality. Yes, all quality.

I am well aware that a certain amount of pressure has been brought to bear on our judges; still, I think that if they had exercised that force of character with which Englishmen are generally credited, things need not have drifted to such a pass. Of what use is a standard for any variety if our judges will not try to select for the various honours birds nearest approaching to same? Some of our leading judges seem to forget the far-reaching effects that their awards have on the various varieties adjudicated upon.

As an illustration of the effect of awards, I may mention the name of Mr. Joseph Boxson, the popular judge of Yorkshire Canaries, whose awards at the Crystal Palace particularly did more to keep up the standard length of this variety than all other factors with which I am acquainted. It was no use staging a Border Fancy type of Yorkshire if one desired to win. Mr. B. favoured a "good long un." And rightly so, say I. So long as he had the handling of them we had birds deserving the name of Yorkshires, and breeders then had some material of value to operate with in the breeding room—birds of both size, type, and quality. What have we to-day? A bird of 6¾ inches is an exception in any breeding room. Then, how is the stamp and type to be produced that ought to grace the show bench? I think if my fellow fanciers will only put on their studying caps for a little while, they will see that we need to put our houses in order if we desire to maintain the glory and prestige of the Yorkshire Canary.

I hold that we should endeavour to produce Yorkshires of the highest possible standard that the mind can conceive. The properties that are the most difficult to obtain, and which are the most beautiful when produced, it should be our only end and aim to secure.

Now, with regard to quality of feather—the fad that has ruled some of our present-day judges, and which is carrying in its train the ruination of the Yorkshire Canary. If this property—and one must frankly admit that it is an essential and valuable one—when taken in conjunction with the other good qualities, was very hard to produce, there would have been some excuse for the course pursued: but the fact is fine quality of feather is one of the easiest things in the world to get if one will only sacrifice size, Surely there is no great honour in producing a winner under existing circumstances.

We will now reverse the order of things, and instead of a 6¼in. or a 6½in. bird, you desire to produce one 6¾in. or over. In breeding a bird of this description with all the four properties combined—namely, position, length, type, and quality—you have a task set you that it is worth your best endeavours to accomplish, and if the issue is successful there is something of value, and a bird to feel proud of, for not only have you produced an exhibition bird, but the value from a breeder's point of view cannot be overestimated.

A Tilt at the Judges.

If our judges would only take into consideration the fact that we must have birds with some size in them in order to produce exhibition birds, they would, I think, alter their mode of awarding leading honours to birds far below the Yorkshire Union standard.

If the system now in vogue be persisted in, we shall in a few years' time have birds little larger than Border Fancies, and they will be so near alike in type and quality that they will be like peas in a pod, and a bird will be standing first one day, and at the next show perhaps cardless, as there will be no property that excels another to decide by, except (as is the case at the present day) when a bird has a distinguishing mark, in which case it can be easily spotted for leading honours, and some judges are apt to be led by the decisions of others, whether rightly or wrongly.

Now this is a state of things that ought not to obtain, as there should in every instance be a point or quality in which one bird excels over another to entitle it to take a leading position over its rival, and to which a judge can readily refer should the unsuccessful exhibitor desire an explanation. To my mind, when birds come so near in all-round properties—which they are bound to do on very many occasions—there is nothing more satisfactory than a little extra length to decide by. This as a rule is a decision that exhibitors take with a good grace when they can see plainly where they are beaten.

I can assure my fellow fanciers that my remarks are given with the highest possible motives, and in the interests and welfare of the Yorkshire Canary, which I hope to see exhibited in full possession of all the properties for which it was famed in days gone by.

A Point for the Y.C.C.

It would be interesting to know what object the fanciers of the Yorkshire Canary had in instituting "The Yorkshire Canary Club." I take it that they were desirous to make this variety more popular by extending the classification, and also by protecting the interests of Yorkshire fanciers. The above are, so far as I can learn, the primary objects of this august body. When we consider that the Y.C.C. was founded in 1894, and the objects of the club are yet of such a meagre nature, it makes one wonder at the apathy displayed by the powers that be in connection with "The Yorkshire Canary Club." If I may be allowed to suggest it, I would say that there is one object in particular that could be tacked on to the above with the greatest advantage, namely, "and to protect and advance the properties of 'the Yorkshire Canary' to the highest state of perfection." I have no hesitation in saying that if this had been included in the objects of the Y.C.C. and carried out in a true fancier's spirit, there would have been a far better state of things existing to-day.

The Y.C.C. has undoubtedly done much to popularise the Yorkshire, and through its influence the classification has been largely extended, and fanciers have benefited thereby. The trophies and special prizes disbursed by the club have been considerable, and these have undoubtedly been the means of considerably enhancing the value of the Yorkshire Canary, for which every credit is due to the Y.C.C. Still, the fact remains that a point of vital importance has been overlooked; whether inadvertently or not, I am not prepared to say; yet I am firmly convinced that it would be good policy on the part of the Y.C.C. to amend matters, although it be at the eleventh hour.

I may remark that this is a matter deserving the serious consideration of the Executive Committees of the Y.C.C., and any action taken by them for the protection and advancement of the bird in question would be readily followed by the various offshoots of the parent body.

We should then see taking leading honours Yorkshires that were worthy of the name; in fact, birds possessing all the true attributes of the breed in their highest form—birds which could then most appropriately be described as "the birds of grace and beauty"—which it would be quite a misnomer to apply to many of the miniature Yorkshires that have taken leading honours during the past decade or so. What every true and enthusiastic fancier of the Yorkshire desires is to see a bird possessing position, length, type, and quality taking leading honours, and not a mere miniature usurping the place of what may aptly be termed "the gentleman of the whole Canary family."



PREPARING FOR THE FRAY.

THE FINISHING TOUCHES.

The Gardener and the Birds.

The following humorous account of a gardener's "difficulties" in dealing with birds was published in the "Evening Standard and St. James's Gazette."

"If you please, sir," said Mary Jane, bursting into the room in the midst of the usual whirlwind that always seems to accompany her movements, "the gardener would wish to see you."

I was in the middle of lunch, but the summons seemed important, and delay might be dangerous. So I abandoned my half-eaten chop to the coldness of its fate, and went at once. Anderson, the gardener, was waiting at the back door, scratching his head with one hand, his face almost as long as the handle of the rake he held in the other. Evidently it was something serious.

Before I could speak he began to unburden his soul. "It's them bloomin' Bullfinches again," he explained; "they've nigh cleared the buds from the gooseberries while I was away tidyin' up the drive."

The Culprits.

"Are you sure it is the Bullfinches?" I interposed, for my own private opinion is that the Bullfinch, being perhaps the most conspicuous of all birds that haunt the garden, is the scapegoat for the rest—the Sparrows and Greenfinches in particular—among the bud-destroying birds.

Yes; Anderson was quite sure it was the Bullfinches, because he had just seen one fly across the lawn. "Go back and finish the drive," I said; "I will look into the matter." Anderson departed without another word. I could see that he was not in the best of humour, and I had some sympathy for him, though I have also a sympathy for birds. But, plainly, something would have to be done. Three times already had Anderson spoken to me concerning the depredations of the birds in the garden, and on the last occasion he had hinted pretty broadly that the time had almost come when I must make a choice betwen the robbers on the one hand and himself on the other. A one-acre garden, he had explained, was hardly large enough to contain both.

Now it so happened that I had lately picked up at a sale an old book on gardening, and to its well-thumbed pages I turned in my predicament for counsel and advice. Halfway through the volume I waded—it had no index—before I found anything at all likely to help me, and then in a footnote that might well have escaped my notice, I happened upon the very information I sought. Here is the passage: "To Protect Buds from Verminous Birds.—Take lamp-oil, ½ pint; chips of quassia or bitter bark, a handful; quicklime, two handfuls; skim milk, a quart; mix well in a bucket, and boil together. When cold, strain, and apply with a squirt." I copied out the recipe, substituting "paraffin" for "lamp-oil," and gave it to Anderson. He read it slowly, and went away to obtain the ingredients. I thought I saw a suspicion of sarcasm hovering around his bearded lips. But I could forgive him that. Presently the triumph would be mine, for of a surety no Bullfinch would tackle buds treated with such an unpleasant-tasting concoction as that.

A Misunderstanding.

Two days later—I had been away from home—I met Anderson again at the back-door. He appeared to be in the last stages of exhaustion, and his person was spattered with a creamy yellow mixture from head to foot. The syringe he held in his hand dripped copiously from every one of its joints and perforations with the same evil-smelling and disgusting liquid. (If you have ever used a faulty syringe, you will understand.) Anderson eyed me wildly. Then he proceeded to explain that he had come to give notice. I felt there must be something wrong—a misunderstanding somewhere, but he was too excited to speak, so with reluctance I accepted his notice and went indoors to try and think it out.

The next day, when he was in calmer mood, I met Anderson again, and then I learned that for the whole of the previous morning he had been endeavouring to apply the mixture to the birds instead of to the buds! "You can't git near 'em wi' the stuff," he explained; "and, beggin' yer pardon, sir, it's too bad to expect it of an old man like I." I must admit that during the course of subsequent explanation on my part I found it difficult to suppress a smile, but in the end, when I could refrain from laughing outright no longer, Anderson joined in the joke against himself.

We have made some more of the mixture, and applied it in the proper way with the greatest success. The Bullfinches and the Sparrows no longer investigate the buds for insects, and Anderson has withdrawn his notice to quit. So all is well.

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"CAGE BIRDS" GUIDE TO THE SHOWS.

PART I.

We have used every endeavour to make this Guide to the 1911-12 Cage-Bird Shows accurate and complete, and shall be glad to be notified at once of any accidental omissions or errors. Part 2 will be published early in November.

The shows announced in bold black type are those of Societies participating in the benefits of CAGE BIRDS "Guarantee Scheme." Fixtures marked (*) are under the rules of the Yorkshire Union of C.B.S.; and (†) under Cage Bird Union Rules.

DATE.	SHOW.	Approx. No. of Classes.	JUDGES.	SECRETARIES.
Oct. 6-7	†**BURNLEY** (*Lancs*)	34	J. C. Barnes, J. H. Roe	R. Towler, 25, Pear Street.
„ 7	**LONGTON** (*Staffs*)	45	J. H. Roe	Hallam and Lovatt, 5, Francis Street.
„ 7	**PAISLEY O.A.**	15	G. Fulton, J. Smith, J. Allison, J. Prentice	J. Kelly, 7, Underwood Lane.
„ 7	**CHOPWELL** (*Durham*) .	34	T. Dixon, J. R. Slack	J. Brown, 26, Humber Street.
„ 7	*Laisterdyke	24	H. Sutcliffe	E. Hudson, 75, New Hey Road, Bowling, Bradford.
„ 11	Craven Arms (*Salop*) ..	10	G. F. Edwards	B. Clare, Grove Lodge.
„ 11	Exeter and Devon	29	T. Heath	W. A. Cornish, 90, Regent Street Exeter.
„ 11-12	**CLAPHAM** (*London*) ...	63	C. A. House, J. Frostick, J. Robson	A. L. Priest, 28, Kyrle Road.
„ 12	Loughor (*S. Wales*)	4	T. H. Stretch, D. Griffiths	D. Erasmus, Belgrave Road, Gorseinon, Glam.
„ 12	Pentre	76	J. H. Payne	G. Lingard, 127, Llewelyn Street, Pentre, Rhondda.
„ 12	Mumbles (*S. Wales*)	10	J. N. Harrison	E. G. Bevan, 7, Sea View Terrace.
„ 12-13	**NORWICH ALLIANCE** .	57	W. E. Greeves, W. Vardy, J. Robson.	R. Roll, 58, York Street.
„ 13-14	**BOLTON**	35	J. H. Roe, J. W. Cleminson....	P. Brierley, 24, Cremer Avenue, Tonge Moor.
„ 14	*Bradford West	47	J. N. Harrison, W. Mundell	F. Western, 57, Fenton Street, Princeville, Bradford.
„ 14	**BROUGHTY FERRY** .. (*Forfar*)	50	D. Black, W. Rodger, W. Griffiths, J. Smillie, R. V. Raine.	R. Whitton, 2, Churchill Place.
„ 14	**COVENTRY GODIVA** ..	35	W. Vardy	R. Symonds, 29, Melbourne Road, Earlsdon, Coventry.
„ 14	Hyson Green (*Notts*)....	26	G. Marshall, A. Cooper	W. Cottingham, 9, Peveril Street, Nottingham.
„ 14	**LOCHGELLY** (*Fife*)	80	W. Thornton, J. Ford, G. Hislop, G. F. Adamson, A. Chalmers, J. F. Dewar	W. Whiteford, 81, Hall Street.
„ 14	Loanhead (*Midlothian*)..	26	J. Carson, J. Watson	W. B. Smart, 13, High Street.
„ 14	**LEEDS**	32	J. H. Roe, J. Bailey	W. A. Wilson, 75, Bayswater Mount, Roundhay, Leeds.
„ 14	**MORPETH** (*Northumb.*).	24	J. C. Barnes, A. Hay	E. Cowling, Fullbeck Cottage.
„ 14	Kilbarchan (*Renfrews*)..	6	A. McMeeking	W. M. Finnie.
„ 14	Oldham	32	H. W. Battye	J. Cope, 28, Monmouth Street, Werneth Street.
„ 17-18	**PLYMOUTH**	50	C. A. House, J. Robson.....	T. Pope, 98, Embankment Road.
„ 18	Avonbridge (*Stirlings*) ..	46	H. Wilson, W. Sharp	P. Gentleman, Foresters' Buildings.
„ 18	Six Bells (*Mon.*)	13	J. H. Payne	E. Churchill, 31, Tilley Street, Abertillery.
„ 18-19	Bromley (*Kent*)	15	C. A. House	A. T. Bellinger, 26, Nightingale Road,
„ 18-19	**BIRMINGHAM**	42	T. Heath, J. C. Barnes	S. Mole, 87, Greenway Street, Small Heath.
„ 18-19	Eastbourne	21	W. R. Miles	R. M. Daly, 120, Whitley Road.
„ 18-19	Northampton Good Intent	23	J. H. Roe	Cox and Barrett, 69, Hunter Street.
„ 18-19	**PORTSMOUTH C.B.S.** ..	31	J. Robson	King and Joiner, 80, Stubbington Avenue, North End.
„ 19	**HANLEY** (*Staffs*)	48	W. Mundell, J. Trengove	B. Peake, 6, Rhodes Street.
„ 19	Leamington Spa ..... (*Confined to Warwicks*)	11	J. Treadwell	C. Brooks, 5, Althorpe Street.
„ 20-21	**CITY OF GLASGOW** ..	93	J. Higgins, D. Low, J. Hannay, A. McLachlan, J. Watson, J. Fleming, A. Chalmers, A. Cant, G. Arnot, J. Mason, S. Ward, W. S. Clarke, J. W. Bruce.	A. Macdonald, 279, Crow Road, Partick.
„ 20-21	**NEWCASTLE**	95	J. Robson, W. Mundell, W. Vardy, J. E. Atkinson, C. Houlton	J. E. Atkinson, 8, Trewhitt Road, Heaton, Newcastle.
„ 20-21	**ROCHDALE O.C.**	64	C. A. House, A. Hirst	R. Blincoe, 160, Drake Street.
„ 21	**BURTON-ON-TRENT** ..	40	J. Robson	W. Elliott, 22, Leicester Street.
„ 21	Dafen (*S. Wales*)	—	W. H. Kirkham	Allen E. Jones, Dafen, Llanelly, Carmarthenshire.
„ 21	Edinburgh Southern ..	32	W. Rodgers, J. Holmes	S. Hewitt, 56, Prince Albert Buildings.
„ 21	East Lothian, N.B.	—	J. Patterson, J. Mackie	J. McHolme, Cherry Tree Cottage, Haddington, N.B.
„ 21	*Huddersfield	21	W. A. Cowgill	F. J. Sykes, 40, Imperial Road, Egerton.
„ 21	**KELTY & BLAIRADAM** (*Fife*)	70	C. Berwick, W. Paull, W. Hampton, A. W. Watson, R. B. Gibb, W. Mossie.	A. Dickson, 37, Adams Ter., Kelty.
„ 21	Johnstone (*Renfrews*) ...	8	A. Livingstone	D. P. Ritchie, Brookfield.
„ 21	**MIDDLESBRO'**	32	G. Harland, C. Houlton	A. Wake, 41, Aske Road.
„ 21	Nottingham P.O.S.	33	F. Beardall	J. Bunn, 81, Eva Avenue, Sneinton Dale.
„ 21	**SELKIRKSHIRE O.F.A.**	21	H. Bennet	J. Robertson, 4, Green Terrace, Selkirk.
„ 23	Tavistock F.S. (*Devon*)..	21	R. B. Tope	J. Young, 1, Church Lane.
„ 23	**TORBAY O.S.** (*Devon*)..	20	J. H. Payne	J. N. Jeffery, Winner Street, Paignton.
„ 23	Wisbech (*Cambs*).....	21	J. Mackley	Ward & Allen, Kilmorie Park Road, Walsoken.
„ 25-26	Border City (*Cumb.*)....	55	J. Robson, H. W. Battye	J. C. Bell, 23, Botchergate, Carlisle.
„ 25-26	**GRIMSBY**	30	W. Vardy	Towl Bros., 205, Welholme Road.
„ 25-26	Portsmouth F.S.	29	C. A. House	J. Tebbs Hipwell, 7, Osborne Street, Southsea.
„ 25-26	Sittingbourne (*Kent*)....	22	G. Gardner	G. Arnold, 171, Chalkwell Road.
„ 26	Aylesbury (*Bucks*).....	22	G. Gardner	F. Rayner, 27, Ardenham Street.
„ 26	Luton F.S. (*Beds*)	12	C. A. House	A. C. Pilbeam, 144, Dallow Road.
„ 26	**OXFORD C.B.S.**.....	—	J. H. Roe, F. Wilsdon	A. F. Fifield, 6, Buckingham Street.
„ 26	Treharris (*Glam.*).....	10	E. J. Davies	W. J. Davies, 6, Edward Street.
„ 27-28	London Federation of C.B.S.	—	C. A. House, J. Frostick	H. W. Cook, 4a, St. Dunstan's Alley, E.C.
„ 27-28	**MANCHESTER**	110	H. W. Battye, A. G. Davis, E. Godley, C. Houlton, S. Hadwin, J. Swalwell	H. Boothman, 8, Kettering Road, Levenshulme.
„ 27-28	**WOLVERHAMPTON** ...	41	J. Robson	J. Gibbons, 64, Napier Road.
„ 28	**AYR C.B.C.**	54	J. F. Dewar, A. Watson, J. B. Paterson	J. Sloan, 19, New Bridge Street.
„ 28	Bonnyrigg (near Edinburgh)	—	D. Brown, A. Boag, A. Thomson..	G. Harper, 6, Camp View.
„ 28	Clydebank (N.B.)	16	A. Roberts	J. Hart, 38, Kilbourie Gardens.
„ 28	Codnor Park (*Derbys*) ..	27	J. H. Roe	J. H. Mitchell, South Street, Greenhill Lane, Alfreton.
„ 28	**DYSART** (*Fife*)	70	J. Thomson, R. Lambie, J. Winter, R. Gilmour, C. Whiter.	J. S. Harris, Victoria Bar.
„ 28	**DERWENT VALLEY** .. (*Durham*)	34	A. Brown, F. Marwood	J. Lindsay, Railway Cottages, West-Wood, Medomsley, R.S.O.
„ 28	Falkirk C.B.S.	46	J. Holmes, J. Jeans, D. J. Gardner	R. Rennie, 13, Pleasance Square.
„ 28	Glasgow Queen's Park	53	J. Smeaton, R. B. Gibb	R. Heggie, 27, McLennan Street, Mount Florida, Glasgow.
„ 28	**HARTLEPOOLS**	44	H. W. Battye, J. Maddison	E. Woodhead, 38, St. Paul's Road.
„ 28	*Manningham	26	J. C. Barnes	H. Grange, 44, Silk Street.
„ 28	Mansfield.....	—	.....	S. Hawksley, 12, Cambridge Street.
„ 28	South Shields	—	H. Seely	R. Barrass, 50, Armstrong Terrace.
„ 28	Wakefield	6	E. Clegg	J. Atkinson, 53, Queen Street.
31& Nov. 1	Barnstaple (*Devon*)	33	J. Robson	Percival Harris, High Street.
Nov. 1	Dunbar (*Haddingtons.*)	16	C. Campbell	M. Gilhooly, 73, High Street.
„ 1	Croydon (*Surrey*)	—	.....	F. W. Capell, 121 Brighton Road, S. Croydon.
„ 1	East Reading (*Berks.*) ..	8	G. A. House	F. Wyse.
„ 1	**LISKEARD** (*Cornwall*)	17	J. H. Payne	H. Jones Robins, 2, Market Street.
„ 1	Maidenhead (*Berks.*) ..	—	G. H. Billett	E. A. Bristow, 36, King Street.
„ 1-2	**CHELTENHAM**	57	W. E. Greeves, H. W. Battye, J. Frostick.	A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Avenue, Prestbury.
„ 1-2	Sligo	63	.....	C. J. Mulligan, Ballydoogan.

DATE.	SHOW.	Approx. No. of Classes.	JUDGES.	SECRETARIES.
Nov. 2	Chatham (*Open to Kent*)	18	A. E. Enfield	H. Wray.
„ 2	Molesey (*Surrey*)	4	C. A. House	
„ 2	Penrhiwceiber (*Glam.*)	—	.....	T. J. Evans, Penuel House.
„ 2	**TUNSTALL** (*Staffs.*) ..	48	J. C. Barnes	H. Evans, 18, Sneyd Street.
„ 2-3	**Y.C.B.S. OF IRELAND** (*Dublin*)	51	H. Norman	C. H. Holley, 66, Fitzroy Avenue, Drumcondra, Dublin.
„ 2-3	Midland Roller ..... (*Wolverhampton*)	4	F. A. Lester, T. W. Walton, J. Lyons.	T. J. Smith, 10, Hall Street, Wolverhampton.
„ 2	†Tredegar (*Mon.*)	27	H. W. Battye	E. W. Sutherley, 17, Church Street.
„ 3-4	Maidstone (*Kent*)	15	C. A. House	A. Day, 10, Old Tovil Road.
„ 3-4	**BLAYDON-ON-TYNE** ..	54	J. Robson, H. W. Battye	G. Havver, 1, Theresa Street.
„ 3-4	**LIVERPOOL**	69	W. Mundell, W. Vardy, A. Wellings, W. Dormer.	Metcalfe & Hillmen, 68, Brunswick Road.
„ 3-4	**SHEFFIELD O.S.**.....	—	J. H. Roe, C. Houlton	T. Bishop, 69, Alexandra Road.
„ 4	Braintree (*Essex*)(30 mile radius—£5 limit)	13	.....	F. A. Hunnable, London Road.
„ 4	**BO'NESS** (*Linlithgow*) ..	62	S. Holmes, D. Hamilton, A. W. Watson, R. V. Raine	T. Cameron, 7, Ash Ter., Grangepans.
„ 4	Blantyre (*Lanarks*)	27	J. F. Dewar	D. Berry, 124, Main Street.
„ 4	**BRECHIN** (*Forfar*)	34	W. Bishop, J. Hutchinson, J. Stewart	G. Mitchell, 118, Montrose Street.
„ 4	**CLEATOR MOOR**(*Cumb.*)	31	.....	J. E. Byrne, 110, Birks Road.
„ 4	Dunfermline C.B.S. .... (*Fife*)	33	.....	R. T. Campbell, 7, James Place.
„ 4	Eastfield Side (*Notts.*)	13	T. Barker	R. Nuttall, 16, Briggs Street. Forest Side, Sutton-in-Ashfield.
„ 4	*Eccleshill (*Yorks.*)	20	J. Wilcock	W. Nettleton, 8, Moorside Road.
„ 4	Muirkirk (*Ayr*) (£5 limit)	12	D. Watson	J. C. Torbett, Smallburn.
„ 4	**STOCKTON-ON-TEES** ..	33	R. Halliday, S. Dixon, H. Tams, T. Hill.	J. W. Lowes, 17, Cauning Street.
„ 4	**STONEHOUSE** (*Lanarks.*)	38	J. Patterson, A. Chalmers	J. Hamilton, 36, Cammethan Street.
„ 4	**YORK**	35	A. Hirst	H. Thompson, 37, Nun Mill Street, Scarcroft Road.
„ 4-6	**LEICESTER HAND IN HAND**	36	C. Houlton, J. Robson	A. Freestone, 79, Clarendon Street
„ 7	**BOURNEMOUTH**	57	J. Robson	W. O. Brooke, 102, Norloft Road.
„ 8	Buckie (*Banffs*).....	37	T. Arnott	Melvin & Bunyan, 34, High Street.
„ 8	Bodmin (*Cornwall*)	21	T. Pope	A. E. Jago.
„ 8	**LEEK** (*Staffs.*)	30	J. Trengove	J. Pegg, 2, Portland Street South.
„ 8	**PONTYPRIDD** (*Glam.*)	15	J. N. Harrison	A. A. Gordon McLucas, 48, Rosser Street, Maesycoed.
„ 8	**WEST BROMWICH** .. (*Warwicks*)	32	J. H. Payne	W. G. Andrews, 1, Hayes Street, Carter's Green.
„ 8-9	**BRIGHTON**	36	C. A. House	W. H. Gibb, 19, Bond Street.
„ 8-9	Dover	34	J. Robson	Abbott & Austen, 13, Eric Road.
„ 8-9	Lowestoft F.S. (*Suffolk*)	—	W. E. Greeves	E. L. A. Crow, 64, London Road.
„ 8-9	**SOUTHEND** (*Essex*) ..	51	W. Mundell, J. Dewhurst	W. C. Lockwood, 19, East Street, Leigh-on-Sea.
„ 8-9	**SWANSEA**	67	H. W. Battye, A. Silver	S. H. George, 32, Fisher Street.
„ 9	Cannock (*Staffs.*)	—	A. J. Gladwin	H. W. Briggs, Walsall Road.
„ 9	Luton C.B.S. (*Beds.*) ..	30	C. A. House, R. J. Howe	E. Bloomfield, 22, Hitchin Road.
„ 9	Malton Norton (*Yorks.*)	13	W. A. Cowgill	J. Wilson, 8, Wold Street, Norton, Malton.
„ 9	**PETERBORO'**	34	J. Robson, S. H. Mays	S. L. Cocks, Corn Market.
„ 9	Neath F.A. (*S. Wales*) (£4 limit)	3	.....	R. L. Llewellyn Bryngeilly Cilfrew, near Neath.
„ 9-10	**BANBRIDGE** (*Ireland*)	50	W. Mundell, R. Wright	A. McCagherty.
„ 10	Haltwhistle (*Northumb.*)	—	J. Dixon.....	Nicholson & Tallantyre, Westgate.
„ 10-11	**BARNSLEY** (*Yorks.*) ..	22	H. W. Battye	F. C. Sims, 15, Wright Terrace, Grace Street.
„ 10-11	**KIRKCALDY** (*Fife*) ..	69	A. Fotheringham, J. Thorason, G. Arnott, J. Logan, L. J. Arrighi	E. McAnally, 13, St. Clair Place.
„ 10-11	**OLD SHILDON** (*Durham*)	16	J. Stanger	J. H. Elwell, 35, Church Street.
„ 10-11	Whitehaven (*Cumb.*) ..	43	J. W. Metcalfe, C. Cubby	W. J. Douglas, 17, King Street.
„ 11	Ashington & Hirst .. (*Northumb.*)	—	T. Dixon, H. Seely	W. Hall, 107, Rosalind Street.
„ 11	Amble (*Northumb.*)	23	A. Brown	J. T. Crackett, 30, Simonside Terrace, Chevington Drift, Broomhill, Northumberland.
„ 11	Consett (*Durham*)	23	W. P. Barnes	R. R. Walker, 14, Durham Road.
„ 11	Darvel (*Ayrs.*)	19	W. G. Muir, J. Smillie, A. Hoyle	J. Robertson, Junr., Kirkland Road.
„ 11	Darwen.....	9	J. W. Metcalfe	W. T. Singleton, 31, Hindle Street.
„ 11	**DARLINGTON** .... **C.&.S.B.F.A.**	29	J. Walsh, J. Wilcock	A. Walker, 47 Montrose Street.
„ 11	**FORFAR**	40	J. Sandison, W. Mossie, A. W. Watson.	J. Fyfe, 137, East High Street.
„ 11	*Gt. Horton O.S. (*Yorks.*)	27	C. A. House	J. Holroyd, 27, Kingswood Street.
„ 11	**HAMILTON (CADZOW OAKS)** (*Lanark*)	51	A. Watson, A. Walker, P. Pettigrew, F. Bowman.	G. Marlin, 21, Glebe Street.
„ 11	Leith O.S. (*Midlothian*)	43	W. Rodger, J. Carson, G. Scaife, J. Craig, A. Cochrane.	G. Brown, 89, Henderson Street.
„ 11	Metropolitan C.B.A. .. (*London*)	28	H. Norman	G. Harwood, 9, Frere Street, Battersea Park Road.
„ 11	**WARRINGTON** (*Lancs.*)	—	A. Wellings	G. M. Nelson, 466, Knutsford Road.
„ 11-13	**NOTTINGHAM & NOTTS**	79	T. Heath, J. Trengove, J. F. Dewar.	G. E. Wilkinson, 9, Wellington, Square, Park Side.
„ 14-15	**BRISTOL F.A.**	43	J. H. Payne, W. Vardy	G. T. H. Maggs, 9, Trinity Street Newtown.
„ 14-15	**WIMBLEDON** (*London*)	46	J. Robson, H. Norman	H. Smith, 115 Merton Road.
„ 15	**ALNWICK** (*Northumb.*)	40	H. W. Battye, A. Cochrane	R. Forster, 36, Bondgate Without.
„ 15-16	**CARDIFF**	60	J. H. Payne, J. Robson	W. Sampson, 93, Llandaff Street.
„ 15-16	Worthing.....	7	.....	G. Stubbs, 27, Eriswell Road.
„ 16	**STOKE ON TRENT**	34	A. Wellings	J. Pitchford, 218, London Road.
„ 16-17	Penzance	26	W. G. Poole	W. C. Boddinar, 18, Leskinnick Terrace.
„ 17	Sutton-in-Ashfield (*Notts.*)	—	.....	R. Nuttall, 16, Briggs Street, Forest Side.
„ 17-18	**HULL**	46	J. Robson, J. Maddison	E. R. Bidley, 19, Lambton Street.
„ 17-18	**PRESTON**	42	J. H. Roe, C. Houlton	J. P. Leeming, 40A, Westcliff.
„ 17-18	Sale Open (*Cheshire*)....	55	W. A. Cowgill	J. Irlam, 97, Cross Street.
„ 18	**BUCKHAVEN** (*Fife*) ..	50	G. Hislop, J. McLay, A. Cochrane	J. Lawrie, Graham's Buildings, Randolph Street.
„ 18	**COVENTRY O.S.**	40	J. Robson	A. J. Barratt, 38, Craven Street.
„ 18	**COWDENBEATH** (*Fife*)	73	D. Low, P. McKenzie, J. Adams and J. Goodfellow	J. R. Reid 7, Woodland Place.
„ 18	**CROOK ORIGINAL** .. (*Durham*)	26	.....	J. Horner, White Lea.
„ 18	Edinburgh N.C. & M.B.S.	40	R. Martin, H. Bennet, J. Pendrigh	J. Finnie, 17, Dean Park Street.
„ 18	Glasgow West End ..	43	A. Sloan, L. J. Arrighi, J. F. Dewar	W. Proudfoot, 115, Henderson Street
„ 18	**GALASHIELS** (*Selkirks*)	34	W. Rodger, J. Thomson, J. W. Nicholson	C. Ingram, Botany Cottage.
„ 18	**HARROGATE** (*Yorks.*)	22	J. Bailey	W. E. Ferguson, 62, Harlow Terrace.
„ 18	**KILMARNOCK O.C.B.S.**	49	J. Webster, E. Edgar, A. Chalmers, G. Mitchell, R. Lambie, R. Bald	W. Guthrie, 10, Hood Street.
„ 18	Leigh C.B.S. (*Lancs.*) ..	—	C. Houlton	R. Charleson, 12, Lloyd Street
„ 18	Polmont (*Stirlings*)	—	J. Jeans, H. Hutcheson	R. L. Leitch, Brightons, Polmont Station.
„ 18	Stirling	—	J. Winter, D. Hamilton, R. V. Raine.	W. Bishop, 140, Main Street, St. Ninians.
„ 18	**TIDESWELL** (*Derbys.*)	23	A. Hirst	Flint and Swarbrick, Tideswell, near Buxton.
„ 18	Vale of Leven	—	W. Connelly	A. H. McLean, Milton Grove, Balloch.
„ 18	*Windhill (*Yorks.*)	26	J. Broadley	J. Cook, 16, Fair Bank, Cragg Road.
„ 18	Woodside	43	A. Mair, W. Mitchell	A. Thomson, 100, Gt. Northern Road, Aberdeen.
„ 22	Inverness	46	.....	Urquhart and Sutherland, 86, Telford Road.
„ 22	Leatherhead (*Surrey*) ..	8	G. H. Billett	J. H. Fowler.
„ 22	Swanley (*Kent*)	40	C. A. House	W. Colyer, 2, Station Road.

Through a Birdroom Window

New Series by this popular Author.

By the Rev. C. D. FARRAR

(Continued from page 158).

No. 14.—My Violet Tanagers.

One of the strangest phenomena in this life of ours, I often think, is the way in which one thing leads to another. We never know when we are moulding our destiny. Some years ago, I went down to the seaside for a holiday. I had no thought of birds. I had no idea of the existence of a bird shop in the place I was going to, but the very first evening I walked abroad. I ran right into one. What could I do but enter to see what I could find? I poked about in all sorts of out-of-the-way corners; but could find nothing to suit me. There were any number of birds I didn't want, but not one that my soul longed for; and I sat down and realised, as one can sometimes, how empty life is if it holds not one's desire.

Presently I got into talk with the owner of the shop, and as we got on more friendly terms, he told me casually that he had a few birds in his own private room, if I would like to look at them. Needless to say, I eagerly accepted the invitation. Hardly had we got there than the man was called downstairs to attend to a customer, and I was left to examine the birds at my leisure. I lingered around these cages as careless as man in his first state. All at once my eyes lighted on the very thing I wanted most—a cageful of Violet Tanagers. Some people's day always lies along the primrosiest path. I certainly thought mine did. There were quite a lot of them, too, and all in good feather, and plenty of either sex.

While I was waiting I spent my time usefully and well in picking out two pairs of the very best, and by the time my friend returned I had them safely transferred to a neat travelling cage and was ready for home.

The price was very moderate; so far as I remember, fifteen shillings the couple; but I saw before me a whole vista of pleasant possibilities—happy families of Violet Tanagers, and all my rivals green with envy, hatred and all uncharitableness. In the event you will see I was wrong, but happily I did not know it at the time.

I noticed that the Tanagers were a bit sticky to the touch, and on looking at their food tin, I found they had been fed on some mixture of which honey formed a component part. The first thing therefore I did on getting them home, was to give them a good tub. This is really a very simple matter. All you need is a basin of warm water, a good badger hair shaving brush and some shaving cream. Lather the bird well all over with the brush, and then rinse him thoroughly in two or three changes of water. Then put him into a dry travelling cage before a moderate fire, and in half an hour Richard will be himself again. The moment my Tanagers were dry I gave them a nice ripe banana, and by the way they went at it, I knew there was no fear of a chill.

The beauty of buying Violet Tanagers is this: You can't possibly be taken in as to the sex. They are like two distinct varieties. The cock is a beautiful blue black in colour with a little yellow poll and canary waistcoat, while the hen is a little plain olive-green bird. The only thing they are alike in is shape. It is a great comfort to know at once that you have a true pair. Sometimes I have stood for hours trying to determine the sex of some species; and then I have been wrong; and a whole season has been thrown away, to say nothing of the injury to my temper.

It was late August or early September when I made my purchase, so that I knew I must run no risks so late in the year. I therefore turned them into my large indoor birdroom, and there they passed the winter happy and contented enough. There is no difficulty in feeding Tanagers, if only you can provide them with abundance of ripe fruit. Of course, in late autumn there is no cause for alarm so long as pears are in season. I go to Leeds market and buy a lot of "sleepy" pears at a nominal figure; sometimes I get them given; though I carefully explain that I am not going to eat them personally. In order to take away the puzzled expression from the vendor's face, I thoughtfully tell him that I am a mild sort of lunatic that keeps foreign birds, and that these require ripe fruit. He looks greatly interested, and tells me he has a Canary bird at home, and we are friends for all time; and practically for the rest of the season he will save me his half "sleepy" pears, instead of throwing them away.

Pears, however, do not last long, and then something else must be sought for. Of course, bananas are the great stand-by, but I remember one year there was quite a banana famine, and I was at my wits' end to know what to do. One week I could not buy one for love or money. What was to be done? All of a sudden something inside me whispered, "try tinned pears." No sooner said than done. I went to the store-room and silently annexed a tin. I knew it would not be missed for a few days, and sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof. I laid two half-pears before the Tanagers, and by the way they went for them I knew I need never more fear a banana shortage. Still, supposing these pears had been refused! But what is the good of imagining troubles that never come?

Of course, besides fruit these birds require a soft mixture, but without fruit they will soon sicken and die. All Tanagers are very fond of oranges, and they also love honey; but it makes them so sticky unless given very carefully. I found the best way was to give it in very narrow necked little jars, such as you buy at bird shops in German Canary cages. Hang one of these high up on the wires, and the Tanagers will, like Sairey Gamp, help themselves when so disposed, and be all the better for it. If you see them getting a bit sticky give them a bath, and it will soon put things right.

(To be continued.)

MORPETH AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held Sept. 30, Mr. H. Seely presiding over a good attendance. Final show arrangements were made, and everything is now in A1 order. All we need now to make the event a huge success is a bumping entry. We shall endeavour to pay all prize money on the afternoon of show. Will successful exhibitors apply at secretary's stall for same?

LOCHORE & GLENCRAIG C.B.S.

Meeting held McMenemy's Hall, Sept. 30. Mr. R. Johnstone in chair, in place of Mr. Donaldson, resigned. Secretary read letter from West Fife C.B.L. re specials, but it was left on table till after next meeting of the League, Oct. 7. As we hadn't all our specials and moneys in, we could not place same; so we postponed this business until next meeting, which is at Mr. R. Johnstone's room, Oct. 12, 6, when I should like to see a full turnout. Mr. T. W. Peel was elected treasurer in place of Mr. J. Rodger, who has gone to Broxburn.—D. Grant, Sec.

GREEN CANARY ASSOCIATION.

Meeting held September 28, Mr. J. W. Metcalfe in chair. Following new members elected: Messrs. Davidson and Humphreys (Liverpool), Allsopp (Cardiff), Gentleman (Avonbridge), and Morement (Bradford). The assist. secretary tendered his resignation owing to pressure of business; same was duly accepted. Season's specials allotted as follows: Club gold medals to runners-up in each section, as last year, and 10s. for third most points in each section. There are two cups to provide, by subscriptions—one for Borders, and the other to cover Yorks., and Norwich novice sections. Yorkshire and Norwich championship cups are still in competition, and it is hoped members will do their best to make the competition keener this year. Subs. are well up to the average, but there are still some outstanding. The syllabus for 1911-12 was arranged on similar lines to last year. The cards, together with specials, cards, and full particulars of patronage shows will be posted about the end of this week. The season opens with the Yorkshire and Norwich at Bradford West on Oct. 14, followed by the full classification at Newcastle-on-Tyne on the 20th and 21st inst. If members will pull together, success is assured.—Geo. Green, Hon. Sec.

HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING C.B.S.

Meeting held Club Room, White Lion Hotel, September 30, Mr. Thos. Thompson in chair. Mr. R. W. Mole (Durham) was elected to judge members' show, Dec. 16. Decided, to leave classes until next meeting, when there is a washing exhibition and competition. Members to compete for money prize for best method and best washed bird. Washing commences 7 p.m. prompt, Oct. 14. Fanciers are invited; give us a record meeting. Admission free.

DARLINGTON C. AND B.F.B.A.

Meeting held September 20th, George Hotel. Ten members joined "Cage Birds League." Tender for printing, stationery, etc., for open show finally settled. Secretary read a paper on "The Yorkshire Canary," by Mr. T. E. Crawhall, who was afterwards thanked for his most interesting paper. It was arranged to hold a washing exhibition at next meeting, October 18th, in which two prominent members kindly agreed to take part. Proposed, seconded and carried that a gift class be added to schedule for open show, November 11th.—A. Walker, Sec.

N. COUNTIES NORWICH & C.C.

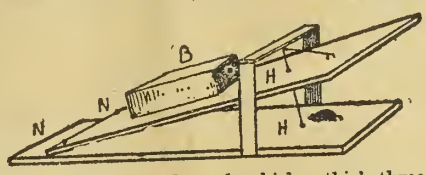
Meeting held September 20. The chairman presided. Final selection as to where our patronage was to be given was gone into, with the following result: Morpeth, Newcastle, Blaydon, Haltwhistle, Gateshead, Carlisle, and Sunderland. Members must put following initials after each entry—N.C.N.C.C., novice members to add X. We are providing following specials: Silver cup, the three highest birds to each show (champion and novices) to count for points; a special on same conditions also to be competed for. If above is won by a champion member, the highest novice member to take this special, or vice versa. Twelve medals will also be competed for—six for champion and six for novices, for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th most points over the selected shows, the three highest birds only to count. Members please note that Morpeth is one of the shows where our patronage is given; same does not appear in schedule. Any fancier residing in Northumberland, Durham, Cumberland, or Westmoreland, sending the annual subscription, 2s. 6d. will be eligible to compete for the above specials.—W. Curry, Sec., 60, Grosvenor Gardens, Newcastle.

Illustrated Ideas

No. 544.
An Effective Mouse-trap.

Sent by Mr. H. Watford, Church Hill Cottage, Hollington, St. Leonards-on-Sea.

To make a simple and effective mouse-trap, get two pieces of half-inch board about 18ins. by 9ins. Place one above the other as in the illustration. NN are two nails to prevent the upper board from slipping. B is a brick to provide the necessary weight. HH are holes

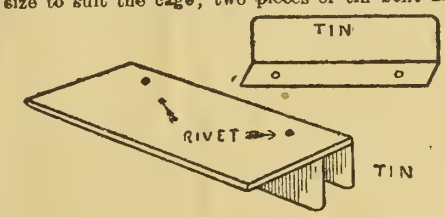


in the two boards through which a thick thread or thin string is passed. If the lower end of the string be tied to a match under the lower board it may then be passed through both holes in both boards, and then through a staple fastened under the bridge; then back to the upper board, and tied to a staple on the upper board. The bait is provided by rubbing the string between the two boards with butter or dripping or sweet oil. The mouse gnaws through the string, and then——.—H. Watford.

No. 545.
A Cage Door Platform.

Sent by Mr. Robert H. Wright, jun., Great Western Road, Glasgow.

Here is an illustration of a very useful alighting platform for fixing to a cage door—one that is very easily made. A piece of wood, size to suit the cage; two pieces of tin bent as



per illustration, and two copper rivets are all that are required. The bottom of the cage door fits in between the two pieces of tin, and the platform itself is, of course, outside the door.—Robt. H. Wright, jun.

Schedules for Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A. open show are now out, writes Mr. A. Dickson, the sec. Anyone who has not received one by this can have one by sending me their address on a postcard.

All applicants for schedules for our show on October 28 will have same posted to them immediately they are received from the press, writes Mr. E. Woodhead, hon. sec. of the Hartlepools C.B.S.

We are holding our annual show on November 11, writes Mr. W. T. Singleton, sec. of Darwen and Dis. C.B.S. There will be nine classes open to all England, viz., two Norwich, two Yorkshire, and five British. We have engaged Mr. J. W. Metcalfe (Liverpool) to judge.

Owing to Mr. T. H. Harrison having an important engagement on October 12, writes Mr. W. Maxey, hon. sec. of the Stratford and East London F.S., the lecture postponed from September 28 till October 12 will not take place. As soon as a definite date for the lecture can be fixed, due notice of same will be given. All committee members are requested to attend meeting on October 12 not later than 8.30 p.m. Schedules, etc., for Y.S. Show will be given to members present.

The officials of the Clapham Show have issued a splendid list of classes for their fixture on October 11 and 12 next—sixty-three all told, with special novice classes in the Norwich and Yorkshire sections. The prize-money is good, and the special prizes extensive. Every possible arrangement is being made for the comfort of the birds and for their quick receipt and despatch. The entries finally close this Saturday (October 7), and readers should send them off at once to the hon. sec., Mr. Priest, 28, Kyrle Road, Clapham, London.

The fanciers of Mansfield are determined to rally the Cage Bird Society there, and are holding an open show on October 28th, writes Mr. S. Hawksley, the secretary. A good classification is provided, and it is hoped the show will be the means of drawing a good number of fanciers together. They are having their headquarters at the Horse and Groom Inn, whose proprietor is that well-known Crest breeder Mr. M. Norwood. I should be pleased if intending members would present themselves on October 14th, when a table show will be held.

The Burton-on-Trent C.B.S. have again been successful in obtaining the use of the Victoria Hall for their open show on October 21, writes Mr. W. Elliott, the sec. This is one of the best rooms in the Midlands, as any of the visitors of last year can verify. Our schedule is one of the best, with four money prizes. Mr. J. Robson is judge, and there are fifty specials. We have also obtained cheap bookings by the Midland Railway for thirty miles radius; this should give all fanciers a grand opportunity; they will be welcomed by our members.

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"The Animal World" and Cage Birds League

In my notes published in our issue of 26th August, I gave a copy of a letter I had written to the Editor of the above magazine in reply to a leaderette which had appeared therein criticising CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE, and in CAGE BIRDS of 9th September I notified that the only reply I received was a letter stating that the matter would be brought to the notice of the Editor as soon as he returned to town. The October number of the "Animal World" is now to hand, and I note that no reference is made to the subject. Perhaps the Editor has not yet returned from his holiday.

More Local Hon. Secs.

This week I have the pleasure of announcing the following additions to our list of Local Hon. Secs.:—

Broughty Ferry: Mr. R. Whitton, 2, Churchill Place, Oban, N.B.: Mr. F. MacPherson, 7, Combie Lane.
Guildford: Mr. C. H. Pope, 22, Cline Road.
Choppington and Dis.: Mr. T. Griffiths, 5, Choppington Colliery, nr. Morpeth.
Goldthorpe, nr. Rotherham: Mr. J. H. Hallows, 9, Gosling Gate Road.

Mr. Whitton, in accepting office for Broughty Ferry writes: "There is no doubt that our hobby is threatened by the faddist who thinks nothing of hunting the poor otter or fox in my district, but who regards it as a crime for a working man to keep a pet Skylark. He prefers to have his Larks done up and covered with a crust, and then gives a donation to the R.S.P.C.A. to alleviate his conscience."

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I have still some of each of the sixpenny pamphlets on British Bird Culture and on Canary and Hybrid Culture, and, as long as they last, one of either will be sent gratis to all new members applying for a copy at the time of joining. Those of the old members who have not yet had a copy may receive one of those reserved for them on sending a penny stamp for postage. Only one copy of either book can be sent free either to new members or old, and when the stock in hand is exhausted I may not be able to get a fresh supply, so that those who would make sure of getting one of these useful pamphlets should send on their application with their membership fee without delay.

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The subscription to CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE *is one shilling annually, and the badges sixpence or one shilling. The sixpenny badges are in three forms: (1) a button for coat lapel, (2) a pendant for watch chain, (3) a brooch for lapel, cycling cap, or for lady's wear. The badges at one shilling each are mounted in 9-carat rolled-gold, and are in two forms only: (1) a pendant for watch chain, (2) a brooch for a lady or for cycling cap or coat lapel. Members should distinctly state which form they prefer.*

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HENRY J. FULLJAMES,
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(2)—*The proper name and address in full of querist must always be written on a separate sheet of paper, and enclosed with the query. In no case must the address appear on the query.*

(3)—*Queries intended for different specialists must not be written on the same sheet of paper.*

(4)—**Queries must not include** *or be included in orders for books, instructions re advertisements, or any other matter for publication.*

(5)—*The department to which the queries refer must be stated in bold letters on the left-hand corner of the query.*

(6)—*If an answer in the same week's issue is desired, queries must be posted to reach us by* **Monday's first post** *at latest. Queries will be dealt with in the order in which they are received, and only as space permits. The earlier queries are received the better attention they are likely to have.*

(7)—*Queries relating to illnesses of birds, except enquiries as to cause of death (for which see Post Mortems) will be answered by return of post on receipt of a postal order for sixpence and an addressed stamped envelope. Queries of an ordinary nature will be answered by post, if desired, on receipt of a postal order for one shilling and a stamped addressed envelope.*

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(9)—*All queries must be addressed to the* **Editor,** *"Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C. Only queries so sent will be answered. Postcards are not admissible.*

THE following gentlemen represent CAGE BIRDS staff of **ADVISORY EXPERTS.** Queries must in no case be addressed to any of them individually, but to the Editor.

Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** British Birds, Mules and Hybrids—**G. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., &c., Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc., of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his questions for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Mites and Creosote.

S. P. M.—Creosote is certainly a very excellent destroyer and preventive of red mites; indeed, I don't believe any self-respecting mite would remain within several hops of its powerful and disgusting odour, which is the one thing that, in my opinion, renders its regular or free use in the birdroom impossible. I have experimented a few years with it by painting the bare wood in new cages before any size or enamel was put on, and in various ways, but though the effect is certainly excellent, it disappears very largely with the odour, and the smell takes some time to pass off sufficiently for the cages to be used. To take your questions seriatim: (1) I don't know whether the smell would really injure the birds, but unless very strong I should think not. (2) About equal parts turps and creosote mixed and well painted all over the cage—the bare wood—and allowing it to dry in before painting or enamelling, is the way I have applied it. That may not be quite the best way, but is sufficient for the purpose. (3) Cages may be painted or enamelled next, and when quite dry again may be put into use—well, as soon as you think you would like to endure the odour yourself. Personally, I would not return the birds for a week at least. (4) Candidly, I do not know anything that will "absolutely keep red mites away," much less anything better than creosote, which I imagine would rank very high if not quite at the top of such a class. Only constant attention to the details of cleanliness and preventive measures, even when mites are not apparent, will avail in keeping them at bay.

Seeds (W.H.).—No. 1 canary is an excellent sample of very good all-round quality. No. 2 canary, besides being badly ripened, is very musty and quite unfit to feed birds with. The rape is probably a mixture and an appreciable portion of it is bot acrid stuff. I should only use it in a seed mixture of which the birds were given a little occasionally by way of change.

Sex of Norwich (A Beginner).—You will find a fully detailed description of sexual distinctions, if such it may be called, in "Canary Breeding for Beginners" now sent you. The differences are wholly comparative, and so obscure as to be not easily conveyed by a written description. Only close observation, coupled with practical experience, will make one expert at recognising them, and even the most expert may be deceived sometimes. A careful study of some of the plates in "Our Canaries" would help you to grasp the difference.

Norwich Hen (G.K.).—Glad to hear the hen is much better. Continue the same general treatment for a few weeks, but use the sponge cake instead of bread and milk, and twice a week mix three drops of cod liver oil emulsion with it, or mince two fat mealworms and mix with it each time. Instead of the medicines previously advised give now six drops of syrup of rhubarb in the water for one day, and for the remainder of the week give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day, then miss a week, and repeat the same course another week. If she commences to moult keep her in a warm and equable place.

Bird Caping (A. M.).—See that the cage is kept free from red mites, is not exposed to the fumes of burning lights in the evening, and does not hang high up near the ceiling, nor too near the fire, which would expose bird to great fluctuations of heat and cold. Having attended to these points, feed same as advised to "S. Jacobs" for a month, and in the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom salts every second day for a week, and for a fortnight afterwards give 20 drops of whiskey, five each of oxymel of squills, acid ipecacuanha wine, and two of eucalyptus oil well shaken together every second day.

Broken Leg (A. W.).—A reply has been sent direct. In these cases full particulars of the position and extent of the injury should be given, as proper treatment must to a great extent depend upon this.

Slow Moulting (Mrs. S. F. Cooper).—Some birds naturally moult very gradually. So long as the bird appears in good health and fairly lively, I would advise you not to interfere with the course of events, as there seems no particular object in wishing the moult to end in a given time. If you are quite satisfied about the absence of draughts and fluctuations, the only reasonable thing you might do is to keep it in a fairly warm place, and in addition to the staple diet give a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, linseed, millet, and black rape, twice a week, and add four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and dilute sulphuric acid to the drinking water twice a week for a fortnight.

Striped Feathers (G. E.).—I believe these feathers are chiefly, if not solely, due to red mites, though exactly how the mischief is done I have yet to discover. Keep the cage as free as possible from these pests, touch the ends of the perches about twice a week with quassia essence, and keep bird fairly warm and in an equable temperature to encourage the rapid growth of feathers, and lightly dust the egg food twice a week for a fortnight with flowers of sulphur, and add 20 drops of chemical food to the water four times a week for a month. Do not pinch the marked feathers, but allow them to grow and mature, and when the plumage is quite mature if the marks do not disappear by the bird bathing, wash the bird before exhibiting, when they will become quite unnoticeable.

Seed Mites (G. M. O.).—The mites infesting your seed, of which you sent specimens, are the same as I have frequently called attention to in these columns. Bad storage in, I fancy, slightly damp quarters favours the pest, and so, I believe, does storing the seed in closed tins, but I cannot dogmatise on these points as I never had any become infested in my own possession, though I have bought seed which was badly infested several times. My only remedy is to "change the shop" for the time being, and throw away the seed, which would, I imagine, prove very risky to feed birds with. If you have a large quantity of this seed you might first riddle out all the dust, and then well brush and winnow the seed, but if badly infested I should throw it away.

What is a Tick? (Not Knowing).—You should read the definitions of markings given in "Our Canaries." Apart from the Yorkshire and Border, in which varieties markings are clearly defined by the standards, there is much diversity of opinion as to what constitutes a ticked bird. Generally speaking, a bird with one or two small isolated patches of colour is termed a ticked. According to some authorities no patch should be larger in area than a threepenny piece, and may be so small as to be barely visible. An imperfect "mark," or one or two dark inner secondaries, either with or without another small dark patch elsewhere, also constitutes a ticked bird. It is a pretty safe rule to look for a ticked bird to possess nearly all flight and tail feathers of a light colour.

CANARY QUERISTS

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping (1/1); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

A Long Moult (S. Jacobs).—You doubtless keep the bird in a draughty position, or where it is exposed to extremes of heat and cold, or, maybe, the fumes of burning lights in the evening. Attend to these points. Keep bird in a fairly warm and equable place. Give a staple diet of three parts canary to one part summer rape. Twice a week give a morsel of bread and milk lightly dusted with flowers of sulphur, and then sprinkled with soft sugar; on two other days a pinch of maw and a morsel of green food or banana; and on two other days a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts of hemp, inga, linseed, millet, and broken groats. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of buckthorn for two days, and afterwards 20 drops of chemical food every second day. Continue this treatment for a month or six weeks. See that the cage is free from red mites.

Measuring Bird and "Slipped" Claws (No Nom-de-plume).—(1) The standard length is the length from tip of beak to end of tail. This is ascertained in several ways. By laying the bird flat on its back on a rule starting with the tip of its beak at zero and measuring off length of beak and forehead as the bird is laid down flat; by laying a tape on a flat surface and laying bird on this with tip of tail at zero and then raising the free end of tape over crown to tip of beak; and by a measuring machine. In all cases avoid neck stretching and keep bird as near its natural length as possible. Part VIII. of "Our Canaries" has a plate showing how to measure, and Part XV illustrations of measuring machines; (2) You should have said which claws—probably "toes" are meant—are "slipped," and there again "Our Canaries" is what you need. Part VI. gives illustrations and particulars how to treat various forms of foot deformities. Otherwise, please write again and send me the necessary particulars with a rough sketch of toes.

Heat of Room (A. Fleet).—A room that never gets below 45 degrees in the winter is not really a cold room, as this temperature is about the correct average for a heated room during the winter months, so that it is evident your birds can scarcely be quite accustomed to a cold room, and therefore as your present room seems likely to be very cold and also very susceptible to external changes, I think you would be well advised to provide some means of controlling the variations, and also prevent the temperature getting too low until all the birds are quite through the moult. The best means of doing this depends upon the size, position, and general character of the building, and on all these points you are silent. If the room is of moderate size, a small portable hot-water coil heated with an atmospheric burner would probably supply all the heat you require, as 45 degrees will be quite sufficient for the winter months in any case, and whilst the birds are in moult 55 to 60 will suffice.

Swollen Feet (C. Tyrrell).—First see that the cage floor and perches are kept as clean as possible. Dissolve a small teaspoonful of boracic acid in a teasaucerful of hot water, and when lukewarm catch bird and bathe the feet for a few minutes in this solution. Carefully remove any hardened dirt that may be adhering to the feet after it has been well softened by bathing. After bathing for a few minutes, dry gently, and well moisten the feet with boracic ointment, afterwards wiping off all superfluous grease before returning bird to cage. Repeat the above daily. Give a morsel of bread and milk every second day for a week, and slightly dust it with flowers of sulphur and sprinkle with maw each time; on the alternating days give ten drops of lemon juice and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a sixpence in the drinking water.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

Lovebirds in a Cage.

B. J. M.—You could try cocks of Blue-wing and Madagascar Lovebirds, with hens of Black-cheeked (Chocolate-faced) and Green Budgerigars. I think these would agree together fairly well. As to breeding, that is another matter, and it is purely an experiment. Would not the better course be a pair of Black-cheeked Lovebirds? With the cage to themselves they would be very probable breeders. (2) The following are usually to be had, but the market is very variable, and first one species and then another disappears for a time: Madagascar, Blue-winged, Guiana (rare), Red-faced (delicate when first imported), Black-cheeked and Peach-faced; the latter are now almost unobtainable, only appearing at long intervals, but it is a pugnacious species and must not be associated with other species in a cage.

Aviary Queries.

Amateur.—Unless the conditions are very exceptional, the Sugar Birds ought to go indoors and be kept where the temperature does not fall below 50 deg. F. during the winter; they can go out of doors during the summer months, and there certainly would be a probability of them breeding. All the plants you name would be suitable for the flight, as also would fir, laurel, wild clematis, hawthorn and hops. The birds will do well enough out of doors from May to end of September in most seasons. Give them milk-sop in addition to the fruit, consisting of Nestle's milk, boiling water, Mellin's food and a little crumbled sponge cake. Let the cage be a roomy one, and the birds should successfully winter in any ordinary living-room. You could keep with them Cordon Bleus, Grass-finches, and small Tanagers—half-a-dozen pairs of different species ought to do well in your aviary. Indicate class of birds you prefer, and I will give you a list with pleasure.

A Feather-eater.

Spurrier.—Try with a special seed mixture at present, and if she eats it up fairly well continue indefinitely—one quart each canary and white millet, and half pint each of oats, paddy rice, hemp and sunflower seeds; mix well and keep a supply in cage. Also supply ripe fruit, nuts, green food, and plain biscuits. Add a pinch of grit (not sand) to the daily supply of seed, and keep a piece of cuttlebone hanging in cage. Every fourth day, so long as the voidings are not watery-loose, give in lieu of the ordinary drinking water one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in two tablespoonfuls of water. On intermediate days put barely a teaspoonful of byno-phosphates into the daily supply of drinking water. Spray it twice a week (use a mist sprayer) with either quassia solution or a weak solution of fir-tree oil, choosing genial days about noon. Do not give any sops, table scraps or any kind of animal food whatever. You must persevere with this treatment, as the habit is very difficult to check—if the bird should commence stripping itself, you had better write at once describing its demeanour fully.

Parrot with Bad Mouth.

Poor Polly.—Do not experiment with the bird too much. In lieu of the drinking water give the following every fourth day—one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in two teaspoonfuls of water—continue this for some time. Also twice daily put a little honey and borax on its tongue, use a camel-hair brush, and you must cleanse after use, and not dip it in an unclean state in the bulk of the mixture. Spray or bathe its nostrils daily with glyco-thymolline. Continue the above for a month and then report progress, but there will not be much improvement while you are giving teasops; do not give such, neither milksops. If the bird cannot manage the seed mixture (but keep a bottle of this in its cage) give a little boiled maize daily, boil till soft, drain off all water and then dust with flowers of sulphur. The following sop will meet its needs fairly well till it can manipulate seed again: break up some stale bread or biscuit into the food vessel, well sprinkle with sugar, pour over the bread first one tea-spoonful of chemical food and then sufficient boiling water to properly moisten the bread. It must be made fresh daily. On the days you are not giving the magnesia put three drops of aromatic sulphuric acid in the drinking water, but you must use either a glass or crock drinker when giving drugs.

Birds for Aviary.

M. A. W.—In the division you wish to put the Waders you must arrange for a shallow pond; it need not be large, with a path of loose sand and shingle round it. Green, Grey, Golden, and Ringed Plovers, Struts, Avocets, Knots, Dunlins, Curlews, Redshanks, Sandpipers, Water Rail, and Mandarin Ducks—with them you could keep such as Grey-winged Ouzels, Shamahs, Laughing Thrushes, Troupials, Glossy Starlings, Pies, Foreign Doves, and Pigeons. With the Pheasants you could keep further species of the above birds, certain Tanagers, also Weavers, and Whydahs, though there will always be a risk, if they go to nest, of both the Waders and Pheasants snatching up a stray bird as opportunity offers. In the third enclosure you could keep a series of small and medium sized birds, such as Gouldian, Parrot, Painted, Cuba, Olive, Alario, Red-breasted, Pileated, Diamond, Bicheno, Fire-tailed, Parson, and other Finches; Yellow-billed and Green Cardinals; Indigo and Nonpareil Buntings; Cape Canary, Blue Grosbeaks, Black-headed and Hooded Siskins. With them could also be associated the beautiful, but freely imported Waxbills, Mannikins, and the "Small Ornamental Finches," also single pairs of Scarlet, Blue and Maroon Tanagers. This flight should be fitted up on a piece of wild common land, with two or three good fir trees, reaching to top of flight and a laurel or two at intervals over the flight. If you care to send me a stamped addressed envelope per Editor, I can give details not possible in the scope of this reply.

What Bird (H. Raymond).—Your description would fit many species, but if you can let me know what country your friend brought or obtained the bird from, I can then name it for you.

What are they? (L.H.).—If by Callus you mean Gallus, this is the generic name of Jungle Fowl. Please repeat the query next week, with the fullest details you can give me as to where you got the name from. I shall then probably be able to trace the bird referred to.

Will they breed? (Alice): All the birds you name excepting the Weavers have been bred in this country, but they will not breed kept together in a crowd. You had better send me size and details of the aviary, and I can then better say what you may keep so as to get best results from your accommodation. I should not keep Lovebirds with Finches, as it usually leads to disaster, but I will await the above information before answering you fully.

Birds for Cage (E. I. W.).—You wish the birds to breed, I presume; therefore, not more than three pairs, and I consider it would be better for them to be all Budgerigars, but if you wish for variety (though Green and Yellow Budgies are very effective), then one pair each of Madagascar and Blue-winged Lovebirds can occupy the cage with one pair of Budgerigars, of course, it being understood that any young birds must be removed as soon as they can fend for themselves.

Pekin Robin as a Songster (V. A. G.).—The cock Pekin Robin is a really good songster, though the merits of individual birds vary considerably. At the same time, I should not advise the payment of more than 7s. 6d., unless for some bird that was really a good singer, and which you could hear before purchase. Then, of course, the matter would be one of mutual arrangement between yourself and the vendor, the governing factor being the talent of the individual bird. A really good singer is fully equal to our Blackcap Warbler.

What is it? (C. L.).—I think your bird is one of the Bulbuls, probably the White-checked, but it is very difficult to recognise birds from such a description, as there are so many species the description given would apply to. Can you give me the source you obtained it from, and if possible the country it came from. You had better give it soft food, live insects and ripe fruit; also keep a small tin of canary and white millet in the cage.

Parrakeets and Lovebirds (J. R. Barrett): (1 and 2) The birds you name would agree together; at least, I have kept them in an aviary no larger than the one you name. You could also keep with them Red-crested and Green Cardinals. (3) The species named will do better in the aviary together, than kept separately in large breeding cages. (4): Both the Quaker and Moustache Parrakeet have bred in aviaries, but they are distinct species, the former of which often proves rather quarrelsome in a mixed series.

Can they be left out of doors? (M. A.)—I do not know your county, so it is somewhat difficult for me to give a definite answer. Providing yours is not a northern county, you can safely leave out all the birds you name; the Cordon Bleu is perhaps the most doubtful one, but I think they will be all right. During the winter months keep all the food under the covered portion of flight, and the birds will then mostly during adverse weather use the sheltered part of the aviary the greater part of the day. All the birds have wintered out of doors in many aviaries in the county of London.

Avadavats and Cordon Bleus. (P. D.).—Get our Nutshell Booklet No. 16, "Avadavats," this will give you more details than I can crowd into this reply, and you had better get it—2½d. post free, from our Manager. In various aviaries young of both species have left the nest during May, June, July, August, and September of this year, and the bulk of the young reared. Hartz travelling-cages, rush nests, coco-nut shell nests, husks, and a domed nest constructed of grass in some bush or twiggy branch are the kind of nesting receptacles they mostly favour. All these species breed with greater freedom in the garden aviary than in cages.

For Outdoor Aviary (Amadis).—You must not stock your aviary till the spring, unless you purchase birds which have been out-of-doors at least two months. You could keep in it six or seven pairs, say Java Sparrows, Long-tailed Grassfinches, Cut-throats, Bronze Mannikins, Silverbills, Golden-breasted Waxbills, and Avadavats. I consider another piece of the border would answer best for the Budgies and Cockatiels, and if you had both ends (say in a 7ft. length), and 18 inches of the front at each end matchboarded, with only the middle 4ft. of frontage open wirework, no shutter would be needed for the Parrakeets; but you must use a wood and glass shutter for the Finch aviary during the winter months.

What Birds? (H. Symes).—I have not heard these called "bumming birds" before; they are the common or Red Avadavat. Am afraid there is no English species likely to mate with them, but there is no need for you to attempt such a cross, as the Indian Avadavat is freely imported, and you can procure hens from any of the dealers advertising in our pages. If you procure sufficient hens (four more) to mate with the cocks the strife will cease; the cocks are quarrelling over the odd hen. If you could give these birds a room or aviary, furnish it with some twiggy branches and a few nest boxes. Not much probability of their nesting in a cage, I fear; if you attempt this the cage must only contain one pair.

Budgerigars and Cardinals (Sarsfield).—(1) Green and Yellow Budgerigars are distinct varieties, they are worth 6/- to 7/6 and 8/6 to 10/- per pair respectively. (2) The Cardinals you refer to, Red-crested (Grey) and Green (Black-crested), both are handsome birds, the latter double the size of the former. I am afraid they are not likely to breed in cages. Diet: Fruit, seed (canary, millet, oats, hemp, and sunflower), and several live insects daily, with green food, fruit, and water ad lib. for drinking and bathing. The cages for a pair of Cardinals ought to be 3ft. long by 18in. deep and high. In such they might breed—if any young are hatched, they would require an unlimited supply of five ants' eggs, smooth caterpillars, wasp grubs, beetles and mealworms.

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS

should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

Birds for Aviary Cage (Aviary).—I do not think in such a cage I should mix British and Foreign species. You could keep cocks only, Grey and Green Singing Finches, and pairs of Gold-breasted, Orange-checked Waxbills, and Avadavats. You should put in three flask-shaped rush nests for the Waxbills to sleep in, and you must supply mixed canary seed, white and spray millet, green food, grit, cuttlebone and water ad lib. Our Nutshell booklet, "Waxbills," will give you full details how to treat and feed, etc.; 2½d. post free from our Manager.

Budgerigars (D. P.).—Your treatment is quite correct, and I can only counsel patience. Sooner or later they will settle down and breed; a single pair often take longer to do so than two pairs kept together would do. But these charming birds are so anxious to reproduce their kind that yours are sure to do so in the end. Keep them in some airy but not draughty position, and during the summer let the supply of green food be unlimited, and even during the winter give lettuce daily, but it must be fresh. Get our Nutshell Booklet No. 18, 2½d. post free from our Manager; it will help you.

Parrot Continually Moulting (H. J. Jewett).—Get our Nutshell Booklet, "The Grey Parrot," and feed your bird as advised therein. You must give fruit, nuts, and green food and a piece of biscuit occasionally, in addition to seed mixture. While the bird is in the moult, put it on a course of bynophosphates, say one teaspoonful to two teaspoonfuls of water, and once a week in lieu of the phosphates give one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the same quantity of water. Spray twice a week with quassia solution. Keep a supply of cuttlebone and grit in the cage. It may possibly be only the usual moult, which is very often much protracted by the vagaries of English weather. Keep out of draught, but in an airy position.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES, AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. Weston.

A Weed (H. Walker).—The weed you send is known to me as "bacon weed"; its seeds are sometimes to be found in the "wild seed mixtures" sold for the use of birds.

A Household of Four (Elegans).—If you mean could you keep two British birds in a 40 x 18 x 10 cage, along with a pair of Yorkshire Canaries, with a prospect of getting young from both couples (that is, Hybrids and Canaries), then the answer is in the negative. Success under such conditions would be extremely unlikely. Each pair should have a separate cage. Mate either a cock Goldfinch or Siskin with the hen Linnet.

Goldfinch Ailing (W. J. Delves).—It is a bad sign when a bird begins to go thin, and I doubt if there is much hope for your bird. Give him a little of the mixtures you mention, and, in addition, plenty of good hemp and sunflower seed that has been cracked (crack it fresh daily). Also give a teaspoonful of fresh thistle seed (this season's) every day, and a half a teaspoonful of niger seed every other day. Give him thistle-heads, if you can procure them, especially those with tiny maggots at the centre (break the heads open). These maggots are plentiful in thistle-heads which are decaying (rotting through damp, etc.). For medicine, get from a chemist one ounce of compound syrup of hypophosphates B.P. (Fellows syrup), and stir a half-teaspoonful into two tablespoonfuls of drinking water. Give this fresh daily for four days, then on alternate days over a period of a fortnight.

In An Aviary (Aviculturist).—A pair of Bullfinches would do no appreciable harm to the shrubs in such an extensive aviary as the one you describe; turn them out, by all means. Besides, many of the shrubs are evergreens, and these will not be touched. I consider the Bullfinch is one of the most charming aviary birds one can possibly desire. A pair of Siskins, too, make very nice inmates, I will admit. Neither Bullies nor Siskins would harm your small foreign birds. Both couples would be almost certain to have a try at "house-keeping." With regard to the suggested exchange, I must leave you to follow your own inclinations.

A Skylark's Cage (Salopian).—I had a friend faced with the same trouble (the scattering of the sand in the living room). He got over it by having a cage made after the style of the familiar Lark "runner" cage, but longer, and with the floor at one end (starting exactly in the middle) sunk some two inches or more lower than the other end. This gave him a kind of deep well, and in this he put the sand for the bird's sand-bath. This half of the cage was also further protected with lengths of glass along the front, after the fashion of the average drawing-room cage for a Canary. At the other end (the raised one) he placed the bird's turf. This arrangement answered splendidly, he said.

Hen Mules for Breeding (Interested, Salford).—Hen Goldfinch and Linnet Mules will incubate eggs and rear young birds in the same manner as a hen Canary, but they do not lay fertile eggs, consequently need to have the fertile eggs of other birds put under them. I have personally tried hen Mules, and when they have gone to nest have found them turn out good mothers. Of course, it is not impossible that here and there a hen Mule may live which will lay fertile eggs of her own, but such hens are sure to be very few and far between. I have in my possession at the present moment a bird said to have been bred between a cock Goldfinch and a hen Goldfinch Mule. And, in my opinion, the appearance of the bird fully bears out this statement as to its parentage—i.e., that it is three-quarters Goldfinch, and one-quarter Canary. I shall hope to give interested Mule breeders a chance of seeing this bird during the coming season.

A Thrush Problem (Perplexed, Tottenham).—There is no such bird as the "Brook" Thrush. That is only a "fancy" name (like "Pear-tree" Goldfinch), and is supposed to indicate some special virtue in the particular bird to which it is applied. Whether the said special virtue is really existent, I must leave you to decide for yourself. Personally, I am getting old and cynical. The Song Thrush (Turdus musicus) is the finest songster. It is this bird which is indicated when one speaks of "the Thrush." The only safe sex guide is the song.

BRITISH BIRD & HYBRID QUERISTS

should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4 "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 2, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

"Septic."—Your synonym is very applicable. Canary died of septic fever, and you are almost certain to lose your remaining Canaries. I should advise you to disinfect at once, and if you possess any other birds in addition to these Canaries, as I believe you do, then the safest course is to destroy the surviving Canaries, and limit further risks. You can draw your own conclusions re vendor.

Blue Pigeon.—Existing liver disease of some standing, causing mal-assimilation and consequently malnutrition. Enteritis was the exciting cause of death, consequent upon disorganisation of the liver tissue. About 3 years.

GENERAL.

Answered by The Editor.

Club Notices (E. Woodhead, S. Mole, W. Bisbop).—Your notices of meetings were posted too late to reach us in time for insertion in our issue of the same week.

Operation on a Chicken (Miss Copp).—This is not a suitable item for our Young Naturalists' column. Try again; but write about cage or wild birds.

Concerning Grey Parrots (R. Cockshut).—Thanks for your letter; will find a corner for it in our next issue, if possible.

Newspaper Cuttings (Miss Bray; W.E.; G. Smith; and Others).—Accept our hearty thanks for your kindness in sending the cuttings from newspapers.

Owing to the severe pressure on our space, several answers have had to be left over until next week.—Editor.

STOKE-ON-TRENT C.B.A.

Meeting held Oct. 2. There was a good number of members present. Mr. T. Hawley presided. Messrs. J. Lakin and A. Kinson were elected members. A lot of business in connection with the open show was transacted. Decided, that the open novice classes be subject to a limit price of £5. Secretary announced that the Midland Counties Yorks. C.C. had granted them their patronage for the open section, and as we shall be able to offer a number of valuable special prizes, we quite anticipate receiving the liberal support of exhibitors.—J. Pitchford, Sec.

LEIGH AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

We had a good attendance at our meeting on September 27, at the Railway Hotel, when the secretary read a paper on his experience in the breeding and management of Canaries. We had plenty of discussion on various questions. After the discussion we decided to have a washing competition on October 11th for all members. We accepted a special from Mr. Taylor for the occasion. I hope all members will rally up. We concluded our meeting by a vote of thanks to the secretary.—R. Charleson, Sec.

HIGHGATE, HAMPSTEAD C.B.S.

Meeting held September 28, Spencer Hall. Mr. Dann took the chair in the absence of Mr. Gardner. Mr. Oldaker very kindly opened a discussion on seeds. He said he thought the members ought to take more interest in the seed question than what they did, as naturally this was one of the most important factors in successful bird keeping. He said he believed in crushed hemp when crushed by oneself, but not in bought crushed hemp. If rape seed were kept over two years it was likely to go rancid. He had often heard that rape and hemp caused fatness, but his idea was that it was the starch in Canary seed that caused the birds to get over fat. He believed that hemp seed given during colour-feeding was calculated to improve the colour. Several members gave their experiences, and asked Mr. Oldaker questions, namely, Messrs. Dann, Clark, Johnson, W. Knight, W. Shakespeare, Wakefield, P. Duke, and others. The chairman reminded members that the annual show was near at hand November 10 and 11, when Mr. Gardner would judge. He hoped those members who had not paid their subscriptions would do so. He also read out a list of specials promised, and hoped members would come forward as in the past and make this show a success. Mr. G. Trafford (Kentish Town Road) was elected. Votes of thanks to Mr. Oldaker and Mr. Dann closed the meeting. The question of joining "Cage Birds League" is coming up at next meeting.—C. W. Law.

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CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Attercliffe C.B.S.—Oct. 12, Horse and Jockey Hotel, 8. Table show for point specials.—W. Richinson.

Altrincham C.B.S.—Oct. 9, Victoria Restaurant, 8. Lecture on "Management of Cage Birds," by Mr. T. Harrison, fanciers invited.—C. C. Blackshaw.

Barrington and Choppington C.B.S.—Oct. 7, Social Club, 7. Joining "Cage Birds League," etc.—T. Griffiths.

Batley O.F.S.—Oct. 9, Talbot Hotel, 8. Show business. All entries to be made Friday night.—G. G. Stafford.

Birmingham South O.S.—Oct. 11, Sydenham Hotel, 8.30. Washing exhibition by an expert, followed by members' competition, small room, 1st floor. Members only, owing to limit of room.—J. Sheppard.

Bolton Roller C.S.—Oct. 10, Joiners' Arms Hotel, 8. Open show.—W. Massey.

Bradford National Show Committee.—Oct. 11, Market Tavern, 7.30. Executive Committee meeting; 8, General Committee, arranging sub-committee's, etc., etc. Members of committee please attend.—H. Hill.

Bradford West C.B.A.—Oct. 10, Shoulder of Mutton, 7.30. Entries for open show. Please note change of headquarters.—F. Western.

Bramley O.S.—Oct. 10, Old Unicorn Hotel, 8. Members' show business, etc.—W. Maltby.

Brighouse C.B.S.—Oct. 12, Round House Inn, 8. Open show classification.—F. Mitchell.

British Roller C.C.—Oct. 10, Royal Mail, Noble Street, St. Martins-le-Grand, 8. Birds will be present and judged.—J. W. Norris.

Bury C.B.S.—Oct. 10, Y.M.C.A., Rock Street, 8. Autumn show and prize draw.—H. Jameson.

Choppington C.B.S.—Oct. 7, Railway Hotel, 7. Show business, "Cage Birds League," etc.—G. H. Seely.

City of Bradford O.S.—Oct. 7, "Flying Dutchman," 8. Union judges, etc.—F. Rhodes.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—Oct. 9, 60, Paddington Street, 8.15. Washing exhibition by Mr. W. Page, fanciers invited.—A. W. Curtis.

City of Wakefield O.S.—Oct. 7, "Crown and Anchor," 7.30. Open show business; members' classes, etc.—J. Atkinson.

Consett F.A.—Oct. 14, Masonic Room, 7.30. Special open show business.—R. R. Walker.

Denton C.B.S.—Oct. 9, Headquarters, Brotherhood, 8. Classification for annual show, etc.—W. Hopwood.

Dewsbury C.B.S.—Oct. 7, Saville Hotel, 7.30.—S. Shaw.

Doncaster C.B.S.—Oct. 14, Victoria Rooms, 7. Allotting specials, adoption of schedule, etc., and other open show business. Please bring list of any specials obtained for insertion in schedule.—G. Bescoby.

Dubmire Workmen's Club C.B.S.—Sunday, Oct. 8, Dubmire Workmen's Club, 10.30. To arrange classes for annual show.—B. Robinson.

Eccleshill C.B.A.—Oct. 7, Fonntain Inn, 8. Important; this is the last meeting before open show.—W. Nettleton.

Fife and Kinross Nor. P.C.—Oct. 15, Lochgelly (Minto Hotel), 7. General.—G. Fisher.

Gateshead C.B.S.—Oct. 11, Lockhart's Cafe, 7.30. Alteration of selling classes, etc.—A. Holden.

Gt. Horton (Good Intent) O.S.—Oct. 7, Church Schools, Southfield Lane, 8. Members' show, judge Mr. R. Halliday. Birds staged not later than 8. Important meeting during show.—H. Gornall.

Glasgow West End C.B.C.—Oct. 13, Co-operative Hall, St. George's Cross, 8. Monthly meeting and washing exhibition, by Mr. A. Wilson.—W. Proudfoot.

Grimsby O.S.—Oct. 12, Slatter's Rooms, 8. All cards, money, and specials for open show to be brought in.—Towl Bros.

Guisbro' Priory C.B.S.—Oct. 14, Headquarters, 7.30., after show. Important business, with an interesting item in answering questions.—S. H. Lambert.

Halifax O.S.—Oct. 7, Plummet Lane Hotel, 8. Washing exhibition by Mr. R. E. Hellewell, and novice washing competition for gold-centre silver medal, presented by Mr. F. Townsend, competitors to bring own birds.—J. J. Dunn.

Hebden Bridge and Calder Valley.—Oct. 12, Nutclough Tavern, 7.30. Show of hens; judge, Mr. S. S. Rigg; staged 7.30. O.B. show business.—A. Pickles.

Heptonstall C.B.S.—Oct. 12, Wadsworth View, 8. Important business.—H. Taylor.

Huddersfield O.S.—Oct. 9, Old Hat Hotel, 8. Open show business.—F. G. Sykes.

Ilkeston C.B.S.—Oct. 17, Commercial Hotel, Awsworth Road, 7.—T. Smith.

Jarrow, Hebburn C.B.S.—Tuesday, Oct., Lockhart Cafe, 8. Show business.—R. Blore. (Possibly Oct. 10 is meant.—Ed.)

Keighley C.B.S.—Oct. 10, Black Horse Hotel, 7.30. Selecting stewards for show.—J. Binns.

London C.B.A.—Oct. 11, "Feathers," Gt. Chapel Street, 8. Ordinary business, and washing exhibition by Mr. J. Attridge; also competition.—W. H. Mugford.

Leeds C.B.S.—Oct. 7, Lockhart's (next to Hope Bros.). Briggate, 7.30. Novice washing competition, 1st prize gold-centre silver medal, entry free. Those desirous of joining bring bird and brush, bowls provided. Judge: W. Johnson; fanciers invited.—W. A. Wilson.

Leadgate C.B.S.—Oct. 7, Church Square Hall, 7.30. Table show, meeting later.—J. A. Turnbull.

Leeds Roller C.C.—Oct. 7, 55, Briggate, 7.30.—H. L. Davis.

Leicester C.B.S.—Oct. 11, Saracens Head Hotel, Market Place, 8.15. Table show: Nor., buff unflig. open, ditto novice. Fanciers invited.—W. R. Adams.

Leigh C.B.S.—Oct. 11, Railway Hotel, 7.30. Washing competition, sliding scale.—R. Charleson.

Leith O.S.—Oct. 14, Liberal Club, Hope Street, 7. Important show business.—G. Brown.

Loanhead C.B.S.—Oct. 9, Mason's Arms, 7.30. Ballot of specials, members' entries, etc.—W. B. Smart.

London and Counties A.C.B.—Oct. 7, "Earl Cathcart," Munster Square, N.W., 8. Judging competition, Norwich and Yorkshires. Will members kindly bring a few birds?—R. J. Pretty.

London and P.O.S.—Oct. 14, Leysian Mission, City Road, opposite Old Street Tube, 8. Descriptive lecture and kinematograph display, by Richard Kearton, Esq., F.Z.S., admission 1d.—C. W. Law.

Littleborough C.B.S.—Oct. 11, Coffee Tavern, 8. Backend show, etc.—J. R. Mayers.

Liverpool B.B.A.—Oct. 12, Oldham Hall, 8. Night show for novices (11 classes), also committee meeting to allot specials for old show. Will all committee please attend.—F. Eccleston.

Manningham C.B.A.—Oct. 7, Mowbray Arms, 8. Open show business.—H. Grange.

Metropolitan C.B.A.—Oct. 7, All Saints Parochial Hall, Battersea Park, 8 o'clock. Mr. Shakespear has kindly promised a lecture. Annual show business. Fanciers invited.—J. W. Burgess.

Morley C.B.S.—Oct. 7, Sycamore Hotel, 7.30. Show business, time of staging, steward, etc.—D. Halliday.

Motherwell N.B.F. and M.C.—Oct. 7, Y.M.I., Brandon Street, 8. Final classification for show.—J. Mair.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Oct. 10, St. Stephen's Schools, Conran Street, Harpurhey, 8.15. Notice of motion re open show.—J. Davey.

North Shields C.B.C.—Nov. 1, 37, Howdon Road, N.S., 7.30. To settle annual show on Boxing Day.—R. P. Fox.

Newcastle C.B.S.—Oct. 12, 65, Grainger Street, N., 8. Committee meeting, show business.—J. E. Atkinson.

Northern Lizard Club.—Oct. 14, Fawcett Street Cafe, 7. Important.—G. C. Davidson.

Northowram C.B.S.—Oct. 9, Yew Tree Inn. Arrangements for coming show.—S. Sykes.

Oldham C.B.S.—Oct. 10. Textile Dining Rooms, 8. General, and entries for show.—J. Cope.

Pentre C.B.S.—Oct. 7, Queen's Hotel, 7.—G. Lingard.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—Oct. 9, Irwell Castle, Lr. Broughton, 8. Show business.—J. Critchley.

Poplar C.B.S.—Oct. 12, 147, East India Dock Road, 8. Meeting is being held 14 days earlier on account of our usual meeting night falling on the night before Fed. show. Lecture on the Norwich Canary by T. G. Jackson, Esq.—H. W. Cook.

Queens Park C.B.A.—Oct. 12., Emmanuel Hall, Harrow Road, N. Arrange schedule of annual show and nomination of judge for matched pair show.—J. C. Birch.

Rawtenstall F.S.—Oct. 10, Wellington Hotel, Cloughfold, 7.30. Members' show and meeting. 4 classes: Gold Liz.; Silver Liz.; Yorks. or Nor.; and A.O.Y. Mr. J. Rukin judge. Cage bird fanciers welcomed.—H. Kershaw.

Rochdale O.C.—Oct. 8, Club Rooms, 8. Quarterly meeting and general show business.—R. Bincoe.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—Oct. 9, Commercial Hotel, 8. Taking entries for Oct. 10 show, 7.30 staged.—J. Lewis.

Sunderland C.B.A.—Oct. 14, Fawcett St. Cafe, 7.30. Show business.—J. Jeffrey.

Stockport B.F.A.—Oct. 10, Boars Head Hotel, 8 Classification; subs. due.—W. Stafford.

Sandy Lane C.B.A.—Oct. 10, Victoria Hotel, 8. Yorks Union business.—Ratcliffe and Shaw.

Scottish National C.B.S.—Oct. 12, 142, High Street, Edinboro', 8. General.—A. W. Watson.

Skelmanthorpe C.B.A.—Oct. 10, Liberal Club, 8. Nominations of Y.U. judges, etc.—J. Hird.

South London Col. and F.A.—Oct. 12, Headquarters, 7.30.—N. Caunter.

Southend and S.C.O.S.—Oct. 11, Alexandra Hotel, 8.15. Show business, and lots of it.—W. C. Lockwood.

Stocksbridge C.B.S.—Oct. 7, Headquarters, 7.30. Am resigning hon. secretaryship. Election of new sec.—A. Jarvis.

Swansea C.B.A.—Oct. 10, Market Coffee Tavern, 8. Allotting specials and cups for open show, last day; all contributions must be paid up.—S. H. George.

Treharris F.S.—Oct. 12, Navigation Hotel, 7. Special meeting; important.—W. J. Davies.

Tong C.B.S.—Oct. 10, Hand and Shuttle Inn, 7.45.—W. Walker.

Wandsworth F.A.—Oct. 12, "Red Lion," 8. Report of Y.S. show. Open cage bird show business.—W. Lightfoot.

West Bromwich C.B.S.—Oct. 10, Dartmouth Hotel, 8. Urgent; subs. due.—W. G. Andrews.

West Fife "C.B. League."—Oct. 7, Masonic Arms, Cowdenbeath, 6. Delegates to meet at 7.—W. Duff.

West of Scotland O.S.—Oct. 7, Nelson's Temp. Hotel, 7.15. Meeting and lecture on Wild Weed and Seeds, by Mr. F. Bowman.—W. Hutchison.

West Stanley C.B.S.—Oct. 7, Stanley Inn, 6. Table show and schedule for annual show; birds to be staged by 6, for table show.—W. Elliott.

Whidhill O.S.—Oct. 7, Blue Bell Hotel, 8. Final open show balance sheet for members' show, selection Union judges, etc.—J. Cook.

Singing Contests.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Contest held Oct. 1, at Prince Albert Inn, where 10 picked birds sang for quality singing. Some very good singing was heard, and the decision satisfied all. Judges, Messrs. E. Wood and C. Lorriman. First and second divided between A. Binns and J. Chippendale; 3rd, W. Farrar.—E. Wood, Hon. Sec.

SALFORD.

Contest held Boat House Hotel, September 30, when 20 birds entered. Winners for quality: 1, R. Statham; 2, J. Hilton; for time: 1, Tom Statham. Judges, Messrs. J. W. Jones, T. Statham; timekeepers, Messrs. W. Wood, J. Woodward, and W. Cain; birdkeeper, Mr. A. Marshall. After the contest 30 members of the Globe Inn Club, Leigh, sat down to do justice to a substantial dinner, arranged by the secretary, Mr. J. McAllister. The hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Cootes, deserve great praise for the way in which they studied the wants of the fanciers. A very enjoyable evening of songs by members and others was spent, the party returning by waggonette. More of these can be arranged at the headquarters of other clubs, if the secretaries will only meet to decide them. If Wigan, Warrington, and Tyldesley Clubs will only notify the Leigh secretary their decision re his letter in Cage Birds a few weeks ago, a meeting could be held for this purpose. Club members are requested to attend next meeting at headquarters to decide future dates for coming season, Oct. 8, 7.30.—B. Wharton, Sec.

LEEDS.

Contest for quality Linnets held Old Bird House, Kings Head, Shannon Street, on October 1st, when twenty of the best birds in Leeds sang. Some very good singing was heard to the enjoyment of a crowded house of visitors from all parts of Yorkshire. 1st Wigfield, 2nd Lunn, 3rd Stead. Judges, Messrs. Walt. Naylor and A. Jennings.—T. C. Summers, Hon. Sec.

Quality Linnet singing contest, Sept. 30. We had visitors from Castleford, Pontefract, and Sheffield, when 24 of the best birds in Yorkshire competed. 1, 2, shared by Sissons and Wigfield; 3, Laycock; 4, Wigfield Judges, Messrs. Grainger and Madden. Also Oct. 1, when 32 birds sang. 1, Sissons; 2, 3, shared by Laycock and Pease; 4, Laycock. The singing of the winner was extraordinary, the owner having several offers for the bird. Judges, Messrs. Grainger, Green, and Biss. We wish Linnet fanciers to know that on last Saturday in October we are having a big contest, when our worthy host is adding copper kettle to prize money.—C. Clayton.

Correspondence.

A Beak Which "Shells."

Sir,—A friend of mine has a Linnet with a beak which keeps on "shelling." The beak grows very quickly, and he has to keep cutting it, as it gets very pointed, and then crosses. I should like to know if any of your readers has ever had a bird with a beak like this?

L. W. W.

A Recipe Wanted for Mahogany Stain.

Sir,—I shall be glad indeed if a fellow-fancier will give me a recipe for a cheap but durable mahogany stain for doing up my cages. I am a young fancier, and I like to do as much for my birds myself as I can.

G. Exe.

A Threatened Revolt in Scotch Fancy Circles.

Sir,—In reply to "A Fancier," does he mean that all fanciers should exchange birds with each other, or let him have birds at his own price? I am afraid if he cannot breed birds from his own matching to reach the upper ten (or circle) he will have to pay his initiation fee. For example, see report of the Glasgow Derby in last issue of Cage Birds. I am in the lower circle. What will "A Fancier" do for me, so that I may reach the middle circle? I have a few birds which will not assist me, I am afraid, on the march upwards, but I still hope to persevere and reach the upper circle.

J. Cherry.

Have we a New Variety of the Canary?

A Suggestion to Encourage the "All Whites."

Sir,—During the past few months I have noticed in your valuable paper several letters from correspondents stating that they had been successful in breeding perfectly white Canaries. If this be so, and providing they have been brought successfully through the moult, there must be a sufficiently large number about to warrant a class being provided for them at one of the large shows. I think most of your readers will agree with me that this variety of Canary should be encouraged in every possible way, in order to induce the lucky owners of them to endeavour to perpetuate the variety. With this object in view, and in reference to Mr. J. W. Ramsden's letter in your last issue, might I suggest that a class be provided for them at the next Crystal Palace Show? I quite admit that it is hardly likely the class would pay its way, but it would undoubtedly prove a great attraction, and if a fair number of birds were brought together side by side, it would give visitors an opportunity of realising the possibilities of the variety, which I venture to think would soon establish itself as a permanent, and not the least popular, variety of Canary. Perhaps other fanciers will give their views on the subject; and any who possess white Canaries would perhaps kindly say whether, in the event of a class being provided, they would exhibit their birds. Trusting my suggestion will commend itself to your readers.

H. C. Brooks.

The Dispute About the Awards at Batheaston Show.

Final Words of the Judge.

Sir,—It is with regret that I have to again trespass on your space to reply to the disappointed exhibitor at the late Batheaston Show. This exhibitor seems to think that I was upset by his last letter. On the contrary, I was more than pleased to reply to his inexperienced remarks re his Yorkshire and Crestbred at the above show, and still more so when he referred to the 1906 incident. In the first place, no doubt readers have noted that he utterly fails to reply to Mr. Follwell's and my own letters re the Canaries at Batheaston Show, but prefers to quibble about the time exhibitors and judge arrived at the show tent. As stated before, I was there before either Mr. Follwell or he (Mr. Lanham) arrived. He seems to be an exponent of the art of making inaccurate statements, as I think the following will prove. In my last letter I stated that this exhibitor came to the meeting of the B.F.A. on the night of the closing of entries for the Young Bird Show, held September, 1906, stating that as "all" his birds were dying he had none to enter. In his last letter he admits this to be perfectly correct. Now, will readers believe that he won a gold medal, four firsts, etc., with ten dead and dying birds, under a Canary specialist judge? All birds exhibited at that show were to be bred by the exhibitor, and not bought. If all Mr. Lanham's birds were dying a week previous to the show, where did these ten living birds come from? It was circumstances connected with this show which were the reason for his being excluded from membership, and not his applying for the balance of his prize money. I have seen Mr. B. Clark (a well-known poultry breeder), and he requests me to tell the readers of Cage Birds that it is quite correct that he visited Mr. Lanham's room (as stated by Mr. L.), but that he, Mr. Clark, knows no more about Canaries than the fencing round his field, and is much displeased at Mr. Lanham dragging his name into this matter. Re my gold medal, which I gave for the best young Canary bred 1906, any variety, and competed for myself, I fail to see anything dishonourable in doing so. I should like to remind Mr. Lanham that I have given more pounds in special prizes which I have never competed for than he has given pence. He seems very much displeased at me calling his informer a "tout." Such a name, in my opinion, is too good for a person who does not hesitate to impart false information, and I should be only too pleased to see him if he has the courage to come to my address.

T. Tayler.

[This correspondence is now closed.—Editor.]

Proposed New Cage Bird Society for Llandudno.

Sir,—A meeting will be held in connection with the above on Tuesday next, October 10, at Timm's Cocoa House, Lloyd Street, at 7.30 p.m. Will all those who are unable to attend kindly drop me a postcard? This will be of great encouragement to those taking part in this important movement.

E. E. Griffith,
Secretary pro tem.

Llandudno.

A Marked Linnet Captured.

Sir,—While out Linnet catching on September 17th, near Lancaster, I caught a Linnet with a ring on the right leg, marked "Aberdeen Univ., 44 m." I should like to know whether it has been put on for a test, to see how far they migrate; or has some fancier lost it?

J. T. Renshall.

[The ring is one of those supplied by the authorities of Aberdeen University with a view to throwing light upon the migration of birds. We shall be glad to be notified of any other instances of birds which bear a similar ring being caught.—Editor.]

Fixing the Dates of Singing Contests in Lancashire.

A Last Appeal.

Sir,—In reference to the Wigan Linnet Club and other clubs in and around Leigh, I think that if the members will look up back numbers of Cage Birds they will find that I have requested secretaries of Linnet clubs to do what any ordinary secretary would do, and that is to answer the letter that I have taken the trouble to write them privately (also through this paper) to meet to fix up dates, etc. I say again that I appealed to them to do this for their own benefit, and not particularly mine, but they treat it with contempt. Now they want me, as secretary, to let them know where they should meet. Well, it is against my wish to do anything unsportsmanlike, so I will ask again for them to meet on Saturday, October 14th, at the Globe Inn, Bradshawgate, Leigh, at five o'clock. Will secretaries kindly inform me whether they intend to meet, at least three days before the above date? If I get no answer to this request I, for one, will take no further action in the matter, but go on and fix up my own dates.

J. McAllister.

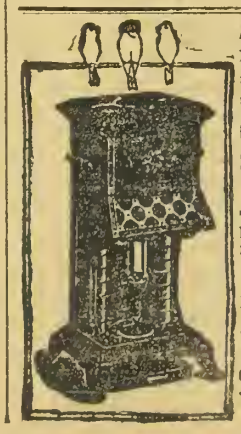
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Where is the Gold Medal?

Alleged Non-payment of Prize-money and Specials at Wellington (Salop) Show.

Sir,—At the late Wellington (Salop) Show I won gold medal for best bird, and I have repeatedly written for same, and my prize-money, but cannot get it. Now, sir, I value the medal as much as (and even more than) the cash, seeing that it is a gold medal and takes winning. As an exhibitor, they begged me to send entries, which I did. Now, after waiting, I cannot get my medal or my money. If this kind of thing is to go on, I think the best thing exhibitors can do is to shun a show of this sort. I hope that by mentioning this through your valuable paper, it will do good, and that the president of this show will enquire into my complaint, and that I shall get my medal and my prize-money. If not, well I must take further action for the benefit of fellow-fanciers. I am a true fancier in supporting the shows, and like to see everyone get fair play, as it is not all winning and profit, taking entry fees, carriage, etc., which leave a very small profit, if any. Therefore, I hope the committee of the late Wellington Show will do justice to their fellow-fanciers and pay up, so as not to be banned from support in future.

G. Edwards.



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Is there a Machine for Making Nets?

Sir,—Would you please allow me a little space in your valuable paper, Cage Birds, to ask readers whether, and where, I can buy a machine for making Linnet nets?

Bird Catcher.

A New Cage Bird Society for Hawarden and District.

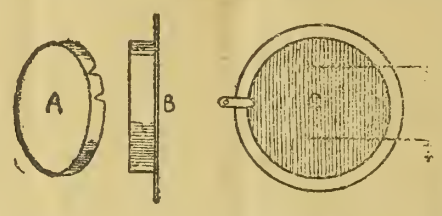
Sir,—I have been requested to let you know that we have formed a cage bird society in this district. It is to be called the Hawarden and District Cage Bird Society. Subscription is 2s. 6d. per annum. Anyone who would like to become a member can do so by applying to the secretary,

J. T. Lloyd, Sec.

The Wigdale, Hawarden, near Chester.

Useful to Cage Makers.

Sir,—A disadvantage of side doors is that they afford a harbourage for red mite. I enclose an idea which may be found very useful. "A" is an ordinary tin lid. "B" is also a tin lid of the same size, but of such as a syrup tin. "A" is notched V-shape in about four places, and when notched should



be soldered in two or three places, sufficiently strong to hold the cut edges together with these notches at the top. Two wires should then be soldered on as in "C," to make a hinge. The idea is to put the notched and soldered lid inside the other; then if red mite are present they will find their way into the box thus made, and at frequent intervals the door should be taken to pieces and the red mite destroyed.

F. Parker.

A Lively Letter Receives a Lively Answer.

The New Society for Anfield, Everton and District; and Other Topics.

Sir,—Mr. R. B. Wright's reply to my letter is just what I expected. Rather than answer me direct, he would attack a third party, and the Fancy at large, who will not associate with him. I wish to make it perfectly clear to Mr. Wright and all who are with him in his contention, that I am quite capable of conducting my own correspondence without the aid of a goldfish and "waster" merchant. Now, Mr. Wright, you skit at the three city societies which I appeal to genuine novices to join. You say, Who governs these societies? Your answer: "The clique," "the charmed circle," "the bond of union," which you say is a dozen strong. Fancy a dozen ruling such strong societies! The "Breeders" and the "Open Society" are stronger to-day both financially and in members than ever. The G.C.A. secretary informs me that the average number of members is quite up to previous years; also that all bad debts of years past have been swept away, and that they still have a balance of £10. The society was never in such a flourishing condition as now. What do you think of the city societies now? I shall leave this to the respective secretaries to confirm. Surely, Mr. Wright, you do not think it was only "the charmed circle" that would not have you in the G.C.A.; if you do think so, you are sadly mistaken. You mention the borrowing and lending of birds. Well, anyone can say of a bird: "Oh, he borrowed it," but it is entirely another matter to prove it. We do not know of any fancier who breeds all his own winners. Mr. Wright accuses the Liverpool fanciers of borrowing and lending birds. Let me ask Mr. Wright to prove this allegation; also to answer the following: He says he feels it very strongly about my remarks over the birds he exhibited at Bootle and Birkenhead nest feather shows. In the first place, all societies have this rule in their schedule: "All exhibits to be the bona-fide property of the exhibitor." Now, Mr. Wright, can you deny that Mr. Algie supplied you with these winning birds of yours? Mr. Algie has made public utterance of this fact. Now, were the birds you exhibited your bona-fide property, and are they your bona-fide property now? I am prepared to go into this matter before the Bootle and Birkenhead societies if you will arrange with your officials; or, better still, if you get your new society together, I will come and say to your face and at your will and in front of your members what the Editor thought wise to delete from my first letter. You also say you know why a G.C.A. member suddenly dropped exhibiting and resigned. If you do know, you will be conferring a favour on those more interested than yourself if you will make a truthful and full disclosure of the facts. I am sure this gentleman will not thank you for your interference. You refer to me as a "pot huntor." Well, the Fancy can judge as to that. It seems funny you mention three district societies which are in fairly decent hands, "except one or two." Which are the two? Surely, the Birkenhead, Wallasey, and Bootle fanciers are not going to let you throw out your choice insinuations? In your own words, you ask: Who is this Wright of mushroom growth? The fanciers, especially the novices, are asking the same question. After a shower up comes the mushroom, but when the sun comes out and it gets too "hot," it fades away into insignificance. Many thanks for informing me when you first showed birds, twenty-two years ago, in conjunction with your father; you might have made it fifty. Did you breed then, as now, one cock and five hens in one cage? Wasn't this your entire stock in the spring, when Mr. Tom Cutts was in your room? To conclude, Mr. Wright asks not to stab him in the back. Don't you think, Mr. Wright, we can apply this to you? When you went to the Birkenhead meeting, didn't you make serious statements about a Liverpool fancier? When he asked for a hearing at the next Birkenhead meeting, did not you write postcards to Birkenhead members saying you would resign and withdraw the pictures you had promised, if they allowed this Liverpool fancier a hearing? Also, when you were authorised to attend a meeting to prove these statements, did you turn up? Why didn't you face it like a man instead of sending a letter saying you would give them the pictures if they would not allow this Liverpool fancier in the room? I think he is the gentleman you refer to as "hiding behind" my name. Isn't this a stab in the back? Can you deny the result of the meeting, viz., that they said you could keep your pictures; and were you not wiped off the cards? As you were reporter for that society, don't you think the report of the meeting should have been published? Further, don't think that this gentleman is not capable of fighting his own battles; I am sure I should not try to fight them for him, or allow him to use my name. The "jangles" that have been going on between you and this gentleman, and you and others, I am sure I have no interest in, as they do not seem to relate to birds. I trust that this correspondence will be of interest to your proposed new society; also that the members will investigate both my remarks and your own.

W. C. Robinson.

Sir,—Kindly insert in your valuable paper: Well done, Mr. Wright; just what is wanted in Everton, a Canary Society. As a breeder and a fancier, I wish you every success.

[The above reaches us unaccompanied by either name or address.—Editor.]

A Mysterious Bird at Dolgelly Show.

Sir,—I would feel greatly obliged if you would allow me to ask a few questions of Mr. J. Williams, who judged at Dolgelly show. I notice there was a "British bird any variety" class, and that three Hardbills lead the way over a very rare bird. Well, my three questions to the judge are as follows:—No. 1: What variety of bird was it which took reserve prize card in Class 6? No. 2: What would be the value of a bird like this, and what food would you recommend me to give to it? No. 3: Was it a cock or hen, and must they be in grand condition, or how, on the day of the show? I hope the judge will give me a reply in your next issue, or I shall know that he has been trapped.

Judge Task Bob.

Hounslow Fancier Appeals for a Fresh Start.

Sir,—I feel I should like to let readers know of my misfortune with my Canaries. About June last I sent you a letter for advice, also a sample of seed. I also sent a bird to Mr. Yates for post-mortem, and received the grave news that it was septic fever. I am sorry to say that I have lost every bird—about 96 in all—stock that has taken me the last five years to get together—and I feel like a lost sheep without them. I have always thought a great deal of my birds, and have learned how to manage them by taking your valuable paper, Cage Birds, every week for years. But it is not my fault this has happened. I bought a bird from a man, which appeared quite well when I purchased it, but it died the next day. I did not know the cause, however, until it was too late, and by the middle of August I had lost every one, after separating and isolating them. I have thoroughly scrubbed and disinfected all my cages. I feel I should like to make another start, but being only a working man I have not the money. I should feel it a great favour if you would make an appeal for me through your paper. Some of our brother fanciers might give me a start (as I have done myself to others). "Many can help one, when one cannot always help many," as the old saying has it.

W. Lear.

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The Carriage of Exhibits to the Shows.

Sir,—As the show season is now upon us, a large number of our members would be glad to know if there has been any result to the petition presented to the railway companies respecting the charges for carriage on birds to the shows, which was, I believe, got up some time ago by the Federation of London C.B. societies and supported by other bodies.

J. A. Jones.

North Wales C.B.S.

[Perhaps Mr. Bray, the London Federation secretary, would kindly give Mr. Jones an answer.—Editor.]

An Accomplished Lady.

Linnet Mule Sings Like a Cock and Lays Four Eggs.

Sir,—I should be glad to know if any other reader of Cage Birds has ever had a similar experience of a bird. Two years ago I gave a good price for a fine Linnet Mule which was supposed to be a cock, aged seven months. It had every appearance of being a cock, was smart looking, strong, and unusually lively, and it sang like any cock bird of that age. This year, in August, to my great surprise, it laid an egg, and since then three others; so my "cock" bird has turned out to be a hen. She is still singing nicely. Bird Fancier.

The Green Canary Association and Its Rules.

Sir,—In reply to "Another Missing Dollar," I have nothing to add to my previous remarks, and decline to enter into an argument with any person who chooses to make rash statements under cover of a nom de plume. Let him come out into the open and I will convince him that the affairs of the G.C.A. are in better shape than for a long time past. I am neither officious nor a twister, but when I throw a brick I do not wrap it in cotton wool. As regards "No Dollar," let him hide his light under a bushel; life is too short to worry about men who haven't the courage of their convictions. Geo. Green.

"Wigs on the Green" at Newcastle.

Members of Societies and their Subscriptions.

Sir,—I see in this week's issue a letter by "Ipso Facto" urging members to pay their subscriptions, and I also notice that the G.C.A. are in "trouble street" with the same disease—unpaid subscriptions. Now, in every case, the non-paying member is blamed for it, but he is not to blame every time. In the Newcastle C.B.S., of which I was a member, it is an honourable thing not to pay your sub. until it is long overdue, and it receives the kindly smile of that most upright committee not to pay until long after the time the rule on that society's rule card says members must pay. The rule gives members till the meeting in June—long enough in all conscience; and yet nearly half of the members did not do so, and the fearless committee who dared the Cage Bird Union and shouted aloud "Justice at any cost," with a trumpet voice in the Taylor-Lister carver case, quailed with fear at the very mention of punishing the defaulting members. No; these members must receive the greatest consideration—nothing had to be done or said to hurt their tender feeling for fear a few left the society with their feelings hurt. The question of non-paid subs. was thrashed (?) out at a meeting of the committee some time ago, and the committee agreed to back up the members in breaking the rules. This most valiant committee who dared so much in the C.B.U. and in the carver case were too frightened and cowed even to say to the defaulting members that they had done wrong! At any cost, don't hurt their feelings, was the expression of the meeting—leave it to the secretary to send a nice begging letter. Now, if I had broken any other rule of the society, I would have received some punishment. So why were these members allowed flagrantly to defy the rules made at the annual general meeting? This is the very essence of justice as served out by those mighty champions of justice. Fifty break a rule—it's all right, we'll back you up. One breaks a rule—get out, you're a scoundrel! I still contend that for the committee to allow certain members to break a rule gives any other member the right to break any other rule. If you don't enforce one rule you can't enforce any. But with the N.C.B.S. committee it is justice to enforce just those which suit their own ends. I was accused of wishing and trying to wreck the society. The statement is absurd. The annual general meeting called to frame the rules made this particular rule as being the best, and necessary for the welfare of the society; and if it was the best in February, how could it be said that the one who asked for its enforcement a few months later wished to "wreck the society"? It was the wish of the majority at the general meeting, and if it was never intended to be enforced, then the committee of the N.C.B.S. received my subscription under false pretences, and I accuse them of doing so. I joined the society under the rules given me, and these rules say that they shall be strictly enforced. It seems the last rule is a huge printer's error, and ought to read: "These rules shall be a farce." I was also accused by the chairman of making a mountain out of a mole hill. I may answer him by saying, Justice is never a mole hill. I always understood (and it is his own teaching) that justice was a mountain towering over and overshadowing everything. But in this case, perhaps, it was not convenient for the chairman to see justice between one member and the committee. Filthy lucre crept in; nearly half the members had not paid, and their feelings must not be hurt. As to the member who dare say anything against them, the sooner he was quietened the better. He had the hand of sympathy extended to him by one who was "very sorry indeed"; but while he held out the one hand he stabbed in the back with the other. You rubbed it in well, Joe, and the insult sank deep, and has not been forgotten. The committee of the N.C.B.S., when they accepted my subscription, made a definite contract with me that no member whose sub. was not paid by the June meeting should be allowed to compete. I accepted those conditions, and I expected that they, as gentlemen, would carry out that agreement. But they have not, and have openly and without apology broken the pledge they made. I know it will be said that I am afraid of competition, but I am not. I welcome legitimate competition. The more the merrier. I can take a beating with anyone when I am beat fair, and I expect to be beaten again many a time (if I exhibit again), and I hope the best bird wins. Not a member of the committee could say I was not right in the position which I took up, but in spite of this, every member of the committee voted, except myself, for the breaking of the rules. Will they act likewise with the show? No; give them a chance to make a noise, and "justice" will be heard the worldwide. I sent in my resignation some time ago, and I have yet to hear officially that it has been accepted. This I am surprised at, as the secretary is usually most courteous. Perhaps he has had orders not to hurt my feelings as well. I have just heard, on making enquiries, that it has been accepted, and this has left me free to expose what is in my opinion rank corruption going on in this up-to-date "justice" society. J. N. F. Scott.

(Several letters held over owing to pressure on space.)

Wild-Bird Life.

Autumn Movements.

Genial weather at the time of writing still continues, with warm sunshine, although the nights are somewhat chilly. This latter fact is doubtless having its effect upon wild bird life generally. In our rambles we begin to miss sadly the numerous migratory species that favour us with their presence and song during the long summer days, and at present the coming of the winter birds is not pronounced enough nearly to fill the gap. Up to now the autumn flitting has only affected the dainty Warblers, Shrikes, Chats, and a few others. Some of these have already made the journey to more genial shores, while others are still lingering along our southern coast or journeying thither by easy stages. The wild bird world is full of interest and surprises to those who have the time and patience to study it. Now the summer is on the wane, there is a constant movement and restlessness among all species, and those who are fortunate enough to reside in the track of the southern movement have much to observe. Day after day there are alterations. New birds from the north put in an appearance, either staying a few hours or a few days, and then passing onwards. While noting these things, we appear to be continuing our close acquaintance with our summer birds; to be, as it were, in touch with them until the last; until our gardens, woods, and hedgerows are simply tenanted with our resident birds and the early arrivals from the north. So we watch the flitting of the Warblers, the gathering of the Swallows and Martins, and are thus seeing something of the autumn movement; but there are some most charming and graceful feathered creatures of whose going we see nothing. The reed beds by the tidal river, the sedges, and water plants on the flat marshes, are the homes of the dainty Reed birds, who are every bit as interesting to the bird lover as the Whitethroats and Blackcaps of the hedgerows. If we daily frequent their haunts, we shall occasionally get a glimpse of them, passing from cover to cover, but upon some fine morning we miss them, and the dreary marshes possess one charm the less. The birds have suddenly disappeared, and no man saw them going.



"Ree-Nu-Orl."

Our Man Takes an Hour Off.

A member of Cage Birds staff, who happens to be of a very inquisitive nature, was attracted the other day, when passing along Aldersgate Street, on his way to the office, by a queer collection of articles displayed in a shop window. His curiosity so got the upper hand that on the first opportunity he went to have a closer look.

In the window, above which appeared the word "Ree-nu-orl," he saw all manner of leather goods, such as pairs of boots in various shades of colour, portmanteaux, leather-upholstered chairs, handbags, and all in a peculiar state. In each pair of boots one looked new and glossy and its mate worn and dull; of each of the other articles one half seemed new and bright, the other badly in need of renovation.

With his curiosity now thoroughly aroused, and half convinced that here was something which, even if it had, as was evident, nothing to do with birds and their keeping, might be of genuine interest to fanciers and their wives from a household point of view, our man entered the shop, and fortunately found there the gentleman who proved to be the inventor of "Ree-nu-orl," a preparation for restoring and renovating all kinds of leather ware. This gentleman very willingly answered all the questions put to him. Said he: "'Ree-nu-orl,' British owned and British made, is a British invention, and, no matter how worn and faded a leather article may be, will give it a new and lasting waterproof facing, of any colour that is desired. All that is required is that grease and dirt be removed with the aid of a cloth dipped in methylated spirits, worn parts rubbed smooth with a linen pad, and 'Ree-nu-orl' applied speedily and sparingly and worked well in with a flat brush.

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OBITUARY.

Mr. WILLIAM DUNCAN (Inverness).

On September 22 the grave closed over one of the most genial fanciers in the north of Scotland, writes Mr. E. Todd, sen., of Inverness. I refer to Mr. William Duncan. The deceased gentleman was well known to all of us as a real honest and upright fancier and exhibitor. At our local shows he was always well up in the prize list, and he had been a keen breeder and exhibitor for many years. Mr. Duncan was quiet and unassuming, kind and agreeable, and ever ready to help fanciers. He will be missed by a very large circle of friends, especially by the younger members of the Fancy, in whom he took a great interest. Personally I had the pleasure of knowing him well for many years. Mr. Duncan suffered a long, lingering illness from cancer with noble fortitude. Memories of him will linger with his host of friends for many a day. Everyone who had the pleasure of his acquaintance will unite in tendering deep and heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Duncan and her sorrowing family in their sad bereavement.

Mr. H. STEAD (Huddersfield).

Fanciers in the Huddersfield district, writes Mr. H. W. Battye (Huddersfield) will be sorry to hear of the death, after a short illness, of Mr. H. Stead, who passed away on September 30th. For many years Mr. Stead was a useful and valued member of the Huddersfield O.S.—always willing to do what he could for the society's benefit. He was a true friend and fancier, whose kindly presence will be greatly missed, and a good husband and father. I am sure the sympathies of his many friends will go out to his bereaved wife and family in their great affliction.

HIGH WYCOMBE AND DIS. F.S.

Annual meeting held Sept. 20, Mr. W. L. Hall in chair. Secretary presented balance sheet duly audited and showing a small balance in hand. Officers elected, with Sir C. A. Cripps as president, Mr. S. C. Pearce was asked to continue as secretary, with Mr. C. Stevens as assistant. Decided, to hold a 20-mile radius show, Dec. 27.—S. C. Pearce, Sec.

LOCHGELLY C.B.S.

Meeting held Burgh Arms, Mr. T. Wildridge presiding. Show schedules were distributed among members. It was pointed out that the gold badge had been wrongly entered. Agreed, that Secretary write the Press intimating mistake. Various other items of business were gone through. A pleasant hour was spent in song and sentiment.—W. Whiteford Sec

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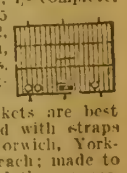
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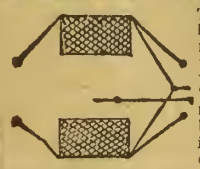
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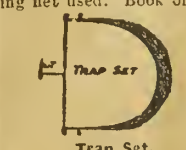
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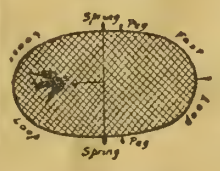
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EXHIBITORS, look here; the opportunity of the season; Borders, sure winners, Greens, clears, and marks, of my winners; all moulted ready for exhibition; approval to known fanciers: J. L. Kerr, Hunt Field, Biggar.

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Being unable to show, I have a few really good birds for disposal, fit for keenest competition, prices reasonable; approval; seen any day: Cockburn, 18, Miller-st., Innerleithen.

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and their production are fully described in **"The Border Fancy Canary,"** which also defines the standard. You will find fullest hints in our "Nutshell" booklet No. 23, concerning the keeping of your birds in health and song. **Post free, 2½d.**, from the Publisher, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet-st., London, E.C.

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FOR sale, cinnamon Norwich cocks, through moult, singing well, 4/6, 5/- each: Watson, Higham-lane, Nuneaton.

Crests and Crestbreds.

BIRMINGHAM C.B.S. Annual Open Show, Oct. 18 and 19; S. Mole, 87, Greenway-st., Small Heath, Birmingham.

CRESTS and Crest-breds, cocks from 7/6 upwards; hens, 4/6; rare stock birds; approval: Aitken, 3, Forgan Hall, Falkirk.

C. ROBERTS, Stannah Hey, Newton Drive, Blackpool has show and stock Crests and Crest-breds, ready for sale, cheap.

CHAMPION Crests, several can win in best company, best blood in England; approval: T. Billington, Hambleton, Poulton-le-Fylde.

ONE Crested cock, one C.B. cock, three Crested hens, grand feathery birds, lot 30/-; a bargain; approval, deposit: Coachman, Workhouse, Norwich.

YELLOW Crestbred cock, 10/-; buff ditto hen, 8/-; ditto green-marked, 6/-; splendidly feathered monsters; approval: Simpson, Ironmonger, Otley.

HEAVY feathered Crestbred hens, 12/6 and 15/-; Clear Yellow Crest cock, 20/-, all Barnett's strain; approval, deposit, stamp reply: Wodall, Carlton-rd., Sheffield.

ARE you looking for Crests or Crest-breds? if so, send for my list; no value can be compared with what I can offer you in these: W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

JIM TAYLOR clearing out all his stock—Crests and Crestbreds, cages, show and stock birds, some of the best blood in the Fancy; inspection invited: Robson-st., Shildon.

MASSIVE feathery Crests, Crestbreds, Barnett's strain, single birds, 8/6 to £1; properly matched pairs, 15/- to 32/-; best blood; approval willingly: Hatton, Winfwin, Belper.

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CHAMPION Crests and Crestbreds for stock or exhibition cocks and hens, from 10/6 to £5 each; judiciously matched pairs from 17/6 to £10 pair; large and very heavily feathered, rare type and quality of feather, Barnett's Palace winning strain, all strong, healthy and vigorous cold-room bred, satisfactiou guaranteed; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich.

MAGNIFICENT variegated dark Crest, cock, perfect crest, £1 5/-; monster Green Crest cock, grand crest, £1 1/-; monster variegated crestbred cock, grand broad head, £1 5/-; powerful variegated crestbred cock, £1; splendid heavy feathered variegated dark Crest hen, winner, £1 1/-; ditto, a gem, 16/-; massive heavy feathered variegated crestbred hen, lovely lash, 18/-; massive feathery Green ditto, 16/-, all massive, feathery birds, show or stock, Barnett and Joyce's strains; approval with pleasure: Miss Stone, The Fleet, Belper.

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YORKSHIRE and Norwich, show or stock birds, best blood in the Fancy; come and inspect them: Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool.

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Norwich.

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WANTED, Norwich: Barnes, Bird Stores, Merthyr.

NORWICH colour-fed cocks, 5/- to 7/6, hens 3/-, 5/-; approval: Garton, 9, Eton-rd., Burton-on-Trent.

NOTICE.—Grand Norwich cocks 3/6, cock and hen 5/6; approval: McKeand, Seabright Villa, Castle Douglas.

TWO nice young buff Norwich cocks, singing, 7/6 each; approval: W. Whiteside, 34, Glodwick-rd., Oldham.

C. ROBERTS, Stannah Hey, Newton Drive, Blackpool, has a few show and stock Norwich ready for sale, cheap.

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NORWICH cocks from 6/6; hens 3/6; few 7in. Yorkshires, cold-room, seen any day: Poulson, 170, East St., Walworth.

NORWICH cocks, 5/-, 7/6, 10/-; pairs, 8/6, to 20/-; all healthy: Dallman and Son, Market-place, Melbourne, Derby.

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EXHIBITORS; grand ticked yellow cock, winner, clean moulted, very hot colour, 32/6; stamp reply: Morris, Fancier, Ryde, I.W.

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BEAUTIFUL Norwich cock, lovely singer, 6/-; grand shapely hen, 3/6; pair, 8/6, bargains; approval: Miss Stone, The Fleet, Belper.

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MASSIVE cobby Norwich cocks, 6/6, 8/6; grand cobby hens, 4/6, 5/-; matched pairs, 10/6, 12/6, Vardy's strain; approval willingly: Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

WANTED Canaries, any quantity clean, healthy Norwich Plainheads, bought for prompt cash, best prices given: S. Roberts, 39, Gloucester-st., Unthank-rd., Norwich.

I HAVE a large stock of pure Norwich non-fed yellow and buff cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6; hens, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-; week's approval; deposit: A. Fiddament, Postman, 105, Trinity Street, Norwich.

1911, good Norwich for sale, bred from our winners, over 300 prizes, also good stock pairs; see this week's report Oxford show: Lovegrove-Lovegrove, 43, Kings-rd., Henley-on-Thames.

ONE Buff cock, 1 variegated cock, 1910; 2 Yellow unflighted cocks, uncertain, all fed, all bred from prize-winners, 12/6 each, or £2 lot: Alex Strachan 16, Urie Crescent, Stonehaven, N.B.

SIX clean, healthy 1910-11 hens, bred from specially good feeders, 15/-; or would exchange lot for two clear buff Norwich hens that would stand criticism: W. Pennal, Totteridge, High Wycombe.

CHAMPION yellow cock, clear, fine size, colour, shape, and quality, a regular stormer, 55/-, worth £5; grand unflighted Buff hen, 35/-, winner; both dirt cheap; approval: Judge Silk, Whitstable.

BRED 1911; lovely clear buff cock, 12/6; grand buff hen, 10/-; very nice tick buff hen, 10/-; colour-fed and can win; birds of grand type and tight as wax in feather: Moss, 28, Lancaster-rd., Hitchin.

SEVERAL very good pairs and a few odd birds for sale, on approval; splendid type, bred from the best blood in the Fancy; prices very reasonable; pairs from 20/-: G. E. Weston, 66, Woodsome Rd., London, N.W.

GRAND buff marked cock, winner, 15/6; ditto unflighted, 15/-; ticked yellow hen, 10/6; clear yellow hen, unflighted, 7/-; two buff hens, 4/- each; approval, deposit: John Snedley, Nottingham-rd., Gilt Brook, Notts.

GRAND stock of Norwich cocks, yellows or buffs, from 7/- upwards; hens, yellows or buffs, from 2/6 upwards; state wants; approval, deposit; satisfaction guaranteed: Underwood, 24, Wellington-st., Kettering.

TWO grand exhibition Norwich cocks, 1910 bred; Clear Yellow, 40/-; Clear Buff, 25/-; red hot, typical, clean moulted, others cheap, not exhibiting; cash, approval: Reed, 271, Ladywood-rd., Edgbaston, Birmingham.

MAGNIFICENT stout cobby Buff Norwich cock, 12/6; lovely cobby yellow hen, 8/6; pair £1; massive cobby yellow cock, 10/6; grand stout Buff hen, 7/-; pair, 16/-, Irons strain, bargains; approval: Miss Stone, The Fleet, Belper.

GRAND lot of colour-fed Norwich, warranted 1911 bred; yellow and buff cocks, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, £1, upwards; also a splendid lot of yellow and buff hens, 5/-, 7/6, 10/-; week's approval; deposit: A. Fiddament, Postman, 105, Trinity St., Norwich.

GRAND clean moulted exhibition buff cock, with yellow hen to match, sure winners, 30/-; another pair, ditto, 25/-; yellow cock and Buff hen, 20/-; all clears; other pairs from 7/-; will sell single specimens; enquiries invited; cold-room bred: H. Amiss, Ashby-st., Norwich.

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CHAMPION pair, correctly matched exhibition Norwich Plainheads, rare type, quality, colour, and substance, certain to breed winners in keenest competition only 30/-; honestly worth £3 for stock alone; rare chance for beginner; genuine bargain; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich.

GRAND exhibition 1911 yellow cock, real model for type and quality, perfect gem, sure winner, only 42/-; also clinking exhibition buff cock, grand size and substance, large head and full neck, rare type and quality, win anywhere, only 45/-, or £4 the two, can soon win their cost: genuine bargain; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich.

CHOICE exhibition 1911 yellow hen, perfect type and quality, short flights and tail, feathered like silk, sure winner in good company, only 25/-, cheap at 50/-; also grand exhibition buff hen, real model for type and quality, a perfect gem, sure winner anywhere, only 21/-, honestly worth treble; genuine bargains; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich.

CHAMPION Norwich, few real good exhibition Norwich Plainheads now ready for immediate exhibition, plenty of size, good colour, large heads and full necks, rare type and quality, yellow and buff cocks from 7/6 to £5 each; yellow and buff hens from 4/6 to £3 each; judiciously matched pairs from 10/6 to £7 10s. a pair, all cold-room bred, strong, healthy, and in tip-top show condition; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Cooper, 29, Junction-rd., Aylsham-road, Norwich.

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CHAMPION Norwich; I won sixty prizes last season, thirty firsts, specials; large unflighted yellow cock, first, special best Norwich in show Oxford last week, see report, 40/-; large ticked yellow cock, own brother, equally as good, can win, 25/-; variegated buff cock, unflighted, well moulted, reserve Caterham, has improved, can win, 21/-; large cap marked buff cock, own brother, capital stock bird, 12/6; clear typical buff cock, unflighted, sure winner, 20/-; grand typical yellow cock, year old, plenty size, winner three firsts, 50/-; smart typical buff cock, year old, winner five prizes, 25/-; choice hens, reasonable; pair large Norwich Cinnamons, Dormer's, cock winner two prizes, 12/6; two Border Fancy Cinnamons, hens, 2/6 each; grand four-pointed cock Goldfinch Mule, winner six prizes, first Frome (Robson), first Oakham, with show cage, 60/-; approval, receipt cash: Lewin, 58, Marlborough-rd., Oxford.

POWICK'S CHAMPIONS.

Norwich colour-fed, sure winners, cock or hen 10/6 each, cheap at 30/- each; large typical cocks, 7/6; hens, 5/6 each; same strain as the winners at all the leading shows; ten days' approval at my risk: W. Powick, Dewsbury.

BARGAINS IN NORWICH.

Light variegated yellow 1909 hen, grand type, 15/-; clear buff 1909 cock, 17/6; tick 1909 yellow cock, 25/-; clear buff hen, 10/-; another ditto good one, 15/-; all can win cost this season; unflighted birds also now ready. The strain that wins at every show at which I exhibit. Two cups were won last year with birds I supplied and bred; also won Whitehead challenge cup myself. This is proof of quality; see reports of all leading shows; inspection invited; approval: R. Allen, 196, Blackburn-rd., Bolton.

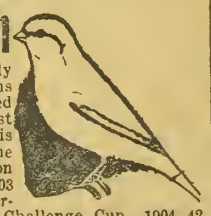
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Having had a most successful breeding season, I can now offer one of the best selections of high-class Norwich Plainheads in the Fancy, plenty of size and substance, grand colour, rare type and quality, feathered like silk, including some real toppers, fit to win keenest competition, many clean moulted and now ready for immediate exhibition; yellow and buff cocks from 10/6 to £6 each; yellow and buff hens from 5/6 to £4 each; many winners supplied by me last season, including Palace and other leading exhibitions; scores of unsolicited testimonials received from the leading breeders and exhibitors in the Fancy; kindly state your requirements fully and about price you wish to pay; satisfaction guaranteed; all cold-room bred; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich.

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There is no doubt I have some birds that will attract attention; short, thick-set birds with good heads and necks, plenty of substance, and wonderful colour (for proof see reports of leading shows). Fanciers requiring winners are invited to write stating wants. Every bird is for sale. I have also a few good birds for members' shows and limit classes at **15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-** each. Every bird on approval at my risk. Satisfaction absolutely guaranteed. Send a p.c. for free illustrated catalogue.

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SIX young Roller cocks, just singing, 4/6 each; 6 hens, 13/6 lot: W. Whiteside, 34, Glodwick-rd., Oldham.

HARTZ Roller Canaries for sale, cocks 5/-, hens 3/-, also first prize Roller, 7/6: R. Willis, Snitter, Rothbury.

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HARTZ Roller cocks, in song, 3/6, specially selected 5/-, hens 1/6; approval: Ross, Canary Breeder, Forres, N.B.

MAGNIFICENT Hartz Mountain Roller cock Canary, full vigorous song day and gaslight, 5/-; approval: V., 24, Craven-terrace, Leeds.

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WANTED, Roller schoolmaster, full song; exchange magnificent little Old English Spangle Bantams, mutual approval: Ogden, Round-st., Bradford.

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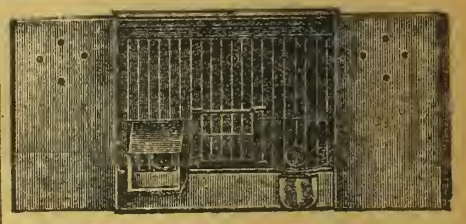
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LEEDS.

Contest for quality Linnets held Old Bird House, King's Head, Shannon-street, Oct. 8, when 32 of the best birds in Leeds sang. Some very good singing was heard. Judges (Messrs. A. Jennings and Naylor) gave every satisfaction. 1st, H. Wigfield, 2nd, C. Prince; 3rd, Butler; 4th, T. Stead. A match will be held Oct. 14 at above house. First pair of birds to be on nail at 2.30 prompt.—T. C. Summers, Hon. Sec.

Quality singing contest held Oct. 7, before another crowded house, when eighteen birds sang. 1, Sellars; 2, 3, C. Ward. Also Oct. 8, when 25 picked birds sang for four good prizes. 1, 2, shared by Sissons and Ward; 3, Pease; 4, Sellars. Judges, Messrs. Green, Grainger, and Biss. Usual contest every Saturday, first bird 3 o'cl.—C. Clayton, Sec.

SALFORD.

At meeting held Boat House Hotel, on Oct. 8, Messrs. J. Green and B. Wharton were elected to represent the club at Leigh, Oct. 14, to arrange matters re singing contest for Lancashire Clubs. All our members are earnestly requested to attend meeting at headquarters, Oct. 15, to hear report of the delegates, and future business. Linnet fanciers invited to join.—B. Wharton, Sec.

In the Courts.

Bird Catchers Fined.

At Esorick Petty Sessions, Selby, Sept. 28th, John Fynan, farm labourer, and Tom Hazlewood, joiner, of Selby, were summoned for having taken wild birds during the close season. Fynan pleaded guilty, and Hazlewood did not appear. P.C. Charlton stated that on Sunday, Sept. 17, he and P.C. Myers were in plain clothes in a field at Barlby, and they saw the defendants in an adjoining field placing twigs coated with birdlime on the top of a hedge. They also put two decoy birds in the hedge. A Goldfinch got entangled on one of the twigs, and Fynan put it in a cage. Defendants were fined 5s. each and the costs, and the Bench ordered the forfeiture of the twigs and a collapsible cage.

Sunday Catching at Arbroath.

Two men from the Arbroath district were brought before Sheriff Lee in the Forfar Sheriff Court on September 28 on a charge of contravening Section 4 of the Wild Birds Protection Order of the County Council. Mr. Thomas Hart, Procurator-Fiscal, said the men were snaring birds by means of bird lime. The accused pleaded that they did not know that the Order applied to Sundays, and that the bill was not posted at several places where they had looked for it. The Sheriff said it was a very poor form of sport to go about and catch these birds, thus gradually making extinct some of the finest species. He did not think there was much difference whether the offence was committed on a Sunday or any other day. He thought they could find much better ways of spending the Sunday. He imposed a fine of 1s., with the option of one day's imprisonment, upon each.—"Arbroath Guide."

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October 17th, 18th.

Entries do not average one per class; will accept up to first post Saturday, Oct. 14th.—Thos. Pope, 98, Embankment Road, Plymouth.

SIX BELLS (Mon.). Fanciers please Help. 4th Annual Open Show, Oct. 18th. Cage Birds judge, J. H. Payne (Gloster). 3 open cups, £5/5/- cup won outright best exhibit in show; obliged to extend. Entries, Sunday's post, Oct. 15th. Send on your entries, I will classify.—E. Churchill, Hon. Sec., 19, Tillery St., Abertillery.

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Spa Fanciers' Association, 8th Annual Show of Canaries, British, etc., OCTOBER 19th. Open to all England. Judge, Mr. Treadwell. Schedules now ready. Entries extended to October 16th to G. Brooks, 5, Althorpe Street, Leamington.

BIRMINGHAM C. B. S.

Annual OPEN SHOW of Canaries, Hybrids, British and Foreign Cage Birds at Crown Hotel, Hill Street, on **Wednesday and Thursday, October 18th and 19th. 43 classes, including 10 Novice, all open.** Judges T. Heath and J. C. Barnes. **Will accept entries Sunday's post, October 15th. Now Fanciers come along. Prize money guaranteed and paid within 7 days. S. MOLE, 87, Greenway Street, Small Heath, BIRMINGHAM.**

ONE DAY SHOW. **HANLEY** October 19th.

(Entries close October 16th). Judges: Norwich—J. Trengove, Esq., Yorkshires—W. Mundell, Esq., other classes jointly. **Undoubtedly the finest one-day Show in Staffordshire. If you have not received a Schedule send at once to B. PEAKE, 6, Rhodes Street, Birches Head, HANLEY, Staffs.**

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On 21st OCTOBER, 1911. 13 Cups and Trophies; 18 Gold and Silver Medals; over 60 Specials. 71 Classes. Judges: S. F.—C. Berwick; B.F.—W. Mossie; Yorks—R. B. Gibb; Crests—W. Paull; Plainheads—W. Hampton; M.B.F.—A. W. Watson. Under patronage of B.F.C.C., S.C.C., F. & K.N.P.C., S.B.B. & M.C. W.F.C.B.L. **7 in Class, full Prize Money paid. No cancelling or amalgamation. Open membership 2/6. Entries close Monday, 16th October.** Schedules ready from **A. DICKSON, 37, Adams Terrace, Kelty, N.B.**

WOLVERHAMPTON

OCTOBER 27th and 28th.

Schedules sent to previous exhibitors, others apply—J. GIBBONS, Hon. Sec., 64, Napier Road.

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Fifth Annual Show of the

DERWENT VALLEY

C.B.S., Canaries, Mules, Hybrids, British and Foreign Birds, to be held in the Church Hall, Hawsterley, on **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28th. Good prize money, good specials, popular judges:** A. Brown Esq., and F. Marwood, Esq. Under the patronage of the N.B.B.M. and F.B.C. **Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 2/6.** Entrance fee 1/6. **Schedules** ready shortly, **will be sent to all last year's exhibitors. Others please apply. Entries close Tuesday, Oct. 24th.—J. LINDSAY, Railway Cottages, Westwood, Medomsley R.S.O., Co. Durham.**

Ireland's Opening Show.

November 2nd & 3rd **DUBLIN** November 2nd & 3rd

Classes for everybody. Yorkshires Open and Novice, Norwich, Crests, Scotch Fancies and all British. Heaps of Specials. Schedules from **C. HOLLEY, 66, Fitzroy Avenue, Drumcondra, Dublin.**

NOV. 3rd and 4th **SHEFFIELD** NOV. 3rd and 4th

O.S. Annual **Open Show** of Canaries, Hybrids, British and Foreign Birds in the **CUTLERS' HALL,** under the patronage of the C.M.Y.C.C., C.C.C., N.B.B. and M.C., Y.C.B.B. and M.C., F.B.C. **Yorks 13 Classes, Novice 2; Norwich 7, Novice 2; Crests 6, Selling 4, British 12 (including Lark or Pipit and Albino Classes), Foreign 6.** Judges—J. H. Roe, Esq., Chas. Houlton, Esq. **Prize Money, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-. Foreign Section, 12/-, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-.** Entry Fee, 1/6. **Cash specials too numerous to mention. ENTRIES CLOSE OCTOBER 30th.** Schedules from **T. BISHOP, 69, Alexandra Road, Sheffield.**

BOURNEMOUTH

20th Annual **OPEN SHOW,** Central Hall, The Square, **TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY,**

November 7th and 8th.

ENTRIES CLOSE OCTOBER 26th.—Schedules—W. O. BROOKE, Honorary Secretary, 102, Norfolk Road.

WALES' CHAMPION SHOW. **SWANSEA** NOV. 8th and 9th.

Judges—H. W. Battye, A. Silver. **67 Classes open to all.** Schedules from **S. H. GEORGE, 32, Fisher Street, Swansea.**

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Annual Exhibition of Canaries, British Hybrids, and Foreign Birds (open to the World),

ROYAL HORTICULTURAL HALL, NOVEMBER 24th to 27th. 140 Classes. Quantity of Specials. Prize money, 12/- 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Twelve specialist judges. Schedules will be sent to exhibitors at last Show of L.C.B.A. and Palace. Entries close **November 16th.** Messrs. **MUGFORD & TYSON, 1, Strathearn Road, Wimbledon, London, S.W.**

ROCHDALE

O.C. 31st

ANNUAL OPEN SHOW

OCT. 20th, 21st.

in the Ambulance Drill Hall, Molesworth Street. **Splendidly lighted, warm, two minutes from station.** Judges: Messrs. C. A. House and A. Hirst. Under patronage of L.C.A. and L. and L.F.A. 13 Lancs., 6 Lizard, 8 Yorks, 4 Crest, 8 Norwich, 3 Mule, 4 British, and 3 Foreign Classes and others. **23s.** per class to entry fee of **1s. 6d. Numerous specials. Entries close October 14th (Monday 1st post in time) to—R. Blincoe, 160, Drake Street, Rochdale.**

CITY OF

GLASGOW

O.S. The **58th Annual Show** and Competition of Canaries, Hybrids, British and Foreign Birds will be held on **Friday and Saturday,**

Oct. 20th and 21st.

93 classes. Full prize money paid in all classes. **Numerous specials and cups. Entries close Saturday, 14th.** Schedules, etc., from **Alex McDonald, 279, Crow Road, Partick, Glasgow.**

THE BROMLEY and West Kent Fanciers' Association Open Show, **Oct. 16th and 19th. Genuine appeal. Entries very short; must extend until first post Sunday morning. —A. T. Bellinger, 26, Nightingale Lane, Bromley, Kent.**

NEWCASTLE-

on-Tyne C.B.S. 6th Annual Show, on **20th and 21st October. Entries close on Monday, Oct. 16th.** See last week's "Cage Birds," and send entries on. **95 classes and heaps of cups and specials.—J. E. Atkinson, 8, Trawhitt Road, Heaton, Newcastle-on-Tyne.**

SELKIRKSHIRE O.F.A.

Will hold their **23rd Annual Show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds,** Pigeons and Cats (open to the United Kingdom), on **Saturday, 21st October.** Judges, H. Bennet, Esq., Kelso, Canaries; Tom Nisbet, Esq., Galston, Working Homers; John Scott, Esq., Edinburgh, varieties. **Entries close Saturday, 14th October.** Schedules from **James Robertson, 4, Green Terrace, Selkirk, N.B.**

MIDDLESBRO

and Tees-Side C.B.S. 6th Annual Show, Oct. 21st, 1911. Prize money, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, 1/-; good specials; 1/- entry. Judges, Geo. Harland, Esq., C. Houlton, Esq. **Entries close Oct. 16th.** Schedules, apply, **Arthur Wake, 41, Aske Road, Middlesbro'.**

Burton-on-Trent

C.B.S. 5th Annual **Open Show** of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds, in the Victoria Hall, on

Saturday, Oct. 21st.

40 classes, 50 specials, and 4 money prizes. Judge: J. Robson. Anyone who has not received schedule please send.

Entries Close Oct. 16th

first post.—W. Elliott, 22, Leicester Street, Burton-on-Trent.

EAST LOTHIAN

C.B.S.'s Show of Canaries, British and Foreign, on **21st October. 39 classes** with as many specials. **Entries close 16th.—Jas. McHolme, Sec., Haddington.**

NOTTINGHAM & D.S. P.O.S. Op. Show, **Oct. 21, 1911,** of Canaries, British, Mules and Hybrids, and Foreign. Judge—F. Beardall, Huthwaite. **Entries close October 19th.** Schedules from **J. BUNN, 81, Ena Avenue, Nottingham.**

HUDDERSFIELD

O.S. Annual Open Show, **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21st,** Judges: Messrs. W. A. Cowgill and J. Trengove, **Entries close October 17th.** For schedules apply: **F. J. SYKES, 40, Imperial Rd., Edgerton, Huddersfield**

PAIGNTON

Torbay O.S. 5th annual Open Show, WEDNESDAY, OCT. 25th. No cancelling or amalgamating. Schedules sent out; if overlooked, we will gladly send one. Address—**J. N. & J. Jeffery, Sartor House, Paignton.**

EVESHAM

Cage Birds, OCTOBER 25th. Six open classes. Entries close Oct. 16th.—Sec., Geo. Wilts, Evesham.

TAVISTOCK (DEVON)

and District Fanciers' Society. First Exhibition of Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cats, Cavies, and **Cage Birds,** in the Market Hall, Tavistock, **Wednesday, October 25.** Poultry 70, Pigeons 30, Cage Birds 21, Rabbits, Cats, etc., 9 classes. Judges (Poultry), Messrs. Abbott and Camp, (Pigeons) Mr. A. Leith, and (Cage Birds) Mr. R. B. Tope. **Entries close October 16. Full prize money guaranteed. No amalgamation.** Schedules of—**Jno. Young, Hon. Sec., 1, Church Lane, Tavistock.**

WISBECH 2nd Annual £5 limit Show, **October 25.** Turbits and **Foreign birds.** No limit. 22 classes for Poultry, G. Barker. 28 classes for Pigeons, Messrs. Murrell and Jackson. 14 classes for Rabbits, Mr. Swales Ward. **21 classes for Cage Birds,** Mr. Mackley. Good prize money and specials. **Please enter early. Entries close positively October 15th.** Schedules from **Ward and Allen, Kilmorie Park Road, Walsoken, Wisbech.**

SITTINGBOURNE Open to Kent.

OCTOBER 25th and 26th. Judges: Messrs. J. N. Harrison and G. Gardner. **"Hyde's Special Teapot,"** etc. **Entries close October 19th.** Schedules—**Arnold, 171, Chalkwell Road.**

HAYLE

Show of Cage Birds, etc.,

will be held at the Public Hall, on **25th and 26th OCTOBER. Grand classification.** Judge, C. H. Toy, Esq. **Prize money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6.** Schedules ready.—**A. Coombe, Hon. Sec., Hayle.**

GRIMSBY

and District Ornithological Society. Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules, Hybrids, British and Foreign Birds, **October 25 and 26.** Judge, Mr. W. Vardy. 10/- cash for best Hardbill; 10/- cash for best Softbill, and other Specials. Schedules now ready, to be had from **Towl Bros., Secs., 205, Welholme Road, Grimsby.**

CAGE BIRDS SECTION,

PORTSMOUTH

F.S. Show will be held in the Hampshire Fortress Engineers' Drill Hall, on **WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, OCT. 25th and 26th. 25 classes; special in each.** Entrance fee 1/6 ,members 1/3. Prize money 10s., 5s., 2/6, for twelve entries and over a fourth prize of 1/6 will be given. Part of Rule 9, re prize money, will not be noticed and **full prize money is guaranteed. Entries close absolutely October 18th.** Schedules.—**T. Tebbs Hipwell, 7, Osborne Street, Southsea.**

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CARLISLE

(Border City O.S.) Show, OCTOBER 25 and 26, Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds. **55 Classes. Prize money 10s., 5s., 3s., 2s.,** with **specials for each class and section,** and **2 silver cups.** Judges: Jno. Robson and H. W. Battye. **Entries close Oct. 21st.** Schedules sent to all previous exhibitors; others apply to **J. C. Bell, 23, Botchergate, Carlisle.**

OXFORD

and District C.B.S. Great Open Show, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26th. 32 classes. Over 50 specials. Schedules now ready from Sec.: **A. F. Fifield, 6, Buckingham Street, Oxford.**

AYLESBURY 3rd Ann. Show OCTOBER 26th.

Poultry, **Cage Birds,** etc. Popular judges. Prizes **10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Specials galore.** Entry 1/6. **Entries close October 16th to F. Rayner, 27, Ardenham Street, Aylesbury.**

LUTON OCT. 26th.

12 CLASSES.

Judge, C. A. House, Esq. **Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-.** Fee, 1/9. **Pilbeam, 144, Dallow Rd., Luton.**

TREHARRIS GLAM. October 26th.

Grand Show of **Cage Birds.** Judge: E. J. Davies. **Challenge Cup** etc. **Entries close October 19th.** Schedules ready.—**W. Davies, 6, Edward Street, Treharris, Glam.**

REMEMBER

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and District C.B.C. 4th Open Show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds, on **Saturday, 28th October,** under the patronage of the Yorkshire and Border Fancy Canary Clubs of Scotland. **49 Classes. Prizes: 10/-, 5/-, and 2/6. Entry fee, 1/6. Specials galore.** Judges: Jas. F. Dewar, James B. Paterson, and A. Watson. **Entries close Oct. 23rd.** Schedules from **James Sloan, Sec., 19, New Bridge St., Ayr.**

DYSART Cage Bird Society 7th Annual Exhibition of Canaries,

Mules, British, and Foreign Birds, on **Saturday, 28th October.** 70 Classes. Cup, medal, and numerous specials. Popular judges: Scotch Fancy, J. Thomson, Kirkcaldy; Border Fancy, R. Lambie, Whithurn; Norwich Crests and Plainheads, James Winter, Edinburgh; British and Foreign Birds, Christopher White and Robert Gilmour, Kirkealdy. **Entries close 23rd October.** Schedules from **John S. Harris, Victoria Bar, Dysart, Fife.**

Hartlepools'

C.B.S. Seventh Annual Show on **Saturday, October 28th.** 44 classes; 4 novice classes. Judges, Messrs. Battye and Maddison. Patronage N.Y.C.C. **Entries close October 23rd.** Schedules from—**E. WOODHEAD, St. Paul's Road, West Hartlepool.**

BELPER 22nd Annual Show

October 28th, 1911. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Entry fee, 1/-. **Entries close October 23rd.** Schedules.—**Stillman and Holden, Belper.**

CODNOR PARK & Eastwood C.B.S. (Notts.) Annual **Open Show** of Canaries, Mules, Hybrids, and British Birds, **OCTOBER 28th.** Judge, J. H. Roe. **Prize money 10s., 5/-, 2s. 6d. Entries close October 25th, first post.** Schedules now ready from **J. H. Mitchell, Sec., South Street, Greenhill Lane, Alfreton.**

BARNSTAPLE

October 31st and November 1st.
Schedules Ready.

Judge, Mr. J. Robson. **Sec., Percival Harris, Exhibition Office.**

DUNBAR

O.S. will hold their seventh **Open Show on Wednesday, 1st NOVEMBER. 74 Classes,** including **Cups, Medals, and numerous specials. Entries close Oct. 23rd.** Popular judges: C. Campbell, Esq., G. Cadwallador, Esq., W. Hunter, Esq., T. Smith, Esq. Schedules from **M. Gilhooly, Hon. Sec., High St., Dunbar.**

LISKEARD SHOW

Under **Cage Bird Union, Nov. 1st, 1911.** Judge, Mr. J. H. Payne. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Point cup open to any member. No specials awarded to any entry received after **Oct. 26th, 1911.** Enter early and greatly help.—**H. JONES ROBINS, Hon. Sec., 2, Market St.**

Cheltenham

NOVEMBER 1st and 2nd. Patronage of C.C.C., S.N.P.C., S.Y.C.C., E. and W.B.F.C.C., N.B.B. and M.C., F.B.C. Judges: Messrs. W. E. Greeves, H. W. Battye, J. Frostick. **Show Manager: W. Pounsett, 5, White Cross Square, Cheltenham.**

TREDEGAR (MON.) NOV. 2nd

Open Show Cage Birds. 30 classes. Judge, H. W. Battye. Schedules.—**E. W. Sutherley, 17, Church Street, Tredegar, Mon.**

CHATHAM and Dis. F.S. Annual Show.

(Open to Kent) of Canaries, Mules, Hybrids, British and Foreign Birds, **NOV. 2nd and 3rd.** Judge, Mr. Ald. A. E. Enfield. **2/6 best Norwich, 2/6 best Yorkshire, 2/6 best Goldfinch, and other specials.** Schedules ready, of **H. Wray, 22, Glencoe Road, Chatham.**

LIVERPOOL

NOVEMBER 3rd and 4th.

Judges: Mundell, Vardy, Wellings, and Dormer. Schedules sent to last year's exhibitors and members specialist clubs; others apply: **Metcalfe and Hillmen, 68, Brunswick Road.**

BLAYDON

AND DISTRICT

Cage Bird Society. Eighth Annual Show, will be held in the **Drill Hall, Blaydon, on Friday and Saturday, November 3 and 4, 1911.** Popular judges: J. Robson, Esq., London, and H. W. Battye, Esq., Huddersfield. Schedules from **G. Havver, 1, Theresa Street, Blaydon. Entries close Saturday, October 28, 1911.**

STONEHOUSE

Cage Bird and Flying Homer Show, November 4, 1911. Classification: 8 Border Fancy, 12 Norwich, 15 British Bird, 2 Mule or Hybrid, 1 Foreign Class, 3 Members' Classes. Judges: J. Patterson, Chirnside, Allan Chalmers, Kirkintilloch. Schedules from **Jas. Hamilton, 36, Camnethan Street, Stonehouse, Lanarkshire.**

BO'NESS and Dis. F.A.

Annual Show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds, in the Masonic Hall, **November 4th,** under patronage of B.F.C.C. and S.B.B. and M.C. 62 Classes. Judges: Canaries, Mr. Holmes, B.F. Mr. D. Hamilton, British Messrs. Raine and Watson.—**Sec., T. Cameron, 7, Ash Terrace, Grangepans, Bo'ness.**

BRECHIN C.B.S.

Forty-eighth Grand Annual Show of Norwich, Border Fancies, and Wild Birds, will be held in Temperance Hall, Brechin, on **Saturday, November 4, 1911.** Splendid classification and numerous special prizes, Also under the patronage of B.F.C. and N.P.C. Judges for Norwich, Wm. Bishop; Border Fancy, John Hutchison; Wild Birds, J. Stewart. Schedules now ready from **Geo. Mitchell, Sec., 118, Montrose Street, Brechin.**

The Crystal Palace of the North.

CLEATOR MOOR

Fanciers Society of Poultry, Pigeon and Cage Birds. Eighth Annual Open Show will be held in **Market Hall,, on Saturday, November 4, 1911.** Judges: Poultry, H. Inman, Esq., Bradford; R. Pigeons, W. H. Coad, Esq., Burnley; Cage Birds, A. Wellings, Esq., Prescot. Specials in galore. **Entries close on Saturday, October 28, 1911.** Schedules now ready, from **Jas. E. Byrne, 110, Birks Road, Cleator Moor, Cumberland.**

THE BEST ONE-DAY SHOW IN THE NORTH.

STOCKTON-

on-Tees 7th Annual Show,
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4th.

Prize money 8s., 4s., 2s., 1s. 43 classes. Special every class. 1s. entrance fee. Judges: T. Dixon, R. Halliday, H. Tams, T. Hill, F. Marwood. **Entries close October 28th.** Schedules from J. W. Lowes, **17, Canning Street, Stockton-on-Tees.**

YORK

C.B.S. Seventh Annual **Open Show** on **Saturday, Nov. 4th, 1911. 35 classes.** Patronage O.N.P.C.C. **Prize money 8s., 4s., 2s., 1s.** Entrance fee 1s. Judge, A. Hirst, Esq., Acerington. Schedules from **H. Thompson, 57, Nun Mill Street, York.**

MARKINCH Cage Bird Show on Sat., November 4.

Judges: Messrs. J. Black and J. Stenhouse—S.F.; R. Lambie, Nor. and Borders; R. Bald—Brit., etc. **Entries close on Saturday, 28th Oct.—Geo. Mitchell, Sec., Coaltown, Markinch.**

HADDINGTON

N.B. (17 miles from Edinburgh) 25th annual Show of Poultry, Pigeons, and **Cage Birds,** in Corn Exchange, Haddington, on **Nov. 4th. Hyde's silver teapot and Border Club medal.** Judge, Henry Bennet, Kelso. Schedules from **David Cockburn, Victoria Road.**

TUNSTALL

and District C.B.S. Annual Show, **Thursday, Nov. 4th, 1911. Good classification. Cash specials for open classes.** At the **Crown and Anchor Hotel,** one minute from station. Schedules ready in a few days.—**Evans and Brough, 18, Sneyd St., Tunstall, Stoke-on-Trent.**

BRAINTREE

11th Annual Show. Poultry, Pigns., Rabbits, Cage birds, **NOV. 4.** (30 miles radius, £5 limit). Good classification. Numerous Specials. Popular Judges. Entries close **Oct. 23rd.** For Schedules apply,—**F. A. HUNNABLE, London Rd., Braintree.**

LEICESTER

Hand-in-Hand C.B.S. 12th Annual **Open Show, Nov. 4th and 6th. Grand Classification** and **heap of Cash Specials.** Judges, J. Robson and C. Houlton. For particulars and schedules.—**A. Freestone, 79, Clarendon St., Leicester.**

BUCKIE

NOVEMBER 8th. Cage Birds Judge, Arnott, Kirkcaldy. Schedules, **MELVIN & BUNYAN, 43, West Church Street.**

PONTYPRIDD

and Dis. F. and F.S., **Wednesday, Nov. 8th. Prize money, 10s., 5s., and 2s. 6d. Large number of specials.** Judges: Messrs. Harrison, Davies, and Hill. **Entries close Nov. 1st.** Schedules now ready.—**A. A. Gordon McLucas, 48, Rosser Street, Maesycoed, Pontypridd.**

West Bromwich

November 8th.

M.C.Y.C.C. patronage. Novice and Champion. **43 Open Classes.** Schedules ready shortly, from **W. C. Andrews, 1, Hayes St., West Bromwich.**

BRIGHTON

Cage Bird Association 2nd Annual Open Show Canaries, British, Foreign. Nov. 8th and 9th, North Road Lecture Hall. Good classification, numerous specials, model prize cards. **Judge, C. A. House, Esq. Entries close Nov. 1st.** Note prize money: 10/-, 6/-, 4/-; 1/6 added in large classes. Schedules of—**WILL. H. GIBB, Hon. Sec., 19, Bond Street.**

Luton (Beds.)

Annual **Open Show** of Cage Birds, **Thursday, Nov. 9th. Open, members' and novice classes. Good specials.** Judges: Canaries, C. A. House; Mules, British and Foreign, R. J. Howe.—**E. Bloomfield, 22, Hitchin Rd., Luton, Beds.**

MALTON

(Yorks.) 16th Annual Open Show of Canaries, British, Mules, and Hybrids, will be held on **Thursday, November 9th.** Judge, W. A. Cowgill, Bradford. Y.C.B.B. and M.C. patronage. **Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6,** for 1/6 entry fee (and specials). **Entries close November 4th, 1911.** For schedules apply, **J. Wilson, Sec., 8, Wold St., Norton, Malton, Yorks.**

Banbridge

Cage Bird and Pigeon Association's

Show, to be held in **Town Hall, Banbridge, on Thursday and Friday, 9th and 10th NOVEMBER (open to Ireland only).** Under patronage of Yorkshire Canary and Cage Bird Society of Ireland. **55** Classes for Cage Birds and 12 Classes for Pigeons: **3 Cups and 60 Specials.** Judges: Scotch Fancy and British Birds, Mr. R. Wright; other classes, Mr. W. Mundell. **Entries close 4th November.—A. McCagherty, Hon. Sec., Banbridge, Ireland.**

HALTWHISTLE & DISTRICT C. B. S.

Open Show, Friday, Nov. 10th. Patronage, B.F.C.C., N.B. and S.F.C., and N.C.N.C.C. Judge, John Dixon. Schedules.—**Nicholson and Tallantyre, Westgate, Haltwhistle.**

OLD SHILDON

Workmen's Club C.B.S. Show on **NOVEMBER 10th and 11th. Prize money 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d., 1s. 1s.** 6d. entry. Judge: J. Stanger, Pelton Fell. 2s. 6d. special each class. **5s. special most entries. Special value 10s. 6d. for best bird in show.** Entries close November 4th. Schedules, apply.—**J. H. Elwell, 35, Church Street, Shildon, Co. Durham.**

KIRKCALDY

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NOTICE!

DARLINGTON

C. and B.B.F.A. 6th Annual **Open Show** of **Canaries,** Mules, Hybrids, British and Foreign Birds, will be held in the Corn Exchange on **Saturday, November 11th. 43 classes. Prize money, 8s., 4s., 2s.** Entrance fee 1s. Judges: J. Wilcock and J. Walsh. **Entries close Saturday, November 4th.** Schedules from **A. Walker, Hon, Sec., 47, Montrose Street, Darlington.**

BRISTOL, Nov. 14th & 15th

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GALSTON

Ayrshire, Saturday, Dec. 2nd. 14 cl. Scotch Fancies, 7 cl. Borders, 4 cl. British.—**ALEXANDER FREW, Sec., 26, Duke St.**

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Twitterings.

Scottish Metropolitan Open Derby report, in the Belgian classes, should read Fairley and not Paisley.—John Fairley (Coatbridge).

Owing to my having won a scholarship, I am compelled to give up keeping birds, not having the time to attend to them, writes Mr. W. H Blythe (Bacup).

Mr. Jas. Jeans (Camelon) has been appointed judge of cage birds at our show on Dec. 2, writes Mr. Dow, jun., sec. of the Auchterarder P.P. and C.B.A.

We have again elected Mr. T. Harrison (Altrincham) to judge our November show, writes Mr. J. Critchley, hon. sec. of the Pendleton and Salford O.S.

Will members of the South Manchester C.B.S. kindly note, writes Mr. A. Smith, the sec., that there is a rule passed imposing a fine for non-attendance at meetings?

We hear that Mr. A. Balfour (the Master Cutler) is to perform the opening ceremony at three o'clock of the Sheffield O.S. Show in the Cutlers' Hall on November 3.

Class 15 in our schedule should read: Yorkshire clear ticked or unevenly marked yellow or buff hen 1911 unflighted, write Messrs. Towl Bros., hon. secs., Grimsby Show.

The schedules for the Oxford C.B.S. Show have been sent out to all known exhibitors, writes Mr. A. F. Fifield, hon. sec. Will any fancier wishing for one kindly send at once?

I regret that the two classes for Lizards have been omitted from our schedule, writes Mr. B. Peake, show sec. of the Hanley C.B.S. They will stand as: 20a, Lizard Gold; 21a, Lizard Silver.

Will Mr. Curtis, whose lecture on the Norwich Plainhead appeared in Cage Birds a few months back, kindly forward me his address, writes Mr. G. H. Madellan (23, Speranza Street, Plumstead).

The judges for our show on December 9 are: For Norwich, Mr. D. Buchan; for Borders, Mr. R. Reid; and for British, Mr. P. McQuiston, writes Mr. W. Clubb, sec. of the Falkirk Good Intent C.B.A.

We are compelled to extend entries till Oct. 16, writes Mr. C. Brooks, hon. sec. of the Leamington Spa show on Oct. 19. Entries are not one per class, and we are trying our utmost to get a good entry.

Schedules of the Manchester and N.C. O.S. Show (Oct. 27 and 28), writes Mr. H. Boothman, the hon. secs., have been sent out. Will anybody who has not received a schedule, and who would like a copy, kindly let me know?

As some of my correspondence is still finding its way to my late address, kindly notify my change of address to 159, Bothal Terrace, Pegswood, Morpeth, writes Mr. Robert Middleton, sec. of the Hirst Universal C.B.S.

The attention of exhibitors is drawn to the fact that our show is to be held on November 25, writes Mr. G. Reed, sec. of Brandon Colliery Show. I am sorry I omitted the date from our advertisement in Cage Birds.

Your readers will be interested to learn that Sir T. Scott Foster (the Mayor of Portsmouth, who was knighted this week) was, and probably still is, writes Mr. Geo. Crabb (London) a fancier; he used to show Crests very successfully.

Kindly ask through Cage Birds for the name and address of the exhibitor making two entries in Class 22 of the Portsmouth C.B.S., write Messrs. King and Joiner, the secs. The postmark is London; office issuing p.o., Wallington.

Through an oversight, Mr. J. Thomson (Newtongrange) will not judge the Borders at our forthcoming show; but we have secured the services of Mr. J. Young (Allanton) in his stead, writes Mr. C. Lugton, sec. of the Galashiels O.S.

Newcastle C.B.S. have received the patronage of the English and Welsh Border Fancy C.C., but not until after schedules were printed (writes Mr. J. E. Atkinson, the sec.). Each member will receive schedule with full particulars of competitions.

Owing to a mistake on the part of the library authorities our annual show date has been altered from November 10th and 11th to December 1st and 2nd, judges, Messrs. J. Robson and A. Silver, writes Mr. R. P. Harper, hon. sec. of the North London C.B.A.

A fine spray of millet, in a green (unripe) state reaches us from Mrs. Maunsell-Eyre (Congresbury, Som.), who writes: "The plant is about three feet high, and must have come from a stray bird seed. It is in our fruit garden, and shows that millet can be well grown in this country. I intend to grow some for my hybrids next summer." We think, too, it would certainly be excellent for young British and foreign birds.

We have added seven open Canary classes to our nineteenth annual show (with guaranteed prize-money), to be held November 15 and 16, writes Mr. G. Stubbs, the hon. sec. of the Worthing F.A.

Certain specials that have been promised, which could not be allotted at our last meeting, have been omitted from our schedule, writes Mr. G. Lawton, hon. sec. of the Hanley C.B.S., so that the show sec. (Mr. B. Peake) could get the schedule into the printer's hands at once.

Through a change of situation, I have been compelled to give up the secretaryship of the Sale C.B.S., writes Mr. James Irlam. All correspondence should be addressed to Mr. Alfred Royle, 99, Harley Road, Sale, who has very kindly consented to take over the duties of secretary.

Up to first post Tuesday I have only received 73 entries in our 26 classes, the first 14 of which are guaranteed, writes Mr. A. T. Bellinger, sec. of the Bromley and West Kent F.A. Fanciers, do help us! Prize-money will be paid on the second day of show. Send on, and I will enter up.

On receiving Cage Birds of Oct. 7 I was delighted to see on the cover the photograph of our excellent secretary, Mr. A. F. Fifield. I am sure any society would be proud to have such a hard-working secretary. I hope fanciers will not forget to send him some entries for our first great open show on Oct. 26.—W. Wren (Oxford C.B.S.).

We have secured a separate hall for cage birds adjoining the poultry hall, writes Mr. H. Davidson, sec. of the Lockerbie Show on Nov. 23. Lockerbie is a good centre both for English and Scottish exhibitors. We have a cup for best Border Fancy in show; also for best Norwich P.H. We have the patronage of the Border Fancy C.C.

The Windsor C. B. A. will hold their third annual show on November 29th, writes Mr. E. A. Stickland, the hon. secretary. Mr. J. Robson has been appointed judge, there being 42 classes in the open to all England section, and 20 classes in the members' division. Prize money will be paid out same day as show, or forwarded next day without fail.

The Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S. have again decided to hold an open show on Jan. 11 and 12, 1912, write Messrs. Meades and Smith, the secs. Mr. T. Heath has been elected to judge the Cauary section, and Mr. J. Frostick the Hybrids, British and Foreign birds. It is hoped all old supporters will patronise us, so that we may be able to continue our open shows.

We are running ten open classes in connection with our show on November 29th, writes Mr. W. H. Pyke, secretary of the Reading and Dis. C.B.S. The full list now reads:—Open classes, 2 Nor., 2 Yorks, 1 C. or C.B., 1 A.O.V. Can., and 4 Brit.; and members' classes: Can., 11; Mules, 1; Brit., 6. Amateur: Can., 11; foreign, 4—42 classes for the entire show. Judge, Mr. J. H. Payne.

The Pentrebach and Dist. (Glam.) F.S. second open show will be held at the New Hall, Pentrebach, on November 30 next, writes Mr. A. E. Brown, the hon. sec. Mr. T. L. Castree (Mountain Ash) will judge, and we have also secured the patronage of the Welsh C.B.C. In addition to the usual specials, the Welsh C.B.C. have kindly given us a sum of money for cash specials. Schedules will be ready shortly.

On the eve of our closing date, write Messrs. King and Joiner, hon. secs., Portsmouth C.B.S. Show, we are puzzled with the problem how to make a show with only nine entries to fill thirty-one open classes. There is nothing left for us but to extend our entries until the last post this Saturday (October 14). We earnestly appeal to exhibitors for support. If you have no schedule, send a description of the birds you wish to enter, and we will classify them.

We hear from the secretary, Mr. T. Pope (98, Emhankment Road, Plymouth) that entries are very short indeed for Plymouth Show on Tuesday and Wednesday next, Oct. 17 and 18. Exhibitors should rally round at once and post on particulars of the birds they desire to enter (entries close this Saturday). Plymouth offers splendid prize-money (22s. 6d. for an entry fee of only 1s. 6d.), and heaps of specials, while the train service could not well be bettered, and the management is always first-class. Excursions will be run throughout Devon and Cornwall by both the G.W.R. and L. and S.W.R.

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All prize-money at Burnley Show has been paid, writes Mr. R. Towler, the secretary.

The members of the Ashton-under-Lyne O.S., writes Mr. J. R. Colville, the sec., are holding the last of a series of table shows which count for valuable points specials—five classes each Nor. and Yorks, four for British, and one for Foreign. To encourage the youthful fancier, two classes are provided for boys under fourteen years of age—one Hardbill, one Softbill, and a silver medal is the prize for each class. Admission to the show is free. (No date is stated. —Editor.)

Intending exhibitors at our show on Oct. 21 and visitors to same should note, writes Mr. A. Wake, sec. of the Middlesbrough and Tees-side C.B.S., that the North-Eastern Railway Co. are running excursions on that date, with day bookings to Middleshrough, from Newcastle, etc., Middleton-on-Tees, West Auckland and Spennymoor Branch, Tow Law, Bishop Auckland and Darlington, also Stanhope and Richmond Branches, Leeds, York, etc.; and half-day bookings from West Cliff, Loftus, and Boosbeck.

Will fanciers please note that the New Cross and Dist. C.B.S. have taken up new headquarters at the People's Hall, Tanners Hill, next door to the Deptford Broadway Theatre, write Messrs. G. and J. Barton, the secs. Meetings will be held same as before. Subs., 1s. per quarter, no uomination fee for 1911. We are holding a combined members' show with the Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S. at the above hall on Nov. 16 (all-day show). Fanciers wishing to join, please write us at 8, Warwick Street, Deptford.

Our open show is to be held on January 1 and 2, 1912, writes Mr. W. Lambie, Cage Bird Sec. of the Paisley O.A. For Scotch Fancies and Belgians (19 classes) the judges are Messrs. D. Black (Govan), D. Caldwell (Baillieston), A. M. Baird (Paisley), and G. Fulton (Partick); for Norwich (18 classes), Mr. A. Roberts (Rutherglen); for Yorkshires (four classes), Mr. R. B. Gibb (Ibrox); for Borders (eight classes), Mr. H. Bennet (Kelso); and for Mule, Hybrid, and wild bird classes (15 classes), Mr. R. V. Raine (Cathcart).

Owners of show dogs are eagerly awaiting October 25, for on that day the six valuable Coronation Caskets offered by Messrs. Spratt's Patent, Ltd., are being finally awarded at the Kennel Club's Show at the Crystal Palace. The total value of Spratt's Coronation Caskets is 205 guineas, and all are to be won outright. No such prizes have ever been offered before, and the only stipulation made by Spratt's is that the dogs must have been regularly fed on their foods. Regarding the awards at the Festival of Empire Exhibition, Messrs. Spratt's wish it to be known that they were awarded a Grand Prix for the superior excellence of their dog foods.

Norwich Plainhead Club.

The annual general meeting will be held on October 28, 1911, at four o'clock, at Manchester Show. Will members kindly attend?—Jno. Hopkins, hon. sec.

Avonbridge Show Date.

Avonbridge Show is to be held on Nov. 18, and not on Oct. 18, as given in your "Guide to the Shows," writes Mr. P. Gentleman, the sec. I trust intending exhibitors will note, and give us a good entry.

Welsh C.B.C. Judges.

The result of our ballot for six judges is as follows:—1, T. H. Melhuish (Cardiff); 2, G. L. Harber (Merthyr); 3, D. H. Tedstone (Brecon); 4, J. Pritchard (Mountain Ash); 5, S. H. George (Swausea); and 6, J. H. Jones (Merthyr). F. Carl, scrutineer.—A. E. Brown, hon. sec.

London Federation Show.

Kindly note my change of address from St. Dunstan's Alley to 183, Mitcham Road, East Ham, writes Mr. H. W. Cook, show sec. of the London Federation of C.B.S. Will members affiliated to the Federation especially note the new address, to which their entries must be sent?

Curious Captures

Last month, writes Mr. Walter Swaysland, the well-known naturalist and dealer, of Brighton, I had brought to me a Land Rail caught on a doorstep, a Water Rail caught in a drawing-room, and a Dottrell which had flown against a telephone wire and injured its wing. They are all alive and doing well.

Changes of Addresses.

Secretaries of societies and others are asked to note the following changes of addresses:—Mr. G. E. Wilkinson (sec. of the Nottingham and Notts O.S.) from Parkside to 86, Lenton Boulevard, Nottingham; and Mr. H. W. Cook (show sec. of the Londou Federation of C.B.S. and sec. of the Poplar and Dist. C.B.S.), from St. Dunstan's Alley to 183, Mitcham Road, East Ham.

A Treat for London Bird-lovers.

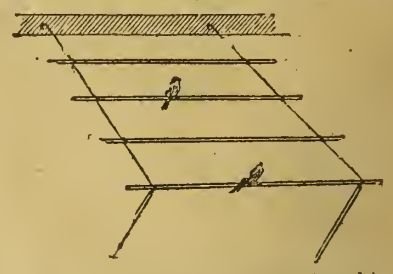
The London and Provincial O.S. will be pleased to see all bird lovers at the Leysian Mission Hall, City Road (opposite Old Street Tube Station) on Saturday next, October 14, at 8 p.m., to hear Mr. Richard Kearton, who will deal largely with his brother's startling adventures whilst bioscoping big game in East Africa. This lecture will be illustrated by some of the best moving and still pictures which Mr. Cherry Kearton obtained during his travels, including many wonderful pictures of lions, hippos., jackals, etc. Included in the lecture will be Mr. R. Kearton's own work during the summer of 1911 among the birds in the wildest parts of Norway. The films are non-flammable. The admission will be one penny.

Illustrated Ideas

No. 546.
An Aviary Bird Ladder.

Sent by Mr. M. R. Tomlinson, Shepherd House, Inveresk, Midlothian.

The enclosed sketch of a bird ladder for an outdoor aviary may be interesting. It is quite easily made, the wire being simply twisted round the perches, which project sufficiently far at either side to prevent their coming loose. The top end of wire is finished off in a hook to catch the wire netting, and the bottom sticks

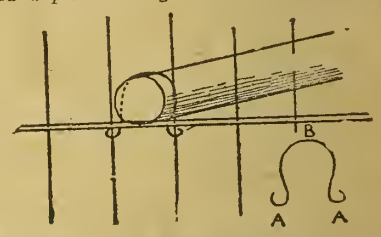


(by which the ladder is held outwards) are tapered for the same purpose. There is a nice springiness about the whole structure, and it will be found a great favourite with the birds. When occupied by a dozen or so birds, it certainly displays them to great advantage. See that a sufficient distance is left between the perches to prevent a playful individual from plucking feathers from one on a lower step!—M. R. Tomlinson.

No. 547.
A Simple Perch Holder.

Sent by Mr. J. Green, 7, Midleton Road, Woodbridge Hill, Guildford, Surrey.

The sketch shows a simple perch-holder. Bend a piece of cage wire as shown, and fix



the perch in over the punch bar, and under the loop "B." The bent ends "A" hook round the cage wire, under the punch bar. Drill some holes in the perch before putting it in, and the red mite will seek shelter in them and can easily be destroyed.—J. Green.

Caterham Show report in the A.O.S. Softbill class should read: 1st, special, and 3rd, Tout, not Jont.—R. C. Tout (Portsea).

Mr. W. Booth (14, Graver Lane, Newton Heath, Manchester) writes that he will be pleased to receive schedules of shows catering for the Border Fancy.

Kindly thank all readers for their patronage and help when I appealed to them through your paper Cage Birds, writes Mr. J. Chatwin (Smethwick). I have now, as you may say, sold out, and have received over 200 letters and postcards. I really cannot answer them all, although I should like to. I have also been offered a situation in London to-day, so you see all good things come at once, and through your paper I have got over my trouble and secured the desired situation at the finish. I might mention I have over twenty testimonials for the birds I have sent away, which I shall keep in remembrance.

Our schedules will be sent out this week, writes Mr. J. H. Elwell, sec. of the Old Shildon Workmen's Club C.B.S. Will anyone overlooked please send me a postcard, addressed to 35, Church Street, Shildon, Co. Durham, and they will receive one by return of post. The classes are good, also the prize-money, with 2s. 6d. cash special for every class, 5s. for most entries, and value 10s. 6d. for best bird in show. The hall is second to none in the North. The committee are all good fanciers, and all birds will be carefully attended to, and will be sent off so as to reach home on the Saturday night by trains the exhibitors wish.

Teaching the Young Idea.

Wombwell and Dist. B.F.A. have decided to hold their annual members' show on December 2, judge Mr. W. Brotherton, of Rotherham, writes Mr. J. Hudson, the sec. We shall have about 26 classes for Canaries and British birds. It has been proposed to hold a scholars' drawing competition in conjunction with the show, and to give eight prizes, four for boys and four for girls, in standards 4, 5, 6, and 7. Two members of the committee are appointed to judge the drawings; if they fail to come to a satisfactory decision, the services of an independent gentleman will be sought, his decision to be accepted as final. Messrs. Malpass and Dean have promised a special each to the scholar writing the best essay on what they saw at the show.

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The Bullfinch.

A Scottish Fancier's Hints Upon Its Treatment in Captivity.

By ROBERT COBAIN (Greenisland.)

The Bullfinch is not a migratory bird; at least, not in these parts. He is resident with us the whole year round.

Bullie's Food.

As regards the food of the Bullfinch, when in a wild state he goes in for almost everything in the nature of seeding plants, berries and fruit tree buds. I might here mention some of his favourites. Of seeds, sweet-meadow, docks, nettles, ragweed and groundsel, also the seed of the sycamore and ash tree; of berries, brambles, privets, rasp and haws; and of buds, apple, gooseberry and currant. These are his favourites.

The Bullfinch is a bird which is not fond of company; he is never to be found with other birds. And very seldom is it one sees more than a pair or two together. These birds, when once paired, are paired until death or a catcher separates them.

When the nesting time comes (which is about the beginning of May) the Bullfinch chooses for a place either a black or a white thorn bush in the most inaccessible quarter he can find. The nest is not a very neat structure, being composed of fine twigs and roots of trees lined with fibrous roots. It is very interesting to watch these birds building a nest. The hen does all the work and the cock just looks on and sings. When she is collecting the materials he will sit on the nearest bush, and sing all the time. When she flies back to the nest he flies with her, and perches on the top of the bush in which the nest is being built, flying backwards and forwards with her as the work goes on. From these remarks it is easily seen that the nest is not hard to find if one watches the birds.

As regards the song of the Bullfinch, some fanciers tell me that it is not much good, but to my ear it is a beautiful song, being sung in such a nice low key.

The operation of nest building over, the hen commences to lay her eggs, four or five in number. They are of a pale blue colour, with brown spots, resembling those of a Thrush, but, of course, much smaller. The period of incubation lasts from thirteen to fourteen days. When the young are hatched both parents attend to the feeding. Young Bullfinches, before they have feathers, are not good looking birds, being very large-headed and coarse. In the course of three weeks they are ready to leave the nest, and in another week or two can shift for themselves. They are then beautiful birds of a nice brown colour, with black wings and tail. The other colours, as above mentioned, do not appear until after the moult, when the birds are about eight or nine weeks old.

The only distinction that I know of between cock and hen Bullfinches when in their nest feather is that the cocks are usually the longer birds.

The Bullfinch as a Cage Pet.

So much for the natural history of the Bullfinch. Now we will consider him as a cage bird. In the first place I will speak of the catching. The Bullfinch is not a difficult bird to catch, either with a call bird or without. His call is easily imitated by anyone who will practise it a little. The plan which I have mostly followed is to go without a call bird, and find him in his feeding ground. Collect a bunch of ripe seeds of the same kind as he may be feeding on, such as docks or nettles. Tie these together and place them conveniently near a bush, with a few limed twigs placed on them. Then commence to imitate the call. When the Bullfinch comes he will perch on the bush; this is the time to stop the call. On seeing no other bird, he will come down to the seed you have collected, and so he is trapped. This is a simple method, but effective.

The next trouble after catching your bird is meating him off. I used to have a great number of these birds die because they absolutely refused, on being caged, to eat seed or to drink water. The plan which I hit on is as follows: Put your Bullfinch in a cage that is not too large to allow him much room to fly. Leave him for a few hours until he settles himself. Then get a piece of stick, thin enough to go between the bars of the cage, and go up to the cage when he is settled, and he will then look at you and open his bill. Then take the stick, dip it into the drinking water and put a drop in his bill; this he will swallow. Repeat this operation until you think he has got enough water. Now put the wet stick in the seed hopper. Some of the seeds will stick to it. Put one of these seeds in his bill; he will eat it, and will very soon pick them off the stick for himself. Repeat this operation until the bird follows the stick to the seed and water and learns to feed and drink for himself. The victory is then won. The above plan is one which I have never found to fail.

Having meated him off, the next thing is to get your Bullie steadied. Put him in a box cage with only the front wired; let it be about twelve inches high by eight inches wido and sixteen inches long. This is the best kind of cage in which to keep a Bullfinch. Hang the cage where the bird will be always in sight of the occupants of the house, and lift his cage down as often as possible. Talk to him as you do it, and he will soon become quite steady and tame, as the Bullfinch takes readily to cage life.

The best seeds to give a Bullfinch as a stock food I have found are: Canary, German rape, and a little hemp and teazle, with a few cracked sunflower seeds once a week. Also give him some of his favourite wild seeds which I have mentioned; some of these can be had the whole year round.

Getting Bullie Through the Moult.

The next question is how to get him through the moult in good colour. When the Bullfinch commences to moult stop the hemp seed altogether, and give just a little of the teazle and rape. Increase the quantity of wild seeds, and give as many privet and bramble berries as he will eat, also shoots of fruit trees, and your Bullfinch will moult equally as well as a field moulted bird. Keep up this diet for a few weeks after he is through the moult.

I never give colour food of any kind, for in my opinion though colour-feeding may improve the colour of the breast it spoils the other colouring of the bird.

As an exhibition bird and as a hybrid producer, the Bullfinch has come greatly into favour during recent years. In the latter capacity, the hen especially.

I may say in conclusion that my idea of a good type Bullfinch is one that is as large as possible, of good colour and well marked, carrying himself well up, not remaining in a crouched position as some of them do. A bird of this type is well worthy of a place in the best stocked bird-room.



DON'T BE DOWN-HEARTED!

When returning unsuccessful from a show, don't imagine everybody is looking and laughing. Buck up! Try another show—and another judge!

An Enthusiast Discourses Upon the "Wee Gem."

The Border Fancy Flaw-less!

So says Mr. J. Patterson, of Chirnside, in the following paper, recently read before the Northern Border and S.F. Club.

Mr. Chairman and fellow-fanciers: I have much pleasure in writing the following paper on the Border Fancy Canary at the request of your go-ahead secretary, Mr. Scott, and trust it may interest not a few of you, especially those who may be taking up with this variety; and I trust too that each of you will derive the same amount of pleasure from the variety that I have.

In the first place, to succeed one must be consistent. You cannot afford to be swayed this way or that by every authority on Canary breeding you meet. Have a fixed ideal to breed to, and stick to it throughout. Put more trust in your own efforts than in the advice of others who may know the peculiarities of their own stock, but nothing of yours.

Says an old proverb: "What you put in the cupboard will sooner or later come out." After you have handled your stock a few years, you know what you have put in to improve it, being greatly assisted if your first purchase comes from some reliable breeder who knows his own stock and breeds his own winners. Remember always that by careful mating success can be assured. On the other hand, by buying here and there you are only meddling and experimenting, and may be allowing undesirable influences to creep in to clog your ideal and dim any advancement made by you.

The Watchword.

Some experts I have met with are emphatic in pronouncing their methods to be perfect—the only way, in fact, by which one can succeed. Although Nature obeys certain great laws of her own, it does not follow that we should rigidly adhere to certain prescribed rules and ideas laid down by our predecessors. By no means; we must advance. We cannot afford to let our ideas, our methods of procedure, and our opinions be as fixed and immovable as the stars in their courses. Advancement must be our watchword; not contentment, or we will be left behind by other fanciers who are always trying their best to improve their stock.

I notice from the rules of your society, sent me by your secretary, that you have copied the model and rules of the Border Fancy Canary Club; I am sure no writing of mine could improve on either. I have the greatest admiration for the former, and have no hesitation in saying it has placed the bird on the lofty pedestal it now so proudly occupies amongst other varieties, and is the admiration of the bird-loving world. I trust your club may be able to do as much useful work as the mother club.

Perhaps it would be as well to state that the Border Fancy has not always had a club to look after its interests. In Glasgow, in the years 1888 and 1889, it was known as the Common Canary, and in the North of England as the Cumberland Fancy. At a meeting held in Hawick on the 5th July, 1890, purposely to draw up the standard and rules, the following resolution was passed: "That this meeting disapproves of the name Common Canary and Cumberland Fancy, and that on and after this date the bird to be known as the Border Fancy." I may also mention that a heated discussion had been carried on in the Fancy Press, your countrymen holding that to them belonged the claim of first breeding the variety, while the Scotch breeders were quite as emphatic that to them belonged that honour. The name "Border Fancy" was at last decided on, this being applicable to both sides. From that date I have followed the career of the bird, and each stage in the progress made by its breeders has had my careful study.

By way of impressing on you the great strides it has made in the past 21 years, I may say that at most of the shows held in and about 1890 only one or two classes at the end of the schedule were allocated to the Border Fancy; but take the Scottish National and your own open show, not to speak of the host of others which by far give the longest classification to our brave wee favourite, and you will be convinced of the progress made. Breeders in 1890 did not exceed many scores; now, its breeders are like the descendants of Noah's family—found in every corner of the British Isles. And to my mind there is no cause for wonder here, as the subject of my remarks is a "little gentleman." The eye cannot find in an ideal specimen the slightest flaw to mar the bird's exquisite outline.

Closing an Argument.

I had a long argument with a gentleman at the Scottish National Show, who after going over all the sections with me (except the Border), stated that each variety had some point introduced by the breeders, which Nature never intended it to have, and in some instances he termed the birds "Fanciers' Monstrosities." While not agreeing with him in the latter remark, I turned to him and said, come over here, and I will let you see a variety in which the breeder has improved on Nature. Holding his hand up, he said, "Impossible." I introduced him to the Border section, however, and instantly his eye gleamed, and I knew I had at last pleased him. Pleased him! He was simply in raptures of delight over their beautiful colour, feather and symmetry; and the condition they were in proved a "tickler" to him.

You must all of you have seen such persons at a show; they are taken up more with the curious points each variety is famed for than with the beauty of the bird itself. Not so in the case of the Border Fancy. You have his beauty at the first glance. He has nothing the eye can pick out as not conforming to all other points of his body, and nothing to hamper his movements, such as the excessive head feather of the Crest, the Jack Johnson corpulency of the Norwich Plainhead, the long legs of the Yorkshire, the high hunched-back, and depressed head of the Belgian and Scotch Fancies. The last-named are like Paddy who fell from a house-top and was asked after being picked up if he was hurt. After looking himself over, he exclaimed somewhat confusedly, "No, but I seem to have got a devil of a twist." He had been a wee bit muddled in the morning, and put on his trousers hindpart foremost. So with most varieties, there is some "twist" in their make-up which to the critical eye seems out of order.

(To be continued.)

Wild-Bird Life.

October Notes.

A bright September has added another month to a most glorious summer, but with October we expect chilly mists and damp days, with here and there a touch of frost. A look of summer still lingers on the landscape. Worn and faded are the leaves, but the trees are still green, almost untouched by autumn tints. The House Martins still wheel among the elms coaxing us to think that hoary winter is still a long way in the dim future. The life of the Martin is one of extraordinary contradiction. Carefully timing their spring journey to reach here when the genial sun brings to life the insects necessary to them; departing when the food supply runs out; moving in the early months from place to place to shun a cold district or seek a sheltered valley, they show birdy wisdom of no mean order. Yet they have no idea of the future, for although they cannot possibly linger for more than a few days, or a week or two at the most with us, some are still feeding young ones, and in one case the writer knows of a pair just building again, and another commencing to sit. Although we know wild animals and birds have a wonderful affection for their young, and have been known to brave many dangers in defence of them, yet these bright little Martins will forsake the helpless nestlings, leaving them to starve, or will leave a clutch of eggs half incubated; and depart with their free companions to the shores of Africa, or even as far as the Cape, where many will spend the winter months. When the Swallows and Martins have deserted their summer haunts, no bird is found who in any sense fills their place. Although they are essentially birds of the air, they are still birds of the homestead, and under this heading rank with the Starlings and Sparrows. Most of the former have gone to join the legions that muster on the marshes by the sea and the moorlands. Only the Sparrow is left. He and his fellows have spent the autumn in the corn fields, and will soon be returning to their old haunts, recruited in numbers by the many broods reared during an exceptional summer. By now the Nightingale, Blackcap, Whitethroat, and other warblers have departed. They have long been silent, and have vanished in the dark. The midsummer play is over, but we shall soon see a new set of actors among the winter scenery.

Questions and Answers.

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Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** British Birds, Mules and Hybrids—**G. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., &c., Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Return of the Trouble.

No Song.—The bird is doubtless troubled with so-called asthma, and its previous history does not augur well for the future. Once the trouble gets well-established, as in this bird, a radical cure is practically hopeless. Remedial treatment is but palliative, as you find the trouble returns upon the least provocation. You missed a good chance of breeding from him last summer, as there was no reason why you should not have hatched the eggs he filled. You should keep him in a box cage in a room with a comfortable and equable temperature, through this coming winter. See that he is quite free from draughts and fumes of burning lights. Continue your present method of feeding except that you should give a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of a mixture of equal parts cod liver oil emulsion and syrup of iodide of iron mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw seed three times a week for a month instead of egg food. In the drinking water give 20 drops of whisky, six of glycerine, and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week, and afterwards 20 drops of the chlorodyne and potassium mixture advised to "T. T.," every second day for three weeks. If the voice does not improve in that time, write again referring to this reply.

Greypates (Jim Smith).—You should not have marked your query "Canary Query," as it ought to have gone to Mr. Weston. See his replies next week. Meantime, as birds appear quite well, leave well alone.

What Class? (W. Bickel).—If the schedule does not contain a separate class for "Evenly Marked," an even-marked bird will certainly be eligible to compete in the class for "Ticked, Marked, and Variegated."

Accommodation (Cray Wanderer).—No, you could not keep 12 hens and four cocks in the aviary 6ft. by 4ft., and 4ft. high, for breeding with any chance of success. Indeed, you are lucky to have reared 13 from three pairs in it, if by that you mean you had three cocks and three hens flying loose. You should put in not more than four hens and one strong, lusty young cock, between one and two years old, for preference. Remove the first round of young when they are well on seed.

The Rumer-up Singer (P. D.).—Next to the Roller I consider the Border Fancy the best singing Canary, as its song is not so loud as that of most of the larger breeds generally regarded as singers. After the Border I should place others in this order: Lizard, Yorkshire, Norwich. Of the largest breeds, which are not usually regarded as singers, such as Crests or Lancashires, I personally prefer their song to that of the ordinary Norwich or Yorkshire. But it is of a different type, being more mellow, soft, or flutelike, instead of shrill and screechy.

Colour Feeding, Etc. (R.R.T.).—Do you mean to say all the birds you have which are colour fed (and are you sure that they really are fed?) become wheezy, and that none of those unfed become similarly affected? If so, then your experience is very different from my own and hundreds of others. As a matter of fact I am quite sure colour-fed birds are no more susceptible to wheeziness than un-fed ones, even if colour feeding is discontinued at any moult. I am inclined to think the trouble arises from your subjecting the birds to a different method of treatment, most likely a lower and more variable temperature. Keep the affected birds in a comfortable and equable temperature, quite free from draughts or damp, and feed for a month as advised to "W Twyford," except for the first fortnight, during which give the sponge cake as advised to "No Song." In the drinking water give every second day for a week 6 drops of dandelion juice and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a sixpence, and afterwards every second day for a fortnight the chlorodyne mixture mentioned in reply to "T.T." If the birds are not then better, write again and give full particulars of your feeding hitherto, the condition under which birds are kept, and to what extent the trouble exists.

Difficult Breathing (F.S.).—I am afraid if the bird is not exposed to draughts or extreme fluctuations of temperature now, it has been so exposed in the past. The gilded wire cage, I surmise, is open wire all round, and probably more pretty than practical. A box cage, hung in a nice bright position within the room—not in or close to a window—is quite a necessity to aid its recovery. Treat for a month as advised to "T. T.," repeating the dosage with salts mixture at end of the first fortnight, and report progress at end of month. Please refer to this reply when reporting progress.

Marking Canaries (Novice).—A rubber stamp of your name, initials, or monogram, and deep violet aniline ink is the best method of marking birds for your purpose. An impression should be made across three or four of the larger flights or tail feathers, holding the feathers just nicely spread out, and on a flat surface whilst making the impression. Hold the bird in left hand, keep feathers outspread with tips of thumb and forefinger, and hold feathers just over edge of a table, or similar hard, flat surface, and lying flat on surface to make impression. Press stamp on feathers evenly and gently; do not strike a blow.

Kind of Stove (L. B. W.).—I have no experience at all of the stove you name. But practically any kind that can be depended upon to keep going without constant attention at frequent intervals, to maintain a fairly regular degree of heat, and to give off the minimum of fumes or smoke, will answer the purpose. You can, of course, get stoves guaranteed not to smoke or smell, but my advice is do not trust one without the cover and flue, as mentioned in last reply. It will be decidedly safest to close the bottom of chimney after fixing the flue from stove, as if left quite open there will be no reliable upward "draught," and consequently a considerable risk of the room getting filled with fumes at times.

Improving Rollers' Song (W. H.).—A "natural gift" of course goes a long way, and all Rollers have it more or less, but training is the great point which teaches the birds how to utilise the gift. The 1910 bird has probably got its song quite fixed by this time, and it is very doubtful if hearing a good bird will improve it much. Therefore if it possesses any decidedly faulty notes, do not put it under the good singer, as it would be far more likely to corrupt than to learn better itself. The 1911 bird will still be susceptible to tuition. Place him beside the good singer, and cover his cage over until he is beginning to sing nicely after moulting. Cover him sufficiently close to prevent him singing much, and concentrate his attention on the tutor until he has had a few weeks' tuition.

Roller Getting Loud (H. W. B.).—It is not very unusual for these birds even when well trained to become loud in song after a time, and it is no fault of the dealers. Keeping it in a cabinet cage, or a box cage well covered, for a time, will very often, but not invariably, correct the fault. You should certainly try this method for a month

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should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping (1/1); *Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages"* (2/3); *Ramsden's "Colour-feeding"* (3½d.); *"Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds"* (1/2); *or the "Nutshell" booklets* (2½d. *each*): *No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.*

or so, and during the time feed on a staple of good, mild, nutty flavoured rape seed only. Twice a week give a morsel of bred and milk the size of a hazel nut, sprinkled with maw; on two other days a pinch of a mixture of one part each gold of pleasure and maw, and a half part linseed; and three times a week a spray of watercress.

Warming a Shed (Cymro).—Most decidedly you would do far better not to attempt any heating of any kind whatever than to try to warm the shed with "an ordinary house lamp." If your birds are bred under normal conditions and have not been hitherto accustomed to artificial heat, there is no reason at all why they should not thrive very well without it, provided the shed is well built, cosy and quite free from draughts and damp. If gas is available, a small portable hot water coil heated with gas would be as cheap as anything. Even if you had an oil-stove, it would be necessary to have a cover made for it, and a flue to carry off fumes into the open air. Candidly I think you will do best to try to dispense with heat. If the weather becomes very severe, you could put a large earthenware bottle, corked, of very hot water in the centre of room each night when birds were going to roost, which would be sufficient to keep out frost. See also reply to "L. B. W."

Canaries in Outdoor Aviary (G. Bailey).—The heavy panting of your birds probably indicates one of two things. Either your birds are not physically "fit" for outdoor life, or the aviary is not suited to the needs of Canary life. Examine the sleeping quarters well when the wind blows from different points of the compass to see whether it is free from cold draughts, also see if it is quite free from damp and impervious to rain; finally take notice of the birds about roost time, and see if they retire in a snug part of the covered-in section, or sleep in exposed situations in the open. All these are likely causes of the birds' condition, and must be remedied if present. Otherwise, the only remedy is to take them indoors and keep them in an unheated room until next spring. For remedial treatment to remove the effects, see reply to "T. T.," in this issue, which will fully meet your case. I am assuming the aviary has a proper covered-in section. You should have described its structure and position.

Twists his Head (H. Murphy).—Try what the following treatment will do, and report progress in, say, a month. Keep bird quiet in an equable place, free from draughts and not too cold. Give a staple diet of two parts canary to one part summer rape. Every second day give a quarter teaspoonful of maw, and on the alternate days a spray of chickweed or watercress. Once a week give a morsel of bread and milk, with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and on one other day half-a-teaspoonful of equal parts inga, teazle, and millet. Use no hemp at all for the time being. In the drinking water add as much sulphate of soda as will cover a sixpence, and half as much bromide of potash every second day for a week, and in the next week give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day. Repeat this in the same order in the two following weeks.

Hangs Head (W. Twyford).—This may simply be due to habit. Still, as your feeding is not correct, adopt the following method, which may cause the bird to carry its head more sensibly: Staple diet, plain canary only. Every second day give separately half a teaspoonful of summer rape. Twice a week, on the alternate days, give a similar quantity of egg food, or crushed sponge cake, or bread and milk, and once a week a small teaspoonful of the seed mixture advised to "Birdie." Give a morsel of sweet apple, or banana, or greenstuff three times a week. In the drinking water you may give 20 drops of whisky and six of syrup of huckthorn for two days. Nothing else necessary.

A Listless Hen (H. Tite).—I strongly suspect this bird is exposed to cold draughts or great fluctuations of temperature sometimes. Look well into this and guard against these causes. Keep the hen quite on the warm side until the feathers of the head have been moulted and appear quite fine again. Feed as advised to "Birdie," giving the prepared sponge cake as advised in reply to "No Song," and vary the apple you give with an occasional morsel of banana or spray of watercress. In the drinking water give six drops of dandelion juice, and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week, and in the following week give four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day.

Laboured Breathing (Birdie).—Yes, I certainly do advise you to keep the bird in a box cage, in a nice bright position free from draughts, and in a fairly comfortable temperature until next spring. See reply to "No Song" in this issue, and adopt the same treatment. As regards feeding, give a staple of three parts canary to one part summer rape mixed together, and twice a week give a small teaspoonful of a mixture two parts each hemp, inga, and millet, one part each black rape, teazle and linseed, and a half part each gold of pleasure and maw. Limit the diet to this, with, of course, the sponge cake mentioned in the other reply referred to, and a little green food three or four times a week.

Canary with Cough (T. T.).—First of all take any necessary steps to remove the cause, such as cold, draughts, extremes of heat and cold, etc. Keep in a fairly comfortable and equable place. In addition to the staple seed diet, give a morsel of bread and milk with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with soft sugar every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days give a pinch of hemp and a little green food or banana. Limit the dietary solely to this. In the drinking water give 20 drops of whisky, as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and half as much chlorate of potash for three consecutive days, and afterwards give 20 drops of the following mixture every second day for a week or fortnight as may seem necessary. Mixture: Two drams each of glycerine and oxymel of squills, one dram each of ipecacuanha wine, and chlorodyne, and eight grains of iodide of potassium.

A Yorkshire Duet (Star).—(1) If the bird is quite through the moult, put on a diet of plain canary seed. In addition, give separately half-a-teaspoonful of summer rape every second day, and on the alternate days a similar quantity of crushed sponge cake with four drops of the conditioner mentioned in "Our Canaries," and sprinkled with maw. Continue this for a fortnight, also add to the drinking water six drops of dandelion juice and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea every second day for a week. (2) For the clear buff cock, get a nice long, slim, upstanding, ticked or wing marked buff hen. Have as much length as you can get consistent with slimness, but see that the bird is quite tight and smooth in feather about the breast and thighs. For the ticked yellow hen, get a good long, clear or lightly ticked or marked buff cock, with plenty of style, good carriage, and a nice round head and short beak, and smooth feathered. Of course, you must see that the birds match in other general points.

Hen Gone Bald (C. B. L. Metber).—Keep the hen in a fairly warm temperature, as equable as possible, and quite free from draughts, or the fumes of burning lights, and allow her to bathe freely in order to induce a quick and complete normal moult. Give a staple diet of plain canary. Every second day give separately half-a-teaspoonful of summer rape, and on the alternate days a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut, dusted over with flowers of sulphur and sprinkled with soft sugar. Once a week give a small teaspoonful of the seed mixture advised to "Birdie," and a little green food three times a week. In the drinking water give 20 drops of whisky, a few blades of saffron, and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week, then miss a week, and repeat same again for another week. Carefully moisten the bare places once a week with Lanocyllin. The bird should come through the moult all right.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES, AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Hawfinch Moulting (W. A.).—It is not unusual for a Hawfinch when moulting to look (and be) practically bare about the head and body for a time. But the new plumage puts in an appearance at last, and the bird soon looks spick and span again. If the latter has not yet come to pass in the case of your own bird, write me again, and give full particulars. Give him a few mealworms frequently; a little soft food, too, is invariably relished at the period of the moult.

Concerns a Jay (Jay-pie).—An excellent show-cage for a Jay was illustrated on our front page a few weeks ago, when a portrait of a winning Magpie appeared thereon. It can be either plain box pattern, or with the wire front bowed a little at the top. Wires 1¼ or 1½ inches apart and of stout gauge. Size about 24 inches long, 20 inches high, and 16 inches deep. Two substantial perches. Food and water vessels (preferably of zinc) inside, fitting into openings cut into the lower rail of the cage-front. The inside and wires can be enamelled either a light blue or a light green. The food is supplied by the officials of the show; fill the bird's tin before it starts, of course. Some exhibitors send a quantity of food with the cage, as a rule in a small tin. But at all shows worthy of the name the birds' wants are well looked after by the stewards, who supply food where necessary. Your method of feeding is quite good; a little flesh food (such as newly-killed mice) should be supplied now and again.

Identity of Bird (Worcester).—The birds you describe are Blue Tits (Parus Coeruleus). They are, as you say, very sharp little creatures, and no doubt in your city they will be rather more saucy than usual (no flowers, by request).

About a Thrush (E. R. C.).—You say your feeding is all right; but I don't think much of it, for the half and half mixture you mention is not very nutritious or calculated to preserve a Thrush in vigorous health. For the bird with the throat trouble, get a small quantity of glycerin of thymol from a chemist, stir a teaspoonful into a fluid ounce of warm water, and swab out the bird's mouth and throat thoroughly with it twice daily—a camel-hair brush of suitable size is about the handiest thing to do it with. A few drops of the glycerin of thymol can also be stirred into the bird's drinking water. Keep its perches scrupulously clean (scrub them).

In an Aviary (W. H. C.).—Your aviary looks a comfortable sort of place, but during very stormy weather you will, I think, find it necessary to protect the open space at the front, seeing that it faces due north. Of course, it may be erected in a well sheltered position; as to this you say nothing. It will comfortably hold 18 to 24 birds the size of a Linnet. A cock Roller Canary might breed with a hen Bullfinch, but unless the hen is a very small one, he cannot be described as a really suitable mate, for under-sized Hybrids have very little value. The cage seems quite suitable. Feed as advised in the Nutshell booklet on the Bullfinch. Let the couple remain together through the winter.

Tightness of Feather (Swan Novice).—A good moult, a free use of bath, and freedom from insect pests, are all that are needed to ensure perfection of plumage (tightness and sheen) in exhibition British birds. A bath twice a week is no good; my birds bathe every day, and some I know take the opportunity of having two or three splashes in the course of the day. Any shy at bathing get the spray turned on them. Your hen Siskin must be troubled with insects, or skin parasites, or she would not be in such bad plumage and continually picking herself all over. Try spraying her well on several occasions (different days) with a warm solution of sulphuretted potash (one dram to a pint of water). Keep her out of draughts and the cold whilst she gets dry. Her cage must be thoroughly cleansed, of course.

A Big Batch (Sarsfield).—(1) Treat this Siskin as advised "Never Before" in this issue. Add some teazle and a little summer rape to its stock mixture. (2) Hen Siskins are not "dependable" breeders, as you put it; sometimes, however, they nest quite freely in a cage. If your hens were not house-moulted, you may have better fortune with them next season. (3) I do not know of an instance, but there is no reason why a cock Mealy Redpoll should not breed with any suitable hen Finch. (4) Your aviary would easily accommodate

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should consult Moulton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); *Norman's "British Bird Manual"* (2/3); *or Part 1 "Hardbills"* (1/1), *Part 2 "Softbills"* (1/1); *"Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages"* (2/3); *"Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants"* (1/2); *"Secrets of Hybrid Breeding"* (1/2); *Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping"* (1/1); *Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever"* (7d.); *"Colour-feeding'* (3½d.); *or the "Nutshell" booklets* (2½d. *each*): *No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4 "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.*

four couples. Note another reply given this week concerning breeding in aviaries. Don't put in a hen Goldfinch if you want to put in cocks also. One of the latter would pair up with her, and all the cocks would probably fight on her account. One cock and one hen, of course, would not matter. I think it would be better if you put in one hen Bullfinch and left out one of the hen Siskins. I wish you luck.

Sex Problem (Tired of Finches).—Rather a sad nom-de-plume, surely; don't be downhearted. The male Blackcap has a jet-black crown; the female a cap of rusty brown. The safest way to sex Woodlarks and Nightingales is by means of the song. In both cases the male is holder in appearance, and not so shy and maidenish in its actions when in a cage. The hen Woodlark, however, is generally the better marked (pencilled) in plumage, and the deepest (richer brown) in colour. In the case of the Gale, you want to select a big bird, long and flat in the head, bold of eye, and with a bright ruddy patch of colour on the rump. The hen is invariably more dingy in colour throughout.

Mainly About the Song of Mules (H. C. P.).—1. The Linnet mule has a rather fuller and more mellow volume of tone; the song of the Goldie mule has something of the metallic, high-pitched tone peculiar to the music of the Goldfinch. Both can be described as fine songsters, so take your choice. 2. No; Linnet mules are not always dark. Quite clear Linnet mules are occasionally exhibited (for instance, I gave one first prize at the last Crystal Palace Show). 3. A six-year Linnet is not by any means too old for breeding purposes, providing he is in vigorous health. 4. The Siefert Roller cock would teach the mules some of his own notes, but the song of mules would spoil the song of the young Rollers (from the Roller contest point of view). 5. I know of no reason why a "so-called schoolmaster Seifert Roller cock" should not be good for breeding purposes. Rollers are generally very prolific breeders. What do you mean by "so-called"? I presume there is no doubt as to its sex.

A Greenfinch Mule Failure (Grosbeak).—After all, your failure was only partial, for some of the eggs proved fertile. It is possible that the cause of the fertile eggs failing to hatch was some weakness on the part of the hen—eight clutches in one season are surely too many, especially for a four year-old hen. I think 3 or 4 nests ample; and all nests beyond these must put a severe tax upon a hen's vitality. The latter remark applies also to the Greenfinch, especially so seeing that your bird was cage-reared, for I find cage-reared specimens are invariably not at their best from a breeding point of view until they are two years old. Try him again next season, by all means; and, if possible, with a two-year-old hen Canary (or an early-hatched 1911 hen). The nest-pan you send may not have had anything to do with the failure: at the same time, it is not a type of pan I should choose myself. I do not consider it deep enough, for one thing, and there are no holes in it for purpose of ventilation.

A Bullfinch (First and Special).—It usually happens that one feels disappointed with a bird when it begins to come through the moult—it looks more or less rough in plumage, and very lacking in colour. This applies to Linnets, Goldies, and most other

species. When it begins to "fine down," however, we come to regard it with very different feelings, for, to and behold, the plumage falls into place and acquires a silken sheen, the apparently vanished colour begins to return, and the characteristic markings to become more prominent. Then we begin to think of that "first and special" at the very first show! Your treatment of your Bullfinch is very good, and you will find him continue to improve. But if he does not bathe freely, he must certainly be sprayed. Some birds are very annoying in this respect. I have a Linnet now which will not go near the "tub," although its three companions enjoy a regular Channel swim every time I offer them water, and, needless to say, the latter are in by far the best condition. Your bird may not care for soft food; if he does, then a little with some sweet pepper amongst it might help his colour. But the black and privet berries are the chief things. An exhibition Bullie should be got as rich as possible in breast colour. Heat is not good for British Finches.

Goldfinch Mules (A. H.).—As a mate for a good sized cock Goldfinch you cannot beat a yellow hen of Norwich type (that is, chubby in build). For dark mules, a green-marked yellow hen (either lightly or heavily variegated) is to be preferred. The best book on mule breeding and management is Mr. Houlton's big work published by CAGE BIRDS (see advertisements). It contains sixteen coloured plates. A very useful cheaper book is "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding," also published by CAGE BIRDS (price 1s. 2d. post free). I do not know of any book which deals solely with Goldfinch Mules, though matter concerning this cross goes a long way towards filling all books dealing with the breeding and management of hybrids.

A Wild Seed (J. Golden).—I cannot give you the precise name of the plant from which the seeds came, but it is one of the Brassicas, a group comprising the wild rapes, mustard, charlock, cabbages, etc., and the seeds of many of the members of this group are practically identical in appearance. A little occasionally will not come amiss to Greenfinches, Linnets, etc., but I don't think any Goldfinch will eat it. I prefer a wild seed mixture containing a large variety of seeds; some good ones are on the market. The seed of the turnip, cabbage, etc., kind ("wild rapes") are not easy of digestion, and in my opinion should be used with caution in the case of birds in cages. The only kind of which I use any quantity is charlock.

A Robin and One Other (Mrs. Hoffmann).—1. You can buy a ready-made good quality insectile food, suitable for a Robin, Nightingale, etc., as cheaply (or as nearly so as makes no matter), as you can mix it yourself. Price, 1/3 to 2/- per lb. (note the advertisement columns). The following is a fine recipe, used for many years by myself with every success: Powdered sweet biscuit (or half biscuit, half crumbled stale sponge cake) four parts, best ants' eggs two parts, dried flies, powdered silkworm pupae, and powdered meat-meal (the finest ground crissel) one part of each, by measure. Prepare for use in the usual way. 2. It is useless to attempt to cross a Robin (an insectivorous bird) with a Canary (a seed-eating bird). 3. There will be no young. 4. If the Green is a proved breeder, it is unnecessary to run him with the hen Canary until about the beginning of March. If he has never bred with a Canary, let him run with the hen for a time during the winter.

In a Room (G. Armitage).—I do not care for the idea of turning out several couples into the same enclosure with a view to breeding hybrids, unless, that is, the aviary or room is a very large one, and yours is hardly this. The birds quarrel and interfere with each others nesting arrangements. For instance, two hen Bullies in your room would probably fight like Kilkenny cats when the breeding season came round. If you decide to go ahead, try the following three couples: Siskin and Redpoll, Linnet and Bullfinch, and Goldfinch and Greenfinch. You could, of course, try Chaffinch and Bramble-finch, Reed Bunting and Yellowhammer, Siskin and Bullfinch (the two latter being in the nature of experimental matings), or other crosses. Keep only one bird of each species. If you want the birds to "stick to" each other, it would be better to cage them in couples until the winter is drawing to a close.

Goldfinch Ailing (Never Before).—I can only conjecture that the Goldie is finding a difficulty in withstanding the strain of the moult. In many cases it is puzzling, in view of the fact that one cannot see the birds, to decide the nature of their ailments. Give the Finch a course of strengthening medicine, and feed him well, letting him have some thistle heads daily (or new thistle seed) and cracked hemp and sunflower seeds—a little niger, too, would no doubt help to tempt him to feed. Give him thistle-heads, if you can procure them, with tiny maggots at the centre (break the heads open). These maggots are plentiful in thistle-heads which are decaying (rotting through damp, etc.), and usually work wonders in the case of a Goldie a little bit "off colour." For medicine, get from a chemist one ounce of compound syrup of hypophosphates B.P. (Fellows syrup), and stir a half teaspoonful into two tablespoonfuls of drinking water. Give this fresh daily for four days, then on alternate days over a period of a fortnight.

Show Cage For Waxwing (Waxwing).—The show cage for a Waxwing can be either the plain box pattern or with the wire-front bowed a little at the top (in the manner of the show cage of the Crested Canary). The bow top, in the opinion of many exhibitors, enables the wings and crest of the bird to be seen to better advantage. Size: Length 18, height 16, width 10 inches, or thereabouts. The water and food vessels should be inside—the type that swing in through openings cut out of the lower rail at front of the cage. The wires should be one inch apart, and the front made of fairly stout gauge wire. Outside, black; inside and wires a pronounced tone of blue (turquoise blue is a fine, rich shade). A little paler shade can be used if you prefer it. Some exhibitors like three perches, others two. If you have only two, the cage need not be made quite so high. Whichever you adopt see that the bird can reach its food and water easily whilst standing on them. I have found that Waxwings are liable to starve and "go thick" rather than venture on to the show cage floor to get at food and water. Even the strangeness of the cage makes some of them very timid, so that they sit for hours apparently afraid to move. Moral: give them a chance to get used to their show cages.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

Aviary Queries.

Aviary.—During exceptionally severe weather the birds would be better driven into the shelter and kept shut up. Of course, you do not wish to encourage breeding during the winter, and it is good practice to drive the birds inside at night (say, about 4 p.m.), and let them out each morning, but with plenty of snug nests about under the roof they should winter all right, leaving them to look after themselves. Be careful that none lack food, but it would be good policy gradually to move all food hoppers into the shelter and feed only there during the winter. Keep the canvas in position on the north front of flight till end of March. I should cover in the front of covered flight, as marked on sketch, with wood and glass. In addition to present dietary give a little of some good insectile mixture daily. Unless the weather turns exceptionally severe the young Zebra Waxbills will be reared. Get "Nutshell" booklet No. 20, 2½d. post free from our manager. Put up both in the shelter and covered flight several flask-shaped rush nests; these are snug winter retreats. You could put in an extra score of birds next spring—not larger than Canaries though, or you must put in half the quantity. Birds in the winter must be kept under observation, and if any appear ailing such must be taken indoors and kept there till spring. Sometimes this occurs with birds that have been out several winters; so long as they keep fit they will do well—much the same as ourselves in this respect.

To Agree with Budgerigars.

A Beginner.—You can keep with the Budgerigars one pair each of Madagascar Lovebirds, Cockatoels, and Rosella Parrakeets. They would all thrive on a mixture of three parts each of canary and white millet seed and one part each hemp, paddy rice, oats, and sunflower seeds—to be well mixed. Also supply spray millet, ripe fruit, green food, cuttlebone, grit, and a piece or two of plain biscuit (dry) occasionally for a change. Your aviary being so narrow largely nullifies its height; it is a pity to make aviaries narrower than three feet (unless unavoidable); wherever possible the depth should be six feet. Unless your birds come from an outdoor aviary, you must not put them out till next spring.

Goldfinches and Sunbirds.

G. J. Green.—Yes, Himalayan Goldfinches should be worth bringing over, and a moderate number should find a ready and profitable market, as also would any other showy seed-eaters or insectivorous species which you do not see regularly advertised in the Fancy Press. Re Sunbirds, diet these as follows: A sloppy sop made with condensed milk, boiling water, crumbled sponge cake, a little Mellin's food, and sweetened with honey. Also ripe fruit, they are very fond of tangerine oranges. They are also fond of small spiders and various plant lice. They would require keeping warm and clean en route.

Bare-eyed Cockatoo.

Tilswell.—Diet: A seed mixture of Canary, white millet, paddy rice, oats, maize, hemp, and sunflower seeds, in about equal parts by measure; well mix and keep a supply in the cage. Also supply ripe fruit, nuts, green food, plain biscuit (dry), grit, cuttlebone, and water. As regards training, you can do nothing till it has settled down and become accustomed to you. Then you should keep it in your midst, where it will get plenty of company and hear conversation, also talk to it and teach it by constant repetition when it is quiet and restful, and it should soon respond. Petting it and generally making a fuss of it, so far as it will permit this, will go a long way towards developing its latent talents.

Foreign Finches.

Siskin.—(1) The wild English Siskin is something like a small green Canary, but they are handsome birds, as also are all the foreign species, one of which, the Hooded Siskin, is fiery orange-red and black. Diet: Canary, white millet, spray millet, rape, hemp, and a little wild seed mixture, with greenfood, grit, cuttlebone and water. Not impossible, but doubtful breeders in a Canary breeding cage. (2) These are handsome, sweet singing little birds, smaller than a Canary—olive-green above with dark centres to feathers, mostly rich yellow below. Diet as in reply No.1 (3) These are handsome birds, fully as large as a Canary, yellowish-olive-green above, rich yellow below; the cock has the forehead and anterior portion of crown rich saffron. Diet as above, but they would be better for a mealworm or two daily (or other insects), though they will keep vigorous and fit for a long time on seed above.

Blue-fronted Amazon.

King Amazon: (1) Supply boiled maize, which must be prepared fresh daily, as it soon turns sour. Also supply a seed mixture of canary, white millet, oats, white maize, hemp, paddy rice and sunflower seeds, in about equal parts by measure. Well mix and keep a supply in the cage. Ripe fruit, nuts, and plain biscuits should also be given, and, of course, cuttlebone, grit, and water. (2) Keep it where it will hear plenty of conversation, yet not get frequently scared. When it is quiet and restful, talk to it and teach it by constant repetition of words and short phrases. Also generally fuss about with it, and as it becomes quite fearless and confiding it will find its tongue. (3) Get some glyco-thymoline, dilute with an equal bulk of water, and spray the bird's nostrils daily, using a mist sprayer; continue this till relief is given. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever.

Grey Parrot Query.

Kensingtonian.—While it is difficult to break a Parrot of an established habit, undoubtedly quieter surroundings would gradually reduce its noisiness. A good method would be to cover it up (of course, leave a space open at top for ventilation) with a cloth; it would soon recognise this as a punishment. But this must be done gently so as not to scare it, or the remedy will be "worse than the disease." When it becomes quiet again uncover it. A little scolding when it is noisy will also go a long way to check the nuisance, and general petting and fussing with it when it is well behaved, will accomplish a great deal, for many Parrots are almost human in this respect. While I cannot make a definite pronouncement, there is so much individualism in Parrots, and it will undoubtedly take some time to check the habit. I should think it would be worth the trial, as it meets your requirements in all other respects.

Cockateels, Etc. (A. E. G.).—Cockateels should be kept in pairs. The nest barrel or box (the latter must have concave bottom) can be left up all the year round, but if they have not yet been put up defer doing so till next March. 1st, Black-headed Nuns; 2nd, Spice or Nutmeg Finches; 3rd, I think these must be Red-billed Weavers, but for this and the following cannot you give me a more detailed description? It is very vague, and when mentioning size compare it with some well-known bird—small and large are very comparative terms; 4th, it is not sufficient to tell me the face and breast is red; you must describe the other parts of the plumage before I can attempt to name the bird.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

Ashton-under-Lyne O.S.—Oct. 17, P.S.A. Rooms, 7.30. Washing exhibition by Mr. Foxall and washing competition for novices. Bring your own birds.—J. R. Colville

Ardwick C.B.S.—Oct. 17, Onward Hall, 8. Washing demonstration by Mr. W. Robinson. Friends invited.—J. Spencer.

Bonnyrigg C.B.S.—Oct. 21, Forresters Arms, 7.30. Draw for specials; all entries must be in.—G. Harper.

Batley O.F.S.—Oct. 14, Talbot Hotel. Winter show; birds staged at 3. prompt. Judge, L. Dykes (Bradford).—G. G. Stafford.

Birkenhead C.F.A.—Oct. 17, Ablett's Cafe Rooms, Market Street, 8. Lecture on preparing birds for show; friends invited. New members enrolled at 2s. 6d. per annum.—A. E. Lloyd.

Bradford East O.S.—Oct. 17, Park Chapel Schools. Members' show. Judges, Messrs. T. Ogden (Bradford) and J. Hartley (Bingley). Birds to be staged by 7.15 prompt. Entries taken Monday night and Tuesday.—H. Hill.

Bournemouth C.B.A.—Oct. 19, Railway Hotel, 8. Washing Canaries for show.—W. O. Brooke.

Bankfoot C.B.S.—Oct. 14, Red Lion Hotel, 2.30, Members' show. Judge, Mr. W. A. Cowgill. Entries Friday night, or up to 2.30 Saturday. Good list of specials.—F. Gelder.

Coventry O.S.—Oct. 18, Sydenham Palace, 8.30. All subs. now due; show business.—A. J. Bennett.

Cardiff C.B.S.—Oct. 17, Maskell's, 8. Appointment of show stewards, etc.; S.Y.C.C. patronage, notification of specials, payment of contributions. Please note alteration of date.—W. Simpson.

Chester-le-Street C.B.S.—Oct. 14, Butcher's Arms, 7.15. Judge for show, etc.; full attendance requested.—J. Hidley.

Derwent Valley C.B.S.—Oct. 14, headquarters, 7. Special prizes.—J. Lindsay.

Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.—Oct. 18, George Hotel, 8. Washing exhibition, to finally settle schedule for open show.—A. Walker.

Ealing F.C.—Oct. 18, St. John's Hall, Leelaud Road, W. Ealing, 8. Eveuing show.—W. Bird.

Edinburgh C.B.S.—Oct. 17, Cairns Hall, Gorgie Road, 7.30. Show business and table show of Canaries, etc., confined to novices; final table show for Mr. A. W. Watson's medal. Bord. 3 classes, Nor. 2, Scots Fancy 1, Crest 4, C.-B. 1, Mule and Hybrid 1. Entries received on or before meeting night.—J. I. Mackie.

Elgin C.B.A.—Oct. 16, Gordon's Temperance Hotel, 8. Open show business, etc.—A. W. Douglas.

Grangemouth O.S.—Oct. 20, Boilermakers' Hall, 8. Arrangements for coming show.—J. D. Miller.

Haltwhistle C.B.S.—Oct. 14, Mechanics' Hall, 8. Open show business. Members' subs. due.—Nicholson and Tallantyre.

Hyde C.B.S.—Oct. 16, St. George's School, 8. Ann. show business; important.—T. Allsop.

Larkhall C.B.A.—Oct. 21, Miners' Hall, 7. Receive entries for annual show. Snb. sheets to be given in on this date.—G. Pollock,

London and P.O. S.—Oct. 19, Leysian Hall, City Road, 8. Washing competition for members. Medals given in champ. and novice sections. Judge, Mr. T. Heath, who proposes to make this an entirely new and novel competition; members bring own birds.—C. W. Law.

Lancashire and Liz. FA.—Oct. 14, Old Boar's Head Hotel, Manchester, 6.30. General business; good turn-up required.—J. Rukin.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand.—Oct. 17, White Swan, 8.30. Clearance night; schedules ready.—A. Freestone.

Leek C.B.S.—Oct. 16, Unicorn Hotel, 8. Show, specials, etc.—J. A. Pegg.

Llanelly C.B.S.—Oct. 14, Greyhound Hotel, 7.30. Show matters. President will be present.—D. John.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—Oct. 14, Railway Hotel, 7. Members' show to be judged by Mr. H. H. Towers (Keighley). Members who counted at open show attend.—J. E. Hudson.

Lancashire C.A.—Oct. 14, Duke of Edinburgh, Oldham, 6.30.—J. Hampshire.

London Federation C.B.S.—Oct. 13, Feathers Hotel, Westminster, 7.45.—J. Bray, jun.

Middleton C.B.S.—Oct. 16, Old Boar's Head, 8. Re show and C.B. Union.—J. Oldham.

Manchester and N.C.O.S.—Oct. 16, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Show business, etc.—H. Boothman.

New Stevenston O.S.—Oct. 17, Masonic Hall, 8. Annual show business.—J. Lamb.

North Shields C.B.C.—Nov. 1, 51, Howdon Road, 7.30. Annual general; discussions re annual show; election of officers.—R. P. Fox.

Nottingham and Notts O.S.—Mechanics' Institute, 8. Meeting each Wednesday until show; important.—G. E. Wilkinson.

North London C.B.A.—Oct. 18, headquarters, 8. Members' judging competition, Nor. and Yorks; competitors please bring a few exhibits.—R. P. Harper.

Oldham C.B.S.—Oct. 17, Textile Dining Rooms, 8. Paying out prize money, etc.—J. Cope.

Paisley O.A.—Oct. 26, Hutton's Hall, Moss Street, 8. Adoption of schedule, etc. Specials taken; subs. due.—W. Lambie.

Padsey Stanningley C.B.S.—Oct. 16, Fleece Hotel, 8. Special meeting; business important.—H. Raistrick.

Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.—Oct. 19, Trinity Schools, Beresford Street, Woolwich, 8. Corresp.; washing demonstration by Mr. G. Hill, and a washing competition by members; friends and fanciers invited.—Meades and Smith.

Rochdale O.C.—Oct. 16, Club Room. Gen. show business.—R. Blincoe.

Sale C.B.S.—Oct. 16, Volunteer Hotel, 3 Open show business.—A. Royle.

South Manchester C.B.S.—Oct. 19, Jolly Carters, 8.30. General business.—A. Smith.

South Shields C.B.S.—Oct. 14, Lockhart's Cafe, 7. Last meeting before show; all subs due.—J. Barrass,

Sowerby Bridge C.B.S.—Oct. 14, Wharfe Hotel, 3. Members' show, unfligh. birds Judge, Mr. W. Speak (Halifax).—Sutcliffe and Walker.

Shipley O.S.—Oct. 17, Members' show. Entries Monday night. Birds staged 1.30. Judge, Mr. H. H. Towers.—A. Tillotson.

Pontypridd F. and F.S.—Oct. 16, Victoria Hotel, 8.—A. A. Gordon McLucas.

Walsall C.B.S.—Oct. 16, White Hart, Caldmore, 8. Special meeting. Printing, specials etc., for members' show.—F. Price.

Wolverhampton C.B.S.—Oct. 17, Duke of York, 8. Show business; please note alteration of date owing to Birmingham Show on the Thursday.—J. Gibbons.

Wibsey C.B.S.—Oct. 14, Horse and Groom Inn, 8. Selection of Union judges, distribution of Union books, members' show; birds to be staged 7. prompt. Judge, Mr. W. Richmond.—H. H. Crossley.

Wombwell B.F.A.—Oct. 21, Wesleyan Schoolroom; 7.—J. Hudson.

Walsden C.B.S.—Oct. 17, The Institute, 7.30. Show business.—H. Howard.

Wakefield Roller C.C.—Oct. 16, Elephant and Castle, 8. Show business.—H. Roebuck.

Yarm Eaglescliffe C.B.S.—Oct. 20, Town Hall. Table show. All birds to be staged by 8 p.m.; entrance 3d. each cage. Judge, that well-known fancier, Mr. J. Wilkinson.—T. Wilson.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 2, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Miss E. Kershaw.—Dysentery was responsible for death of your canary.

Wentworth.—Congestion with hæmorrhage from the lungs, as a complication following on cold caught during the moult.

E. Young.—Congestion of the liver. This organ was greatly enlarged, contained a great amount of blood, and very friable. To counteract this give twice weekly a dose of glauber salts in the drinking water, and allow freely of green food.

O. M. Stephens.—Brain pressure, owing to the presence of a large clot of blood on the surface of the brain. This apoplectic condition is often associated with degenerative changes of the arterial walls of the vessels ramifying on the coverings of the brain; rupture occurs as the result. The bony skull being inexpansible the brain is subjected to pressure with paralysis of those parts supplied by these nerve centres. At first the pressure would be slight; later, as the clot became organised, the increased pressure would result in death. I do not think you could have assisted the bird in any way; it is invariably fatal, death in the majority of cases occurring rapidly.

A. P., West Grange.—Septicæmia (not septic fever)—a blood infection due to a specific microbe, very quickly fatal. It is a malignant disease affecting the liver, spleen, and lungs, the two former being very enlarged, and surcharged with blood. It is of the nature of a blood poisoning, the organism gaining access to the circulation through the medium of the lungs. In this position they multiply very rapidly, and manufacture toxins or poisons which quickly become distributed throughout the system, and cause death. Sometimes it occurs as an epizootic, at other times it occurs spontaneously in isolated cases without contagion. It would be advisable, however, to use all due precautions, and to disinfect the cage before re-occupation.

J. W. Crow.—The disease from which your birds are dying is of the same nature as above (see reply to "A. P., West Grange"), and the cage is the source of infection. This cage may appear to you perfectly clean, but is nevertheless contaminated, and you will do well to have it thoroughly disinfected, and placed apart for some time before you attempt to use it again. In your case the lungs were the most affected part, but all the other characters were present, and I believe that if you will only follow my directions with regard to the removal and disinfection of the cage your losses will soon cease, otherwise the disease will extend and cause you a great deal of loss and trouble.

J. W. Gillett.—Acute inflammation of the bowels, following on disease of the liver, caused death. The liver, which appeared to have been diseased for some time, was very much larger than it should have been, and was covered with blood spots. Read answer to "A. E. Smith"; same remarks apply. Give careful attention to your utensils. Death from disease of the liver appears to be on the increase. I have lately encountered quite a large percentage of deaths from this cause, and can only conclude that there is something materially wrong with the food or the method of feeding.

A. E. Smith.—The weather has no connection whatever with the loss, but I am of the belief that the cause is to be sought for in the food. You had better discard the seed you are at present using, and purchase a fresh supply from another source. There are some foreign or irritant substances at work, and although you have not described the diet I feel assured it is here the trouble exists. The digestive stomach which usually contains only very little food, and that in a semi-fluid state, was in this instance literally crammed with dry masses of undigested food. The liver, from its being so enlarged, occupied most of the body cavity, and it is certain that to attain such a degree of size the cause must have been at work for some time. Should be pleased to hear results.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

At the "Swan" (F. Westmore).—Your communication was posted too late to reach us in time for publication in our last issue.

A Purchased Bird (H. W. Cook).—Thanks for your courteous letter.

Which Court (A. A.).—We are of opinion that the plaintiff is entitled to sue you in the County Court for the district in which his business premises are situated.

Several Questions (T. Williamson).—We do not remember receiving any question concerning poppy-seed. Your present questions have been sent to Mr. St. John, who will reply in his columns next week.

Hall's Distemper (W. Parfitt).—This article is very widely advertised and sold, and we should have thought you could have obtained it in any quantity without difficulty at metropolitan oil and colour shops, or painters and decorators. The makers (Messrs. Sissons, of Hull) would no doubt supply you direct if you applied to them.

The Novice Problem (A Novice).—If the selling class and the class with 3 birds in it were open classes, we think the fact that you won firsts in them would deprive you of your novice status. Selling classes are not always taken into consideration (it depends upon the rules of a society). But the other class would stand, unless the society chose to overlook such a win.

The Open Time (L. T.).—We are under the impression that there is practically no open time for catching near Barnsley (i.e., in the West Riding of Yorkshire). All of the birds usually kept by fanciers (such as the Goldfinch, Bullfinch, Linnet, and other seed-eaters, Larks, Song Thrush, etc.), are protected the year round. The only notable exceptions seem to be the Greenfinch, Blackbird, and Missel Thrush, and for these the open season is from August 12 to the last day in February.

Correspondence.

How to Make Birdlime.

Sir,—Could any of your many readers inform me how I can make bird lime from linseed oil; the ingredients used, and in what proportion to linseed oil, and the time same should be boiled?

Endeavour.

Waiting for Two Years' Prize-money from Wellington Show.

Sir,—I was pleased to see Mr. G. Edwards' letter re Wellington (Salop) show. I might add that he is not so badly off as some of the other exhibitors. Personally, I am still waiting for my prize-money won last year, as well as that won this. Like Mr. Edwards, I cannot get any reply from the secretary. I would suggest that the exhibitors at the last two shows club together and take action in the matter. I sincerely hope now this subject has been reopened that it will not be allowed to drop without something being done.

P. H. Harris.

Settling the Red-mites.

"Keep them on the Run." Says Our Correspondent.

Sir,—This season we have heard a great deal of red mite. Everyone says what a good year we have had for them. They are also putting forward a lot of things to "cure" them. Now there is only one way to cure them, or, rather, keep them under, and that is to keep them on the run. It does not matter how many fads you try; cleanliness is the best cure. By this I mean, when you clean out a cage do it properly. Then I venture to say you will not be troubled to a great extent with red mite. Don't forget, prevention is better than cure.

Yorkie.

Interesting Records from a Scottish Bird-lover.

Sir,—This is a record year here (North Ayrshire) for Swallows and House Martins. I never remember seeing so many large flocks. I often see the birds skimming over a pond close to where I work, and dipping into the water and catching flies on the surface. The summer migrants have left this district earlier than usual this year. I have not seen or heard a Cuckoo since June 15th. They were scarcer here this year than is generally the case. The Swifts also left this locality earlier than usual. I was looking for them on August 20th, but they were all away. Although the summer of 1911 was a very fine one, a pair of Starlings I have been watching only reared one brood. They have practically built in the same place for the last twenty years, and have reared twenty-eight broods in that time. Twelve broods were reared in twelve years, one brood in each year, and sixteen broods were reared in eight years, two broods in each year. Of course, I am referring to the number of broods in the season, and cannot say that the parents were the same birds.

John Craig.

Is the Yorkshire Canary on the Down Grade?

The Bird Quite Long Enough says the Writer; and Mere Length Not of Paramount Importance.

Sir,—Your contributor, "Longfellow," must, I think, have been suffering from one of three complaints when he penned his article on this subject—tight boots, an attack of biliousness, or disappointed-exhibitoritis. He complains that the winning birds are too small. I hope they will keep small—that is, if they *are* small. The present-day Yorkshire is quite large enough for me and thousands of other breeders. It is all very well trotting out the old wheeze about our highly-respected judge of the days that are gone. Friend Bexson always did like a "good big 'un," but that does not say he was right. As a matter of fact, more than once in his career did the Yorkshire Union call his attention to the fact that according to the standard those "good big 'uns" of which he was so fond were not quite O.K., and it was in great measure because of his fondness for the "good big 'uns" that the Yorkshire Union standard was drawn up. "Longfellow" speaks of two All-England judges both of whom are to be numbered amongst the devotees of the "good big 'uns," but I would ask him if either of the two could even be called a Yorkshire specialist? As to what Cage Birds reporter had to say at the last Crystal Palace Show, one Swallow does not make a summer, and the fact that one man, at one show, thought that one particular class of Yorkshires were deficient in size does not prove that the Yorkshire variety generally is on the down grade in this respect. Mr. Mundell judged the class complained about, and I am quite sure that he is not the man to put Yorkshires in the prize list that are of the size of the Borders, about which "Longfellow" speaks more than once. Quality is a fad, says "Longfellow." I reckon that the majority of fanciers would not agree. It is a property they all strive to attain, and one which they find to be of a very elusive nature. Quality "the ruination of the Yorkshire Canary." Great Scot! Surely "Longfellow" must have been quaffing Yorkshire stingo when he wrote that sentence? "Longfellow" talks of birds of 6¾ and over. Yes, we want them 6¾, but not over. The "over" brings in its train heavy shoulders, roached backs, open chests, fluffy thighs, and other ills that are an abomination, and quite opposed to the standard prepared by the Yorkshire Union, and adopted by the Yorkshire C.C. and other clubs. If "Longfellow" will produce a 6¾ bird which excels everything else in "position, type, and quality," I feel sure that Mr. Mundell will place it first at the next Palace Show. Further, "Longfellow" will have produced something of which he may well be proud. "Longfellow" must have a very poor opinion of our judges. Does he mean to say that such men as Messrs. Heath, Mundell, Battye, and House would be influenced by the awards of any other judges? Does he think for one moment that either of that quartette would, when judging, stop to look for a mark on the bird's head or under its tail? "Longfellow" argues as though length was the chief of all points in the Yorkshire. It is nothing of the sort. Type, position, and feather are all quite as important as length, and it is the beautiful combination of the four which makes a high-class Yorkshire. He goes on to speak about the Y.C.C. taking action and amending matters. By this I presume he means altering the standard to admit the "good big 'uns." I would remind him that the standard is the Yorkshire Union standard, and that if the Y.C.C. starts playing pranks with it there will be trouble in the camp. We have had big birds in the past; we do not want them again. Let "Longfellow" ask Mr. J. Bailey which is the correct thing in Yorkshires—the birds he has done so much winning with of late years or those he used to exhibit at the time he worked the first feather shows only? Let him ask John and Matt Broadley, Joe Wilman, Tom Bennett, Harry Battye, Pa Mundell, Jerry Wilkinson, Tommy Hartley, Joe Wilcock, Albert Hirst, John Greaves, Bob Sutcliffe, Arthur Ambler, and others who know the past as well as the present, which style of bird is nearest the standard—that of fifteen and twenty years since, or that of to-day. I may be wrong, but "Longfellow," I should say, is a man who has tasted the sweets of success, but just now is sampling the bitters. It is hard to reach the top of the tree, but it is harder still to keep the position once attained. It is useless "Longfellow" thinking standards can be altered to suit the whims and fancies of any man. If "Longfellow" will only produce and stage birds answering to standard requirements, I feel certain he will catch the eye of the judges. He will not then want the Y.C.C. "to amend matters," neither will he say the judges prefer Borders, or birds which have distinguishing marks—above all, his attack of disappointed-exhibitoritis will disappear.

Six-Three-Quarters.

Sending Roller Canaries to India

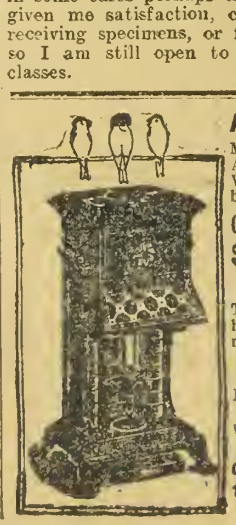
Sir,—I have an order for two pairs of Hartz Mountain Rollers from Hoti Mardan, Punjab, N.W. India. Could any reader inform me through the columns of your paper the best way to send them?

J. Thompson.

The London and Provincial O.S. Collection of Stuffed Birds.

Sir,—While thanking you for your kind assistance in previous years, I again, on behalf of the London and Provincial O.S., crave a little of your valuable space to thank the donors who have, since the issue of my last appeal, sent me birds for the above collection, and, at the same time, now that the birds are getting through the moult and in good feather, to appeal again to birdkeepers to send any birds in good plumage they may have the misfortune to lose to Messrs. Edward Gerrard and Sons, 61, College Place, Camden Town, London, N.W., who have my instructions as to stuffing. There are now almost 100 birds in the collection, but I still am open to receive many more, and I may mention that I have not a single Green, Cinnamon, or Border or Scotch Fancy, or Belgian. Many classes of hybrids and of British birds are unrepresented, and I still want legions of foreign birds. The only complete classes are the following:—Crested Norwich, Buff cock, varg.; ditto, Yellow cock; Yorkshire, clear Yellow; Lizard, Gold, broken cap; Chaffinch. Various other classes may be represented, but in some cases perhaps the stuffed bird has not given me satisfaction, consequent on delay in receiving specimens, or from other causes, and so I am still open to receive birds in such classes.

G. Crabb.



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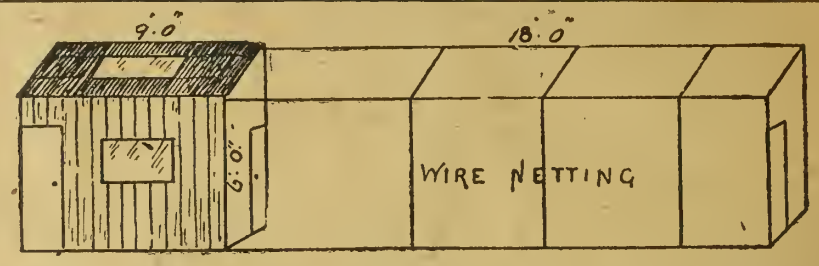
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Sir,—I enclose a sketch of my aviary, which I think answers its purpose very well, while its cost (£2 to £3) is comparatively small. As will be seen from the sketch, it is composed of an inner shelter of wood and a wire flight, measuring over all 27ft. The wooden shed consists of jointed match-boarding, with windows in roof and in front, and two doors, one leading into the flight, and the other, for general use, in the front. The roof is covered with tarred felt and rendered water-tight. The wire flight consists of 2¼in. square supports and ½in. wire-netting, 3ft. broad; with a door leading into it at the end. The whole structure is built against a west wall, and is suitable for either British or foreign birds. The glass windows in the shed are covered with wire to prevent the escape of birds in case of breakage. I hope this may be of use to some of your readers.

Volveris.

Was "Bobbie" Spoiling for a Fight?

Sir,—I set some birdlime yesterday for Linnets. An inquisitive Robin got caught. I put him into my aviary to recover. Another Robin kept hovering about, apparently trying to get in beside him, and singing merrily. I believed them to be both male birds, and therefore thought the apparent affection and sympathy singular. I contrived to admit this "friend" into the aviary beside the other one; and what do you think happened? Within a few seconds he was doing his very best to kill the other, and would have done so within a few minutes had I not banished the would-be murderer.

Pershore.

A Recipe for Mahogany Stain.

Sir,—In reply to G. Eke, for a recipe for mahogany stain, I beg to send this, which costs 7d.:—1 gill methylated spirits; 3ozs. shellac; 1 dram of amber resin; 15 grains of bismarck brown—to stand 24 hours before being used.

Walter Evans.

Sir,—In answer to your correspondent, G. Eke, re mahegany stain, he should get 1oz. of bismarck brown (cost 3d. from any large oil shop or wholesale chemist's). Put two teaspoonsful into a half-pint bottle; partly fill with water, and shake till dissolved. Then fill up. In using, pour a little in a saucer, and apply with a soft sponge. If not dark enough, add more B.B. First see that woodwork is free from grease Varnish when dry.

W. Parfitt.

The Beautiful and Intelligent Grey Parrot.

Practical Hints on Management.

Sir,—I send you a few remarks concerning Grey Parrots. My own bird was about nine months old when I bought him. For a year and three months he never said a word. Grey Parrots do not talk till they are two years old. What say others of your readers? Moral: Never give up hoping that a Grey Parrot will talk (for, at least, just over two years). He has been taught by constant repetition and by kindness. He is now four years old, in perfect health and plumage, and still learning, though he says, as distinctly as any human being, over three hundred different words, not reckoning any word twice. I have never attempted to teach him anything which he has proved unable to learn. He can learn any short sentence inside ten days (teaching about a quarter of an hour daily). The following I regard as typical (all of which he says): "Take Polly to Blackpool," "What time is it?" "Hello! How are you going on?" "Of course I can talk," "I'm one of the lads," "Polly's worth a lot of money," etc., etc. He is not for sale. His staple food is best canary seed, with occasionally (especially in winter) hemp and sunflower seed. He also has (in moderation) nuts, ripe fruit, dry crusts. In the season, two or three times weekly, I give him a spray of shepherd's purse, which he keenly relishes. In addition, always Parrot grit, wood (free from splinters), and clean empty cotton reels. He has his fill (not much) of water from a spoon morning, noon, and night. In summer, twice a week, I spray him with a fine bore hose-pipe; in winter, once a week, he has a spraying of lukewarm water from any ordinary bird spray. Most of the day time, except in cold weather, he is out of doors. Before purchasing a Parrot all ought to obtain your plate "Romeo and Juliet" (Grey Parrots, male and female), and the twopenny Nutshell booklet, entitled, "The Grey Parrot." Now a word regarding the "month's warranty," etc., of dealers. It is well known that the mortality amongst newly-imported Grey Parrots is high. The chief cause is the deadly "ship fever." According to Dr. Russ, after infection it takes this disease six weeks to incubate. Therefore, if the bird is infected coming over, it allows the dealer over a week to sell and also four weeks (a month) in which to "warrant" it. What is the result? A Parrot looks well and eats right though it may be infected with a deadly disease for which there is no cure. The four weeks pass, and Polly dies a few days after, in about 24 hours after first showing signs of ailing. When buying a Grey Parrot, ask for a guarantee of at least seven weeks (of course, on condition of paying more). If one survives over seven weeks you have a good chance with it; but a Grey is not really acclimatised until it has been in England at least a year, and has moulted once here. The preceding remarks apply only to Grey Parrots. Genuine Grey Parrots have red tails, a grey coloured body and wings, and no crest. Those without red tails and with crests and rose breasts are Cockatoos, and practically of no value as talkers. I have no axe to grind and no quarrel with anyone. I am writing in an attempt to help others to keep these beautiful and intelligent birds.

Grey Parrot Lover.

"Wigs on the Green" at Newcastle.

Sir,—I see in last week's issue that Mr. J. N. F. Scott makes a vigorous attack upon the committee of the Newcastle C.B.S. for an alleged lack of justice. Then he proves in his letter that they not only have been just, but very generous in allowing, as he states, about fifty members an extended time in which to pay their subscriptions. He states that the whole of the committee, except himself, voted for the extension of time. This is not correct, as less than half of the members were present at the meeting referred to. Perhaps Mr. Scott will be interested to learn that the chairman appears to have as poor an opinion of the committee as he himself has, for in previous years it has been the custom to hold committee meetings to transact show business, including the allotting of specials. But this time our chairman has very cleverly dispensed with the services of the committee and taken upon himself the task of allotting the specials, no explanation being given to the members as to how the thing had been worked—woe betide the member who dare have the audacity to ask! So, you see, Mr. Scott, you have had ample satisfaction, as the obnoxious committee appears to have been "sacked" by your friend the chairman, who, perhaps, claims a right to dispose of the specials as he chooses on the ground that he collects a good many of them. But he has no right to dispose of the specials which other members have collected or given. I have often heard of "one-man societies," but this is, as Mr. Scott says, the very essence of it. I have to-day seen a copy of the show schedule, and observe that the best and biggest number of specials are in the Crest section. Some of the sections have been practically overlooked, while these classes are, in my opinion, overburdened with specials. We have experienced quite a number of deep-laid schemes in the past, but this one takes the cake (also the specials!). Mr. Scott refers to the Taylor-Lister affair. The last I heard of it was that Mr. Hutchinson (who is now chairman) had obtained possession of the carvers and refused to deliver them up to the fancier whom the committee had decided was entitled to them. If this is so, it should now be called the Taylor-Lister-Hutchinson carver case. Mr. Scott says perhaps the secretary had orders not to notify him that his resignation had been accepted; such orders can only have come from one source, and that would be from the gentleman who extinguished the committee and took their duties upon himself. It seems almost inconceivable that a society with nearly 150 members should allow any one member to be sole dictator. Perhaps they are afraid of losing his services. If so, I think they are buying them at an extortionate price—viz., their freedom of speech when at the meetings.

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The Cage Bird Fancy in New Zealand.

An Englishman's Visits to Some Fancier Friends Over the Seas.

Sir,—I have just arrived back from New Zealand, but only to stay in England for a short time. If I don't go back before December, I shall be going next autumn. I had the honour of witnessing the first show for the championship of the North and South Islands, which was held in the Foresters' Hall, Edinburgh Street, Auckland, N.Z. I may say I came across Mr. Tom Brown, late of Halifax. He was a landlord and a fancier when in England. He is now a member of the Auckland C.B.S. He is a true Yorkshireman; in fact, I thought so when he gripped me by the hand. But he is a real Norwich in type himself. I was given a hearty reception even by the Colonials. Among the fanciers were several old country breeders. The fanciers of Auckland did their very best to try and get me to settle there, but; like most Englishmen who go out to the Colonies, I was a little homesick—I had left my wife and family behind. But it won't be long before I am out in New Zealand again—this time with my family. I would like to say a few words about what I saw in the bird rooms. I first called upon Messrs. Eastway Bros., who had a beautifully arranged birdroom in the garden; this, I would imagine, would have cost them £200. All the bird men, by the way, have their bird rooms outside. In this bird room were two pairs of Yorkshires which had just come out from England. They were what I call nice. I also came across a few very decent Norwich Plainheads, but not quite up to the standard that we have at home, and a few very nice Cinnamon Norwich. When I called at Messrs. Eastway's they called it Midwinter's Day; I called it a hot summer day—the sun was shining beautifully. I next called upon Mr. W. A. Hanson, who is called, I think, the "King of the Fancy" in the Dominion. In his bird room I came across a few splendid Crests which could have held their own at home here. I also came across two capital Crest-breds, which were also noted winners. Mr. Hanson also goes in for a few Yorkies, though I may say there was room for improvement in his birds compared with ours. Mr. Hanson's bird room joined up to his house in his garden. He showed me a lot of the trophies he had won; it was a treat to see them. I think they were more valuable trophies than those we give at home. I next called on Mr. W. Cumming, who only keeps a small lot of Norwich Plainheads. These were very good. Mr. C. runs second best bird to Mr. W. H. Johns for the North and South Island Championship Trophy; I think that was very good considering he had only a small quantity. I next called upon Mr. T. G. Knight, who keeps a good number of Cinnamons. Among them he had a few real Scotch Fancies and Belgians—good birds that should do well this next breeding time if properly mated up. Mr. Knight seemed a very interesting fancier, and was willing to learn anything which was good for the Fancy. I then called upon Mr. J. E. McFarland, who only keeps a small number of Yorkies. Amongst them were some nicely feathered birds, but on the small side. Mr. McFarland is blessed with a wife who is interested in the Fancy as much as he is himself, and I thought it was a pity he had nothing larger amongst his stock of birds. Next was Mr. A. Vercoe. Though all his birds were small, he possesses the finest Yorkshire bird I came across in the Dominion. It was a beautiful buff hen which had been sent out from home, her last home, I believe, being Bradford. I ran her out in one of our home show cages, and she stood like a soldier, a beautiful type. I told Mr. Vercoe that if she had been put through the wash-tub she would have stood out by herself and won the North and South Islands Championship in the Yorkshire section. Our Colonial fanciers have not the best of ideas of pairing up. I gave them a few hints on the subject, and they were highly delighted with my remarks. They also "took a back seat" in the matter of benching their birds for exhibition. I put a few birds through the wash tub on two occasions, and with this they were delighted and astonished. I will give you one instance. I put one noted winner through the wash tub, and when one of the brothers saw the process they had to go through he was afraid, and went out. The other brother told me, when I saw him again, that his brother was afraid something would happen when he saw how the birds were lying in the cloths. But when he came back and saw them all dry in their cages he was astonished and highly delighted, and said I was just the man they were wanting in New Zealand. Mr. Alexander, who, I believe, is the oldest fancier among them all, begged me like a father to stay with them, and also behaved to me as if I had been a king. I will now speak of their show cages. Their Yorkshire show cages are of the same height as ours, but with a bow front, the same as our Crests', wooden back and sides, wire fronts; these, I told them, were poor cages in which to judge Yorkies. Their Norwich cage was similar, only a little small; this, too, I thought was a poor show cage. I strongly advised them to adopt a cage similar to ours, which I think in time they will do. I may say that their show cages are just as dear again as ours, and what with their bird rooms being so expensive, and other things, Canary breeding is a great expense to the fanciers in New Zealand. But they told me they did not mind about that so long as they could get some good blood from home. I intend to send some of the best there is to be bought. They do very little colour-feeding, but I think they are going to adopt it this moulting season. They pair their birds up on September 21st, and commence their winter exhibiting in April. CAGE BIRDS is the only fanciers' paper for them out in New Zealand, and they are as anxious for Saturday morning, so as to get their CAGE BIRDS, as a churchman is for his prayer book, and I tell you they read it through from one end to the other. Of course, Canary breeding is only in its infancy in New Zealand, though they say it is growing bigger every week. I also called on some Wellington cage bird fanciers, but I thought their birds were a poor lot in comparison with those I had seen up in Auckland. They told me they were endeavouring to build up a strong society, and also to establish a good breed of all varieties. I was also told by the fanciers that Christchurch was trying to build up a society there. I will here conclude the story of what I have witnessed in New Zealand.

W. H. LINDLEY.

Wombwell, Barnsley.

A New Cage Bird Society for Anfield, Everton and District.

Sir,—Respecting my letter published in your last issue, I beg to apologise for using Mr. Tom Cutts's name, as I quite mistook this gentleman for another.

W. C. ROBINSON.

[We have received a letter from Mr. R. B. Wright upon this subject, but it arrived too late for inclusion in this issue.—Editor.]

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Mr. Parkes, of Southsea, a Member of the League, sends a cutting from the "Portsmouth Evening News," which reads as follows:—

Mr. W. H. Miles writes from Victoria Road North to say that an old Skylark which he had has just died in its ninetecnth year, which is believed to be a "record" age for a bird of this kind.

In his covering letter Mr. Parkes writes: "Can any of the faddists suggest that there was any cruelty in prolonging this bird's life for nineteen years in a cage? Would it have lived so long in its wild state, or would it have been murdered to help satisfy the "Little Mary" of one of these noble-minded people? I think, myself, that this is another proof that we bird-keepers study the comfort of the birds we take a pleasure in looking after."

This, strange as it may appear to our "Humanitarian" friends, is not quite a record, for Skylarks have been known to live for twenty-one years in captivity. They call this "pining in captivity, and perishing miserably."

Obituary: Sir Chas. Lawes-Wittewronge, Bart.

CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE has to deplore the loss by death of one of its first Vice-Presidents, Sir Chas. Lawes-Wittewronge, Bart., who died on Friday the 6th inst. at his residence, Rothamsted, near Harpenden. The deceased baronet, who had just completed his sixty-eighth year, was a sportsman of the first water. A sculptor of distinction, he excelled in everything to which he turned his attention. At Eton he won at all distances on the racing track; at Cambridge he became amateur champion at a mile, and twice successfully represented Cambridge against Oxford. As an oarsman he won the Colquhoun Sculls, Diamond Sculls, and Wingfield Sculls, and stroked the Cambridge eight in the 1865 Boat Race. When 55 years of age he took to bicycle riding on the track, and soon held most of the amateur records up to twenty-five miles. A wonderful man indeed. Sir Chas. was as enthusiastic in bird-keeping as in sport, and had an extensive collection of Cockatoos in a spacious wired-in enclosure at the back of his studio at Chelsea. His letter to CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE will be fresh in the minds of all our members, and I am sure all will join with me in conveying a message of condolence to the relatives he has left mourning.

The League Over-seas.

This week we have to welcome yet another member from S. Africa: Mr. C. Krog-Scheepers, J.P., of Jansenville. CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE is indeed spreading.

Sheffield O.S. Joins in Numbers.

Mr. T. Bishop, Hon. Sec. of above, writes: "Enclosed please find list of names of some of our members I have got to join CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE. I shall get some more at our next meeting." (Here follow the names of twenty-seven members.—H.J.F.).

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In ordering a supply of these seals, Mr. Bigland writes: "I have received several postcards from friends bearing the LEAGUE seals, and I should like some for myself."

OUR FREE BOOKLETS.

I have still some of each of the sixpenny pamphlets on British Bird Culture and on Canary and Hybrid Culture, and, as long as they last, one of either will be sent gratis to all new members applying for a copy at the time of joining. Old members who have not yet had a copy may receive one on sending a penny stamp for postage. Only one copy of either book can be sent, and when the stock in hand is exhausted, I may not be able to get a fresh supply, so applications (with membership fee) should be sent to me without delay.

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HENRY J. FULLJAMES,
Secretary, CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE.
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Two Marked Tit-Mice Caught.

Sir,—It might interest readers of CAGE BIRDS to know that a Blue Tit I found in my room here at Lymington, Hants, and which stunned itself against the window, had on its leg a ring marked "Aberdeen Univ. 576." This shows the distance such a small bird travels. I have written to the Professor of Zoology and told him of it. The birds come into the house here for the food we put for them.

(Miss) D. E. PITHIE.

Sir,—I see a fancier writes to CAGE BIRDS to get information about a ring on a Linnet's leg last week. I may say that a Greater Tit (cock) was caught at Coaltown of Balgonie, Markinch, with a ring on leg marked "Aberdeen Univ., No. 7273." The ring I have sent on to Aberdeen. I hope this will interest some of your readers, so that they, too, may keep a look-out for any such occurrence and report same at once.

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THROUGH A BIRD-ROOM WINDOW.

By the Rev. C. D. FARRAR.

(Continued from page 205).

My Violet Tanagers.—*Continued.*

I have gone into the question of soft food here in detail because when I get a poor half-starved bird that has been fed on peameal mixture and crushed hemp, I always give him of my best, much on the same principle as when a man comes in on the West Coast of Africa and says he has been down on native chop, people say, "Good gracious," and open out their best tins on the spot.

When June came with long warm dreamy days, I gave my little friends their liberty in a well-sheltered garden aviary, and like the sister of Moses, waited to see what would happen. I had not long to wait; for the very next morning I found one of the cocks with his head fast in a small fork, and like Absolom of old lifted up between the earth and the heaven. By the way, Absolom was not caught by his hair at all, but by the neck (vide the Bible story). This may come as a surprise to some of my readers, but on reading carefully they will find I am right.

Of course, we must expect failures, and they come to teach us success. Time is the best of all teachers. He will expose our mistakes, but show us how to correct them, and so to learn to bear our disappointments like the Irishman who said that his pig had not weighed so much as he expected, but then he never thought it would.

Hope Deferred.

I knew that two hen Tanagers and one cock would lead to ructions; so I offered one of the hens to a friend. My chances of breeding young Tanagers were now reduced by one half, but still I did not despair. I always hope. Why does a cat waste time sitting at a mouse hole? Because she knows the mouse is there, and hopes it will come out presently. So do I, and hope that my mouse will come out some day. In this particular case, I am feign to confess, I was mistaken. One would like to be able always to record a success in bird breeding; but Truth compels us to speak otherwise. Those Tanagers did nothing but eat and hop about and enjoy life. I, as I watched them day by day, felt as grouty as King Ahab when he turned his face to the wall and would eat no bread, because he could not get hold of Naboth's vineyard. Still, as long as the warm weather lasted, I went on hoping. But hope is a hen that lays more eggs than she ever hatches. In my case she hatched none.

There is one thing to be said for Violet Tanagers; so long as you exercise reasonable care they are wonderfully hardy. They may not be much to look at; but they are strong naturally. In talking of them, I am reminded of a quaint tale of a new curate. He had only just been appointed, and one of the old ladies of the village talked much of his virtues. She esteemed and admired him, though apparently he had not the sound attractions which gilded the eloquence of the former holder of the title. "He ain't," she confessed, "much to look at, and his clothes ain't much neither, but his innards is lovely."

To say that I was provoked with these Tanagers for declining to go to nest is to put it mildly. In my then mind I should have found fault with an Archangel. A friend came to see me, and by way of cheering me, I suppose, told me that no doubt I should do better another year; but I found his remarks about as comforting as an east wind with rain in it. Why, next year anything might happen. I might be dead, Tanagers might be unprocurable, my present friends might be no more. I felt that my best and happiest course would be to sell the culprits, and let somebody else have a try at breeding.

Accordingly I put in a neat little advertisement, and in a very few days I found a new home for my little friends. As I gave them in at the station, I repeated the well-known words:

"To-morrow to fresh fields and pastures new";

still I could not help feeling with Marcus Aurelius that I had wasted—not like him, a day—but a year. I felt like a lad whose mother had just had an increase that morning. "It's come," he said, as he met me. "It's a girl." Then with a burst of righteous indignation "Fancy all that trouble for nothing!"

There is one good thing about Tanagers; they are silent creatures. If they sing at all, their songs are inaudible. I don't like a noisy bird near me. I am in this respect like Kingslake who, after listening for some time to the zither, remarked, "I like that music; it is almost as good as none at all."

Club Reports.

FALKIRK (Good Intent) C.B.A.

Meeting held Oddfellows' Hall, September 30. New members were enrolled. A committee was formed for annual show, December 9. President, Mr. J. Muir; treasurer, Mr. J. Marshall; and Messrs. W. Clarkson, G. Condie, W. Robertson, M. Baird, J. Aitken, J. Hunter, W. Laurie, R. Gardner, W. Sutton, A. Gillespie, Bain, and Anderson. A table show of British will be held next meeting, Oddfellows' Hall, Oct. 28. Mr. J. Muir will judge. Our radius is 15 miles (confined to members).—W. Clubb, Sec.

PROVINCIAL ROLLER C.C.

Meeting held Swan Hotel, Fountain-st., Manchester, September 30. Mr. T. Routledge in chair. There was a good muster of members. The judging standard was thoroughly discussed; decided, that it would be more beneficial to have one judging standard. Therefore it was decided to join hands with the British Roller C.C., and have one standard for all. Mr. Roehl kindly sent two show cages, one unfinished, to show the workmanship and wood they were made of, and the other in a finished state, with the new Velure enamel on. After thoroughly examining these, the members came to the decision that the cages as sent were well made, and that they were good value.—Tom Routledge.

BRIGHTON C.B.A.

General meeting held headquarters, September 27, when the rules and regulations, and also the classes for open annual show were adopted. Two extra classes for non-colour-fed. birds, viz., non-colour-fed Yorkshire, cock or hen, and non-colour-fed Norwich, cock or hen, were added. Mr. Claude offered a special of 5s. for best bird in these classes. Mr. C. A. House is appointed judge. Many specials were offered, and will be placed in open classes. Decided to hold members' annual show at some later date, Messrs. Cadman Bros. offering a cup for competition at that show. Following is the full list of points gained in judging competition:—W. Cadman 230, H. Akeburst 229, A. Goble 221, S. Sparks 210. E. Cadman 196, G. Absalon 156, and F. Dandridge 126.—W. H. Gibb, Hon. Sec.

NATIONAL BRITISH BIRD & M.C.

The following is a list of the shows held under our patronage this season: Clapham C.B.S. (Oct. 11 and 12), 1 gold, 2 silver medals; Newcastle C.B.S. (Oct. 20 and 21), 1 silver, 1 bronze; Manchester and N.C.O.S. (Oct. 27 and 28), 1 silver, 1 bronze; Cheltenham C.B.S. (Nov. 1 and 2), 1 silver; Sheffield O.S. (Nov. 3, 4), 1 silver; Swansea C.B.A. (Nov. 8 and 9), 2 silver; Nottingham and Notts. O.S. (Nov. 11 and 15), 1 silver; Wimbledon C.B.S. (Nov. 14 and 15), 1 silver; Coventry O.S. (Nov. 18), 1 silver; N.B.B. and M.C. (in conjunction with L.C.B.A.) (Nov. 24 to 27), 3 gold, 6 silver, 3 bronze; Llanelly C.B.S. (Nov. 28), 3 silver; Derby C.B.C. (Dec. 2 and 4), 1 silver; Bradford National (Dec. 8 and 9), 1 silver; Gateshead C.B.S., (Dec. 8 and 9), 2 silver; Crystal Palace (Feb. 2, 3, 5 and 6), 1 gold, 4 silver; and such shows as may be announced in the Press. Members competing for the "Hardhill" Cup at the above shows must nominate their birds as per Rules 16 and 17. At the Club Show to be held in conjunction with the L.C.B.A., the £5 5s. Club Show "Hybrid" Cup will be offered for competition: The conditions under which medals are allotted to above shows will be found in the respective societies' schedules.—Plumbridge and Carr, Secs., 45, Overdale Road, South Ealing, W.

WIMBLEDON C.B.S.

After the vacation of two months, the members met on October 2, at 6, The Broadway, Mr. W. H. Stonkley presiding over a good attendance, including many ladies. Six new members were nominated —two ladies and four gentlemen—and the secretary reported that the society had secured the patronage of the Southern Norwich P.C. (champion and novice sections), the National B.B. and M.C., and the Southern Yorks. C.C. (champ. and novice section and cup competition), for the annual show, Queen's Hall, Nov. 14 and 15. The delegates—Messrs. Carson and Owen—reported the proceedings of the last meeting of the London Federation of C.B.S. The chief business was the arranging of schedule of prizes and classes and the drafting of the rules for the November show, which was satisfactorily completed, the prizes and classification being on a very liberal scale. The Chairman said the committee had, after mature consideration, come to the conclusion that all the members ought to help in the sale of the tickets for the show, instead of leaving it to one or two members as heretofore, and they were very anxious that each member should take or guarantee the sale of four sixpenny tickets. This would practically ensure them against having a deficit on the show. A judging competition, in which 19 took part, was afterwards held. Result:—Mr. Dixon and Mr. Whiting, 11 points each; Mr. Peachey and Mr. Carson, 10; Mr. Shipton, 9; Mr. Whittome, 7; Mrs. Owen, Mr. F. W. Owen, Mr. Plank, Mr. Dell, and Mrs. Whittome, 6 each; Mr. Baker, 5; Miss Peachey and Mrs. Thynne, 4 each; Mr. Dyke, 2; and Mrs. Mulliss, Mr. Tutty, Mr. L. Owen, and Mr. Hamilton, nil. A vote of thanks was given by acclamation to Mr. F. J. Day, who acted as final judge.—H. Smith, Hon. Sec.

YORK C.B.S.

Meeting held Sept. 11, All Saints Church Schoolrooms, North Street. After the usual business classes were fixed for open show, Nov. 4, Exhibition Buildings. Mr. S. Campling was then called upon to give his lecture on the Yorkshire Canary, which was well received. To commence with, Mr. Campling described the show specimen as it should be, explaining the various points that count on the bench. My advice to beginners, he said, is to get about three pairs, and get the best you can afford from some reliable breeder, as it is much better to have a few good birds than a lot of inferior ones. If you wish you can run two hens with one cock, which would greatly reduce your outlay. In doing so I prefer a medium sized cock of good type and quality; one hen of medium size, and the other a good big hen. From the medium sized hen you get what might be termed show birds on the small side, and from the big hen big stock birds. Then, by pairing the progeny the following year you might reasonably expect to breed a few really typical birds. I am not a believer in forcing birds into breeding condition. If they are fed on good seed during the winter they will come in breeding condition when the right time arrives. I mix my egg-food as follows: Put a fresh egg into a saucepan of cold water, and boil it gently for fifteen minutes; mix it with four Osborne biscuits, half a teaspoonful of sugar, and a pinch of salt; when well mixed together it is ready for use. I supply birds with a little the day before the eggs are due to hatch, and then supply three times a day all the time they are rearing the young. I also give mixed seed as soon as the young are hatched. It is a good plan to have two sets of egg drawers, so that one can be cleaned while the others are in use. I also use a little soaked seed, especially when the young are commencing to pick. I give the young birds a little egg-food, crushed hemp, and a little soaked seed up to the commencement of colour feeding. Numerous questions were asked, which were all satisfactorily answered by Mr. Campling. A vote of thanks by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Sherney, brought an interesting meeting to a close. —H. Thompson, Sec.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Meeting held September 30, Mr. J. Farrer in chair. Schedule for our annual show, January 12 and 13 1912, was the principal business. We have decided to have 29 classes for members, the same as at our last open show. We have been offered 21s. for a Mule and Hybrid class, and 21s. for yellow Border class, from a lady and gentleman, which offer was heartily accepted, and the secretary was instructed to convey our thanks to the donors. It was decided to pay 20s. per class in the open section. Several gentlemen promised birds for the drawing. —J. Jeffrey, Sec.

NEWCASTLE C.B.S.

Meeting held Oct. 5. A pleasant surprise was announced by the chairman; our president (A. J. Haggie, Esq., J.P.), has presented 2 gold medals to go to the winners of the challenge bowl, and the Kate Haggie cup, as a memento of the win. Any member may have an advert. in the catalogue for 1s. by letting the secretary know by Monday. We are on the eve of our show, and have posted a record schedule. One of the largest classifications and a huge list of cups and specials; in fact, one of the biggest of the provincial shows.—J. E. Akinson, Sec.

BANBRIDGE C.B.A.

Annual meeting held Town Hall, Sept. 27, Mr. C. Halliday presiding. The list of patrons was revised and the names of Messrs. J. Chambers and S. M'Ilroy added thereto. The following hon. officers were re-elected:—Mr. C. Halliday, president; Mr. J. Harvey, vice-president; and Mr. A. M'Cammon, treasurer; Mr. A. M'Cagherty was elected hon. sec. in place of Mr. R. J. Hamilton, who resigned the office. The committee who held office last year were re-elected, and the names of Messrs. S. Morrow and T. Jardine added. On revision of the prize list the classification of the last show being 50 classes for cage birds, and 12 classes for pigeons, was adopted with slight variations. It was decided to ask for the patronage of the Yorkshire C.B.S. of Ireland for the show, November 9 and 10.—A. McCagherty, Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES Y.C.C.

The undermentioned societies have accepted our patronage for ensuing season: Birmingham (City of) C.B.S., October 18-19, champion and novice section; Wolverhampton C.B.S., Oct. 27 and 28, champion and novice; West Bromwich C.B.S., November 8, champion and novice; Stoke-on-Trent C.B.S., November 16, Champion only; Ludlow (Salop), November 23, champion only; Derby C.B.S., December 2 and 4, champion and Novice. We appeal to all Yorkshire fanciers in these districts to join us at once, as unfortunately at the moment competition for our splendid array of prizes does not promise to be very keen, especially in the novice section, where there is a two guinea (at least) cup to be won outright at the four shows, besides medals. Our entrance fee is only 1s., and annual subs. 2s. 6d., which we feel sure is no great obstacle to fanciers with the welfare of this splendid variety at heart. Further particulars with copy of rules can be had on application to us. Will members kindly remember when entering birds to put M.C.Y.C.C. after each entry?—Beck and Andrews, School House, Rookery Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

EDINBURGH AND DIST. C.B.S.

Meeting held Cairns Hall, Gorgie Road, Sept. 19th, President Mr. Charleton presiding. It was intimated that the followng judges had been appointed: Nor., Mr. A. Sloan (Glasgow); Border Fancy, Mr. P. McKenzie (Kelso); Scotch Fancy, Mr. J. Ring (Musselthorpe); British and Foreign, Mr. R. Bald (Bathgate). Secretary stated the patronage of the Scottish B.B. and M.C. and Border Fancy C.C. had been granted for annual show on 2nd December. Unanimously decided to hold a table show of Canaries at next monthly meeting confined to novices. Following classes allocated: Bord. 3, Nov. 2, Crest and C.-B. 1, Scot. I, Mules and Hyb. 1. Mr. Dunn (Portobello) agreed to judge. The remainder of business having been gone through, the Chairman introduced Mr. Dunn (Portobello), who had come to give an exhibition of hand washing. Mr. Dunn set to work and washed in his own masterly fashion 3 birds which were very dirty indeed, and looked previous to their "ducking" like a new species of British birds. He only used 2 basins of water, a shaving brush, and white curd soap in the first water, and rinsing with a sponge in the second water. Thereafter the birds were rolled in strips of white linen cloth and placed on a board about a foot distant from the fire, and finally transferred to drying cage. The ordeal having been accomplished in quick time, Mr. D. answered questions in great style. Meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Dunn.—J. I. Mackie, Sec.

CHELTENHAM C.B.S.

It is to be regretted there was not a larger muster of members to hear Mr. Pounsett's paper on September 20. This is the second time this year the essayist has given us good practical advice, first on wild seeds and now on "British Birds for Exhibition." He had kept British birds, he said, ever since he was a lad, and got more interested in them every year. He advised the novice if possible to get into touch with a catcher, and ask him to pick out two or three of the best of the species he intended keeping. The end of October was the best time to get new stock, as the birds would then be through the moult, and one could see what sort of article he was getting. Having got the birds, supply them with wild seeds such as they ate when at liberty, and gradually get them on to ordinary seed; also steady them, as without being steady they were useless on the show bench. The first bird Mr. Pounsett dealt with was the Goldfinch, following on with the Bullfinch, which he thinks is one of the most difficult birds to moult to perfection, viz., with a really brilliant fiery breast. The next bird described was the Greenfinch—a very common bird, but it was difficult to get a really first rate specimen. The Linnet and Siskin followed, a yellow Siskin being preferred to a buff for show purposes. The lecturer lucidly described the show points of each species, together with the faults to be avoided, and also the proper feeding and treatment. He emphasised the use of the bath every day, to get a bird in trim. Show cages and staging were not forgotten, useful hints being given on this all-important detail. Mr. Hayling proposed a vote of thanks, which was duly seconded and carried.—A. S. Treasure, Hon. Sec.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Border City (Carlisle).—Oct. 25 and 26.—Harrison's Mart Hall, Botchergate.—Judges, Messrs. J. Robson and H. W. Battye. 55 open classes: Scot. 2, Bord. 12, Nor. 10 (Sell. 2), Crest 2, Yorks. 7 (Sell. 1), Mules 3, Brit. 14 (Local 1), For. 5. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Oct. 21 to J. C. Bell, 23, Botchergate, Carlisle.

Oxford C.B.S.—Oct. 26, St. Peter-le-Bailey Hall, New Inn Street.—Judges, Messrs. J. H. Roe and F. Wilsdon. 32 open classes: Nor. 8 (Amateur 2), Yorks. 5 (2 Amat.), Crest 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 3, Brit. 8 (Amat. 1), For. 2, Sell. 2, Roller Singing 2. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6 (except for Rollers, 12/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-, guaranteed). Fee, 1/6. Entries close Oct. 23 to A. F. Fifield, 6, Buckingham Street, Oxford.

Portsmouth P.P. and C.B.S.—Oct. 25 and 26, Hampshire Fortress, Engineers' Drill Hall, Hampshire Terrace.—Judge, Mr. C. A. House. 23 open classes: Nor. 3, Crest 1, Yorks. 4, Mules 1, Sell. 4, Brit. 8, For. 2, and 9 members' and Local classes. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and (for 12 and more entries) 1/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Oct. 18 to J. T. Hipwell, 7, Osborne Street, Southsea.

Treharris.—Oct. 26, Central Skating Rink.—Judge, Mr. E. J. Davies. 10 open classes: Nor. 3, Yorks. 3, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 3. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Oct. 19 to W. J. Davies, 6, Edward Street, Treharris.

Barnstaple (U.K.B.C.A.).—Oct. 31 and Nov. 1, Market Hall.—Judge, Mr. J. Robson. 33 open classes: Belg. 4, Yorks. 4, Nor. 6, Crest 4, A.O.V. 1, Pairs 1, Mules 1, Novice A.V. 1, Sell. 3, Brit. 4, For. 4. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, guaranteed. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Oct. 17 to Percival Harris, Exhibition Office, Barnstaple.

Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.—Oct. 21st, Victoria Hall. Judge, Mr. J. Robson, 40 classes, including 12 open Nor., 4 Yorks., 8 Brit., 4 Mules, and 2 Sell. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d., 1s., and 50 specials. Entries close October 16th, to W. Elliott, 22, Leicester Street, Burton-on-Trent.

Hanley.—Oct. 19, Albion Hotel.—Judges, Messrs. J. Trengove and W. Mundell. 37 open classes: Nor. 8, Yorks. 8, Cinn. 3, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 3, Mules 3, Brit. 7, For. 4. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d., and spls Fee, 1/6. Entries close Oct. 16 to B. Peake, 6, Rhodes St., Birches Head, Hanley, Staffs.

Dunbar.—Nov. 1, Assembly Rooms. Judge, Mr. C. Campbell. 25 open classes. Scot. 4, Bord. 8 (1 sell.), Nor. 2, Crest 7 (1 sell.), Brit. 2, For. 1, Gift 1. Prizes: 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Entries close October 23, to M. Gilhooly, 73, High Street, Dunbar.

Middlesbrough.—October 21, St. Michael's Hall, Waterloo Road. Judges, Messrs. G. Harland and C. Houlton. 30 open classes: Yorks. 6, Nor. 6, Cinn. 1, Crest. 2, A.O.V. 1, Mule 2, Sell. 3, Brit. 8, For. 1. Prizes: 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, 1/-, and spls. Fee 1/-. Entries close October 16, to A. Wake, 41, Aske Road, Middlesbrough.

Belper.—Oct. 28, Public Hall. Judge, Mr. J. N. Harrison. 8 open classes. Nor. 1, Yorks. 2, Crest. 2, Brit. 1, Sell. 1, Novice A.V. 1. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/-. Entries close Oct. 23, to Stillman and Holden, Belper, Derbyshire.

Luton and S. Beds. (C.B.U.).—Oct. 26, Plait Hall, Waller Street. Judge, Mr. C. A. House. 12 open classes. Nor. 3, Yorks. 3, Crest 1, Mules 1, Brit. 3, For. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-. Fee 1/9. Entries close Oct. 20, to A. C. Pilbeam, 144, Dallow Road, Luton.

Tavistock.—Oct. 25, Market Hall. Judge, Mr. R. B. Tope. 13 open classes. Nor. 3, Crest 1, Yorks. 1, A.O.V. 1, Mules 1, Brit. 3, For. 2, Sell. 1, and 8 local classes. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Entries close Oct. 16, to J. Young, 1, Church Lane, Tavistock.

Dafen.—Oct. 21, Council School. Judge, Mr. W. H. Kirkham. 4 open classes, Yorks. 1, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 2. Prizes, 7/6, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/-. Entries close Oct. 17, to Allen E. Jones, Dafen, Llanelly, Carm.

Sittingbourne F. and F.S.—Oct. 25 and 26, Town Hall. Judge, Mr. G. Gardner. 15 (open to Kent) classes, Nor. 3, Yorks. 3, Crest 1, A.O.V. 1, Mules 1, Brit. 4, For. 1, Sell. 1, and 22 local classes (open to postal and urban district of Sittingbourne). Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6 (for more than 8 entries, and on sliding scale if under). Fee 1/9. Entries close Oct. 19, to G. Arnold, 171, Chalkwell Road, Milton, Sittingbourne.

Aylesbury.—Oct. 26, Town Hall. Judge, Mr. G. Gardner. 4 open classes, Nor., Yorke., Brit., and For., 4 each, and 23 members' classes. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6 (for 8 entries or more, half if less). Fee 1/6. Entries close Oct. 14, to F. Rayner, 27, Ardenham Street, Aylesbury.

Newcastle (G.C.A., Y.C.C., F.B.C., N.L.C., N.B.B. and M.C., C.M.Y.C.C., B.F.C.C., N.B. and S.F.C.C., N.Y.C.C., N.C.C., N.C.N., and C.C.C., N.B.B.M. and F.B.C., Cinn. C.C. and C.C.C.).—Oct. 20 and 21, Drill Hall, Sandyford Road. Judges, Messrs. W. Vardy, W. Mundell, J. S. Clarke, J. Robson, and C. Houlton. 95 open classes. Nor. 11 (not. col. 1), Nor. Novice 2, Nor. Greens 4, Nor. Cinn. 4, Crest, 7, Yorks. 8, Yorks. Greens 4, Yorks. Cinn. 4, Yorks. Novice 2, Scot. 4, Bord. 7, Bord. Greens 4, Novice Bord. 2, Liz. 2, Sell. 5, Mules 5, Brit. 12, Novice Brit. 2, For. 6. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-, the Haggie Challenge Bowl, the "Kate Haggie" cup, Hindhaugh's £1 1/- spl., and heaps of other specials. (Full prize money if more than 5 entries; half if less.) Fee 1/6. Entries close Oct. 16 (requested to be posted Oct. 14), to J. E. Atkinsou, 8, Trewhitt Road, Heaton, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Oct. 14.—**Rochdale.**—R. Blincoe, 160, Drake St.
Oct. 14.—**Selkirk.**—J. Robertson, 4, Green Terrace.
Oct. 14.—**Glasgow City.**—A. McDonald, 279, Crow Rd., Partick.
Oct. 15.—**Wisbech.**—Ward and Allen, Kilmorie Park Rd., Walsoken.
Oct. 15.—**Six Bells.**—E. Churchill, 19, Tillery St., Abertillery.
Oct. 16.—**Aylesbury.**—F. Rayner, 27, Ardenham Rd.
Oct. 16.—**Newcastle.**—J. E. Atkinson, 8, Trewhitt Rd., Heaton.
Oct. 16.—**Kelty.**—A. Dickson, 37, Adams Terrace.
Oct. 16.—**Burton-on-Trent.**—W. Elliott, 22, Leicester St.
Oct. 16.—**Middlesbro'.**—A. Wake, 41, Aske Rd.
Oct. 16.—**East Lothian.**—Jas. McHolme, Haddington.
Oct. 16.—**Evesham.**—Geo. Witts, Evesham.
Oct. 16.—**Hanley.**—B. Peake, 6, Rhodes St., Birches Rd.
Oct. 16.—**Tavistock.**—J. Young, 1, Church Lane.
Oct. 17.—**Huddersfield.**—F. J. Sykes, 40, Imperial Rd., Edgerton, Huddersfield.
Oct. 17.—**Barnstaple.**—P. Harris, Exhibition Office.
Oct. 17.—**Dafen (Llanelly).**—Allen E. Jones.
Oct. 18.—**Portsmouth.**—J. T. Hipwell, 7, Osborne St., Southsea.
Oct. 19.—**Sittingbourne.**—G. Arnold, 171, Chalkwell Rd.
Oct. 19.—**Treharris.**—W. J. Davies, 6, Edward St.
Oct. 19.—**Nottingham P.O.S.**—J. Bunn, 81, Ena Av.
Oct. 20.—**Luton F.S.**—A. C. Pilbeam, 144, Dallow Rd.
Oct. 21.—**Border City (Carlisle).**—J. C. Bell, 23, Botchergate.
Oct. 21.—**Manchester.**—H. Boothman, 8, Kettering Rd., Levenshulme.

ENTRIES EXTENDED.

Oct. 14 (first post).—**Plymouth.**—T. Pope, 98, Embankment Rd.
Oct. 14 (last post).—**Portsmouth C.B.S.**—King and Joiner, 80, Stubbington Avenue, North End.
Oct. 15 (first post).—**Bromley (Kent).**—A. T. Bellinger, 26, Nightingale Lane.
Oct. 15.—**Birmingham.**—S. Mole, 87, Greenway St., Small Heath.
Oct. 16.—**Leamington Spa.**—C. Brooks, 5, Althorpe St.

GLOSSOP, HADFIELD & DIS. C.B.S.

Meeting held 59, Hague Street, Glossop, Sept. 26, Mr. W. Lawton (president) in chair. Annual members' show fixed for December 16, to be held at Victoria Hall, Glossop. Decided, that the election of a judge be deferred to next meeting, Oct. 24. The society is in a flourishing condition, and we keep on making new members; two more were added at last meeting in Messrs. J. H. Senior (one of our "old boys," having returned to the fold again), and E. Edge, a promising new recruit. In concluding, I might add that we are anticipating one of the best shows that this society has ever previously held. All intending fanciers invited to join. Fee 5s. yearly.—E. Thompson, Sec.

LONDON AND COUNTIES A.C.B.

General meeting held Oct. 7, Earl Catchart, Mr. E. Pretty in chair. In the absence of Mr. R. J. Pretty, the secretary, Mr. W. Gilbert acted instead. Mr. G. Harrison has kindly given the society a notice board to hang up in the bar. Mr. E. Pretty moved that a hearty vote of thanks be given Mr. Harrison for his kindness; Mr. Salter seconded. Fourteen birds were staged—Norwich and Yorkshires —for the judging competition. The winner was Mr. Salter; 2, Gilbert; 3, Harrison. Mr. H. Bell acted as final judge. The meeting was well patronised by members, and Mr. Bell brought some visitors from Woolwich. Mr. Gilbert proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. E. Pretty for his interesting lecture on the good and bad points of the birds. Mr. Pretty replied, and said he would give a paper on "Canary Farming" at next meeting, which will be held Oct. 21, 8; fanciers and friends will receive a hearty welcome.—O. Heine, Official Reporter.

HEMSWORTH AND DIST. C.B.S.

Meeting held Oct. 4th, a fair number of members being present, Mr. A. Taylor (Vice-Pres.) in chair. Re the raising of a challenge cup or shield for competition amongst members at their various shows, a surprise was fairly sprung upon us. The President (Mr. T. Tait) offered us a valuable silver challenge cup (valued 10 guineas), the only stipulation being it was not to be won outright, but to remain the property of the society so long as the society kept together. A gold medal suitably inscribed is to be given the winner each year. A silver medal value 15s. is to be given runner-up, also suitably inscribed. Mr. Tait asked that the cup be called the Tait's challenge cup for the society, so we were well set up. Mr. Tait also presented a case of carvers and steel for competition at the next three members' shows, which good and useful special was allotted to the novices. So the next members' show should be well supported by members. Annual open show date was not fixed, as we do not know the whole of the Yorkshire Union show dates, but hope to arrange a date shortly. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Tait for his generosity since its formation last January, and particularly for his splendid gift of the challenge cup and special.—J. W. Gillings, Sec.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE C.B.S.

After usual routine of business at our last meeting we took the arrangements for annual show into consideration. We have again a splendid array of special prizes, each class being given one each besides the silver cup for best bird in show. We have also received following patronage: N.C.C., N.Y.C.C., N.B.B.M. and F.B.C., N.L.C. and the N.B. and S.F.C.C. We intend having a special meeting of members Oct. 21 in Co-op. Library at 7.30 for the purpose of drawing members' specials, etc.—G. Harver, Sec.

PAISLEY, TANNAHILL, O.S.

Meeting held 2, St. James's Street, October 7th, Mr. R. Neil presiding. Following office bearers re-elected for ensuing year: Pres., Mr. R. Neil; Vice-Pres., Mr. T. Hamilton; treas., Mr. A. Ferguson; sec., Mr. J. Stewart; auditors, Messrs. A. McDonald and R. Fernie; amalgamation delegates, Messrs. T. Hamilton and H. Powell. A special having been returned from our last show, a discussion took place regarding it; ultimately agreed to give it to the novice class at our forthcoming show. The chairman intimated all entries must be in by next meeting, October 21st.—J. Stewart, Sec.

BRADFORD EAST O.S.

The society had a splendid send-off to their winter session on Oct. 3, when about 80 members and their wives and friends spent a most enjoyable evening together, and afterwards partook of a substantial supper. Mr. G. White (vice-pres.) in chair. We had a magnificent musical programme. Artistes: Mrs. Rainbow, Miss Goldsborough, Miss Buck, Miss Wooler, and Messrs. Binns and Smith (humorists). Miss A. M. Cruise again acted as accompanist. The sub-committee appointed to make the arrangements consisted of Messrs. J. Wroe, G. R. Rushworth, L. Briggs, J. Rhodes, R. Wilkinson, and C. E. Walker, and to them every credit is due. In addition to obtaining the musical talent they arranged, provided and served the supper. From a social standpoint the affair turned out a complete success, and it augurs well for the future prosperity of the society to see such harmony amongst its members. The present year has seen a large increase in membership, enabling the society to rank as second strongest affiliated to the Yorkshire Union, with a total of 79 members. A number of interesting lectures, competitions, etc., will be arranged for the winter months, and it is hoped members will take advantage of these and turn up in as good numbers as in previous years. The members are enthusiastic re the forthcoming Cinderella Club Show, and some thorough good workers are sure to find themselves placed upon some of the sub-committees. A vote of thanks to the artistes was ably proposed by the president, Mr. E. Suddards; this was seconded by Mr. H. Hill, and carried with enthusiasm. The next members' show is on October 17, birds to be staged by 7.15. Messrs. Thompson, Ogden, and J. Hartley will judge.—H. Hill, Sec.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column, a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager.
* Under the rules of the C.B. Union.

England.

Oct. 12 & 13.—**Norwich Alliance.**—(R. Roll, 58, York Street).
Oct. 13 & 14.—**Bolton.**—(P. Brierley, 24, Cromer Avenue, Tonge Moor.). J.H.R., J.W.C.
Oct. 14.—**Coventry Godiva.**—(R. Symonds, 29, Melbourne Road, Earlsdon.) W.V.
Oct. 14.—**Leeds.**—W. A. Wilson, 75, Bayswater Mount, Roundhay). J.H.R., J.B.
Oct. 14.—**Morpeth** (E. Cowling, Fullbeck Cottage) J.C.B., A.H.
Oct. 17 & 18.—**Plymouth.**—(T. Pope, 98, Embankment Road.) C.A.H., J.R.
Oct. 18 & 19.—**Birmingham.**—(S. Mole, 87, Greenway Street, Small Heath.) T.H., J.C.B.
Oct. 18 & 19.—**Portsmouth C.B.S.**—(King and Joiner, 80, Stubbington Avenue, North End). J.R.
Oct. 19.—**Hanley.**—(B. Peake, 6, Rhodes Street). W.M., J.T.
Oct. 20 & 21.—**Newcastle.**—(J. E. Atkinson, 8, Trewhitt Road, Heaton, Newcastle-on-Tyne.). J.R., W.M., W.V., J.S.C., C.H.
Oct. 20 and 21.—**Rochdale O.S.**—(R. Blincoe, 160, Drake Street, Rochdale.) C.A.H.
Oct. 21.—**Burton-on-Trent.**—(W. Elliott, 22, Leicester Street). J.R.
Oct. 21.—**Middlesbrough.**—(A. Wake, 41, Aske Rd.). G.H., C.H.
Oct. 25.—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).**—(J. N. Jeffery, Sartor House, Winner Street). J.H.P.
Oct. 25 & 26.—**Grimsby.**—(Towl Bros., 205, Welholme Road.) W.V.
Oct. 26.—**Oxford C.B.S.**—(A. F. Fifield, 6, Buckingham St.). J.H.R.
Oct. 27 & 28.—**Wolverhampton.**—(J. Gibbons, 64, Napier-rd). J.R.
Oct. 27 & 28.—**Manchester (Belle Vue).**—(H. Boothman, 8, Kettering Rd., Levenshulme.)H.W.B., A.G.D., E.G., C.H., S.H., J.Sli.
Oct. 28.—**Derwent Valley.**—(J. Lindsay, Railway Cottages, Westwood, Medomsley, R.S.O., Co. Durham.) A.B., F.M.
Oct. 28.—**Hartlepools.**—(E. Woodhead, 38, St. Paul's Road, W. Hartlepool).—H.W.B., J.M.
Nov. 1.—**Liskeard.**—(H. Jones Robins, Market St.) J.H.P.
Nov. 1 and 2.—**Cheltenham.**—A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Avenue.) W.E.G., H.W.B., J.F.
Nov. 2.—**Tunstall.**—(H. Evans, 18, Sneyd St.). J.C.B.
Nov. 3 & 4.—**Liverpool O.S.**—(Metcalfe and Hillmen, 68, Brunswick-rd.). W.M., W.V. and A.W, W.D.
Nov. 3 & 4.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne.**—G. Havver, 1, Theresa Street.)—J.R., H.W.B.
Nov. 3 and 4.—**Sheffield O.S.**—(T. Bishop, 69, Alexandra-rd.), J.H.R., C.H.
Nov. 4.—**Cleator Moor** (J. E. Byrne, 110, Birks Road) J.Wk.
Nov. 4.—**Stockton-on-Tees.**—(J. W. Lowes, 17, Canning-st).
Nov. 4.—**York.**—(H. Thompson, 57, Nun Mill Street, Scarcroft Road.) A.H.
Nov. 4 and 6.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(A. Freestone, 19, Clarendon St.) C.H., J.R.
Nov. 7 & 8.—**Bournemouth.**—(W. O. Brooke, 102, Nortoft Road.) J.R.
Nov. 8.—**Leek.**—(J. Pegg, 2, South Portland St.).
Nov. 8.—**West Bromwich.**—(W. G. Andrews, 1, Hayes Street, Carter's Green.) J.H.P.
Nov. 8 and 9.—**Brighton.**—(Will H. Gibb, 18, Bond Street.) C.A.H.
Nov. 8 & 9.—**Southend.**—(W. C. Lockwood, 9, East Street, Leigh-on-Sea.)
Nov. 9.—**Peterboro'.**—(S. L. Cocks, Corn Market.) J.R., S.H.M.
Nov. 10 and 11.—**Barnsley.**—(F. C. Sims, 15, Wright-terrace, Grace-st.) H.W.B.
Nov. 10 and 11.—**Old Shildon** (J. H. Elwell, 35, Church Street). J.Str.
Nov. 11.—**Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.**—(A. Walker, 47, Montrose St.). J.Wk., J.W.
Nov. 11 & 13.—**Nottingham.**—(G. E. Wilkinson, 86, Lenton, Boulevard). T.H., J.T., J.F.D.
Nov. 11.—**Warrington.**—(G. M. Nelson, 466, Knutsford Road.) A.W.
Nov. 14 & 15.—**Bristol F.A.**—(G. T. H. Maggs, 9, Trinity St., Newtown.) J.H.P., W.V.
Nov 14 and 15.—**Wimbledon.**—(H. Smith, 115, Merton Road.)
Nov. 15.—**Alnwick.**—R. Forster, 36, Bondgate, Without.). H.W.B., A.C.
Nov. 16.—**Stoke-on-Trent.**—(J. Pitchford, 218, London Rd.) A.W.
Nov. 17 & 18.—**Preston.**—(J. P. Leeming, 40a, West Cliff.) J.H.R., C.H.
Nov. 17 and 18.—**Hull.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19, Lambton-st.), J.R., J.M.
Nov. 18.—**Coventry O.S.**—(A. J. Barratt, 38, Craven Street.) J.R.
Nov. 18.—**Tideswell.**—(Flint and Swarbrick, Tideswell, near Buxton.) A.H.
Nov. 18.—**Crook Original.**—(J. Horner, White Lea.)
Nov. 18.—**Harrogate.**—(W. E. Fergusson, 62, Harlow Terr.) J. By.
Nov. 23.—**Ludlow.**—(W. T. Woof, 2, Market St.) J.H.P.
Nov. 23.—**Stamford.**—(A. Harrison, 7, New St.). J.R.
Nov. 24 & 25.—**Doncaster.**—(G. Bescoby, 26, Duke Street.) J.C.B., J.M.
Nov. 24 & 25.—**Great Harwood.**—(W. T. Mattinson, 32, Orchard Street.) H.W.B. and A.W.
Nov. 24 and 25.—**Hinckley.**—(H. Ridgway, Priesthills Road).
Nov. 24., 25, 27.—**L.C.B.A.**—(Mugford and Tyson, 1, Strathearn-rd., Wimbledon, S.W.)
Nov. 25.—**Cramlington.**—(J. R. Chestney, Quarry Cottage). A.B., H.S.
Nov. 25 and 27.—**Ilkeston**—(T. Smith, 5, King Street). J.C.B.
Nov. 28.—**Launceston.**—(N. H. Reed.)
Nov. 29.—**Windsor.**—(E. A. Stickland, 36, Alma Rd.).
*Dec. 1 and 2.—**Lancaster Primrose C.B.A.** (J. Johnson, 45, Perth-st.) W.M., S.M.
Dec. 2 & 4.—**Derby.**—(W. Stevens, 58, Olivier-st.). J.R., R.R.
Dec. 5.—**Stratford-on-Avon.**—(R. W. Ingram, 15, Scholar's Lane.)
Dec. 5 & 6.—**Tonbridge.**—(P Stonestreet, 102, Hadlow Rd.)
Dec. 7.—**Newport and Dist.** (J. Hammett, 56, Milman-st., Newport, Mon.) J.R.
Dec. 8 & 9.—**Bradford National.**—(H. Hill, 15, Settle Terrace, Thornton Lane, Little Horton).
Dec. 8 and 9.—**Gateshead.**—(A. Holden, 5, Cramer Street.) J. R., J.H.R., J.B., J.F.D.
Dec. 8 & 9.—**Runcorn.**—(T. P. Baxter, 103, Greenaway Rd.). A.W.
Dec. 9.—**Sheffield and Dis. C.B.S.**—(A. Hobson, 66, Langsett Av.). W.A.C., J.C.B.
Dec. 15 & 16.—**Blackburn.**—(J. Cook, 6, Charlotte St.).
Dec. 16.—**Yarm, Eaglescliffe.**—(T. Wilson, High Street.) W.M., F.M.
Jan. 6.—**Guisbrough Priory.**—(S. H. Lambert, 25, Gill Street).
Feb. 2, 3, 5, 6.—**Great National** (Crystal Palace). (J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Ave., Brixton, S.W.)

Scotland.

Oct. 14.—**Lochgelly.**—(W. Whiteford, 81, Hall St.) W.Tn., J.F., G.H., G.F.A., A.C., J.F.D.
Oct. 14.—**Broughty Ferry.**—(R. Whitton, 2, Churchill Place.) D.B., W.R., W.G., J.S., R.V.R.
Oct. 20 and 21.—**City of Glasgow.**—(A. Macdonald, 279, Crow Rd., Partick). J.H., D.L., J.Hy., A. McL., J. Wtn., J. Fg., A. C., A. Ct., G.A., J. Mn., S.W., W.S.C., J.W.B.
Oct. 21.—**Kelty and Blairadam.** — (A. Dickson, 37, Adams-terr., Kelty.) C.B.,W.M., R.B.G., W.P., W.H., A.W.W.
Oct. 21.—**Selkirkshire.**—(J. Robertson, 4, Green Terrace, Selkirk.)
Oct. 28.—**Ayr and District.**—(J. Sloan, 19, New Bridge Street). J.F.D.; A.Wn.; J.B.P.
Oct. 28.—**Dysart.**—(J. S. Harris, Victoria Bar.) J.T., R.L., J.Wr., R.G., C.W.
Nov. 4.—**Bo'ness.**—(T. Cameron, 7, Ash Terrace, Greyfriars).
Nov. 4.—**Stonehouse.**—(J. Hamilton, 36, Camnethan St.). A.C., J.P.
Nov. 4.—**Brechin.**—(G. Mitchell, 118, Montrose St.). W.B., G.Hp., J.St.
Nov. 10 & 11.—**Kirkcaldy.**—(E. McAoally, 13, St. Clair Place).
Nov. 11.—**Hamilton (Cadzow Oaks).**—(G. Marlin, 21, Glebe Street.) F.B., A.Wn., A.Wr., P.P.
Nov. 11.—**Forfar.**—(J. Fyfe, 137, East High Street.) J.Sn., W.M., A.W.W.
Nov. 18.—**Buckhaven.**—(J. Lawrie, Grahams Buildings, Randolph Street.) G.H., J. M'L., Ax.C.
Nov. 18.—**Cowdenbeath.**—(J. R. Reid, 7, Woodland Place).
Nov. 18.—**Kilmarnock O.C.B.S.**—(W. Guthrie, 10, Hood St.)
Nov. 18.—**Galashiels.**—(C. Lugton, Botany Cottage). W.R., J.Y., J.W.N.
Nov. 23.—**Lockerbie.**—(H. Davidson, Royal Hotel.) J.F.D.
Nov. 25.—**City of Dundee.**—(A. Miller, 3, Park Ave.) J.Y., W.H., J.Sse., J.Stn., T.A., R.V.R.
Dec. 2.—**Blairgowrie** (M. Irvine, 17, Brown Street) J.F.D.
Dec. 2.—**Galston** (A. Frew, 26, Duke Street).
Dec. 2.—**Whitburn.**—(T. Duncan, 9, West Main Street.) J.W.B., J.Bp.
Dec. 9.—**Kilsyth.**—(A. D. Duncan, "Chronicle" office)
Dec. 16.—**Broxburn.**—(W. McLaren, Church Street.) J. McLn., G.Sfe., J.Tn., J.M., J.Sn.
Dec. 30 and Jan. 1, 1912.—**Scottish National** (A.W. Watson 58, Colinton Road, Edinburgh.)
Jan. 1 & 2.—**Paisley O.A.**—(W. Lambie, 25, Caledonia Street.)
Jan. 2 & 3.—**Glasgow C.B.A.**—(F. Bowman, 5, Parkview, Tollcross.). W.B.M., J.Cg., J.W.B., L.J.A., A.C.

Wales.

Nov. 8.—**Pontypridd.**—(A. A. Gordon, McLucas, 48, Rosser St., Maesycoed).
Nov. 8 & 9.—**Swansea.**—(S. H. George, 32, Fisher Street). H.W.B., A.S.
Nov. 15 & 16.—**Cardiff.**—(W. Sampson, 93, Llanishen St.). J.H.P., J.R.
Nov. 28.—**Llanelly.**—(D. John, 9, Pottery Place). H.N., J.H.R.
Nov. 30.—**Pentrebach.**—(A. E. Brown, 66, Clare St., Merthyr Tydfil.) T.L.C.

Ireland.

Nov. 2 & 3.—**Yorks C.B.S. of Ireland.**—(C H. Holley, 66, Fitzroy Avenue, Drumcondra, Dublin.)
Nov. 9 and 10.—**Banbridge.**—(A. McCammon, Riverview.)
Dec. 1 & 2.—**Ulster O.A.**—(R. Trimble, 11, Waring Street, Belfast.) D.B., R.T., G.M.
Dec. 7 & 8.—**Larne.**—(T. Mayne, 35, Barnhill.) H.W.B.

Under the White Rose.

FANCIERS generally, and particularly those in the district covered by the Yorkshire Union, will regret to hear of the sad calamity that has befallen Mr. H. H. Towers, President of the Y.U., and his wife in the loss of their youngest daughter, about two years of age, as the result of accidental scalding that happened a fortnight before death took place, the end coming as a great shock, being totally unexpected. Mr. and Mrs. Towers are, as can only be expected, very much cut up at their loss. The child was a winning little mite, full of talk, and it is very sad she should be taken from them at such a tender age. I am sure all fanciers will join with me in condoling with them in their time of trouble; and especially those who, like myself, have visited their home and seen their children.

YORKSHIRE County British Bird and Mule Club booklet is also out, and the contents show that things are progressing with this Club (somebody is working hard at the back of it). Also, good news reaches me from the secretary, who states that the membership is going up nicely, and exhibiting members too who will make their presence felt at the shows. At Huddersfield there is given a gold medal for eight classes. They have a good worker in Mr. Archer (the President), who is doing all that he can to make the Club into a strong and representative one. The book supplies all particulars, and should be in the hands of all interested in British birds (any fancier can have one sent him on application to the secretary).

THE year book of the Open Norwich Plainhead Club has now been sent to the members. It contains all particulars in connection with the competitions, list of members' names, competition shows, standard rules, and other interesting matter, and is in handy form for the pocket. It reflects great credit on Mr. Hammond, who took over the work of getting it out in consequence of the severe illness of the secretary, Mr. Mitchell, whom we hope to see amongst us again at the shows.

THE show season of the Yorkshire Union opened at Laisterdyke on Saturday last, and was voted a good turn-out for the first event. The birds were fairly fit; in fact, several were heard to say that they were much more forward than they expected to find. Fanciers turned up in large numbers, and the room presented a very animated appearance, tho fact of the change of venue, perhaps, having something to do with it.

"STRAIGHT 'UN."

ROUND THE SHOWS.

CRAVEN ARMS (Salop).

Craven Arms show held October 11th, when a nice lot of birds were staged. Mr. B. Clare, the Sec., deserves every credit for his able management of affairs. Mr. G. F. Edwards judged, and appeared to give every satisfaction.

NOR. (13): 1, Groom, nice young unflg. Buff cock, cobby bird, good col. and condition, should be heard of again; 2, vhc, Williams, another Buff, similar type, good bird, but a wee bit squatty; 3, Worrall, Buff, wing mkd., nice bird; r, hc, Davies. A good class; not a bad bird in it. YORK. (12): 1, Leadbeater, good cinn. mkd. Buff, typical, nicely fronted, in good condition; 2, Creasey, Cinn. mkd. Yell., good racy bird, stands up well, and has nice pipe tail; 3, Windsor, Yell., a good col., smart little bird, he will grow and come in for another year; r, Davies; vhc, hc, Creasey. There were several good birds in this class unflighted. CREST OR C.B. (2): 1, 2, Muscott, nice birds. A.O.V. (1): No name in catalogue. MULE: 1, 2, Slee, Buff mkd. on head, 2 good varieg. Buff; 3, Leadbeater, nice dark Mule. LINNET, ETC: 1, Groom; 2, Bridges; 3, Slee. BUFFFINCH, BRIT.: 1, 2, Groom, A.O.S. BRIT: 1, Groom, grand Greenfinch; 2, Hughes, another nice Finch, two good, large birds. SELL., 10s.: 1, Creasey; 2, 3, Davies.

EXETER AND DEVON.

Twenty-second annual show held October 11th, Lower Market Hall. Cage Bird entries were not so strong as last year, but they made a grand display notwithstanding. They were staged in what may be termed "cosy corner," the hall being a large one. The red drapings were again in use, and looked effective. Norwich and Yorkshire were the strongest, but special for best went deservedly to Evins Bros., for their well-known Green Crest. Mr. Bealey was in charge of the birds; that good fancier, Mr. Smith, was not able to attend through being unwell. Mr. W. A. Cornish makes an ideal secretary, and everything goes smoothly at this fixture under his guidance. Mr. T. Heath judged and gave general satisfaction.

The Critique.

NOR., CL., ETC., YELL.: 1. Copp, grand col., size and quality, wings not quite down; 2, 3, Redwood, Varieg. and Cl. respectively. former last year's winner, some thought should have given way to latter, being better in wing carriage; vhc, W. Collings; hc, H. Daw; c, Mitchell. BUFF: 1, spl, Smith, wing marked, of nice type, lovely col.; 2, Middleton, grand cl., good throughout; 3, no name, head and neck marked, grand bloom and style, a wee trifle thick in wing; vhc, Stephens and Gaved; hc, J. R. Fox; c, Redwood. HEN: 1, Redwood, an easy winner, good type, size and lovely mealing; 2, J. R. Fox, ticked Yell., grand size and style; 3, Redwood, Cl. Buff, neat and hot col. CREST, MKD., ETC.: 1, spl, spl best in show; 2, 3, Evins Bros., winner heavily varieg. Green, abundance of feather, with expansive crest, 2 lovely condition, lightly varieg., again grand feather properties, 3 varieg., most lovely drooping crest; vhc, Hammett; hc, Ball. CREST B. C.: 1, spl. Ball, wins well, grand lashing and size, in lovely condition; 2, 3, Evins Bros., 2 almost Green, we preferred same owner's 3rd, grand skull, nice size, better lashing, lightly varieg. YORKS., CL. YELL.: 1, spl, J. Thomas, grand upstanding bird, good style and condition; 2, W. Webber, hotter in col., but spoilt by open chest, will improve; 3, Fulford, very neat, in lovely bloom; vhc, Lashbrook; hc, Gilling; c, Churchward. BUFF: 1, R. and W. Fox, lovely bloom, grand wings, good Yorkie; 2, Webber, a trifle flat in head, good wing, clean cut; 3, Easterling and Carson, good one, nice back and tail; vhc, Thomas; hc. Lashbrook; c, Gilling. TKD., ETC.: 1, Stephens and Gaved, in lovely condition, grand wings and tail, nicely mealed; 2, Fulford, neck mkd., good size and length, another Buff; 3. J. Thomas, wing tkd. Yell., nice length, good style, wing and tail; vhc, J. Lashbrook; hc, Taylor; c, Marshall. HENS: 1, spl, Easterling and Carson, grand Buff, good head, fine style, excellent wings and tail; 2, Fulford, very neat Yell., cl., in grand feather, body col. and condition, worth its place; 3, J. Thomas, Buff, grand length, good wings and tail; vhc, R. and W. Fox; hc, J. Taylor; c, Marshall. UNFLIG.: 1, J. Lashbrook, Cl. Yell., wins well, grand length, good back, splendid col.; 2, hc, J. Thomas, Cl. Buff, falls a bit in head, otherwise very good; 3, c, J. Taylor, wing tkd Yell., close up, clean cut, very stylish; vhc, Lashbrook. LIGHT MULE: 1, Locke, Varieg. Yell., good size, nice wings; 2, Middleton, Cl. Buff, some thought an easy winner, perhaps too small for the judge's liking, had wonderful feather and bloom; 3, c, F. Collins, two pointed Buff, most lovely wings, like box-wood in condition; vhc, Miss Joseph, lovely Yell., wing mkd.; hc, Stephens and Gaved. DARK: 1, spl, Lamb, Can. Bullie, easy winner here, in grand bloom; 2, spl, Miss Joseph, Goldfinch Can., splendid jonque, tight as wax, shows parentage well; 3, Laskey, varieg. Mule (there was a question here as to whether it should be wrong classed or not); vhc, Scribbens; hc, Camble; c, Adams. NOVICE., A.V. CAN.: 1, Hammett, varieg. Crest, nice, even crest, in good feather, wins well; 2, 3, Noyce, 2 Buff Nor., grand col., good head and neck, well up in size, 3 unfligh. Yell., good col., grand wings and tail, if any fault a trifle frilly; vhc, Rowley; hc, West; c, Honeywell. A.V. (exhibited by a lady); 1, hc, Miss Finch, varieg. Crest, well groomed, in fine fettle; 2, Mrs. Luxton, Cl. Buff Nor., nicely mealed, good col. and short flights; 3 vhc, Miss Joseph, 3 cl. body Grizzle Crest, in grand trim, lovely quality. BRIT. (SMALL): 1, spl, Middleton, Redstart, in beautiful condition, very tame, unfortunately has a weak hind claw; 2, Tout, Lesser Whitethroat, a gem, very tame; 3, Burrough, Yellow Wagtail, grand col. and condition, again very steady; vhc, c, Lean and Son; hc, Rosser and Son, some said should have been in the money, a Nightingale, in good feather, and very steady. FOR. SMALL: 1, spl, vhc, Miss Joseph, Ribbon-finch, in grand feather, wins well, vhc good Orange Bishop; 2, Gaved and Stevens, very fine Waxbill; 3, hc, Lee, 3 pair of nice Cuttbroats, hc pair of good Bishops. SELL. (£1 1s.): 1, Rowden; 2, Scantlebury and Queller; 3, Luxton; vhc, Turner; hc, Webber; c, West. 10s. 6d.: 1, Smith; 2, Noyce; 3, West; vhc, Turner; hc, Copp; c, Jones.

RESOLVEN.

Third annual show held Sept. 28th, and was on the whole a great success. Mr. W. H. Love judged in the cage bird section and gave every satisfaction. NOR. CK.: 1, 4, E. Lewis; 2, H. S. Davies; 3, E. Price.

GT. HORTON (Good Intent) O.S.

Members' show, held October 7th, Church Schools, Southfield Lane. Mr. R. Halliday (Shipley) judged, and gave every satisfaction. CL., ETC., YELL. Yorks.: 1, Hooson; 2, A. Morley; 3, Bartle; 4, Brook; vhc, Gornall; hc, Chubb; c, Holden. BUFF: 1, Wright; 2, Brook; 3, Bartle; 4, Holden; vhc, Hill; hc, Morley; c, Kaberry. EVEN, ETC., YELL.: Void. BUFF: 1, Hill; 2, Hooson; 3, Gornall; 4, Kaberry. YELL. HEN: 1, Hooson; 2, Hill; 3, Brook; 4, Holden; vhc, Kaberry. BUFF: 1, Bartle; 2, Hooson; 3, Hill; 4, vhc, Holden; hc, Chubb; c, Gornall. BRIT.: 1, 2, Kaberry; 3, Wright. SELL., 10s.: 1, 2, Wright. HEN, 12s. 6d.: 1, Wright.—H. Gornall, Sec.

BOLTON WOODS C.B.S.

Members' show held September 30th, Victoria Hotel, when 60 birds faced Mr. H. Long, whose awards gave entire satisfaction. CL. YELL. CK.: 1, Chittenden; 2, Taylor; 3, Shepherd; 4, Goodwin; vhc, Pullan. BUFF: 1, Goodwin; 2, Cooper; 3, Bryant; 4, vhc, Dykes; hc, Martin. TKD. YEL. CK.: 1, Cooper; 2, Chittenden; 3, 4, hc, Taylor; vhc, Shepherd. BUFF: 1, Pullan; 2, 4, Taylor; 3, Bryant; vhc, Shepherd; hc, Atkinson; c, Hall. YELL. HENS: 1, Bryant; 2, 3, Cooper; 4, c, Dykes; vhc, Martin; hc, Shepherd. BUFF: 1, vhc, Dykes; 2, Taylor; 3, Pullan; 4, Ellis; hc, Atkinson; c, Chittenden. UNMKD. YELL. CK.: 1, Hall; 2, 3, Martin. BUFF: 1, Goodwin; 2, 3, vhc, Dykes; 4, Taylor; hc, Ellis. UNEV. MKD. YELL. HEN: 1, Chittenden; 2, Cooper. BUFF: 1, Cooper; 2, 3, 4, Bryant. FOUL MKD. CK.: 1, 2, 3, Atkinson. Special Best Novice bird: J. Pullan; ditto col.-fed: J. Cooper.—M. Skirrow, Sec.

LATE ITEMS.

Manchester and N.C.O.S. (L.C.A., L. and L.F.A., Y.C.C., C.M.Y.C.C., N.P.C., Cinn. C.C., B.F.C.C., E. and W.B.F.C., N.B.B. and M.C., F.B.C.).—Oct. 27 and 28, Zoological Gardens, Belle Vue. (Open at 2 o'clock, Oct. 27). Judges, Messrs. J. Swalwell (Lancs. and Liz.), H. W. Battye (Yorks), A. G. Davis (Norwich), G. Colledge (Crests and Sell.), A. Godley (Cinn. and members'), S. Hadwin (Belg., Scots and Bord.), and C. Houlton (Brit. and For.). 114 classes: Lancs. 8, Liz. 6, Yorks 12, Amat. Yorks 3, Yorks Green 4, Nor. Green 4, Nor. 11, Amat. Nor. 5, Crest 9, Novice Crest 2, Cinn. 4, Novice Cinn. 2, Belg. 3, Scot 2, Bord. 11, Sell 5, Extra Stock 1, Mules 6, Brit. 10, For. 6. Prizes 12/-, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, and loads of specials. Fee 2/- (except Sell.—prizes 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/-). Entries close Oct. 21 to H. Boothman, 8, Kettering Road, Levenshulme, Manchester.

A Record for Morpeth.

Please note that Class 57a has been omitted from Newcastle-on-Tyne Show schedule, writes Mr. J. E. Atkinson, the sec. The class reads as follows: "57a—Cinnamon Border Fancy, Yellow or Buff, cock or hen."

A marvellous entry at Morpeth Show; all records broken; as many as 48 birds in one class, writes Mr. E. Cowling, sec.

The Young Naturalist.

*A Waxbill Story.

I had a pair of dear little St. Helena Waxbills, and not long after I got them the little hen died. The poor little cock seemed so lonely that I got another little partner for him. One morning when I went to feed them as usual I found this poor little hen dead. The cock was very distressed. So I put a hen Twite in beside him, and he was very pleased. Very soon they were feeding each other, and I am wondering if they will nest.—Sent by Molly Rolland (aged 8), 33, Dockwray Square, North Shields.

**A Saucy Thrush.

Last year my father hand-reared a little Thrush, and it is so tame that he lets it out in the daytime when fine, and it hops about the garden all day pulling up the worms and insects, and hops in and out of our house. It runs about all around our dog, and they do not take any notice of one another. My father also stands its cage on the garden wall, and it very often gets in it and has a rest when the sun shines on him. It also gets into the cage when its roosting time comes; then my father shuts the door and takes it indoors for the night and lets it out in the morning.—Sent by Florence Hook (age 12), Dairy Farm, Lindfield, Sussex.

*A Successful Operation.

Father keeps his Canaries in a spare room, which he uses as an aviary. One day one of the hens he picked out got its leg caught in the wire door and broke it. Father made two splints out of a match stick, and soaked them in boracic ointment; then he bound them on the Canary's leg with worsted. After a while my father unwrapped the bandages, and found that the leg had set nicely, the only fault being that it was not quite straight. This same hen has had two nests and reared six young ones.—Sent by John Nicks (aged 12 years), 44, Teignmouth Road, Bournbrook, Birmingham.

The Metropolis Leads off with a Remarkable Record Show.

Great Entry at Clapham.

A splendid collection of Norwich and Yorkshires; Heavy Classes of Britishers; Supurb and unique exhibits in the Foreign Bird section.

A record entry of 853 greeted tbe judges at the show of the Clapham C.B.A. on October 11 and 12. This was sixty in excess of last year, when there were about forty entries of cages. On this occasion there were no cages, so that the birds numbered a century more. The show was held in the St. Anne's Hall, which, although better lighted, is not so roomy as the Avondale Hall. Thus there was not space for all the exhibits in the main hall, and some of the British had to be staged in a smaller room. In striking contrast to last year, tbe weatber was delightfully fine, and there was a good attendance during the afternoon and evening of the first day, when the show was opened by the Mayoress of Wandswortb. Tbe show was under tbe patronage of the Southern Yorkshire C.C., and Southern Norwicb C.C. Tbus the entries in these sections were very numerous, and Mr. Robson had a hard day's work. It had been intended hy the executive that Mr. House should judge the Yorkshires, but this the S.Y.C.C. would not agree to, as Mr. House is judging the section at Plymouth, which is also under S.Y.C.C. patronage. The Norwich totalled 172 in thirteen classes, an average of just over thirteen, and the Yorkshires 214 in twelve classes, an average of just under eighteen. Two wonderful sections indeed. Mr. Frostick had 240 British birds, and 39 foreigners to adjudicate upon, and a remarkably fine lot they were. The Hybrids, Crests, Crestbreds, A.O.V., and all members' Canaries, which totalled just 200, were taken hy Mr. House.

The Thick and the Thin.

It was really a good display of Norwich that faced the judge for the first London show, although, as was to be expected, many of the birds were somewhat lacking in finish, and consequently the more forward ones secured the awards. Later on it is probable some of to-day's decisions will be reversed. The classes were well filled, the novices especially coming up well. These gencrally were of good quality with plenty of size and type. Notbing very remarkable showed up among the unfligbted birds, although several good ones were staged; probably one or two stormers are being saved for later events. The principal prize winners were: Messrs. E. Baker (wbo staged some toppers), Spillman (one specially lovely hen mucb admired), Collins, Mortara, Ellis, Taylor, Cole, Law, Pope, Byne, Crawford.

Tbere was a grand gathering of Yorkshires, some of the classes being exceptionally well filled, notably the unflighted novice, which made a grand total of thirty-nine, and among them were some real good ones. For an early show the birds were in fine condition, the old ones being a little bit more forward than the unflighted. There were some grand birds in the latter class, Mr. Elsmore's winner being particularly noticeable. The principal winners in this section were Messrs. Knight, Rorke, Rennie, Hawes Bros., and Easterling and Carson. A grand yell. was staged in the novice class by Mr. T. Vennesa, a bird of lovely type and quality; it should take some heating in this section. Taking them all round, the Yorkshires were a grand lot and things look promising for the admirers of the "long ones" during the season. Big classes should be the ruling order.

Three Fine Sections.

The British birds numbered 240 all told, one class cancelled, and among the birds exhibited were many that are bound to make their mark as the season advances. Goldfluches (8) and Bullfinches (4) were very disappointing in numbers. The best class in the section in point of numbers was that for Siskin, Mealy Redpoll or Twite (27), and among this lot two sets of winners might easily have been found. Lesser Redpolls showed up well, numbering 25, and there were some coming champions among them; it seemed hard lines indeed to leave some of them without an award, but the competition was very keen. It was a great achievement of Mr. Marley's to capture the three leading prizes in a class of this kind, and his birds deserved their honours. Bramhles were very fine; the seed-eating hen class contained some charming specimens, and the small insectivorous class was a treat indeed.

Only 39 foreign birds were on exhibition, but what an exhibition! There was quite embarrassment of first appearances, to say nothing of the birds which, although we have seen them before, are still unique as single specimens of their kinds. Words catirely fail to express the beauty of some of the exquisite birds exhibited, and any cursory report must necessarily be miscrably inadequate.

Tbe show was most excellently managed hy the following committee: Messrs. W. H. Vale (chairman), H. Yeoman (vice-chairman), C. T. Maxwell (treasurer), S. A. Sandy, S. H. Baker, D. T. Barker, G. Brooke, H. Luff, W. J. Honeysett, A. W. Masters, C. L. S. Mazzoni, T. G. Morris, A. Silverthorne, M. Thorpe, G. J. Warley, J. Brighty, F. Clark, W. Francis, T. J. Hose, C. Cooper, A. C. Askew, E. Sexton, and A. J. Wildbore, and these gentlemen are to be most heartily congratulated upon tbe manner in which they performed their duties. Mr. A. L. Priest, the secretary, got through his work with remarkable ease and smoothness, and his tact and courtesy in dealing with the manifold and perplexing duties of his office showed him to be to the manner born. In him the C. and D.C.B.A. have a most efficient officer.

OPEN NORWICH AND YORKSHIRE SECTIONS:
Judge, Mr. J. Robson.

NOR. CL. YELL. (12): 1, Baker, grand shape, beautifully proportioned, lovely head, nicely rounded front, grand sound col., hardly fit but wins; 2, Collins, another beauty, nice bold front, grand back, well tapered, inclined to cross flights, rare cl.; 3, Spillman, fine size, grand head and neck, good wings and tail, not fit yet; 4, Richardson, rare size, col., and quality, fine head; vhc, Thomas; hc, Gill and Pethick; c, Ellis. BUFF (15): 1, Collins, bonny bird, nice size, grand head, good bold front, nice quality, well fed, hardly fit yet, yet wins; 2, Kilby, another beauty, rare size, grand quality, neat head, well filled neck, nicely tapered to a neat tail; 3, Gill and Pethick, neat bird, hardly the substance of winners, nice quality; 4, Holder, another big one, of rare quality, good bold front, hardly fit; vhc, Ellis; hc, Godfrey; c, Baker. TKD. YELL. (7): 1, Baker, eye, neck and tail mkd., bird of nice size, good sound col., neat head, nice full chest, well filled back, lovely quality; 2, Kilby, bold-fronted bird, rare size, stands well, good head and neck, rare back, sound col.; 3, Hodder, big bold bird, hardly fined down yet, grand head and body, will do hetter later; 4, Richardson, wing and neck mkd. bird, good sbape, rare col. and quality; vhc, Ellis; hc, Thomas; c, Silk. BUFF (10): 1, Baker, wing tkd. buff, grand shape and size, neat head, good neck and hack, rare col. and quality, hard pressed by 2, Gill and Pethick, perfect Nor. type, very short and compact, grand carriage, A1 quality and col.; 3, Spillman, big bird, mkd. eye, neck and wing, grand back and chest, in fine fettle; 4, Taylor, wing and eye mkd., hot col., not fit yet; vhc, Ellis; hc, Silk; c, Kilby. HEN (19): 1, Baker, grand yell., perfect shape, rare size, neat head, bold front, nicely tapered, beauty for col. and quality; 2, Spillman, hig bold huff, grand shape, well filled neck, beautifully mealed, must have pressed; 3, Collins, Bullfincb shape and style, lovely head and neck, grand front and back, good wings, full of quality; 4, Curtis, grand bird of rare size and substance, just beaten in head; vhc, Ellis; hc, Gill and Pethick; c, Godfrey. UNFLIG. YELL. (13): 1, Mortara, neck tkd. bird, rare quality, good bold front, sweet head, short in flights and tail, capital col.; 2, Gill and Pethick, bonny bird, very close up, capital head, good full neck, shown in rare fettle; 3, Curtis, hardly the substance of winners, but capital head, good sound col. and quality; 4, Bellamy, capital size, nicely rounded; vhc, Baker; hc, Tristam; c, Richardson. BUFF (22): 1, hc, Ellis, thick-set var. hird, lovely head and neck, full front with good short wings, stands well across perch; 2, Curtis, very shapely, neat head of good shape, nicely rounded, grand quality; 3, 4, Butterfield, 3rd hardly the suhstance of winners but grand quality, capital wings, 4th bold, lovely shape, good clean head, tight as a Border; vhc, Tristam; c, Mortara. NOVICE YELL. (8): I, 3, Taylor, 1st fine bold bird, grand skull, beautifully rounded front, clean run to short tail, 3rd another bold bird, lovely quality, beautifully proportioned; 2, Tyrrell, good head and neck, capital wings, very clean cut, shows rather too much thigh when on the move; 4, Byne, nice bird, hardly fit yet; vhc, Parr; hc, Ferris; c, Wickham. BUFF: 1, Cole, fine bold bird of lovely quality, good head and neck, well rounded front and hack, nice neat tail; 2, Little, another good one, lovely quality, not quite the suhstance of winner, good sound col., stands well; 3, Lohr, neat spec., nice clean head, good full neck, nicely rounded, rare quality; 4, Cowie, grand bold bird, rare size, good head, well filled hack, lovely quality and col.; vhc, Parr; hc, Taylor; c, Cooper. TKD. YELL. (6): 1, Law, good stamp, clean skull, grand hack and wings, A1 col. and quality, shade wild; 2, Tyrrell, good shape, nice full neck, not quite so rich in col; 3, Ayling, hig bold hird, capital front, well filled hack, neat head; 4, Crawford, shapely, heavily marked hird of good suhstance, stands well; vhc, Wickham; hc, Small. BUFF (8): 1, Pope, a gem for shape and quality, short neck, grand shoulders, neat wings and tail, hot col. for a buff; 2, Priest, big head mkd. hird, grand body substance, hardly so good in head as winner, nice short wings; 3, Law, neater bird, with big bold head, full of quality and col., well fed; 4, Hart, hig shoulder tkd. hird, nice head and neck; vhc, Parr; hc, Small; c, Lynn. HEN (11): 1, Byrne, typical specimen, very clean cut, with a neat short tail, beautifully rounded, rare quality; 2, Lohr, another beauty, shade larger, hardly so good in head but rare body and quality of feather; 3, Little, neat yell., very shapely, nice head, grand col. for a lady, neat wings and tail; 4, Taylor, bonny, grand size even for a buff, A1 head and neck; vhc, Brown; hc, Priest; c, Crawford. UNFLIG. (29): 1, Crawford, neat buff leading, capital col., well filled hack, neat yet hold head, nice quality, rare size; 2, Camphell, sound buff of good size, well rounded, good full neck, nice specimen; 3, Williams, smart yell., good hcad, wee, capital col. and quality; 4, Hatter, lovely quality yell., good sound col. throughout, beautifully proportioned; vhc, Fennell; hc, Tyrrell; c, Wickham. YORKS., CL. (16): 1, Easterling and Carson, heautifully drawn bird, grand length, neat well carried flight and good tail, very fine head, sound col.; 2, Mock, very straight, neat shoulders, good head and back, not quite the size of winner, lovely quality; 3, Rorke, rare length, neat head and neck, well up on leg, good long flights; 4, Hawes Bros., good specimen, very straight, good wings, neat tail; vhc, French; hc, Owen; c, Brooks. BUFF (18): 1, Knight, long bird, good legs, capital head, fine shoulders, very straight, grand quality; 2, Owen, grand position, lovely head, hardly the length of winner, very neat wings and tail, in perfect condition; 3, Crisp, hig hird, rare length, well up on leg, wee shade wild; 4, Mock, smart bird, lovely quality, beautifully rounded, nice head; vhc, Holliday; hc, Easterling and Carson; c, French. VARIEG. (13): 1, hc, Rorke, heavily mkd., good length, lovely head, neat shoulders, nicely tapered to a neat tail; 2, Freuch, grand position, beautifully rounded, good shoulders and hack, well carried wings; 3, Hawes, smart specimen, capital shape, well tapered, grand quality feather, well up on leg; 4, Penton, not quite so big, but slim and neat, perfect shape; vhc, Davis; c, Knight. UNFLIG. (27): I, Elsmore, smart upstanding bird, good length, sweet head, nice free neck, very straight on good legs; 2, Green, grand length and position, beautifully drawn, lovely head and back, tip-top condition; 3, Pattrick, a beauty for type and quality, nice shoulders, good wings and tail; 4, French, nice racy specimen, well up on leg, will do better; vhc, Holliday; hc, Rorke; c, Knight. YELL. HEN (14): 1, Rennie, grand bird, good length, lovely hack and wings, beautifully tapered, nice free neck, sound col.; 2, Turner, grand position, neat head, well filled back, fine wings and tail, well up on leg; 3, Easterling and Carson, neat specimen, rare length, good wings and tail, not quite so hot in col. as winner; 4, Rorke, smart, good length, grand position; vhc, Britton; hc, Crisp; c, Wraight. BUFF (22): I, Hawes, good upstanding specimen, neat head, nice slim huild, good back, wings and tail, very tight in feather; 2, Easterling and Carson, presses hard, rare quality, grand position, good head, nice clean run, in A1 condition; 3, Elsmore, smart, not quite the size of winners, good head and shoulders, neat wings; 4, Penton, long hird, well up on legs, clean cut, neat tail; vhc, Rorke; hc, Silverthorne; c, Knight. NOVICE, CL. YELL. (16): 1, spl. Venness, grand specimen, beautifully proportioned, lovely head, neck and shoulders, well filled hack, good wings and tail, sound col.; 2, Stopher, another beauty, nice head, good back and shoulders, capital wings, stands well, lovely quality; 3, Tebbs, smart, rare length, beautifully tapered, hot col., stands well; 4, Barker, rare length, neat head and shoulders; vhc, Parks; hc, Merritt; c, King. BUFF (16): 1, Harris, lovely typical specimen, very straight, rare back, wings, and tail, in fine fettle; 2, Salter, very smart, good length, rare shoulders, well filled back, capital wings; 3, Tebbs, grand position, well up on leg, well rounded, of capital quality; 4, Frisby, smart, good length, nicely domed head, sound col.; vhc, c, Miss Hall; hc, Neighbour. VARIEG. CK. (4): 1, Bousfield, head and wing mkd. buff, grand length, lovely bead, rare quality; 2, Merritt, varieg. bird, good length, nicely tapered, good wings and tail; 3, Walker, big bold bird of rare length, fine head and wings, stands well; 4, Cundy, head and wing mkd. yell., grand quality, good position, well up on leg. UNFLIG. (39): I, spl, Montgomery, grand upstanding bird, good length, neat head, good free neck, shown in AI fettle; 2, Pilcher, fine long hird, rare length of wing, well up on leg, of sound col. and quality; 3, Hutton, not quite so big, nice neat head, good shoulders, well braced wings; 4, Salter, neat, nicely drawn, capital position; vhc, Frisby; hc, Bousfield; c, Thorpe. YELL. HEN (15): 1, Montgomery, fine bold specimen, beautifully rounded, very clean cut, rare length of wing, grand col. and quality; 2, Foxen, smart bird, good lengtb, nicely domed head, good sboulders, well tapered; 3, Parks, grand position on good legs, very straight, capital shoulders, sound in col., rare quality; 4, Tebbs, smart clean cut bird, nice head, very straight; vhc, Thorpe; hc, Barker; c, Hutton. BUFF (14): 1, Montgomery, rare length, sweet bead and neck, well filled back, stands well, good condition; 2, Walker, neck and wing mkd. bird, good length, very clean, rarc good wings and tail; 3, hc, Cundy, smart, cleanly made bird, nice type, good shonlders, capital wings; 4, King, slim built, grand quality; vhc, Simms; c, Pearson.

THE BRITISH BIRD SECTION:
Judge: Mr. J. Frostick.

GOLDIE (8): I, Cooper, bonny bird, rich in tan, beautiful polish, nice cut blaze; 2, Raven, fine plumage, paler altogether than winner, crosses wings a little; 3, Wickham, lovely condition, loses only in col. of Blaze; res, Sexton, quite of the Yorks. type, bit too lively; vhc, Vale, charming little chap, but unsteady, fine col., should do much better later; hc, Webb; c, Dicker. BULLIE (4): 1, 3, Walsh, leader a fine Bullie, lovely sheen, beautiful cap, just a little pale in hreast col.; 3rd, larger and hetter in hreast col. than winner, hut trousered somewhat badly; 2, Ford, pretty bird, cage moulted, ran winner very close; res, Raven. LINNET (25) fine class: (1): Botting, perfection of col. and markings, a little gem, all over; 2, Gunnell, fine hird, very even in col., well marked, a hit lively; 3, Brighty, nice buff, larger than the two above him, just loses in distinctness of markings; vhc, Smith; hc, yes, Marley; c, Page; several of the unnoticed birds in this class will be heard of later in the show season. SISKIN, ETC. (27): I, Casenore, real champion Siskin, lovelicst possible thigh markings, beautiful cap, perfection of plumage, faultless all over; 2, Godfrey, beautiful Twite, perfect in col. and markings, wonderfully steady; 3, Raven, charming Mealy Redpoll, nothing could he better, with a cage-moult should make a champion; res, Francis, rich coloured Twite; vhc, Miss Bousfield, good Siskin; vhc, Acland, fine Mealy; hc, Sexton (Twite); c, Maxwell (Siskin). LESSER REDPOLL (25): 1, 2, 3, Marley, three little wonders; nothing better could he imagined; scarcely anything to choose between them, all staged to perfection; res, Belcher; vhc, Ford; hc, Acland; c, Gerrey, all exceedingly good birds, could win almost anywhere. CHAFFINCH (14): 1, Beattie, lovely col., perfect polish, nicely forward in condition, shows himself well; 2, Francis, beautiful bird, larger than winner, but not quite so forward in head colour; 3, Webb, fine quality, well polished, nice breast col., a bit on small side; res, Walsh; vhc, Marley; hc, Godfrey; c, Belcher. BRAMBLE (18): 1, Kitchener, magnificent bird, perfect col., extra good in side lacing, wins well; 2, vhc, Francis, very decent Bramble, rich hreast col., fine polish, many thought the vhc equally as good; 3, Botting, very smart, grand col., especially good in spangling; res, Godfrey, hc, Askew, many thought should have been in the money, a near thing, it was said, between this and the 1st winner; c, Marley. GREENFINCH (11): I, Gunnell, fine pepper fed hird, good plumage, shows well; 2, Lawrence, lovely sheen, nice one indeed; 3, res, Marley, the 3rd a long way the hetter of the two; vhc, Cadman Bros.; hc, Tyson; c, Askew. HAWFINCH (6): I, Raven, one of the very hest, absolutely perfect in coloration, all the tints showing up beautifully, silky as possible in plumage, a fine exhibit; 2, Grahame, larger, but loses in col. to the winner, a very good specimen indeed, unlucky to meet such a stormer; 3, Lawrence, good bird, lovely col., a bit broken in plumage here and there; vhc, Page; hc, Harris; c, Cooper. YELLOWHAMMER (5): 1, Grahame, nice 'Hammer, a little slack in neck feather and a trifle on the small side, otherwise excellent; 2, Raven, very fine hird, larger than winner, not quite so clear in head markings at present, will do hetter later; 3, Botting, another nice one, not yet quite ready; res, Francis. A.O.S. BUNTINGS cancelled. HEN SEED-EATING (21): 1, 3, Marley, very decent Hawfinch, somewhat out of condition, and a lovely Siskin, especially good in side lacing; 2, res, Caunt, leader very hig hen Bullie, nice plumage; the res. very nice Corn Bunting; vhc, Thorpe and Clarke, pretty Bramhle; hc, Chivers; c, Grahame. SONG THRUSH, ETC. (5): (1): Marley, very nice Blackbird, nice polish of plumage, can be made a good one; 2, Askew, heautifully marked Song Thrush, steady as a rock, must have given winner a close run; 3, Collins, extra good Starling, exceedingly fine in spangling, a veteran bearing his age well; res Lott, Starling, another old friend, looking as well as ever; vhc, Oliver, nice Starling. NIGHTINGALE or BLACKCAP (4): 1, Jackson, good Nightingale, uufortunately lacking half the second toe of the right foot; 2, Maxwell, beautiful Blackcap, closely approaching absolute perfection; 3, Raven, Nightingale, loveliest possihle plumage, fine back colour, very beautiful; res, Vale, another nice 'Gale. LARK or PIPIT (7): 1, 2, Lott, perfect Skylark, good size, markings very beautiful, and an equally good Tree Pipit, charming specimen in best possible condition; 3, McVay, beautiful Skylark, pale in col. compared with the first winner, but a good one withal; res, Maxwell, nice Meadow Pipit; vhc, Evans, fine Skylark; hc, Cooper. MAGPIE, ETC. 1 only, Askew, remarkably fine Jackdaw, the hest of his kind we remember seeing. SMALL INSECTIV. (11) a charming class: 1, Evans, Dartford Warbler, nice young bird, should make a good one, very healthy and sprightly, but tail a wee bit frayed; 2, Maxwell, an absolutely perfect Sedge Warbler, not a feather awry, beautifully steady, a picture; 3, Hon. Mrs. Bourke, exceedingly good Dartford Warbler, feather perfect, like the first winner, not yet in adult plumage; res, Raven, Redstart, the most charming specimen of a Redstart that could be imagined, only the word perfection describes it; vhc, Francis (2), beautiful Lesser Whitethroat and a Redstart of a kind we have never before seen on the show hench; in colour it is intermediary between the Summer Redstart and the Black Redstart, and has not the "frosting" of these; it would be interesting to know where it was caught; hc, c, Smyth; c, Maxwell. LARGE (7): 1, Maxwell, perfect Wryneck, nothing better possible; 2, Francis, beautiful Waxwing, lovely condition; 3, Raven, fine Ring Ouzel, good specimen, extra size; res, Ford, extra good Redwing; vbc, Webb, fine Missel Thrush; hc, Lott, well-marked Wryneck in good feather; c, Grahame, exceptionally good Waxwing. PIED ALBINO, ETC. (2): 1, Walsh, Silver Starling, a wonderful old hird, looking as well in plumage as in his younger days, but showing the marks of "Anno Dominl" on his feet; 2, Laidlaw, very decent White Thrush.

MEMBERS' CLASSES: GOLDIE, ETC. (8): 1, spl, Warley; 2, Francis; 3, Thorpe and Clarke; 4, Sexton; vhc, Cooper; hc, Hose; c, Askew. LINNET, ETC. (10): 1, 3, 4, Vale; 2, vhc, Francis; hc, Barker; c, Coe. A.O.S. BRIT. (10): 1, Francis; 2, Coe; 3, Graham; 4, vhc, Askew; hc, Vale; c, Masters. INSECTIV. LARGE (1): Askew. SMALL (2): 1, Vale; 2 (Vale) absent.

THE FOREIGN BIRD SECTION: Judge, Mr. Frostick.

ALL PARROTS (3): 1, 2, Maxwell, magnificent Masked Parrakeet in lovely plumage, and the now well known pair of Brown's Parrakeets, looking as well as ever; 3, Williams, junr., fine Blue-crowned Conure in good plumage. COMMON SEEDEATERS, ETC. (16): 1, Maxwell, beautiful Diamond Sparrow, in perfect plumage; 2, vhc, Howe, sweet pair of Golden-breasted Waxbills and an equally good pair of Orange-cheeks; 3, Miss Smith, beautiful Madagascar Weaver in full colour, a fine specimen; res, c, Watts, fine pair of Green Avadavats and Rufous-necked Weaver; vhc, c, Williams, junr., Crimson-crowned and Atlas Weavers; hc, Botting, Rufous-backed Mannikins; hc, Allum Bros., Orange Bisbop. A.O.S. SEEDEATING (11): 1, res, c, Maxwell, winner a fine Jackson's Whydah, the first of its kind to grace the show hench, and a grand acquisition; after the style of the Giant Whydah in body, but with heautiful amber and black wing feathers, and the elongated tail-feathers are sickle-shaped; res, nice pair of Painted Finches, the cock looking a bit soft; c, a good Tri-coloured Parrot Finch; 2, vhc, Watts, the heautiful Queen Whydah we have seen hefore, looking better than ever, and a fine Australian Crimson Finch; 3, Howe, Melba Finch, in perfect plumage; vhc (2), Williams, junr., beautiful Lavender-backed Finch, unique on the show bench, might have been in the money even in this strong class, and a very perfect pair of Rufous-tailed Grassfinches; vhc, hc, Miss Bousfield, Red-headed cock Gouldian, and a pair of Black-headed, all perfect; c, Masters, Siherian Bullfinch, a veritable giant. INSECTIV., ETC. (9) another wonderful lot, among which were to he seen some of the most charming birds ever put on the bench: 1, 2, 3, hc, Maxwell, a wonderful team, comprising a Red-breasted Flycatcher, a first appearance on the bench (This bird figures, we think, in the Ornithological Union's list of British Birds, hut one appearance of a straggler or escaped hird is sufficient for this inclusion); a Purple Sun-hird in perfect condition, a Jourdan's Fruit-sucker, yet another debut, and a Purple Sugar-bird; a quartette of which any owner might be proud; res, Hon. Mrs. Bourke, Amethyst Sun-bird, a beautiful specimen.

THE REMAINING CLASSES:
Judge, Mr. C. A. House.

CRESTS (5): 1, sp, Oldaker, wing mkd., capital shape and droop, nice quality; 2, Campbell, very veiny, heavy feather, grand front, open at side; 3, Law, nice shaped green, not so heavy; 4, Cook, nice body, wing mkd., rough in crest; vhc, Gollan. C.B. (5): 1, 3, 4, sp, Slade, three grand shaped greens, rare hodies, neither of them quite ready, winner heaviest head feather; 2, Haysom, very nice skulled green, plenty of feather, but not ready; vhc, Cook. A.O.V. (7): 1, sp, Lohr, good shouldered buff Belgian, capital head and drive, whips tail a bit; 2, 3, Minty, heavily feathered varieg. Dutch Frill, carries a wealth of frill, rare mantle, 3rd very nice shaped tkd. buff coppy; 4, Oldaker, very rich coloured yell cinn.; vhc, Bacon; hc, Thurling; c, Small. BORDER YELL. (23): 1, 3, Gallop, neck tkd. and cl., two grand shaped birds, full of style, and nice quality of feather. 3rd not so fit; 2, Burton Bros., neat hodied, wing and neck tkd., lovely quality and style, not so good in head; 4, Plank, very nice cl., capital shape, wants handling a bit; vhc, Sayer; hc, Elwood; c, Hawkins; absent, Perry, Robinson. BUFF (25): 1, Joyce, cheek and neck tkd., wonderful quality of featber, very slim and shapely, grand carriage; 2, Bacon, sweet little cl., rare style, plenty of swagger, lovely feather; 3, Plank, very close feathered, stylish clr., not quite so straight in back; 4, Burton Bros., beautifully plumaged cl., rare carriage, a trifle stouter in build; vhc, hc, Moore; c, Hawkins. HYBRIDS, LT. CAN. (6): I, Botting, very rich coloured, grandly feathered six-pointed yell.; 2, Lawrence, grizzled, wing huff, fine shape and plumage; 3, Andrew, rich coloured yell., nearly six-pointed; 4, Cook, very taking cap and wing huff. DK. GOLD. OR LIN. (11): 1, Pope, large, grand jonque Linnet, in rare form; 2, Lawrence, buff Linnet, grandly mkd., rare shape and feather; 3, 4, Morton, very rich coloured jonque Goldie and Linnet, grand feather, heaten in size; vhc, Kitchener; hc, Coppy; c, Clipstone; absent, McLean. A.O.V. DK. CAN. (9): 1, Buckingham, very fine feathered jonque Redpoll, rich colour, nice style; 2, Andrew, hig, shapely buff Redpoll, grand feather and marking; 3, Lamb, rare shaped, well feathered buff Greenie; 4, Archer, very fine Siskin, grandly mkd., lovely shape and feather; vhc, Coppy; hc, Miss Bousfield; c, Silk. A.V. BULL (8): 1, Lawrence, very handsome Can.-Bull., beautiful colour, plenty of size, grand shape and feather; 2, Waldock, grandly mkd., rich coloured, grand feathered Gold.-Bull., in rare fettle; 3, Lamb, big, shapely, well marked Lin.-Bull., not up in colour, and very wild; 4, Adamson, nicely mkd Gold.-Bull.; vhc, Cook; hc, Gunnell; c, Archer; absent, Andrew. A.V. BRIT. (7): 1, sp, Ramsden, very smart, close feathered, nicely mkd. Greenie-Redpoll, shown in the piuk; 2, Collins, well-known Goldie-Redpoll, in lovely fettle; 3, c, Gunnell, Siskin-Greenie, capital colour and markings, nice shape; 4, Coppy, another well feathered Greenie-Redpoll; vhc, No. 6 (duplicate), no name; hc, Lamb. SELL., CAN. (6): 1, sp, 2, Hill; 3, Thurlin; 4, Hall; absent, Cross (2), came later. BRIT. OR FOR. (2): 1, 2, sp, Wildbore. MEMBERS: These made quite a nice section, especially the Norwich and Yorks., in which the quality was good, but few of the birds were quite finished moulting. NOR. COCK (6): 1, vhc, Morris; 2, 4, Luff; 3, hc, sp, Priest. HEN (6): 1, hc, Priest; 2, 2, Morris; 3, 4, Luff; vhc, Vale. UNFLI. (5): 1, 2, 3, 4, sp, Morris; vhc, sp, Priest. YORKS., COCK (4): 1, Warley; 2, 4, Askew; 3, Britton. HEN (7): 1, sp, Warley; 2, 4, Askew; 3, Silverthorne; vhc, sp, Yeoman; hc, Britton; c, Thorpe and Clarke. UNFLI. (10): 1, 2, vhc, sp, Britton; 3, Warley; 4, c, Yeoman; hc, Silverthorn. NOR. NOVICE COCK (3): 1, sp, Brook; 2, 3, Hose. HEN (2): 1, Osborn. YORKS. NOVICE COCK (9): 1, 3, vhc, c, Masters; 2, No. 9, no name; 4, hc, Brooke; absent, Dicker. HEN (5): 1, sp, Hutton; 2, 4, Masters; 3, No. 5, no name; absent, Dicker. UNFLI. (6): 1, 2, 3, Hutton; 4, vhc, Dicker. CREST OR C.B. (4): 1, sp, 3, no name; 2, 3, Yeoman; 4, No. 4, no name. A.O.V. (4): 1, Warley; Mr. Hutton staged three varieg. Yorks. in this class, which were marked "wrong class." HYBRIDS, LT. CAN. (3): 1, 2, Cooper; 3, Vale. DK. CAN. (6): 1, 4, Cooper; 2, Vale; 3, vhc, sp, Ramsden; hc, sp, Thorpe and Clarke. BRIT. HYB. (8): 1, Cooper; 2, Thorpe and Clarke; 3, Vale.

LONGTON (Staffs).

Encouraging Commencement in the Pottery District.

Fourth annual exhibition, held October 7th, in the Old Free Library (Town Hall)—a room well adapted for the holding of an exhibition of cage birds; it is of nice size, warm, and absolutely free from draughts, and is situated in the centre of the town, in close proximity to the railway station. Taking into consideration the early date, many birds being held back through not being quite fit, the entry was a splendid one, over a hundred more than last year; while the quality of many of the ticketed birds was simply grand. Several of the old bird classes were rather sparsely filled—in fact, the Clear Buff Yorks class was cancelled—caused, no doubt, by the backward state of the birds, combined with the rather early date. The snap of cold we have experienced recently has doubtless retarded the finish of an otherwise ideal moulting season, as was evidenced by the appearance of some of the exhibits on view, many of them requiring another week or two to fine down. The 8 classes of Norwich which were provided contained some charming specimens for both type and quality, and it was this section that produced the winner of the coveted "special" for best bird in show—a very handsome china rose bowl. This was awarded to the winning unflighted Buff shown by Mr. Mason; it is a bird of magnificent type, grand size, and the best of quality, and won after a very tight tussle with the clear Buff Norwich in the novice section shown by Mr. Bowers, a really fine specimen; indeed, no one could have grumbled had the verdict been given the novice's favour. This bird found a new home, being claimed at catalogue price. The seven classes of Yorkshires were nicely filled, and made a very pleasing display. The raw state of feather was very noticeable in this section, few birds being in really hard feather. Given a little more time some of the birds placed low down in the "tickets" will turn the tables on those placed above them. Time will work wonders in this respect. The entry in the British bird classes was a good one. Several old faces were again well to the front, getting additional honours to their already long list of wins. The novices were catered for on quite a lavish scale, no less than nineteen open novice classes being provided, most of which were well filled. The arrangements were capital, the exhibits being all nicely staged, so that every bird was in full view of the visitors, who thronged the show room. A special word of praise is certainly due to the excellent set of stewards. No society could wish for a better lot of fellows, each one taking a deep interest in his duty, and sticking to it throughout the day. No stone was left unturned to add to the comfort of the exhibits and the visitors. An early start was made with the judging, and was carried on until late in the afternoon; it was rather a heavy day's work for one judge to get through—fifty classes. Catalogues were on sale with the awards printed in the margin within a few minutes after the last slip was handed in. The hon. secretaries (Messrs. Hallam and Lovatt) had everything well in hand, the arrangements being in every way most complete. The awards were promptly affixed to the cages as each class was judged. The secretaries were always to be found at their table, and were most considerate and obliging to all. Mr. J. H. Roe judged.

The Critique.

NOR. CL. YEL. (5): 1, Davies, good size and col., nice shape and head, rare quality; 2, Rathbone, not quite the size of leader, neat shape, well cleaned out; 3, Weaver, rare col. and quality, good head, hardly so fit as those in front; 4, Hemmings and Brereton, nice size and col.; vhc, Niblett. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Sheldon; 1st, rattling fine size and shape, good head, well-filled heck, nice short tail, good quality and col., wins; 2nd, good size and type, grand head, rare width of body, a wee bit slack, will improve; 3, Cooper, nice type and quality, well cut away, short tail; 4, Hall, good size, a wee bit long in rudder; vhc, Yates; he, Niblett. TKD., ETC., YELL. (5): 1, Rathbone, mkd. head and wings, good size and shape, nice width and depth of chest, well cut away, good wing and tail carriage, nice head, good col. and quality; 2, Davies, good size, col., and quality, unevenly mkd., rare good head; 3, Hathaway, wing mkd., splendid size and shape, well cut away, neat tail, good col and quality, must have pressed hard; 4, Weaver, mkd. cheeks and wing, nice type and feather. BUFF (9): 1, England, mkd. back and chest, bonny type, rare full head and neck, short tail, good quality and bloom, wins; 2, Rathbone, var., nice size and shape, good head, hardly the width or depth of front; 3, Yates, grizzled head, very nice type and quality, just a trifle narrower in skull; 4, Hall, very nice uneven., nice type and col.; vhc, Pitchford and Stocker; he, Johnson; c, Elliott. HEN, YELL. (7): 1, Davies, clinking fine size, splendid type, well cut away, neat tail, shapely head, rare col. and feather; 2, Mason, heavily var., grand type, good head and neck, nice and short in tail; 3, Pitchford and Stocker, var., nice shapely hen, good head, loses only in col. and quality to leaders; 4, Garfield, very nice el., good shape and head, nice tail; vhc, Yates; he, Rathbone; c, Weaver. BUFF (14): 1, Lees, splendid cl., bonny type, rare chest, well cut away, neat tail, good head and quality; 2, Brotherhood, mkd. wings and vent, grand type, short and chubby, good wing and tail carriage, rare head and neck; 3, Bowyer, cl. of nice type and quality, not quite so full in head, good wings and tail; 4, Davies, nice unfl. tick, good shape and quality, bit slack yet; vhc, Hall; he, Hathaway; c, Mason. UNFL. YELL. (7): 1, Davies, cl., lovely shape, col., and quality, nice full head, well cut, well cleaned out, grand wing carr., nice condition; 2, Bowyer, cl., very nice type, short and chubby, wee bit weak in head, good otherwise; 3, Sheldon, another cl., nice size, type, and quality, rare col., not quite so tight in feather; 4, Brotherhood, head mkd., very nice build, best of col. and quality, close up; vhc, Hall; he, Mason; c, Niblett. BUFF (16): 1, Mason, wing mkd., splendid size, lovely shape, nice chest, neat, well chiselled head, rattling fine quality, well carried wings and tail, good one, takes spl. best in show; 2, Hathaway, cl., a wee shade smaller, very warm in col., very nice type, well cleaned out, short wings and tail; 3, Cooper, shapely cl., nice size, good quality, not quite so full in head; 4, Garfield, we missed; vhc, he, Hall; c, Bowyer. YORKS. YELL., CL. (7): 1, Dykes, nice length, good head and back, neat waist, well up on leg; 2, P. Victor Williams, grand shape and col., well packed wings and tail, nice style and quality, well tapered, some preferred for 1st; 3, Taylor, not quite so well drawn, lovely shape and quality; 4, Weedal, grand length, well up on leg, rare back and waist; vhc, Weedal; he, Hemmings and Brereton; c, Perry. CL. BUFF: Cancelled. TKD. ETC., YELL. (7): 1, Slater, wing tick, unflig., grand length and style, neat head, well carried wings and tail, nicely cut away at waist, in good order; 2, Windsor, cinn. mkd. of lovely quality, nice shape and carriage, good back and position; 3, Taylor, wing and thigh tkd., rare long-sided bird, well up on leg, showing plenty of thigh, neat head, nice shape; 4, Halliday, ticked on head, nice length and shape; vhc, Dykes; he, Taylor. BUFF (10): 1, Taylor, neck tkd., splendid length, very neat head, well-neck tkd., splendid length, very neat head, well-filled back, nice shoulders, well up on leg, gets quickly into position, good quality; 2, Slater, rare length and style, unevenly mkd., not quite so well filled in back as leader, neat waist, nice head and quality; 3, York, thigh tick, rare length of side, a wee bit strong, good back and head, well-carried wings and tail; 4, Dykes, cheek mkd. unflig., very stylish, nice head and quality, well packed tail; vhc, P. V. Williams; he, Hawley; c, Taylor. YELL HEN (10): 1, Perry, eye and thigh tkd., splendid length, grand head and back, fine at waist, rare quality and position, nice one; 2, York, cl., very nice length, splendid shape, good wing and tail carr., nice head and front; 3, Hall, smart cl., nice length, neatly built, good feather, nice head and quality, close up; 4, Dykes, eye and wing mkd., splendid quality, nice shapely damsel, not far behind; vhc, Hemmings and Brereton; he, Baxter; c, Hawley. BUFF (10): 1, Dykes, head, cheek, and wing mkd., very nice shape and style, sweet head, well packed tail, good back and waist, rare quality and bloom; 2, Baxter, cinn. mkd., bit longer than leader, rattling fine quality and position, loses only in wing carr.; 3, Taylor, splendid length, unflig., cl., very nice shape, good head and back; 4, Barber, very nice length and feather; vhc, Hemmings and Brereton; he, Hawley; c, Brotherhood. UNFLIG. YELL. (10): 1, Slater, unevenly mkd., grand length, lovely head and back, very neat in waist, best of wing and tail carriage, very stylish, rare col. and quality; 2, Dykes, nice length and shape, thigh tkd., grand quality and style, not quite so forward; 3, P. V. Williams, lengthy cl., grand length of leg, gets well into position, very smartly built, good col. and feather, must have pressed hard; 4, Perry, mkd. head and breast, nice length and style, good quality; vhc, Lees; he, Andrews; c, Taylor. BUFF (11): 1, P. V. Williams, mkd. back of head, nice length, splendid head, well-filled back, nicely cut away at waist, best of wing and tail carr., red-hot col., magnificent quality; 2, P. V. Williams, cl., nice length and shape, neat head, wings, and tail, gets well into position, rattling fine quality, close up; 3, Dykes, another very nice stylish cl., good head and back, nice front and waist, grand quality; 4, Halliday, good cl., not quite so tight in feather; vhc, Taylor; he, York. . . BD. (8): 1, 2, 4, Lloyd; 1st, cl. yell., very neat head and shape, nice jaunty carr., splendid quality, in best of condition; 2nd, neat four-pointed buff, very shapely, good carr., nice one; 4th, Green, nice shape and style, good feather; 3, Adams, yell., nice shape, not quite so neat or stylish as leaders; vhc, he, Lawton. A.O.V. CAN.: Cancelled. SELL. 25s. (9): 1, Rathbone; 2, Taylor; 3, Windsor; 4, Mason; vhc, Hall; he, Dallman and Son; c, Perry. 12s. (15): 1, Halliday; 2, Perkin and Tatler; 3, Baxter; 4, Hathaway; vhc, Hemmings and Brereton; he, Wallace; c, Mason. LIGHT CAN. MULE (6): 1, Bond, Siskin-Can., mkd. head and neck, nice size and shape, shows cross nicely, not at his best yet; 2, Hallam, four-point, buff Goldie-Can., nice size and shape, rare quality and condition; 3, Tams and Son, buff Goldie-Can., four-pointed, nice flush, good quality; 4, Tams and Sons, two-point buff Goldie-Can.; vhc, Davies; he, Johns. DARK (5): 1, Tams and Son, Siskin-Can., yell., rare good size and shape, cross well defined, carries nice bloom; 2, Bond, buff Siskin-Can., grand size, not quite so fit as winner, will improve yet; 3, Tams and Son, another Siskin-Can., buff, good size and shape, not yet ready; 4, Gibbons, buff Siskin-Can., wee bit smaller; vhc, Hemmings and Brereton. A.O.V. HYD. (5): 1, Tams and Sons, Linnet-Bullie, shows parentage well, good size and breast col., hardly ready yet; 2, Bowyer, Goldie-Bullie, nice size, nice flush, in fine feather; 3, Jackson, Goldie-Greenie, good size. GOLDFINCH (7): 1, Jeffreys, very nice size and shape, good square-cut blaze, of nice col. for time of year, well tanned, good wings; 2, he, c. Tams and Son, just a shade smaller, carries little more black in blaze than winner, good tan, nice bars, splendid buttons, very steady; 3, 4, Davis; 3rd, good size, fine bars and buttons, not up in col; 4th, smaller in build, rich blaze, nice tanning, must have pressed hard; vhc, Raven. LINNET (12): 1, 3, 4, c, Tams and Son, nice size and shape, rich col., very distinct in pencilling, steady, in nice order, fine team; 2, vhc, Davis, trifle larger, good shape, very good col., nice wings, not quite so distinct in pencilling; he, Hemmings and Brereton. GREENFINCH (6): 1, Jones, topper for size and shape, good body col., very rich wings, getting a nice bloom on him; 2, Fairhurst, smaller and paler in col., good feather and condition, steady; 3, Baxley, very nice size and shape, good wings, nice condition, some thought might have gone up a peg; 4, he, Tams and Son, nice Finch, hardly so forward; vhc, Raven. HAWFINCH: Cancelled. SISKIN, ETC. (21): 1, Bald, bonny Siskin, rich col., well laced cap, nicely mkd. flanks, good wings, shown in nice order; 2, Greenwood, Twite, of good size and col., well laced, steady, in nice condition; 3, Bancroft, Sskin, nice cap, will broken, not quite so rich in col. as winner; 4, Bowyer, good Mealy Redpoll; vhc, Jeffreys; he, Gibbons; c, Tams and Son. A.O.S. BRIT. HARDBILL (11): 1, Brotherhood, Bramble, well known Palace winner, in tip-top form, looking better than ever; 2, Bald, Corn Bunting, very good size, splendidly mkd., shown in grand bloom, wants a larger cage; 3, Jeffreys, splendid Chaffinch, good size, nice shape, carries good col. for time of year, in rare condition; 4, Davis, Bullie, nice size and shape, grand back and breast col., well cut cap; vhc, he, Bancroft; c, Baseley. BRIT. SOFTBILL: Cancelled. FOR.: Cancelled. NOVICES SECTION. —NOR. YELL., CL. (3): 1, Bardsley, rare size and type, good head and chest, nice col.; 2, George, good head and col., not quite so stoutly built; 3, Mrs. Buyers, rare size and type, hardly ready yet. BUFF (10): 1, Bowers, grand size, rare shape, good head, nice quality, easy win, good one; 2, George, not quite the size, good shape, and feather; 3, James, unflgh., good size, nice feather; 4, Draper; vhc, Lovatt; he, Mrs. Buyers; c, Taylor. TKD. ETC., YELL. (2): 1, Taylor, tkd. neck, good size, nice type, good head and col.; 2, Parker, wing mkd., wee bit long in barrel, but nice quality. BUFF (4): 1, Springall, uneven, rare size and shape, nice quality; 2, Woodfin, var., nice size and shape, 3, Steele, varieg.,; 4, Siddall. HEN (13): 1, Taylor, very nice cl. yell., good type; 2, Bennison, another nice yell., not quite so shapely; 3, Moon, neat buff, nice type and feather; 4, Robinson; vhc, George; he, Siddall; c, Perkins and Tatler. UNFLIG. YELL (5): 1, Bagshaw, very nice cl., grand type, col., and quality; 2, 3, 4, Filkin; 2nd, fine size, col., and quality; 3rd, wee bit longer in build, nice bird; vhc, Draper. BUFF (16): 1, vhc, Bagshaw, very neat cl., nice type and quality, good col.; 2, Barrett, dark tail, nice body and head; 3, Springall, shapely uneven, good quality, not quite yet ready; 4, Woodfin; he, Moon; c, Bennison. YORKS, CL. YELL (2): 1, Lea, grand length and shape, good carr. and position, nice one; 2, Jones, very nice length, good head, not quite so forward. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Pygott; 1st, nice length, shape, and feather, neat head; 2nd, nicely drawn, wee bit open in feather; 3, Perrins, good length, nice back and carr.; 4, Lea; vhc, Barker. TKD., ETC., YELL. (5): 1, Leadheater, mkd. head, good length, neat waist, nice quality; 2, Pigott, head mkd., unflig., nice style and carr.; 3, Jones, uneven mkd., good length; 4, Perrins; vhc, Lea. BUFF (2): 1, Leadbeater, cinn. mkd., niec length; 2, Perrins, head and wing mkd., good length. HEN (8): 1, Hall, shapely cl. buff, sweet head, nice quality; 2, Green, fine length and shape, loses only in head; 3, Walker, yell., good length and quality, just a trifle wide in tail; 4, vhc, Radcliffe; he, Perrins; c, Windsor. UNFLIG. YELL. (9): 1, Allcock, wing mkd., rare length and shape, nice position; 2, Walker, cl., good length and style; 3, Jones, cl. of rare length, very shapely, nice col. and position; 4, Davis; vhc, Barnes; he, Lea; c, Green. BUFF (10): 1, 3, 4, Pygott; 1st, warm col. uneven mkd., well drawn, good quality; 3rd, good cl., nice head and shape, good feather; 2, Lea, very nice shapely cl., stylish; vhc, Holland; he, Cockeran; c, Barnes. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (4): 1, Lovatt, nice size, good body col; 2, Barker, nice size, not quite so bright in tanning; 3, Leadbeater. LINNET, ETC. (8): 1, he, Barker, Linnet, good col. and pencilling, steady; 2, Bate, nice Siskin, well laced cap; 3, Siddall, Linnet, nice size and shape, just a trifle dull on breast; 4, Lovatt; vhc, Perrins; c, Leadbeater. A.O.S. HARD. (5): 1, Perrins, nice Bullie, grand breast col., nice cap and condition; 2, Bate, Bullie, nice shape, fails only in breast to winner; 3, Barker, very nice Greenie, but a wee bit small. 4, Hall. SOFTBILL: Cancelled. MULE OR HYB. (7): 1, 4, Davies (Llandilo); 1st good Goldie-Bullie, rare size, splendid flush, looked like a well-known face at Welsh shows; 2, 3, Jaycott; 2nd, uneven yell. Goldie-Can., nice size and shape; 3rd, Goldie-Bullie, good size, not quite so bright in face as winner; vhc, Barker; he, Leadbeater; c, George.

Yorkshire Union Opens Its Season.

Fine Display at Laisterdyke.

Another novice winner leaves its owner; A dispute about a marked hen: Will the "old stagers" be beaten later on?

Laisterdyke B.F.A. had the honour to open the series of the Yorkshire Union Shows on October 7th, and they were well patronised by the Fancy. The entries in the 24 classes provided numbered 374, an average of over 15 per class, not bad for so early in the season. The birds, taking them all through, were in grand order; certainly they will show a little more of that desirable bloom in another week or two, but they are better than is usual at the first show. Several of the old winners turned up again, and it looks as though they are to hold sway again. This, however, we shall have to leave over untill those come out that we hear are going to beat them. This year the venue has been changed, and it is a good move; the room is a splendid one; in fact, is very similar to the old one, but it is much better to get to, being very near to the trams and trains, much more convenient and central for exhibitors and visitors alike, and on all hands were heard complimentary remarks at the change. Mr. Secretary Hudson and his assistant, Mr. Pownall, had matters well in hand. Cards were up in a few minutes after the completion of the judging, and prize-money paid out during the afternoon (speaking well for the management). The two above were well backed up by such well-known fanciers as Messrs. Padgett, Casey, Taylor, Coates, Hodgson, Foster, Robson, and others as committee. Mr. H. Sutcliffe, the junior member of the well-known firm of exhibitors, Messrs. Sutcliffe and Son, officiated as judge, his awards meeting with the general approval of all fanciers. The winner in the Buff hen class, novice section, was claimed at the catalogue price, £5 5s. Also a little point will have to be thrashed out in regard to the winner of the 4th in the Yellow hen, novice section, this being objected to on account of its being an uneven marked bird (marked on both wings), and the classification read, "Clear or Ticked Yellow Yorkshire Hen," which debars uneven marks, though no class was made for them. The patronage of the Y.C.C. had been given, but as the classification made did not meet the requirements laid down, it had to be withdrawn. Where the Y.C.C. patronage is given, separate classes must be provided for clear birds, and here the clear and ticked birds had been amalgamated.

The Critique.

YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL. (13): 1, Shackleton, grand length, plenty of side, good shape, nice head, rare quality, leggy; 2, Ogden Bros., better position, graud wedge-shape, well cut away, nice feather; 3, vhc, Bailey, tick cheek, good length of side, rattling fine wings and tail, grand quality, in splendid trim; 4, Thomas, not quite the length of winners, neat type and very stylish; he, Easterling and Carson; c, Hall; No. 10, Charlesworth, wrong classed, a Buff. BUFF (18): 1, Bailey, noted tick Buff, extra col. and quality, shines like silk, but as fat as a boiler, bring it down a bit, Jimmy; 2, Hill, one of the breedy sort, rattling fine position, good shape, leggy, grand feather; 3, Helliwell, lovely quality and col., nice shape, again a bit on strong side; 4, Shaw Bros., nice slim bird, good shape, leggy, grand quality; vhc, Horsfield; he, Shackleton; c, Thomas. EVEN, ETC. (18): 1, Shackleton, 4 pointed Yell., slim, nice shape, good length, fine feather; 2, Ogden Bros., Buff, mkd. wings, eyes and head, grand type and position, lovely back, wings and tail, all there for quality; 3, Dykes, Buff, mkd. wings, eyes and breast, rattling good colour, feather like wax, pretty shape, very stylish; 4, Brown and Son, Yell. mkd. wings and head, neat, typical and stylish; lovely colour and quality; vhc, he, Towers; c, Hardaker. HEN (16): 1, Stohart, Yell., grand shape and position, perfect feather, neat head, nice col., mkd. wing and eyes, splendid hen; 2, Buff, mkd. wing and eyes, great length, good shape, grand quality; 3, Ogden Bros., mkd. wings, eyes and head, neat, slim, good type, beautiful feather, Yell.; 4, Thomas, Yell., mkd. wings, grand shape and style, straight, lovely quality and col; vhc, Brown and Son; he, Bennett; c, Charlesworth. UNFLIG. (20): 1, 2, Chippendale, leader Yell., long raking bird, plenty of length of side ,one of the shooty type, rare wings and tail, rattling fine quality and col., good legs, a bit wild, will take some beating when steadied down, 2nd, Buff, nice shape and position, good quality, not quite so good in head; 3, 4, Stables, Buff; 3rd, nice shape and position, good back and wings, rattling fine quality, 4th, Yell., great length, nice round back, grand feather; vhc, Easterling and Carson; he, Ogden Bros.; c, Thomas. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (13): 1, Chippendale, grand hen, rattling fine length, beautiful shape, round back, good wings and tail, lovely feather, a gem; 2, Ogden Bros., another rattling good hen, straight as a rush, slim, fine shape, feathered to perfection; 3, Casey, nice length, breedy, well cut away, good back, a wee bit open at front; 4, Helliwell, neat type, slim, wedge-shape, nice quality; vhc, Thomas; he, Bailey; c, Lee. BUFF (11): 1, Shackleton, extra length, nice position, good head, neck, and shoulders, lovely quality, big one, but some thought not compact enough; 2, Dykes, wee bit on stout side, grand quality, nice position, hardly ready; 3, Bailey, slimmer, lovely quality, very stylish, grand back and wings; 4, he, Helliwell, excellent col. and quality, nice shape, well filled neck; vhc, Hall; c, Stebbing. CINN. TKD., ETC., YELL. (7): 1, vhc, Thornton, mkd. wings, eyes and cheek, nice length, shapely, well up, good feather; 2, Towers, mkd. wings and head, fine long bird, extra nice flights, good shape, lovely col. and quality; 3, Brown and Son, foul mkd., neat shape, extra position, grand col. and quality; 4, Ogden Bros., mkd. wings, head, rare length, and shape, nice position, leggy; he, Bailey; c, Elsworth. BUFF (11): 1, Morrison, mkd. wings and cheek, grand shape, lovely col. and quality, nice head, well filled; 2, he, Towers, mkd. wings and cheeks, great length, good shape, nice position, smart feather; 3, Cooper, mkd. wings and cheeks, grand wedge-shape, extra position, full of quality; 4, vhc, Hadwen, good shape and position, lovely feather; c, Wilcock, jun. YELL. HEN (7): 1, 2, Towers, leader grand type, very stylish, slim, lovely quality, 2nd, extra nice quality, round back, good shape; 3, Thomas, mkd. wings, eyes and head, extra slim, very typical, grand quality, very neat; 4, Ogden Bros., mkd. wings and cheeks, good shape, well up in position, rare feather; vhc, Priestley; he, Moss; c, Bennett. BUFF (10): 1, vhc, Ogden Bros., mkd. wings, eyes, great size, extra fine quality, nice shape and position; 2, Morrison, mkd. wings, eyes and breast, grand shape, neat, extra good quality and col.; 3, Wilcock, jun., grand type, extra nice feather and position; 4, Cooper, mkd. wing and splashed body, grand length, well up in position; he, Mann; c, Thornton. SELL., YELL., 15s. (6): 1, Marsh; 2, Robson; 3, Hodgson, jun.; 4, Marley; vhc, Gornall; he, Fowler and Hargreaves. BUFF, 15s. (11): 1, Marsh; 2, Hodgson jun.; 3, Fowler and Hargreaves; 4, Wood; vhc, Casey; he, Hudson; c, Padgett and Son. HEN 12s. 6d. (13): 1, Gledhill; 2, Clark; 3, Radley; 4, Jebson; vhc, Horsfield; he, Broadley; c, Firth. NOVICE CLASSES (Confined to members of the Y.U.): YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL. (24): 1, Hirst, nice length, leggy and good position, excels in quality and col.; 2, Sutcliffe, just a trifle stronger, good length, nice round back, rattling fine quality; 3, Symes, slim, extra nice position, neat wings and tail, fine feather; 4, Hird, nice length, extra quality, hot col., good head and back; vhc, Firth; he, Emmott and Hudson; c, Ellis. BUFF (39): Grand class. 1, Hellas, grand shape and position, leggy, lovely back and wings, rich col., smart feather; 2, Highly, extra fine shape, neat wings, nice round back, lovely quality, wee bit short on leg; 3, Western, nice shape and style, good head, nice quality; 4, Tyas, stylish, neat type, good head and back, extra fine feather; vhc, Craven; he, Helliwell; c, Ratcliff. MKD. YELL. (14): 1, Denby, four-pointed, nice length, rare shape, nice back, good feather, well finished; 2, Snead, another four-pointed, very slim, neat shape, leggy and stylish, lovely feather, hardly ready; 3, Kirkbright, foul mkd., slim, extra fine position, good col. and quality; 4, Smith, foul mkd., good position, nice shape, full col.; vhc, Tidswell; he, Brooks; c, Taylor. BUFF (18): 1, Packer, mkd. wings and eyes, good length, grand shape and position, lovely quality, smart; 2, Firth, four-pointed, neat shape and style, nice feathers; 3, Smith, mkd. wing, head and cheeks, good length, nice shape, excelleut col. and quality; 4, Renshaw, foul, extra fine shape, stylish, good quality; vhc, Robson; he, Ford; c, Tyas. CL., ETC., YELL HEN (31): 1, Lord, nice length, good shape, lovely col. and quality, very clean front; 2, 3, Padgett and Son, 2nd tkd. eye, nice slim and typical, good position, very smart feather, 3rd, larger, nice shape and position, leggy, fine quality; 4, Boulton, mkd. wings, objected to as wrong class, neat type, extra quality, good head; vhc, Maiden; he, Helliwell; c, Simonett. BUFF (28): 1, 2, Radley, leader claimed at catalogue price 5 guineas, good size, nice shape, fine position, feathered to perfection, 2nd, fine length, nice wedge-shape, good position, lovely quality, some preferred to winner; 3, Bateman, neat shape, plenty of style, full of quality; 4, Rhodes, stronger, good shape, fine position, grand quality; vhc, Pell; he, Pearson; c, Smith. CINN. TKD., ETC. (11): 1, Grange, Buff, mkd. wings and head, grand shape and position, rare quality, good bird; 2, Grayshon, Buff, grand length, fine shape and well up in position, all there for quality; 3, Fergusson, Yell. mkd., wings and head, slim, neat type, very leggy, good feather, wild; 4, Boulton, mkd. wings and head, Buff, nice shape, grand col. and quality; vhc, Hudson Bros.; he, Parker; c, Ellis. HEN (13): 1, Fowler and Hargreaves, Yell., mkd. wings, eyes, head and breast, nice length, good shape and position, straight as a rush, rattling fine quality; 2, Grange, Yell., extra slim, neat shape, good position, leggy, nice feather; 3, Simonett, Buff, plenty of size, nice shape, good back and wings, extra quality; 4, Parker, Yell., neat type and stylish, lovely quality; vhc, Bateman; he, Grayshon; c, Lewis. NOR. CK. (12): 1, he, Roe, four-pointed Buff, good shape, fine chest, nice head, rattling fine feather and col.; 2, Maltby, tkd. head, Buff, good substance, nice head, nice quality and col.; 3, Pearson, Yell. nice body good chest, smart quality, rich col.; 4, vhc, Airson, Buff tkd., nice quality and col.; c, Moore and Stott. HEN (10): 1, Maltby, Buff, nice shape, cobby, good head, grand feather, nice col; 2, 4, Simonett, 2nd, Yell., good size, fine head, rare quality, 4th, good bodied Yell., nice substance, grand head, rare quality; 3, Pearson, Buff, massive body, good head, nice feather; vhc, he, Guffick; c, Birbeck.

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A Good All-round Display: The Eternal Mule Problem Crops up Again: Are They Canaries?

Second annual show held Oct. 7th, in the Workmen's Club Hall. As this fixture is the first of the Northern shows, the committee naturally expected a good entry, and in this they were not disappointed, the entries totalling well over 400, a slight increase over last year. The show was under the patronage of the Northern Yorkshire C.C., the Northern Border and Scotch Fancy Club, and the Northern B.B.M. and F.B.C., and consequently these sections formed the features of the show, the Yorkshires taking a little preference, perhaps, in point of quality. Many well known winners were staged here. This section contained 96 entries, an average of nearly 14 in seven classes, and although several grand birds stood cardless through being rather wild, it is probable that later on in the season they will change placed with some of those that were above them. Borders were even better in numbers, averaging over 16 per class in six classes, and here again the competition was keen, although several good birds were scarcely tightened up yet. Norwich had five classes, averaging over 12 per class, the pick being the unflighted and hen classes, these containing some real good birds. British and Foreign also came up well, several well known winners again appearing in the British bird classes, and both sections were a source of attraction to many of the visitors. The show hall is well suited for holding a show, there being plenty of room and freedom from draughts, while the arrangements as regards staging, etc., were admirably carried out; the whole was under the able supervision of the show manager, Mr. Joseph Flint, who is one of the most hardworking and energetic officials we have yet come across, and the manner in which he attended to his arduous duties is worthy of the highest comment. In Mr. Joseph Brown the society possess a very able and courteous secretary, one who has a thorough knowledge of his work; and it is rather unfortunate that he cannot devote the whole of his time to the cage bird section of the show, owing to the calls made upon him by the other sections. But he has a very able understudy in Mr. W. H. Christer, the assistant secretary, who appears to have a thorough grasp of the working of a show, and in the unavoidable absence of Mr. Brown, he carried out the secretarial duties in fine style. These officials were well supported by a hardworking committee, headed by the genial and obliging chairman, Mr. W. Carr, and composed of Messrs. J. Brown, W. Tomlinson, G. Charlton, M. Simpson, T. Betton, H. Griffiths, J. Parkin, T. Fletcher, R. Johnson, and F. Dixon. Despite the rather dull day the show was well patronised by visitors, and we think that, financially, the show should be a great success. The judges were:—Canaries, Mr. T. Dixon (Bedlington Station), and for British, Mules, and Foreign, Mr. J. R. Slack (Wallsend).

Mr. T. Dixon's Classes.

YORKS., YELL. (11): 1, Gray and Gilhome, cl., grand length, fine upstanding position, nice head, neat shoulders and waist, well drawn, nice col. and quality, grand wings and tail; 2, Lane, another good one for position, not quite the same length of wing as winner, nicely drawn, neat head and neck, good col. and quality; 3, Simeson, tkd. on neck and right wing, grand length and position, neat narrow shoulders, well braced wings and tail, not quite so rich in col.; 4, Mather, nice length and position, good col., neat head, wings and tail; vhc, Cuthbertson; hc, Tindale; c, Wigglesworth. BUFF (15): 1, Stewart, slim upstanding bird, nice length, neat shoulders and waist, finely tapered, neat head, grand wings and tail; 2, 3, Haggon, 2nd we could not find, 3rd fine length, good position, nice col., neat head, grand wings and tail; 4, Simeson, nice length, good position, neat head, well carried wings and tail; vhc, hc, Hutler; c, Ellwood. No. 10, Tindale, cardless, probably best in class, but we understand was very wild when judging. 1911 (17): 1, Tindale, yell., grand length, straight as a rush, grandly tapered, neat round shoulders and waist, nice head and neck, grandly braced wings and tail; 2, 3, Wigglesworth, 2nd buff, another good one, nice length and position, well drawn, neat shoulders, good wings and tail; 3, yell., not quite so long, grandly drawn, nice position, head and neck, a wee bit faulty wing carriage; 4, Lane, another grand lengthy yell., finely tapered, neat wings and tail; vhc, Simeson; hc, Hutler; c, Dix. HEN (11): 1, 2, Cuthbertson, leader yell., grand length and position, neat shoulders, grandly tapered body, good col. and quality, rare wings and tail, 2nd buff, nice length, grand position, beautifully drawn, neat head, well braced wings and tail; 3, Stewart, buff, nice lengthy, slim built lady, grand taper, neat head, wings and tail; 4, Hutler, nice quality, well braced wings and tail; vhc, Tindale; hc, Simeson; c, Tomlinson. NAT. COL. (4): 1, Charlton and Simpson; 2, Lane; 3, J. Parkin; 4, Charlton and Simpson. CK., NOVICE (23): 1, Turner, yell., fine length, grand position, neat head, good col., well braced wings and tail, finely drawn, 2nd buff, rare length, good position, nice head, neat wings; 3, Lyall, yell., nice length, good upstanding position, fine col., just a trifle faulty wing carriage; 4, Lcek, yell., grand position, straight as a rush, nice length, well drawn, some thought might have gone higher; vhc, Hall; hc, Moffat; c, Atkinson; No. 9, Bryden, cardless, real good Yorkie. HEN, NOVICE (15): 1, Cattrell, grandly drawn buff, nice length, rare position, neat shoulders and waist, nice head, wings and tail; 2, hc, Atkinson, yell., good one for length, finely drawn, nice col. and quality, neat head, well braced wings and tail; 3, vhc, Deighton, buff, nice length, good position, well drawn; 4, Bryden, nice lengthy buff, nice style and position, neat shoulders and waist, good wings and tail, come preferred for 3rd place; c, Johnson. BORD., YELL., ETC. (11): 1, Lowther, beauty for shape, grand col. and quality, feather like wax, grand head and neck, beautifully carried wings and tail, good one; 2, Nicholson, we could not find; 3, Smith, grand shape, rich col., grand quality, close tight feather, nice head, wings and tail; 4, Ellwood, another gem for shape, nice col., good head and neck, not quite so fine in feather; vhc, Brown; hc, Herron; c, Ross. BUFF (17): 1, Ross; 2, Peel; 3, Herring; 4, Whittaker; vhc, Brown; hc, Hawkins; c, Montgomery; our reporter unfortunately omitted to enclose a critique on this class. HEN (23): 1, Smith, buff, grand shape, real model, feather like wax, sweet head, rare col. and quality, grand wings and tail; 2, Nicholson, yell., sweetly moulded, nice level col., grand feather, neat head, well carried wings and tail; 3, Gray and Gilhome, yell., tkd. on cheek, grand shape, tight as a bottle, fine quality, sweet head and neck, nice wings; 4, Ellwood, buff, not quite so neat in head, but nice shape, good col. and quality; vhc, Parker; hc, J. W. Reed; c, Pope. VARIEG., ETC., CK. (11): 1, Farrer, even marked yell., nice shape, good col. and quality, well balanced markings; 2, Craig, even mkd. buff, nice shape and col., grand wings and tail, neat markings; 3, Atchison, another even mkd. yell., markings not quite so well balanced as leader's, nice shape and col., neat wings and tail; 4, Moat, lightly mkd. buff, good shape, nice feather and condition; vhc, Gray and Gilhome; hc, Hawkins; c, Ross. GREEN OR CINN. (13): 1, Montgomery, graud yell. green, beautiful rich level col., fine shape, neat wings and tail, grand condition and polish; 2, Johnson, cinn., grand shape, beautiful col., rare head, well braced wings and tail, good one; 3, McQuillan and Matfin, green, very similar to leader, nice shape, neat head and wings, good col.; 4, Smitb, another green, good shape and col., but not quite so level in tone; vhc, Kirkpatrick; hc, Gray and Gilhome; c, Farrer. NOVICE (24): 1, 3, Nicholson, yell., model for shape, sweetly moulded, rich col., grand quality, sweet head and neck, rare wings and tail, 3rd buff, another good one for shape, nice col., neat head and neck; 2, J. W. Reed, buff, nice shape, grand col., neat head and neck, well carried wings and tail; 4, Embleton, var. buff, good shape, nice quality, neat wings and tail; vhc, Rowell; hc, Pope; c, Davison. SCOTS. FANCY: Cancelled. NOR. YELL., ETC. (3): 1, Laidler, heavy var., good size, hot col., fine head and neck; 2, Crass and Walker, cl., grand shape, good chest, neat head, grand col. and quality, has a slight twist in throat or would probably have gone up; 3, Slack and Son, rare size, good col., neat wings. BUFF (14): 1, A. Anderson, grand size, nice shape, good head and neck, full chest; 2, Forster, a beauty for shape, grand head, neck and chest, rich col. and quality, close tight feather, grand wings and tail; 3, Lane, grand shape, good col., rare full front, fine head; 4, Livesay, rare size, good col., thick head, full front; vhc, T. Anderson; hc, Lowther; c, Hope. 1911 (20): 1, Lowther, buff, rare size, grand col., good head and chest, neat wings and tail, clean cut; 2, hc, Crass, yell., short cobby bird, good shape, nice col., full front, neat head, wings and tail; 3, Burdett, yell., grand size and col., good shape, rare head and neck, nice full chest, just beaten in quality; 4, Laidler, buff, grand col. and quality, nice chest, neat head and neck; vhc, c, Bainbridge. HEN (9): 1, Forster, yell., grand size, good shape, full front, nice quality, well cut away; 2, Dixon, buff, beauty for shape, medium size, neat head and neck, short, cobby body, grand wings and tail, trifle pale in col.; 3, A. Anderson, another grand one for shape, neat head and neck, good chest, nice wings and tail, lovely quality; 4, Fletcher, var. yell., rare size, grand chest, full head and neck; vhc, Slack and Son; hc, Lowther; c, Nicholson. NAT. COL. (5): 1, 2, W. J. Carr; 3, Fletcher; 4, Charlton and Simpson; vhc, Crass and Walker.

Mr. J. R. Slack's Classes.

SELL., 15/- (7): 1, Burdett; 2, Hall; 3, Embleton; 4, Fletcher; vhc, Nicholson; hc, Livesay; c, Charlton and Simpson. 10/- (6): 1, Barrett; 2, Ellwood; 3, Charlton and Simpson; 4, Johnson; vhc, Turner; hc, Anderson. BRIT. GOLDIE (3): 1, Mitchell, nice shape, good col. and polish, fine level col. blaze; 2, Carr, good shape and size, nice blaze, fine wings and buttons; 3, Tomlinson, nice size and blaze, well tanned, lacks finish as yet. BULLFINCH (5): 1, Minto, nice size and shape, graud shaped cap of dense col., good level body col., bright and pure, in fine condition; 2, Palfrey, very similar in shape and size, grand cap, good body col., scarcely so tight in feather; 3, Gregg, plenty of size, good shape, nice cap, not quite so level in col.; 4, P. C. Forster, good one for col., nice size, beaten only in condition; vhc, Lane. GREENFINCH: Cancelled. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (11): 1, Davidson, Bramble, grand size, rich body col., well spangled back, nicely laced, shown in good condition, well known; 2, Rowell, Bramble, another good one, very similar to winner, fine spangle and body col., not quite so well laced on flanks, yet close up, we liked; 3, Boyd, another Bramble, nice shape, good spangle, in grand condition; 4, Todd and Son, yet another Bramble, nice size and shape; vhc, hc, Heather; c, Gregg. LINNET (15): 1, hc, Tomlinson, medium size, good shape, nice col., grandly pencilled, very profuse and distinct, in lovely condition; 2, Waters, larger, nice colour and shape, grand pencilling, clear and distinct, not quite so profuse as winner, perhaps, yet we thought might have won, must have been hard to separate; 3, Todd and Son, grand cobby shape, rich col. and polish; 4, Wilson, good size, nice col. and wings; vhc, Davidson, well known winner; c, Slack and Son. SISKIN, ETC. (22): 1, Maddison, Twite, nice size and shape beautiful col. and polish, grand pencilling, clear, and distinct all over, put down in perfect condition; 2, Palfrey, grand Lesser Redpoll, beautiful col. and polish, splendidly laced, rare bloom and condition; 3, c, Taylor, Siskin, good size, nice shape, fine dense col. cap, nicely laced, grand body col., shown in the pink; 4, Waters, Mealy Redpoll, good size and col., well laced, nice bib, scarcely ready yet; vhc, Patterson; hc, McGuire. HEN FINCH (5): 1, 2, Currey, Bullie, nice size and shape, good col. and condition, nice shaped cap; 2, Siskin, good one, grandly pencilled, nice shape and size, fine col. some thought might have won; 3, 4, P. C. Forster, 3rd Twite, nice size and shape, good col. and condition, 4th Siskin, fine col., not quite so well pencilled as 2nd, and beaten only in condition; vhc, Christer. SOFTBILL (SMALL) (3): 1, Mrs. Weodhouse, Wryneck, nice size, good col. and condition, in grand feather; 2, Welsh Bros., Treecreeper, nice feather, put down in good order; 3, Charlton and Simpson, Yellowhammer, lovely shape and size, nice col. and markings, well shown. LARGE (4): 1, 3, Boyd, leader well known Chough, looking as well as ever, dense col., grand legs and beak; 3, equally well known Jay, also looking well, shown in perfect feather and condition; 2, Davidson, well known Waxwing, put down in superb condition, and looking extremely well; 4, Gregg, Song Thrush, nice size and shape, good col. and markings. LIGHT MULE, ETC. (6): 1, Nicholson, Canary Bullie, grand shape and col., shows well, nicely polished, with a little more size will be a topper; 2, 3, vhc, F. Sokell, exhibited as three clear Redpoll Mules, which was generally held to be a mistake, as they were considered by fanciers present to be undoubtedly pure Canaries; 4, Todd and Son, well known Linnet Bullie, medium size, good col. and condition, a wee shade faulty in wing carriage; hc, Brown. DARK (6): 1, Sokell, yell. Greenie Can., grand size and shape, rich col. and beautiful polish, shown in splendid condition; 2, 4, Maddison, yell. Goldie Can., nice size, good shape, grand col. and polished to perfection, put down in perfect order; 4, Greenie Can., nice size and shape, fine col., but just lacks the polish of leader; 3, Taylor, we could not find; vhc, Crass; hc, Anderson. FOR.: PARROTS, ETC. (4): 1, T. W. and W. H. Christer, Senegal Parrakeet, in grand feather, shown in splendid condition; 2, Mackenzie, Black-cheeked Lovebirds, in nice feather and condition, well put down; 3, Donelly, Budgerigars, in fine plumage; 4, Allison, grand White-headed Lovebird. A.O.S. (13): 1, Petterson, Waxbill, a perfect picture, shown in the pink of condition; 2, vhc, Christer, Zebra Finch, shown in very good order, much admired; 3, P. C. Forster, pair of Javas in grand plumage; 4, Bainbridge, Pied Mannikin, well put down. MEMBERS': YORKS. (3): 1, 3, Dixon; 2, Johnson. NAT. COL. (5): 1, 2, Charlton and Simpson; 3, Dixon; 4, Parkin; vhc, Johnson. NOR. (5): 1, 3, 4, vhc, Bainbridge; 2, Fletcher. NAT. COL. (5): 1, 2, Carr; 3, Fletcher; 4, Charlton and Simpson; vhc, Charlton. BORD. FCV. (6): 1, 2, Brown; 3, 4, vhc, Betton; hc, Carr. GOLDFINCH (1): 1, Carr. LINNET (1): 1, Bainbridge. A.O.S. BRIT. (3): 1, Charlton and Simpson; 2, Carr; 3, Flint. MULE (1): 1, Dixon. FOR. (6): 1, 2, 4, hc, T. W. and W. H. Christer; 3, Parkin; vhc, Bainbridge.

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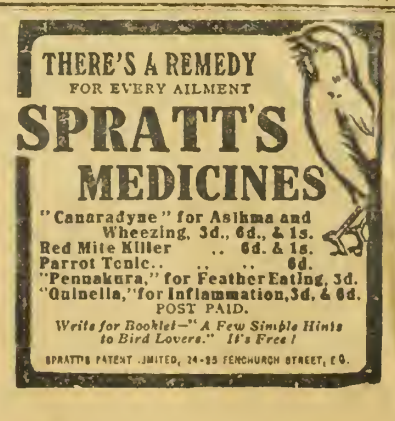
The entry at the Oxford F.S. show, in the Corn Exchange, on October 5th, was about the same as usual. Some capital birds were shown, and the quality generally was high. Mr. Calcutt acted as secretary, and under his superintendence all the arrangements were admirably carried out by a good band of stewards. Mr. C. A. House judged.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL (12): 1, Lovegrove and Lovegrove, very neat, short feather, cl., lovely quality; 2, Lees, nice coloured, cheek tkd., not so short; 3, Webb, nice shaped cl., good colour, rather wild; 4, Irons; vhc, Bielby; hc, Bareham. BUFF (19): 1, Irons, grand body, capital colour, a shade browy; 2, Jupe, very chubby, nice colour, not tightened up yet; 3, Lees, longer in body, nice feather; 4, Webb; hc, Lewin; c, Silk. HEN (12): 1, Irons, a gem of a yel., rare shape and quality, somewhat pale in col.; 2, Lewin, cheek-mkd. yell., splendid colour and quality, not quite fit; 3, Lees, very short, grizzle capped yell., nice quality; 4, Lovegrove and Lovegrove; c, Pedder. UNFLIG. YELL. (9): 1, sp, Lewin, very smart neck tkd., grand quality and shape; 2, Jupe, neat, short cl., lovely quality, not ready; 3, Davis, cap mkd., rare col., and quality, not so stout; 4, Wren; hc, Hall; c, Mills. BUFF (9): 1, 2, Lovegrove and Lovegrove, two lovely feathered birds of nice type, 1st best head; 3, Collier, very smart wing mkd., not so tight on thighs; 4, Webb; hc, Lewin; c, Gibbons. YORKS, YELL. (7): 1, 3, sp, Cripps, nice, long eided bird, capital quality and style, 3rd neater, and better tail, but not ready; 2, Mole, very shapely and stylish, not tightened up yet; 4, Dimmock; hc, Tombs; c, Richards. BUFF (7): 1, Fancourt, very slim and smart, good feather; 2, Mole, rare quality, good shape, not steady; 3, Easterling and Carson, good bird for shape and style, but not ready; 4, Tombs; hc, Oliffe. BEN (2): 1, Easterling, lovely quality buff, full of style, but for being pale in colour, might have had the sp; 2, Mole, very nice, stylish, tkd. yell. CREST, ETC. (1): 1, Fifield, nice, shapely, wtg. mkd. Crest. A.O.V. (2): 1, Tyler, smart little buff Border; 2, Bacon, neat bodied silver Lizard. NOVICE (5): 1, Fancourt, stylish, nice shaped buff Yorks.; 2, 4, Wren, varieg. buff Nor., nice type and feather; 3, Oliffe, nice shaped buff Nor., needs handling; hc, Tyler. MULE, LGT. (6): 1, 4, challenge cup, Lees, noted light Linnet, and mkd. buff Goldie, coming through the moult in good form again; 2, Pearce, the noted yell., "Prince Charlie," not ready, or would have given the winner a tight race; 3, Lamb, mkd. buff, good shape, not ready; hc, Bielby. DARK (6): 1, Webb, large, well feathered, good coloured jonque Greenie; 2, sp, Gough, very smart, well mkd. jonque Goldie, not so fit, takes members' sp; 3, Bareham, nice quality jonque Linnet, good col. and mks.; 4, Bacon; vhc, Bielby; hc, Lamb. BRIT. HYBRID (4): 1, challenge cup, Pearce, one of the nicest shaped, best mkd., closest feathered Redpoll-Bullies we have seen, a perfect picture; 2, Lamb, rattling good Goldie-Bullie; 3, Gough, smart Goldie-Greenie hen, lovely feather; 4, Fellowes, Goldie-Bullie, not ready. BULL (5): 1, sp, Raven, very nice house-moulted; 2, 4, White, lovely colour and feather, smaller; 3, Poole, very neat and smart, nice colour, also small; hc, Wren. GOLD (4): 1, Gough, well ahead in marking and feather, very steady; 2, Raven, richer colour, but needs handling; 3, Lewin, neat, not ready; 4, Elston. BRAMBLE, ETC. (4): Cadman Bros., beautifully mkd., rich col. Chaff.; 2, Raven, well spangled, nice shaped Bramble, very steady; 3, Silk, another good Bramble, not so well spangled; 4, Tyler. GREEN (1): 1, Cadman Bros., a really nice one, and deserved competition. SISKIN, ETC. (8): 1, 3, White, two grand Siskins, 1st the largest and best feather, 3rd the best bib and cap; 2, Raven, nice col. mealy Redpoll, splendid feather; 4, Wren; vhc, Poole; hc, Cadman Bros. TWITE, ETC. (2): 1, Raven, well-mkd., steady Twite; 2, Levett, neat little Linnet. A.O.V.H.B. (4): 1, Raven, large, well mkd., grand coloured Hawfinch; 2, Poole, Hawfinch, lovely colour and feather, not quite so good in bib and head; 3, White, capital Yell. Bunting, not quite ready; 4, M. White. S.B. (7): 1, sp, Tout, very large, well feathered, nicely mkd. Wheatear; 2, Levett, splendid Chough, wunderful col. and condition; 3, Pearce, very smart Whitethroat, well mkd., not up in col yet; 4, Raven, lovely Redstart, not ready; vhc, Burrows; hc, Tyler. NOVICE (3): 1, White, good Yell. Bunting; 2, Wren, neat Bullie; 3, Smith, Kingfisher, not in feather. FOR., SMALL (7): 1, sp, Levett, magnificent Blue Tanager, shown to perfection, easily the best bird in the show, a credit to its owner; 2, Raven, grandly mkd., rich col., red-headed Gouldian; 3, 4, hc, Mrs. Willsden, very smart yell. Budgerigar, and yell. Weaver; as the schedule said For. Bird, and not Birds, a pair of Long-tailed Whydahs, and a pair of Javas were passed. LARGE (2): 1, 2, Levett, very handsome Hill Mynah, and a Sulphur-crested Cockatoo. SELL., 20/- (9): 1, Levett; 2, Baker; 3, Cripps; 4, Hart; vhc, Hall; hc, Wilmot; c, Smith. 12/6 (9): 1, Baker; 2, Lewin; 3, Hart; 4, Motley; vhc, Fellowes; hc, Gough; c, Mills.

HEBDEN BRIDGE AND CALDER VALLEY O.S.

Show held at Nutclough Tavern, September 21. Mr. T. Townsend (Halifax) judged, and gave entire satisfaction. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Wm. Spencer; 2, Maiden; 3, vhc, c, Wbt. Spencer; hc, Sutcliffe. BUFF: 1, 2, Wbt. Spencer; 3, Maiden; vhc, Wm. Spencer; hc, Sutcliffe. YELL., NOR.: 1, 3, vhc, Ingham; 2, hc, Greenwood and Pickles; c, Maiden. BUFF: 1, c, Greenwood and Pickles; 2, Ingham; 3, Maiden; vhc, Wbt. Spencer; hc, Wm. Spencer. A.O.V.: 1, Maiden; 2, Wm. Spencer.—A. Pickles.



AUCKLAND (New Zealand).

First annual show of the North and South Islands was held July 7 and 8. It was the first annual exhibition of Canaries in connection with the newly-formed Auckland C.B.C., and was opened by Mr. A. Myers, M.P. Mr. Myers said he was pleased to see the people of New Zealand taking up such a hobby as bird breeding and exhibiting. The show was a success from every point of view, and was held in the Foresters' Hall, Edinburgh, Newton. It was an ideal show room and a well lighted one. There were no less than 250 entries in the catalogue, which was a big entry considering the fanciers we have in it. The birds were staged in excellent condition. Mr. W. A. Hanson put down a grand team of Crests, winning the Northern and South Islands Championship for best Crest. Championship for North and South Island for Norwich won by Mr. W. H. Jones, with a cl. buff, nat. col., staged in high condition. Mr. Hanson also won the Championship for Yorkshires with a clear yellow. There were only three championship sections. The Secretary, Mr. Vercoe, put down a nice team of Belgians. Mr. T. G. Knight put down a grand team of Scotch Fancies. Eastway Bros. got their share of points in Norwich. Mr. Hanson took most points for Crests and C.-B's, Messrs. Eastway Bros. winning most points in Cinnamons. Mr. Alexandra won most points in Yorks. Novice, Mr. F. King in Norwich Novice, Mr. H. P. Finn in Crests and Crest-breds Novice, and Mr. G. Searle in Goldfinches. Mr. C. Bartley judged Yorkshires, Belgians and Scotch Fancies, and Mr. J. M. Thomson the remainder. Mr. Vercoe proved a willing and earnest secretary. Mr. J. G. McFarland put down a Laughing Jackass, which is called the "Australian snake killer." It is a bird twice the size of a Jay, and of the same family. This bird drew the attention of the majority of the spectators.

The Awards.

BELG. CL. YELL: 1, sp, Vercoe; 2, 3, Hanson. TKD., ETC.: 1, 3, Vercoe; 2, Hanson. SCOT. FCY. YELL. TKD. ETC.: 1, sp, Vercoe; 2, 3, Knight. CL. BUFF: 1, vhc, Knight; 2, 3, Vercoe. TKD. ETC.: 1, 2, 3, Knight. YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, sp, and championship trophy, Hanson; 2, vhc, Hanson; 3, Eastway Bros.; hc, Vercoe. YELL. TKD.: 1, 2, 3, Hanson; vhc, McFarland; hc, Eastway Bros. YELL. EVENLY MKD.: 1, sp, Hanson. YELL. LIGHTLY VARIEG.: 1, Otto, 2, McFarland; 3, Knight; vhc, Vercoe. YELL. HEAVILY VARIEG.: 1, Brown; 2, Vercoe; 3, Otto. BUFF CL.: 1, sp, Jones; 2, 3, Hanson; c, Brown. BUFF TKD.: 1, Eastway Bros.; 2, Vercoe; 3, McFarland. BUFF EVENLY MKD.: 1, Hanson. BUFF LIGHTLY VARIEG.: 1, sp, 2, Hanson; 3, Vercoe. YORKS. GREEN YELL: 1, sp, Knight; 2, Vercoe; 3, Rorke. BUFF: 1, Hanson; 2, Knight. YORKS. CINN. YELL.: 1, 2, Hanson; 3, Eastway Bros. BUFF: 1, Eastway Bros. CINN. TKD. ETC.: 1, 3, Hanson; 2, Eastway Bros. YORKS. PAIR: 1, sp., Hanson; 2, McFarland; 3, Vercoe. CAGE of 4 YORKS.: 1, Vercoe; 2, McFarland. NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, sp, 3, Eastway Bros.; 2, hc, Jones; vhc, Hanson. TKD.: 1, Hanson; 2, Otto. EVENLY MKD.: 1, Syers; 2, Robinson. LIGHT VARIEG.: 1, Edwards; 2, 3, Eastway Bros.; vhc, Cummings. HEAVY: 1, sp, Cummings. CL. BUFF: 1, sp, and North and South Championship, Jones; 2, Cummings; 3, King; vhc, Edwards; hc, Hanson. TKD.: 1, 2, Eastway Bros.; 3, McEwan; vhc, Williamson; hc, Hanson. EVENLY MKD.: 1, Cummings; 2, Williamson. LIGHTLY VARIEG.: 1, sp, 2, Otto; 3, Williamson; vhc, Cummings; hc, Eastway Bros. HEAVY: 1, Williamson; 2, McEwan; 3, Eastway Bros. NOR. COL. FED YELL.: 1, 2, Cornwall. YELL. TKD., ETC.: 1, 2, Cornwall; 3, Eastway Bros.; vhc, Syers. CL. BUFF COL.-FED: 1, sp, 2, Cornwall; 3, Eastway Bros. NOR. PAIRS: 1, Eastway Bros.; 2, Vercoe; 3, Williamson. NOR. CAGE of 4: 1, Good. CREST CL. YELL D.C.: 1, Mason and Porter. CL. BUFF D.C.: 1, Finn; 2, Williamson. TKD., ETC.: 1, 2, Hanson; 3, Williamson. BUFF HEAVY VARIEG.: 1, sp, and North and South Championship Trophy, Hanson; 2, Williamson. CREST, CL. YELL. LIGHT, ETC. CREST: 1, sp, Syers. BUFF: 1, sp, Hanson; 2, Williamson; 3, Brown. NOR. GREEN CREST: 1, Hanson. DERBY: LIGHT CREST: 1, Brown. CREST DITTO D.C.: 1, sp, Hanson; 2, 3, Robinson. CREST PAIR: 1, Hanson; 2, Williamson. C.B. YELL.: 1, sp, Syers. BUFF: 1, sp, Hanson. BUFF TKD. ETC.: 1, Robinson; 2, Hanson; 3, Williamson. HEAVY VARIEG.: 1, 2, Hanson; 3, O'Rorke. MKD., ETC DERBY CLASS: 1, Hanson. CINN. NOR. CL. YELL: 1, sp, vhc, Knight; 2, 3, Eastway Bros. TKD., ETC.: 1, Eastway Bros. CINN. BUFF: 1, sp, 3, Eastway Bros.; 2, Knight. CINN. P.H. PAIR: 1, Eastway Bros. CINN. CAGE OF (4): 1, sp, Knight. COL.-FED (except Yorks. and Nor.): 1, Eastway Bros. LIZ., GOLD: 1, sp, Lee. SILVER: 1, 2, Lee. SELL., 20/-, CK.: 1, 2, Cumming; 3, Williamson; vhc, Lee. 20s., HEN: 1, Williamson. LIGHT GOLDFINCH MULE: 1, sp, Eastway Bros. DARK: 1, 3, Eastway Bros.; 2, Robinson. HYBD.: 1, Syers. NOVICE, YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, Alexander; 2, Mason and Potter; 3, Edwards. TICK., ETC.: 1, Mason and Potter; 2, Creher. CL. BUFF: 1, sp, Edwards; 2, Knight; 3, Good. TICK., ETC.: 1, Jansen; 2, Knight; 3, Good. YORKS., PAIR: 1, Alexander; 2, Creber. NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, sp, Brain; 2, Robinson. TICK., ETC.: 1, Robins; 2, Brain. CL. BUFF: 1, Good; 2, 3, Williams; vhc, Robinson. TICK., ETC.: 1, sp, King; 2, Williams; 3, Edwards; vhc, Brain. C.B.: 1, sp, 2, Finn. C.B. A.O.V.: 1, sp, Good; 2, Finn. CINN. CL. YELL.: 1, Edwards. GOLDFINCH CK.: 1, sp, 2, Searle; 3, Robinson; vhc, Eastway Bros. GIFT: 1, Hanson; 2, Cornwall; 3, Brown. SOFTBILLED: 1, McFarland.

EALING AND HANWELL F.S.

Cage birds made a nice display at the young stock show of this society, which was held in the St. John's Hall, West Ealing, on September 30th. The special for the best bird went to a lovely yellow Norwich hen shown by Mr. Sturley, the best of opposite sex being a slim, stylish yellow Yorkshire shown by Mr. Bamber. The birds were nicely staged at the end of the hall, and made quite a feature of the show. Messrs. Bird and Kendall, the hon. secs., had all the arrangements well in hand, and everything passed off smoothly and well. Mr. C. A. House judged.

YORKS, BUFF (7): 1, r, Bamber; 2, Crockett; 3, vhc, hc, c, Smith. BEN (4): 1, Bamber; 2, Fletcher; 3, Crockett; r, Smith. YELL. (8): 1, sp best opsex, Bamber; 2, Fletcher; 3, r, Crockett; vhc, Smith; hc, Boffin; c, new member, Carr. HEN (3): 1, 2, Bamber; 3, Smith. MKD. (2): 1, Crockett; 2, Bamber. HEN (2): 1, Crockett; 2, Bamber. NOR. BUFF (3): 1, 3, Thursby; 2, Sturley. HEN (3): 1, 2, Thursby; 3, Sturley. YELL. HEN (3): 1 sp best in show, Sturley; 2, Smith. MKD.: 1, Sturley. BRIT. (2): 1, 2, Smith. MULES (2): 1, 2, Thursby.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects. Harmless to everything.

A GOOD START AT BURNLEY.

ENTRIES ARE 100 UP.

Hot Competition in the Champion and Amateur Norwich Sections: Winners Catalogued at Ten Shillings each!

Burnley and Dist. C.B.S. 25th annual exhibition, held Oct. 6th and 7th. The large showroom attached to the Weavers' Institute provided a most suitable venue; it is spacious, lofty, light, and void of draughts; and it is lit up by electricity at night. The entry was a good one, a matter of 100 more than last year, upwards of 420 specimens being nicely staged; every exhibit could be observed at a glance. Specialist clubs patronised the venture, viz., Open Nor. P.H. Club, and Nor. P.H. Club. This being the initial "cup show" most of the "cream" was present; without doubt a very magnificent lot of Norwich, considering the season is so young. Many exhibits had practically completed their moult; in other cases topping specimens required a little more time to make their presence felt. Pride of place must be given to the clear yellow cock (the old warrior looking in fine fettle), the clear yellow unflighted cock (although little damaged in outer feather of each flight)—best youngster we have seen for many a day—both owned by Mr. J. E. Davies (last year's N.P. Cup winner). Again was the clear buff cock the property of that good old fancier, Mr. W. Vardy, quite a treat to gaze upon. Mr. G. Cook once more gained premier honours with his clear yell. hen (not quite in trim, yet a beauty). Messrs. Trengove and Son stood at the head of affairs in the unflighted buff cocks class, with a very fine bird. Mr. J. Thomas won with a lovely 1911 cl. yell. hen, and Mr. A. Humphries captured the leading card in the old buff hen class with a massive mkd. specimen of true shape and carriage. In the unflighted classes the yellow cocks numbered 24, the buffs 37 and the hens 32—truly a trio of very hot classes. Merit ruled very even. Mr. J. C. Barnes had his work cut out in separating "which should be who," and we did not envy him his big task. Yorkshires were neat but not numerous, the Cinnamon mks. having to be cancelled. The Mules and Foreign birds were nice. Special winners: Best in show, Mr. J. E. Davies (unflighted yellow Nor. cock); Hyde's, R. Leonard (buff Nor. cock); Sandiford's, J. Norman (yellow Nor.); Members' "Arbuthnot" rose bowl, F. Cunliffe (buff Norwich hen); runner-up, R. Leonard (clear yell Yorkie hen); best unflighted, A. F. Fulton (lightly mkd. Nor.). The President is Mr. R. Braybrooke; Vice-Pres., Mr. Jnde Hayhurst; Treasurer, Mr. J. Evans; these make a trio of very capable and obliging officials. Mr. R. Towler, the secretary, is the right man in the right place; he works hard, controls ably, and keeps the ball rolling in the proper direction. Mr. F. Cunliffe acts as understudy in a praiseworthy manner, and renders very valuable assistance. The stewards were: Messrs. G. Watson and A. Hargreaves—a brace of magnificent workers. Burnley fanciers one and all are genuine and enthusiastic, and it is a pleasure for one to be amongst them. The Judges were Messrs. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield) and J. H. Roe (Birmingham), the former, being the official of the N.P.C., taking the Norwich throughout, the latter the remainder.

Mr. J. C. Barnes's Classes.

CHAMP. SECTION. YELL. NOR. (12): 1, Davies, noted hero, looking almost as well as ever, a marvellous exhibit, will be a hard nut to crack again; 2, Thomas, red hot, lovely feather and shape, good size, not quite so bold fronted, yet a gem, looks like last year's champion unflig.; 3, Oliver, rare substance, shapely, capital carriage, one that should do some winning; 4, Lingard, wonderful col., A1 quality, good type; vhc, Thomas; he, Beswick; c, Dr. McConaghey. BUFF (20): 1, Vardy, magnificent feather, shape and col., rich undercol., neatly frosted, sweet carriage, cobby, true in characteristics; 2, J. and J. Hopkins' "Tariff Reform," full of quality and col., fine shape, moves well, a treat; 3, Leonard, shapely, rich quality and col., neatly moulded head and neck, not so thick through, a capital 3rd; 4, Hirst, massive, warm col., good head, neck and chest; vhc, Beswick; he, Anderton; c, Johnson. TKD. YELL. (11): 1, Davies, var., marvellous substance, rattling fine shape, A1 quality and col., fine carriage, an eye-opener; 2, Hargreaves, lightly variegated, superior in col., equal in head and neck, but not quite so thick through; 3, Shore, mkd. left wing, unbeatable for shape and carriage, A1 quality and col., behind in size only, tight as wax, well worth place; 4, Evans, mkd. wings and head, wonderful substance, rare shape and col., will be heard of later; vhc, he, Lawson; c, Mercer. BUFF (17): 1, Cook, mkd. wings, head and eye, well up in size, lovely col., quality and frosting, fine head, neck and chest, practically completely through moult; 2, Humphries, mkd. wings and head, true shape, superior col. and feather, nice size, not quite fine or might have won; 3, Thomas, red hot variegated, cobby, neat carriage, rich feather, one of the best; 4, Anderton, lightly variegated, rare size, capital shape, nicely staged; vhc, Leeming Bros.; he, Barron; c, Pickering and Wright. YELL. HEN (12): 1, Cook, well known cl., wonderful size, quality and shape, best of "nuts," not quite up to concert pitch; 2, Dormer, mkd. wings and eyes, full of fire, smooth as a bottle, lovely head and neck, quite a "dream"; 3, vhc, Lawson, smart cl., teeming with quality and col., neat carriage, not quite so bold on front; 4, Vardy, well fed cl., A1 quality, capital head, neck and chest; he, Hirst; c, Evans. BUFF (18): 1, Humphries, mkd. wing, head and tail, wonderful substance, magnificent shape, grand quality and frosting, nigh unbeatable; 2, Allen, mkd. head, true shape, beautiful quality and col., capital substance, moves finely, again quite a charmer; 3, Cunliffe, mkd. shoulders, smooth as wax, rattling fine col. and feather, sweetly moulded, clean cut; 4, Trengove and Son, very cobby cl., A1 quality and col., nice shape and carriage, not yet in full dress; vhc, Heap; he, Vardy; c, Leonard. UNFLIG. YELL. CK. (24) warm lot: 1, Davies, cl., marvellous size and shape, ablaze with col., hot enough almost to fire his cage, richly clothed, one of the best youngsters seen for many a day, well deserves spl. for best in show; 2, Hunter, mkd. wing, grand shape, rattling fine quality and col., capital carriage, only catalogued at 15s., David, you will be lucky if he arrives home again; 3, Pepper, mkd. wing, bouncer, A1 head, neck and chest, grand carriage; 4, Marsh, mkd. head, full of col., richly clothed, very shapely; vhc, Humphries; he, Shore; c, Thomas. BUFF (37) magnificent collection: 1, Trengove and Son, mkd. left wing, marvellous quality and col., true Nor. type, rare size and carriage, truly a knock out for a "baby"; 2, Bull, mkd. head, tight as a drum, sweetly cast, rattling fine feather and col., very close up, should make a gem another year; 3, vhc, Hunter, well fed cl., jaunty in carriage, nice shape, col. and lunch, catalogued at 10s. (cong price), a real bargain for someone, is this a mistake in the catalogue? 4, J. and J. Hopkins, mkd. wings and eyes, lovely col. and feather, richly frosted, not quite so deep in chest as these above, still a beauty; he, Thompson; c, Humphries. HEN (32) host of lovely damsels: 1, Thomas, cl. yell., slashing figure, gorgeous in col., graceful stepper, captivating in the extreme; 2, Heap, beautifully feathered cl. buff, correct shape, superbly clothed, A1 col., smooth as wax; 3, Vardy, cl. yell., good in quality and col., nice head, neck and body, neatly carried flights, worth her place; 4, Lawson, bouncing cl. buff, A1 col., nice shape and meaning, vhc, Anderton; he, Mercer; c, Hunter. NAT. COL. CK. (6): 1, J. and J. Hopkins, "John Bull," yell., mkd. neck, fine substance, shape and quality, grand carriage, true Nor.; 2, Davies, buff var., good in feather, tight, nice size and col., moves well, not far away; 3, Aspden, var. buff, shapely and of A1 quality and col., not quite so large, yet one we liked; 4, Anderton, yell. var., good col. and feather, nicely shaped body; vhc, Hargreaves; he, Lawson. HEN (6): 1, Marsh, cl. yell., rare size, cobby, capital feather, nice col., clean cut away; 2, Cook, very bonny Yell. var., lovely quality, shapely, nice substance, close on heels of winner; 3, Ryke, buff tkd., good feather and col., nice size; 4, Braybrook, cl. Buff, very similar to 3rd, little separates them; vhc, Lomax, No. 5, Barwise, absent. AMAT. SECTION: Several very meritorious exhibits were here, birds that had they been shown in the "higher circles" would not have disgraced themselves, and would have given some of the "cracks" a run for their money. YELL. NOR. (15): 1, vhc, Mattison, cap mkd., bouncer, grand shape, quality and col., nice carriage; 2, Innes, red hot cl., fine head, neck and chest, neat wings and tail, close up; 3, Aspinall, cl., well up in size, shapely, moves capitally, just a wee bit harsh in feather; 4, Crossley, fine size, cl., good type and quality; he, Howarth; c, Bell. BUFF (25): Hot lot. 1, Johnson, cl., grandly fed, rich undercolour and frosting, true type, fine size and carriage; 2, Aspinall, var., smooth as box, rich feather and col., grand shape, rare wing carriage, pressed hard; 3, Heap., cl., A1 quality and col., lovely head, neck and chest; 4, Edmondson, cl., lovely shape, feather and colour, neat carriage, not of the biggest but of the best; vhc, Towler; he, Fulton; c, Southworth; No. 13, Small, absent. UNFLIG. (33): Rare class, easily two sets of winners could have been selected. 1, Barton, cl. Yell., full of col. and quality, correct shape, well up in substance, capable of doing the needful in open competition; 2, Johnson, Buff, mkd. wing, A1 quality and col., very shapely, tight as a drum, not far away; 3, c, Fulton, var. Yell., possessing capital shape, quality and substance, jaunty carriage, worth its place; 4, Aspinall, cl. Yell, A1 feather, good shape and size; vhc, Lingard; he, Bell. YELL. HEN (15): 1, Entwistle, mkd. wing, all type, magnificent feather and colour, lovely expression of head, fine throughout; 2, Croston, grizzled tail, rare size, quality and colour, shapely, wee bit slack under, which kept her from winning; 3, 4, Entwistle, brace of neat exhibits, mkd. head and cl. respectively, former, full of col., well clothed, capital head and neck, fails just a little in depth of chest, latter good size and shape, A1 quality; vhc, Hitchen; he, Norman; c, Smalley. BUFF (26): Lovely class. 1, Nelson, ticked neck, short and thick set, teeming with quality and col., capital carriage, sweetly moulded damsel; 2, Heap., cl., soft silky texture of feather, good shape and colour, nice size, not quite so tight under as winner, yet a beauty; 3, Waddington, var., rattling quality and colour, fine shaped body, neat wings and tail; 4, Aspinall, bouncing Cl., A1 quality and col., richly mealed, worth her place; vhc, Johnson; he, Croston; c, Barton.

Mr. J. H. Roe's Classes.

CL. YELL., YORKS (6): 1, Thomas, straight as a rush, tight feathered, fine length, leggy, very promising unflig.; 2, vhc, Allen, another very choice youngster, little removed from winner, with care should make a gem another year; 3, Beaumont, capital feather, very lengthy, good back and wing carriage, beaten just a trifle in style and finish; 4, Kearns, rare length, stands well, good col.; he, Fielden. BUFF (10): 1, Faulkner, fine feather and col., stands like a guardsman, rattling fine back and flights, pipe tail; 2, 4, Lane, straight as a rush, good length, well up on leg, 4, great length, good col. and feather; 3, Hirst, magnificent col. and feather, stands well, clever legs, lengthy, some thought might have gone up one; vhc, Grey; he, Harrison; c, Fielden. TKD. YELL. (6): 1, Hirst, thigh tick, rattling good col. and quality, straight up, very lengthy, clever legs, a gem; 2, Kearns, mkd. neck, fine length and position, capital back and wing carriage, beaten in col., a trifle only; 3, Lane, mkd. head, rattling fine feather, good length and position, leggy; 4, Gray, var., A1 quality, very lengthy, not quite so erect, still, a neat exhibit; vhc, Beaumont; he, Thomas, good one. BUFF (5): 1, Leonard, mkd. head, red hot, slim and upstanding, rattling fine quality, lengthy, most promising youngster; 2, Kearns, mkd. right wing, shooty, A1 quality, grand second; 3, Allen, mkd. left wing, rare length, capital feather, crosses wings just a bit, which tells against it; 4, Hirst, mkd. head, straight up, good quality and length; vhc, Stone. YELL. HEN (11): 1, Leonard, mkd. left wing, tight as a Java, lovely colour, full of nerve, fine position, real gem; 2, 4, Allen, mkd. wing, A1 quality and col., slim, grand position, lengthy and well up on leg; 4, lightly var., smooth as glass, nice stand, lacks only in length a trifle; 3, Thomas, very hot cl., neat and narrow, good length; vhc, he, Greenwood; c, Kearns. BUFF (10): 1, Thornton, mkd. root of tail, rich Salmon tinged col., rare length and position, clever legs, a topper; 2, Harrison, Cl., feather like wax, stands well, good length, full of character, beaten in col. only; 3, Hirst, Cl., very lengthy, stands nicely, good wings and tail, not tightened up around thighs yet, will improve; 4, Holgate and Aldridge, mkd. back, well clothed, little more training would be beneficial; vhc, Stone; he, Kearns; c, Thomas YELL., CINN. MKD. AND CL. YELL. CK.: 1, Gregson; 2, Briggs and Jaggar; 3, Nichol; 4, Hartley. BUFF: 1, 2, Brooke. TKD. YELL. CK.: 1, Briggs and Jaggar; 2, J. H. Fowles. BUFF: 1, J. H. Fowles; 2, Pearson; 3, Gregson; 4, Hartley. UNEVEN, ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, 3, Kirkbright; 2, Brooke. BUFF: 1. vhc, J. H. Fowles; 2, Kirkbright; 3, Nichol; 4, Craven. CL. YELL. HEN: 1, Pearson; 2, Brooke; 3, Gregson; 4, Nichol. BUFF: 1, 2, Brooke; 3, vhc, Nichol; 4, Pearson; c, Gregson. TKD. BUFF HEN: 1, Craven. UNEVEN, ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, Fowles; 2, Craven; 3, Kirkbright. BUFF: 1, Craven; 2, Brooke; 3, J. H. Fowles; 4, Nichol.—A. Hartley, Sec.

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DALKEITH.

This old-established fixture was held in the Foresters' Hall, on October 7. The entries were a little above the average, but we regretted very much to see the absence of the "Bird o' Circle," the Scotch Fancy. This variety used to be an extending bird in this district, but for a year or two back it has been on the decline. The Border Fancies were the feature of the show. The winning yellow green shown by Messrs. A. and W. Thomson is a bird with a grand sound colour throughout, lovely pencilling, and very typical, and should do some winning for its owners. The B.F.C.C. special was won by Mr. J. Thomson, with a fine clear yellow hen. Mr. J. Hamilton staged a grand team of mevens, which for type and quality would be hard to beat. The Norwich Plainheads were a good lot. Mr. Gardiner had out a splendid team. His yellow cock is a real, typical specimen, grand shape and quality, and we thought it was mimcky to be beaten for the coveted medal by the variegated cock belonging to Mr. Alex. Fleming, which, however, is a big one with some good points. The Mules and British were a nice lot. The winner in the Soft Billed class, a yellow Wagtail, was grandly staged. The hall in which the show was held is an ideal place for such a purpose, being well lighted and free from draughts. The secretarial work was in the hands of two capable officials in Messrs. Ewing and Steel, who deserve great credit for the way they get through their onerous duties. Mr. R. H. Douglas (Loanhead) judged.

The Awards.

BORDER, CL. OR TKD. YELL. CL.: 1, Rowe; 2, sp, Neilson; 3, sp, Hamilton; 4, Thomson; 6, Hamilton. HEN: 1, 2, sp and medal, Thomson; 2, Stirling; 3, 4, Hamilton; 5, Neilson; 6, Pearson; 7, Smart. BUFF CK.: 1, 4, 2 sps., Neilson; 2, Hamilton; 3, 6, Stirling; 5, 7, Smart. HEN: 1, Pearson; 2, sp, no name; 3, 4, Neilson; 5, 6, Smart; 7, Hamilton. YELL. VARIEG.: 1, sp, Hamilton; 2, 4, T. Hamilton; 3, sp, Smart; 5, Stirling; 6, sp, Pearson; 7, Steel. BUFF: 1, 2, 4, 5, Hamilton; 3, 7, Neilson; 6, Hamilton. EVEN-MKD.: 1, Neilson; 2, sp, Thomson; 3, Baird. YELL. GRN.: 1, sp, 4, 6, A. and W. Thomson; 2, J. Thomson; 3, sp, Stirling; 5, Pearson; 7, Neilson. BUFF: 1, 2, sp, A. and W. Thomson; 3, Rowe; 4, 5, Steel; 6, sp, Hamilton; 7, Neilson. NOR. CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK.: 1, 2, Gardiner; 3, 4, Fleming; 5, Smart. HEN: 1, Fleming; 2, Smart. BUFF CK.: 1, 3, 4, Fleming; 2, 5, Nesbit. HEN: 1, Fleming; 2, Gardiner; 3, Steel. VARIEG.: 1, 2 sps, 2, and medal, Fleming; 3, sp, Gardiner; 4, sp, Smart; 5, 6, Nisbet. HEN: 1, 3, sp, Gardiner; 2, 4, Fleming. MULE: 1, 5, sp, Steel; 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, Stirling. LINNET, ETC.: 1, T. Hamilton; 2, Pearson; 3, Smart; 4, Steel. BULLFINCH, ETC: 1, Smart; 2, 3, Smart; 4, Stirling. A.O.V. HARD.: 1, 3, Steel; 2, Rowe.

QUEENSBURY C.B.S.

Members' show held Granby Hotel, September 30, when 38 birds faced Messrs. E. Lumb and H. Smith, who gave every satisfaction in placing the awards. CL. YELL. CK.: 1, Gregson; 2, Briggs and Jaggar; 3, Nichol; 4, Hartley. BUFF: 1, 2, Brooke. TKD. YELL. CK.: 1, Briggs and Jaggar; 2, J. H. Fowles. BUFF: 1, J. H. Fowles; 2, Pearson; 3, Gregson; 4, Hartley. UNEVEN, ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, 3, Kirkbright; 2, Brooke. BUFF: 1. vhc, J. H. Fowles; 2, Kirkbright; 3, Nichol; 4, Craven. CL. YELL. HEN: 1, Pearson; 2, Brooke; 3, Gregson; 4, Nichol. BUFF: 1, 2, Brooke; 3, vhc, Nichol; 4, Pearson; c, Gregson. TKD. BUFF HEN: 1, Craven. UNEVEN, ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, Fowles; 2, Craven; 3, Kirkbright. BUFF: 1, Craven; 2, Brooke; 3, J. H. Fowles; 4, Nichol.—A. Hartley, Sec.

WINDHILL AND SHIPLEY O.S.

Third members' show of the season, held Blue Bell Hotel. There was a very good entry—total number, 72. The quality of the birds was of the highest merit. Judge, Mr. J. Greaves (Bradford) had no easy task in selecting the winners. CL., ETC., YELL. YORK.: 1, H. Drake; 2, Halliday; 3, Mason. BUFF: 1, Chippendale; 2, Drake; 3, Mason; vhc, Taylor. UNFLI. YELL. YORK.: 1 Greaves; 2, Chippendale; 3, Taylor. BUFF: 1, Chippendale; 2, Greaves; 3, Halliday; vhc, Drake. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, Garnett; 2, 3, Mason. BUFF: 1, Greaves; 2 he, Drake; 3, Chippendale; vhc, c, Taylor. CINN. EVEN, ETC.: 1, Sutcliffe and Son; 2, 3, Mason. EVEN, ETC., MKD. YELL.: 1, Mason. BUFF: 1, Halliday; 2, Sutcliffe and Son. HEN: 1, Sutcliffe and Son; 2, Drake; 3, vhc, Mason. SELL., 12/6: 1, Cook; 2, Halliday; 3, he, Taylor; vhc, Chippendale; c, Garnett. HEN, 10/6: 1, Sutcliffe and Son; 2, Garnett; 3, Mason; vhc, Halliday; he, Taylor; c, Drake. NOVICE SECTION: CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Rushworth. BUFF: 1, 3, Harney; 2, Spencer; vhc, Rushworth; he, Gunn. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Rushworth; 3, Cook; vhc, Gunn. BUFF: 1, 2, Rushworth; 3, Gunn; EVEN, ETC., GREEN, ETC.: 1, Harvey. HEN: 1, 3, Spencer; 2 vhc, Cook. Most Points in Champ. Section: 1, J. A. Taylor, 72; J. Chippendale, 41; H. Drake, 25; R. Garnett, 24; P. Mason, 18; R. Sutcliffe and Son 15; J. Halliday, 13; J. Greaves, 12; E. B. Denton, 3. In Novice Section: 1, W. Rushworth, 55; J. Cook, 25; W. B. Atkinson, 15; A. Spencer, 13; R. Gunn, 12; J. Harvey, 9; Brown and Son, 4.—J. Cook, Sec.

BURNLEY, concluded.

BUFF: Cancelled. NOVICE CLASSES: YELL. YORKS. (13): 1, Miller, Cl., good feather, length and position, nice legs, well shown; 2, Clayton and Priestley, Cl., grand quality, lengthy and leggy, not quite the position perhaps; 3, Heyworth, Cl., straight as a rush, capital feather, good wing carriage, just a wee bit short in tail; 4, Lester, Cl., smooth as a bottle, stands well; vhc, Harwood; he, Hudson; c, Clayton. BUFF (10): 1, vhc, Heyworth, Cl., feathered to perfection, straight as a pencil, rare length, clever legs, a real gem; 2, 3, Clayton, Cl., better col., A1 quality, capital position, just beaten in length; 3, mkd. right wing, fine length, lovely feather and stand, well up on leg; 4, Holgate and Aldridge, Cl., shooty, rich tone of col., nicely feathered, shorter; he, Lester; c, Miller. A.O.V. (9): 1, Dormer, Buff Cinn., grand shape and quality, capital col., nice substance; 2, 3, Johnson, Buff, six-pointed Goldie Can., nice shape and size, Smooth as glass, looks like a hen; 3, Chaffie-Bramble, nice size and shape, good quality, parentage might be more distinct, yet neat; 4, he, Lomax, Buff var., D.C., heaps of rich feather, good substance, Crest dense, round, and of capital droop and centre; vhc, Walsh; c Wood. SELL., 20s. (8): 1, Heyworth; 2, Hitchen: 3, Lomax; 4, Greenwood and Pickles; vhc, Towler; he, Greenwood; c, Grey. 12s. 6d. (11): 1, Barnes; 2, Lomax; 3, Lingard; 4, Faulkner; vhc, Heap; he, Fulton; c, Mannion. HARDBILL, SOFT-BILL LARGE: Cancelled. FOR. (8): 1, 3, Walsh, Black-throated Tanager, and Superb respectively, both in tip-top order, and staged in a masterly fashion 2, 4, he, Walsh, Australian Wood Swallow, in lovely trim, 4, pair of Red-headed Gouldian Finches, in full bloom; vhc, Wood. LARGE: Cancelled. GIFT (7): 1, Evans; 2, 4, vhc, Towler; 3, Fulton; he, c, Hitchen.

PAISLEY.

Paisley and Dist. O.A. held their 19th annual exhibition and competition of Scotch Fancy Canaries, Oct. 7, in the George A. Clark North Minor Hall (one of the finest halls in Scotland). The show was open to all comers, and is designated the best one-day show in Scotland. The President is D. Kennedy, Esq.; Vice President, Wm. Nel, Esq.; Sec. and Treas., Mr. John Kelly; Committee: Messrs. J. Stewart, A. M. Baird, J. Kennedy, H. Powell, A. Livingstone, T. Hamilton, Alex. Baird, J. Paterson, R. Neil, A. Kennedy and J. Hart. Office-bearers and committee alike are all well-known fanciers, and earnest workers on behalf of this Association. It is a pity their combined efforts do not draw a more hearty response from breeders of the "beau ideal of the Canary world" in Scotland. The entries were not quite up to those of former years, being seven down on last year. But this little drawback was amply made up by the quality of the birds staged, which was certainly beyond the average. The cup winner to-day was Mr. Montgomery's (Corkerhill) yellow hen, winner of the Connned Derby Cup, and first at the National Derby. This hen has marked out a course for herself and is sure to gain further honours during the season. The buff hen (a sister) lacks little point for point of being as good. They are a couple par excellence. The runner-up (opposite sex) was Mr. J. Smith's foul cock, a young bird of excellent merit, winner of the silver medal. Mr. Dalglish's (Edinburgh) yellow cock bird won 1st and spl. for best in show—a champion of last year's fame, and looking a picture to-day. It was much admired, and considered by many to-day the best yellow cock seen for years. Mr. Thornton's (Edinburgh) young buff cock, looking in the pink of condition, was 1st in his class to-day; it is a bird of promise, 1st at Glasgow Derby and 1st Edinburgh, and retains its position to-day. There was a fair attendance of breeders and friends, including many ladies. The exhibits were nicely staged and easily got at. Sec. Kelly, who knows his business, had everything in apple-pie order. The judging of the classes throughout was under the care of the following gentlemen: Messrs. G. Fulton (Partick), J. Smith (Howood, R. Prentice (Clydebank), and J. Allison (Paisley), whose awards appeared to give every satisfaction.

The Critique.

YELL. CK. (11): 1, sp, 4, Dalglish, 1st, grand type, large, long-sided yell., sweet head, long reach, splendid shoulders, hard up; 4th, good size, nice depth through and reach, good bird, nice condition; 2, Brown, another good type, nice reach and shoulder, good head, very fine, not quite the depth through of winner; 3, spl, Wm. Gray, nice reach and drive, good shoulder and back, tail well in; 5, Neil; 6, Price; 7, spl, Fernie; 8, King. YELL. PIED CK. (15): 1, Hunter, sweet head, long reach, grand shoulders and depth through, nice pose, tail well under; 2, Dalglish, good type, shoulders nicely filled in, splendid droop and circle; 3, Black, plenty of nerve and style, gains in size to those in front; 4, Fleming, another good bird; 5, Livingstone; 6, Borland; 7, McDonald; 8, Wilson. FOUL CK. (15): 1, Allerdice, nice size and top end, good depth through and length of side, fine reach and droop; 2, sp, 3, Smith, 2nd, winner of silver medal and runner-up for cup, a young bird of promise, in tip-top condition; 3rd, good third, but not quite so well finished as 1st and 2nd; 4, Brown, nice type, in every way, fails in size only to those in front; 5, spl, Black; 6, spl, Ferguson; 7, Gibb; 8, Caldwell; 9, Paterson. GREEN CK. (10): 1, Kennedy, old champion and former cup winner, barely finished in moult, otherwise in grand condition; 2, Stewart, yell. green of fair merit, not quite finished in head moult; 3, Dalglish, nice size and type; 4, Drew, nice buff, plenty of style, very neat type, shade small or would have done better; 5, Wilson; 6, Caldwell; 7, Neil; 8, Burgess; 9, Kern. BUFF (15): 1, Thornton, 1st Glasgow Derby, 1st at Edinburgh, grand length of side, nice depth through, good reach and droop, very typical; 2, Neil, not quite so massive build as winner, but nice reach and top end, nice round back and tail well under; 3, Black, nice size and top end, good depth through, fails only in style to those in front; 4, spl, Montgomery, good type and condition; 5 Caldwell; 6, Wilson; 7, Muirhead; 8, Smith; 9, spl, Price. BUFF PIED (13): 1, Smith, grand size and length of side, splendid depth through, good reach, lovely head and droop, fine pose and condition; 2, spl, Burnside, all right for size, splendid body and reach, wants handling, very close on winner; 3, Dalglish, nice size, good depth through, fine reach and droop, nice pose and condition; 4, Hunter, good top and body, not quite the size of those in front, good bird; 5, 6, Muirhead; 7, Wilson; 8, Caldwell; 9, Borland; 10, Gray. YELL. HEN (10): 1, two spls, Montgomery, cup and gold badge winner; 1st National Derby and winner of medal Confined Glasgow Derby, perfect type of Scots Fancy hen, perfect champion, with a good future; 2, Brown, nice size and quality all through, good second; 3, Jackson, sweet, good all round yellow, not quite the length or size of winner; 4, Simpson, nice reach and top end, plenty of style; 5, 8, Kerr; 6, Burnside; 7, Higgins. PIED (12): 1, Fulton, nice size and style, fine reach and droop, neat circle, good typical bird, barely finished on head; 2, Stewart, not quite the size or style of 1st, good bird; 3, Allerdice, full of style, grand type, some thought should have done better; 4, Dalglish, fine size, nice depth through, neat pose and reach; 5, spl, Fulton; 6, Thornton; 7, Baird; 8, McDonald; 9, Burnside. FOUL (12): 1, Brown, good size and shoulder, nice reach and droop, grand pose, plenty of nerve and style, wins its place; 2, spl, Allerdice, another nice hen of similar merit, barely the size of winner, but little to choose between them; 3, spl, Montgomery, plenty of size, good body and reach, tail nice sweep, shade plainer than 1st and 2nd; 4, Thornton, better for size and style, but not quite so deep through the chest, good bird; 5, Hamilton; 6, Neil; 7, O'Donald; 8, Jackson; 9, spl, Stewart. GREEN (5): 1, Black, nice size and type, good shoulder and reach, fine pose and droop, nice condition; 2, Hunter, presses hard on winner, nice depth through, plenty of nerve and style; 3, 5, Fulton, 3rd, fine bird, shade restless and we could not get a proper look at her; 4, Neil, fails a shade in size to those in front, but an all-round good bird. BUFF HEN (7): 1, Montgomery, sister to the yell. hen and very similar for quality, little between them, grand type, full of quality; 2, Burnside, better for size, fails only in style to winner, good 2nd; 3, Gray, very neat, plenty of nerve, rare action, fails in size only, good bird; 4, Jackson, very close on third, not much between them; 5, Brown; 6, O'Donald; 7, Dalglish. PIED HEN (8): 1, Fulton, grand size, nice and deep through, good reach and droop, tail nicely under, grand pose; 2, Wilson, good second, presses hard, good all round quality, little to choose between them; 3, 4, Wilson, 3rd, grand top end, nice depth through and pose; 4th, good for size, fails only in pose and style; 5, Burgess; 6, Neil; 7, Dalglish; 8, Hunter. SELL. CK. (10): 1, spl, Kennedy; 2, spl, Smith; 3, Gibb; 4, Allerdice; 5, Higgins; 6, Simpson. HEN (9): 1, McDonald; 2, Fleming; 3, spl, Moore; 4, Muirhead; 5, Ralstone; 6, spl, Allerdice.

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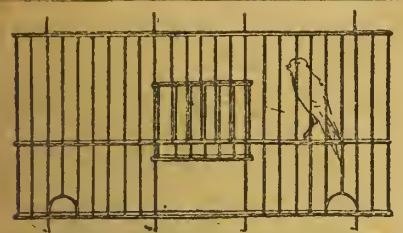
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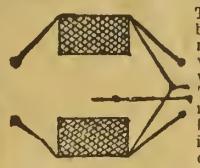
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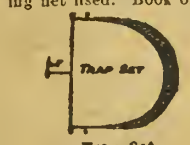
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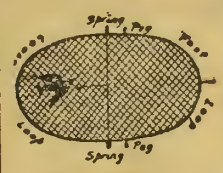
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EXHIBITORS, Mule breeders, contest singers; six large Brown Linnets, full song, 2/6 each; approval; deposit; exchange: G. Frith, Crowle, Lincs.

EXHIBITORS, cage moulted specimens Mealy Redpoll 6/6, Lesser Redpoll 2/6, Bramblefinch 7/6, Reed Bunting, 3/6: Lowne, Naturalist, Yarmouth.

NOTICE, extra large double trap cage and Finch call bird, bargain, 1/3; over 100 sold this last fortnight: Osborne, Dudley-rd., Wolverhampton.

BENDA, Gunnersbury Aviary, 534, High-rd., Chiswick; very large cock Hawfinch, show bird, 10/-; Turtle-dove 2/6; Cambridge cock Linnets, 1/-.

WARRANTED cock Linnets, 2/-, picked 2/6 dozen; Greenfinches, 1/- dozen; 24 mixed birds 1/6, selected dozen 1/: G. Fenn, The Pitt, Isleham, Cambs.

GRAND cock Bullfinch, 2nd Norwich All England last week, 14 in class, twice cage moulted, 10/-; approval, deposit: Cogman, Caister, Norwich.

WARRANTED cock Linnets, the very best, 2/6 dozen; cock Goldfinches and Siskins 18/- dozen, hens 7/- dozen: Edmonds and Edmonds, Eastbourne.

COCK Greenfinches, 1/3 dozen; cock Linnets, 4/ dozen; cock Chaffinches, 4/- dozen; mixed hens, 1/- dozen; exchange: Inkpen, Queen-st., Gravesend.

LINNETS. Perkins' old man again, established 33 years, have a few first-class cock Linnets, 4/- doz.; hens, 9d., well on seed: Perkins, Aviary Chatteris.

GOLDFINCHES 2/6, Siskins, Bullfinches 3/6 pair; Linnets, Redpolls, Greenfinches, Chaffinches 1/- pair: list free: Miss Rosey, Rosemary House, Eastbourne.

NORWICH 1910 show 1st prize Bramblefinch, exquisitely spangled, red colour, unbeaten, gem all through; 12/6, worth 30/-: Cooper, Judge, Norwich.

BOX cages, the best to keep British birds in 13ins. long, with loose wire fronts, 11/- dozen; sample and list of 107 sizes, 1/-: Pass, Hucknall Notts.

WARRANTED cock Brown Linnets, 3 for 1/6, 4/- dozen; cock Goldfinches, 1/9, 2/6; hen Goldfinches, 1/-: Hall's Central Bird Stores, Patricroft, Manchester.

NOTICE! If not satisfied your money returned. Linnets, warranted cocks, 3/- dozen; hens, 1/-; fed on hard seed; plenty in stock: Reeve, 100, Highland-rd., Eastney, Portsmouth.

HANDSOME large cock Goldfinches (selected) for show, muling, or aviaries, at 1/9 each; any number supplied: cocks guaranteed: W. Bunting, 9, Stanley-street, Welshpool.

TWO cock Linnets, one cock Goldfinch, in full song, three brace birds, grand pair clap nets, 8 yards (new); going abroad, 20/- the lot: Davies, Stafford House, Penclawdd.

SELECTED cock Bullfinches, 2/6, hens 1/-, 1/6, not fresh caught; good Yellowhammer, twice house-moulted, 6/-, honest dealing: Gathercole, Spring Bank, Silverdale, Lancs.

SPORTSMEN. New double trap cages, including two trained call birds, Linnet and Finch, 1/9 lot, sent immediately receiving postal order: Mr. Copp, Wardrobe Stores, Dartford.

ALL my winning British for sale, stock includes Goldfinch, Linnet, Greenfinch, Yellowhammer, Bullfinch, Bramblefinch. See reports of shows: Enoch Tams, Church-st., Longton.

SOUTHDOWN Linnets are grand songsters, with red breasts and nut brown backs, large as Greenfinches, 6 for 1/9, or 3/- dozen, hens 1/- dozen: Bird Stores, 60a, Charlotte-st., Portsmouth.

SPECIALLY selected Linnet for showing or muling three 1/6, others, warranted cocks, 4/- dozen; large cock Goldfinches 1/6, extra large 2/-: Silcock, Wellington-rd., Ashton-under-Lyne.

TO fanciers and dealers. Large quantity of Redbreasted cock Linnets for sale, sex warranted, well on seed, 2/6 dozen: approval; if not satisfied money returned: Dixon, Old New Inn, Dunstable.

LINNETS, Redbreasted, Cambridge cocks, warranted, 2/6 doz; large picked birds, for muling, 3/- dozen; cock Goldfinches, 1/3 and 1/6 each; 20 mixed birds, 1/6: Rendle, 21, Bridge-st., Homerton.

WARRANTED cock Linnets, 2/-, picked 2/6 dozen; Greenfinches, 1/- dozen; 20 mixed seedeaters, 1/6; 12 brighter mixed, 1/-, well on food: J. Fenn, Bird Specialist, Pleasant-terrace, Isleham, Cambs.

GENUINE cock Goss Linnets, big birds, every bird guaranteed, money returned if not satisfied, 3/6 dozen, all orders quickly attended to, give me a trial: Mayo, Hairdresser, Lowdham, near Notts.

SPLENDID lot of Worcestershire cock Goldfinches, 2/- each, also one muling cock Goldfinch, 5/-; witnesses in Birmingham to prove that he has bred Mules this turn: H. Cox, 69, Hope-st., Birmingham

LINNETS, cock Brown Linnets with nut-brown backs and beautiful red breasts, 2/6 dozen, picked 3/-, plenty in stock, no waiting; picked for showing out of season's catch, 2/- each, sure to win; post card before satisfaction: Marshall, 1, Platt-st., Nottingham.

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GOLDFINCHES. Grand cocks, coloured nicely, 1/6, 2/- each, three 4/-, six 7/6; full coloured cocks, fit to show, 3/- each; hens, 8d.; approval: Harry Turner, Bird Catcher, Ivy-place, Selly Oak, Worcestershire.

NOTICE. Dealers and fanciers, large quantity of Redbreasted cock Linnets for sale, well on seed, sex warranted, 2/6 dozen, if not satisfied, money returned; trade supplied: Dickson, Fonddulac Villa, Dunstable.

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LINNETS, 50 dozen red-breasted cock Linnets, nut-brown backs, all through moult, and on hard seed, 2/6 dozen; selected 3/-; birds sent same day as ordered; dealers supplied: James, 39, Pomfret-st., Nottingham.

LINNETS; warranted Redbreasted cocks 2/- dozen, hens 1/- dozen; no waiting; 50 dozen in stock; cock Goldfinches, 1/6 each; all birds sent same day as ordered: Flinders, Birdcatcher, Scotland-yard, Hollowstone, Nottingham.

GRAND lot of Bullfinches in stock, all caught with net, good colour cocks 2/-, hens 1/-; Linnets, cocks, any quantity, 4/- dozen, no hens kept; same address 40 years: J. Shelton, Hunger Hill Gardens, Avenue 27, Garden 462, Notts.

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NOTICE. Cock Linnets, Larks, Chaffinches, Yellowhammers, 3/6 doz., cock Goldfinches, Bullfinches, 13/- doz., hens 7/- doz., weekly supply from now till May; approval, cash or deposit: Hollingshead, Cheshire Aviaries, Stockport.

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EXHIBITORS, several selected Greypates, Goldfinches showing splendid deep square blazes, nice tanned chest, big heads, etc., Norwich type, 3/6; one extra special, can win, 5/-; week's approval willingly, cash or deposit: Skinner, Birdcatcher, Murray-rd., Bristol.

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NOTICE! Goldfinches, Goldfinches, big fine Devonshire, not small Irish birds, three 4/-, six 7/6, 14/- dozen; cock Linnets, three 1/3, six 2/-, 3/6 dozen; Goldfinch Mules, 4/-, three 11/-; Goldfinch Mule, been used birdcatching three seasons, and at singing contests, over moult two months, 14 days' trial, 15/-: Marsh, Birdcatcher, Percy-st., Bedminster.

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NOTICE, all on hard seed and in song, red-breasted cock brown Linnets, three 1/3, six 2/-, 3/6 dozen; Goldfinch cocks, all full colour, three 4/-, six 7/-, 13/- dozen; cock Woodlarks, 2/-, three 5/6; Goldfinch Mule, in grand song, over moult two months, used birdcatching, sell, 14 days trial, 12/-; deposit "Cage Birds"; young Mules 4/-, three 11/-; "Cage Birds" deposit: Emery, 42, King-st., Bedminster.

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LINNETS, Linnets, Linnets, warranted cock Linnets, 3/- dozen, or 5 dozen for 12/6; hen Linnets, 1/6 dozen; cock Greenfinches, 1/6 dozen; dozen two-year-old clean-moulted Goldfinch Mules, 10/6, fit for birdcatching; clean-moulted Goldfinch, fit for showing, 8/-; handsome lot Dragoon pigeons, this year's birds, bred from prize-winners, 5/-, 7/6 pair; exchange for Canaries, Goldfinches, or Mules: John Boxall, 5, Lavender-st., Brighton.

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EXHIBITORS, being a catcher 28 years, I know what is required for the bench. I have several selected clean field-moulted monster Goldfinches, splendid deep square scarlet blazes, big heads, nicely mooned, and nice full tanned chests, etc., very steady, can win in field-moulted class, 5/-; several Greypates, like giants, will moult out winners, 3/6; week's approval willingly, cash or deposit, dealers Goldfinches, cocks, 15/- dozen: Fearby, Birdcatcher, Murray-rd., Bedminster.

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Cock Goldfinch, well on seed, 1/6, 1/9, hens 5d.; cock Bullfinches 1/4, 1/8; Redpolls 3d., 2/6 dozen: Pemberton, Aston, Wem.

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Guaranteed cock Goldfinches, 1/9, three for 5/-, six for 9/-; selected cock Goldfinches, 2/6 and 3/6; cock Bullfinches, 2/6 and 3/6; hen Bullfinches, 1/- and 1/6; see Roller advert: W. Smith, 39, Tib-st., Manchester.

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On hand, warranted cocks, 1/6, three 4/-, six 7/-, 12/- dozen; specially related large cocks, caged off in separate cages, steady and in song, 2/-, 2/6, three 5/-, six 8/6, 16/- dozen; few specials, clean moulted, with deep square cut blaze, fit to show at once, impossible to get better, 3/-, 4/-, 5/- each; few cage-moulted cock Goldfinches, in song, 4/- each; hen Goldfinches, 1/-, three 2/-, six 3/6, 6/- dozen; large stock of Worcestershire cock Linnets, with nut brown wings and back, rose red breasts, 8d., 3 1/6, six 2/6, 4/- dozen; extra selected giant cock Linnets, all caged off, in song, 1/-, three 2/-, six 3/6, 5/6 dozen; few steady cock Linnets, finger tame, in full song, fit to show at once, 2/- each, three 5/-; in warranted cock Woodlarks, 2/6, 3/- each; few in song, also finger tame, 4/-, 5/- each, hens 1/6 each; all the above birds are sent out on my well-known approval system to any part of the world at my risk on receipt of cash or deposit system, and money returned if not perfectly satisfied: please notice last week's advertisement; plenty of birds in stock, no waiting; travelling cages, 3d. each: Thomas Hughes, 65, Saltley-rd., Birmingham.

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LARKS, warranted cocks, 2/6 dozen, hens 1/3, satisfaction guaranteed: Moses Moss, Richmond-hill, Mere Brow, Tarleton, Preston.

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COCK Blackcaps and Redstarts, 4/6 each; cock Woodlark 1/6; Buntings, Wagtails, Larks, Robins, 1/- pair; full list free: Miss Rosey, Rosemary House, Eastbourne.

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BARGAIN, champion pair Norwich, Miles and Iron's strain, 10/6, worth double: Page, 113, St. Mark's-rd., Bush Hill Park, N.

SMART Norwich cocks, just coming in song, 4/6, 5/, 6/-; genuine, approval.—Scott, Abbotsford, Garden Suburb, Humberstone, Leicester.

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UNFLIGHTED Norwich green cock, buff variegated, yellow do., 10/6 each; extra large; approval: Bingham, Bramley House, Long Sutton.

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NORWICH Canaries, clean moulted, 1911, strong, healthy birds, 5/6 pair, 2 days' approval: Gater, Jones-square, Troedyrhiw, Glamorganshire.

HIGH class yellow Norwich hen, commended at Bolton, sacrifice 12/6, in show cage, approval: Pomfret, 35, Wigan-st., Westhoughton, Bolton.

MASSIVE exhibition self-green hen, 10/-; exhibition yellow cock, 10/-; exhibition buff hen, 10/- (all fed); approval: Connon, Hatton, Aberdeen.

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NORWICH Plainheads, grand substance, typical yellow cock, good head, £1; first class buff cock, 15/-; approval, deposit: Davidson, Bookseller, Montrose.

NORWICH Canaries, young cocks, over moult, 5/- each; hens, 2/- each; 2 1910 cocks, large birds, 5/6 each; approval, deposit: Batten, 11, Arnold-rd., Woking.

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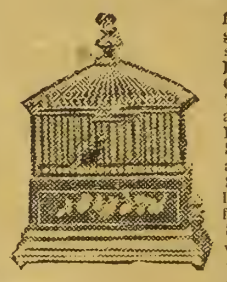
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Club Reports.

YORKSHIRE C.B.S. OF IRELAND.

Council meeting held Douglas Hotel, Present: Messrs. Cloke, Fry, Sheridan, Gillen, Birse, McDonnell, Callaghan, Stewart. Mr. Holley in chair. The patronage of the society was granted to Holywood and Banbridge societies respectively. Bills connected with Y.B. show were passed. Specials for open show were allocated, and other business transacted. Schedules will be out this week for forthcoming show.

UNITED KINGDOM BELGIAN C.A.

Result of election of officers for 1911 and 1912: President, Mr. J. D. Horrill; Auditor, Mr. Wm. Hughes. Committee, Messrs. J. F. Dewar, Jas. Robertson, G. S. Baker, Jas. Greig, John Fairley and C. T. Hunt; Treasurer and Secretary, Mr. Wm. B. Cobb, 14, Broomfield Terrace, Headingley, Leeds. Patronage has been granted to the following societies: Plymouth, Glasgow, Barnstaple, L.C.B.A., Edinburgh, and the Scottish National.—W. B. Cobb, Sec.

NORTHERN BRITISH B.M. & F.B.C.

At our last meeting, Sept. 27th, our chairman, Mr. J. McKenzie, informed members present that Mr. J. Maddison would not compete for the British Bird Cup this season. Moved by Mr. Petterson, and seconded hy Mr. Young, that the best thanks of the club be given to Mr. Maddison for the generous thought and genuine fancier spirit expressed by him in thus giving up his chance of winning the cup outright. Will members who have not paid their subs. kindly do so as soon as possible.—Geo. Taylor, Sec.

CUMNOCK AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

General meeting held Co-op. Hall, Auchinleck, September 30, Mr. Kinnear in chair. A poor turnout of members was very disappointing after such a good attendance at last meeting. There was a good bit of discussion on the cup being confined to one section only, but it was left thus. We have accepted the offer of Hydes' special. We went into the business of our show on Dec. 2 in Co-op. Hall, Auchinleck. The usual prices of admission were agreed on. We received a handsome sub. from a friend in London through one of our members, which was thankfully received by all members present. A motion was put on the table for next meeting re the altering of the colours in the Norwich classes (not the number of classes); I hope to see a good turn-out. Next meeting Co-op. Hall, Oct. 28. Members' subs. about due.—J. Nutt, Sec.

WEST LONDON F.A.

Meeting held Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush Green, Oct. 5th, Mr. Turner in chair. Schedule for annual show, Nov. 2nd and 3rd, was the principal item. We decided, after some discussion, to split up the hen classes in the Norwich and Yorkshire sections into yellows any variety, and Buffs; otherwise schedule was passed "as read." A very good lot of specials was quickly obtained, but it is not too late for other members to forward their donations to the Secretary. Mr. Gray said a few words regarding the Federation show, reminding members that it is to their advantage to patronise the show on Oct. 27th and 28th, at the Institute Marylebone, and make the venture a success not only by entries but by personal attendance. A vote of thanks to the chair then closed an interesting meeting.—H. H. Gibbons, Correspondence Sec.

SHEFFIELD O.S.

Meeting held Rose and Crown Hotel, October 3rd. The Vice-Charman (Mr. J. Woodall) presided. Mr. J. Bailey (Bradford) was present to entertain us. We had a big turn up of members. Mr. Bailey was down to give us a washing exhibition. He knows how to put a bird down to catch the judge's eye, and that was the tip we were all looking for. I hope some of us found it. "Jim" soon got his coat off, and was in the thick of the fray. He tubbed several birds. He explained as he proceeded. First soap, brushes, number of bowls, heat of waters, etc.; then method of holding bird, twining, rinsing, etc. He was very keenly followed hy his audience. After several birds had been through the ordeal be answered a number of questions. A vote of thanks was proposed, to which he hearthily responded. We afterwards transacted an unusually large amount of business in connection with our all-England show, November 3rd and 4th, ad members' show in December. A good many letters were read from our local supporters, the chief one being from A. Balfour, Esq. (Sheffield's Master Cutler) who has promised to open the exhibition officially at 3 p.m. Several other local gentlemen promised to support him. Mr. J. H. Roe's appointment was approved (as judge for members' show in December). Classifications for this function was also dealt with, consisting of 58 classes. Our friend Mr. T. Simpson (Worksop) gave our British bird fanciers a treat. He came to the meeting specially to bring a big quantity of privet herries, etc. They were soon gone.—J. A. T. Woodall, Press Correspondent.

NORTHERN BORDER AND SCOTCH F.C.

Meeting held Oct. 2nd. An application for patronage was read from Haltwhistle, and patronage was granted. The application of Sunderland was read and gone into; agreed, that we do all we could to support them in their difficulty, and after a good deal of discussion on the guaranteeing of the Green and Cinnamon class, patronage was granted. Mr. Montgomery, in the name of the Green fanciers, kindly guaranteed the class up to 7 entries. Other fanciers present agreed to make up any deficit still outstanding. Discussion took place on the Scotch Fancy class and as the club could not guarantee it, it was allowed to be dropped in the case of Sunderland, who were trying their best to run their open show again. We wish them every success. This completes the shows to which we allot patronage. New members proposed by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Montgomery: Mr. Lowther (Burradon Colliery), Mr. Aitchison (Widespen), and Mr. Parrish (South Shields); admitted members. The paper by that well-known expert, Mr. J. Patterson, of Chirnside, was then read; in it were many valuable hints and much information, the result of a lifetime's experience. It gave food for thought, and there was some discussion on it. Our worthy president (Mr. Crawhall), who was present for the first time, said that he was sorry he had not been able to be with us before, but he was pleased to hear the club was rapidly progressing; if we went on so, we would soon be the premier specialist club of the North. Although a strong Yorkshire breeder, he had in his possession a Border hen which he had just picked up, which he thought was a good one. He gave novices many valuable hints re buying birds, and advised them if they got a bird sent them which did not suit, on no account to keep it, but to send it back. He also made a few remarks re exhibiting. Messrs. Smith, Montgomery and Scott also spoke. Mr. Smith moved and Dr Hemy seconded that the best thanks of the meeting be sent Mr. Patterson. Decided, to have a show at our next meeting, each member to bring a bird (or birds) and every one to judge all birds but his own. Mr. Currah was appointed to give his opinion on the birds, this being about the last meeting he will be able to attend. There will be two classes—clear or ticked yellow, ditto buff.—J. N. F. Scott.

GLASGOW (Confined) SOUTH. O.A.

Meeting held Oct. 2nd. Mr. J. G. Turnbull presided over a good attendance. Arrangements were made for forthcoming show (28th Oct.) in National Halls. Agreed, to have 12 classes with two for amateurs. First, second, third and fourth prizes in each class—Ayrshire blankets as first, Grecian quilts as second, ½-doz. knives and forks as third, ½-doz. dessert spoons as fourth, gold medals for best cock and best hen. Twenty-eight specials were allocated back to the 8th birds. The Rt. Hon. Lord Rowallan has intimated his intention of being present to give away the prizes in the afternoon.—James Fleming, Sec.

COWDENBEATH C.B.S.

Special meeting held October 4th, Arcade, Temperance Hotel, Mr. J. Simpson presiding. Secretary intimated we had received 35s. from a friend to purchase a medal to go to the runner-up for the cup. Messrs. A. Simpson and the secretary were instructed to choose same. Secretary received a free hand as to placing show advertisements. Agreed that accounts submitted be paid. The allocation of the remainder of the special prizes was gone on with, and schedule completed for the printer. We decided to send schedules out after Kelty show, October 21. Arrangements were made to appoint a doorkeeper for show. Secretary reported the society is in a sound financial condition; members' subs., donations, etc., amount to £25, and there is still a little to come in.—Joseph R. Reid, Sec.

BUCKHAVEN AND DIST. C.B.S.

Meeting held Free Gardeners' Hall, September 30th. Mr. Henderson in chair. Secretary intimated he had been notified by Dr. Dawson that he intended presenting the club with a handsome silver challenge cup to be competed for amongst members of Wemyss Parish. We have no doubt this cup will cause some enthusiasm amongst the members. The President then presented two gold medals (one open and one confined). The society has the patronage of the B.F.C.C., being successful in getting both medals, open and novice, also full patronage of the S.B.B. and M. C., which means four cups, one trophy, and eight medals. As we are giving good classification along with a big list of open specials, we hope to have a record entry. Schedules will be in the hands of fanciers in due course.—J. Lawrie, Sec.

VALE OF LEVEN C.B.C.

Meeting held Village Schoolroom, Alexandria, Oct. 3, Mr. A. Lees (hon. vice-president) in chair. In a few well chosen remarks he introduced Mr. A. Wilson (Glasgow), who began by telling us the best soaps and brushes to use; temperature of the water; and, having taken hold of a bird, showed how it should be held during the process. He proceeded to wash the bird, and when finished put it in a cage to dry, following suit with other two. Having shown the working of his patent drier (with which he won the medal at Crystal Palace), a large number of questions were satisfactorily answered. The washed birds were held up to view, when the vast difference made was commented upon; and a hearty vote of thanks was cordially awarded Mr. Wilson. It was then announced that the judges for forthcoming show would be: Scotch Fancies, Mr. R. Wright (Greenock), other classes Mr. W. Connelly (Glasgow). —A. H. McLean, Hon. Sec.

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM C.B.S.

Meeting held Oct. 4, Mr. Burke in chair. Mr. W. Marson was elected a member. Secretary instructed to write all members in arrear with their contributions, pointing out that they will not be able to enter their exhibits at members' rate unless paid up to end of year, neither will they be allowed free admission to the show. It was decided to present a silver medal to Mr. P. Victor Williams to commemorate his gaining most points for this society in the inter-club competition; also, that a silver shield be fixed on cup pedestal, inscribed "Birmingham, most points, 1910." Arrangements were made for a series of table shows and judging competitions to be held during next few months, first to take place next meeting night, Nov. 2. Judges for that show: Messrs. Broadhurst and Wells, whose decision will be final; but Messrs. Hughes and Derry were elected to judge as novices, and their placings are to be the basis for a discussion afterwards. This should be a great help to young fanciers, and we give a cordial invitation to fanciers to attend. Ten classes were arranged: Nor., Cl. Tkd., or Var. Yell.; ditto Buff, and 1 Novice any colour; Yorks., 3 classes as for Nor.; Crests (Champion); Crest (Novice); Mule or Hybrid; and Brit. Hardbill. Exhibits must be staged by 8; entry fee 3d., of which one third will go to club funds. No charge for admission to show. There was a good attendance despite the bad weather, all the members being very enthusiastic.—J. H. de Maillet, for present Sec.

SHEFFIELD C.B.S.

Meeting held October 5, Wentworth Cafe, Penstone Street. In the absence of our president, Mr. F. Jones was elected to the chair. Secretary announced that in addition to Mr. Cowgill's, he had been successful in securing the services of Mr. J. C. Barnes to judge open show, December 9th, Montgomery Hall. Mr. Barnes has kindly promised two silver medals for novice section; other specials also promised. The gift class is adding up. Seven more members in addition to those already given, have promised birds; 25s. is being allocated to this class as prize money. Business re posters, etc., left in secretaries' hands. Ballot papers for election of officers will be given out at Nov. meeting. Decided, that we recommend to annual meeting the election of two vice-presidents instead of one; also decided that in addition to the judging competition at Nov. meeting we have a table show; two classes, viz., Yorks. and Nor. unflig.; prize money already subscribed. No entry fee, and 2s. 6d. special for best novice bird shown. Mr. Champion was elected judge. The washing exhibition by Mr. Browning (Rotherham) was very instructive. Members gathered round the table and noted every point as he described the ways of holding, and the successful washing of a bird. While birds were drying, the members plied him with questions, which he answered very ably. Messrs. Jones and Tomlinson also put a bird each through the water. A discussion on the attitude of the Royal Society for the protection of birds took place, also the attitude of the Sheffield authorities and bird catchers in general was freely discussed. A vote of thanks was given to the chairman, and to Mr. Browning. Mr. J. W. Merrill's was elected a new member. Will members kindly bring in their colour food coupons at next meeting?—J. Woolhouse, Assist. Sec.

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

J. C. BARNES, 113, Northfield Road, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Long, practical experience. Terms moderate.

T. BENNETT, Glendare House, Lidget Green, Bradford. Judge of Cage Birds. Long and practical experience.

J. W. BRUCE, Coldstream. Judge of all varieties of cage birds; Border and British Bird specialist. Terms moderate.

H. J. CHITTENDEN, 108, Bolton Hall-rd., Bolton Woods, Bradford, judge of cage birds, life experience. Terms moderate.

F. COLLINS, 60, Union-st., Camborne. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Life experience.

W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington, Bradford. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Practical experience. Terms moderate.

G. EDWARDS, 11, West Street, Leominster. Judge of Canaries, Britishers, Mules, etc. Specialist on Norwich, Crests, and Mules. 30 years' experience. Terms moderate.

GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road, London, N.W. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.

C. A. HOUSE, 82, Upper Walthamstow Road, Walthamstow. Judge of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds.

W. R. MILES, The Aviaries, Chichester. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Life experience.

W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Manningham, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

J. W. METCALFE, The Yorkshire Aviaries, 68, Brunswick Road, Liverpool. Judge of Cage Birds. Specialist Yorkshire and Norwich.

H. NORMAN, The Eyrie, Salisbury Road, Carshalton, Surrey. All varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist Hybrids and British Birds.

W. POWICK, Orchard, Saviletown, Dewsbury. Judge of all varieties of cage birds, 30 years' practical experience.

J. PATTERSON, Chirnside. Judge of Cage Birds; all varieties. Wide practical experience. Specialist Border Fancy Judge.

J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.

C. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Life experience.

WALTER SWAYSLAND, 47, Queens-rd., Brighton. Judge all varieties of cage birds. Life experience.

HENRY TAMS, Orchard Place, Longton, Staffs. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Twenty-five years Breeder and Exhibitor.

S. TICKELL, 22, Honey Street, Bodmin. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds; specialist Norwich, Cinn. & Liz. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

W. VARDY, The Aviaries, Hucknall Huthwaite, Notts. Judge of all varieties; specialist in Norwich Plainheads. Life experience. Terms moderate.

J. WALSH, Bird Specialist, Blackburn. Judge of cage birds, practical experience, specialist; British Foreign, Mules, and Hybrids. Terms moderate.

G. WILSON, 14, Frizington Road, Frizington, Cumberland. Judge of Mules, British and Foreign Birds. Life experience. Fee moderate.

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OCT. 25 & 26.

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LUTON OCT. 26th.

12 CLASSES.

Judge, C. A. House, Esq. **Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/9. Pilbeam, 144, Dallow Rd., Luton.**

TAVISTOCK (DEVON) District Fanciers' Society.

FANCIERS DO PLEASE HELP US!!! Good Prizes. Good Judges. Money guaranteed. Only 213 Entries in 137 Classes. **Judges:** Messrs. H. Abbott, W. J. Camp, A. Leith, R. B. Tope. Entries received bearing Saturday's post mark. **This is a genuine appeal.** Send entries, Secretary will classify.—**JOHN YOUNG, Hon. Sec., 1 Church Lane, Tavistock.**

OXFORD and Dist. C.B.S. Great Open Show

Thursday, October 26th.

Judges—J. H. Roe and F. Wilsdon. **2 Roller Classes, under patronage B.R.C.C.** No Cancelling or Amalgamation. ☞ **Send Entries along, we will Classify.** ☜ Birds forwarded to other Shows same night if required. **Secretary, A. F. FIFIELD, 6, Buckingham Street, Oxford.**

MANCHESTER OCTOBER 27 & 28.

BELLE VUE

Belle Vue is the most attractive place of entertainment in the country. Best collection of animals outside the Zoo. Endless amusements—dancing, boating, figure 8, etc., and after close of the show the finest display of fireworks in England. Cheap railway excursions from everywhere. Exhibitors making 3 entries free ticket to Belle Vue and the show. **Entries must be sent to-day.** If no schedule, we will classify.—Entry fee, 2/-.—**H. BOOTHMAN, 8, Kettering Road, Levenshulme, Manchester.**

WOLVERHAMPTON

October 27 and 28.

Annual Show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds. M.C.Y.C.C. patronage. Famous Judge, J. Robson. **Entries Close October 23. Prize money 10/-, 5/-, 2/6; good Cash Specials. Paid within seven days.** See review of Schedule.—**J. GIBBONS, 64, Napier Road.**

LISKEARD SHOW

Under **Cage Bird Union, NOVEMBER 1st, 1911.** Judge, Mr. J. H. Payne. Prizes, 8/-. 4/-, 2/-. Point cup open to any member. No specials awarded to any entry received after **October 26th, 1911.** Enter early and greatly help.—**H. JONES ROBINS, Hon. Sec., 2, Market Street.**

NOV. 3rd & 4rd. LIVERPOOL NOV. 3rd & 4th.

Judges; Mundell, Vardy, Wellings and W. Dormer. **Prize money 24/6 per class, paid at show. Wonderful list of Specials. Novices well catered for.** Your birds on rail by 6 p.m. Saturday, long distance birds 4 p.m. **Finest Hall in the Country. METCALFE & HILLMEN, 68, Brunswick Road.**

NOV. 3rd and 4th SHEFFIELD NOV. 3rd and 4th

O.S. Annual **Open Show** of Canaries, Hybrids, British and Foreign Birds in the **CUTLERS' HALL,** under the patronage of the C.M.Y.C.C., C.C.C., N.B.B. and M.C., Y.C.B.B. and M.C., F.B.C. **Yorks 13 Classes, Novice 2; Norwich 7, Novice 2; Crests 6, Selling 4, British 12 (including Lark or Pipit and Albino Classes), Foreign 6.** Judges—J. H. Roe, Esq., Chas. Houlton, Esq. **Prize Money, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-. Foreign Section, 12/-, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-.** Entry Fee, 1/6. **Cash specials too numerous to mention. ENTRIES CLOSE OCTOBER 30th.** Schedules from **T. BISHOP, 69, Alexandra Road, Sheffield.**

BOURNEMOUTH

20th Annual **OPEN SHOW,** Central Hall, The Square, **TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY,**

November 7th and 8th.

ENTRIES CLOSE OCTOBER 26th.—Schedules—**W. O. BROOKE, Honorary Secretary, 102, Norfolk Road.**



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Swansea

67 OPEN CLASSES.

November 8th and 9th.

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CAGE BIRDS ONLY. November 9th. **PETERBOROUGH** **CAGE BIRDS ONLY. November 9th.**

Judges—Messrs. S. H. Mays and J. Robson. Norwich, 14 classes; Yorkshires, 6; Mules, 2; Crest, 2; A.O.V. 1; British, 11; Foreign, 2; Selling, 3. **Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6 for 1/6, and Specials. Best Railway Connections in England. Schedules from S. L. COCKS, Corn Exchange, Peterborough.**

NOTTINGHAM OPEN CAGE BIRD SHOW,

NOVEMBER 11TH & 13TH.

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Nov. 15 & 16 CARDIFF

15th Ann. **Cage Bird** Show. S.Y.C.C. Patronage. Open and Novice Classes. **Entries close Nov. 8.** **W. SAMPSON, Secretary, 93, Llanishen Street.**

L.C.B.A.

Annual Exhibition of Canaries, British Hybrids, and Foreign Birds (open to the World),

ROYAL HORTICULTURAL HALL, NOVEMBER 24th to 27th. 140 Classes. Quantity of Specials. Prize money, **12/- 8/-, 4/-, 2/-.** Twelve specialist judges. Schedules will be sent to exhibitors at last Show of L.C.B.A. and Palace. Entries close **November 16th. Messrs. MUGFORD & TYSON, 1, Strathearn Road, Wimbledon, London, S.W.**

TREHARRIS

Glam. **October 26th. Compelled to extend. Kindly help us.** Send on your entries; I will classify.—**DAVIES, 6, Edward Street.**

WAKEFIELD

O.S. Show, **Sat., Oct. 28. Five Open Classes for British and one for Mule or Hybrid. Entries close Oct. 25. Prize money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6.** Schedules from **J. Atkinson 53, Queen St.**

REWARD!

Exhibitors at the 5th annual Open Show of the Torbay O.S., to be held in the Badminton Hall, **Paignton, Wednesday, October 25th,** will be rewarded with nearly 40 specials among winners in 28 Open Classes of Canaries, Mules, Hybrids, British and Foreign Birds; also their prize money within three days of show, **and no classes amalgamated or cancelled.** To prevent the latter the prize money is as follows: **First, 10/-; second, 5/-; third, 3/-; for 8 entries and over in a class.** 7 Entries: First, 7/-; second, 3/-; third, 2/-; 6 Entries: First, 6/-; second, 2/6; third, 1/6. 5 Entries: First, 5/-; second, 2/-; third, 1/-. 4 Entries: First, 4/-; second, 2/-; third, 1/-. 3 Entries: First, 3/-; second, 1/6; third, card only. 2 Entries: First, 2/-; second, 1/-. 1 Entry: First, 1/6. **We believe this prize list to be the fairest ever submitted to the Fancy.** Specials will be awarded in addition to above. We find it **necessary to extend entries to last post Saturday, Oct. 21st.** Those sending after risk having to send birds without labels. For classes see Review of Schedule in this paper. Please send entries; we will classify. Address—**J. N. and J. JEFFERY, Secs., Sartor House, Winner Street, Paignton.**

WISBECH, OCTOBER 25, 1911.

Fanciers please help us. Entries very short. Will accept Sunday's post. Enter from this. Cage Bird Fee, 1/6. 65, Nor. Yel. Ck.; 66, do. Buff Ck.; 67, do. Y. or B. Hen; 68, do. Y. or B., bred 1911; 69, Yks. Yel. Ck.; 70, do. Buff Ck.; 71, do. Y. or B. Hen; 72, do. Y. or B., bred 1911; 73, Crest; 74, C.-b.; 75, Canary A.O.V.; 76, Goldf.; 77, Bullf; 78, Lin.; 79, Brit. A.O.V.; 80, Mule A.V.; 81, For. not larger than Cardinal; 82, do. larger; 83, £1 Sell.; 84, 10/- Sell. Send on; we will classify.—**WARD and ALLEN, Kilmorie Park Road, Walsoken, Wisbech.**

HAYLE Show of Cage-Birds, etc

will be held at the Public Hall, on **25th and 26th OCTOBER. Grand classification.** Judge, C. H. Toy, Esq. **Prize money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6.** Schedules ready.—**A. Coombe, Hon. Sec., Hayle.**

FIFTH ANNUAL SHOW OF THE DERWENT VALLEY C.B.S.,

Canaries, Mules, Hybrids, British and Foreign Birds, to be held in the **Church Hall, Hamsterley,** on **Saturday, October 28th. Good prize money, good Specials,** popular judges: A. Brown, Esq., and F. Marwood, Esq. Under the patronage of the N.B.B.M. and F.B.C. **Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 2/6.** Entrance fee **1/6. Entries close Tuesday, Oct. 24.—J. Lindsay, Railway Cottages, Westwood, Medomsley R.S.O., Co. Durham.**

EDINBURGH and Edinburgh Western, Point Show, in Grindlay Street Hall, on **Sat., 28th Oct., 1911.** The largest Young Bird Show in Scotland. Doors open at 1 p.m.—**A. Stavert and R. Lile, Joint Secys., 15, Argyll Terrace, Edinburgh.**

LARKHALL Confined Cage Bird Show, Miners' Hall, **Sat., 28th Oct. 30 Classes. J. Pollock, Sec., 57, Church Street, Larkhall.**

BELPER 22nd Annual Show, OCTOBER 28th. Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cage Birds.

Entries very short; accept all bearing Wednesday's postmark. Schedules—**Stillman and Holden, Belper.**

Hartlepools'

C.B.S. Seventh Annual Show on **Saturday, October 28th.** 44 classes; 4 novice classes. Judges, Messrs. Battye and Maddison. Patronage N.Y.C.C. **Entries close October 23rd.** Schedules from—**E. WOODHEAD, St. Paul's Road, West Hartlepool.**

CODNOR PARK & EASTWOOD C.B.S. Open Show, Sat., Oct. 28th, Judge, J. H. Roe. Entries close Oct. 25th. Schedules.—J. H. Mitchell, South St., Greenhill Lane, Alfreton.

REMEMBER

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and District C.B.C. 4th Open Show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds, on **Saturday, 28th October,** under the patronage of the Yorkshire and Border Fancy Canary Clubs of Scotland. **49 Classes. Prizes: 10/-, 5/-, and 2/6. Entry fee, 1/6. Specials galore.** Judges: Jas. F. Dewar, James B. Paterson, and A. Watson. **Entries close Oct. 23rd.** Schedules from **James Sloan, Sec., 19, New Bridge St., Ayr.**

Barnstaple

OCT. 31st and NOV. 1st.

Judge, Mr. J. Robson. **Entries very short; will accept to Oct. 25th.** The **Cage Bird** stewards at this show are well-known fanciers, and exhibitors may be certain their valuable birds will be well cared for; sent back promptly and in good condition. —**PERCIVAL HARRIS, Sec., Exhibition Office.**

DUNBAR

O.S. will hold their seventh **Open Show on Wednesday, 1st NOVEMBER. 74 Classes,** including **Cups, Medals, and numerous specials. Entries close Oct. 23rd.** Popular judges: C. Campbell, Esq., G. Cadwallador, Esq., W. Hunter, Esq., T. Smith, Esq. Schedules from **M. Gilhooly, Hon. Sec., High St., Dunbar.**

Cheltenham

NOVEMBER 1 & 2,

Under patronage of C.C.C., S.N.P.C., S.Y.C.C., E. and W.B.F.C., N.B.B. and M.C., F.B.C. 11 Crest., 9 Norwich, 8 York,, 7 Border, 1 Roller, 1 A.O.V., 9 British, 4 Hybrid, 4 Foreign, 4 Selling, and 20 members' classes; 2 Novice classes in Crests, Nor., and York. sections. Judges, Messrs. W. E. Greeves, H. W. Battye, J. Frostick.

Entriesclose Oct. 25.

Show Manager, **W. Pounsett, 5, White Cross Square, Cheltenham.**

PENRHIWCEIBER Show, **Nov. 2nd, Workmen's Hall.** Judge, Jas. Pritchard, Esq., Mountain Ash. **Entries close Oct. 26th.** Schedules—Apply **T. J. Evans, Penuel House, Penrhiwceiber.**

TREDEGAR (MON.) NOV. 2nd

Open Show Cage Birds. 30 classes. Judge, H. W. Battye. Schedules.—**E. W. Sutherley, 17, Church Street, Tredegar, Mon.**

TUNSTALL

and Dis. C.B.S. Annual Show, on **THURSDAY, Nov. 2nd,** at the Crown and Anchor Hotel, one minute from station. **40 Open Classes. Cash Specials.** Judge, J. C. Barnes, Esq. Schedules now ready.—**Evans and Brough, 18, Sneyd St., Tunstall, Stoke-on-Trent.**

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Nov. 2nd and 3rd, 1911, under the auspices of the Y.C. and C.B.S. Schedules posted. Any exhibitor overlooked, apply to **C. Holley, 66, Fitzroy Avenue, Drumcondra, Dublin. Class 40 omitted from schedule is for Linnets. Entries close 28th October.**

BLAYDON

AND DISTRICT

Cage Bird Society. Eighth Annual Show, will be held in the **Old National Schools, Blaydon, on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 3 and 4, 1911.** Popular judges: J. Robson, Esq., London, and H. W. Battye, Esq., Huddersfield. Schedules from **G. Havver, 1, Theresa Street, Blaydon. Entries close Saturday, October 28, 1911.**

MUIRKIRK **Open Show, Saturday, 4th November.** Splendid Classification. Popular judge. **Specials galore. The Show of the Season.** Exhibitors please help this good fixture. For schedules, apply—**James G. Torbett, Secy., Smallburn, Muirkirk.**

HADDINGTON N.B. (17 miles from Edinburgh) 25th annual Show of Poultry, Pigeons, and **Cage Birds,** in Corn Exchange, Haddington, on **Nov. 4th. Hyde's silver teapot and Border Club medal.** Judge, Henry Bennet, Kelso. Schedules from **David Cockburn, Victoria Road.**

BRAINTREE 11th Annual Show. Poultry, Pigns., Rabbits, Cage birds, **NOV. 4.** (30 miles radius, £5 limit). Good classification. Numerous Specials. Popular Judges. Entries close **Oct. 23rd.** For Schedules apply,—**F. A. HUNNABLE, London Rd., Braintree.**

BO'NESS and Dis. F.A.

Annual Show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds, in the Masonic Hall, **November 4th,** under patronage of B.F.C.C. and S.B.B. and M.C. 62 Classes. Judges: Canaries, Mr. Holmes, B.F. Mr. D. Hamilton, British Messrs. Raine and Watson.—**Sec., T. Cameron, 7, Ash Terrace, Grangepans, Bo'ness.**

The Crystal Palace of the North.

CLEATOR MOOR

Fanciers Society of Poultry, Pigeon and **Cage Birds.** Eighth Annual Open Show will be held in **Market Hall,, on Saturday, November 4, 1911.** Judges: Poultry, H. Inman, Esq., Bradford; R. Pigeons, W. H. Coad, Esq., Burnley; Cage Birds, A. Wellings, Esq., Prescot. Specials in galore. **Entries close on Saturday, October 28, 1911.** Schedules now ready, from **Jas. E. Byrne, 110, Birks Road, Cleator Moor, Cumberland.**

MARKINCH **Cage Bird Show on Sat., November 4.**

Judges: Messrs. J. Black and J. Stenhouse—S.F.; R. Lambie, Nor. and Borders; R. Bald—Brit., etc. **Entries close on Saturday, 28th Oct.—Geo. Mitchell, Sec., Coaltown, Markinch.**

YORK

C.B.S. Seventh Annual **Open Show** on **Saturday, Nov. 4th, 1911. 35 classes.** Patronage O.N.P.C.C. **Prize money 8s., 4s., 2s., 1s.** Entrance fee 1s. Judge, A. Hirst, Esq., Accrington. Schedules from **H. Thompson, 57, Nun Mill Street, York.**

BUCKIE **WED., NOV. 8.** C.B. Show. Judge, Arnott, Kirkcaldy. Schedules—**MELVIN & BUNYAN, Secs., 43, West Church Street.**

STONEHOUSE

Cage Bird and Flying Homer Show, November 4, 1911. Classification: 8 Border Fancy, 12 Norwich, 15 British Bird, 2 Mule or Hybrid, 1 Foreign Class, 3 Members' Classes. Judges: J. Patterson, Chirnside, Allan Chalmers, Kirkintilloch. Schedules from **Jas. Hamilton, 36, Camnethan Street, Stonehouse, Lanarkshire.**

BRECHIN C.B.S.

Forty-eighth Grand Annual Show of Norwich, Border Fancies, and Wild Birds, will be held in Temperance Hall, Brechin, on **Saturday, November 4, 1911.** Splendid classification and numerous special prizes, Also under the patronage of B.F.C. and N.P.C. Judges for Norwich, Wm. Bishop; Border Fancy, John Hutchison; Wild Birds, J. Stewart. Schedules now ready from **Geo. Mitchell, Sec., 118, Montrose Street, Brechin.**

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Prize money 8s., 4s., 2s., 1s. 43 classes. Special every class. 1s. entrance fee. Judges: T. Dixon, R. Halliday, H. Tams, T. Hill, F. Marwood. **Entries close October 28th.** Schedules from J. W. Lowes, **17, Canning Street, Stockton-on-Tees.**

LEICESTER

Hand-in-Hand C.B.S. 12th Annual Open Show of Canaries, Hybrids, British, and Foreign Birds,

SATURDAY AND MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4th & 6th.

37 Classes, 3 Novice Classes. Judges: J. Robson (Canaries) and C. Houlton (Hybrids, British and Foreign Birds). Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and heap of cash specials. Entry fee, 1/6. No cancelling or amalgamating of classes. **Prize money guaranteed. Entries close Oct. 28th.** Schedules from—**A. FREESTONE, 79, Clarendon Street, Leicester.**

ST. COLUMB (CORNWALL) Sixth Annual Cage Bird Show, **Tuesday, November 7th, 1911.** Judge, C. H. Toy, Esq. Good Classification. Good Prize Money. Special in every class. **Entries close Nov. 1st.** Schedules from **Wilfred L. Salmon, Hon. Sec., Dinas View, St. Columb.**

WEST BROMWICH

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Judge, J. H. Payne. Schedules ready from—**W. G. ANDREWS, 1, Hayes Street, West Bromwich.**

BODMIN

8th NOVEMBER, 1911.

21 Classes. Judge, Mr. Thos. Pope. No cancelling or amalgamation of classes. **Entries close 31st October.—A. E. Jago, Secretary, Robartes Road, Bodmin.**

PONTYPRIDD

and Dis. F. and F.S., **Wednesday, Nov. 8th. Prize money, 10s., 5s., and 2s. 6d. Large number of specials.** Judges: Messrs. Harrison, Davies, and Hill. **Entries close Nov. 1st.** Schedules now ready.—**A. A. Gordon McLucas, 48, Rosser Street, Maesycoed, Pontypridd.**

DOVER **NOVEMBER 8th & 9th.** Judge, J. Robson, Esq. **Good Classification. Prize Money before close of Show. Entries close Oct. 30th, 1911.** Schedules from **Abbott and Austen, Secretaries, 13, Eric Road, Dover.**

LOWESTOFT

Twenty-third Annual Cage Bird Show. **Open to Cambridgeshire, Norfolk, Suffolk, and Essex. November 8th and 9th.** Judge, Mr. W. E. Greeves. **Entries close October 28th.** Schedules from—**E. L. A. CROW, London Road, Lowestoft.**

SOUTHEND

and Southern Counties O.S. Fifth Annual **Open Show,**

NOVEMBER 8th & 9th.

Judges, Messrs. Wm. Mundell and J. Dewhurst. **Good Judges, Classes, Money, Specials. Full particulars in this journal next week.** Schedules from—**WM. C. LOCKWOOD, 21, East Street, Leigh-on-Sea.**

BRIGHTON

Cage Bird Association 2nd Annual Open Show Canaries, British, Foreign. Nov. 8th and 9th, North Road Lecture Hall. Good classification, numcroue specials, model prize cards. **Judge, C. A. House, Esq. Entries close Nov. 1st.** Note prize money: 10/-, 6/-, 4/-; 1/6 added in large classes. Schedules of—**WILL. H. GIBB, Hon. Sec., 19, Bond Street.**

MALTON (Yorks.) 16th Annual Open Show of Canaries, British, Mules, and Hybrids, will be held on **Thursday, November 9th.** Judge, W. A. Cowgill, Bradford. Y.C.B.B. and M.C. patronage. **Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6,** for 1/6 entry fee (and specials). **Entries close November 4th, 1911.** For schedules apply, **J. Wilson, Sec., 8, Wold St., Norton, Malton, Yorks.**

LEEK & Dist. C.B.S.

will hold their Annual Show on Thursday, Nov. 9th, 1911, at the Co-operative Hall, Ashbourne Road. **Grand Classification. Champion and Open Novice Classes.** Judge, J. Trengove. Schedules now ready.—**J. A. Pegg, Hon. Sec., 2, Portland St., Leek.**

Luton (Beds.)

Annual **Open Show** of Cage Birds, **Thursday, Nov. 9th. Open, members' and novice classes. Good specials.** Judges: Canaries, C. A. House; Mules, British and Foreign, R. J. Howe.—**E. Bloomfield, 22, Hitchin Rd., Luton, Beds.**

Banbridge

Cage Bird and Pigeon Association's Show, to be held in **Town Hall, Banbridge,** on **Thursday and Friday, 9th and 10th NOVEMBER (open to Ireland only).** Under patronage of Yorkshire Canary and Cage Bird Society of Ireland. 55 Classes for Cage Birds and 12 Classes for Pigeons. **3 Cups and 60 Specials.** Judges: Scotch Fancy and British Birds, Mr. R. Wright; other classes, Mr. W. Mundell. **Entries close 4th November.—A. McCagherty, Hon. Sec., Banbridge, Ireland.**

HALTWHISTLE

and District Open Show, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10th, 1911.

Patronage B.F.C.C., N.B. and S.F.C., and N.C.N.C.C Popular judge, John Dixon. Ham for most points in Open Classes; also valuable class and section specials. Schedules—**Nicholson and Tallantyre, Westgate, Haltwhistle, Northumberland.**

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WHITEHAVEN

13th Annual Exhibition of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds (old dates), **November 10th and 11th.** Judges, C. Cubby, Esq., Carlisle, Border Fancies; J. W. Metcalfe, Esq., Liverpool, remainder. **Entries close Nov. 6th.** Schedules—**W. J. Douglas, 17, King Street, Whitehaven.**

OLD SHILDON

Workmen's Club C.B.S. Show on **NOVEMBER 10th and 11th. Prize money 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d., 1s. 1s.** 6d. entry. Judge: J. Stanger, Pelton Fell. 2s. 6d. special each class. **5s. special most entries. Special value 10s. 6d. for best bird in show.** Entries close November 4th. Schedules, apply.—**J. H. Elwell, 36, Church Street, Shildon, Co. Durham.**

HALLO! MONEY FOR NOTHING AT

BARNSLEY

C.B.S. 21st Annual **Open Show** of Canaries and British Birds will be held in the Wesley Street School (five minutes' walk from all stations), on **Nov. 10th and 11th. Open to the United Kingdom.** Under patronage of the O.N.P.C. 20 Classes: 6 Ch. Yks., 6 Ch. Nor., 4 Nov., 1 Sell., 3 Brit. **Popular prize money: 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, 1/-. 2/6 Special each class.** Entry fee, 1/-. Judge, H. W. Battye. **Entries close Tuesday, Nov. 7th.** Send for Schedules from—**F. C. SIMS, 15, Wright Terrace, Grace Street, Barnsley, Yorkshire.**

KIRKCALDY **C.B.S.** 5th An. Show will be held on **Friday and Saturday, 10th and 11th November,** under the patronage of the B.F.C.C. and S.N.P.C. **70 Classes. Host of Specials. Prize money, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-. Popular Judges:**—Scotch Fancy, A. Fotheringham, Kelty; Border Fancy, J. Thomson, Newton Grange; Crests, G. Arnott, Kirkcaldy; Norwich, J. Logan, Dysart; British birds, L. J. Arrighi, Edinburgh. Schedules now ready.—**E. McAnally, Sec., 18, St. Clair Place, Kirkcaldy.**

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FORFAR

on NOVEMBER 11th.

Under the patronage of the Border Fancy and Scottish British Bird and Mule Clubs. **Schedules now ready from—J. FYFE, 137, East High Street, Forfar.**

WARRINGTON

and Dist. C.B.S. **November 11th.** Judge, A. Wellings, Esq. Prize money, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, and 2/-, with plenty of specials. **Full** prize money guaranteed in several classes. Schedules from—**G. M. NELSON, 466, Knutsford Road, Warrington.**

NOTICE!

DARLINGTON

C. and B.B.F.A. 6th Annual **Open Show of Canaries,** Mules, Hybrids, British and Foreign Birds, will be held in the Corn Exchange on **Saturday, November 11th. 43 classes. Prize money, 8s., 4s., 2s.** Entrance fee 1s. Judges: J. Wilcock and J. Walsh. **Entries close Saturday, November 4th.** Schedules from **A. Walker, Hon. Sec., 47, Montrose Street, Darlington.**

BRISTOL

NOVEMBER 14th and 15th.

Judges, Messrs. J. H. Payne and W. Vardy. Entry, 1/6. **Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and 1/6. Full prize money, and the "Bristol" Art Card free.** If schedule has not reached you, apply to **Mr. Keegan, 9, Trinity Street, Newtown, Bristol.—G. T. H. MAGGS, Sec.**

ALNWICK

4th Open Show NOVEMBER 15th. 39 Classes, 60 Specials, Four Money Prizes; 1/- entry. Judges: H. W. Battye, Huddersfield, Canaries; A. Cochrane, Edinburgh, British, Mules, and Foreign. Schedules now ready.—**R. Forster, Sec., 36, Bondgate Without, Alnwick.**

WORTHING F.A. 19th Annual Show, **November 15th and 16th,** Literary Institute. **Open Classes for Canaries. Guaranteed prize money.** Judge, Mr. Heath. Schedules ready. **Entries close November 8th.—C. STUBBS, Sec., 27, Eriswell Road, Worthing.**

PRIZE MONEY WITHIN SIX HOURS.

HULL

17th Annual Open Show of

Canaries, Mules, Hybrids, British, and Foreign Birds. **47 Open Classes; 6 Novice Canary Classes. NOVEMBER 17th and 18th.** Judges: J. Robson (London); J. Maddison (Newcastle-on-Tyne). **Numerous specials.** Schedules.—**Ernest R. Ridley, 19, Lambton Street, Hull.**

COVENTRY O.S.

35th Annual Open Show, **November 18th.** Patronage N.B.B. and M.C. Judge, J. Robson. Schedules.—**A. J. Barratt, 38, Craven St.**

HARROGATE

8th Annual Show held

NOVEMBER 18th.

Judge, J. Baily, Esq. Schedules now ready. Apply —**W. E. FERGUSSON, 62, Harlow Terrace.**

BUCKHAVEN

and District Cage Bird Society Fourth Annual Exhibition of Canaries, Mules, British, and Foreign Birds, on **Saturday, November 18th. 73 Classes, cups, medals, and numerous specials.** Leading judges: Border Fancy, G. Hislop, Stirling; Norwich and Yorkshire, J. McLay, Kirkintilloch; Scotch Fancy, British and Foreign Birds, Alex. Cochrane, Edinburgh. **Entries close Saturday, Nov. 11th.** Schedules from **John Lawrie, Grahams Buildings, Randolph St.**

The Fifty-First Annual Show of the

GALASHIELS

Ornith. Society, Nov. 18th, 1911 (The Palace Show of the Borders). Judges: Scotch Fancies, W. Rodger, Colinton; Norwich, British, etc., J. W. Nicholson, Carlisle; Borders J. Young, Allanton. **Cups, Medals, and innumerable specials.** Schedules from **C. Lugton, Botany Cottage, Galashiels.**

CROOK Original

C.B. F. and F.S. 7th Annual Show, on **Saturday, Nov. 18th. 26 classes for Cage Birds. Staged in a Hall by themselves.** Judge, H. W. Battye, Esq. **Entries close Nov. 13.** Schedules, apply, **John Horner, White Lea, Crook, Co. Durham.**

LUDLOW

November 23rd.

M.C.Y.C.C. Patronage. 5th Annual Open Show of **Cage Birds.** Judge, J. H. Payne. **Entries close Nov. 20th.** Schedules from **W. T. Woof, 2, Market St., Ludlow.**

LOCKERBIE (N.B.)

First Annual Show of Poultry, Bantams, Pigeons, **Cage Birds,** and Eggs, will be held in the **Town Hall, on November 23rd, 1911.** Over 100 Classes. Liberal **prize money. 100 valuable specials, including Cups, Medals, etc.** Judges: T. H. Stretch, Esq., C. A. House, Esq., and J. F. Dewar, Esq. **Entries close November 16th.—Harry Davidson, Hon. Sec., Royal Hotel, Lockerbie.**

INVERURIE **C.B. Show, Nov. 25th.** 39 Open Classes, Cup, 3 Medals, numerous valuable Specials. Good Prize Money. Judge, James Sandison, Aberdeen. Schedules from **James Simpson, 27, High Street, Inverurie, N.B.**

LIVERPOOL **B.B.A.**—An. Old Show, Sat., **Nov. 25th.** 8 Open Classes, radius 20 miles from Liverpool, 6 Yorkshires (4 Cls. and Tks.) (2 Grns.), 2 Nor. A.V. Prize Money £1 2/- per class, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-. For Schedules, apply to **F. Eccleston, Sec., 42, Cotswold St., Holt Rd., Liverpool**

EPSOM Open Show of

Cage Birds, Nov. 29th. Good classification. Judge, Mr. Harry Norman. Schedules now ready.—**A. W. BREEDEN, Sec., 71, Hook Road.**

PENTREBACH **Merthyr Tydfil, November 30, 1911, Open Show of Cage Birds,** etc.; **splendid classification.** Judge, T. L. Castree, Esq. Schedules:—**A. E. Brown, 66, Clare St., Merthyr Tydfil.**

TONBRIDGE

Tuesday and Wednesday, December 5th and 6th, 1911. Poultry, Pigeons, Cats, Rabbits, Cavies, Cage Birds. Judge, J. Robson, Peckham. **Entries close Nov. 20th.—P. STONESTREET, Sec., 102, Hadlow Road, Tonbridge.**

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Twitterings.

It was a clear yellow (not huff) which won in the Border class at Longton Show, writes Mr. C. E. Lloyd (Earlston, N.B.).

It has been decided to hold an open show on Nov. 30, with Mr. W. Vardy as judge, writes Mr. W. E. Allen, sec. of the Grantham C.B.S.

By a printer's error Class 40, for Linnets, was omitted from our schedule, writes Mr. C. H. Holley, secretary of the Y.C.B.S. of Ireland.

At the forthcoming Metropolitan C.B.A. washing competition good prizes are being offered, writes Mr. J. W. Burgess, the assist. secretary.

Mr. W. P. Barnes, of Grantham, is, we hear, engaged to judge for the second time in succession at the King's Lynn annual show, to be held on Nov. 18.

Will all members and friends kindly return unsold tickets to enable us to prepare for prize draw? writes Mr. W. A. Wilson, hon. sec. of the Leeds C.B.S.

Schedules of the Luton C.B.S. show have been posted this week, writes Mr. E. Bloomfield, the secretary. Will exhibitors who have been overlooked please write?

We have engaged Mr. A. Hirst (Accrington) to judge at our annual members' show on Nov. 1, writes Mr. A. H. Meadowcroft, sec. of the Heywood and Dis. C.B.S.

Wombwell annual show is to be held, we hear, on Dec. 2, with Mr. W. Brotherton (Rotherham) as judge. Mr. Brotherton is also judging at Newark on Nov. 23.

Clapham Show report, in the Novice Norwich Class, credits Mr. Taylor with 1st and 3rd; he won the 1st, but 3rd should read H. Simms, writes Mr. H. Simms (Windsor).

Entries for Barnstaple Show on Oct. 31 and Nov. 1 are, writes Mr. Harris, the sec., very short indeed. I hope exhibitors will rally round and give us their support as heretofore.

At our meeting held Oct. 12 (11 members present) members' specials were allotted and final show arrangements made, write Messrs. Towl Bros., hon. secs., Grimsby and Dis. O.S.

We regret to hear of the indisposition of that highly respected Glasgow bird-lover, Mr. Thos. Smith, the many friends of whom will join us in wishing him a speedy and complete recovery.

Owing to a printer's error in the Bolton catalogue, my address has been put as 12, Leigh Street, Lancashire, instead of 12, Lloyd Street, Leigh, Lancs., writes Mr. R. Charleson, sec. of the Leigh and Dis. C.B.S.

Any exhibits entered at the Oxford Show can be forwarded the same night to Wolverhampton and other shows, by giving notice and enclosing carriage with entries, writes Mr. A. F. Fifield, hon. sec. of the Oxford C.B.S.

At Norwich Show we missed the genial presence of that celebrated bird-specialist, Mr. W. Rudd, who, we understand, did not pay his customary visit owing to being called away from the city on urgent business.

Kindly mention that I am not exhibiting any birds this season, writes Mr. A. E. Silk, of Whitstable, as some of my customers have apparently confused me with an exhibitor of the same name who has been showing at various fixtures.

Cage Birds "Guide to the Shows" gives the number of classes for our show, on November 11th as 19; this should be 32, made up as follows; Norwich, 9; Borders, 8; British, etc., 15, writes Mr. J. Robertson, Jun., sec. of the Darvel O.S.

A great number of people living outside the show radius have applied for schedules, writes Mr. F. A. Hunnable, hon. sec. Braintree Show, and I shall esteem it a favour if you will point this out to them, as I cannot write to each one personally.

A printer's error has occurred in our schedule. The novice classes should read "confined to members," writes Mr. John S. Harris, hon. sec. Dysart C.B.S. Will anyone who has been overlooked for schedules kindly write me at Victoria Bar, Dysart?

The Partick and Dis. C.B.C. will hold their annual show on Nov. 4, when Mr. J. W. Bruce (Coldstream) will judge the Canary Section and Mr. J. Morland (Bainsford) the British, Mule, and Foreign Bird Section, writes Mr. Wm. Priest, the sec.

Up to time of writing I have not received a single entry in the Cage Bird Section (12 classes) for our show being held October 26th; consequently we are compelled to extend to Sunday morning's post, writes Mr. A. C. Pilbeam, hon. sec. of the Luton F.S. I cannot understand this dearth of entries, as there are four prizes, viz., 10s., 5s., 3s., and 2s., for a 1s. 9d. fee, in every class

Schedules for our members' second annual show, fixed for November 1st next, have been sent to all members, writes Mr. F. W. Capell, sec., Croydon and Dist. F.A. Should any have miscarried will members please communicate at once with me?

A lecture will be given at the Hand and Shuttle Inn, Dudley Hill, on Oct. 24, at 7.30 p.m., by Mr. T. Bennett (of Bradford); subject, "The Exhibition Canary: How it is bred and who breeds it," writes Mr. W. Walker, sec. of the Tong and Dis. C.B.S.

Kindly thank all who have written me for schedules for our coming show, writes Mr. J. Wilson, sec. of the Malton, Norton, and Dis. F.S. I have not received them from the printers yet, but will forward to all last year's exhibitors as soon as possible.

We have secured for our show, writes Mr. G. M. Nelson, sec., Warrington C.B.S., a splendid room, nicely heated, and possessing plenty of light. It is very central, about four minutes from either station. A committee of experienced fanciers will look after the birds.

Mr. Peter Vickers, 6, Ormskirk Road, Newtown, Wigan, writes that he will call a meeting on Oct. 21, to be held at J. T. Bibby's New Inn, Newtown, the chief business being the formation of a Linnet club. All intending members are asked to be present at eight o'clock prompt.

Mr. Cruise is still a member of the Great Horton O.S., although his name is not in the Union book, writes Mr. J. Holroyd, the sec. It has been left out by mistake. The members' show, to be held on October 28th, will be at 8 o'clock, and not at 3 o'clock, as stated in the schedules.

OBITUARY.

I am sorry to inform you of the death of Mrs. J. Harrison, wife of Mr. J. Harrison, better known in the Fancy as "Old Jacky," writes Mr. W. Hopwood, secretary of the Denton and Dis. C.B.S. Mrs. Harrison passed away on October 8th, after a very long and painful illness. Deceased has always been a willing worker for her husband, and she will be greatly missed by him. The sympathy of the members goes out to Mr. Harrison and family in their sad bereavement.

Mr. J. R. Colville, sec. of the Ashton-under-Lyne C.B.S., also writes expressing the heartfelt sympathy of his and other Lancashire and Cheshire societies with Mr. Harrison, whom he refers to as "a special friend of the novice."

Mr. W. APPLETON (West Hartlepool).

It is with deep regret that I have to announce the death of Mr. W. Appleton, one of the most esteemed members of the Hartlepools C.B.S., writes Mr. E. Woodhead, the secretary. Whilst following his employment on the North-Eastern Railway it is surmised that he slipped and was crushed to death by a moving train. He was of a retiring disposition, and most amiable; and it was always a real pleasure to meet him and discuss any birdy topic that came up. He was a real fancier, and he had had this year the most successful season with his stock, and was looking forward with considerable hopes of success to winning at our show on October 28. We are sure that all who knew him will be extremely sorry to hear of his death at such an early age, and will readily extend to his wife and family their unfeigned sympathy.

Owing to circumstances over which we had no control, writes Mr. G. Havver, sec. of the Blaydon-on-Tyne C.B.S., we have had to change the room for our annual show. The place we have secured—the old National Schools—is large and well-lighted, and is within three minutes' walk of the station. We were refused the Drill Hall at the last moment.

Will all who had tickets to sell please return same or send cash, so that I can settle all accounts before next meeting? writes Mr. A. L. Priest, hon. sec. Clapham C.B.A. Show. Allow me to thank Cage Birds for such a fine report of our show; it is the very best we could have. I have every hope of our accounts coming out on the right side.

Our schedules have been sent out, write Messrs. Bishop and Colton, hon. secs. of the Sheffield O.S. Will anyone overlooked please send a postcard to 69, Alexandra Road, Sheffield? The classification is excellent, with 22s. per class prize-money, and money specials for best bird, most points, and 2nd most points in each section; also numerous other specials.

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It was a pleasant surprise last week for us to see our photo on the front page of Cage Birds, for which we heartily thank you. We wish Cage Birds great success, as it is the best birdie paper on sale.—McGillivray Bros. (Bo'ness).

The Northern Yorkshire C.C. 1911-12 handbook contains the rules of the Club, a list of the specials for the ensuing show season, and the names and addresses of the members. The sec. (to whom applications for membership should be made) is Mr. R. Tindale, 14, Affleck Street, Gateshead-on-Tyne.

I have received over seventy letters and postcards asking for schedules, writes Mr. W. H. Mugford, sec. of the London C.B.A. Kindly inform the applicants that same will be despatched as soon as they are received from the printers. Envelopes have, I may add, been addressed in readiness.

A very neatly got-up handbook is that of the Open Norwich Plainhead C.C., which contains among other features, the rules of the club, a list of the competitions and specials for the ensuing season, the members' names and addresses, and the 1910-11 balance-sheet. The secretary is Mr. O. Mitchell, 13, Lodge Terrace, Bowling, Bradford.

Owing to the numbers running consecutively throughout the show, writes Mr. H. Boothman, sec., Manchester and Northern Counties O.S., we shall not be sending out class labels until Tuesday next. I have already received several entries, so that the senders will know that we have not forgotten to forward labels

Schedules have been posted for the open six British bird classes at our show on Oct. 28, writes Mr. J. Atkinson, sec. of the City of Wakefield O.S. Anyone omitted can be supplied with one on forwarding a card to me at 53, Queen Street, Wakefield. A special of 2s. 6d. has been given for most points gained by the 4th birds, this special having been given since schedules were sent out.

Mr. Fox, sec. of the East Ham C.B.S., writes that Mr. W. Smith, a member, has met with a nasty accident. Seeing the horses attached to a van run away, he went in pursuit, and at great risk successfully checked them, but not before the van had passed over his ankles. He is confined to his bed, and may unfortunately miss the annual show of Nov. 4. His fellow-members and brother fanciers wish him a speedy recovery.

Schedules for our open show on Oct. 28 have been sent out to all known fanciers, writes Mr. J. H. Mitchell, sec. of the Codnor Park and Eastwood C.B.S. Will anyone overlooked, and who would like one, kindly send me a postcard at once? I have not received the applications for schedules I should have liked, seeing we are giving 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. as prize-money; and have engaged a popular judge.

Applications for schedules have been strong, writes Mr. J. C. Bell, sec., Border City (Carlisle) O.S. Any intending competitor not having received a schedule can send on entries, and I will classify. We have received from that talented young artist, Master Meekley, of Carlisle, a beautiful water-colour of two even-marked Borders for competition; it will be awarded to best bird in even-marked Border class.

Where is the Ardwick C.B.S.?

What has become of the Ardwick and Dist. C.B.S., writes Mr. A. E. Long, for one never sees a report of their meetings now. Have they stuck in the moult and need a tonic? At one time they seemed a promising young society. Buck up, Ardwick!

Changes of Addresses.

Secretaries and others are asked to note the following changes of addresses:—Mr. H. B. Rout (late chairman of the East Ham C.B.S.), from East Ham to 128, St. Mary's Road, Sheffield; Messrs. R. Todd and Son from Lock Street to 19, Westmorland Street, Darlington; Mr. W. Clements, from Stepney to 259, Church Road, Leyton, N.E.; and Mr. H. J. Chittenden from Bolton Woods to 53, Carlisle Street, Manningham, Bradford.

Sending Canaries to India

Last week a correspondent wrote concerning the sending of Roller Canaries to India, and asking for advice. Messrs. Van Oppen and Co., Ltd. (90 and 91, Batholomew Close, London, E.C.), inform us that if he will communicate with them they will be pleased to arrange his shipment. This firm will undertake the consignment of birds to all parts of the world, it should be noted.

The Norwich Plainhead Club.

Mr. T. Sandiford, Preston, is giving for competition at Manchester Show a gold medal, value 25s., for the hottest coloured bird fed on Sandiford's feed belonging to a member of the N.P.C. The annual meeting of the Club is to be held at four o'clock at Manchester Show. I shall be glad to receive notice of any business which members may desire to bring up at the meeting. Members, by the way, competing for the above medal should mark their entries "Sandiford" on entry forms.—Jno. Hopkins, sec., N.P.C.

The Recent Norwich Show.

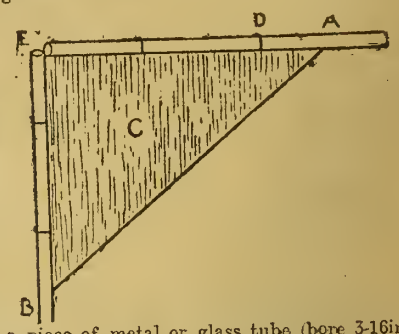
I am sorry to inform you that Mr. Roll, our secretary, was taken with a sharp attack of influenza just before the show closed, writes Mr. W. W. Freestone, the chairman, and the doctor ordered him to bed for a few days. He asks me to state that if all goes well with him he hopes to pay out all sale and prize money by the end of next week. [We are sure fanciers will join in wishing Mr. Roll, than whom there is no more popular and hard-working a secretary, a speedy restoration to health.—Editor.]

Illustrated Ideas

No. 548.
A Useful Spray.

Sent by Mr. W. Cook, 68, Oakwood Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

I send you a sketch of a spray which can be easily and cheaply made, and which will be found useful. The spray blows out a fine cloud of misty vapour from a cup or bottle of salt water, as advised in "Canary Breeding for Beginners" for a hen that will not feed. A

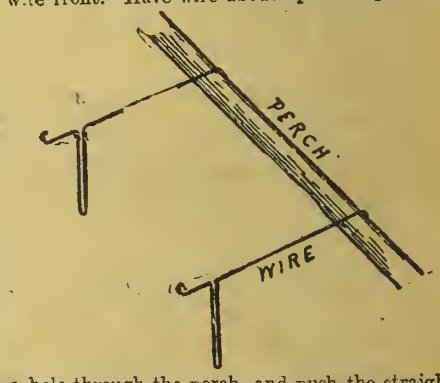


is a piece of metal or glass tube (bore 3-16in.); B is a piece of same (bore ⅛in.); C is a corner piece of ½in. wood; and D four staples made of hairpin ends cut off to fix tubes at proper angle. The tube B must come halfway across the mouth of tube A at point E, as shown.—Wm. Cook.

No. 549.
An Easily-made Perch.

Sent by Mr. J. J. Perry, 75, Blundell Street, Caledonian Road, London, N.

I enclose sketch of an easily made perch suitable for drinker and seed holes of breeding and show cages. It is made by bending cage wire similar to those which hold seed glasses, but instead of having the straight piece hanging on the front rail, bend it hook fashion to fit on wire front. Have wire about 2½ins. long. Drill



a hole through the perch, and push the straight piece of wire 2½ins. long through the hole. Then bend over similar to staple and drive in flush one at each end. This perch can be made to any length, and is easily taken out for cleaning purposes; it is also very rigid.—J. J. Perry.

Since schedules were printed we have received three extra specials from Mr. W. Hughes (Liverpool), viz., 2s. 6d. for 2nd most points in classes 71 to 73 (Belgians), 2s. for 2nd most points in classes 74 and 75 (Scotch), and 3s. for most points in classes 82 to 86 (Green Borders), writes Mr. H. Boothman, sec. of the Manchester and N.C.O.S. There is also a bound volume of the "Red Magazine" for the best Canary in amateur and novice (members) classes.

A consignment of extremely rare and beautiful Indian birds has just been landed by Messrs. De Von and Co., the well-known importers, of Bethnal Green Road, London, E. Included were 28 Sunbirds (the Purple and the Amethyst-rumped species), and the fine condition of these tiny exotic creatures bore testimony to the great care with which they had been treated en route. The other birds include a rare Red-eyed Barbet, Blue-cheeked Barbets, Shamas, Orioles, Golden-fronted Fruiteuckers, Pied and Hill Mynahs, Parrakeets, etc. All are in fine order, and we expect will soon find quarters in the aviaries of English lovers of these beautiful foreign species.

We anticipate a warm welcome from bird-keepers for the fine specialities now being put upon the market by the world-renowned firm of Molassine, Ltd. (28, Mark Lane, London, E.C.), some of which will be found advertised in this issue of Cage Birds. Molassine, Ltd., have taken over the very old-established business of Welhams, and their "Canarydine" Bread has a reputation extending over many years as an ideal food for Canaries and other birds at all seasons, and during the breeding and moulting seasons in particular, when its restorative properties are peculiarly valuable. Their Parrot Food is another speciality of unquestionable excellence; likewise "Larko" as a food for members of the Lark family to secure health and song. Readers should make a point of applying at once to Molassine, Ltd., at the address above given, for full particulars of these fine foods, and for the address of their nearest local agent. They will be well pleased with the results obtained.

Round the Hardbill Classes.

By T. JOHNSON (Southport).

An Object Lesson Upon Show Points and Show Condition.

Imaginary Conversation between an "Old Hand" and a "Raw Novice"

Peter and I, intent on having a last look at the season's champions before they commence to enjoy a well-earned rest, arrive in London on our way to the Crystal Palace Show. Having safely negotiated the journey to Sydenham Peter leaves me at the door of the show enclosure to have a look at his beloved Yorkshires, while, my own fancy being chiefly British, I make a move in the direction of that section. I have just bent down to admire the Goldies, when I receive a poke in the ribs, and I turn to face the son of an old bird fancier with whom, before he departed this life, I was on very intimate terms—in fact we were "bosom pals" in the exhibition world.

"Good morning! Mr. W——; I see you have managed to get down to the Palace!"

"Good morning, Jack. Yes! I am here again! There are very few Palace shows I fail to get to see; but I didn't think I should meet you here."

"No! Well, you see, I happened to have a couple of days to spare and a shilling or two in my pocket, so I thought I would have a run down for the day."

"But of what interest is a bird show to you? You don't mean to say you have taken the fever?"

"Yes; and I've got it pretty bad, too. I came down, in fact, to see if I could pick either a few birds up or a little knowledge. I have taken quite a fancy to the British, that is, the Seedeaters."

Consider the Classification.

"Well! at that rate, Jack, I could perhaps be of service to you. Of course, you are thinking of exhibiting? Well, then, you will want a team of seedeaters."

"Yes! I suppose I shall want one or two of each variety."

"Yes! But you must study the classification at the various shows. For instance, some societies only have one class for British—softbills and seedeaters mixed. Fancy a Redpoll against a Magpie, or Cornish Chough! It is a farce. And then societies grumble because the classes don't fill. Others provide two classes; one for Hardbills and one for Softbills. What chance has a Linnet, or even a Goldie, against a good Hawfinch? I have seen a Bullie in a mixed class that would simply walk away with first prize in his own class, but he doesn't even get a ticket. He is beaten by a Yellowhammer that is perhaps only third-rate. Mixed classes are not fair to the judges, much less to the exhibitors. But I don't suppose you want to hear me grumble about societies and judges—you want to know something about the birds."

"Oh! I don't in the least mind you blowing a bit of your superfluous steam off; it's all very interesting to me. I know it is a vexed question."

"Yes! Of course, a good few shows provide a decent classification, and here at the Palace you have a very extensive classification. So you have to prepare accordingly. But, Jack, don't have more birds than you can look after comfortably."

"Of course, I don't want too many, although I have a good-sized bird house."

Some Points & Failings of the Goldie.

"Well! Suppose we start at the Goldfinches Now, look at this first prize bird. Isn't he a beauty? Look at his splendid blaze. He is a grand colour, a jonque, and shines like satin. Now, in choosing a Goldie, Jack, get a good big one, but not too big, or he might be taken for a foreigner. See that he has a big square blaze, extending well behind the eyes."

"Excuse me a minute, Mr. W——, but just explain what is meant by square blaze?"

"Let us see if we can find one of the other sort. Here you are. See this one? He's a bonny bird, but you will notice that his blaze looks as if it had had the under corners sandpapered off?"

"Yes! It certainly does, when you compare it closely with the winner."

"In choosing, see also that he has plenty of 'tan' on his sides and good wing bars and moons. Have one that carries himself well, and is a good natural colour. You notice this one? See how he crouches at the back of the cage? That won't do. They must come boldly to the wires."

The Bullfinch's Nationality.

"Now here come the Bullfinches. When choosing a Bullie, Jack, get one fairly large, of good shape, with a broad chest and a big massive head, breast colour as rich as possible, back a nice tinge of grey, rump white, and the cap clear cut and dense black. Be sure not to get one with a cap cut like a dog's hind leg, in and out. The outline must be distinct; what we call 'clean cut.'"

"But, Mr. W., look at this one. To my mind he is the best Bullie in the class, and he doesn't even get a card."

"Yes; He is a beauty, Jack, but I suppose the judge had a suspicion he was a Russian, so he passed him."

"But do you mean to say that they show Russians in the British classes? I don't think it fair."

"Jack, lad, you will get used to it. If you can lay hold of a Russian that is just big enough—mind you, only just big enough—for a Britisher, by all means buy him. I suspect the owner of this one has done the same, only he's just overdone it. Perhaps the bird has grown since he got him."

"Oh! But I don't like the idea."

No; neither do I. We all have scruples when we start, but we all grow out of them. So you may as well make your mind easy.

The Show Linnet.

"Look at the Linnets; here, Jack, you have a greater quantity to choose from than almost any other variety, but you get fewer real good show birds from them in proportion, so it behoves you to keep your weather eye open. First, you must have size; as big a bird as you can get. You needn't be afraid of disqualification here. See that he has a big, massive, round head, like a Norwich. Shape of body similar to the Norwich, only more upright in pose, and he must taper from the shoulders to the tail like a wedge.

"The markings must be clear; that is, there must be a distinction between the body colour and the 'pencilling' or 'ticking.' No light breaks on the breast, the markings to start at the throat and continue right to the root of tail. Also the markings should begin on the head, and continue right down the back. See that he has good whites in his wings and tail—what we call "well struck." Finally, be sure his colour is all right."

The Feathered Bulldog.

"Now come and look at the Greenfinches. The Greenie is my favourite, Jack; so, of course, I advise you to have one. This first prize winner—isn't he a beauty? Look what a massive head he has—a head like a bulldog with a pointed nose. Isn't he in colour a nice grass green, with wing flights as yellow as a Canary? Look at his shape. Now, Jack, here's where you want plenty of chest and body, with nothing behind and nothing underneath—except a yellow tail, well folded. Choose a jonque; although a first-class mealy can always hold his own. Get one with a bold eye, like a Game cock, and don't colour feed him. To my mind the latter spoils a Greenie.

(To be continued.)



A PROBLEM OF THE HOUR.
Where shall we let our "topper" shine?

My Experiences of Canary Breeding

By R. CHARLESON (Leigh).

A lecture recently given before the Leigh and Dist: C.B.S.

Mr. Chairman and fellow members: Having been asked to give my experience in the breeding and management of Canaries, I thought I would do my best to write a paper dealing with the methods I adopt in my own birdroom. I daresay there may be a few things mentioned that you older fanciers do not approve of, but if so I shall be very glad if you will speak out and so enlighten me and perhaps a few others who use the same methods.

A Futile Attempt.

A friend of mine wanted some glazing and painting done, and for the work he said he would give me two German hens—a price which I thought then a good one; but since knowing their value—well, I think I was badly paid. However, I thought well of the two hens, and although I was told they wouldn't breed till the spring, I was very anxious about it, so I asked my father-in-law (Mr. G. Slater) if he would lend me a cock bird that he had in a hanging cage, the only bird he then had. He lent it me, and then I started; hut alas! I could get no youngsters at Christmas time, so I gave it up, and parted with the hens to Mr. Hart for a hammer. That completed my first attempt.

Trouble Well Repaid.

The next start I had was hy taking a hanging cage to a fancier and getting two common hens for it, worth as I know now—ahout nothing to anyhody. Wishing to start breeding, and as the birds could hardly hreathe for asthma, I took them hack and exchanged them for one, and then I hought another two. I also bought a cock hird for 3s. 6d., but sold it again very soon, as I was told to start with good birds, these needing no more to keep than bad ones. I asked my informant what he would let me have two cock hirds for; of course I thought he was going to put me well on the road. He said, "One 6s. and the other 10s." I hought them, and getting a bit enthusiastic I thought I would visit the first members' show, which I did; hut I could see in a moment that I had been "had" as regards my hirds being of the Norwich type. But heing quite satisfied to stop where I was for a hit, I started to pair up; though I am sorry to say that one of the cocks would not fertilise any eggs. The other did very well, and I hred 27 youngsters from 3 hens. That is what I call being well paid, as regards the trouble.

I took very little notice of the hirds' cages being dirty, or of their water heing green with slime, etc., and although I strongly advocate cleanliness now, I must say I seemed to have far hetter luck then with all the dirt.

I kept on with common birds, getting more and more experience with them, until my father-in-law seemed to get discouraged with his exhibition Yorkshires not having any luck with their breeding; I thought it was owing to the room getting too uneven in temperature. I strongly advise keeping the room at one temperature if possihle, either hy opening the window in summer time or by lighting the gas jet in winter. I say this hecause most of us have gas and no stoves; I don't know which is the hest, because I have only used gas. I asked my father-in-law to let me have his hirds at our house, which he did. That was the time I considered myself Canary hreeding properly.

Starting with the cages—I may say I like good roomy ones. I have two kinds of perches; the one I have here I like the best as the red mites do not collect at the ends. I always limewash my cages twice a year, once hefore commencing to hreed and then after the moult, as I think plenty of lime is good for them.

The Method of Pairing.

I have no stated time for commencing to pair. I always look to my hirds to tell me that. When I see a hen flapping her wings and hopping from one perch to the other, I know she is ready, and when I see a cock singing vigorously every time he spots a hen I know he is ready; and together they have to go, providing they are right in other respects, and the weather and time of year are favourahle.

I have always used one cock with two or even three hens, and have never found anything wrong. But I have often thought that better hirds could be hred (stronger hirds, I mean) by using one cock to one hen, providing we could afford to keep them idle. Another thing about running one cock with three hens is, I think, that it gives the hens a hetter chance of settling down to their duties; also you haven't as many cocks singing away then and therefore making the hens ready to nest again hefore they sit their time out.

I always take the eggs away as they are laid until the hen has laid her third egg; then I put the other two back; and I remove the cock in the evening of the third day. I keep the hen on plain canary seed during the time of incuhating for ten days; then I give a little egg food. I give the hath to her ahout three or four times during that time, as I think it helps to soften the shells. When No. 1 hen has hatched her eggs and the cock is at liberty I always put him hack to help to feed the young, but care must he taken to see that he doesn't pluck them out of the nest or molest the hen; if he does, out he has to come, and jolly quick, too.

For feeding I use a hard-boiled egg to a thick slice of hread; hut sometimes I use thick hiscuits. Green food I give in abundance, such as lettuce, watercress, chickweed, and young dandelion leaves. I never give them old leaves as I think these are too rank for them; and all green food that is not eaten must be pulled out at night, so that it will not be eaten stale in the morning, and then prove detrimental to the young hy causing diarrhœa.

(To be continued.)

Wild-Bird Life.

In the Woods.

The Robin and the Hedge Sparrow are practically the only birds of our many species who are at the present time favouring us with song. The unobtrusive hedge bird can be heard at any time in the day, but his little trilling song is particularly noticeable before daylight, and upon foggy mornings he is especially assertive. On the other hand, the Robin is always to the fore at the close of day. It is then we particularly notice him flitting about the garden, now on the fence, then on the branches of a fruit tree, warbling his cheery music, and making his presence felt by a bow and flit of his tail. Most of them by now have settled their differences of proprietorship, and each has taken up his abode upon the special strip of garden or orchard he has fought for, being now ready to bully any feathered being his own size, or a little larger. The woodlands are almost sorrowful in their silence, although the leaves are fast changing from green to gold, and giving us glimpses of sylvan splendour between the stems. We sadly miss the music of the birds. We no longer pause to listen to the flute-like melody of the Blackcap, the gushing song of the Whitethroat, or the peculiar cadence of the graceful Willow Warbler. But although these are missing from their once familiar haunts, the woods are not entirely deserted. The Ring Dove, one might almost say, is ever present, either feeding among the acorns upon the ground, or with noisy flapping hustling away through the branches. Chaffinches are numerous, and when disturbed make for the nearest branch and proceed leisurely to clean the beak, with an air of contentment, after a good meal. A happy party of Long-tailed Tits chase each other from tree to tree; they feed as they go, and are easily followed by the human who is at all curious or interested in their habits. Among the tall pines little troops of Goldcrests can be more frequently heard than seen; so small do they look up in the sky that one feels somehow that they are hardly safe, and should be nearer the earth like other small fry for fear of falling. Occasionally the soft piping note of the handsome Bullfinch can be heard from the thicker branches.

Questions and Answers.

DOUBTS AND DIFFICULTIES SOLVED BY SPECIALISTS.

[For Rules see last week's issue, page 226.]

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by Claude St. John.

Norwich Four-in-Hand.

J. H. Richmond.—(1) It is quite possible for greens and clears, either yellow or buff, to be bred in the same nest, if this is what you mean. But as a rule when greens occur in a nest, clears or lightly ticked birds are in the minority. When breeding greens as a variety, greens, either selfs, or a self and broken, are usually matched together. A green is also occasionally introduced into clears to improve natural colour. (2) Yes, the fundamental types, yellow and buff, occur in greens just the same as in clears. (3) This question is rather vague. If you mean is it usual to mate a clear with a green, or two greens, when breeding greens is the object in view, the answer is in the negative. You will find the usual course given in No. 1. For full detailed information on all these three points you should get Part XIII. of "Our Canaries." (4) Sorry we cannot give addresses here. The best course I can advise you to adopt is to consult the list of prominent breeders and exhibitors in "Cage Birds Annual" and note the addresses of a few breeders within your reach, then you could either write them at once asking for an appointment in case they have stock for disposal, or watch our advert. columns and write them as soon as they begin to offer their surplus stock. There are many breeders in London, and doubtless any of them would make a business-like appointment and show you their stock.

Norwich and Border Songsters (J.M.W.).—I do not consider there is the same necessity for limiting the staple diet of these birds solely to rape, as is the case with pure Rollers. As a matter of fact I never keep Rollers solely on that system, which, in my opinion, applies only in its entirety to highly bred and trained contest singers. Of course, you might try the system on a portion of your stock and note the effect. But for the rest, I would rather advise you not to go beyond a staple of two parts canary to one part summer rape for the Norwich, or equal parts canary and rape for the Borders, with the usual extras frequently named in this column.

Trouble with Eyes (H. Tite).—The treatment mentioned in last reply may still be carried out, as it will tone up the system and may possibly help to do good. If the spot you mention in the eye has a milky-white appearance the bird is practically blind in that eye, and this, of course, would largely account for its listlessness. You might bathe it daily for a few days with a decoction of poppy head, to a teaspoonful of which add half a teaspoonful of boracic acid to relieve any inflammation which seems to be present. After this no treatment will be of further use. If you keep the bird by itself in a fair sized cage, with the perches and seed and water vessels all conveniently arranged for the bird, and easily get-at-able, it will get along quite cleverly in a short time, and will probably suffer no physical pain. Therefore, there is really no necessity to destroy it, as you have an aversion to that course.

CANARY QUERISTS

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping (1/1); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

Much Improved (Miss G.K.).—Glad to hear the hen has so much improved. Keep her fairly warm, in as equable a temperature as possible, to get the moult over as quickly and completely as possible within reason; then I have no doubt she will go on quite well afterwards. Gradually revert to a plainer regimen as soon as she seems quite able to maintain the improvement without the special dietary, and also give a little aperient once a week for a time to prevent her laying on too much fat.

Two Ailing Norwich (J. Gallasher).—Keep the birds in a fairly comfortable temperature, not necessarily very warm, nor yet very cold, but free from draughts or fumes of burning lights. Feed on a staple of plain canary only. Every second day give half a teaspoonful of summer rape separately, and on the alternate days for a fortnight a similar quantity of crushed stale sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it and sprinkled with maw seed. Three times a week give a spray of green food. In the drinking water give six drops each of dandelion juice and syrup of buckthorn every second day for a week, and in the following week six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day.

How to Feed (Miss A. Pugh).—A free supply of groundsel is not advisable at this season. Feed as follows for a month: Staple diet, plain canary only. In addition give separately every second day half a teaspoonful of summer rape. On the intervening days give twice a week the same quantity of crushed sponge cake with three drops of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it and sprinkled with maw. Once a week a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, millet, and teazle, and four times a week a small spray of chickweed, watercress, or morsel of sweet apple or banana. Bathe legs and feet quite clean in warm water, and if claws are overgrown trim them to a reasonable length. Give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid in the water every second day for a week.

Aviary and Poppy Seed (T. W., Belfast).—(1) When you say you have built an aviary which is airtight, I take it you mean that it is draught-proof. If it were literally airtight it would not be a suitable place for any living creature. It must be properly ventilated, so that the foul air is being constantly discharged and fresh pure air admitted, and this should be done without causing any cold draughts about the cages. If the birds have hitherto been kept in a comfortable place indoors, I would not advise you to place them in the aviary until next spring. But you ought to have described the construction of aviary for anything more definite than this. (2) You certainly overlooked the reply to your previous question about poppy seed. I clearly remember replying to it from the fact that you wrote it before, as now, "Puppy seed," though I cannot lay my hands on issue containing the reply. I have used poppy seed in a small way as a substitute for the maw of commerce without any ill-effect, and do not think it would be at all harmful to use in that way. (3) Give the hen six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence in the water every second day for a week, and then six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid for two days. Meanwhile feed on a quite plain diet.

Protracted Moulting (L. J. Barber).—Does the cage hang high up near the ceiling, or where the head of the kitchen fire or the gas affects it? If so, this is the chief cause of the trouble. Covering the cage when the gas is lit is useless if it is anywhere near and above the jet, as the fumes will penetrate the cover. Hang it in a nice bright position, not too near the fire, quite away from, and not above level of, the gas jet, where the temperature is equable, and no cold draught can reach it. Give a staple diet of three parts canary to one part summer rape. Twice a week a pinch of mixed seeds, and every second day for a fortnight half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver emulsion mixed in it. Give a little green food or fruit three times a week. In the drinking water give the aperient advised to "T. W., Belfast," for three days, then dissolve a drachm of ammoniated citrate of iron and quinine in an ounce of sherry, and give 15 drops of this in the water every second day until the moult is stopped.

Value of Songster (Roller).—This is a matter for yourself to decide. Technically, the bird would be worth what a willing purchaser, having heard its performance, will give. The price you gave for its father is really no guide, because pure Rollers vary a good deal in their aptitude for acquiring a really high class faultless song. If the youngster is really a free singer and free from harsh, choppy notes, I think a fair average price to expect would be somewhere about 7/6 to 10/6.

Breeding for Song (Redcap).—The cross you purpose making—Roller cocks and Yorkshire hens—will certainly be a considerable improvement on the song of the Yorkshires, and the appearance of the Rollers. Still, you must not expect the young crossbreds to be quite up to the standard of pure Rollers for singing. By removing the young cocks to a different room away from the hens, and keeping a good "schoolmaster" among them from the first until you could spare a more liberal supply of tutors from the breeding cages, and strictly isolating the young cocks all through from the sound of any ordinary singing Canary, you will come as near the pure Roller song as it is possible to do in a first cross, and by keeping the most expert singers for breeding and re-crossing on both sides to keep up colour, size, and shape, as well as vocal abilities, the birds will rapidly improve all round each season.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES, AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. Weston.

Hybrid Breeding (Nature).—The best plan of all with regard to the production of hybrids undoubtedly is to provide a small aviary containing shrubs (plenty of shelter) for each couple. Unfortunately not many of us are in a position to erect a series of such aviaries, so we have to be content with the provision of a good, large cage for each pair; and this is unquestionably the second best method. Your cages (26 by 20 by 12 inches) are a fair size, though not quite to my liking in this respect. I would prefer them at least 30 inches long (my own are 36 to 40) and 16 inches wide (front to back). You cannot really "trust" any hen British bird to hatch out and rear the young in a cage. There are a good number of instances on record of them having done so, however. Your couples read alright; I hope they will breed alright.

For Greypates (S.L.B.).—Yes; Greypates (young Goldfinches) should certainly have their seed crushed when first caged. I give crushed seed to my own for a considerable time after they have come into my possession. My stock mixture is teazle two parts, canary and linseed one part each. When about to feed I add an equal bulk of cracked hemp and a good proportion (about a quarter of the bulk) of well crushed safflower. These I crack fresh daily. At first I give a supply of niger seed in a separate dish, gradually reducing it and then leaving it off entirely. The great point is to get really good sound hemp seed. This is not so easy as many people think; and inferior seed will soon kill Goldfinches, which, of course, feed chiefly on hemp. With regard to the Siskin, the absence of a "bib" is not a sexual sign—in fact, very few cocks have a bib. The hen is very pale in colour all over compared to the cock, and generally much more heavily laced on flanks and breast—she is grey, with here and there indications of a yellowish-green tint amongst the plumage.

In a Greenhouse (T.H.B.).—The temperature in a greenhouse usually varies very considerably—extreme heat in the rays of the sun, then very cold by comparison at night. This variation is not conducive to the well-being of birds. Neither is a moist atmosphere; and this generally obtains where plants are also kept in the place. Probably, however, you could make adequate arrangements as regards ventilation, and contrive effective shelter from the heat of the summer sun. An outside flight would be a fine addition to the place. I shouldn't have thought you would have found it necessary to match-board any of the outside; still, you are the best judge, for I do not know what type of greenhouse it is. To wire-net all the glass portion is an absolutely essential precaution.

A Spare Room (Amateur Kippax).—(1) I cannot possibly tell you whether your spare room will accommodate 24 Finches until you tell me the size of the room. It ought to do; but I have seen "spare" rooms which have been very spare indeed in the matter of floor space. They will just hold the servant—if she's a very small servant! (2) Don't give a stock mixture; a very wasteful method. Give each of the principal seeds in a separate dish or hopper—canary, teazle, hemp, summer rape, and sunflower. The other seeds can be given mixed, as a change, now and again; likewise wild seeds. (3) Arrange plenty of small perches round the walls, high up; these will be favourite roosting spots. A bundle of pea-sticks will provide material for the erection of useful and more or less artistic cover and perching places in the corners of the room. Swings and other forms of perches can be fixed in the centre. The best form of bath I have found to be a big, shallow, rough (not glazed) dish or trough, and it should stand on a zinc tray which is considerably larger, the latter keeping the floor dry. Note reply to "Aviary" this week.

About Thrush Food (E.R.C.).—I fancy you have in part misconstrued my remarks. It was the barley meal to which I took exception—excellent stuff for pigs, but I think easily to be bettered as a food for softbilled birds. Try a bag of a good brand of puppy meal or dog food (such as "Melox" or Spratts); this costs but about a shilling for 7lbs. so is very economical. Crush about a dessertspoonful; put it in a cup and add just sufficient boiling water to thoroughly soften it; then mix in (dry) sufficient of the packet Thrush food you mention to bring it to the requisite crumbly moist state for feeding to the bird. The finished food does not want to be "sloppy"—a sticky mass—as no bird will relish it in this state. You will soon find out the right quantity to start to prepare for either one bird or three or four. It should be made fresh daily; in hot weather it *must* be. Of course, chopped green-food, etc., ripe fruit, and the like can be given as usual.

Fitting Up An Aviary (Aviary).—This is too extensive a matter to deal with adequately in the query columns. You should read an article upon aviary fitting and management which has appeared in one of our back numbers; or get Mr. Norman's book upon the fitting-up and management of bird-rooms and aviaries. The latter is fully illustrated (sketches of fittings, etc.). Note reply to "Amateur, Kippax" this week. In last week's Cage Birds and the previous issue I dealt with the breeding of hybrids by means of more or less birds turned into an aviary. I gave it as my opinion, and stated my reason for thinking so, that this was a very uncertain way of trying to produce hybrids. One very great difficulty lies in the uncertainty of the hens bringing up any young birds which may chance to hatch. You might turn into your place two Goldies, two Linnets, one Bramblefinch, one Lesser Redpoll, one Mealy Redpoll (cocks), and two Bullfinches, one Siskin, one Chaffinch, one Twite, two Greenfinches (hens). I do not know whether you desire to put Canaries in. Wire netting is best for the front (any glass would need to be protected with feeding to the bird. The finished food does not perching places if fixed about the place. Evergreens (box, privet, holly, ivy, etc.) are the best shrubs.

Identity of Berries (Bullfinch Lover).—The berries sent are privet-berries. I recommend them practically every week as a grand thing for Bullfinches.

A Weed (W.H.).—The weed sent is one of the Persicarias. The seeds are eagerly eaten by Linnets and many other of our Finches. If by "Finches," however, you mean, Goldfinches, then you will not find these birds partial to this seed—they prefer thistle and the like, though some will eat a little of it when it is thoroughly ripe.

More Weeds (Cymro A.B.).—(1) This is part of a seed spike of one of the wild mignouettes. Have never tried feeding birds on this seed. (2) This reached me as just a bit of dry stalk (no seed-pods, no leaves), and so impossible of identification. (3) This is one of the cress group, but you do not send sufficient to permit of more precise identification (must have leaves, etc.). The seeds of this group are very good for British seed-eating birds. Try your Linnets, Redpolls, Greenfinches, etc., on some.

Greypates Still (Jim Smith).—There is nothing wrong. The birds will acquire red blazes in due course. They must have been very young when you bought them. There are thousands of young Goldfinches which have not yet acquired the adult coloration. I saw a large number myself last week-end.

BRITISH BIRD & HYBRID QUERISTS

should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4 "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by Wesley T. Page, F.Z.S., etc.

Budgerigars in Glass Aviary.

Lovebird.—Yes, Budgerigars would breed in your roomy cage—it can hardly be called an aviary. Two pairs will be sufficient, and the young birds must be removed as soon as they can fend for themselves. The popular names, White-headed and Madagascar Lovebird, refer to the same species, a very attractive and handsome one. They are rather shy breeders in captivity under any conditions, but are certainly probable breeders in a roomy cage. Diet: Canary, white millet, spray millet, and a few oats, with green food, grit, cuttlebone, and water. They require leave and strips of thin bark for lining their nest log.

A Shamah's Treatment.

E. M. Horry.—A Shamah is not at all difficult to cater for. Some good soft food mixture, ten or a dozen mealworms, and any other insects you can capture—beetles, smooth caterpillars, spiders, earwigs, wasp grub, flies, etc.—will all be appreciated, and are wholesome. It ejects, like many other birds, the hard undigested portions of its food in the form of pellets. A little lettuce could be finely minced occasionally, and mixed with the greenfood. A good soft-food mixture for this species might have half its bulk ants' eggs, but this makes it more costly. Some individuals appreciate a little fruit, others will not look at it, but they cannot have too much live food, but try and capture them other things; do not depend entirely upon mealworms—this should be easy at Bournemouth. If you suspect indigestion at all, moisten its soft-food with half a teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia, but this must not be given sufficiently often to keep the voidings watery loose. The singing is most continuous in the breeding season. Soft-food mixture: One part each by measure of ants' eggs, dried flies, fine "Melox," and crushed biscuit.

Spectacled Thrush, etc. (Cardinal).—(1) The Spectacled Thrush (Trochalopterum canorum) is a ruddy brown bird, with darker striations; it has a streak above the eye and a patch surrounding the eye of pale ashy grey; bill, legs, and claws yellowish. It is a matter of taste, but I certainly consider it worth keeping. Diet: Soft food, fruit, and live insects. (2) The White-eared Conure is quite rare on the market at the present time, though a few years ago it was almost common. I do not know of any other trivial name. (3) The Blue Tanager and also the Black have been reared to maturity in this country; while young of Scarlet and Palm Tanagers have left the nest fully fledged, but have not lived to be independent of their parents. (4) There are many genera of Doves. Barbary Doves will cross with almost any species if they cannot get a mate of their own kind.

Cockatoo in Poor Plumage (Magrath).—With the exceptions given below, you must persevere with the treatment already advised, as the bird gains strength and condition the plumage will be gradually renewed. Substitute Byno-phosphates for the chemical food. Give boiled maize daily—it only keeps fresh one day—boil till soft, drain off all water, dust with flowers of sulphur, and then supply to the bird. The vegetables, etc., are not important so long as the bird is eating heartily of the other portion of its dietary. I should also continue spraying, except during very severe weather, as it will help to keep the skin soft. Shall be glad to hear how matters progress later.

Madagascar Lovebirds (L.A.K.).—In the first place you must not put birds out at this time of year, which have been kept indoors; they can go out next May and then remain out altogether. They do not need a warm room—artificial heat is not necessary, but they must not be subjected to draught; a cover at night is useful, so that you allow them proper ventilation. Let the Lovebirds fly loose in the room with the Canaries, British Finches, etc., during the winter; I do not think they will do any harm. Put up a couple of husks or small barrels, as roosting quarters for them. Canary, white and spray millet, green food, grit, cuttlehone, and water, will about meet the needs of the Lovebirds, though if they eat them, a few oats can be given as a change two or three times a week. The suggested aviary should answer well, but it is no use planting bushes in an aviary for Lovebirds and Parrakeets.

An Ailing Grey Parrot (H.J.S.).—You can substitute hyno-phosphates for the Chemical Food. Continue the other treatment as advised in our previous reply. Also give once a week, five grains of bromide of potassium dissolved in a little syrup, take away the drinking water overnight, and do not give any on the following morning till the above mixture has been sipped up. During the first week you might give two doses with a day between, but afterwards once weekly should be sufficient, continue for a month, and then report progress. Parrots mostly perch at nights regularly at one end of the perch, and it would be well to place something soft underneath, till the trouble yields to treatment, but whatever is used must be kept clean, and should not be kept in the cage during the daytime. The progress already made would appear to augur well for its recovery.

A Sick Amazon (T.W.).—Give this bird a few doses of Dinneford's Magnesia, say, one teaspoonful in two tablespoonfuls of water, every fourth day for a month, when it should be no longer necessary. A few nuts and pieces of plain biscuit may be added to your dietary, also a pinch of grit (not sand) to the daily supply of seed mixture, and keep a piece of clean cuttlebone in the cage. Note: The boiled maize only keeps fresh one day, boil till soft, drain off all water, then dust with flowers of sulphur and supply to the bird. Keep it in some airy, but not draughty, position, and it should be fit again.

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS

should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

Lovebirds, Weavers, etc. (T.L.B.).—(1) Probably, but see our reply to "Lovebird" in this issue. (2) The Combassou and Whydahs come from Africa, the former may be said to be the connecting link between the Weavers and Whydahs. There are several genera of Whydahs, the scientific name of the Combassou is Hypochœra œnea. (3) About eight pairs, so long as the birds are not larger than Zebra Finches. The following should all do well, and are handsome, showy, and interesting species, and should do well in the suggested indoor aviary:—Zebra Finches, Common Avadavats, Golden-breasted Waxbills, Green Avadavats, St. Helena Waxbills, Silverbills, Bib Finches, Ruficauda Finches, and Spicebirds. All the above should winter without difficulty, but you must arrange ventilation without draught.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 2, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

W. James.—Canary died of a contagious complaint, the milt being tremendously distended, as is common in contagious disease. It is due to a germ within the blood, but its origin is difficult of surmise. Mice are undoubtedly at times carriers of disease, and it is possible your trouble may have originated in this way. I should suggest the administration of quinine to your remaining birds for a week or two, preferably given in the form of crystals of iron and quinine purchasable at any chemist's, and given daily dissolved in water.

A. R. Rumnels-Moss.—Softening of the liver complicated with enteritis of dietetic origin.

T. Robson Charlton.—The symptoms you enumerate were evidently of pain arising from abdominal trouble, in which the digestive stomach was involved. This organ was impacted with solid matter. A suitable aperient given at the commencement might have been followed with beneficial results.

GENERAL.

Answered by The Editor.

Press Cuttings (A. Hopkinson, J. Kind, A. Peel, and others).—We are much obliged to you for sending us the newspaper cuttings.

A Hounslow Appeal (Disgusted).—We cannot entertain the publication of anonymous letters. Why do you withhold your name and address from us?

The Keeping of Snakes (Cardinal).—The contributor you mention informs us that he cannot give the desired information as he has had no experience of the keeping of snakes.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

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England.

Oct. 20 & 21.—**Newcastle.**—(J. E. Atkinson, 8, Trewhitt Road, Heaton, Newcastle-on-Tyne.). J.R., W.M., W.V., J.S.C., C.H.

Oct. 20 and 21.—**Rochdale O.S.**—(R. Blincoe, 160, Drake Street, Rochdale.) C.A.H.

Oct. 21.—**Burton-on-Trent.**—(W. Elliott, 22, Leicester Street). J.R.

Oct. 21.—**Middlesbrough.**—(A. Wake, 41, Aske Rd.). G.H., C.H.

Oct. 25.—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).**—(J. N. Jeffery, Sartor House, Winner Street). J.H.P.

Oct. 25 & 26.—**Grimsby.**—(Towl Bros., 205, Welholme Road.) W.V.

Oct. 26.—**Oxford C.B.S.**—(A. F. Fifield, 6, Buckingham St.). J.H.R.

Oct. 27 & 28.—**Wolverhampton.**—(J. Gibbons, 64, Napier-rd). J.R.

Oct. 27 & 28.—**Manchester (Belle Vue).**—(H. Boothman, 8, Kettering Rd., Levenshulme.)H.W.B., A.G.D., E.G., C.H., S.H., J.Sll.

Oct. 28.—**Derwent Valley.**—(J. Lindsay, Railway Cottages, Westwood, Medomsley, R.S.O., Co. Durham.) A.B., F.M.

Oct. 28.—**Hartlepools.**—(E. Woodhead, 38, St. Paul's Road, W. Hartlepool).—H.W.B., J.M.

Nov. 1.—**Liskeard.**—(H. Jones Robins, Market St.) J.H.P.

Nov. 1 and 2.—**Cheltenham.**—A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Avenue.) W.E.G., H.W.B., J.F.

Nov. 2.—**Tunstall.**—(H. Evans, 18, Sneyd St.). J.C.B.

Nov. 3 & 4.—**Liverpool O.S.**—(Metcalfe and Hillmen, 68, Brunswick-rd.). W.M., W.V. and A.W, W.D.

Nov. 3 & 4.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne.**—G. Havver, 1, Theresa Street.)—J.R., H.W.B.

Nov. 3 and 4.—**Sheffield O.S.**—(T. Bishop, 69, Alexandra-rd.), J.H.R., C.H.

Nov. 4.—**Cleator Moor** (J. E. Byrne, 110, Birks Road) J.Wk.

Nov. 4.—**Stockton-on-Tees.**—(J. W. Lowes, 17, Canning-st).

Nov. 4.—**York.**—(H. Thompson, 57, Nun Mill Street, Scarcroft Road.) A.H.

Nov. 4 and 6.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(A. Freestone, 19, Clarendon St.) C.H., J.R.

Nov. 7 & 8.—**Bournemouth.**—(W. O. Brooke, 102, Nortoft Road.) J.R.

Nov. 8.—**Leek.**—(J. Pegg, 2, South Portland St.).

Nov. 8.—**West Bromwich.**—(W. G. Andrews, 1, Hayes Street, Carter's Green.) J.H.P.

Nov. 8 and 9.—**Brighton.**—(Will H. Gibb, 18, Bond Street.) C.A.H.

Scotland.

Oct. 20 and 21.—**City of Glasgow.**—(A. Macdonald, 279, Crow Rd., Partick). J.H., D.L., J.Hy., A. McL., J. Wtn., J. Fg., A. C., A. Ct., G.A., J. Mn., S.W., W.S.C., J.W.B.

Oct. 21.—**Kelty and Blairadam.** — (A. Dickson, 37, Adams-terr., Kelty.) C.B.,W.M., R.B.G., W.P., W.H., A.W.W.

Oct. 21.—**Selkirkshire.**—(J. Robertson, 4, Green Terrace, Selkirk.)

Oct. 28.—**Ayr and District.**—(J. Sloan, 19, New Bridge Street). J.F.D.; A.Wn.; J.B.P.

Oct. 28.—**Dysart.**—(J. S. Harris, Victoria Bar.) J.T., R.L., J.Wr., R.G., C.W.

Nov. 4.—**Bo'ness.**—(2. Cameron, 7, Ash Terrace, Greyfriars).

Nov. 4.—**Stonehouse.**—(J. Hamilton, 30, Camnethan St.). A.C., J.P.

Nov. 4.—**Brechin.**—(G. Mitchell, 118, Montrose St.). W.B., G.Hp., J.St.

Nov. 10 & 11.—**Kirkcaldy.**—(E. McAnally, 13, St. Clair Place).

Nov. 11.—**Hamilton (Cadzow Oaks).**—(G. Marlin, 21, Glebe Street.) F.B., A.Wn., A.Wr., P.P.

Nov. 11.—**Forfar.**—(J. Fyfe, 137, East High Street.) J.Sn., W.M., A.W.W.

Wales.

Nov. 8.—**Pontypridd.**—(A. A. Gordon, McLucas, 48, Rosser St., Maesycoed).

Nov. 8 & 9.—**Swansea.**—(S. H. George, 32, Fisher Street). H.W.B., A.S.

Nov. 15 & 16.—**Cardiff.**—(W. Sampson, 93, Llanishen St.). J.H.P., J.R.

Nov. 28.—**Llanelly.**—(D. John, 9, Pottery Place). H.N., J.H.R.

Nov. 30.—**Pentrebach.**—(A. E. Brown, 66, Clare St., Merthyr Tydfil.) T.L.C.

Ireland.

Nov. 2 & 3.—**Yorks C.B.S. of Ireland.**—(C H. Holley, 66, Fitzroy Avenue, Drumcondra, Dublin.)

Nov. 9 and 10.—**Banbridge.**—(A. McCammon, Riverview.)

Dec. 1 & 2.—**Ulster O.A.**—(R. Trimble, 11, Waring Street, Belfast.) D.B., R.T., G.M.

Dec. 7 & 8.—**Larne.**—(**T. Mayne, 35, Barnhill.**) H.W.B.

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Singing Contests.

WIGAN.

Wigan Linnet Club will hold an open to all England singing contest on Oct. 28th, at the Colliers' Arms, Frog-lane, Wigan. Prizes to be given according to entrance. First pair to be hung at 2 prompt. Entries taken to last bird.—J. Ashurst, Sec.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Week-end contest held Prince Albert Inn, when 10 birds entered. Judges, Messrs. E. Wood and C. Lorriman. 1st, J. Chippendale; 2, T. Chippendale; 3, A. Binns.—E. Wood.

LEEDS.

Singing contest for quality Linnets, held Old Bird House, King's Head, Shannon-street, Oct. 14, when 19 of the best birds in Leeds sang. 1, Stead; 2, Prince; 3, Wigfield. Judges, Messrs. H. Hardcastle and J. Naylor. Also Oct. 15, when 33 birds faced the judges, Messrs. A. Jennings and Walt. Naylor. It was a treat to hear Mr. Wigfield's two birds, which sang faultlessly. 1, 2, H. Wigfield; 3, Stead; 4, J. Chadwick.— T. C. Summers, Hon. Sec.

Quality singing contest held Skinners Arms, Buslingthorpe Lane, October 14th, when 20 picked Linnets sang. 1, Ward, 2, 3, Sellars, Laycock, Richardson shared. Also October 15th, when 25 birds (best in Yorksbire) competed. 1, Sissons; 2, Ward; 3, 4, shared by Laycock and Sellars. Judges, Messrs. Grainger, Green, Thirkell. We wish Linnet fanciers not to forget last Saturday in this month. We are adding copper kettle to prize money.—C. Clayton, Hon. Sec.

SALFORD.

Meeting held Boathouse Hotel, Oct. 15. The report was read hy the delegates, who went to Leigh last Saturday, and the business done gave every satisfaction to members present, and the same delegates—Messrs. Green and Wharton—will go to Wigan (The "Colliers' Arms"), on Oct. 28, to settle finally all matches under the affiliated Lancashire Singing Clubs. Meeting for club members at headquarters, Oct. 29, at 7.30 prompt. Will any member not able to be present kindly send postcard?—B. Wharton, Hon. Sec.

LEIGH.

Another club contest held October 14th, when 20 birds entered, but the singing was again poor. We gave three prizes for each class. Winners for quality: 1, T. Statham; 2, R. Holcroft; 3, D. Banks; for time: 1, J. Statham, 49; 2, J. Budsworth, 37; 3, J. Whittle, 27. Judges for quality, Messrs. J. W. Jones and J. McAllister; for time, Messrs. J. Statham and R. Taberner. Time-keeper, Mr. R. Latham. After the contest we had a delegates' meeting re fixing dates, etc., and right well they turned up. Blackburn represented by W. H. Topping and Joe Dobson; Wigan by J. Ashurst, J. Milligan and R. Latham; Salford by B. Warton, J. Green and J. Crestwell; and Tyldsley by F. Kennedy. The whole of the delegates accepted the proposal made by the Globe club, and decided to bave a final meeting in due course. Delegates afterwards passed a vote of confidence in J. McAllister, and elected him sec. As to above business I shall report through this paper where we shall meet next, and any club outside of the above that wishes to send delegates may get all particulars by applying to J. McAllister, 1, Brunswick Street, Leigh.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Tredegar (C.B.U.).—Nov. 2, Market Hall. Judge, Mr. H. W. Battye. 27 open classes: Nor. 8 (4 nov.), Yorks. 8 (4 novice), Bord. 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Sell. 2, Brit. 5, For. 1. Prizes 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee 1s. 6d. Entries close Oct. 30, to E. W. Sutherley, 17, Church Street, Tredegar, Mon.

Pontypridd.—Nov. 8, Victoria Hall. Judge, Mr. J. N. Harrison. 15 open classes: Nor. 3, Yorks. 3, A.O.V. 1, Mule 2, Brit. 5, For. 1. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee 1s. 6d. Entries close Nov. 1, to Mr. A. A. Gordon McLucas, 48, Rosser Street, Maesycoed, Pontypridd.

Chatham.—Nov. 2 and 3, Queen's Hall, Military Road. Judge, Mr. Alderman A. E. Enfield, J.P. 18 open classes: Nor. 4, Yorks. 3, A.O.V. 1, Mule 2, Brit. 5, For. 2, Sell. 1. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee 2s. Entries close Oct. 24, to H. Wray, 22, Glencoe Road, Chatham.

Penrhiwceiber.—Nov. 2. Judge, Mr. J. Pritchard. 10 open classes: Nor. 2, Yorks. 2, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 4, For. 1. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Oct. 26, to T. J. Evans, Penuel House, Penrhiwceiber.

Kirkcudbright (open to Dumfries, Kirkcudbright, and Wigtown).—Nov. 4, Drill Hall. Judge, Mr. T. McCreadie. 17 open classes: Scot. 2, Bord. 2, Crest 1, Nor. 2, Mule 1, Brit. 4, For. 3, Sell. 2. Prizes, 8s., 4s., 2s. Fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Oct. 28, to J. G. Penny, 56, Castle Street, Kirkcudbright.

Liskeard.—Nov. 1, Public Hall and Market House. Judge, Mr. J. H. Payne. 19 open classes: Nor. 4, Yorks. 2, Crest 2, A.O.V. 1, Pair 1, Mule 1, Brit. 4, Sell. 2, Local Can. 1, Local Brit. 1. Prizes, 8s. 4s., 2s. Fee 1s. 3d. Entries close Oct. 26, to H. Jones Robins, Market Street, Liskeard.

Cheltenham (C.C.C., S.Y.C.C., E. and W.B.F.C.C., N.B.B. and M.C., F.B.C.).—Nov. 1 and 2, Drill Hall, North Street. Judges, Messrs. W. E. Greeves, H. W. Battye, and J. Frostick. 58 open classes: Crest 9, Novice Crest 2, Nor. 7, Novice Nor. 2, Yorks. 6, Novice Yorks. 2, Bord. 7, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 9, Hybs. 4, For. 4, Sell. 4, Roller 1, and 19 members' classes. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 3s., 2s. (for Crests—8 classes guaranteed by C.C.C.), remainder 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. (guaranteed, with two extra 2nds, in foreign bird classes). Fee 1s. 6d. throughout. Entries close Oct. 25, to W. Pounsett, 5, Whitecross Square, Cheltenham.

Buckie (B.F.C.C.).—Nov. 8, Fishermen's Hall. Judge, Mr. T. Arnott. 36 open classes: Bord. 7, Nor. 9, Crest 2, Pair 1, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 4, Brit. 7, Mules 2, For. 2, Gift 1. Prizes, 8s., 4s., 2s. Fee 1s. 6d. Entries close Nov. 1, to Melvin and Bunyan, 43, West Church Street, Buckie, N.B.

Brighton.—Nov. 8 and 9, North Road, Lecture Hall. Judge, Mr. C. A. House. 37 open classes: Nor. 7 (1 novice), Crest 2, Yorks. 8 (2 novice), Bord. 1, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 2, Mule 3, Brit. 9, For. 4. Prizes, 10s., 6s., 4s. (and 1s. 6d. in classes of 16 and over). Fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Nov. 1, to W. H. Gibb, 19, Bond Street, Brighton.

Liverpool (G.C.A., Cinn. C.C., Y.C.C., N.G.M.-Y.C.C., E. and W. B.F.C.). Nov. 3 and 4, St. Martin's Hall, Scotland-road. Judges, Messrs. W. Mundell, W. Vardy, A. Wellings and W. Dormer; 67 open classes: Yorks. Green 6, Novice ditto 2, Yorks. 10, Novice ditto 2, Nor. green 4, Champ. Nor. 6, Amat. Nor. 5, Cinn. 6, Novice Cinn. 4, Bord. Green 4, Bord. 4, Sell 3, Mules 3, Brit. 7, Hyde's 1. Prizes 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-; heaps of spls.; Fee 1/6. Ent. close Oct. 31 (1st post) to Metcalfe and Hillmen, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Altrincham C.B.S.—Oct. 23, Victoria Cafe, 8. Table show. Judges: Yorks., G. Hickson; Nor., W. Wilkinson; Bord., E. Vernon; Brit., A. Royle.—C. C. Blackshaw.

Bradford National Show Committee.—Oct. 25, Market Tavern, Bradford, 8. Tenders for printing, arrangement of schedule, tenders for catering and refreshments, etc.—H. Hill.

Brighouse C.B.S.—Oct. 26, Round House Inn, 8.—F. Mitchell.

Bramley O.S.—Oct. 21, Old Unicorn Hotel, 2. Members' show. Birds staged at 2. Judge, Mr. M. Broadley.—W. Maltby.

City of Bradford O.S.—Oct. 21, "Flying Dutchman," 7. Members' show, Yorks., Nor., and Brit. classes. Judges, Messrs. H. H. Towers (Keighley) and J. S. Clarkson (Halifax). Birds must be staged 7.15 p.m.—F. Rhodes.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—Oct. 23, 60, Paddington Street, Marylebone, 8.15. Judging competition in Yorks. Members please bring birds. Judge, Mr. R. L. Crisp. Visitors invited.—A. W. Curtis.

Codnor Park and Eastwood C.B.S.—Oct. 25, Secretary's address, 7. Committee, show business.—J. H. Mitchell.

Chesterfield C.B.S.—Oct. 28, Welbeck Hotel, 6. Table show and general.—T. Booker.

Consett Society.—Oct. 21, Co-op. Waiting Room, 7.30. Committee meeting.—R. R. Walker.

Cowdenbeath C.B.S.—Oct. 25, Arcade Hotel, 7. Important show business. Schedules for members.—J. R. Reid.

Derby C.B.S.—Oct. 28, Derwent Hotel, 7. Arrangements for open show. Will those who can, bring their entries for Y.B. show.—W. Stevens.

Dubmire Workmen's Club C.B.S.—Sunday, Oct. 22, Dubmire Workmen's Club, 10.30.—B. Robinson.

East Ham C.B.S.—Oct. 26, Hartley Avenue School, Wakefield Street, 8. Lecture by Mr. Forse (Leyton). All welcome.—B. C. Smith.

East Ham F.S.—Oct. 27, "Earl of Wakefield," Wakefield Street, 8.30. Committee meeting. Also Oct. 30, 7.30 general meeting, 8 for distribution of prize cards, won at Y.S. shows, arrangements for annual show.—H. Rutter.

Glossop Hadfield C.B.S.—Oct. 24, 59, Hague Street, Glossop, 7.45. Members, please notice alteration in time. Election of judge and general show business; subs. now overdue.—E. Thompson.

G.P.O. F. and F.S.—Oct. 24, Davies Dairy, 25, Little Britain, E.C. (one minute from G.P.O.), 8.30. Quarterly meeting, annual show.

Hemsworth C.B.S.—Oct. 20, King's Head, 7.30. Specials for shows; workers for show on 21st inst.—J. W. Gillings.

Hetton-le-Hole C.B.S.—Oct. 21, Crown Inn, 7. Business important.—A. J. Notley.

Heywood O.S.—Oct. 24, Rechabite Hall, Pine Street, 7.30. Show business.—A. H. Meadowcroft.

Highgate and Hampstead C.B.S.—Oct. 26, Spencer Hall, Dartmouth Park Hill, 8. Washing competition for members. Judge: Mr. W. Shakespeare. Members bring own brids. Medals in each section.—C. W. Law.

Inverness O.A.—Oct. 25, Crown Mission Hall, 8.15. Allocation of specials and medals.—Urquhart and Sutherland.

Ilford F.S.—Oct. 24, White Horse Hotel, 8. Special general meeting. Election of new chairman and assistant secretary, new members, report of Y.S. show and distribution of specials. Members not having paid 1911 subs. please do so immediately, also those not having already done so please settle for Y.S. show tickets.—J. H. Priestman.

Lancaster C.B.S.—Nov. 4, Coffee Tavern, Corn Market Street, 7.30. Final arrangements for show, very important.—C. J. Cafferty.

Lancaster Primrose C.B.A.—Oct. 26, Mr. Capstick's, Nicholas Street, 7.30. Very important; members and friends please attend.—J. Johnson.

Leek C.B.S.—Oct. 23, Unicorn Hotel, 8.—J. A. Pegg.

Leicester C.B.S.—Oct. 25, Saracen's Head Hotel, Market Place, 8.15. Nor. yellow (unflig.), open and novice.—W. R. Adams.

Leigh C.B.S.—Oct. 25, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Old show business.—R. Charleson.

Metropolitan C.B.A.—Oct. 21, All Saints Parochial Hall, Battersea Park, 7.30. Washing competition, 3 prizes, 5s., 3s., 2s., and Nor. show cage, fanciers invited; competitors bring birds.—G. Harwood.

Midland Roller C.C.—Oct. 26, Swan and Peacock 8. Final arrangements for coming show.—T. J. Smith.

Morley C.B.S.—Oct. 21, Sycamore Hotel, 2. First O.B. show, all birds to be staged 2; judge, Mr. S. Bentley (Cleckheaton).—D. Holliday.

Morpeth C.B.S.—Oct. 28, Earl Grey Hotel, 7.30. Payment of members' prize-money, balance-sheet, etc.—E. Cowling.

Musselburgh O.S.—Oct. 28, Gray Horse, 7. Show business, estimates, etc.—W. Nisbet.

National British B. and M.C.—Oct. 26, "Feathers' Hotel, Gt. Chapel Street, Westminster, 8.—Plumbridge and Carr.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Oct. 24, Headquarters, 8. Show business.—J. Davey.

Northern Brit. B.M. and F.B.C.—Oct. 25, Lockhart's Cafe, 65, Grainger Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.—G. Taylor.

Northowram C.B.S.—Oct. 25, Yew Tree Inn, 7.30. Washing exhibition by Mr. J. E. Priestley (Halifax); members antd friends invited.—S. Sykes.

Nottingham and Notts O.S.—Meeting each Wednesday until the show.—G. E. Wilkinson.

Old Shildon Workmen's Club C.B.S.—Oct. 27, 8. All members are requested to be clear on books before open show.—J. H. Elwell.

Oldham C.B.S.—Oct. 24, Textile Dining Rooms, 8.—J. Cope.

Parkgate and Rawmarsh C.B.S.—Oct. 28, Sportsman Inn, 8. Final arrangements for annual show.—G. Watson.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—Oct. 23, Irwell Castle Lower Broughton, 8. Washing demonstration by Mr. W. N. Turner. Show business; friends invited.—J. Critchley.

Radford O.S. (Nottingham).—Oct. 24, "Pheasant Inn," 8.15.—G. Lawrence.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—Oct. 25, Temperance Club, Toad Lane, 8. Committee meeting.—E. Hartley.

Sheffield O.S.—Oct. 24, Rose and Crown Hotel, Waingate, 8. Committee; open show business. It is requested that every member of committee attend.—Bishop and Colton.

Scottish National C.B.S.—Oct. 25, 142, High Street, Edinburgh, 8. Committee meeting; important.—A. W. Watson.

Shipley O.S.—Oct. 24, Prince of Wales. Judging Competition. Birds staged 7. Mr. E. B. Denton (Neutral) judge.—A. Tillotson.

Sowerby Bridge C.B.S.—Oct. 26, Wharf Hotel, 8. Business, inter. show; important.—Sutcliffe and Walker.

Stockport B.F.A.—Oct. 24, Boars Head Hotel, 8. Annual show business.—W. Stafford.

Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A.—Oct. 23, Red Lion Hotel, 8. Important show business; elect new members.—J. Pitchford.

Swansea C.B.A.—Oct. 24, Market Coffee Tavern, 8. Last meeting before show; important business.—S. H. George.

Tong C.B.S.—Oct. 21, Hand and Shuttle Inn, Dudley Hill. Members' show, birds staged 7. Judge, Mr. C. Whiting (Bradford).—W. Walker.

Wakefield O.S.—Oct. 21, Crown and Anchor, 7.30. Special business in connection with open show.—J. Atkinson.

Wallasey C.B.S.—Oct. 25, Headquarters, 8. Washing exhibition by Mr. Young, also competition. Kindly note the change of date; no meeting in Nov.—W. Mallinson.

Wandsworth F.A.—Oct. 26, "Red Lion," 8. Open cage-bird show business; also arrangements for annual show.—W. Lightfoot

Wallsend C.B.A.—Oct. 25, Station Hotel, 7.30. Judges, specials, members' subs., and arrangement for show.—J. M. Macdonald.

Warrington C.B.S.—Oct. 26, Blue Bell Hotel, 8.—G. M. Nelson.

West Bromwich C.B.S.—Oct. 24, Headquarters, 8. Selection of show stewards.—W. G. Andrews.

Yorkshire C.C. of Scotland.—Oct. 24, Duncan's Rooms, 71, London Street, Glasgow, 8; important. R. B. Gibb.

Paignton (Torbay O.S.).—Oct. 25. Judge, Mr. J. H. Payne. 30 classes: Nor. 8, Yorks., 6, Crest 2, Bord. 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 3, Brit. 5, For. 2, Sell. 2. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 3s., for 8 and more entries per class. Fee 1s. 6d. Entries close this Saturday, to J. N. and J. Jeffery, Sartor House, Winner Street, Paignton, Devon.

Yorks C.B.S. of Ireland (confined to members and to Ireland).—Nov. 2 and 3, Central Hall, 12, Westmoreland Street, Dublin. Judge, Mr. H. Norman. 47 open classes: Singing (draw) 1 (prizes 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d.), Yorks. 10, Novice Yorks. 6, Sell. 6, Crest 4, Nor. 2, Scots 2, A.O.V. 1, Mule 4, Brit. 9 For. 2. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. (except sell.—8s., 4s., 2s.). Fee 1s. 6d. Entries close October 28, to C. Holley, 66, Fitzroy Avenue, Drumcondra, Dublin.

Dysart (B.F.C.C.).—Oct. 28, Normand Memorial Hall. Judges, Messrs. J. Thomson, R. Lambie, J. Winter, C. Whyte, and R. Gilmour. 69 open classes: Scot. 10 (2 Sell.), Bord. 13 (2 Sell.), A.O.V. 1, Common 1, Novice Bord. 1, Nor. 16 (2 Sell.), Novice Nor. 1, Crest 5 (1 Sell.), Yorks. 2, Mules 3, Brit. 12, Sell. 1, For. 3. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee 1s. 6d. Entries close Oct. 23 (local entries Oct. 25), to J. H. Harris, Victoria Bar, Dysart.

Bournemouth.—Nov. 7 and 8, Central Hall, The Square. Judge, Mr. J. Robson. 46 open classes: Nor. 9 (1 Sell.), Yorks. 6 (1 Sell.), Crest 4, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 2, Non-fed 1 Pairs Can. 1, Collection (6 or 8) 1, Novice A.V. 1, Local A.V. 1, Gift 1, Extra Stock 1, Mules 3, Brit. 9 (1 Sell), For. 5. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee 1s. 6d. Entries close Oct. 28, to W. O. Brooke, 102, Nortoft Road, Bournemouth.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand.—Nov. 4 and 6, "White Swan Hotel," Market Place. Judges: Messrs. J. Robson and C. Houlton. 35 open classes: Nor. 13, Novice or Amat. Nor. 3, Yorks. 2, Lancs. 1, A.O.V. 1, Mules 3, Brit. 8, For. 1, Sell. 3. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close Oct. 28, to A. Freestone, 79, Clarendon St., Leicester.

Wolverhampton.—Oct. 27 and 28, Co-operative Hall, Stafford St. Judge, Mr. J. Robson. 42 open classes: Nor. 9 (1 Sell), Novice Nor. 3, Crest 2, Yorks. 7 (1 Sell.), Novice Yorks. 4, Bord. 3, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 2, Mules 3, Brit. 6, For. 2. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close Oct. 23, to J. Gibbons, 64, Napier Rd., Wolverhampton.

Kilmarnock O.C.B.S., Nov. 18th, Art Gallery Halls.—Judges, Messrs. W. Webster, W. Edgar, A. Chalmers, G. Mitchell, J. B. Paterson, R. Lambie, and R. Bald. 81 classes: Scot. 12 (2 Sell.), S.C.C. Club Show, 9 open, 4 confined classes; Nor. 18 (2 Sell.); Yorks, 4 open, 2 confined; B. Fancy, 11 (2 Sell.); A.O.V., 1; Mules, 4: Brit., 11; For., 3; Sell, 1. Prizes, 12/-, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-; within 7 days, Fee 2/-. Ent. close Nov. 11th to W. Guthrie 10 Hood Street, Kilmarnock.

Braintree (£5 limit). Nov. 4, Corn Exchange. Judge, Mr. Clem Watson; 14 open classes: Nor. 1, Crest 1, Yorks. 1, A.O.V. 1, Novice Can. 1, Sell. 2, 1911 Can. 1, Mules 1, Brit. 4, For. 1. Prizes 8/-, 4/-, 2/-; Fee 1/6. Ent. close Oct. 23 to F. A. Hunnable, London-road, Braintree.

Ayr C.B.C. (Y.C.C. of Scot., B.F.C.) Oct 28, Academy Hall, Fort-street. Judges, Messrs. J. F. Dewar, A. Watson, J. B. Paterson; 49 open classes; Scot. 2, Crest 2, Nor. 8, Yorks. 7 (2 confined), Bord. 7, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 1, Mule 2, Brit. 15 (1 sell.), For. 3, Gift 1. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 2/6; Fee 1/6. Ent. close Oct. 23 to J. Sloan, 19, New Bridge-street, Ayr.

Sheffield O.S. (C.M.Y.C.C., N.B.B. and M.C., Y.C.B.B. and M.C., C.C.C.). Nov. 3, 4, Cutlers' Hall. Judges, Messrs. J. H. Roe and C. Houlton; 53 open classes; Yorks. 11, Nov. Yorks. 2, Nor. 5, Nov. Nor. 2, Crest 6, Sell. 4, Brit. 12, Hybrid 4, For. 6, Gift 1. Prizes 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/- (For. 12/-, 8/-, 4/, 2/-); Fee 1/6. Ent. close Oct. 30 to J. Bishop, 69, Alexandra-road, Heeley, Sheffield.

Bodmin (C.B.U.). Nov. 8, Market Hall. Judge, Mr. T. Pope; 19 open classes; Nor. 5, Crest 1, Yorks 3, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 3, Cage of four 1, For. 2, Sell. 2, Local 2. Prizes 8/-, 4/-, 2/-; Fee 1/-. Ent. close Oct. 31 to A. E. Jago, 1, Robartes-road, Bodmin.

Maidenhead. Nov. 1, Drill Hall. Judge, Mr. G. Billett; 9 open classes; Nor. 2, Yorks. 2, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 1, For. 1, Sell. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-; Fee 2/-. Ent. close Oct. 24 to E. A. Bristow, 36, King-st., Maidenhead.

Codnor Park and Eastwood.—Oct. 28, Club Room, "Three Tuns," Eastwood. Judge Mr. J. H. Roe; 28 open classes; Nor. 9 (1 pairs), Yorks. 6 (1 pairs), Crest 2, A.O.V. 1, Sell 1, Gift 2, Mules 2, Brit. 6. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 2/6; Fee 1/6. Ent. close Oct. 25 (1st post), to J. H. Mitchell, South-street, Greenhill-lane, Alfreton.

Chelmsford (12-mile radius). Nov. 7 and 8, Corn Exchange. Judge, Mr. T. Heath; 19 open classes; Nor. 5 (2 amateur), Crest 2, Yorks. 2, Mule 1, Sell. 2, Brit. 5, Gift 1, For. 1. Prizes 6/-, 3/-, 2/-. Fee 1/3. Entries close Oct. 25 to Ballard and Rippon, 17, Park-avenue, Chelmsford.

Muirkirk. Nov. 4. Temperance Hall. Judge, Mr. D. Watson; 10 open classes; Bord 9 (1 sell), Brit. 1, and two local Bord. classes. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6; Fee 1/6. Ent. close Oct. 31 to J. G. Torbett, Smallburn, Muirkirk.

York (N.N.P.C.).—Nov. 4, Exhibition Buildings. Judge, Mr. A. Hirst. 35 open classes: Nor. 9 (1 for novices), Yorks. 8 (2 for novices), Cinn. 1, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 9, Mule 2, For. 2, Sell 3. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, 1/-. Fee, 1/-. Ent. close Oct. 30, to H. Thompson, 57, Nun Mill St., York

Correspondence.

The Next Crystal Palace Show.

Sir,—I am in receipt of but very few letters in reply to my letter published in your columns a fortnight since inviting suggestions, etc., for the next Crystal Palace Show. These will be considered by my committee on Thursday, October 26. There is yet time for anyone to offer a suggestion, provided their letter reaches me before the 26th.

J. W. Ramsden, Show Manager.
11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, London.

Have we a New Variety of Canary?

Encouraging the All Whites.

Sir,—Having read in your issue of Oct. 7 a suggestion to encourage the "All Whites," and being the possessor of a pure white Norwich Plainhead cock, bred by me this season, I may say that I should be pleased to exhibit it at the next Crystal Palace Show in the event of a class being provided for "All Whites."

G. Pye.

Wrong Classing of Alleged Mules at Morpeth Show.

Sir,—My Mules having been wrong-classed at Morpeth Show, I wonder what were the judge's grounds for the wrong-classing of these birds? It must have been the report of Chopwell Show that caused him to disqualify them; or has he seen some clear Mules bred from a Mealy Redpoll before? As an exhibitor of Canaries, British birds, and Mules for eighteen years, does the judge for a moment think that I am fool enough to exhibit Canaries in Mule classes for a paltry prize of 8s.? I think, had the judge examined these birds thoroughly, or even set them on one side away from other birds, he should have most certainly seen what they were, as the birds would have spoken for themselves. These birds are open for any exhibitor to examine should they call at my address.

F. Sokell.

Is the Yorkshire Canary on the Down Grade?

Sir,—When I wrote the article on the Yorkshire Canary I had no idea that I should be the means of setting a house on fire. However, having done so—though quite unintentional on my part—I am quite prepared to take the dire consequences of the terrible conflagration that is raging in the brain of your correspondent. Your correspondent, in referring to a certain sentence in my article, says surely "Longfellow" must have been quaffing Yorkshire stingo when he wrote that sentence. I beg to inform "Six-Three-Quarter" that journalistic padding is not argument, and that I am not in the habit of quaffing either Yorkshire or any other kind of stingo. It is quite on the cards that he has done more of this kind of thing in a single day than I have done in a lifetime; hence his readiness to attribute to others a habit that he himself is perhaps only too well acquainted with. It is quite evident that "Six-Three-Quarter" is labouring under a false impression, and thinks that his identity is quite beyond my ken. I can assure him it did not require the brain of a Sherlock Holmes to solve the problem. I may say that I am always open to accept fair and honest criticism, but when one wilfully twists and misconstrues to suit one's own purpose it is what I may term hitting below the belt, which, to say the least, does not conduce to a healthy and elevating controversy. It would be interesting to know what claim "Six-Three-Quarter" has to a thorough and practical knowledge of the subject at issue. I have yet to learn that he ever bred or exhibited a Yorkshire Canary worthy of the name. Perhaps he will put me right on this point. If so, I shall then know what value to place on his remarks. At present I am under the impression that the knowledge possessed by "Six Three-Quarter" is far more of the superficial order than practical experience as a breeder of the Yorkshire Canary. It is a well-known fact that "Six-Three-Quarter" has always been red-hot on the miniature Yorkshire question, and has on countless occasions pushed it to the utter extreme. In my article I named five and ten years; then why does he try to pervert a plain statement and try to drag me back to fifteen and twenty years ago, when many of the so-called Yorkshires were only half-bred Lancashires? No, "Six-Three-Quarters," don't try to put words into my mouth that I never uttered, in the endeavour to bolster up your own contention. Why should I ask your bosom friend what is or what is not the correct thing in Yorkshires? It is quite evident that by placing your friend on a pedestal as the one and only one who has done anything in Yorkshires during the last ten years that you were intent on giving him a free advertisement at the expense of Cage Birds. However, this playing to the gallery is not always appreciated by intelligent fanciers of the Yorkshire Canary. Now "Six-Three-Quarters" says that "Longfellow" argues as though length was the chief of all points in the Yorkshire. I do nothing of the kind, and I defy "Six-Three-Quarters" to point to a single statement in my article to that effect. Because I suggest to the Y.C.C. to amend matters he presumes—a thing he has no right to do—that I want the standard altered. Who said anything about altering the standard? I certainly did not, nor even hinted at such a thing. Fancy altering the standard to let the big ones come in when we cannot reach the standard already in existence! Surely "Six-Three-Quarters" is letting his perverted brain run riot with his better judgment to talk such twaddle. Then, again, he exclaims: "Great Scot! Quality the ruination of the Yorkshire Canary!" I repeat the statement, and say, "Yes, certainly," when it is pushed to the front at the expense of either of the other three properties—namely, position, length, or type. I should be just as strongly opposed to any other of the four properties being made a fad of and pushed to the extreme at the expense of the rest, no matter whether it be position, length, type, or quality. It is a four-property bird that is wanted at the front, and not the three-and-a-half property bird. Oh, the inconsistency of man! "Six-Three-Quarters" says if "Longfellow" will produce a 6¾ bird which excels everything else in position, type, and quality, he feels sure that Mr. Mundell will place it first at the next Palace Show. I think "Six-Three-Quarters" must have had a lapse of memory when he wrote the above, as I certainly consider a 6¾ bird a good big 'un when possessed of the other three properties that forms a perfect whole. Still, "Six-Three-Quarters," being such a red-hot advocate of the miniatures, I certainly did not expect him to come round to my way of thinking and predict a good big 'un to win at the next Palace Show.

Longfellow.

[Mr. "Longfellow" must not be rash in jumping at conclusions. He broadly hints at the identity of "Six-Three-Quarters," but he may be as far off the mark as "Six-Three-Quarters" may be of correctly identifying "Longfellow." We have deleted a certain statement on the ground that it is unwarrantable and untrue.—Editor.]

A letter on this subject from "Goodfellow" is held over until next week.

Some Show Cages in the Crest Classes.

Sir,—While at several shows I could not help but notice the cages in some of the Crest classes. They appeared to me to be some old Norwich cages cut down at the top and the wire fronts bent over to form bow tops to the cages. Seeing they belong to one of our noted Crest breeders, I do not think it fair to the other members of the Crest Club that he is not compelled to comply with the rules, the same as other members. I trust this letter will have the desired effect.

Crest.

Does Colour-feeding Cause Liver Disease?

Sir,—I have noticed for several weeks that the cause of death, directly or indirectly, of a large proportion of the birds sent to Mr. Yates for post-mortem examination is due to enlargement of the liver. In your issue of the 14th inst. Mr. Yates writes, under the heading "Post-Mortems": "Death from disease of the liver appears to be on the increase. I have lately encountered quite a large percentage of deaths from this cause, and can only conclude that there is something materially wrong with the food or the method of feeding." I take it that we are using the same seeds now that have been used for years, but there is one food of recent invention, viz., colour food. Is this the cause of the evil? It would be interesting to know if the birds that have died from this disease have been colour-fed or not. Perhaps Mr. Yates will publish the information for the benefit of the Fancy at large.

Interested.

Prize Money on the Sliding Scale.

Is it a Bugbear to Exhibitors?

Sir,—I notice several show committees are dividing the entrance fees as prize money in classes which contain less than five entries. In my opinion this innovation is a greater bugbear to exhibitors than amalgamating classes. It is all right for the show committee, who make their show at the expense of exhibitors, and the members who enter at a reduced entry fee, and have no railway charges to pay, and also for the pot-hunter; but it is most unsatisfactory to other exhibitors, who have to send long distances at considerable expense, and when they win only receive a trifle more than their entrance fee. Especially is this the case with exhibitors of foreign and the larger varieties of British softbills. In their case it would be much more profitable to keep their birds at home than to send them and win a first prize. Then, again, it is disadvantageous to the novice, because when he has taken three firsts in novice classes he has to show in open competition, and no matter how small the class may be, a win counts against him; and this is not desirable until he has gained the necessary experience to enable him to hold his own. I consider that if show committees cannot guarantee half prize-money in classes that stand they would be better cancelled. I note the novice classes at the recent Longton Show were subject to the sliding scale under five entries. Two classes contained two entries each, and there was one with three, and two with four—not very satisfactory to the successful exhibitors, several of whom will not be able to compete in novice competition again.

Exhibitor.

Curious Captures.

Sir,—I am much interested in Mr. Swaysland's captures reported in your last issue. Two months ago I had a similar experience in a village in Scotland. A bird flew in at the open window of a drawing room, and was caught; and as the ladies of the house were not quite sure what kind of bird it was, they put it in a basket till I should return home. I easily recognised it as a Water Hen and released it. We thought at the time that it had probably been chased by a cat.

G. Crabb.

The Packing of Exhibits from the Shows.

Sir,—May I appeal through the columns of your popular journal, Cage Birds, to all those good helpers who so generously give their assistance in packing the exhibits after the shows? On Friday afternoon last, on the arrival of my birds from London, I found my ticked buff 1st Clapham rolled up in a ball on the bottom of the cage, as near dead as possible. The cause of this was his being packed with the front of his cage facing the air hole of the travelling case, instead of the reverse way. Owing to a very heavy fog in the Solent, the boats were delayed for two or three hours; consequently birds were exposed, and did not arrive until late in the afternoon. I am fully aware of the great amount of labour a show entails, and I am confident that it is caused simply for want of thought, and not any unkindness intended either to the birds or exhibitors. In justice to our pets, also the exhibitors, I think it only right to make this appeal. This is not the first time my birds have come home like this, and on more than one occasion I have had good birds drop into soft moult through getting colds in this way. Good show specimens are very difficult to get, hence of great value; not only this, but from a humane point the greatest care should be taken in packing. I am pleased to say that after spending more than half the night with a good fire and the aid of tincture of cayenne I have got my bird round so far, but I am seriously afraid of his dropping into soft moult. I do not cast the slightest reflection on the Clapham committee. They are a good lot of fanciers, and I hope to patronise them again if spared for another year. But as this is the commencement of the show season I cousider it only right to ask the favour of careful packing.

E. Baker.

"Wigs on the Green" at Newcastle.

Sir,—I write as one of the members who were not at the committee meeting referred to, but was present at the general meeting when the proof of the schedule was read out. No one was prevented from speaking while I was there, but one gentleman who was a donor of a special made a correction. Certainly I gathered from the manner in which a certain member asked of his companions "when the committee meeting had been held to allot the specials?" that he was not suited. What their reply was I did not hear, but I heard his retort about a bit of "high-handed work." This was the only reference I heard to the disposal of the specials. If any other member was dissatisfied he had ample opportunity to put his question to the meeting. As it is difficult to prevent tongues from wagging and suspicion from alighting, it is but right the aforesaid member should have a chance to disown all knowledge of the letter written on the eve of the show under a nom-de-plume that might go far to mar the harmony of the event. To exhibitors I would say they have Mr. Hutchinson to thank in a very great measure for what is provided at Newcastle Show, and they have not yet paid him too much for his attachment and fidelity to the society under the most trying circumstances.

G. W. MacPartling.

Sir,—In this week's issue a letter appears under the nom de plume "Lover of Fair Play." Let me say, in the first place, I think the letter was dictated by one person and written by another. However, I would ask the "Dictator" one or two questions. What is he grumbling about? His section is well provided for. Has he ever sought, or begged, a special for the N.C.B.S.? No; he will accept them readily, when they are *sent* to his house, but as for seeking them, that is another thing altogether. He seems to make a point of the committee meeting not being attended by all the members when the question of subscriptions was settled. That may be, but all present, except Mr. J. N. F. Scott, voted in favour of the resolution, including the latter's friend, the writer of his letter. I may say I hold no brief for Mr. Hutchinson. He can take care of himself. I do not agree with all he does, but, under the circumstances, the specials only coming in very slowly at first, what else could you do? Why did not the "Dictator" open his mouth at the general meeting, when the specials were read out? If he did not agree with the allotting of them that was the place at which to speak. I am afraid he is just a greedy fellow; he cannot be a true fancier. It seems as if he is in a society for what he can get; he does not help in any way; in fact, men like him are a hindrance to any society—mischief-makers. How strange fate works! Here are "Lover of Fair Play" and "Lover of Justice" quite agreeing, yet just about twelve months ago they were bitter against each other As regards the Taylor-Lister case, the "Dictator" is not telling the truth. He knows well enough how things stand at present, as he was at the last N.C. meeting. Now, Mr. Scott, just a question for you. Are you the gentleman who was connected with other societies, and who left them because you could not get your own way? But the "upright" committee were too many for you. I think the secretary of N.C.B.S. is an honest, hard-working individual. I would not like his job; what a time he has trying to please everybody! What did you want him to do—send and ask you to withdraw your resignation? I believe you thought your resignation would not be accepted; but it was.

Not a Crest Breeder.

[We have deleted from the above letter one or two remarks which seemed to be of too personal a nature.—Editor.]

Sir,—I was sorry to see the letter signed by "Lover of Fair Play." The writer is surely hurt about the specials not being placed entirely to his liking, and takes this unfancier-like way of venting his spleen. It would be different if Mr. Hutchinson was not such an all-round good fellow, or if any of these charges were true. "Lover of Fair Play" just about hit the mark when he said Newcastle is a one-man society. At any rate, Mr. Hutchinson is the one man we could not do without. He not only fills the positions of chairman and show manager creditably, but whenever there is anything to do in connection with the society—a difficult or a thankless task—Mr. Hutchinson is the man to tackle it. Would that "Lover of Fair Play" did half as much. Mr. Hutchinson is the right man in the right place, and if he treads on "Lover of Fair Play's" corns, it must be because "Lover of Fair Play" does not walk correctly himself. Our chairman is able to satisfy anyone who applies in a proper manner on any business connected with the society.

One of the Committee.

[This correspondence is now closed.—Editor.]

The "Taylor-Lister Carvers Case."

Mr. J. G. Hutchinson, Newcastle, has drawn our attention to a letter appearing in last week's Cage Birds over the signature of "Lover of Fair Play," and complains that it is of a libellous nature. The particular sentence he objects to is the refereuce to the "Taylor-Lister carvers case," as in his view it implies that he has converted these things to his own personal use. But in our opinion nothing could be further from the point. The writer quite clearly intends that Mr. Hutchinson has retained them in an official capacity. Besides, anyone who knows Mr. Hutchinson knows that his character is far above suspicion of a petty and impossible theft of this description. All through the letter in question the writer tries to show the zeal Mr. Hutchinson has consistently shown on behalf of his club and his special variety, and never at any time is there the slightest adverse or damaging comment on Mr. Hutchinson's personal character. If there is the smallest possibility of any of our readers taking such a wrong-headed and perverse view as Mr. Hutchinson thinks can be taken of this sentence, we unhesitatingly ask that gentleman to accept our sincere and unqualified regrets that such paragraph appeared. It would certainly not have done so had we thought such a view was in the smallest degree possible.—Editor, Cage Birds.

Dalkeith Club and the Scotch Fancy Canary.

Sir,—I thank your reporter for the kind tribute of praise meted to my colleague Mr. Ewing and myself. At the same time, may I appeal for a share of patronage from those fanciers who reside within the necessary ten-mile radius? Your reporter's regret at the absence of the Scotch Fancy from our show is shared by the writer, but their breeders demand for ten classes, a gold medal, a specialist judge, and special prizes which would mean the dissolution of the Club. The fact that the entries in the Scotch section have not for some years averaged two per class made the competition farcical in the classes—a course which the members who kept that variety would not submit to, though the parasitic nature of their demand was demonstrated by the financial report after last year's show. May I call their attention to the following list of donations towards next year's show by fanciers (not financiers), and appeal to them to come to our next meeting and curtail these absurd demands, when I have no doubt the Border and Norwich men will make reasonable concessions. Unsolicited donations towards the show for 1912:—Mr. J. Thomson (Newtongrange), £1 and his services as judge of Border section gratis—a truly generous offer, which remarks apply also to Mr. W. Pearson (Musselburgh), who judges the Norwich, British, and Mules gratis, and gives in addition a handsome special; Mr. Arch. Thomson, Mr. Wm. Thomson, Mr. T. Bickerstaff, Mr. J. Ewing, and Mr. Jas. Hamilton, 5s. each; Mr. A. Rowe, 5s. and special Border prize; Mr. J. Steel, 10s.

J. Steel, Joint Hon. Sec.

[Owing to extraordinary pressure upon our space this week we have been compelled to defer until our next issue the publication of letters dealing with certain matters at Liverpool.—Editor.]

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects. Harmless to everything.

Cage Birds League.

Notable Addition to Our List of Patrons.

It is with great pleasure that I am able to announce that Sir Roland J. Corbet, Bart., has expressed his willingness to become a Patron of Cage Birds League. In his letter Sir Roland says: "I consider the hobby of bird-keeping both interesting and humanitarian." So do we all. It is only those who know nothing whatever of the subject who think otherwise.

Mid-Rhondda C.B.S. Nearly All In.

In sending the names of four more members Mr. A. H. C. Legg writes: "I have been promised a few more at our next meeting; we shall only then have one or two more to join and we shall then be all in." Other Societies please copy.

Important to Show Secretaries.

Under our offer that during the show season special prizes would be granted by Cage Birds League to the value of one-half the subscription of the members of any individual society who had become members of the League many societies are entitled to special prizes. I should be glad if the hon. secs. of such societies would send in their claims in good time. If between the time of sending in the claim and the date of the show further members of the society join Cage Birds League the value of the special prize will be increased accordingly.

A "Humanitarian" Lady Joins the League.

Mr. Peck, of Bexley, who is one of the most enthusiastic of all Cage Bird Leaguers, and who has already introduced nearly forty members, writes of an important addition to our ranks in the person of a lady who entirely disapproved of the keeping of birds in cages. It appears that this lady was interested in the movements of some wild birds who were flying about Dartford Heath and asked Mr. Peck, who happened to be near, as to their identity. He told her they were Linnets, and the conversation ultimately resulted in an invitation from Mr. Peck that the lady should accompany him to see his birds and note the way in which they were kept. This being accepted, the lady was so pleased with the appearance of the birds that her opinions were very considerably modified, and she became convinced that she had hitherto known nothing of the subject, and had only been misled by what she had heard and read. In the end Cage Birds League was introduced, and the lady was so impressed with the arguments of Mr. Peck, aided by Mrs. Peck, herself one of our members, that from being an out and out opponent of cage-bird keeping she became a member of Cage Birds League, the main object of which is to defend the hobby of cage-bird keeping from the attacks of those who would see an end put to it once and for all. Every credit is due to Mr. and Mrs. Peck for the enthusiasm they have shown, and I am sure that all members of the League will congratulate them on their latest success.

What the League Has Done for Millom Fanciers.

Mr. Watson writes from Millom that the Millom Town Council had put before them at their last monthly meeting the report of the Medical Officer of Health, and that this gentleman was informed that if he wished any action taken he must report some individual case and prove that the birds were being so kept as to be injurious to health. This may be taken to mean that the Canary fanciers of Millom will be left in peace to pursue their hobby. That they were able to make any stand against the oppressive action of the Health Authorities in serving notices is entirely due to their taking the advice tendered them by Cage Birds League after I had taken counsel of our legal advisers, and the members of Cage Birds League have every reason to be satisfied with the result of the first case which has come within the province of the League. It is apparent from many letters which have reached me that many Canary fanciers think there is no necessity for them to join the League. They console themselves with the idea that it is only the keeping of British birds which is being attacked. The Millom case proves that Canary keeping is in danger, and it also proves that when the authorities find that they have an organisation instead of solitary fanciers against which to fight, they consider twice before attempting to carry out empty threats. Mr. Watson puts the case in a nutshell in saying, "They found out that we were members of Cage Birds League."

For particulars of our seals, badges, and free booklets, and for terms of membership, etc., see last week's issue (p. 229).

Henry J. Fulljames,
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ROUND THE SHOWS.

BRADFORD (West).

Grand Birds and a Great Attendance: A Wonderful Hen is Staged.

Bradford West held their annual show October 14th in the Whetley Lane schools, Girlington. The room proved too small for the number of exhibits and for the comfort of the visitors; no doubt this was brought about by the large attendance which we were pleased to see, the room being packed all the afternoon. It was impossible in fact to get near some of the birds. We heard that the society are on the look out for a larger room, but good rooms are hard to find; however, we wish them success. The entries came up well -606 in 49 classes, 172 fanciers entering. The sensation of the show was the winning yellow hen owned by Mr. Chippendale; it was acknowledged by all to be the nicest hen ever put on the show bench. We heard that £15 was refused for her, and she is worth it, as it's only once in a life-time that a hen like her comes along. She is of tremendous length, and has a head as neat and round as a Border's. Fanciers should take particular notice of her wherever she is shown. Another striking bird was the winning clear yellow belonging to Messrs. Ogden Bros. The Novice classes were a treat to see, both in numbers and quality. Amongst the visitors we met Mr. Crawhall (Newcastle), also the Green men from Liverpool. The management is in the hands of exhibitors; fanciers know what this means—the birds off early. All railway birds were off before seven p.m., so that they should have reached home the same night. Particular credit must be given to Messrs. Cowgill, Greaves, Crabtree, Smith, Whitley and A. Bennett, who worked admirably, getting the birds away. The Hon. Sec., Mr. F. Western, is an ideal man for the position. He is very obliging, and has a smile and a good word for everybody. Mr. J. N. Harrison (Belper) had charge of champion Yorkshires, Yorkshire Greens, and British birds, and Mr. Mundell of the Norwich and Novice Yorkshires.

Mr. Harrison's Classes.

YORKS., CL., YELL.: 1, Ogden Bros., long, clean drawn bird, nice shoulders and wedge shape, full of swank, will take some beating; 2, Thomas, another of grand position, nicely filled in, straight as an arrow, beautiful wings and tail; 3, Jas. Greaves, round as a bottle, straight back, well fitted in tail, well up; 4, Shackleton, lovely quality, stands on a good pair of pins; vhc, Dewhurst; hc, Elsgood; c, Horsfield. BUFF (9): 1, Helliwell, straight as a rush, well moulded feathers of the finest texture, shows plenty of daylight; 2, Shackleton, another good 'un, lavishly clothed, round, and well drawn for a buff; 3, Lister, well filled in back and neck, nice wing carriage, erect and fearless; 4, Lunn, not the biggest, but typical throughout; vhc, Ogden Bros.; hc, Horsfield; c, Stobart. TKD. YELL. (11): 1, Edmondson and Son, cap marked, red bot, straight and round, beautiful head and neck, wins nicely; 2, Walker, open in breast when we were taking notes, erect, plenty of leg, well drawn away; 3, Whitley, rakey, long flights and tail, wedge shape, well put down; 4, North, topper for quality, straight from head to tail; vbc, Bailey; hc, Shaw Bros.; c, Thomas. BUFF (11): 1, Ambler, thigh tick, stands like a guardsman, full of nerve, exquisite feather and grand type; 2, Radley, cap mark, erect again, swanky, and knows its business, wedge shape, very leggy; 3, Horsfield, small, but full of type and quality, will make better hen; 4, Chippendale, beak tick, like a razor, clean cut; vhc, Casey; hc, Shaw Bros.; c, Edmondson. UNFLIG. YELL. (13): 1, Ogden Bros., thigh mark., wedge shape, grand body, plenty of leg, fine tone of colour; 2, Chittendeu, stands like a soldier, round as a bottle, compact and well carried tail; 3, Mitchell, rare type and feather, swanky and staged to perfection; 4, Crabtree, wing mark, red hot, not quite through, will improve; vhc, Croft; hc, Bailey; c, Greaves. No. 1, Chippendale (Laisterdyke) was cardless, a real good one. BUFF (22): 1, Ambler, marked cap, slasher, out and out Yorkshire, feathered like a Java, will be heard of again; 2, Cooper, another of rare York. properties, straight and teeming with quality, not disgraced; 3, Shackleton, very dressy, wonderful sheen, topping pair of legs and wings; 4, Weldrake, erect and fearless, grand back and wing carriage; vhc, Shaw Bros.; hc, Bailey; c, Myers. YELL. HEN, a marvellous class (26): 1, Chippendale, an ideal hen, best we have ever seen, extra fine length, wonderful from head to tip of tail, a "wonder"; 2, Ogden Bros., another good hen, lavishly clothed, straight as a pencil, bard lines to meet above; 3, Shackleton, another smart, lathy, polished like marble, full of nerves, well up; 4, Elsgood, like an arrow, all quality and style, should make up a lot yet; vhc, Wellock; hc, Stebbings; c, Lee. BUFF (24) another hot lot: 1, Ogden Bros., grizzle wing, broken flight when we were taking notes, rare quality, the type we require, beautifully moulded, wins; 2, Whitley, straight as a rush, showing plenty of daylight, compact wings, and neat tail; 3, Radley, scorcher for type and quality, leggy and full of swank, well up; 4, Bailey, turned out in the pink, a Yorkie, wedge shape body; vhc, Ambler; hc, Helliwell; c, Shaw Bros.. EVEN MKD., ETC., YELL. (15): 1, Shackleton, eye and wing mark, topping shape and feathers, rare wing carriage, and general contour; 2, Townsend, ditto markings, good top end, well tapered away, plenty behind leg, very dressy; 3, Towers, cap. eye and wing mark, shooty and rare, filled in head and neck; 4, Dykes, eyes and wing mark, fine type and glorious feather; vhc, Dewhurst; hc, Ramsden; c, Sutcliffe and Son. BUFF (14): 1, 2, Dykes, 1 eye and wing mark, rare good type, wedge shape, grand pair of legs, stands fearlessly, 2 eye, wing and neck marks, another topper of true Yorks. type, and a good big one; 3, Chippendale, glorious markings, good top and shooting; 4, Hill, wing mark, straight as rush, grand back, nicely filled in; vhc, Croft; hc, could not find; c, Sutcliffe and Sons. YELL. HEN (12): 1, Wilson, variegs., small, neat head and neck, very swanky, nice position; 2, Charlesworth, grizzle marks, long drawn, fine head and neck, good top and very shooty; 3, Shackleton, first real good hen, nicely moulded and rare quality; 4, Stodart, neat lady, topping type and quality, plenty of leg; vhc, Ogden Bros.; hc, Chittenden; c, Sutcliffe and Sons. BUFF (17): 1, Dykes, eye and wing mark, straight as an arrow, round and well filled in neck, wins; 2, Ramsden, variegs., non-fed, glorious feather though, very leggy; 3, Priestley, eye and wing marks, shooty and very clean waist, grand back; 4, Ogden Bros., grizzle mark, very straight, stands on a good pair of legs; vhc, Sutcliffe and Sons; hc, Brown and Son; c, Broadley. CINN., TKD., ETC., YELL. (12): 1, Brown and Son, variegs., hot one, well away for type, feather and position, and a big one; 2, Cooper, smaller, but of excellent type and texture, neat carriage of wings and tail, well up; 3, 4, Bailey, 3 eye and wing, big one, graud position and style, wants another fortnight to get fit, 4 even wing marks, rare quality, good shoulders and back; vhc, Wheldrake; hc, Thorntou; c, Ogden Bros. BUFF (8). 1, Morrison, cheek and wing marks, fine type of a Yorkie, excellent wiug carriage, moulded to perfectiou; 2, Brown and Son, variegs., topper for position, rare good back and neat waist, pipe tail; 3, c, Towers, variegs., rough underneath when we were takiug notes, otherwise grand bird; 4 Ogden Bros., eye and wing marks, slashing, fine bird, shows grand quality; vhc, Metcalfe; hc, Cooper. YELL., HEN (9): 1, Chittenden, eye and wing marks, grand lady, shows herself well, splendid back, front, and general carriage; 2, 4, c, Towers, cap. wing marks, another of the right sort, full of quality aud position, well placed; 3, Thomas, smaller, very fine type and quality, neat pair of legs; 4, Towers, variegs., rare drive from shoulder to rump; vhc, Metcalfe; hc, Bullen; c, Towers. BUFF (16): 1, Morrison, variegs., a gem, all type and quality, well up on legs, clean built, should do something; 2, Bailey, variegs., another topper from this stable, rare thing all through, but just beaten to-day; 3, Cooper, hardly the bloom of winners, but long, racy Buff, showing a nice length of leg; 4, Thomas; vhc, Ogden Bros.; hc, Metcalfe; c, Priestley. STOCK BIRD (6) all clears: 1, Ludbrook, tremendous bird in width, but birds in open were as long, well filled in; 2, Cooper, topping size, fine legs and wing carriage, grand closed-in tail; 3, Goodwin, wedge shape, very shooty, good stock bird; 4, Priestley, grand length, best of wing carriage; vhc, Myers; hc, Towers. YORKS. GREENS, SELF YELL. (17): 1, Bunn, a nice stamp of bird, but frilly in front, and we thought somewhat fortunate to get this position; 2, hc, Rowlands, rare length, good top end, grand waist, magnificent col. and markings; 3, McDermott, bit stouter, slashing fine size, col. and markings, well drawn, not quite ready; 4, vhc, McNulty, wonderful col. and pencilling, long drawn wings; hc, Rowlands, best coloured bird in class; c, Wardle. BUFF (10): 1, 3, Rowlands, leader smasher for type, rare back and wings, fine col., 3, bardly depth of col., grand pencilling, well down, stands on a good pair of legs; 2, McNulty, great length, good top end and shooty, round as a bottle, fine tone of col.; 4, Young, good big one, not quite through, should make up well; vhc, Walker; hc, Pilling; c, Hartley. FOUL YELL. (8): 1, Walker, foul tail, long drawn out bird, shows touch of Belgian, wedge shape body, wins nicely; 2, Helliwell, another of the Belgian stamp, rare drop from shoulder to tail, fine pencilling and col.; 3, Rowlands, better col. and markings, hardly ready, will want stopping later; 4, Handley, foul tail, rare length and grand tone of col.; vhc, c, Metcalfe; hc, Wardle. BUFF (10): 1, Walker, foul tail, long sweeping back, again shows touch of Belgian, well up on leg; 2, Rowlands, topper for type and col., nicely moulded chest, well filled in neck, stands on a good pair of pins; 3, McDermott, stouter, wedge sbape and very shooty top end, a wee bit low on leg; 4, Mockridge, very neat exhibit, not a big one, but teeming with quality. LINNET, ETC. (11): 1, vhc, hc, Stamp, Linnet, plenty of work, nice cone shape, nut brown throughout; 2, Inman, Redpoll, large bib, nice coverts, laced well down thigb; 3, Lane, Redpoll, not size of 2, but better laced; 4, Martin and Archer, Linnet, good big one, grand pencilling; c, Bousfield. A.O.V. BRITISH (7): out and out good class: 1, 3, Bousfield, Yellow Wagtail leading, in rare trim, splendid col., shows itself to perfection, 3, Grey Wag., seemed a bit soft when we were taking notes; 2, vbc, Martin and Archer, Dartford Warbler, sbown in grand order, beautiful reddish brown body, wonderfully steady; 4, Bishop, Pipit, well marked and teeming with quality; hc, North; c, Inman. MULE OR HYB. (6): 1, 2, bc, Martin and Archer, almost clear Linnet Mule, only slight grizzle on cheek, rightly named Perfection, rare size and in good order; 2, Linnet Bullie, red hot, shows parentage well; 3, Cowgill and Son, Goldie mule, nice size and feather, shown well; 4, Clegg, Goldie mule, not quite the size of above, better colour; vhc, Simpson.

Mr. Mundell's Classes.

The Norwich Greens had four classes provided for them, but these filled badly. Self-Yellows were cancelled, and the three remaining classes totalled 21 entries. In the open Norwich section some very typical birds were benched. The novice Yorkshires were a nice lot, and we shall hear more about them in a few more weeks. Many of the birds are not quite ready, and lack the bloom which we like to see. Some of them are too fat, and want a week or two off the colour food.

YELL., NOR. (8): 1, hc, Thomas, blaze of col., good head and neck, clear round chest; 2, Heap, rich col., clean on breast, full of quality, wants a little more time; 3, Humphries, eye, neck and wing marked, rich col., silky feather, good head and breast; 4, Eyre; vhc, Pickering and Wright; c, Wilcock. BUFF (6): 1, Humphries, wing and eye marked, rich col., boxey feather, good round head, clean on breast, compact wings, nice carriage; 2, Pepper, clear, silky feather, nice wing carriage, good head, rich col.; 3, Thomas, cl. boxey feather, grand back and wing, rich col., feather A1; 4, Pickering and Wright, eye, wing, and head marked, full of quality; vhc, Eyre; hc, Jones. UNFLIG. (17): 1, Humphries, buff, cap on head, blaze of col., grand boxey feather, good head and neck, we liked; 2, Pepper, Yellow, good head, rich col., boxey feather, short and chubby, close up; 3, Greenwood and Pickles, Yellow, rich col., good head, full of quality; 4, Bennett, Buff, good head, short and chubby; vhc, Eyre; hc, Bailey; c, Ball. YELL. HEN: Void. BUFF (10): 1, 4, vhc, Heap, good head and neck, rich col., boxey feather, grand wing carriage, compact tail, nice clear round breast, 4, head and neck, clear chest, full of quality, a nice team; 2, Humphries, capped, good head and neck, full of quality, short and chubby; 3, C. and C. T. Parkes, nice bloom, good head, clean on breast; hc, Inman; c, Jones. HEN, UNFLIG. (15): 1, 4, c, Heap, rich col. Buff, teeming with quality, grand head, full in neck, clean chest, 4th, Buff, boxey feather, short and chubby; 2, Eyre, Buff cheek-mkd., rich col., boxey feather, good head, nice wing carriage; 3, Pepper, Yellow, nice quality; vhc, Plowright; hc, Thomas. NOR. GREEN, YELL.: Void. BUFF (8): 1, 2, 3, Lawson, good head, nice wings, compact tail, rich green throughout, fine type, 2nd, good head, a shade too fat, nice colour, 3rd, wee bit loose in feather, rich col., nice head, wings and tail; 4th, Walker, good head and neck; vhc, Hales; hc, Pyke; c, Hanley. FOUL YELL. (6): 1, Walker, foul tail, good head and neck, very chubby, grand wing carriage; 2, Bloor, foul tail, good wings, short and chubby full of quality; 3, vhc, Pyke, foul tail, typical, lovely quality; 4, Lawson, foul tail, good head and chest; vhc, Hales. BUFF (7): 1, 3, Hales, tail and wings foul, good head and neck, grand back, full on chest, good wing carriage, 3rd, foul tail, nice head, short and chubby, full of quality; 2, Walker, foul tail, rich col., good quality feather, well braced wings, short tail; 4, Handley, good head and neck, clean on breast; vhc, hc, Pyke; c, Lawson. SLLL., 20s. (11): 1, Lunn; 2, Tidswell; 3, Burdekin Bros.; 4, Morley vhc, c, Fieldhouse hc, Pell. 15s. (18): 1, Helliwell; 2, Radley; 3, Fieldhouse; 4, Ellis; vhc, Midgley; hc, Grayshon; c, Briggs and Jagger. HEN, 12s. 6d. (12): 1, Gledhill; 2, Helliwell; 3, Bartle; 4, Fieldhouse; vhc, Ellis; hc, Radley c, Edmondson and Son. NOVICE, YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL. (19): 1, Hudson, a blaze of col., grand position, good head, clean on chest, lovely wings and tail 2, Mountain, pale col., hoxey, well up on leg, good head, nice wings and tail; 3, Sutcliffe, rich col., stout, fine feather, grand position, compact tail; 4, Greig and Pearson, unflig., rich col., full of quality; vhc, Hirst; hc, Simpson and Son; c, Huddleston. BUFF (29): 1, Highley, position A1, well braced wings and tail, neat round head, clean on breast, full of quality; 2, Shaw Tyas, pale col., boxey feather, grand type; 3, Pearson, ticked on cheek and wing, typical, grand wings and tail; 4, Fowle, rare length, good wing carriage; vhc, Cooper; hc, Ratcliffe; c, Dyson and Shaw. No. 20, Wood, wrong class. UNEVEN, ETC. (23): 1, Hainsworth, Yell. marked, bit throaty, full of quality, neck, head, good wing carriage, piped tail; 2, Packer, Buff eye and wing marked, boxey feather, grand position piped tail; 3, Weston, Yell., eye and wing marked, grand wings and tail; 4, Tidswell, Yellow, eye and wing mkd., lovely quality; vhc, Firth; hc, Denby; c, Grayshon. CINN., TKD., ETC. (11): 1, Grayshon, Buff wings and cheek mkd., lovely quality, neat round head, clean on breast, good wing carriage, well up on legs; 2, c, Grange, Yell., pale col., stands well, nice quality, good head; 3, Lewis, buff eye and wings, penny yet, nice type; 4, Fergusson, Yellow, eye and wing tkd., good position; vhc, Boulton; hc, Shaw. CINN., TKD., ETC. HEN (12): 1, Field, Yellow, eye and wing tkd., pale col., neat head, stands well, good wings, piped tail; 2, vhc, Lewis, Buff, wing tkd., lovely feather, grand position, neat head, good wing carriage, piped tail; 3, Grange, Yell., wing, eye and head mkd., rich col. feather, nice position; 4, Fergusson, buff cap and eyes, nice type; hc, Simonett; c, Fowler and Hargreaves. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (24): 1, Hainsworth, capped, pale col., grand wings and tail, rare length, magnificent quality, position A1; 2, B. Hainsworth, cheek tick, nice type and quality, good wing carriage piped tail; 3, Lodge, rich col., fine quality, neat round head, well up; 4, Cooper, lovely quality, neat wings; vhc, Helliwell; hc, Padgett; c, Boulton. BUFF (18): 1, Bateman, nice type and quality, long flight, wants a little more time; 2, Radley, lovely feather and quality, position A1; 3, Fletcher, grizzled on breast, nice quality feather, good position, fine bead and wings; 4, Watson, typical; vhc, Smith; hc, Pell; c, Pearson. UNEVEN, ETC., GREEN HEN (20): 1, Deighton, buff cheek tkd. and wing mkd., magnificent quality, grand position, good first; 2, Smith, Yell., cap, eye and wing mkd., boxey feather, well up on leg, long flights; 3, Moore, Buff, eye and wing mkd., nice position, quality, well braced wings and tail; 4, Shaw, Yell., eye and wing tkd., teeming with quality; vhc, Rhodes; hc, Hellas; c, Tidswell. NOR. CK. (12): 1, 3, Roe, 1st, Yell., eye and wing tkd., blaze of col., good head and neck, boxey feather, wings well braced to side, short and chubby, 3rd, Buff, eye and wing mkd., rich col., short, very chubby, full of quality; 2, Airton, Buff, cap, mkd., rich col, good wings and tail, full of quality, wants a little more time; 4, Rhodes, Yell., quality A1; vhc, Feather; hc, Maltby; c, Pearson. HEN (9): 1, 3, Simonett, Yell. tk., lovely quality, short wings and tail, full of style; 3, Yell. tk., nice quality, rich col., short and chubby; 2, Pearson, Buff, good head and neck, clear round breast; 4, Roe, Buff, quality A1, clean head; vhc, Birbeck; hc, Feather; c, Rhodes.

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Oct. 21.—**Carlisle.**—J. C. Bell, 23, Botchergate.
Oct. 21.—**Manchester.**—H. Boothman, 8, Ketterills Rd., Levenshulme.
Oct. 21.—**Tavistock.**—J. Young, 1, Church Lane.
Oct. 23.—**Hartlepools.**—E. Woodhead, St. Paul's Ed., West Hartlepool.
Oct. 23.—**Braintree.**—F. A. Hunnable, London Road.
Oct. 23.—**Dunbar.**—M. Gilhooly, High St.
Oct. 23.—**Wolverhampton.**—J. Gibbons, 64, Napier Rd.
Oct. 23.—**Ayr.**—J. Sloan, 19, New Bridge St.
Oct. 23.—**Dysart.**—J. Harris, Victoria Bar.
Oct. 24.—**Chatham.**—H. Wray, 23, Glencoe Rd.
Oct. 24.—**Maidenhead.**—Ed. Bristow, 36, King St.
Oct. 24.—**Derwent Valley.**—J. Lindsay, Railway Cottages, Westwood, Medomsley R.S.O., Co. Durham.
Oct. 25.—**Belper.**—Stillman and Holden, Belper.
Oct. 25.—**Wakefield.**—J. Atkinson, 53, Queen St.
Oct. 25.—**Cheltenham.**—W. Pounsett, 5, White Cross Square.
Oct. 25 (first post).—**Codnor Park.**—J. H. Mitchell, South St., Greenhill Lane, Alfreton.
Oct. 25.—**Chelmsford.**—Ballard and Rippon, 17, Park Avenue.
Oct. 26.—**Bournemouth.**—W. O. Brooke, 102, Nortoft Road.
Oct. 26.—**L'skeard.**—H. Jones Robins, 2, Market St.
Oct. 26.—**Penrhiwceiber.**—T. J. Evans, Penuel House.
Oct. 28.—**Blaydon.**—G. Havver, 1, Theresa St.
Oct. 28.—**Cleator Moor.**—P. E. Byrne, 110, Birks Road, Cleator Moor, Cumberland.
Oct. 28.—**Dublin.**—C. Holley, 66, Fitzroy Av., Drumcondra.
Oct. 28.—**Markinch.**—G. Mitchell, Coaltown, Markinch.
Oct. 28.—**Stockton.**—J. W. Lowes, 17, Canning Street.
Oct. 28.—**Lowestoft.**—E. L. A. Crow, London Road.
Oct. 28.—**Leicester (H.-i.-H.).**—A. Freestone, 79, Clarendon St.

ENTRIES EXTENDED.

Oct. 21 (last post).—**Paignton.**—J. N. and J. Jeffery, Sartor House, Winner St.
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Westcountrymen Hold Strong Hands in Norwich and Yorkshires.

With the Southern Yorkshire C.C. and Southern Norwich C.C: both giving their support to Clapham last week it was thought by many that the entry at Plymouth would be adversely affected, but such, we are pleased to state, was not the case, as both sections came up remarkably well, and they gave Mr. House a stiff morning's work, the quality being quite equal to the entry. The show was held on October 17th and 18th, and the Corn Exchange was once more the venue, and a better could not be desired—light, lofty, well ventilated, yet free from draughts it makes a magnificent show room, the exhibits being easily viewed from any point. The entries totalled 788, which is somewhat less than last year, but still is good amidst the multitude of shows being held this week. The opening day was dull and cheerless, yet a fair number of visitors put in an appearance, and we should say the show will once more prove successful.

Yorkshires, as usual, opened the schedule, and a magnificent collection they were. A quality lot right through. The best cock bird was Mr. Rorke's yellow variegated, a slim, beautifully proportioned bird of great style and character, whilst the honour of being the best of the opposite sex fell to Mr. Atkinson's wing ticked buff hen, a most charming, sylph-like little lady, as dainty as she was smart and fascinating. A most pleasing feature was the strong hand held by Western breeders, Devon and Cornwall supplying quite a number of the winners.

Magnificent Norwich.

Plymouth is, and has been for ages, a hot-bed of Norwich, and the breeders of the Three Towns are well able to hold their own with the best that the rest of the country can produce. In one thing the Plymouth birds have always excelled, and that is quality. Although colour and size have not been overlooked, they have never been allowed to dominate type and quality. One very noticeable feature was that many of the birds had not yet fined down, and this made the task of judging exceedingly difficult, especially as the morning was very dull, and those birds were not over lively. One item of interest in the section was the fact that Mr. Spillman won the members' young bird challenge cup for the second year in succession with a yellow hen, and that the birds which produced the winner of 1910 were also the parents of the 1911 bird.

The Crests were of very nice quality, but hardly up to that of last year, when the Northern creeks of Messrs. Taylor and Martin were on view, still some lovely birds were on the benches, and the C.C.C. specials went to most worthy representatives of the breed. Messrs. Evins Bros'. lovely hen, "Bushey Queen" secured that for the best Crest, and Mr. Bale's noted buff secured that for the best crest-bred. In the British section the Coldies and both soft-billed classes had to be scratched. This falling off in recent years of the British section at Plymouth is hard to understand. However, in the classes which filled some magnificent birds were staged, and the winners were all of great beauty.

Of the management there can be but one opinion, it was splendid; and only in one respect can we suggest improvement, and that is that the water should not be removed from the birds other than Crests. The absence of water for a few hours makes a wonderful difference in the appearance of birds, and although it may be said that all are on the same footing, it is hardly so, as some are more adversely affected than others. The committee worked like Trojans, and spared not themselves at all. Plymouth men know how to run a show, and they do it. The committee responsible for this year's event were Messrs. C. Dart (chairman), W. French(vice-chairman), C. Hoar, C. Garland, J. Ryder, W. W. Small, E. Sott, C. Jewell, J. Pridham, G. Haskell, C. Large, F. Wills, J. Bavage, W. Spillman, and C. Reed. Two better officials than Messrs. T. Pope and W. A. Dyer it would be difficult to find, and under their direction everything went as smoothly and cheerfully as a marriage bell.

The judges were Mr. C. A. House, Yorkshires, Norwich, Borders and Belgians; Mr. J. Robson, the remainder.

Specials:—Crested C.C : Crest, Messrs. Evins Bros.; C.B., F. G. Bale; Clear Body D.C., J. Franz; Yellow or C.B., G. M. Davey; 1911 Crest, H. Coath; 1911 C.B., G. C. Ley; diploma for best Crest, H. Coath; ditto C.B, H. Coath. Members specials: Yorks. cup, C. Jewell: Nor., W. Spillman; Crest, H. Coath; A.O.V., W. G. French; Mule, J. Popplestone; British, F. Collins.

Mr. House's Classes.

YORKS, YELL. (14): 1, spl, Boundy, capital shape, length and style, good col. and feather; 2, Rennie, very smart and showy, beautiful quality, neat wings and tail; 3, Easterling and Carson, plenty of col., nice shape and feather, not so erect in carriage; 4, Mock, lovely shape and feather, nice style, paler in col.; vhc, Hawes Bros.; hc, Crisp; c, Mason. BUFF (20): 1, spl, Rennie, grand shape and carriage, nice silky feather, grand wings and tail: 2, Easterling and Carson, better head, lovely feather and carriage, not quite so finely drawn; 3, Wills, splendid shape and rare feather, shorter on leg; 4, Hawes Bros., very shapely and stylish, not so fine in feather; vhc, Knight; hc, Elsmore; c, Stephens and Gaved. MKD. (13): 1, c, sp and Y.C.C. sp, Rorke, yell varieg., grand head, neck and back, capital wings and tail, very smart and sleek throughout; 2, Hawes Bros., fine, long, wing and neck tkd., rare style and feather, not quite so good in head; 3, Knight, lovely quality Cinn. mkd., rare shape, not quite so erect in carriage; 4, Wills, grand, shapely, close feathered bird, very showy; vhc, Jeffries; hc, Jewell. NON-FLI., YELL. (24): 1, two sps. and members' cup, 4, Jewell, grand head, great length of side, very finely drawn, grand wings and tail; 2, sp., Woodley, very smart tkd. cheek, grand shape and style, not quite ready; 3, Easterling and Carson, neck tkd., longer, capital shape and style, not so fine in feather; vhc, Lashbrook, takes Y.C.C. sp. but vhc; hc, Morgan; c, Elsmore. BUFF (13): 1, 2, sp, Easterling and Carson, hardly ready, but grand shape, and stands as straight as a dart, lovely feather; 2, not quite so much length, quite equal in shape, feather and style; 3, Rorke, very pale in col., but rare shape, lovely feather and plenty of nerve; 4, Atkins, grand shape and feather, not so steady; vhc, Turner; hc, Dickers; c, Thomas. HEN YELL. (16): 1, sp, Jewell, wing and eye tkd., splendid shape and style, rare quality of feather, not quite tight in front: 2, Easterling and Carson, wing tkd., very slim and sleek, lovely quality, rare style, grand wings and tail; 3, Rorke, lovely shape, and feather, neat head, capital wings and tail, not so smart in body feather; 4, Fox, grand bodied neck tkd., very stylish, hardly so well shown; vhc, Lohr; hc, Turner; c, Crisp. BUFF (19): 1, sp, and Y.C.C. sp, Atkins, tkd. wing, a topper, lovely head and back, grand wings and tail, full of style and quality; 2, c, Rennie, neck tkd., trifle flat in head, lovely body, wings, and tail, grand feather and style; 3, Easterling and Carson, close silky feathered, stylish clr., nice head, stouter in body; 4, Jewell, very sweet, but hardly enough length; vhc, Elsmore; hc, Ellis. SELL £2 (12): 1, sp, Fox; 2, Jewell; 3, Morgan; 4, Bousfield; vhc, Wills; hc, Batten; c, Ellis.

NOR., YELL. (15): 1, sp, Coop, nice stout head, deep chest, capital wings and tail, nice feather and style; 2, Spillman, capital chest and back, splendid quality of feather, brighter col., but not so good in head; 3, Baker, very grand col. and quality, capital shape, plenty of substance, not so clear in wings; 4, c, Redwood, grand shape, feather and col., but as wild as a hawk; vhc, Collings; hc, Snell; No. 16, Bailey, won Sandiford's sp. BUFF (18): 1, sp, Collings, grand shape, plenty of substance, very sound and level in col., beautifully mealed; 2, Gill and Pethick, nice short wings and tail, capital head, shoulders and chest, sound col., well frosted; 3, Middleton, splendid body, rare col. and quality, not so stout in head; 4, Lohr, capital body, rare col. and feather, weak in head; vhc, Follwell; hc, Taylor; c, Phillips. TKD. YELL. (12): 1, sp, Spillman, neck tkd., grand shape and style, nice level col., splendid feather, good substance; 2, Veale, grand bodied varieg., full of col. and quality, nice shaped head, good wings and tail; 3, Baker, grizzled on head, splendid shape, nice substance, level col., but needs burnishing; 4, Redwood, lovely quality varieg., good body, small in head; vhc, Gill and Pethick; hc, Varcoe; c, Garland; wrong class, No. 6, Wines and Co., a buff. BUFF (11): 1, sp, Rowden, eye and neck tkd., beautiful level col., rare shape, very close silky feather; 2, Redwood, eye, wing and tail tkd., nice stout body, capital col. and meal, not quite tightened up; 3, Spillman, eye, neck and wing tkd., capital shape, good style, somewhat harsh in col.; 4, Bailey, good bodied, heavy mkd., capital quality, loses in head; vhc, Baker; hc, Dart; c, Gill and Pethick, a good bird, and which in the afternoon looked as though it should have been up in the money. NON-FLI. YELL. (16): 1, sp, Banbury, grand headed clr. rare shoulders and chest, beautiful col. and feather, a good win; 2, Banks, grizzled cap, in the afternoon he had drawn himself up and looked wretched, yet in the morning appeared shapely and nice; 3, Spillman, fine shaped bird, grand col. and feather, not quite finished in head; 4, Gill and Pethick, beautiful col. and feather, rare shape, and in the afternoon might easily have gone up to second place; vhc, Noyce; hc, Baker; c, Rowden. BUFF (24): 1, sp, Noyce, very smart shapely clr., rare col., feather and meal, capital head, rare shoulders and chest; 2, Houghton, very deep chest, capital feather, lovely col. and meal, not so stout in head, clr.; 3, Smith, wing and neck tkd., rather smaller but grand shape, col. and feather; 4, hc, Gill and Pethick, wing tkd., rare col. and meal, capital body, trifle browy; vhc, Pawley; c, Redwood. NON-FLI. HEN (24): 1, sp, Follwell, grand, deep chested, chubby headed cl. yell., beautiful silky feather, lovely col.; 2, vhc, two sps, Redwood, very smart, deep chested buff, superb col. and meal, rare head, grand wings and tail, hardly finished in throat; 3, Lees, wing mkd. yell., very short and compact, good chest, grand feather, not so bright in col.; 4, Ellis, grand, shapely buff, good head and shoulders, capital col., hardly finished on thighs; hc, Hoblyn; c, Trickler. HEN, YELL. (12): 1, sp, Bailey, firm, deep chest, grand shoulders, back, wings, and tail, rich level col., lovely feather, very smart and showy; 2, and members' cup, Spillman, lovely head, grand shoulders and chest, neat wings and tail, beautiful quality, hardly finished on thighs; 3, vhc, Gill and Pethick, splendid chubby body, lovely quality of feather, rare style, nice level col., hardly so stout in head; 4, Veale, variegated, superb col. and quality, a real gem of a hen, and one I liked immensely, but she does not handle well, she needs a show or two to steady her; hc, Ellis; c, Baker. BUFF (21): 1, sp, Collings, a perfect peach, almost everything that one could wish for, quality, col., shape, style, condition, all there; 2, Gill and Pethick, wonderful body, rare quality of feather, nice level rich col., neat wings and tail, hardly so clean cut in head; 3, Baker, in shape, col., quality of feather, and size, she is all right, but her wings need tightening up; 4, Ellis, fine, big, bouncing hen, of nice quality, longer in tail; vhc, Spillman; hc, Lohr; c, Redwood. NON-FED (14): 1, sp, Pope, nice deep chested buff of good quality; 2, Yatee, neat, good feathered cl. yell.; 3, Smale, stylish, close feathered varieg. buff; 4, hc, Matthews, big, shapely; vhc, Chapple; c, Pawley. BORD., YELL. (9): 1, sp, Joyce, very neat, slim and sleek cl., full of style; 2, Smith, grand shape and style, lovely feather, hardly so fine in head; 3, Bobbett, capital feather and style, hardly so slim; 4, Hocking, nice stamp of yell. cinn., good feather and shape; vhc, Drew; hc, Dart; c, Owen. BUFF (13): 1, hc, sp, Dart, very pretty cl., neat shape, lovely feather, full of style; 2, Dodge, grand feather and shape, not quite so smart in carriage; 3, Hocking, very neat in feather, good head, trifle more substance; 4, Bobbett, nice shape and style, good feather, hardly so neat in head; vhc, Joyce; c, Wines and Co.. BELGIANS (9): 1, 2, sp. Horrill, big, heavily shouldered buff, grand head and neck, capital wings and tail, gets well down to his work, 2nd very nervy yell., grips perch well, and brings tail down straight and level with shoulders, capital drive, good length of side; 3, 4, G. S. Baker, big, heavy bodied buff, plenty of timber, full of nerve, but does not straighten his legs so well as leaders, 4th very smart, nervy yell., with the same fault; vhc, W. Baker; hc, Lohr; c, G. Baker. BRED 1911 (9): 1, 2, sp, G. S. Baker, rare shaped buff, not the largest in the class, but he does know how to get his head down, whilst shoulders, wings, and tail are all in a line, 2nd very smart and shapely, rare head and neck, full of nerve, handles well; 3, 4, Horrill, capital head and shoulders, plenty of nerve, but does not bring tail down quite so nicely, 4th good shape and position, but not so nervy, both yell.; vhc, Hunt; hc, Dix; c, W. Baker. MEMBERS' YORKS. (3): 1, Wills; 2, Fox. YELL., £2 (5): 1, Webster; 2, Jewell; 3, Wills; 4, vhc, Woodley. BUFF (6): 1, Wills; 2, Jewell; 3, Olver; 4, Woodley; vhc, Young; hc, Reed. TKD. YELL. (7): 1, Boundy; 2, Olver; 3, Wills; 4, Jewell; vhc, Reed; hc, Young; c, Webster. BUFF (3): 1, Jewell; 2, Woodley; 3, Olver. HEN, YELL. (3): 1, Woodley; 2, Jewell; 3, Wills. BUFF (7): 1, Wills; 2, 4, Jewell; 3, Olver; vhc, Reed; hc, Webster. NOR. (7): 1, 2, Collings; 3, c, Spillman; 4, Tricker; vhc, Winnicott; hc, French. £2 YELL. (4): 1, Bailey; 2, 3, Rowe; 4, Varcoe. BUFF (8): 1, Bailey; 2, Phillips; 3, Dart; 4, Garland: vhc, Tricker; hc, Rowe; c, French. TKD. YELL. (3): 1, Winnicott; 2, Tricker; 3, Rowe. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Garland; 3, Phillips; 4, vhc, Rowe; hc, Spillman; c, Yates. HEN, YELL. (5): 1, Bailey; 2, Garland; 3, Bailey; 4, Spillman; vhc, Pope. BUFF (9): 1, Spillman; 2, Snell; 3, Dart; 4, Phillips; vhc, Winnicott; hc, Tricker; c, Pope. BORDER YELL. (3): 1, Dart; 2, 3, Tottle. BUFF (4): 1, and A.O.V. members' cup, French; 2, Tottle; 3, 4, Dart.

Mr Robson's Classes.

CREST, BUFF CK. (14): 1, spl, 3, Franz, former cl. buff, grizzle crest, heavily feathered body, large crest, perfect formation and droop, latter clear body d.c., good formation, comes well over beak; 2, Ball, wing mkd., rich, dark varieg. crest, well radiated; 4, Evins Bros., varieg. body, plenty of feather; vhc, Piper; hc, Tyson; c, Moist. HEN (9): 1, spl, Evins Bros., heavily varieg. body, wonderfully dense crest, well formed, grand exhibit; 2, Piper, cl. body, rich dark leafy crest, grand droop and frontal; 3, Bale, varieg. body, plenty of feather, dense drooping crest, with good formation; 4, Tyson, varieg. body, good frontal, rich leafy crest; vhc, Lazarus; hc, Franz; c, Ley. C.B. CK. (9): 1, spl., Bale, dark varieg. body, well feathered, nice width and rise of skull, very densely clothed; 2, Coath, dark green, grand shape and width of skull, well lashed; 3, Evins Bros., good shaped head, plenty of feather, well browed; 4, Lazarus, good, broad skull, plenty of feather; vhc, Ley; hc, Lee and Lowry; c, Williams. HEN (11): 1, spl, Lane Thomas, heavy feathered body, grand cushioned head, good entrance; 2, Tyson, dark green, grand shape and width, of skull, well lashed; 3, Hobbs, dark varieg. body, wide skull, very dense in feather; 4, Davey, mkd. body; vhc, Evins Bros.; hc, Bale; c, Williams. CREST. YELL.(5): 1, spl, Evins Bros., wing mkd., d.c., well radiated; 2, Ley, dark green, plenty of feather, crest not quite ripe yet, will improve; 3, Watcham, capital shape and droop, nice quality; 4, Williams, wing mkd. d.c.; 3, Lee and Lowry, w.e. C.B. YELL. (3): 1, spl, Watcham, cl. body yell., good size, nice shape head, well cushioned and good entrance; 2, Davey, wing, head and neck mkd., but small and pinched at entrance; 3, Evins Bros., wing and head mkd. yell., good head dress. BUFF CREST, BRED 1911 (13): 1, spl, Bale, cl. body, mkd. tail, d.c., very nice shape and droop, plenty of feather, neatly finished; 2, Coath, dark green, good size and shape, crest nicely centred, fine frontal; 3, Evins Bros., cl. body yell., good veiny crest, well radiated, good droop and centre; 4, vhc, Evins Bros., former wing mkd., d.c., nicely radiated, carrying plenty of feather; hc, Hammett; c, Moist. BUFF (9): 1, spl, Bale, large body, well feathered, nice width of skull, densely feathered, good one; 2, Richards, wing and head mkd. yell.; 3, Ley, varieg. body, good shaped head, plenty of feather; 4, Coath, plenty of body feather; vhc, Evins Bros.; hc, Lazarus; c, spl., Davey. PAIRS, CREST AND C.B. (10): 1, spl, Evins Bros., dark green c.b. ck. and grand crested hen, shapely crest, rich leafy feather; 2, Davey, another dark green c.b. ck., wide skull, plenty of feather, with grizzle body, and crest hen, good droop, plenty of substance; 3, Bale, varieg. body c.b. ck., large body, plenty of head feather, wing mkd., buff crested hen, capital shape and droop; 4, Hobbs; vhc, hc, Davey; c, Skinner. CREST, NOVICE (5): 1, spl, Coath, cl. body d.c., heaps of rich feather, good round drooping crest; 2, Avent, wing mkd. yell. d.c., grand size, well radiated; 3, Skinner, dark green, plenty body feather, fine crest, will improve; 4, Bavage, wing mkd., another good one; vhc, Parsons. C.B. (7): 1, spl, hc, Parsons, former good head, grand lashing and size, good condition; 2, vhc, Coath, light varieg. body, grand skull, nice size, well lashed; 3, Avent, good length of feather, well formed skull, nice entrance; c, Skinner. MEMBERS, CREST OR C.B. (5): 1, Coath; 2, Davey; 3, Hobbs; 4, Parsons. CL. BODY BUFF, £3 (3): 1, Bavage; 2, 3, Parsons. BUFF, MKD., ETC., £3 (6): 1, vhc, Rowe; 2, Bavage; 3, Coath; 4, Richards; hc, Parsons. C.B., CL., ETC., £3 (4): 1, Bavage; 2, Parsons; 3, Richards; 4, Hutchings. HEAVILY MKD., ETC., £3 (5): 1, Davey; 2, Richards; 3, Coath; 4, Hutchings; vhc, Bavage. PAIRS CREST OR C.B., £6 (3): 1, Hobbs; 2, Bavage; 3, Richards. OPEN., CINN., (Nor. type) (9): 1, Pope, large, shapely bird, good quality and substance; 2, vhc, Medlin, former rare shape and size, lovely col. and feather, good head and chest; 3, 4, Dyer, former grand shape and quality, capital col., nice substance, latter close up, another good one. MEMBERS, CINN., YELL. (Nor. type) (3): 1, 2, 3, Lee. BUFF (4): 1, 2, 4, Lee; 3, French. MEMBERS, PAIRS, £4 (5): 1, Dart; 2, Olver; 3, Bailey; 4, Jewell. CAGE OF 4 (3): 1, 3, French; 2, Richards. MULES OR HYB., OPEN, LIGHT CAN. (13): 1, spl, Miss D. E. Joseph, two pointed yell., grand col. and condition, tight as boxwood; 2, Spillman, two pointed buff, good size and col., close up; 3, 4, Collins, former lightly varieg. Linnet Can., shown in the pink of condition, well deserves place, latter good Linnet Mule, close up; vhc, Collins; hc, Pearce; c, Botting. DARK (12): 1, spl, T. W. Pope, dark Linnet Can. Mule, good size, col. and condition; 2, 3, vhc, Collins, former dark Goldfinch Can., grand size and bloom, nice exhibit, latter dark Linnet Can., close up, another good one; 4, Wills, dark Goldfinch Can., good col. and condition; hc, Gent; c, Fred Hearn. A.O.V. HYB. (6): 1, spl, Waldock, Goldfinch-Bullfinch, rich in feather and bloom, very distinct markings; 2, Lamb, Linnet-Bullfinch, grand plumage and condition, well shown; 3, Pearce, Redpoll-Bullfinch, fine size, lovely quality, feather and condition; 4, Collius, Linnet-Bullfinch, shown in pink of condition; vhc, Hamilton; hc, Fellowes. MULES OR HYB., MEMBERS, LIGHT, £2: 1, 2, Rowe. A.O.V. HYB. £2 (4): 1, 3, 4, Rowe; 2, Harvey. DARK HYB. (NONFLIGHT.). £2 (5): 1, Popplestone; 2, Gent; 3, Collins; 4, Rowe; vhc, Harvey. BRIT., OPEN, LINNET, ETC. (19): 1, spl, 2, Marley, former Linnet, good size nice col., well pencilled, very shapely, latter Redpoll, A1 condtion, close up; 3, Collins, good size, fine cap, grand bib, in clinking fine order; 4, Pearce, mealy Redpoll, rich feather and col., in splendid condition; vhc, Botting; hc, Wills; c, Harris and Dix. A.O.S. SEED-EATING (11): 1, spl, Stephens and Gaved, real beauty, very tame, in perfect condition, rich brown head, clear in neck band and wing bars, perfect bib; 2, Collins, another Hawfinch, loses in col. only to winner; 3, Wills, yellow Bunting, wonderful rich cl. col., almost perfect head markings; 4, Botting, good size Bramblefinch, lovely col. and shape, good lacing on head and shoulders; vhc, Large; hc, c, Russell. HEN, SEED-EATING (10): 1, spl, Large, Corn Bunting, good size and A1 condition; 2, Marley, Hawfinch, nice col. and condition; 3, Russell, lovely Siskin, nice shape, good col. and cap; 4, Lugg, Bullfinch, nice size and shape, good level body col.; vhc, Botting; hc, Pridham; c, Lott. BRIT., MEMBERS, GOLDFINCH, ETC., £2 (5): 1, Wills; 2, 4, Large; 3, Pridham; vhc, Popplestone. LINNET, ETC., £2 (12): 1, vhc, Large; 2, Harvey; 3, 4, Lee; hc, c, Wills. A.O.S. SEED-EATING (1): 1, Large. A.O.S. BRIT. (3): 1, 3, Wills; 2, Harvey. SEED EATING HEN (5): 1, vhc, Large; 2, Harvey; 3, 4, Lee. FOR., LARGE (7): 1, Parsons; 2, 3, vhc, Pope; 4, Harvey; c, Dyer. SMALL (3): 1, 2, 3, Dyer.

BIRMINGHAM.

Annual exhibition of the Birmingham C.B.S. held Oct. 18 and 19, in the spacious room attached to the "Crown Hotel," Hill Street, this being centrally situated, in close proximity to the stations. The hall has good light, is well ventilated, and is lighted by electricity at night. No classes were cancelled or amalgamated. The president is Mr. J. A. Eckersley, and a more enthusiastic and genuine official it would be impossible to find. The vice-presidents are Messrs. W. W. Butler, J. Webb, H. C. Wilkins, A. Broadhurst, and J. H. de Maillet; everyone rendered valuable assistance. Chairman Mr. J. Burke, vice Mr. G. E. Niblett, hon. treas. Messrs. J. Harvey and E. J. Ingram—a quartette well above the average of workers. The committee consist of Messrs. Derry, Dipple, Hughes, J. H. Jones, F. Pearce, Walton, and Wright, a band of real workers. The hon. sec., Mr. S. Mole, is heart and soul in his duties; he is a genuine trier, courteous and obliging, and possesses a true fancier spirit. Mr. J. H. de Maillet (late sec.) put his shoulders to the wheel in no mean manner, and between them the work ran smoothly. Staging was of a very neat description, and the birds could be seen at a glance. Birmingham fanciers are true to the core, and time spent amongst them is of a most pleasant nature. The Crimson Wing (Mr. W. Baxby's) stood reserve for sp for best in show, and fully deserved the honour. Special for best in show went to a yellow dark Greenle-Cin., the property of Mr. A. Somerfield. Sandiford's medal, Mr. F. J. Weaver. The stewards were Messrs. J. H. Jones (night duty), Childs, Burke, jun., Crowther, and Raby. All worked with a will, and kept on the top side of their duties. Cards were displayed promptly as each class was adjudicated upon. Judges: Mr. T. Heath (London), Canaries, and Mr. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield), British, Hybrids, and Foreign. The awards were well received.

Mr. Heath's Classes.

NOR. YELL. (9): 1, Broadhurst, mkd. left wing, rare size and shape, red hot in col., lovely quality and carriage, real topper; 2, Broadhurst, cl., well up in substance, grand col. and feather, moves finely; 3, Silver, cl., very cobby, capital quality, not quite the col. or substance of those above; 4, vhc, Eckersley, cl., very warm, nice texture of feather; hc, Jones; c, Weaver. BUFF (6): 1, Silver, cl., short and thick set, fine substance, A1 col. and quality, richly mealed, clean cut, jaunty carriage; 2, Eckersley, lovely quality cl., A1 col., fine head, neck and chest, little longer in build; 3, 4, Broadhurst, full of col. and quality, nice shape and size, good carriage, not far away; 4, wonderful size, rich col., very shapely; vhc, Jones; hc, Willoughby. MKD. (7): 1, 2, Eckersley, yell, mkd. head, well up in substance, rattling fine quality and col., beautiful head, neck and chest; 2nd, buff var., teeming with quality, rich tone of col., neatly frosted, good size and shape; 3, Jones, built, mkd. wing and root of tail, capital size, col. and quality, grand shape body; 4, Weaver, yell., mkd. wing, A1 col. and feather; vhc, Crundell; hc, Garfield; c, Broadhurst. HEN (11): 1, hc, Broadhurst, cl. yell., rattling substance, beautiful col., good shape, well across perch, quite a charmer; 2, 3, Eckersley, cl. buff, magnificent col., slashing feather and frosting, well up in size; 3rd, cl. buff, short and thick set, tight as a drum, superb feather, 1911 bred, and appears very promising; 4, Taylor, cl. yell., good quality and col., neat head and neck; vhc, Collier; c, Johnson. UNFLIG. YELL. (10): 1, Roycroft, mkd. head, wonderful substance, grand col. and quality, fine shape and carriage; 2, Eckersley, thigh tick, A1 col. and quality, rare size, rattling fine built body; 3, Broadhurst, cl., ablaze with col., good feather, neat head and neck, moves well; 4, Silver, mkd. eyes, topping col.; vhc, Baker; hc, Willoughby; c, Weaver. BUFF (8): 1, Taylor, mkd. eye, well up in size, clinking col. and quality, rare shape, grand carriage; 2, Collier, mkd. tail, magnificent feather, superb col., all front, very fine head and neck character; 3, vhc, Eckersley, red hot cl., fine size, nice quality; 4, Johnson, cl., A1 feather col. and shape; hc, Willoughby; c, Garfield. NOVICE YELL. CL. ETC. (7): 1, Bennett, cl., rich tone of col., capital feather, rare substance; 2, Mrs. A. Williams, shapely and of good quality and col., well across perch; 3, Kenyon, var., red hot, short and thick set, fine size and carriage, wee shade flat on head; 4, Tye, mkd. wings and head, capital col. and quality; vhc, Childs; hc, Rowey; c, Harrison. BUFF (7): 1, Law, mkd. eye, lovely col., beautifully clothed, sweetly cast and of good size and carriage; 2, Bennett, cl., more substance, good feather, very neat; 3, Mrs C. Hinde, cl., fine size and shape, good carriage; 4, Childs, cobby cl., A1 quality, good col.; vhc, Harrison; hc, Marlow; c, Hyde. HEN (12): 1, Bennett, cl. yell. possessing fine silky feather, rattling fine shape and col., good size and carriage; 2, Derry, cl. yell., still larger, good shape and col., nice feather, we admired; 3, Hughes, yell., mkd. wing and root of tail, cobby, A1 col. and quality, another of the right sort; 4, Gibbons, yell., mkd. wing, short and thick set, shapely; vhc, Raycroft; hc, Hinde; c, Hyde. UNFLIG. (18) good lot: 1, Bennett, cl. buff, short and thick set, lovely col. and quality, fine size and carriage, clean cut away; 2, 3, Mrs. A. Williams, cl. yell. and cl. buff respectively, both grand col., delightfully clothed, well up in size, sweet shape; 4, Hyde, buff, mkd. wing, cobby, A1 col.; vhc, Harrison; hc, Robinson; c, Derry. CREST (4): 1, Barker, buff, almost green, D.C., heaps of rich quality feather, good substance, crest leafy, round as a hoop, large and thickly packed; 2, Smith, buff, almost green, D.C., magnificent quality, crest veiny and of excellent radiation, droop and centre; 3, Peace, mkd. wings D.C., buff, A1 feather, rare substance, crest round and of nice shape; vhc, Peters. C.B. (5): 1, Gilbert, buff var., rattling quality and substance, wonderful width and rise of skull, heaps of head feather, grandly lashed; 2, Barker, buff, heavy mkd., abundance of rich quality feather, shapely, capital skull properties, nicely browed; 3, Smith, good shape and quality, neat head; 4, Peters, cl. buff, lots of feather of good texture, fine shaped body; vhc, Peace. NOVICE CREST (5): 1, Law, buff var. D.C., heaps of feather, nice substance, crest veiny and of good radiation, capital droop and centre, very bonny; 2, Jones, green D.C., fine substance, abundance rich quality feather, crest of nice size, but all in pen, will look well shortly; 3, Law, buff green, pied tail, D.C., lovely quality, very shapely, crest extremely neat; 4, withheld; vhc, Peace; hc, Wainwright. C.B. (2): 1, Jones, green, pied tail, fine shape and substance, lots of feather of a rich character, nice rise and width of skull, neatly lashed; 2, Peace, cl. buff, plenty of feather, well up in size, neat head character. CINN. (6): 1, 4, Baker, yell., beautiful feather, grand col., nicely polished, fine size and shape, well put down; 4th, buff, shapely and of excellent feather, good one; 2, vhc, Southon, buff, fine shape, grand quality and col., capital carriage, nice size; 3, hc, Bloomfield, buff, shapely and of good col. and quality. UNFLIG. (3): 1, Silver, buff, lovely quality, rich col., fine shape,

nice size and carriage, 2, 3, Hammersley, both nice buffs. BORD. (6): 1, 4, Harrison, bull, mkd. wings and eyes, delightful shape, smooth as glass, full of action; 4th, cl. yell., capital quality, nice head, neck and body, just a little too long in tail; 2, Tyler, buff green, tight as wax, nice feather, fine shape and carriage, pressed hard; 3, Sampson, cl. yell., magnificent quality, slashing fine shape; vhc, Pepperell; hc, Walton. UNFLIG. (4): 1, Tyler, cl. buff, true shape, not a feather out of place, full of nerve, in the pink; 2, Sampson, yell., mkd. neck, A1 quality, free worker, fine head expression, nice neck and body; 3, Walton, var. bull, smooth as glass, grand shape, moves nicely, well worth place; 4, Harrison, cl. yell., possessing quality of the best, neat head, neck and wing carriage. YORKS. YELL. (12): 1, Thomas, cl., lovely quality and col., beautiful position, full of style, well up on leg, one of the best; 2, Shaw Bros., cl., rare length, position and quality, well filled back, nice wings and tail; 3, Millingcamp, thigh tick, A1 quality and col., lovely expression of head, good length, well worth place; 4, Andrews, cl., superior quality, nice colour and length; vhc, Beck; hc, Broomfield, c, Clempson. BUFF (9): 1, vhc, Andrews, mkd. neck, feathered like glass, lengthy and shooty, clever legs, put down in the pink; 2, Dykes, cl., A1 col. and feather, neatly frosted, good length and position, not far away; 3, Thomas, cl., capital quality and col., straight as a gun barrel, neat and narrow; 4, Williams, cl., magnificent col. and feather, shooty, good back and wing; hc, Wells; c, Burke. MKD. (13): 1, Dykes, yell, mkd. wings and head, grandly clothed, A1 col., rattling stand, clever legs; 2, Raybould, buff, mkd. eyes and root of tail, fine quality, col. and frosting, rattling length, lovely back and wing carriage, leggy, close up; 3, Wells, yell. mkd. wings and head, wonderful length, straight as a pencil, grand legs; 4, Tomlinson, buff cinnamon, heavily marked, A1 quality, very lengthy; vhc, Williams; hc, Burke; c, Millingcamp. HEN, CL., ETC. (11): 1, Dykes, mkd. wing and head, magnificent feather, upstanding and of good length, best of backs, flights, and tail, quite a bewitching damsel; 2, Williams, cl., grand col., rare length, well up in position, fine carriage, very close up; 3, Andrews, cl., nice feather and col., neat outline, good length; 4, Easterling and Carson, mkd. wing, magnificent col. and quality, nice length; vhc, Thomas; he, Burke; c, Millingcamp. BUFF (14): 1, Dykes, mkd. wing and head, magnificent feather, straight as a gun barrel, good length; 2, Williams, mkd. cheeks, A1 quality, col., and frosting, straight as a pencil, capital back and flights, leggy; 3, Easterling and Carson, cl., stands well, capital quality, neat expression of head, neat wings; 4, Shaw Bros., cl., A1 quality, good position, fine back and flights; vhc, Beck; hc, Burke. UNFLIG. YELL., CL., ETC. (12): 1, Williams, thigh tick, magnificent feather and col., wonderful length, rattling fine position, clever legs; 2, Dykes, cl., well up in position, lengthy and leggy, grand back and wing carriage, beaten in quality of feather only; 3, Burke, mkd. neck, near on longest in class, stands well, fine legs; 4, Thomas, mkd. head, nice feather, good position and length; vhc, Clempson; hc, Galling; c, Andrews. BUFF, CL., ETC. (9): 1, Williams, tkd. head, lovely salmon-tinged col., straight as a rush, tight as box, full of style; 2, Easterling and Carson, cl., lengthy and of fine position, rare back and wing carriage; 3, Williams, mkd. left wing, smooth as glass, shooty, good col., quality and frosting; 4, Beck, cl., straight as a gun-barrel, rare length, beautiful back; vhc, he, Clempson; c, Broomfield. NOVICE, YELL., CL., ETC. (16): 1, Kidner, cl., fine quality and col., straight as a rush, grand back, flights, and tail, well up on leg; 2, Lane, cl., straight as a rush, A1 feather and col.; 3, Shephard, cinn. mkd. wings, very lengthy, rich quality and col., nice stand; 4, Clay, cinn., heavy mkd., slim and upstanding, lengthy and leggy; vhc, he, Hearnsham; c, Hall. BUFF (13): 1, Stevenson, thigh tick, A1 col. and quality, straight as a pencil, good length, well on leg; 2, Lane, mkd. head, capital col., quality and position, nice length; 3, Stevenson, cl., slim, and of nice stand, A1 quality, good col.; 4, Gibbons, thigh tick, capital feather, nice length and colour; vhc, Race; he, Lawton; c, Tomlinson. HEN (16): 1, Sears, cl. yell., rare position and length, well feathered, A1 col., grand back and wing carriage, clever legs; 2, 3, Race, beautifully drawn cl. buff, neat and narrow, lengthy, lovely quality and col., must have pressed; 3rd, very lengthy cl. yell., good in col. and quality; 4, Clay, cl. buff, good quality and col., rare length; vhc, Hall; hc, Lane; c, Lawton. UNFLIG. (23): Good lot; 1, 2, c, Hearnshaw, trio of neat exhibits, 1st yell. mkd. wing and neck, wonderful length, lovely feather and col., stands like a soldier, bonny; 2nd, buff, mkd. wing, tight as a Java, shone like polished marble, good length and position, full of character; 3, Sheppard, cl. yell., slim and of excellent position, rare col. and quality, nice back, flights, and tail; 4, Tomlinson, cl. buff, stands well, good quality, lengthy and leggy; vhc, Adcock; hc, Dudley. A.O.V. (3): 1, Weaver, green Nor. P.H., good shape, nice quality and col., good carriage; 2, 3, Peace, with a couple of cl. buff Dutch Frills.

Mr. J. C. Barnes's Classes.

GOLDIE, ETC. (13): 1, Clarke, Goldie, good size and shape, rich tan, large and well cut blaze, excellent col., neat bars and buttons; 2, Baxby, Bullie, well up in size, very shapely, capital breast col., dense and well polished cap; 3, Williams, Goldie, nice shape and size, good bars and buttons, not quite the quality of blaze of 1st; 4, Poole, Bullie, very similar to 2nd, just beaten in tightness of feather around thighs; vhc, Raby; hc, Pargeter; c, Poole. LINNET, ETC. (12): 1, Poole, Redpoll, rare size and shape, grandly mkd., good carriage, a gem; 2, Tyler, Siskin, lovely col. and feather, sweet shape, good size, delightfully mkd.; 3, Peace, Lesser Redpoll, nice shape, col. and quality, neatly pencilled, well staged; 4, Taylor, Redpoll, good size and shape, A1 quality; vhc, Raven; hc, Price; c, Gibbons. INSECTIV. (9): 1, Williams, noted Chough, in fine fettle, magnificent size, col., and sheen, lovely legs and beak; 2, Jeffries, 'Gale, grand shape, smooth as glass, delightful col., steady as a top; 3, Raven, Waxwing, as pretty as paint, greatly admired, and staged for all it was worth; 4, Burrows, Yellow Wagtail, in absolutely best possible form; vhc, Lloyd; hc, Fletcher. A.O.S. (3): 1, Lawrence, Yell. Greenie, massive in build, fine shape, superb col., grand carriage, a topper; 2, Welch, Hawfinch, good size and shape, rattling fine col., well put down; 3, Raven, Hawfinch, not quite so good col., yet one of great merit. LGT. MULE (8): 1, 2, Bond, yell., mkd. wings and eyes, Gold.-Can., well known, in capital order; 2, Siskin-Can., buff, mkd. head, nice size and quality, good shape, in the pink; 3, Lawrence, buff, Gold.-Can., mkd. wings, well up in size, rattling fine col. and quality; 4, Gilbert, "same mixture," hardly so large, otherwise equal; vhc, Poole; hc, Richards; c, Marson. DARK (9): 1, 4, Somerfield, yell. Greenie-Can., takes spl. for best in show, one of the best on the show bench, this makes upwards of 20 first prizes; 4th, buff

OVER 800 BIRDS AT LOCHGELLY.

GREAT SHOW IN FIFESHIRE.

Well Managed and Well Attended; All Sections Strong; Some Huge British Classes.

Lochgelly C.B.S. 2nd annual held in the Drill Hall, Oct. 14, when the handsome support received by the officials would go far to compensate them for their arduous labours. They are a hard-working lot, from the president, Mr. Thos. Wildridge, down to the humblest committeeman, and right well do they deserve their success. The secretarial duties were in the capable hands of Mr. W. Whiteford, and although these duties proved prodigious, he got through them all smiling. On one point must we compliment him and his committee, and that is on the prompt return of all exhibits; all birds from a distance were in plenty of time for their trains. The entry was grand—826 in all, and in every section the quality was of a very high standard. The birds were nicely staged in as comfortable a hall as the most fastidious could wish for, and the result was that grumblers were conspicuous only by their absence. Mr. Thornton (Edinburgh) judged the Scotch Fancies, and got through his task without great difficulty. The trophy winner in this section proved to be the cl. yell. ck. exhibited by Mr. J. Stenhouse. Borders were out in great numbers, and Mr. G. Hislop (Stirling) had a stiff task set him to find the winners. Mr. G. Bennet won the trophy for best, along with the B.F.C.C. medal. Mr. J. Ford (Kelty) made a very successful debut as a judge of Yorkshires, and his awards were well received. Mr. A. Girvan won the gold medal for best Yorks. with a grand bird. Mr. J. Howie's well-known dark crest. ck. again proved his superiority by running away with the trophy for best in this section, also the cup for best bird in show, a popular win. Mr. G. F. Adamson (Kilmarnock) placed the cards here to the satisfaction of everyone. The Stephen cup for best unflighted Nor. (members) was won by Mr. W. Dull, whose Buff hen is indeed a taking model. Mr. Alan Chalmers (Kirkintilloch) who certainly did not look "henpecked," went through the Norwich with his usual vim, and his awards were well received. Mr. J. F. Dewar (Edinburgh) handled the Mules, Brit., and For. birds, and he had something to do before eventually pleasing both exhibitors and himself. Special for best went to Mr. McQuiston's Bullfinch, and he thoroughly deserved it.

The Scotch and Border Fancies.

SCOT., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (8): 1, trophy, Stenhouse, great size and depth of chest, splendid position and reach, wins; 2, Leslie, fine nervy bird, well set up, fine action; 3, Fotheringham, good size and substance, rare length of wing, follows well; vhc, Dow; hc, c, Watson. HEN (2): 1, Leslie, well up on legs, neat head, fine droop; 2, Stenhouse, good size and top end. BUFF CK. (5): 1, Cook, well up in size and depth, splendid shoulders, decided drive; 2, 3, Sneddon, nicely balanced pair, good type, free action; vhc, Laing; hc, Wilkie. BUFF (7): 1, Watson, rare length of side, good top end, neat head, with plenty of reach; 2, 3, Laing, typical pair of hens, leader excelling in style and action; vhc, Sneddon; hc, Cook; c, Anderson. YELL. PIED, ETC., CK. (3): 1, Anderson, great substance and shoulder, well set up on legs, nice droop; 2, Dow, quick action, drives well; 3, Shoolbread, nice stamp, neat droop. BUFF (4): 1, Cook, neat head and long reachy neck, on a pair of good shoulders, shows well; 2, Leslie, nice stamp; 3, Fotheringham, neatly got up, handles well; vhc, Sneddon. BUFF HEN (11): 1, Laing, very typical, fine depth of chest and splendid reach, stands well up on perch; 2, Fotheringham, handles well, neat action, fine reach; 3, Gibson, neat head and good top end, takes nice position, follows well; vhc, Stenhouse; hc, Cook; c, Dow. YELL. PIED, ETC., HEN (2): 1, Cook, grand style and reach, easy win; 2, Gibson, just lacks substance and style of winner. BORD. FCY., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (19): 1, Aitchison, gem for type, neat head, back, and tail, lovely tapered front, A1 condition; 2, Duncan, another hot one, sound col., rare wing carriage, jaunty action, not far behind; 3, McCabe, shapely model, shows nasty frill at breast; vhc, Haggard; hc, Kerr; c, Robertson. HEN (14): 1, Robertson, neat head and neck, frilled breast, droops a wing badly; 2, Young, a little beauty, very typical, brimful of quality, some thought an easy winner; 3, Kerr, very neat model, good head and neck, lovely wing carriage, close up; vhc, Arnott; hc, Craig; c, Spence. BUFF CK. (16): 1, cup, medal, G. Bennet, splendid model of a Border, rare quality of feather, very warm in col.; 2, Craig, splendid type, neat head and wings, carries tail well, fine taper; 3, Fraser, brimful of col. and quality, close up; vhc, Peter; hc, Blackie; c, Thomson. HEN (15): 1, Peters, grand head, well filled in neck, closely packed wings and tail, splendid condition; 2, Craig, lovely front and taper, good wing carriage, fails only in head; 3, Barrie, neat model, put down in rare order; vhc, Campbell; hc, Dunsmore; c, Arnott. UNEVENLY MKD., ETC., YELL. (10): 1, Young, nice tone of col., very shapely, lovely quality, inclined to droop wings; 2, Peters, hard to find fault with, grand wing carriage and jaunty action, must have pressed; 3, Dryburgh, very shapely model, neat head and frontal, nicely tapered, close up; vhc, Hamilton; hc, Spence; c, Cougan. BUFF (24): 1, Kerr, good quality bird, best of wing carriage, fine action; 2, Smith, taking model, neat head, A1 condition; 3, C. Henderson, rare type, neatly moulded and tapered, best of quality, close up; vhc, Aitchison; hc, Duncan.

BIRMINGHAM, concluded.

Greenie-Can., nice size and quality, good col.; 2, Lawrence, buff, Lin.-Can., rare size, magnificent shape, full of quality, rattling fine col.; 3, Bond, yell., Siskin-Can., fine shape and size, lovely col. and quality; vhc, Price; hc, Raby; c, Clay. HYB. (4): 1, Bond, Can.-Bullie, wonderful substance, red-hot in col., fine shape and quality; 2, Lawrence, Lin.-Bullie, capital quality and col., good shape and size, in full bloom; 3, Ashberry, Greenie-Bullie, nice shape, size, and quality, good col., a little deficient in eyesight we thought. FOR., LARGE (6): 1, 3, Baxby, magnificent Crimson-wing leading, one of the best we have seen for many a day, excels in col.; 3rd, pair Parrakeets, in nice order and shown in masterly fashion; 2, 4, Fletcher, pair Red-collared Parrakeets, in lovely form, a treat to observe; 4th, Crimson-wing, beaten by winner in col., yet a pleasing specimen; vhc, Ballington; hc, Baldwin. FINCH-LIKE (4): 1, Price, Goldie, rare size and shape, A1 quality, fine, large, well cut blaze of lovely col., A1 bars and buttons; 2, Beasley, Bullie, wonderful substance, grand breast and cap, not a feather out of place, close up; 3, Fletcher, pair Ruficauda Finches, in perfect feather, well shown; 4, Raven, For. Finch, in capital form, nicely put down.

EVENLY MKD. (7): 1, Bennet, splendid markings, eyes and wings, grand wing carriage, feathered like a Java, warm in col.; 2, Houston, neat markings, very typical, just lacks finish of leader; 3, Aitchison, really good one, will improve; vhc, Robertson; hc, Brownlie; c, Burt. GREEN OR CINN. (12): 1, Kerr, yell., even rich shade of body col., neat pencillings, grand type and condition; 2, Lambie, yell. cinn., grand type, neat wings and tail, sound col., plenty of work, follows well; 3, Campbell, yell. green, neatly pencilled, very shapely, lacks body col. of winner; vhc, Gentleman; hc, Forrest; c, Lambie. FOUL (8): 1, Spence, buff of sterling merit, neat head and neck, splendid back and front; 2, Bennet, another bonny Border, hardly a fault, lovely plumage, well worth its place; 3, Walker, fine type and quality; vhc, Barnie; hc, Anderson; c, Dunsmore, Junr.

Remaining Canary Classes.

YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL., CK. (10): 1, 2 spls., Girvan, good quality bird, plenty of length, splendid position; 2, Hamilton, finely drawn, stands well on perch, neat head, beaten only on condition; 3, Syson, good head, shapely body, true to type; vhc, Clelland; hc, Cochrane; c, Lieshman. BUFF (13): 1, Heggie, great length of side, neatly tapered, nicely rounded skull; 2, Annet, lovely type, long drawn out, standing well up on legs, hot col., requires time to fine down; 3, Gibb, typical Yorkie, neat head and neck, and great length of side; vhc, Hamilton; hc, King; c, McDougall. HEN (9): 1, MacRobbie, hot fed yell., brimful of quality, takes splendid position, fine length of wing; 2, c, Cochrane, nice quality buff, neat head and shapely body; 3, Girvan, another typical yellow, excellent quality; vhc, Syson; hc, Reid. VARIEG. (8): 1, Webster, neatly got up yell. hen, stands straight as a rush, lovely quality, wins; 2, King, nice buff, stands well; 3, Heggie, neat buff, good position; vhc, Syson; hc, Martin; c, Crichton. CK., BRED 1911 (14): 1, Crichton, really good model, showing plenty of leg, rare col. and condition; 2, MacRobbie, hot col. buff, long and raking, neat head, close up; 3, Webster, nice yell., plenty of style, will improve; vhc, Martin; hc, Sanderson; c, Sinclair. HEN (9): 1, Martin, all there for quality and col., fine length of wing and tail; 2, Crichton, good head and front, well tapered, takes nice position; 3, MacRobbie, nice quality hen, a trifle soft when we were taking notes; vhc, Girvan; hc, Sanderson; c, Heggie.

CREST DARK CK. (11): 1, spl, cup for best in show, Howie, noted D.C., perfectly radiated crest of great density, neatly centred, in tip-top condition; 2, McNaughton, D.C., splendid formation, grand frontal, rare size of body, good one; 3, Paul, fine centre and droop, splendid texture of feather, well worth place; vhc, Veitch; hc, Oram; c, McGregor. HEN (8): 1, 2, Sharp, leader massive green, grand beadpiece, nicely centred and radiated, in forward condition; 2nd, D.C., grand quality body feather, finely formed crest, good dimensions, neatly drooped; 3, McNaughton, another hen of big proportions, rare feather, good crest; vhc, Lindsay; hc, Paul; c, Veitch. CL., ETC., CREST CK. (4): 1, vhc, Sneddon, wonderful size and substance, well formed crest of wide dimensions; 2, McNaughton, rare headpiece, neatly centred and well finished; 3, Turnbull, nice size and feather. HEN (2): 1, Buchanan, well up in size, broad leafy feather, crest of nice formation, wee bit open in centre; 2, Muir, nice size, failing only in frontal. C.B. CK. (12): 1, McNaughton, variegated, plenty of body feather, massive skull, well lashed; 2, Sharp, almost green, rare stamp, splendid substance, bold head with wide entrance and plenty of lashing, must have pressed; 3, Veitch, cl. of sterling merit, broad skull, nicely domed and lashed; vhc, Thomson; hc, Burton; c, McLean. HEN (9): 1, vhc, Cram, leader splendid green, marvellous skull, nicely cushioned and lashed, excels at entrance; 2, Burt, cl., best of feather, plenty of lashing; 3, Paul, we liked, plenty of feather, worth its place; hc, Boyle; c, Howie. UNFLIG. CREST (10): 1, Brown, topper, big bird, rare quality, lovely drooping crest of great density, neatly centred, well finished; 2, Veitch, D.C. hen, perfect beauty, crest beautifully radiated, not a feather out of place, follows close up; 3, Kerr, very neat grizzle crest of fine formation, good quality feather, follows well; vhc, Bowman and Adie; hc, Beaton; c, Baxter. UNFLIG. C.B. (9): 1, Lister, rare substance for a youngster, nicely domed skull, neat at entrance, lengthy feather; 2, Lindsay, fine size, broad leafy feather, grand top piece; 3, Howie, good youngster, plenty of feather, neat entrance; vhc, Coutts; hc, Burns; c, Veitch. NOR., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (9): 1, Cameron, stunner for type, col. and quality, bold head and neck, cobby body, neatly finished, easy win; 2, Kerr, another true to type, short and chubby, well packed wings and tail, grand condition; 3, Gardiner, fine quality, will improve; vhc, Craig; hc, Spence; c, Summers. HEN (5): 1, Steel, a charming hen, brimful of col. and quality, neat head and neck, short flights and tail, well staged; 2, Wildridge, typical hen all over; 3, Thomson, fine stamp, neatly rounded front and clean cut under; vhc, Dickson; hc, Harris. BUFF CK. (14): 1, McNaughton, plenty of size, shapely body; 2, Grewar, nice size and shape; 3, W. Grewar, good stamp of Nor., bold head and neck, neat wings and tail; vhc, Cairns; hc, Pratt; c, Cameron. HEN (11): 1, Ramsay, neat model, short and chubby, hot col., put down in spanking fine form; 2, McConville, rare fronted bird, wee bit pinched at throat, hot col., and quality; 3, Leach and Leckie, well formed skull on top of compact body, closely feathered; vhc, Philip; hc, Bishop; c, Skinner. YELL. VARIEG. HEN (6): 1, Kirk, typical, good col. and condition; 2, Fleming, hot fed one, grand flights and tail, neat head and front; 3, Traill, fine model, neat head and neck, bold front, clean cut under, in perfect trim; vhc, Harris; hc, Pratt; c, Cameron. CK. (9): 1, Ramsay, was not on screen when we were taking notes; 2, Cameron, grand model, splendid flights and tail, well fed, in best of condition, good one; 3, Dickson, hot fed one, neat head and front, showing true Nor. properties; vhc, Gardiner; hc, Harris; c, Wildridge. BUFF CK. (11): 1, Bishop, topper for type and quality, hard to find fault with; 2, McNaughton, plenty of size and substance; 3, Spence, very shapely, good quality, well worth place; vhc, Wildridge; hc, Traill; c, McDonald. HEN (9): 1, Fleming, very taking hen, full of quality, neat head and front, grand wing carriage, wins; 2, Love, chubby body, good col. and quality, fails only in head; 3, Wildridge, good head, fine type; vhc, Gibson; hc, Gardiner; c, Harris. UNFLIG. YELL. CK. (12): 1, Adamson, rare specimen, lovely col. and quality, not a big one, but has all the points that go to make a winner; 2, Grewar, fine size and depth of chest, neatly rounded and finished, bold head and neck; 3, Spence, fine quality, hot col.; vhc, Kidd; hc, Dempster; c, Gardiner. HEN (19): 1, McAnally, a little beauty, blaze of col., model for type, put down in perfect order; 2, Dempster, fine type, grand front, back and tail, hot col., failing only in finish; 3, Wildridge, good type and quality, bit back in col.; vhc, Smart; hc, Kidd; c, Love. BUFF CK. (28): 1, Mabon, splendid model, well up in size and substance, neat head, shapely body, beautifully mealed; 2, Kidd, hot fed specimen, chubby type, splendid condition; 3, Ramsay, shapely youngster, bold head and neck, short flights, well braced, good col. and condition; vhc, Grewar; hc, Scaife; c, Wildridge; hot class, several good ones left out of tickets. HEN (25): 1, cup, Duff, grand quality bird, true Nor. properties, well mealed; 2, McCue, good stamp, thick-set, neatly rounded, in nice condition; 3, Gardiner, another good one, close up, excelling in wing carriage; vhc, Dickson; hc, Spence; c, Smart. NON-FED CK. (11): 1, Grewar, well-known winner, almost green, sound nat. col., wins easily; 2, Eadie, yell. variegated, good col. and quality; 3, Skinner, buff green, nice quality, bad wing carriage; vhc, Kirk; hc, Harris; c, Duff. HEN (5): 1, Grewar, shapely variegated, good head, carries plenty of feather; 2, Craig, yell. cap-marked, nice col. and quality; 3, Bishop, fine type and quality, follows well; vhc, Grewar; c, Ritchie. A.O.V. CAN. (8): 1, Sneddon, we made out a Grizzle Crest in an open wire cage; 2, Lambie, buff Cinn. Nor., nice type, col. and quality; 3, Cram, another Crest in open cage.

The Mules, British and Foreign Birds.

DARK GOLDFINCH MULE (6): 1, Turner, bonny bird, splendid face, well defined, grand body col., in perfect order, wins; 2, McLean, fine quality bird, rare body markings, good blaze; 3, Peters, buff, expansive blaze of pure col., fine condition; vhc, Martin; hc, Bogie; c, Chalmers. DARK LINNET (14): 1, McQuiston, grand specimen, pure in col, rare markings, in tip-top condition; 2, Turner, fine bold upstanding bird, splendid col. and condition, hardly finished at throat yet; 3, Brown, another good one, perhaps a shade on dark side; above three would be hard to separate; vhc, Bell; hc, Taylor; c, McLaren. DARK GREENIE (8): 1, Craig, not by any means a monster, but all there for col. and quality, wins well; 2, McQuiston, buff with plenty of size, nicely conditioned; 3, Rankine, another buff of good quality, follows well; vhc, Bald; hc, Laing; c, Bisset. A.O.V. DARK (12): 1, Watson, Siskin Mule, splendid colour and markings, grand condition; 2, Whiteford and Petrie, another jaunty Siskin Mule, close up on winner; 3, Campbell, Redpoll-Canary, lovely plumage; vhc, Rankine; hc, Gemmell and Logan; c, McQuiston. LIGHT CAN. (6): 1, Purves, lightly mkd. Greenfinch Mule, shows parentage well, fine quality feather, wins; 2, Watson, well-known Goldfinch Mule, looking in spanking condition; 3, McLaren, another Goldie, failing only in finish to leaders; vhc, Laing; hc, Davidson; c, Raeburn. HYB. (5): 1, Robertson, splendid specimen of the Linnet-Bullfinch cross, great size and rich breast colour, popular win; 2, McGillivray Bros., Goldie-Bullie, well up in col., nice condition; 3, Martin, very good type of the Greenie-Bullie; vhc, Stenhouse; hc, Crichton. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (8): 1, Raine, typical little Britisher, rich bars and moons, well defined, deep col. blaze; 2, MacRobbie, larger blaze than winner, but just lacks the finish; 3, Sykes, lovely conditioned Finch, nicely tanned, could do with just a little more blaze; vhc, Allan; hc, Bowman and Adie; c, Robertson. BULLFINCH (12): 1, medallion for best British, McQuiston, a marvel, fine size, perfect cap and bars, lovely breast col. shining like satin; 2, Smith, typical Bullie, grand cap and bars, nice shade of colour; 3, hc, Mackie, leading with a well-known face, requires a week or two to get on polish; vhc, Turner; c, Craft. BULLFINCH HEN (11): 1, Turner, in lovely condition, deep jet cap, well defined bars rich body col., winner all over; 2, Bald, right good one, splendid col. and condition, beaten to-day; 3, Bald, another good one, not far behind; vhc, McQuiston; hc, Ball; c, McGavin. GREENFINCH, NON-FED (11): 1, vhc, Bald, leader a bonny buff, pure shade of col., mealing to perfection; 2, Sharp, big one, good col. and condition, very steady; 3, Bowman and Adie, typical Finch, rare bloom; hc, Flood; c, Allan. GREENFINCH, COL-FED (8): 1, Nicholson, bold type, good col., in splendid condition; 2, Stewart and Dalling, grand bird, put down in rare order, follows close; 3, Spittal, nice Greenie, failing only in finish; vhc, McAnally; hc, McQuiston; 2, Thompson. BRAMBLE, ETC. (18): 1, c, Sykes, leading splendid Bramble, will be hard to beat for col and spangling; 2, Reid, another good Bramble, pales before winner; 3, Sharp, again a Bramble, in capital condition; vhc, hc, Stewart and Dalling. LINNET (19): 1, 2, McQuiston, well known pair, looking as well as ever, will be hard nuts to crack; 3, Jamieson, well set up, rather paler in col., excels in lacing, will improve, quickly claimed at catalogue price £2 2s.; vhc, Allan; hc, Kennoway; c, Hodge and Haxton. SISKIN: 1, Bald, perfect little picture, well defined cap and bib, finely laced and rich tone of col.; 2, Bell, old winner, in grand fettle, fails in col. only to leader; 3, McLaren, nice cap and bib, neat lacing, good col., follows well; vhc, Duncan; hc, Morton; c, Spittal, jun. MEALY REDPOLL, ETC. (25): 1, T. Bell, Mealy of Scottish National fame, looking well, wonderful size, good markings; 2, Laing, another Mealy of generous proportions, pressing hard on winner; 3, Morton, Twite, nicely mkd., good col. and condition; vhc, Colville; hc, McGillivray Bros.; c, Leach and Leckie. LESSER REDPOLL (38): 1, Morton, a little gem, well worth its place, grand poll and bib, beautifully mkd., sound body col.; 2, 3, McGillivray Bros., pair of grand 'Polls, hard to find fault with; vhc, Bruce; hc, Turner; c, Bell, a hot class to judge. Another set of winners could have been found amongst the remainder. SMALL SOFTBILL (7): 1, Sykes, Yell. Wagtail, grand plumage, marvellous col., wins well; 2, Arnott, nice conditioned Blackcap; 3, Allan, Grey Wagtail, good specimen but very restless; vhc, hc, Stewart and Dalling; c, Campbell. LARGE (4): 1, Laughrin, a bonny Thrush, very pure in col., lovely markings, runner up for medallion; 2, Lister, Jay, in good plumage, rather lazy fellow; 3, Campbell, nice Blackbird; vhc, Miller. HARDBILL, A.O.S. (11): 1, Stewart and Dalling, Hawfinch, splendid col. and markings, good condition; 2, Bald, Corn Bunting, grand col., in fine order; 3, Raith, very fine Yellow Bunting; vhc, Arnott; hc, Rankine; c, Watson. HEN, A.S. (9): 1, Gentleman, Hawfinch, not looking well when we took notes; 2, Millar, Corn Bunting, grand col. and markings, must have pressed; 3, Morton, Greenfinch, fine col. and quality; vhc, Craft; hc, McQuiston; c, McCall, and Henderson. FOR. GOLD, ETC. (6): 1, Sharp, grand Goldie, expansive blaze, finely tanned; 2, Howie, his old warrior, looking well, in perfect condition, must have pressed; 3, Lister, really good Goldie, wants a week or two longer to finish; vhc, Turner; hc, Purves; c, Howie. FOR., SMALL (4): 1, Lawrie and Welsh, well known Queen Whydah, in rare plumage, well staged; 2, Arnott, pair of Black-headed Gouldians, in lovely condition; 3, Bruce, lovely Red-headed Gouldian; vhc, Black and Lumsden. LARGE (3): 1, Sykes, grand Glossy Starling, in beautiful plumage, wins well; 2, 3, Storrar, leading with his well-known Lesser Mynah; 3rd good pair Parrakeets.

PORTSMOUTH.

Portsmouth C.B.S. second annual show held Oct. 18th, Long's Memorial Hall. A better hall for a show of this kind could not be found; the light was grand, and the room nicely heated. The birds looked very comfortable. The entry numbered close on 500, which, taking into consideration the early time of the year, must be considered very good. The secretaries, Messrs. King and Joiner, had everything well in hand, and were very obliging to all. This is a show that should have the support of all bird-keepers in the South of England. The novice classes were a great attraction. The prizes here were kindly given by local tradesmen and collected by Mr. J. A. Newberry. Mr. J. Robson judged.

The Critique.

NOR. CL. YELL. (5): 1, Miles, beautiful bird, very sl. in col., grand head, rare size, shown in pink of condition; 2, Ellis, another very nice bird, good rich col., lovely head and size, close up; 3, Baker, also good one, very rich in col., fine size; vhc, Saunders; hc, Morris. BUFF (13): 1, c, Baker, charming exhibit, beautiful col., nice head, good size, wins well; 2, Morris, very nice bird, good size, lovely col., shown fit, and deserves place; 3, Miles, also good one, not so stout as those before it, but very nice col. and condition; 4, Kilby, very neat all-round bird; vhc, Terry; hc, Ellis; a good class. TKD., ETC. (14): 1, spl, 2, Baker, 1st grand variegated yell., very stout one all over, lovely sweet col., wins well; 2nd, grand tkd. buff, good size, lovely col. and condition; 3, Kilby, beautiful mkd. yell., not quite so large, but nice head; 4, Silk, very neat mkd. buff; vhc, Schneider; hc, Palmer; c, Saunders. HEN (15): 1, 4, Schneider, 1st grand buff, lovely col., good head, nice size, shown well; 4th, very neat yell., good size; 2, Baker, lovely variegated yell., good size, nice col. all through, very close up; 3, Grevell, very sweet buff, mkd. on head, good col.; vhc, George; hc, Miles; c, King. NOR., BRED 1911: 1, Baker, very sweet variegated buff, nice size, good col., stout head; 2, 3, Mortara, 2nd grand mkd. yell., very rich col., fine size, must have run winner close; 3rd, nice yell., good size, grand head; 4, Ellis, grand cl. buff, rare size, good col.; vhc, Schneider; hc, Hatter; c, George; a grand class. CREST (7): 1, vhc, Marshall, 1st very nice yell., beautiful crest, good quality; 2, Gale, another good one, very nice crest, not quite ready yet; 3, Fellows, very nice green, big bird, plenty of feather; hc, Haysom; c, Cook. C.B. (7): 1, sp, Haysom, beautiful variegated, large head, plenty of feather, shown in good condition; 2, Neale, another good one, nice quality feather, fine head; 3, Marshall, cl. yell., good size; vhc, Gale; hc, Marshall; c, Spooner. YORKS. YELL. (11): 1, sp, Holliday, lovely bird, long, straight as a pencil, good col., all through; 2, Mrs. Gill, very nice one, long and straight, good col., not quite so tight in feather; 3, Hawes Bros., very nice all through, straight, tight as wax, some thought might have gone up one; vhc, Thomas; hc, Wheeler; c, Chitson. BUFF (9): 1, Hawes Bros., beautiful long, slim bird, very straight, stands at right angle, in lovely condition; 2, Holliday, very neat, nice feather, good style; 3, White, very nice non-fed, in grand condition; vhc, Yates; hc, Thomas; c, Wheeler. TKD., ETC. (17): 1, 3, Taylor, 1st beautiful tkd. buff, nice length, good col., stands well; 3rd, nice mkd. buff, good size and length, crosses wings; 2, Owen, sweet variegated, yell., in nice trim, good length, and shows off well; ex. 3, Gill, very neat tkd. buff, in nice condition; vhc, Hawes Bros.; hc, Boxall; c, Chitson. HEN (14): 1, Hawes Bros., very nice buff, good length, neat head, stands at right angle; 2, Taylor, very nice yell., variegated, in beautiful condition, stands nice; 3, Holliday, very sweet yell., nice length, straight as a pencil; 4, c, Montgomery; vhc, Fulford; hc, Olding. BRED 1911 (16): 1, Hawes Bros., very nice tkd. yell., nice length, stands well; 2, Montgomery, very nice yell., very nice length, good col., stands well; 3, Thomas, very nice buff, good col., not quite so finely drawn; ex. 3, Holliday, very nice buff; vhc, Taylor; hc, White; c, Owen. BORD. FCY., CL. (15): 1, Bacon, very neat, nice shape, well staged, good size and condition; 2, Dodge, very neat buff, good shape and size, very showy; 3, Burton Bros., very neat buff, good col. and size; 4, Edwards, very neat and nice; vhc, Norman; ho, Montague; c, Longden. A.O.V. BORD. (14): 1, Longden, nice even mkd., good coloured buff, good size, shown well; 2, Burton Bros., nice variegated yell., good size, lovely even col.; 3, Norman, very neat mkd., good bead, nice size; 4, hc, Owen, very nice cinn. mkd.; vhc, Hinds; c, Montague. A.O.V.: Cancelled. MULE OR HYB., LIGHT (4): 1, Lamb, grand Can.-Goldfinch, beautifully marked, shows cross well, in grand form; 2, Cook, also Can.-Goldfinch, has more markings, shows blaze well, a little larger than winner; 3, Morris, very nice Can.-Goldfinch, Yell.; vhc Lewis and Butler. DARK (15): 1, 3, Davis, sweet pretty Linnet-Bullfinch, grand col., very taking exhibit, wins well; 2, Howick, good Can.-Bullfinch, nice size, good col., 3rd, nice Goldfinch-Bullfinch, fine blaze, not yet quite fit; 4, vhc, Lamb, good Linnet-Bullfinch; hc, Martin; c, Bousfield. GOLDFINCH (4): 1, Lewis and Butler, very neat, good tannings, blaze not up yet; 2, Fellowes, nice col.; 3, Dewdney; vhc, Buttress. BULLFINCH (5): 1 ,sp, Bousfield, very nice Bullie, good condition, steady, nice size; 2, Carrier, another nice one, some considered quite as good as winner in every respect; 3, Holloway, fresh caught, broken on top of beak; hc, Parks. LINNET (5): 1, 2, Marley, very good one, nicely pencilled, beautiful col. and condition, grand size, 2nd, also a nice one, beautifully marked, not quite so steady; 3, Harris, very distinct markings, in nice form; vhc, Cook; hc, Alderslade. GREENFINCH (4): 1, 3, Marley, 1st, very good one, nice col and size, 3rd, very neat, good col and size; 2, Gerrey, another nice one, grand col., not quite so large vhc, Howick. REDPOLL, ETC. (15): 1, Bousfield, very pretty Twite, grandly marked, in beautiful form, wins; 2, Hobden, good Twite, not quite so well marked or as steady; 3, Gibb, very nice Siskin, good col., well marked; 4, Acland, neat Redpoll; vhc, Walker; hc, Harris; c, Davis. A.O.S. FINCH, ETC (10): 1, sp., Bousfield, grand Hawfinch, often reported on; 2, Gibb, very nice Bramble, beautiful col., very steady; 3, Gerrey, good Chaffinch, lovely col., in nice form; vhc, Evans; hc, Silk; c, Harris. THRUSH, ETC. (4): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Lean and Son, grand team, very fine Thrush leading. SMALL (10): 1, 2, c, Evans, grand Dartford Warbler, rare trim, wins easily, 2nd, pretty Grasshopper Warbler, very neat, shown in superb condition; 3, vhc, Tout, 3rd, good Wryneck, nicely marked, in good trim; hc, Lean and Son. FOR.: WAXBILL, ETC. (7): 1, sp., 3, Howe, 1st, Melba Waxbill, very pretty indeed, shown in really nice trim, 3rd, Green Avadavat, very nice, mkd. well; 2, Bousfield, Gouldian Finch, very handsome, a credit to its owner; vhc, Joiner; hc, Lockhart; c, Botting. FOR., SMALL (14): 1, 3, Slade, 1st, Blue-winged Tanager, lovely col., good head, shown well, 3rd, Pekin Robin, sweetly pretty bird, nicely staged; 2, Gibb, Pintail Nonpareil, very neat and pretty, nice tail; vhc, Thomas; hc, Joiner; c, Young. PARROTS (7): 1, hc, Young, 1st, very nice Amazon Parrot, in grand form; 2, Newberry, good Indian Rock Parrot, well shown; 3, Bendall, Lemon Crested Cockatoo, shown in good condition; vhc Parsons; c, Ranson. MEMBERS' AND LOCAL CLASSES: NOR.: 1, 2, vhc, Saunders; 3, Grevett; hc, c, Hatter. TICKED, ETC.: 1, hc, Bickell; 2, vhc, Ninness; 3, King; 4, Hatter; c, Saunders. HEN: 1, Hatter; 2, Ninness; 3, Grevett; vhc, hc, Saunders. CREST or C.B.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Marshall; hc, Parsons. YORKS.: 1, 3, Matthews; 2, Joiner; vhc, Boxall; hc, Holding; c, Armond. TKD., ETC.: 1, Matthews; 2, Joiner; 3, Boxall; vhc, Bradshaw; hc, Lavis. HEN: 1, Matthews; 2, Joiner; 3, Boxall; vhc, Young; hc, Armond; c, Lavis. A.V. CAN. NON FED: 1, Joiner; 2, Young, 3, Garrett; vhc, Lavis; hc, Pound. MULE or HYB.: 1, Tout; 2, Henness; 3, hc, King; vhc, Parsons. GOLDFINCH: 1, Henness; 2, Bradshaw; 3, Brierley; vhc, Long; hc, Carrier. LINNET: 1, 2, Long; 3, Atkins; vhc, and hc, Buttress. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, 2, vhc, Ninness; 3, Buttress; hc, Long. A.O.S. BRIT. FINCH: 1, 3, Lean and Son; 2, Parkes; vhc, Dowdney; hc, Mitchard. SOFTBILL: 1, 2, vhc, Tout; 3, Lean and Son. NOVICE CLASSES. NOR. CL.: 1, Parkes; 2, Goodwin; 3, King. TKD.: 1, German; 2, 3, Storold; vhc, hc, King. YORKS. CL.: 1, Newman; 2, 3, vhc, Olding. TKD.: 1, White; 2, Newman; 3, Newberry; vhc, Ponsford. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, 2, vhc, Newbery; 3, King; hc, Sholl. BRIT.: 1, 2, Warne; 3, Lavis; vhc, Newberry.

BROMLEY (Kent).

A record entry was received by the Bromley F.A. for their show, which was held in the Drill Hall, on October 18 and 19; the quality also was good. Messrs. Billinger and Spiller made a capital pair of secretaries, and got through their work well, being assisted by a splendid committee under the direction of Mr. J. Waters, the chairman. The cage birds were in the special charge of Messrs. G. Stevens, J. W. Ford, and J. Barber. Mr. C. A. House judged.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL. (13): 1, 2, sp, Lovegrove and Lovegrove, two grand shaped birds, rare heads and chests, lovely col., neat wings and tail; 3, Jordon, not quite so warm in col., rare chest, grand style and feather; r, Whitten; vhc, Mrs. Thynne; hc, Ellis; c, Ingles. BUFF (9): 1, Lovegrove, deep chest, good back, short body, nice col.; 2, Taylor, nice shape and col., not so silky in feather; 3, Hill, very shapely, not tightened up yet; r, Page; vhc, Whitten; hc, Leitch; c, Greenaway. TKD. (9): 1, Bullen, thigh tkd. buff, capital shape, rare quality, neat wings and tail, nice level col.; 2, c, Taylor, line bouncing variegated buff, lovely feather and col.; 3, Wickham, tkd. headed yell., lovely quality, rare shape, nice col., takes Hyde's special; r, Acland; vhc, Lynn; hc, Jordon. HEN (14): 1, sp, Mrs. Thynne, sweet little yell., lovely quality of feather, nice type, level col; 2, Ellis, larger yell., grand chest, not so fine in feather; 3, Jordon, lovely feathered yell., nice col., not so chubby in neck; r, Lovegrove and Lovegrove; vhc, Campbell; hc, Wehb; c, Wickham. BRED 1911 (16): 1, Hill, very shapely yell., grand silky feather, neat wings and tail, level col.; 2, r, Campbell, stout, shapely buff, nice col., well mealed, good feather; 3, Wickham, nice shaped neck, tkd. buff, good col. and feather, holds wings badly; vhc, Ellis; hc, Lovegrove and Lovegrove; c, Acland. YORKS. YELL. (11): 1, sp, Jones, long sided bird, neat head, grand wings and tail, lovely feather and col.; 2, Barber, capital length and shape, nice col., not so fine in feather; 3, Mole, rare quality col. and style, not so much length; r, Britton; vhc, Abbott; hc, Wheeler; c, Williams. BUFF (9): 1, sp, Easterling and Carson, a gem for col., feather, and style, beautifully shown; 2, Goldsmith, neat head, capital wings, good feather and style; 3, Jones, grand length, shape, and style, patchy in col.; r, Wraight; vhc, Wheeler; hc, Mrs. Potton; c, Mole. TKD. (13): 1, sp., Pilcher, neck tkd., splendid shape and length, plenty of style, lovely feather; 2, Mrs. Owen, eye and wing buff, a gem for quality and style, a shade stout; 3, Jones, neck tkd., capital shape and length, plenty of style, not ready; r, Goldsmith; vhc, Williams; hc Britton; c, Mrs. Potton. HEN (19): 1, sp, Foxen, very slim, fine feather, rich yell., as straight as a dart, neat wings and tail; 2, Jones, eye and wing tkd. buff, wonderful style and quality; 3, Abbott, nice straight buff, grand style, not quite so silky in feather; r, Faux; vhc, Britton; hc, Wheeler; c, Bullin. BRED 1911 (20): 1, c, Faux, long slim yell., grand head, wings and tail, full of quality and style; 2, Creed, very stylish, lovely feathered yell., not so long on leg; 3, Wheeler, sweet yell., lovely col. and feather, very stylish, shorter in tail; r, Easterling and Carson; vhc, Britton; hc, Hutton. CREST (6): 1, withheld; 2, sp, Stevens, very neat green, nice centre, well radiated; 3, Mrs. Thynne, nice shaped green, not so much substance of feather, good shape; r, vhc, Ford; hc, Young; 157, Campbell, blind. A.O.V. (9): 1, sp, Baker, stylish yell. Belgian, capital shape and plenty of nerve; 2, Boxall, good fronted buff, Lancashire Coppy, nice style; 3, r, Griffin, very pretty little yell. Border; vhc, Shiers; hc, Owen; c, Dell. BRIT. GOLD (8): 1, Marsh, very neat shape, nice bright blaze, good chest and bars; 2, Mortlock, very nice col., shape, and style, not so sharply cut in cheeks and collar; 3, Burr, nicely mkd., not up in col. yet; r, Wickham; vhc, Casemore; hc, Gunnell; c, Webb. BULL. (8): 1, 2, Burr, two grand shaped birds, lovely col., large well cut caps; no 3rd awarded; r, Gunnell; vhc, c, Dell; hc, Spinner. LIN. (12): 1, r, sp, Burr, two grandly mkd. birds of lovely colour, 1st the largest, reserve takes sp. best res. British; 2, Gunnell, nice shape and size, well mkd., hardly so rich in col.; 3, Williams, neat shape, good col. and feather, not so sharp in marks; vhc, Webb; hc, Botting; c, Mortlock. A.O.V. FINCH (14): 1, Burr, very large, grandly feathered, rich coloured Greenie; 2, Acland, beautifully mkd. mealy Redpoll, grand feather; 3, Casemore, sharply mkd., nice shaped Siskin; r, Smyth; vhc, Wickham; hc, Gunnell; c, Simants. FOR. (15): 1, 2, c, Smyth, three grand pairs, Long-tailed Grassfinches, Cordon Bleus, and Ruficaudas, all in grand feather and colour; 3, hc, Cushing, very nice green glossy Starling and Malahar Honeysucker, not in such nice feather; r, hc, Williams, very handsome Black-headed Gouldian; vhc, Doll, Steer. MULE (13): 1, r, sp, Lamb, shapely, rich coloured Canary-Bullie, bit open in feather; 2, Botting, large, rich coloured, nicely feathered five-pointed yell.; 3, Acland, rich coloured, nice feathered dark Jonque Greenie-Canary; vhc, Bareham; hc, Jordon; c, Smytb. SOFTBILL (6): 1, Stevens, lovely Song Thrush, grandly mkd., rich col., well feathered; 2, Webb, very sleek, well feathered, nicely mkd. Missel; 3, r, vhc, Dell, well mkd., nice col., shapely Skylark. MEMBERS' NOR. YELL. (4): 1, 3, sp, Steed; 2, Jordon; r, Inglis. BUFF (5): 1, Marsh; 2, Steed; 3, Jordon; r, vhc, Ingles. HEN (4): 1, sp, Jordon; 2, Steed; 3, Marsh; r, Ingles. BRED 1911 (3): 1, 2, Steed; 3, Jordon. YORKS., YELL. (2): 1, Ingles; 2, Barber. BUFF (3): 1, Britton; 2, Ingles; 3, Foxen. HEN (6): 1, Foxen; 2, vhc, Britton; 3, Barber; r, Hulton; hc, Faux. BRED 1911 (11): 1, 3, hc, c, and challenge cup, Hulton; 2, r, vhc, Britton. C.B. (3): 1, Ford; 2, 3, Stevens. A.O.V. (6): 1, 2, 3, r, Soames; vhc, Barber; hc, Dell. BULL. (3): 1, 2, 3, Dell. A.O.V. (2): 1, Pocock; 2, Stevens.

SIX BELLS (Abertillery).

Fourth annual show of the Six Bells F.S. held October 18th, the venue being the Drill Hall, a capital place for a show, being quite free from draughts and well lighted. The cage birds were staged at the end of the ball, and made a nice display, the numbers and quality being well ahead of those of any previous show; and they received every care and attention from a capable committee, Messrs. Cleaves, Mortimer and Parfitt working splendidly. The quality of the exhibits was most excellent, and competition was keen. The five guinea cup for best exhibit throughout the whole show was captured by the winning Goldfinch Canary Mule. The hon. secs., Mr. E. Churchill, makes an admirable officer, having all details at his finger ends; and he was as courteous and obliging as he was energetic. As usual we noticed that old and enthusiastic fancier, Mr. R. Leech, in his capacity of President, taking as lively an interest in the show as ever. Mr. J. H. Payne made the awards.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL (5): 2, members' cup, Cleaves, grand shape and size, deep level col., nice head and neck, good wings and tail; 3, W. Davis, grand shape and feather, nice head and back, full neck; 4, W. Davies, lovely quality of feather, nice rich level col.; vhc, Thomas; hc, Maggs. BUFF (10): 1, 2, 3, W. Davies, mkd. head, eyes and wings, fine size and shape, deep full chest and neck, good head and back, 2 eye ticked, lovely feather, nice shape, good head and neck, well packed flights and tail, 3 lovely colour, full of quality, nice back, good wings and tail; 4, vhc, Cleaves, mkd. wings, nice shape; hc, Thomas; c, Morris. HEN (7): 2, hc, Cleaves, buff, grizzled on wings, a gem for shape, feather and quality, rich undercol. and well frosted; 3, Thomas, yell., mkd. eyes and left wing, good shape, quality and col., nice back and chest; 4, vhc, Probert, variegated, good shape and feather; c, Morris. UNFLIG. (12): 1, 2, Philips and Sunt, hot coloured yell., tight as boxwood, good shape, neat head, wings and tail, 2 buff, nice shape, grand feather, good wings and tail, nice head and neck; 3, E. Thomas, buff, mkd. head, wings and right eye, good size and shape; 4, vhc, Cleaves, good shaped clear yell., nice col.; hc, Morgan; c, Maggs. YORKS. YELL. (6): 2, Newells, grand feather, well up on leg, nice wings and tail, good position; 3, Freke, grand quality, nice col., neat head, wings and tail, stands well; 4, Hillman, slim built, capital feather; vhc, Pritchard; hc, no name; c, Parfitt. BUFF (10): 1, Lovell, stands like a guardsman, lovely feather and well up on leg, nice head, back, wings and tail; 2, Philips and Sunt, long-sided, hot coloured clear, nice position, well braced wings and tail; 3, Hillman, lovely position, grand feather and quality; 4, Perry, long and slim built, nice narrow shoulders; vhc, hc, no names; c, Pritchard. HENS (18): 1, no name, slim built, upstanding variegated, grand feather, well up on leg, well braced wings and pipe tail; 2, Lovell, cl. buff, grand feather and style, nice wings and tail, stands well, beautifully mealed; 3, 4, Hillman, yell., slim built, tight as wax, well up on leg, 4 buff, grand feather, nice style and length; vhc, Newells; hc, Taylor; c, Parfitt. UNFLIG. (16): 1, Flook, yell., grizzled ou head, well drawn out, lovely feather and col., nice long flights and tail, stands well; 2, Parfitt, buff, grizzled on head and wing, lovely style, slim built, good col. and feather; 3, Freke, rare length, nice feather and style, long flights; 4, Hillman, yell., nice, boxy feather; vhc, Newells; hc, Bevan; c, Lovell. NOVICE, A.V. (22): 1, Newells, yell. Yorks., very hot in col., grand position, well braced wings, neat tail, well up on leg, one of the best in show; 2, Collins, tkd. buff Norwich, nice shape, feather and col., neat tail and wings; 3, Watkins, buff Yorks., nice position; 4, Mortimer, Silver Lizard, nice spangling; vhc, Grifith; hc, Hepson; c, James and Probert. SELL., 15s. (10): 1, Parfitt; 2, Phillips and Sunt; 3, Bevan; 4, Watkins. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (4): 2, hc, Lewis, well pencilled, good shaped and grand feather Linnet, steady; 4, Pierce, Goldfinch, nice bars and buttons, square cut blaze; vhc, Cleeves. A.O.S. BRIT (6): 2, Mrs. Dark, yell. Siskin, grand col., cap and flank markings, nice shape, in grand condition, Pentre winner; 3, 4, Batton and Pope, Blackbird, nice feather, good shape, rich eye-cere and bill, 4 nicely spotted Song Thrush; vhc, no name; hc, Roberts; c, Garnon. MULE (6): 2, Davies, buff Goldie Canary, mkd. eyes, wings and head, lovely feather, grand wings, good size and shape, in fine order, wins cup over all sections in show; 3, Edwards, Goldie Bullie, nice col. face, good bars and body col.; 4, Castle, dark buff Goldie Can., nice flush, capital size and feather; vhc, Bowen; hc, Bowyer; c, Garnon.

NORTHAMPTON.

49th annual show Northampton Good Intent O.S. held Corn Exchange, October 18 and 19. We were pleased to meet with a number of the old standard-bearers of the society, including Messrs. J. Nason, J. Mason, G. Hobbs, G. Gayton, G. Cox, and others. Numbers came up fairly well, a slight increase on last year. Mr. Roe made the awards in the open classes, but unfortunately missed the right train and did not arrive until 2 o'cl.; consequently the committee requested Mr. J. C. Wilmot (Bedford), who was present, to make the awards in the members' classes. The secretaries, Messrs. Cox and Barrett, ably assisted by an enthusiastic committee, had everything well in hand, and cards were up promptly.

The Critique.

NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (8): 1, Irons, fine big bouncing bird, typical, simply teeming with quality; 2, Bott, real Bullfinch type, good col.; 3, Bateman, excels in head and body, nice quality; vhc, Breitenfeld; hc, Griffin; c, Ette. BUFF (9): 1, Brotherhood, good bird, correct type, rich plumage; 2, Ette, rare substance, runs winner very close; 3, Irons, full of quality, well proportioned throughout; vhc, Irons, one of the best in class; hc, Ette; c, Irons. MKD., ETC. (10): 1, Bott, heavily mkd. yell., good type; 2, Griffin, mkd. buff, very smart; 3, Ette, mkd. yell., nice type, just a little heavy in brow; vhc, Green; hc, Irons; c, Brotherhood. UNFLIG. YELL. (6): 1, Keech, lovely cl., correct type, rare quality; 2, Irons, another excellent cl., close up; 3, Gentle, mkd. yell., correct type; vhc, Griffen; hc, Breitenfeld. BUFF (17): Very fine class: 1, Watson, tkd. on head, well made, some thought should have given way to, 2, Irons, really very fine typical bird, in lovely condition, sound in col.; 3, Jeffs, very smart youngster, clean cut throughout; vhc, Notley; hc, Gentle; c, French. YELL. HEN (11): 1, Jeyes, smart hen, good col.; 2, vhc, Irons, couple of choice specimens, not much between them, excellent type, lovely quality, some made 1 and 2; 3, Isom, very good, short and typical hen; hc, Howe; c, Ette. BUFF (14): 1, Irons, rare body, rich col., lovely quality, very typical throughout; 2, Ette, fine, large bird, nice quality; 3, Brotherhood, mkd. bird, rare substance; vhc, Wilmot; hc, Keech; c, Howe. NAT. COL. NOR. (5): 1, vhc, Irons, large, good col., well shown; 2, Howe, very large buff, a trifle long; 3, Wilmot, smart, good col., beaten in substance; hc, Hobbs. GREENS (4): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Hobbs, first two good yell., rich col., 3rd nice buff, also good col. CINN. (4): 1, 2, 3, Nason, 1st good buff, 2nd extra good yell., which might perhaps have won, 3rd buff, wee bit rough; vhc, Wilmot. MULE OR HYB. (5): 1, Davies, very fine Goldie-Bullie, in prime condition; 2, 3, hc, Andrews, nearly evenly mkd. Goldfinch Mule, excels in col., hard lines meeting winner, 3rd smart Twite Mule; vhc, Bowler. YELL. NOR., LIMIT £3: 1, Muddiman; 2, vhc, Bott; 3, Reech; hc, Raynor; c, Beanland. BUFF, £3: 1, Griffin; 2, Bott; 3, Bounds; vhc, Howe; hc, Breitenfeld; c, Reech. HEN, £2: 1, Cooper; 2, Bounds; 3, Muddiman; vhc, Beanland; hc, Bott; c, Pigott. YORKS., £3: 1, York; 2, Harrison; 3, vhc, c, Allen; hc, Dunkley. SELL., 15s.: 1, Bott; 2, vhc, Muddiman; 3, Searle; hc, Green; c, York. BRIT. FINCH (except Hawfinch) (5): 1, Brotherhood, rare col., lovely Bramblefinch, well shown; 2, 3, vhc, Andrews, hot col. Siskin, in very fine trim, 3rd smart Chaffinch, of good col., will improve; hc, Cooper. A.O.S. (4): 1, no name, very fine Jay, in brilliant plumage; 2, Cooper, nice Hawfinch, in good trim; 3, Bowler, another nice Hawfinch, a wee bit rough in plumage; vhc, Berry. MEMBERS' LIMIT £2 CL., ETC., YELL. (10): 1, Isom; 2, Towers; 3, Ette; vhc, Starmer; hc, Watson; c, Galsworthy. BUFF (13): 1, Ette; 2, Towers; 3, c, Watson; vhc, Isom; hc, Mason.. MKD., ETC. (14): 1, Searle; 2, Mason; 3, Watson; vhc, Paine; hc, Isom; c, French. NAT. COL. NOR. (7): 1, Paine, lovely cl. yell., good col.; 2, Towers, very short cobby buff, nice quality; 3, Isom; vhc, c, Hobbs; hc, Ette. NOR. HEN (17): 1, Bounds, very short cobby buff, grizzle head; 2, Searle, very fine cl. yell., tight as wax; 3, Ette, cl. buff, full of meal; vhc, Watson; hc, Isom; c, Gayton. A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE (5): 1, 2, vhc, hc, Nason, good buff cinn., and a rare col. dark Goldfinch Mule; 3, Mason, evenly mkd. buff Nor. BRIT. (6): 1, Fisher, bonny Lesser Redpoll, in good trim; 2, 3, Hobbs, couple of nice Greenfinches, former would have won had it not lost several feathers in one wing; vhc, Paine.

EASTBOURNE.

Held Oct. 18 and 19. The entry was not quite so good as last year, owing to the birds being late with the moult, and several of the classes had to be cancelled. The quality was excellent, especially in Yorks. The spl and cup for the best non-fed Canary went to Mr. Newman, with a typical Yorks.; spl best members, Mr. Hedges, with a sweet little Blackcap. The committee are an excellent lot of fanciers, and all good workers. Mr. Daly makes an ideal hon. sec., being most courteous and obliging. Mr. W. R. Miles judged, and his awards were well received.

The Critique.

YORKS. CL. (8): 1, sp, Veness, long, slim, upstanding yell., red hot colour, beautiful type and quality; 2, Humphries, stylish, nice col., good in quality; 3, Brooks, typical bird, beautiful quality and colour, but inclined to be a little fat; vhc, Oven; hc, Wheeler; c, Wraight. BRED 1911 (9): 1, Bousfield, grand style, beautifully drawn, correct type, nice quality; 2, Wheeler, close on winner for type and quality, loses a little in style; 3, Brooks, nice exhibit; vhc, Meads; hc, Wraight; c, Plummer. NOR. HEN (6): 1, sp, Ellis, variegated buff, red-hot col., good head and neck, short in flights, bonny hen; 2, Taylor, grand clear buff, but not quite down in wings, good quality; 3, Hedges, bonny little cl. yell., nice type and quality; vhc, Ford; hc, Small. BRED 1911 (14): 1, 2, Taylor, variegated buff leading, good head and neck, short in flights and tail, red-hot colour, 2nd fine cl. buff, very nice type; 3, Ellis, heavily variegated yell., nice size, good col. and quality, loses a little at back of head; vhc, Small, Miss Crawley; hc, Springett; c, Hedges. NAT. COLOUR (12): 1, sp, and cup, vhc, Newman, topping cl. yell, Yorks., shown to perfection; 2, hc, Miss Rischbieth, real good cl. buff Nor., correct type, good quality; 3, Riddles, bonny cl. yell. Bord., nice jaunty carriage, well shown; vhc, Betchley; hc, French; c, Hedges. CREST OR C.B. (6): 1, 3, Gale, former grand wing-mkd. dark crest, nice leafy feather, hardly ready yet, 3rd variegated, will make a good one; 2, c, Hayward, monster variegated. C.B., good head, nice length of feather; vhc, Betchley; hc, Hedges. HYBRID (7): 1, Cadman Bros., nice yell. Goldie-Can., good col., rare blaze; 2, Hedges, Linnet, good colour, grand form; 3, Ellis, large Goldie, but hardly fit yet; vhc, Hodden; hc, Cole, H. R. Collis; c, Frowd. GOLDFINCH (8): 1, Swift, good, but not ready, will make up well; 2, Miss Rischbieth, in good form, but on the small side; 3, Hedges, nice, but wants time; vhc, Adams; hc, Hobden; c, Daly. LINNET (11): 1, Bourner, well pencilled, nice rich col., grand forms, wins; 2, Swift, also good and well pencilled, not yet up in col.; 3, Cadman Bros., only wants time to make good one; vhc, Haggar, Swift; hc, Miss Rischbieth; c, Hobden. A.O.V. (14): 1, sp best Brit., Hedges, grand Blackcap, shown in faultless condition; 2, Miss Rischbieth, bonny little Siskin, nice rich col., good cap; 3, Hedges, grand Lark, nice size, in fine form; vhc, Swift; hc, Hobden. FOR. (6): 1, Miss Bennett, Parrot, beautiful feather, well shown; 2, Newman, Whydah, in fine fettle, grand tail, nice exhibit; 3, vhc, hc, Miss Rischbeith, lovely Weaver leading, in fine form; c, Cole. MEMBERS' YORKS.: 1, Newman, grand wing-mkd. yell., good type and quality; 2, 3, French, nice typical birds; vhc, Oxley; c, Newman. NOR.: 1, French, cl. buff, good head, short neck, nice quality; 2, vhc, Bridges, cl. yell., not quite through moult, or might have won; 3, Miss Rischbieth, nat. col. buff, rare substance; hc, Newman; c, Tugwell. SELL., 15s.: 1, Bousfield; 2, Taylor; 3, Owen.

LEYTON AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

On October 2nd an interesting evening show of Norwich was held, some very fine birds being staged. Total entry about 40. Our worthy chairman, Mr. F. Williamson, judged, and his awards were well received. YELL. CK.: 1, Taylor; 2, Pettet; 3, Parr; 4, Dalton; vhc, Rhodes; hc, Marshall; c, Tuck. BUFF: 1, Taylor; 2, Gravestock; 3, Perring; 4, vhc, Parr; hc, Tuck; c, Dalton. HENS: 1, 4, Taylor; 2, Pettet; 3, Marshall; vhc, hc, Perring; c, Albany. Mr. Taylor won special for best bird, he having won 1st in each class. It is interesting to note that Mr. Taylor also won special for best bird at both our Y.B. shows this year. A judging competition was also held, Mr. Taylor and Mr. Billingsley making a tie with the same number of points. The prize was divided.—Forse and Son, Hon. Secs.

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With a record entry, a glorious opening day, a good gate, and a grand list of sales, the executive of the Norwich Alliance All-England C.B.A. were all smiles on the occasion of their annual show, which was held in the Corn Exchange on October 12th and 13th. The entry of 972 was 153 in advance of that vouchsafed to the association twelve months since, and, taking the quality right through, it was, we think, superior to that gathered at the last show; especially was this so in the champion Plainhead classes, in which Messrs. Morris and Irons each staged some most typical specimens. Mr. Rippon also sent a nice team. Of the local breeders Messrs. Howard, Schulen, Ebbage, Wright and Son, and A. H. Smith each staged some nice quality birds.

Where are the Crests?

Crests with three classes, one of which, that for clear bodies, had to be cancelled, drew nine entries only, and the quality was not super-excellent. When we think of the birds shown in the days which are past by such local men as the Mackleys, Greeves, Glasscock, Barnett, Quinton, Howard, Spelman, Winter, Frost, Fitt, Gowing, and others, we are made to realise how sadly Norwich has fallen from its high estate. If the numbers were poor, quality was not quite out of the picture, as the bird which won for Messrs. Payne and Son is indeed one of which anyone may be proud to be acclaimed the breeder.

Although the eleven classes provided for the champions could only muster 102 entries, the same number in the amateur section drew the nice total of 223, an average of just over twenty per class, and a very high order of merit ran through the section.

There were some grand youngsters. The 1911 Crests were an improvement on the adults, and it was worth a day's journey to the show to see Mr. Woollard's handsome youngster alone. It is a long time since such a densely-feathered young Crest has graced the boards at Norwich.

Encouraging the Youngsters.

The four classes for Plainhead Norwich open to breeders only of the counties of Norfolk and Suffolk drew together the splendid array of 163 cages. The prices in these classes are limited to 25s. for cocks and 15s. for hens. Whilst agreeing with the principle of limiting the price in such classes, we think our Norwich friends put it just a shade too low. Did they double the prices we believe they would find it advantageous in many ways, and the evil which they seek to guard against would still be kept under. At present the price limit is not sufficient to induce the breeders to display their best. In the British section there were to be seen some wonderful Hardbills, the Linnets, Redpolls, Siskins, Twites, Chaffinches, Brambles, and Hawfinches all being good, but Goldies were not fit. The Softbills of Messrs. Johnson and Lowne were just splendid, and amongst a small but interesting collection of Foreigners the exhibits of Messrs. Bliss, Miles, Howe, and Row came in for a lot of attention. The class for ladies' home pets created a great deal of interest, the birds being judged as home pets, and not as exhibition specimens.

The Inter-Club Competition.

The inter-club competition for the Deuchar Challenge Cup resulted in the Hand-in-Hand Society winning the trophy for the third time in succession. The positions and points gained were as follows:—1st, Hand-in-Hand, 181; 2nd, South Heighan, 152; 3rd, Record, 150; 4th, Anchor and Hope, 107; 5th, Westwick, 98; 6th, City of Norwich, 90; 7th, Perseverance, 61; 8th, United, 53; and the one outsider, the Golden Dog, scored 50. The cup now becomes the property of the Hand-in-Hand. The winners' splendid total of 181 was considerably assisted by some 50 points scored by the veteran Stark. The association has lost the Deuchar Cup, but it is to be hoped that they will keep the inter-club competition going, as it promotes a feeling of very healthy rivalry between the different breeders' clubs in the city.

Excellent Management.

Of the management what can one say? Our Norwich friends were past-masters in the art thirty years ago when we first knew them; since then their methods have been copied by many others—equalled they may have been, but excelled by none, and to-day no show in the kingdom can beat that of the Norwich Alliance in attention to detail and completeness of executive working.

Those responsible for the carrying through of this year's venture were Messrs. W. W. Freestone (chairman), J. Parsons (vice-chairman), F. Cullington (treasurer), H. Bales, P. Barrett, H. F. Bartram, Brock, J. Brown, A. O. Bunn, R. Burrows, J. Carlton, T. Chaloner, C. Clarke, J. Cutmore, H. Dunham, A. E. Ebbage, G. W. Fulcher, M. C. Gooding, Kerrison, T. E. Miles, J. E. Nichols, B. Palmer, B. W. Pill, R. Pulford, Revell, S. Roberts, A. W. Russell, A. Shearing, J. Stark, S. Thompson. Needless to say they all did their work as Norwich men know how to, and can, do it. Mr. R. Roll, and his assistants, Messrs. Freeman and Russell, got through the secretarial duties in first-class style, and in this department the Norwich Alliance has never been better served than it is to-day.

The judges were: Mr. W. E. Greeves, Crests and Crest-breds; Mr. J. Robson, Champion Plainheads, Non-Fed, Unflighted, Cinnamons, British and Foreign; and Mr. W. Vardy the remainder.

Mr. Greeves's Classes.

CREST. YELL. (5): 1, Sadd, large spreading grey of nice formation, good length, nice centre; 2, A. Smith, wing mkd., very nice quality, better body, crest all in pen; 3, 4, Calver, grey and even-mkd., shapely, but not so massive. BUFF, CL. BODY: No entry; it seems too bad to be true. A.O.V. (4): 1, Payne and Son, varieg., very heavy feather, capital centre, grand droop and radiation, well filled in all round; 2, Shearman, even-mkd., very nice shape and droop, not so densely feathered; 3, Betts, green, more heavily feathered, nice centre and droop, twists a bit at back; 4, Sadd, heavy mkd., shapely but short head-gear, and not so dense. C.B. YELL. (1): 1, Ebbage, eye and vent mkd., good shaped body, nice feather, very fair head. BUFF (9): 1, 3, Betts, two grandly feathered birds, almost greens, nice stout bodied, shapely, well browed skulls; 2, Sadd, heavily mkd., grand dome-shaped skull, lovely quality of feather, and plenty of it; 4, Shearman, good feathered green, not quite so wide in front; vhc, Payne and Son; hc, Woollard, A. Smith; c, Calver. BRED 1911 CREST (15): 1, spl, Woollard, nearly green, magnificent radiation and droop, very heavy front and side, tremendous body feather, a gem; 2, Carlton, nice veiny feathered cl. body, very neat centre, good front, not so heavy at sides; 3, Ashworth, wing and tail mkd., neatly centred, nicely spread, not quite so much length or width,; 4, Shearman, cl. body, grand quality, nice veiny feather, not so wide; vhc, Sadd; hc, Linder; c, Clapham. C.B. (13): 1, Woollard, a topping, heavily mkd., looks almost as though it came out of the same packet as the winning Crest; 2, Clapham, lovely green hen, beautiful dome-shaped skull of nice width, short stout body, plenty of feather, a gem; 3, c, Shearman, heavily feathered varieg., longer in body, nice shaped, well feathered skull; 4, Revell, grand quality varieg., very shapely head with nice feather; vhc, Pauling; hc, Carlton. CREST, 40s. (5): 1, Thompson; 2, Shearman; 3, Calver; 4, Page. C.B. 25/- (8): 1, Revell; 2, Carlton; 3, 4, Calver. CREST 15/- (10): 1, Thompson; 2, Parsons; 3, Burrage; 4, Goulder. C.B., 15/- (14): 1, Thompson; 2, Brown; 3, Duuham; 4, Parsons. PAIR, £5 (5): 1, Thompson; 2, Calver; 3, Goulder; 4, Carlton. CREST (7): 1, Brundell; 2, Kerrison; 3, Watson; 4, Alden. C.B. (6): 1, Kerrison; 2, 4, Brundell; 3, Watson.

Mr. Robson's Classes.

CHAMPION NOR. YELL. (14): 1, Irons, grand shape and size, lovely quality of feather, and plenty of col; 2, J. Smith, capital type, good head, very sound and level in col., not so neat in wing; 3, Bateman, very shapely, good wings and tail, not quite ready, and paler in col.; 4, vhc, Rippon, capital body, not so stout in skull, good feather; hc, Wright and Son; c, A. Smith. BUFF (17): 1, Morris, rare shape and col., grand head, not quite tightened up; 2, Irons, trifle longer, rare col., well burnished, shows well; 3, 4, Rippon, grand col. and meal, nice type, hardly so large; vhc, Meen; hc, Ebbage; c, More. TKD. YELL. (13): 1, Irons, thigh, superb col., rich and level, capital type and feather; 2, 3, Morris, both grizzle capped, sound rich col., beautifully finished, neat wings and tail, stand well over perch, two bonny birds; 4, c, Ebbage, grand col. and quality, not so stout; vhc, Roberts; hc, Meen. BUFF (16): 1, Morris, neck tkd., grand shape, rich level col., beautifully frosted, neat wings and tail; 2, Bateman, tkd. head, paler but level in col., nice shape and quality, not down in wings yet; 3, Howard, nice coloured close feathered varieg., hardly so chubby, a good shower; 4, Schulen, wing tkd. capital shape and style, nice col.; vhc, Irons; hc, A. Smith; c, Rippon. HEN, YELL. (13): 1, Rippon, lovely rich even col., very silky feather, nice shape and style; 2, Irons, more chubby, not so deep in col., stands well over the perch, a grand hen; 3, Morris, another of his prize yell caps, and a good one too, full of col. and quality; 4, Wright and Son, very smart, clear, hardly so chubby, nice col.; vhc, Schulen; hc, Ebbage; c, A. Smith. BUFF (13): 1, Morris, very nice shape, grand col. and meal, full of style, not quite down in wing; 2, A. Smith, short chubby body, lovely feather and col., full of style; 3, Rippon, wing tkd. better shape than 1st or 2nd, but not so rich in col., or so silky in feather; 4, Irons, rare col. and quality, not so good in bead; vhc, E. Smith; hc, Meen; c, Ebbage. OPEN CINN., YELL. (13): 1, Nason, nice size and shape, good head, very rich hot col., the old hand can turn 'em out yet; 2, Skipper, very hot indeed, rare col. and quality, nice shape, but smaller; 3, Andrews, not so hot in col, but for shape, style, and quality of feather as good as any; 4, Cook, if his head was as good as his body he would be a real beauty; vhc, More; hc, c, Bevan. BUFF (11): 1, 2, 3, hc, Bevan, a grand team for shape, size, and col., the winner has the best head, but is not so tight in feather as 2 and 3, both of which are rather longer in skull, and show a slight inclination to horniness; 4, Skipper, nice shape and col., not so close and silky in feather; vhc, Nason; c, Cook. NOR., YELL., UNFLIG. (17): 1, Irons, not one of the largest, but lovely rich even col., and grand silky feather; 2, Lovick, grand col. and quality of feather, neat wings and tail, longer in head; 3, Moore, magnificent feather, nice level col., very shapely and stylish; 4, Joyce, we liked as well as any, good short body, rare quality and style; vhc, Hall; hc, Mrs. Coman; c, Horth. BUFF (24): 1, Morris, grand short, chubby body, rich level col., very fine feather, neat wings and tail; 2, A. J. Smith, not so stout in head and neck, grandly feathered, very sound and level in col., bit paler; 3, Dean, rare shape and style, grand feather and meal, also not so hot in col.; 4, Mallett, capital col. and meal, good shape and style; vhc, Campling; hc, J. J. Smith; c, More. HEN, YELL. (12): 1, J. J. Smith, fine big, shapely hen, capital col., close silky feather; 2, Alpe, a real gem, short and cobby, lovely shade of col. and feathered like a Java, we liked well; 3, Bates, capital col., very nice type, good feather, but not tightened up yet; 4, Calver, tkd. neck, very short and neat, lovely quality and col.; vhc, Howard and Son; hc, Joyce; c, Campling. BUFF (15): 1, vhc, Irons, big, showy, good shaped hen of capital col. and meal, heavy feathered; 2, J. J. Smith, not so deep in chest, good head, very nice col. and quality; 3, 4, Morris, grizzle cap and a clear, former almost perfection, magnificent col., most beautifully frosted, as round as a Robin, and as tight as a Java, a living picture; hc, More; c, Laccohee. NOR. FED YELL. (19): 1, Stark, big, shapely, tkd. backed hen; 2, Cutmore, tkd. eye, nice quality, longer; 3, Baker, heavy mkd., grand shape and feather; 4, Brown, nice short Clear; vhc, Sheldrake; hc, Hall; c, Ebbage. BUFF (18): 1, Howard and Son, good bodied Clear, nice feather; 2, Brown, tkd. neck, good body and feather, not so full in head; 3, Brewster, very nice short varieg.; 4, Watling, neat, shapely, well feathered Clear; vhc, Eagleton; hc, Ebbage; c, Bunn. MULES, GOLDIE, OR LINNET (11): 1, 3, Fysh, two fine, shapely, varieg. Buff Goldies, cock and hen, lovely quality of feather and rare style; 2, Dady, very hot col., high quality, dark jonque Goldie; 4, Schofield, very small, Buff six-point, will improve; vhc, A. Smith; hc, Piggin; c, Barton. A.O.V. (7): 1, 2, Adamson, two nicely mkd., rich coloured Goldie-Bullies, grand feather and style, the winner has it in size, and was claimed by Mr. J. Howard; 3, Meen, well mkd., nice quality, rich coloured dark Siskin-Can.; 4, Fysh, another well-mkd., shapely Goldie-Bullie, not so rich in col.; vhc, Banham; hc, Meen; c, Dawson. BRIT., GOLDIE (9): 1, Dooly, nice shape, capital breast and blaze, level rich back, sound bars and buttons, grand feather; 2, Pipe, very shapely, nice clear blaze, not so rich in chestnut, good bars, and feather; 3, Lowne, very shapely and nice col., not nearly ready; 4, Banham, useful sort of Finch, but not fit; vhc, Goldsmith; hc, A. Smith; c, Oldfield. LINNET, ETC. (20): 1, 2, Marley, Linnet and Twite, two beauties, grand shape, beautifully marked, lovely feather, staged to the minute; 3, Keymer Bros., large, well marked, nicely feathered mealy Redpoll; 4, hc, Cooper, well mkd. Siskin, nice shape, good col. and feather; vhc, Banham; c, Lowne. A.O.S. SEED-EATER (14): 1, 3, Marley, Bramble and Chaff., two lovely birds, full of markings, magnificent col., rich in depth, grand heads, splendid feather; 2, Cogman, rich breasted Bullie, large, deep, well cut cap, lovely back and bars; 4, c, Lowne, large, well marked Haw., capital feather, rare shape and condition; vhc, Oldfield; hc, Cooper. THRUSH (6): 1, Johnson, large, shapely bird, very sleek and smart in feather, rare head and eye, grandly spotted; 2, Brown, very shapely, capital col. and feather, not so clear in marks; 3, Lowne, grand shape, col., marks and feather, ran winner close; 4, Mrs. Pipe, very shapely, grandly marked, not so rich in col., or so sleek in featber; vhc, Marley; hc, Atmore. A.O.V., SMALL (2): 1, 2, Lowne, magnificent Bearded Tit and Pipit, both in wonderful condition, very rich in col., and grandly marked, shown in grand style. LARGE (2): 1, 2, Johnson, very handsome pair of Missel Thrushes, grand shape, size, marks, and condition. FOR.: PARROT, ETC. (4): 1, Bliss, large, handsome pair of Yell., Budgerigars; 2, Miles, very beautiful Alexandrine Parrakeet, lovely plumage and markings; 3, Bealey, Alexandrine hen, capital feather and shape; 4, Miles, brilliant plumaged pair of Green Budgerigars, grandly mkd. WAXBILLS, ETC. (6): 1, 2, hc, Howe, capital team, Green Avadavats, White-headed Mannikins and Orange-cheeked Waxbills, all in rare form; 3, vhc, Row, Orange-cheeked and Golden-breasted Waxbills, two bonny pairs; 4, Seago, very smart, rich coloured Napoleon Weaver. A.O.S. SEEDEATERS (5): 1, 4, Row, grand pair of Fire-tailed Finches, magnificent col. and feather; 2, 3, Howe, very smart Parrot Finch, and Crimson Finch, rare col. and plumage; vhc, Harrowven. A.O.S.: No. entry.

Mr. Vardy's Classes.

EVEN-MARKED (17): 1, vhc, Skipper, pea-eyed yell., splendid wings, grand shape and quality; 2, Brewster, pea-eyed buff, grand shape col., and feather, very nicely mealed; 3, Whitmore, rather heavily mkd. buff, nice feather, not so rich in col.; 4, Thompson, good quality buff, nicely streaked eyes, well balanced wings, not so typical; hc, Smith; c, Hall. A.O.V. (6): 1, Mitchell, highly fed tkd. yell. Coppy, neat head, nice style; 2, Payne and Son, big, shapely, good coloured pied tail Cinn. 3, Skipper, neat yell. Cinn. hen; but is this an A.O.V.? 4, Clarke, very hotly fed yell. green; vhc, Cullington; hc, Pauling, a good non-fed green of nice shape and feather, we liked. BREEDERS NOR. YELL (30): 1, sp, Sheldrake; 2, Silom; 3, Pearson; 4, A. J. Smith; vhc, Dazeley; hc, Lovick; c, Goodings. BUFF (64): 1, Clabburn; 2, King; 3, Harvey; 4, Goldsmith; ex 4, Phillips; 5, Hardingham; ex 5 Pearson vhc, Lovick, Clarke; hc, Lawn; c, Smith, Sheldrake. HEN YELL. (21): 1, Cole and Tydeman; 2, Fulcher; 3, Meachen; 4, White; vhc, Silom; hc, Pulford c, Clarke. BUFF (48): 1, Silom; 2, Keymer Bros.; 3, Nash; ex 3, Woodcock; 4, S. Thompson; ex 4, Wilkinson; 5, Lovick; ex 5, Pulford; vhc, Bullard, Drury; hc, A. Thompson, Pearson; c, King, Alden. LADIES' PETS (18): 1, Miss M. Playford; 2, Miss Clabburn; 3, Mrs. Harper; 4, Miss Copeman; 5, Mrs. A. J. Smith; vhc, Mrs. Bell, Miss Bliss; hc, Miss Brown, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Masters; c, Mrs. Alderton, Miss Roll.

AMAT. NOR. YELL. (25): 1, 2, Alpe, two wonderfully fine feathered birds, beautifully fed, as rich and level as possible, very neat wings and tails, rare style, we thought 2nd just a shade the stoutest; 3, Shorten; lovely quality, nice shape and style, very showy, not quite so much depth of col.; 4, E. Smith, lovely shape and feather, nice rich col., not so chubby in head; vhc, Piggin; hc, Cole and Tydeman; c, George. BUFF (33): 1, George, a topper, lovely quality, rich undercol., nicely mealed, capital wings and tail, a good win; 2, E. Smith, very typical and stylish, nice level col., nicely mealed, good feather, a trifle browy; 3, Shearing, as good as any in the class for type and quality, but does not carry so much col.; 4, Keymer Bros., capital shape and col., not tightened up yet; vhc, Schofield; hc, Freeman; c, Laccohee. TKD. YELL. (2): 1, Horth, grand shaped, rich even coloured wing tkd., of nice quality; 2, Freeman, wing tkd., a gem, rare shape, grand col. and feather, very smart wings and tail, we liked very much; 3, Page, wing and tail mkd., grand col. and feather, shows well, rather longer in wings and tail; 4, Butler, wonderfully well fed, hot and level, capital feather, longer in body; vhc, Phillips; hc, Eagleton; c, Henry. BUFF (27): 1, Piggin, thigh tkd., splendid shape, col. and mealing, grandly feathered, shows well; 2, Hark, head tkd., full of col. and quality, stands well over perch, nice wings and tail, 3, George, grizzle cap, a gem, we liked as well as any, not so much col. as some, but grand type; 4, E. Smith, thigh tkd., very rich level col., nice meal, good body; vhc, Freeman; hc, Sewell; c, Barker. HEN YELL. (26): 1, Barrett, grizzled on head, nice shape and carriage, good col., but needs burnishing; 2, Barton, very smart and stylish, capital shape, nice col. and feather, we liked; 3, Hart, pretty body, nicely fed, lovely quality, nice carriage, not so chubby in head; 4, Pottingalc, shapely and good style, nice col., not tightened up; vhc, Laccohee; hc, Horth; c, Swell. BUFF (32): 1, Nobbs, capital shape and style, good wings and tail, nice col. and feather; 2, Page, very shapely and stylish, good head and chest, nice col., not fined down yet; 3, E. Smith, full of col. and quality, beautifully mealed, neat shape, capital wings and tail; 4, Russell, grand chubby bird, rich col. and meal, not ready; vhc, Bates; hc, Dazeley; c, Leamon. CREST YELL. (8): 1, Dunham, nicely spread grizzle, good shape and droop, rather coppy shaped body; 2, hc, Carlton, good Norwich type, wing and tail mkd., lovely quality right through, nice radiation and droop; 3, Parsons, wing and tail mkd., hardly so neat in centre, good front and sides, will improve yet; 4, Pill, varieg., nice centre, spread and droop, more hairy in feather; vhc, Page. BUFF CLR. BODY (7): 1, Russell, very shapely grizzle, nice centre, spreads well and nicely drooped, good quality of feather; 2, 4, Carlton, two nice bodied darks, shorter in crest feather and not so even in formation of crest, should improve greatly; 3, Freeman, another nice shaped grey with good centre and radiation, but lacks the length; vhc, Gilbert; c, Parsons. A.O.V. (19): 1, 3, Carlton, green and heavily varieg., very nice shaped bodies carrying a wealth of feather, large shapely crests, well centred and nicely drooped, the winner is the densest and best quality; 2, 4, Corke, two very nice even wing mkd., well centred, capital fronts and sides, not quite so well finished at back; vhc, Alden, Hall; hc, Page, Linder; c, Hall (2); absent, Linder. C.-B. YELL. (11): 1, 2, Parsons, both varieg. of grand quality, nice shaped skulls, well covered, plenty of brow, 2nd has rather the better shaped body, but less head feather; 3, Linder, nice quality varieg., good shape, hardly so wide in entrance, but good back skull; 4, Hall, nicely feathered varieg., but longer in body; vhc, Pauling; hc, Carlton; c, Page. BUFF (14): 1, Gabriel, varieg., plenty of feather, massive, broad, well covered skull; 2, Linder, varieg., heavily feathered body and skull, not quite so wide in entrance; 3, Page, varieg., plenty of feather and nice rise of skull, but hardly so wide; 4, c, Hall, varieg., very nice quality and shape, not so massive; vhc, Russell; hc, Roper. LIMIT NOR. YELL., 25s. (22): 1, Stark; 2, Bennell; 3, Shorten; 4, Page. BUFF (34): 1, Alpe; 2, Howes; 3, Shorten; 4, Harl. YELL. HEN (23): 1, 2, 4, Stark; 3, Baker. BUFF (24): 1, Revill; 2, Ebbage; 3, Alpe; 4, Johnson. TKD. 15s. (29): 1, Howes; 2, 3, Stark; 4, Laccohee. PR. PHDS. 40s. (15): 1, Bates; 2, 3, Ebbage; 4, Roberts.

COVENTRY (Godiva).

The Coventry Godiva C.B.S. held their 5th annual open show at their headquarters, the Chequers Hotel, Little Park Street, on October 14. The entry, although not up to the usual number, made up somewhat in quality, some very fine specimens putting in an appearance. This will be evident from the fact that the winning Buff unflighted was claimed for £10. The management was all that could be desired, being in such capable hands as Mr. J. Busby (President), Mr. H. Saunders (chairman, and show manager), Mr. E. Roycroft (vice-chairman), Messrs. J. Symonds, J. Blackshaw, A. Symonds, H. Mann, H. Wright, A. J. Lucas, Ingham, W. Rowley, Payne, T. Cooke, H. Ward, Howe, and W. Bray. Much credit is due to Mr. R. Symonds (the capable hon. secretary), and his assistant, Mr. A. Wright. Mr. W. Vardy (Huthwaite) judged, and his awards were well received.

The Critique.

NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (12): 1, spl., T. Judd, varieg., nice short thick set bird, good head and neck, well carried wings, red hot col., wins well; 2, Hathaway, nice sized bird, ticked one wing, lovely quality, good head and neck, splendid col., not quite so cobby as winner; 3, Gilbert, large, good col., nicely carried wings; vhc, Mason; hc, Mrs. Jeacock; c, Ting. BUFF (8): 1, Brotherhood, nice short thick-set bird, lovely quality, good head and neck, nice level wings, teeming with col.; 2, Judd, another Cl., grand shape, lovely quality, good head and neck, nice wing carriage, beaten only in col.; 3, Corrall, varieg., nice quality, good head and neck, nicely carried wings; vhc, Lawrance; hc, Hathaway; c, Mrs. Jeacock. HEN (10): 1, Symonds and Son, Cl. Yell., good size, nice even col., fine quality, nicely carried wings; 2, Mason, heavily varieg. Yell., lovely quality, good col.; nice wing carriage, fails only in size to winner; 3, Brotherhood, saddle marked Buff, grand quality, nice typical specimen, good head, fine wing carriage; vhc, Corrall; hc, Baxter; c, Collier. UNFLIG., YELL. (7): 1, Frisby, large Cl. thick-set bird, good col., fine head and neck; 2, Judd, another Cl., lovely col. and quality, nice wings, not quite so large, but of better quality; 3, Jeacock, varieg., grand col. and quality, nice short flights and tail; vhc, Roycroft; hc, Lawrance; c, Dickens. BUFF (15): 1, spl., Mason, tick wing, very typical specimen, nice short thick-set bird, grand col. and quality, wonderfully good in head and neck, nice short, well fitting wings, a gem, claimed at catalogue price £10, we wish the plucky purchaser every success; 2, vhc, Elliott ticked, grand col., good bodied bird, nice wing carriage; 3, Hathaway, nice even col., lovely quality, good wings, on small side; hc, Judd; c, Collier. NOR. NAT. COL. (5): 1, Mann, large Cl. Buff, good quality, fine head and neck, rather long; 2, 3, Orton, leader, grizzle back Buff, good type, nice quality, looks like a hen, followed by Cl. Buff thick-set bird, nice feather, trifle feathery on back or might have won; vhc, Mitchel; hc, Clarke. CINN.: Cancelled. CINN., UNFLIG. (6): 1, spl., 3, c, Blackshaw, leader Buff, nice quality, good wing carriage, followed by Yell. of good col. and quality, might have stood higher if he had a perfect tail; 2, vhc, Wright, Yell., good col. and quality, nice wing carriage; hc, Saunders. YORKS., CL., ETC.: Cancelled. BUFF: Cancelled. UNFLIG. YELL. (7): 1, Sheppard, good col. and quality, neat wings and tail, well drawn out, grand position; 2, Dykes, lovely quality, nice, stylish bird, neat wings and tail, well rounded, in rare condition; 3, hc, Harrison, Cl. Buff, lovely quality, long, slim bird, stands well, very stylish; vhc, c, Taylor. HEN (7): 1, spl., vhc, Baxter, Cinn mkd. Buff, lovely quality, nice, neat wings and tail, good back, well drawn; 2, Taylor, nice quality Buff, good length, fails only in col.; 3, Harrison, saddle mkd. Buff, lovely quality, nice fitting wings, good tail, pressed close; hc, Shepherd; c, Blackshaw. CREST, C.B. CAN., A.O.V., MULES, AND HY.: All Cancelled. The Limit classes contained some very cheap specimens. CAN. PAIRS, £2 2s. (8): 1, Symonds and Son; 2, Roycroft; 3, Elliman; vhc, Beanland; hc, Dipple; c, Baxter. NOR., YELL., 30s.: 1, Frisby; 2, Mitchell; 3, Cooper; vhc, Flowers; he, Gilbert; c, Brotherhood. BUFF, 30s. (6): 1, Cooper; 2, Wright; 3, Flowers; vhc, Dipple; hc, Clarke; c, Beanland. UNFLIG., 30s. (11): 1, and Ramden's spl., Mitchell; 2, Rowley; 3, Collier; vhc, Wright; hc, Mann; c, Slaymaker. HEN, 30s. (14): 1, Collier; 2, Cooper; 3, Saunders; vhc, Symonds and Son; hc, Dipple; c, Mason. PAIRS, 25s. (11): 1, Baxter; 2, Elliman; 3, Blackshaw; vhc, Symonds and Son; hc, Roycroft; c, Flowers. SELL., 15s. (7): 1, No. 6, no name; 2, Hathaway; 3, Dipple; vhc, Baxter; hc, Wright; c, Ford. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (5): 1, 3, Raven, leader Bullfinch, large bird, very steady, house-moulted, followed by Goldfinch, nice face, lovely col., rich nutty brown, good bars; 2, Baseley, Goldfinch, fine face, deep cut blaze, nice bars, very steady; vhc, Blackshaw; hc, Towers. GREENFINCH (5): 1, Lawrance, wonderful large, thick-set bird, of good col. and quality, a topper; 2, Baseley, lovely col. and quality, very steady, but not the size of winner; 3, Raven, nice col., very steady; vhc, Gentry; hc, Wright. BRAMBLE-FINCH, ETC. (6): 1, Brotherhood, Bramble, grand col., lovely quality, well mkd., very steady, easy winner; 2, Towers, Chaffinch, good size, nice quality, well shown; 3, vhc, Raven, Chaffinch, nicely mkd., well shown, not quite so large; hc, Jeacock. LINNET, ETC. (6): 1, Tyler, Siskin, nice size, good col., well laced and well shown; 2, 3, Raven, leader Twite, lovely markings, good col., very steady, followed by Linnet, good col., well laced, and in nice condition. A.O.S, HARDBILL, AND SOFTBILL: Cancelled.



BOLTON.

Annual open show of the Bolton O.S., held on Oct. 13 and 14, under the patronage of the N.P.C. and Y.C.C. in the Co-operative Hall—a magnificent room for the purpose, being lofty and well lighted all round, entirely free from draughts, well ventilated by fans, and lit up by electricity at night. The exhibits were staged a bit too low; another foot higher and it would have been considerably more comfortable to see the birds. About 450 entries turned up, which the executive thought good for the time of the year. Most of the birds could do with another week in the stables. Champion Norwich turned up badly after the great show at Burnley. Why, we cannot understand; there was good prize money, a capital hall and a well-known judge. Surely the birds have not found their level yet? The Champion Yorkshire unfighted class was a topper, containing birds that will win later, but were out of the money here. The attendance was really very good on the opening day, and among the visitors we noticed Dr. McConaghey, from Macclesfield, who is a most ardent fancier. Claims were well up to those of former years; the winning natural coloured hen (also 1st at Burnley) was quickly claimed at £3 10s. —a cheap hen. Special winners: Hyde's, J. and J. Hopkins; Sandiford's J. E. Davies; best unflighted, Cooper; best member N.P.C., S. Cook; best members', Leonard; 2nd ditto, Davies and Langham. The management of the show was in the hands of the assistant secretary, Mr. Cooper, who had an able body of stewards at his back in Messrs. Brierly, Crook, Gosling, Langham, Mitchell and Lawton, who all worked hard; all pulled together to make the show a success. Every bird was well looked after, well fed and watered. We trust the show will turn out a success financially, because Bolton deserves it. Mr. J. H. Roe took the Norwich and Yorkshires, and Mr. Cleminson, of Preston, the Borders, Selling, British and Foreign.

The Critique.

YORKS. CL. YELL. (8): 1, Hurst, long, clean drawn, beautiful wing carriage, stands on grand pair of pins; 2, Hall, better col. and quality, but fails a wee bit in breast to winner; 3, Morrison, straight as a rush, splendid carriage; 4, Durnford, well tapered, grand back, and piped tail; vhc, Dykes; hc, Thomas; c, Barlow. BUFF (8): 1, Hurst, topper for quality, long sided, beautiful wings, rare shoulders; 2, Barlow, round as a bottle, unfortunately crosses wings a shade; 3, Ogden Bros., real good one, exquisite feather and type; 4, Thornton and Bower, high shoulders, rare feather, fails only in legs to above; vhc, Brooks; hc, Faulker; c, Marsden and Norman. TKD., ETC., YELL. (5): 1, Kearns, grizzle neck, well up on legs, wee bit short behind, piped tail; 2, Ogden Bros., longer bird, round back, well filled in neck; 3, Hurst, straight as a pencil, wee bit open at tail; 4, Morrison, cap marked, long, racy and fine carriage; vhc, Binns, might have been in money, but was unsteady. BUFF (8): 1, Linaker, feather like boxwood, good back and neck, neat head, wins well; 2, Kearns, again good feather, shows plenty of leg, both above invisible ticks; 3, Leonard, long drawn-out, racy specimen, rare stock bird; 4, Hirst, cinn. marked, fine stamp of a Yorkie, well filled in; vbc, Thomas; hc, Marsden and Norman; c, Ogden Bros. YELL. HEN (15) a good class: 1, Leonard, grand all round hen, straight as a rush, may possibly fill out too much, look after her; 2, 3, Allen, 2nd, sweet long-sided bird, full of Yorks. properties, well up on leg; 3rd, variegated, rare feather; 4, J. and E. Perry, eye mkd., beautifully moulded, grand legs; vhc, Dykes; hc, Linaker; c, Thornton and Bower. BUFF HEN (17): 1, Dykes, dainty miss, mkd. head and wings, feathered to perfection, not a big one, but all there; 2 Ogden Bros. cl., boxy feather, round as a pencil, runs winner close; 3, Morrison, another of similar stamp, but unsteady; 4, Marsden and Nooman, wing mkd., nicely moulded, neat head; vhc, Thomas; hc, Broughton; c, Faulkner. UNFLIG. (23) topping class: 1, Dykes, cl. yell., long drawn out wings and tail, grand feather, well up on leg; 2, c, Brookes, ticked buff, bothered the winner a bit we are sure, straight as a gun barrel; 3, Broughton, cl. yell., rare back, close compact feather, wee bit broad in tail; 4, Allen, tkd. buff, fine and well filled in neck and back, good one; vbc, Thornton and Bower; hc, Ogden Bros. NOR. CL. (or invisible tick) YELL. (8): 1, hc, Thomas, wonderful type, broad back, well filled in neck, smart carriage, moves very free; 2, Davies, ablaze with col., topper for shape, rare head and neck, a toss up which wins; 3, Oliver, again a good one, bit longer than above, but not disgraced, bold head and neck; 4, Rayner, grand size and quality with it, like fire; vhc, Hargreaves; c, Dr. McConaghey. BUFF (10): 1, Raynes, tremendous size, deep chest, broad head, in rare condition; 2, J. and J. Hopkins, magnificent type, clean cut, teeming with quality, loses only in size; 3, Leonard, again splendid type, bold head and neck, takes perches well; 4, Hurst, a wonder for size, boat shape, broad head; vhc, Turner; hc, Vardy; c, Johnson. TKD., ETC., YELL. (7): 1, Davies, variegated, a wonder, marvellous size, type and head properties, easy win; 2, Hargreaves, another variegated, broad boat shaped, red hot, rather longer than winner; 3, Turner, good one, condition must have kept it back; 4, Vardy, var., deep chest, well cut away, splendid wing carriage; vhc, hc, Simms and Taylor; c, Granger. BUFF (9): 1, vhc, Vardy, variegated, extraordinary type, feathered like a Java, all front, clean away, a bull's eye; 2, Leonard, wing marked, rare depth of chest, bonny head and neck, Norwich all over; 3, Anderton, var., fine size, plenty of front, broad back, well up; 4, Thomas, var., rare stamp again, plenty front and clean behind; hc, c, Cook. YELL. HEN (10): 1, 3, Cook, 1st a marvel, what is wanted in the Norwich, bold head and neck, she is all in front of the perch; 3rd, had been in the fountain, but looks a real good one; 2, Turner, a gem for quality and type, teeming with col., not disgraced; 4, Davies, nice boat shape, beautiful type, rare feather; vhc, Vardy; hc, Marsh; c, Entwistle. BUFF (20) topping class, birds out of money will win later: 1, 2, Allen, 1st, cl., gem for type, plenty of size, mealed to perfection, beautiful wings; 2nd, var., good broad back, round head and hull neck, but loses behind to winner; 3 J. and J. Hopkins, all there for quality and type, should make a good breed hen; 4, Cooper, rare head and neck, a trifle on the long side; vhc, Thomas; hc, Vardy; c, Leonard; No. 14, S. Cook, a topper. UNFLIG. YELL. (3): 1, 2, Davies, 1st, an eye opener, easy work for the judge, from head to tail no fault could be found; 2nd, var., again a rattling fine bird, tremendous width of back, topping bullet head and neck; 3, Marsh, grand bird, not the size of above, but wonderful type and feather, should fill out; 4, Dr. McConaghey, we could not find; vhc, Thomas; hc, Oliver; c, Raynes. BUFF (8): 1, J. and J. Hopkins, var., a wonder for head and neck, good deep chest, cuts away nicely; 2, Thomas, beautifully mealed, short wings and tail, rare front, well across perch; 3, Leonard, hardly the substance of above but nicely frouted; 4, Granger, grizzle cheek, good depth and carriage; vhc, Anderton; hc, Allen; c, Simms and Taylor. NAT. COL. CK. (8): 1, J. and J. Hopkins, Burnley winner, gem of a Nor., all front, neat head and neck, in topping order; 2, Davies, variegated, enormous size, boat shape, good depth of body, clean behind leg; 3, Anderton, variegated, almost a foul green, good back and wings; 4, Hargreaves, variegated, short and cobby, wonderful bull neck and head, looks like a hen; vhc, Raynes; hc, Aspden; c, Bister. HEN (8): 1, Marsh, Burnley winner, grand shape, short wings and tail, well across perch, an ideal hen, quickly claimed £3 10s.; 2, Garbutt, hardly the size of winner, neat head and neck, takes perches nicely, quite proud; 3, Cook, variegated, black cap, spoils its looks, a grand hen though; 4, Allen, variegated, well filled in neck, broad back, clear cut; vhc, Dent; hc, Pyke; c, Tirrell. BORD., YELL. (7): 1, 2, Bayley, 1st jaunty little chap, takes perches freely, sweet head and neat behind; 2nd, again a good one, marked wing, tight as a Java, either could win; 3, hc, Colley, nice feather, well cut away; 4, Hudson, topper for type, well staged; vhc, Harrison; c, Adams. BUFF (5): 1, Hudson, grand type, well filled in, moves well, nice quality and head; 2, Bayley, rare stylish bird, correct size, boxey feather, beautiful behind; 3, Harrison, variegated, bit penny as yet, will improve, very lively; 4, Colley, stylish and free, exquisite feather; vhc, Adams. HEN: Cancelled. A.O.V.: 1, c, Hales, rare good Belgian, grand pair of shoulders, fine drive, shows itself well; 2, vhc, Kelsey, Scotch Fancy, rare circle, takes perches well, and soon gets into position; 3, hc, Hardy, Crest, well radiated from centre, hardly through; 4, Crook, buff Yorks, green, nice pencilling, but on small side. MULE OR HYB. (8): 1, 2, 4, Johnson, 1st rare team, variegated, Goldie Mule, shines like satin, nice size, put down to perfection; 2nd, Bramble-Chaffinch hen, excellent condition, wonderful quality; 3, vhc, Morgan, Dark Goldie Mule, rare size and col., topper, Nor. type, broken tail feathers; 4, 3, Goldie Bullie, shows parentage well, topping order; 6, 7, and 8, absent, R. Bond. LINNET (15): 1, vhc, J. Davis, grand exhibit, in topping order, pencilled to perfection, fine cone shape, rare col.; 2, Tams and Sons, fine shape, nut-brown back, pencilled well down; 3, Wilson, not quite the col. of above, steady, grand ticking, cone shape; 4, J. M. Walsh, big one, topping col., wee bit open to above, all good ones; hc, Johnson; c, Marsh. GOLDFINCH (12): 1, Tams and Sons, large square cut blaze, well mooned, tanning magnificent, a grand Goldie; 2, J. Davies, Crimson-face, well cut, like chocolate in tanning, buttons perfection; 3, Wilson, rare size and golden bars, shows plenty of nice whites, fails only in tanning to above; 4, c, Mort, nicely tanned and barred; vhc, Morgan; hc, Rabbick. A.O.S. HARDBILL (7): 1, 2, J. M. Walsh, 1st Hawfinch, nice size, grand bib, splendid col., very free on perches: 2nd, Yellowhammer, topping head markings, very steady, shows plenty of Gold.; 3, Davies, Bullie, rare cap and bib, nice slatey-blue, rosy breast; 4, Blincoe, Hawfinch, beaten only in col. to winner, fine size; vhc, Enever; hc, Johnson; c, Gosling. SOFTBILL (7): 1 3, J. M. Walsh, Yellow Wagtail extra fine condition, moves nicely, shows a wealth of col.; 2, c, Sharples, Hoopoe, well staged, very steady and in glorious feather, nice shooty crest; 3rd, Redstart, in topping order, shows colours well; 4, Blincoe, Magpie, quite at home, admired by all, in fine fettle; vhc, Rabbick; hc, Wilkinson. FOR., SMALL (7): 1, 2, 4, vhc, Walsh, 1st leader Black-throated Tanager, we wonder how many firsts this makes, magnificent coat, well staged; 2nd, Wood Swallow, hard lines to meet above, it was a toss up we are sure; 4th, Superb Tanager, fine bird, but a bit down when we were taking notes; vhc, nice Shama; 3, hc, Sharples, Fruit-sucker, fine colour and condition, but looks as if it had damaged tail, and a good Whydah; c, Gosling (pair Cutthroats). LARGE (5): 1, Ditchfield, Blue-fronted Amazon, talking fine, which no doubt helped it on, glorious feather; 2, 3, Baxley, 2nd Pennant, would have won we heard but had a fit when being judged; 3rd, Crimson-wing Parrakeet, wonderful plumage, splendid contrast of colour; 4, Mitchell, pair of Yellow Conures, good pair, use a little soap and they will be higher next time; vhc, Wilkinson, very nice Amazon. NOVICE YORKS. YELL. (8): 1, Charnock, raky, well filled in for a yell., splendid wing carriage, straight as a rush; 2, Ralphs, well up on leg, shows plenty of daylight, runs winner close; 3, Miller, stands like a soldier, nice pipe tail, shows a bit of shoulder; 4, Radford topper for quality, beautiful wings; vhc, Pickup; hc, Pomfret; c, Whitelegg. BUFF (8): 1, Gilbert, rare quality, shone like satin, round as a bottle, well tapered away; 2, Rigg, glorious wing carriage, wedge shape, well up on leg; 3, Hickson, neat head and neck, round body and clean behind, well placed; 4, Allen, dancing on the perches, well shown; vhc, Brierley; hc, Gowanlock; c, Miller. HEN (8): 1, Rigg, dainty lady, seems to know what is required of her, a Yorkie out and out; 2, vhc, Heyworth, another good one, well up, nice long drawn out wings, carried to perfection; 3, Jones, straight, neat tail, grand position, nice and round; 4, Pickup, leggy, good shoulders and back, sweet hen; hc, Hickson; c, Crossley. UNFLIG. (21): Grand lot; 1, Miller, fine youngster, shows true properties of a Yorks., well up on perch; 2, Charnock, in topping order, nice flights, will reverse above later, not fined down; 3, Pickup, another, nice youngster, grand legs and flights, piped tail, well filled in; 4, Lister, not quite ready, but a good one; vhc, hc, Pomfret; c, Bostock. AMAT. NOR. YELL. (8): 1, Blase and Son, variegated, stormer, head and neck of right stamp, short and cobby; 2, Summerton, Green (foul), monster, grand shape, bit down when we were taking notes; 3, Davies and Langham, rare chest and back, clean cut away, takes perches freely; 4, Aspinall, grand width, hold head and neck, smart exhibit: vhc, Collis; hc, Greenhalgh; c, McInnis. BUFF (12): 1, Miss Scott, almost an even mark, an eye-opener if it were, a Nor. throughout, wins easily, must congratulate you; 2, Cooper, another good one, nicely mealed, rare substance and col., short carried wings; 3, Aspinal, variegated, blaze of col., neat head and neck, good width of chest, boat shape; 4, Summerton, round as an apple, glorious feather; vhc, Smith; hc, Fulton; c, Bixter. HEN (20): A hot lot; 1, Robinson, gem of a miss, sprightly, and plenty of her, very compact, boxy feather; 2, Armistead, variegated, grand width of skull, short in body, grand wing carriage; 3, Aspinal, variegated, topper for size, short flights and tail, good one; 4, Charleson, smart, well in front of perch; vhc, Gerrard; hc, Lawton; c, Bayley and Son. UNFLIG. YELL. (15): 1, Norman, red-hot, should make a stormer next year, has all that is required in a true Nor.; 2, Johnson, rare head and neck, broad body, very well across perch, neat behind; 3, Ordish, Bullfinch type, should be heard of later; 4, vhc, hc, Fulton, nice quality, round head, good substance; hc, Critchley; c, Lawton. BUFF (19): A strong class; 1, 2, Johnson, two beauties, grand depth of chest, fine heads and necks, well cut away, little to choose between them; 3, Ordish, another good one boat shape will win later, in rare order; 4, Stoner, variegated, topper for size and quality; vhc, hc, Critchley; c, Collis.

BROUGHTY FERRY.

The seventh annual show, held 14th October, and taken all round the show was a good one. Entries were down a little compared to former years, and there seemed to be two reasons for this, an unfortunate affair for any society. In Scotland this year it has been a very backward season for moulting. Also another show was held in close vicinity with a large classification for British birds and Mules, which would tend to lessen the entries.

The secretarial reins were in the hands of our old friend, Mr. Whitton, and when he undertakes a contract the finish of same is A1. Everything was in apple-pie order, and he was ably assisted by an enthusiastic committee. This show is undoubtedly a shade lucky in this direction, as we were pleased to see two lady fanciers ably assisting the judges. The show was held as usual in the Templar Hall, an ideal place, and was beautifully and artistically set off by a splendid collection of cases of stuffed birds, kindly lent by a patron.

The Scots Fancies were judged by Mr. W. Rodger, assisted by Mr. D. Black, Crests and Plainheads by Mr. Griffiths (who we were pleased to see restored to health), Borders by Mr. J. Smillie, Mules, Brit., and For. by Mr. R. V. Raine, and the placings of these gentlemen seemed to give universal satisfaction, very little grumbling being heard.

The Canary Section.

SCOTCH FANCY, CL., ETC., YELL. (5): 1, Melville, good one, hard up, nice substance throughout, good top end and drive, nice reach; 2, vhc, Keill, sweet shape, free, but scarcely so good on top; 3, Smith, nice style and shape, not quite so massive in build; 4, Watson, lengthy side. YELL. PIED, ETC., CK. (7): 1, Low, grand one, rare substance, fine top end, well rounded, grand length, free in action; 2, 4, Berwick, 2, close up, shade narrower on top, but rare length, all there for substance, beaten in size only, sweet shape; 3, Ramsey, lengthy, but just lacks thickness of winners; vhc, Black; hc, Gilmour; c, Symon. CL., ETC., BUFF CK. (4): 1, Berwick, nice one, outstanding in class, massive build, rare depth, clean got up, very free action, stylish exhibit; 2, Black, good one, plenty of size and substance, not quite so racy as winner; 3, Symon, again all there, sweet style, fine size, in grand trim; 4, Sadler, neat, in fine bloom, beaten size, grand class all round, keenly contested. BUFF PIED, ETC., CK. (7): 1, Black, good all round, hard up, and plenty of it, nice depth, fine length of side, good style, well put down; 2, Thoms, shade slimmer across, but very sweet in build, good one all over, close up; 3, Melville, plainer in appearance, but very massive; 4, Berwick, good size and length; vhc, Nairn; hc, Carmyllie; c, Keill. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (8): 1, 4, Gilmour, 1st leads, good exhibit, grand size, nice top end and reach, very free action, tip-top bird, 4th, slimmer a shade, but a good one; 2, Mitchell, nice shape, good reach and side, not quite so massive on top, but close on heels of winner; 3, Keill, taking bird, and when steadied a grand worker, nice size, good substance; vhc, Berwick; hc, Sadler; c, Smith. YELL. PIED, ETC., HEN (5): 1, Keill, leader wins, good style, fine substance, neat shape and depth, hard up on top; 2, 4, Black, 2nd, good all-round exhibit, leader best in top end; 3, Thoms, good stamp, nice substance, beaten in drive only; vhc, Robertson. BUFF (12): 1, Low, plenty of size, good top end, well rounded, plenty of depth across, rare side and drive, reachy, in grand order; 2, cup, Henderson, another hot one, good reach, fine top end, hard up, plenty of side, very free action, rare drive; 3, Watson, again plenty of substance, good-sided, but not quite so free as winners; 4, Berwick, stylish; vhc, Thoms; hc, Curtis; c, Melville; best class in section, a grand lot, hard to separate. BUFF, PIED, ETC., HEN (10): 1, Henderson, grand substance, massive throughout, good reach and top end, well drawn, neat one; 2, Ramsay, again hard up grand substance and finish; 3, Keill, well placed, stylish, not quite so prominent on shoulder, good quality; 4, Black, neat size, free, beaten only in depth across; vhc, Berwick; hc, Gilmour; c, Thoms. CREST CK. (5): 1, Whitton, good one, nice shape of body, good top piece, nicely centred, level on sides, coming well down in front, sweetly balanced all over; 2, sp., Low, good all round, nice length of feather on top, slightly raised in centre and broken in side, good shaped body; 3, Burns, fails a trifle in length of feather, sweet shape, good one; 4, Paul, slightly broken, in good order; vhc, Sharp. HEN (2): 1, Paul, wins, nice headgear, well drooped on side and front; 2, Burns, beaten on side only, lengthy in front, good one. C.B. CK. (7): 1, Herschell, good bird, large, grand head, fine lash and entrance, well groomed; 2, Whitton, close up, beaten only in entrance, must have pressed; 3, Burns, good stamp, fine length of feather; 4, Paul, sweet head; vhc, Tolmie; hc, Love. HEN (3): 1, Low, wins, good-headed one, fine entrance and lashing, neat exhibit; 2, Paul, fails only in skull, nicely lashed, well up in size; 3, Whitton, another nice one. CREST, BRED 1911 (5): 1, Herschell, leads, real good one, fine length of feather, and well centred, grandly laid on, in every way a good all round youngster; 2, Whitton, grand frontal and centre, fails a trifle in side; 3, Burns, beaten only in length, good quality all over; 4, Paul; No. 1, Fox (unfortunately died during judging). C.B. (9): 1, vhc, Herschell, good back, lash and nice entrance, fine skulled bird, well staged; 2, 4, Whitton, close up, grand entrance and lash, carried well forward, in fine order; 3, Fox, nicely lashed, plenty of feather; hc, Burns; c, Paul. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (7): 1, Chalmers, head tk., well rounded, nice substance, put down well; 2, Harris, bold fronted, grand head, nicely balanced, loses a wee shade in feather; 3, Fleming, another good one, fine body and head; 4, Barron, not quite so well finished, nice bird; vhc, Mitchell; hc, Sharp; c, Ramsay. BUFF (8): 1, Lumsden, well made, good head and carriage, as tight as wax; 2, Sloan, nice size, good quality of feather; 3, Kerr, plenty of size, grand substance, a wee shade rough at thighs; 4, Mitchell, well got up; vhc, Soutter; hc, Dowell; c, Collier. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (5): 1, Mitchell, good one, grand shape, lovely quality, feather, neatly moulded, sweet exhibit; 2, Cable, bold shape, neat wings and taper; 3, Cant, bouncing natural col., plenty of substance, not quite so well forward in condition; 4, Collier, neat shape, fails only in front a little; vhc, Nicholson. BUFF (12): 1, Milne, sweet exhibit, good stamp, finely moulded, grand wing carriage, taking bird, well placed; 2, Marr, smaller, but real good one for shape, tight as wax, and well got up; 3, Adamson, shapely, but fails a trifle in head, good quality feather; 4, McMillan, neat size, shade behind in polish; vhc, Cable; hc, Thomson; c, Ritchie. YELL., VAR., ETC., CK. (6): 1, Downie, heavy var., nice stamp, good front and head, well balanced in carriage; 2, Sloan, grand feather, neat size, tip-top wing carriage, fails in front a shade; 3, Collier, nice quality, just lacks the substance of winner, good shape 4, Taylor, shade thin in front, but in good order; vhc, Harris; hc, Ritchie. BUFF (9): 1, Barron, well rounded, good head, nicely drawn, wee shade rough in finish; 2, Kerr, heavy var., nice stamp, good head and body; 3, Cable, good stamp, very neat shape, well finished, fails only in head a trifle; 4, Fleming, nice style, good finish; vhc, Downie; hc, Hampton; c, Sloan. YELL., VAR., ETC., HEN (7): 1, Harris, gem, grand substance, as round as a marble, lovely head and wing carriage, beautifully cut, real hot one, heavy var.; 2, Mitchell, shade slimmer in front, good head, and wings, stylish; 3, Donaghy, very neat in shape, good head, fails just a little in chest; 4, Marr, nice substance and shape; vhc, Collier; hc, Ritchie; c, Hampton. BUFF (3): 1, Dowell, neat one, well rounded, sweet head and front, well shown; 2, Marr, grand finish, wee shade longer in feather; 3, Ramsay, plenty of size, grand substance. UNFLIG. CK. (17): 1, Chalmers, romper for size, grand body and head, nicely drawn, hot one, well placed; 2, Strachan, sweet shape, not quite so bold in front, well balanced, grand wings and finish; 3, vhc, Sharp, large, plenty of substance, neat finish; 4, McLeod, good stamp; hc, Collier; c, Jeffrey and Stevenson. HEN (14): 1, Milne, neat Buff, var., well up in size, good finish, just a little slim in front; 2, Taylor, good quality and finish, nice bird; 3, Harris, good Yell. var., plenty of substance, nicely moulded, in grand bloom, worth place; 4, Adamson, beaten only in feather, all there for shape and style; vhc, Chalmers; hc McLeod; c, Downie, good class. YORK. CK.: (4): 1, Syson, neat Yell., well drawn, grand wings and head, in fine order; 2, 4, Wilson, Buff, nice stamp, neatly drawn, wants a trifle more length, 4th, also Buff, good feather; 3, Lumsden, Yell., well forward, very nicely drawn, good quality. HEN (1): 1, Syson, neat one, fine length, grand shape, lovely wings and head, real good one. CL., E 'C., BOR., YELL. CK. (10): 1, McKenzie, grand feather, good head and wing carriage, neatly drawn; 2, Munro, grand body and head, lovely wing carriage, fails in col. and finish a trifle to winner; 3, Bennet, nice stamp, lovely feather and finish, shade unsteady; 4, Crabb and Finlayson, good shape; vhc, Auld; hc, Murray; c, Hutchison. HEN (12): 1, B.F.C. medal, Bennet, nice one, well moulded, lovely head and wings, fine height of body, feathered to perfection, if any fault a wee shade thin in neck, best Border in show; 2, G. Bennet, neat, not quite so well rounded in front as winner, but good shape and well balanced wing carriage; 3, Munro, well drawn, very stylish exhibit, put down in fine order; 4, Myles, not so full in front, nicely tapered; vhc, McKenzie; hc, Auld; c, Craig. BUFF CK. (21): 1, Bennet, grand feather, nice front and wing carriage, well finished behind; 2, 3, Lloyd, good pair, leader grand headed one, finely moulded in front, splendid wings, shown to perfection, must have pressed, 3rd, close up, fails a wee shade in front; 4, Peters, nice size and weight; vhc, McKenzie; hc, Craig; c, Campbell, a good class. HEN (16): 1, Bennet, again to the fore, sweet quality, like a glove in texture of feather, well drawn and stylish; 2, G. Bennet, not quite so round in front as winner, nicely balanced in full bloom; 3, Peters, grand position, good head and wings; 4, Craig, sweet one, very neat in body, good shape; vhc, Campbell; hc, Jeffrey and Stevenson; c, Douglas. UNEVEN, ETC., YELL. CK. (7): 1, Dargie, nice shape, good front, well drawn, very neat, in grand feather; 2, Hampton, good quality of feather, neat head and wing carriage; 3, Craig, grand stamp, well drawn, nice weight, neatly got up, in good trim; 4, Malcolm, in fine order; vhc, Selly; hc, Clubbs. BUFF (8): 1, Hutchieson, neat one, lovely head, well rounded all over, neat body and front, shown to perfection, a likely winner; 2, G. Bennet, grand feather and style, good bird; 3, Martin, wee shade plainer looking, but good quality of feather; 4, Lumsden, neatly got up, very stylish; vhc, Dargie; hc, Logie. YELL. HEN (5): 1, Auld, sweet even mark, nice size and markings, good type, well balanced, wee shade rough in finish; 2, Hutchieson, in full bloom, well drawn, very stylish, long in side and a shade light in build; 3, Taylor, very neat, nice shape and finish, fails only in wing carriage; 4, G. Bennet, good feather and finish; vhc, Hampton. BUFF (14): 1, Bennet, in good trim, nicely drawn, grand style, good front and taper, fine wing carriage, sweet; 2, Black, lovely head and neck, well filled on back, level wings, good taper, beaten in polish only; 3, Lumsden, also good, shade plainer, but in lovely order; 4, Donnelly, good quality feather; vhc, Kerr; hc, Rennie; c, Jeffrey and Stevenson. GREEN, ETC. (2): 1, Bennet, good Green, nicely pencilled and well finished; 2, Lloyd, close up.

The Remaining Classes.

HYB: 1, Nicholl, nice Linnet-Bullie, fine size, good markings, scarcely up in breast colour yet, in good order; 2, Jamieson, romping fine Goldie-Greenie, grand size, A1 condition, lovely shade, fine flights, and good flush face, had lost some flight feathers. CAN. MULE. (11): 1, Nicholson, nice Can.-Bullie, lovely col., well pencilled, neat shape, good quality feather, on small side; 2, Clapperton, romping fine Yell., var. Goldie, good face, plenty of col., shown to perfection; 3, vhc, Roy, nice dark Yellow-Goldie, good face and body col., a trifle on the slim side, grand length; 4, McQuiston, variegated Greenie, nice size, good feather; vhc, Jamieson. GOLDFINCH BRIT. (5): 1, Whitton, leads, in grand bloom, very forward in colours, nice size, good flush face, had lost all its flight feathers; 2, Sykes, nice shape, good size, coming well into bloom, beaten in colours only; 3, Douglas, nice shape, fails a trifle in colours; 4, vhc, Wilson and Campbell. BULLFINCH (4): 1, McDonald, good shape, in grand order, fine bib, well up in col., wee shade flat on breast col., good bird; 2, Nicoll, grand Finch, lovely head and bib, fine body col., slim a trifle in build; 3, Cranna, nice col. and feather, grand bird; 4, Clark, good shape. LINNET (16): 1, 3, McQuiston, leader good one, lovely pencilling, rare head and front, grand size, regular Nor. shape, put down in fine bloom, 3, neat one, shade darker, but well laced, slimmer in build; 2, vhc, hc, McArdle and Stewart, nice one, grand size and quality, just a little open ou breast, good markings and flights; 4, Greig, well up in size, and steady, good flights. SISKIN, ETC. (16): 1, Stewart, romping, fine mealy Redpoll, grand col., nice cap and bib; 2, Cranna, neat Siskin, dense cap, nice bib, scarcely burnished up yet, fine size, warm in col.; 3, Donnelly, Siskin, scarcely so large as winner, nice shade and shape, no bib; 4, Muir and Heenan, neat Twite for size and col.; vhc, Milne; hc, Dryden. A.O.S. FINCH (7): 1, McQuiston, grand Bramble, plenty of size, well laced, good breast col., very neatly cut, pure in markings, steady as a rock; 2, Colville and Son, neat Hawfinch, steady, in nice bloom, good bib and col., well up in size; 3, McIntosh, nice Bramble for size, beaten in col. and finish only; vhc, Clubbs; hc, Ramsay; c, Sharp. SOFTBILL, LARGE, BRIT. (2): 1, Bruce, well known Song Thrush, in fine bloom, looking a perfect picture, well staged; 2, Bisset, noted Missel Thrush, grand col. and shape, fails just a little in lacing, grandly put down. SMALL (4): 1, Wilson, nice Grey Wagtail, grand col., size and markings, well staged; 2, Sykes, nice Grey, but beaten in size and col.; 3, Clark, Ortolan Bunting, steady, but a wee shade, dull in bloom, nice size. SMALL, FOR. (6): 1, Leslie, Grass Finches, lovely order, well staged; 2, Colville, Whydah, very nice; 3, Lees, good Yell. Budgerigars; 4, Peters; 5, Douglas; 6, Curtis.

Morpeth's Great Record Show.

Over 50 Norwich in a Class!

The Management all Smiles! Their Finest Fixture. Two alleged Clear Mules "Wrong-classed" as being Canaries.

Annual fixture held October 14th. The Northern Counties N. and C.C.C. patronised the event. The Town Hall, which is well lighted, spacious, free from draughts and suitably situated, provided suitable accommodation for the staging of the exhibits, same being carried out in a very praiseworthy manner; every bird was seen at a glance. The chairman is Mr. H. Seeley; treas., Mr. J. B. Creighton, a couple of excellent and enthusiastic officials. The committee, Messrs. Summers, G. Seeley, Rowell, Graham, Griffiths, Clark, Rigg and Richardson, are a band of willing workers, each and everyone assisting very materially towards the success of the exhibition. Mr. E. Cowling, the worthy hon. sec., has a happy knack of doing the right thing at the right time; he is most courteous and obliging, knows every detail of his duties, and proves himself a very valuable official. Mr. T. Mitford ably assists, and makes a capital understudy.

The Norwich one must put down as a choice collection—231 in 9 classes, averaging practically 26 per class. One unfortunate and regrettable incident occurred; a magnificent Buff cock owned by Mr. W. Dormer arrived lame; by appearances its leg was broken. Yorkshires made a nice display, stylish creatures being benched by Messrs. M. Wigglesworth and O'Hagan. Mr. W. Marshall took premier honours in the variety class with a magnificent Buff heavy marked dark Crest. Mules included one or two right good 'uns, and one or two alleged wrong 'uns. The winner, a buff marked Goldie Can., was a topper. A couple of exhibits, Mr. Barnes' wrong-classed, having no hesitation, he said, in declaring them to be Canaries. We were given to understand these were the two birds that created the controversy at Chopwell show (co. Durham) the previous week. Specials: Best member's bird in show, Mr. E. Cowling; Sandiford's. Mr. T. Dixon; best unflighted Yellow hen, Mr. R. Rowell; best Buff, Mr. F. Scott; others, Messrs. Holden, Richardson, McGinn, Marshall, Godley, Dormer, Smith, J. Rose, Smart, Purvis, Wigglesworth, O'Hagan, Seeley Bros., Morley, Dunn and Davidson. The members' classes were a pleasure to view. Several really grand birds graced the benches. They seem to have a capital idea around this locality as to the proper production of the "short and thick 'uns." The judges were: Messrs. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield) and A. Hay (Tweedmouth). Both commenced work soon after 9 a.m. and finished in capital time, their selections appearing to give alround satisfaction. The cards were displayed quickly by the stewards, Messrs. Griffiths H. Seeley, G. Seeley, Dickson, Clarke, Greene, Riggs, Roell, Hope, and F. Laidlow. The show opened in good time, and the management throughout was excellent. The Morpeth fanciers are to be heartily congratulated upon their record show, in every sense the finest they have experienced. The unflighted Norwich hen class secured the huge number of 52 entries, and it was decided to divide it into two, one for the yellows and one for the buffs. This show is now undoubtedly entitled to pose as about the best one-day fixture in the Northern counties.

Mr. J. C. Barnes's Classes.

NOR. YELL. (22): 1, Holden, cl., well up in substance, rare shape, beautifully feathered, capital carriage, neatly cut away; 2, c, Cowling, marked eyes, true shape, smooth as wax, A1 col., moves finely, beaten in size only; 3, Creighton, mkd. wings and eyes, grand quality and col., nice shape and size, not far away; 4, Butler, fine-sized cl., very shapely, good feather, hardly col. enough; vhc, Seeley Bros.; hc, Dixon. BUFF (35): Rare class: 1, 3, spl, Cowling, brace of gems, former mkd. wings and head, delightfully clothed, beautiful type, rich colour, covered with dainty frosting, 3rd mkd. wings and head, even hotter, equal in shape and substance, hardly so characteristically cut away behind; 2, c, Holden, very cobby cl., full of colour, teeming with quality, good substance, capable of doing a lot of winning; 4, Richardson, heavy varieg., thick-set, rare shape, col., and feather, bit penny as yet; vhc, Forster, many worse birds have won in open competition; hc, Lowther. YELL. HEN (16): 1, Creighton, cl., slashing shape and feather, rare size and carriage, quite a lady, wins well; 2, 3, Rowell, both lovely clears, former of rather better colour than winner, but not quite so full in head and neck character, 3rd A1 quality, nice head, neck, and chest, but wee bit longer in barrel, but well worthy of position; 4, Forster, grand col. cl., A1 type, nice size and carriage; vhc, Hope; hc, Hay Bros.; c, Butler. BUFF (21): 1, Richardson, giantess, lovely shape, capitally clothed, nice colour and mealing, good carriage, beauty; 2, Curry, mkd. head, wonderful substance, very shapely, good carriage, nice col and mealing, wee bit coarse in feather; 3, Lackey, cl., true shape, smooth as a bottle, rich quality, capital undercolour, not one of the biggest, but one of the best; 4, Holden, large and of good texture of feather, beautiful head, neck, and chest; vhc, Lowther; hc, Pierson; c, Cowling. YELL. UNFLIG. (19): 1, McGinn, cl., lovely feather and colour, grand shape and size, capital wing carriage, clean cut, very promising; 2, Dobinson, red hot col., smooth as wax, slashing fine feather, lovely body, wings and tail, beaten in head character; 3, Lackey, cl., true type, rare size, nice colour and carriage, very neat; 4, Mc Kay, varieg., size, colour and quality all these, shone like satin; vbc, Dixon; hc, Coltman; c, Rowell. BUFF (32): Rare class: 1, 4, Holden, both a credit to their breeder, mkd. wings and eyes, fine shape and substance, superb quality and colour, richly mealed, topper, 4th mkd. wings and head, well up in size, capital colour and quality, grand head, neck, and chest; 2, Lowther, cl., ablaze with colour, A1 shape and size, jaunty carriage, lovely feather, very close up; 3, Rowell, mkd. eyes, superior feather, magnificent shape, good size and carriage; vhc, Scott; hc, Cowling; c, Butler. HEN. UNFLIG. (52): What a collection of "rattlers"! This class contained yells. and buffs. The committee generously agreed to split the colour into yells. and buffs, and make a couple of classes instead of one—a very commendable idea. YELL. (24): 1, Holden, cl., short and thick-set, rare size, colour, and feather, delightful carriage, tight as a Java; 2, Rowell, grandly clothed, rich col., fine head and neck, not quite so deep-chested, yet a beauty; 3, Wellsbury, cl., still hotter in colour, A1 quality, moves nicely, not quite so cobby; 4, Cowling, short and thick, rattling colour and carriage, smooth as glass; vhc, Smith; hc, Hope; c, Richardson; No. 16, absent. BUFF (28): 1, Richardson, cl., warm texture of feather, magnificent shape, size, and carriage, capital undercolour, exceedingly promising "baby"; 2, Scott, lightly varieg., teeming with quality, full of colour, nice shape, neatly frosted, should come out well another year; 3, Butler, cl., A1 quality and col., grand carriage, lovely shaped body, good 3rd; 4, Rowell, mkd. wing and eye, superior feather and colour, nice wing carriage; vhc, Cowling; hc, Rigg; c, Creighton. NOR. NAT. COL. (9): 1, Marshall, cl. buff, cobby, tight as a Java, A1 quality, good carriage; 2, Hermeston, buff, ticked neck, more substance, good shape, fails only in quality; 3, Lowther, cl. buff, sweetly moulded close and compact, jaunty carriage; 4, McKay, varieg. yell., rich quality and col., neat head and neck; vhc, Cowling; hc, Macdonald; c, Milford. NOVICE (29): Good lot: 1, Dixon, lightly varieg. Nor., well clothed, shapely, nice size and col., neatly frosted; 2, Long, cl. buff Yorks., good length and position, boxcy, nice col., capital back flights and tail; 3, Topping, cl. yell. Nor., fine substance and col., good feather, nice head, long; 4, Hall, buff Nor., mkd. tail, A1 quality and col., rare head, neck, and chest; vhc, Leightly; hc, Woollet; c, McGinn; No. 27, Moir, absent. CINN. (13): 1, vhc, Godley, yell., magnificent quality, beautifully bronzed, rattling fine shape and substance; 2, Griffiths, bouncing buff, very shapely, superior feather and colour, will do some winning; 3, bc, Bentley, yell., fine size and shape, good colour, not quite so tight in feather; 4, Smailes, yell., well up in size, good shape and carriage; c, Dixon; No. 12, Dormer, damaged, or would have been in the money. UNFLIG. (9): 1, 2, Dormer, yell. and buff respectively, both of lovely quality, fine substance, rich bronze colour; 3, 4, Godley, yell. and buff, former beaten by winner in shape slightly, 4th not quite the substance of 2nd, yet very promising; vhc, Bentley; hc, Griffiths; c, Dobinson. HEN (10): 1, 4, Dormer, both yells., rare size and shape, shone like burnished copper, truly a magnificent damsel, 4th well up in size, capital colour, shapely, but a bit loose in feather; 2, 3, Godley, former grand sized buff, A1 colour, feather, and carriage, shown in the pink, 3rd yell., rich in colour and quality, neat head and neck, not quite so deep fronted; vhc, Bentley; hc, Seeley Bros.; c, Richardson. YORKS. YELL. (30): Rare class: 1, Wigglesworth, cl., straight as a gun barrel, rare length, best of backs, flights, and tail; 2, Parker, cl., full of breed, lengthy and leggy, A1 colour and quality, not quite ready or might have won; 3, Moore, cl., good length and stand, superior quality and colour, pulls a wee bit thin in neck; 4, Mather, cl., stands like a soldier, well clothed, not one of longest, but of the smartest; vhc, Gray and Gilhome; hc, Rutherford and Bright; Nos. 3, 4, 5, Hetherington, all absent. BUFF (22): 1, O'Hagan, mkd. wing and eye, smooth as a bottle, straight as a rush, rare length, staged to the moment, a gem; 2, Parker, mkd. check, about equal to winner, little separates them; 3, Hodgson, cl., again of true character, put down well, very close up; 4, Dixon, cl., lovely salmon tinged col., very lengthy, nice bird; vhc, Moore; hc, Messenger; c, Metcalfe; No. 12, Gray and Gilhome; w.c., a yellow. A.O.V. (18): 1, Marshall, buff, heavy mkd. D.C., abundance of rich quality feather, rare substance, crest large, dense, and as round as a hoop, delightful droop 2, Bewick, buff mkd. D.C., capital veiny feather, very shapely, crest leafy, nice radiation and droop, a beauty; 3, Summers, buff Nor., 4-pointed, rare shape, colour, quality, and frosting, nice size; 4, no name in catalogue, green D.C., superb feather, nice build, crest of neat frontal; vhc, Barnes, very typical Gold broken cap Lizard; bc, Craig; c, Jeffries and Husband. MULE (9): 1, Seeley Bros., buff Goldie-Can., bordering on six-pointed, fine substance and shape, lovely col. and quality, tight as a drum; 2, Allison, Chaff-Bramble, nice shape, good col. and quality, in the pink; 3, Butler, buff Goldie Can., mkd. wings, tail and head, rattling fine substance, A1 col. and feather, grand shape, well worth place; 4, Moir, yell. dark Goldie-Can., neat shape, A1 col. and quality, nice size, good face; vhc, Woollett; No. 6, 7, Sokell, both w.c.

Mr. A. Hay's Classes.

BORD. YELL. CL., ETC. (25): 1, W. Smith, tkd. on left wing, best of type, rare head, grand wings and tail; 2, Watson, cl., in grand condition, lovely chest, nicely tapered away behind; 3, Morley, another cl., grand quality, if anything inclines to cross wings at times; 4, vbc, Graham, close up, cl. leading, neat head, beaten only in colour; hc, Gilchrist, very unsteady; c, Ross; wc., Marshall, a buff marked. BUFF (28) two sets of winners here: 1, Ross, cl, topper for style, compact body carried under a pair of grand tight-fitting wings; 2, Gray and Gilhome, head tkd., rare order, lovely silky feather, neat head, well put down; 3, Smart, another good one, nice position, scarcely ready yet; 4, vhc, Whittaker, pair close up, leading with a sweet cl.; hc, Gilchrist; c, Graham; No. 18, Watson, good one but left side of tail to grow in. YELL. HEN (19): 1, Smart, cl., sweet and gay lady, a gem for type and quality, best of heads, grand wing carriage, closely followed by 2nd, A. Smith, jun., shown in the pink, rich col., like wax; 3, Graham, even mkd., topper for condition, crosses wings a little or might have won; 4, Gray and Gilhome, left cheek tick, sweet hen, rare wings and nice pipe tail, close up; vhc, Ross; hc, W. Smith; c, Gilchrist. BUFF (22): 1, Purvis, a gem, condition like velvet, ideal head and body, rare wings well carried, neat tail; 2, Smart, another good one, equal throughout, save wants filling in at cheeks; 3, Graham, rare varieg. cinn. mkd., slashing fine hen for feather, stands too straight on perch or would have pressed winner hard; 4, MacDonald, cl., correct type, nicely shaped body, tightly drawn wings, fails only in col; vhc, A. Smith, jun.; hc, Gilchrist; c, Gray and Gilhome. SELL. (12s. 6d.) (21): 1, Morley; 2, Marshall; 3, Miller; 4, Richardson; vhc, Barnes; hc, Middleton and King; c, Dixon. BRIT., ETC.: LINNET (12): 1, Dunn, rare size, bold head and eye, rich nut col., very steady; 2, Thompson, very similar, scarcely so steady or so rich in breast colouring; 3, Davidson, very taking exhibit, close on winners, nicely pencilled, not such a dense nut-brown body; 4, c, Atkinson, two good ones, close up; vhc, Stewart and Morgan; hc, Douglas; No. 3, Fail, almost pure white, quite an interesting exhibit, yet had to be passed by, hard lines, Mr. Fail, you won't fail if you try him in a rare-feathered class. A.O.S. SMALL (15), what an interesting class, hard and soft-billed all stormers: 1, Mrs. Woodhouse, Wryneck, lovely condition, like the Chopwell winner, better than ever, rich feather, nice sheen, well staged; 2, 3, Davidson, leading with a superb-conditioned Waxwing, grandly pointed wings, in the pink of feather, 3rd monster Bramblefinch, hot col., grandly laced, can win anywhere among its own species, hard lines; 4, Wilcock, well staged Hawfinch, nice bib and crown, very steady; vhc, Atkinson, very taking Lark, company too good to-day; hc, Stewart and Morgan; c, Gardiner; No. 13, Waterson, lovely cream-coloured Blackbird, like the Linnet, had to be passed by. An Albino class might do here. FOR. (3): 1, 2, Christer and Son, leading with a Zebra Finch, neatly staged, grand markings, an easy 1st, 2nd Senegal Parrakeet, in nice condition. MEMBERS'. These classes contained some tip-top exhibits fit to win in open competition, in fact many of them did. NOR. YELL. (19): 1, Miller; 2, Griffiths; 3, c, Cowling; 4, Dixon; vhc, No name; hc, Richardson. BUFF (25): 1, 4, vhc, Cowling; 2, Seely Bros.; 3, no name; hc, Scott; c, Dixon. CINN. YELL. (6): 1, 4, vhc, Seely Bros.; 2, 3, Woollett; hc, Griffiths. BUFF (3): 1, 3, Griffiths; 2, Dixon. BORD. FCY. YELL. (9): 1, 2, 4, Graham; 3, T. Dixon; vhc, J. Dixon; hc, Rowell; c, Rigg. BUFF (7): 1, 2, 4, Graham; 3, vhc, Rowell; hc, Dixon, c, Blore. YORKS. YELL. (6): 1, 2, 4, Seely Bros.; 3, Thurston; vhc, Rowell; hc, Woollett. BUFF (4): 1, Seely Bros.; 2, 3, Thurston; 4, Woollett. A.O.V. (10): 1, Rowell; 2, vhc, Graham; 3, 4, hc, Seely Bros.; c, Griffiths. NOVICE NOR. (2): 1, 2, Skillings. A.O.V.: (1): 1, Thurston.

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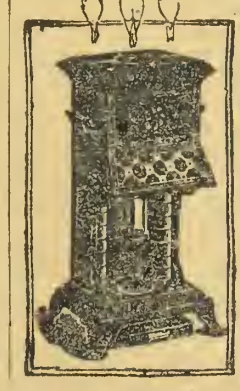
LEEDS.

A Fine All-round Display.

Leeds C.B.S. 21st Annual Exhibition held Oct. 14 St. George's Schools, and it was very well patronised by the Fancy, a total of 503 birds being staged in the 32 classes provided, an average of nearly 16 per class. Yorkshires came up very strong, especially in the Novice section; and the Norwich were fairly well up, the latter being exceptionally good in quality. British birds though not very large in numbers were a very nice lot and in particular the Linnet class, some beauties being staged here. The show is under distinguished patronage, and the fixture was opened by Mr. Malcolm Kitchen with a few well chosen remarks; and he is to be presented with a bird and cage by the society. Mr. F. Somers, M.R.C.V.S. introduced Mr. Kitchen, and he was supported by the secretary and the committee. Mr. W. A. Wilson, the energetic secretary, had all arrangements well in hand, being assisted by Mr. L. Smith (asst. sec.), Mr. J. P. Moir (vice-pres.), Mr. E. Norton (treas.), and Messrs. Chambers, Mennard, Rhodes W. H. Norton, Beckwith and others as stewards. Messrs. Bailey and Roe officiated as Judges, the former taking all Yorkshire classes, A.O.V. and Selling and the latter the Norwich, British birds etc. In the Open Section Messrs. C. E. Hall, Wilkinson & Elliot and Wilkinson Bros., scored very freely in Yorkshires, and in the Norwich Messrs. McMillan and Humphries came out on top; in the selling and variety classes Mr. Radley secured most points. In the British birds etc., Mr. Owen was easily first for most points, followed by Messrs. Jones, Marley and Bond. In Novice classes, Yorkshire section Mr. E. Norton was easy winner, and in the Norwich, Messrs. G. Wilson and J. P. Moir took the leading honours in the order named.

The Critique.

CL. ETC. YELL YKS. (17): 1, Chew and Stokoe, nice length and slim, good back and wings, well built, rare quality; 2, Hall, a trifle stronger, good position, nice feather and col; 3, Anton Bros., nice type, slim, good length behind, grand quality; 4, Precious, good shape, grand back, wings and tail, nice quality; vhc, Dykes; hc, Wilkinson and Elliot, nice bird; c, Farnish. BUFF (19): 1, Wilkinson Bros., grand size and shape, well up on leg, perfect feather; 2, vhc, Wilkinson and Woodhead, lovely type, grand head, nice back, wings and tail, smart feather; 3, Hewson, mkd, plenty of length, nice shape, good round back, beautiful quality; 4, Furniss, grand shape, very stylish, we liked; hc, Morrison; c, Wilkinson and Elliot. YELL. HEN (17): 1, Wilkinson and Elliot, good shape and position, nice shoulders, correct wing carriage, rare quality; 2, Wilkinson Bros., extra fine shape, very leggy, grand head and back, lovely feather; 3, Stone, neat type, fine position, rattling good quality; 4, Precious, slim, nice shape, extra fine quality; vhc, Radley; hc, Walker; c, Chew and Stokoe. BUFF (8): 1, Dykes, nice shape, good head, stands well, extra good quality; 2, Hall, mkd, great size, nice round back, fine texture feather; 3, Morrison, grand length, nice position, good head, lovely quality; 4, Edmondson and Son, grand shape and position, nice back and wings, rattling good quality; vhc, Wilkinson and Elliot; hc, Galling; c, McDade. UNFLTD. YELL (12): 1, Radley, grand bird, neat shape, well up, nice back and wings, rattling fine quality and col.; 2, Dykes, longer, nice shape, lovely wings, very smart feather; 3, Wilkinson and Elliot, tick head, nice shape and position, well drawn out, full of col., wee bit open at front; 4, Wilkinson Bros., very slim, nice type and style, well braced wings, good quality; vhc, Galling; hc, Wilkinson Bros.; c, Smith. BUFF (14): 1, Hall, big bird, grand wings, full of col. and quality; 2, Radley, slimmer, nice shape, good back and wings, rattling fine quality; 3, Wilkinson Bros., extra good position and shape, nice shoulders, wee bit loose under; 4, Rhodes, mkd. wings, grand shape and style, nice feather; vhc, Wilkinson and Elliot; hc, McDade; c, Wilkinson and Woodhead. HEN (22): 1, Hall, grand type and style, good head, nice round back, extra quality, a buff; 2, Dykes, mkd., yell., neat shape, nice quality, lovely wing carriage; 3 Wilkinson and Elliot, extra fine position, good shape, rare quality; 4, Pyman, mkd., wings, good shape, neat head, well filled, grand quality; vhc, Galling; hc Jenkinson; c, Edmondson and Son. CL., ETC., YELL., NOR. (12): 1, 2, Wilkinson and Elliot, 2 grand birds, leader vgtd., grand size and sub., chesty, good head, brimful of col., and quality, 2nd tic., head, very compact, lovely quality and col., neat; 3, vhc, Thomas, tic., cheek, good shape and sub., lovely quality; 4, Shorney, good size and sub., grand head, grand feather; hc, Humphries; c, Robinson. BUFF (20): 1, Burdett, tic., grand cobby shape, good chest, fine head, short wings and tail, rattling fine col., and quality; 2, Wilkinson and Elliot, good shape, fine chest, massive head, splendid quality; 3, Watson, extra nice body sub., grand feather and col.; 4, Hobson, grand head, good shape, nice quality; vhc, Humphries; hc, Proctor; c, Thomas. YELL. HEN. (6): 1, Humphries, grand shape, very cobby, good chest, lovely quality and col.; 2, vhc, Leach, good size, fine head, splendid feather; 3, Cunliffe, great size and sub.; 4, Thomas, nice shape and sub., good head; hc, McMillan. BUFF (8): 1, Cunliffe, grand size, shape and sub., massive head, fine quality and col.; 2, Mercer, mkd., wings, grand shape, very cobby, extra good quality; 3, McMillan, plenty of size, good shape, cobby build; 4, Hall, good head, rattling fine chest, splendid quality; vhc, Richardson; hc, Robinson; c, Proctor. YELL. UNFLIG. (13): 1, Humphries, grand shape, very compact, nice fine short wings and tail, extra quality and col.; 2, vhc, Hunter, close up, rattling good col. and quality, grand type, just beaten in substance; 3, Thomas, grand head, good quality, nice col.; 4, Pepper, good thick-set bird, grand feather and col.; hc, Chambers; c, Pickering and Wright. BUFF (21): Grand class; 1, 3, McMillan, leader extra good substance, grand chest and head, lovely quality and col.; 3rd, grand size, good head, not quite as compact as winner; 2, Hall, grand chest, nice shape, rattling fine quality, nice col.; 4, vhc, Thomas, grand shape and substance good chest, massive head; hc, Hunter; c, Mennard. HEN (15): 1, Mercer, yell. neat cobby type, rattling fine col. and quality, good head, smart; 2, McMillian, buff, grand shape, good head, lovely feather; 3, Humphries, buff, grand col., rare type, fine head, silky feather; 4, Poniter, varieg. buff, grand shape, very chesty, lovely quality; vhc, Atkinson; hc, Pepper; c, Wilkinson and Elliot. A.O.V. CAN. (12): 1, Guy, Crest, grand bird, good centre, plenty of feather; 2, Hardy, C.B., good skull, massive, well feathered; 3, Proctor, nice type Cinn., good substance, rare col. and quality; 4, Radley, Crest, good size, well clothed; vhc, c, Baxby; hc, Smith. SELL., £1 (15): 1, Mitchell; 2, Heap; 3, vhc, Marsh; 4, Baxby; hc, Tose; c, Sutcliff. 12/6 (21): 1, Richardson; 2, Radley; 3, Tose; 4, Tate; vhc, c, Marsh; hc, Mennard. BRIT. GOLDIE, ETC. (8): 1, hc, Woods, Bullie, grand size and shape, splendid col., fine cap, good one; 2, Tams and Son, Goldie, nice size and well defined cols., rare blaze, good wing bars, rich tan, claimed at catalogue price £2; 3, Lee, grand Bullie, rattling fine col. and condition, only beaten in size; 4, vhc, Perrins and Lovatt, Goldie, grand blaze, very clean whites, nice size; c, Hunter. LINNET (15): 1, 2, 4, Owen, grand trio, leader great size, rich col., well pencilled; 2nd, excels in col.; 4th, very large, beaten only in col.; 3, Mrs. Hunt, good type, lovely col., nicely pencilled; vhc, c, Tams; hc, Todd and Sons. GREENFINCH (9): 1, vhc, Jones, grand size, compact, lovely col. and feather, extra good wing bars; 2, Lee, big bold bird, grand col., splendid trim, close up; 3, Fairhurst, another big one, excellent col., steady, in rattling fine order; 4, bc, Marley, good size, nice col.; c, Dixon. REDPOLL, ETC. 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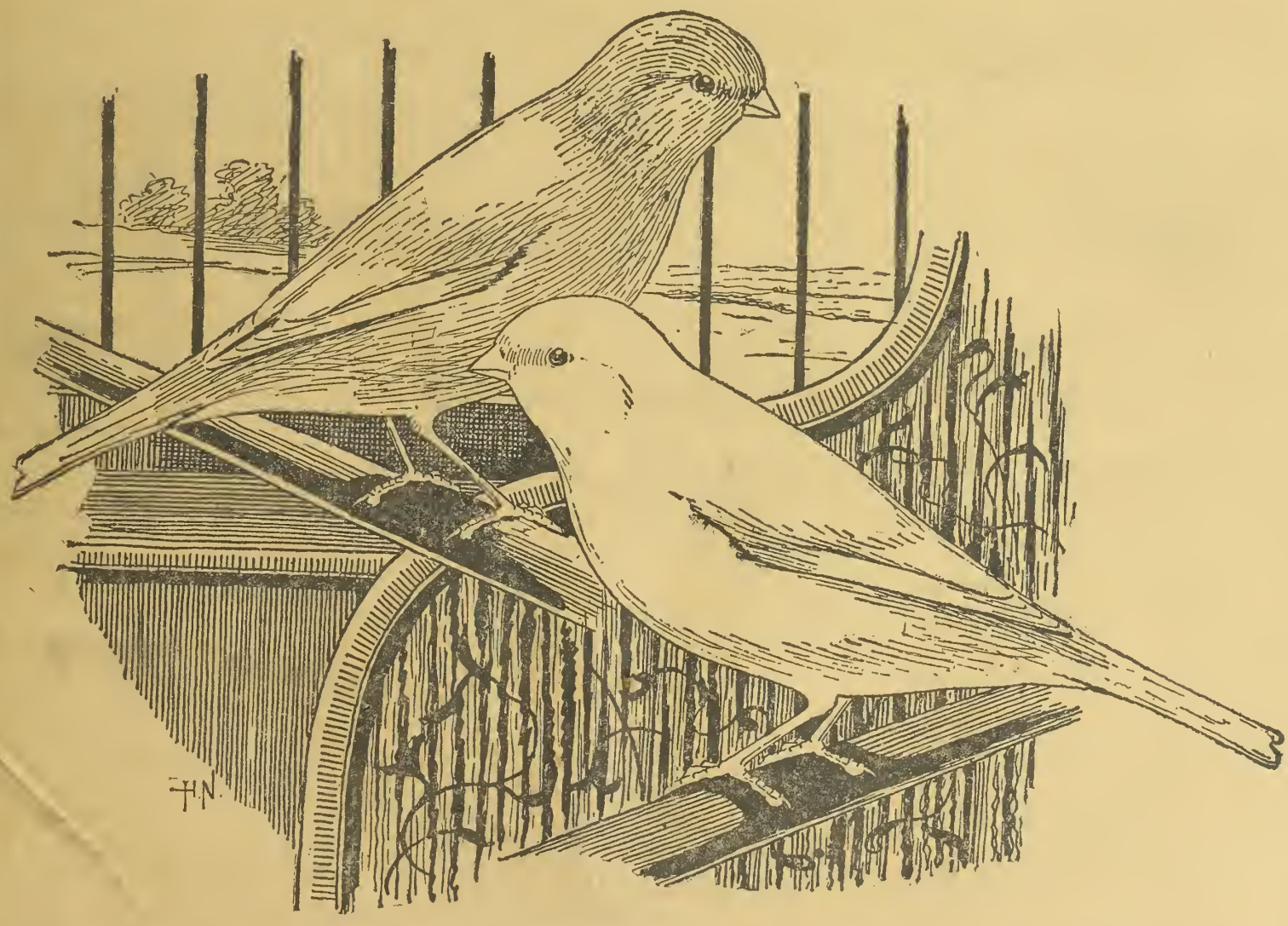
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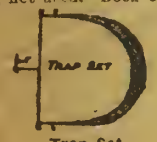
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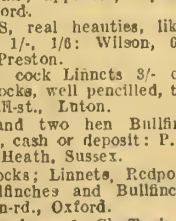
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GOLDFINCHES AND LINNETS

Warranted cock Goldfinches 1/6, 2/-, warranted red-breasted cock Linnets, three 1/3, six 2/3, twelve 4/-, cock Larks three 1/3, six 2/3, twelve 4/-, Redpolls, Chaffinches, 6d. each; cocks, not hens; satisfaction guaranteed or money returned: G. Clarke, 73, Whit-lane, Pendleton.

British Exhibitors.

Mr. Hedges, Eastbourne, writes, September 13th: "Send me special selected cock Goldfinch, Linnet, Greenfinch, and hen Bullfinch for enclosed 10/-; Goldfinch I got from you two years ago won six 1sts and specials; the one I had last year won 3rd, but I lost him." Mr. Veitch, Jedburgh, writes: "Send cock Goldfinch, 3/-; two hen Bullfinches, 3/- Glad to say Goldfinch purchased from you won me two 1sts Hawick, 1st and special Kelso, 5th Edinburgh (class 33), 3rd Galashiels, twice 2nd at our show." W. Jones, Altrincham, December 6th. "Send two cock Linnets and two cock Siskins. Am pleased to say I wou 2nd and 4th at Altrincham open class with birds purchased from you." Mr. Ewan, Kirn, writes: "Goldfinch arrived safe, and won 1st and special at our show." Mr. Weedall, Winsford, January 30th: "Send another good Bullfinch. Glad to say last two have won 1st and 2nd every time shown. Unfortunately best one just died; other won 4th large class at big Crystal Palace Show." Walter Dyke, Longridge: "Send cock Goldfinch and hen Bullfinch. Glad to say Hybrid which I bred from Goldfinch and Bullfinch purchased from you has won 1st Leeds (Class 19), 2nd Halifax, 1st Leek, 2nd Hamilton, 2nd Hinckley, 1st Portsmouth, etc." I have thousands of Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Linnets weekly, and can pick likely exhibition specimens. Cock Goldfinches and Bullfinches, 3/-, 4/-, 5/- each; cock Linnets, 1/-, 1/6 and 2/-. Cock Greenfinches, Chaffinches, Redpolls, 1/-, 1/6, 2/-. Large hen Bullfinches, for showing, Muling, 2/- and 2/6. Cock Siskins, 2/6, 3/-, 4/-. Send for catalogue. Proper Club Show Cages, 2/-, three 5/6. Can give you absolute proof of hundreds of winners I have supplied the last few years at above prices. Established 1879. Telephone 440.

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WOODLARKS, king of songsters, cocks 2/-, selected 2/6: Vernum, 16, Reporton, Fulham.

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COCK Thrushes 6d. each, Starlings for show 1/- each; pick from hundreds: S. Wright, 108a, Shellfield-rd., Southport.

SELECTED cock Thrushes, Blackbirds, Starlings, 1/- each, well on food: Wright Pen, 108, Shellfield-rd., Marshside, Southport.

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WANTED, real good exhibition Clough, with plenty of size and colour, and other good Softbills, on approval: Moss, 23, Lancaster-rd., Hitchin.

HANDREARED cock Wryneck, finger tame, with show cage, 27/6; adult cock Blackcap and Redstart, 10/- each: Chas. Mackwell, Hairdresser, Keighley.

COCK Blackbirds, Song Thrushes, Yellowhammers, 6d. each, three for 1/3, 5/- dozen; cock Larks 2/- dozen: Williams, New-st. Aviaries, Chatteris, Cambs.

GENUINE cock Thrushes, 2/6; Blackbirds 2/-; Larks 1/6; guaranteed, thoroughly tamed; splendid songsters: Crisp, 11, Grosvenor Park-road, Walthamstow.

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ON receipt of 1/6 I will send securely packed, with food and moisture, the largest and loudest singing cock Skylark ever seen or heard, measuring 14in., like a Thrush, splendid shop attraction and show specimen; or with his new joiner-made cage, 4/6; approval willingly, including free my valuable feeding secret, which keeps them in full song ten months out of twelve: Woods, Cross-st., Dunstable.

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WARRANTED cock Linnets and Larks 2/6 dozen, strong, healthy birds: John Biggs, Half Moon Hill, Dunstable.

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EVERY bird caged separately, inspection invited; cock Goldfinches 1/6, three 4/-, selected 2/-; cock Larks, Linnets, Chaffinches, 6d., three 1/3, 3/6 doz.; singing 1/-; Redpolls, Greenfinches, 10d. pair; trap-cage and call bird 10d.; Canaries wanted: Thomson, 55, High-st., Deritend, Birmingham.

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NOTICE: Cock Goldfinches, Bullfinches, 1/6, selected 2/-, hens 9d., 1/-; red-breasted Linneta, Redpolls, Chaffinches, cock Skylarks, Titlarks, Yellowhammers, 6d. each, 3 for 1/-, hens 2d. each; Greenfinches, 3d. pair; Blackbirds, Thrushes, cocks, 1/-; all birds selected by me, rest sold to dealers; few of above singing nicely, 6d. extra; approval, deposit; hen Canaries wanted: Gould, Bird Catcher, Holford-rd., Witton, Birmingham.

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I have got some grand specimens, in grand feather, sure winners, 5/- each, 7/6 pair; Linneta, cocks, not hens, 3/- dozen, three dozen 7/6, five dozen 12/-; picked cock Twites, six 2/-: Bunter, Catcher, 98, Harley-rd., Great Yarmouth.

E. FENN, ISLEHAM.

Warranted cocks, Linnets 3/-, Greenfinches 1/-, Larks 1/9 dozen; Chaffinches, Yellowhammers, Linnets, Greenfinches, 6d. pair; Corn Buntings, Reed Buntings 1/- pair; specials, 1/- each; 12 mixed seed-eaters, 1/- dozen: E. Fenn, Hives Drove, Isleham, Cambs.

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1911 YELLOW Belgian cock, good shoulders and back, 30/-; exchange good Scotch Fancy: Farrow, 9, Temperance-st., Merthyr.

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TWO pairs for mark breeding, also few clear hens, even mark bred: Robert Houston, 2, Barrack-st., Hamilton.

SHOW or stock birds for disposal; all colours; see Newcastle report; approval: Young, 177, Warton-terrace, Heaton, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

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CLEARING, good self Cinnamons, Norwich type, yellows and buffs, approval, stamp: Smith, 115, Greville-road, Southville, Bristol.

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Crests and Crestbreds.

SHEFFIELD Ornithological Society, 6 Classes: 3 Crest, 3 Crest-bred; cash specials, bird and points. Entries close October 30th.

PAIRS of Crests for sale, or singles, cocks 7/6, hens 5/-: Davies, 138, Caerau-rd., Caerau, Bridgend.

CRESTS, Crestbreds, from the best strains, pairs and single birds cheap, approval: H. Webber, 15, Temple-rd., Exeter.

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THOSE requiring healthy, typical Crests should made inquiries of me; highest satisfaction guaranteed; odd cocks or hens, Crest or Crestbred, matched pairs, 11/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- upwards; approval anywhere: H. Amiss, Ashby-st., Norwich.

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CHAMPION Crests and Crestbreds; massive feathery Cresthred hen, rare type and quality of feather, only 10/6; also grand variegated yell dark Crested cock, large neat drooping crest, only 17/6; also large variegated buff dark Crested cock, rare size and substance, neat crest, only 15/-; also massive feathery Crestbred cock, massive head and neck, smothered in feather, well lashed, sure winner, only 17/6; also monster heavily feathered Crestbred cock, only 15/-; also very choice dark Crested hen, large neat drooping crest, only 15/-, cheap at 30/-; also several other real good massive feathery Crested and Crestbred cocks and hens, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 21/- and upwards each; all strong and healthy, cold room bred; Barnett's Palace winning strain; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Cooper, 29, Junction-road, Norwich.

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SHOW birds, massive variegated, perfect dark drooping crested cock, 1911 bred, £7 10/-; large green Crest-bred cock, heaps feather, well over bill and end, 70/-; others from 30/-; worth double; approval: C. Roberts, Stannah Hey, Newton Drive, Blackpool.

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POSSESSED

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Greens.

FEW Yorkshires, can win in keen competition: J. Bundle, 3, Hobart-st., York-terrace, Liverpool.

TYPICAL 1911 Yorkshire Greens for disposal, cheap, approval willingly: Gibson, Vernon-avenue, Basford, Nottingham.

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WANTED, Norwich: Barnes, Bird Stores, Merthyr.

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GRAND, shapely Norwich cock, lovely singer, 5/-; sweet shapely hen, 2/6; pair 7/-; bargain; approval: Miss Stone, The Fleet, Belper.

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GRAND pair Norwich Plainheads, 30/-; 1 yellow, 1 buff cock, 12/6 each; a few pairs good birds, 12/6 and 15/- pair: Davidson, Bookseller, Montrose.

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SHOW Norwich, cheap (Wagner strain), massive ticked head, buff cock, 1910 bred, 70/-; grand variegated buff cock, winner, 50/-; another 35/-; clear buff, unflighted hen, 70/-; one 1910 bred, 60/-; clear buff cocks from 30/- to 60/- each; one natural colour 30/-; approval: C. Roberts, Stannah Hey, Newton Drive, Blackpool.

1910 Norwich cocks, yellow green 12/6, ticked buff, winner, 15/6, ticked yellow 7/6; 1911 Norwich cocks, yellow and buff variegated, fit for exhibition, 12/6 and 15/-, all colour fed; 1911 Norwich hens, large, plenty substance, buff, variegated and yellow green, 7/6 and 10/-; approval, deposit: Ramsay, 36, Brechin-road, Arbroath.

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CHAMPION exhibition yellow cock, rare type and quality, grand depth of chest, large head and full neck, sure winner in keen competition, only 45/-, honestly worth £4; also monster exhibition buff cock, grand type, colour, quality, and substance, rare head and neck, feathered like silk, only 35/-, recently cost £8; also grand exhibition yellow hen, real model for type and quality, grand size and substance, sure winner in good company, only 30/-, cheap at £3; also monster exhibition buff hen, massive head, full neck, grand depth of chest, rare type and quality, win anywhere, only 21/-, cheap at 50/-; also several massive exhibition yellow and buff cocks, 21/- each, and monster exhibition yellow and buff hens, only 12/6 each; sure winners in good company; any of the above are honestly worth three times the prices asked; all cold room bred; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich.

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J. HODDER

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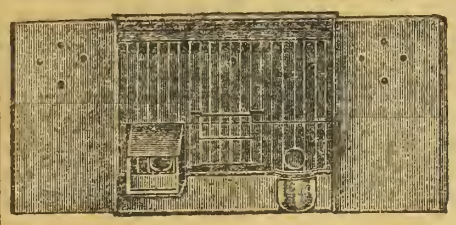
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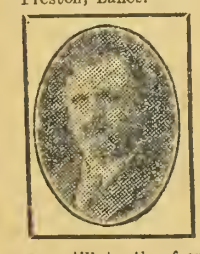
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WANTED, house-moulted Woodlark. Law, 35, Jeffreys-rd., Clapham, S.W.

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WANTED, pure bred dog or puppies, in exchange for pair high-class Norwich or Yorkshire Canaries: Bly, Butcher, Tring.

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NOTICE! Wanted, mules, hen Canaries, and weekly supply of cock Goldfinches: Blackett, 42, Hassard-st., Hackney-rd., London.

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WANTED good watch or British hardbills, anything useful, in exchange for good Norwich: Panther, High-st., Finedon, Wellingboro'.

WANTED to exchange Siskin Canary hybrid for Canaries, or sell £1: Wright, 16, Haggs-rd., Pollokshaws, Glasgow. Approval.

WANTED weekly supply of Goldfinches, Bullfinches, from catchers; state lowest price: J. Corcoran, 36, Devonshire-st., Northampton.

WANTED some good Canaries, cocks and hens, cheap for cash, for an outside aviary: C. Mason, 25, Arno-rd., Oxton, Birkenhead.

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WANTED two h.m. Linnets and Goldies for exhibition; will exchange good Yorkshires to value: 13, Gledhow-st., Armley, Leeds.

WANTED, cylinder records; small foreign birds: ½-plate stand camera; exchange mules; approval: Bell, 21, Beaufoy-rd., Tottenham.

WANTED Yorkshires, young Roller cocks, exchange two pairs Norwich, 12/6 pair; ladies' opera glasses, 8/6: Anstee, 6, Belmont-rd., Luton.

WANTED large cock Bullfinch, show condition; exchange dark Goldfinch Mule, 1911, Goldfinch notes: Broadbent, 25, James-st., Thornaby.

WANTED, poultry, or singing Canaries, in exchange for 2 blue-fronted talking Amazons; price £6 and £4 each: Stokes, 388, Garratt-lane, S.W.

WANTED, Canaries or foreigners, in exchange for black Schipperke bitch, or sell £1; approval: Lorimer, Panmurefield, Broughty Ferry.

WANTED for show, Jay, or other rare British bird, winner only wanted; state price and particulars, to 74, Carnarvon Villas, East Kirkby, Notts.

WANTED, incubator, Canaries, Bantams, or Budgerigars; exchange brown Irish freeze overcoat or boy's cycle: Bayliss, Middle-st., Worcester.

WANTED, gent's bicycle, 24-inch; exchange prize colour-fed Yorkshires, breeding cages, offers: Lucas, 11, Bedford Avenue, Whalley Range, Manchester.

WANTED, Canaries, exchange good-looking Spaniel dog, or Fox Terrier, trained companions, guards, 25/- each: 837, High-st., Connah's Quay.

WANTED any part of 1,000 large hen Canaries; state lowest price, or exchange high-class British birds: Thomas Hughes, 65, Saltly-rd., Birmingham.

WANTED exhibition buff Norwich hen, unflighted; exchange pedigree black pom dog, 12 months, lovely coat, or sell 30/-: Leach, 65, Percy-st., Rochdale.

WANTED to exchange, ¼-plate camera, by Lizar, and all appliances, for two Seifert Schoolmasters; approval: Gooding, 14, St. Mary's-rd., Bayswater.

WANTED, good even Cinnamon, wing mark, yellow Norwich cock, bred 1911; reasonable price for good bird: Wm. Shadwick, Belvoir-rd., Bideford, Devon.

WANTED, Scotch Fancies, Crests, Crestbreds, colour-fed Norwich; send cheapest prices to A. Leitch, East End Bird Mart, 520, Gallowgate, Glasgow.

WANTED, cock Canaries, mules, prompt cash, or exchange good laying fowls, fancy pigeons; state wants. Offers: Simmonds, 64, Steam-st., Haggerston, London.

GOLDFINCHES, Goldfinches, Goldfinches.—I will pay the best price in the Midlands for cock Goldfinches; hurry up you catchers: H. Cox, 69, Hope-st., Birmingham.

WANTED Canaries, exchange gent.'s, ladies', children's boots and shoes, gent.'s and boys' clothing, bedding, etc.; reliable quality; approval: Wressell, Crowle, Doncaster.

WANTED, extra large field-moulted, good coloured cock Bullfinch, on approval, Norwich type preferred. State price to: White, Seed Establishment, Park-st., East Cowes, I.W.

WANTED, 3 good hen Norwich Canaries, or offers exchange good bicycle, wants outer tyres, 3 good razors, one cost 7/6, also suit: Rolfe, 9, Cowper-rd., South Wimbledon, London.

NOTICE.—Will give 6/- per pair for Norwich and Yorkshires, colour-fed preferred; also wanted Crests and Scotch Fancy; must be reasonable: McKeand, Hamilton-place, Castle Douglas.

WANTED to exchange model scale steam locomotive, 37 inches long, winner 2 first prizes, value £25, for 2 pair Crests, noted strain; photograph and particulars: Gilan, 9, Montague-st., Edinburgh.

1,000 YORKSHIRE cocks wanted in exchange for boots, blankets, suits, overcoats, etc.; or will buy for cash; state price; whole stocks purchased in all varieties of Canaries: Exchange Company, 57, Lime-st., Sheffield.

WANTED, any quantity large hen Canaries, any breed except Germans and Borders, for cash or exchange Britishers. (See advt. in British column.) Honourable dealings guaranteed: Gore, Gooch-st., Birmingham.

WANTED, offers in pure bred fowls, Indian Game, preferred, for six hen Canaries, Norwich-Cinnamon cross, five hen Bullfinches, two cock Goldfinches, two cock Redpolls, one cock Greenfinch; all house moulted: sell £1: Bundy, Oldbury, Tewkesbury.

WANTED cash offers for four good cock Goldfinch Mules, six good Yorkshire cocks, six good Yorkshire hens; will separate to suit customers; all good birds; letters only answered; can be seen any day, **except Sundays**: J. W. H. Mitchell, West End, Marazion, Cornwall.

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for oldest established bird shop in Wakefield, cock Canaries in full song. Will give 9d. German hens, 1/- Norwich and Yorkshire, 1/3 extra large Norwich and long Yorkshires; take any quantity: Manager, Bird and Seed Stores, Kirkgate, Wakefield.

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FOR sale British and foreign birds and animal skins; list, stamp: H. Smith, 131, Abbeydale-rd., Sheffield.

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SALE or EXCHANGE.

Mainly British.

NICE cock Siskin. What offers? Exchange, or sell 5/-: R. Morrison, Mary-ave., Aberlour, N.B.

EXCHANGE exhibition British for Canaries, Mules, etc.: Hall's Central Bird Stores, Patricroft, Manchester.

EXCHANGE all kinds of British birds for anything useful, or sell; state wants: Casey, 19, Coldham-lane, Cambridge.

GRAND Mealy Redpoll, 2/6, and Lesser Redpoll 2/6, house moulted, can win anywhere: Dodd, Victoria, Southwold.

THREE splendid Yorkshire cocks, and 3 hens, sell 42/-; or exchange good cycle: Spratt, 56, Orchard-lane, Southampton.

COCK Linnets, 4/- doz., selected 4/6 doz.; or exchange for Canaries or Goldfinches: R. Hall, 52, City-rd., Newcastle-on-Tyne.

FOUR pairs Bullfinches, splendid condition, well on seed, salo or exchange, anything; approval: A. Davis, 35, Church-st., Ledbury.

SIX extra large cock Linnets, in splendid condition; 2/- each; exchange; offers; anything; approval: G. Frith, Crowle, Lincs.

CLEARING out, twenty good Norwich, mostly cocks, for good 24in. bike, value £4, or offers: E. H. Barnes, Ellistown, near Leicester.

BLACKBIRD, hand-reared cock, for Goldfinch cock for muling; or what offers: C. Heathcock, 6, Hamsrd., Saltley, Birmingham.

PAIR typical 1911 Yorkshires, breeding cage, 11/- lot; approval; exchange anything useful: 4, Stovell-ave., Longsight, Manchester.

FOUR large Linnets, make good show birds, cocks, 2 large Yellow Greenfinch, sell or exchange Mule: Inkpen, Queen-st., Gravesend.

SPLENDID cock Linnets, singing, 1/- each, three 2/6; exchange Mules, Canaries, anything: Horace Coote, 10, Windmill-st., Luton.

CLEAN moulted cock Goldfinch, 2/6; house-moulted Mealy Redpoll, 2/-; large cock Bullfinch, 2/-; exchange: S. Burch, Woodbridge.

GRAND pair, Norwich cock and hen, cost 35/-; will sell for 17/6; or exchange, something useful: F. Cooper, 16, Byron-st., Leek, Staffs.

THREE cock Goldfinches; exchange mule, Finch note, or pair clap nets; approval both ways: Clements, Jeyenes-row, Tewkesbury.

TWO cock Linnet Mules, Linnet notes, 7/6 each; parents 7/6 exchange clap-nets, square mesh: Ernest Whiteley, Crowle, Doncaster.

GOOD Yorkshire Canaries, exchange for house-moulted British, must be good birds; approval: Stake, Daisy Croft, Brighouse, Yorks.

TWICE house-moulted Goldfinch mule, breeder, 5/-; twice house-moulted Linnet, 2/6; large cock Bullie, 2/6: Stubbles, Pinkney's-green, Maidenhead.

BARGAIN, four grand selected hen Bullfinches; fortnight's approval, 6/- lot; others 1/- each: Milburn, Alexandra-rd., Grangetown, Yorkshire.

GOOD hand-reared cock Linnet and Yorkshire hen, sell 6/-; exchange yellow Yorkshire hen for change of blood; hen first: Tolley, Old Windsor, Berks.

LARGE house-moulted cock Linnet, full song, 2/6; also moulted cock Goldfinch, 3/-; exchange pair for cock Canary: Haworth, Tatton-st., Ashton-under-Lyne.

WINNERS 1911, dark yellow Goldfinch mule, 10/6; splendid house-moulted hen Snow Bunting, 5/6; exchange; offers: Morrison, North Johnstone, Renfrewshire.

I will exchange very high class British for Canaries, Mules and Foreign birds, and good clean charlock seed, any quantity: Harry Allen, Aviaries, Beckett-st., Leeds.

HOUSE-MOULTED Bullfinch hen, laid with Greenfinch, 2/-; Canary-reared Greenie hen, steady, 1/6, exchange case for 2 or 3 Norwich cages, Bullfinches 1/-: Jones, 32, Henwalia, Carnarvon.

NOTICE HERE.—I will exchange all kinds of British for show, Muling contest, singing, for any variety of Canarics and Mules; approval both ways: Hollinshead, Cheshire Aviaries, Howard-st., Stockport.

SPLENDID 1911 cage-reared cock Song Thrush, perfect, 5/6; Magpie, lovely plumage, talks, whistles, bargain, approval, 10/-; grand Magpie cage cheap; exchange, microscope wanted: D. Dickinson, Heckington, Lincs.

ENGLISH cock Goldfinches, 11/- dozen, 6 6/-, 3 3/6; picked birds, 1/6; 6 large pear tree Finches, 2/- each; or exchange Canaries, Mules, left-off clothing; stamp reply: Miles, Pump-st., Nottingham. Established 52 years.

NOTICE; two giant hand-reared, clean-moulted, full colour cock Goldfinches, warranted to make sure mulers and prize takers, only 7/6 each; or exchange for colour-fed Canaries or Mules: Russell, 10, Granby-place, Bethnal Green, London, E.

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SPECIAL notice to dealers: Note following, cock Goldfinches, Bullfinches, 15/- hen, 7/- cocks; Linnets, Larks, Chaffinches, Yellowhammers, 3/6 doz.; I can supply dealers till next May; cash or deposit; I send birds out on approval, so give a trial to Hollinhead, Cheshire Aviaries, Howard-st., Stockport.

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Mainly Canaries.

EXCHANGE two pairs Canaries for poultry: W. Cornwall, May View, Dogsthorpe, Peterborough.

WHAT offers in British birds for a good pair of Norwich?: Foster, 105, Randolph-st., Buckhaven, Fife.

WANTED two true pairs aviary-bred Budgerigars for two pairs Yorkshires: Culshaw, Maghull, Liverpool.

WANTED B.R.C.C. rung schoolmaster or laying pullets; exchange Borders; (see under Borders): Finlow.

TWO pairs high-class Borders, sell 12/-; exchange pairs Yorkshires; yours first: D. Jones, Afonwen, Flintshire.

EXCHANGE 4 hen Canaries, large birds, for 3 pullets, six months old: Bevan, 23, Victoria-rd., Cambridge.

WHAT offers for 2 cock Canaries, 1 cock Linnet mule, and 7 hen Canaries?: P. Webb, Dilton, Westbury, Wilts.

EXCHANGE four large Canary hens for house-moulted cock Goldfinch: Joseph Ball, 60, Kimberley-st., Coppull.

THREE clear bred Norwich muling hens, 4/- each; exchange clock to value: James McDermont, 99, George-st., Paisley.

EXCHANGE pair Crests and Norwich hen for ½-plate camera, folding preferred: A. Cooper, North Crawley, Newport Pagnell.

EIGHT pairs healthy Canaries, 7/6 pair; exchange for gent's bicycle: mutual approval: G. Chilcott, 29, High-st., Crediton.

EXCHANGE four pairs Yorkshire Canaries, two Goldfinch mules, for cycle, or offers for lot: Threlfall, Holland-st., Coppull.

THREE Norwich cocks, grand songsters, 5/- each; also two good hens, 4/6 each; or offers: Jubb, Balfour-st., Gainsborough.

CLEAR buff Norwich cock, 1910, highly commended twice, 15/-; exchange pair Borders; approval: 27, Blaby-rd., South Wigston.

EXCHANGE pair Yorks, Harris' strain, for E or B flat clarionet; approval both ways; yours first: Jones, West Haddon, Rugby.

YORKSHIRES, 20 good hens, few cocks, sell or exchange, approval; bath chair preferred: Geo. Stocks, 44, Bentley-rd., Doncaster.

TWO Yorkshire hens, good enough for local shows; exchange silver albert, cloth, tea, anything useful: Curtis, Summerleigh, Warminster.

BUFF Yorkshire hen, 4 days' approval, 5/-; or exchange two good cock Bullfinches, cash or deposit: A. Muntou, Spalding Marsh, Lincs.

WILL exchange clear Norwich buff cock and buff green cock, for a clear yellow Norwich cock, or self, 15/-; approval; yours first: Apply, 200, Foleshill-rd., Coventry.

YORKSHIRE cock, 1910 bird, few good Roller hens, all from good strain, sell or exchange Norwich, anything: Inkpen, Queen-st., Gravesend.

FOR sale or exchange, 1910 Cinnamon cock, for good meat mincing machine, or sell 10/-, appro.: C. Whittaker, 20, Walnut-st, Blackburn.

GRAND pair Yorkshire Canaries, exchange for Goldfinch; must be first-class exhibition bird; yours first: Duncan, Pitchroy, Blacksboat, Morayshire.

LARGE Yellow Norwich hen, bred eight Mules, genuine, 15/-; six cock Goldfinches, singing; exchange Canaries: Pickett, Dagmar-rd., Dorchester.

FOR sale, few pairs of splendid Yorkshires, from 9/6 pair; exchange blankets, sheets, quilts; yours first: Ambrose, 5, Cherry-st., Keighley, Yorkshire.

GOOD Yorkshires, colour-fed, sale or exchange, give good value in foregoing for 1910 Roller schoolmaster, Choppers not wanted: Newton, 28, Ingleby-terrace, Sunderland.

YORKSHIRE cock, two hens, £1; exchange children's boots, sizes 11, 9, 6, bed, sheets, anything; no live stock; also four Yorkshire show cages: Gardiner, Teindhill-green, Duns.

EXCHANGE two good Yorkshire cocks for three large yellow Norwich hens, also Yorkshire hen, Ambler's, for good cock Siskin: Godfrey Lomas, Town Head, Tideswell.

FOR sale or exchange 5 hen Canaries, 4 Norwich, 1 Scotch Fancy, 2 h.m. Redpolls; exchange for small Yorkshire bitch, or sell 25/-; yours first: 2, Barr Mill Rd., Galston, Ayrshire, Scotland.

HARTZ Roller cock in song, with many sweet changes, 7/-, and St. Andreasburg Roller cock in full song, day or gaslight; sell 10/6, or exchange; approval: Saunders, Greengrocer, Clarence-st., Gravesend.

ONE yellow, two buff Yorkshire cocks, 10/6 each; three Norwich cocks, 5/- each; six hens, 2/6 each; two cock Bullfinches, 2/- each; or exchange pair outer covers, 28 x 1½, watch, or offers: J. Smith, 13, Bank-lane, Maryport.

EXCHANGE 1 cock, 3 hens, 1911 Yorkshires (25/-) for good pair green Yorkshires (must be good); also 16 Canaries, cocks and hens, 1911. What offers for part or lot? Sell cocks 4/6, hens 2/-: Green, Ragsdale-st., Rothwell, Kettering.

A RECORD breeding season: not having room for all my Yorkshire Canaries, will exchange a few for anything useful, or sell reasonable, cocks from 5/- each, hens from 4/- (see Yorkshire sales): Henry Kaye, Wood-st., Skelmanthorpe, near Huddersfield.

DO IT NOW.

Don't wait till next week, but make us an offer of any quantity of Canaries of every breed, in exchange for our noted boots, blankets, sheets, suits, costumes, overcoats, mackintoshes, carpets, curtains, furniture, oilcloth, feuders, watches, clocks, table cutlery, joiners' and other tools, electro-plated teapots, etc.; or we will buy for spot cash complete stocks. Stamp for reply: Exchange Co., 57, Lime-st., Sheffield.

Mainly Foreign.

YOUNG Parrot, new cage, 12/-; pair of foreign birds, new cage, 3/6; or exchange: H. Brown, Hill Flat, Radlett, Herts.

FOR sale, Indian Parrot and round cage, 17/6; or exchange for birds: Ravenscroft, 2, Seymour-pl., New Brighton, E.

EXCHANGE Parrot and cage, says Pretty Polly, for pair 1911 Yorkshire cock Canaries: Alex. Innes, Craigton-pl., Winchburgh.

ACCLIMATISED Australian Parrot and cage, exchange 6 cock Canaries, or 4 pairs: Manager, Seed Stores, Kirkgate, Wakefield.

PARROT and two cages, make fine talker, finger tame, and amusing; exchange gent's cycle: Muggeridge, Albion-ter., Horsham.

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Club Reports.

PORTOBELLO C.B.S.

General meeting held 17th Oct., president in chair. Arrangements for show gone into. Agreed to amalgamate 14 classes owing to insufficient entries. Agreed to get gold medals for the best birds in Nor., Scot. Fcy., Crest, and British house-moulted sections. Members please return payment for all sold books of tickets at this meeting.—J. Bell, Sec.

METROPOLITAN C.B.A.

Interesting washing exhibition and competition held headquarters, Oct. 21st, a good number of members being present. Mr. Martin was unanimously elected to judge, a duty which he carried out to perfection. After the washing Mr. Martin carefully criticised each competitor, pointing out many of our faults. Result: 1st, King; 2nd, Macgregor; 3rd, Moore; 4th, Walker.—J. W. Burgess, Assist.-Sec.

GLASGOW (Queen's Park) C.B.S.

Committee meeting held Oct. 23rd, Mr. R. Thomson presiding. The allocation of specials was drawn up for annual club show, to be held this year in the Victoria Rooms, 476, Victoria-road, 28th Oct. Over 130 specials, including cup, gold and silver medals, etc., are to be competed for. Show officials were appointed, and all business relative to show generally adjusted. Monthly meeting postponed till 2nd Nov., when Mr. F. Bowman will deliver a lecture on wild seeds, etc. Any member wishing to bring a friend may do so.—R. Heggie, Sec.

LONDON AND PROVINCIAL C.B.S

Washing competition for members held Oct. 19th, when Mr. Oldaker judged in the absence of Mr. Heath. The competitors were Messrs. Day, Gilbert, Bamber, and Salter. Mr. Oldaker made all the competitors retire from the room, and called each one in separately, asking him questions before washing, such as: What water do you prefer? What soap do you use? How should the birds be dried? How long before showing do you consider a bird should be washed? and many others. Mr. Oldaker made notes of the answers, awarding each competitor so many points for each answer, also so many points for the washing of the birds, awarding the prize to Mr. Salter, who, he considered, had answered the questions satisfactory, and also made the best show at washing, thus winning the L. and P.O.S. silver medal. Mr. Oldaker spoke at some considerable length on the faults of the competitors; he also gave his ideas and methods of washing birds for exhibition. Several members, including Messrs. Crabb, Mortlock, Matthes, Couzens, and Lathleiff, asked Mr. Oldaker numerous questions, which were the means of opening a very animated debate on the question of washing generally. Mr. Crabb, in proposing a vote of thanks to Mr. Oldaker, said this was one of the most interesting and instructive washing competitions he had attended, being quite different to anything they had had before. Mr. Mortlock seconded the proposition.—C. W. Law, Hon. Sec.

LEIGH AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Washing competition held Oct. 11th at Railway Hotel, when we had a good muster of members, eight of them joining in the competition. We had quite a lively time, all trying to get round the fire at once to dry our birds. Mr. J. Lomas judged and his awards gave every satisfaction; they were as follows: 1st, W. Ordish; 2, H. Taylor; 3, G. Smith.—R. Charleson, Hon. Sec.

HALIFAX O.S.

Meeting held Plummit Line Hotel, Oct. 7, Mr. Roes (president) in chair. A good turn-up of members and friends witnessed a washing exhibition by Mr. R. E. Helliwell (Halifax). He put four birds through in good style to the satisfaction of all present. His drying cage (of his own construction) was much admired. Questions asked and answered, after which the usual business was gone through, and a new member enrolled.—F. Burdekin, Assist. Sec.

WEST OF SCOTLAND O.S.

Meeting held Oct. 7, Nelson's Temp. Hotel. Mr. G. Smart presided, in the absence of Mr. P. Thorn through illness. Touching reference was made to the sad death of Mr. J. Sanderson, and it was agreed to "minute" the sympathy of the members towards the family in their sad bereavement. Mr. F. Bowman treated the meeting to a lengthy discourse on wild seeds and plants. He treated all the various varieties on view, and at the close was awarded a hearty vote of thanks. A vote of thanks was given the chairman.—W. Hutchinson, Sec.

CHESTER C.B.F.A.

Meeting held Nag's Head Cocoa House, October 3rd—a capital attendance. Mr. Parker in chair. Letter read from secretary of the Liverpool B.B.A. intimating that six classes (open to a radius of 20 miles) had been added to their schedule to be held 25th Nov. Mr. Swindley was appointed delegate to the Cage Bird Union. A bird-washing exhibition was given by Messrs. Bracegirdle and Gardner. Both gentlemen are adepts at this, and undertook their respective tasks in a workmanlike and clever manner. The interest displayed must have well repaid the two exponents for their trouble. Mr. Guy (Helsby) kindly provided a soap of his own manufacture, and the results obtained were eminently satisfactory. A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded both gentlemen, and hope was expressed that they would favour us again.—J. Swindley, Hon. Sec.

DULWICH AND PECKHAM C.B.S.

A most interesting and enjoyable meeting was held at headquarters, October 3, when some 50 members were present. Mr. F. J. Martin gave an exhibition of washing birds in preparation for the show bench. He had gone to considerable trouble in the matter, bringing with him his own drying cage, in which the birds were placed direct from the wash, without the usual rolling in cloths, etc. Mr. Martin, in a very clear and able manner, demonstrated what he considered the quickest and best manner to put the bird through its tubbing, and although some present had their own ideas, Mr. Martin's method was much appreciated. A competition followed, for which Mr. Martin had offered prizes to the value of 10s. 6d. Six competitors took part, each washing his bird in his own way, the whole meeting acting as judge by vote. Upon the votes being counted, it was found that Mr. Richardson had secured first prize, Mr. Hocking 2nd, Mr. Tomsett 3rd and Mr. Carpenter 4th. Mr. F. Cole, who occupied the chair, conducted the meeting in a very able manner. Mr. Reeks proposed, and Mr. Richardson seconded, a vote of thanks to Mr. Martin, who briefly replied.—W. Hodson, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY C.B.A.

Meeting held Barton Road Boys' School, Dover, Oct. 11, Mr. E. C. Rayner presiding. Patronage was allotted Dover P.P. and C.B.S., and Canterbury F.S. shows. A list of members' names and addresses will be provided to secretaries concerned, so that schedules may be forwarded as early as possible. The new trophies offered for competition this year are solid silver, in compliance with suggestions from several members; and the procuring of them has been a heavy drain on the resources of the association, but it is hoped the increased expenditure will be compensated for by keener competition in the various sections. Following is a list of cups and bowls for competition: (1) Solid silver challenge cup, Borders 1911, bred, first year of competition; (2) solid silver challenge cup, Norwich 1911 bred, first year of competition; (3) an 8-in. challenge bowl, Yorkshires, 1911 bred, holder Mr. C. Lockett, Dover; (4) challenge cup, Lizards, 1911 bred, holder Mr. E. C. Wood, Hythe; (5) solid silver challenge cup, British, any age, first year of competition; (6) silver challenge cup, presented by Rev. H. A. Soames, Bromley, Mules and Hybrids, any age, bred by exhibitor or not, first year of competition; (7) an E.P. tankard, presented by Mr. W. Ashley, the City Tailoring Co., Dover, for best bird in Dover show, exhibited by a member of the K.C.C. B.A., holder Mr. C. Lockett, Dover. Subs. to cup fund received.—Dr. J. A. Bowes, Herne Bay, 10s. 6d.; Mr. F. J. Gibbs (Canterbury), £1 1s.; Rev. H. A. Soames, Bromley), £1 1s.; Mr. F. J. Wickham (Chatham), 5s.—A. Hendry, Hon. Sec.

SCOTTISH METROPOLITAN (Open Derby) O.A.

Annual general meeting held Buchanan's Hotel, Edinburgh, Oct. 7th. We had the largest turnout for some considerable time. Mr. C. R. Drysdale (hon. president) occupied the chair. Secretary submitted financial statement, showing income £35 8s. 10½d., expenditure (including prize money) £34 14s., leaving a balance in hand of 14s. 10½d. Some discussion took place as to the cost of erecting screens in hall; the outcome was that "estimates be taken for this work in future." The auditors, Messrs. McLennan and Whitefield, certifying that the books of the society were correct, the balance-sheet was approved. Agreed, to hold another show next year, and that the same hall be secured. Office-bearers elected: Hon president, Mr. D. R. Drysdale; hon. vice-pres., Mr. W. Thornton; sec. and treas., J. R. Meikle, 51, Lothian Road, Edinburgh; acting committee, Messrs. Hendry, West, Dalgleish, Hope, Menzies, and Paterson; auditors, Messrs. McLennan and Kerr. The rules as at present in use were re-adopted. Rule 2 reads (part): "That the object of the association is to hold an open Derby show for young Scotch Fancy and Belgians on the last Saturday of September each year, and that each member, by paying the sum of three shillings annually will be entitled to show ten birds, namely, Scotch Fancy classes, 1 to 8, maximum ten birds, must not exceed two in any of these classes; Belgian classes, 9 and 10, maximum eight birds, must not exceed four in each class, and two birds in classes 1 to 8." Rule 4 (part): "The funds left after meeting expenses to be divided into forty cash prizes, namely, for the ten first birds, the ten second birds, the ten third birds, the ten fourth birds, in the proportion of 4, 3, 2, and 1, the fifths to receive prize cards. The best Scotch Fancy bird to receive a gold medal additional to the value of 20s., with the cup, also cup for best Belgian. Both cups must be won three times, not necessarily in succession, before becoming absolute property." New printed copies of rules will be in members' hands early next year, and fanciers who are not members, but with a view to becoming so, will, on making application to the the secretary, have a copy (when ready) sent for their perusal. The secretary's salary was again fixed at £3; an amendment by the secretary that it be £1 10s. was lost on a vote. The Executive return their sincere thanks to the members for the splendid support they gave, and hope to merit a continuance of this next year; and also to Cage Birds for the good report of our last show.—J. R. Meikle.

HALTWHISTLE AND DIS. C.B.S.

Meeting held October 9th, Mr. W. Pape in chair. The principal business was the fixing up of classes for Open Show, November 10th, the following classes being fixed on: Borders, 9 (1 Novice); Norwich, 8 (1 Novice); Yorkshire, 2; Scot., 1; Brit., 3; Mules and Hyb., 2; For., 1; Sell., 10s., 1; 6 mile radius, 2; members, 5. Mr. Carruthers again gives a ham for most points in Open classes, and we have a lot of valuable specials for each section and each class, which have all to be won by most points. We have now received the patronage of the B.F.C.C., N.B. and S.F.C. and N.C.N.C.C., and all we need now is a bumping entry. Will exhibitors note that our membership is open; fee 2/6. Nicholson and Tallantyre, Hon. Secs.

GATESHEAD C.B.S.

Meeting held Oct. 11th, Lockhart's Cafe, High-st., Mr. Tindle presiding. Mr. J. Pearson elected a member. Correspondence read re specialist clubs. We have now to add to our list of patronages the following: Crest C.C. (with their numerous specials: the Roberts £25 silver challenge cup, 63/- special for most points scored at one of 8 shows, which may be Gateshead); Northern Lizard Club. We are giving a good classification, and hope to have another record show. Rules were gone into, and one or two altered so as to remedy past mistakes. Selling classes are to be altered to same lines as Scottish National and Palace show. We have again secured the Burt Terrace Drill Hall for our show, this being one of the finest halls in the North. At next meeting we hope to have a good turn up of members, and as many specials as it is possible to get.—A. Holden, Secretary.

GLASGOW (West End) C.B.C.

Meeting held Co-operative Hall, St. George's Cross, October 13th, Mr. H. Jamieson presiding over a large attendance. Before beginning the usual business the members were treated to a washing exhibition by Mr. A. Wilson. Mr. Wilson explained and illustrated the proper way to hold a bird when washing it so that it could be held easy and secure without any pressure. He then explained the different brands of soaps and the best brushes to use, and also at what temperature to have the water. He proceeded to wash two birds. This operation over, the birds were put into a cage and dried before the fire. Mr. Wilson washed two others in the usual way, and when their "dip" was finished, these were put into his patent drying cage (which was exhibited with success at the Crystal Palace) thus showing the two methods of drying. Mr. Wilson explained very minutely the working of his patent drying cage. Several questions were asked and answered. Many thanks are due to Mr. Wilson for this very interesting and instructive exhibition. Thereafter the meeting was adjourned, a special meeting to be called at a later date.—W. Proudfoot, Sec. and Treas.

READING AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

A crowded meeting was held Oct. 4th, Palmer Hall, to arrange schedule for November show. Two new members were elected, Messrs. F. J. L. Avis and D. W. Smee. After some correspondence, a good discussion ensued as to the proposed open classes. It was finally agreed to have 2 Norwich, 2 Yorks, 1 Crest or Crest-bred, 1 A.O.V., and 4 British, making 10 in all. The question was raised as to whether we should stick to our 30-mile radius for open classes, but it was agreed to leave them entirely open to any district. The members' classes it was decided to allow to remain as last year, with extra classes added for amateur cock novices, and Parrakeets, making 32 members' classes. Secretary intimated he had collected a splendid list of specials and during the meeting Mr. G. H. Aeton, as usual, gave us 5s. each for 3 classes, and offered to guarantee a Canary class; this was very heartily received. Several more specials are required to complete the schedule. It is hoped to get the two silver cups presented by a local gentleman. Judging by the enthusiasm displayed by members we are in for a jolly good show. Birds exhibited in members' classes are limited to £3.—W. H. Pyke, Hon. Sec.

SOUTH BIRMINGHAM O.S.

Meeting held Sydenham Hotel, Small Heath, Oct. 11th. A washing exhibition was given by that well-known expert, Mr. G. Russell, before an excellent attendance. The chair was occupied by Mr. Willmot, supported by the vice-chairman, Mr. Hughes. The secretary reported that the well-known Dr. Taylor, of Small Heath had consented to stand as our first president. He is a good fancier and a true sportsman. Secretary was asked to write and thank Dr. Taylor for standing as president and also for his very useful special for the coming members' show. Now, fanciers, join, and have a go for the many useful prizes promised. After other items of business had been disposed of, Mr. Russell first dealt with the many ways fanciers had of washing the Canary or other bird for show. The man who had large hands very seldom excelled as a washer. Some preferred soap, others sponge and soap; he himself stood by the beauti fier, which had never been excelled for giving a finish and excellent tone to the birds. Many used a sponge, while some preferred the brush. Taking a bird with badly crossed flights, he demonstrated how this could be altered with a correct wash. His skilful handling of the bird and others he washed brought forth loud applause. Every detail was gone into, and the lecturer answered questions to the general satisfaction. Messrs. Burke, Swinden and Wright also showed their skill as washers, and the birds were a credit to the washers, but they did not come up to those washed by the master hand. The birds were much admired when dry, and the bird with the badly crossed flights was vastly improved, and looked a picture. The Chairman, in a neat speech, thanked Mr. Russell for his able demonstration, and Mr. Russell suitably responded, remarking that he was the first to introduce the present mode of washing in the City of Birmingham. The chairman makes a special appeal to all to attend the November meeting—business re coming members' show. We have a splendid lot of specials promised, and it is yet time for fanciers to join. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Roe for so kindly offering to judge the whole show on Dec. 20th.—J. Sheppard, Sec.

LEADGATE AND DISTRICT C.B.S

First monthly table show held Oct. 7, Church Square Hall, when there was a good turn-up of members. Mr. J. Rowell (Medomsley) judged, giving every satisfaction. YORKS.: 1, Reed; 2, S. Westthorp. NOR.: 1, 2, Williams; 3, Walton. BORD.: 1, 3, Walton; 2, Quigley. BRIT.: 1, 3, Thompson; 2, Wilson. After show we held our usual meeting, Mr. E. Westthorp presiding. Nomination of birds and judge for next table show, Nov. 4, gone into. Several birds were nominated, when following came out of the hat: Green cinnamon or heavy varieg. Yorks.; Crest or C.B.; Yorks. yell., ci., tkd., or varieg.; Nor., for Walton's special; and Brit. All present members' names were put into the hat. Mr. J. Williams (Annfield Plain) came out first, and he was elected judge.—J. A. Turnbull, Sec.

LEICESTER (Hand-in-Hand) C.B.S.

Meeting held White Swan Hotel, Market Place. Mr. W. A. Gibbins presiding. A large number of members were present. Mr. Charles and Mr. A. Merrick were elected members. Forthcoming all-England show fully discussed and schedules distributed. Members commented on the grand classification and the splendid lot of cash specials. A cash special was allotted to the member of Leicester C.B.S. gaining most points at our annual show. The society was proud to receive a munificent gift of a grand silver cup kindly presented by Mr. Shirley North, to be known as the "North Challenge Cup." Thanks were accorded Mr. North. This cup is to be won by the best bird shown by a member. We now hold four trophies to be competed for annually, and never was the Hand-in-Hand in such a flourishing condition as present time.—A. Freestone, Sec.

LLANELLY AND DIST. C.B.S.

The prospect for our coming show and arrangements of our schedule are well in hand, and the society will have no less than 7 cups to be competed for at our show. Our president (Jos. Holmes, Esq.) takes so much interest in the society at the present time that he attends our meetings and presides; he has also come generously forward this year again. The challenge cup which he presented to the society five years ago having been won outright by Mr. D. S. A. Longden at our last show, Mr. Holmes has presented the society with another to be won outright at our next show, and has headed the list of subscribers. Will members note that their subs. are now due? Should they not pay up by Nov. 7th they will not be able to enjoy the benefits, and compete for the society's specials. We have the patronage of the N.B.B. and M.C. and the E. and W.B.F.C.C. The show is also affiliated to the Cage Bird Union.—Daniel John, Sec.

INVERNESS O.A.

On Oct. 11, Crown Mission Hall, at a meeting of the Executive, special reference was made to the loss the Society recently sustained by the death of three of its most prominent members, viz., Mr. Mackenzie (late president), Mr. W. Duncan and Mr. Paterson. In the unavoidable absence of Mr. Smith (president) owing to indisposition, the chair was occupied by Mr. E. Chisholm (vice-president), who at the outset said that by the death of the gentlemen named the Association had suffered great and irreparable loss. Mr. Mackenzie had been for many years one of their number, and had done much to further the interests of the Association. He was a man of many parts, esteemed and admired by all for his manly straightforwardness. He was a genuine fancier and a naturalist in every sense of the word. Mr. Duncan and Mr. Paterson they would also miss. He therefore moved that the secretaries be instructed to send letters of condolence to the surviving relatives. Mr. Sanderson (ex-president), in seconding, said the late Mr. Mackenzie was a man of outstanding ability, and possessed of much versatility. Mr. Duncan and Mr. Paterson were good and loyal citizens and respected members. As an exhibitor Mr. Duncan had won over a hundred prizes; he was also one of the original members.—Urquhart and Sutherland, Secs.

LANCASHIRE AND LIZARD F.A.

Meeting held Old Boar's Head, Manchester, Oct. 14th, but there was only a moderate attendance. Regret was expressed at the Sheffield Society being unable to take our classes on this time, but hopes were expressed for the near future. Decided that we again exchange medals with the Toronto C.B.S. A letter was read from the Blackburn C.B.S., who offered to give us three classes for Lizards, on which some of our members promised to guarantee a fourth class, or stand a fourth loss on the four classes, if the society could give them, and to give them our full patronage in that event. Unanimously decided, to give Blackburn all the support possible to make them have no regret in treating the L. and L.F.A. in so generous a manner. Confirmed, that Mr. E. Fuller be judge for Nottingham Show, for which Mr. Vickers promised 2s. 6d. best Lancashire, Mr. Rukin 2s. 6d. 3rd most points (donors not competing). Next meeting, Wellington Hotel, Hyde, November 4th, 6 p.m. It is proposed that we go into fixing dates for our two club shows at Hyde and Shaw respectively. Will all members having used Ramsden's pepper kindly forward me on as early as possible the coupons attached to the tins, so that I can forward same and make arrangements as to nature of special given by Mr. Ramsden.—John Rukin, Hon. Sec.

ANFIELD, EVERTON AND DIST.

Preliminary meeting held Oct. 16th at Walton Buck Roads, there being a good attendance. Mr. W. Bell was unanimously elected first chairman; vice-chairman, Mr. C. Rumsby; treasurer, Mr. Frankham. Committee appointed represents all varieties of birds, gentlemen that are determined to prove their ability to govern the above society. Mr. Wright proposed a gentleman who knew the ins and outs of society work as secretary, and after considerable discussion the meeting decided unanimously that the best interests of the society would be served by electing Mr. R. B. Wright as their first secretary. Having consented, he intimated that he had succeeded in arranging for future meetings to be held in the large room of the Sandow Hotel, Oakfield-road, this room having no connection with the bar of the hotel. A very good response to his appeal for members has come, and it is expected that upwards of 80 will be enrolled by the next meeting, which will be held 8 p.m. Monday evening, Nov. 6th. Business: Syllabus 1911 and 1912, and schedule for night show to be held Dec. 4th, non colour-fed classes to be specially catered for. Also greens, cleans, marks, and British and Hybrids. Intending members apply to me; 2s. 6d. per annum, to be paid any time before January 1912. Distance no object.—R. B. Wright, Hon. Sec., 95, Hornsey-road, Anfield.

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Singing Contests.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Week-end contest held Prince Albert Inn, Oct. 21st. Judges, Messrs. P. Madden and C. Lorriman. 1st and 2nd, J. Chippendale; 3rd, A. Binns.—E. Wood, Hon. Sec.

LEIGH.

Re delegates' meeting: Seeing that Wigan Linnet Club are holding a contest on Oct. 28th, Colliers' Arms, Frog Lane, Wigan, it was decided I should call a delegates' meeting at the Globe Inn, Leigh, at 6 o'clock sharp to decide on the business considered at the delegates' meeting at the Globe Inn. Any club which has not previously sent a delegate may do so by applying to me.—J. M'Allister, 1, Brunswick-st., Leigh.

LEEDS.

Singing contest for quality, held Old Bird House, King's Head, Shannon Street, Oct. 22nd, when 38 of the best birds in Leeds sang. 1st, Butler; 2nd, Summers; 3rd, 4th, Stead. Judges, Messrs. Hardcastle and Walt Naylor. Notice.—Saturday matches start in earnest November 4th, as most of the birds are only just over moult.—T. C. Summers.

Quality Linnet singing contest held Skinners' Arms, Oct. 21st, when 19 birds sang. 1st, Ward; 2, Laycock; 3, Sellars. Also Oct. 22nd, when 23 sang. 1st, Sellars; 2nd, Wigfield; 3rd, Richardson. Judges, Messrs. Biss, Clayton, Thirkell. Will all Linnet fanciers note that we are having a big sing on Oct. 28th, open to all; there will be a fine copper kettle added to prize money. No doubt we shall see all old friends again.—C. Clayton, Hon. Sec.

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Oct. 28.—**Cleator Moor.**—J. E. Byrne, 110, Birks Road, Cleator Moor, Cumberland.
Oct. 28.—**Blaydon.**—G. Havver, 1, Theresa Street.
Oct. 28.—**Kirkcudbright.**—J. G. Penny, 56, Castle Street.
Oct. 28.—**Lowestoft.**—E. L. A. Crow, London Road.
Oct. 28.—**Markinch.**—Geo. Mitchell, Coaltown, Markinch.
Oct. 28.—**Dublin.**—C. Holley, 66, Fitzroy Av., Drumcondra Park.
Oct. 28.—**Stockton.**—J. W. Lowes, 17, Canning St.
Oct. 28.—**Exeter.**—R. H. Folley, 28, Rosebery Road.
Oct. 30.—**Sheffield.**—T. Bishop, 69, Alexandra Road.
Oct. 30.—**Tredegar (Mon.).**—E. W. Sutherley, 17, Church Street.
Oct. 30.—**Tunstall.**—Evans and Brough, 18, Sneyd St.
Oct. 30.—**Dover.**—Abbott and Austen, 13, Eric Road.
Oct. 30.—**Haddington, N.B.**—D. Cockburn, Victoria Road.
Oct. 31.—**Bodmin.**—A. E. Jago, Robartes Road.
Oct. 31.—**Muirkirk.**—J. G. Torbett, Smallburn, Muirkirk.
Oct. 31 (1st post).—**Liverpool.**—Metcalfe and Hillmen, 68, Brunswick Road.
Oct. 31.—**Peterborough.**—S. L. Cocks, Corn Exchange.
Nov. 1.—**Brighton.**—W. H. Gibb, 19, Bond Street.
Nov. 1.—**St. Columb.**—W. L. Salmon, Dinas View.
Nov. 1.—**Pontypridd.**—A. A. Gordon McLucas, 43, Rosser Street, Maesycoed, Pontypridd.
Nov. 1.—**Brighton.**—W. H. Gibb, 19, Bond Street.
Nov. 1.—**Buckie.**—Melvin and Bunyan, 43, West Church Street.
Nov. 1.—**Bristol.**—G. T. H. Maggs, 9, Trinity St.
Nov. 2.—**Neath.**—R. J. Llewellyn, "Bryngelly," Cilfrew.
Nov. 2.—**Eastfield Side.**—R. Nuttall, 16, Briggs St., Forest Side, Sutton-in-Ashfield.
Nov. 3.—**Southend.**—W. C. Lockwood, 21, East Street, Leigh-on-Sea.
Nov. 4.—**Banbridge.**—A. McCagherty, Banbridge, Ireland.
Nov. 4.—**Darlington.**—A. Walker, 47, Montrose St.
Nov. 4.—**Old Shildon.**—J. H. Elwell, 35, Church Street, Shildon, Co. Durham.
Nov. 4.—**Malton.**—J. Wilson, 8, Wold Street, Norton, Malton, Yorks.
Nov. 4.—**Swansea.**—S. H. George, 32, Fisher Street.
Nov. 4.—**Cannock (Staffs.).**—H. W. Briggs, Old Hall, Great Wyrley, nr. Walsall.
Nov. 4.—**Haltwhistle.**—Nicholson and Tallantyre, Westgate.
Nov. 4.—**W. Bromwich.**—W. G. Andrews, 1, Hayes Street.
Nov. 6.—**Whitehaven.**—W. J. Douglas, 17, King St.
Nov. 6.—**Forfar.**—J. Fyfe, 137, East High Street.
Nov. 6.—**Darvel.**—J. Robertson, jun., Corra Linn, Darvel, Ayrshire.
Nov. 6.—**Nottingham.**—G. E. Wilkinson, 86, Lenton Boulevard.
Nov. 7.—**Barnsley.**—F. C. Sims, 15, Wright Terrace, Grace Street.

ENTRIES EXTENDED.

Oct. 28 (morning).—**Liskeard.**—H. Jones Robins, 2, Market Street.
Oct. 30.—(first post.—**Bournemouth.**—W. O. Brooke, 102, Nortoft Road.
Oct. 31 (first post).—**Leicester (H.-in-H.).**—A. Freestone, 79, Clarendon Street.

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*Sentinel and Entertainer.

Close to our school there is a Thrush's nest containing four eggs. While the hen bird sits on the nest the cock perches himself on the branch of a tree close by (always in the same place) and sings his best, meaning, without a doubt, to entertain his partner while she does her duty. When anyone goes near the nest while the hen is sitting the cock immediately stops singing, flies from his perch, and sets up an awful screeching, the reason of which, I suppose, is to warn the other bird of her danger from the intruders.—W. S. Mills (aged 15), Eversleigh, Millstone Lane, Nautwich.

**A Cunning Bird.

Two years ago my father had a young Magpie given to him, and we called him "Jack." As he grew older he became very mischievous, and learnt many little tricks. When anyone was writing he would be perched somewhere near at hand, and when the pen or pencil was laid down Jack would immediately pick it up and fly off and hide it. One evening, as I was setting some seeds in the garden, Jack was perched on the wall watching the proceedings with great interest, and as fast as one seed was put in Jack would rake it out again and think himself very clever for doing this. Although he was so very mischievous, we were very sorry when he died about six months later.—Sent by Mabel Dunn (aged 14), 17, Stanley Street, Darlington.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Worthing.—Nov. 15 and 16, Literary Institute Montague St. Judge, Mr. T. Heath; 7 open classes: Yorks. 2, Nor. 2, Crest 2, A.O.V. 1, and 9 local. Prizes 9/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee 1/6. Entries close Nov. 8 to G. E. Stubbs, 27, Eriswell Road, Worthing.

Exeter C.B.S. (members').—Nov. 4, Market Hall, Fore St. Judge, Mr. J. H. Roe; 36 classes: Can. 18, Brit. 8, Mule 4, Sell. 2, Stock 1, Gift 1, For. 2. Fee 6d. Ent. close Oct. 28 to R. H. Folley, 28, Rosebery Rd., Exeter.

Markinch.—Nov. 4, Town and Masonic Halls. Judges, Messrs. J. Black, J. Stenhouse, R. Lambie, and R. Bald; 51 open classes: Scot. 10 (2 sell.), Nor. 11 (1 sell.), Crest 7 (1 sell.), Bord. 9 (1 sell.), Mule 3, Brit. 7, For. 2, Sell 1, Common Can. 5. Prize 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Ent. close Oct. 28 to G. Mitchell, Coaltown, Markinch, N.B.

Lowestoft F.S.—Nov. 8 and 9; Kirkley Swimming Baths. Judge, Mr. W. E. Greeves; 31 open classes: Nor. 11 (3 for novices, 1 for pairs), Crest 10 (2 for novices, 1 for pairs), Cinn. 2, Mule 1, Sell. 1, Brit. 4, For. 2. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/3. Ent. close Oct. 26 to E. L. A. Crow, London Rd., Lowestoft.

Bristol F.A.—Nov. 14 and 15; Colisseum Park Row. Judges, Messrs. J. H. Payne and W. Vardy; 43 open classes: Nor. 8 (1 for novices, 1 sell), Crest 8, Cinn. 2, Yorks. 8 (2 for novices, 1 sell.), Lancs. 3, Mule 3, Brit. 8, For. 2, Sell. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. 1/6. Fee 1/6. Ent. close Nov. 1 to G. T. H. Maggs, 9, Trinity St., Newtown, Bristol.

West Bromwich (M.C.Y.C.C.).—Nov. 8; Dartmouth Hotel. Judge, Mr. J. H. Payne; 34 open classes: Nor. 9 (3 for novices), Yorks. 10 (4 for novices), Crest 2, Sell 3, A.O.V. 1, Mule 3, Brit. 5, For. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Ent. close Nov. 4 to W. G. Andrews, 1, Hayes St., West Bromwich.

Blaydon-on-Tyne (N.C.C., N.Y.C.C., N.L.C., N.B.B.M. and F.B.C., N.B. and S.F.C., N.C.N. and C.C.C.).—Nov. 3 and 4: Old National Schools. Judges, Messrs. J. Robson and H. W. Battye; 58 open classes: Nor. 11 (1 for novices), Crest 8, Yorks. 9 (2 for novices), Bord. 7 (2 for novices), Cinn. 2, Liz. 2, Scot. 1, Pair 1, Sell. 5, Mule 2, Brit. 7, For. 2, Hyde's 1, and 21 members' classes. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-. Fee 1/6. Ent. close Oct. 28 to G. Havver, 1, Theresa St., Blaydon-on-Tyne.

Harrogate.—Nov. 18; Carlton Rooms, Station Parade. Judge, Mr. J. H. Bailey; 20 open clases: Yorks. 12 (6 for novices), Nor. 1, Sell. 2, Gift 1, Mule 1, Brit. 3. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee 1/6. Ent. close Nov. 13 to W. E. Fergusson, 62, Harlow Terrace, Harrogate.

Cannock (£3 limit).—Nov. 9; Market Hall. Judge, Mr. A. J. Gladwin; 11 open classes: Nor. 4, Yorks. 4, Sell. 1, Brit. 1, For. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Ent. close Nov. 4 to H. W. Briggs, Old Hall, Great Wyrley, near Walsall.

Swansea (Y.C.C., S.Y.C.C., B.F.C.C., E. and W.B. F.C.C., G.C.A., N.B.B. and M.C.).—Nov. 8 and 9; Working Men's Club, Alexandra Rd. Judges, Messrs. H. W. Battye and Allan Silver; 66 open classes; Nor. 9, Yorks. 9, Bord. 9, Bord. Green 4, Crest 1, Scot. 1, A.O.V. 1, Sell 3, Mule 8, Brit. 18, For. 2, Gift 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6 and spls. Fee 1/6. Ent. close Nov. 4 to S. H. George, 32, Fisher St., Swansea.

Forfar (B.F.C.C., S.B.B. and M.C.).—Nov. 11; Reid Hall. Judges, Messrs. J. Sanderson, W. Mossie, and A. W. Watson; 40 open classes: Nor. 14 (2 sell.), Green 2, Bord. 12 (2 sell.), Mule 3, Brit. 6, For. 1, Sell. 1, Gift 1. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-. Fee 1/6. Ent. close Nov. 6 to J. Fyfe, 137, East High St. Forfar.

Malton Norton (Y.C.B.B. and M.C.).—Nov. 9; Corn Exchange, Malton. Judge, Mr. W. A. Cowgill; 12 open classes: Yorks. 3, Nor. 2, Brit. 5, Mule 1, Sell. 1, Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Ent. close Nov. 4 to J. Wilson, 8, Wold-st., Norton, Malton, Yorks.

Stockton-on-Tees,—Nov. 4, Temperance Hall, Dovecot Street. Judges: Messrs. R. Holliday, T. Dixon, H. Tams, T. Hill, and F. Marwood. 34 open classes: Yorks 6, Nor. 6, Crest 2, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 3, Mule 2, Brit. 12, For. 2 Prizes 8s., 4s., 2s., 1s. Fee 1s. Ent. close Oct. 23 to J. W. Lowes, 17, Canning Street, Stockton-on-Tees.

Haltwhistle.—Nov. 10, Mechanics' Hall. Judge, Mr. J. Dixon. 29 open classes: Bord 9 (1 novice), Nor. 8 (1 novice), Yorks 2, Scot 1, Sell. 1, Brit. 3, For. 1, Mule 2, and 2 6-mile radius classes. Prizes 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee 1s. 6d. Ent. close Nov. 4 to Nicholson and Tallantyre, Westgate, Haltwhistle, Northumberland.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

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England.

Oct. 27 & 28.—**Wolverhampton.**—(J. Gibbons, 64, Napier-rd). J.R.
Oct. 27 & 28.—**Manchester (Belle Vue).**—(H. Boothman, 8, Kettering Rd., Levenshulme.)H.W.B., A.G.D., E.G., C.H., S.H., J.St.
Oct. 28.—**Derwent Valley.**—(J. Lindsay, Railway Cottages, Westwood, Medomsley, R.S.O., Co. Durham.) A.B., F.M.
Oct. 28.—**Hartlepools.**—(E. Woodhead, 38, St. Paul's Road, W. Hartlepool).—H.W.B., J.M.
Nov. 1.—**Liskeard.**—(H. Jones Robins, Market St.) J.H.P.
Nov. 1 and 2.—**Cheltenham.**—A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Avenue.) W.E.G., H.W.B., J.F.
Nov. 2.—**Tunstall.**—(H. Evans, 18, Sneyd St.). J.C.B.
Nov. 3 & 4.—**Liverpool O.S.**—(Metcalfe and Hillmen, 68, Brunswick-rd.). W.M., W.V. and A.W, W.D.
Nov. 3 & 4.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne.**—G. Havver, 1, Theresa Street.)—J.R., H.W.B.
Nov. 3 and 4.—**Sheffield O.S.**—(T. Bishop, 69, Alexandra-rd.), J.H.R., C.H.
Nov. 4.—**Cleator Moor** (J. E. Byrne, 110, Birke Road) J.Wk.
Nov. 4.—**Stockton-on-Tees.**—(J. W. Lowes, 17, Canning-st).
Nov. 4.—**York.**—(H. Thompson, 57, Nun Mill Street, Scarcroft Road.) A.H.
Nov. 4 and 6.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(A. Freestone, 19, Clarendon St.) C.H., J.R.
Nov. 7 & 8.—**Bournemouth.**—(W. O. Brooke, 102, Nortoft Road.) J.R.
Nov. 8.—**West Bromwich.**—(W. G. Andrews, 1, Hayes Street, Carter's Green.) J.H.P.
Nov. 8 and 9.—**Brighton.**—(Will H. Gibb, 18, Bond Street.) C.A.H.
Nov. 8 & 9.—**Southend.**—(W. C. Lockwood, 9, East Street, Leigh-on-Sea.)
Nov. 9.—**Leek.**—(J. Pegg, 2, South Portland St.).
Nov. 9.—**Peterboro'.**—(S. L. Cocks, Corn Market.) J.R., S.H.M.
Nov. 10 and 11.—**Barnsley.**—(F. C. Sims, 15, Wright-terrace, Grace-st.) H.W.B.
Nov. 10 and 11.—**Old Shildon** (J. H. Elwell, 35, Church Street). J.Str.
Nov. 11.—**Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.**—(A. Walker, 47, Montrose St.). J.Wk., J.W.
Nov. 11 & 13.—**Nottingham.**—(G. E. Wilkinson, 86, Lenton Boulevard). T.H., J.T., J.F.D.
Nov. 11.—**Warrington.**—(G. M. Nelson, 466, Knutsford Road.) A.W.
Nov. 14 & 15.—**Bristol F.A.**—(G. T. H. Maggs, 9, Trinity St., Newtown.) J.H.P., W.V.
Nov 14 and 15.—**Wimbledon.**—(H. Smith, 115, Merton Road.)
Nov. 15.—**Alnwick.**—R. Forster, 36, Bondgate, Without.). H.W.B., A.C.
Nov. 16.—**Stoke-on-Trent.**—(J. Pitchford, 218, London Rd.) A.W.
Nov. 17 & 18.—**Preston.**—(J. P. Leeming, 40a, West Cliff.) J.H.R., C.H.
Nov. 17 and 18.—**Hull.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19, Lambton-st.), J.R., J.M.
Nov. 18.—**Coventry O.S.**—(A. J. Barratt, 33, Craven Street.) J.R.
Nov. 18.—**Tideswell.**—(Flint and Swarbrick, Tideswell, near Buxton.) A.H.
Nov. 18.—**Crook Original.**—(J. Horner, White Lea.)
Nov. 18.—**Harrogate.**—(W. E. Fergusson, 62, Harlow Terr.) J. By.
Nov. 23.—**Ludlow.**—(W. T. Woof, 2, Market St.) J.H.P.
Nov. 23.—**Stamford.**—(A. Harrison, 7, New St.). **J.R.**
Nov. 24 & 25.—**Doncaster.**—(G. Bescoby, 26, Duke Street.) J.C.B., J.M.
Nov. 24 & 25.—**Great Harwood.**—(W. T. Mattinson, 32, Orchard Street.) H.W.B. and A.W.
Nov. 24 and 25.—**Hinckley.**—(H. Ridgway, Priesthills Road).
Nov. 24., 25, 27.—**L.C.B.A.**—(Mugford and Tyson, 1, Strathearn-rd., Wimbledon, S.W.)
Nov. 25.—**Cramlington.**—(J. R. Chestney, Quarry Cottage). A.B., H.S.
Nov. 25 and 27.—**Ilkeston**—(T. Smith, 5, King Street). J.C.B.
Nov. 28.—**Launceston.**—(N. H. Reed.)
Nov. 29.—**Windsor.**—(E. A. Stickland, 36, Alma Rd.).
Nov. 30.—**Grantham.**—(W. E. Allen, 119, Alexandra road.)
*Dec. 1 and 2.—**Lancaster Primrose C.B.A.** (J. Johnson, 45, Perth-st.) W.M., S.M.
Dec. 2 & 4.—**Derby.**—(W. Stevens, 58, Olivier-st.). J.R., R.R.
Dec. 5.—**Stratford-on-Avon.**—(R. W. Ingram, 15, Scholar's Lane.)
Dec. 5 & 6.—**Tonbridge.**—(P Stonestreet, 102, Hadlow Rd.)
Dec. 7.—**Newport and Dist.** (J. Hammett, 56, Milman-st., Newport, Mon.) J.R.
Dec. 8 & 9.—**Bradford National.**—(H. Hill, 15, Settle Terrace, Thornton Lane, Little Horton).
Dec. 8 and 9.—**Gateshead.**—(A. Holden, 5, Cramer Street.) J. R., J.H.R., J.B., J.F.D.
Dec. 8 & 9.—**Runcorn.**—(T. P. Baxter, 105, Greenaway Rd.). A.W.
Dec. 9.—**Sheffield and Dis. C.B.S.**—(A. Hobson, 66, Langsett Av.). W.A.C., J.C.B.
Dec. 15 & 16.—**Blackburn.**—(J. Cook, 6, Charlotte St.).
Dec. 16.—**Yarm, Eaglescliffe.**—(T. Wilson, High Street.) W.M., F.M.
Jan. 6.—**Guisbrough Priory.**—(S. H. Lambert, 25, Gill Street).
Feb. 2, 3, 5, 6.—**Great National** (Crystal Palace). (J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Ave., Brixton, S.W.)

Scotland.

Oct. 28.—**Ayr and District.**—(J. Sloan, 19, New Bridge Street). J.F.D.; A.Wn.; J.B.P.
Oct. 28.—**Dysart.**—(J. S. Harris, Victoria Bar.) J.T., R.L., J.Wr., R.G., C.W.
Nov. 4.—**Bo'ness.**—(C. Cameron, 7, Ash Terrace, Greyfriars).
Nov. 4.—**Stonehouse.**—(J. Hamilton, 36, Camnethan St.). A.C., J.P.
Nov. 4.—**Brechin.**—(G. Mitchell, 118, Montrose St.). W.B., G.Hp., J.St.
Nov. 10 & 11.—**Kirkcaldy.**—(E. McAnally, 78, St. Clair Place).
Nov. 11.—**Hamilton (Cadzow Oake).**—(G. Marlin, 21, Glebe Street.) F.B., A.Wn., A.Wr., P.P.
Nov. 11.—**Forfar.**—(J. Fyfe, 137, East High Street.) J.Sn., W.M., A.W.W.
Nov. 18.—**Buckhaven.**—(J. Lawrie, Grahams Buildings, Randolph Street.) G.H., J. M'L., Ar.C.
Nov. 18.—**Cowdenbeath.**—(J. R. Reid, 7, Woodland Place).
Nov. 18.—**Kilmarnock O.C.B.S.**—(W. Guthrie, 10, Hood St.)
Nov. 18.—**Galashiels.**—(C. Lugton, Botany Cottage) W.R., J.Y., J.W.N.
Nov. 23.—**Lockerbie.**—(H. Davidson, Royal Hotel.) J.F.D.
Nov. 25.—**City of Dundee.**—(A. Miller, 3, Park Ave.) J.Y., W.H., J.Sse., J.Stn., T.A., R.V.R.
Dec. 2.—**Blairgowrie** (M. Irvine, 17, Brown Street) J.F.D.
Dec. 2.—**Cupar.**—(D. J. Bruce, Mount Pleasant.) W.Tn., W.Gn., A.W.W.
Dec. 2.—**Galston** (A. Frew, 26, Duke Street).
Dec. 2.—**Whitburn.**—(T. Duncan, 9, West Main Street.) J.W.B., J.Bp.
Dec. 9.—**Kilsyth.**—(A. D. Duncan, "Chronicle" office)
Dec. 16.—**Broxburn.**—(W. McLaren, Church Street.) J. Mc.Ln., G.Sfe., J.Tn., J.M., J.Sn.
Dec. 30 and Jan. 1, 1912.—**Scottish National** (A.W Watson 53, Colinton Road, Edinburgh.)
Jan. 1 & 2.—**Paisley O.A.**—(W. Lambie, 25, Caledonia Street.)
Jan. 2 & 3.—**Glasgow C.B.A.**—(F. Bowman, 5 Parkview, Tollcross.). W.B.M., J.Cg., J.W.B. L.J.A., A.C.

Wales.

Nov. 8.—**Pontypridd.**—(A. A. Gordon, McLucas, 48 Rosser St., Maesycoed).
Nov. 8 & 9.—**Swansea.**—(S. H. George, 32, Fisher Street). H.W.B., A.S.
Nov. 15 & 16.—**Cardiff.**—(W. Sampson, 93, Llanishen St.). J.H.P., J.R.
Nov. 28.—**Llanelly.**—(D. John, 9, Pottery Place) H.N., J.H.R.
Nov. 30.—**Pentrebach.**—(A. E. Brown, 66, Clare St. Merthyr Tydfil.) T.L.C

Ireland.

Nov. 2 & 3.—**Yorks C.B.S. of Ireland.**—(C H. Holley 66, Fitzroy Avenue, Drumcondra, Dublin.)
Nov. 9 and 10.—**Banbridge.**—(A. McCagherty, Belmont Terrace.)
Dec. 1 & 2.—**Ulster O.A.**—(R. Trimble, 11, Waring Street, Belfast.) D.B., R.T., G.M.
Dec. 7 & 8.—**Larne.**—**(T. Mayne, 35, Barnhill.)** H.W.B.

Cowdenheath (B.F.C.C., F. and K.N.P.C., W.F., C.B.L.).—Nov. 18; Masonic Hall, Stenhouse St. Judges, Messrs. D. Low, P. McKenzie, J. Adams and J. Goodfellow; 73 open classes: Scot. 10 (2 sell.), Bord. 10 (2 sell), Yorks. 8 (1 sell.), Crest 8 (2 sell.), Nor. 12 (2 sell), A.O.V. 1, Common 1, Gift 1, Mule 5 Brit. 16 (1 sell.), For. 3. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 2/6 and spls. Fee 1/6. Ent close Nov. 13 to J. R. Reid, 7, Woodland Place, Cowdenbeath.

Whitehaven.—Nov. 10 and 11. Judges, Messrs. C. Cubby and J. W. Metcalfe. 37 open classes: Nor. 6 (1 sell.), Yorks 8, Bord. 10 (1 sell), Sell. 2, Mule 1, Brit. 7, For. 2, Gift 1. Prizes 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d., and a special in every class except selling. Fee 1s. 6d. Ent. close Nov. 6 to W J Douglas, 17 King Street Whitehaven.

Barnsley C.B.S.—Nov. 10 and 11 Wesley Street School. Judge, Mr. H. W. Battye. 20 classes: 6 Open Yorks, 6 Open Nor., 4 Novice, 1 Sell., 3 Brit. Prizes 8s., 4s., 2s. 1s. Fee, 1s. 2s. 6d. special each class. Ent. close Nov. 7 to F. C. Sims, 15, Wright Terrace, Grace Street, Barnsley.

Cardiff (S.Y.C.C.).—Nov. 15 and 16, St. Andrew's Parish Hall. Judges: Messrs. Payne and Robson. 60 open classes: Nor. 9, Novice Nor. 4, Yorks 9, Novice Yorks 4, Crest 2, Scotch 2, Bord. 3, Sell. 3, Mules 5, Brit. 15, For. 2, Seed 2. Prizes 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee 1s. 6d. Ent. close Nov. 8th to W. Sampson, 93, Llanishen Street, Cardiff.

Peterborough.—Nov. 9th, Corn Exchange. Judges Messrs. J. Robson and S. H. Mays. 43 open classes: Nor. 14 (4 £3 limit), Yorks. 8 (2 £3 limit), Crest 2, A.O.V. 1, Mules 2, Brit. 11, For. 2, Sell. 3. Prizes 10s., 5s., 2s. Fee, 1s. 6d. Ent. close Oct. 31 to S. L. Cocks, Corn Exchange, Peterboro'.

Eastfield Side.—Nov. 4, Mason's Arms. Judge, Mr. T. Barker. 28 open classes: Nor. 11, Crest 9 (1 for pairs), Yorks 1, Bord. 1, Sell. 2, Mule 1, Brit. 2, Gift 1. Prizes 10s., 5s., 3s. Fee 1s. 6d. Ent. close Nov. 2 to R. Nuttall, 16, Briggs Street, Forest Side, Sutton-in-Ashfield.

Dover (Kent C.C.B.A.).—Nov. 8 and 9, Market Hall. Judge, Mr. J. Robson. 34 open classes: Nor. 5, Crest 3, Yorks 5, Bord. 2, Liz. 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 3, Sell 3, Extra Stock 1, Brit. 7, For. 2, Gift 1. Prizes 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee 1s. 9d. Ent. close Oct. 30 to Abbott and Austen, 13, Eric Road, Dover.

Cleator Moor.—Nov. 4, Market Hall. Judge: Mr A. Wellings. 31 open classes: Yorks 7 (1 Sell.), Bord. 5, Nor. 6, Mule 2, Brit. 9, Sell. 2. Prizes 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee 1s. 6d. Ent. close Oct. 28 to J. E. Byrne, 110, Birks Road, Cleator Moor.

Haddington.—Nov. 4, Corn Exchange. Judge: Mr. H. Bennet. 18 open classes: Scot. 2, Bord. 9 (1 Sell.) Crest 3, Nor. 2, Brit. 1, For. 1. Prizes 10s., 6s., 2s. 6d. Fee 1s. 6d. Ent. close Oct. 30 to D. Cockburn, Victoria Road, Haddington, N.B.

Neath.—Nov. 9, General Market. Judge: Mr G. H. Billett. 5 open classes: Yorks 1, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 2, For. 1. Prizes 7s., 4s., 2s. Fee 1s. 6d. Ent. close Nov. 2 to R. J. Llewellyn, "Bryngelly," Cilfrew, Neath

Nottingham and Notts (Crest C.C. Club Show, N.B.B. and M.C., F.B.C., L. and L.F.A., L.C.A.). Nov. 11 and 13, Mechanics' Lecture Hall. Judges: Messrs. T. Heath, J. F. Dewar, J. Trengove, E. Fuller. 67 open classes: Nor. 9 (1 Sell.), Nor. Amateur 5, Crest 13 (6 for current year birds), Sell. Crest 4, Novice Crest 2, Lancs. 4, Liz. 4, Yorks 4, Brit. 10, Mules 3, For. 7, Special Sell. 1, Gift 1, and a Talking Parrot competition (free). Prizes, 10s., 6s., 4s., 2s., and many specials. Fee 1s. 6d. Ent. close Nov. 6 to G. E. Wilkinson, 86, Lenton Boulevard, Nottingham.

LAISTERDYKE B.F.A.

First Old Feather Members' show, held October 14th.. The entry was very good, and some grand birds faced the judge, Mr. H. H. Towers (Keighley), who gave every satisfaction. CL., ETC., YELL: 1 Padgett and Son; 2, Oddy; 3, Bateman; 4, Bywater. BUFF: 1, Swaine; 2, Coates; 3, Bateman; 4, vhc, Oddy. EVEN, ETC.: 1, 3, Bateman; 2, Tetley. CL. ETC., YELL., HEN: 1, 4, Padgett and Son; 2, Tetley; 3, Swaine. BUFF: 1, Padgett and Son; 2, Bateman; 3, Swaine; 4, Hudson. CINN., TKD.: 1, 4 Parker, 2, 3, Swaine. HEN: 1, Bywater; 2, 3 Parker; 4, vhc, Swaine. NOVICE SECTION: CL., ETC. YELL.: 1, 2, Symes; 3, Revell; 4, Pyrah BUFF: 1, 2, vhc, Redshaw; 3, Hodgson; 4, Illingworth. EVEN., ETC.: 1, Hodgson; 2, Symes; 3, Redshaw. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Hodgson 3, Elsworth; 4, Symes. BUFF: 1, Redshaw; 2 Pyrah. CINN., MKD., YELL: 1, Pyrah; 2, Elsworth; 3, Hodgson. BUFF: 1, Elsworth; 2, Revell —J. E. Hudson, Sec.

Some Recent Arrivals from Abroad.

By W. E. TESCHEMAKER, B.A.

(Continued from page 169).

The Interesting Finch-larks.

The Finch-larks form an interesting group. As the popular name implies, they possess some of the characteristics of the Finches and some of the Larks, though approaching more closely both in structure and habits to the latter. In the Finches the lower part of the leg (tarsus) has scales only on the front part, the hinder part being somewhat pinched in and forming a kind of ridge. In the Larks on the other hand the tarsus is rounded and has scales on the back as well as on the front part; the Finch-larks have the same characteristic. Like the Larks they are ground birds, never (as far as my experience goes) perching on trees and nesting on the ground. In the short hind toe and claw, however, they resemble the Finches, and, like the latter also, they shell all seeds before swallowing them.

In the matter of diet they seem to be exactly intermediate between the two groups, for, although they live almost entirely on small seeds and show no liking for soft-food, yet they are exceedingly fond of mealworms. There are three African and several Indian species, my own experience being restricted to one African species (*P. verticalis*), which was imported some years since by Mr. Thorpe and subsequently by Major Horsburgh, and one Indian—the Grey-crowned Finch-lark (*P. grisea*), imported recently by Mr. Brook. The scheme of colouring is much the same in the case of both the Indian and African species; hens are soberly clad in grey, mottled with light brown, and in some cases a little black on the underparts, but the males are very stylish little birds, showing pleasing contrasts of jet black, white and light grey or chestnut, in which respect they form a marked contrast to our English Larks. The fact is that our Larks, though they are as saucy conceited fellows as you please, simply dare not go in for fancy waistcoats and ties; they know very well that on the open stubbles and grass-fields of this country any bright colours would at once catch the eye of the passing Merlin. But in a tropical country, where a glowing sun casts the most vivid shadows and turns the landscape into a sketch in black and white, black and white garments, so far from attracting the eye, would probably be protective.

Finch-larks take very kindly to an aviary; they are exceedingly tame and do not take to wing until one almost treads on them when they spring into the air and circle round and round, and on a breezy day they will, when they feel the wind lifting them, remain on the wing for several minutes at a time. No matter how large the aviary, when they are not feeding or scuffling in the dust, they will always be found crouching on one particular spot. When disturbed from their favourite haunt they will often alight on a shelf or other flat surface, even though the latter be at some considerable height from the ground, but I have never seen them perch on a tree or shrub. They never bathe. The song of the two above-mentioned species is a sweet, sustained warbling, which cannot be heard very far, but the Zoo some years since had a Finch-lark (I omitted to make a note of the species) which was a fine songster.

Haagner tells us that the African species flock in the winter, but separate in pairs in the spring and lay three or four eggs under a tuft of grass or a small bush, but Evans states that *Pyrrhulauda* lays only two eggs. I hope that this question will be settled next summer, for in the recent consignment there was quite a nice series of these charming little birds, and there is no reason why they should not be bred.

The Scissor-tailed Tyrant Flycatcher.

Some notes on this species appeared in this column at the time it was imported; it occurs to me that some further notes from an avicultural point of view may not be out of place because, having had it under observation during the whole of the past summer, one ought to know a little more about it.

I purchased three specimens, one of which had been caged too long before I acquired it and was never very fit, but the other two have never ailed and have confirmed my impression that the species is quite hardy. When I received them some had a white patch on the crown and some an orange patch; the former cast the white tips of the feathers on the crown in the spring by the process known as abrasion. They are quite easily kept on the very coarsest grade of soft-food with a few gentles, and are very far from being entirely insectivorous, as may be inferred from the fact that they entirely stripped some red-currant bushes of their fruit. They proved great adepts at catching mealworms, the only drawback to this sporting event being that two would frequently go for the same mealworm and collide most violently. They did themselves well on flies of all sorts, and would even catch bees on the wing, though how they managed to swallow the latter without being stung is not obvious. Unfortunately, their long and graceful tail feathers were continually being broken, and seem much more brittle than those of other long-tailed birds, such for instance as the Whydahs. Apropos of these same tail feathers I may mention that a doctor (a very good sort, I may add), who came to have a look at the aviary, informed me gravely that this species captures insects by grasping them between the stiff outer feathers and then transfers them to its beak, and seemed much surprised when I laughed. Of course, as we all know, the doctors are frightfully clever people, and it is only natural that, when they take up birds as a hobby, they should be able to tell us much that we did not know before. Though the Flycatchers used to amuse themselves by swooping at other birds, in no case was the damage worse than the loss of a few feathers.

I kept them for the greater part of the time in a rather lofty aviary, containing a large peartree, and thereby hangs a tale. Quite a month after I had parted with the Tyrants I climbed up this tree to gather the pears. Last spring I topped the tree, and at the highest point, where the stem had been sawn off, was an open nest containing one egg. The only other birds in that aviary had been Creepers and Long-tailed Tits, so this nest must presumably have been constructed by the Flycatchers.

A FINE CINEMATOGRAPH DISPLAY.

Mr. Kearton Lectures before the L. and P.O.S.

The London and Provincial O.S., on Oct. 14, invited all who might be interested to come to a lecture, illustrated by both "still pictures" and the cinematograph, by the world-renowned naturalist and lecturer, Mr. Richard Kearton. Those who were present at the first lecture of the sort two years ago will remember the treat given them, but on that occasion, if I recollect rightly, all the films and slides shown were taken in Britain; but on Oct. 14 ono had the unwonted pleasure of seeing slides and films taken in Norway, and not in Norway only, for the lecturer divided his address into two parts, the second of which dealt with his brother's (Mr. Cherry Kearton's) adventures—and misadventures one may say—in Africa. The courage and enterprise of Mr. Kearton is shown by the fact that although, as he tells us, he could not speak Norse, he made his way amongst the Norwegians, finding here and there people who could speak English—or who thought they could. As an instanee, on enquiring for a certain bird, he was told, "Ah, you are too late; I saw two of them next year!"

On the Dovre Fjeld, Mr. Kearton came across the Snow Bunting breeding at a height of about 8,000 feet, the results of his patience and skill being shown by a beautiful slide of the bird near its nesting cairn. Still pictures of the Brambling, Fieldfare, Redwing, Blue-throated Warbler, and many others were thrown on the screen.

When the moving pictures were projected on the screen we saw an amusing film of the Blue-headed Wagtail, which continually alighted on a spray of jummer, and only kept its perch with difficulty owing to a high wind blowing. Another film showed a splendid Golden Eagle dining on what might have been either a Ptarmigan or a "Ryper" (Willow Grouse). The nervousness some birds felt at even the subdued rattle of the cinematograph was shown by a film of a Redwing, which kept leaving its nest and coming back again, while the film was being taken. One very interesting film was of a viper emerging from a hole; it was offered a glove stuffed to make it like a hand, to strike. The rapidity of its strike was well shown in the moving picture.

When the African subjects, taken by Mr. Cherry Kearton, were shown, we saw the results of travelling to a strange and distant land where wild beasts of the largest and the fiercest kind were found. A badly set "view-finder" on his cinematograph cost Mr. Cherry Kearton the loss of what would probably have been a splendid film of a lion in its native haunts; and on a subsequent occasion, when he was waiting up a tree at night to discharge his flashlight apparatus and "take" a lion, a bullet whistled past his head, having been fired in the camp to scare away some beast that was prowling about. Numerous mishaps were survived, and a remarkable photograph of a lion in a stato of nature was the result of his intrepidity. Among other interesting views was one of tho extraordinary Jackson's Dancing Bird or Whydah (a specimen of which was shown at the recent Clapham exhibition by Mr. Maxwell) in its native grass-jungle, going through its grotesque antics.

Mr. Crabb, the President of the L. and P. O.S., most ably expressed to the lecturer the appreciation of the audienee of the very entertaining and instructive evening he had provided. Those present, too, were loud in their praise of the enterprise and generosity of the L. and P.O.S. in making it possible for them to meet Mr. Kearton and see his famous pictures.—H. Goodchild.

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NOTES BY THE SECRETARY.

A Week's Membership Roll.

The roll for the past week covers most parts of Great Britain, as will be seen from the following representative extracts:—Messrs. Jefferies, Southwark; Rowley, Islington; Wills, Ealing; Ashcroft, St. Helens; Bigland, Woodhouse; Curtis, Broughty Ferry; Saul and Eddy, Camborne; Roast, Pearson, Chaude, and Gibb, Brighton; Dixon, Bedlington; Dixon, Choppington; Harris and Jones, Winton; Kirkby, H. Matthews, and F. Matthews, Parkstone; Cook, Howard, and Hill, Bournemouth; Williams, Edmonton; Dauncey, Nailsworth; Dyett, Darnall; Miss Rice, Sudbury; Lumsden, Cardenden; Stubbs and Gale, Worthing; Jelly and Thomas, Penygraig; Player, Llwynypia; Draisey, Trelaw; Holliday, Southampton; Royce, Nottingham; Culshaw, Maghall; Boldy, Somerfield, T. Bishop, H. Bishop, Woodall, Rydal, Marshall, Fletcher, Colton, and Robinson, Sheffield; Marshall and Bagnall, Rotherham; Kennedy, Larkhall; Coakham, Newport; Wills, Stone; Miss Pithie, Lymington; Turner, Tinsley; Dawn, Wadsley Bridge.

Our Special Prizes.

Show Secretaries will oblige by replying to my notice of last week that application must be made in good time for the Special Prizes to which their respective Societies have become entitled by the allocation of one-half of the subscription of their members to The League. A great many Societies are entitled to these Prizes, but up to the present only Worthing Great Harwood and Dist., and Newsham and Dist. have made applications, and, so far as I know, only Worthing and Harrogate, have announced the League prizes in their schedules. Applications as received will be kept under notice, and if between the time of sending in the claim and the date of the show further members of any individual Society join Cage Birds League the value of the Special Prize will be increased accordingly.

In connection with the Special Prize for Worthing, Mrs. Partridge, a Vice-President of Cage Birds League and a member of Worthing C.B.S. writes as follows:—

Sir,—I enclose our schedule with a slip inside advertising our new competition, and also announcing your kindness in giving the special prize. Will you send a quantity of Cage Birds League papers for distribution at our show either to the hon. sec. or to me, as we very mueh want to advocate Cage Birds League at that time, when so many fanciers assemble? I am quite sure that Cage Birds League fulfils a long-felt need, and is valuable alike to dealers and private fanciers and all bird lovers. Wishing the League every success.

(Mrs.) M. B. Partridge.

Worthing.

More Set-backs for the R.S.P.C.A.

In another column appears a full report of the abortive prosecution of a Sheffield bird-fancier, and I hope all bird keepers will at last appreciate that a most violent campaign is in progression against our hobby. Another report this week published is of a charge against a bird-catcher who was able to prove that the *proper* braeing of a bird for a temporarary purpose did not involve any cruelty, and he was so successful in his proof, notwithstanding the exaggerations and misrepresentations of the prosecuting counsel and the supporting country policemen, that the police magistrates stopped the case and dismissed the summons. Our opponents and oppressors have again been beaten, but these defeats will not stop them in their persecution. So long as they think they have the slightest possible chance of success in any individual case they will go on; the costs of defeat are paid by the subscribers to the Society, and the officials must earn their salaries somehow. When we can show them that there is an organisation of many thousands of bird-lovers determined to stand united in defence of the hobby of bird-keeping they will ultimately devote the funds of their society to their legitimate objects and leave us alone to inculcate the principles of kindness and proper attention to the wants of our pets, the promotion of good-fellowship among bird keepers generally, and the many other objects which are open to us, instead of perpetually pestering us with their petty persecutions. The individual bird-keeper never knows that it may not be his turn next, and it behoves each separate reader of these notes to join Cage Birds League without further delay. One of our members, Mr. H. Smith, of Sheffield, in forwarding the report of the case, concludes his letter by writing "*I think this should make all bird-keepers join us.*" There can be no two opinions about this. A shilling a year (a farthing a week) meets the subscription to Cage Birds League, and it is unthinkable that any bird-keeper should be content to wait until he himself is personally threatened before joining the great body of fanciers who are already banded together as members of Cage Birds League.

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I have still some of each of the sixpenny pamphlets on British Bird Culture and on Canary and Hybrid Culture, and, as long as they last, one of either will be sent gratis to all new members applying for a copy at the time of joining. Old members who have not yet had a copy may receive one on sending a penny stamp for postage. Only one copy of either book can be sent, and when the stock in hand is exhausted, I may not be able to get a fresh supply, so applications (with membership fee) should be sent to me without delay.

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The qualification for Vice-Presidentship is an annual subscription of not less than half a guinea, and one-half of this subscription may be allotted to either the Literature Fund, the Defence Fund, ar towards the purchase of special prizes to be given at any show nominated by the subscriber. Failing any such special allocation, the subscription will be devoted to the development and progressive wark of the League, *to advertising its objects und promoting its ideals.*

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ROUND THE SHOWS.

NOTTINGHAM P.O.S.

Nottingham and District Permanent O.S. annual open show, held Oct. 21st. Entries came up splendidly, and through advertising in CAGE BIRDS the show was a record for this society. Many really fine birds were staged, especially in the Norwich section, which headed the list of classes. Crests, too, were a capital lot, together with the British birds. The management was all that could be desired, and the society have a fine Secretary in J. Bunn, who carried out his work in A1 style. We think the Society would be well advised to go in for a few catalogues another year. Mr. F. Beardall judged.

The Critique.

CL. YELL. NOR. (4): 1, Driver, really smart shape and size, lovely col., neatly carried wings and tail, nice full neck; 2, W. Twine, capital col., splendid size, shape, and carriage, massive head, beautifully shown; 3, G. Sharpe, grand cobby shape, not one of the largest, but lovely quality and col.; vhc, Harris. BUFF (5): 1, 3, Smedley, leader very fine size and shape, very bonny, lovely col. and quality, neat wings and tail, jaunty carriage, faultlessly shown; 3rd, also grand one, in lovely feather, beautiful quality and col., splendid shape, must have pressed hard for second place; 2, Hill, very cobby build, nicely frosted, grand col. and quality, good head, nice full neck and chest; vhc, Driver; hc, Ball. MKD. YELL. (4): 1, Hill, wing mkd., real hot col., rare shape and size, lovely quality, neat head, nice carriage, very cobby; 2, W. Twine, short and thick set, very nice shape, grand col., nice feather and condition, close up; 3, Sharpe, graud quality and col., neat head, nicely rounded chest, cobby shape, short well carried wings and tail; vhc, Driver. BUFF (7): 1, W. Twine, most beautiful col. and quality, well up in size and substance, well across perch, in lovely feather; 2, hc, c, Smedley, wing mkd., fine shape, size and carriage, neat head and neck, nicely frosted, grand undercol.; 3, Driver, eye and wing mkd., lovely shape, nice round chest, capital col. and quality; vhc, Sharpe. HEAVILY MKD., ETC. (5): 1, c, W. Twine, varieg. yell, good feather, nice size and shape, red hot col., grand quality, well across perch, in A1 condition; 2, vhc, Smedley, varieg. Buff, real hot col., rattling fine shape and quality, good head, neck and chest; 3, hc, Sharpe, nearly green, nice col., shape, size and substance, rare type, good quality. UNFLIG. YELL. (5): 1, vhc, Marshall, wing mkd., very shapely, capital col. and quality, A1 size, rare type, neat head, grand carriage; 2, Sharpe, c., rather pale in col., although grand shape, nice size and substance, good head, neck and chest; 3, Bown, nice shape, good col. and quality, rare type; hc, Driver. BUFF (10) grand class: 1, Bown, wing mkd., beautiful col. and quality, splendid carriage and type, very cobby shape, nicely frosted; 2, c, H. Twine, capital el., rather wee bit small, A1 col., fine substance, grand head, neck and chest; 3, Driver, very shapely wing and eye mkd., grand col. and feather, fine col. and quality; vhc, Smedley; hc, W. Twine; c, Sharpe. HEN (8): 1, hc, Driver, very shapely head and wing bull, lovely shape and size, beautiful feather and condition; 2, W. Twine, el. buff, nice shape and size, A1 col. and quality, very neat all through, good head and chest: 3, Smedley, beautiful level col., rare shape, very close silky feather, stout body; vhc, Sharpe; c, Ball. STOCK PAIRS (5): 1, 2, Sharpe, two capital pairs, in grand condition and feather, very little between them; 3, Driver, very neat pair, but a shade smaller; vhc, Smedley; hc, C. H. Twine. YELL. D.C. (3): 1, Goode, heavily varieg., massive build, plenty of feather, capital shape and quality, perfect crest; 2, Handley, wing mkd., a monster, grand shaped crest, nice centre, A1 feather and condition; 3, Holmes, varieg., nice feather, fails only in centre. BUFF (3): 1, Cowpertwaite, almost green, grand build and shape, plenty of feather, massive headpiece, nice form; 2, Bowers, wing mkd., nice shape, rich leafy crest, nice feather and condition; 3, Shaw and Booth, clear bodied, in good form, nice size and shape. GRIZZLE CREST (8): Good class; 1, Bostock, clear bodied, capital shape, massive headpiece, nice feather and centre, in A1 bloom; 2, W. Twine, also clear bodied, nice feather and condition; 3, Bunn, nice shaped Crest, shapely body, good crest and frontal; vhc, Holmes; hc, Whyler. CREST HEN (3): 1, Cowpertwaite, massive green D.C., in good feather and condition, lovely crest with good centre; 2, Bowers, wing mkd. D.C., nice size and shape, plenty of feather, good crest; 3, Nuttall, beavily varieg., grand crest, abundance of feather. YELL. C.B (3): 1, Goode, green, very shapely, massive bead, good feather, shape and size; 2, Cowpertwaite, varieg., massive build, nice feather, good size; 3, Holmes, grand shape, good width of skull. BUFF (6): 1, Barker, large varieg., in capital feather and condition, nice shape, good size; 2, Holmes, heavily varieg., good head, massive build, good feather; 3, C. H. Twine, green, grand build, plenty of feather; vhc, Bostock; hc, White; c, Bunn. HEN (6): 1, vhc, Cowperwaite, splendid build, plenty of feather, very shapely; 2, 3, Nuttall, two grand ones in fine feather; hc, Bowers; c, Goode. UNFLIG. CREST (7): 1, Wood, mkd. D.C., nice shape, massive build, grand chest; 2, Cowpertwaite, wing mkd. D.C., in nice feather, A1 shape; 3, c, White, nice shape, good sized crest; vhc, Barker; hc, Holmes. C.B. (8): 1, Shaw and Booth, green, very massive, grand width of skull, nice feather; 2, C. H. Twine, very shapely; 3, White, green in feather; vhc, Bunn; hc, Bostock; c, Barker. STOCK PAIR (11): 1, Cowpertwaite; 2, Shaw and Booth; 3, Goode; vhc, Holmes. A.O.V. (5) all Yorkshires; 1, 2, Athey, leader pale col. cl. buff, good feather; 2nd, head and wing mkd. yell., nice length and position, good col., non fed; 3, vhc, Holmes, varieg. and green, nice col. and feather, very slim build; hc, Gibson. DARK MULE (5): 1, 3, Hayter, Bullie Can., nice col. and shape, nice feather and condition; 3rd, Siskin, in grand feather, rare shape and col.; 2, Goode, Greenie-Can., grand size, good shape; vhc, Perkins; hc, Bailey. A.O.V. MULE (6): 1, Smedley, nice col. and size, good shape; 2, c, Hayter, in capital feather, close up; 3, vhc, Caunt, nice shape, good col. and size; hc, Smedley. LINNET (7): 1, vhc, Wood, splendid shape, size and col., grandly pencilled, perfect feather; 2, Marshall, grand size, very steady, nicely pencilled breast, good feather; 3, Caunt, cobby shape, good col., rare feather; hc, Hayter; c, Smedley. BULLFINCH, ETC. (4): 1, Bunn, good sized Bullie, neat cap and bars, capital breast col., in grand feather; 2, W. Twine, Goldfinch, good blaze, nice col.; 3, Bowers, Goldfinch, good col., rare shape; vhc, Caunt. GREENFINCH, ETC. (9): 1, c, Athey, leader very fine Chaffinch, grandly marked, lovely col. and shape, perfect feather; 2, Goode, Bramblefinch, nice mks., good col,, rare shape and size, good bloom; 3, vhc, hc, Hayter, Greenfinch of good size, shape and col., very fit, followed by Chaffinch and Bramble in good feather. SISKIN, ETC. (7): 1, c, Goode, Twite in lovely feather and col., good size, nice type, well marked; 2, Sharpe, Redpoll, good size, nice col., splendid feather and condition, well staged; 3, Hayter, Redpoll in nice feather, close up; vhc, W. Twine; hc, Caunt; c, Cowpertwaite. A.O.S. HARDBILL (5): 1, vhc, hc, Caunt, leader very good sized Hawfinch, good head and bib, perfect feather; 2, Pain, Yellowhammer in nice feather, well marked; 3, Hayter, also Yellowhammer, in good feather. SOFTBILL (4): 1, vhc, Milne; 2, 3, W. Twine. FOR. (2): 1, 2, Holmes, two pairs of Budgerigars.

EAST LOTHIAN (Haddington).

First show of the East Lothian C.B.S., held Corn Exchange, October 21st. This is one of the best halls that could be found for a cage bird show; it is lofty, well lighted from the top, and free from any draughts. This society has been formed, we believe, for the purpose of furthering the interests of cage bird fanciers in the district. Going back some twenty years or so, the Haddington Show was looked up to as one of the finest exhibitions of cage birds in Scotland, and we trust the management will be successful in trying to bring their show to its old standard; and from what we saw they are on the right lines. It was a pity they clashed with so many other shows; otherwise they would have had a much larger entry. But to get over 230 entries was not bad, and the executive seemed to be pleased. The office bearers take a keen interest in the show, likewise all members of committee, and in their secretary, Mr. J. McHolme, they have one who weighs all items thoroughly, and leaves nothing to chance. The judges were: Mr. J. Patterson (Chirnside), Scotch and Border Fancies, and Mr. Mackie (Edinburgh) the remainder; and their awards all over were well received.

Mr. Patterson's Classes.

SCOT. FCY.. CK.. CL., ETC. (3): 1, Scott, tick on head, a monster, hard up, decided drive, prominent shoulder; 2, Gordon, rare substance, style and drive, nice back; 3, Graham, very similar in size. HEN (5): 1, Winter, grand one, and no mistake, hard up on legs, decided drive, long free neck, held well down, beautifully cut front; 2, Patterson, another good one, fine substance, massive shoulder; 3, McHolme, grand top, rare shoulder and drive; 4, Livingstone, foul, sweet hen, always ready; vhc, Graham. BUFF CK. (7): 1, special, best Scotch, Winter, charmer, rare massive shoulder, head held well down, rare neck, well cleaned out, fine substance; 2, Patterson, again good, fine shoulder, well filled, splendid drive, action and finish; 3, Gordon, shade smaller, grand shoulder and length of drive; 4, c, Scott, slow to respond, nice size; vhc, Patterson; hc, Livingstone. HEN (6): 1, cup, best young bird, 2, Thomson, daughter and mother, we heard, 1st, rare size, prominent shoulder, grand rib and substance, pulls hard, nice reach, takes a grand stand, 2nd, very similarly built, if anything larger; 3, Patterson, hard up, decided drive, nice reach and shoulder; 4, Livingstone, foul, grand stamp; vhc, Graham; hc, McHolme. YELL. PIED CK. (2): 1, Winter, grand one, splendid size, good shoulder and drive, very nervy and ready; 2, McHolme, grandly modelled through. BUFF (9): a hot class: 1, sp., Winter, a treat to handle, always ready, large, prominent shoulder, well filled, long, graceful neck, head held well down; 2, sp., Graham, again large, grand shoulder, drive and substance, well set on legs; 3, sp, Vass, large, prominent shoulder, long reach; 4, sp., Thomson, grand size, fine shoulder, decided drive; vhc, sp., Scott; hc, sp., McHolme; c, sp., Gordon. HEN (9): 1, Gordon, good size, fine shoulder, well filled, good length of reach, handles well, well put down; 2, Livingstone, not quite so free in drive, good shoulder, side, and wing; 3, Graham, large, rare shoulder, drive and head; 4, Scott, nice size, good shoulder, drive and action; vhc, hc, c, Gordon. BORD. FCY. YELL. CK., CL., ETC. (15): 1, sp, Gilchrist, grand col., fine quality feather, grand head, back well filled; 2, McKenzie, tick wing, looks like the Lochgelly winner, splendid feather, of nice texture, grand head, back and wing carriage; 3, Halliday, grand col., fine type and position; 4, Cormack, fine col., style and quality; vhc, Wood; hc, sp., Marshall; c, Turnbull. HEN (9): 1, Cormack, grand stamp, true to type, good head, fine texture of feather; 2, McKenzie, similar in type, col. and quality; 3, Barrie, good col., splendid type; 4, Bennet, fine stamp; vhc, Wood; hc, Turnbull; c, Armstrong. BUFF (14): 1, sp., B.F.C.C. medal, McKenzie, good model, fine head, good type, splendid level col., good quality and finish; 2, Gilchrist, marked head, looks like his last year's winner, in rare trim; 3, Grant, similar built, fine feather, nice head, back and wing carriage; 4, sp., Bennet, grand type, good quality, fine back and wing; vhc, Brockie; hc, Wood; c, Buchanan. HEN (14): 1, McKenzie, grand head, fine neck, back and wing carriage, fine col. and quality; 2, Wood, grand col. and feather, fine finish; 3, Barrie, good type, fine head, nice feather; 4, Bennet, tick on head, good one; vhc, Gilchrist; hc, Peters; c, Buchanan. EVENLY MKD. (4): 1, Combe, good markings, fine style, good feather and quality; 2, Thomson, nice bird; 3, McHolme, again heavy eyes. UNEVENLY MKD. YELL. (7): 1, Bennet, grand hen, fine col. and quality, rare feather, wing and tail carriage; 2, Yule, nice type, fine col., good head, fine mark3; 3, Barrie, nice type, good head, fine back; 4, Scott, fine markings, good style; vhc, Mitchell; hc, Skeldon; c, Combe. BUFF (7): 1, sp., Bennet, rare good one, three-point, marked eyes and wing, splendid level col., good back and wing carriage; 2, Skeldon, fine type, col. and quality, good markings, well put down; 3, Yule, hen, grand type, fine feather, good head, fine front; 4, Marshall, splendid quality, well put down; vhc, Barrie; hc, Elder; c, Scott. GREEN (9): 1, Halliday, good young one, splendid shape, good col. of an even shade, nice pencilling, well shown; 2, Peters, fine feather, lovely texture, grass green shade throughout; 3, Bennet, fine type, good col., fine back, pencilling; 4, Grant, hen, nice feather, good head; vhc, c, Wood; hc, Titilah. CINN. (6): 1, 4, sp., Grant, rare good one, lovely col. throughout, fine pencilling, good type; 2, Forrest, again Yell., nice shape, good back and wings; 3, Barrie, Buff, fine quality, good markings; 4, Buff, grand type, good col.

Mr. Mackie's Classes.

CREST (6): 1, sp., J. Burns, D.C., grand head, fine feather, of lovely texture, nice centre and drop; 2, sp., R. Burns, smaller, fine frontal; 3, vhc, Crearer, nice Crest, grandly radiated, fine drop at back; 4, Holton, again well centred, lovely drop, sweet one; hc, Steele. C.B. (3): 1, J. Burns, well-known Green, splendid head, well lashed, fine entrance, rare substance; 2, R. Burns, Green, nice head, good entrance and skull; 3, Young, fine size and feather, good body. C.B. 1911 (3): 1, J. Burns, D.C., good one, fine head crest, of fine texture, well centred, nice droop, well put down; 2, 3, Crearer, Green, nice sized crest, but not finished yet. 3, D.C., similar in shape and crest. C.B., 1911 (3): 1, R. Burns, Green, fine head, good body, nice entrance, well lashed head; 2, J. Burns, varieg., rare size, fine head; 3, Crearer, Green, fine body, good skull. NOR., YELL. (1): 1, sp., Gardener, grand even marked cock, rare good one for type, col. and quality. BUFF (3): 1, 2, Barrie, nice brace, well put down, good heads, fine chubby shape, col. and quality all there; 3, Gardener, nice stamp, good col., grand texture. YELL., BRED 1911 (5): 1, Barrie, even grand col., fine quality, rare type, good head and wing, well shown; 2, Gardener, grand type, little between them; 2nd excels in general finish; 3, Wood, fine body, good col. and quality; 4, Muir. BUFF (9): 1, 4, Muir, varieg., nice stamp, good head, fine bold front, takes a nice position; 2, hc Gardiner, again good in position, nice bouncing head and carriage, a treat; 3, Wood, wee bit thin in front, fine col. and quality; 4, similar in type; vhc, Barrie; c, Sykes. BRIT., LARGE (3): 1, Skeldon, beautiful pure White Blackbird, splendid amber-col., beak and eye core, grand size, steady, would make a champion if well staged; 2, Patterson, jun., well-known Song Thrush, in spanking fine trim; 3, Sykes, Hawfinch, nice bib, fine marking. BULLFINCH (3): 1, Fairgrieve, grand colour fine cap, steady and well shown; 2, McHolme, grand cap, fails only in size; 3, Gordon, similar in shape, col. and size. GOLDFINCH (4): 1, Nicholson, fine size, good col., moons, huttons, and blaize; 2, Sykes, fine markings, good one; 3, Dunn, grand size, fine col., well cut blaze, and moons; 4, McHolme. GREENFINCH (3): 1, Dunn, Buff, good size, fine bold shape, grand head, fine feather; 2, 4, Nicholson, Yellow, we liked, fine feather, nice flights, sound and level in col.; 3, McHolme, Buff, grand cobby shape, bold in head; 4, fine head. LINNET (8): 1, 4, Whiteford, both a trifle grey and dull in col., but good otherwise; 2, Sykes, better col., fine shape, steady, and well shown; 3, sp., Nicholson, some preferred, rare size, beautiful feather and pencilling; vhc, McHolme; hc, c, Stoddard. A.O.S.: 1, Sykes, Grey Wagtail, steady and well shown; 2, McHolme, Robin, nice col. and quality, tame, well shown; 3, 4, Whiteford, Yellowhammer, good size, fine markings, steady; 4, Chaffinch, good markings, in rare trim; vhc McHolme; hc, Titilah. MULE: 1, Lumsden, varieg., Goldie, fine size, nice markings; 2, Dunn, Yell. Siskin, grand col., fine markings, shows cross well; 3, vhc, Rutherdford, dark Linnet, grand size, good col., fine feather; 4, sp., c, Patterson, jun., grand Buff Siskin, unfed, nice quality; hc, Elder. FOR., GOLDIE, ETC. (3): 1, Nicholson, grand Goldie, rare size, lovely face, well up in col., good bars and buttons; 2, Barrie, again well cut face; 3, McHolme. LARGE FOR. (21): 1, Sykes, grand Glossy Starling, in the pink of condition; 2, Black, we could not find when taking notes.

DAFEN.

First annual show of the Dafen P.P. and C.B.S. held Oct. 21st, in the Council School. Mr. W. H. Kirkham judged. Mr. Allen E. Jones, the sec., had everything well in hand, being ably backed up by Messrs. J. Lewis (chairman), T. Rees (treasurer) and others.

YORKS (21): 1, spl, Davies; 2, 3, vhc, W. Jones; vhc, Messrs. Jones, Bennett, Morgan, D. Evans, Saunders. A.O.V. (11): 1, Davies; 2, S. Jones; 3, Messrs. Jones; res, Clement; hc (2) Price. BRIT. GOLDIE (12): 1, vhc, B. Evans; 2, Reynolds; 3, T. V. Evans; res, vhc, Price; vhc, Gregory, Ray; hc, Gregory. A.O.S. BRIT. (8): 1, spl, vhc, Ray; 2, 3, vhc, S. Jones; res, Price; hc, Bowen and Poyer, Lewis.

MUMBLES.

Show held October 12th, in the New Pavilion, a hall admirably adapted for a show; in fact, one of the most suitable places it has been our lot to see. The members are a most enthusiastic set of fanciers, and it was most unfortunate that this fixture clashed with Pentre, which somewhat spoiled the entry. The Secretary (Mr. E. G. Bevan) and his assistant (Mr. W. Eley) were very obliging, and we trust their efforts were crowned with success. Mr. J. N. Harrison judged.

CREST OR C.B.: 1, spl, 2, Muscott, pair of very nice varieg., good type and quality. NOR.: 1, Price, buff, good size, very shapely; 2, Davies, yell., nice quality, good size and shape; 3, Lewis, lovely type, good quality, some thought might have won. YORKS: 1, 2, Jones, varieg. buff, leading, good length, nicely drawn, latter cl. yell., good position, not quite so forward as winner. BORD. FCY. CL.: 1, D. Jenkins, good shapely buff, feathered like wax, shown to perfection; 2, vhc, Morris, another good buff, nice type, not quite the condition of winner; 3, vhc, Lewis, yell., nice type, lovely quality. A.O.C.: 1, Smith, varieg. yell., nice type, good shape; 2, 3, vhc, Hocking, former topping yell. cinn., grand quality, lovely col., 3rd yell. green, beautiful colour and quality, rare couple that should do well; vhc, D. Jenkins; unnoticed, No. 318, even marked, wants a little time; vhc, W. J. Jenkins. MULE: 1, Davies, well known E.M. Goldie, not quite ready yet; 2, Evans, D.R. Goldie, nice size and shape. GOLDIE, ETC.: 1, Nicholas, nice colour and quality, wee bit weak in head; 2, Evans, Goldie, nice blaze, wants time; 3, Rees, Bullie, a whopper, must have come over to learn English. LINNET: 1, Gay, well-known good shape and colour, well marked; 2, Rees, nice F.M., good shape and colour. A.O.S.: 2, D. Williams, Bramble, good type, nicely spangled. FOR.: 1, Davies, sweet little red-headed Gouldian Finch, in tip-top order. SELL.: 1, Davies; 2, Hocking; 3, Price. MEMBERS: 1, spl, 2, Symonds, two nice Bullies, good colour and quality.

SITTINGBOURNE.

Twelfth annual show of the Sittingbourne and Dis. F. and F.S. held in the Town Hall, a most suitable place, on Oct. 25 and 26, when a capital lot of birds were benched in the cage-bird section. The show was open to the county of Kent only, considering which the quality of the exhibits was all the more creditable. Mr. T. J. Monday, the steward in this section, acquitted himself well, and the management throughout, with Mr. G. Arnold (the hon. sec.) at the head of affairs, was excellent. Mr. G. Gardner judged, and his awards appeared to please all.

LOCAL CLASSES: NOR. UNFLIG. (3): 1, Tidy; 2, Monday; 3, Apps. YORKS. (4): 1, 2, vhc, Olive; 3, Monday. YORKS., TKD., ETC. (4): 1, 2, Olive; 3, Monday; vhc, Tidy. CREST (4): 1, 2, Miss Brown; 3, Clayton; vhc, Jeffrey. C.B. (5): 1, Jeffrey; 2, Miss Brown; 3, vhc, hc, Clayton. GOLDIE, ETC. (5): 1, Rumble; 2, Monday; 3, Apps; vhc, Churchill; hc, Jeffrey. OPEN CLASSES: NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (8): 1, Gibbs; 2, 3, Taylor; vhc, Lynn; hc, Whitten; c, Ditch. BUFF (10): 1, Gibbs; 2, 3, Taylor; vhc, Whitten; hc, Smithers; c, Lynn. TKD., ETC. (10): 1, 2, Gibbs; 3, vhc, Taylor; hc, Whitten; c, Wickham. YORKS., YELL. CL., ETC. (4): 1, Gibbs; 2, vhc, Creed; 3, Monday. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Gibbs; 3, Monday; vhc, Olive; hc, c, Cross. MULE OR HYB. (4): 1, Aeland; 3, Monday; vhc, Ditch. GOLDIE, ETC. (4): 1, Casemore; 2, vhc, Wickham; 3, Aeland. BRAMBLE, ETC. (4): 1, Webb; 2, Monday; 3, Smith; vhc, Aeland. LINNET, ETC. (7): 1, Aeland; 2, Smith; 3, c, Pankhurst; vhc, Casemore; hc, Webb.

HAYLE.

Annual exhibition of the Hayle F.A. held Oct. 25 and 26, Public Hall, a spacious room, well lighted and free from draught. The staging of the exhibits was carried out in a praiseworthy manner, every bird being observable at a glance. The secretarial duties were in the capable hands of Mr. H. Ware, and although these duties proved arduous, he got through them all smiling. He was ably assisted by a splendid committee of fanciers in Messrs. Oatey, Maddern Richards, Angwin, Ellis, Pool, Hill, Rowe, Richards, Hancock, Symons, Bagg, Cock, Jordon, and A. Coombes (assist. sec.), under the direction of Mr. John Roskrow (chairman). In the Norwich section some very typical birds were staged; many of the birds are not quite ready, and lack the bloom which we like to see, but we shall hear more about them in a few weeks. Yorkshires as usual were very good, especially the non-flighted birds. The Goldies and Bullies were a nice lot, the winning Goldie being a gem with good all-round properties; the winning Bullie was a cage-moulted specimen, and a champion. Crests and C.B.'s were put together; the winner was a clear body D.C. The Hybrid classes were small, but some big winners put in their appearance, which made up for the small entry. In the British bird section one class was cancelled; in the classes which filled, some magnificent birds were staged, and the winners were of great beauty. The day opened rather dull, but by noon the rain cleared and the sun shone, which made everything look bright and gay. Mr. C. H. Toy (Truro) judged, and his awards appeared to give satisfaction. Cup for three best birds (for a member) was won by Mr. W. Neal, with Yorkshires, and the points cup (for a member), by Messrs. Rowe and Richards, this being their third, it now becomes their own property.

The Critique.

YELL. CL., ETC. (8): 1, sp, Spillman, grand type and quality, lovely head and neck, good col.; 2, Pascoe, grand col. and shape, nice wings and tail; 3, Ferrill, good head and neck, nice chest and type; r, Wotton; vhc, Hill; hc, Andrew; c, Phipps. BUFF (14): 1, Stephens and Gaved, grand quality and type, nice frostings; 2, Spillman, fine shape, good body, wings and tail; 3, Ferrill, good type and col., grand wings; r, Sherman; vhc, Collins; hc, Menadue; c, Pascoe. HEN (12): 1, sp, Spillman, grizzled back, lovely damsel, good type, A1 quality feather; 2, Pascoe, tkd. head and wing, very sweet, nice type, good wings and tail; 3, Pascoe, tkd. wing, good head and neck, nice frostings; r, Stephens and Gaved; vhc, Andrew; hc, Wotton; c, Symons Bros. NON-FLIG. (15): 1, Smith, tkd. head and wing, good type, lovely quality, buff; 2, Ferrill, yell., grand type and quality, lovely col.; 3, Wotton, buff, tkd., very neat, good type and quality; r, Spillman; vhc, Stephens and Gaved; hc, White; c, Symons Bros. YORKS. CL., ETC., YELL. (8): 1, Boundy, grand bird, good type, nice braced wings, lovely tail; 2, Wheat and Prouse, very neat, good style and shape; 3, Thomas, good colour and quality, nice wings and tail; r, Stephens and Gaved; vhc, Ellis; hc, c, Nicholls. BUFF (13): 1, R. and W. Fox, grand type, well up on perch, good braced wings; 2, r, Veal, good head, wings, and back, stands well; 3, Oatey, tkd. head, good type, very neat wings; vhc, Thomas; hc, Ellis; c, Nicholls. HEN (10): 1, Stephens and Gaved, grand type and quality, good wings and tail, yell.; 2, Thomas, buff, good head, neck, and back, nice wings; 3, Fox, yell., grand type and col., very neat; r, Ellis; vhc, Allen; hc, Veal; c, Andrew. NON-FLIG. (17): 1, sp, Mitchell, yell., good wings and tail, stands well on perch; 2, Thomas, buff, good type and quality, lovely wings, neat tail; 3, Boundy, varieg. very neat, wings and tail, good type and col.; r, Oatey; vhc, Ellis; hc, Rowe and Richards; c, Oater. CINN.: No 1st awarded; 2, Medley, good type and quality, lovely feather, good col. and condition; 3, Sherman, fine col., and quality, very neat; r, Cock, grand col. and type, very close on leader's heels; vhc, Cock; hc, Medlyn; c, Cock. CREST (9): 1, sp, 2, Symonds Bros., 1st cl. body, dark cap, lovely droop and radiation, 2nd good quality feather, C.B., green, lovely skull, grand feather; 3, Raby Bros., cl., D.C., in fine condition; r, Lee and Lawry; vhc, Raby Bros.; hc, Ward; c, Lee and Lawry. PAIRS: 1, sp, Symons Bros., Crest and C.B., good Crest and lovely C.B., in grand condition; 2, Pascoe, lovely type and quality Nor.; 3, Ellis, Yorks., well matched; r, Ferrell; vhc, Rowe and Richards; hc, Parish; c, Lee and Lawry. MULES OR HYB. (4): 1, sp, 2 Collins, 1st 4-point yell., leading, lovely col., good eye and wing markings, 2nd 2-point buff, tight as boxwood, lovely condition; 3, Rowe and Richards, Goldie-Greenie, nice blaze and wing bars; r, Collins, 6-point yell., lovely col., nice markings. DARK: 1, Rowe and Richards, yell. Goldie, grand size and blaze; 2, Collins, yell. Linnet, good size, col., and quality; 3, Rowe and Richards, Greenie, good size; r, Jordon, Linnet, nice quality and col.; vhc, Fox. GOLDFINCH (eage-moulted) (9): 1, sp, Polkinghorne, grand blaze, lovely wings and buttons; 2, vhc, Rowe and Richards, fine tannings, good bars, blaze, and buttons; 3, Michael, very neat, nice wings and chest; r, Jordan; hc, Symons Bros.; c, Coombe. BULLFINCH: 1, Jordon, a beauty, cage-moulted, lovely cap, grand chest; 2, 3, Rowe and Richards, two nice birds, good caps and bars; r, Crewe; vhc, Miss Sealy. LARGE BRIT. wings; r, Crewe; vhc, Miss Sealy. LARGE BRIT. wings; r, Crewe; vhc, Miss Sealy. SMALL (HARDBILL) (9): 1, sp, Wills, cancelled. SMALL (HARDBILL) (9): 1, sp, Wills, cancelled. SMALL (HARDBILL) (9): 1, sp, Wills, Yellow Bunting, grand v and head markings, lovely colour; 2, Collins, Bramble, good col. and spangling; 3, r, vhc, Rowe and Richards, 3rd Cirl Bunting, good head and cheek markings, very steady; hc, Jordon; c, Ellis.

The members' classes contained some grand specimens, especially the British bird classes, which could hold their own in any open classes; all were shown in the pink of condition. The large British class contained grand birds. NOR. (9): 1, spl, r, Phillips; 2, 3, White and Son; vhc, c, Rowe and Richards; hc, Oatey. NON-FLIG. YELL. (3): 1, Rowe and Richards; 2, White and Son; 3, Phillips. BUFF (4): 1, 3, White and Son; 2, Phillips; vhc, Rowe and Richards. YORKS. (11): 1, spl, c, Oatey, sen.; 2, Veal; 3, Harris; r, Rowe and Richards. NON-FLIG. YELL. (4): 1, Mitchell; 2, Veal; 3, vhc, Oatey, jun. BUFF (6): 1, Bagg; 2, r, Oatey, jun.; 3, Mitchell; vhc, Veal. NOR., NAT. COL. (5): 1, spl, 3, Mitchell; vhc, Veal. NOR., NAT. COL. (5): 1, spl, Phillips; 2, Hill; 3, White and Son; r, Rowe and Richards; hc, Oatey, jun. YORKS. (6): 1, Veal; 2, Bagg; 3, Ellis; r, vhc, Pool. BRIT. LARGE (5): 1, r, Rowe and Richards; 2, vhc, Maddern; 3, Dale. SMALL (6): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Rowe and Richards; r, Pool.

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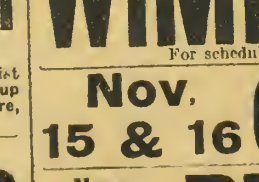
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O.S. Annual **Open Show** of Canaries, Hybrids, British and Foreign Birds in the **CUTLERS' HALL,** under the patronage of the C.M.Y.C.C., C.C.C., N.B.B. and M.C., Y.C.B.B. and M.C., F.B.C. **Yorks 13 Classes, Novice 2; Norwich 7, Novice 2; Crests 6, Selling 4, British 12 (including Lark or Pipit and Albino Classes), Foreign 6.** Judges—J. H. Roe, Esq., Chas. Houlton, Esq. **Prize Money, 10/-, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Foreign Section, 12/-, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-.** Entry Fee, 1/6. **Cash specials too numerous to mention. ENTRIES CLOSE OCTOBER 30th.** Schedules from **T. BISHOP, 69, Alexandra Road, Sheffield.**

LIVERPOOL

NOVEMBER 3rd and 4th.

In St. Martin's Hall, Scotland Road. Run by Exhibitors. Judges, Mundell, Vardy, Wellings, and W. Dormer. **Prize money, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-, and 2/6** Special each class. Last year's sensation, our return dispatch of exhibits. Pages full of Specials. **Enter at once, or too late, to METCALFE & HILLMEN, 68, Brunswick Road.**



THE GREAT WELSH SHOW

Swansea

ENTRIES CLOSE Nov. 4th.

November 8th and 9th.

67 open classes. See this week's review of schedules for classes and patronages. **£2 2s. cup open to all Norwich and Yorkshire Exhibitors.** Judges—H. W. Battye and A. Silver. **This is Wales' Premier Show.** Send for schedule, and compare it with others, to **S. H. GEORGE, 32, Fisher Street, Swansea.**

BRIGHTON

OPEN. Nov. 8 and 9.

NOTE PRIZE MONEY—10/-, 6/-, 4/-. Model Prize Cards. Additional 1/6 V.H.C. in large Classes. Entries Close Nov. 1st. Schedules—**WILL. H. GIBB, 19, Bond Street, Brighton.**

LEEK

AND DIST. C.B.S.

Annual Exhibition of Canaries, British, Hybrids, and Foreign Birds **open to the United Kingdom,** in the Co-operative Hall on

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9th.

30 Classes—Norwich 8, Yorkshires 5, Crest 2, Selling 2, British 2, Hybrid 1, Foreign 1, Novice 9. **Prize Money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6.** Entry Fee, 1/6. **Hosts of Cash Specials.** Judge J. Trengove. Apply for Schedule—**J. A. PEGG, Hon. Sec., 2, Portland Street, Leek, STAFFS.**

NOVEMBER 9th.
Cage Birds Only.

PETERBOROUGH

Cage Birds Only. **NOVEMBER 9th.**

Judges—Messrs. S. H. Mays and J. Robson. Norwich, 14 classes; Yorkshires, 6; Mules, 2; Crest, 2; A.O.V. 1; British, 11; Foreign, 2; Selling, 3. **Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6 for 1/6, and Specials. Best Railway Connections in England. ENTRIES CLOSE OCT. 31st. Schedules from S. L. COCKS, Corn Exchange, Peterborough.**

BARNSLEY

21st Annual Open Show, Wesley Street School.

Friday and Saturday, Nov. 10 & 11. Judge: H. W. Battye. O.N.P.C. Patronage. **ENTRIES CLOSE NOV. 7.**

See Review of Schedule: **F. C. SIMS, 15, Wright Terrace, Grace Street, Barnsley, Yorks.**

HAMILTON

(C.O.) Onith. Soc. November 11

Annual Open Show of Norwich, Borders, Yorkshires, Crests, Mules, British and Foreign Birds. Under the patronage of the Border Fancy Canary Club. To be held in **The Town Hall.** Judges—A. Watson, Kilmarnock, Norwich; A. Walker, Lesmahagow, Borders; Fred. Bowman, Glasgow, Yorkshires; P. Pettigrew, Glasgow, Mules (British and Foreign). Exhibitors at the late City of Glasgow Show will receive schedules. Any exhibitors overlooked apply to **GEO. MARLIN, 21, Glebe Street, Hamilton, Lanarkshire.**

Nov. 11th

WARRINGTON

Nov. 11th

and Dis. C.B.S. Annual **Open** Show. **Yorks. 5 classes, Novice 5, Norwich 5, Novice 5, Yorks. Green 3, Borders 5, A.O.V. 1, Hybrids 3, British and Selling.** Judge, A. Wellings, Esq. **Prize money, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, and 2/-, paid at show. Full prize money guaranteed in Border section. Specials galore;** splendid room. Schedules from **G. M. Nelson, 466, Knutsford Road, Warrington.**

WIMBLEDON

Nov. 14th & 15th Open Classes.

For schedules apply **H. SMITH, 115, Merton Road, WIMBLEDON.**

Nov. 15 & 16

CARDIFF

15th Ann. **Cage Bird** Show. S.Y.C.C. Patronage. Open and Novice Classes. **Entries close Nov. 8.** **W. SAMPSON, Secretary, 93, Llanishen Street.**

Nov. 17 & 18

PRESTON O.S.

Nov. 17 & 18

Prize money, 22/- per class, and good cash specials. Judges, Messrs. Roe and Houlton. Under patronage of G.C.A. **11 Open Nor. Classes, 6 Amateur Nor. Classes. Silver Cup** for most points in same. **Entries close Monday, Nov. 13.—J. P. Leeming, Hon. Sec., Corporation Street, Preston.**

TUNSTALL

and District C.B.S.

Third Annual **Open Show** of Canaries, British and Foreign birds, at the **Crown and Anchor Hotel,** on **Thursday, November 2.** 40 open classes. Cash specials; **prize money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6;** entry fee **1/6. Entries close Monday, Oct. 30.** Judge, J. C. Barnes, Esq.—**Evans and Brough, 18, Sneyd Street, Tunstall, Stoke-on-Trent.**

BLAYDON

AND DISTRICT

Cage Bird Society. Eighth Annual Show, will be held in the **Old National Schools, Blaydon, on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 3 and 4, 1911.** Popular judges: J. Robson, Esq., London, and H. W. Battye, Esq., Huddersfield. Schedules from **G. Havver, 1, Theresa Street, Blaydon. Entries close Saturday, October 28, 1911.**

YORK

C.B.S. 7th Annual Open Show on Saturday Nov. 4th.

Patronage, O.N.P.C.C. **35 Classes.**

Prize money, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, 1/-.

Entrance Fee **1/-.** Judge, A. Hirst, Esq., Accrington. Schedules from **H. THOMPSON, 57, Nun Mill Street, York.**

The Crystal Palace of the North.

CLEATOR MOOR

Fanciers Society of Poultry, Pigeon and **Cage Birds.** Eighth Annual Open Show will be held in **Market Hall,, on Saturday, November 4, 1911.** Judges: Poultry, H. Inman, Esq., Bradford; R. Pigeons, W. H. Coad, Esq., Burnley; Cage Birds, A. Wellings, Esq., Prescot. Specials in galore. **Entries close on Saturday, October 28, 1911.** Schedules now ready, from **Jas. E. Byrne, 110, Birks Road, Cleator Moor, Cumberland.**

BRECHIN C.B.S.

Forty-eighth Grand Annual Show of Norwich, Border Fancies, and Wild Birds, will be held in Temperance Hall, Brechin, on **Saturday, November 4, 1911.** Splendid classification and numerous special prizes, Also under the patronage of B.F.C. and N.P.C. Judges for Norwich, Wm. Bishop; Border Fancy, John Hutchison; Wild Birds, J. Stewart. Schedules now ready from **Geo. Mitchell, Sec., 118, Montrose Street, Brechin.**

MARKINCH

Cage Bird Show on Sat., November 4.

Judges: Messrs. J. Black and J. Stenhouse—S.F.; R. Lambie, Nor. and Borders; R. Bald—Brit., etc. **Entries close on Saturday, 28th Oct.—Geo. Mitchell, Sec., Coalfown, Markinch.**

BO'NESS

and Dis. F.A.

Annual Show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds, in the Masonic Hall, **November 4th,** under patronage of B.F.C.C. and S.B.B. and M.C. 62 Classes. Judges: Canaries, Mr. Holmes, B.F. Mr. D. Hamilton, British Messrs. Raine and Watson.—**Sec., T. Cameron, 7, Ash Terrace, Grangepans, Bo'ness.**

MUIRKIRK

Open Show, Saturday, 4th November. Splendid Classification. Popular judge. **Specials galore. The Show of the Season.** Exhibitors please help this good fixture. For schedules, apply—**James G. Torbett, Secy., Smallburn, Muirkirk.**

THE BEST ONE-DAY SHOW IN THE NORTH.

STOCKTON-

on-Tees 7th Annual Show,

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4th.

Prize money 8s., 4s., 2s., 1s. 43 classes. Special every class. 1s. entrance fee. Judges: T. Dixon, R. Halliday, H. Tams, T. Hill, F. Marwood. **Entries close October 28th.** Schedules from J. W. Lowes, **17, Canning Street, Stockton-on-Tees.**

PARTICK

Canaries, Mules, British, and Foreign Birds, will be held in the **Subway Hall,** on **Saturday, November 4, 1911. 52 classes.** Judges, **Messrs.** J. W. Bruce and J. Moreland.—**Wm. Priest, Sec., 6, Orchard Street, Partick.**

HADDINGTON

N.B. (17 miles from Edinburgh) 25th annual Show of Poultry, Pigeons, and **Cage Birds,** in Corn Exchange, Haddington, on **Nov. 4th. Hyde's silver teapot and Border Club medal.** Judge, Henry Bennet, Kelso. Schedules from **David Cockburn, Victoria Road.**

WOODSIDE

O.S. Ann. Open Show of Canaries, British and For. Cage Birds. 45 classes. Judges, Messrs. Allan Marr, Arbroath, and Wm. Mitchell, Perth. Schedules from **A. Thomson, 100, Gt. Northern Road, Aberdeen, N.B.**

STONEHOUSE

Cage Bird and Flying Homer Show, November 4, 1911. Classification: 8 Border Fancy, 12 Norwich, 15 British Bird, 2 Mule or Hybrid, 1 Foreign Class, 3 Members' Classes. Judges: J. Patterson, Chirnside, Allan Chalmers, Kirkintilloch. Schedules from **Jas. Hamilton, 36, Camnethan Street, Stonehouse, Lanarkshire.**

Bournemouth

20th Annual Open Show, November 7 and 8. Judge, J. Robson, Esq. **N.B.—Entries close as on schedule, October 28,** but will be accepted up to **first post, Monday, October 30.—W. O. Brooke, 102, Nortoft Road.**

LEICESTER

Hand-in-Hand C.B.S. 12th Annual Open Show of Canaries, Hybrids, British, and Foreign Birds.

SATURDAY AND MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4th & 6th.

37 Classes, 3 Novice Classes. Judges: J. Robson (Canaries) and C. Houlton (Hybrids, British and Foreign Birds). Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and heap of cash specials. Entry fee, 1/6. No cancelling or amalgamating of classes. **Prize money guaranteed. Entries extended Tuesday, Oct. 31, first post.** Schedules from—**A. Freestone, 79, Clarendon Street, Leicester.**

BUCKIE **WED., NOV. 8.** C.B. Show. Judge, Arnott, Kirkcaldy. Schedules—**MELVIN & BUNYAN, Secs., 43, West Church Street.**

PONTYPRIDD

and Dis. F. and F.S., Wednesday, Nov. 8th. Prize money, 10s., 5s., and 2s. 6d. Large number of specials. Judges: Messrs. Harrison, Davies, and Hill. **Entries close Nov. 1st.** Schedules now ready.—**A. A. Gordon McLucas, 48, Rosser Street, Maesycoed, Pontypridd.**

ST. COLUMB **(CORNWALL)** Sixth Annual Cage Bird Show, **Tuesday, November 7th, 1911.** Judge, C. H. Toy, Esq. Good Classification. Good Prize Money. Special in every class. **Entries close Nov. 1st.** Schedules from **Wilfred L. Salmon, Hon. Sec., Dinas View, St. Columb.**

West Bromwich

November 8th.

Judge, J. H. Payne. 34 open classes. 7 novice. Schedules, **W. C. Andrews, 1, Hayes Street, West Bromwich.**

SOUTHEND

Nov. 8 & 9.

Under patronage of S.Y.C.C. Cup and Novice. Judges, W. Mundell, Esq., Canaries; J. Dewhurst, Esq., British. 43 open classes. Specials galore. **Entries close Friday, Nov. 3.** Prize money guaranteed within two days. **Schedules now ready from Wm. C. Lockwood, 21, East Street, Leigh-on-Sea.**

LOWESTOFT

Twenty-third Annual Cage Bird Show. **Open to Cambridgeshire, Norfolk, Suffolk, and Essex. November 8th and 9th.** Judge, Mr. W. E. Greeves. **Entries close October 28th.** Schedules from—**E. L. A. CROW, London Road, Lowestoft.**

Here you are. Just what you wanted.

CANNOCK

(STAFFS.)

£3 Limit Show (all sections) of Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Mice, Rats, and **Cage Birds, Thursday, November 9, 1911. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6.** Entry fee, 1/6. Judge, cage birds, A. J. Gladwin, Esq. Cage Birds:—Class 62, Nor. Buff, cl., tkd., or varieg.; Class 63, Nor. Yell., cl., tkd., or varieg.; Class 64, Nor. Hen, cl., tkd., or varieg.; Class 65, Nor. Unflig., cl., tkd., or varieg.; Class 66, Yorks. Buff, cl., tkd., or varieg.; Class 67, Yorks. Yell., cl., tkd., or varieg.; Class 68, Yorks. Hen, cl., tkd., or varieg.; Class 69, Yorks. Unflig., cl., tkd., or varieg.; Class 70, Canary, A.V., 10/-, Sell.; Class 71, British Bird, A.V.; Class 72, For. Bird, A.V. **Entries close Nov. 4, 1911. Enter from above, or send for schedule to Hon. Sec., H. W. Briggs, Old Hall, Great Wyrley, nr. Walsall.**

LUTON (Beds).

Open Show, November 9. Canaries, British, and Foreign. Judges, C. A. House and R. J. Howe.—**E. Bloomfield, Sec., 22, Hitchin Road.**

MALTON **(Yorks.) 16th Annual Open Show** of Canaries, British, Mules, and Hybrids, will be held on **Thursday, November 9th.** Judge, W. A. Cowgill, Bradford. Y.C.B.B. and M.C. patronage. **Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6,** for 1/6 entry fee (and specials). **Entries close November 4th, 1911.** For schedules apply, **J. Wilson, Sec., 8, Wold St., Norton, Malton, Yorks.**

TIDESWELL

C.B.S. Annual **Open** Show of Canaries, Mules, British, and Foreign Birds,

November 18,

in the Bagshaw Hall. **Good classification. Rare chance for Novices or Amateur. Prize money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6.** Entrance fee 1/6. Judge, A. Hirst, Accrington. **Entries close November 13.** Schedules ready, will be sent to all last year's exhibitors. Others apply.—**Flint and Swarbrick, Queen St., Tideswell.**

L.C.B.A.

Annual Exhibition of Canaries, British Hybrids, and Foreign Birds (open to the World),

ROYAL HORTICULTURAL HALL, NOVEMBER 24th to 27th. 140 Classes. Quantity of Specials. Prize money, 12/- 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Twelve specialist judges. Schedules will be sent to exhibitors at last Show of L.C.B.A. and Palace. Entries close **November 16th. Messrs. MUGFORD & TYSON, 1, Strathearn Road, Wimbledon, London, S.W.**

Banbridge

Cage Bird and Pigeon Association's

Show, to be held in **Town Hall, Banbridge, on Thursday and Friday, 9th and 10th NOVEMBER (open to Ireland only).** Under patronage of Yorkshire Canary and Cage Bird Society of Ireland. 55 Classes for Cage Birds and 12 Classes for Pigeons. **3 Cups and 60 Specials.** Judges: Scotch Fancy and British Birds, Mr. R. Wright; other classes, Mr. W. Mundell. **Entries close 4th November.—A. McCagherty, Hon. Sec., Banbridge, Ireland.**

HALTWHISTLE

and District Open Show, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10th, 1911.

Patronage B.F.C.C., N.B. and S.F.C., and N.C.N.C.C Popular judge, John Dixon. Ham for most points in Open Classes; also valuable class and section specials. Schedules—**Nicholson and Tallantyre, Westgate, Haltwhistle, Northumberland.**

WHITEHAVEN **13th Annual Show, November 10 & 11.** Judges: Mr. C. Cubby, Carlisle, and Mr. J. W. Metcalfe, Liverpool. **Nor., Yerks. & British, etc.** Schedules, **W. J. Douglas, 17, King Street, Whitehaven. See "C.B." Oct. 21.**

OLD SHILDON

Workmen's Club C.B.S. Show on **NOVEMBER 10th and 11th. Prize money 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d., 1s. 1s.** 6d. entry. Judge: J. Stanger, Pelton Fell. 2s. 6d. special each class. **5s. special most entries. Special value 10s. 6d. for best bird in show.** Entries close November 4th. Schedules, apply.—**J. H. Elwell, 35, Church Street, Shildon, Co. Durham.**

KIRKCALDY **C.B.S.** 5th An. Show will be held on **Friday and Saturday, 10th and 11th November,** under the patronage of the B.F.C.C. and S.N.P.C. **70 Classes. Host of Specials. Prize money, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-. Popular Judges:**—Scotch Fancy, A. Fotheringham, Kelty; Border Fancy, J. Thomson, Newton Grange; Crests, G. Arnott, Kirkcaldy; Norwich, J. Logan, Dysart; British birds, L. J. Arrighi, Edinburgh. Schedules now ready.—**E. McAnally, Sec., 18, St. Clair Place, Kirkcaldy.**

CONSETT, Co. Durham

Saturday, Nov. 11, 1911. Judge. W. P. Barnes, Grantham. **Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, and 2/6. Entry fee 1/6. All classes C. or H. except where stated.** 82, Yorks., C., Yell., Cl. Buff, Tkd. or Vargtd.; 83, Yorks., any colour, bred 1911, unflig.; 84, Yorks., natural colour, cock; 85, Yorks., natural colour, hen; 86, Nor. P.H., Cl. Yell. or Cl. Buff, tkd. or Vargtd.; 87, Nor. P.H., any colour, hen; 88, Nor. P.H., any colour, bred 1911, unflig., cock; 89, Nor. P.H., any colour, bred 1911, unflig., hen; 90, Nor. P.H., natural colour; 91, Nor. Crest, any colour; 92, Border Fancy, Cl. Yell., Tkd. or Vargtd. cock; 93, Border Fancy, Cl. Yell., Tkd. or Vargtd. hen; 94, Border Fancy, Cl. Buff, Tkd. or Vargtd. cock; 95, Border Fancy, Cl. Buff, Tkd. or Vargtd., hen; 96, Light or Dark Mule, or A.V. Hybrid between two British birds; 97, British Goldfinch; 98, British Bullfinch; 99, British Greenfinch; 100, Brown or Grey Linnet; 101, Redpoll, Siskin, or Twite; 102, Selling Class 15/-; 103, Selling Class 7/6; 104, Gift Class (entry free) birds only. Members' Classes: 105, Nor. P.H., any colour; 106, Nor. Crest or C.-bred; 107, Yorks.; 108, Border Fancy, any age. **Fine separate hall for birds. Guaranteed prize money.** Usual Show Rules. **Grand list of Specials. Entries close Nov. 4, 1911.—R. R. Walker, Blackhill.**

DARVEL

(Ayrshire) Annual Show will be held in the Town Hall, on **Saturday, November 11.** 32 classes Cage Birds. B.F.C.C. Club patronage. Good prize money and specials. Judges, Messrs. Muir, Smillie, and Hoyle. **Entries close Nov. 6.** Schedules from **Jas. Robertson, jun., Corra Linn, Darvel, Ayrshire. Let us have a "bumper" entry!**

FORFAR

and Dis. C.B.S. Second Annual Show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds, will be held in Reid Hall, on

Saturday, Nov. 11th.

under the patronage of the B.F.C.C., and S.B.B. and M.C. **2 Cups and Numerous Specials.** Judges: Norwich, J. Sandison; Borders, Wm. Mossie; Mules, British and Foreign, A. W. Watson.

Entries Close on Nov. 6

Schedules from **J. Fyfe, 137, East High St., Forfar.**

WORTHING **F.A. 19th Annual Show, November 15th and 16th,** Literary Institute. **Open Classes for Canaries. Guaranteed prize money.** Judge, Mr. Heath. Schedules ready. **Entries close November 8th.—C. STUBBS, Sec., 27, Eriswell Road, Worthing.**

NOTICE!

DARLINGTON

C. and B.B.F.A. 6th Annual **Open Show of Canaries,** Mules, Hybrids, British and Foreign Birds, will be held in the Corn Exchange on **Saturday, November 11th. 43 classes. Prize money, 8s., 4s., 2s.** Entrance fee 1s. Judges: J. Wilcock and J. Walsh. **Entries close Saturday, November 4th.** Schedules from **A. Walker, Hon. Sec., 47, Montrose Street, Darlington.**

Nottingham

OPEN SHOW,

November 11 and 13, 1911. 67 open classes. 4 specialist judges. Club show of the Crested Canary Club. Patronage of N.B.B. and M.C., F.B.C., L. and L.F.A., L.C.A. Prize money, 22/-; entry 1/6. Cups, medals, and other valuable specials. Schedules from **C. E. Wilkinson, 86, Lenton Boulevard, Nottingham.**

STOKE-ON-TRENT

Nov. 16. One day only. Upwards of **£8** in specials, in addition to prize money, value **£2 2/-,** most points in show, **10/6** Norwich, **10/6** Yorkshires, and many others, no amalgamation, no sliding scale. A. Wellings, judge. Send for a schedule, and share the good things. **Entries close Nov. 11.—J. Pitchford, Sec., 218, London Road, Stoke-on-Trent.**

GOOLE **YORKSHIRE. OPEN. NOVEMBER 16th. Entries close Nov. 9th.** Cage bird judge, J. T. Ambrose, Esq. Schedules from **A. Roberts, Sec., 13, Manuel Street, Goole.**

ENFIELD **OPEN SHOW. Entries Close Nov. 8th.** GOOD SPECIALS. Schedules—**FRED J. EBBEN, 80, Gordon Hill, ENFIELD.**

PENZANCE

Open Cage Bird Show, **Nov. 16 and 17, 1911.** Judge, Mr. W. G. Poole. 33 classes. Numerous specials. **Entries close Friday, Nov. 10.** Schedules from **W. C. Bodinnar, 18, Leskinnick Terrace, Penzance.**

PRIZE MONEY WITHIN SIX HOURS.

HULL

17th Annual Open Show of

Canaries, Mules, Hybrids, British, and Foreign Birds. **47 Open Classes; 6 Novice Canary Classes. NOVEMBER 17th and 18th.** Judges: J. Robson (London); J. Maddison (Newcastle-on-Tyne). **Numerous specials.** Schedules.—**Ernest R. Ridley, 19, Lambton Street, Hull.**

BLACKWOOD Open Show of **Cage Birds** and Pigeons, to be held on **Saturday, November 18, 1911.** Popular judges. For schedule, apply **James Hamilton, Sec., Kirkmuirhill, Lanarkshire.**

BIGGAR

AND DIS. Cage Bird Open Show

November 18. Judges, Messrs. Mason (Peebles), and Mossie (Dunbank). **Extended classification.** Splendid specials in each class. **A chance for British bird fanciers! Entries close Nov. 11.—Sec., D. Anderson, Townhead, Biggar, N.B.**

CROOK Original

C.B. F. and F.S. 7th Annual Show, on **Saturday, Nov. 18th. 26 classes for Cage Birds. Staged in a Hall by themselves.** Judge, H. W. Battye, Esq. **Entries close Nov. 13.** Schedules, apply, **John Horner, White Lea, Crook, Co. Durham.**

COVENTRY

O.S. 35th Annual Open Show, November 18. Famous judge, John Robson, Esq. Patronage, N.B.B. and M.C. **39 open classes. No amalgamation.** Schedules, **A. J. Barratt, 38, Craven Street.**

AVONBRIDGE O.S. 8th Ann. Show of Pitry., Pigns., and **Cage Birds,** on **Saturday, November 18,** under patronage B.F.C.C. and G.C.A. Judges, Mr. Henry Wilson, Mr. Wm. Sharp. **Entries close November 11.** For schedules: **Peter Gentleman, Cowan Buildings, Avonbridge.**

Cowdenbeath

NOVEMBER 18th, 1911.

Cage Birds only. 73 Classes. Judges, D. Low, P. McKenzie, J. Adams, and J. Goodfellow. **4 Cups, 11 Medals, and 80 Specials.** Schedules from **Joseph R. Reid, 7, Woodland Place, Cowdenbeath.**

BUCKHAVEN

and District Cage Bird Society Fourth Annual Exhibition of Canaries, Mules, British, and Foreign Birds, on **Saturday, November 18. 73 Classes. Cups, medals, and numerous specials.** Leading judges: Border Fancy, G. Hislop, Stirling; Norwich and Yorkshire, J. McLay, Kirkintilloch; Scotch Fancy, British and Foreign Birds, Alex. Cochrane, Edinburgh. **Entries close Saturday, Nov. 11th.** Schedules from **John Lawrie, Grahams Buildings, Randolph St.**

The Fifty-First Annual Show of the

GALASHIELS

Ornith. Society, Nov. 18th, 1911 (The Palace Show of the Borders). Judges: Scotch Fancies, W. Rodger, Colinton; Norwich, British, etc., J. W. Nicholson, Carlisle; Borders J. Young, Allanton. **Cups, Medals, and innumerable specials.** Schedules from **C. Lugton, Botany Cottage, Galashiels.**

Don't Forget the One Day Show!

HARROGATE

November 18th.

Judge J. Bailey, Esq. Schedules ready.—**W. E. FERGUSSON, 62, Harlow Terrace, Harrogate.**

SWANLEY (KENT)

Annual Show will be held on **Wednesday, November 22,** in the Club Hall. **40 Classes.** Canaries, Mules, British, and Foreign Birds. **Prizes, 12/-, 6/-, 3/-.** Entry fee 2/-. Judge, Mr. C. A. House. **Specials include £1 for most points in show.** Schedules, **W. Colyer, 2, Station Road, Swanley, Kent.**

LOCKERBIE (N.B.)

First Annual Show of Poultry, Bantams, Pigeons, **Cage Birds,** and Eggs, will be held in the **Town Hall, on November 23rd, 1911.** Over 100 Classes. **Liberal prize money. 100 valuable specials, including Cups, Medals, etc.** Judges: T. H. Stretch, Esq., C. A. House, Esq., and J. F. Dewar, Esq. **Entries close November 16th.—Harry Davidson, Hon. Sec., Royal Hotel, Lockerbie.**

LUDLOW

November 23rd.

M.C.Y.C.C. Patrogage. 5th Annual Open Show of **Cage Birds.** Judge, J. H. Payne. **Entries close Nov 20th.** Schedules from **W. T. Woof, 2, Market St., Ludlow.**

STAMFORD Annual Show.

Nov. 23, 1911. 28 Open Classes. Numerous Specials, £4 4/- cup for best exhibit. Judge, John Robson. Schedules from **A. Harrison, 7, New St., Stamford.**

Hello! What's This?

GREAT HARWOOD

& Dis. to the front again. **Annual Show, November 24 and 25, 1911.** Under the patronage of the N.P.S. and C.C. Clubs. Judges, H. W. Battye and Alf Wellings.—**Albert Bentley, 13 and 15, Blackburn Road, Great Harwood, Hon. Sec.; George Waddington, Delph Road, Gt. Harwood, Assist. Sec.**

DONCASTER

and District C.B.S. Show, Nov. 24 and 25. Splendid Classification; nearly 60 Specials. Refer to shows such as Burnley, Morpeth, etc., for judges. Very popular. Y.C.B.B. and M.C. patronage. Schedules ready.—**G. Bescoby, 26, Duke Street, Doncaster.**

INVERURIE **C.B. Show, Nov. 25th.** 39 Open Classes, Cup, 3 Medals, numerous valuable Specials. Good Prize Money. Judge, James Sandison, Aberdeen. Schedules from **James Simpson, 27, High Street, Inverurie, N.B.**

Royal Windsor

November 29. Fourth Grand Annual Show of Canaries, Mules, Hybrids, British and Foreign birds, to be held at the Royal Albert Institute, Windsor. **Judge, J. Robson, Esq. Keep your eye on this advertisement, and wait and see.**

GRANTHAM

C.B.S. 1st Annual Open Show, to be held on **Thursday, November 30, 1911. Good Specials. Novice class for Norwich. Prize money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6; entry fee 1/6,** members 1/-. Judge, W. Vardy, Hucknall. **—Sec., W. E. Allen, 119, Alexandra Road, Grantham.**

PENTREBACH **Merthyr Tydfil, November 30, 1911, Open Show of Cage Birds,** etc.; **splendid classification.** Judge, T. L. Castree, Esq. Schedules:—**A. E. Brown, 66, Clare St., Merthyr Tydfil.**

KEITH **Wednesday, December 13, Cage Bird Show.** Judge, Alexander Steele, Aberdeen. Schedules, **Charles Ralley, Sec., 123, Mid St., Keith.**

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Twitterings.

Kilmarnock, Nov. 18!! See next week's issue for full particulars. Grand prize-money. 31 classes.—Advt.

Derwent Valley Show, Church Hall, Hamsterley, to-day (Saturday). Fine array. Fanciers please support us.—Advt.

The Linnet, Siskin, etc., class at Bradford West Show should not have read 3rd Lane, but 2nd and 3rd Inman, with a Siskin and Mealy Redpoll, writes Mr. T. H. Inman.

We have decided to hold an open show of twenty-two classes in the Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow, on Saturday, Dec. 16, writes Mr. Robt. Elore, sec of Jarrow and Dis. C.B.S.

Schedules have been posted to all last year's exhibitors and to all S.Y.C.C. members, writes Mr. W. C. Lockwood, hon. sec., Southend and S.C.O.S. Will any other exhibitor requiring one please apply at once?

Mr. Jas. E. Davies, of Stockport, writes to say he will be pleased to meet his numerous enquirers at Belle Vue Show, Manchester, on Friday and Saturday, between the hours of two and six.

The "Nutshell" booklet on the Skylark (No. 3) is being reprinted. Will customers kindly accept this explanation of any delay in the execution of orders for same that we have received during the past few days?

Ramsden's Peppers.—Customers who are members of a Cage Bird Society holding an open show should hand their coupons to their secretary, so that he may enclose them with his application for a special prize.—Advt.

We are glad to hear that Mr. T. J. King, of Cheltenham, is making good progress towards recovery after a painful operation, and hopes to be well enough to attend Cheltenham Show and meet many of his old friends.

Arrangements have made with the railway companies, writes Mr. T. Bishop, sec., Sheffield Show, to have all exhibits delivered at the Cutler's Hall up to eleven Thursday night, Nov. 2. All birds so sent will be properly cared for. Exhibitors, kindly note!

Will fanciers kindly note that I have been elected hon. sec. of Eccles C.B.S., writes Mr. J. Hall, hon. sec., 199, Liverpool Road, Patricroft, Manchester. Members can be nominated on receipt of 1s. and name and address.

Entries being very slack, we have had to extend to Oct. 28, writes Mr. H. Jones Robins, hon. sec. of the Liskeard Show. We do not average two per class. Do help us; we have every accommodation for your exhibits. Send and I will classify.

All long-distance exhibits will be forwarded by the midnight mail trains on Thursday at the latest, and will reach their owners early Friday morning (not Monday, as stated in the schedule), writes Mr. S. H. George, sec. of the Swansea C.B.A.

Schedules for Bethesda C.B. open show have been sent out to all known fanciers, writes Mr. Owen Thomas, hon. sec. Will anyone overlooked kindly send me a postcard to 9, Station Road, Bethesda, N. Wales. We have engaged Mr. H. W. Battye (Huddersfield) as judge.

Members of the Bankfoot and Dis. C.B.S. should make an effort to attend next Tuesday's meeting, at which Mr. J. Smith has promised to give a washing and staging exhibition, which I am sure will prove both interesting and instructive, writes Mr. F. Gelder, the sec.

We would like to thank those exhibitors who responded to our appeal for giving us a record entry, write Messrs. J. and J. Jeffery, secs. of the Torbay O.S. "Better late than never" was true in this case, as the outlook at first was disappointing. Of course, we also thank those who sent early.

Metropolitan bird-lovers should not overlook the show being held this Friday and Saturday (Oct. 27th and 28th) by the London Federation of Cage Bird Societies at the Church Institute, Paddington Street, off High Street, Marylebone (near Baker Street Station). We understand there will be a very fine display of birds.

I beg to make an appeal on behalf of myself and several other southern members of the Border Fancy Canary Club for secretaries of societies in the Midlands, South of England, and Wales giving four or more classes in the Border Section to kindly endeavour to get the patronage of this club.—D. Jenkins (Swansea).

Writing with respect to the provision of two classes for Lesser Redpolls at their show on Nov. 8 and 9, Mr. S. H. George, the sec. of the Swansea C.B.A., says: We are the first society to do this, and we hope our efforts will be appreciated. The cup (value £2 2s.) for Norwich and Yorkshire exhibitors (for most points by six nominated birds) is, I may add, open to all.

At the Bromley show, in the A.O.S. Finch class, 2nd prize was won by my cage-bred cock Greenfinch, not Mr. Acland's Redpoll, writes Mr. Jack Shiers (Swanley Village).

Messrs. A. S. Treasure and W. Pounsett, hon. secs. of the Cheltenham C.B.S. Show, write:—Will exhibitors and others kindly note that class 8 in the schedule should read "Buff Crested Bred, bred 1911," and Class 47 "Hybrid Dark Linnet or Goldfinch-Canary."

I beg to thank you for the excellent report of our recent successful show, writes Mr. E. Cowling, sec., Morpeth and Dis. C.B.S. Also your reporter for the many kind things said about its management. No doubt the success achieved was due largely to the wide circulation of Cage Birds, as I was fairly besieged with applications for schedules.

We hear that one of our most prominent breeders of Belgians—Mr. Fairley (Coatbridge)—takes his departure in the early spring for Canada. His decision to seek pastures new and join some of the members of his family already there should provide a fine opportunity for those desirous of obtaining some specimens of the old-time "King of the Fancy."

I have posted 850 schedules for our first annual C.B. show on Nov. 18, writes Mr. J. R. Reid, sec. of the Cowdenbeath C.B.S. Will anyone overlooked please apply for one? As we are now a cage bird society entirely, and having issued a schedule which will compare favourably with that of any show in Scotland, we are looking forward to receiving a very large entry.

Owing to the writers not enclosing a stamp for reply when answering my advertisement I have been compelled to pass their correspondence over, writes Mr. A. J. A. Marley (Leyton), as if I had to stamp all of their letters I should have a fine old postage account at the end of the season. I also beg to thank the secretaries of Clapham, Plymouth, Leeds, and Portsmouth for their promptness in paying out prize-monies.

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Readers who care to contribute little interesting news items, helpful letters, photographs, etc., may be sure of receiving every consideration.

Don't Miss Next Week's "Cage Birds."

Leeds C.B.S. will present a Canary and a cage to the holders of tickets bearing the numbers, 30, 588, 211, 137; tickets to be had on application to me, writes Mr. W. A. Wilson, the sec., 75, Bayswater Mount, Roundhay, Leeds.

I was at Portsmouth Show last Thursday, and found it in an ideal hall, and if the pains taken by the hard-working committee count for anything, then I should say this is one of the shows of the future, writes Mr. E. Holliday (Shirley). Am pleased to say I had my prize-money two days after.

Keith Show is to be held on Dec. 13, writes Mr. C. Ralley, the sec. I am glad to say the committee has made up some good classes for Canaries and British birds, and a singing class. Some grand specials are offered—rose bowls, silver plate, etc. I have a good hard-working committee, and I am sure this points to a great success.

No one was more proud than "your humble" when arriving home on Oct. 13 to see my 1st prize Yorkshire, that I exhibited at Clapham, depicted on the front page of my favourite paper, Cage Birds. I must say I owe most of my success to your splendid paper, which I shall always recommend to my friends.—Thos. Veness (Hastings).

The October number of "Bird Notes"—the journal of the Foreign Bird Club—contains several interesting articles, among them being "Visits to Members' Aviaries," by Mr. W. T. Page, F.Z.S.; "The Nesting of the Dickcissel, or Black-throated Bunting," by Mr. W. E. Teschemaker, B.A.; "The Breeding of the Guira Cuckoo," by Lord Poltimore; "The Nesting of the Rufous-throated Blue Sugar Bird," by Miss E. F. Chawner; "Aviary Notes for 1911," by Mr. C. H. Row; and "Breeding the Tree-Creeper in Confinement," by Mr. W. R. Temple. There is also a large number of illustrations.

R.S.P.C.A. Failures

Two Prosecutions Result in Important Decisions Favourable to Bird-keepers.

It is gratifying to be able to report that the officials of the R.S.P.C.A. have failed in their two latest attempts to harass bird-dealers, and—through the latter—the hobby of bird-keeping. At Sheffield they brought what a local paper describes as a "test case" with a "view to warning Sheffield bird-dealers against illegal traffic in wild birds . . . and to show that they could not buy freshly-caught birds outside the city and sell them in Sheffield." But they were met with a sound defence, and the case was dismissed. At Leicester they prosecuted a faucier for alleged cruelty to a "brace" bird. But the defendant's solicitor said that the injuries alleged to have been due to the use of the brace were actually inflicted by the prosecution in their efforts to remove it, and he showed that the brace could be put on and removed by an experienced person without any possibility of injury to the bird. The magistrates dismissed the case without even hearing the witnesses for the defence. We will give a report of this latter case in our next issue.

The Sheffield Case.

With a view to warning Sheffield bird dealers against illegal traffic in wild birds, a test case was brought before the Sheffield Police Court on October 23rd. The defendant was Benjamin Boldy, Manor Oaks, bird dealer, and he was summoned for having in his possession twelve Linnets and thirty Larks, "recently taken."

Mr. A. Howe, who prosecuted, stated that under the Wild Birds' Protection Act it was an offence to have in one's possession between March 1st and August 1st wild birds that had been "recently taken." In Sheffield an order had been obtained so extending the Act that it made it illegal to have any time during the year birds that had been "recently taken." The case was brought with a view to showing what the law on this point was in regard to Sheffield, and to demonstrate to dealers that they could not buy freshly caught Larks and other birds in districts outside the city and sell them in Sheffield.

Inspector Smith, of the R.S.P.C.A., said that he visited the Sheffield market and saw a number of Larks and Linnets in the possession of defendant. The birds were very wild, and he formed the opinion that they had been "recently taken." In fact, the Larks fluttered about so much and were so wild that it was impossible to count them.

Mr. R. F. Payne, who appeared for the wild bird dealers of Sheffield, contended that the birds exposed for sale had not been "recently taken" within the meaning of the Act.

A Lincolnshire market gardener, named William Sly, said that he did a large business in wild birds. His premises could accommodate as many as 6,000 at a time. He always kept birds for at least a month before offering them for sale, so that they should become accustomed to captivity and regain their appetites. If he sold them as soon as caught they would die.

Defendant had bought the birds from a bird dealer named Edward Moore, living at Rotherham, who had had them from the Lincolnshire man. Moore said that the birds had probably been in his (Moore's) possession for fourteen days or three weeks before he sold them to defendant.

The magistrates (Mr. S. E. Howell and Mr. J. C. Clegg) held that the birds had not been "recently taken." It had been held that birds which had been in captivity for fourteen days were not "recently taken" within the meaning of the Act. The case would be dismissed.—"Telegraph and Star."

We hear from Mr. Whitton, the sec. of the Broughty Ferry Show, that two birds (a variegated Green Crest cock and a yellow variegated unflighted Norwich cock) mysteriously disappeared from the show, and that he will be glad to reward anyone giving information that will lead to the recovery of same.

The result of the first show held at Birmingham on Oct. 18 and 19, in connection with the inter-club cup competition between Birmingham, West Bromwich, and Wolverhampton C.B. societies (twenty highest awards only by each society at the three shows), writes Mr. J. H. de Maillet, the competition secretary, is as follows:—Birmingham, 123 points; West Bromwich, 73; and Wolverhampton, 58.

We hear that at the Palace there will be a separate class for Skylarks and another for Wagtails. The latter is an innovation, and is due to the suggestion of Mr. Lott, who has guaranteed the class. The "Greyhounds of the British Bird Fancy" should make a charming class in themselves, and it is to be hoped that the support accorded will be sufficient to warrant that the new class will become a permanent feature of the Palace classification.

Changes of Address.

The attention of secretaries and others is drawn to the following changes of addresses:—Mr. E. B. Hooper, from Nile Terrace to Wrekenton, Springfield Avenue, Gateshead; and Mr. A. Dawson, from Staffa Street, to 30, Dunehatton Street, Dennistoun.

Cinnamon Canary Club.

The half-yearly meeting of the Cinnamon C.C. will be held at Manchester Show, Belle Vue, time and place to be announced on winning Yellow Cinnamon cock's cage. Extraordinary business. All members please attend if possible.—J. W. Metcalfe, hon. sec.

W.C.O.S. Norwich Challenge Cup

Through a printer's error Mr. Spillman's exhibit in Class 23 was nominated for the Norwich Challenge Cup, and was adjudged the winner, writes Mr. T. Pope, hon. sec., Plymouth Show. This bird not being eligible, Mr. F. A. Redwood, of Newton Abbot, becomes the holder for this year, with his exhibit in Class 22, which was reserve. I thank Cage Birds for its report of our show.

Y.C.C. Competitions.

Will members please note that the Yorkshire Canary Club's patronage has been withdrawn from Cheltenham Show, Nov. 1 and 2; also from the L.C.B.A., Nov. 24; these societies having failed to provide the required classification. At Liverpool O.S. on Nov. 3 and 4 (judge, Mr. W. Mundell), the Bailey Trophy, Ramsden Cup and money specials, Open Novice, etc., will be all in competition.—J. Greaves, secretary.

Liverpool Open Show.

We have just been allotted the Ramsden Cup, money specials, and open novice competitions in addition to the Bailey Trophy of the Y.C.C., write Messrs. Metcalfe and Hillmen, secs. Liverpool O.S. Will members of the Y.C.C. kindly note? We are informed by Mr. Greaves (sec. of the Y.C.C.) that we are the only society to which the whole of the competitions have been granted outside the Palace Show.

Welsh Cage Bird Club.

A committee meeting of the Welsh C.B.C. will be held at Nantybwch on Nov. 6 next, to make final arrangements for the Club Show, etc. If any members have anything to suggest, will they please let me know as early as possible? There are several members who have not yet paid their subs., and as the shows held under the patronage of the Club are all to be held in November, I should like to remind members in arrears that they cannot compete for the Club's specials unless they pay their subs. at least six clear days prior to the show at which they intend to exhibit. I shall be pleased to send particulars to any fancier wishing to join.—A. E. Brown, hon. sec.

I have sent out all prize-money, writes Mr. R. Whitton, sec. of the Broughty Ferry C.B.S. Show.

A white Blackbird has been captured alive near Scarborough by Mr. A. Morley, of Scarborough. The bird is reported to be doing well in captivity.

Kindly thank all those who wrote commending us on our care and prompt despatch of their show specimens, writes Mr. W. Elliott, sec. of the Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.

Schedules for Hull Show, Nov. 17 and 18, writes Mr. E. R. Ridley, the hon. sec., will be posted to all applicants immediately on receipt of them from the printer.

The recent City of Glasgow Show is the first I have missed seeing since 1882, writes Mr. Thomas Smith. I am getting round to health again, I am pleased to say.

Mr. J. Houghton, of Gloucester, is, we hear, appointed to judge the cage bird section at Bath and Dist. Fanciers' Show on Nov. 30, and Kingswood Show on Dec. 2.

OBITUARY.

Mr. J. ROY (Partick).

It is with deep regret, writes Mr. W. Priest, sec. of the Partick and Dis. C.B.C., that I have to announce the death of Mr. Jack Roy, one of our most esteemed members of the club. Whilst following his trade as a plumber he fell off a seven-foot pair of steps and broke his neck. Our lamented friend was a real fancier, and a willing worker at all our shows. We are sure that all who knew him will readily extend their sympathy to his wife and family.

Broughty Ferry Show.—Variegated Green Crest cock, Class 11, 2; Yellow Variegated unflighted Plainhead cock, Class 26, 9. Any information of above birds will be rewarded.—Robt. Whitton, sec., 2, Churchill Place.—Advt.

We have sent schedules out to all fanciers we know of, writes Mr. J. H. Elwell, sec. of the Old Shildon Workmen's Club C.B.S. If any missed will forward me their addresses, they will receive one by return of post.

Owing to the East Reading Show falling on Nov. 1, we have postponed our meeting night until Nov. 8, when all members are requested to attend to settle show business, writes Mr. W. H. Pyke, sec. Reading and Dist. C.B.S.

WATCHES FOR READERS OF "CAGE BIRDS."

On Page 281 will be found an offer of the greatest interest to our readers. It is an offer of something everyone can do with, viz., a good reliable watch (fully guaranteed by the makers for one year) at a sensationally low price. A Cage Birds Watch can be obtained post free in box in return for a 5s. postal order or cash. But to everyone who will help us to increase the circulation of our journal it will be noted that we make a highly advantageous offer, i.e., we reduce the purchase price as low as one-half (2s. 6d.) in return for eighteen coupons cut from the current issue of Cage Birds. Send these coupons, and you have only to forward 2s. 6d. cash as well in order at once to receive a watch. Or a less number of coupons can be sent (see details of the scheme in the advertisement). Readers should have no difficulty in persuading visitors to the shows—or their neighbours interested in birds—to purchase this week's issue and to hand over the watch coupons therein. These coupons can then be used as part of the purchase price of a Cage Birds Watch. This watch is of really good modern make, finish, and appearance; and is not disfigured by any advertisement device. Better cannot be obtained at double the price. Remember, all coupons sent must be cut out of the current issue.

A Londoner and His Norwich Plainhead Canaries.

An interesting paper upon this widely popular breed.

By T. D. Jackson (West Green.)

Meeting of the Poplar and Dist. C.B.S. held 12th Oct., Mr. T. G. Hunt in the chair. Correspondence from various sources was read, but nothing of importance arose out of same. One new member was nominated and accepted subject to the committee's final approval. The chairman then introduced Mr. T. D. Jackson, who had come to give us the following lecture on "The Norwich Canary." The lecture was listened to with keen attention, and was heartily appreciated by all present.—H. W. Cook, Hon. Sec.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen: In response to your worthy Secretary's request I have written you a paper on the Norwich Plainhead. It is not my intention to weary you with a preface beyond saying that what I have written is the result of many years' practical experience and close observation.

I would like to impress upon those of you who are interested in, or are about to take up the breeding of, the Norwich Plainhead, the importance of first studying well the characteristics that go to make up a high-class specimen. Though this in itself is no guarantee of success it is at least one step in the right direction, for unless you are thoroughly conversant with both good and bad points, you cannot hope to achieve success. It may not be out of place at this stage of my paper if I give you a description of what constitutes an ideal Norwich Plainhead, or as near the ideal as we have been able to get, for I am aware that for some reason, withheld by Nature from "mere man," the ideal has yet to be bred.

The Ideal Bird Described.

Firstly, the bird must have a good head, for no matter how it may excel in other respects, if it has a bad head it is bound to be put back in anything like keen competition. The head should be broad and full, wide at the entrance, rising at the base of the beak forming a cushion; looking at it side-ways it should be rather oval in shape; the face must also be full, set with clear, bold eyes. The neck should be short and thick, with a nice curve running on to a broad, well-filled-in back; there must be no gutter running down the centre. The shoulders should be broad without being prominent; the chest deep, full and round—there must be no flat or angular appearance, but a beautiful curve from the throat to the waist which should be clean cut and nicely tapered. The wings and tail should also be short, and neatly folded. The feather should be short and of a soft silky texture, the colour rich and even, with plenty of meal in the buffs. The bird should show just a little "thigh," and should stand well up and forward on the perch with as little behind him as possible; there is nothing that to my mind looks worse than a bird crouching or hugging the perch. The carriage should be bold and fearless.

Such a bird in the flesh, I am well aware, is not at all easy to breed, and it is as well that it is not, for if such birds were as plentiful as blackberries in autumn then the game of breeding them would not be worth the candle.

How to Build Up a Strain.

In building up a strain of birds I should not advise your starting by purchasing the ready-made article, for the old theory that "like breeds like" holds good only in so far as that when you pair Canaries you may reasonably expect to breed Canaries; the mating of two birds that are perfect in all points will not ensure young birds their equal, owing to the tendency that exists in all fancy stock to deteriorate. Neither is the merit of the young determined by the price of the parents, for in choosing the stock birds brains should play a far more important part than money, though I do not wish to infer that good stock birds are to be got for an old song.

I should commence with, say, three pairs, or two cocks and four hens; not one of them would be a show bird, but each should possess in a marked degree certain of the characteristics that go to make up the right thing; then with skilful pairing, study and perseverance each of those characteristics may be grafted on to their descendants.

Whence Type Comes.

As we look to the hen for type in the young, see that the hens are good in this respect. Get them as short in body and as deep-chested as you can; avoid all hens that are at all long either in flights or tail. Personally I have no objection to hens that are a shade small, for you will invariably find such hens are better in type, more compact than their larger sisters, and when they are paired to good-sized cocks the results are mostly satisfactory. I like the cocks to be of good size, but I never sacrifice type for it. They must have good bold heads and short, thick necks; also sound colour, as you will invariably find with this goes quality of feather. I should not mind if they were a shade long in flights or tail or just a little loose in feather, as I have had the best results from such birds when they are often considered too small. Also get the cocks with as much substance in them as possible.

The question has often been asked me: Which do I consider the best way of pairing—buff cock to yellow hen, or vice versa? Good results are, of course, obtained both ways, and I think it is merely a matter of fancy; personally I have a leaning to yellow cock and buff hen, one reason being that it is much easier to get really good buff hens than yellows.

Supposing the beginner has been fortunate enough to secure the right stock to commence with, the progress he makes will, of course, depend upon himself. He should ever have in his mind the ideal bird he is striving to breed, and by giving his hobby that careful study that is always essential to success, there is no reason why he should not eventually reach the goal of his ambition. But before he does reach it he must be prepared to meet a few, or may be many, obstacles, which, however, will not prove insurmountable provided he possesses the grit and determination to succeed. It will not be accomplished in a single season; neither should it be expected or desired, for success so easily achieved has invariably but a brief existence.

Faults and How to Deal with Them.

From time to time it will be necessary to introduce fresh blood. In doing so, any fault that may have developed in our own stock must be carefully noted, and counterbalanced in the new purchases.

Should the fault lay in head properties, that is, narrowness of skull, I should introduce a cock, preferably a buff, as I have found that the buff has a greater tendency to transmit this particular point than the yellow. It is not only necessary that that bird itself should excel in head properties, but it should have been bred from stock that has continually produced birds good in that respect. This remark, in fact, applies in all such cases; otherwise it is more than probable that they would defeat the very purpose for which they were intended. In the case of flat heads, however, I should use a yellow hen that had a nice rise in the centre of the head.

(To be continued.)



A Sensation of the Show!

Wild-Bird Life.

The Coming of the Wild Fowl.

England stands almost alone in its peculiar attractions for wild birds, as a home for many and a refuge during the winter months for a host of wildfowl and others fleeing from the cold, inhospitable North. As the spring migrants leave us, a whole army of noisy wanderers descend on our coasts. Along the wide stretches of marsh land bordering the rivers, the muddy flats left bare by the receding tides, the invaders crowd and hunt for food. Unlike the birds that come in the spring, these autumn visitors do not proceed far inland, but keep within sound and sight of the sea. Even the hundreds of Rooks and Crows that come each year with the wild fowl only haunt the marshes and fields that extend but a few miles from the coast. In some seasons this invading army of noisy wanderers is exceedingly heavy. They come from the fields and forests of Norway, from the wide plains of Siberia, and some even from near the Pole itself, for winter there is different to ours, the fields, forests, and plains being deep in snow, and wild birds must seek other countries. Thus for a time they wonder south, and crossing the wild North Sea, descend on our Eastern coasts—flocks of Geese, flying in the peculiar orderly wedge-shape so familiar to Wildfowlers; long strings of Teal and Widgeon; vast crowds of Snipe, Plovers, Dotterels, and many others. To be among them is an education and a delight to the naturalists and sportsman. Ducks of all kinds haunt the shores frozen out of their Arctic home; clouds of Sandpipers gather into flocks that sail up and down the marshy shores with mournful, yet musical cries. The big Curlew comes down from his breeding grounds on the moorlands and joins the noisy throng, his loud clear whistle being heard plainly above all others. A flock of Sandpipers, wheeling with the precision of cavalry, is a sight of absorbing interest. As silvery dots they stand out clearly against the wintry sky, now lost as they turn and then settling; then they run here and there probing the yielding surface with their long bills in search of food.

Long-lived.

It was at one time thought that the Raven lived longer than any other species, and no doubt many of them attained a great age, but there is a record of a Golden Eagle which died at the age of one hundred and eighteen years, whereas the longest record of the Raven is seventy years.

Should Birds be Kept in Cages?

By J. R. COLVILLE
(Ashton-under-Lyne).
(Continued from page 174).

To class all bird catchers, dealers, and fanciers on the same level because of the faults of the very few is, to say the least about it, unfair. The bird catcher and the dealer, if only in their own interests, are compelled to look after the welfare of their stock, otherwise they stand to lose by it. Again, fanciers or owners of cage pets can only derive the full enjoyment from their birds by keeping them under the best of conditions and in perfect health. To do so it is necessary for them to see to the correct feeding, proper caging, and all other attentions necessary to their welfare.

Those who are working against us have in a great many cases no actual knowledge of the keeping of birds, or some of the assertions made by them would never have been uttered. That such is the case will be made evident by a consideratiou of a pamphlet issued by the Humanitarian League, and entitled "The Other Sido of the Bars: The Case of the Caged Bird," in which they state it is their intention to put a stop to the keeping of any birds, large or small, Canaries or wild birds, in cages.

Pictorial Exaggerations.

It is a difficult matter to use mild language in dealing with the studied exaggerations in this production. On the outside cover are shown some birds flying, which appear to be ravens. Now, no one wants to keep ravens in a cage. Inset in the corner is the picture of an all-wire cage, which, by the way, is not so handsome as the cage with a Norwich Canary so recently presented to her Majesty Queen Mary by the fanciers of Norwich. In this cage, on the cover of the pamphlet, is shown what is evidently intended to convey the impression of a sick Canary. Judged by the size of the cage, the Canary is in proportion about 12 inches long and the same measurement round the body, the idea being to fill the cage with what looks like a poor, miserable, dejected object.

Other illustrations are of a like nature, and very misleading. One, entitled "Starved to Death," shows a nest of young birds apparently left orphans, and the impression which it is meant to convey is that the bird catcher is responsible for this, though the author, who has a sufficient knowledge of wild birds and their habits, ought to know different. What about stoats and other "natural enemies" to which at this season all wild birds are liable? Add to this the fact that during the nesting season there is no bird catching, the catching season being closed.

The Text as Bad as the Pictures.

When we come to consider the text of this pamphlet we have a still greater grievance. Statements are made which may be called half-truths, and nothing is so mischievous or so difficult to explain away as these whitewashed lies, in which the whole system of birdkeeping is condemned because of the faults of a very few. The writer of the pamphlet is well known for his knowledge of wild bird life, but he is evidently very far wrong regarding the conditions under which these same birds are kept in captivity.

By calling bird caging of any kind an "acted blasphemy" he gives us an inkling of what we may expect as we proceed with the text of the pamphlet. Some of the arguments used are so far outside the truth as not to require any answer. For example, "Until yesterday the birdkeeper enjoyed the right to blind his little captives by thrusting red-hot needles in their eyes"; "Eighty per cent. of birds taken pine in captivity, and perish miserably"; "For every bird one sees in a private house, scores have been caught and have succumbed," etc., etc.

The writer of the pamphlet challenges a statement made in Cage Birds that many birds kept in cages or aviaries prefer their new homes to their former freedom, and calls this a "monstrous perversion of the truth," whereas, as a matter of fact, instances innumerable have been, and can be, given where birds which have either intentionally or accidentally been set at liberty have returned to cage-life, and the kind and proper attention they receive from their owner.

[*Mr. Colville then endorses and repeats much of my own answer, as published in* Cage Birds *of June 3 last, a copy of which, or of the reprint of that reply in leaflet form, will be sent post-free to any new reader on application, and concludes as follows.*—H.J.F.]

The Vicissitudes of Nature.

What appears to be the foundation of the arguments used is that it is not natural to keep birds in cages. Can the author say how much is natural in this artificial world of ours? He says that caging of birds is opposed to all that is uatural, and therefore must be wrong. It is natural for birds to perish from cold and hunger and from the assaults of their natural enemies. It is natural for birds to peck their weaker brothers and sisters of different species to death. It is natural for many to kill and devour insect life. Does all these being natural make their arguments right? Is it not more in keeping with the order of things to have a bird in a cage where it is well looked after, free from danger, and assured of its daily bread? Man's whole life is a constant fight against Nature, and in the intelligent keeping of birds in cages he is obeying one of the best instincts of his nature in having something to look after and care for.

What we have to do.

The best answer we can give to our opponents is to show them how comfortable, contented, happy, and well fed our pets are when they are not exposed to the ruthless attacks of Dame Nature, of which they make so much. Do not let them attack the principle of bird-keeping, but let them look out for the few cases which require condemnation and prosecution, and they will have the hearty assistance of all bird lovers and true fanciers.

Bird lovers and fanciers must be prepared to protect themselves against such attacks. Join Cage Birds League, or some society such as the local cage bird society, and look after your interests and your hobby, otherwise the cry may be "Too late!"

Questions and Answers.

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

An Aviary.

"Aviary."—I have several times dealt with this subject in other parts of the paper, and also in Part III. of "Our Canaries." It is too large a matter to deal with properly here. Briefly, you should cover three of four feet of the length with roofing felt to keep off rain, etc., and put up all nesting sites either under this covered part or in the inner portion. Inside fix a few small leafless branches at intervals around the walls, and a variety of other perches in suitable positions. For nesting sites nothing beats German travelling cages with the short bars, seed-box, and water-pot removed. Put up a good supply of these, or partly these and cigar-boxes (100 size) with a third of the lid cut off, the nest tacked down tight, and the box hung up sideways. Have more nesting sites than there are hens. A couple of inches of clean gravelly sand on the wood floor will be best. The flight is rather low to have sbrubs, but a few bushy box-plants, mallows, very small firs, or privet, would make a great improvement on a bare waste. A shallow batb in the open flight, and self-supplying seed-hopper and fountain will be all the fittings you really need. A seed-hopper divided in separate compartments to keep seeds separately is best. Give an unlimited supply of canary and rape, and a limited supply of a mixture of bemp, inga, millet, linseed, broken groats and maw. Do not put in an equal number of sexes—one cock to three hens will be enough. For fuller details I must refer you to the above named work; if there remains any point you want further information upon, write me again.

Troublesome Yorkshires.

Pit Laddie.—(1) He is undoubtedly badly affected with chronic so-called astbma, and I seriously doubt your doing any good with him. One thing is quite clear—he is a most unsuitable subject for breeding, and will only reprodnce a race of physically unfit progeny. Have you moved him to a fairly warm, equable place? The persistent moulting is practically certain to be due to one of three things—cold draughts, damp, or extreme fluctuations, notwithstanding that you think these causes are absent. Continue same staple diet—plain canary, rape every second day. In addition, give alternately with the rape a morsel of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut with two drops of a mixture of equal parts syrup of hypophosphites and syrup of iodide of iron on it, then sprinkled with maw. Give this every second day in each alternate week for two months. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom salts every second day for a week, and on the alternate days tbe tonic advised to "H. R." After this give the mixture as advised to "J. B. S." for three weeks. Then report result. (2) It is useless looking on the birds for red mites. These harbour in cracks or joints about the cage. If you find none in these places adopt measures indicated above as regards prevention. Then give the birds the above-named salts and rhubarb aperient for two days and afterwards the tonic advised to "H. R." every second day until moult ceases. Keep them on plain diet.

Heating a Birdroom (L.B.W.).—I think your best course would be to have a small slow combustion stove placed in the centre of the room, and a pipe therefrom leading into the chimney to carry off the fumes. A good make of oil stove might form the next best substitute, which should be placed in a similar position, and provided with a block tin or sheet iron cover, well ventilated around tbe bottom, and with a smoke pipe at the top (again carried into the chimney) to carry off smoke and fumes. In either case do not omit a "cap" over the end of the stove pipe to prevent a down draught, and close the bottom of the chimney by carefully pasting strong brown paper over, which may finally be painted or papered to match the walls in the room. Either of these methods will be better than having a grate put in to hurn fuel. You must see tbat the ventilation is ample when using heat.

Purchasing Bird (H. Hall).—A trained Roller is the bird you want for singing pure and simple. The price varies greatly according to proficiency, hut you should be able to get a decent pair for the sum you name—a cock at, say, 12s. 6d., and a hen of the same strain for 2s. 6d. I cannot give addresses of dealers for obvious reasons. Any large dealer advertising with us would try to give satisfaction. If you have any doubt, use tbe Deposit system.

Injured Wing (A. J. R.).—The swellings are undoubtedly the result of pecks. If they are rapidly disappearing with the iodine painting continue this once a day until quite cured. But if there is no improvement cease painting, and next day carefully prick the skin with a clean needle just over the "ripe" head of matter, and gently press out contents. Then wash clean in a warm solution of boracic acid, and anoint with Lanocyllin for a day or two until place is nicely healed.

Moulting and Eating Feathers (Mrs. Etheridge).—See the bird is kept in a comfortable—not necessarily very warm—place quite free from draughts, great fluctuations, or fumes of burning lights. Give a staple of plain canary only. Every second day give half a teaspoonful of summer rape separately, and on the alternate days a similar quantity of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it and sprinkled with maw seed. Twice a week give a pinch of mixed seed, and two or three times a morsel of bauana, apple, or watercress. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom salts for two days, and afterwards four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulpburic acid every second day for a week.

Tonic After Moulting (H. R.).—You must remember that healthy conditions generally and proper feeding are better than all the tonics in the world. Without these essentials it is simply folly to depend upon drugs to "tune the birds up." You will find the following an excellent tonic if such is really needed. Dissolve a dram of ammoniated citrate of iron and quinine in two tablespoonfuls of sherry, add a teaspoonful of glycerine, and give six drops of the mixture in each tablespoonful of drinking water for a few days. Before giving this tonic give a pinch of Epsom salts in the water for two days. You would find a mealworm a day for a short time an excellent pick-me-up for birds that are rather listless, without appearing really ill, after finishing the moult.

A Norwich Duet (Greenhorn).—(1) Give a staple of plain canary. Every second day give separately a pinch of summer rape, and once a week on the alternating days a small teaspoonful of either egg-food, crushed sponge cage, or the equivalent in bread and milk, and on two other days a pinch of the seed mixture frequently mentioned in this column. Give a morsel of sweet fruit or watercress twice a week. (2) Yes, you can breed clears from this bird, but you will get some ticked young as well; more or less according to the amount of green blood in the parents, even though the green does not show itself on the surface. The best hen to mate with for breeding clears is a clear buff bred from a clear and lightly ticked pair. Use a 1911 bred hen for preference.

Gasps for Breath (J. B. S.).—You are treating bird wrongly, and should not he giving it soaked seed. Keep it in a fairly warm place—not necessarily overheated, but yet not cold, and where the warmth is as equable as possible at all times, and the atmosphere pure and free from the fumes of burning lights. Give a staple of plain canary only, and in addition a supply of bread and milk sprinkled with maw daily, to which add two drops of cod liver oil emulsion every second day. Give also a little banana. Limit diet to this until bird is able to take seed freely again. In the drinking water give 15 drops of the following mixture daily for a week, and every second day after until a marked improvement is seen. Mixture: two drams each of glycerine and oxymel of squills, 1 dram each of chlorodyne and ipecacuanha wine, and 8 grains of iodide of potassium. If bird is very weak and low, mix together a little of equal parts brandy and glycerine and give two drops of this in the beak every two or three hours for one day.

Concerning Sang. (Avis).—(1) Most young cocks come into song soon after the moult is finished, and gradually improve, and get louder and stronger until about February when they reach their best and fullest song. Some cocks, however, are late in beginning in earnest, and may do very little before the end of January. (2) To bring him forward cage him alone away from the hen. Give a staple of three parts canary to one part summer rape mixed together. Twice a week give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake; on two other days a pinch of equal parts maw and gold of pleasure; occasionally a few grains of hemp and inga, and three or four times a week a spray of watercress, or morsel of banana. (3) In running two cocks with one hen it is best to let him remain with one until she commences sitting; then place him with the other, and when she commences to sit cage him alone until number one is again ready for him for the second round.

A Tame Border (M.G.D.).—There is nothing whatever wrong with the health of the bird. Its behaviour is simply due to tameness, and it shows its confidence in you by wanting to play with your finger when you put it near the cage. Certainly it is too tame to stand much chance in decent company at a show, as its behaviour obliterates rather than improves any good typical points it may possess. You can only break the habit by studiously ignoring his advances and not taking any particular notice of him. Hanging him in a place where he will not see people continually passing near him, with a few companions of his own kind, or a week or two in a large flight with other Canaries will also do much towards shattering his confidence in human nature. But why make such a breach? It is easier to do so by far than it is to break the ice of natural reserve in the first place. Keeping him in a fairly warm equable temperature will help to hasten on the moult if it appears to drag unnaturally. Some birds, however, moult much more gradually than others, and may be none the worse for it.

About Norwich (J. H., Richmond).—(1) Your query still leaves me somewhat in the dark. If the two parents were both clear birds it would be a little uncommon for a self green to come from them, hut still not by any means very rare. On the other hand, if they are both more or less marked or variegated the chances of greens are vastly increased. If the youngster in question is a dark colour all over, including all tail and flight feathers, it is undoubtedly a self green. If it has light feathers in wings or tail, more or less, it is a foul or broken green, and if it has in addition any light patches of colour about breast, shoulders, neck, or back, it is a variegated. (2) If the bird is variegated, you can tell yellow from buff by the light patches of colour the same as though it were a clear. If a self or broken green, there will be about the same difference in tone between yellow and buff as there is in the colour of the upper and under surface of a rose leaf—the yellow represented by upper and the buff the under surface. (3) If the bird is a yellow-green, mate him next season with a huff green, and vice versa. You will find all these points fully dealt with in Part XIII. of "Our Canaries."

Source of Infection (A.M.R.).—A second-hand cage, unless one is quite aware of its history, is always to be regarded with suspicion, and should invariably be thoroughly disinfected before being added to one's own stock. Still, I do not think your cage could have been responsible for the bird's death. Although I cannot turn up the reply to which you refer I have no doubt the infection meant is that which is conveyed through the medium of food, but even in that case it is rather strange, though not inexplicable, that all the other birds in the same cage were unaffected, as I take it was the fact. Have you examined the kernel of the hemp you used? and was the bird in question a recently acquired one? The replies to these questions may possibly throw some light on the source of infection, which, at present, seems very obscure. If you well wash out the cage with warm water, to a pint of which you have added four teaspoonfuls of Jeyes' Fluid, I think you may quite safely bring it into use again. But as a precautionary measure I advise you to keep a common worthless hen or two in it for a month, and note results before introducing valuable specimens. Glad to hear the other bird has recovered so well under treatment advised.

CANARY QUERISTS

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping (1/1); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

A Weed (P. Weldon).—Yes; the weed you send is shepherds purse.

A Hybrid Breeding Problem (Medico).—(1) As the hen Bullie is inclined to be nasty tempered with her mates, I should advise you to pair her with a steady cock Greenfinch, and run them together through the winter (as recommended in Mr. Houlton's book). (2) I feel sure your Redpoll is a cock. The vent would be an infallible sign.

Bullie Hen "Wheezy" (Forth View).—You want to take tbe bird indoors, for cold, damp weather is very adverse to birds inclined to be "touched in the wind." Try a course of the following medicine: Aromatic spirits of ammonia 2 drachms, tincture of squills 3 drachms, infusion of gentian 1 drachm, syrup of prunes half-ounce, water to 3 ounces. Any chemist will dispense this. Mix 20 drops in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water, fresh morning and evening.

Identity of Bird (A. Cole).—The body you send is that of a Song Thrush, and not a Redwing. The Redwing is readily distinguishable hy its white eye-stripe and the deep red patches on its flanks (sides of the breast), which are partly hidden by the wings. All Song Thrushes are of a golden-orange colour on the under-side of the wings, near the shoulders, some being a very deep orange bereabouts.

Siskin Unwell (W.E.S.).—The best medicine you can try is that recommended "Forth View" this week. By-the-way, I do not altogether approve of your feeding, if, that is, you give niger seed amongst the bird's stock mixture. Siskins are better without niger, except as a very occasional change; and the same remark aplies to hemp. Canary, teazle, and summer rape are all that are required as a regular thing. The other seeds, and wild seed mixture, are for use now and again only, as a change.

A Siskin-Redpoll Hybrid (Eagle).—It is absolutely essential tbat you should keep this bird in an indoor room and out of draughts. The best medicine you can try is that recommended to "Forth View" this week. I am afraid, however, that you really cannot hope to do any good with a bird which, as you put it, has had "a bad cold ever since it was bred." Its lungs must surely be badly affected, judging by the symptoms you describe.

Larks not Moulting (Well Wisher).—Take the birds into a heated living room, and put their cages on a shelf fairly high up on the wall, and in a not too well-lighted position. This should result in their dropping into moult in a few days' time. Don't afterwards take them suddenly into a cold room. Meadow saffron is said to be a useful thing to put into the water of birds backward in moulting. Place a few shreds in the drinking vessel, fresh daily—not too much of it.

A Stock Mixture (A.E.H.R.).—You will always have a percentage of waste when using a stock mixture. As you have noticed, one bird prefers one kind of seed, another bird another kind; and when they go down to feed they knock the mixture about searching for the seed they like best. Try the following: Canary and teazle 3 parts each, summer rape and linseed one part each, by measure. In a separate dish give a daily supply (not too much, but according to the number of birds being catered for) of the following: Sunflower 3 parts, hemp 1 part, by measure. The sunflower can be either white or grey, or a mixture of the two. The grey (not black, but a kind of striped seed) is more easily cracked than the white.

The Nightingale (Grateful).—The caged Nightingale has no particular song season—when, that is, he has been house-moulted. He will sing at all seasons; though, of course, the spring and summer are his best periods. The sample of food sent seems to me to be excellent; good value for the money. Cut down the mealworms to six daily, at most—I am assuming that your bird is well used to captive life. As regards tbe cage, I presume you are not thinking of making your own (a far from easy matter if you have never tackled cage making) and all you need do is to tell the party from whom you order it that you want a stock cage for a Nigbtingale (large size), when a suitable pattern will be sent you. Any of the large cage-makers advertising in our columns will supply the correct kind of thing. Our "Nutshell" booklet dealing with small insectivorous birds will be published very soon, and you should make a point of obtaining it. A cage will be illustrated therein. An illustration will be found, too, in most of the catalogues issued by the various firms of fanciers' providers.

Breeding Goldfinches in Aviary, etc. (An Old Reader).—Yes; Goldfinches have been bred frequently in outdoor aviaries. You will find particulars as to tbeir treatment in the "Nutshell" booklet on the Goldfinch (post free 2½d.). Shall be pleased to advise upon any points as to which you are in doubt if you will describe the aviary and state its size.

A Yellowhammer's Moult (Wag).—You can't do it, I am afraid. A month is far too small a space of time in which to moult a bird and get him into show form. It takes 5 to 6 weeks, for instance, for wing and tail feathers to grow to their full length. And your bird will not, of course, cast the whole of these feathers at the same time; they are shed one or two at a time. Keep the Hammer in a heated room (not too hot, of course), give him a few mealworms daily and a large teaspoonful of a good insectile food (about 1/6 per lh.) and mix into the latter 5 or 6 drops of Parrish's chemical food (obtainable from any good chemist). This will pull him through the moult as quickly as is possible. If he has not been used to soft food, and is shy at eating it, mix up his canary seed amongst it.

Linnets for Muling (C.M.).—Very large Linnets are not peculiar to any particular country or county—that is, they may be met with anywhere in limited numbers. To put it another way: tbere are small and average-sized Linnets everywhere, and amongst them can always be found a few extra big ones. Thus you will see that the obtaining of extra large Linnets is a matter of selection, and not merely a matter of ordering them from some particular district. In other words, any man who handles large quantities of Linnets can pick out big birds for his customers. With regard to foreign Linnet, I have seen many lots which have come from Germany and Russia ("Siberia"), and have never found the English Linnets suffer by comparison.

Eye Trouble (Bald Eye).—Ask a chemist to supply you with a small quantity of boracic eye lotion and bathe the bird's eye twice daily with this. I prefer to use it warm. This will subdue any inflammation and result in the part returning to a healthy condition. Lime will most certainly cause serious eye trouble. But as a rule these "runnings" have their beginnings in very trivial things, such as a little dirt adhering to the eye, or the bird rubbing its eye on a dirty perch after having washed (during the process of drying its feathers); they may, too, be symptomatic of a cold. The bird, of course, rubs and scratches its eye all the more when it feels something is wrong in that quarter, and unless the trouble is dealt with at once, a very serious state of affairs quickly develops, and the skin surrounding the eye (or eyes) becomes involved. You must isolate the patient and wash its perches daily in disinfectant.

Bad Wing-Feathering (H.D.).—I have had one or two cases of birds in flight cages where the secondary flight feathers have failed to arrange themselves properly (so to speak) after the moult. On catching up those affected I have invariably found them to be birds which did not bathe, and after having sprayed them freely every day for a time, the trouble has come to an end—the flights have fallen into the correct position and the plumage has lost its former dry, harsh appearance. On one or two occasions I have thought that the feathers were not fully grown—had, in fact, "stuck." Now from your letter it looks as though your bird was in a similar plight. Does he bathe freely; and, if not, do you spray him? The root of the trouble may be here. Of course, I cannot give an opinion as to whether the flight-feathers have moulted or not without seeing the bird. The cage-bottom ought to have yielded you reliable evidence on this score. Did you not notice the flights being shed? You say that the feather you tried was "very stiff to pull." Well, old feathers usually come out very easily indeed at this time of the year. If you want to try a "tonic-food," mix daily a small half-teaspoonful of combined cod liver oil and hypophosphates (from every good-class chemist) amongst the Hybrids' egg-food—or give it on a piece of stale dry sponge-cake if you are not now using egg-food. I wish you luck with him.

Identity of Bird (Novice, Carr's Hill).—It seems incredible to me that "some of the local birdmen" should tell you that the bird you have is a Twite, and others that it is a Siskin! A coloured plate was published not so very long ago by CAGE BIRDS upon which the Twite and Siskin figured; while with our last Birthday Number was given a coloured plate on which appeared the Siskin and the Redpoll. So there is no excuse for "bird-men" not knowing the difference 'twixt these species. It is a very wide one, too, for the Siskin is short and chubby, and chiefly yellowish-green in colour, while the Twite is long and slim and chiefly a warm dark-brown in colour. So you will see that your bird cannot be a Siskin. If it has a yellowish beak, it is undoubtedly a Twite (call note sounds like "Tweet," or "Twite"). The cock has a reddish patch of plumage on the rump; this is absent in the hen. The song is hardly worthy of the name; just a pleasant "jabber" of notes. The value of a newly-caught Twite is only a few pence (unless, of course, it excels in show points). By the way, look in at the Gateshead and neighbouring bird shows when they are being held. You will see some good exhibition Twites then.

BRITISH BIRD & HYBRID QUERISTS

should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4 "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

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FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by Wesley T. Page, F.Z.S., etc.

Stocking an Aviary.

M.A.W.—1st Division: Here you could add pairs each of Rosella and Ring-necked Parrakeets, Black-checked Lovebirds, Virginian and Pope Cardinals, and two species of Foreign Doves or Pigeons. Middle Division: Here you could put pairs of Grey-winged Ouzels, Orange-headed, Ground Thrushes, or other similar species obtainable, Green Cardinals, Red-crested Cardinals, Madagascar Lovebirds, Passerine Parrakeets, and Glossy, Andaman, or other Starlings. Third Division: Cockatiels, Cowbirds, Marsh Birds, Troupials, Malabar Mynah, Streaked Laughing Thrushes, Red-vented Bulbul, Chinese Spectacled Thrushes, Mocking Birds, and Shamahs would agree with the birds at present in this enclosure. If you are contemplating an aviary for small birds, it should be prepared, so that it may be planted and furnished by mid-April, and thus may be ready for turning in the birds about May, according to state of the weather.

What Bird is it?

A. M. B.—You do not appear to realise the difficulty of naming birds from a written query, especially when the locality from which it comes is so uncertain. I did put in a request for further information, and I presume it appeared. I will do my best to give you full particulars next week, but you would help me greatly to a satisfactory solution if you would send me a rough pencil sketch of the bird, getting shape of beak and eye streak as correct as possible, and also length from tip of beak to end of tail. The same difficulty exists with the small birds, they would appear to be Common or Grey Waxbills, but in the absence of any information as to their habit, one cannot give a definite reply; but I think the above name is correct. However, if you know the above species, and know they are not these, kindly repeat query.

Birds for Exhibition.

Micky.—The following would all be suitable for the class: "Waxbills and certain named species," Cordon Bleus (5/-), St. Helena Waxbills (5/-), Golden-breasted Waxbills (5/- to 7/6), Spice-birds (3/6), Orange-cheek Waxbills (4/6), Common and Green Avadavats (3/6 to 5/-). For other classes, and also for "species smaller than a Cardinal," Long-tailed Grassfinch (15/- to 20/-), Rufous-tailed Greenfinch (15/- to 20/-), White Java Sparrows (10/6), Saffron Finches (7/6), Green Singing Finches (5/- to 7/6), Orange Weaver (7/6), Madagascar Weaver (7/6), Paradise Whydah (7/6), Lavender Finches (7/6). Excepting the Weavers and Whydahs, which are priced for single cocks, all the prices given above are per pair. All are brilliant or handsome species. It is impossible to give colours in the scope of this reply. "Foreign Birds for Beginners," 1/1½d. from our Manager, would help you. Seeds: Canary, white millet, and spray millet, with a little rape, oats and paddy rice for certain species.

Birds Out of Doors.

C. B. Marricks.—All these species are hardy in a roomy aviary, with a well-lighted shelter, but in the latter there must be no crevices through which the wind can blow and create a draught. If either of your birds is showing more discomfort at the weather than our native Finches, etc., do., then they most certainly are not fit to stand the winter, and must be taken indoors. These species have proved hardy as far north as you are, but a bird that is not in best condition at the beginning of cold weather needs some protection to help it through, just the same as an ailing individual. Your birds are, I expect, in colour now, and will probably go out of colour in December or early part of next year. It all depends on the size of the shelter, sometimes the Cardinals are inclined to bully a bit where space is limited, but Cockatiels I have found to be quite amiable. Re flask-shaped nush nests, write the large foreign bird dealers advertising in "C.B.," and if this does not get you what you want, then send me a stamped addressed envelope per Editor, and I will help you out of the difficulty

Value of Parrots ("Query").—I do not care to commit myself definitely on this point. I have heard of prices ranging from £30 to £50, and I think higher, but £10 to £15 is the more general—a good bird can be got for £10 if you bide your time; but it should be heard and seen before purchase.

Saffron Finch, etc. (H. Sharp).—Next time you go to N. H. Mus., go to the birdroom and ask the attendant to show you a skin of *Sycalis flaveola* (Saffron Finch), and *Serinus icterus* (Green Singing Finch), they have plenty of skins, though there may be none set up in the case. Popular names are seldom used at the museum.

A Grey Parrot with White Beak (Novice).—This bird is the Australian Roseate Cockatoo, a much cheaper and hardier bird than the Grey Parrot. Though I have heard quite talented birds of this species, the majority of those imported to this country do not make great talkers, and some scream; they also take more teaching than the Grey Parrot. Nevertheless, it is a handsome species, becomes tame and chummy, and is an accomplished acrobat, and each individual should talk a little.

Birds for Aviary (Drury).—You could keep with the British Finches about nine pairs of the small foreign Finches, the following would make a nice series: Common and Green Avadavats, Golden-breasted and St. Helena Waxbills, Zebra and Ruficauda Finches, Grey and Green Singing Finches, and Long-tailed Greenfinches, Saffron Finches, and White Java Sparrows. You must contrive a cover to the front of this cage, which will keep them snug during winter's nights and yet allow light and ventilation without draught.

Saffron Finch and Canary (D.P.H.).—It has crossed on more than one occasion with the Canary, but as a rule it is a difficult cross to obtain, and many fail with it. The genus *Sycalis* replaces *Serinus* in South America. There are several species of *Sycalis*, viz., the Saffron Finch, Pelzelu's Saffron Finch, and Yellow Finch, all of which have inter-bred in captivity. As regards the definite question—is there a reasonable chance?—what others have done, you may succeed in doing again. In restricted quarters some individuals of this species are very pugnacious and they should be kept under strict observation till their temperament is ascertained.

Grey Parrot not Talking (Regular Reader).—I do not think the bird is dumb, though a Parrot not uttering is indeed an anomaly! Your treatment is very satisfactory, and the bird should do well. You must try to draw it out, talk to it, fuss about with it generally, keep it in your midst, where it will hear plenty of conversation and other sounds, and report result about a month or six weeks hence. At present I cannot be more definite, though I can scarcely bring myself to believe in a voiceless Parrot!

Nests for Cockatiels (L.W.).—In "Foreign Birds for Beginners," page 4 (see advert. in this column), is figured a suitable nest for this species, and similar nests are often advertised in our columns. A small barrel about nine inches diameter and twelve inches deep, hung up lengthwise, is as good a nest receptacle as can be offered. If you cannot procure these, write me per Editor of this paper, and I will help you out of the difficulty. A nest-box for this species should be about 8 by 12 inches on the bottom, which must be concave, and be about 9 inches high; it must have a waterproof top if hung up in the outer flight.

Silverbill and Zebra Finch Hybrids (G. I. T.).—I cannot at the moment (relying on memory alone) recall an instance of these two species crossing, but the Zebra Finch is so eager to reproduce its kind that it has already crossed with at least half a dozen species, in cases where a mate of its own kind was not available. It would be worth while exhibiting them at the forthcoming L.C.B.A. show next month. A class is provided for hybrids and the birds would stand a good chance of recognition.

What Bird? (Belle Vue).—It is the Australian Roseate Cockatoo, also known as Australian Grey Parrot and Rose-breasted Cuckatoo. Its value as a talker is not great in this country, as the majority are not very teachable, but they mostly turn out accomplished acrobats and become very chummy. I have, however, had personal acquaintance with several really talented Roseates, so persevere with your training. The first step is to get it thoroughly tame and steady, then talk to it, keep it in your living room, and make a pet of it generally and it will soon begin to respond. Diet: Seed mixture, ripe fruit, nuts, plain biscuit, greenfood, grit, cuttlebone and water. See other replies in this issue.

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

Show Cages (Forth View).—A creamy white for the interior would suit both birds well and show them off distinctly, and I advise this colour, with the wire front and exterior of cage painted black. An interior of deep sage green suits many species better than any other, and is a good standby as a stock cage. Some type of box cage 12in. long, 9in. deep and about 12in. high would be a good size, with the perches so arranged that they could get at food hoppers easily, and yet being in such a position that would be least likely for them to damage their tails or heads against sides and tops of cage.

What Bird?—In the absence of any rough sketch of the form of this bird, I cannot be definite. Your bird is either the Spectacled Thrush, which was described in this column last week, or the Rusty-cheeked Babbler. In either case, insect food, live insects and fruit, if they will take the latter, will about meet their requirements. If you could send me a sketch of the bird—no matter how rough—showing the shape of beak and general approx. form of the bird, I think I could definitely name it for you. As it is, there are quite a number of species your description comes very close to.

Senegal Parrot (Sengus).—(1) Your bird is correctly named, it is a Senegal. Continue to give a little of the general mixture, but also keep a full tin of canary and white millet seed in its cage, and I think you will find it will partly subsist upon the latter. Also supply ripe fruit daily, such as it most fancies, according to season. It can also have nuts and plain biscuit, but do not give tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food. It is good practice to add a pinch of grit (not sand) to the daily supply of seed, and water must either be kept in the cage or offered to the bird several times daily. (2) The price you paid is about fair value for the bird, but when talking more freely, thoroughly established, and in perfect feather, its value should be doubled.

Roseate Cockatoo (Galax).—Your bird is not a Parrot, but a Cockatoo; it is also known as Rose-breasted Cockatoo and Australian Grey Parrot, as well as the name at head of this reply. It certainly has a high repute in Australia as a talking species, and one occasionally comes across a talented bird in this country, so most certainly they do talk, and your bird should do so a little at any rate. The first thing is to get it quite tame and to avoid scaring it in any way—keep it in your midst, where it will see and hear conversation and other things, and be kept from moping; talk to, make a pet of it generally, and there will ultimately be some response for your care and trouble. They are quaint acrobatic birds, mimic sounds and calls, and usually become very chummy.

Beach.—Spray the bird with quassia solution twice weekly for a time, it will not only clear off parasites if there are any, but make the bird's plumage distasteful. Confine its diet to seed mixture, ripe fruit, nuts, and plain biscuits, with water continually, or allow it to quench its thirst at intervals during the day. Add a pinch of grit to the daily supply of seed, keep a piece of cuttlebone in the cage, and do not give any sops, table scraps, or animal food. You might also anoint the bare parts lightly with Spratt's "Pennakura." A Grey is the better for ripe fruit daily. Keep its bowels moving freely by a dose of Dinneford's Magnesia—one teaspoonful in the drinking water—every fourth day for say a month, and on other day the same quantity of byno-phosphates. It is most difficult to cure a Parrot of this annoying habit, once it is taken up, and the treatment must be persisted in and the bird kept as much occupied as possible—not left alone much; and pieces of wood, cotton reels, etc., to play with. You had better report progress in a month or six weeks. Our Nutshell booklet "The Grey Parrot," 2½d. post free, from our Manager, would be helpful.

GENERAL.

Answered by The Editor.

Cuttings (T. Bell, D. J. Noyes, H. Smith, T. Bishop, J. Mace, and others).—We thank you for your kindness in sending us the newspaper cuttings.

An Opinion on a Show (Good Intent).—We fail to see that any useful purpose would be served by the publication of your letter. Surely it would be better to sympathise with Societies unlucky enough to have a bad time at their shows.

A Photograph and Letter (H. E. Smith).—Many thanks. We will publish both in our next issue.

Sending Birds Abroad (W. R. Everett).—We hear that satisfactory arrangements have now been made.

Club Notice (J. Waugh).—Your notice of meeting was posted too late to secure insertion in our last issue.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Amble C.B.S.—Oct. 28, Gardeners' Arms, Amble, 6. Final show arrangements.—J. T. Crackett.

Adwick-le-Street C.B.S.—Oct. 28, Foresters' Arms, 6. Business for show. Subs for quarter due.—G. H. Robinson.

Bournemouth C.B.A.—Oct. 30, Railway Hotel, 8. Committee meeting. Allotment of special prizes.—W. O. Brooke.

Bristol C.B.S.—Nov. 1, City Hotel, Wine Street, 8. Allotting specials, final arrangements for show.—A. R. A. Carter.

Barnsley C.B.S.—Nov. 4, Clarence Hotel, 7.30. Last meeting before show.—F. C. Sims.

Bankfoot C.B.S.—Oct. 31, Red Lion Hotel, 8. Washing and staging exhibition by Mr. J. Smith, etc.; subs. now due.—F. Gelder.

City of Birmingham C.B.S.—Nov. 1, Crown Hotel, 8. Table show.—S. Mole.

Crewe O.S.—Oct. 31, Hightown Institute, 8. Show business.—E. Jaycott.

Consett, Blackhill, Soc.—Nov. 4, Co-op. Room, 7.30. Committee meeting.—R. R. Walker.

Cumnock C.B.S.—Oct. 28, Co-op. Hall, Auchinleck, 7. Motion; alteration of col. in Norwich section, etc.—J. Nutt.

Coventry O.S.—Nov. 1, Sydenham Palace, 8.30. Show business.—A. J. Barratt.

Darlington C.B.S.—Nov. 1, Labour Hall, 7.30. Important business, etc., and members' show.—Hy. Todd.

Dalkeith C.C.—Nov. 4, Ship Inn, 7. Bal. sheet and payment of prize money, etc.—Ewing and Steel.

Edinburgh C.B.S.—Oct. 31, Secretary's House. Committee. Important.—J. I. Mackie.

East Bowling B.F.A.—Oct. 28, St. John's School, 2.45. Meeting and show. Judge, Mr. H. H. Towers (Glasburn).—L. Booth.

Edinburgh Eastern.—Oct. 30, Free Gardeners' Hall, Abbey Mount, 8. Important show business; all subs. now due. Please note alteration of date.—D. D. Horne.

Edinburgh N.C. and M.B.S.—Nov. 2, 142, High Street, 8. Final show arrangements.—J. Finnie.

Eccleshill C.B.A.—Oct. 28, Fountain Inn, 8. Special meeting; very important.—W. Nettleton.

Eccles C.B.S.—Nov. 1, Diamond Inn, 8. Election of new members; subs.; proposition of table show.—J. Hall.

G.P.O.F.S.—Quarterly meeting postponed till Oct. 31, Davies Dairy, 25, Little Britain, 8.30.—A. Watson.

Grimsby and Cleethorpes Roller C.S.—Oct. 28, 119, Cleethorpes Road, Grimsby, 7.30. Final preparations for show and contest, Dec. 1st and 2nd.—W. Yardley.

Greenock, Port Glasgow, and Gourock O.S.—Nov. 1, Co-operative Halls, P.G., 7.30. Important show business; subs. now due.—J. Forrester.

Great Horton O.S.—Oct. 28, Butchers' Arms, 8. Also members' show; birds staged 8 o'clock. Judge, Mr. W. Stables. Special prize, copper kettle.—J. Holroyd.

Glasgow and Western Counties.—Oct. 28, 122, Ingram Street, 6.30. Annual show business.—T. Drysdale.

Glasgow and West of Scotland Club.—Oct. 31, College Hall, 28, Spoutmouth Street, 8. Grand washing competition; two classes, champions and novices; for handsome prizes. Competitors to bring their own birds. Friends welcome.—F. Taylor.

Gt. Horton (Good Intent) O.S.—Oct. 28, Church Schools, 8.—Hy. Gornall.

Hebden Bridge C.B.F.A.—Oct. 31, Lello's Dining Rooms, Market Street, 7.30. Members' show; judge, Mr. J. T. Greenwood.—A. Roberts.

Huddersfield O.S.—Oct. 30, White Hart Hotel, 8.—F. J. Sykes.

Halifax O.S.—Oct. 28, Saddle Hotel, Market Street. Members' show. Judge, Mr. F. Allen (Cleckheaton). Classification see syllabus; birds staged at 7.30.—J. J. Dunn.

Harrogate C.B.S.—Oct. 31, Washing exhibition. Members' show schedules to be had on application.—W. E. Fergusson.

Hyde C.B.S.—Oct. 30, St. George's School, 8. Annual show business; subs. due.—T. Allsop.

Jarrow, Hebburn C.B.S.—Oct. 31, Lockbart's Cafe, 8. Show business.—R. Blore.

Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A.—Oct. 31, headquarters, 6. All moneys to be squared up; report of show, etc.—A. Dickson.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—Nov. 1, Railway Hotel, 7.15. Mr. J. Bailey will give a washing exhibition; fanciers and friends invited.—J. E. Hudson.

Llanelly C.B.S.—Oct. 28, Greyhound Hotel, 7.30. Very important show matters, and to allot specials; no specials can go to schedule after this.—D. John.

Larkhall C.B.A.—Nov. 4, Miners' Hall, 7. Arrangements for social.—J. Pollock.

Leek C.B.S.—Oct. 30, Unicorn Hotel, 8.—J. A. Pegg.

Manchester and N.C.O.S.—Oct. 30, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Various.—H. Boothman.

Mid-Rhondda C.B.S.—Nov. 2, White Hart Hotel, Tonypaudy, 7. General and show business. Local fanciers invited to join.—A. H. C. Legg.

New Cross and Dist. C.B.S.—Nov. 2, new headquarters, The People's Hall, Tanner's Hill, Deptford Broadway, 8. Show business; to receive specials.—G. J. Barton.

North Shields C.B.C.—Nov. 1, 37, Howdon Road, N.S., 7.30.—Preparation for annual show.—R. P. Fox.

Newcastle C.B.S.—Nov. 2, 65, Grainger Street, 8. General.—J. E. Atkinson.

Nottingham and Notts O.S.—Meeting each Wednesday until show.—G. E. Wilkinson.

Pudsey, Stanningley C.B.S.—Oct. 27, Fleece Hotel, 8. Ent. for show Oct. 28. Birds to be staged by 6.45; judging to commence 7.—H. Raistrick.

Pelton Fell C.B.S.—Oct. 30, Institute Hall, 7. Settling specials. Please bring or send them in, so as to get schedule drawn up.—W. Forster.

Partick C.B.C.—Nov. 3, Subway Hall, Partick Cross, 8. Annual show business, allocating specials, etc.—W. Priest.

Provincial Roller C.C.—Oct. 28, Swan Hotel, Fountain Street, Manchester, 6. Show business.—A. Percival.

Rochdale O.C.—Oct. 30, Club Room, 830. Committee meeting.—R. Blincoe.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—Nov. 1, Temperance Club, Toad Lane, 8. General meeting entry night for back end show.—E. Hartley.

Rotherham C.B.S.—Oct. 28, College Inn, 8. Final arrangements for annual show.—B. Bailey.

Sunderland C.B.A.—Oct. 28, Fawcett Street Cafe, 7.30.—J. Jeffrey.

Sheffield C.B.S.—Nov. 2, Wentworth Cafe, 8. Table show of unflig. Yorks., unflig. Nor. Entry fee, good prize money. Also judging competition, issue of ballot papers, and open show business.—A. Hobson.

Sale C.B.S.—Oct. 30, Volunteer Hotel, 8. Open show business.—A. Royle.

South Manchester C.B.S.—Nov. 2, headquarters, 8.30. Table show Nov. 4; Mathews (Hyde) judge. Entries close club night. Points to count for cup.—A. Smith.

Stonehouse C.B. and F.H.S.—Oct. 28, Public Hall, 7. Fixing stewards for open show.—W. Melvin.

Stockton-on-Tees C.B.S.—Nov. 2, Leeds Hotel, 8. Final arrangement for open show.—J. W. Jones.

Selston F.S.—Oct. 30, Nr. Schools, 7. Show business, etc.—C. H. Bacon.

Windsor C.B.A.—Nov. 2, headquarters, 8.15. Arrangements re annual show.—E. A. Stickland.

Wakefield Roller C.C.—Oct. 30, Elepbant and Castle Inn, 8. Show business.—H. Roebuck.

Wigan C.B.S.—Oct. 28, Legs of Man Hotel, 8. Members' show.—W. Dyer.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 2, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

S. Sutton.—Death occurred from dropsy following on organic disease of the liver. The body was very emaciated, anaemic, and the muscles wasted, whilst the interior of the body contained a quantity of fluid. The disease appears to have been of some lengthy existence considering the nature of the post-mortem lesions.

J. S. Burgess.—I am obliged for your descriptive letter; it is most helpful, not only in arriving at a diagnosis, but in assisting you to prevent the disease. Upon removing the plumage the body was found to be very much swollen and reddened; on opening the body the bowels were found to be unduly distended owing to fermentation, and were most badly inflamed along their entire course. The milt and the liver were badly diseased, the whole trouble arising, in my opinion, not from any infection, but to the intaking, probably with the food, of some powerful irritant poison, although it must be remembered that paint under favourable circumstances is capable of causing similar trouble. I am afraid there is very little hope of recovery of the affected, although you might try the following treatment, viz., to give to those troubled with diarrhœa one half grain of bismuth subnitrate dusted on bread and milk, night and morning, until symptoms abate, and to give in the drinking water twice daily thirty drops of chloroform water. Discontinue for a time any colour-food, sulphate or iron or cod liver oil food, and to get an entirely fresh supply of seed, and feed rather sparingly for a time. It is a characteristic feature of this disease that the affected birds have an inordinate appetite.

I have had numerous applications for schedules for show on Nov. 14 and 15, writes Mr. H. Smith, sec. Wimbledon C.B.S. They are now in printers' hands, and I hope to be able to post off to all applicants in the course of next week. Allow me to congratulate you on your "Guide to the Shows," which I find most convenient. This year we have (including members') 84 classes and four judges, viz., Messrs. H. Knight, F. A. Lester, H. Norman, and J. Robson. The Roller classes are a new feature with us, and will, I feel sure, be a great attraction. Promises of support being numerous, we hope for a record entry.

We have 27 classes, open to all exhibitors, writes Mr. J. H. Elwell, Sec. of the Old Shildon Workmen's Club C.B.S. Show, November 10th and 11th. Will those who have not received a schedule please send on their name to me?

Attercliffe and Dis. C.B.S are holding their sixth annual show on Nov. 18, in the Attercliffe Vestry Hall, and the judges are Messrs. Turner (Parkgate), for Norwich; Mr. Howarth (Halifax), for Yorkshires; and Mr. Milnes (Sheffield), for British birds; and we have 54 classes in our schedule, writes Mr. W. Richinson, sec.

Please accept my best thanks for the portrayal of my Yellow Norwich 1st Clapham in a recent issue of Cage Birds, writes Mr. E. Baker (Cowes). For a bird to be shown on Wednesday and appear in your popular journal on Friday is a masterpiece. No wonder Cage Birds has become so popular. The detailed reports of the shows given in the same are much appreciated by fanciers generally. Every good wish for its continued success.

As chairman of the East Ham C.B.S., writes Mr. H. B. Rout, I am sorry to inform you that I have taken up fresh duties in Sheffield. I say sorry because I was proud, as a fancier, to be with such a splendid body of men, sportsmen every inch of them, and always ready to support their secretary and show manager, and to further the interests of a society which will before long become one of the foremost in the kingdom. My address is now 128, St. Mary's Road, Sheffield.

The classification for our show on Dec. 2 has now been finally arranged, writes Mr. W. Irvine, sec of the Blairgowrie (East Perthshire) Society. There are 25 classes for cage birds. Mr. J. F. Dewar (Edinburgh) will judge. A gold medal is given by Capt. Rice for best foreign bird, and also a silver medal for best British bird. There is also a points special, and numerous good specials, all of which are open.

Since the schedule for our members' young stock show was issued, writes Mr. W. Maxey, hon. sec. of the Stratford and E. London F.S., Messrs. Fulton, Wiggins, and Basset have promised specials. Mr. J. Reed has promised a challenge cup (to be won three times, for most points in any one section at young stock and monthly shows combined; but this year it will be competed for at young stock show only—most points in any one section). New members: Mr. A Francis, Poplar (Cage Bird Section).

Correspondence.

Has the Mating Been Successful?

Sir,—Can any of your numerous readers kindly let me know whether it is possible to breed with a cock Bullfinch and hen Canary with any chance of success?

Country Lad.

Birds Caught Wearing Rings.

Sir,—Last week I caught a Chaffinch hen with a ring on its leg No. 22. I should be interested to know where it came from.

W. Steanes.

Birmingham.

Sir,—A friend of mine at Brighton caught a Linnet last Friday with a ring on its foot marked "Witherby, High Holborn, London." Do you know if it is of any value?

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[Communicate with Messrs. Witherby, publishers, at the address given on the ring. We do not know that any value attaches to the Linnet, but the ring is put on so that the bird's movements (after leaving the nest, and so on) may be traced.—Editor.]

Where Shall the Canary-Bullfinch Go?

A Protest.

Sir,—One of the most interesting classes at a cage bird show is the class for Hybrids between two British birds. This year quite a number of important shows have added "including Canary-Bullfinch." Why the Canary-Bullie should be included with Hybrids between two British birds passes my comprehension. The result will be (in fact, has been, according to your reports) the loss of entries. Surely Hybrids between British birds deserve a class to themselves at any show where a fair classification is provided?

Hybrid.

The W.C.O.S. (Plymouth) Norwich Cup.

Sir,—In the report of the W.C.O.S. Show last week the reporter states that the young bird which was awarded the cup was bred from the same parents as last year's winner. But during the afternoon it was found that an old bird had been awarded the cup. It appears that the judge could not have examined all the birds very closely when giving his final awards, as the rules of the society distinctly state that all young birds competing for cup must be non-flighted. The truth of the above statement is verified by the fact that Mr. Redwood now holds the cup with his non-flighted hen which the judge selected as second best. Unless the judging is carried out with a greater degree of care, I fear the receipts for entrance fees will diminish, as competitors will not enter their birds.

Disgusted Exhibitor.

Is the Yorkshire Canary on the Down Grade?

Sir,—I read with more than a passing degree of interest the article under the above significant title. Whilst I cannot but admit that the writer raises points and arguments that are well worth considering by every thought and intelligent admirer of the Yorkshire Canary, yet some of his points call for criticism and enquiry. In the first place the writer assumes that the Yorkshire Canary has begun descent on the down grade, and that we are drifting far below the recognised standard. The writer then proceeds to assign a reason for this serious decadence, and goes on to remark that "our judges are mainly at fault in this matter"—and why? Simply because they have placed quality of feather before every other consideration, and have therefore dragged down the once beautiful Yorkshire to the level of the Border Fancy in their endeavour to make this bird into a one-property variety—yes, all quality." The reading of this naturally raised in my mind not one question, but two, one being: Are the majority of Yorkshires exhibited to-day inferior in length (generally speaking) by comparison with those exhibited in former years, and, if so, when did this alleged decadence set in? The second question that suggested itself was: Have our judges, generally speaking, been guilty of ignoring length—or, to repeat the words of the writer, simply given their verdicts in favour of "all quality—yes, all quality?" I feel bound to express the opinion that had "Longfellow" trusted more to facts and less to what I believe to be imaginary sentiment, he would not have erred to the extent of making such extraordinary statements against present-day winning exhibits and present-day judges. After an experience extending over a quarter of a century of Yorkshire Canaries, as well as being a close observer of such in the exhibition world generally, I am forced to the conclusion that at no time in the whole history of the Yorkshire Canary, as I have known it, has the property of length played a more pronounced and prominent part than it does to-day. I might even go further and say that my opinion is also that of most of the Yorkshire fanciers and exhibitors I meet in our northern districts, who, if appealed to on this question, would in the great majority of cases favour the idea that the judges do give, and have been giving, not too little prominence to length, but, if anything, have erred on the other side. As to the judges and "Longfellow's" tilt at them—well, I hold no brief for them as to their conduct in making their awards in the manner suggested by the writer, as I think they know how to clear themselves from the charges levelled at them without any interference on my part. Again, "Longfellow," in his fervour and enthusiasm for length, levels a shot at the Y.C.C. for its apparent past and present apathy towards this one question and he is not slow in censuring that body for such alleged negligence and apathy. He portrays the Y.C.C. as being an institution practically established for the sole object and purpose of extending the classification and protecting the interests of Yorkshire fanciers and significantly proceeds to add a reminder that it ought to have gone further by also being an institution "to protect and advance the *properties* of the Yorkshire Canary to the highest state of perfection." This may be taken as implying that the founders' and present promoters' chief concern was, and is, for its members' £ s. d. interest only, and that this august institution, notwithstanding all the good things it has accomplished, and is accomplishing, has been apathetic and negligent to the extent of disregarding the highest property of the bird. As an old member of the Y.C.C. practically from its commencement, down to the present time, I think the gravity of these charges cannot be over-estimated, and that they ought not to be allowed to pass unchallenged and unanswered. Have these charges been made after due reference to the true facts of the case, or are they only the product of a too enthusiastic imagination? I would remind "Longfellow" that he has only to see, read, and inwardly digest the Y.C.C.'s standard in its entirety (if he has not already done so), after which I think he will surely be thoroughly convinced that this institution has already done, and done well, too, that very particular thing he so fervently enjoins them to proceed to do, viz.: "To protect and advance the properties of the Yorkshire Canary to the highest state of perfection." In view of what the Y.C.C. has accomplished in the past, I am forcibly reminded of some words that were written a long time ago by another Longfellow. I give the couplet, with slight alterations to suit the occasion, thus: "Something attempted, something done, has earned —well, more than it's gotten." This may not rhyme, but it's true, nevertheless. In conclusion, "Longfellow" seems to desire some alteration to suit the convenience of what he is pleased to term "the various offshoots of the parent body." Might I suggest that if it be true that the Yorkshire Canary is on the down grade there may be other agencies at work, in addition to the judges and the Y.C.C. executive, that are contributing to its decline? Who knows? What about the various offshoots referred to? Are these to get off scot free, or have they to share in their parent's guilt? It may be that "Longfellow" thought that a castigation of the parent might teach the children a lesson that would be good for them when fully matured and grown up. Who knows?

Goodfellow.

Sir,—There is not much in "Longfellow's" reply to my letter which touched the question at issue, and I am not going to take up your space by controverting his erroneous statements on bye issues. One statement I take exception to, and that is about giving my "friend" a free advertisement. I mentioned the names of six or seven gentlemen, all of whom are acquaintances of mine so far as the Fancy goes. I gave no friend a free advertisement. "Longfellow" defies me to point to one single statement of his that length is the chief point in his article. I may be mistaken, but it seemed to me as I read his article that from beginning to end it was an argument in favour of length as the great and chief consideration in a Yorkshire. He spoke of "the beautiful length of side boasted by birds of former years," "the desired length was obtained," "this most valuable and essential property," "the Yorkshire Canary was not now possessed of that beautiful length of flights and tail which the birds of years ago could boast." He also speaks of the judges having dragged the Yorkshire down almost to the level of the Border. He speaks of Mr. Bexson keeping up "the standard length." He also says: "there is nothing more satisfactory than a little extra length." In his final sentence he spoke of "a mere miniature usurping . . . ." Surely this all proves that his argument was an argument on the question of length as the all-essential property in a Yorkshire? "Longfellow" ignores the fact that last year and the year before birds won which were over seven inches in length, and says we cannot reach the standard of 6¾. He further says a 6¾ bird is a good big 'un. If he really thinks so, then he has wasted a lot of time, ink, and paper in writing his article, to say nothing of your valuable space. There are hundreds of birds winning this season which are 6¾ins.; therefore "Longfellow's" effusion is waste of effort. As to my identity, I think "Longfellow" has made a big mistake, and has jumped at a most rash conclusion. I bred and exhibited Yorkshires over thirty years ago, so know something about the variety, and am not quite such a novice as "Longfellow" assumes. I am pleased to see from his letter that he does not advocate anything over 6¾ins. If he is content with 6¾ as a maximum, so am I; and there is no need for that amending of matters by the Y.C.C. of which "Longfellow" spoke in his article.

Six-Three-Quarters.

The Y.C.B.S. of Ireland.

Sir,—Would the hon. sec. of the Y.C.B.S. of Ireland be so kind as to reply to the following question: Has Mr. Birse resigned from the Council? Or is it a printer's error which is accountable for the omission of his name from the schedule?

Brer Rabbit.

A Recipe Wanted for Staining Clap Nets

Sir,—Would some kind fancier let me know a recipe for staining clap nets, as I have a large pair which I made myself, but I do not know the proper way and colour with which to stain them. The nets are 15ft. by 4ft. each side.

John Williams.

Crest Classes at Cheltenham Show.

Sir,—We find that a misunderstanding has arisen with regard to the prize-money in the Crest Section of Cheltenham Show, and that the Crested Canary Club does not guarantee full prize-money. Under the circumstances the Cheltenham Society will guarantee full money in Classes 1 to 8, as stated in the schedule. We trust that by so doing we shall have the liberal support of Crest breeders.

A. S. Treasure and W. Pounsett, hon. secs.

Specials from Australia for the Crystal Palace Show.

Sir,—I am asked by Mr. F. White, of the Victorian Canary Society (Australia), to acknowledge through your columns the receipt of a cheque for £3 13s. 6d., being seven specials of 10s. 6d. each for best Norwich, Norwich unflighted, Yorkshire, Crest, Crest-bred, Cinnamon, and Lizard Canaries exhibited at the next (1912) Palace Show. The thanks of all exhibitors are due to Mr. White and the Victorian Canary Society for their kindly interest and generosity.

J. W. Ramsden, Show Manager.

Rare-feathered Birds at the Shows.

Sir,—On perusing the excellent report of Morpeth Show, in your last issue, I see that what are described as an almost pure white Linnet and a lovely cream-coloured Blackbird were passed by the judge, Mr. A. Hay. Now I would like to ask Mr. Hay what were his reasons for passing, or wrong classing, these exhibits? According to Mr. Hay, your Mr. Weston was wrong for acting in a similar manner when he judged at Gateshead Show a couple of years or so ago, and wrong classed a slate-coloured Greenfinch belonging to Mr. Hay. He (Mr. Hay) was not slow to raise a controversy through your columns against the judge, and also the committee of the Gateshead Club, for allowing the judge to exercise his discretion in the matter. Now these two cases are exactly on a parallel, and what I should like to ask is, how comes Mr. Hay to act like Mr. Weston after expounding his views through your columns as he did on that occasion? Did he learn a lesson through your valuable paper? I do not remember his having the courtesy to admit it. I do not wish to injure Mr. Hay's prospects in any way, and I bear him no ill-feeling, but at the aforementioned time it seemed an utter impossibility to convince him that only normal-plumaged birds ought to win in their respective classes.

R. Manners.

Gateshead.

More Interesting Records of a Scottish Bird-lover.

Sir,—I heard the Missel Thrush singing on June 3rd and 10th. I have never heard it singing in that month before. It generally stops about the end of May, but it occasionally sings in the autumn. About a dozen years ago there was a discussion in the "Glasgow Evening Times" as to whether the Missel Thrush sang or not. There can be no doubt that it sings. The song somewhat resembles that of the Blackbird, but it is louder, clearer, and the notes are uttered more rapidly. The Missel Thrush is widely known in Scotland as the "Felty." It has had that name about Beith ever since I remember, which is for more than fifty years. This species generally builds in the fork of a tree, but I saw a Felty's nest in an overgrown whin bush, and one on the ground, although there were plenty of trees in the vicinity, and my friend, Mr. Barr, saw one in a hedge. I also saw a Missel Thrush's nest which was principally composed of wool, but I had no difficulty in recognising it. Some ornithologists maintain that birds build by imitation. Birds build instinctively, but they also use their reasoning powers when building. It can hardly be argued they do not. This satisfactorily accounts for the descendants of each species building their nests similarly, or somewhat similarly, to their parents under similar prevailing conditions. With regard to imitation, how on earth could birds build their first nests by imitation, when there were no nests to imitate? Moreover, many House Sparrows occupy the nests of House Martins, but the offspring of these House Sparrows do not build a nest like that of the House Martin, which completely upsets the imitation theory. I saw a House Sparrow's nest in a tree which was only partly domed, with two holes in it for the birds to enter and leave. At Caldwell, a pair of Robins built a domed nest on the top of a yew hedge. There can be little doubt that when these birds built their nest they had in view the protection of their eggs and young ones from their natural enemies, which accounts satisfactorily for their departure from the normal type. Since you published my article on the Sedge Warbler and the two photographs of a Sedge Warbler's nest suspended from reed stems (which were taken by Mr. Malloch, and appeared in your issue of August 19th), I have seen another Sedge Warbler's nest suspended on three reed stems, one of which was crosswise.

John Craig.

Is Linseed Harmful to Goldfinches?

Sir,—Could any of your readers let me know if linseed is harmful to Goldfinches? Last week I gave a Greypate about two tablespoonfuls of canary-seed and about a teaspoonful each of inga and linseed. The day after he was rolled up like a ball, and died early the following morning. Should like to know if any other fancier has had a like experience.

Flax.

An Exhibitor's Protest Against Early Closing of Entries.

Sir,—Allow me a space in your valuable paper to express my views with regard to the early closing of entries at some of the open shows. Some of them close the books for entries on the Saturday before their show. This, in my opinion, does not suit the exhibitors very well, especially those who have not many birds to "come and go" on. You do not know what condition your birds will be in when returned from a show; they might have lost some of their feathers, which often happens; so that the birds are not in a state for exhibition the following Saturday. Also, you might have a bird in a selling class at a show, and you do not know whether to enter that bird or not, for fear of its being bought at the previous show. Therefore I think show secretaries should extend the time for closing entries to the Monday or the Tuesday; and then exhibitors would know whether to make entries for the following Saturday or not.

Fife Exhibitor.

A Colour Problem.

Should Birds be "Wrong-classed?"

Sir,—I think it is a great pity that birds should be marked "wrong class" at the shows, especially for colour, as it often happens that a novice has an exceptionally good bird which he would like to exhibit, but is doubtful of its colour. Some fanciers tell him it is a light yellow, others say that it is a rich buff. So the chances are that after paying entry money, carriage, etc., for his exhibit, he finds it marked "wrong class." I think it would be but just to the Fancy if such exhibits were transferred by the judges to their proper classes and judged on their proper merit. I have even known judges make mistakes in wrong-classing birds for colour. I remember an instance which happened four years ago. A novice entered a bird in a class for yellows, and got a wrong-class ticket. The judge admitted that it was the best young bird in the show had it been in its proper class (amongst the buffs). The bird was then shown a fortnight later in a buff section, but only received the same award—"wrong class." And again the novice had the pleasure of knowing that his bird would have been well in had it been shown in its proper class (amongst the yellows!). This was enough to choke off any ordinary novice, but my friend was determined to find out the colour of his bird. He showed it again, as a yellow this time, securing 1st and special and medal for best young bird in the show! I should like to hear other fanciers' opinions on this question.

Rob Roy.

Exhibits and Water.

Should it be Withheld from Birds Until Judging is Over?

Sir,—Your reporter at Plymouth Show suggests that it would have been better if the water had not been taken away from the birds so soon. Our method is to remove the water as early as possible to avoid the birds bathing before judging, and this was done, as at previous shows, by 7.30, in the expectancy that judging would commence at eight o'clock, the judges having been advised by letter, in which was included a marked schedule giving number of birds in each class, to enable them to have some idea of what they would have to do. This, in my opinion, is none too early, tho only thing that could make it so being the want of punctuality on the part of the judges. I was congratulating myself this year, on arrival at the hall at seven o'clock, that not a single bird had spoilt his chance by having a bathe. I should very much like the opinion of exhibitors on this question, as our committee do not get home on the night before the show until 2 a.m., and would certainly appreciate another hour in bed next day if it were not for getting early to the hall for the express purpose of removing the water. One prominent exhibitor, in fact, asked me this year to remove water overnight, and not to give it again until after judging. I hardly think in any case that your reporter's remarks apply, because we always have two of the committee on the look-out for birds needing water while judging is going on, who fill the tins and empty them again as soon as the bird has drunk.

Thos. Pope, hon. sec.

A Chortle from an Anti-Colourfoodite.

Sir,—I am sorry to have to discourage Mr. G. Pye in his endeavour to produce and popularise the White Canary. He must not do it; really he must not—at least, until I or some other confrere has invented and placed upon the market a white-wash (or some other filth) to mix with its egg food. I hope and trust from the bottom of my heart that I shall see no more letters like that written by "Interested," and published in Cage Birds issue of Oct. 21. Does colour-feeding cause liver disease? The idea! If "Interested" had the slightest knowledge whatever of birds in their natural state he would know that all birds will leave any kind of food whatever for a good feed of cayenne pepper. When I say "any food whatever" I except, of course, mixed mustard pickles, which, as we all know, have a great attraction for birds of all species, and are at the same time so healthful, grateful, and comforting to their little insides! Let "Interested" give his birds a little more pepper and less of the injurious watercress, dandelion, groundsel, shepherd's purse, lettuce, etc.; and he will not have to complain of his birds suffering from "liver." I was also astounded by reading the following statement made by T. Johnson in his article headed "Round the Hardbill Classes." He says: "Don't colour-feed; to my mind the latter spoils a Greenie." Mr. Editor, Mr. St. John, Mr. Weston—where on earth were you? How on earth did this come to pass the blue pencil? Were you all watching Willonyx win, with the office boy left in charge, that this paralysing statement was allowed to creep into the columns of Cage Birds? Surely, Mr. Editor, everybody knows that a show "Greenie" should not be green at all, but bronze; and that the proper way to prepare a Greenie for show is to feed it on "hot feed" with a teaspoonful of mixed seed every three weeks. To Hades with these new-fangled would-be reformers and their unnatural "unfed" ideas! Odds bodkins, the Fancy is coming to a pretty pass, I ween!

H. Moore.

The Fancy in Liverpool.

The New Society for Anfield, Everton, and District; and other Topics.

Sir,—In the first sentence of Mr. W. C. Robinson's letter he frankly admits that I have alleged the truth, as my letter was just what he expected. Your readers will no doubt take note that he and those who will not associate with me are in possession of my allegations and know them to be absolutely correct. Your correspondent is no doubt quite able to conduct this correspondence to suit his own case, providing he splits himself up into three distinct parties—namely, waster merchant, and the charmed circle. Your readers will note that he does admit there is a "charmed circle." With reference to the City societies, "the Breeders" has dwindled down in membership about 80 per cent.; the Open Society is also on the down grade; and the Green Canary Association is now limited to the "charmed circle" and the few stragglers hanging on to this wreck. Hence the appeal for the missing dollars—for the "nuts" to rake in. What do I think of these societies now? Well, with the assistance of the waster merchant and a little of the G.C.A. secretary's colour-feed, one might rake in sufficient to purchase a £10 pot for 10s. 6d. Your correspondent informs me that I am mistaken if I think it was only this charmed circle" that rejected me as a member. My views on the borrowing and lending of birds having become known to them, I can only conclude that I was a most undesirable associate, and I prefer to remain so. Have you not attempted to square Mr. R. Algie to allow your allegations to stand? Now, Mr. W. C. Robinson, you know these statements to be deliberate falsehoods, and are invented by you to damage me personally in the eyes of the Fancy. Mr. Algie denies all knowledge of them. The value of truth seems to be an unknown quantity with you. You ask me to prove my allegations relative to the borrowing and lending of birds as practised by the charmed circle" and other societies. I can prove them up to the hilt. Moreover, birds were shown at exhibitions outside Liverpool, also at the G.C.A. show last season, and at the amalgamated show, that were not the property of the exhibitor, the owners being known to me; and the points counted for the G.C.A. Cup. Now, Mr. W. C. Robinson, I am telling you something you know, and you profess to be ignorant of this matter. Not being a member of the G.C.A., fortunately, I will leave the "charmed circle" to settle this amongst themselves, and the outside members will still be in the dark. You say that the gentleman who suddenly stopped showing and resigned his membership will not thank me for my interference. I can assure you I have the best thanks of this gentleman and the few outside members of the G.C.A. for having the courage to expose this fraud. You would like a full disclosure. Well, I think I could place your cards. My reference to you as a "pot hunter" is the judgment of the Fancy; at least, of those few who have heard of you; and I think you can claim to be an inventor. Mr. Wright, the 22 years' breeder and exhibitor, does not associate with the forties and fifties; they claim the acquaintance of your correspondent. You would like to know if I still breed with one cock bird and five hens? Yes; that is just exactly the stock of fowls in my yard. I had only had 63 Canaries when Mr. Cutts visited my room. You make these statements and put them in cold print, and you know them to be deliberate falsehoods, and on a par with the rest of your correspondence. Have you the manliness to apologise for having made these statements; and what would you give to make the Fancy believe them to be true? Have you not attempted to square Mr. Cutts? You would make a good hand at writing fiction. Can the "waster merchant" fight his own battles? He can fight any way to gain notoriety. Talking Canaries are now in the moult, and are to be had very cheap. You will hear them singing when those missing dollars come in! You speak of the Birkenhead, Wallasey, and Bootle fanciers. Are you representing these societies now? I should be sorry to offend any of these fanciers, excepting, of course, those of them who practise what you try to defend—namely, the borrowing and lending of birds for show. And I believe there are a few. I am not quite sure if they are not in the majority in the Birkenhead Society. At all events, I am not a desirable associate for some of them—according to your theory. You have asked me a number of questions on the actions of the Birkenhead C.F.A. But I ask you one question: Would your association allow me—an outsider—to address the members on any remarks made by a member at any of your meetings? Do not twist this. Answer Yes or No. (I should like the opinions of any other fancier on this question.) What were the serious statements I made at a meeting of the B.C.F.A.? Was it that I stated this Liverpool fancier, who occupied the position of judge at the nest feather show, had endeavoured to have inserted in this Journal a report of his own judging in preference to the one which the Editor had from me [If this statement was made, it would be incorrect.—Editor, "C.B."], and which, I am informed, was already in type? What was his object? Was it that he was afraid of adverse criticism on his judging appearing in print, as there were so many complaints amongst the exhibitors? I spoke about his action at the next meeting, and the members agreed with me that this Liverpool fancier had exceeded his authority on behalf of the B.C.F.A. But there was a "twister" at the meeting who straight away informed this Liverpool fancier what had happened, and a little more. Result: This specialist judge writes a confidential letter to the chairman. He also visited several members and wrote to others asking them to attend the next meeting and support his request to address the members on what I had or had not said. Readers, take note: he was not a member, and I maintain had not paid for the privilege of speaking, and had no right to attend and question what I had said. I refused to attend to debate the matter with an outsider, and straightway wrote to the secretary, chairman, and assistant secretary to that effect, stating at the same time that if he addressed the members I should hand in my resignation and withdraw my patronage from the society. This judge having squared several of the members wrote to others, and took with him several G.C.A. men, and together with the able assistance of the chairman, packed the meeting. He addressed the members, and my resignation went through. Is there another society in the country that would have done this? I challenge any man to prove that I wrote or said I would give the picture if this Liverpool fancier was not allowed a hearing. Prove your statements now. As your correspondent was not present at any of these meetings, has he not written and twisted this hearsay evidence to suit his own case? I am perfectly satisfied and glad to turn my back on such washerwomen, and the B.C.F.A. are quite welcome to their bargain. They are now at liberty to borrow or lend birds as much as they like without any fear of being bowled out. The gentleman who ran off with the glad news to the Liverpool fancier is the man who stole a bird out of a fellow-fancier's room, and had the audacity to put it on the show bench. This information is supplied to me by several members who were not present at the meeting, and some who were. Any other society would kick him out. Your correspondent speaks of "janglers." Janglers do not associate with me; another invention. Is your correspondent aware that a certain Liverpool fancier showed birds at an exhibition in Liverpool last season and took away a big share of the prize money with birds that were the property of the judge? This fancier is one of the "charmed circle." Now, sir, this is straight from the judge's mouth, in the presence of a third party. I also saw those same birds on the show bench in the said judge's name a few days previously outside Liverpool. Then, again, a certain Liverpool fancier offered to sell a fancier certain birds, saying at the same time: "If you put them out at a certain show they will win." Did he overlook the fact that he was judging that show. These are your correspondent's associates; these are the men who question me on starting a new society. We are not having such men; we are going on very well without them. Three G.C.A. men joined us recently who said they had had enough of this "charmed circle." You will have an opportunity to address our members shortly, Mr. R., on the deleted paragraph, and can take the answer back home with you. A special room is being set apart for the purpose. Your correspondent might give me his reasons for stabbing me in his first letter.

R. B. Wright.

[We publish Mr. Wright's letter and the correspondence from the secretary of the Birkenhead Society, but, having gone so far, we really cannot permit any further local "dirty linen" of this description to be washed in our columns. These extremely personal letters scarcely conduce to preserve the status of our hobby in the eyes of outsiders.—Editor.]

Sir,—Re Birkenhead Canary Fanciers' Association meeting held October 17, 1911. Our society would like you to publish these two letters, as we think it will be very interesting to the various societies in the North-Western District.

A. E. Lloyd, Sec.

Oct. 5, 1911.

Sir,—Meeting held Sept. 19, at Ablett's Cafe Room. Proposed and seconded and carried unanimously, that your resignation be accepted. Also the meeting desires me to say that they would prefer to do without your patronage. So from that you may understand there will be no need for you to bother about the pictures for the above association. —I remain, yours etc., A. E. Lloyd, Sec., B.C.F.A.

95, Hornsey Road,
Anfield, Liverpool.

Sir,—Your letter to hand and returned with thanks. The members of the B.C.F.A. have only done what they were instructed to do, namely, accept my resignation. The whole thing has worked out entirely to my satisfaction, and they are quite welcome to their bargain. It did not take me long to discover that there was as black a sheep in the society as the one they have just added to their list, which is more suitable to their company than me. You need not worry about the pictures. They are painted and presented to a society, every member of which is highly delighted. Had I known sooner what class of men there was in the B.C.F.A., I should never have joined, and I am told there are members too disgusted to attend their meetings. From the beginning to the end you know the whole of the dirty business was conducted by the chairman and his hand-rags, who stop at nothing, not even to breaking into a man's house and taking his birds for show purposes. These individuals are most undesirable acquaintances, and the B.C.F.A. are about the only society I know of that allows such men to rule them. This correspondence is now closed.

R. B. Wright.

Sir,—The birds shown by Mr. R. B. Wright at the Bootle and Birkenhead nest feather shows were bred by me and purchased by Mr. R. B. Wright in the nest, and paid for at the time of purchase.

J. Southward.

47, Donaldson Street, Liverpool.

Notes on the Recent City of Glasgow Show.

Sir,—Entries all over were down, compared with last year's, the chief reason, no doubt, being the sensation in showing which was recently courageously disposed of by the officials. Taken in a proper light, that should have helped the entries, confidence being strengthened in the management. A good effect will, however, be felt in after years. Never in the history of the society has there been such a decline in the turnout of Scotch Fancy Canaries; they only numbered 300, and the Belgians were no better—only 30. Every fancier and bird-lover deplores this state of things; but who is helping to mend matters? It is well nigh impossible to account for the decline, for the prizes were evenly divided, so that this favourite plea could be no longer upheld. Birds, too, were catalogued at reasonable prices, which dispels the bogey of high prices. It is evident that there is a distinct lack of interest in both the Scotch Fancy and Belgian Canaries. What are required are public-spirited men to join the hobby—plenty of scope, and they may depend upon a cordial reception. The quality of the Scotch and Belgians, however, was gratifying, and there were surprises in the judging—new men, new ideas in placing. The Norwich had a fair average, and there seems a growing liking for the Norwich—for one thing, the price is more within the reach of the average fancier. The Border Fancy had the most encouraging average in the Canary Section. Dr. Galloway, of Aberdeen, exhibited a pure white Canary, which is said to be the second of its kind shown in Glasgow. The British were choice, and quite a number were claimed at the catalogue prices. All over, but for the depleted entries, the show was a success, and Messrs. Black, MacDonald, and the committee deserve the thanks of the Fancy for their devoted labours.

A Fancier.

Several letters unavoidably held over.

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GRIMSBY.

Fifth annual show of the Grimsby C.B.S. held Oct. 25 and 26. The Foresters' Hall, in which the show was held, has a nice light, is spacious and lofty, and fitted up with radiators (used when necessary); the place is void of draughts, and is of a very cosy description. The schedule was a capital one, and prize money was guaranteed. The entry we are sorry to say, was only of a very moderate description, totalling 269 birds, against 330 last year. The chairman is Mr. W. Clews; he is one of the right stamp, being both enthusiastic and obliging; vice-chairman, Mr. A. Townsend; and show manager, Mr. A. Oliver; these three are a trio of excellent officials, and work admirably. The committee are a band of rare workers, praise being due to Messrs. Cartwright, sen., Cartwright, jun., Dowie, Townsend, Yearing, Harding, Cotterill, and Watkin. The secretaries, Messrs. Towl Bros., controlled affairs in a masterly manner, and are without doubt grand secretaries. Norwich made a nice collection, and the Yorkshires were neat. British birds were good, while the foreign birds lent a pleasing tone to the show. Novice members staged one or two exceptionally nice specimens. Sp for best Hardbill, Messrs. Stuart and Dalling, with a grand Greenie; sp. for Softbill, Mr. J. Milne, with his Wryneck; for best Redpoll by a member, Mr. A. Cartwright, jun.; Sandiford's medal, Mr. W. Way. The stewards were Messrs. Cartwright, sen., Cartwright, jun., Lowe, Oliver, and Senior, who all worked with a will. Mr. W. Vardy judged, and his awards were well received. Before a capital attendance, Mayor of Grimsby (Counc. T. Whiteley Wilkin) opened the show with a very appropriate and encouraging speech. Mr. H. E. Stubbs proposed a vote of thanks, seconded by Mr. A. Towl. When we left the show room a fair number of visitors were present. The management throughout was most excellent.

The Critique.

YELL. NOR. CL., ETC. (11): 1, Howe, mkd. neck and tail, rattling fine shape and substance, A1 quality, good carriage, in the pink; 2, Simpson and Vertigan, red-hot col., fine shape and quality, well across perch, not quite the size; 3, Moore, mkd. head, magnificent feather and colour, true shape, of great merit; 4, hc, Thomas, mkd. head, good quality, nice col.; vhc, Cowley; c, Harland. BUFF (7): 1, Hawksley, bouncing cl., monster, magnificent quality and col., delightful shape and carriage, ti lit as a Java; 2, Hobson, cl., very shapely, A1 colour, quality, and frosting, jaunty, beaten only in substance, very pleasing, looks like Leeds winner; 3, hc, Howe, cl., good col. and quality, rare head, neck and chest, fine substance and carriage, we heard was broken on back somewhat at judging time; vhc, Pepper; c, Harland. UNFLIG. YELL., CL., ETC (4): 1, Cowley, cl., slashing shape, feathered to perfection, soft silky texture, grand col. and carriage, put down in fine style; 2, Thomas, mkd. head, rich col. and quality, rare head and neck, bold front, clean sweep; 3, Harland, cl., good shape and size, A1 carriage, capital col.; vhc, Pepper. BUFF (7): 1, 3, 4, Howe, smart team, winner wing mkd., slashing fine shape, rare substance, beautiful feather and col., richly frosted, 3rd mkd. head, rattling fine feather, rich col. and mealing, splendid head, neck, and chest, 4th mkd. head, true type, A1 quality and col.; 2, Thomas, cl., teeming with quality, slashing fine col. and shape, moves well; vhc, Cressey; hc, Harland; c, Woodall. YELL. HEN, CL., ETC. (5): 1, Mennard, mkd. head, short and thick set, superb quality and col., lovely carriage, most bewitching damsel; 2, Hawksley, grand quality, cl., even better col., cobby, moves nicely, not quite so large; 3, Pepper, cl., all type, A1 feather, jaunty in carriage, very bonny; 4, Way, lovely quality, fine substance, beautiful expression of head; vhc, Harland. BUFF (7): 1, Cowley, cl., sweetly moulded, nice size, capital col. and carriage, shows for all she is worth; 2, Howe, mkd. head, possessing true shape, magnificent col., covered with delightful frosting, 1911 bred, should make a knock-out another year; 3, Harding, var., well up in size, grand feather, nice head, neck, and chest; 4, Moore, sen., cl., very shapely, nice feather, good col.; vhc, Harland; hc, Woodall; c, Pepper. LIMIT, £3, YELL. NOR. CL., ETC. (7): 1, Briggs, cl., good size, shape, and col., well put down; 2, Davison, cl., better col., equal in quality, A1 shape, must have pressed; 3, Howarth, cl., well up in size, grand feather and col.; 4, vhc, Way, cl., capital col., silky feather; hc, Potter; c, Harding. BUFF (13): 1, Howarth, mkd. head, rich quality, col., and frosting, fine head, neck, and chest, good wing carriage; 2, Hobson, cl., all shape, A1 quality and col. beaten in substance only; 3, J. and E. Scott, cl., nice size and shape, good carriage; 4, Kelsall, cl., bouncer, lovely col. and feather; vhc, Harding; hc, Way; c, Davison. UNFLIG. (7): 1, vhc, Howarth, cl. yell., very shapely, nice size and carriage, good feather and col.; 2, Briggs, cl. buff, magnificent col. and quality, neatly moulded, clean cut, close up; 3, Kirkby, cl. buff, fine shape and quality, grand body, tight as a Java, good 3rd; 4, Welsh, var. buff, A1 col., quality, and frosting; hc, Davison; c, Cressey. HEN (17): 1, Thorpe, cl. buff, very bonny, feathered like a Java, grand shape and size, capital col., good enough for open; 2, Howarth, cl., true type, nice size and carriage, A1 quality, beaten in col. only; 3, Calvard, cl. buff, rare substance, nice feather and meal, neat head and neck; 4, Potter, yell., mkd. tail, good in feather and col., shapely, and of nice carriage; vhc, Harding; hc, Ridley; c, Way. YORKS. (6): 1, Prentice, cl. yell., slim and upstanding, nice length, A1 quality, grand back and wing carriage, pipe tail; 2, Auton Bros., cl. yell., more lengthy, neat and narrow, clever legs, will look grand shortly; 3, Thorpe, yell., mkd. wing, lengthy, and of nice quality, neat head, crosses wings a little; 4, vhc, Barwick, var. yell., ablaze with col., good feather, lengthy; hc, Stone. UNFILG. (5): 1, Prentice, cl. buff, nice quality, good length, fair position, neat wings and tail; 2, Girling, cl. buff, rich col., very lengthy and of good stand, leggy, wee bit open in front; 3, Dews, yell., tckd. neck, capital feather, grand back and wing carriage, lengthy and leggy; 4, Hedworth, buff, thigh tick, lovely col., feathered to perfection, straight as a rush, some preferred for premier honour; vhc, Stone. HEN (5): 1, Stone, yell., mkd. neck, rare length and position, slim, and of capital feather, clever legs, in the pink; 2, 4, Dr. W. Craig, cl. buff, shooty, well clothed, stands nicely, smart, 4th yell. tkd. eye, A1 quality, neat and narrow, very lengthy, we'l on leg, we liked; 3, Auton Bros., cl. buff, straight as a pencil, rare quality, richly mea'ed; vhc, Hedworth. NOVICE, LIMIT £3. YORKS. (10): 1, Thorpe, cl. yell., A1 col. and feather, erect, capital length, fine back and flights; 2, Burdett, cl. yell., rare length, rattling quality, good stand, slim and leggy, must have pressed; 3, 4, Potter, cl. buff and cl. yell. respectively, former of nice feather, lengthy, good position; 4th, lovely col. and quality, lengthy, neat wing carriage; vhc, Murray, stylish cl. buff, rare quality; hc, Ware. UNFLIG. (10): 1, Anton Bros., cl. buff, lovely quality, grand position, nice length and well up on leg, fine back, flights and tail; 2, hc, Claxton, cl. buff, beautiful col. and feather, good stand and length, grandly carried wings; 3, Murray, cl. yell., slim and upstanding, good feather and col., grand legs, full of style; v., Lightfoot, yell. mkd. wing, tight as wax, good position; vhc, Girling; c, Ware. HEN (7): 1, Potter, cl. yell., smooth as polished marble, capital length and position, well filled back, A1 wings and tail, quite a charmer; 2, Lightfoot, cl. yell., well up in position, rare length, clever legs; 3, Frith, mkd. wing, erect, superior quality, nice frosting; 4, Ware, cl. yell., full of breed, superb col. and feather; vhc, Clayton; hc, Sowden. C. or C.B. void. A.O.V. void. MULE or HYB. (12): 1, vhc, Fysh, Goldie-Bullie, rattling shape, lovely col. and quality, magnificent face, steady as a top, shown in fine style; 2, Simpson, buff, Goldie-Can., 5-pointed, sweet shape, rattling fine col. and quality, good size; 3 Wilson, Can.-Bullie, magnificent col. and feather, very shapely, one of the best; 4, c, Adamson, Goldie-Bullie, shapely and of capital col., good face, tight as wax. BRIT. GOLDIE (6): 1, Medley, rare size and shape, capital col., large and well cut blaze of rich tone, A1 bars and buttons, in the pink; 2, Briggs, very shapely and of nice substance, rare face, neat bars and buttons; 3, Belcher, will up in size, lovely col., fine massive blaze of rare shape, down in condition or could easily have won; vhc, Fysh; hc, Thirsk; c, Siddle Bros. LINNET (7): 1, Medley, rare size and shape, marvellous col., lovely markings, gem; 2, Dearlove and Allen, sweet shape, A1 col. and markings, beautifully pencilled, steady as a top; 3, Milne, rare shape and carriage, nice substance, beaten in col. only; 4, England, well up in col., rattling fine size, shapely; vhc, Sadler; hc, Young; c, Oliver. GREENIE (7): 1, Stuart and Dalling, magnificent col., fine size and shape, steady as a rock, a real eye opener. 2, Cartwright, junr., good shape and substance, very pleasing; 3, Belcher, shapely and of good col., nice size, looking a little rough in feather, well staged; 4, England, smooth as glass, grand shape and quality, capital col.; vhc, Cotterill; hc, Sadler; c, Siddle Bros. SISKIN ETC. (13): 1, England, Redpoll, fine shape and size, lovely col. and beautifully marked, shown in great style; 2, Siddle Bros., Redpoll, nice shape, good colour and quality, beaten a trifle in size and markings, rather wild; 3, J. and E. Scott, Twite, grand shape, lovely col. and quality, splendidly marked, well put down; 4, c, Cartwright, jun., Redpoll, smooth as a bottle, A1 col., grand shape; vhc, Wilson; hc, Cotterill. A.O.V. (7): 1, Stuart and Dalling, topping Hawfinch, fine size, grand shape, rattling fine col., lovely bib; 2, vhc, Medley, Yellow Bunting, very shapely, capital substance, magnificent col., grand head character; 3, Thirsk, Yellow Bunting, rare shape, size and quality, neatly marked head; hc, c, Drinkall. SOFTBILL (7): 1, 2, Milne, choice brace, former most lovely Wryneck, steady as a top, put down in masterly fashion; 2nd, Grey Wagtail, fine size and shape, capital col., not a feather misplaced; 3, hc, Medley, Redstart, in delightful form, rare size, shape, col. and quality; 4, Drinkall, Magpie in good order, well worth its place; vhc, Stuart and Dalling; c, Thompson. FOR. LARGE (7): 1, 2, Fletcher, magnificent Crimson Wing leading, beautiful col., nice condition, finding many friends; 2nd, pair Collared Parrakeets, in delightful bloom, benched in up-to-date style; 3, Mrs. G. Kitching, Yellow-faced Amazon, looking delightfully healthy, winner last year we heard; 4, Pexton, African Grey Parrot, in grand form, nicely staged; vhc, Cbrister and Son; hc, Walker; c, Welbourne. SMALL (10): 1, 3, vhc, Crowston, winners a very fine pair of Black-headed Gouldians, not a feather out of place, living pictures; 3rd, Long-tailed Grassfinch, in topping form, worth its place; 2, Lowry, Ribbon Finch, looking in the pink; 4, Christer and Son, Zebra Finch, in full bloom.

TAVISTOCK.

The Tavistock and Dist. F.S. held their first annual exhibition in the Market Hall on Oct. 25th. Cage birds numbered just on 90, several classes having to be cancelled owing to an insufficient entry. This was especially noticeable in the Norwich section, the three classes provided all going by the board. The competition of such old-established shows as Paignton and Hayle no doubt accounted for this, but the committee would be well advised another year to revise their Norwich classification, and then they no doubt will do better. The cage birds were housed at the extreme end of hall and were free from draught and in a splendid light. The exhibits were well looked after by the following members of the committee, Messrs. W. N. Barkell, T. Brown, W. Martin, and W. Wilmot, whilst Mr. T. D. Ratcliffe, jun., made a most efficient and painstaking steward of the section. The show arrangements, in the able hands of the hon. sec., Mr. John Young, left nothing to be desired. In the unavoidable absence of Mr. R. B. Tope, Mr. Thos. Pope, of Plymouth, judged, and the awards were received with general satisfaction.

The Critique.

CREST AND C.B. (7): 1, 2, Edwards, winner a nice wing mark Crest; 2nd, Grey Crest, rather open in centre yet, or would have won; 3, vhc, Parsons, real good Green Crest-bred; hc, Ball. YORKS. (14): A good class; 1, 2, 3, Boundy, winner a grand upstanding bird, nice style, fails a little in colour, a yell.; 2nd, yell., good quality and nice length; 3rd, nice cap marked buff; vhc, c, E. Reed; hc, Dickens; c, Hill. HYBRID (8): 1, Chivers, good, bold, well feathered Greenfinch-Bullfinch, in grand fettle; 2, Stevens and Gaved, 4-pointed Goldfinch-Canary, splendid condition, a real good one; 3, vhc, Collins, Light Linnet-Canary, excellent specimen; hc, Rapson; c, Edwards. GOLDFINCH (cage-moulted) (6): 1, A. Browning, fine Finch for size, blaze and markings, well shown; 2, Stephens and Gaved, good bird, wants time yet; 3, Fellows, very nice, but again not at his best; vhc, Mitchell; hc, Martin. BULLFINCH (7): 1, c, Wilmot, good shape, finely marked, much the best condition in class; 2, Gregory, good one; 3, Chivers, best colour, but unsteady; vhc, Fellows; hc, Browning. A.O.V. BRIT. (7): 1, 2, Collins, former a grand Hawfinch, in fine fettle; 2nd, Yellow Wagtail, looking well, a credit to the exhibitor; 3, Edwards, very fair Yellow Bunting; vhc, c, Browning; hc, Wilmot. FOR., LARGE (6): 1, Stevens and Gaved, King Parrakeet, looking grand, takes special for best bird in show; 2, Lee, very nice Alexandrine, might be better shown; 3, Smale; vhc, Lee. SMALL (6): 1, Stevens and Gaved, very pretty Diamond Finch; 2, Lee, good Cutthroats; 3, Small, Cutthroat. SEED (11): 1, Reed, Yorkshires; 2, Mitchell, pair Norwich; 3, Reynolds, Crests; vhc, Found; hc, Boundy; c, Reynolds. The first three local classes were amalgamated. 1, local spl, Pincombe, with grand buff Yorkshire; 2, Small, very fair Norwich; 3, vhc, Brown, two more nice Norwich; hc, Bond and Oates; c, Toms. LOCAL FOR. (3): 1, Brown, excellent Yellow Budgerigar; 2, Small, pretty Weaver; 3, Wilmot, Weaver.

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PAIGNTON.

A Record Show.

Fifth annual show of the Torbay O.S., held Oct. 25th at the Badminton Hall. It proved a great success, the entry being a record, and the quality reaching high-water mark. Norwich were particularly good, many gems being staged, type, size, quality and colour being combined. The winning unflighted yellow captured special for best Nor. or Yorks., also several more specials, a credit to the novice owner and breeder. This exhibitor also staged the winning unflighted buff, the Plymouth winner. Amongst the Yorks. were birds of much merit, and hard to separate. Some capital Mules and Hybrids were staged, the competition here being very keen. In the members' classes some capital Norwich were staged. The hall is a grand one for a bird show, the light being excellent; the place, too, is absolutely free from draughts. As usual, the centre was tastefully set off with groups of plants and foliage kindly lent by the President, H. Whitely, Esq. The birds were nicely staged all round the hall in tiers, and they were well looked after by a capable committee of genuine fanciers, headed by their popular chairman, Mr. A. N. Turner. Mr. J. N. Jeffrey, the hon. sec., had everything working as smoothly as clockwork, and was most obliging and courteous; and in his son he has a capable assistant. Catalogues with marginal awards were on sale soon after the completion of judging. The awards were made by Mr. J. H. Payne.

The Critique.

NOR. CL. YELL. (7): 1, sp, 2, Redwood, winner a gem for shape, feather and quality, short flights and tail, nicely cut away behind; 2nd, hot and level col., good shape, nice head and neck, not quite so short in flights and tail; 3, Daw, nice shape, grand col., neat head; vhc, Cedlings; hc, Tristem; c, Neale. BUFF (5): 1, sp, Collings, magnificent shape, grand col. and quality, nice deep round chest, well across perch, well fitting wings; 2, Gill and Pethick, grand shape, short full neck, neat tail and wings, nicely frosted; 3, Middleton, good shape, nice head and neck, well packed flights; vhc, Tristem; hc, Scholes. YELL. TKD., ETC. (6): 1, sp, Spillman, wonderful feather, rich level col., good shape, neat head, short well packed flights and tail; 2, Tristem, mkd. cap, eye and rump, grand shape and feather, nice head and neck, neat wings and tail; 3, Redwood, mkd. head and left wing, good shape and col.; vhc, Kemp; hc, Garland; c, Wines and Co. BUFF (10): 1, sp, Gill and Pethick, eye ticked, lovely shape, full of quality, nice round chest, short wings and tail, grand back; 2, Tristem, mkd. left wing, thick set, grand quality, full neck; 3, Redwood, mkd. eyes, wings and tail, hardly so cobby, grand col. and quality; vhc, Pope; hc, Spillman; c, Jeffery. HEN. YELL. TKD., ETC. (12): 1, sp, Spillman, lovely col. and quality, grand wings and tail, nice shape, lovely back; 2, Gill and Pethick, grand shape, nice head and full neck, neat tail; 3, Copp, unflighted, grand shape, nicely rounded chest, short flights and tail, full neck; vhc, Veale; hc, Honeywill; c, Redwood. BUFF (9): 1, sp, Collings, eye and wing mkd., wonderful shape, short full neck, grand back, good feather, wings and tail; 2, Spillman, grizzled on neck, lovely feather and col., good shape, nice back; 3, hc, Redwood, cl., tight as boxwood, sweet shape, neat head; vhc, Gill and Pethick; c, Kirby. NON-FLIG. YELL. (18): 1, sp, cup and medal, Noyce, grand shape and size, short flights and tail, lovely back, soft silky feather, level col., good head and neck; 2, Tristem, wonderful col. and quality, lovely shape, tight as wax, neat head, another good one; 3, Gill and Pethick, grand shape, nice col. and quality, neat wings and tail; vhc, Collings; hc, Redwood; c, Kirby. BUFF (12): 1, sp, Noyce, grand shaped clear, lovely feather and col., neat head, full neck, grand back, wings and tail; 2, Middleton, variegated, tight as wax, sweet shape, grand col., short compact flights and tail; 3, Gill and Pethick, right wing mkd., lovely shape and quality, nice wings and tail; vhc, Sherman; hc, Tristem; c, Daw. YORKS. YELL., CL., ETC. (11): 1, sp, Dykes, slim built, nice position and style, straight as a pencil, neat wings and tail; 2, Wills, nice position, well packed flights and tail, nice quality, will improve yet; 3, Easterling and Carson, slim built, well up on leg, narrow shoulders, stands well; vhc, Hodge; hc, Lashbrook; c, Horler. BUFF (11): 1, sp, c, Taylor, neck ticked, good length, grand position, well up on leg, plenty of side, nice long flights and tail; 2, Dykes, cl., grand feather and col., well up, neat wings and pipe tail; 3, Hodge, slim built, grand feather, nice style, neat tail; vhc, hc, Easterling and Carson. YELL. HEN (9): 1, sp, Easterling and Carson, wing ticked, lovely feather and col., tight as wax, good position, well on leg; 2, Taylor, mkd. head, neck, eyes and wings, straight as a pencil, grand position and feather; 3, Dykes, clear, lovely feather, nice position, good wings and tail, level back; vhc, Lashbrook; hc, Lovell; c, Jewell. BUFF (12): 1, sp., Rennie, mkd. head, cheek and right wing, straight as a rush, lovely feather and col., well packed flights and tail, wins well; 2, Taylor, long sided clear, grand position and feather, well on legs, nice flights and tail; 3, Jewell, cl., lovely feather and col., nice stand, neat head; vhc, Lovell; hc, Easterling and Carson; c, Dykes. NONFLIG. YELL. (12): 1, 2 spls., Easterling and Carson, wing ticked, hot col., grand feather and position, well braced wings and tail; 2, vhc, Lashbrook, lovely feather and col., straight, and good position, nice head, flights and tail; 3, Snell, straight as a gun-barrel, well on leg, nice position; vhc, Stonelake; c, Wills. BUFF (9): 1, spl., 3, Easterling and Carson, grand position and length, stands well up on a good pair of legs, nice back, wings and tail, 3 nice length, capital feather, long flights and tail, well packed; 2, Lashbrook, lovely feather and col., neat head and pipe tail, good flights; vhc, c, Wines and Co.; hc, Dykes. CREST (8): 1, 2 spls., 3, Coath, clear body, dark crest, capital frontal crest, dense and well formed, good droop and radiation, 3 green, good frontal crest, nice dip, well radiated; 2, vhc, he, Davey, mkd. wings, grand droop, nice veiny feather, neat centre; c, Hammett. C.B. (3): 1, spl., and Hydes' spl., Davey, variegated, well clothed skull, feather long and broad, capital length over beak, good entrance and back skull; 2, Coath, nice round skull, good entrance, nice length of head feather; 3, Hammett, beaten only in skull, nice one. BORD. F. (14): 1, spl., Pratt, yell., lovely col., shape and feather, nice carriage, neat head, wings and tail; 2, Dodge, grand feathered buff, sweet shape, neat head, good carriage, capital wings and tail; 3, Pratt, yell., tight as wax, neat shape, good head, wings and tail; vhc, Wines and Co.; hc, Smith; c, Longden. A.O.V. (4): 1, spl., 2, Dyer, two grand shaped buff Cinn., well up in size, sound col., good skulls; 3, Pope, buff Cinn., nice shape and col.; vhc, Sherman. LGT., ETC., MULE (6): 1, spl., Joseph, wing mkd. yellow Goldie, grand col. and feather, tight as wax, in fine order; 2, Longden, Linnet, mkd. wings, grand shape and feather, nice col. and condition; 3, vhc, Collins, six pointed buff Goldie, good size and shape, nice col., capital wings; vhc, Spillman; c, Middleton. DARK CAN. MULE (12): 1, spl., vhc, Longden, yell. Siskin, lovely col. and feather, good size and shape, grand cap and markings; 2, Pope, buff Linnet, good size and shape, grand feather and condition; 3, hc, Collins, Redpoll, nice size, shape, feather and col.; c, Joseph. HYB. (3): 1, spl., Hamilton Jones, Goldie-Bullie, grand col. and feather, nice wing bars and flush; 2, Longden, Goldfinch-Greenfinch, splendid size and shape, rattling fine wing bars and body col.; 3, Joseph, Goldfinch-Greenfinch, nice bird. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (7): 1, spl., Hamilton Jones, square cut blaze, well tanned chest, good bars and buttons; 2, Fellows, nice bars and buttons; 3, Large, rich col. blaze, nice tanning. BULLFINCH (4): 1, spl., Tozer, nicely cut cap, good bars and back, very fair breast; 2, Hamilton Jones, grand feather, nice back and bars, good shape; 3, Innes; vhc, Dodd. LINNET, ETC. (4): 1, spl., Russell, grand shaped buff Greenfinch, rare shape, nice bars and feather; 2, Large, nice feathered, very steady Chaffinch, good col.; 3, Tozer, Greenfinch, beaten only in size, nice cue; hc, Badcott. A.O.S., LARGE (1): 1, 2 spls., Mrs Madge, Blackbird, grand shape and feather, good body col., in nice order. LARK, ETC. (6): 1, spl., 2, 3, Rosser and Son, Wryneck, grand size and shape, lovely feather, well marked, 2 beautiful feathered Lesser Whitethroat, pure in col.; 3, Nightingale, grand feather and col., very steady; vhc, Russell; hc, Large; c, Collins. FOR., SMALL: 1, spl., 2, Pulsford, Black-cheeked Love Bird, fine size, feather and col., 2 grand feathered Java Sparrow; 3, Cathgart, nice pair of green Budgerigars; vhc, hc, Rossiter. LARGE (2): 1, spl., Roper, Rosy-breasted Cockatoo, nice col and feather. MEMBERS' CLASSES: NOR. YELL. (5): 1, sp, 2, Redwood; 3, Nicks; vhc, Fox; hc, Daw. BUFF (6): 1, Redwood; 2, Daw; 3, Noyce; vhc, Jeffery, J. N. and J.; hc, Sanders; c, Fox. HEN (9): 1, Fox; 2, 3, Redwood; vhc, Noyce; hc, c, Jeffery, J. N. and J. NON-FLIG. YELL. (8): 1, 3, Fox; 2, Jeffery, J. N. and J.; vhc, Noyce; hc, Redwood; c, Sanders. BUFF (10): 1, sp, Noyce; 2, Nicks; 3, Fox; vhc, Redwood; hc, Sanders; c, Daw. YORKS., YELL (6): 1, sp, 2, 3, Bishop; vhc, Hodge; hc, Gilks; c, Sanders. BUFF (2): 1, Hodge; 2, Giles.. HEN ( ): 1, 3, Bishop; 2, Hodge; vhc, Webber. NON-FLIG. YELL. (6): 1, sp, Cann; 2, Bishop; 3, Hodge; vhc, Heathman; hc, c, Lamble. BUFF (6): 1, Bishop; 2, Cann; 3, Hodge; vhc, Lamble. GREEN (3): 1, 3, Drones; 2, Badcott. CREST (1): 1, sp, Rossiter. CAN., NAT. COL. (9): 1, Badcott; 2, 3, Webber; vhc, Tozer; hc, Mudge; c, Bishop. LGT., ETC., MULE (4): 1, sp, Lamble; 2, Fox; 3, Tozer; vhc, Webber. LARK, ETC. (9): 1, sp, 2, 3, c, Webber; vhc, Bishop; hc, Madge. HEN (6): 1, 3, vhc, hc, Webber; 2, c, Madge. FOR., SMALL (2): 1, sp, 2, Rossiter. JUNIOR CLASSES: NOR. (5): 1, sp, 2, Jeffery, W.; 3, Perry; vhc, hc, Burridge. YORKS. (4): 1, Burridge; 2, Parnell; 3, Rossiter; vhc, Perry. A.O.V. (1): 1, Rossiter. GILT: 1, Badcott; 2, Jeffery, J. N. and J.; 3, Hodge; vhc, Lamble.

PORTSMOUTH.

The old-established Portsmouth Poultry, etc., Society suffered severely in the Cage Bird section of its show, which was held in the Engineers' Drill Hall on Oct. 25th and 26th. The show of the Portsmouth C.B.S., held the week previous, evidently affected the old show, and a large number of classes had to be cancelled. This is to be regretted, because for twenty-five years has the Society catered well for Cage Bird fanciers. Admirable, indeed, were the arrangements made by the committee, which has as its chairman that old-time Crest fancier, Mr. Councillor F. G. Foster. Mr. Hipwell, the secretary, is a most earnest worker and obliging official, and he got through his work well. Mr. C. A. House judged.

The Critique.

NOR., CL. (7): 1, sp, vhc, c, Miles, grand shaped huff, lovely col. and meal, beautiful feather; 2, Frost, nice shaped yell., rare col. and quality, trifle horny; 3, Silk, very typical, nice feathered yell, good head, patchy in col.; c, Morris. NOR. TKD., HEN, and Crests, cancelled. YORKS. YELL. (8): 1, sp, Frost, capital length and shape, fine head and neck, nice feather and style; 2, Venoss, more col., grand shape and style, shorter in leg and side; 3, hc, Bousfield, very stylish and nice feather, shorter in waist; vhc, Dandridge. YELL. HEN and BUFF COCKS cancelled. BUFF HEN (6): 1, sp, Brooks, nice length and shape, grand feather and style; 2, vhc, Bousfield, very tight and sleek in feather, not so much leg; 3, Frost, tkd. head, grand shape and style, rather flat in col.; hc, c, Lavis. MULE (9): 1, sp, Locke, eye, wing, and tail yell., splendid col. and feather, nice shape and style; 2, hc, Lamb, well-known variegated yell., not in such nice trim; 3, c, Davis, rich coloured, well feathered Lin.-Bullie; vhc, Howick. SELL. 20s. (8): 1, Silk; 2, Marshall; 3, Baker; vhc, Mallins; hc, Leon; c, Lavis. 12s 6d. (6): 1, Marshall; 2, Baker; 3, Morris; vhc, Lean; hc, Lavis; c, Tout. LOCAL NOR. CL. and TKD. both cancelled. YORKS. YELL. (8): 1, 3, sp., Boxall; 2, Lavis; vhc, c, Matthews; hc, Joiner. BUFF cancelled. MKD., ETC. (10): 1, Joiner; 2, vhc, Young; 3, hc, c, Lavis. A.O.V. CAN. (6): 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Marshall. BRIT. GOLD., cancelled. BULL (6): 1, sp, Hinds, grand shape, lovely col. and feather, nice style; 2, Mrs. Bousfield, not quite so bright in col., grand cap, good shape; 3, vhc, Burr, brilliant col., nice shape, not so steady; hc, Mrs. Rose; c, Davis. GREEN (6): 1, sp, Cadman Bros., nice level col., lovely hars, beautiful silky feather, grand style; 2, Carrier, larger, nice breast and wings, not so rich on back, harder feather; 3, Burr, larger, not so silky in feather, capital wings and tail; vhc, Atkins; hc, Locke; c, Parker. LIN., cancelled. REDPOLL, ETC. (6): 1, sp, 3, Minnes, grandly marked Siskin, rare feather and col., good shape and size; 3rd, very rich coloured Redpoll, nicely marked, not over steady; 2, Burr, grand little Siskin, capital shape, markings and feather, loses in bib; vhc, Mrs. Bousfield; hc, Gibb; c, Miss Walker. A.O.V. FINCH cancelled. THRUSH, ETC. (7): 1, 2, 3, sp, Lean, a grand team, Thrush, Starling and Blackbird, all in splendid feather, and full of col. and quality; vhc, Harper; hc, Haynes; c, Miss Matthews. A.O.V., SELL. 5s., and LOCAL GOLD., all cancelled. A.O.V. SMALL (8): 1, 3, vhc, hc, Tout; 2, hc, Jupe. LARGE cancelled. FOR. SMALL (8): 1, 2, sp, Young, very smart pair of Cordon Bleus, grand col. and markings, and a nice pair of Pin-tail Whydahs, going out of feather; 3, Mrs. Rose, very pretty pair Red-headed Love Birds; vhc, Mrs. Bousfield; hc, Lockhart; c, Parkes. LARGE (3): 1, 2, 3, sp, Young, very handsome Yellow-naped and Blue-fronted Amazons, in nice form.

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The City of Glasgow 58th Annual.

Fine Management Ill Rewarded.

Entries at this very old-established Scottish fixture were not good this year.

The City of Glasgow O.A. brought off their 58th annual show on the 20th and 21st October, in the Drill Hall, Stirling-road, a most excellent and commodious rendezvous. The hall was kept at a very even temperature all the time, which made it very comfortable both for the exhibits and sightseers. It is capitally lighted from the roof, which makes it a pleasure to scrutinise the birds and easier work for the judges to arrive at their awards. The staging was perfect and everything in the proverbial apple-pie order for the opening. All concerned are true fanciers (exhibitors will appreciate what that means), and everything was gone about in a most businesslike manner—no bustle or flurry, but just as things should. Mr. Black, the president, at the helm, and Mr. Martin, the "first mate," with the stewards and committeemen, admirably got through their task of unpacking and seeing to the comfort of every bird addressed to their care. The same care and attention were bestowed in the packing and despatch of the birds to the stations: all were put on rail in good time to arrive home on Saturday night, unless, of course, where desired to be kept over till the Monday. Unfortunately, from one cause and another, the entries did not come up to expectation, being, we believe, over 200 short of last year.

First-class Management.

Probably the mild, dry season had a good deal to do with this, the birds, we think, being quite deceived as to when they should commence to put on their winter "garments." In point of merit, also, we have seen better specimens collected together here, although many birds of real outstanding merit were on view. We rather liked the idea adopted by the managers at the close of the show in clearing out exhibitors and spectators alike before a single bird was allowed to be removed from the benches, the former, of course, being allowed to re-enter on showing his pen slip, when he could superintend the packing of his own exhibits. This is a rule that might be copied by other societies with advantage.

Than Mr. Alex. McDonald, the respected secretary, we know of no harder worker or better leader, and the amount of work he got through, and the number of questions he pleasantly answered, must have been enormous. He had the best of assistance from a hard-working and painstaking committee, of whom we might mention: Messrs. J. J. McIlwain, E. Bullions, A. Jardine, Wm. Jackson, Wm. Hutchieson, Geo. Fulton, Wm. Gray, F. Taylor, T. Erskine, Jas. Phillips, Wm. Bennett, P. Thaw, J. M'Lay, A. M'Millan, M. Craig, A. Sloan, D. Johnstone.

Some extra good Norwich Plainheads were staged. The medal for the best cock was won by a splendid non-fed buff exhibited by Mr. Martin. We were pleased to see a non-fed securing this coveted award. The other medal went to Mr. Cameron's lovely unhighted yellow hen, a regular gem. This variety was judged by Mr. Cant, of Hamilton, who took the odd numbers—a young judge, but well-known west country breeder, who did honour to himself in his selection. The other classes were judged by the ever-genial Mr. A. Chalmers (Kirkintilloch), and he seemed happy in his awards. The McLean challenge cup found a resting place among the Crests, being awarded to Mr. Hector's splendid Crest hen, a real high-class exhibit. The cup now becomes the property of this gentleman, and we heard he has offered to replace it with another, a true sportsman's action. This section was judged by Mr. G. Arnott (Kirkcaldy), and no complaints were heard.

The quality of the Borders was the feature of the show. The B.F. Club's medal winner was a grand foul buff, splendidly put down by Messrs. Smith Bros. The novice medal was secured by the fine yell Cinn. hen shown by Mr. Wilson. These classes were judged by Mr. J. W. Bruce (Coldstream) who took the odd numbers, and Mr. W. D. Clarke (Irvine), and their selections were well received.

A Grand Goldie-Bullie Bred.

In the Scotch Fancy classes the entries were down a shade, but a considerable number of out-standing birds were staged. The G.W.S.O.A. silver cup for best young Piebald or Green cock, was won by Mr. John McLennan (Edinburgh) with his typical buff Green, and the Paterson cup for best young Scotch or Belgian in the hall was won by Mr. James Smith with a yellow foul hen of fine merit. That well-known breeder, Mr. J. Fairley, has gained most points up to date for the Belgian memorial shield and gold medal. Scotch Fancy judges, Messrs. J. Higgins (Hamilton), Hannay (Dumfries), J. Watson (Glasgow), D. Law, A. McLachlan (Govan), and J. Fleming (Glasgow); Belgians and Yorkshires, Mr. J. F. Dewar (Edinburgh). Their awards seemed on the whole very well received.

Coming to the Mule, British, and Foreign Bird sections, we are sorry to note the entries showed a considerable decrease compared with last year. Mr. McQuiston (Ayr) was forward with a good team, and carried off the red ribbon with his dark yellow Linnet Mule, a bird of rare size and colour. Mrs. A. McLennan (Edinburgh) has bred a very large bird from the Goldfinch-Bullfinch (Foreign parents), and this is sure to have a very successful future. He is of great size and lovely blended colours. In the British section the quality was extra strong, some rare specimens being on view. The judging of these sections was in the capable hands of Messrs. James Mason (Peebles) and J. F. Dewar (Edinburgh), which is a criterion that there was little room left for grumbling, each handling his classes in masterly style.

The Scotch Fancies and Belgians.

SCOT. YELL. CK. (12): 1, Dalglish, well known winner, sweet head and reach, grand body, fine pose, a gem; 2, Morrison, another good ck., nice depth through, hard up, fine reach and droop, hardly so deep through as first; 3, Gray, better for size, nice and hard up, fails only in pose to those in front; 4, J. D. Brown, grand feather and style, tail well in to spar; 5, spl, Thornton; vhc, Fernie; hc, Simpson; c, Lawson. YELL. PIED (14): 1, Rodger, sweet head, long reach, grand shoulders and depth through, nice pose, tail nicely to spar; 2, spl, McLennan, grand type, good shoulders, droop and circle; 3, spl, Morrison, close on second, better in body, in grand condition; 4, spl, McIlvain, good top end, nice head; 5, Dalglish,; vhc, spl, Carson; hc, spl, Stirling; c, Millar. YELL. FOUL (11): 1, cup, 2 spls., Smith, Paisley winner, good bird, looking a bit soft to-day (runner up for Paisley Cup); 2, Black, nice size and depth through, hard up, fine pose, looking well; 3, J. D. Brown, rare condition, fine pose, nice reach and droop, tail well to spar, fails only in size a shade; 4, spl, Allerdice, nice size and top end, good reach and droop; 5, Finlay; vhc (no name given); hc, Maxwell; c, Renwick. YELL. GREEN (11): 1, Stewart, in grand condition, fine top end, nice reach and droop, good bird; 2, Wilson, nice size, good shoulders, grand droop, shade thin through; 3, McClure, good size and top end, fine length of wing; 4, Rodger, nice and typical; 5, W. and R. C. Muirhead; vhc, Maxwell; hc (no name given); c, Strathearn. BUFF CK. (17): 1, Morrison, good reach and droop, nice size and top end, lovely pose and condition, splendid type; 2, spl, Pringle, full feather in front, shade better for size than first, but fails a trifle in style to winner; 3, spl, Thornton, grand size and top end, fine pose and droop, tail nicely to spar; 4, Ward, nicely up, good position and drive; 5, J. D. Brown; vhc, spl, Caldwell; hc, spl, Hope; c, McLennan. BUFF PIED (17): 1, hc, Hunter, plenty of size, grand worker, fine top end and length of side, neat head and reach, good droop; 2, McLennan, close on winner, great style, fine depth through, good top and pose, full value for second place; 3, Burnside, nice size, good body and top end, nice style, looking a shade soft; 4, spl, Smith, nice size and top end, good pose; 5, spl, Black; vhc, Pringle; c, Millar. BUFF FOUL (10): 1, spl, Allerdice, fine size and top end, good depth through, grand pose; 2, Rodger, runs winner hard for first place, fails only a wee shade in style to first, very close; 3, Renwick, nice size and top end, good length of side, fine pose; 4, Ward, very similar to third, not quite so deep through; 5, J. D. Brown; vhc, Begbie; hc, Douglas; c, Smith. BUFF GREEN (7): 1, Kennedy, old champion, looking well to-day, rare size and top, fine pose and droop, carries well; 2, cup, McLennan, winner of cup for best young Piebald or Green ck., good bird; 3, Caldwell, wee shade thin on top to winners, hard up, plenty of nerve, good action; 4, Dalglish, nice size, very typical, should improve; 5, Buchanan; vhc, Taylor; hc, McDonald. YELL. HEN (8): 1, spl, Montgomery, Paisley cup winner, looking in the pink of condition; 2, Hamilton, another good bird, nice depth through, grand style, fine pose, tail well into spur, good bird; 3, Gray, fine size, reach and droop, nice depth through, good value for third place; 4, Neill, fine size, good body, wee shade plain to winners; vhc, Rodger; hc, Burnside; 5, spl, Pringle. YELL. PIED (9): 1, 4, spl, Fulton (Paisley), nice size, good pose, splendid reach and droop, grand type; 4th, nice reach and top; 2, Young, nice size for a yell., good reach and droop, fine type of bird, plenty of style; 3, spl, McLennan, nice size and type, fails only in style a shade to those in front; 5, Mitchell; vhc, Allerdice; hc, spl, Maxwell; c, J. A. Stewart. YELL. FOUL (9): 1, vhc, J. D. Brown, nice size and top, good reach, neat droop, fine head, wins; 2, Maxwell, rare size, grand shoulder, well filled in, nice reach and droop, tail comes nicely to spar; 3, Pringle, plenty of style and nerve, good depth through, very stylish; 4, McLennan, nice depth through, fine pose, tail comes nicely under; 5, Stewart; hc, McIlwain; c, McIlhenny. YELL. GREEN (9): 1, Hunter, good stamp, wins well, really good type, in fine condition; 2, spl, Caldwell, fine size and top, tail takes nice sweep to spur, fine pose; 3, Strathearn, nice typical bird, fine size and body; 4, spl, McLennan, good size and top, fine length of side; 5, Allerdice; vhc, McIlhenny; hc, Muir; c, Dalglish. BUFF HEN (12): 1, Montgomery, sister to the yell. hen, fine stamp, looking well to-day; 2, J. D. Brown, nice size and type, grand top end, fine length of side, good pose and depth through; 3, Burnside, nice size, good top end and depth through, good reach; 4, McIlwain, plenty of size, wee shade plain to winner; 5, Hunter; vhc, spl, Jackson; hc, Edgar; c, Henderson. BUFF PIED (21): 1, McLennan, grand size and top end fine length of side, good style, tail well in to spar, nicely tapered neck, good head; 2, Henderson, nice size for a buff, fair reach and droop, good top end, well filled in shoulders; 3, Fulton, nice size, good reach and droop, tail sweeps nicely into spar, good bird; 4, spl, Findlay, fails only in size a shade, nice type; 5, spl, Morrison; vhc, Gray; hc, Ward; c, Burgess. BUFF FOUL (8): 1, Allardice, really good typical hen in all points, staged in fine condition, wins well; 2, spl, McLennan, another nice hen, hardly the size of first, fine droop and pose, good; 3, spl, Montgomery, wee shade small to those in front, fine pose and style; 4, c, Thornton, very neat and typical; 5, Strathearn; vhc, Neil; hc, spl, Renwick. BUFF GREEN (8): 1, spl, Black, good body and top end, fine reach and droop; 2, McClure, nice size, good depth through, fine pose, bringing tail well into spar; 3, hc, Fulton, fine green hen, full of style, grand worker, good bird; 4, Buchanan, fine size, good top end, nice length of side; 5, Edgar; vhc, Kennedy; c, Banks. SCOT PAIRS (8): 1, spl, Black, yell. and buff, grand pair; 2, spl, Morrison, cl. yell. and buff, another good pair; 3, Jackson; 4, McClure; 5, McLennan; vhc, Thomas; hc, McIlwain; c, Fernie. BELG. CK. (12): 1, spl, Hope, buff cock, fine size, nice bird; 2, Kennedy, as a type of Belgian better than first, but fails a bit in condition of feather; 3, spl, Renfrew, nice one; 4, Fairley, grand type of Belgian; 5, spl, Trail; vhc, spl, c, White; hc, spl, Dalglish. HEN (6): 1, 2, spl, Fairley, 1st typical, fine size, nice depth through; 2nd presses hard on first, nice body, and size; 3, Dalglish, nice yell hen; 4, Strathearn, buff foul hen; 5, White; vhc, McIlwain. BRED 1911 (9): 1, vhc, Fairley, 1st, buff, good body, wins well; 2, White, another nice typical bird, a trifle on the small side; 3, 5, Dalglish, 3rd, a nice bird; 4, spl, Trail, fine type; hc, Black; c, Kean.

The Norwich and Crests.

NOR., YELL. CK. (20): 1, Watson, nice quality, grand size, well balanced in wing carriage, sweet col., nicely put down, might perhaps have given way to 2nd, Barclay, a stunner, grand shape, lovely finish, sweet head and front, well balanced wings and rare size, good substance, claimed at £6 6s.; 3, Mitchell, sweet style and shape, fails just a little in front, but all over a good one; 4, Gardner, plenty of substance, neat head, good wings; 5, Barron, close and compact; vhc, Harris; hc, Gentle; c, Wilkinson. BUFF (18): 1, Barron, sweet, plenty of substance, well moulded, lovely col., grand type, full of go, well placed; 2, Martin, close up, a shade thinner in neck, grand front, extra well rounded and drawn, good head, fine size, nice one, well placed; 3, sp., Sloan, a shade longer in side, but well up in size, good head and style; 4, Gentle, plenty of weight, good wing carriage, very neat in head; 5, Strank, good quality feather; vhc, Cameron; hc, Hector; c, Smith. VAR., ETC., YELL. CK. (19): 1, sp., Smith, nice one, real Bullie in shape, grand front, size and carriage, AI quality of feather; 2, Sloan, neat, scarcely so thick as winner in front, but in rattling good order; 3, Gardner, well placed, a gem for finish, shade narrower in head, but AI style, lovely wing carriage; 4, Houston, good stamp, nice size, and quality of feather; 5, Todd, well put down; vhc, Downie, some considered might have been 2nd, a hot one, grandly rounded, shown in full bloom; hc, Shaw; c, Roberts. BUFF (12): 1, Barron, wins, grand hen, lovely full chest, nicely cut, good wing carriage, very neat in head, well shown; 2, Bishop, close up, full front, grand weight, well balanced wings, splendid shower, 2 hot ones; 3, Maxwell, sweet shape, shade smaller in front, nicely drawn, clean cut; 4, Marr, chubby and neat, nice shape, good head; 5, Strank, stylish; vhc, Leash; hc, Hunter; c, McCubbin. YELL., CL., ETC., HEN (11): 1, Martin, neat, well up in size, full in front, good head, nicely tapered, well conditioned; 2, Adamson, nice shape, good front, well rounded, bold head, well drawn; 3, Watson, stylish, but just lacks the front of winners, well drawn; 4, Leash, in fine order, neat front and wings, good quality feather; 5, Strank, a good one, well moulded; vhc, Edwards; hc, Maxwell; c, Neill. BUFF (20): 1, 5, Watson, good pair, leader in lovely order, fine bold hen, grand head, rare, clean moulded front, staged to win; 2, Jarvie, rare Nor. properties, in full bloom, nice front, grand wing-carriage beaten in head a wee shade; 3, Strank, neat, rare mould, well balanced, very fine head; 4, Erskine, well up in size, and well placed; vhc, Colley; hc, Milne; c, Hutchison. VAR., ETC., YELL. (12): 1, Mitchell, sweet size, nicely got up, well rounded all over, good head and wing carriage, staged in grand bloom; 2, Jeffrey, real neat one, scarcely so strong as winner, but equal in style and finish; 3, sp., Watson, well got up, very sweet shape, nicely balanced in wings; 4, Fleming, sweet headed, good all round exhibit; 5, Hutchison, lovely quality feather; vhc, Guthrie; hc, Harris; c, Edwards. BUFF (14): 1, sp., Watson, stylish, fine weight, grand in front, nice wing carriage, AI quality feather; 2, Mann, not quite so massive, but well rounded, shown in extra good order, stylish bird; 3, Guthrie, neat one, good front, nicely balanced wing carriage; 4, Hutchison, good quality; 5, Fleming, good all round; vhc, McCubbin; hc, Shaw; c, Gardner. NON-FED CK., YELL. (3): 1, Roberts, sweet, grand head and neck, and front and wing carriage, in good order, plenty of size; 2, Naismith, fails just a little in front to winner; 3, Shaw, good stamp; all Clears, in good order. BUFF (6): 1, sp. and medal, Martin, sweet one, grand type, round, plenty of size, lovely head and front, well balanced wings in full bloom; 2, Morrison, heavy variety, in grand trim, teeming with quality, neat one; 3, sp., McNeil, another variety, fails only in head to winners, well finished off in body, good wing carriage; 4, Hardie, well drawn, in good order; 5, vhc, Martin, nice stamp. HEN (10): 1, Martin, nice Yell., well up in size, good head and front, AI wing carriage; 2, Calderwood, nice Green, nicely tapered off, in lovely order; 3, Naismith, neat Yell., good front and wing carriage; 4, Armour, Buff, good front, well up in size; 5, Craig, variety Buff, plenty of size; vhc, Sinclair; hc, sp., Strank; c, Maxwell. NON-FED., UNFLIG. (8): 1, 2, Naismith, leader grand Buff, good one all round, rare head and front, well cut, in grand order, 2nd, close up, fails only a shade in head; 3, 4, Martin, two good ones, slimmer in body, but grand finish, fine headed ones; 5, Rosemond, in nice order; vhc, McNeil; hc, Marshall; c, sp., Jarvie. NOVICE CLASSES: CL., ETC., CK. (14): 1, Candlish, leader nice Yell., fine size, good head and wing carriage, in fine order, wins; 2, Dickie, Buff, well up in size, nicely rounded, good head, extra fine quality feather; 3, sp., Aitken, good all round Buff, tight as wax, good stamp; 4, Stewart, large Buff, rare substance, plenty of weight, good bird; 5, Barr, also Buff, neat one; vhc, Picken; hc, Perritt; c, Melville. VAR., ETC. (7): 1, Boag, nice Variegated Yell., good substance, fine head and front, nicely drawn, sweet one, well placed; 2, Stewart, romping fine Buff, immense substance, beautifully finished, in full bloom; 3, Fulton, Variegated Yell., nicely rounded, good head and wing carriage, nice quality feather; 4, Houston, Buff, beaten in substance only, good quality and finish; 5, Melville, Yell., good quality feather; vhc, Christie. CL., ETC. HEN (11): 1, Barr, Buff, grand shape, nice and round, in full bloom, rare head and front, grand wing carriage, wins; 2, Pailing, Buff, fails just a little in head to winner, but grand quality feather; 3, Davidson, Yell., stylish, neat head, good wing carriage; 4, Henderson, neat Buff, grand order; 5, Boag, good stamp; vhc, Lawson; hc, Wood; c, Crawford. VARIEG., ETC. (9): 1, Stewart, Variegated Buff, good feather and finish, a shade narrow, some thought might have given way to 2, Wood, nice Variegated Buff, grand size, fine head and front, teeming with quality; 3, Melville, Variegated Buff, nice stamp, good front and wing carriage; 4, Barr, sweet Yell., nice size and substance; 5, vhc, Crawford, Buff, good stamp; hc, McAllister; c, Dickie. UNFLIG. YELL. CK. (23): 1, 2, Maxwell, pair of good ones, leader the best in head, fine size, neatly rounded in front, good wing carriage, 2nd, close up, pair of good ones; 3, McNeill, sweet, grand front and style, staged in lovely order; 4, Smith, good wings, in full bloom; 5, Jeffrey, sweet quality, extra well balanced wing carriage; vhc, Munro; hc, Adamson; c, Paterson. BUFF (29): 1, sp., Martin, grand stamp, fine substance, good head, well filled in neck, a romper for finish, well put down; 2, sp., Pirret, sweet feathered, good wing carriage, well up in size, beaten only in front; 3, Dick, good feather, neat head; 4, McLeod, fails only in head, nice body, good quality feather; 5, Maxwell, sweet one, grandly rounded; vhc, Smith; hc, Taylor; c, Mahon. YELL. HEN (22): 1, medal, sp., Cameron, topper, one of the best seen in Scotland for years, grand substance, lovely chest, fine wing carriage, very neatly drawn, nice tone of col., neat head, taken all over hard to beat, well staged; 2, sp., Sinclair, good one in ordinary company, but eclipsed to-day, in grand trim, well placed; 3, Mann, variegated, very neat head and front, stylish, in good order; 4, Mitchell, a shade smaller, but all there for quality and finish; 5, McMillan, good feather; vhc, Harris; hc, Taylor; c, Williams. A good class all over, and well selected. BUFF (40): 1, Jarvie, lively feathered one, good head and wing carriage, rare shape, shade inclined to draw in front, in full bloom; 2, Martin, grand fronted Buff, beautifully cut, fine wings, a gem, well placed; 3, Maxwell, grand size, splendid head and wings, nice tone of col.; 4, McLeod, good shape and feather; 5, Gardiner, nice style and finish; vhc, Sinclair; hc, Gardner; c, Taylor. Another set of winners could have been found here. CREST, CK. (7): 1, Hector, wins, good one, rare top piece, finely centred, grand quality feather; 2, Noble, nice one, good centre, fails a little in length of feather to winner; 3, sp., McLay, sweet, good quality, nice frontal and shape; 4, Adamson, neat, just lacks the length and density of feather of winners; 5, sp., Summerhill, nicely groomed; vhc, Smith; hc, Liddell. HEN (9): 1, cup, sp., Hector, hot one, grand headpiece for a lady, good centre, rare frontal and side, nice texture of feather, sweet body and finish, real good one; 2, Smart, as good in frontal as winner, and well centred, but just beaten at side, a hot one, and no mistake; 3, Pailing, well centred and groomed, taking hen; 4, Sharp, lengthy, nicely groomed; 5, Adamson, sweetly got up; vhc, McLay; hc, Summerhill; c, sp., Tweedie. C.B. CK. (12): 1, Noble, Green, nice one, grand entrance and lash, well burnished up; 2, Thomson, romping fine Cl., grand size, staged to perfection, lovely head; 3, sp., McLay, sweet Variegated, nice size head and neat entrance; 4, Hector, good size, bold back skull, lengthy feather there; 5, Smith, Variegated, sweet bird, neat head; vhc, Summerhill, Lindsay; c, Liddell. HEN (7): 1, sp., Hector, grand one, wins, fine bold entrance, well lashed, splendid length of feather plenty of it; 2, McLay, grand entrance and skull, good one all over; 3, Noble, good wide skull and rare top piece, fails only in feather to winners; 4, Thomson, nice size, good; 5, Dempster; vhc, Crum.

The Remaining Canary Classes.

YORKS., YELL. (8): 1, spl, etc., Crichton, sweet one, lengthy, well drawn, nice head, tight in feather; 2, spl., McLellan, close up, longer and better tapered below, fails just a little in head, romping fine bird, lovely size and shape, grand trim; 3, Biggin, sweet style; vhc, McDougal; hc, Dykes. BUFF (11): 1, McLellan, nice one, grand quality feather, extra well draw, fine length, AI head and wing carriage; 2, Syson, not one also, not far behind, fails in length of side only; 3, Heggie, racy, good Yorkie; 4, Hunter, good, but just lacks the proper wing carriage; 5, Dykes, nice one, fine shape; vhc, Wilson; hc, Cochrane; c, Blair. YELL. HEN (8): 1, 4, Syson, wins well, grand bloom, lovely made hen, well drawn, straight as a gun-barrel, sweet racy one, well put down, 4 good stamp; 2, Cochrane, sweet style and slim, nicely balanced wings and plenty of go; 3, Martin, good stamp, close in feather; 5, McRobbie, good shape, fine head; vhc, Dykes; hc, McLellan; c, Heggie; a fine lot all round. BUFF (9): 1, Cochrane, sweet model, grand head and front, rare style, well drawn, very evenly balanced wings, in fine bloom; 2, Crichton, good quality feather, nice head and front, lengthy, fails a wee shade in taper; 3, Webster, racy, but beaten a trifle in quality of feather, grand size; 4, Syson, sweet in shape; 5, spl., Crichton, close up, good all round; vhc, Dykes; hc, Hunter; c, Blair. VAR. YELL. (8): 1, Syson, racy one, sweet make, grand front and head, very nicely got up, good one; 2, Webster, fine length of side, grandly balanced wings, neat head, well touched up, in extra fine order; 3, spl, Dykes, good quality feather, sweet size and shape, nicely drawn, grand style, worth its place; 4, McLellan, beaten only in finish and feather, good head and body; 5, spl., Heggie, good quality; vhc, Crichton; hc, Hunter. BUFF (6): 1, Heggie, full bloom, grand finished bird, nice length, well drawn, extra good in head and frout, sweet exhibit; 2, Syson, close up, good length, nicely tapered, sweet style; 3, Crichton, stylish, but just lacks the correct finish of feather; 4, Dykes, well drawn and slim; 5, Bowman, grand stamp; vhc, Webster. A.O.V. CAN. (7): 1, Galloway, white Canary, in good order, large, slim Norcross, an interesting bird, would make a fine show if a few more of them were bred; 2, McLay, tip-top yell. Cinn., grand shape, lovely markings, rare tone of col., a beauty; 3, Cram, good Lancs., coppy, nice top piece and size; 4, vhc, hc, Hamilton, fine yell. Cinn.; 5, Hope, romping fine buff Cinn. BORD., CL. YLL. CK. (16): 1, Munro, a beauty, fine shape, grand head, rare balanced wings, lovely body, good front, nicely drawn, real gem and no mistake, runner-up for medal; 2, Gilchrist, nice length, good position, not quite so good in finish or head as winner; 3, Smith Bros., good body and head, well rounded; 4, Kerr, nice bird, good quality feather, fails just a little in length, well placed; 5, Mossie, stylish, neatly drawn; vhc, Heslop; hc, Easton; c, Burrell. HEN (18): 1, Gilchrist, sweet shape, very stylish, good wing carriage, inclined to be a shade racy, in fine bloom; 2, Mossie, good one, grand head and front, well drawn, finely balanced, beautifully staged; 3, Allan, nice stamp, not quite so well finished off, but AI shape, good wings and head; 4, Frazer, sweet, size and shape, good head and front, nicely got up; 5, Calderwood, good all round; vhc, Munro; hc, Thomson; c, Smillie. BUFF CK. (21): 1, spl., Gilchrist, not large one, but a bot one for shape, grand head, lovely wing carriage, very neatly got up, rare mover; 2, Smith Bros., good quality feather, good front, neatly drawn; 3, spl., Walker, good stamp, sweet back and wings, grandly tapered, fails only in head to winners, good quality; 4, Connor, nice one, fine front and taper, well finished in feather; 5, Allan, good stamp; vhc, Smillie; hc, Johnstone; c, Thomson. HEN (20): 1, Hislop, sweet, fine style, good head and front, grandly drawn, well balanced, fine wing carriage, very neat and sweet; 2, Gilchrist, good stamp, rare mould, fine head and wings, good quality feather, well placed; 3, Calderwood, grand quality feather; 4, Laidlaw, neat one, good stamp, well carried wings; 5, Nairn, sweet wee bird, stylish and well drawn; vhc, spl., Brockie; hc, Johnstone; c, Hamilton. EVEN MARKS (14): 1, 5, Haddon, leader yell., nicely balanced eye and wing markings, good type, well drawn and stylish, 5 yell., nice quality feather; 2, Carmichael, S.N. winner, grand balanced eye and wing marked buff; 3, McVittie, good buff, rather wild, grand body and shape; 4, Nelson, sweet little bird, beaten only in markings and finish; vhc, Kirkhope; hc, Robertson; c, Auld. UNEVEN YELL. (13): 1, Calderwood, wins, lovely shape, real good one, grand body and taper, extra sweet in head, well staged; 2, Auld, good stamp, rare style, lovely quality feather; 3, spl, Camphell, good feather, again in full bloom; 4, Haddon, racy, well drawn, sweetly got up; 5, Aitchison, good quality, fine weight; vhc, Walker; hc, White; c, Alexander. BUFF (20): 1, spl, 5, Walker, leader wins, real hot one, grand shape, lovely front and wing carriage, AI head and taper, well staged, good stamp, well drawn, rare position; 2, Geddes, sweet shape, grandly tapered, good head and wing carriage, lovely body, tight as wax; 3, Allan, good all round, nice size, good head and wings, fine shape and finish; 4, Haddon, very unsteady at times, good stamp; vhc, Kirkhope; hc, Brockie; c, Lawson. FOUL (22): 1, B.F.C.C. medal, Smith Bros., hot one, lovely shape, grand front and head, splendid wing carriage, well drawn, teaming with quality, real topper; 2, spl., Mossie, grand style, lovely head and front, well balanced, another gem of the first water, well placed; 3, Allan, good one, not quite so well finished as winner, but grand stamp; 4, spl, Gilchrist, well known winner, looking extra well; 5, Nairn, sweet shape and style; vhc, Hogg; hc, Heslop; c, Lambie. CINN. YELL (18): 1, 5, Haddon, leader wins, grand Cinn., rare type and splendid markings, bot one for quality, extra good in shape; 2, Lambie, nice shape, good ground col., well up in markings; 3, Gentleman, nice buff, good stamp, grand pencil work, staged in fine bloom; 4, Novice B.F. medal, vhc, Wilson, nice stamp, 5 grand col. and markings; hc, Findlay; c, Hamilton. YELL. GREEN (9): 1, Thomson, wins, good one, fine shape and markings, AI style, well staged; 2, spl., Kerr, sweet bird, darker in tone, but grand markings and finish; 3, Murray, good ground col. and shape; 4, vhc, Wilson, good col. and markings; 5, Kirkhope, good shape and col.; hc, c, McMillan. BUFF (11): 1, Thomson, grand type, col. and markings, staged in rare bloom, easy win; 2, Wilson, good stamp, fails only in type, fine ground col.; 3, Forrest, nice type and quality; 4, Watson, nice one, good type, grand feather; 5, Camphell, good aground; vhc, Hamilton; hc, Murray; c, Thomson.

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GLASGOW CITY SHOW (continued).

The Hybrids, British and Foreign Birds.

CL., ETC., MULE (4): What this class wanted in quantity was made up for in quality. 1, McNicol, grand 6-pointed yell. of great size and substance, largest we have ever seen, take some beating, believe was bred by owner; 2, Crosbie, lovely 4-pointed buff in grand bloom, good 2nd, capital col., nice face, well staged; 3, Heggie, 4-pointed buff, rare tone of col., well mkd., and well staged; 4, McVittie, good size, will do better later on. VAR. (17): 1, Clapperton, varieg. yell., lovely size, beaming with quality, very hot col., well staged; 2, (no name), buff varieg. Goldie Mule, a beauty for size, shape and col., shown in A1 form; 3, McVittie, yell. Goldie, lovely feather, grand substance, not quite in show form yet; 4, Williams, buff Linnet, romping fine bird for size, good head and chest, full of quality; 5, Jamieson, buff Goldie, lovely col. feather; vhc, Nelson; hc, Watson; c, Paterson. DARK GOLDIE (8): 1, spl, 5, Prattis, leader remarkably good bird, Jonque, rare size and col., very stylish, polished like satin, just a shade wild, well staged; 5th, buff, nice size and col., showing a little lightness under beak; 2, McWatt, Jonque, almost equals 1st, grand size, lovely Goldfinch beak, wants a little time for blaze to come up; 3, McLean, another Jonque, grand blaze and body col., good shape and feather, good staging; 4, Jamieson, jun., still another Jonque, capital feather, a wee bit dull in col. of blaze, good size and condition; vhc, Barclay; hc, Crosbie; c, Pierce. DARK LINNET (7): 1, McQuiston, Lochgelly winner, grand sized Jonque, staged in lovely bloom, will be hard to beat; 2, Parker, buff, medium size, grand big head, nice tone of col., glossy feather and condition; 3, hc, Clifford, former huff, good one for size and shape, excellent col. and markings, beautiful polish; 4, Brown, Jonque, very stylish, steady, and well staged; 5, Buchanan, Jonque, grand size, good feather, very steady; vhc, Aitken. DARK GREENFINCH (13): 1, Craig, Jonque, Lochgelly winner, grand col., lovely shade throughout, put down in rare order; 2, McQuiston, buff, a monster, good big head, lovely col., shining like satin, pressing winner; 3, spl, c, J. Wilson, yell., plenty of col., well mkd., fails in size only to winner; 4, Fleming, yell., good size and quality; 5, Leigh, yell., grand size, little rough looking in feather; vhc, Johnstone; hc, Dick. DARK CAN. MULE, A.O.V. (except Can.-Bullie) (14): 1, Watson, Siskin Mule, Jonque, wins on size, very nicely mkd., put down in grand trim; 2, McQuiston, Jonque Redpoll, grand size, good head, lovely warm col., rare markings and cap, staged to perfection; 3, McDougall, buff Twite, well known face, his owner has informed us he has been six years on the bench, looking fresh and well; 4, Ross, Jonque Siskin, good col. and size, exceedingly well mkd., if staged better would win; 5, Buchanan, Twite, grand size, nicely laced, well staged; vhc, Paterson; hc, Campbell; c, Leigh. HYB. (12): 1, Mrs. A. McLennan, large Goldie-Bullie, great depth of col., grand cap and wings, rare style, beaming with quality, a champion, will take some beating; 2, Nicholson, Jonque Can.-Bullie, not over big, but a beauty for col. and markings, staged to perfection; 3, spl, Heron, another Goldie-Bullie, behind winner for size, lovely breast col., coming well down, grand quality feather, staged to perfection; 4, Sneddon, another Goldie-Bullie, larger than 3rd, but wants breast col., well worth place; 5, McMillan, Greenie-Bullie, grand size, lovely feather; vhc, McGillivray Bros.; hc, spl, Barclay; c, Mills. A.O.V. HYB. (between two Brit. birds) (14): 1 spl, McQuiston, Goldie-Redpoll, good one, grand size and col., showing cross well, luminous blaze, rare wings and bars; 2, Stirling, Goldie-Siskin, nice col., showing parentage well, beauty for size, quickly claimed at catalogue price; 3, Jamieson, jun., Goldie-Greenie, beauty, lovely tone of col., well mkd., worth its place; 4, spl, Miller and Alcorn, Goldie-Linnet, nice size and quality, very steady; 5, spl, Martin, Redpoll-Greenie, in fine form, steady, and well staged; vhc, Johnstone; hc, Overstone; c, Sommerville. GOLDFINCH BRIT. (13): 1, Milloy, clear win, grand size, steady as a rock, fine square face, grand tone of blaze, good cheeks and tanning, well mkd. back; 2, Kerr and Sons, nice Finch, scarcely so clean cut as winner, grand type, good face and finish, a little pale in blaze; 3, McQuiston, lovely type, steady as a rock, not quite finished moult yet, will want beating when ready; 4, Raine, smaller, blaze in lovely bloom, nice tone of col., well staged; 5, Cowan, good Finch, grand big blaze, claimed at catalogue price; vhc, Kerr; hc, McGregor; c, McCluskie. BULLFINCH, BRIT. (13): 1, spl, McQulston, Lochgelly medal winner, marvel, fine size, perfect cap and bars, lovely breast, shining like satin—a champion; 2, Kelly, good body but fails a bit in depth of crimson on breast, grand cap, fine positioned bird; 3, Robertson, f.m., lovely breast colour, grand shaped Finch, lovely cap; 4, J. L. Kerr, good condition, nice cap, fine shape; 5, Lyle, fine type, good cap and bars; vhc, McGillivray Bros.; hc, Dunsmuir; c, Dunn. LINNET (19): 1, spl, 3, McQuiston, size, col. and markings perfect, two well known winners, often described; 2, Baird, grand size, excellent in lacing, steady, well staged; 4, Barclay, beautiful Nor. type, well up in col., very distinctly laced, grand front, well staged; 5, Buchanan, lovely shape, fine bold fronted bird, rare style, scarcely ready yet; vhc, Thaw; hc, Mitchell; c, Dunlop. SISKIN (18): 1, Duncan, easy winner, gem for size, beautiful col., grand cap, rare bib, splendid exhibit, well staged; 2, Smith, another hot-fed one, lovely type, rare cap and bib, very distinct thigh markings, good 2nd; 3, Reid, hot fed, beauty for feather, very nicely mkd., grand condition; 4, Kerr and Sons, nice type and quality; 5, Todd, grand bib, well laced on head; vhc, McDougall; hc, Thaw; c, Craig. MEALY REDPOLL OR TWITE (29): Grand class, two sets of winners here, gave judge a hard task; 1, Buchanan, hot-fed Twite, grand size, well laced, very fine frouted, rare shade of col. throughout, not a feather out of place, claimed at catalogue price; 2, Laing, large Mealy 'Poll, fine light tone of col., nicely laced, big head and beak, beaming with quality; 3, Haldane, Twite, good col. and lacing, well shown; 4, McMillan, Mealy 'Poll, in rare trim, darker in tone of col., nicely mkd.; 5, Craig, Twite, a gem for wings and good ground col.; vhc, Taylor, Mealy 'Poll; hc, Marshall, Twite; c, Colbrou, 'Poll. LESSER REDPOLL (30): 1, Watson, rare tone of col., grand head; 2, Morton, nice size and markings, grand bib, in line feather; 3, Brownlee and Sons, best in size and col., fine tone, splendidly mkd., real beauty, some considered might have been higher; 4, Marshall, well up in size, good bib and col.; 5, McGillivray Bros., good bib and head, grand type, lovely lacing; vhc, Williams; hc, Davidson; c, Hopkins. GREENFINCH (12): 1, McLean, bold type, good col., splendid condition, wins easy; 2, McGregor and Boyd, very hot in col., put down in rare bloom, well staged; 3, Gray, grand big body, good wing bars, line frontal; 4, Allan, nice Greenie, fails just a little in finish, hardly finished moult; 5, Morton, nice Finch, good head and body; vhc, Muir; hc, Baird; c, Reid. CHAFFINCH (9): 1, Dale, marvel for col. and condition, rare deep chest, lovely metallic blue on head, splendid wing bars, topper for quality of feather, quickly claimed at catalogue price; 2, Allan, longer shaped bird, good feather; 3, Sykes, slimmer got up, but grand size and col., nice style of carriage, good shower; 4, Dunlop, grand size and type, fine breast col., good wings and sheen; 5, Raine, lovely quality feather, grand breast col.; vhc, Rennie; hc, Colbron; c, Jeffrey. BRAMBLEFINCH (25): 1, Reid, beaming with quality, a monster, grand front, dense col., lovely lacing on back and thighs, staged to perfection, best we have seen for a while; 2, Cummings, grand col. bird, very nice front, good back lacing, not quite so deep in breast col. as winner; 3, spl, McQuiston, hot one for col., good head and thigh lacing, neat fronted; 4, Sykes, good one for size and shape, not quite so well spangled on back; 5, Watson, good size, in very good order; vhc, Paterson; hc, Sharp; c, Dick. YELLOWHAMMER (9): 1, Laidlaw, good one throughout, grand shape, plenty of size, lovely quality feather, beautifully laced on body, claimed at catalogue price; 2, 4, Marlin, good col., grand headed bird, lovely eye marks, staged in lovely bloom; 4th, rare size and well mkd., lovely col. and staging; 3, Watson, nice quality feather, well put down, beaten only in head markings; 5, Gray; vhc, McGillivray Bros.; hc, Baird; c, Hardie. BUNTING, HARDBILL (4): 1, McQuiston, well known Corn Bunting, splendidly mkd., a monster, lovely col., steady as a rock; 2, 4, Watson, former Black-headed Bunting, nicely mkd., in fine feather; 4, Ortolau Bunting, good one, nice markings, in rare trim; 3, Lawson, Snow Bunting, large and well mkd., very steady for this species. BRIT. SMALL SOFTBILL (6): 1, Lawson, lovely Wheatear, steady as a rock, grand size and col., shown in tip-top condition; 2, McQuiston, Bearded Tit, and a beauty, grand size, beautifully mkd., faultless in condition, staged to perfection; 3, Wilson, Grey Wagtail, in lovely condition, fine size, well mkd., good col., in grand trim; 4, 5, Erskine, former Redstart, lovely breast col., in grand bloom; 5th, Shore Lark, very good one, in lovely order; vhc, Bell. LARGE (7): 1, spl, McQuiston, well known Chough, in faultless condition, wins easy; 2, Cowan, lovely Nutcracker, grand size, in fine bloom, good 2nd; 3, spl, Kerr and Sons, Magpie, looks a young one, with a little more age will make a champion, grand size, col. and markings; 4, Bisset, Missel Thrush, well spangled, in good order, rare col., splendidly staged; 5, Erskine, Hawfinch, fine size and cap, grand bib, good ground col., well staged; vhc, Quinn; hc, Clark. BRIT. BULLFINCH, HEN (12): 1, Nicol, good one, in the pink of condition, lovely cap of dense col., splendid wing bars, fine depth of col. and well staged; 2, Galbraith, close up for col., good chubby type; 3, Dunsmuir, looks like the Palace winner, not ready yet; 4, Telfer Bros., good all-round one, nice shape and quality; 5, J. L. Kerr, another beauty; vhc, Hardie; hc, McQuiston; c, Gardner. HEN, FINCH, SMALL (9): 1, W. Telfer, Bramblefinch, very steady, well mkd. specimen, grand size, well staged; 2, McQuiston, Linnet, grand size, lovely col. and markings, in rare trim; 3, Dale, Bramblefinch, grand size and col., beautifully staged; 4, Buchanan, Greenfinch, fine size, rare shape, steady as a rock; 5, Laidlaw, Siskin, good quality, lovely markings; vhc, Laing; hc, Buchanan; c, Morton. FOR. GOLDFINCH (5): 1, Sharp, Lochgelly winner, grand size, lovely square cut blaze of nice col., lovely whites, rare tanning, splendid buttons, lovely wings, well staged; 2, Miller and Alcorn, rare feathered, splendid quality, fine size and shape; 3, Graham, good one for col. of blaze, lovely tanning, beaten in size of blaze only; 4, Morton, medium size but good cols.; 5, spl, Guthrie, nice all round finish. FOR., LARGE (4): 1, Morrison, Lory, lovely bloom, staged to advantage, wins easy; 2, A. Wilson, Toucan, very interesting exhibit, shown in rattling fine condition, a credit to its owner; 3, Perrie, Adelaide Parrakeet, in splendid sheen, lovely gloss, etc.; 4, absent when we were taking notes. SMALL (4): 1, spl, Webster, Black-faced Lovebird, in lovely condition, nicely staged, wins easy; 2, Allan, Red Gouldians, clinkers for condition, well staged, good second; 3, Hayes; 4, Telfer Bros.

HANLEY.

Hanley and Dist. C.B.S. annual exhibition held Oct. 19th, at the Albion Hotel. The room is well lighted all round, and the secretary (Mr. B. Peake) had the birds benched in good time and carried through his work in capital style. A few of the classes had to be cancelled owing to short entries. The Norwich were a nice lot of birds. Yorks turned up well and a few good birds were benched. Mr. Trengove judged the Norwich and Mr. Mundell the Yorks.

The Critique.

NOR. CL., ETC. (4): 1, Oliver, blaze of col., good head, short and chubby; 2, Rathbone, rich col., full of quality, grand wings and tail; 3, Dr. McConaghey, pale col., nice quality, good wings and tail. BUFF AND YELL. TICK: Cancelled. TICK, ETC., BUFF (9): 1, hc, Hall, grizzled on back, blaze of colour, lovely feather, nice wing carriage; 2, Yates, grizzled on head, good neck, clean on breast, good wings and tail; 3, Rathbone, unev. mkd., boxy feather, short and chubby, rich colour; vhc, Dr. McConaghey; hc, Pitchford and Stocker. HEN, YELL. (5): 1, Hall, cl., good head and neck, nice breast, grand quality, fine wings; 2, Mattinson, cl., good wing and tail, round head, nice type; 3, Pitchford and Stocker, varieg., lovely quality, short and cobby, neat round head; vhc, Roberts. BUFF (7): 1, Yates, cl., rich col., boxy feather, good wing carriage, nice breast; 2, Hall, cap and back grizzled, full of quality, short flights, nicely placed; 3, hc, Rathbone, nice type, good wings, short tail; vhc, Roberts; Mr. Crundiff's birds absent. UNFLIG. YELL. AND BUFF: Cancelled. YELL., CL., ETC., YORKS (5): 1, Pygott, wee bit stout, nice quality, good position, long flights and tail; 2, Tomkinson, full of quality, neat head, nice compact wings and tail; 3, J. and E. Perry, pale col., nice position; vhc, Hawley; hc, Lawton. BUFF (7): 1, Ellis, pale col., boxy feather, full of nerve, well placed flights, piped tail; 2, Salt, rich col., boxy feather, wee bit strong, good legs, long flights; 3, Lawton, rich col., teeming with quality, nice position; vhc, Baxter; hc, c, Pygott. YELL. TICK (6): 1, Ellis, tick on head, rich col., good wings and tail, grand quality; 2, Hawley, nice type and quality, good head and wings; 3, Taylor, well up on leg, boxy feather, good tail; vhc, J. and E. Perry; hc, Tomkioson; c, Windsor. HEN, YELL. (7): 1, Baxter, well up on leg, boxy feather, nice long flights and tail, good position; 2, Taylor, capped rich col., nice quality; 3, Ellis, boxy feather, rich col.; vhc, Lawton; hc, Bryan; c, J. and E. Parry. BUFF (7): 1, Taylor, unev. mkd., grand wings and tail, magnificent quality; 2, vhc, hc, Robinson, 2nd rich col., boxy feather, nice type; 3, Baxter, very hot, quality A1; c, Leadbeater. UNFLIG. YELL. (6): 1, Lawton, well up on leg, rich col., nice wing carriage, neat tail; 2, Taylor, shows a little front, nice type and quality; 3, Bryan, variegs., lovely quality, nice wings and tail; vhc, J. and E. Perry; hc, Tomkinson; c, Pygott. BUFF (6): 1, vhc, Robinson, neck and wing marked, rich col., magnificent quality; 2, Taylor, wing tkd., nice type, good head, boxy feather; 3, Hawley, rich col., well up on leg, good head; hc, Pygott; c, Lawton. DARK CAN. MULE (6): 1, Jeffreys, Goldie and Can., good one, well shown; 2, Davies, Greenie-Can., very nice one; 3, Tams and Son, grand Goldie-Can., well shown; vhc, Edwards; hc, Leadbeater; c, Parr Bros. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: (7): 1, vhc, Davies, 1st good square blaze, nice bars and buttons, in lovely condition; 2, Jeffreys, nice bars and buttons, good bird; 3, Pitchford and Stocker, not quite fit yet; hc, Dean; c, Tams and Son. LINNET (5): 1, Davies, nice rich nut-brown col., beautifully laced, very steady; 2, 3, Tams and Son, two nice exhibits, pencilled, rich col; vhc, Mrs. C. Hunt; hc, Bates; c, Dean. SISKIN, ETC. (5): 1, Mrs. C. Hunt; 2, Jeffreys; 3, Tams and Son; vhc, Edwards; hc, Dean. CLASSES 30, 31, 32: Cancelled. SOFTBILL (4): 1, 2, Williams, Chough and Magpie, both splendidly put down and in capital trim; 3, Morrison, Bearded Tit, in fine form; vhc, Mackwell. PARROT (3): 1, Davies, King Parrot, attractive exhibit, much admired; 2, Morrison, Crimson-wing Parrot, well shown; 3, Pitchford and Stocker, nice Blue Mountain Lories. A.O.S. SEED-EATERS (4): 1, 2, vhc, Miss J. W. Blagg, 1st Zebra Finch, 2nd Saffron Finches, both exhibits shown well and well placed; 3, Kyle. CLASS 37: Cancelled. NOVICE CLASSES—NOR. YELL. (7): 1, Wallace; 2, Howarth; 3, Barrell; vhc, Holland; hc, Dunn; c, Parker. BUFF (7): 1, Howarth; 2, Barrett; 3, Williamson; vhc, Evans; hc, Bunting; c, Parr Bros. UNFLIG. BUFF (15): 1, Barrett; 2, Windsor; vhc, James; hc, Williamson; c, Wild. HEN YELL. (6): 1, James; 2, Bennison; 3, Moon; vhc, Butters; hc, Williamson; c, Wild. BUFF (7): 1, Clay; 2, Moon; 3, Perkin and Latler; vhc, Wallace; hc, James; c, Williamson. YORKS YELL. (4): 1, Lea; 2, Thorpe; No. 7 3rd; vhc, Sweetnam. BUFF (7): 1, Glover; 2, Hardy; 3, Gregory Bros.; vhc, Morton; hc, Llewellyn; c, Corbett. UNFLIG. YELL. (18): 1, Elks; 2, Walkers; 3, Barnes; vhc, Brough; hc, Glover; c, Lea. BUFF (7): 1, Morton; 2, Walton; 3, Lea; vhc, Walker, hc, Elks; c, Llewellyn. HENS, YELL. (7): 1, Corbett; 2, vhc, Walker; 3, Hardy; hc, Llewellyn. BUFF (7): 1, Robinson; 2, Glover; 3, Alcock; vhc, Llewellyn; hc, Barnes; c, Hardy. NOVICE MEMBERS, NOR. YELL. (1): 1, Dunn. BUFF (3): 1, Williamson; 2, 3, Sandiford's spl, Dunn. HENS (6): 1, vhc, c, Williamson; 2, Hassell; 3, Dunn; hc, Wild. BUFF 1911 (5): 1, Williamson; 2, vhc, Wild; 3, Hassall; vhc, Robinson. YORKS. YELL (2): 1, Lawton; 2, Sweetnam. BUFF (5): 1, 2, Lawton; 3, Pygott; vhc, Rooinson; hc, Llewellyn. HENS (12): 1, Hyde's spl., vhc, hc, Lawton; 2, c, Robinson; 3, Llewellyn. YELL., 1911 (1): 2, Robinson. BUFF (6): 1, 3, Robinson; 2, Lawton; vhc, Pygott; hc, Llewellyn. GOLD LIZ. (2): 1, 2, Cooke. SILVER (2): 1, 2, Cooke.

MIDDLESBROUGH.

Show held St. Michael's Hall, Waterloo Road, on October 21st, when a fine entry of some 450 came before the judges, Messrs. G. Harland (Canaries) and C. Houlton (Hybrids, British and Foreign birds). Yorkshires were excellent in both quantity and quality, and they gave the judge a stiff task. Norwich came up remarkably well, and some of the leaders were birds of the very top class. Crests and Crest breds were fairly good. Members' Canaries were a very nice lot, and some keen competition took place. Hybrids were very nice, and some noted birds once more were seen well to the fore. British birds were led by a really good class of 25 Linnets, and all the winners were of very high merit. Goldfinches were good, although some of these are hardly ready yet. Later on a few of these will be gems when all the colours are up. Bullfinches were very good, and some really fine birds led the way. Greenfinches were very nice, and a very fine bird led this class. The class of the day was the Siskin, Redpoll or Twite class—32 really fine birds were staged. Thrushes were a treat, and the winner is up to champion form. The A.O.S. Softbills saw a splendid Tree Creeper leading the way. The Fancy birds were up to the mark, and a perfectly conditioned Scarlet Tanager won well from a very fine Siberian cage-moulted Goldfinch, which secured 2nd honours. Taken all through it was a very fine show, and for the number of classes provided it quite averaged equal to its greater rival of the day (Newcastle). Great credit is due to Mr. A. Wake, the hon. sec., who has had some 20 years' practical experience in show management, and he knows how it should be done, and does his work in a very successful manner. His committee and stewards gave good help. Messrs. Cook and Hood won most points in Yorks.; Mr. E. Freeman in Norwich; Messrs. Nicholson and Son in Hybrids, British and Foreign. The judging was got through in good time as the light was very good, and we think on the whole the awards were well received.

Mr. Harland's Classes.

YORKS., CL. YELL. (7): 1, spl., Chew, big, long, slim, deep coloured bird, finely drawn, well up on leg, good carriage and feather, neat wings and tail; 2, Rand, finer and smaller, grand position, neat head, good carriage and in fine feather; 3, Prentice fine bird, hardly up in carriage and condition to others yet; 4, hc, Cook and Hood, nice style, good contour, beaten a little in condition; vhc, Tomlinson; c, Woodhead. BUFF (15): 1, 2, spl., Campling, lovely, slim, typical bird, well posted, fine stand and carriage, A1, 2 beaten in breast only, fine bird; 3, Chew, rather thicker in barrel, otherwise fine quality, carriage and position; 4, Dixon, well up on leg, nicely drawn, good feather and condition; vhc, Cook and Hood; hc, Wilson; c, Messenger. TKD., YELL. (14): 1, Watmough, tick nape, very finely drawn, grand position, carriage, and A1 condition; 2, 3, c, spl, Cook and Hood, thick tick and cheek tick birds, both very typical, grand style and carriage, rare quality and condition; 4, Dixon, smaller, but grand quality, etc.; vhc, Tomlinson; hc, Barker. BUFF (12): 1, spl., Taylor, tick neck, rare, upstanding, showy bird, grand type, quality and condition; 2, Cook and Hood, bit more substance, grand style and feather; 3, Woodhead, tick nape, bigger and stronger, good feather; 4, Rand, tick cheeks, finer drawn, grand style, quality and condition; vhc, Stone; hc, Barker; c, Hewson. UNFLIG. (35) a grand lot: 1, spl., Ramsden, clear buff, looking a bit thick when we saw it, good stand and position, fine quality and condition; 2, Taylor, yell., tick wing, grand bird all through; 3, hc, Cook and Hood, buff, A1 shape, quality, carriage and condition; extra 3, Want, lovely quality, A1 all over it; 4, Broadhent, rather flat on head, good bird; extra 4, Woodhead, grand quality, beaten in breast to-day; vhc, Watmough; c, Wilson. HEN (21): 1, spl., Barker, buff, rather thick and looking a bit soft when we saw it; 2, Dixon, grand, slim, stylish lady, yell., fine position, feather and condition; 3, Rand, A1 buff, fine drawn, grand style and condition; 4, Stone, good, upstanding bird; vhc Pyman; hc Cook and Hood; c, Swinson. NOR. CL. YELL. (8): 1, spl, Crosling, very bonny cobby bird, just a bit soft, but a grand bird when tightened up; 2, Thompson, longer, grand head, col., quality and condition; 3, Wilson, beaten in carriage only, nice bird; 4, Wake, massive head, big bird, good col. and condition; vhc, Freeman; hc, Ducas and Angell; c, Carr. BUFF (14): 1, spl., Freeman, lovely big cobby bird, in A1 condition; 2, Mason, grand type, feather and A1 condition; 3, Watson, beaten only in substance, nice quality and condition; 4, Walker, big, cobby bird, grand quality; vhc, Wilson; hc, Mennard; c, Moore. TKD., ETC., YELL. (13): 1, spl, Allen, marked head and wing, grand, chubby, typical bird, lovely feather, carriage and finish; 2, Mennard, same markings, well up to winner in all points, good condition, yell.; 3, 4, Moore, tick head buff, very thick set, compact wings and tail, A1 form, 4 tick neck yell., bit flat in head, slip claw, which makes it squat a little; vhc, Wake; hc, Dawson; c, Tate. UNFLIGH. YELL. (14): 1, spl, Hunter, Cinn. tick wing, a very pretty bird, grand quality, col. and condition, all there; 2, Freeman, smaller, very narrow between eyes, good quality and condition; 3, Carr, fine, bold, well built bird, good size, shape and head, nice quality; 4, Tate, good head and body, fine feather, col. and condition; vhc, Middleton; hc, Ducas and Angell; c, Carrol. BUFF (26): 1, 3, Walker, tick cheek, lovely bird in all points, rare quality and carriage, 3 also fine bird, carries all the quality of first; 2, Mennard, smaller and narrower all through, good quality of feather; 4, Shaw, varieg. head and wing, grand col., shape quality and condition; vhc, Greenfield; hc, Hunter; c, Palmer. HEN (23): 1, spl, Wilson, cl. buff, right build, grand quality, A1 feather and finish; 2, Hunter, pretty yell., grand bird, well finished; 3, Popple, cobby buff, narrow head, fine quality, feather and condition; 4, Middleton, yell., tick cheek, very pretty hen; vhc, Thompson; hc, Freeman; c, Walker. CINN. (4) moderate: 1, 2, spl., Bentley, leader best, all in good condition, well shown; 3, 4, Richardson, nice col. CREST (12): 1, 2, spl., Taylor, leader wins well, big, good, long drooping crest nicely centred well filled in, nice body, well clothed, 2, smaller, very smart; 3, Richardson, green d.c., long sided crest, split a bit one side, good length of feather; 4, c, Gibson, light feather one side of crest, otherwise good d.c., well filled; vhc, Metcalfe; hc, Hands. C.B. (8): 1, Yeates, varieg. buff, slashing, fine head, dense feather, well fronted, grand entrance, well clothed, body of a good shape; 2, 4, spl, Taylor, varieg., grand head feather, nice skull, full of feather, good frontal; 3, Hands, fine body, plenty of feather, smaller head; vhc, Widdowfield; hc, Brown; c, Gibson. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, 2, spl., Wake. MEMBERS' CANARIES, YORKS.: 1, 4, hc, spl., Swinsco; 2, 3, vhc, c, Rand. NOR.: 1, c, Wells; 2, Swinsco; 3, Thompson; 4, Wake; vhc, Wake; hc, Carr. CRESTS: 1, 2, 3, spl., Gibson; 4, vhc, Mallory. HENS: 1, 2, spl, Wake; 3, Thompson; 4, Carr.

Mr. Houlton's Classes.

LIGHT MULE, ETC. (7): 1, spl, Maddison, nearly clear Greenfinch Can., in grand form; 2, Taylor, pretty Goldie-Bullie, in grand col. and bloom; 3 Todd and Son, very neat Linnet-Bull., in fine feather and condition; 4, vhc, Wilson, 6 pt. buff Goldie-Can., rather heavy marked eyes, in good feather and condition; hc, Gibson; c, King. DARK CAN.: 1, spl., Maddison, grand yell. Gold-Can., in A1 col. and condition; 2, Sweeting, good sized buff Greenie-Can., nice feather, shape and condition; 3, Moir, yell. Goldie-Can., smaller than 1st, nice col. and quality; r, Nicholson and Son, yell. Siskin-Can., foul tail, grand condition; vhc, Wiggins and Harrison; hc, Howe; c, Hanson. LINNET (25): 1, vhc, spl., Tams and Son, leader grand size, shape, col., markings, and glossy condition; 2, Todd and Son, very close up in all points, and runs close for 1st; 3, Stamp, well marked, nice quality, col. and condition, gets down on legs a little sometimes; 4, Wilson, good shape, condition and markings, nice size; hc, c, Hanson. GOLDFINCH (11): 1, Tams and Son, good all round bird, well up in col. and condition; 2, vhc, spl., Nicholson and Son, very well polished, cl. bright coloured blaze, fine tan, good moons and bars, runs close up; 3, Shaw, deep colours, a bit nervous, good moons, bars and condition; 4, Mays and Atkinson, steady, bit narrower, grand colour, feather and condition; hc, Weedy; c, Woodhead. BULLFINCH (15): 1, spl., Hanson, rare wagon horse shape, grand deep col., level feather, dense broad cap, lovely back; 2, Gregg, fine col. for moulted bird, nice feather, good shape and condition; 3, Woods, great head and cap, fine body, good colour back and breast, wee bit rougher at thighs than others; 4, Mays and Atkinson, beaten in breast only; vhc, Barwick; hc, Hogg; c, Smith. GREENFINCH (13): 1, spl., Tams and Son, fine bird for size, shape, col., quality and condition; 2, Nicholson and Son, big buff, nat. col., grand shape, quality and condition; 3, Sokell, good yell., shade smaller, grand feather; 4, Messenger, also good yell., nice feather, col. and condition; vhc, Burton Bros.; hc, Boyd; c, Todd and Son. TWITE, ETC., grand class of 32, all good: 1, spl., Walker, tip-top cage, moulted, larger Mealy Redpoll, lovely wagon-horse shape, very well feathered, rare markings and condition; 2, Moir, very nicely marked Twite, good size, shape, col. and condition; 3, hc, Todd and Son, very pretty Siskin, rare good cap, markings, col. and condition; extra 3, Nicholson and Sou, grand little Lesser Jonque Redpoll, moulted to perfection; 4, W. Howe, very neat Siskin, good cap, cl. col. and markings; extra 4, Hanson, another grand moulted Larger Mealy, hardly the size of winner, but a gem in every other way; vhc, Wiggins and Harrison; c, Woodhead. A.O.S. HARDBILL (11): 1, spl, Stamp, grand condition, medium-sized Hawfinch, in full bloom; 2, Hexter, grand Bramble, fine size, good markings and condition; 3, Barnes, very fair Chaffinch, in nice feather and condition; 4, Lazenby, fine Bramble, well up to 2nd in all points, and a close run; vhc, Wiggins and Harrison, yell. Bunting, nice feather, etc.; hc, Miss Hunter, neat Hawfinch; c, Robinson, smaller Bramble. THRUSH, ETC. (6): 1, spl., Swann, grand Thrush right through, a real champion; 2, Briscoe and Son, almost equal to first, wee shade smaller, lovely spotting and all else A1; 3, Shaw, also a very pretty Thrush, a shade slimmer body than others; 4, Parnaby, very fair Redwing, well shown; vhc, Lazenby; hc, Gregg. SOFTBILLS (8): 1, 4, vhc, spl., Nicholson and Son, grand team, with lovely Tree Creeper leading, 4 rare good Waxwing, in grand form; 2, Boyd, very fine Jay, grand size, lovely col. and condition; 3, Briscoe and Son, splendid Blackcap Warbler, in fine condition; hc, Hogg; c, Shaw. FOR. (13): 1, 2, 3, vhc, spl., Nicholson and Son, grand Scarlet Tanager, a lovely cage-moulted For. Goldie, a nice, superb Tanager, and a good pair of Cutthroats, all in very fine order, a good team, 4, Hexter, very fine Siberian Ben Bullie, in rare condition; hc, Waldram, young Barbet, not yet over moult; c, Stephenson, nice pair of Budgerigars. MEMBERS', MULE: 1, Carr; 2, vhc, hc, spl., Wells; 3, Wake; 4, Hanson. LINNET: 1, Watson; 2, hc, spl., Carr; 3, 4, Hanson, A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, Car, 2, 3, 4, spl., Hanson.

The North of England's Best.

GLORIOUS DISPLAY AT NEWCASTLE.

Entry Beats All Records: Eighteen Hundred Birds!

The sixth annual show of the Newcastle C.B.S. was held Oct. 20th and 21st, and may be regarded as the finest display ever seen in the North of England. The venue on this occasion was the Engineer's Drill Hall, Sandyford-road, a place splendidly adapted for the purpose, being even larger, and perhaps even better lighted, than the famous Cambridge Drill Hall, where so many of the Newcastle Society's triumphs have been achieved. A splendid schedule was issued by the committee, and their efforts were rewarded by the magnificent entry of 1,800—truly a splendid tribute to the Newcastle management. This wonderful entry easily constitutes a record, and beats by 200 the society's previous best.

The vast array of exhibits was displayed in a manner almost perfect, upon staging arranged on similar lines to last year, loug rows of staging running from one end of the hall to the other, with breaks here and there to enable visitors to cross from one section to the other without having to travel the whole length of the rows. Yorkshires were all arranged down one side, the Border Fancy and Scotch Fancy sections occupying the other side, the other birds, with their box cages, being placed on the middle rows, the Foreign and large British running crosswise at the bottom end of the hall. The staging being all three tiers high, the whole made a perfect picture, visitors being enabled to feast their eyes on the wondrous display before them to the best advantage.

A Fine Managerial Achievement.

Mr. J. G. Hutchinson, the popular secretary of the Northern Crest Club, again had charge of all the arrangements, and as a show manager he will be very difficult to beat. The amount of hard work he puts in on behalf of the Newcastle Society, and the manner in which he gets through it, cannot be over-estimated or over-appreciated. The clerical work was absolutely perfect, and Mr. J. E. Atkinson, the popular secretary of the society, is deserving of the highest praise. The society appears to be exceptionally fortunate in its choice of secretaries, and though great was the work done by those who have preceded him, Mr. Atkinson is not one whit behind them in ability, and he will probably become the most accomplished secretary the society has yet possessed. He got through his duties spleudidly, and his courteous manner, and willingness to oblige anyone and everybody, lightened to a great extent the work of those under him. The result was that everything was carried out with clockwork precision, not a single hitch occurring—a fine achievement. The assistant secretary, Mr. R. Tindale, is also deserving of a special word of praise, he getting through his duties in a splendid manner. The above officials were grandly supported by a splendid body of fanciers, composed of Messrs. J. Sheppard, W. Scott, J. Milne, G. Allinson, J. Bertram, J. Coutts, Coxou, Coltman, T. Chapman, T. C. Crawhall, W. Curry, T. Dowson, G. Eilis, A. Holden, J. Little, J. Maddison, J. Mackenzie, G. W. MacPartling, C. G. Petterson, M. C. Potts, T. Robson, J. W. Reed, A. Storey, T. Taylor, Geo. Taylor, T. B. Tomlinson, Currah, jun., E. White, and R. Young, with the late chairman, Mr. John Currah, again giving a hand.

The Quality Really High-Class.

The exhibits themselves were splendid, every section containing some real toppers. Norwich filled well, averaging nearly 14 per class, and although this number is slightly down compared to last year we thought that, taken all through, the birds were a more level lot. This section provided the bowl winner for best young bird in show, Mr. R. Lowther capturing the honour with a very nice clear buff cock. The two novice Norwich classes were stormers, 39 cocks, and 18 hens, the cock class being especially good, necessitating the awarding of extra 3rd and 4th prizes. Crests averaged the same as last year, just over 10 per class, and some stormers were staged by Messrs. Dobson and Son, Evins Brothers, T. Taylor, H. Fenwick, and W. Marshall. Borders were a grand collection, averaging over 18 per class, the quality also being superb. Green Borders were simply marvellous, four classes containing 80 birds. Scotch Fancies were a fine lot, 47 in four classes, the winners being really typical. Novice Borders were well supported, 52 in two classes, with many high-class birds amongst them, the winning birds being a credit to their owners. Lizards, too, were well represented, and the winning clear cap silver was greatly admired.

The Cinnamon section held some fine birds. Mr. Dormer's yellow won special for best Cinn. or Green. Mrs. F. E. Deacon won in the hens with a beauty. The dark-eyed Yorkshires were a fine lot. Mr. Cooper (Bradford) put down a very smart unflighted buff, which won the specials for best Yorks., also the specials for best exhibit in show. Some fine birds were benched in the Cinn. marks. Mr. Morrison's two winning hens were put down in the pink of condition. In the Greens, Mr. Rowlands won in both cock classes with two real good birds. We like his buff very much, and it will take a good bird to beat him. Mr. Handley put down a nice yellow hen which won easily. Mr. Nimmo's buff hen won with something in hand. The novice section came up well in number, but the birds failed a little in quality to what we should like to see them.

The Finest Ever.

There was a remarkably fine entry in the Hyhrid, British and Foreign Classes, some 420 birds facing Mr. Houlton, and a splendid show they made. In the Hybrids were to be seen some very smart birds, notably the clear Linnet-Canary which took special for best in this section. Four birds were passed as being simply Canaries, 3 of them being entered as clear Redpoll-Canary Mules. The judge found a dark Goldfinch-Canary with a peculiar peach-like colour on the blaze and one cheek, the other cheek being quite grey and free from this colour. Mr. Houlton disqualified this bird for alleged colour stain being present. British birds were excellent, and it is safe to say there never was a finer collection in Newcastle. All the finches were well up in condition for the time of the year. The feature in Hardbills was the grand display of Linnets. There was, too, a fine show of Siskins, Redpolls and Twites. Some extraordinary good Softbills were shown, both large and small, and the small class contained more species than there were tickets to give out. Great credit is due to the exhibitors for the manner in which the birds were shown. A splendid Wryneck took special for best British. The foreign birds were the most numerous, varied, and excellent lot ever got together at this show. A most exquisite Yellow-winged Sugar Bird won special for best. The members' classes were very good for quality. The officials were delighted with such a grand entry and such excellent quality in these sections. The judge had a very stiff task indeed.

Special prize winners were:—Challenge bowl best young bird, R. Lowther; Kate Haggie challenge cup, best bird shown by member, W. Marshall; Hiudhaugh's special (£1 1s. for best bird), A. Cooper; best Nor., R. Lowther; best green or cinn., W. Dormer; best Crest, Evins Brothers, "Dusky Queen"; second best, T. Taylor; best Scotch, A. Steel; best Border, A. Gilchrist; best green Border, Thos. Parker; Mr. Gilchrist also took the Border Fancy Club medal for best Border, the novice medal going to Mr. T. Chapman; the Northern Border Club special for best current year bird was secured by Mr. T. Smith. Northern Crest specials went to Mr. T. Taylor for best old Crestbred; Dobson and Son, best young Crest and best young Crestbred. Special best Hybrid, Martin and Archer; best Hardbill, P. Wilcock; Softbill, Mrs. Woodhouse; Foreign, T. Taylor; N.B.B.M. and F.B.C. medal, T. Robson; members' foreign, T. Taylor; novice members, J. J. Storey.

Sales were good, nearly £30 worth of birds changing hands, and the officials were kept pretty busy in this direction. Despite the dismal, wet weather, on the Saturday, the show was well patronised, the attendance in the afternoon being simply splendid, the large hall being packed with visitors from far and near, everybody who is anybody at all in the Fancy being present. There was one alteration in the judges, Mr. J. S. Clarke, who was to have judged the Crest section, being unable to come, and Mr. T. Heath took his place.

The judges were, Messrs. W. Vardy, Norwich; Mr. T. Heath, Crests and C.B.; Mr. W. Mundell, Cinnamon and Yorks.; Mr. J. Robson, Borders, Scotch, and Liz.; and Mr. C. Houlton Mules, British and Foreign. They all had plenty to do, and they did it well.

Mr. W. Vardy's Classes.

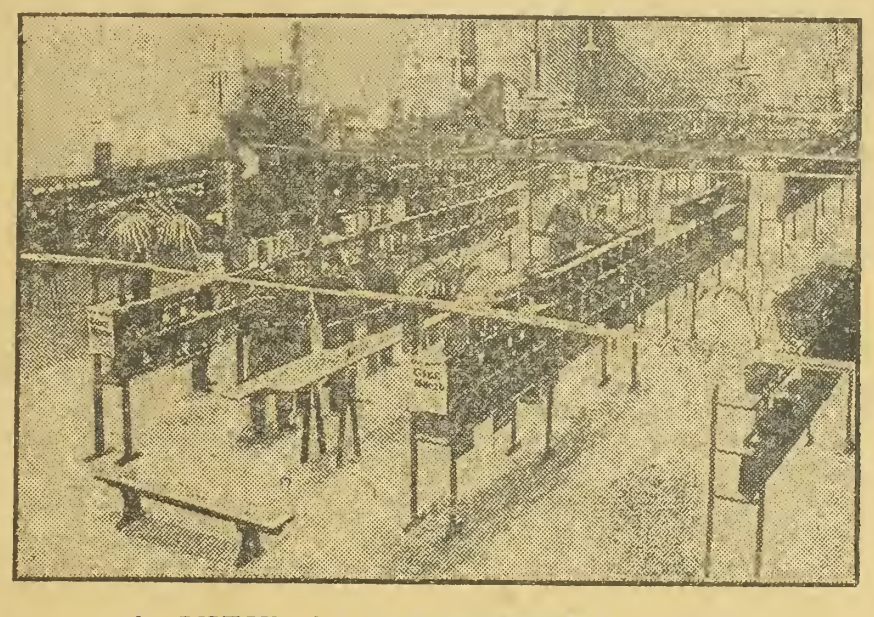
NOR. CL. YELL. (12): 1, 4, Holden, grand size, beautiful shape, rare head and chest, nice col., good cobby bird, all frout, clean cut behind, 4th red hot col., not quite same depth of chest, grand bead; 2, Mason, neat shape, hotter col. than winner, best of heads, grand quality, heaten only in depth of chest; 3, Wilson, beauty for shape, grand full chest, rare head and neck, short flights, some preferred for 2nd place; vhc, Richardson; hc, Snowdon; c, Fleming. BUFF (12): 1, Holden, a gem for shape, grand front, deep broad chest, rich col., beautifully mealed, nice head and neck, a topper; 2, Snowdon, magnificent shape, scarcely the same substance perhaps, nice front, neat head and neck, good carriage; 3, Robson and March, neat head, good col. and quality, nice carriage, some thought should have given way to 4, French, beauty for shape, short and compact, grand close feather, rich col. and quality; vhc, Burdett; hc, c, Dobinson. TKD., ETC., YELL. (10): 1, Lawson, varieg., red-hot col., bouncer for size, wonderful shape, rare head, neck, and chest, grand front, beautiful wings and tail; 2, Cowling, tkd. both eyes, shade smaller than leader, but a gem for shape, nice col., heat of quality; 3, Crieghton, mkd. both eyes and right wing, nice shape, grand col. and quality, beautifully finished; 4, Burdett, nice shape, graud col., neat head, fails a little in wing carriage; vhc, Lowther; hc, Younghusband; c, Butler. BUFF (13): 1, Richardson, heavy var., grand size, wonderful shape, rare thick head and neck, grand chest, short flights and tail, fine col. and quality, claimed at catalogue price; 2, Cuthbertson, grizzle on back of neck, not quite so chubby as leader, but still grand shape, nice head and chest, rich col. and quality; 3, Cowling, var., beauty for shape, short and cobby, shade smaller, nice col. and quality, beautiful wings and tail; 4, Fleming, cap and saddle mkd., another topper for shape, grand chest, good head, beautiful col.; vhc, Younghusband; hc, Burdett; c, Anderton. HEN, CL., ETC., YELL. (11): 1, Dormer, head, cheek, and wing mkd., grand size, wonderful col. and quality, rare shape, grand head and neck, deep chest, grandly carried wings and tail; 2, McKay, cl., good one for size and shape, neat head and neck, nice chest; 3, c, Lawson, topper for type, grand front, deep chest, nice head and neck, rich col. and quality; 4, Fleming, cl., nice shape, grand size, neat head and neck; vhc, Dohinson; hc, Younghusband. BUFF (18): a good class: 1, Richardson, bouncer for size, grand shape, neat head and neck, grand chest, well filled in back, grand col. and quality, short flights and tail, good one; 2, Mason, cl., nice col., good shape, neat head, good wings and tail, shade open in breast feather; 3, Snowdon, cl., topper for shape, grand quality, deep full chest, rare head and neck, not quite so rich in col.; 4, Riseborough, another cl., good one for size, nice col.; vhc, Tweddle; hc, Lawson; c, Younghusband. YELL., CL., ETC., 1911 (17): 1, 4, Dobinson, leader cl., beautiful shape, true Norwich type, red-hot col., medium size, neat head, short flights and tail, clean cut under, 4th grizzled on head, grand col., neat head, good carriage; 2, McGinn, another grand one for shape, very similar to winner in all respects, but scarcely so rich in col.; 3, Butler, var., grand size, nice shape, rare head and neck, deep chest, not quite same, grand finish as leaders; vhc, Burdett; hc, Riseborough; c, Crass. BUFF (22): 1, Lowther, topper for shape, nice size, beautiful head and neck, grand deep chest, rich col. and quality, short flights and tail, Chopwell winner, takes bowl for best young bird in show; 2, Butler, var., larger, grand col., nicely mealed, rare shape, grand head and neck; 3, Holdon, Morpeth winner, wing mkd., nice size, grand col. and quality, neat head, not quite so full in chest; 4, Lawson, cl., good type, rich col. and quality, neat head; vhc, Cowling; hc, Smith; c, Anderton. HEN, YELL., 1911 (17): 1, Dormer, var., rare size, nice shape, grand col. and quality, rare thick head and neck, broad deep chest; 2, Barkas, cl., smaller, but a beauty for shape, short cobby hen, true Nor. lady, neat head and neck, grand chest, rich col. and quality, beaten only in size; 3, Richardson, another cl., good shape, neat head and neck, trifle larger than 2nd, but not the same rich polish; 4, Mason, cl., good one for col., nice size and shape, grand head and chest, rich col.; vhc, Holden; hc, Younghusband; c, Lawson. BUFF (18): 1, Richardson, cl., grand one for size, beautiful shape, grand front, beautiful head, splendid feather, neat wings and tail, good one; 2, Thompson, mkd. right wing, good shape, short and chubby, grand head and chest, nice col.; 3, Younghusband, another gem for shape, grand full chest, shade narrower in head, fine col. and quality; 4, McMillan, mkd. back of head, nice size and shape; vhc, Butler; hc, McKay; c, Anderton. NAT. COL. (8): 1, Anderton, var. yell, topper for size, grand shape, rich col. and quality, deep chest, short flights and tail; 2, Hermeston, buff, grizzle on neck, monster for size, grand col., neat head and neck, a trifle too rough for our liking; 3, McKay, cap and wing mkd. yell., smaller, grand col, and quality, neat head, wee bit longer in flights; 4, Lowther, grand shape, beautiful quality feather; vhc, Marshall; hc, Reed; c, Murray and Burdon. NOVICE, CK. (39): a good class: 1, Moor, cl. buff, grand size, fine shape, rich col., nicely mealed, deep full chest, good head and neck; 2, Pape, cl. yell., rare size, red hot col., nice head and neck; 3, Birkett, var. buff, rare size, grand head and chest, good quality, neat wings and tail; ex. 3, ex. vhc, Thompson, cl. yell., a monster, good shape, grand head and chest, nice col., wings and tail; 4, Smailes, another cl. yell., very shapely, red hot col.; ex. 4, Ayre, cl. buff, good one for size, nice shape and col.; vhc, Dixon; hc, Musgrove; c, Lawson. HEN (18): 1, Wellsbury, cl. yell., nice size, grand shape, rich col., deep full chest, fine head and neck; 2, Birkett, var. buff, nice size and shape, grand chest, good wings and tail, rich col. and quality; 3, Huxham, neat shapely bird, good size, fine head and neck, nice quality, beaten col. only; 4, Farrell, cl. yell., shade smaller, nice shape, fine quality; vhc, Briggs; hc, Ayre; c, Dixon. GREEN, SELF, ETC., YELL. (7): 1, Walker, foul, grand shape, rich level col., grand quality, very level in tone, all through, neat head and chest; 2, 3, Lawson, both selfs, leader great size, grand col., shade darker in tone than winners, but very level, rare head, not quite true Nor. shape of winner, 3rd good size and shape, nice level col., bright and pure, wee shade faulty in wing carriage; 4, Hales, foul, good shape and size, nice col.; vhc, Pike; hc, Tweddle; c, Wheatley. BUFF (10): 1, hc, Lawson, self, grand size, good shape, grand col., very level in tone, rare head, neck, and chest; 2, Walker, foul tail, fine shape, rich col., runs a wee shade light under, grand polish, neat head and neck; 3, c, Hales, foul tail, grand size, nice shape, neat head and chest, level col.; 4, Hawks, self, nice size and shape, neat head, good col.; vhc, Handley. HEN, YELL. (4): 1, Lawson, foul, grand Nor. shape, neat head and chest, grand col., rich and bright, nicely polished; 2, Pike, foul, very similar in size and shape to winner, good rich col., very level, just lacks polish of leader; 3, Hales, self, nice size and shape, trifle dark in col., but very level, not far behind; 4, Walker, foul, good col., and polish, nice shape. BUFF (9): 1, vhc, Walker, leader foul, beauty for type, neat head and chest, grand wing carriage, rich level col., rich and pure; 2, Lawson, foul, trifle duller in col., grand shape, neat head and neck; 3, 4, Hales, foul leading, nice shape, good level tone of col., 4th grand size, good shape, nice col.; hc, Hawks; c, Pike.

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CREST, LIGHT YELL. CREST, CL. BODY (5): 1, Feuwick, cl., grand size, beautiful crest, of fine size and shape, beautiful formation and droop, very neat centre; 2, Evins, mkd. wings and tail, crest of good size, neat droop and formation, well finished, some doubt existed amongst many fanciers as to the col. of this bird, several well-known crest breeders considered it a buff; 3, Taylor, cl. body, grizzle crest, nice size and shape, neat droop and centre, trifle short at front; 4, vhc, Dobson, var. yell., nice size and shape, good droop. A.O.V. CREST (11): 1, Marshall, var., rare size, grand dense feathered crest of good formation and droop, radiating nicely from a very neat centre; 2, Broad, wing mkd. D.C., grand shaped crest, good size, neat centre, denser perhaps than winner, but not quite the same leafy feather; 3, Evins Bros., var., nice size, grand shape, neat centre, droop and radiation; 4, Armstrong, grand wing mkd., beautiful crest of nice size and shape; vhc, Taylor; hc, Swan; c, Dobson and Son. HEN (8): 1, Evins Bros., Dusky Queen, nearly green, crest, magnificent size and shape, very dense, grand droop and radiation, neat centre, grand hen; 2, Broad, wing mkd. D.C., not the size of winner, but grand shape, beautiful droop, radiating from a fine centre, very neat; 3, Winter, cl. body D.C., nice crest, good front, neat formation and droop, nice centre; 4, Taylor, grey crest, nice size, neat centre and droop; vhc, Marshall; hc, Armstrong; c, Eastop. C.B., CK. (10): 1, 3, Taylor, leader foul tail green, grand size, wonderful skull, heavily clothed with long dense feather, grand size and entrance, fine lashing, 3rd heavy var., again grand size, large, massive skull, good rise and width, nice lash, not quite so heavy in feather behind poll; 2, Dobson and Son, nearly green, rare size, broad, massive skull, well lashed, good entrance; 4, Bewick, var., smaller, but very good skull, well lashed, carrying plenty of long leafy feathers; vhc, Swan; hc, Eastop; c, Armstrong. HEN (7): 1, Dobson and Son, var., a monster, wonderful head, grand cushion, rare width and entrance, abundance of fine leafy feather, a topper; 2, Currah and Son, var., nice size, grand skull, well lashed, good rise and entrance, overflowing with good feather, loses only in size to winner; 3, Taylor, cl., rare size, good broad skull, carrying any amount of feather, nice lash, not quite same nice cushion of leaders; 4, Broad, light var., smaller, grand skull, plenty of good feather; vhc, Bewick; hc, Longstaff. CREST, 1911 (19): 1, hc, Dobson and Son, wing mkd. D.C., grand shape, lovely droop and formation, neatest of centres, feather to beak end, beautiful radiation; 2, Martin, foul tail green, rare size, grand shape, neat formation and droop, not quite so long in frontal crest as leader; 3, Taylor, var., another good one, nice shape and droop, grand formation; 4, Evins Bros., cl. body D.C., very neat and shapely, good droop; vhc, Lister; c, Hutchinson. C.B., 1911 (11): 1, 3, Dobson and Son, brace of gems, both varieg., leader grand size, wonderful skull, rare lashing, nice rise and width, overflowing with grand leafy feather, 3rd rare size, well lashed skull, plenty of long feather, not quite so high in front as leader; 2, Armstrong, var., grand size, wee shade narrow in front, compared to leader, but abundantly clothed with right kind of feather; 4, Bewick, cl., grand size, nice skull, plenty of width, nice lash; vhc, Hutchinson; hc, Taylor; c, Armstrong.

Mr. J. Robson's Classes.

SCOTS, YELL. (13): 1, 4, Steel, pair of gems, leader real topper, cl., grand size, good thickness through, fine top end, splendid reach, good length of side, gets tail well under, very quick action, 4th good length or side, fine drive, nice top end, has slight twist in tail, which causes it to be carried on one side; 2, vhc, Chapman, scarcely so massive as leader, fine length, good reach; 3, Thompson, nice thickness through, good top end, fine action; hc, Smith; c, Harvey. BUFF (13): 1, Harvey, good length of side, nervy, grand reach and drive, nice top end, thick throughout, quick in action; 2, 4, Thompson Bros., larger, grand substance, good drive, gets tail well under, nice length, we liked well, 4th very nervy, good drive and action, nice length; 3, Buchan, flaked, good reach, fine drive and thickness, nice length, gets tail well under; vhc, Willison; hc, Chapman. YELL. HEN (11): 1, Craig, a beauty, grand length of side, most decided reach, good drive and top-end, gets tail well under; 2, Willison, nearly green, not quite so free in action as leader, good top end and length of side; 3, Harvey, good substance, nice length; 4, Chapman, cl., smaller, but very typical; vhc, Buchan; hc, Thompson Bros.; c, Little. HEN (10): 1, Willison, good substance, grand length of wing, fine top end, fine reach and drive, very nervy and quick in action; 2, hc, c, Chapman, plenty of substance, good thickness through, nice top end, fine reach and action; 3, Little, good size, plenty of length of side, gets tail well under; 4, Craig, good length, nice drive and reach; vhc, Willison. BORD., CL., ETC., YELL. (18): 1, Ellwood, regular gem all over, sweet shape, grand col. and quality, uot a feather out of place, a treat to behold; 2, Smart, another beauty for shape, well rounded body, grand quality, neat head and neck, feathered to perfection; 3, Graham, regular model, beautiful head and neck, grand wings and tail, not quite the grand finish of leaders; 4, Roberts, beauty for shape, sweetly moulded, grand col. and quality; vhc, Peel; hc, Ireland; c, Watson. HEN (24): 1, Pennington, a topper, model for type, grand head and neck, beautifully rounded body, fine wings and tail, lovely col. and quality; 2, Smart, another gem, very similar to winner, very little between them, if anything the winner a shade tighter; 3, Chapman, beauty, a regular lady, grand quality, neat head, back and wings, well rounded body; 4, Brown, scarcely the same rich quality of leaders, but true shape, well rounded back; vhc, Smith; hc, Young; c, Johnson. CL., ETC., BUFF CK. (28): 1, Smart, topper, beautiful shape, grand head and neck, beautifully carried wings, grand col. and quality; 2, Montgomery, wing mkd., fine shape, feathered to perfection, neat head and neck, good col.; 3, Whittaker, nice shape, cl., sweet head and neck, grand wings, beaten in body, perhaps, yet good one, nice col.; 4, Smith Bros., fine shape, good col., sweet head, jaunty carriage; vhc, Patterson; hc, Chapman; c, W. Smith. HEN (22): 1, Brown, what a charmer, a perfect model all over, beautiful head and neck, grand back, wings, and tail, good col. and quality; 2, W. Smith, another charming lady, true to type, sweet head, well rounded body, grandly carried wings and tail; 3, Pennington, fine shape, good col. and quality, scarcely so perfect in head, but otherwise good all over; 4, Smart, good one for col. and quality; vhc, Montgomery; hc, Young; c, Gill. EVEN MKD. (12): 1, 3, Gilchrist, two beauties, both buffs, leader model for shape, grand col., feather like wax, beautifully balanced markings, 3rd trifle heavier, neat head aud neck, grand quality, markings good; 2, Farrer, fine shape, col., quality, well balanced markings, nice head, back, and wings; 4, Patterson, buff, model for shape, grand quality, neat head; vhc, Young; hc, c, Craig. UNEVEN, ETC., YELL. (12): 1, Patterson, yell., beauty for shape, grand rich col. and quality, beautiful head, fine wings and tail, sweet jaunty movement, 2nd large, very similar in shape, grand quality, beautiful carriage, neat head and neck; 3, Hay Bros., nice shape, neat head, sweetly moulded, good back and wings, scarcely so well finished; 4, Smart, good one all over, grand shape, good col. and quality; vhc, Jenkins; hc, Ellwood; c, Meekley. BUFF (20):



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1, Smart, gem for type, well rounded body, grand head and neck, beautifully carried wings and tail, grand col. and quality, smooth as wax; 2, Pennington, another grand one for shape, beautiful quality, neat round head, just beaten a little in col.; 3, Chapman, another topper for shape, sweet head, grand back, wings, and tail; 4, Patterson, fine shape, sweet jaunty carriage; vbc, c, Meekley; hc, Montgomery. CINN. (9): 1, Christer; 2, Johnson; 3, vhc, Hawkins; 4, hc, Young; c, Roberts, a class of really excellent birds. GREEN BORD., YELL. CK. (29): 1, Parker, stormer, beautiful shape, wonderful colour, pure, bright, and level all over, true shade of green, one of the best green Borders we have yet seen; 2, 3, 4, Johnson, trio of beauties, leader grand one, extra fine shape, also wonderful col., not quite the rich pure green of leader, 3rd another good one, fine shape, good col. and quality, just a little light under the throat and vent, 4th very similar in shape, good col., these four birds are a wonderful quartette, and could probably hold their own anywhere; vhc, hc, McQuillan; c, Williams. BUFF (16): 1, 2, 4, Johnson, another grand trio, leader fine shape, beautiful col. and quality, lovely polish, level tone all through, 2nd again fine shape, grand col. and quality, scarcely so level perhaps, being a shade lighter on rump, 4th also good col. and quality, splendid tone of col.; 3 Fildes, good shape, neat head and neck, fine shade of col, scarcely so level under; vhc, Jamieson; hc, Parker; c, Wilson. YELL. HEN (19): 1, 2, 3, Johnson, lovely trio, all charming ladies, leader grand shape, beautiful tone of col., level all through, fine quality and polish, 2nd equal shape, grand col., rich polish, nice quality, 3rd scarcely so good in shape, lovely col. and quality, well up; 4, Farrer, fine shape, neat head and neck; vhc, Gentleman; hc, Parker; c, Hawkins. BUFF (16): 1, 4, Johnston, leader grand hen, lovely shape, grand tone of col., very level, nice quality, 4th nice shape, good col., but not so level under; 2, hc, McQuillan, another grand one for shape, good col., but scarcely same rich tone of leader; 3, Parkor, model for shape, neat head and neck; vhc, Johnston; c, Walker. NOVICE BORD. CK. (28): 1, 3, Nicholson, leader cl. yell., grand shape, a topper, beautiful col. and quality, neat head and neck, good wings and tail, 3rd also yell, trifle longer in body than leader, fine shape, well rounded, grand col. and quality; 2, Greenwell, yell. green, a treat, nice shape, grand col., rich and pure, neat head, good wings and tail, fit for open competition; 4, Little, buff green, topper for col., rich in tone, level all through; vhc, Aitcheson; hc, c, Peel. HEN (24): 1, 2, Coulthard, a brace of gems, leader buff, beautiful shape, grand col. and quality, neat head and neck, grand wings and tail, 2nd yell., fine shape, grand col. and quality, not a feather out of place, neat jaunty carriage, must have been hard to separate; 3, T. Smith, huff, nice shape, good col., neat head and neck, trifle rougher behind, yet close up; 4, Dowson, huff, good one for shape, fine col., neat head; vhc, Greenwell; hc, Potts; c, Stephenson. LIZ., CL. CAP (13): 1, vbc, Barnes, silver, medium size, grandly rowed, beautifully spangled, clear and distinct, well laced, nice cap, good ground col., good one; 2, Riseborough, silver, larger, bold, distinct spangle, not quite so dense as winner, nicely rowed, well laced, will be a good one when quite through; 3, Barker-Clegg, silver, another good one for work, grandly rowed, shade smaller spangling, but very distinct nice cap, scarcely so rich in ground col. as leaders, well laced; 4, Riseborough, gold, grand col., nice cap, good back work; hc, Jeffrey; c, Hyslop. BROKEN CAP (13): 1, 2, Barnes, couple of gems, leader gold, lovely col., nice shape and size, grand back work, good distinct spangling, laid on in regular formation, grand wings and tail, trifle unsteady, 2nd silver, nice size and col., good spangling, clear and distinct, nicely rowed; 3, Jeffrey, gold, nice all over, good distinct spangle, beautifully rowed, nicely laced, shade down in ground col; 4, Barker-Clegg, gold, grand back work, nice col., well rowed; vhc, hc, c, Hyslop..

Mr. Mundell's Classes.

CINN. YELL. (9): 1, vhc, sp for best bird, green or cinn., Dormer, blaze of col., grand quality, good head and neck, clean on breast, staged well; 2, hc, Godley, typical, rich col., full of quality, nice style; 3, 4, Mrs. F. E. Deacon, nice head and neck, rich colour, good wings and tail, 4th rich colour and quality, nice wing carriage; vhc, Bentley. BUFF (9): 1, 2, Dormer, grand head and neck, plenty of substance, good wings, rich col., 2nd good head and neck, rich col., full of quality; 3, vhc, Godley, 3rd nice type, good head, plenty of col., boxy feather; 4, Mrs. F. C. Deacon, clean on chest, full of quality, neat head; hc, c, Bentley. UNFLI, BRED 1911 (9): 1, 2, vhc, Dormer, 1st buff, full of quality, good head and chest, nice wing carriage, rich col., true to type, should make a topper, 2nd yellow, blaze of col., full of quality, nice size; 3, Mrs. F. E. Deacon, buff, nice type and quality; 4, hc, c, Godley, 4th yell., quality and col. A1. HEN (9): 1, Mrs. F. E. Deacon, yell., a gem, good head and chest, rich col., full of quality, rare size, very typical; 2, hc, Dormer, 2nd yell., nice type and quality, rich col.; 3, 4, vhc, c, Godley, nice team, 3rd buff, plenty of substance, rich col., boxy feathers, 4th yell., good head, quality, and type. YORKS. CL. YELL. (12): 1, Wigglesworth, blaze of col., well upon leg, nicely braced wings, piped tail, good head; 2, Elsegood, very stylish, full of quality, piped tail; 3, Thomas, clean on breast, well up, long flights and tail, quality A1; 4, Cuthbertson, pale col., very typical, boxy feather; vhc, Tweedy; hc, Gray and Gilhome; c, Ellwood. BUFF (10): 1, Ogden Bros., rich col., feather like wax, grand position, lovely head, well braced wing, piped tail; 2, Wilcock, very slim, rich col., boxy feather, nice type; 3, Tweedy, pale col., quality A1, good wings and tail; 4, Dykes, a wee bit on the stout side, nice quality and position; vhc, Hirst; hc, Ellwood; c, Cooper. TDK. YELL. (9): 1, Morrison, capped on head, nice type, good wings and piped tail, grand quality; 2, Burdekin Bros., wee bit unsteady, well up on leg, long flights and tail; 3, Brown and Son, uncvenly mkd., rich col., lovely quality, nice wings and tail, nice position; 4, Stewart, cheek tkd., lovely quality, well up on leg; vhc, Tomlinson; hc, Crawhall; c, Cuthbertson. BUFF (12): 1, Hutler, cap and neck mkd., nice type and quality, good wings and tail, neat head; 2, Shaw Bros., capped on head, very showy, lovely quality, nice col.; 3, c, Tindale, tkd, lovely quality, posltion; 4, Crawhall, unevenly mkd., rich col., grand quality; vbc, Thomas; hc, Stewart. HEN, CL., ETC. (15): 1, Stewart, grizzled on head, lovely quality, pale col., position A1; 2, Tindale, cheek tkd., boxy feather, nice type, neat head; 4, Elsegood, not quite ready, nice type; vhc, Cuthbertson; hc, Thomas; c, Crawhall. BUFF (15): 1, Dykes, unevenly mkd., rich col., well up on leg, grand wings and tail, fine quality; 2, Ogden Bros., plenty of length, nice quality, good wings, piped tail, full of style; 3, Thomas, graud col., good leg, wings, and tail, lovely quality, neat head; 4, Crawhall, cap, nice type and quality; vhc, Cuthbertson; hc, Tindale; c, Shaw Bros. CL., ETC., UNFLI., YELL. (21): 1, Burdekin Bros., wing mkd., rich col., nice wings, piped tail, lovely feather, grand type; 2, Dykes, variegated, boxy feather, good legs, long flights, piped tail, position; 3, Shaw Bros., rich col., full of quality, good head, clean cut; 4, Cuthbertson, variegated, pale col., boxy feather, nice style; vhc, Ogden Bros.; hc, Chittenden; c, Tindale. BUFF (22): 1, Cooper, wins sp. for best Yorks., also sp for best bird in show, lovely quality, beautiful level colour, neat, round head, grand wings and tail, a gem; 2, Ogden Bros., grand bird, full of quality, very typical, nice wings and tail; 3, Tiudale, rich col., full of quality; 4, Crawhall, wee shade on the stout side, nice quality, even col., well up on leg; vhc, Mather; hc, Tweedy; c, Wigglesworth, very good class. GREENS, SELF, ETC., YELL. (15): 1, vhc, Rowlands, very typical Yorks., nice quality feather, stands well, good length of flights and tail, very rich, sound col.; 2, Benson, rich col., slim, but a shade bent, well on leg, nice quality; 3, Nimmo, very typical, good wings and tail, sound col.; 4, c, Atherton, good colour and position; hc, McDermott. BUFF (16): 1, 4, Rowlands, 1st true Yorkie, well up on leg, lovely quality of feather, wings, 4th well up on leg, good wings and tail; 2, Young, typical, good head, wing, and tail, sound col.; 3, c, McNulty, nice type, good col., position A1; vhc, McDermott; hc, Mockridge. YELL. HEN (13): 1, Handley, sound col., very typical, good head, nice wings and tail; 2, Metcalfe, very stylish, good col., nice quality, piped tail; 3, Benson, good col., fine legs and wings, wee bit down when we saw it; 4, McDermott, variegated, nice type and quality; vhc, Nimmo; hc, Atherton; c, Mockridge. BUFF (12): 1, Nimmo, self, grand type, rich col., boxy feather, good head, wings, and tail; 2, Hughes, foul, nice type and quality, well up on leg, good wing carriage; 3, Hickson, variegated, full of quality, very stylish; 4, vhc, Rowlands, self, nice type and quality, sound col.; vhc, Handley; c, Benson. CINN. MKD. YELL. (8): 1, Thompson, eye and wing mkd., pale col., stands well, good wings and tail; 2, Ogden Bros., blaze of col., eye and wing mkd., full of quality, piped tail; 3, Brown and Son, eye and wings, grand quality; 4, Gray and Gilhome; vhc, Thompson; hc, Cooper; c, Wilcock. BUFF (8): 1, Tweedy, eye and wings, rich col., very typical, grand wings and tail; 2, Cooper, unevenly-mkd., rich col., boxy feather, fine wings and tail; 3, Ogden Bros., uneveuly-mkd., boxy feather, neat head, rich col; 4, Brown and Son, cheek and wing mkd., rich col.; vhc, Towers; hc, Morrison; c, Dix. YELL. HEN (8): 1, Morrison, neck and wing mkd, pale col., lovely quality, position A1; 2, 3, Towers, eye and wing mkd., rich col., lovely feather, nice type, 3rd eye and wing, boxy feather, good position; 4, Ogden Bros., eye and wing mkd., rich col., boxy feather; vhc, Thompson; hc, Spencer; c, Chittenden. BUFF (9): 1, Morrison, blaze of col., eye and wing mkd., feather like wax, lovely position; 2, Cooke, wing mkd., boxy feather, fine head, well up on leg, good position; 3, Ogden Bros., wing mkd., grand feather and position, neat head; 4, Spencer, eye and wing mkd., boxy feather, good wing and tail; vhc, Thompson; hc, Chittenden; c, Hirst. NOVICE YORKS., A.V.C. (36): 1, 2, Atkinson, 1st buff, nice type, lovely quality, 2nd yell., long flights and tail, boxy feather, stands well; 3, Potts, very stylish; 4, Turner; vhc, Coomber; hc, Atkinson; c, Murry and Burdin. HEN (23): 1, Lyall, buff, boxy feather, nice position; 2, Cattell, buff, well up on leg, position; 3, Eastop, cinn. mkd. yell., splendid quality; 4, Bryden; vhc, Mirley; hc, Deighton; c, Atkinson.

Mr. Houlton's Classes.

CL., ETC., HYB. (10): 1, sp, best in section, Martin and Archer, cl. Linnet-Can., not quite at his best yet, still a remarkable bird; 2, hc, Dr. Wilson, neat Can.-Bullfinch, in nice plumage and condition; 3, vhc, Grainger Bros., rare good col. Goldie-Bullie, full of bloom and condition; vhc, neat Linnet-Bullie, bit short of breast col. for standard purposes; 4, Allison, nice shape cl., well feathered Chaffinch-Bramble, steady; Nos. 4, 8, 9, and 10, all passed as Canaries. UNEVEN, ETC. (10): 1, Maddison, lightly varieg. Greenie-Can., in very fine feather and condition; 2, Martin and Archer, grand uneven Gold.-Can., splendid shape, quality, col., and condition; 3, McPartling, neat varieg. Linnet-Can., in good feather and condition; 4, Butler, varieg. buff Goldie-Can., dark cap, nice quality; vhc, Seely Bros.; hc, W. P. Barnes; c, Bowerbank and Yeoman. DK. VARIEG. (7): 1, Turner, varieg. Green-Can., bright body col., nice shape and condition; 2, Hutchinson, varieg. Linnet-Can., good shape, feather, and condition; 3, Sokell, varieg. Goldie-Can.; 4, McPartling, varieg. Linnet-Can., in nice bloom and condition; vhc, Stern; Seeley Bros. wrongly classed, a fine Goldie-Can., more than half light, whole of saddle and breast and under being light. DARK GOLDIE OR LINNET (17): A strong class: 1, Turner, very fine Linnet-Can., grand size, shape, substance, col., quality and condition; 2, Maddison, big yell. Goldie-Can., fine blaze, good sound col., nice shape, quality, and condition; 3, Martin and Archer, good Linnet-Can., in splendid feather and condition, shade slimmer in body than 1st; 4, Johnston, also good Linnet-Can., in nice feather; vhc, Bewick; hc, French; c, Scrine; No. 1, Stern, disqualified for alleged artificial colouring appearing on blaze and one cheek. A.O.V. (9): 1, Irvine, A1 Greenfinch-Can., lovely in all points; 2, Johnston, grand yell. Siskin-Can., in best possible condition; 3, Sokell, nice yell. Greenfinch-Can., beaten only in finish; 4, G. Taylor, Siskin-Can., hardly so well finished as 2nd, a good bird though; vhc, Thompson; hc, Maddison; c, Redpath. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (10): 1, Dr. Wilson, best blaze, nice size, good moons and bars, nice tan, glossy feather and condition; 2, Stewart, well up to 1st in all points except blaze, good shape and condition; 3, Nicholson and Son, very fine bird, but not quite up in colour and finish yet, great expanse of blaze; 4, Tomlinson, nice shape, good tan, well mooned, wants a little more time; vhc, Carr; hc, Wilson; c, Butler. BULLFINCH (10): 1, Woods, fine bold bird, rare dense broad cap, rich back and breast col., splendid condition; 2, Curry, also in rare good plumage, neat as a new pin; 3, Barkas, good body, in fine bloom and condition; 4, Palfrey, good bird, just gives way in steadiness a little; vhc, Turner; hc, Foster; c, Minto. LINNET, FIELD-MOULTED (19): 1, 3, Bald, a grand pair, particularly leader, most massive, grand feather and markings, 3rd also right stamp, wee shade smaller; 2, Boyd, grand size, shape, markings, and condition, runs close up in all points; 4, Tomlinson, another beauty; vhc, G. Taylor; hc, Foster; c, Bancroft; very strong and good class. CAGE MTD. (23): Very forward for time of year: 1, W. Wilson, capital size, rare head, good body, fine markings, col., and condition; 2, J. King, another bold headed bird, well up to winner in all points, fine condition; 3, Martin and Archer, rather smaller, but very fine markings, col. and condition; 4, Marley, in very grand condition, good shape and markings; vhc, Nicholas; hc, Dr. Wilson; c, A. P. Hurst, all above ordinary merit. GREENFINCH (12): 1, A. P. Hurst, wins well and stands well out to-day, very fine all-round bird; 2, hc, Marley, lovely plumage, A1 condition, not quite so massive as leader; 3, Hyslop, rare col., fine tight feather and condition; 4, G. Taylor, well built, in fine feather and condition; vhc, Carr; c, Aikman. TWITE, ETC. (31): Very fine class, where it was found desirable to give extra 3rd and 4th prizes: 1, Marley, fine Twite, good size and shape, nice clear markings, col., and condition; 2, Taylor, pretty Siskin, good dark laced cap, nice body col. and markings, in prim condition; 3, Raven, very grand large Mealy Redpoll, well moulted, fine markings, well feathered; extra 3, Walker, another very neat Twite, fine condition, gives way slightly in massive build; 4, Patterson, another very smart well moulted Mealy Redpoll, in lovely feather; extra 4, Robson and March, Siskin, well put down, good feather; vhc, Palfrey, real good Jonque Lesser Redpoll, feathered to perfection; hc, Telford; c, Holmes. BRAMBLE, ETC. (25): A splendid lot; 1, 2, Marley, champion pair, Bramble and Chaffinch respectively, both showing standard points throughout; 3, Davidson, very fine Bramblefinch, but darker about head spangle than 1st, otherwise equal, best of condition, well shown; 4, Hurst, first-rate Chaffinch, in splendid bloom, runs hard to 2nd; vhc, Barkas, well marked Bramblefinch; hc, c, Todd and Son. HEN FINCH (18): 1, Gentleman, not the largest, but certally the best finished Hawfinch to-day, put down in lovely bloom; 2, Lane, perfectly feathered Bramble, good size and shape; 3, Marley, pretty hen Siskin, in faultless feather; 4, vhc, Curry, tight feathered Bullfinch and Chaffinch, respectively, in capital condition; hc, Foster; c, Raven. A.O.S. FINCH, ETC. (10): 1, Wilcock, Hawfinch, large, grand all-round bird, in fine bloom, etc.; 2, Dippie and Purves, grand Yell. Bunting, good strong head markings, fine body col. markings and condition; 3, Nicholson and Son, really fine Corn Bunting, grand size, good shape, markings, body col., and condition; 4, Raven, very good Hawfinch for bloom; vhc, Appleby; hc, Waters; c, Beattie. THRUSH, ETC. (5): All Song Thrushes: 1, Bruce, largest, best shape, well spotted, in the pink of condition; 2, Roper, very pretty, smaller, grand col., spotting, and condition; 3, Hall, rather finer body, good spotting, in splendid condition; 4, Telford, beaten in condition only; vhc, Scott. A.O.S. LARGE: 1, Boyd, deep lustrous Chough, grand head and legs, satin-like feather and condition, very steady; 2, Davidson, very nice conditioned Waxwing; 3, vhc, Scott, good Magpie, and very good Chough, only his tail was not quite perfect; 4, Telford, large young Chough, lemon col. legs and beak. SMALL (14): 1, sp, best Brit., Mrs. Woodhouse, very tame, tight feathered, grand conditioned Wryneck, in faultless condition; 2, Dr. Wilson, very fine Nightingale, in perfect condition, well shown; 3, Martin and Archer, nice Dartford Warbler, not quite as perfect as 1st and 2nd, still very neat; 4, Welch Bros., very smart Tree Creeper, in grand order; vhc, very good Black Redstart, in nice condition; hc, King (Skylark); c, Holmes (Pied Wagtail). NOVICE LINNET (16): A strong class: 1, 4, Hedley, equal to open competition, both fine bold well marked birds, in lovely condition; 2, c, Noble and Pearson, rare big bird, well marked, fine feather and condition; 3, Rees, shorter, nice markings; vhc, Stamford; hc, Mackin. A.O.S. FINCH, ETC. (9): 1, J. J. Storey, good Bramble, in nice feather, good spangle, etc.; 2, Sanders and Son, big Yell. Bunting, not quite right in head markings; 3, Brown and Ingoe, very nice Greenfinch; 4, Heather, nice conditioned Chaffinch; vhc, c, Markwell; hc, Raine. FOR., PARROTS, Etc. (7): 1, Scott, honny King, very smart col., in good condition; 2, 3, 4, c, Mackenzie, rich col. Ceram Lory leading, in grand condition; vhc, Reeks; hc, Spoor. AVADAVATS, ETC. (17): 1, 4, Almond, lovely Lavender Finch leading, in grand order; 2, Howe, splendid pair of Orange-cheeks, in capital trim; 3, Petterson, very good St. Helena, in A1 order; vhc, c, Young; hc, Dr. Wilson. PARSON FINCH, ETC. (15): 1, Howe, very grand pair of White-headed Mannikins, in lovely condition; 2, hc, Young, very good Short-tailed Comhasson leading; 3, Almond, grand pair of Zebra Finches; 4, Raven, excellent pair of White Javas; vhc, Nicholson and Son (Parson Finches); hc, (Cutthroats); c, Petterson. FINCH LIKE (14): 1, Howe, champion Crimson Finch; 2, 4, Mackenzie, very good long-tailed Whydah, and a smart Red-headed Gouldian; 3, Scott, fine pair Long-tailed Grassfinches, in splendid trim; vhc, Nicholson and Son, pretty pair of Parrot Finches; hc, Petterson; c, Young. A.O.S. (12): Lovely lot: 1, 3, T. Taylor, famous Yellow-winged Sugar Bird leading, takes sp. for best Foreign, in magnificent form, 3rd neat little Banana Quit, not quite so tight as leader; 2, Wilson, rare pair of Striated Colies, very active and full of life, climbing all over the cage, in good feather; 4, hc, Nicholson, lovely Black and Green or Dacius Sugar Bird leading, and the old Green Glossy Starling hc, not quite in his former condition yet; vhc, Raven, lovely Blue and Green Tanager, in nice condition; c, Young, good superb Tanager, a grand class all through. GROUP OF 6 OR MORE, A.V. (8): 1, Almond; 2, Scott; 3, Petterson; 4, Mrs. Irwin; vhc, Gills; hc, Young; c, Mackenzie.

The Members' Classes.

The quality of the exhibits was of a very high order. Principal prize-winners:—Best bird, R. Lowther, same exhibit taking spl for best Nor.; spl best Crest, Dobson and Son; Scotch Fancy, J. Little; Border, J. Patterson; British, T. Robson; For., T. Taylor. The novice section also came up well. The principal special winners were J. W. Coutts and J. J. Storey.

MEMBERS, NOR. YELL. (10): 1, 3, C. Dobson; 2, McGuin; 4, Crass; vhc, McKay; hc, Kent. BUFF (17): 1, Lowther; 2, 3, Holden; 4, Seeley Bros.; vhc, McGuin; hc, Smith; c, Winton. HEN (16): 1, Holden; 2, 4, McKay; 3, Hermeston; vhc, Appleby; hc, Marshall; c, Dobinson. CREST (4): 1, Dobson and Son; 2, 4, Armstrong; 3, Hutchinson. C.B. (7): 1, 3, Dobson and Son; 2, Armstrong; 4, Hutchinson; vhc, Taylor; hc, Winter; c, Currah and Son. HEN (9): 1, Taylor; 2, Dobson and Son; 3, vhc, Armstrong; 4, hc, c, Hutchinson. CINN. YELL. (4): 1, Armstrong; 2, Winter; 3, Dobinson; 4, Lumsden. BUFF (5): 1, Armstrong; 2, Winter; 3, Dobinson; 4, Roy; vhc, Lumsden. SCOTS F. YELL. (6): 1, 3, hc, Harvey; 2, vhc, Chapman; 4, Little. BUFF (5): 1, 3, Little; 2, 4, Chapman; vhc, Harvey. YORKS. YELL. (11): 1, Carr; 2, vhc, Tindale; 3, Wigglesworth; 4, Tomlinson; hc, Hutler; 3, Kent. BUFF (11): 1, Tindale; 2, Wigglesworth; 3, vhc, hc, c, Carr; 4, Parker. HEN (14): 1, 2, Tindale; 3, Hutler; 4, hc, Wigglesworth; vhc, Tomlinson; c, Milne. BORD. YELL. (11): 1, vhc, Patterson; 2, Graham; 3, Chapman; 4, Young; hc, Smith; c, Hawkins. BUFF (10): 1, Patterson; 2, Robson; 3, Chapman; 4, Smith; vhc, Craig; hc, Young; c, Bennett. HEN (20); 1, hc, Brown; 2, Smith; 3, Chapman; 4, vhc, Patterson; c, Patterson. GREEN BORD. (6): 1, Farrer; 2, Young; 3, Bennett; 4, McDonald; vhc, Patterson. CINN. BORD. (4): 1, 4, Hawkins; 2, Young; 3, Farrer. A.O.V.: Cancelled. LIGHT MULE (1): 1, Maddison. DARK (6): 1, Taylor; 2, Parker; 3, Patterson; 4, Appleby; vhc, Robson; hc, Anderson. LINNET, H.M. (5): 1, 2, 3, Waters; 4, G. Taylor; vhc, Lumsden. FIELD MOULTED: 1, G. Taylor; 2, Hutchinson; 3, Waters. GOLDIE, ETC.: Cancelled. GREENFINCH (4): 1, G. Taylor; 2, Waters; 3, 4, Armstrong. SISKIN, ETC. (7): 1, 3, 4, G. Taylor; 2, Waters; vhc, Petterson; hc, Voutt; c, Patterson. A.O.S. FINCH (7): 1, Waters; 2, vhc, Howard; 3, Maddison; 4, Voutt; hc, Robson. SOFTBILL, SMALL (2): 1, 2, Robson. LARGE (3): 1, 2, 3, Scott. FOREIGN, SMALL (17): 1, 4, hc, Mackenzie; 2, Petterson; 3, Scott; vbc, Young; c, Howard. LARGE (5): 1, Scott; 2, 3, 4, Mackenzie; wrong class, Voutt. FOR. SOFTBILL (6): 1, 2, T. Taylor; 3, 4, vbc, hc, Young. GIFT (11): 1, Hutchinson; 2, Scott; 3, G. Taylor; 4, Smith; vbc, Young; hc, Winter; ex-hc, Sheppard; c, Petterson; ex-c, Appleby. NOVICE MEMBERS, NOR. YELL. (14): 1, Croft; 2, Scott; 3, Ayre; 4, Topping; vhc, J. Dixon; hc, Campbell; c, J. W. Reed. BUFF (17): 1, Ayre; 2, Huxham; 3, Fryer; 4, Thompson; vhc, Topping; hc, J. W. Reed; c, Croft. HEN (16): 1, 3, J. W. Reed; 2, 4, Ayre; vhc, Topping; hc, Fryer; c, Scott. CREST (4): 1, 4, Gillespie; 2, 3, Eastop. C.B. (1): 1, Coutts. HEN (5): 1, 3, Coutts; 2, Tate; 4, Caisley; vhc, Howard. YORKS. YELL. (8): 1, 2, Atkinson; 3, Johnson; 4, Cattell; vhc, hc, Eastop; c, M. Dixon. BUFF (7): 1, hc, Atkinson; 2, 3, Cattell; 4, vhc, M. Dixon. HEN (5): 1, 2, Atkinson; 3, vhc, M. Dixon; 4, Cattell. BORD. YELL. (10): 1, 2, Peel; 3, Snaith; 4, Smith; vhc, J. W. Reed; hc, Potts; wrong class, Dowson. BUFF (9): 1, 2, Peel; 3, Potts; 4, hc, J. W. Reed; vhc, Snake; w.c., Dowson. HEN (10): 1, Smith; 2, C. Peel; 3, Potts; 4, vhc, J. W. Reed; hc, Aitchison. A.O.V. CAN. (6): 1, vhc, Leach; 2, 3, hc, M. Dixon; 4, Caisley. MULE (2): 1, Coltman; 2, Topping. LINNET, ETC. (5): 1, 2, Coltman; 3, Irving; 4, J. W. Reed. A.O.S. (3): 1, Storey; 2, 3, Markwell.

HYSON GREEN (Notts.)

Annual open show, held Oct. 14th, Cricket Players' Hotel, Lindsey Street. This is a splendid room for a show, being well lighted from each side, and very warm. The birds were staged in A1 style, and well looked after by a hard-working committee. We were very sorry to see that exhibitors did not support this well-managed show better than they did; several classes had to be cancelled. The committee are such well known fanciers as Messrs. R. Rhodes (president), G. C. Ley, T. Shipstone, E. Quinney (vice-presidents), E. Wolfe, T. Birch, W. Elsey, G. Sharpe, H. Willis, A. Branes, W. H. Raven, G. Hill, A. Birch, G. Deveril, and the able secretary, Mr. W. Cottingham, who had things well carried out. The novice section was well filled, and one or two of the classes contained some fine birds. British and mule classes hardly filled up to expectations, but a fine team was staged by Mr. W. A. Hayter, who carried away nearly all the prizes in the classes in which he competed. The awards were promptly affixed to the cages, as each slip was handed in. An early start was made, and judging was got through early, and the awards appeared to please every one. The judges were Messrs. G. Marshall and A. Cooper.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL. (3): 1, Sharpe, nice, shapely Cl., capital head and neck, nice wings and tail, good shape and size, grand col.; 2, Hill, stylish wing mkd., lovely col. and quality, splendid head, well carried wings and tail, must have pressed hard; 3, Royce, Cl., grand col., very cobby shape, nice size, grand head, A1 feather and condition, close up. BUFF (9): Nice class for quality. 1, Butler and Barlow, capital Cl., fine size, shape and quality, neat head, lovely col., nicely frosted, in capital condition; 2, Drinkwater, head and wing mkd., splendid col., lovely shape and size, very cobby, grand head and neck; 3, vbc, Hill, variegated., nice shape and size, neat head, splendid feather and quality; vhc, Cl., also good, but pale col.; hc, Drewery; c, Sharpe. HEAVY MKD. (4): 1, Birch, capital varieg. Buff, A1 col., shape and size, lovely quality and condition, broad head, neat all through; 2, Willis, var. Buff, not quite the quality of winner, capital size, nice shape, good head; 3, vbc, Sharpe, large var. Buff, grand shape, size, and condition, A1 col., capital wings; vbc, splendid Yel., var. HEN (10): Best class in show for quality. 1, Butler and Barlow, very stylish Cl Buff, capital shape and size, bold head and chest, a gem; 2, vhc, Sharpe, Cl. Yell., lovely col. and quality, not ready yet, grand shape, nice size, must have pressed; 3, Willis, lovely Cl. Yell., nice size and quality, A1 feather and condition, nice short wings and tail; hc, Birch; c, Drewery. UNFLIG. YELL. (4): 1, Sharpe, Cl., lovely shape, col. and quality, well cut away, neat tail, good head, nice feather and condition; 2, Brown, variegated, graud col. and quality, nice type, short, and cobby, good head and neck; 3, Drewery, thigh-mkd., grand head, nice shape, size, and quality, not quite so tight in feather; vhc, Greaves, nice col. and type. BUFF (6): 1 Sharpe, variegated, lovely shape and quality, nice, neat, full chest, neat, short, well-carried wings and tail, grand col., and frosting, very fit; 2, 3, Brown, wing-mkd., splendid size, shape and col., neat head, wings and tail, close up, latter capital Cl., lovely shape, size and quality, rare col., neat head, nice build; vhc Butler and Barlow, grand quality; hc, Barton; c Greaves. STOCK PAIRS (3): 1, Sharpe, very nice pair, in capital feather and condition; 2, Drewery, grand pair, in lovely form, good quality and size; 3, Drinkwater, very shapely, good col. and quality. CRESTS, YELL.: Cancelled. BUFF (7): 1, Cowpertwaite, Green, nice shape and droop, good crest, fine feather; 2, 3, Bowers, varieg., and wing-mkd., very heavy feather, grand front, nice crest, massive build, plenty of feather, latter very similar, nice quality feather; vhc, Taylor, varieg., good shape and feather; hc, White. YELL. C.B. (1): 1, Wolfe, nice Yell., neck-mkd. BUFF (1): 1, White, Green, massive build, nice quality and feather. STOCK PAIRS (5): 1, 2, Cowpertwaite, grand pair, massive bulid, nice feather and condition, 2, also grand pair, well shown, and matched; 3, vhc, Wolfe, nice feather; hc, Renshaw. UNFLIG. CREST (6): 1, Woods, Cl. bodied D.C., massive build, grand shape, good front, shapely Crest, good centre; 2, C. White, very neat varieg., capital Crest, close up; 3, Bowers, also varieg., grand quality, neat crest, nice shape, well centred; vhc, Wolfe, smart cl. bodied Grizzle Crest; hc, Taylor. C.B. (5): 1, Bowcr, head and eye-mkd., grand shape, nice feather, massive build, good condition; 2, White, nice Green, in capital feather, massive head, nice quality; 3, Nuttall Bros., very massive, varieg., hardly ready, or would have pressed winners hard; vhc, hc, Taylor. MULE (2): 1, 2, Hayter, leader nice col. Bullfinch-Can., not very large, but lovely quality and feather, 2, Siskin-Can., nice size, good col., in perfect feather and condition. RY. (4): 1, 3, Hayter, winner Redpoll-Siskin, good shape, grand quality and condition, latter Redpoll-Goldfinch, nice col. and quality, good feather, and bloom; 2, Pygot, Bullfinch-Goldfinch, good size, and shape, rare head, nice col.; vhc, Jackson. BULLFINCH (2): 1, Bunn, wins easily, nice head and cap, good wings and hars, rare col.; 2, Pygot, nice col., size and cap. LINNET, ETC. (4): 1, Wood, nicely pencilled Linnet, good size and shape, A1 col., cobby, good col.; 2, Sharpe, sweet little Redpoll, good col. and feather, nice size; 3, Hill, Linnet, in capital feather and condition, nicely pencilled; vhc, Hayter. A.O.V. (2): 1, Hayter, splendid Chaffinch, in lovely feather, nice size, beautiful col., wins well; 2, Bunn, Yellow Bunting, in capital feather, nice markings, good col., size, and shape. SOFTBILL: 1, Wood. FOR. SMALL (2): 1, Carrier, very nice pair Green Budgerigars. SONG BIRDS (2): 1, Branes; 2, Birch.

Rochdale's Gallant Struggle.

A CHANGE OF VENUE.

The 31st Show receives a comparatively low entry, but the financial result may be better.

Times change, men and customs change with them. For thirty-one years has the show of the Rochdale Ornithological Club been held, and only on one occasion previously has it taken place outside the Town Hall. As the Town Hall show it has long been known. That one break was twenty years since, and the event proved the most disastrous in the records of the club. Once more our Rochdale friends have broken away from the Town Hall, and this year's show on October 20 and 21 was held in the Ambulance Drill Hall, in Molesworth Road. It is away from the centre of the town, but only some ten minutes' walk from the station. It is a well lighted building, and in every way is more suitable for the holding of a show than is the Town Hall. Financial reasons have caused the change. Town Hall shows have always been a loss, and last year the loss was nearly £25. These heavy losses have impaired and hindered the work of the club in other directions, and have been a sore tax upon the members, who are one and all working men. This year the schedule was somewhat curtailed, and the entry naturally expected to be less, but we were hardly prepared for the big drop. Two Lancashire classes, two Yorks., one C.B., one Nor., two For., and the one great feature of Rochdale shows, the stuffed specimens, were cancelled, whilst no less than thirty-three classes were "Half prize money only." This means that only fourteen classes out of the fifty-six filled. Two reasons, and good ones, may be advanced for this state of affairs. Birds in the district are very late in moulting, some fanciers not having one fit to show, and the other that the rule referring to late entries was enforced more rigidly than heretofore. Notwithstanding these adverse circumstances the committee feel confident that this year's show will yield a better financial result than those of recent years. Much depended upon Saturday's gate; we hope to hear it was a good one, and that our Rochdale friends will have no cause to regret their removal from the Town Hall.

Splendid Lancashires and Lizards.

If the entries were down the quality was not, and taking the show right through, Rochdale well maintained its reputation as a classic event. In the Lancashires, the lateness of the moult was very apparent, scarcely one of the birds being really fit. Mr. Barrass put down a grand team, and once more proved that the veteran is hard to beat. His winning coppy hen, and tkd. yell. cock were beauties indeed. Messrs. Naden, Fitton, Green, Oldham, Lowe, and Garner, all well-known devotees of the giant of the Fancy, staged some grand birds, as did Messrs. Hordern and Beattie of the younger stock. Lizards as a whole were splendid, and good as they were made the achievement of Mr. J. Dewsnap the more noteworthy. This well-known fancier won five out of the six classes with a magnificent lot of birds, of which we think his winning silver hen was as good as any. We heard one noted Northern judge say she was the best he had ever seen, and she was not alone, for this class was the best in the section. Mr. Hamer took the one solitary first which Mr. Dewsnap missed. Hamer! What a host of recollections concerning Lancashires and Lizards does this name arouse. It is pleasing to see it still in the van.

What a Fall Was There!

Truly may these words of Shakespeare be applied to the Yorkshire section, which was but a shadow of what we have seen at Rochdale. In the years that are past Yorkshire exhibitors were very keen to win at Rochdale. Alas! 'Tis no longer so. The quality of the exhibits was good, but not super-excellent. The unflighted yellow class was the best in numbers and also in quality, some of the smaller classes not being so level in merit. Further, it was the only class in the section which filled. We much admired the winners in this class, and the tkd. buffs, Crests were not at all sensational, just a nice average lot. Norwich Plainheads were decidedly better, and a really grand lot they were, quite as good as usual, and there are usually some toppers shown at Rochdale. Mr. Davies was much the most successful exhibitor, and he well deserved his honours. Some very choice specimens were also staged by Messrs. Marlor, Johnson, Leonard, Howe, Wilson, and Faulkner. Mules were few in numbers, but the quality was there, and the same may be said of the British and Foreign sections.

The birds were very nicely arranged on staging three tiers high—a great improvement on the old style, as they could be readily seen, which they could not be in the Town Hall. Everything was all in order and ready for the judges at 8.30 on Friday morning, and judging was through in good time. All the arrangements were most ably carried out by the committee, and Mr. R. Blincoe, fortified by last year's experience, proved himself a remarkably good secretary, and he spared not himself in any way to promote the success of the show. The Ladies' Committee had a stall in the hall for light refreshments, and a tea-room upstairs, and were as usual indefatigable in their efforts to make money for the R.O.C. Those engaged in the good work were Mesdames Blincoe, Siddle, Naden, Bainford, Ashworth, Cowen, Entwisle, Lawton, Leach, Faulkner, and McKinn.

Mr. C. A. House's Classes.

COPPY BUFF (7): 1, Barrass, great length of body with plenty of substance, large heavy coppy, well centred; 2, Fitton, grand shape, length, and carriage of body, neat, well centred coppy, capital quality, not so stout; 3, Naden, large body, of good length, tremendous body feather, not so large, or so neat in coppy; 4, Garner, capital shape and style, plenty of body feather, loses in size of coppy; vhc, Whitehead; absent, Green, Laycock. TKD. YELL. (10): 1, 4, vhc, Naden, rattling good team, 1st very long stout body, grand feather, broad, massive, well lashed skull, 4th stouter and wider in skull, plenty of feather, not so stylish, and loses in length of body; 2, Garner, splendidly shaped skull, well lashed, plenty of feather, shorter in legs; 3, Hordern, not so massive in skull, nicely lashed, rare length, shape, and carriage of body; hc, Braccgirdle; c, Barrass; wrong class, Braccgirdle, magnificent bird, but grizzled on throat. BUFF (8): 1, vhc, Barrass, splendid substance of skull, great width of neck and back, abundance of feather, capital length of body and good style; 2, Fitton, very long and stylish, nice shaped skull, well lashed, not so stout in neck, lovely quality of feather; 3, hc, Whitehead, splendid length and carriage, good quality of feather, not so massive in head, well lashed; 4, Oldham, stylish, well feathered body, not so much substance of skull; absent, Bracegirdle (2).

TKD. YELL. COPPY (8): 1, hc, Barrass, capital centre, nice length and spread of coppy, long stylish body of nice substance; 2, Green, grand shaped coppy, but not so wide, capital length and carriage of body; 3, c, Butterworth, well formed coppy, stout, but shorter body, good style; 4, Garner, good, stylish, shapely, well feathered body, bit nipped in front of coppy; vhc, Hampshire; wrong class, No. 5, Hordern, presumably a clr., as the tick could not be seen. TKD. BUFF (8): 1, 3, Barrass, 1st a gem, tremendous length and substance of body, and well carried, heavy, massive, well formed coppy, 3rd grand front and spread, not so neat in centre, very heavy feather, but not so well finished; 2, Oldham, capital length and spread of coppy, grand body, length and substance, hardly ready; 4, Whitehead, very wide front, large, shapely body, carries a wealth of feather, coppy all penny; vhc, Beattie; hc, Stansfield; c, Garner. PHD. TKD. YELL. (6): 1, Barrass, a youngster and a real champion, tremendous length and substance of body, rare shape and carriage, and a grandly lashed skull; 2, Green, grand shape and length, large well lashed skull, plenty of feather, not so smart in carriage; 3, Fitton, wonderful legs for a Lancashire, yet curiously enough was rather short in body, splendid skull and grand feather, a bit more length of body and he would be a nonesuch; 4, Collinge, grand length, substance, and carriage of body, plenty of feather, fails in frontal; vhc, Lowe; hc, Whitehead. HEN COPPY (8): 1, local spl., best in show, Barrass, grand length and substance of body, stands well up, large well centred, heavily feathered coppy, a magnificent hen, and not yet at her best; 2, Hordern, capital shape and style, not so massive as leader, but a rare good alround hen; 3, Lowe, great length of body, nice carriage and feather, good shape and spread of coppy, not so massive; 4, Collinge, good shape and style, nicely formed coppy, needs more length of body and feather; vhc, hc, Whitehead; c, Garner. PHD. (7): 1, Barrass, splendid yell., wonderful shape and substance, rare skull and neck, grandly lashed; 2, Hordern, slashing buff, big, massive skull, plenty of lash, capital shape, length and feather; 3, Stansfield, long, shapely bodied yell., well feathered, not so broad in frontal; 4, Beattie, very stout, heavy feathered buff, shorter in body; vhc, hc, c, Entwisle. BRED 1911., COPPY (8): 1, Collinge, tkd. buff, rare shape and substance both of body and coppy, well centred and nicely spread, plenty of feather; 2, Lowe, shorter in body, grand shaped coppy, good carriage and feather; 3, Fitton, hardly so stout, but grand shape and spread of coppy, shorter body; 4, hc, Whitehead, very long raking bodied yell., plenty of feather, but coppy not yet finished; vhc, Ridyard; c, Beattie. PHD. (8): 1, Garner, one of the best skulls we have seen on a yell., great width and lashing, shows the true Lancashire scowling expression, stout body; 2, 4, Beattie, longer body, grand style and feather, well feathered skull, not so well lashed; 4, plenty of body feather, great length and style, not so wide in entrance; 3, Bracegirdle, good scowling buff, plenty of feather, massive and good length, a most promising bird; vhc, Fitton; hc, Butterworth; c, Whitehead. LIZARDS, GOLD (8): 1, 4, Dewsnap, both of rare shape, colour, and spangle, but slightly over-capped; 2, Fitton, better shaped cap, very clear rowing, hardly so good on shoulders and breast; 3, Hamer, wider back, and carries more spangle, but not quite so distinct, rather jagged at finish of cap; vhc, hc, Ollerenshaw; c, Hampshire; No. 7, Hamer, a grandly spangled bird, but cap runs up over right eye, should have been in Broken Caps. SILVER (8): 1, Dewsnap, rather over-capped, but grand black spangling and plenty of it, capital shoulders and breast; 2, Oliver, neater in cap, plenty of spangling, not quite so regular; 3, hc, Ollerenshaw, not so large in body, beautiful colour and frosting, a good old-fashioned silver, well spangled, rather small cap; 4, Hampshire, nice shape and feather, grandly spangled, but rather hard in colour; vhc, c, Hamer; No. 8, Oliver, ticked in front of cap, and could not be let in as a Clear Cap. BROKEN GOLD (8): 1, sp, Dewsnap, wonderful col. and spangle, grand shape and feather, takes Ramsden sp.; 2, Martin, grand shape and carries a wealth of spangling, not so sound in wing coverts; 3, Lawton, another beautiful bird for col., shape, and spangle, some of its flights slightly mooned; 4, Ollerenshaw, very smart, grand col. and spangle, smaller in body; vhc, Barnes; hc, Fitton; c, Hampshire. SILVER (11): 1, Dewsnap, large and shapely, capital col. and frosting, plenty of bold clr. spangling; 2, Hamer, magnificent spangling, bold, clr., distinct and regular, but lacks the silvery frosting of 1st; 3, Lawton, a little gem, rare col., frosting, and shape, very wide back for so small a bird, and it is beautifully worked on back and breast, given a bit more size it would be a stormer; 4, Hampshire, shapely and nice col., carries a lot of spangle, but it is not so well displayed; vhc, Butterworth; hc, c, Martin. HEN, GOLD (14): 1, 2, Hamer, two grand hens, lovely col., capital shape and size, splendid backs, 1st has the best breast and shoulders; 3, 4, hc, Oliver, a good team, 3rd lovely col., nice shape, very showy and smart, lovely back, very clr. and regular, not so good on breast, 4th a lovely broken cap, but a bit grey in flights, lovely back; vhc, Dewsnap; c, Barnes. SILVER (14): 1, 3, Dewsnap, two very smart clr. caps, lovely col. and frosting, capital shape and size, very clr. and regular in spangling, 1st a real gem, 3rd not quite so good on breast and shoulders; 2, Rukin, broken cap, lovely col. and spangle, full of quality, very regular and distinct, well frosted; 4, Butterworth, a lovely hen, full of col., quality, and spangle, but very shy, and would not stand still when handled; vhc, Bosworth; hc, Hamer; c, Martin.

CRESTS (11): 1, 2, Guy, nearly clr. body, and a heavily mkd., well feathered, neat centres, nice droop, 2nd not so heavy in feather; 3, Lomax, capital shape and feather, well centred, runs in left side; 4, hc, Hesketh, big, heavy feathered varieg., not so wide in front, nice droop; vhc, Harrison; c, Maitland. HEN (8): 1, hc, Guy, heavy mkd., grand centre, radiation, and droop; 2, c, Collinge, nearly green yell., very neat, full of quality; 3, 4, Lomax, clr. body and varieg., plenty of feather and droop, not quite so heavy in frontal; vhc, Hardy. HEN, C.-B. (5): 1, Hesketh, big, heavily feathered green, plenty of substance, good shaped skull; 2, 4, Guy, cap and wing mkd., grand shape and feather, not quite so stout; 4th good quality green, not so dense in front; 3, Lomax, rare head, massive and heavily feathered, longer in body; vhc, Hardy. BRIT. S.B. (8): 1, sp, hc, c, Blincoe, very handsome Grey Wagtail, large, beautifully feathered, very steady; 2, Snaring, grandly mkd. Magpie, lovely col. and lustre, beautiful tail; 3, 4, Rabbich, very pretty Whitethroat and a Thrush, both most excellent in col. and feather, and nicely mkd.; vhc, J. M. Walsh. LIN., ETC. (8): 1, Woodhead, very pretty, well mkd., nicely feathered, steady Redpoll; 2, vhc, Nicholson, rich coloured Linnet, grandly mkd.; 3, Blincoe, rattling good Twite, but not steady; 4, Naden, big, shapely Linnet, not so well mkd.; hc, c, Rabbich. GOLD, ETC. (14): 1, Wilson, rich coloured, well feathered Goldie, nice clean cut blaze, good chest; 2, c, Davies, very handsome Bullie, grand cap and breast; 3, Horrocks, capitally mkd Siskin, good shape, col.; 4, Rahbich, another good Bullie, but smaller, vhc, Hartley; hc, Nicholson. A.O.V. (8): 1, c, J. M. Walsh, large, well mkd. Hawfinch, grand col. and feather; 2, Miss Mills, beautifully mkd. Chaffinch, level feather and col; 3, Johnson, well mkd., rich coloured, nice feathered Yell. Bunting; 4, hc, Blincoe, very large, rich coloured Chaffinch, not so well mkd.; vhc, Mills. MULES, LT. (6): 1, J. M. Walsh, six-pointed Buff, rare shape, size and col., shown in wonderful condition; 2, Johnson, six-pointed Buff hen, great size, wonderfully well balanced marking, but shown unwashed, in condition would have won; 3, Wilson, very fine variegated Yell., not ready, capital shape size, and col.; 4, Tams and Son, very smart wing and head mkd. Buff; vhc, Sharples. DARK (6): 1, J. M. Walsh, magnificent Jonque Siskin, rare shape, col., and markings, full of quality; 2, Tams and Son, equally good Buff Siskin; 3, H. Walsh, rare feathered Buff-Greenie, on the small side; 4, Marsh, rich coloured Jonque Goldie, not ready; vhc, Naden; hc, Woodhead. BRIT HYBRID (6): 1, Tams and Son, very large, well marked, grandly feathered Linnet-Bullie; 2, Sharples, big, well mkd., grandly feathered Goldie-Greenie, lovely face; 3, J. M. Walsh, very hot coloured, nice shaped Greenie-Bullie; 4, vhc, Johnson, Goldie-Bullie, nicely mkd., good feather, not up in col.; hc, H. Walsh.

Mr. A. Hirst's Classes.

YORKS, BUFF (6): 1, Faulkner, grand shape and style, plenty of col., good feather, stands well; 2, Howarth, not quite so long, but very slim and stylish, rare feather, we liked well; 3, Ogden Bros., very smart and stylish, capital type; 4, Barlow, good, shapely hird, not in such nice fettle; vhc, Wagstaff. TKD. BUFF (7): 1, Kearns, thigh, rare shape and style, capital wings and tail, full of quality; 2, Ogden Bros., head, eyes, and wings, a beauty, full of nerve and quality, grand shape; 3, Baxter, wing-mkd., rare shape and carriage, lovely feather and quality; 4, Norton, grizzled on chest, good shape, and feather, not so clever with his wings; vhc, Wagstaff; hc, Smith. HEN, YELL. (8): Ogden Bros., nice one, cap, cheek, and wing mkd., very shapely, nice feather, good col; 2, 3, Allen, Cinn. wing-tkd., lovely col., shape, and style, grandly feathered, 3, cheek and wing, grand feather and style, stouter; 4, Hollows, neat exhibit, grizzled on back, nice shape and style, good feather; vhc, Norton; hc, Atkinson; c, Livesey. BUFF (8): 1, Baxter, very nice coloured Cinn., wing-tkd., good shape and feather; 2, Ogden Bros., clinking thigh tkd., rare shape, splendid carriage and quality; 3, Norton, rattling good colour, full of quality and style; 4, Leonard, Cinn., wing-tkd., rare shape and style, nice length, lovely feather; vhc, Livesey; hc, Marsden and Nooman; c, Kearns. UNFLIG. YELL (21): 1, Allen, very smart, stylish, typical Cl., grand wings and tail, rare feather, wins; 2, Brookes, Cinn., wing-tkd., capital body, lovely feather and col., hardly so smart in tail; 3, Lees, very hreedy Cl., rare style, col. and feather; 4, Leonard, cheek tkd., nice shape, capital feather, good head and hack, not quite so smart; vhc, Hollows; hc, Howarth; c, Ogden Bros. BUFF (8): 1, Brookes, tkd. head, lovely shape, length and style, beautifully feathered, nice col.; 2, Leonard, Cl., tremendous length and plenty of size, big, certainly, but a good big 'un; 3, vhc, Barlow, very smart, typical Cl., lovely quality, style, and col.; 4, Allen, wing-tkd., a beauty, rare shape and carriage, neat head, splendid wings and tail, very smart throughout; hc, Howarth; c, Smith.

NOR., YELL. (8): 1, 2, Davies, two lovely quality birds, both full of col., winner is the best shaped in head and chest, grandly staged; 3, Marlor, not so much col., good head and chest, nice style; 4, Worthington, brimful of col., a real hot 'un, rare quality, not so chubby; vhc, Critchley; hc, Sharples; c, Hall. BUFF (8): 1, Johnson, very nice shape, rich even col., well mealed, capital feather; 2, Leonard, very neat head, nice shaped body, good col. and feather; 3, Davies, grand col., feather and meal, hardly so stout, but a nice quality hird; 4, Sharples, a grand stamp of hird, rare shape, beautiful col., nicely frosted, well staged; vhc, Howe; hc Armistead; c, McConaghey; wrong class, Foxall. TKD. YELL. (8): 1, 3, Davies, two beautiful variegd. hird, full of col. and quality, nice, short cobby bodies, splendid feather and style, shown to the minute, either could have won; 2, Howe, grizzled eye, wing, and tail, capital shape and col., grandly feathered; 4, Turner, tkd. head, rare shape and feather, capital col., not so smart in wings; vhc, hc, Marlor; c, Allen. UNFLIG., YELL. (12): 1, 2, Davies, Cl., and cap and wing-mkd., two beauties, full of colour, and quality, good heads, grand wings and tails, rare style; 3, Faulkner, grand shaped, nicely feathered Cl., does not carry so much col.; 4, Marlor, very smart cap, wing and tail mkd., grand rich col., beautiful feather, very shapely, we liked; vhc, Johnson; hc and Sandifords; sp., Sharples; c, McConaghey. BUFF (17): 1, Wilson, wing-mkd., a big 'un, plenty of col., well mealed, grand head and chest; 2, 3, Howe, grizzled cap, capital shape, col., and feather, not so chubby in head; 3, lovely wing tkd., rare shape, col., and feather, capital style, we liked best of the two; 4, Faulkner, wings, eyes and cheeks, capital shape, very nice col. and quality, shows well, not so much of him; vhc, Huggins; hc, McConaghey; c, Pleasance. HEN (23): 1, Allen, rare shaped Buff, capital head, chest, and hack, neat wings and tail, very sound col., and nicely mealed; 2, Davies, rich coloured, nice feathered, shapely Yell., hardly so smart in wings and tail; 3, Leonard, wing and tail mkd. Buff, very nice shape and style, good feather, and sound col.; 4, Hartley, rare shaped Buff, nice style, not so silky in feather; vhc, Turner; hc, Critchley; c, Leach. BREEDING PAIRS (11): 1, Hardy, very nice Crests; 2, Howarth, stylish, nice feathered Yorkies; 3, Millward, well balanced Nor.; 4, Beattie, smart Lancashires; vhc, Wilson; hc, Faulkner; c, Entwisle. A.O.V. (5): 1, 3 vhc, Kelsey, good Buff Scots, nice shape and good movers; 2, 4, Hales, Buff and Yell. Belgians, the latter a very nervy, good positioned bird of nice shape. SELL., 30s. (16): 1, Moore; 2, hc, King; 3, Miller; 4, c, Butterworth; vhc, Lomax. 20s. (8): 1, 4, Steele; 2, Hampshire; 3, Dewhurst; vhc, Pleasance; hc, Naden; c, Lister. 12s. 6d. (12): 1, Faulkner; 2, vhc, Lees; 3, Harrison; 4, Livesey; hc, Lomax; c, Meadowcroft. NOVICE A.V. (10): 1, Wilson, rattling good Buff Nor., capital shape, col. and feather; 2, Pleasance. Yell., Nor., good type and feather, sound, level col.; 3, Pragnall, smart, stylish, well feathered Yorkie; 4, Stansfield, Buff Yorkie, very nice shape and feather, stands well; vhc, Meadowcroft; hc, c, Howarth. LANCS. (5): 1, 3, Jamieson, two very nice tkd. Buff Coppies, capital size and feather, and good coppy formation; 2, Woodhead, massive yell., phd., of good length and carriage, nice skull; 4, Rudyard, another shapely, well feathered tkd. Buff Coppy; vhc, c, Entwisle; hc, Steele. LIZARD (7): 1, c, Bosworth, shapely, well spangled, nice coloured Silver; 2, Thompson, very pretty broken capped Silver, full of work, and nice shape; 3, 4, vhc, Leach, broken Gold and Silver leading, two nicely spangled birds, of good col. and shape; hc, Naylor. FOR. (8): 1, 2, 3, J. M. Walsh, very handsome trio and staged in most excellent form, Black-throated Tanager, Wood Swallow and superb Tanager; 4, Blincoe, well-mkd. pair of Ribbon Finches; vhc, hc, c, Mills.

TORQUAY.

The Cage bird section at the show of the Torquay F.F.S. on October 19 was limited to the district, thus the entry was not great. The quality of the exhibits was good, some very nice specimens being staged, especially in the Norwich and Yorkshires. All the arrangements were excellently carried out by the committee, and Mr. A. Walker, the hon. sec., proved himself a most capable, painstaking, and courteous official. Mr. C. A. House judged. C.B. (2): 1, 2, Williams, two nice shaped birds, with plenty of feather, variegd., and a green. CREST (4): 1, 3, Williams, very nice, shapely green, good droop and centre; 2, Eggbeer, nice clear body, not so large in crest. NOR. BUFF (5): 1, vhc, Peeke, nice stout body, good head, capital col. and feather; 2, 3, hc, Fox, good shape and col., hardly so stout in head. YELL. (5): 1, 2, 3, Fox, very nice team of high quality, shapely birds, sound and rich in col.; vhc, hc, Peeke. UNFLIG. (9): 1, c, Peeke, good shapely yell., capital col. and feather; 2, 3, vhc, Fox, rare col., grand style, not quite so stout in head; hc, Derrick. YORKS (13): 1, 3, vhc, sp, Berry, grand shaped yell., capital feather and style, and a good stylish buff, not quite so tight in feather; 2, hc, c, Bishop, long-sided yell., capital style, not quite so tight in front. NON-FED (1): 1, Berry. MULES (4): 1, Peeke, large, good coloured, dark jonque Goldie; 2, 3, Fox, big, shapely, nice feathered dark buff Goldie; vhc, Weeks. BRIT. (3): 1, Peeke, bonny little Redpoll in excellent feather; 2, Weeks, nicely mkd. Goldie; 3, Fix, a Greenie. FOR. (4): 1, 3, vhc, two sps, Riggs, very nice blue-fronted Amazon and two Budgerigars; 2, Horswell, nice coloured Rosy-breasted Cockatoo. SELL., 10s. (6): 1, 2, Peeke; 3, Derrick; vhc, hc, Eggbeer; c, Berry. GIFT (2): 1, Eggbeer; 2, Fox.

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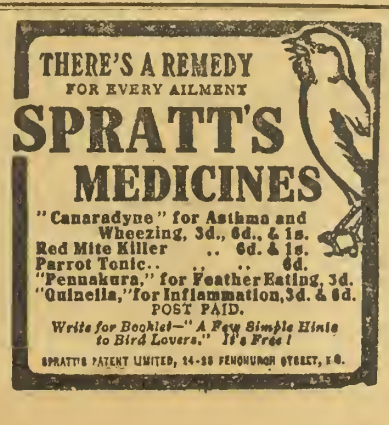
Held Oct. 21st, Town Hall; and taking into consideration the fact that other shows were held on same date did fairly well.

BORD., CK.: 1, Campbell, good quality, best of well shown, with a little deeper col., would be hard wing carriage, tight and close as wax; 2, Montgomery, another beauty, close up, just a little unsteady; 3, Hume, good head and carriage, not much behind; 4, 5, Fraser, two good birds. HEN: 1, spl for best Bord., Montgomery, perfect picture, evenly marked, a gem; 2, Briggs, teeming with quality, good carriage; 3, Hume, full of col., A1 condition; 4, 5, Fraser. NOR. CK.: 1, Cowan, mkd. buff, stunner for size, good head and body, trifle faulty in wing carriage; 2, Laidlaw, good all round, not quite finished or might have won; 3, spl, Barr, good stamp of Nor., in fine condition; 4, Maxwell; 5, Godber. HEN: 1, Maxwell, ideal head, good body, tight and compact; 2, Briggs, very taking hen, good body and wings, fails a bit owing to looseness of thigh feathers; 3, Wilson, good typical unfed hird; 4, Godber; 5, Barr. CAN. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Macfarlane, Goldie Bullie, well defined markings, good front and skull and blaze; 2, Cowan, Goldie-Can., nearly even mkd., gem, in perfect condition; 3, Morrison, another good lightly mkd. Goldie-Can., fails only in markings; 4, spl, and confined medal, Pirrie, Greenfinch and Can., hot fed, a clinker; 5, Small. This class created a record for Johnstone for quality. LINNET, ETC.: 1, spl, Small, grand Greenie, lovely col. and condition, easy win; 2, Menzies, Linnet, good col. and lacing; 3, Ralston, Greenfinch, grand hird, fails in col. just a trifle; 4, Cowan; 5, Paterson. BRIT. SOFTBILL: 1, 2, Morrison, 1st Pipit, there is only one word for it—perfect; 2nd, Thrush, distinct in markings, in tip-top condition; 3, 5, spl, Pirrie, nice Fieldfare; 4, Jeffrey. HARDBILL (Linnets and Greenfinches deharred): 1, Morrison, Hawfinch, in lovely condition, good carriage, well shown with a little deeper colour, would be hard to beat; 2, Stevenson, Goldfinch, well huilt, good blaze, fails only in distinctness of markings; 3, spl, Cowan, Yellowhammer, good solid col., very fine in markings, should do well in a Yellowhammer class; 4, Macfarlane; 5, Pirrie.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE O.S.

On Oct. 14, members held the final table show of a series carried on during the season, for points special prizes, and were favoured with a record entry for any table show in the history of the society. The respectable total of 95 birds was received, and these were much admired by many visitors. The genial president of the Oldham C.B.S., Mr. J. Sharples, picked out the winners, and the awards were favourably received.

NOR. YELL. (8): 1, Jno. Mellor; 2, Foxall; 3, Lawton; 4, Jim Mellor; vhc, Dowling; hc, Drabble; c, Kenyon. BUFF (15): 1, 2, Foxall; 3, vhc, Oliver; 4, Halton; hc, Kelsall; c, Dowling. YELL. HEN (6): 1, Lawton; 2, Kelsall; 3, Foxall; 4, Jno. Mellor; vhc, Hatton; hc, Dowling. BUFF (7): 1, vhc, Jno. Mellor; 2, Oliver; 3, Jackson; 4, Kenyon; hc, c, Kelsall. NON-FED (2): 1, Bennett; 2, Jim Mellor. YORKS. YELL. CK. (3): 1, 2, Baxter; 3, Etchells. BUFF (8): 1, Etchells; 2, Green; 3, Hatton; 4, c, Whitehead; vhc, hc, Bennett. YELL. HEN (5): 1, Foxall; 2, Hatton; 3, Green; 4, Whitehead; vhc, Bennett. BUFF (6): 1, 3, Green; 2, vhc, Foxall; 4, hc, Baxter. GOLDIE, ETC. (8): 1, 2, McFarlane; 3, Kelsall; 4, vhc, Dyson; hc, c, Baron. LINNET, ETC. (16): 1, vhc, Heap; 2, Dyson; 3, Jackson; 4, Baron; hc, c, McFarlane. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Foxall. BOYS (under 14): HARDBILL (8): 1, 4, Hargreaves; 2, Hollinshead; 3, J. Baron; vhc, L. Baron; hc, Marsland; c, Bennett. SOFTBILL: 1, Bramhall; 2, Turner.—J. R. Colville, Sec.



Another Success in Fifeshire.

KELTY AND BLAIRADAM SOCIETY SCORES.

A Record Entry: Over 200 in excess of last year: Best bird selected by spinning a coin.

Following on the successful venture of last week at Lochgelly, the Kelty and Blairadam Society's annual show, held 21st Oct., in the Co-operative Hall, Kelty, went far to prove that the Fifers know how to cater for the wants of the cage bird world. On entering the hall one was at once struck with the imposing array of cups and trophies tastefully displayed on the platform, amongst which we noticed the four cups belonging to the Scottish British Bird and Mule Club, which were down for competition for the first time. In addition to the above the society had the patronage of several of the specialist clubs of Scotland, and no doubt this fact accounted for the record entry of 590 exhibits, being fully 200 in advance of last year. Competition ruled keen in all sections, notably the British, and although the awards in two of the sections came in for a deal of criticism, the large army of fanciers present seemed to enjoy themselves to the utmost.

Scotch Fancies turned out very well, and reached a high standard of perfection. Border Fancies were out in their usual strength, and must have proved a source of trouble to the judge, Mr. Mossie, as in several classes the quality was so equal as to make it very difficult to decide which was the best. The B.F.C.C. medal was again carried off by the Lochgelly winner, a clear buff cock staged by Mr. G. Bennet (Kelso), who also won the cup for most points in Borders. We heard a very heated discussion in this section, a good few fanciers maintaining that some of the best birds had been colour-fed. Mr. Gibb, from Ibrox, had a good following in the Yorkshire section, and we noted with pleasure the increase of popularity of the "Gentleman of the Fancy." Crests and Crest-breds were judged by Mr. Paul (Uphall), and his awards gave general satisfaction. The special for best went to the Dark Crest cock staged by Mr. J. Howie, while the cup for best young bird was awarded to that grand Dark Crested cock bred and exhibited by Mr. Jas. Brown. Norwich Plainheads did not come up to expectations in point of numbers, and unfortunately Mr. Hampton did not seem altogether happy in his choice of the winners, some grumbling being the result. Mules and British turned out well, and Mr. A. W. Watson had a good forenoon's work to get through them all. For once in a while the British section provided the winner of the trophy for best bird in show, and although it had to be finally decided by the spin of a coin, it proved a very popular verdict. The winner, a charming Redstart, staged in perfect order by Mr. E. Taylor, Clasgow, was constantly surrounded by an admiring crowd. Mr. Thos. Bell won the cup for most points over the section.

The society is blessed with a strong committee of enthusiastic fanciers who proved themselves equal to every emergency, being ably led by Mr. Jas. Stenhouse, while the secretarial duties were well attended to by Mr. A. Dickson, to whom nothing came amiss, while this successful show was fittingly brought to a conclusion with an exceedingly prompt dispatch of all exhibits.

Other special winners were: Cup most points in Scotch Fancy section (members), Mr. J. Fotheringham; cup most points Norwich Plainheads (members), Mr. Thos. Wildridge; F. and K.P.C. medal for best cock, Mr. Spence; ditto hen, Mr. Mathieson; S.C.C. medal, Crest or C.B., Mr. J. Veitch; Hyde's, Mr. J. Stenhouse.

The Canary Section.

SCOT. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (6): 1, McMillan, great size and depth, fine length of wing, splendid droop, wins; 2, Fotheringham, splendid type and substance, good top end; 3, Stenhouse, well set up, grand length of side, tip-top action, pressee; vhc, Thomson; hc, Archibald; c, Watson. HEN (5): 1, Fotheringham, fine type, neat head, with grand droop, fine shoulders, good action; 2, Gray, good model, plenty of nerve, lovely droop; 3, Stenhouse, well set up, quick into position, drives well, three good hens, hard to separate; vhc, Fotheringham; hc, Gilmore. CK., BUFF (3): 1, Thomson, great length of side, fine substance and droop; 2, 3, Wilkie, 2nd grand position, plenty of reach; 3, splendid drive, very nervous. HEN (10): 1, 2, Watson, well up in size and depth of chest, good top end; 2, same type, fine length of wing, fine action; 3, Cowan, neatly got up, fine reach, fails only substance; vhc, Thomson; hc, Laing; c, Dow. YELL. PIED, ETC., CK. (5): 1, Anderson, rare stamp, well up on perch, drives well; 2, Dow, fine size and droop, excels in top end; 3, Gilmour, nice stamp, neat action, fails a bit in depth to leaders; vhc, Stewart; hc, Thomson. HEN (2): 1, Stenhouse, stylish hen, neat head, fine reachy neck, good shoulders; 2, 3, Stewart, leading with typical Green well up on legs. BUFF CK. (6): 1, 3, vhc, c, Fotheringham, good team, leading with a splendid Green, rare depth of chest and great length of side, works well; 3, same stamp, fails only in depth to leader; 2, McMillan, splendid model, nicely proportioned, standing well up on legs, free action, must have pressed; hc, Gray. HEN (8): 1, 2, Laing, grand pair of Fancies, plenty of action, splendid droop; 3, Stenhouse, fine stamp, tail well in to perch, fine drive, follows well; vhc, hc, Fotheringham; c, Findlay. BORD., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (11): 1, Hutchison, model for type, col., and qual., excelling in head and frontal; 2, Williamson, fine stamp, rare wings and tail, best of condition; 3, Campbell, very typical specimen, wee bit rough at throat; vhc, Bennet; hc, Robertson; c, Duff. HEN (13): 1, Peters, perfect little lady, full of life and action, put down in grand fettle; 2, Bennet, very stylish, finely got up, grand wings, lovely quality, follows well; 3, Craig, grand stamp of Border, just lacks finish; vhc, no name; hc, Dryburgh; c, Hutchison. BUFF CK.: 1, sp, and B.F.C.C. medal, G. Bennet, splendid model for type, lovely quality; 2, Craig, neat head and neck, nicely tapered front, faulty wing carriage; 3, Lambie, grand model, but does not show properly; vhc, Brown; hc, Peters; c, Anderson. HEN (13): 1, Arnott, grand quality bird, fine action, excells in head properties; 2, Hutchison, another topper, finely tapered, best of wings and tail, staged in perfect order, presses; 3, Craig, very shapely hen, neat head and front, well tapered, follows well; vhc, Baird; hc, Peters; c, Bennet. UNEVENLY MKD., ETC. (10): 1, Robertson, very typical, neat markings, staged in faultless trim; 2, Hutchison, neat type and jaunty action, not far behind; 3, Dryburgh, fine type, grand wings and tail, well worth its place; vhc, Young; hc, Bernet; c, Campbell. BUFF (11): 1, Hutchison, little champion without a doubt, neatly rounded head, neck well filled in, front neatly tapered, wings and tail well braced, feathered like a Java, was runner-up for medal, and opinion seemed fairly divided as to whether it could not have won; 2, Young, splendid type, rare wing carriage, lovely taper, well placed; 3, Arnott, strongly built, but very shapely, in good condition; vhc, Smith; hc, c, Anderson. EVEN MKD. (3): 1, Anderson, nice all-round hen for type and markings; 2, Bennet, fine one for type, quality, and markings; 3, Miss Dooley, nice type, staged in Nor. cage. GREEN OR CINN. (9): 1, R. Lambie, Jonque Green of sterling merit, fine shade of body col., rich in pencilling; 2, Mackie, another Yell. Green, fine type, colour, and markings, well placed; 3, Campbell, Jonque Cinn., good type, worth its place; vhc, W. Lambie; hc, Bennet; c, R. Lambie. YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (10): 1, Syson, long drawn specimen, fine wings and tail, good position, a wee bit flat on head; 2, 3, Cargill, 2 fine type, stands well up on perch; 3, plenty of length, crosses wings a trifle; vhc, hc, Girvan; c, Lumsden. HEN (5): 1, MacRobbie, splendid type, well drawn, grand wings, handles well; 2, 3, Syson, 2, fine nervy bird, good action, failing only in col.; 3, rare model, neat head and shoulders, finely tapered, good col. and condition, some thought might have heen 2nd; vhc, King; hc, Findlay. BUFF CK. (6): 1, MacRobbie, rare length of side, grand col. and condition, plenty of swagger, wins; 2, McDougall, fine length of body, neatly tapered, hot col., fails only in head; 3, Sycon, good type of Yorkie, well up on perch; vhc, Cargill; hc, Reilly; c, Hamilton. HEN (5): 1, vhc, Girvan, neat head, rare wing carriage, takes good position; 2, Syson, built on correct lines, splendid action, requires time to fine down; 3, Crighton, neatly got up, just lacks polish of leaders; hc, MacRobbie. VARIEG. CK. (3): 1, Syson, really good Yell., great length of side, neatly tapered and finished, hot col.; 2, Reid, Buff, finely drawn, good quality bird, back somewhat in col.; 3, King, good stamp, fine wing carriage, close up. HEN: Cancelled. CREST CK. (9): 1, sp, Howie, well-known winner, still improving; 2, Veitch, great size and wealth of body feather, dense crest, not quite so well laid as winner; 3, Jas. Veitch, nice Crest, of good quality, failing only in frontal; vhc, Paterson; hc, Burt; c, McLean. HEN (3): 1, Sharp, D.C., well radiated and centred, with nice droop; 2, Veitch, lovely quality Crest of great density, splendid formation, presses; 3, McLean, Green, well up in size and substance. C.B. CK. (7): 1, Veltch, rare size, good quality feather, excelling at entrance, and lashing; 2, Buchanan, bold skull nicely cushioned and lashed, follows close up; 3, Jas. Veitch, Clear, good quality, broad leafy feather; vhc, Paterson; hc, Sharp; c, Allen. HEN (3): 1, Veltch, splendid size and substance, plenty of head and body feather, extra good lashing; 2, Burt, grand Cl., wide at entrance, fine dome; 3, Howie, well up in size, good feather. GRIZZLE CREST (5): 1, vhc, Sneddon, great size and substance, well laid Crest of good dimensions, nicely centred and drooped; 2, Veitch, grand size and substance, crest of great density, but a trifle rough; 3, Muir, nice one, fails only in frontal; hc, Findlay. UNFLIG. CREST: 1, cup, Brown, Lochgelly winner, D.C. of great merit, wonderful density of feather, well centred and drooped; 2, 3, Jas. Veitch, 2, capital hen, grand size and substance of body, D.C. of splendid formation, not a feather out of place, real good one; 3, smaller Crest, very neatly laid; vhc, Barrie. C.B. (8): 1, Sbarp, great wealth of feather, grand skull, nicely cushioned and lashed; 2, 3, Summers, 2, grand quality feather, nicely domed skull, excelling at entrance; 3, also good one, not far behind; vhc, hc, Wotherspoon; c, Wilson. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (6): 1, Spence, well up in size and substance, good col. and shape; 2, Summers, grand col. and quality, not quite the substance of winner; 3, Kerr, bold head, well filled neck, grand front, best of col. and quality, some considered it might have gone up; vhc, Buglass; hc, McAnally; c, Murray. HEN (6): 1, Mitchell, rare depth of chest, neatly rounded head, good wing carriage; 2, Buglass, short and chubby, neatly moulded front, grand quality feather; 3, Wildridge, neat type, grand wings; vhc, Logan; hc, Kerr; c, Taylor. BUFF CK. (14): 1, Mitchell, great size and substance, bold head, neat wing carriage, well up in col.; 2, Grewar, fine type and col., feather on long side; 3, Kerr, good head and wings; vhc, Adamson; hc, Grewar; c, Pratt. HEN (6): 1, Adamson, bonny hen, short and cobby, feather like wax, showing lovely meal; 2, McConville, neatly rounded front, nicely tapered, fails only in quality; 3, Ramsay, grand quality, fails only in head; vhc, Philip; hc, Matthewson; c, Murray. YELL. VARIEG. CK. (6): 1, Grewar, fine size, and depth of chest, good head, faulty wings; 2, Dickson, good quality bird, fair front; 3, Ramsay, nice size and depth; vhc, Rodger; hc, Kerr; c, Kiddie. BUFF (7): 1, vhc, Spence, leading with a bird of good size and shape, but a bit coarse in feather; 2, Wildridge, good quality feather, nice type; 3, Buglass, we made the winner, well up in size and substance, hot col., put down in grand order; vhc, Spence; hc, Kerr; c, Logan. VARIEG. HEN (10): 1, Mitchell, well up in col., good quality for a Yell., fair head and wing carriage; 2, Matthewson, lovely Buff, hot col., close fitting feather, cobby body, well rounded and finished, pressed hard; 3, Buglass, rare size and very shapely, close up; vhc, Wildridge; hc, Dickson; c, Campbell. UNFLIG. CK. (11): 1, Grewar, expansive frontal, bold head and neck, hot col.; 2, Collier, typical youngster of good quality, inclined to drop tail; 3, Spence, shapely Yellow, compactly built, good quality, close up; vhc, Duff; hc, Ramsay; c, Ramsay. HEN (13): 1, Philip, hot-fed Yellow, neat type, good quality, crosses wings at times; 2, Logan, Cl. Yell., good col. and quality; 3, Duff, Cl. Buff, very typical, grand wing carriage, could have won; vhc, McAnally; hc, Strachan; c, Dickson. NON-FED CK. (6): 1, Grewar, well known Foul Yellow Green, splendid type and quality, easy winner; 2, Duff, a good specimen, well up in size and depth of chest, useful bird; 3, Kirk, nice type and quality, follows well; vhc, Peters; hc, McConville; c, Ismay. HEN (7): 1, Grewer, grand substance of body, neatly tapered, good head; 2, Barr, Cl. Yell., good one for type and quality; 3, Kiddie, typical Buff, well staged, we thought had hard luck; vhc, Rodger; hc, Ismay; c, Murray. A.O.V. CAN. (4): 1, Sneddon, Yell. Grizzle Crest, nice one; 2, Lamble, Buff Cinn. Nor., well staged; 3, Peters, Belg., staged in Scotch Fancy cage; vhc, Stenhouse. COMMON CAN. (20): 1, Beveridge; 2, Duncan; 3, Brown; vhc, no name; hc, Hunter; c, Bell.

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DARK CAN. MULE (15): 1, Jamieson, Linnet-Canary, well up in col., neatly marked, in good condition; 2, Turner Brassy, Goldie mule, fine pure col., well defined blaze, well worth place; 3, Bell, Linnet mule, larger than winner, shade darker in col., neatly pencilled, close up; vhc, Allan; hc, Bell; c, Rankine. LIGHT CAN. (7): 1, Purves, Greenie mule, grand size, col., and quality, fine exhibit; 2, c, Jamieson, Goldie mule, in very nice condition; 3, McLaren, another Goldie mule, close up; vhc, Rankine; hc, Bruce. HYB. (4): 1, Sneddon, Goldie-Bully, lovely col. and condition; 2, Strachan, nice sized Linnet-Bully, somewhat lacking in col.; 3, Robertson, Lochgelly winner, good size and col., might perhaps have gone up; vhc, Stenhouse. GOLDFINCH (9): 1, Henderson, lovely conditioned Finch, deep crimson blaze, well tanned and buttoned, rich wiug bars, easy win; 2, McMilian, typical Finch, nice blaze and tan, just lacks bloom of winner; 2, Bell, fine condition and bars, a little short of face; vhc, MacRobbie; hc, Sykes; c, Cranna. BULLFINCH (15): 1, Mackie, grand size, shapely body, splendid cap and bars, rich body col., staged in grand order; 2, Craft, not so big as winner, sound cap, rich breast col., in pink of condition; 3, Bell, all there for size and col., presses hard; vhc, McDonald; hc, Stewart and Dalling; c, Strachan. GREENFINCH (17): 1, McMillan, fairly good stamp of Greenie, nice condition, but lucky; 2, Stewart and Dalling, fine size and very shapely, well staged; 3, Craig, we liked, bold type, neat head, hot col., shows himself to perfection, staged in lovely bloom; vhc, Allan; hc, Craig; c, Bald. BRAMBLEFINCH (7): 1, Henderson, hot col. Chaffinch, splendid bars, well staged; 2, Craig, Bramblefinch, very nice col. bird; 3, Messer, Chaffinch, in rare bloom; vhc, Mackie; hc, Sykes; c, Stewart and Dalling. LINNET (22): 1, 3, McArdle and Stewart, pair of grand Linnets, fine col. and pencills, steady as a rock; 2, McQuiston, grand one, all there for col. and markings, must have pressed; vhc, McCulloch; hc, McMillan; c, Henderson. SISKIN (17): 1, Bell, well known exhibit, grand col. and markings; 2, McArdle and Stewart, small, lucky; 3, Bald, little beauty, grand cap and bib, pure body col., finely laced; vhc, Irvine; hc, Baird Bros.; c, Henderson. MEALY REDPOLL OR TWITE (18): 1, Bell, Mealy of great proportions, well defined poll and bib, neatly laced; 2, McMillan, Twite, good col. and markings; 3, Stewart and Jamieson, good Mealy, well up in size and condition; vhc, Ross; hc, Cairns; c, Allan. LESSER REDPOLL (17): 1, Turner, nice body col., but devoid of lacing; 2, Bell, we made the winner, rare body col., finely laced, good poll and bib, takes perches sweetly; 3, Ross, neat little poll, good col. and markings, worth 2nd; vhc, Bruce; hc, Kirkwood; c, Jamieson. A.O.S. HARDBILL (2): 1, Stewart and Dalling; 2, Jas. Ramsay; both Hawfinches; leader winning on colour and condition. BUNTING A.V.: 1, Cairns, nice Yellow Bunting, good V.; 2, Bald, Corn Bunting, staged in grand order, certainly had hard lines; 3, Arnott, fine specimen of the Snow Bunting; vhc, Henderson; hc, Kirkwood; c, Rankine. HEN, BRIT. (not larger than Lark) (13): 1, McLaren, grand conditioned Bully, wins; 2, McMillan, Siskin, nicely staged; 3, Taylor, good Bramblefinch; 2, vhc, Millar; hc, Kilpatrick; c, Craft; No. 9, Callan and Ross, we made best Siskin in class. SMALL SOFTBILL (8): 1, cup for best in show, 3, Taylor, leading with a beautiful Redstart, staged in faultless bloom; 3, very taking, Black Redstart, also well staged; 2, c, Cordery, lovely Grey Wagtail, in the pink of condition; vhc, Arnott; hc, A. Anderson. LARGE (7): 1, Taylor, Waxwing, put down in rare order; 2, 3, Anderson, 2, nice Missle Thrush with slip claw; 3, Waxwing, very steady, wants a bigger cage; vhc, Lauchran, beautiful Thrush, could have gone up; hc, Ramsay; c, Campbell. GOLDFINCH, FOR. (8): 1, Howie, grand Finch, deep crimson blaze, richly tanned, staged in rare bloom; 2, Brown, good one, with blaze of wide dimensions, wants time to put the bloom on; 3, McLaren, good Finch, backward somewhat in condition; vhc, McMillan; hc, Turner; C, Cranna. BULLFINCH, FOR. (2): 1, Cannon; 2, Turner; both hens, the winner excelling in col. and finish. FOR. SMALL (5): 1, Arnott, pair Black-headed Gouldians in lovely condition, taking exhibit; 2, Lawrie and Welsh, grand Paradise Whydah, "Buckhaven Beauty"; 3, Bruce, nice Red-headed Gouldian; vhc, Lawrie and Walsh; hc, Johnstone. LARGE (2): 1, Kirkwood, was off the screen when our notes were taken; 2, Moir, African Grey Parrot in good plumage.

GUISBOROUGH C.B.S.

Table show held 14th October, when we had a good entry. Mr. T. Hill judged, and gave every satisfaction. YORKS. OLD B.: 1, Hoad; 2, Cook; 3, Barker; vhc, Dixon; hc, Mays and Allison. YOUNG: 1, Barker; 2, Hood; 3, vhc, Cook; hc, Graham; c, Mays and Allinson. YORKS., HEN: 1, 3, c, Barker; 2, Dixon; vhc, Hood; hc, Cook. NOR., OLD: 1, 2, Jackson; 3, Barker; vhc, hc, Lambert. YOUNG: 1, 2, 3, vhc, c, Jackson; hc, Dixon. HEN: 1, 2, hc, Jackson; 3, Mays and Allinson; vhc, Lambert; c, Barker. MULES OR HYB.: 1, Mays and Allinson; 2, Jackson; 3, Hood; vhc, hc, Hardy. LINNET: 1, Barker; 2, Cook; 3, Hood; vhc, hc, Mays and Allinson. GOLDFINCH: 1, Cook; 2, 3, Mays and Allinson; vhc, Jackson. BULLFINCH: 1, vhc, Barker; 2, 3, Mays and Allinson; hc, Hood. BRIT. A.O.S.: 1, Cooke; 2, Jackson; 3, Mays and Allinson; vhc, Barker.—S. H. Lambert.

ATTERCLIFFE AND DIST. C.B.S.

Second table show for points specials held Oct. 12, headquarters. Mr. Havenhand in chair; and he presided over one of the largest meetings we have had this year, 21 members being present. This society seems to have taken a new lease of life, and the club room was quite full of birds and members, 42 birds being staged. There were classes for Norwich, Yorkshires, and British birds, and it was admitted the best table show ever held by this society. Mr. J. Perry placed the cards, and spoke very highly on the quality of some of the exhibits. He warmly congratulated the members with respect to the Norwich classes. It was very gratifying to him to find 9 birds in one class, and good ones at that. He said he would be pleased to explain and stand by his judgment. The ordinary business was expeditiously got through, and after pulling up the secretary for not having in the minutes that we are having a cottagers' class at our annual show (this was put right), the members examined the exhibits, and everyone seemed perfectly satisfied. MEMBERS' CL., ETC., NOR.: 1, 2, c, Smith; 3, hc, Havenhand; r, vhc, Grainger. MKD., ETC.: 1, 3, Grainger; 2, Smith. NOVICE CL., ETC.: 1, 2, r, Ridler; 3, Blunt. YORKS., CL., ETC.: 1, 2, Webster; 3, Blunt; r, vhc, hc, c, Exton. MKD., ETC.: 1, 2, Webster; 3, r, Blunt; vhc, Exton; hc, Duce. BRIT. LINNET, ETC.: 1, 3, c, Riteon; 2, r, vhc, hc, Hailstone. A.O.V.: 1, 3, r, Hailstone; 2, Riteon.—W. Richinson, Sec.

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PENTRE.

Pentre C.B.S. show held Billiard Hall, Queen's Hotel, the headquarters of the society, on October 11th. Many of the classes had no entries, and others were poorly filled. Nearly 100 classes are far too many for the district. We feel sure if the society another year have about a third of the classes they will have a larger entry. They are an enthusiastic lot of fanciers and thoroughly deserve success. The room is a capital one for a bird show, being well lighted and quite free from all draughts. Amongst the exhibits were many of the highest merit, and the members' classes contained some excellent specimens. Mr. G. Lingard, the hon. sec., worked like a Trojan, and was most courteous and obliging; and he was well backed up by a capital committee. The show manager, Mr. Haddrell, worked hard, and was a host in himself. Mr. J. H. Payne made the awards.

The Critique.

NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (2): 2, W. Davies, beautiful quality, rich level col., good shape, nice head and back; No. 1 wrong class, a buff. BUFF (4): 1, W. Davies, grand shape and feather, nice col., capital quality, nice flights and tails 3, Maggs, good shape, nice col., not quite so deep in chest; 4, vhc, J. M. Morgan, good col., not quite so short. TKD., ETC., BUFF (4): 1, sp, 3, W. Davies, head, eye, and wing mkd., magnificent shape and size, good head, full neck, deep nicely rounded chest, 3rd tkd. left eye, nice shape and beautiful quality feather, neat wings and tail, good back; 4, Morgan, mkd. wings and eyes, good shape and col.; vhc, Arnold. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (2): 2 W. Morris, neck tkd., good col. and quality; 4 W Davies, variegs., tight feather, neat shape. BUFF (3): 2, D. Thomas, grand shaped cl., nice wings and tail, beautiful feather, good head and neck; 3, 4, W. Davies, variegs., grand shape, nice round chest, short flights and tail, neat head, 4th cl., nice shape and feather. UNFLIG. BUFF (3): 2, I. M. Morgan, nice shape, col. and quality; 3, Rowlands, close up; 4, W. Morris, not yet fit. CK., NON-FED (3): 2, Dryden, nice shape and feather, good back and wings; 3, D. L. Davies, nice quality feather, good back; 4, J. Evans, best shape, but not ready yet. HEN (1): J. Evans, variegs., good chest, neat head and wings. YORKS. CL., ETC., YELL. (7): 1, Flook, straight as a rush, good position, hot col., good wings and tail; 2, I. M. Morgan, nice position and style, good length, neat head, close up; 3, Clee, fine position, neat head and back; 4, H. Owen, good length and position; vhc, Price; hc, J. Davies; c, D. Davies. BUFF (4): 1, Perry, capital position, neat head, wings, and pipe tail, well up in col.; 3, Cook, hot col., straight and slim built, wee bit shorter in side; 4, J. Davies, nice position and feather, pale col.; vhc, Jno. Davies. TKD., ETC., YELL. (1): 3 Wells, eye tkd., good length and col. BUFF (2): 3, Hoare Bros., mkd. cheek and wings, good position, nice wings and tail, good colour. YELL. HEN (4): 1, 3, Hoare Bros., cinn.-mkd. wings and neck, slim and stylish, good feather, neat wings and tail, 3rd cl., nice pipe tail, good feather; 4, R. Jones; vhc, Frost. BUFF (6): 1, Cook, grand shape and feather, straight as a pencil, grand feather, neat wings and tail, cl.; 2, E. W. & D. J. Thomas, cl., nice position and feather, hot col., nicely mealed; 3, Wells, grand feather, nice pipe tail, not quite so longsided; 4, Clee, grand feathered variegs., nice wings and tail; vhc, Jelly; hc, Jno. Davies. UNFLIO. YELL. (5): 1, sp, Flook, grizzled on head, nice position, lovely quality, longsided, good wings and tail, wins well; 3, C. Wells, cheek tkd., slim and straight, hot col., not quite the length; 4, Cook, slim built, neat wings and tail; vhc, Curtis; hc, O. Lewis. BUFF (7): 1, W. Wells, good position, nice wings and tail, nice feather, level back; 2, Jelly, mkd. cap and wings, good length and position, nice wings and tail, wee shade stronger; 3, c, E. W. and P. J. Thomas, cl., straight as a rush, nice stand and style; 4, Owen, slim built, and good length; vhc, I. M. Morgan; hc, R. Jones. NON-FED (7): 1, R. Thomas and Son, cheek tkd. yell., good length and position, nice feather and quality, good wings and tail; 2, Haddrell, capital feathered buff, good stand; 3, Harding, slim built yell., good style; 4, Hoare Bros., good feathered, variegs. buff; vhc, Tompkinson; hc, Pengelly; c, Clee. HEN (2): 2, R. Thomas and Son, nice feather and position; 4, D. L. Davies. GREENS, FOUL YELL. (1): 3, Perry, nice col. and position, good feather. BUFF (1): 3, sp, Plaster, good position, nice feather, neat wings and tail. CINN. HEN (2): 2, I. M. Morgan, good shaped jonque Nor., nice shape, good size and col. BORD., YELL. (2): 2, D. Jenkins, good shape and style, nice col., neat wings and tail, will improve; 4, Jeremiah, nice shape. BUFF (3): 2, 3, D. Jenkins, grand feather, nice shape and style, neat wings and tail, 3rd capital shape, nice carriage and col., beaten to-day in tightness of feather; 4, Jeremiah, nice shape and feather. HEN, YELL. (2): 2, sp, D. Jenkins, a gem for shape, feather, and style, neat wings and tail, in grand trim; 4, Longden, good colour and shape, not quite so boxey in feather. BUFF (2): 2, Jeremiah, tight as wax in feather, good shape, neat wings and tail; 4, D. Jenkins, nice shape, neat head, wings and tail, hardly so tight. UNEVENLY, ETC., YELL. (1): 3, J. M. Morgan, nice col. and shape. BUFF (3): 2, Longden, mkd. wings, grand feather and col., neat wings and tail; 3, 4, J. M. Morgan, close together. CINN., SELF., ETC., YELL (2): 2, J. M. Morgan, nice col., shape and feather; 4, D. Thomas, beaten only in compactness of feather. BUFF (3): 2, J. M. Morgan, capital feather, nice shape and col.; 3, Edwards, nice feather and shape; 4, D. Thomas, fine shape and feather. BORD., GREENS., SELF, ETC., YELL (2): 2, spl, Jeremiah, grand col. and feather, nice wings and tail; 4, J. M. Morgan, nice shape, beaten in col. only. BUFF (1): 3, J. M. Morgan, nice shape and feather. HEN (1): 3, J. M. Morgan, nice col., shape and feather. SELL., 20s. (4): 1, D. Jenkins; 3, W. Rees; 4, Edwards; vhc, D. Thomas. 10s. (2): 2, Price; 4, R. Jones. MULES, UNEVENLY MKD. CAN. (4): 1, spl, Longden, wing mkd. Linnet, grand shape, feather and quality, rich undercol., well known; 3, H. S. Davies, head and wing mkd. Goldie, lovely feather, rich col., in grand trim; 4, Price; vhc, Hardman. DK. GOLDFINCH (4): 1, Longden, jonque, grand col., well polished feather, good face; 3, Scrives, close up; vhc, Owens. DK. LINNET (1): 3, Rowlands, good size and shape, nice feather, wants a wee bit more colour. DK. GREENFINCH (2): 2, 4, H. S. Davies, yellow and buff, both good shape and feather, leader rattling fine col. A.O.V. DK. CAN. MULE (4): 1, Love, buff Siskin, grand shape, feather and size, in good order; 3, Longden, nice feathered and well shaped yell.; 4, Nicholas, buff Siskin, nice feather, pale col; vhc, Dark. A.O.V. (2): 2, H. S. Davies, Goldfinch-Bullfinch, magnificent feather, nice col. and markings, good size and shape; 3, 4, Edwards, grand col., well defined bars, nice face. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (7): 1, Jeffreys, square cut blaze, good bars, huttons and tanning, nice feather, steady as a rock; 2, D. Edwards, grand bars and buttons, nice back; 3, Arnold, good face, tanning and bars; 4, Nicholas, nice tanning, good bars; vhc, J. Davies; hc, Pricey; c, Williams. BULLFINCH (2): 2, Ford, grand col., good shape and feather; 4, Jeffreys. LINNET (1): 3, Owens, well laced, nice shape. LINNET, 1911 (6): 1, Bancroft, grandly pencilled, lovely shape, good size and col., steady, in good feather, a gem; 2, E. J. Davies, grand feather and col., nicely pencilled and steady; 3, Scrimes, well pencilled, good whitea, nice shape; 4, T. Jones, nice back, beaten in col. only; vhc, J. Lewis; hc, Jeffreys. SISKIN, ETC. (7): 1, Dark, yell. Siskin, a gem for col., cap, feather and markings, in rare pomp; 2, 3, Bancroft, mealy Redpoll, grand size, good shape and hlh, well marked, 3 buff Siskin, grand feather and cap, well marked flanks; 4, Jeffreys, mealy Redpoll, nice feather, well pencilled at sides; vhc, Ford; hc, E. J. Davies; c, Tompkinson. LESSER REDPOLL (4): 1, Jeffreys, splendid col., good bib, rare size and feather, nicely marked; 3, Ford, not quite so good in col. and bib, but grandly marked flanks; vhc, Love. YELLOW-HAMMER (1): 3, Tompkinson, nice shape and feather, good class. BRAMBLEFINCH (2): 2, Bancroft, grand Spangling, good col. and feather; 4, Ford. CHAFFINCH (2): 2, Jeffreys, good size and shape, nice feather, very steady; 4, Tompkinson. GREENFINCH (2): 2, Scrimes, good shape and feather, nice bars; 4, Tompkinson, good shape and size, hardly fit. HEN (2): 2, Bancroft, nicely feathered and well marked Bramble; 4, Tomklnson. LARK (1): 3, J. Lewis, Skylark, grand feather and markings, steady. BLACKBIRD, ETC. (4): 1, Hardman, Song Thrush, grand size and shape, well mooned, in capital feather; 3, Quirk, nice Missel, good col. and markings; 4, vhc, Heath, Blackbird, good body col. RARE FEATHERED BRIT. (1): 3, Breminer Bros., white Blackbird, good body feather, capital size and shape. FOR., GOLDFINCH (1): 3, Nicholas, good size and col., nice blaze. LARGE (4): 1, spl, H. S. Davies, grand King Parrot, lovely col. and feather; 3, J. Davies, nice col. African Grey, in good feather; 4, Griffiths, another nice Orey, close up; vhc, Nicholas. MEMBERS' CLASSES: YORKS., YELL. (3): 2, Curtis; 3, G. Lewis; 4, Foster. HEN (4): 1, G. Lewis; 3, 4, Curtis; vbc, Haddrell. BUFF (4): 1, Rees, 3, Haddrell; 4, Curtis; vhc, Rogers. HEN (3): 2, Foster; 3, Curtis; vhc, Rogers. NOR. YELL. (3): 2, Beese; 4, Rees. BUFF (1): 3, Reea. BUFF HEN (2): 2, Beese; 4, Rees. A.O.V. (5): 1, 4, Curtis; 2, vhc, Beese; hc, Haddrell. MULE OR HYB. (2): 2, 4, Nicholas. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (4): 1, Nicholas; 3, Haddrell; 4, G. Lewis; vhc, Rees. GREY PATE (1): 1, Nicholas. LINNET, HEN (3): 2, Haddrell; 3, Rogers; 4, Rees. LINNET, 1911 (1): 3, Rees. HARDBILL (1): 3, Nicholas. FOR., SMALL (3): 2, 3, Nicholas.

ADMIRAL DUNCAN O.S. (Nottingham).

Annual Goose Fair show held October 7th. It was the best show we have had for 17 years. The most pleasing feature was the vast improvement in numbers and quality in the Crest and C.B. section. The Norwich were a grand lot throughout, and the Britishers were a treat to look upon. The exhibits of Messrs. W. Raven and T. Hayter were admired by everyone. They were put down in splendid form. Mr. W. Raven won the points spl; Mr. H. Marshall won spl. for best unflighted Norwich with a grand heavy marked buff; Messrs. Adnitt and Driver spl for most points in the Norwich section; Mr. J. Wood spl. in young crests and C.B.'s; Mr. J. Cowpertwait spl for best crest in show; and Messrs. J. Goode and R. Holmes tied for points spl. throughout Crest and C.B. section. The Yorkshire classes did not come up to expectation. Mr. W. Vardy appeared to satisfy all in placing the awards, and we finished up a very successful show and a record gate.

CL. YELL. NOR. (5): 1, hc, Adnitt and Driver; 2, Sharpe; 3, Twine; vhc, Barwise and Hymas BUFF (7): 1, Twine; 2, 3, Adnitt and Driver; vhc, Smedley; hc, Smith; c, Ball. YELL., TKD. (2): 1, 2, Adnitt and Driver. BUFF (5): 1, hc, Twine; 2, Smedley; 3, vhc, Adnitt and Driver. GREEN, ETC. (5): 1, Sharpe; 2, Faux and Winterbottom; 3, Adnitt and Driver; vhc, Hill; hc, Barwise and Hymas. HEN (9): 1, hc, Adnitt and Driver; 2, Smedley; 3, Smith; vhc, Sharpe; c, Bond. UNFLIG. (16): 1, spl, Marshall; 2, Kirkby; 3, Bown; vhc, C. and H. Twine; hc, Ratcliff; c, Smedley. YELL., DARK CREST (4): 1, Goode; 2, Cowpertwait; 3, vhc, Holmes. BUFF (4): 1, Wood; 2, Shaw and Booth; 3, Goode; vhc, Holmes. LIGHT CREST (5): 1, hc, Holmes; 2, Spencer; 3, Twine; vhc, Cowpertwait; CREST, HEN (6): 1, spl for best Crest in show, J. Cowpertwait; 2, Bowlers; 3, Barker; vhc, Shaw and Booth; hc, Holmes; c, Cowpertwait. YELL., C.B. (3): 1, H. Cowpertwait; 2, Goode; 3 Holmes. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Barker; 3, Holmes; vhc Shaw and Booth; hc, Goode; c, Wood. C.B. HEN (7): 1, Goode; 2, J. Cowpertwait; 3, Shaw and Booth; vhc, Mais; hc, c, H. Cowpertwait. CREST, 1911 (11): 1, Wood; 2, J. Cowpertwait; 3, Mais; vhc, Twine; hc, Barker. C.B., 1911: 1, 3, C. and H. Twine; 2, vhc, Wood; hc, c, Holmes. STOCK PAIRS CREST (6): 1, 3, Goode; 2, vhc, J. Cowpertwait; hc, Holmes; c, H. Cowpertwait. NOR. (6): 1, hc, Adnitt and Driver; 2, Sharpe; 3, Twine; vhc, Smedley; c, Faux and Winterbottom. YELL., YORKS. (7): 1, 3, Clark; 2, Wayte; vhc, hc, Holmes; c, Crowson. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Allen; 3, Atty; vhc, Crowson; hc, c, Holmes. SELL., CREST, £1: Holmes. C.B., 15s.: 1, Bowers; 2, Horwood; 3, H. Cowpertwait; vhc, Holmes. NOR., 10s.: 1, Horwood; 2, Marshall; 3, Ball; vhc, Twine; hc, Holmes. 30s.: 1, J. Cowpertwait; 2, Marshall; 3, Spencer. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 3, Hayter; 2, Goode; vhc, Barwise. GOLDFINCH: 1, Raven; 2, Cowpertwait; 3, Ball; vhc, Goode. LINNET: 1, Hill; 2, Wood; 3, Raven; vhc, Goode. REDPOLL, ETC. (7): 1, c, Raven; 2, vhc, Goode; 3, Hayter; hc, Wagg. GREENFINCH, ETC. (7): 1, 2, hc, Hayter; vhc, c Raven. A.O.S. HARDBILL: 1, W. Goode; 2, Raven; 3, J. Goode. SOFTBILL (7): 1, J. Goode; 2, vhc, Raven; 3, c, hc, Wagg.—J. Cowpertwait, Sec.

WEST STANLEY C.B.S.

Meeting and table show held Oct. 7; Mr. Butler, chairman. There was a good show of birds. The following were the prize winners:—NOR. BUFF CK.: 1, Foster. YORKS. HEN: 1, Bentick. BORD. BUFF HEN: 1, Peart. BRIT.: 1, Foster. It was arranged to have seven classes at our next table show, Nov. 4—Nor. yell. hen, Bord. yell. hen; Yorks. yell. cock, Bord. buff cock, Linnet. Brit. Goldfinch, and A.O.V. Brit. Messrs. Humphrey and Ooodchild to judge; all birds to be staged by 7 p.m.—W. Elliott, Sec.

PARKGATE & RAWMARSH C.B.S.

Very successful table show held Sportsman Inn, October 14th. Total entry 21 birds; which speaks well for this young society, it being our first table show for the winter. Some good birds were staged. The Linnet of Mr. J. Woolhouse was a grand one. He also staged a fine Bramble, winning the A.O.S. class with it, but run very close by the second, a grand Thrush, which will be heard of again. The Norwich were a fine lot, the winner being a lovely clear Buff; the second also being a good one. YORKS.: 1, 2, r, Smith; 3, 4, Woolhouse. NOR.: 1, 3, 4, hc, Watson; 2, Woolhouse; vhc, R. Smith. LINNET: 1, 2, Woolhouse; 3, hc, Watson; vhc, France. A.O.S.: 1, 4, Woolhouse; 2, 3, vhc, Watson; hc, France.—G. Watson, Sec.

OLDHAM.

Annual show Oldham and Dis. C.B.A., held Oct. 14th, Trades Hall, Bow street. The judge was Mr. Battye (Huddersfield). Entries totalled 135. A number of the members were unable to show on account of their birds not being through the moult. Four nominated birds are chosen from each competitor to compete for the five-guinea cup, winner also taking a gold medal presented by the society. Messrs. Steeple, Wagstaffe, and Fitton tied with 26 each, the former winning the trophy on account of his having the strongest opposition. Section specials were won by Messrs. Hampshire (Liz.), Hordern (Lancs.), Sharples (Nor.), Baxter (Yorks.), Harrison (Crests), Fitton (Selling). Messrs. Fitton (92), Sharples (74), and Hampshire (54) won points specials. The Lancashire exhibitors showed signs of a revival in the giant bird. Mr. Fitton won special for best bird with a buff Plainhead. Lizards were a little below the usual standard., Norwich were again well represented, and Mr. Steeple's unflighted buff took special for best hen.

The Critique.

LIZ..—C.C. GOLD (5): 1, spl, Fitton, very neat all round, spangling distinct, dark beak and legs, in forward condition; 2, Hardy, bigger, plenty of good work, nice soft col.; 3, Steeple, nice size and shape, little down in col.; 4, Hampshire, neat cap, good dense spangling; No. 5, absent. SILVER (3): 1, 2, spl, Hampshire; 1st, nice shape head, dark legs, and spangling very distinct, wins well; 2nd, very soft col., good sided; 3, Hordern. B.C. Gold (4): 1, spl, Fitton, very taking, full of good rowing, hard col., nice round back; 2, Hardy, soft col., spangling on back very nice, two rows on each side; 3, Hampshire, almost an invisible tick, moonings very neat, good shape. SILVER (4): 1, 3, spl., Hampshire; 1st, centre of back very distinct, col. carries it well through; 3rd, mealy, chubby, plenty of work; 2, Steeple, very dense, good shape; 4, Fitton, very nice all round for points. GOLD, HEN (4): 1, spl, Fitton, b.c., full of good work both on back and breast, hard col.; 2, 4, Hampshire; 2nd, full cap, falls just a little on left side, col. soft; 4th, b.c., full of nice spangling; 3, Hordern, b.c., nice even working, good shape. SILVER (4): 1, spl, Fitton, b.c., good big spots, nice round back, good shape, legs, and beak; 2, 4, Hampshire; 2nd, b.c., full of good work; 3, Steeple, full of work. LANCS.—CL., ETC., YELL. COPPY (2): 1, spl, Hordern, coppy comes well to front with nice drop, even lemon col., well up on leg; 2, Fitton, good length, fails only in coppy to winner. BUFF (5): 1, spl, Hardy, nice centre, very even and good feathered coppy, upright carriage; 2, Fitton, coppy big, but rather on round side; 3, Hordern, good col., shape, and size; 4, Lowe, short-fronted, very neat; vhc, Cocker. YELL. P.H. (3): 1, spl, Fitton, good skull, plenty of fine feathers, wide opening, stands well; 2, Hordern, full of good points; 3, Lowe, tkd. slightly, pleuty of leg, nice position. BUFF (4): 1, spl, Fitton, very browy, col. good, big frame, length; 2, Lowe, slightly grizzled on back of head, feathers come well over eyes; 3, Doleman, nice all-round exhibit, plenty of length; 4, Cocker, good broad skull. COPPY HEN (7): 1, spl, Lowe, buff, nicely shaped coppy, good quality feather, lengthy; 2, Hardy, cl. yell., neat coppy, fine, plenty of feather, promising; 3, Fitton, big, slight grizzle, good length, neat properties; 4, vhc, Hordern, buff, plenty of feather; hc, Doleman; c, Cocker. P.H. (2): 1, spl, Fitton, cl. yell., not so long, nice position; 2, Hordern, very good head. UNFLIG. (4): 1, 2, spl, Hordern; 1st, cl. yell. p.h., stands well, nice feather, shows well; 2nd, cl. buff, neat head, nice col. and feather; 3, Doleman, huff, good position and length; 4, Fitton, cl. p.h., very neat. CREST OR C.B. (2): 1, 2, spl, Harrison; 1st, foul green, specially good crest, neat centre, big; 2nd, variegs., good feather. HEN (2): 1, spl, Harrison, grizzled crest, cl. body, nice centre; 2, Sharples, col. fed, good Nor. properties. NOR., CL. YELL. (5): 1, spl, Sharples, good shape and size, splendid col., very showy; 2, Cope, nice size, good head; 3, Dalzell, nicely modelled, good feather; 4, Hopkins; vhc, Whyatt. BUFF (7): 1, spl, Young, cobby, stands well across perch, very good carriage and neat round head; 2, 3, Sharples; 2nd, runs well up to winner, full of good qualities; 3rd, nice one, not quite so strong in head points; 4, Dalzell, neat shape, typical; vhc, c, Hopkins; hc, Whyatt. TKD., ETC., YELL. (3): 1, 3, spl, Sharples; 1st, saddle-marked, strong col., nice skull entrance, well drawn flights; 3, heavily varieg., big, and typical; 2, Cope, varieg., very nice shape and size. BUFF (9): 1, vhc, spl, Furniss, good head, cobby, nice size, clean cutaway; 2, Cope, slightly marked, nice round head, good chest, nice quality feather; 3, Dalzell, 3-pointed, full of good points, a bit down in size; 4, Sharples, plenty of weight; hc, Hall; c, Young. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (6): 1, spl, Steeple, good head, nice type, strong col.; 2, young, neat all round, very typical, smaller and paler; 3, Sharples, nice and cobby; 4, Furniss; vhc, Whyatt; hc, Hopkins. BUFF (9): 1, spl, Steeple, pure Bullfinch type, rich quality of feather, wee shade pinched on entrance to skull, also wins spl. for best hen in show; 2, Young, very close on winner, feather very silky, nice clean cut; 3, Dalzell, tkd. on head, very nice shape and carriage; 4, Cope, nice col. and style; vhc, Furniss; hc, Whyatt; c, Sharples. UNFLIO., CL., ETC. (3): 1, spl, Sharples, 4-pointed, good shape and position, plenty of size; 2, Cope, heavily varieg., cobby; 3, Whyatt, nice chest, short on leg, tkd. on neck. YORKS., CL., YELL. (5): 1, 2, spl, Wagstaffe; 1st, neat round head, not properly through moult, nice shape; 2nd, longer, better in colour, nice one; 3, Baxter, plenty of length, nice position; 4, Addison, stands well on perch; vhc, Chadderton. BUFF (2): 1, Wagstaffe, good model, perfect head and beak, fine feather; 2, Baxter, rare quality, beautifully tapered, nice head. TKD., ETC., YELL. (3): 1, spl, Addison, neat bold head, good col. throughout, grand length, full at front; 2, Baxter, paler, nice sweet head, beautiful feather; 3, Winterbottom, nice good col., fine length. BUFF (2): 1, Baxter, good quality feather, straight as a rush, fine carriage; 2, Wagstaffe, heavily varieg., runs well up, shows plenty of daylight. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (3): 1, Winterbottom, grizzled head, neat and compact, slim, nice wings and carriage; 2, Addison, full of type, nice carriage, feather very fine; 3, Baxter, neat head. BUFF (4): 1, spl, Wagstaffe, grand bird, very taking; 2, Baxter, beaten in quality of feather only; 3, Addison, position not quite so good, neat head and tail; 4, Chadderton, very creditable, wants a little more raining. UNFLIGH. (1): Baxter, very shapely, typical, fine feather. CAN. MULE OR HYB. (5): 1, Addison, dark Goldie-Can., shows blaze and amber very distinct; 2, hc, Sharples, varieg. Goldie-Can., very good 2nd; 3, Doleman, nice dark Goldie-Can.; 4, Chadderton. 15s. SELL. (3): 1, Sharples; 2, Fitton; 3, Wagstaffe. 8s. (6): 1, spl, Cope; 2, Fitton; 3, 4, Harrison; vhc, Furniss; hc, Whyatt. BRIT. (4): 1, spl, Steeple, Goldfinch, last year's winner, shown to perfection; 2, Fitton, very nice Bullie; 3, Sharples, good Goldie; 4, Chadderton, nice Goldie.

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23rd annual show held 21st Oct. Taken all over the entry was very fair, especially considering the large number of shows being held in Scotland on this date. Borders were the feature of the show, and classes were keenly contested, Mr. A. Voy winning the medal. Mules and British birds were a shade down in numbers, but some graud birds were staged. Norwich were good, some very fine specimens being shown. The judging was in the capable hands of Mr. H. Bennet (Kelso), and his selections left little to be desired. The show was well arranged. Mr. Robertson, the secretary, had everything in apple-pie order. There was a large number of Border breeders present.

The Critique.

BORD. YELL. CK. (6): 1, Voy, nicely drawn, good front and head, inclined to cross wings at times; 2, Tait, sweet body, not quite so well finished in bloom as winner; 3, 4, Blackhall, two nice birds, leader best in body and carriage; vhc, McKenzie; hc, Smith. HEN (8): 1, vhc, McKenzie, neat one, finely moulded, in good order, well proportioned; 2, Tait, close up, fine style, sharper cut than winner; 3, Jorrie, good style, wee shade narrow on head, but grand feather; 4, Lamb, nicely drawn, good balanced; vhc, McKenzie; hc, Blackie; c, Holt. BUFF CK. (12): 1, Tait, good stamp, fine weight, very neatly drawn, scarcely finished in bloom yet, but wins; 2, McKenzie, sweet shape, on small side, grand head and front, stylish; 3, vhc, Bell, good one, fine front and taper, well balanced all over, takiug bird; 4, Smith, beaten only in feather, good type; hc, Jorrie; c, Stewart. HEN (11): 1, B.F.C.C. medal, Voy, neat hen, fine weight, well rounded in front, good head, nicely drawn, rare action, in fine order; 2, McKenzie, grand trim, falls a wee shade in weight, a gem for finish; 3, Halliday, good style, well tapered; 4, Jorrie, close up, good one; vhc, Smith Bros.; hc, Connochie; c, Philip. EVEN MARKS. (6): 1, Border Fancy novice medal, 3, hc, Watson, leader buff, grand weight, beautifully rounded, well balanced eye and wing marks, lovely tone of col., feather like wax, 3rd also buff, falls a little in markings; 2, Hughes, yell., good shape, some preferred; 4, Thomson, good stamp of a yell., grand feather, very neatly balanced markings; vhc, Connochie. UNEVEN, YELL. (6): 1, Watson, sweet shape, nice head and front, well burnished, in good trim; 2, Voy, falls only in front to winner, very good in shape and taper; 3, Tait, nice weight and shape, well placed; 4, Smith, good wing carriage and head; vhc, Rodger; hc, Connochie. BUFF (6): 1, Tait, his old champion, looking fine, grand shape, lovely head and style, well drawn, scarcely up in bloom yet, wins; 2, Smith Bros., wee shade heavier, but grand quality of feather, good hen; 3, Lamb, grandly drawn; 4, Philip, good body and head; vhc, Halliday; hc, Howden. YELL. GRN., ETC. (9): 1, Murray, Green, nice tone of col., good type, well finished; 2, 3, Thomson; hot and plenty of work on back and flanks, pure in col., well made, 3rd youngster, good all-round, likely coming winner; 4, Blackie, good col. and shape, well finished in bloom; vhc, Watson; hc, Howden; c, Blackie. BUFF (12): 1, Thomson, his old champion, now scoring the 50th 1st prize, looking A1, grand bird all-round; 2, Jamieson, sweet Cinn., very well pencilled, grand type, nicely put down; 3, 4, A. and W. Thomson, sweet shape, well marked, little to choose hetween them; vhc, Blackie; hc, Dick; c, Watson. NOR. CK. (14): 1, vhc, Cameron, leader buff, in grand trim, grand col. and finish, well shown; 2, Mabon, lovely bird, grand shape, A1 head and front, fine wing carriage, wee bit on the light buff side; 3, Blackhall, good one, nice feathered yell., lovely wings, wee shade light in build; 4, McFarlane, a romper, grand yell., plenty of size and substance; vhc, Cameron; hc, Steele; c, Keddie. HEN (6): 1, vhc, Cameron, sweet yell., good one, finely moulded, neat head and front, in lovely bloom, wins; 2, Lugton, large buff, good type, fine front and carriage, in good order; 3, Steele, close up, buff, beaten in substance only; 4, Blackhall, nice yell., fine shape and finish, some thought might have gone up a peg; hc, Hughes. DARK CAN. MULE (3): 1, Laidlaw, nice yell. Siskin, good size and lacing, well fed, nicely staged; 2, Trotter, good buff Siskin. LIGHT (2): 1, Ford, grand variег. buff Goldie, rare shade lovely col. and finish, staged in perfect order, sweet exhibit; 2, Blackhall, romping buff varieg., well up in size. GOLDFINCH (6): 1, Pringle, wins, a foreigner, grand face and bars, well buttoned, in lovely order, in full bloom; 2, Laidlaw, nice one, also a foreigner, falls in size of face only; 3, Beattie, nice Britisher, in grand trim, well put down; 4, Wilson, a foreigner, fine size, again behind in col.; vhc, Aikeman; c, Hughes. BULLFINCH (3): 1, Wilson, nice foreign Bullie, nice size, well up in col.; 2, Scott, nice Britisher, good breast col. and cap, shade slim, in fine order; 3, Rohson, sweet Britisher, grand tone of col. SISKIN, ETC. (6): 1, Reid, nice Mealy Redpoll, fine size, good bib and lacing, steady, well ehown; 2, Pringle, nice Siskin, well up in col., good cap and bib, fine order; 3, 4, Lees Bros., good Lesser 'Poll, in grand trim; vhc, Ford; hc, Thomsen; real hot ones, well put down here. BRIT. HARDBILL. (6): 1, Ford, good Corn Bunting, grand shape and col., well marked, steady as a rock, clear win; 2, Laidlaw, nice Yellowhammer, well fed, falls only in eye marks, fine size, well ehown; 3, Affleck, good Hawfinch, fine bib, and col., very steady; 4, Aikeman, nice Chaffle, good col. and markings, steady; vhc, Holt; hc, Pringle. SOFTBILL. (2): 1, Reid, good Ring Ousel, fine size, grandly marked, well staged, claimed at catalogue price; 2, Laidlaw, Grey Wagtail, sweet one, beaten in col. only. FOR. (3): 1, Ford, good Black-headed Gouldian; 2, Christie, pair of Mannakins, well shown; 3, Watson, fine Blue-fronted Amazon.

SUNBURY.

First annual show at which cage birds were included, held Pretoria Hall, October 18th and 19th. The hall is spacious, light, and free from draughts, and is just the place in which to hold a show. The hon. show manager is Mr. Harry Abbott, whose practical ability and uniform courtesy was recognisable in the smoothness with which everything worked. A feature of the show was that prize money was paid on the first night. Cage birds were, unfortunately, almost a failure, but when it becomes generally knowu how punctual the committee are in the matter of prize money, etc., success should attend their efforts in this section as well as in the others. Mr. G. Gardner judged.

NOR.: 1, 2, Wheeler, both beautifully fed, leader tkd. wing yell., neat head, good wing carriage, level back, well across perch, 2nd buff, fine silky feather, both well staged; 3, Miss D. Jeppeson, varieg. yell., larger, a trifle slack in feather. YORKS.: 1, 2, Wheeler, very sweet yell. leading, one of those smart birds, full of character and "go," up in an instant, 2 also yell., rich col. and quality, very pretty; 3, Miss Burnett, upstanding, lengthy bird, little less lady-like at waist than winner, but good for all that.

LEAMINGTON.

The Royal Leamington Spa F.A. held their 8th annual show in the Royal Assembly Rooms, Bath Street, on October 19th. The show was a mixed one, and we are very sorry to say that our section did not come up to the usual numbers in entries. This may be accounted for to some extent by the fact that Birmingham and Northampton shows were held on the same day. There is nothing more certain than that three shows within such a short distance must cause suffering to some, and Leamington on this occasion suffered. The room in which the show was held was an admirable one for the occasion, and the exhibits were well cared for by the following well-known fanciers: Messrs. G. W. Hassell, G. A. Moss, G. and E. Wildsmith, G. Hall, E. Powell, A. J. Soden, F. W. Maeon, E. Thacker, H. Friend, F. Hopkins, W. Bayliss, A. and C. Bull. The Secretary (Mr. C. Brooks), although young to the work, this being his first venture, had things well in hand and looks like making an ideal secretary. Mr. Treadwell judged. The first four classes in schedule were cancelled.

NOR. HEN (10): 1, Lewin, tick yell., thick-set, good head and neck, nice fitting wings and tail, very even in col.; 2, Brown, large buff, good thick-set bird, fine wing carriage; 3, Hall, unflig. yell., tick eye, nice even col, good wing carriage; vhc, Leng; hc, A. Bull; c, Niblett. AMAT. NOR. (30s.) (12): 1, 2, Brown, leader cl. yell., nice even col., good wing carriage, followed by typical cl. buff, good head and neck, nice short wings and tail; 3, c, Feasey, varieg. buff, good col., crosses wings badly; vhc, Edwards; hc, c, Bull. SELL. (30s.) (11): 1, 2, c, A. Bull; 3, vhc, Hall; hc, c, Leng. (10s.) (11): 1, 3, G. Hall; 2, A. Bull; vhc, Brown; hc, C, Bull; c, Soden. BRIT. HARDBILL (8): 1, 2, hc, Poole, Hawfinch, grand col., nice bib, very steady, well shown, followed by Bullfinch, good col., nice cap, steady; 3, Brown, Goldfinch, hardly up in colour of face, nice nutty brown, good bars; vbc, Mannerings; c, Capeson. SOFTBILL (7): 1, Tyler, Nightingale, nice col., very steady, well shown; 2, A. Bull, Thrush, very steady, a trifle indistinctly marked; 3, c, C. Bull, Magpie, well marked, don't show him in that cage again, Mr. Bull, it would be more suitable for a Bramble; vhc, Miss Sparrow; hc, Chambers; Sandiford's special, A. J. Soden.

KILBARCHAN.

Show held October 14th, just one week before the event of the season—the Glasgow show. This year it was held in the large new school, the most suitable place for a show of the kind. The cage birds were arranged at the end of the main hall, and could be seen with perfect ease, the light being perfect; and not being staged too high the exhibits had a good effect. We cannot pass without special notice a very fine Goldie Bullie Mule, the property of Mr. McFarlane (Paisley), which attracted great attention. The hard-billed class brought out a good entry, and the Goldfinch which carried off the red licket was indeed a rare bird for quality. It was teeming all over, and it was singing gaily when being judged, a thing we don't often see. Borders brought out some good birds. The winner was a real beauty, just like a ball of wax, every feather fitting perfectly. The soft bills were a nice class, a very fine bearded Tit taking the leading place. It was in the pink of condition. The Norwich section contained some good birds, the winner being a nice marked bird, well deserving his red ticket. Scotch Fancies (some of the oldest veterans belong here) had a poor entry, not like in the old days. The arrangements were carried out with perfect order, and the tickets put up quickly, reflecting great credit on the committee, and especially the secretary, Mr. Finnie, who discharged his duties in a very efficient manner. After the judging all sat down to dinner in the large hall, which was tastefully arranged. Mr. A. McMeeking, Glasgow, judged.

The Critique.

SCOT. F.: 1, Clark, fine Buff ck., plenty of feather, good neck and shoulders. NOR.: 1, 3, Barr, 1 large buff wing and eye marked, nice head, fine wing carriage, large bold chest, short wings and tail, well carried; 3rd, very hot col. for a hen, good head and neck, nicely mealed; 2, vhc, Maxwell; 2nd, nice yell., fine feather, good wing carriage, fine head and neck, grand size and shape, pressed hard; vbc, another nice buff, not quite ready yet. BORD. FCY.: 1, Smith, yell., good head, bold eye, well carried wings and tail, grand col., as tight as wax; 2, 3, Fraser; 2nd, buff, beauty for style, wing marked, smart little bird, closely folded wings and tail, splendid col.; 3rd, yell., neat round head, fine hold front, good feather; vhc, Briggs, similar stamp, fine moulded body. HARDBILL: 1, Stevenson, Goldfinch, grand square face, blaze all that could be desired, good bars and buttons, nicely tanned chest, one of the best we have seen for a long time; 2, Morrison, Hawfinch, nice size, splendid col., large, well shaped bib, not a feather out of place; 3, vhc, Pirrie; 3rd, Bramblefinch, very nice bird, rich breast, grand size, good spangling, and thigh marks, beautifully marked head; vhc, Yellowhammer, really good one, beautiful col. and marking, one of the best we have seen; hc, Paterson. SOFTBILL: 1, Morrison, Bearded Tit, a beauty, shown in the pink of condition, well placed; 2, 3, Pirrie; 2nd, Meadow Pipit, looking well, and in the best of form, well shown, pressed winner hard; 3rd, Fieldfare, real good one, splendid exhibit, in the best of form, well staged. BRIT. HEN: 1, McFarland, Bullfinch, fine size, dense, well-polished cap, splendid breast, good back and wing carriage, typical bird; 2, Morrison, Meadow Pipit, a real pet, and in the pink of condition, well shown; 3, Pirrie, Bramble, real good one, bold chest, fine fights, steady as a rock, hard lines here in meeting the old stagers; vhc, Brown, another Bullfinch, good bird; c, Small. MULE OR HYB.: 1, McFarlane, Goldie-Bullie, grand bird, showing both parents well, in the pink of condition, also secured special for best bird in show; 2, Morrison, Goldie-Canary, nice wing and eye marked, good bird, but had to take second place here; 3, hc, Pirrie; 3rd, fine dark Greenie-Canary, good one, beautiful col., well shown; vhc, Small, Greenie-Canary, nicely var; c, Paterson, Can.-Goldie. FOR.: 1, 3, Morrison; 1st, very fine marked Swainson Parrakeet, beautiful bird, grand col., well shown; 3rd, Crimson-crested Cardinals, nice col., good crests, not just ready yet; 2, vhc, Pirrie; 2nd, nice cock Lovebird, good col., and markings.

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BURTON-ON-TRENT.

Another poor entry in the Midlands: What can the matter be?

Burton-on-Trent 5th annual open show held Oct. 21, in the Victoria Hall, adjoining the "White Hart" Hotel. The hall has a good light, is spacious, and void of draughts; it is a very suitable venue for such a show. The entry numbered barely 300, a decided decrease, we are sorry to say, on last year's total. Pride of place must be given the Norwich, which made a capital display, symmetry, quality, and colour being well in evidence. Yorkshires also pleased us, several birds of true characteristics being on view. Special mention might be made of the yell. mkd. hen shown by Mr. L. Dykes. British birds were a fine assortment. Hybrids were good. Mr. A. Somerfield once again took premier honours in the darks, with his wonderful Greenie-Can.; and in the A.O.V. Hyb., Mr. G. Lawrence took the largest plum with his Can.-Bullie, a bird of great merit. The members' novice classes contained one or two really smart exhibits. The society's challenge howl (nest feather and annual show) was spoken for by Mr. H. Hathaway, who staged grand teams to enable him to do the trick. He also gained spl for best shown by a member, with a very fine mkd. buff cock, unflighted; take care of him, Mr. H., he will do you good. Spl for 2nd best went to Mr. W. Elliott (well done, Mr. Secretary). Best Nor. in show, Mr. T. Judd. The best Brit. was a magnificent Bramble owned by Mr. A. C. Brotherhood—truly a knock-out. The committee of management is comprised of the following well-known and practical fanciers: Dr. Docherty (chair), Messrs. H. Hathaway (vice-chair), A. Wood (treasurer), A. Ford, H. Howkins, J. England, W. Mason, C. Ames, J. Oldham, H. Bond, and J. Lee; all did their utmost, and are worthy of being complimented. The secretary is Mr. W. Elliott—the right man in the right place. A more enthusiastic and hard working official it would be certainly hard to find. A word of praise must not by any means be overlooked for Mrs. Elliott, who did capital work, assisting her husband all the time we had the pleasure of being at the show. Mr. J. Robson judged.

The Critique.

YELL. NOR. (6): 1, Broadhurst, rare size, quality, and col., delightful carriage, Birmingham winner, truly a magnificent specimen; 2, Hathaway, better col., well up in substance, grand shape, just beaten in depth of front; 3, Mason, cobby, fine quality and col., moves well, one of the best; vhc, Bamsey; hc, Dr. McConaghey; c, Wood. BUFF (7): 1, Hall, lovely shape, A1 quality and col., good substance, neatly frosted, very bonny; 2, Judd, true type, rattling fine substance and feather, fine carriage, beaten in col. only; 3, McConaghey, A1 col. and quality, very shapely, clean cut away; vhc, Elliott; hc, Broadhurst; c, Hathaway. TKD. YELL. (9): 1, Judd, mkd. wings, tail, and head, lovely shape and size, full of col., teeming with quality, jaunty carriage, a gem; 2, H. Hathaway, mkd. wings and head, red hot, superb feather, rare head and neck, not quite so bold fronted; 3, c, Mathinson, mkd. head, possessing nice quality, nice col., sweet head, neck, and chest; vhc, Broadhurst. BUFF (12): 1, Hathaway, mkd. wing and head, slashing feather and col., short and thick set, richly frosted, A1 carriage; 2, Willoughby, mkd. wings and head, equal in shape and size, smooth as a bottle, beaten in col., only; 3, Hulse, mkd. head and neck, superior feather and col., well mealed, cobby; vhc, Broadhurst; hc, Hall; c, Mathinson. GREEN, ETC. (5): 1, Hathaway, yell. green, A1 quality and col., very shapely, lovely expression of head, clean sweep; 2, Baker, buff, heavy mkd., tight as a drum, cobby, grand carriage, one we liked; 3, Weaver, green, nice quality, neat head and neck, a trifle pale in col., inclined to cross wings; vhc, Martin; hc, Mason. YELL. HEN (6): 1, Broadhurst, bouncing cl., grand symmetry, soft, silky feather, delightful carriage, quite a charmer; 2, Hull, cl., A1 quality, nice col. and carriage, sweetly moulded, not quite so large; 3, Garfield, mkd. head, well up in col., shapely, nice carriage; vhc, Pitchford and Stocker. BUFF (11): 1, Hulse, cl., magnificent quality, col., and frosting, nice shape and size, tight as a drum, well put down; 2, Pegg, cl., A1 quality, good col., fine head and neck, bold chest; 3, vhc, Hathaway, cl., good col., plenty of substance, neat head and neck; hc, Williams; c, Mason. UNFLIG. YELL. (11): 1, Judd, cl., slashing quality and col., short and thick set, fine carriage, exceedingly promising, in the pink of condition; 2, Mason, cl., feather like glass, good size and shape, equal in size, beaten only a shade in col.; 3, Broadhurst, cl., wonderful size, grand shape and quality, red hot in col., we liked immensely; vhc, Willoughby; hc, Hulse. BUFF (16): 1, 4, Hathaway, mkd. wings and eyes, well up in size, grand shape and quality, full of col., finely frosted, lovely carriage, 4th cl., very warm, A1 quality, neat shape; 2, Hall, mkd. wing, eyes, and root of tail, magnificent quality and col., grand shape and carriage, clean cut away; 3, hc, Elliott, mkd. eye, very cobby, capital feather and frosting, nice size, well worth its place, hc very fine specimen; vhc, Mason; c, Dodd. UNFLIG. HEN (15): 1, Judd, cl. buff, short and thick set, beautifully clothed, rich col. and frosting, not a feather out of place, lovely carriage, most bewitching; 2, Mason, cl. buff, more substance, even better col., fine body shape, wee bit weak in head and neck; 3, Smith, cl. yell., nice size and shape, neat feather, clean cut; 4, Ames, var. buff, cobby, A1 quality, nice size, good for stock, correctly matched up; vhc, hc, McConaghey; c, Elliott. NAT. COL. (10): 1, hc, Hathaway, buff, mkd. wings and head, rare shape, delightful quality, tight as a Java, nice carriage, unfligh., good one if fed; 2, Mason, cl. yell., A1 quality and col., fine head and neck; 3, Emery, cl. buff, magnificent feather, grand col., well up in size; vhc, c, Colloby and Brown. PAIRS, £2 (7): 1, 2, Hathaway, yell C. and buff H. and B.C. and Y.H., respectively, both cheap pairs; 3, Lee; vhc, Mason; hc, Cameron; c, Roberts. YORKS. YELL. VOID. BUFF (5): 1, 2, Taylor, cl., straight as a rush, tight as a Java, nice length, well up on leg, wins, 2nd cl., lovely salmon tinged col., shooty, good back and wing carriage, beaten only in quality; 3, Buckley, cl., well feathered, stands like a guardsman, lengthy and leggy; vhc, Harrison; hc, Fancourt. HEN (8): 1, Dykes, yell., mkd. head and wing, feathered to perfection, rattling fine position and quality, very lengthy; 2, Harrison, buff, mkd. back and neck, smooth as a bottle, straight as a pencil, lovely back and wings, pipe tail, close up; 3, Edwards, cl. yell., rare length and position, clever legs, neat wings and tail; vhc, James; hc, Hampson; c, Hall. UNFLIG. (7): 1, Dykes, yell., thick tick, magnificent col. and quality, shooty, A1 back flights and tail; 2, Hall, yell., thigh tick, nice length and stand, neat head expression, good wing carriage; 3, Edwards, mkd. neck., A1 quality and col., slim and shooty; vhc, Fancourt; hc, Taylor; c, Pass. A.O.V. cancelled. GOLDIE (10): 1, Jeffreys, fine size and shape, magnificent tan, grandly cut blaze of nice col., neat bars and buttons; 2, Pitchford and Stocker, well up in size, very shapely, large, well cut blaze, but not quite so rich as 1st, good tanning; 3, vhc, Brooks, nice shape and size, neat col. of blaze, behind just a trifle in quality and finish; hc, Davies; c, Ford. BULLIE (10): 1, Baseley, rattling fine shape, good size and carriage, rich breast col., large and well cut cap, nicely polished; 2, Ride, very shapely, and of good size, A1 quality, not quite so bright in breast, yet we liked; 3, Martin, shade larger, sweetly moulded, worth his place; vhc, Poole; hc, Raven; c, Harrison. LINNET (16): 1, Marley, wonderful substance and shape, magnificent col., delightfully mkd., steady as a top; 2, Davies, grand nutty col., very shapely, nice size and carriage, tight as wax, just beaten in distinctness of pencilling; 3, 4, Gay, beautiful col., A1 quality, nice shape, neatly pencilled, not quite the substance, 4th prettily marked, nice quality, shapely; vhc, c, Henshaw; hc, Owen. GREENIE (12): very level lot after first two: 1, Cadman Bros., magnificent col. and quality, rare substance, grand shape and carriage, staged in A1 style; 2, Jeffreys, lovely shape, col., and quality, not the size certainly, still capable of beating more than beats it; 3, Lawrence, larger, A1 col., very fine head, good 3rd; vhc, Baseley; hc, Marley, good one, well shown; c, Henshaw. SISKIN, ETC. (16): 1, Poole, mealy Redpoll, rare size and shape, splendidly mkd., capital col. and quality, a gem; 2, Hexter, Lesser Redpoll, fine col. and feather, very shapely, delightfully pencilled, put down in fine fettle; 3, Somerfield, Siskin, A1 shape and quality, nice size, good col., neatly made cap, good 3rd; 4, Marley, Lesser Redpoll, better col. than 2nd, equal in shape and quality, little loose behind, which no doubt held it back; vhc, Edwards; hc, Brooks; c, Tyson. BRAMBLE (12): 1, Brotherhood, Bramble, rattling fine col., not a feather out of place, beautifully tkd., fine substance and shape, a gem; 2, 3, Marley, Bramble, shapely, A1 quality, nice size and carriage, grandly mkd., just beaten in col.; 3, Chaff., well up in size, lovely shape, nice col., shown in grand style; vhc, hc, Lawrence; c, Jeffreys. A.O.S. HARD. (6): 1, Jones, Hawfinch, magnificent shape and substance, topping fine col., grand shapely bib, in absolutely best possible trim; 2, Poole, Hawfinch, another gem, beaten just a shade in bib and bib only, capable of doing a lot of winning; 3, vhc, Raven, Yellowhammer, capital col. and size, grand shape, fine head character, in great form; hc, Lawrence; c, Ride. LARGE SOFTBILL, SMALL, and LIGHT MULE VOID. DARK HYB. (9): 1, 2, vhc, Somerfield, well-known yell Greenie-Can., looking even better than he did at Birmingham, truly a stormer, 2nd yell. Linnet-Can., capital quality and col., good shape and size, neat carriage, also very fine exhibit; 3, hc, Longden, yell. Siskin-Can., rare size and shape, lovely feather and col., in the pink; c, Lawrence. HYB., A.O.V. (6): 1, 2, Lawrence, magnificent Can.-Bullie, shapely, A1 quality and col., fine size and carriage, shows well, 2nd very smartly moulded Linnet-Bullie, superior col. and feather, good substance, staged in masterly fashion; 3, vhc, Longden, massive Greenie-Bullie, A1 col. and quality, good enough to win at most shows, vhc Goldie-Greenie, without doubt very bonny; hc, Draper; c, Edwards. FOR., LARGE AND SMALL, VOID. NOVICE MEMBERS' YELL.: 1, c, Ames; 2, Morris; 3, Crouch; vhc, hc, Springall. BUFF (11): 1, hc, Emery; 2, Crouch; 3, Morris; vhc, c, Springall. MEMBERS' CHALLENGE BOWL CLASSES: YELL. (5): 1, c, Mason; 2, Ford; 3, hc, Hathaway; 4, vhc, Ames. BUFF (9): 1, 3, Hathaway; 2, vbc, Elliott; 4, Mason; hc, c, Ford.

CHIRNSIDE.

Fourteenth annual show, held Small Hall, Oct. 14th. The Hall is a nice size, but as the day was dull the light was not of the best. The entry was a record, being 20 in advance of any previous show, and the quality superb. To win here is no child's play, the competition being exceptionally keen. The Secretaries, Messrs. Patterson and Shiell, had everything well in hand, being backed up by a host of willing helpers. Mr. J. Brockie (Earlston) judged.

CL. YELL. BORD. CK. (10): 1, Patterson, little beauty, splendid col., in tip top order; 2, sp, Cormack, shade stronger, fine col., good wing; 3, Davie, much the same col. and quality, better set on legs; 4, Skeldon; vhc, Denholm; hc, Russell; c, Glass. HEN (14): 1, c, Service, good one, lovely taper, nice head, fine back and wing carriage; 2, Cormack, similar built, shade more level in col.; 3, Young, we liked, fine weight, good action, col. and quality; 4, Spence; vhc, Brown; hc, Davie. BUFF CK. (13): 1, Dickinson, good taper, fine style, col. and quality; 2, Service, similar in build, fine action; 3, hc, Patterson, better col., but unsteady; 4, sp, Young; vhc, Russell; c, Skeldon. HEN (9): 1, sp best cl., hc, Patterson, grand one, fine head and neck, well filled back, nice col., quality and finish; 2, c, Denholm, not quite so good in col., fine feather and condition; 3, sp, Brown, another charmer, fine jaunty carriage, style and action; 4, Young; vhc, Russell. YELL. MKD. (11): 1, hc, Patterson, three point, fine col, quality and finish, nice wing carriage and taper; 2, hc, sp, Young, fine, even good type, nice front, jaunty carriage; 3, sp, Dickinson, cinn. mark, good markings, fine col. and quality; 4, Cowe; vhc, Young; c, Johnstone. BUFF (15): 1, 4, Young, 1st, good markings, fine col., quality, type and general finish; 2, Patterson, good hen, mkd. eyes, wings and neck, fine feather; 3, Dickinson, nice type, taper and general finish; vhc, Skeldon; hc, Brown; c, Denholm. FOUL (11): 1, sp, and Hyde's sp, Service, yell. marked on head, wee shade thin in front; 2, Cowe, buff wing mkd., good finish behind; 3, vhc, Patterson, both buffs, fine quality, col. and style; 4, Russell; hc, Denholm; c, Johnstone. A.O.V. BORD.: 1, hc, Johnstone, nice variег. Cinn., a trifle light at sides; 2, Patterson, good yell. green hen; 3, Patterson, junr., buff cock, fine type and quality; 4, Denholm; vhc, Shiell; c, Mrs. G. Young. SCOT. FCY. (2): 1, 2, Duns, former cl. buff cock, nice size, shoulder and drive; 2nd, yell. pied hen, more top, but not finished yet. A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE: 1, sp, Patterson, junr., good Linnet Mule, fine size and markings, in grand trim; 2, 4, Duns, Crests, fine sized bodies and nice heads, scarcely finished yet; 3, Patterson, Canary-Greenie, grand size, peculiar col., much like its mother, the Albino Greenie hen. BRIT.: 1, Patterson, junr., well known Song Thrush, looking as well as ever, just finishing a good moult; 2, 3, Patterson, Albino Cinn. Greenie hen in fine trim; 3rd, fine Mealy Redpoll, good head and breast markings; 4, Forsyth, clean moulted Linnet. BREEDING PAIRS: 1, Patterson, Bord. yell. ck. and even mkd. buff hen, well matched, in fine trim; 2, Patterson, junr., cl. Bord., well matched buff ck. and yell. hen, fine col. and quality; 3, Forsyth, Crests, fine balanced pair; 4, Duns; vhc, Johnstone, Borders. GIFT: 1, Patterson; 2, Denholm; 3, Young; 4, Glass.

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LOANHEAD.

Loanhead and Dist. held their fifth annual show October 14th, and, taken all over, it was one of the finest exhibitions ever held by the society. The numbers were much in excess of last year's, and the quality was well above the standard, especially the Border Fancy classes, some stormers being staged in every class, and many good ones being left cardless. The yellow green belonging to Messrs. A. and W. Thomson, which was first in its class at Dalkeith, carried off premier honours, winning the society's gold medal and also B.F.C.C. medal. The win was a very popular one, and was well deserved. Scotch Fancies, although not numerous, made up for this in quality, some real good birds being staged. The yellow cock belonging to Mr. J. King, which won special for best Scotch Fancy, although not of great size, was well worthy of the honour. The Norwich section contained some very typical birds, and here Mr. Gardiner gained highest honours, winning the society's gold medal besides having a good share of the spoils that were going. Special for best British bird went to a Goldie belonging to the worthy secretary, Mr. Smart, which was caught in the district and is a bird of big proportions for a Britisher. This society is well favoured in the matter of having a grand lot of worthy patrons who subscribe liberally towards the funds, which is the one thing wanted to make the show a financial success. The society possess in Mr. Alex. Jardine a president of whom any society might be proud. The genial Mr. Smart, who holds the secretarial reins, is an official of the first class, and manages to be always there when wanted. Long may he keep in office. The exhibits were nicely staged around three sides of the hall, and were shown to great advantage. The light was perfect. The judges officiating were: For Scotch Fancies and Norwich, Mr. J. Carson (Easthouses), and for Borders Mr. J. Watson (Selkirk), and their awards pleased everybody. At the close of the show ex-Provost Kerr and his good lady were in attendance, and presented the cups and medals to the successful winners.

The Critique.

SCOT. FCY., YELL. CK. (3): 1, cup best bird, King, nice size and top end, good one throughout, very stylish; 2, 3, Jardine, brace of real good ones, 2nd gets hard up, fine reach; 3rd, very neat type, nice droop. HEN (2): 1, Noble, good all-round specimen, nice size and reach; 2, Jardine, good sound back and top, nice length of wing. BUFF CK.: 1, Jardine, good stamp, fine substance throughout, nice action. YELL. PIED CK. (3): 1, 2, Small, leader fine reach and droop, nice round back; 2nd, not the size of winner, gets tail well under; 3, Dalgleish, plenty of nerve and style, good quality. HEN: 1, King, good top and body, fine reachy neck, nice depth through chest; 2, Jardine, good body and reach, fails only in size to winner. BUFF PIED CK.: 1, 3, Small, leader fine size and type, good shoulder and reach; 3rd, nice action, very nervy; 2, Gilchrist, nice depth through, good size and condition. HEN: 1, Small, fine massive frame, neat front and style; 2, Yule, good action, neat head and droop. BORD. FCY., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (21): 1, spl, 2, J. Thomson, lovely head and back, nicely rounded body, capital type and carriage, runner-up to medal winner; 2nd, good head and wing carriage, nice shape, in grand bloom; 3, Douglas, very smart, nicely rounded on front, presses hard; 4, spl, Rowe, shade stronger, well put down; 5, Douglas; 6, Nelson; 7, Hamilton. HEN (24): 1, Pearson, nicely rounded, grand head and front, lovely wing carriage; 2, sp, Stirling, good front and well filled back, shade thick in neck, nice bloom; 3, Hamilton, Dalkeith 3rd, looking better to-day, good one; 4, Harper, good stamp, fine carriage; 5, Hamilton; 6, Douglas; 7, Pearson. BUFF CK. (26): 1, Nelson, nice quality, grandly rounded head and front, good wing and tail carriage; 2, Hamilton, capital bloom, good front and back, fails only in taper to winner; 3, sp, Yule, nice shape, good weight, lovely polish, fine tail; 4, Stirling, nice size and quality feather; 5, Gilchrist; 6, Douglas; 7, Yule. HEN (25): 1, Nelson, nice type and col., neat head and wing carriage; 2 (no name in catalogue), shade thin in front, nice quality feather, rare bloom; 3, Thomson, foul on bead, nice shape and style; 4, Fisher, eye tkd., good stamp, some thought might have gone up a stage; 5, 6, Pearson; 7, Yule. YELL. VAR. (16): 1, Yule, eye and wing mkd., well rounded head and front, shown in fine bloom; 2, spl, Smart, gem for col. and shape, lovely quality throughout; 3, Noble, neat markings, warm shade of col., rare taper; 4, Hamilton, Dalkeith winner we thought, beaten to-day; 5, Flockhart; 6, Smart; 7, Douglas. BUFF (26): 1, Stirling, well rounded, in fine bloom, good carriage and shape; 2, Rowe, close up, little to choose, grand stamp, nicely staged; 3, Yule, grand shape, nice quality feather, fine pipe tail; 4, Hamilton, well put down, fine quality feather; 5, Nelson; 6, Thomson; 7, Pearson. EVEN-MKD. (4): 1, Yule, lightly mkd. eyes and wings, good type, nicely staged; 2, Thomson, shade heavier in markings, fine type and quality of feather; 3, 4, Nelson, 3rd fails in markings to winners, nice bloom; 4th, poor markings. YELL. GREEN, ETC. (20): 1, spl, and medal best Border, A. and W. Thomson, leads and no mistake, one of the best seen for a season or two, sound in col. and pencilling, popular win; 2, J. Thomson, another good one for type and col., finely pencilled; 3, A. and W. Thomson, nice shade of col., good shape and pencilling; 4, 7, Rowe, capital col. and type; 6, Thomson. BUFF (21): 1, 2, 8, 5, A. and W. Thomson, grand team, leader excels in type and col., neat pencilling; 2nd, falls only in col. to winner; 3rd, good col. and pencilling; 4, 8, Douglas, good solid col., well placed; 6, Rowe; 7, Hamilton. NOR. YELL. CK. (3): 1, Gardiner, good stamp, fine round head and front, grand substance and col.; 2, Noble, neat head and neck, capital wing and tail carriage; 3, Smart, nice bird, wee bit patchy in col. HEN (3): 1, 2, spl, Noble, 1st wing mkd., neat head and front, capital shape and col.; 2nd, better in head properties, put down in lovely bloom; 3, Smart, falls in size only to winners, in nice order. BUFF CK. (3): 1, 2, Noble, brace of nice ones, 1st good all round, sweet head and front; 2nd, capital front and substance, nice col.; 3, Gilchrist, good body, inclined to cross wings. HEN (4): 1, 3, Gardiner, 1st good substance, fine quality feather, nice front and wing carriage; 3rd, nice taking bird, in fine bloom; 2, 4, Noble, wing mkd., well rounded, neat head and front; 4th, good size and shape. VARIEG. CK. (4): 1, Smart, cap mkd., typical bird, grand substance and col., well put down; 2, 3, 4, Gardiner, real good trio, 2nd excels in col. and type, good head and well rounded front; 3rd, head and wing mkd., capital shape and style; 4th, good substance and quality feather. HEN (5): 1, spl, 2, spl, Gardiner, lovely brace, leader grandly shaped body, good head and neck, rare bloom; 2nd, well rounded front, sweet shape, tight in feather; 3, Noble, very typical, nice tone of col., good wing carriage; 4, Gardiner, fails in col. only to winner; 5, Yule. MULE OR HYB. (6): 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, Stirling, leader big buff variegated Goldie, some thought might have changed with 2nd, a grand non-fed Linnet Mule, fine Nor. type; 3rd, sweet little Siskin Mule; 4th, nice Linnet Mule; 5, Hamilton. HARDBILL (11): 1, 2, Smart, British Goldie leading, grand one for size, big square blaze, only wants time and should make a stormer; 2nd, grand coloured Bullie, dense cap, nice wing bars; 3, Stirling, nice col. Bramble, good head and bars; 4, Pearson, Mealy 'Poll, grand col. and lacings, in nice bloom; 5, McGregor. SOFTBILL: 1, Nelson, grand col. Thrush, singing lovely, seemed quite at home.

EDINBURGH (Southern).

Edinburgh Southern O.S. 20th annual show, held in the Buccleuch Parish Church Halls, Oct. 21st. The entries were above the average, and the quality showed a decided advance on previous years. The strongest class in the Scotch Fancy section was that for yellow hens—18 in number—and a fine level lot they were. Mr. A. Bell's yellow pied hen, which took cup for best Scotch Fancy, although not of great substance, is a bird of good points, and the win was very popular. Mr. A. Thomson secured special for best in the variegated section with his yellow cock. Borders were a nice level lot, some very typical birds being staged. The management was in the hands of two very capable officials, Messrs. C. Drysdale (President) and S. Hewit (Secretary) and they were ably supported by the Vice-President, Mr. J. Baxter, and a good working committee, viz., Messrs. C. Luke, W. Thomson and J. Clark. Mr. W. Rogers (Slateford) judged Scotch Fancies, the remainder being taken by Mr. J. Holmes (Edinburgh) and their awards left no room for criticism.

The Critique.

SCOT. FCY. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (6): 1, sp, Menzies, good size and reach, nice top end; 2, 3, 6, Dunsmore, nice head, fine length of neck; 3, good shoulders and drive; 4, Mills; 5, Baxter. YELL. PIED (5): 1, Menzies, very fine neck, good head and top, scarcely finished moult; 2, sp, Bell, grand body and substance, nice drive; 3, Thomson, good length of side, gets tail well under; 4, Trotter; 5, Preston. YELL. GRN. (4): 1, Bell, fine shoulders, well filled back; 2, Trotter, capital position, on the slim side; 3, Ross, good body and wings. CL. ETC., BUFF CK. (7): 1, sp, Bell, good one for size, fine mover; 2, Mills, fine top and reach; 3, 4, Trotter, good head and neck, splendid drive; 5, Baxter; 6, Dunsmure. BUFF PIED (6): 1, Thomson, grand body and substance, tail well under; 2, Luke, fine nervy bird, quick in action; 3, Menzies, neat head and shoulders; 4, Ross. BUFF GRN. CK. (2): 1, Drysdale, fine length of side, good drive and position. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (18): 1, Trotter, fine head and neck, good shoulders, well filled back; 2, Bell, good body and substance; 3, Luke, fine top end, nice size; 4, 7, Luke; 5, 6, Dunsmore. YELL. PIED (7): 1, sp, and cup for best S.F., Bell, grand body and substance, fine reachy neck, nice position; 2, Mills, well up in size, decided drive; 3, sp, Trotter, just lacks size of winner, good head; 4, Binning; 5, Ross; 6, Baxter. YELL. GRN. HEN (6): 1, Mills, good size and fine length; 2, Ross, very smart, neat shape and position; 3, Baxter, fine top end and drive, capital substance; 4, Ross; 5, Trotter. CL., ETC., BUFF (9): 1, Menzies, good substance, grand shoulders and neck; 2, 5, Baxter, fine head, good long neck and substance; 3, Menzies, nice length of wing and tail; 4, Bell; 6, Dunsmore; 7, no name. BUFF PIED (9): 1, 2, Trotter, nice pair, good top end and reach, nice substance; 3, Luke, nice size and droop, good position; 4, Trotter; 5, 6, Ross. BUFF GRN. (7): 1, sp, Drysdale, nice decided drive, good top, fine length of side; 2, 3, Trotter, 2nd good substance and nerve, nice style; 3rd, good drive and shoulders, neat front; 4, Preston; 5, Ross; 6, Farrington. OLD CK. (5): 1, Farquhar; 2, Dunsmore; 3, Drysdale; 4, Farrington. HEN (2): 1, Binning; 2, Drysdale. CL., ETC., YELL. NOR. CK. (7): 1, sp. best in variety section, 2, 4, Thomson, grand one leading, capital shape and col.; 2nd, nice head and front, inclined to cross wings a little; 3, Farquhar, fine quality and col., good wing carriage; 5, Dunsmore; 6, W. Thomson. BUFF (8): 1, sp, 2, Farquhar; 1st, grand shape and substance, in fine bloom; 2nd grand head and neck, nicely rounded on front; 3, W. Thomson, nice cobby shape, good quality; 4, 5, 6, A. Thomson. YELL. HEN (4): 1, W. Thomson, rare col. and quality, nice short wings and tail; 2, A. Thomson, good type and quality. BUFF (8): 1, A. Thomson, nice size and shape, beautifully mealed; 2, 3, 4, Martin, 2nd, grand bead, neck and chest, good wing; 3rd, lovely feather and shape; 5, Farquhar; 6, Martin. VAR. YELL. CK. (3): 1, W. Thomson, eye and wing mkd., capital col. and quality; 2, sp, Martin, good one for size and shape, A1 condition; 3, A. Thomson, lovely col., neat short wing and tail. BUFF (8): 1, Martin, head, neck and wing mkd., rare head and front, good shape; 2 (no name), very short and typical, fine quality; 3, 5, W. Thomson, fails only in head to winner, capital front, back and tail; 4, Martin; 6, A. Thomson. VAR. YELL. HEN (7): 1, A. Thomson, nice col. and quality, fine type; 2, Martin, very smart and shapely, good substance; 3, 6, 7, W. Thomson, 3rd, nice body, good quality feather; 4, Martin; 5, A. Thomson. BUFF (4): 1, W. Thomson, fine chested bird, rare head and neck; 2, Telford, eye and wing mkd., chubby body, good wing; 3, Dunsmore, nat. col., good substaucc and shape. BORD. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (5): 1, 2, and 2 spls, Clark, foul head, capital front and well filled back; 2nd, lovely cl., grand shape, and style; 3, W. Thomson, typical Bord., rare quality feather, grand taper, must have pressed; 4, Baxter. BUFF (10): 1, sp, 6, W. Thomson, nice stamp, good head and front; 2, 3, and sp, Baxter, brace of good ones, grand quality and condition; 4, 7, Baxter. CL. ETC., YELL. HEN (7): 1, Clark, well rounded head and front, capital wing and tail carriage; 2, 3, W. Thomson, 2nd, good type and quality, good back and wing carriage; 3rd, long type, good front and head, well put down; 4, Farquhar; 5, no name; 6, Mills. BUFF (5): 1, 6, W. Thomson, rare quality feather and col.; 2, 3, Baxter, grand one for type, neatly tapered body, fine bloom; 3rd, close up, not much between; 4, 5, Clark. VAR. YELL.: 1, 3, Baxter, 1st, eye and wing marked, capital col. and shape; 3rd, very typical green, good sound colour and pencilling; 2, Clark, good one for shape and style, fine taper; 4, Thomson. BUFF (3): 1, Baxter, grand one for style and feather; 2, Thomson, neat wing and tail carriage, nicely staged. MULE OR HYB. (3): 1, 2, Luke, Linnet Mules, nice size and shape. BREEDING FINCH (10): 1, Drysdale, big bouncing hen Bullie, good cap, wing bars; 2, 3, 4, Baxter, 2nd, capital Goldie, fine bars, well mooned and huttoned, nice square face; 3rd, good buff Greenie, in capital order; 5, Martin; 6, Drysdale; 7, Telford.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

HUDDERSFIELD.

Huddersfield O.S. annual open show, held October 21, in the Primitive Methodist School Room, under the rules of the York Union and the patronage of the Y.C.C., the O.N.P.C. and the Y.C.B.B. and M.C. The room is close to the station, and is a very nice one. Entries came up moderately, 136 exhibitors sending 431 birds—an average of 14 per class. Mr. F. J. Sykes (secretary) had charge of affairs, and everything passed off smoothly. Prize-money was paid out during the afternoon. The secretary was assisted by a strong band of fanciers, including Mr. H. W. Battye (president), Mr. R. Rhodes (vice-president), Mr. W. Gledhill (treasurer), Mr. A. Lawford (assistant secretary), Messrs. Sykes, Jackson, Morris, Moss, Cawtheray and Son, Archer, and others as stewards. In the Yorks. section Messrs. W. H. Shackleton and J. Bailey tied for most points, and in the Norwich Mr. Humphries was first and Mr. J. Thomas second. In British, etc., Messrs. Martin and Archer easily secured the gold medal for top score, Messrs. Inman and Lane having a hard race for second place, coming out equal in points. In the novice Yorks. section we had still another tie, Messrs. Cooper and Jebson, while in the novice Norwich, Mr. Simonett had an easy win. Mr. Chippendale's Yellow hen scored another first, and it is the general opinion that, given good condition, it will be impossible to beat it. Messrs. W. A. Cowgill and J. Trengove judged, the former taking all Yorks. and the latter Norwich and British. The birds of Messrs. Brown and Son were absent, they being delivered back to the owner's house about 10.30 on Saturday morning—another blunder of the railway company's, as the birds were sent in the usual course, and were properly labelled.

The Critique.

YORKS., CL. YELL. (9): 1, Thomas, grand wedge-shape, good position, nice col., lovely quality; 2, Shackleton, fine length and shape, grand flights and tail; 3, Dykes, grand shape and style, rare head and back; 4, Ogden Bros., splendid shape, extra nice position; vhc, Hall; hc, Hirst; c, Bailey. BUFF (11): 1, Shackleton, rattling fine shape, nice shoulder, fine position, lovely feather; 2, Thomas, stronger, extra good quality, round as an apple; 3, Morrison, grand shape and position, very close in feather; 4, Helliwell, nice type and position; vhc, Thornton and Bower; hc, Hirst; c, Charlesworth. TKD., ETC., YELL. (15): 1, 4, Bailey, leader mkd., slim, splendid shape, very stylish, full of breed, leggy, extra nice col. and quality, 4th, ticked cheek, grand shape; 2, Townsend, mkd., nice shape, lengthy, good col. and quality; 3, Ogden Bros. tkd. wing and cheek, slim, grand shape, nice length; vhc, Morrison; hc, Thomas; c, Moss. BUFF (17): 1, 3, Dykes, leader, tkd. head, extra nice length, fine type, well up in position, grand back, good quality, 3rd., mkd., grand shape and style, lovely col. and quality; 2, vhc, Broughton, neat type, nice position, grand quality; 4, Chippendale mkd., good wedge shape, nice position; hc, Rodley; c, Charlesworth. YELL., HEN (13): 1, Chippendale, Laisterdyke and Bradford West winner, grand length, correct type, lovely head, neck and back, nice wings and tail; 2, Ogden Bros., grand shape and position, nice shoulder, lovely feather; 3, vhc, Shackleton, tkd., slim, nice shape, leggy; 4, Thomas, fine shape and style, very round; hc, Thornton and Bower; c, Williams. BUFF (19): 1, Shackleton, grand length, good shape, nice head, rare wings, fine quality; 2, A. Radley, nice type, extra well up, splendid back, full of quality; 3, Ogden Bros., a trifle strong, extra good quality, grand back; 4, vhc, E. Radley, neat and typical, splendid feather; hc, Morrison; c, Charlesworth. UNFLIG. YELL. (10): 1, Broughton, leggy, good position, nice shape, rare col. and quality; 2, Chippendale, grand length, good shape and leggy, long flights, nice quality; 3, Hall, leggy, rare col. and quality; 4, Hellewell, good length and shape, well cut away; vhc, Bailey; hc, Moss; c, Lawford and Son. BUFF (15): 1, A. Radley, extra good length, nice shape, well up in position, fine quality; 2, Towers, extra good type, nice position, lovely quality; 3, Shackleton, grand shape and position, good head, shoulders and back; 4, E. Radley, typical, well cut away; vhc, Chippendale; hc, Cooper; c, Charlesworth. CINN. TK., ETC. (7): 1, 4, Bailey, both Yells., leader, fine length, grand type, good position, splendid col. and quality, 4th, nice shape, grand wings, good quality; 2, Lawford and Son, Yell., slim, good shape, leggy; 3, Allen, Buff, grand type, well up on legs, smart feather; vhc, Ogden Bros.; hc, Towers, Brown and Son, absent. HEN (8): 1, Bailey, Buff, marvellous quality, stands well, nice shape, a trifle thick; 2, Towers, Yell., rare shape and position, perfect feather; 3, 4, Allen, 3rd, Buff, good shape, rattling fine quality, 4th, Yell., lengthy, grand back and wings; vhc, Myers and Lumb; hc, Cox; c, Wilcock, jun. YELL., NOR. (13): 1, Cook, grand size and substance, rattling fine quality and col., has a growth on beak and a toe missing, some thought should not be shown; 2, Mallinson and Son, variegs., good type and substance, grand head, brimful of quality; 3, c, Thomas, cobby build, rare shape and substance, grand quality, wins Sandiford's medal for col.; 4, Humphries, varieg., grand shape, romping fine col.; vhc, Eyre; hc, Morris. BUFF (17): 1, Mallinson and Son, saddle mkd., extra nice size and substance, wonderful chest, all there for quality and col.; 2, Heap, grand size, good shape, rare col. and feather; 3, Johnson, varieg., short, cobby build, beautiful silky feather; 4, Haigh and Son, massive, good type, lovely quality; vhc, Cook; hc, McMillan jun.; c Humphries. YELL. HEN (11): 1, vhc, Haigh and Son, grand shape, very cobby and compact, lovely feather and col.; 2, Sykes, bouncer, grand chest, good head, grand quality; 3, Mallinson and Son, good shape and substance, nice quality; 4, Thomas, grand shape, very cobby, silky quality, good col.; hc, Parkes; c, Battye. BUFF (17): 1, Humphries, varieg., marvellous size and substance, grand head, perfect feather; 2, hc, c, Heap, plenty of substance, grand head, rattling fine quality; 3, Jackson, grand shape, wonderful chest, lovely quality; 4, Moorhouse, good shape and size, nice head; vhc, Thomas. YELL., UNFLIG. (14): 1, Greenwood and Pickles, grand shape and substance, rare head, perfect feather, lovely colour; 2, Humphries, very cobby, extra fine silky feather; 3, Heap, good cobby type, very deep chest, nice quality; 4, Pepper, good good head, nice size; vhc, c, Thomas; hc, Cook. BUFF (13): 1, 2, Humphries, varieg. leading, short cobby build, very compact, lovely quality and col., 2nd, grand shape, massive, fine head, nice silky feather; 3, Thomas, grand type, wonderful top end, neck well filled, lovely quality; 4, McMillan, jun., very deep chest, extra nice quality; vhc, Eyre; hc, Ball; c, Parkes. LINNET, ETC. (9): 1, Martin and Archer, objected to as in wrong class, shown as a Twite, but considered by many a hen Reed Bunting; 2, 3, vhc, Inman, 2nd, Mealy Redpoll, grand size, good bib, nice col., 3rd, Siskin, grand col., perfect condition; 4, Lane, Mealy, nice size, lovely col.; hc, Wilson; c, Simpson. A.O.V. HARDBILL (11): 1, 4, Lane, Bramble leading, good size, very rich col., nicely spangled, 4th, Yellow Bunting, nice size, very deep col., good head; 2, vhc, Lee, Bullie, grand col., good cap, in lovely order; 3, Martin and Archer, Chaffinch, very steady, nice col., good size; hc c, Inman. SOFTBill (6): 1, 3, Martin and Archer, leader, Dartford Warbler, pretty little bird, in lovely plumage, very rare; 3rd Blackcap Warbler, another good bird, steady, grand colour; 2, 4, Bonefield, grey and yellow Wagtail respectively, both in splendid trim, yell., lovely col., very attractive vhc, Lane; hc, Ellis. MULE OR HY. (8): 1, 2, 4, Martin and Archer, grand team, light Greenie Mule leading, nearly Cl., good size, lovely quality, very rare exhibit, 2nd, Goldie-Bullie, grand size, splendid col., 3rd, Linnet-Bullie, extra nice col., rattling line size, in lovely condition; 3, hc, c, Bond, five-pointed Goldie-Can., grand blaze, nice size; vhc, Wilson. NOVICE (confined to members of the Yorks. Union): CL., YELL. YORKS. (10): 1, Ellis, grand shape, very leggy, lovely quality; 2, Sutcliffe, good length, rare shape, very good back, grand feather; 3, Bower, slim, good type and style, fine quality and col.; 4, Hird, good shape; vhc, Dyson; hc, Firth; c, Fisher. BUFF: Cancelled. TKD., ETC., YELL (9): 1, Hainsworth, mkd., nice length, good shape, stylish, lovely quality; 2, Hird, extra nice shape, good wings and tail, rare quality; 3, Western, mkd., nice type, good back; 4, Atkinson, stylish, good shape; vhc, Lewis; hc, Tyas; c, Morley. BUFF (16): 1, Cawtheray and Son, tkd. wing, grand shape, good position, splendid back and wings, nice quality 2, Tyas, mkd., good type, stands well, smart feather; 3, Packer, extra long, good shape, nice quality; 4, F. Radley, nice stamp, well up; vhc, Dyson and Shaw; hc, Fisher; c, Firth. UNFLIG. YELL (21): 1, M. Radley, nice shape and style, leggy, good quality, very clean front; 2, Jepson, nice length, fine shape, smart feather, very clean made; 3, Rhodes, extra nice length, grand wings, fine position and quality; 4, Lodge, good shape, nice back, grand feather; vhc, Bower; hc, Greenwood; c, Hird. BUFF (27): 1, 3, Mosley, winner, grand type, extra good quality, well up in position, neat head, good back, 3rd, stronger, good shape, rare quality; 2, Ellis, mkd., grand type, very stylish, feathered to perfection; 4, Radley, nice shape, good position, extra nice quality; vhc, Sykes; hc, Pell; c, Lord. YELL., HEN (16): 1, Jepson, grand type, plenty of leg, very erect, lovely quality, compact; 2, Cooper, straight as a rush, nice length, good position, rare feather; 3, Helliwell, splendid shape, stylish, lovely quality; 4, Lodge, nice shape, straight, back well filled in, moderate quality; vhc, Simonett; hc, Smith; c, Morley. BUFF (13): 1, Cooper, grand type and position, nice head and back, lovely quality, claimed at catalogue price, £5 5s.; 2, Bateman, stronger, good shape, nice position, lovely quality; 3, Hutchinson, good quality hen; 4, hc, Dyson, extra nice type, well up; vhc, Dyson and Shaw; c, Smith. NOR. CK. (14): 1, Rhodes, Yell., good shape, rattling fine substance, good quality; 2, Airton, good size and shape, fine head, lovely col. and quality, tkd. Buff, 3, Pearson, typical, good substance, lovely feather, Yell.; 4, Hudson, Buff, very massive, good head; vhc, Moore and Stott; hc, Simonett; c, Roe. HEN (8): 1, Hudson, variegs. Buff, small, good shape, nice feather, good col.; 2, 3, vhc, Simonett, both tkd. Yells., 2nd, rare shape and substance, very chesty, good quality, 3rd, similar, very good head; 4, Pearson, Buff, extra massive, fine head; hc, Marsh; c, Maltby.

WELLINGTON (N.Z.).

The 29th annual show of the Wellington P.P. and Canary Society, held June 15, 16 and 17, when it was considered the best yet held by the Society, the Canarics being a special feature. Some 240 odd out of a total of 530 exhibits were Canaries. Mr. T. H. Jones judged the cage birds. In sending us this newspaper report, Mr. W. H. Lindley writes that he did not visit the town himself, but was told that there was a cage of white Canaries exhibited by a lady.

NOR. (non-col. fed): YELL., CL., ETC.: 1, sp, Wilkinson; 2, Penrose; 3, Ryder. BUFF: 1, sp, Murphy; 2, Penrose; 3, Airth and Stairman. YELL. LIGHTLY VARIEG.: 1, sp, Wilkinson; 2, Murphy; 3, Ryder. BUFF: 1, Lingard; 2, 3, Wilkinson. YELL. HEAVILY VARIEG.: 1, Ryder; 2, Fearn; 3, Penrose. BUFF: 1, sp, Murphy; 2, Wilkinson; 3, Lingard. YELL. HEN: 1, Murphy; 2, Wilkinson; 3, Penrose. BUFF: 1, Penrose; 2, Ryder; 3, Murphy. COL. FED., CL., ETC., BUFF: 1, sp, Murphy. YELL. VARIEG.: 1, championship and two sps., Murphy; 2, Lingard. BUFF: 1, 2, Murphy. CAGE of FOUR: 1, Airth and Stairman; 2 3rds, Martin. YORKS. (non-col. fed), CL., ETC., YELL: 1, champion, Bailey; 2, 3, Wilkinson. BUFF: 1, sp, Airth and Stairman; 2, Bailey; 3, Hastie. LIGHTLY VARIEG. YELL.: 1, sp, Bailey; 2, Miss Hastie. BUFF: 1, sp, Fearn; 2, Bailey; 3, Hastie. HEAVILY VARIEG. YELL.: 1, shield, Bailey; 2, Fearn; 3, Wilkinson. YELL. VARIEG., ETC.: 1, sp, Bailey; 2, Miss Hastie; 3, Fearn. BUFF: 1, Bailey; 2, Hastie. GREEN, ETC.: 1, sp, 2, Fearn; 3, Bailey. ANY COL.: 1, Wilkinson; 2, Gallichan; 3, Fearn. BUFF HEN: 1, Gallichan; 2, Hastie. CAGE of FOUR: 1, sp, 2, Bailey; 3, Wilkinson. NOR. BUFF. CL., ETC.: 1, 3, Ryder; 2, Wilkinson. BUFF, LIGHTLY VARIEG. 1, Ryder. HEAVILY: 1, 2, Ryder. GREEN, ETC.: 1, Ryder. LIGHTLY VARIEG.: 1, sp, 3, Ryder; 2, O'Sullivan. HEAVILY: 1, 2, Ryder. BUFF, GREEN, ETC: 1, 2, Ryder. NOVICE NOR. YELL., CL., ETC.: 1, Rodgers; 2, Danks; 3, Watkins. BUFF: 1, sp, 3, Mann; 2, Watkins. YELL. VARIEG.: 1, Rodgers. BUFF: 1, Watkins; 2, 3, Rodgers. YORKS, CL., ETC., 1, sp, Rodgers; 2, Danks. CL., ETC., BUFF: 1, Geary; 2, Danks; 3, Geary. YELL. VARIEG: 1, sp, 2, Geary. BUFF: 1, Jones; 2, 3, Rodgers. CAGE of FOUR: 1, Mrs. J. Martin; 2, Solway. PAIRS: 1, Mrs. J. Martin; 2, Grei'; 3, Lingard. MULES, GOLDFINCH, LIGHT: 1, Watkins; 2, Mann; 3, Mrs. J. Martin. DARK: 1, Garrett; 2, Wilkinson; 3, Riddler. LINNET MULES: 1, 2, Mrs. John Martin; 3, O'Sullivan. FINCH, BRIT., BEST PAIR: 1, sp, 2, Foglia. AUSTRALIAN FINCH: 1, sp, Foglia; 2, 3, Langridge. PAIR FOR.: 1, sp, 3, Denham; 2, Smith. A.O.V. FINCH: 1, Denham; 2, Langridge. COLLECTION of FINCHES: 1, Smith. A.O.V.: 1, Langridge. GOLDFINCH: 1, Rodgers; 2 3 Watkins. DITTO (for children under 16): 1 Miss L. Fearn; 2 Cyril Geary; 3, Sadie Bailey. LINNET: 1, Airth and Stairman; 2, Langridge; 3, Mrs. J. Martin. INSECTIV.: 1, 2, Langridge; 3, Foglia. PARRAKEETS: 1, Langridge; 2, O'Sullivan.

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MAINLY FOREIGN—continued.

SMART young rosey Cockatoo, commenced to whistle, with good cage, 15/-, or exchange: Foster, 61, Fitzwilliam-rd., Rotherham.

HEALTHY, acclimatised Indian Parrot and cage, splendid plumage, fit to show, 10/-; exchange: Bourne, 85, Hotlane, Burslem, Staffs.

LOVELY young green Parrot and large cage, sale, £1 10/-, or exchange for exhibition Yorkshires or Norwich: L. Julian, Leveean, Bugle, Cornwall.

TWO very good acclimatised blue-fronted Amazon Parrots, talking, £6 and £4; would entertain pullets or Canaries in exchange: Stokes, 388, Garratt-lane, S.W.

EXCHANGE good pair green Budgerigars for good house-moulted cock Yellowhammer or Siberian Goldfinch in full song; on approval: Rev. Johnston, Troon.

YOUNG grey Parrot, with red breast, commenced to talk, including nice cage, 25/-; or exchange for good Yorkshire cocks to value; yours first: Wm. Mitchell, 147, Titchfield-st., Kilmarnock.

FOR sale or exchange, for acclimatised foreign, four Pekin Robins, outdoor aviary moulted, splendid condition, four aviary-bred Norwich cock Canaries: Mrs. Beattie, Neuland House, Banbury.

Miscellaneous.

PAIR cycle wheels, free wheel, cranks, chain, pedals, Bowden brake, lot 7/6: Lloyd (see Norwich).

MUZZLE-LOADING gun, 12/-, exchange Canaries; offers: Harvey, 39, Crown-st., Highfield, Southampton.

WILL exchange Winchester repeating rifle for cock Canaries, or sell 25/-: MacLean, 210, Duke-st., Glasgow.

PATENT magneto electric machine, maker McElroy, 28/-, exchange birds; offers: Perrins, Blythe Bridge, Staffs.

EXCHANGE 8 Morocco leathers, fancy borders, 19½ by 9, for 1911 Canaries: Montgomery, 29, Dorset-st., Glasgow.

WHAT offers, or exchange clap nets, call birds, and brace birds, night Lark net: Hatton, George-st., Brighton.

SIX White Wyandotte chickens,, 4 months, 10/6; or exchange anything useful: T. Sharp, 82, Herga-rd., Wealdstone.

I WILL exchange catcher's carrying box, for British or Crest, show cages, or sell cheap: H. Pinnell, Warminster.

THREE pair champion short flying Pigeons, well trained, sell cheap; exchange: Stubbs, 23b, Well-st., Winsford.

THIRTY-THREE Canary cages, well made, sale or exchange, suit dealer: M. Foster, Eagle Works, Well-lane, Halifax.

WHAT offers in Canaries, for splendid pair thick, warm blankets; stamp reply: B. Soanes, 92, Bevan-st., Lowestoft.

GENT'S good bike, bell, pump, etc., sell 30/-, or exchange Rollers: Geo. Warrillow, 49, Belgrave-rd., Dresden, Staffs.

EXCHANGE 18 purse nets for 2 Goldies of Goldie Mule, must have Goldie song: Coutts, Bonawe Quarries, Argyllshire.

EXCHANGE musical box, 3 bells, cost £5; good Yorkshires or Crests; birds first: G. Herson, Spittal, Hill, Retford.

EXCHANGE Tbrush cage, almost new, loose front, for large cock Greypate or hen Hawfinch: Southern, Uphall-st., Uphall.

EDISON Gem phonograph, genuine, in thorough going order, sell 25/6; approval: Atkinson, Market Place, Guisborough.

PAIR lop rabbits, good strain, grand size, sell 12/6, or exchange Rollers; approval: Crocker, 21, Penypeel-rd., Cardiff.

PART exchange, 3 Pom. puppies, like balls wool, for fowls, Parrot, gramophone; offers: Higgs, 65, Waterloo-st., Tipton.

WHITE Pomeranian puppy, little beauty, sell 25/-, exchange Canaries or Parrot and cage: Hailstone, Brightside, Sheffield.

RIPPINGILL'S oil stove, new, 13/6; copper tank; exchange for pair good Norwich: Northumberland House, Northallerton.

CYCLE tyres and inner tubes, also lamps, for Yorkshire cocks, 1911: C. F. Putner, 26, Woolwich-rd., Westcombe Park.

GENT'S new large cycling cape, 10/6, for good yellow or ticked Norwich cock: Northumberland House, Northallerton.

EXHIBITION Himalayan rabbits, 6 does, 1 buck, 25/- lot, or exchange Canaries: J. Bright, 19, Galesbury-rd., Wandsworth.

EXCHANGE 12 well-bred working homers, flown various distances, for Canaries: L. Hill, Wyld's Yard, Bristol-rd., Bridgwater.

TWO double breeding cages, pair Canaries, 1 pair roller skates, aluminium wheels. Offers: 116, Westbury-ave., Wood Green.

GLAZIER'S Diamond, value 15/-, new condition, exchange Canaries, Mules, or offers: Biddle, 27, Wharton-st., Lloyd-sq., W.C.

EXCHANGE new show case and 2 cages for a good Roller cock, or sell for 7/6: C. Whitehead, 38, Greenways, Goole, Yorkshire.

EXCHANGE nearly new C. clarionet, for talking Parrot and cage, no rubbish wanted: Sayles, Whitehall-terrace, Cleckheaton.

LADY'S silver watch, long rolled gold chain; exchange young pullets, Canaries, Mules: Tomson, 42, High-rd., Willesden Green.

WHAT offers for case and 3 Yorkshire show cages, splendid condition; birds preferred: P. Macfarlane, 22, Gibson-st., Harpurhey.

TWO double, 3 single-sided disc records, good condition, sell 6/-; exchange anything useful in house: 4, Stovell-ave., Longsight.

WILL exchange mandoline, cost 25/-, for Canaries or gramophone records: Mr. Duncan, 24, Northfield-place, Aberdeen, Scotland.

FOUR splendid Bantams, soon lay, exchange singing cock Canary; bird first; approval: G. Lawton, Water-lane, Newport, Salop.

EXCHANGE 2 cycle frames, 4 wheels, 1 free, new chains, pedals, and cranks; offers in birds: R. Mack, 131, Athelderc-rd., Earlsfield.

CYCLE, 26in. frame, sell 25/-; exchange cock Linnet Mule, part cash: offers: T. Chapman, Primrose Cottages, Colnor., Derbyshire.

PAIR exhibition flying Homers, also 2 h.m. Linnets, show birds, exchange hen Canaries: Albert Dainty, 102, Stambermill, Stourbridge.

EXCHANGE for Ferrets, 5,000 Pheasant Eye bulbs, all hand picked, very large choice sort; sample sent: Cooper, Tid St. Giles, Cambe.

GRAND pedigree Fox Terrier dog, good specimen, house-trained, exchange Yorkshires; sell 3 guineas: M. Wilson, Rutland ter., Filey.

THISTLE, ½ stone, dandelion, 1lb., shepherd's purse, 1½lb.; exchange exhibition Yorkshires or British: Saxton, 27, March-st., Conisbro.

THISTLE, ½ st.; dandelion, 1lb.; shepherd's purse, 1½lb.; exchange exhibition Yorkshires or British: Saxton, 27, March-st., Conlsbro'.

NEW Italian mandoline and case, cost 30/-, best cash offers, or exchange; no birds: Miss A. Hepworth, Brompton, Northallerton.

COLUMBIA Graphophone Phonograph, 12 records, as new, songster and case offer: Leggett, 83, Mildmay-grove, Islington, London, N.

EXCHANGE Toy Yorkshire, bitch, 8 months, 8½lb. weight, for Norwich Canaries; or offers invited: Coward, 40, Peter-st., Blackburn.

EVEN-MARKED Fox Terrier bitch puppy, true pedigree, 10/-; exchange Canaries, 10 weeks: 201, Chester-rd., Hulme, Manchester.

HANDICRAFT'S treadle fret saw and lathe, 100 cylinder records, Edison; what offers in Canaries· Hall, Quarry, Unstone, Sheffield.

VIOLIN, bow, case, quantity music, good instrument, value 30/-, exchange Canaries or Foreigners; offers, 65, Ewart-rd., Nottingham.

OFFERS Canaries, exchange Scotch blankets, tweed suit lengths, silver lever watch, 25/-; each Drummond, 15, Hutcheson-st., Glasgow.

COCK Siskin and brass hanging cage (bargain), 2/9; 2 hen Rollers, 1/3 each; Yorkshire hens, 1/6: Finder, Minety, Malmesbury, Wilts.

WHAT offers for six Canaries and nearly new Crystal Palace aviary, anything useful: Searle, Elliotts, Nuthurst, Horsham, Sussex.

EXCHANGE broken haired Terrier, 18 weeks old, good breed, for cock Goldfinches; sell 15/-; offers: Fenton, Plasterer, Sutton-in-Ashfield.

EXCHANGE punch ball, cost 16/-, in new condition, for good Roller cock Canary; or offers; sell 10/-: Evans, 33, Upper High-st., Rhymney.

ZONOPHONE, oak case, glass panel, 26in. brass horn, wants new spring; exchange anything useful: Goodwin, Cottages, Dawdon, Seaham.

ACCLIMATISED blue-fronted Amazon Parrot and cage; exchange for African grey, or sell 40/-: John Gawith, 11, Birtwhistle-yard, Skipton.

EXCHANGE 3 Silver Spangled Hamburg-Bantams (cockerel and pullets) for 3 Yorkshire cock Canaries: Hext, Hairdresser, Ilminster, Somerset.

FOUR Greenfinches, Canary reared, 3 cocks, 1 hen, lot 3/-; exchange Primus stove for birds: Lake, "St. Elmo," Dillwyn-st. West, Ipswich.

LOVELY silver-bronze spangled cock Starling (all colours of rainbow), 3/-, or exchange cock Siskin or Goldies: Conly, Pershore, Worcester.

PAIR ice skates, 99 Hobbies' fretwork designs, 25 3d. books ("Punch"), ¼-plate camera; offers: Broadhent, Bankfoot-terrace, Hebden Bridge.

NICE Spaniel dog, evenly marked liver and white, grand guard, sell 15/-, or offers exchange; approval: A. Titley, 75, Queen's-rd., Tipton, Staffs.

SCHIPPERKE dog, black, house-trained, good pedigree, sell £2, or exchange anything useful: Hunter, Laburnum-cottage, Carnforth, Lancashire.

GENUINE Old English Bobtailed Sheep bitch, 4 months, first-class pedigree, like a little bear, 30/-, or exchange? Minikin, Naturalist, Keighley.

SHAVING set, new, sell 10/-, or exchange good Goldfinches or Canaries; yours first; mutual approval: Vassie, 121, Aitkenhead-rd., Glasgow.

EXCHANGE 10 1911 Homers for yellow Norwich cocks, also a few Borders, for anything useful: Stephenson, Grocer, Broughton, Cockermouth.

SMART Dalmatian bitch, 14 months, good pedigree; will exchange anything suitable, or sell 50/-: Nuttall's Boundary Stores, Cherry Tree, Blackburn.

HANDSOME Grey and Red Parrot, make intelligent talker, 15/-; pair typical Yorkshire Canaries, 12/6; exchange fancy: Barlow's Aviaries, Greenwich.

TREADLE sewing machine, latest model, perfect sewer, splendid condition, cost £4/4/-, bargain 35/- cash, or part exchange anything: 2, Tidy-st., Brighton.

PAIR oil paintings, massive gilt frames, £2; exchange Canaries and cages, or useful household goods: Harris, 98, Nursery-rd., Hockley, Birmingham.

TWENTY-FIVE double-sided 10in. disc records, cost £3/10/-, accept 30/-, or offers, Canaries, British, or foreign birds to value: Smith, Bird Specialist, Bathgate.

GRAND bull bitch, massive skull, broad chest, brindle white, exchange Parrot, Canaries, anything useful: Middleton, 15, Willoughby-ave., Holbeck, Leeds.

BEST offers accepted; sell or exchange; pen of 4 O.E.G. Bantams, cost 21/-; trio ditto; 6 ditto cockerels; 7 pure utility hens: 29, Liverpool-rd., Islington, London.

EXCHANGE pair new oxydized copper inverted gas brackets, complete, with burners, etc., 27/-, for Foreigners; approval: J. Hardhattle, 22, Abney-st., Leicester.

GRAMOPHONE records, 10in., as new, 1/6 each; lockstitch sewing machine, good worker, equal new, 30/-; exchange songsters: Finch, 421, Portobello-rd., London, W.

GENT.'S cycle, free-wheel, good order, also tandem, lady and gent, double stearing; exchange bulldog, Rollers, or offers: Higgins, 36, Clapton-st., Hulme, Manchester.

BARGAIN to clear; eight splendid Magpie Pigeons, 20/-; exchange lot for winning Yorkshire or Norwich cock or other cage birds: A. Laidlaw, 47, New-rd., High Barnet.

FOR sale, Liver and White Spaniel, bitch, broken to gun, 35/-, or exchange for Black Pom., or Yorkshire, dog or bitch: Tom Kay, 140, Warrington-rd., Newtown, Wigan.

FOR sale or exchange 50 good, sound, up-to-date, two-minute cylinder records, 30 Edisons, and other makes; list given: Apply, J. Todd, The Poplars, Crowle, Doncaster.

SPLENDID "B.S.A." rifle, No. 1 bore, good as new, cost 30/-; sell 16/6; also pair ball bearing roller skates, used four times, cost 12/6, sell 8/6: W. Peake, Double-st., Spalding.

CLAPNETS, hand made, pair 7yds. 10/-; pair 12yds. 15/-; pair 15yds. 18/-; fittings sale, or exchange Canaries, Mules, left-off clothing: Swift, Boot-shop, Westgate, Southwell.

BLUE beaver overcoat, 44in. chest, velvet collar; black morning coat, finest serge, 44in., both new, 35/-, useful exchange; easy chair, linoleum; offers: Edna, 39, Freetown, Glossop.

GENT.'S superior quality black or tan boots, 14/6; ladies', 12/6; boys' and girls', 7/6; gent.'s suits, 30/-; overcoats from 20/-; exchange birds to value: Wressell, Crowle, Doncaster.

WHAT offers, Norwich or Yorkshire Canaries, for dozen and a-half cylinder records, in good order, all Edison's? No rubbish wanted: William Bowes, 4 Duchess-st., Shivemoor.

EXCHANGE 16 prize-bred Magpie show Homer and Jacobin Pigeons, some fit to win, for anything, bound to clear; also pedigree smooth fox terrier bitch: Drew, Plumber, Dowlais.

THREE cock Canaries, 6 hens, £1 lot; 2 White Leghorn cockerels, good strain, 6/- each; offers pullets; yours first: Sutcliffe, 5, Back California, Lumbutts-rd., Todmorden.

EXCHANGE 20 long-distance Homers, and hamper hold 30, drop front, partition in centre, for Gold finches, Mule breeders, or sell £2: H. Holland, St. Martin-at-Palace, Norwich.

SALE or exchange, 8 pairs Yorkshires, Rudd's perfection breeder, 30/-; wanted, phonograph or gramophone, good condition; appro. both ways· Flook, 80, Montagomery-st., Hove.

FAST long-distance Homers, best of blood, parents flown Channel, fit for show pen, sell cheap; exchange singing Canaries or anything useful: R. Willoughby, House Decorator, Wolverhampton.

EXCHANGE old-fashion Singer sewing machine, in good working condition, for a good buff cock N.P., or two yellow hens, 1911 bred; no rubbish: H. Watson, Cherry Tree-lane, North Walsham.

EXCHANGE doz. husks, 8 pairs Green, 2 pairs Yellow adults, 9 Green and Yellow young Budgerigars, for gent.'s gold watch, phonograph, anything useful; sell 67/-: Wolverson, Butcher, Walsall.

SALE or exchange, pure-bred Airedale pups (dog), with pedigree, 6 weeks old, 12/-, Norwich, Lancashire, or Crests preferred; approval: J. W. Roe, 13, Pastures, Eldon, near Bishop Auckland.

CONVERTED breech-loader gun, 12 bore, good killer, use regular; exchange for two Roller Canaries, cocks, full song; birds first: Walker, Mann's Buildings, Thornhill Lees, Dewsbury, Yorkshire.

CLAPNETS, hand-made, 7 yards fittings, 10/- pair; 12 yards, 15/- pair; 15 yards, 18/-; sell, exchange Canaries, Mules, left-off clothing; stamp reply; established 52 years: Miles, Pump-st., Nottingham.

EXCHANGE very good 4-bottle dinner cruet, best silver plate, for 8 good cock Canaries; also 6 good quality ivorine handled table knives for one cock canary; approval: B. Turton, 15, Bullefield-st., Sheffield.

MASSIVE variegated crested cock, 25/-; men's nailed boots, 8's, 5/6; pure-bred young Minorca cockerel, 4/-; h.m. cock Linnet, 3/6; exchange good Norwich, Yorkshires, Borders: W. H. Teat, Ancaster, Grantham.

MARLIN magazine rifle, perfect condition, sell 45/-; exchange exhibition Norwich singing Rollers, or anything useful; another very good rifle, sell 20/-, or exchange anything useful: O'Donnell, 21, Windsor-rd., Torquay.

FOR sale, Yorkshire bitch, by little Gritz, weighs 6lbs., best colour, being served by little Victor, big winner, who weighs 4lbs., price 50/-; or exchange to £3 in German Canaries; approval for cash: No. 3, Scott-pl., Woodhouse, Leeds.

EXCHANGE, five grand White Wyandotte pullets and unrelated cockerel, also a good team of first-class Britishers, viz., cocks: Goldfinch, Bullfinch, Linnet, Redpoll, Greenfinch, for good gramophone and records; no rubbish offered or wanted: J. Brown, Ightfield, Whitchurch, Salop.

GRAND Airedale Terrier bitch, good pedigree, right size, colour, three years, excellent guard, used to fowls, children; champion singing cock Canary; three-guinea presentation silver-mounted, beautifully coloured meerschaum pipe; best offer in fowls, cash, etc.: Treffgarne-villa, Ely, Glam.

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CLAP nets for sale: Pair 10yd. long, 5ft. high, 13/-; pair 8yd. long, 6ft. high, 11/-; 7yd. long, 5ft. high, 10/-; all new. Lark net, 28yd. long, 16ft. wide, 18/-; next to new, only been used several times. Lark net 28yd. long, 17ft. wide, 12/-, secondhand, or exchange for Canaries or Mules: John Boxall, 5, Lavender-st., Brighton.

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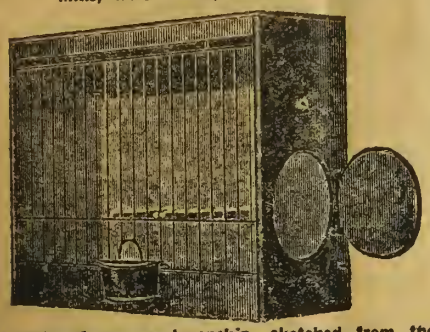
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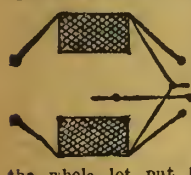
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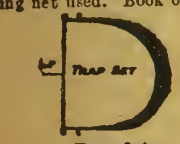
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Mr. Hedges, Eastbourne, writes, September 13th: "Send me special selected cock Goldfinch, Linnet, Greenfinch, and hen Bullfinch for enclosed 10/-; Goldfinch I got from you two years ago won six 1sts and specials: the one I had last year won 3rd, but I lost him." Mr. Veitch, Jedburgh, writes: "Send cock Goldfinch, 3/-; two hen Bullfinches, 5/- Glad to say Goldfinch purchased from you won me two 1sts Hawick, 1st and special Kelso, 5th Edinburgh (class 33), 3rd Galashiels, twice 2nd at our show." W. Jones, Altrincham, December 6th. "Send two cock Linnets and two cock Siskins. Am pleased to say I won 2nd and 4th at Altrincham open class with birds purchased from you." Mr. Ewan, Kirn, writes: "Goldfinch arrived safe, and won 1st and special at our show." Mr. Weedall, Winsford, January 30th: "Send another good Bullfinch. Glad to say last two have won 1st and 2nd every time shown. Unfortunately best one just died; other won 4th large class at big Crystal Palace Show." Walter Dyke, Longridge: "Send cock Goldfinch and hen Bullfinch. Glad to say Hybrid which I bred from Goldfinch and Bullfinch purchased from you has won 1st Leeds (Class 19), 2nd Halifax, 1st Leek, 2nd Hamilton, 2nd Hinckley, 1st Portsmouth, etc." I have thousands of Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Linnets weekly, and can pick likely exhibition specimens. Cock Goldfinches and Bullfinches, 3/-, 4/-, 5/- each; cock Linnets, 1/-, 1/6 and 2/-. Cock Greenfinches, Chaffinches, Redpolls, 1/-, 1/6, 2/-. Large hen Bullfinches, for showing, Muling, 2/- and 2/6. Cock Siskins, 2/6, 3/-, 4/-. Send for catalogue. Proper Club Show Cages, 2/-, three 5/6. Can give you absolute proof of hundreds of winners I have supplied the last few years at above prices. Established 1879. Telephone 440.

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LINNETS. CHAFFINCHES. TWITES.
Warranted cock Linnets, 3/- dozen; cock Chaffinches, 5/- doz.; Twites, 2/- dozen; cock Greenfinches, grand specimens for exhibition, 1/- each; straight from the East Coast; dealers write for prices: Green, 14, North Howard-st., Gt. Yarmouth.

NOTICE TO BIRD CATCHERS

Wanted, a weekly supply of cocks and hens, Bullfinches, Siskins and Hawfinches; best price given. Apply Enoch Power, 91, Sclater-st., Shoreditch, London.

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has hundreds of British birds coming in weekly; beautiful 1911 English cock Goldfinches, sex guaranteed, 1/6 each, 3 3/9, 6 6/6; full coloured large, selected for showing, muling, singing, 2/-, 2/6, 3/-, 3 4/6, 6 8/-, 15/- dozen; hens, 8d., 3 2/-, 5/6 doz.; cock Bullfinches, 1/6, 2/-, 3 4/-, 6 7/-; hens, 1/- each; Linnets, 8d., 3 1/6, 6 2/3, 4/- doz.; grand cock Siskins, 2/-, 2/6; hens, 1/-, 3 2/6; large selected cock Linnets, for showing or muling, 1/6, 2/-, 2/6 each; cock Larks, 8d., 3 1/3, 3/- dozen; Linnet call cages, 9d., 3 2/-; contest Linnet cages, 1/3, 3 3/-; British show cages, 1/9 each; best birdlime, 1/3 lb., 1/- ½lb., 7d. ½lb.; postage free: Matt Hopkins, Bird Specialist, 11, Fylde-st., Preston, Lancashire.

ANGELS' VISITS

are certainly a rarity, but they can be no more rare than a fancier who has not yet heard of "Gore of Birmingham." Still, there may still be a few of them about, and it is for those few that this advertisement is specially written. To my old customers I need never say a word, as I know I am always certain of their custom, as once I can induce a man to give me one trial, I know he will come again. Everything I sell is accurately described without superfluous adjectives, and sent on approval at my risk on receipt of cash or deposit system of this paper, and unless it gives entire satisfaction in every way, only has to be returned, and the whole of your money is promptly and cheerfully refunded. These are my only conditions, and nothing would be more straightforward. I have an enormous stock of genuine Worcestershire cock Goldfinches, in perfect health and condition, at 1/6 each, three 4/-, six 6/6, twelve 12/-; specially selected larger cocks, for singing and muling, warranted now in song, 2/- each, three 5/-, six 8/6, twelve 16/-; few extra special real exhibition cocks, with broad skulls, deep, square blazes, well tanned and mooned and superb condition, 3/-, 4/-, and 5/- each; hen Goldfinches, 9d. each, three 2/-, six 3/6, twelve 5/-; selected hens, 1/- each, three 2/6, six 4/-, twelve 7/-; handsome lot cock Bullfinches, in pink of health, 2/- each; exhibition specimens, 3/-, 4/-, and 5/- each; hen Bullfinches, 1/- and 1/6 each; grand lot cock Siskins, in full colour, 2/- each, three 5/-; specially picked exhibition specimens, real yellows, with full bib, good size and lacings, 3/-, 4/-, and 5/- each; hen Siskins, 1/- each, three 2/6, six 4/-; splendid lot cock brown Linnets, every bird with nut-brown back, and rose-red breast, 8d. each, three 1/6, six 2/6, twelve 4/-; specially picked larger cocks for muling or contest singing, and warranted now in song, 1/- each, three 2/-, six 3/6, twelve 6/-; exhibition specimens of correct type and exquisite pencilling, 1/6, 2/-, and 2/6 each. Please note, I send scores of dozens to north-country Linnet singers every week alone, as my birds are known to have correct song for contest singing, and I have frequently published letters saying that my birds have beaten Linnets which cost more pounds than mine did pence. Cock Greenfinches, 6d. each, three 1/-, six 1/6; yellow exhibition specimens, with right quality of feather, 1/-, 1/6, 2/- each; cock Chaffinches, 8d. each, three 1/6, six 2/6, twelve 4/-; exhibition specimens, 1/- each; Redpolls, cocks or hens, 6d. each, three 1/3, six 2/-; exhibition specimens, 1/- each; English hand-reared cock Nightingales, in perfect feather and guaranteed in loud free song, 15/- each; hand-reared cock Thrush, full song day and gaolight, 7/6; you will notice by dates on following letters that they were not written in days of Adam, but are quite recent, and, what is more, are unsolicited and genuine. "29, Astor Street, Bramley, Leeds, Oct. 9.—Sir,—Two Goldfinches and four Linnets arrived safe and well packed. Thanks for attention to so small an order.—Yours, J. Pratt." "4, Wellington Terrace, Grimsby, Oct. 7.—Sir,—Birds arrived in splendid condition, and I am very pleased with them.—Yours, J. King." "St. Ives, Ringwood, Oct. 10.—Sir,—Birds to hand; I am very pleased with them, and consider them exceptionally good value.—Yours, W. Child." "Allithwaite, Lancs., Oct. 1.—Sir,—Please send following. I have eight of your Linnets in my birdroom, and all singing grand.—Yours, J. Thompson." "4, Margaret Street, Pentre, Sept. 24.—Sir,—Please send following. The Goldfinch I got from you last year took first and special only time shown.—Yours, T. Nicholas." "King Edward Street, Alexandria, Oct. 14.—Sir,—Goldfinch I had from you last year took second at our show, and I think it will do better this year by a long way.—Yours, T. Liles." "Chapel Fold, Royston, Oct. 14.—Sir,—Bullfinch arrived safe, and am well pleased with him, for he is a gem. The party I got it for says he is best bird in Royston.—Yours, W. Boucher." "School, Llangollen, Oct. 14.—Sir,—Linnet to hand. Am very pleased with it. It has already given evidence of being a good songster. Thanking you very much for the very 'English' way you have treated me.—Yours, J. Jenkins." "104, Wood Street, Grimsby, Oct. 17.—Sir,—Please send exhibition Goldfinch. My friend got one from you last year for muling, and bred 23 youngsters from him. He took 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th last year at our show.—Yours, A. Oliver." "Best's Yard, Front Street, Witton, Gilbert, Sept. 30.—Sir,—Please send two contest Linnets. I have heard your birds sing, and they are good.—Yours, G. Proudlock." "Soldiers' Rest, Annitsford, Oct. 1.—Sir,—Birds arrived all right, everyone fat and healthy, and well on seed. We are highly satisfied, as we have never had such a grand lot of birds from any other dealer. You are the best man to rely upon for sending all cocks—not half hens, as some dealers do. I advise all fanciers to deal with you, for you are a reasonable man to deal with.—Yours, T. Gates." Exhibitors, please note I handle more real English birds than any man alive, and although I do not get hundreds of winners weekly, I get a few, and as I do not exhibit them myself, all are for sale; but please don't expect to get them at my bottom prices. Local fanciers please note that despite the statements of some of the Birmingham "Dr. Cook's," the first prize British Goldfinch, first prize Siberian Goldfinch, and 2nd prize Siberian Bullfinch at recent Birmingham open show were all supplied by me, and cost their owners very few shillings each. If you want birds as good as they are advertised to be, send to me and you will have them. Signed guarantee with every bird that they are well on seed, and do not come under Wild Birds Protection Act. See Appliances and Roller Canary columns for further advts.

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COCK Larks, 2/6 dozen, picked 3d. each, 5 1/-, some singing: J. Howard, Finney Croston, Preston, Lancashire.

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COCK Woodlark 1/6; Skylark, 9d.; Wheatear, 1/6; Stonechat, 3/6; Buntings, Wagtails, Robins, 1/- pair; list free: Miss Rosey, Rosemary House, Eastbourne.

GENUINE cock Thrushes, 2/6; Blackbirds 2/-; Larks 1/6; guaranteed, thoroughly tamed; splendid songsters: Crisp, 11, Grosvenor Park-road, Walthamstow.

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BEAUTIFUL Skylark, winner 3rd prize, Any Variety British, open class, 7/6, with cage; card sent; also winning Norwich and Yorkshires; stamp reply: Davies, Ferndale, Craven Arms.

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WOODLARKS, the king of songsters; cock Woodlarks 3/- each, hen Woodlarks 1/6 each, selected cock Woodlarks, coming nicely on song, 5/- each, special Woodlark cages 5/- each; approval: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn.

SPLENDID Blackbirds and Song Thrushes, single 1/- each, three 2/3, six 3/6, dozen 6/-; I have same selected ones for showing at 1/6, 2/-, 2/6, 3/-, 3/6 and upwards, according to quality; I have hundreds of unsolicited testimonials from all over England, Scotland, Wales: Alfred Cubley, Gedney, Holbeach.

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BEAUTIFUL cocks, British Bullfinch, 12/6, twice house moulted; dark Goldfinch mule, 7/6; Siskin mule, 7/6; also Canary hens from 2/6 to 5/6; colour-fed, outdoor, private aviary: Allison, 70, Lancaster-rd., West Norwood, S.E.

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FIVE Norwich cocks, 4 hens, accept 30/-; cocks, Goldfinch, Redpoll, Linnet, Greenfinch, twice aviary-moulted, 2/6 each, 9/- lot: J. Jacobs, 199, Shortlands-rd., Sittingbourne.

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SCOTCH cock Linnets, 1/- each; cock Goldfinches, 2/- each; cock Skylarks, on song, 1/- each; exchange for cock and hen Canaries, also Mules: J. Donaldson, 17, Pitt-st., Newcastle-on-Tyne.

COCK Song Thrush and cock Blackbird, 1/3 each; cock brown Linnets, 1/- each, 3 for 2/-, 6 hens 1/-; cock Chaffinches, cock Greenfinches, 6d.; Tree Sparrows, 6d.: John Long, Huntspill, Somerset.

WARRANTED cock Linnets 3/- dozen, hen Linnets 1/- dozen; 20 mixed 1/6, selected dozen 1/-; pairs Linnets, Yellowhammers, Larks, Greenfinches, 6d. pair: G. Fenn, The Pitt, Isleham, Cambs.

ALL from winners, very choice; Border cocks, 4/6, 5/-, 6/6, 8/6 each; hens, 1/6, three for 4/-, 2/-, 3/6; pairs, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6 upwards; cages, 3d.; guaranteed, exceptional bargains, and genuine; approval: W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

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LINNETS, Linnets, Linnets, Larks, Larks, Larks; warranted cock Linnets, 3/- dozen, or 5 for 13/6; hen Linnets, 1/6 dozen; warranted cock Larks, 3/6 dozen; cock Greenfinches, 1/6 dozen; cock Chaffinches, 4/- dozen; bandsome lot Dragoon Pigeons, this year's birds; will exchange for Canaries or Mules: John Boxall, 5, Lavender-st., Brighton.

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NOTICE: Cock Goldfinches, Bullfinches, 1/6, selected 2/-, hens 9d., 1/-; red-breasted Linnets, Redpolls, Chaffinches, cock Skylarks, Titlarks, Yellowhammers, 6d. each, 3 for 1/-, hens 2d. each; Greenfinches, 3d. pair; Blackbirds, Thrushes, cocks, 1/-; all birds selected by me, rest sold to dealers; few of above singing nicely, 6d. extra; approval, deposit; hen Canaries wanted: Gould, Bird Catcher, Holford-rd., Witton, Birmingham.

ENGLISH cock Goldfinches, 2/- each, 3 for 5/-, 18/- dozen; hens, 1/- each, 3 for 2/6, 6/- dozen; cock Bullfinches 2/-, hens 1/-; cock Siskins, 2/-, hens 1/-; cock Chaffinches 1/-, hens 6d.; cock Yellowhammers 1/-, hens 6d.; cock Ortolan Buntings 2/6, hens 1/6; cock Mealy Redpolls 2/6, hens 1/6; Lesser Redpolls, cocks or hens, 6d.; Greenfinches, cocks or hens, 6d.; bright mixed aviary birds, all seedeaters, 6/- dozen; Great Tits, 2/6; Blue Tits, 2/6: Redstarts, 7/6; Black Caps, 7/6; Nightingales, 20/-; Blue-throated Warbler, 20/-; Crossbill, 2/6; approval: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn.

E. FENN, ISLEHAM.
Warranted cock Linnets 2/6, picked 3/-; Larks 1/9; Greenfinches 1- dozen; Linnets, Chaffinches, Yellowhammers, Greenfinches 6d. pair; 20 mixed seedeaters 1/6: Fenn, Hives Drove, Isleham, Cambs.

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COCK Linnets 8d., 6 2/-, doz. 3/6; cock Goldies 1/6, 3 4/-, hens 9d., 8/- doz.; Yellowhammers, Chaffinches, Redpolls, Linnets, Greenfinches, 9d. pair; mixed aviary birds, including Goldfinch, 3/- dozen; Skylarks 3/- dozen; Starlings 2/- dozen, 15/- 100; Redpolls 2/6 dozen; trade supplied 5/-, 10/-, £1 mixed lots; show specimens always for sale, correspondence a pleasure: Broxup, Catcher, Whittlefield, Burnley.

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J. FENN, ISLEHAM.

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Norwich.

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MAGNIFICENT cobby 1911 exhibition buff Norwich cock, real gem, only 12/6; grand stout yellow hen, rare type and quality, only 8/6, or £1 the pair; also massive yellow cock, grand colour and quality, only 12/6; also monster buff hen, rare size and quality of feather, only 6/6 or 17/6 the pair; genuine bargains; approval: Cooper, 29, Junction-rd, Norwich.

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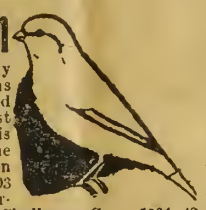
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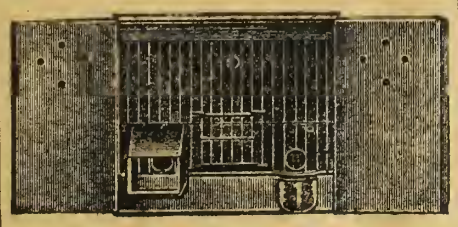
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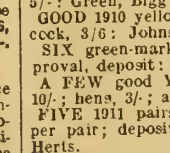


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CANARIES, cocks in full song, or pairs, exchange Pathe phonograph, cost 50/-, and 3 dozen new records, or cash 30/- the lot: Wilde, 10, Portland-rd., Holland Park, W.

NOTICE; wanted from reliable catchers, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Siskins, etc.; state lowest prices at once to Hollinshead, Cheshire Aviaries, Howard-st., Stockport.

WANTED, pair cushion wheels in good order, exchange loose front 22-inch breeding cage, green Crestbred hen, also Yorkshire hen: Bryson, Brae View, Crossford, Carluke.

NOTICE, will give 6/- per pair for Norwich and Yorkshires, colour fed preferred; also wanted, Crests and Scotch Fancy, must be reasonable: McKeand, Hamilton-place, Castle Douglas.

WANTED Yorkshires, Norwich Canaries, Mules, prompt, cash, or exchange laying pullets, prize pigeons, rabbits; state price; offers wanted: Simmonds, 64, Stean-st., Haggerston, London.

WANTED 2 pure Roller Canaries, or Mules, full song, will give new meat mincing machine, worth 15/-, or contest, Skylark, topper, worth £1, sing anywhere: 28, Doris-rd., Sparkhill, Birmingham.

WANTED, reliable dealer to take weekly 20 or 30 dozen Linnets, Redpolls, Goldfinches, Chaffinches, Greenfinches, Twites, Larks, and other sorts birds: A. Whitehead, 7, Arundle-road, Prittlewell, Essex.

WANTED at onee, any quantity cock Canaries, in full song; will give 9d. German hens, 1/- Norwich and Yorkshires, 1/3 extra large Norwich, long Yorkshires: stamp reply: B. Soanes, 92, Bevan-st., Lowestoft.

WANTED, two good young Roller cocks in full song in exchange for two pairs of mule breeders, Goldfinch and Canaries, house moulted, strictly genuine: approval both ways: J. Perry, 92, Gleheast., Walsall, Staffs.

CASH offers: Two Canary-reared Chaffinches, cocks, one Goldfinch, cock, one Bullfinch, hen, all house-moulted, also five Norwich show cages, nearly new, club pattern, 5/-; first P.O. gets them; approval: Allsop, Carcroft, Doncaster.

WANTED to exchange 4 splendid single breeders 18x11, mahogany stained, all complete, also flight cage, makes 2 single breeding cages when required; they are almost new, made by cabinet maker, all have loose fronts; for singing cocks of any breed (no rubbish wanted, none offered): James Turner, 67, Trafford-st., Rochdale.

WANTED FOR EXPORT,

2,000 Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries, must be of good type and feather; cocks to be in full song; fair price given for good birds: Enoch Power, 91, Selater-st., Shoreditch, London.

WANTED FOR EXPORT.

Any quantity large colour-fed Norwich or Yorkshire cocks. Send price and full particulars, and stamp for reply. Will deposit cash.

JOE THOMAS, Ambler Thorn, HALIFAX.

NATURAL HISTORY

BIRD and animal preserving done cheaply by practical hands; latest improvements: F. Livermore, Windley, Derby.

"Bird Stuffing and Mounting," illustrated, 1/-; "Animal Stuffing," 1/6; illustrated catalogue taxidermists' requisites free: Messrs. Davis, Museum Works, Dartford.

SALE or EXCHANGE.

Mainly British.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE brown Linnets, 2/- doz.; exchange: Watson, Bird-catcher, Littleport, Cambs.

EXCHANGE 2 h.m. Mealy Redpolls, fit to show, for yellow Norwich hen for muling: A. Menzies, Canal-st., Johnstone.

TWO good, steady H.M. cock Larks, 2/6 each; try one; or exchange foreign; offers: Barnes, Frank-st., Rochdale.

EXCHANGE all kinds of British birds for anything useful, or sell; state wants: Casey, 19, Coldham-lane, Cambridge.

SALE or exchange, Goldfinch Mule, full song, Finch note, for new Canary and breeding cage: Whitlock, 11, Eastgate, Lincoln.

W. BARKES, Crawleyside, Stanhope, exchange two cock Greenfinch-Canary Mules for two large cock Goldfinches; approval.

WHAT offers, good British exhibition hardbills, for ten splendid Yorkshire Canaries: Charlton, 76, Upper Victoria-st., Darlington.

LINNET and hen Canary, bred Mules, with breeding cage, 6/-, exchange Norwich, anything: Still, 8, Queen-st., Gravesend.

EXCHANGE 1910 h.m. Linnet and fancy hanging cage, for Goldies, Bullies, or Canaries, fox terrier: Dalgleish, Aiketgate, Aramathwaite.

HOUSE-moulted cock Bullfinches and cock Goldfinches, 2/- each; hens, 1/-; exchange light muling Canaries: Cockran, Tatworth, Chard.

TWO good muling Goldfinches, cocks, house moulted Bullie, laid in cage, exchange hand made clap nets, 6 yards: Bushbridge, Poundstock, Cornwall.

LARGE Goldie-Bully Hybrid hen, beauty; exchange for big, steady cock Hawfinch: Telfer, Lancethill Cottage, Lesmahagow, Lanarkshire, Scotland.

OFFERS, cocks, Linnet, Yellow Bunting, Chaffinch, Greenfinch, Skylark, Redpoll; sell 6/-; exchange finches, anything useful: G. Frith, Crowle, Lincs.

EXCHANGE cock Linnet Mule, 5-chamber revolver, lot for 3 dozen cock brown Linnets; yours first: Sharp, Murton Village, Earsdon, Northumberland.

THREE massive hand-reared cock brown Linnets, 2/6 each; exchange disc records, Canaries, Goldfinches, Mules: Ernest Whiteley, Crowle, Doncaster.

COCK Goldfinch Mule, cock Goldfinch, Norwich Canary, 2 cock Linnets, all house-moulted, 14/-; exchange ferrets; approval, editor: Cooper, Ltd., St. Giles, Cambs.

EXCHANGE Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Linnets, all kinds British in song; some can win; for Canaries; what offers?; or sell cheap: Fry, 35, Dean-crescent, Bedminster.

EXCHANGE British for Canaries, Mules, etc.; exhibition Greenfinch Mules, cocks, 10/6 each; Goldfinches, singing, 1/6, 2/-, 2/6 each: Hall9, Central Bird Stores, Patricroft, Manchester.

EXHIBITION Chaffinch, 3rd Wolverhampton, 7/6; Mealy Redpoll, 7/6; colour-fed Greenfinch, 7/6; or would give little cash on exchange gent.'s cycle: Rowley, Wellington-av., Bradmore, Wolverhampton.

GOLDFINCH Mule cock, over moult, pure Finch notes, suit catcher, sell 12/-, or exchange for good Linnet Mule cock, pure Linnet notes; approval both ways: Masonic Inn, Tavistock-rd., Stoke, Devonport.

EXCHANGE Yorkshire, Goldfinch, Mule, Greenfinch, hand reared (hens), for Goldfinches, Hawfinches, sell 5/6, pairs grand Norwich, Yorkshire, 7/6; Yorkshire cock, hc Evesham, 10/-: A. Marsh, Evesham.

NOTICE; I will exchange all kinds of British for show, muling, or contest singing, for any variety of Canaries and Mules; state wants; approval both ways: Hollinshead, Cheshire Aviaries, Howard-st., Stockport.

EXCHANGE pair Greenfinches, Canary reared, cock fine bird, also an American split cane fly rod, new, 10½ feet, for large healthy unflighted Norwich or Lizard cock; yours first: Hussey, Baker, High-st., Kington, Herefordshire.

NOTICE; two giant hand-reared, clean-moulted, full colour cock Goldfinches, warranted to make sure mulers and prize takers, only 7/6 each; or exchange for colour-fed Canaries or Mules: Russell, 10, Granby-place, Bethnal Green, London, E.

BLACKBIRD, black and white pied; beautiful exhibition Song Thrush, both cocks; also two Greenfinches (yellow); all hand-reared nestlings, moulted; sell or exchange cock Brambles, Hawfinches, Mules, Wheatears, Crossbill: Conly, Pershore, Worcs.

NOTE, will give warranted cock Goldfinch, through moult, full scarlet blaze, well buttoned and mooned, two warranted cock brown Linnets, one large Greenfinch, one Redpoll, for cock Canary in full song, any variety: Silcock, Wellington-rd., Ashton-under-Lyne.

I WILL exchange very high class British singing birds or birds for the show bench, for Canaries, Mules, or foreign birds and good clean charlock seed, any quantity. I have the best British in England, all exhibitors please write for price of best British: Harry Allen, City Aviaries, Beckett-st., Leeds.

Mainly Canaries.

CANARIES for sale, or exchange anything useful: E. Royall, 5, Abberley-st., Dudley, Worcester.

SEVEN Yorkshire hens, 2 cocks, 25/-, or useful exchange: A. Cannon, Portway, Wells, Somerset.

THREE Sieferts Canaries, 7/6; or exchange 1911 cock Goldfinch: Brown, Hills Flat, Radlett, Herts.

HARTZ cock in full rolling song with changes, sell or exchange Norwich: Inkpen, Queen-st., Gravesend.

EXCHANGE fine pair Yorkshire Canaries for punch ball or air gun; sell 12/6: Smith, 36, Clayton-st., Nelson.

THREE good variegated hen Canaries, 7/6 lot, or exchange H.M. British or Foreign: A. Rennie, East End, Prestonpans.

PAIR good bred Yorkshires, non-fed, exchange anything but live stock, value 10/-: Holmes, 113, Devonshire-st., Keighley.

EXCHANGE winning Yorkshire cock for exhibition Goldfinch cock or Hawfinch; yours first: J. G. Taylor, Old Fallow, Cannock.

PAIR Norwich, 8/6; Norwich cock, 5/-; Yorkshire hen, 2/-; German hen, 2/-; pair Bramblefinches, 2/6; clean aviary moulted; Geo. Hurwood, Scorton, Yorks.

EXCHANGE grand pair of Yorkshires for Goldfinches or Seifert Roller cocks and hen: T. Stead, 24, Duke-st., Grimsby.

GRAND 1911 Cinnamon Yorkshire cock, show cage and case, bargain, £1, or exchange: Finch, 234, Southwark Park-rd., S.E.

WILL exchange prize bred Norwich or Yorkshires for good Siberian or large British Goldfinches: Jackson, Church-st., Guisbro'.

SEVEN pairs of Norwich, 6/6 pair, or exchange blankets, or rugs, mats, or offers: H. Flecks, 6, Sunndale-av., Wallsend-on-Tyne.

EXCHANGE four Roller hen Canaries for fowls last May hatch; state offers: Williams, 175, Belgrave-rd., Walthamstow, London.

COCK Schoolmaster Roller Green Canary for 18/-, or trousers and breeches to value: Parsons, Bower Hinton, Martock, Somerset.

WILL exchange high-class Canaries for gramophone or records, anything useful; see Norwich and Yorkshire advertisement: Hawkes.

GIVING up; Exchange Crests and Crestbreds, some winners, for laying pullets, corn, or sell cheap: Carr, 37, Merefield-terrace, Rochdale.

EXCHANGE exhibition Norwich or Yorkshires for gramophone records, or sell 15/- pair: Cundy, Priory-avenue, Prittlewell, Essex.

EXCHANGE two Border hens, Cinnamon marked and Buff, for large yellow Norwich hen: Thomson, Academy-st., Larkhall, Scotland.

YORKSHIRES, 20 good hens, few cocks, sell or exchange, approval; bath chair preferred: Geo. Stocks, 44, Bentley-rd., Doncaster.

SEVEN hen Canaries, 8/6; large Crestbred cock, Crested hen, Crested cock, show cage, 17/6; exchange; offers: Criddeford, Honiton.

TWO good Yorkshire cocks, 1911, commencing singing, yellow 8/6, Green 7/6; exchange pups, poultry, anything: Holt, Plumber, Bacup.

BUFF Yorkshire cock and cinnamon hen, exchange for 2 house-moulted Chaffinches, and 1 Yellowhammer, cocks: Ernest Folkard, Heworth, York.

EXCHANGE large, almost green, crested cock for large buff Norwich Plainhead cock, with big round head; approval: Milton, 5, Love-st., Paisley.

GRAND cock Canaries, 8/6; cash or exchange box compasses or artist's old paints; approval; yours first: Richardson, 6, Lower Orchard-st., York.

WILL exchange pedigree Norwich for Goldfinches, Siskins, Linnet Mules, Goldfinch Mules, with natural song: Metcalfe, 8, Fuller-st., New Clecthorpes.

GRAND Norwich Canaries, outdoor aviary bred; exchange for 9ct. gold Albert (curb pattern preferred): Syron, Jubilee House, Linton, Cambs.

LARGE healthy outdoor-bred Norwich Canaries, from 8s. 6d. pair; exchange Toy Pom., poultry; offers: Carnew, 49, Thornleigh-rd., Horfield, Bristol.

FOR sale, few pairs of splendid Yorkshires, from 9/6 pair; exchange blankets, sheets, quilts; yours first: Ambrose, 5, Cherry-st., Keighley, Yorkshire.

FIVE Norwich cocks, five hens, not rubbish, 50/-; will accept Norwich show cages as part payment if in good condition: Sheppard, Mason, Henley-on-Thames.

FOR sale, pair of grand Yorkshires, cinnamon marked cock, buff hen, 15/-, or exchange for good class Whippet puppy: Clarke, 4, Station-terrace, Swaffham.

ONLY two young Roller cocks left, 4/6 each; H.M. cock Chaffinch, 5/-; colour-fed muling cock Greenfinch, 2/6; bargains; exchange: Anstee, 6, Belmont-rd., Luton.

EIGHT large hen Canaries, 3/- each; 3 large cocks, 7/6 each; 5 Goldfinch mules, 6/6 each, full song; exchange good cigars, boots, spirits: Moores, Ashton-rd., Denton.

EXCHANGE cinnamon-marked Yorkshire hen, 1911, for good cock Thrush or Blackbird; hand reared; approval both ways, yours first: L. Dale, 9, Parliament-st., Sheffield.

TWO large clear yellow Norwich hens, 12/6 each, or exchange large clear buff cock; 4 show cages and carrying box, 8/6; 2 cages and do., 5/-: Milton House, Station-rd., Herne Bay.

WILL exchange five Canaries (one cock 1st prize winner, and two prize-bred hens); cock Siskin, bred Mules; and 8 cages (various); for African Grey talking Parrot: Allison, Silverhill, Hastings.

PAIR Crests, 12/6; Yorkshires, 10/6; Rollers, 7/-; Norwich Cinnamon hen, 4/-; clear crested hen, 4/-; H.M. cock Linnet, 3/6; all outdoor; would exchange roses, violas, plants, etc.: Medcalf, Salthill, Slough.

EXHIBITION Yorkshire and Norwich Plainheads, colour fed, show condition, 12/6 to 50/- per pair; exchange German cocks, on song, or fresh-caught British; mutual approval: Watson, 68, Lord-st., Rotherham.

Mainly Foreign.

ACCLIMATISED Australian Parrot and cage, exchange 6 cock Canaries or 4 pairs: Manager, Bird Stores, Kirkgate, Wakefield.

AUSTRALIAN Parrot and brass-mounted cage, exchange 6 cock Canaries, or offers: A. Sweetman, Hairdresser, Wheatley Hill, Durham.

PARROT and cage, young Amazon, finger tame, talking, grand plumage, 40/-; exchange Roller cocks or Goldfinches: Loftus, 93, Askew-rd., Gateshead.

EXCHANGE, 3 yellow, 1 green Budgerigars, for anything useful; also a trio of Game Bantams: A. Gould, Cage Works, 11, Little South-st., Coventry.

Miscellaneous.

VIOLIN, in case, exchange for 10in. records, or sell 15/-: A. Bounds, Clarks-yd., Long Buckby.

FOX terrier bitch for sale, 5/-; or exchange for rabbits: J. Rankin, 7, Musley-hill, Ware, Herts.

OFFERS for dozen purse nets, new, hand-made: Johnstone, Jubilee Cottage, Holly-rd., Aldershot.

LARGE grey dog Rabbit, 15 months, good mother, 3/6 or exchange: Beacon, Chart, Sutton, Maidstone.

SMART, well-bred Fox Terrier bitch, 8 months, 7/6, or exchange anything: Sewell, 19, William-st., Carlisle.

4st. CLEAN wild seeds, 6/-; exchange for a good Yorkshire yellow hen: E. Butler, William-street, Limerick.

BARGAIN, Mandoline 25/-, cost 35/-; or exchange Pomeranian puppies; offers: Barnes, Frank-st., Rochdale.

EXCHANGE 10 double-sided records, quite new, for birds to value 25/-: Collinson, 27b, Starkie-st., Keighley, Yorks.

EDISON Bell gem, 40 records, 32/- or nearest offer, or anything useful: Rawlings, 6, Astley's-row, Islington, London.

EDISON Bell Phonograph, new condition, also 30 records; sell lot 20/- or offers: Aspden, 11, Calder-vale, Burnley.

HONEY, exchange 10 sections, pair 1911 Norwich, or good cock Roller; approval: Alex. Garrow, Saddler, Aberlour, N.B.

EDISON Gem phonograph, complete, 28 records, 22/6; bargain; hand-reared cock Blackbird, 3/6; Lesser Whitethroat, 2/6: Green, Bowden, Leicestershire.

BIRCHEN Game Bantams, cock and two hens, also odd hen, sacrifice 7/6, or exchange: Heselden, Walkley-terr., Heckmondwike.

MAIDEN smooth fox-terrier; pedigree contains 11 champions; over all ills (trained); offers; exchange: 43, Bristol-rd., Coventry.

LOVELY tame vixen fox, nice lady's pet; will exchange for African Grey Parrot: Mrs. Shakeshaft, 2, The Gullett, Nantwich.

THREE double breeders, new last year; complete, 4/6 each, or 12/- the lot; exchange: Thompson, 37, Winsover Road, Spalding.

WHAT offers in Norwich or Yorkshires for grand morning coat, fit gent, medium build: Pattinson, 12, Cliff-st., Newtown, Carlisle.

MAGIC lantern, 3 burners, 82 slides; cost £3; as new; exchange Canaries or sell cheap: Golding, 19, Brunswick-close, Clerkenwell.

WHAT offers in Canaries for a well-bred Dandy Dinmont Crude bitch?: Robert Harkness, Henderson-st., Moffat, Dumfriesshire.

GRAND stud of show Homers from 5/- to £3 each; exchange anything useful or Poms or good Parrot: Todd, Chiltern-rd., Dunstable.

EXCHANGE gold silver Albert with silver pendant, engraved, for pair Yorkshires: R. Duckett, Kenton Mandeville, Somerton, Taunton.

HAND lockstitch sewing machine, equal new, 30/-; exchange Canaries; a bargain: Pearce, 34, Telford-rd., North Kensington, London.

EIGHT hen Canaries, Crystal Palace aviary, double and single breeder, with nursery; what offers: Weitmann, 60, Archway-rd., Highgate.

FIFTEEN 10-inch plate records, new condition; brass hanging cage; Parrot cage; exchange Canaries: Russen, 2, Bush-st., Burnley.

100 EDISON phonograph records and large brass horn and stand, exchange for green Norwich: Pole, 33, Glamorgan-st., Canton, Cardiff.

FIVE pair Black Magpies, also 2 pairs Pouters, Warner's, Conference rung; exchange anything, old violin: R. Heath, Bottisham, Cambs.

VIRTUE'S "Universal Shakespeare"; new; 40 2/- parts; complete; offers wanted; birds, anything: J. Dunn, 60, Palmer-rd., Darlington.

TRIO Black Wyandotte Bantams, good strain, for good yellow Yorkshire or Norwich hen, sell 20/-: Adams, Westend, near Southampton.

ANGLO-German concertina, 34 keys, steel reeds, good condition, offers, part cash: Shawcross, 704, Atherton-rd., Hindley Green, near Wigan.

108 DESIGNS of "Home Handicrafts" fretwork; exchange for small foreign birds; birds first: Ballantyne, 91, Halihurton Place, Calashiels.

EXCHANGE small phonograph and large trumpet and 3 records for hen Canaries, any sort: H. Vale, 7c Block, Rye-buildings, Peckham Rye, S.E.

HANDSOME Grey and Red Parrot, make intelligent talker, 15/-; pair splendid Yorkshire Canaries, 12/6; exchange fancy: Barlow's Aviaries, Greenwich.

EIGHT good 16in. gramophone concert and Zonophone disc records, 4/3; two pairs boxing gloves, 2/-: P. Crumpton, 14, Channing-st., Rochdale.

WOULD exchange pair racing homers, worth 10/-, for two good Norwich hens or Seifert Roller cock; approval: Joplin, 1, Abernethy-rd., Lewisham.

GENUINE Edison records, new, 3 dozen; 8/- dozen or 21/- lot; exchange cock Canaries, Rollers in full song; Wilde, 10, Portland-rd., Holland Park, W.

EXCHANGE Columbia gramophone and 20 disc records for 1911 Yorkshire Canaries, or sell £1: Brockett, 198, Boden Street, Bridgeton, Glasgow.

HANDSOME black retriever bitch puppy, four months, for talking Parrot, Canaries, sewing machine; what offers?: 18, Whitbread-av., Bedford.

WAR medal, in case, Suakin, 1885 (Egypt), exchange Dr. Butler's book on foreign birds, Part 1, or pet bird: Robertson, 22, Summerfield-terr., Aberdeen.

TWO good Airedale pups, by Tintern Desire; will sell or exchange anything useful; dog 30/-, bitch 25/-; five months old: 22, Wellington-ter., Bramley, Leeds.

GRAND Belgian hare; can win; pedigree sent; £3 pair, or exchange Canaries, Parrot, or Yorkshire terrier; approval: Grant Bros., Milton-st., Norwich.

BLACK Pom bitch, 12 months, perfect head and ears, grand tail carriage, 10/-; exchange gent's watch, anything useful: F. Reed, Arthur House, Crook, Durham.

TANDEM bicycle (Swift), splendid condition, £4 4/-; exchange good fed Yorkshires or Norwich to value £5; offer yours first: Ellis, 226, Pellon-lane, Halifax.

WHAT offers in Rollers for two large Bovril pictures, unframed, in perfect condition: sell 15/-; no rubbish wanted or offered: Eber Gill, 50, Castle-st., Skipton.

GENUINE homers, good strain, won up to 357 miles; exchange for good Norwich Canaries; no dealers; approval: W. Adams, 22, Fence-st., Macclesfield.

300 yards materials, latest patterns, in blouse, skirt and frock lengths, worth 4/6 per yard, accept 2/- yard; or exchange birds to value: Wressell, Crowle, Doncaster.

1½ DOZEN Edison cylinder records; sound condition; best offers each Goldfinches, 1911; approval both sides; stamp: Aikens, Ellenborough, Maryport, Cumberland.

A GOOD muzzle-loading gun, complete in case, for dog (any breed), foreign birds, or anything useful: J. Ansell, Bird Dealer, 4, Davis-st, Shelton, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs.

FOX terrier bitch, 16 months, all white, champion pedigree, clean, good companion, 20/- or exchange Canaries: Victoria Cigar Stores, Ladbroke-grove, North Kensington.

BULLDOG, Brindle, good pedigree, 9 months old; sell 25/- or exchange good German Rollers; no choppers wanted: Apply Jones, 18, Mather-st., Failsworth, Manchester.

GENT.'S superior quality black or tan boots, 14/6; ladies', 12/6; boys' and girls', 7/6; gent.'s suits, 30/-; overcoats from 20/-; exchange birds to value: Wressell, Crowle, Doncaster.

EXCHANGE pair field glasses and case, new condition, for good Roller cock, or Roller contest cages; sell 12/6; sale Roller hens, 5/6 couple: Scott, 7, Walford-rd., York-rd., Leeds.

GENUINE bargain.—Half-over net, 6 yards 6 feet, all accessories, also cock Bullfinch-Goldfinch, two singing Linnets, and grand cages, 10/6 lot: Gent, 4, Harold-st., Nottingham.

MAGNETO electric machine for nervous diseases and rheumatism; cost 30/-; exchange clear Buff Norwich cock about 25/- or sell 20/-: Milton House, Station Road, Herne Bay.

PIANO by Broadwood, high-class, modern English instrument, new condition, £11, cost 32gs.; accept part cash and Canaries or offers; seen any time: 65, Ewart-rd., Nottingham.

NORWICH-CROSS, three cocks, five hens, large healthy birds (1911); what offers? poultry, rabbits, anything useful; no cards: Pennington, Thornton Lodge, Goxhill, Lincolnshire.

EXCHANGE Loxley's 2-compartment pigeon basket, used twice, for 1911 Norwich Canaries; also Holborn ¼-plate camera, with all requirements, nearly new, cost £3; what offer?: L. Weeks, Chapel lane, Swansea.

5/6 Phonograph and 30 good records, 20/-; pen Old English Spangle Bantams, winners, 25/-; exchange Canaries: Sewery, West Stafford, Dorchester.

HUMBER, gent's cycle, Palmer tyres, as new; exchange Parrot and cage or anything useful, sell £2 10s.: Hughes, 60, Windmill-st., Gravesend.

EXCHANGE punch ball, Indian clubs, Sandow grip-dumbbells, set boxing gloves for good cock Canary and cage; sell £1: A. Hibbins, Prospect-st., Horbury Jun., near Wakefield.

WIRE-HAIRED bitch puppie, even marked, 4½ months, make winner, price £1, or exchange pair good Norwich; no rubbish: Apply, Joynes, Hairdresser, Somercotes, Derbyshire

GENT'S cycle, almost new, green, gold lines, plated rims, free wheel, Bowden brake, £5; lady's in good order, 30/-, or Norwiches or Crests: Walker, 34, Hathaway-st., Marybill, Glasgow.

POUTER cock, 2 Pigmy hens, 7/6; mitre machine, 10/-; small bench drill and vice combined, 15/-; exchange Goldfinches or Game Bantams: Jacobs, Cotmer-lane, Pulton Broad, Lowestoft.

FOUR pair of Mulers and mahogany cage, 36 x 16, two breeding cages, York show cage, Norwich hen, Yorkshire hen; exchange for gun or weights and scales: H. Carter, Belle Vue, Welton.

32-KEY concertina; cost £3 only three months since, and I will exchange it for a pair of good clap nets; must be good ones; a bargain: Thomas Davenport, 47, Lewis-st., Hyde, Cheshire.

PAIR of handsome marble horses 45/-; pair of pretty oil-paintings in massive gilt frames, 35/-, or exchange dogs or anything reasonable: Pears, 377, Cambridge-rd., Victoria Park, London.

LADY'S Costume (blue), skirt 23in., 41in.; also 50/- silver English lever, well-known make, both as new; sell or exchange; genuine; stamp reply: Knell, 85, Grosvenor-buildings, Manisty-st., London, E.

LOOK! exchange one pair of gent.'s or ladies' new boots, one suit length, or one dress length, any colour, for one cock and three hen Canaries, or six cock Bullfinches: Cummings, 4, Richmond-terr., Leeds.

FOX Terriers; must sell immediately four smooth, two wire pups, dirt cheap, pedigree; exchange Lovebirds, fowls, small foreign, anything; also grand brood bitch; letters only: Ward, 19, Heyes-st., Blackburn.

PAIR Canaries, 7/6; Bullfinch cocks, 1/3; housemoulted Goldfinch Mule, Brown Linnet, 2 Bullfinch cocks, 3/- each; pair clap-nets, 15 yards, 6ft.; good as new, with irons, 15/-: Geo. Leybourne, Scorton, Yorks.

FOUR 1911 cock Goldfinch Mules, two fit for exhibition, 10/6 each; others, 6/6 each; four yellow cock Canaries, colour-fed, 7/6 each, or useful exchange; approval: Brown, South-rd., High Etherley, Bishop Auckland.

A GRAND Indian Game cock, 9lbs., with unrelated hen, over moult; exchange Crest or Yorkshires, or sell 15/-; yours first; approval; no rubbish offered or wanted; George Bonsall, Queen-st., South Normanton, Derbyshire.

RIPPINGILL'S patent oil stove, 18 inches high, 10 square, red corded glass front, perfect, 12/6; exchange pair 1911 exhibition Borders, even marks preferred, light Mule; offers: Morrison, North Johnstone, Renfrewshire.

TWO very powerful air rifles and steel target, equal to new; cost £6; exchange Canaries, Disc records, anything gramophone line and part cash; sell £3 10s.; approval willingly: Bottomley, 35, Myrtle Avenue, Bingley.

LOOK here! what offers in exchange, or would sell cheap, 4 cocks, 2 hen Norwich and Yorkshires, 1 cock, 2 hens Border Fancies; cocks, 6/6 each, hens 2/6; take 35/- for lot: 368, Rosliston Road, Stapenhill, Burton-on-Trent.

WILL exchange good violin, bow, and case, also a good clarionet and case, for large typical buff Norwich cock, good head, neck, and deep chest; no rubbish; approval both ways; bird first: Thompson, 222, Main-st., Spittal, Berwick-on-Tweed.

SHOW case, 20½ by 12½ by 12½, joiner made frame, covered leather cloth, new; another, 12½ by 11 by 12½; also six Lizard show cages, newly enamelled, new condition; exchange or sell 17/6 lot; stamp: Jeffrey, 3, Glenthorne-rd., Sunderland.

9-ct. SOLID gold Albert, £3 10s.: lady's long guard, 9ct. gold, 40/-; lady's go'd watch, keyless, 35/-; pair bronze Marlie horses, 30/-; new condition and perfect; or exchange singing cock Canaries, colour-fed.—29, Sefton Road, Morecambe.

EXCHANGE for Roller singing Canaries, medical battery, solid walnut box, as new, 25/-; 24 10-inch 2/6 needle records, as new, 20/-; mandoline in leather case, 20/-; approval both ways: Jumper, 11, Breamar Road, Fallowfield, Manchester.

PAIR of Norwich, 8/6; white metal watch, 4/-; gold pattern hunter, 7/-; two cock Linnets and two hen Canaries, 3/6 a pair; silver watch chain, 3/6; or exchange lot, talking machine or anything useful; offers: Bennets, 59, Robert-st., Manselton, Swansea.

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Shipley O.S.: Held Oct. 17th, "Prince of Wales." 137 birds faced Mr. H. H. Towers. Spl. for best cock: H. Martin; best hen, W. Johnson; points to date: Taylor 47, Martin 41, Crossland 39, Hudson 36, Brown and Son 34, Long 33, Novice: Robinson 27, Merral 20, Holmes 17, Gait 15, Leighton and Genise 14. Principal winners—Yorks: Messrs. Crossland, Bradshaw, Taylor, Harvey, Martin, Johnson, Long, Hudson, Brown and Son, Leighton and Genise, Armstead, Grange. Novice: Harrison, Leighton and Genise, Holmes, Gait.—A. Tillotson, Sec.

Morley and Dis. C.B.S.: Held Oct. 21st. 94 exhibits, Mr. T. Bentley judge. Principal winners—Yorks: Messrs. Kershaw, Pyrah, Mitchell, Booth, Spence, Birdsall, Scholes, Gledhill, Rhodes, Dickinson. British: Dickenson, Owen, Burnell, Gomersall.—D. Holliday, Sec.

Ilford F. and F.S.: Held Oct. 14th, Scrafton Hall. Judge, Mr. W. L. Rae. Special for best Canary: E. Reynolds; for best bird (not Canary), Mrs. Curd. Principal winners—Canaries: Messrs. Reynolds, Smith, Blennerhasse, Stevens. British: Messrs. Reynolds, Blennerhasse. Mules: Mrs. Curd.—J. H. Priestman, Sec.

Bradford West C.B.A.: Held Club Rooms, Oct. 18, with 60 entries. Mr. J. Bailey, judge. Principal winners—Yorks: Messrs. Mountain, Whitley, Cowgill and Son, Smith, Bennett, Tidswell, Crabtree, Goodwin, Wallbank.—F. Western, Sec.

Bradford East O.S.: Held Oct. 17. 152 birds staged, Messrs. T. Ogden and J. Hartley judges. Principal winners, champion section—Yorks: Messrs. Allen, Walker, Laycock, Wilkinson Bros., White, Riley Bros., Hill, Northrop. Novice Section—Yorks: Messrs. Turner, Midgley, Cowell and Calloway, Hudson, Rushworth, Hudson, Rhodes. Extra Novice Section—Yorks: Mr. Gregson.—H. Hill, Sec.

Tong and Dis. C.B.S.: Held Oct. 21, "Hand and Shuttle Inn," Dudley Hill. 104 birds faced Mr. P. Mason, who judged. Principal winners: Messrs. Clark, Firth, Padgett, Gledhill, Casey, Hodgson, sen., Crabtree, Atkinson, Hodgson, jun. Metcalfe Cheshire.—W. Walker, Sec.

East Stanley Workmen's Club: Held Oct. 21, Mr. J. Snell judged. Principal winners: Canaries: Messrs. Gowland, Hunter, S. Emmerson, A. Emmerson. British: Messrs. Hunter, J. Purvis, Boyle, R. Purvis.

City of Bradford O.S.: Held Oct. 21, "Flying Dutchman," Leeds Road. 170 birds staged. Mr. H. H. Towers, judge. Principal winners—Yorks: Messrs. Ludbrook, Helliwell, Wharton Bros., Birbeck. Novice Yorks: Messrs. Fletcher, Hunter, Symes, W. H. Rhodes, Slater, Simonett, W. Rhodes, Smith, Fletcher. Norwich: Messrs. Clark, Plowright. Novice Norwich: Messrs. F. Rhodes, Roe, Simonett, Lythell, Hunter. British: Messrs. Farrar, Inman, Morement.—J. Roe, Assist. Sec.

Sowerby Bridge C.B.S.: Held Wharfe Hotel, Oct. 21. Mr. W. Speak (Halifax) judged. Principal winners: Messrs. Stobart, Sutcliffe, Crossley Bros., Sunderland, Wild, Senior, Highly, Howard, Lumb and Horsfall, Graham.—Sutcliffe and Walker, Secs.

Hemsworth C.B.S.: Held Oct. 21. 77 birds faced Mr. E. Clegg, judge. Principal winners: Messrs. Edmondson and Son, Slack, Doodey, Kingsley, Taylor, Green, Hall, Kemp, Ramsden, Lee Harrison Sordoff, Lunn.—J. W. Gillings, Hon. Sec.

Great Horton O.S.: Held October 28th, Butcher's Arms. Judge, Mr W. Stables; 194 birds staged. Principal winners: Yorks. (champion), Messrs. F. Self, Ormonroyd, Myers and Lumb, Midgley, Gaunt, Lister, Fieldhouse; (novice), Messrs. Hainsworth, C. H. Self, Crabtree, Shackleton, Jowett, Hudson. Spl. for most points, W. Ormonroyd.—J. Holroyd, Sec.

Bramley C.B.S.: Held Old Unicorn Hotel October 21st; 85 birds staged. Most points in open, Messrs. Marsh and Richmond, novice, Messrs. Page and Scarth. Judge, Mr. M. Broadley. Mr. H. Wilkinson judges next show. Principal winners: Yorks, Messrs. Wilson, March, Richmond, Bracewell, Johnson, Taylor, Scarth, Page; Nor., Messrs. Richmond, Wilson, Guest, Triffitt, Craven, Maltby, Scarth, Page, Wainbridge.—W. Maltby, Sec.

Edinburgh C.B.S.: Held October 17th, Cairns Memorial Hall, Georgie Road. Judge, Mr. W. R. Dunn. Last show for Mr. Watson's gold medal, won by Mr. G. Mackie, 109 points; runner-up, Mr. W. Ferguson, 51 points. Principal winners: Border Fancies, Messrs. Mackie, Spittal; Nor., Messrs. Campbell, May, Brydone; Scots, Mr Spital; Mules, Mr. Ferguson.—J. I. Mackie, Sec.

Bankfoot C.B.S.: Held October 14th, Red Lion. Judge, Mr. W. A. Cowgill; 45 birds staged. At present there are more specials than exhibitors, and it seems as if some of these are to be secured for a low number of points—very disappointing to the officials, and we hope for better support in the future. Most points with 4 highest birds: W. North and J. Crowther (20 each), F. Gelder 18, B. Wilman 15. Spl. for best cock, Myers and Lightowler; best hen, F. Gelder. Principal winners: Messrs. Myers and Lightowler, Crowther, Kershaw, Lawson, Wilman, Gelder, Taylor Bros., and North.—F. Gelder, Sec.

Club Reports.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Meeting held Oct. 28, Mr. Farrar presiding. Various matters connected with open show discussed. Secretary reported he had received subs. from Ald. S. Storey (president), and Mr. F. W. Goldstone, M.P. Mr. Goldstone was elected a vice-president. We have accepted the patronage of the Northern B. and S.F.C.—J. Jeffrey, Sec.

SHIPLEY O.S.

Judging competition held Prince of Wales, October 24th, Mr. E. B. Denton acting as neutral judge. A "free and easy" was afterwards held, when Mr. Denton kept the company in merriment with his reminiscences of judging and exhibiting. He might rightly be termed "the daddy of the Fancy in the district." Winners of competition: A. Craven, I. Crossland, H. Long, H. Martin, H. Bradshaw, J. A. Taylor, E. Grance. Spl. for best cock, L. Crossland; ditto hen J. A. Taylor.—A. Tillotson, Sec.

STOKE-ON-TRENT C.B.A.

Meeting held October 23rd, very good attendance. Important show business was transacted. Several of the special prizes to be competed for were on view, and elicited much admiration, a vote of thanks being unanimously passed to the doners. Decided that no sales commission be charged to members, so that if a member makes a sale or a purchase, he will have the full benefit of the transaction. Also decided, that members subs. must be fully paid up to entitle them to enter at reduced entry fee, and compete for members' specials.—J. Pitchford, Sec.

GLOSSOP, HADFIELD C.B.S.

Meeting held Mr. A. Deakin's, 59, Hague Street, Mr. W. Lawton (president) in chair. Meeting to decide a suitable judge for annual show, Dec. 16, Victoria Hall, Glossop. Voting resulted in Mr. W. Cundiff (Macclesfield), the well-known Lancashire and Lizard also Norwich breeder and exhibitor, being elected judge. The committee also desire me publicly to thank Messrs. R. Hyde and Co. for the offer of a special, to be given at our discretion, and which we have great pleasure in accepting. Next meeting: see "Club Notices" later.—E. Thompson, Sec.

WALLSEND C.B.A.

Meeting held Station Hotel, Oct. 25, Mr. J. Johnston in chair. Letters read and approved. Owing to a misunderstanding we found that the services of Mr. A. Hay had been lost to us for our show. The appointment of another was discussed; result: Mr. T. Dixon for first choice, failing him Mr. Seely. Reports of tickets sold and special subscriptions were very favourable. Stewards and door attendants agreed upon. Secretary reported Messrs. Spratts had kindly supplied all material for show. Three new members enrolled. We were highly favoured by Mr. Atkinson joining us, and Mr. Beaver a new fancier, I think, and Mr. Kay, thus making our membership for this year forty paid up. Several old members have not yet forwarded their subs. We shall be pleased to receive any during next week before Nov. 10. This is the largest number the society has yet had, and many are expressing the wish that we shall next year hold an open show. All are invited to next meeting for entry forms and schedules.—Macdonald and Evans, Hon. Secs.

GLASGOW & W. COUNTIES CLUB.

Meeting held Good Templars' Hall, 122, Ingram Street, Oct. 28, Mr. D. Knox presiding in the unavoidable absence of the president (Mr. W. Connelly). Classification for annual show, December 2 carefully gone over, some classes being added whilst others were deleted. Following well-known fanciers selected to place the cards: Norwich and Borders, Mr. G. Arnott (Kirkcaldy); Mules, British and Foreign, Mr. J. Strachan (Bathgate). Following fanciers were admitted to membership: Messrs J. Rankin and G. Bannerman (Glasgow), W. Cathcart (Pollokshaws), and J. Smith (Glasgow). Members were glad to see that staunch fancier, Mr. P. Pettigrew, in his usual seat, and looking remarkably well since his recent accident. Fifty specials were given in during the meeting. The committee take this opportunity of informing the members who reside outside the city boundaries, that specials will be allocated by Messrs. Adam, Young, and Drysdale on November 19, at secretary's house, 81, Fordneuk Street, East, and any member desirous of assisting in the way of a special might notify Mr. Drysdale at this address. The treasurer read a letter from one of our late members, viz., Mr. A. McInnes, now of South Brisbane, Australia. Mr. McInnes has been to a few shows since landing in the land of the kangaroo, and his criticism of the birds was most amusing. He states that the old scraps he had at home would be regular "Prince Charlies" out there.

HOLMFIRTH AND DIST. C.B.S.

First prize distribution held October 20th, Rose and Crown Inn. Practically all the members were present and sat down to an excellent supper, which Mr. Brearley Buckley had provided. After supper the President (Mr. C. R. Hampshire) took the chair, and in well-chosen words presented the prizes: Gold medal, Mr. G. Bray, 150 points; copper kettle, Mr. A. Hellawell, 130; Mr. H. Charlesworth, 82; Mr. N. Sandford, 68; Mr. J. C. Beaumont, 62; Mr. G. Shaw, 52; Mr. A. Bray, 41. A vote of thanks was given Mr. Hampshire, also Mr. Buckley. Mr. Hampshire proposed the toast of "The King." Songs were rendered by Messrs. Lee, Roberts, Smith, Bray, and Beaumont, and Mr. A. E. Riley presided at the piano.—Tom Smith, Sec.

CUMNOCK AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held Co-op. Hall, Auchinleck, Oct. 28th, Mr. H. Kinnear (President) in chair. Final preparations for show, December 2nd, made, so the motion for altering colours in the Norwich classes was unanimously agreed to, which allows us to get our schedule ready for the printer. Then we got a hearty response to appeal for specials, which were allocated to give all sections an equal share of same; so with about a score of specials, a cup, and gold medal to winner and B.F.C.C. medal, we have something for members to compete for. I would like to appeal to all members who have not paid up their annual subs; would they be so kind as to oblige by paying as early as possible? And any other fancier who may wish to become a member I will be very pleased to enrol.—Joseph Nutt, Sec.

MUSSELBURGH O.S.

Meeting held Oct. 28, Grey Horse Tavern, the President (Mr. J. Pearson) in chair. Some discussion took place regarding classification, when the following classes were deleted: Scotch Fancy 2, Yorks. 1, Crest. 2, and in their places 2 extra classes for novice Nor., and 2 extra novice classes for Bord. Fancier added. The hen Bullfinch class was altered, and made to read any variety British hen breeding Finch. Members proposed to become members of the CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE; each one was presented with a copy of the League's "Aims and Objects." Estimates for printing were carefully considered. Decided, to hold another meeting Nov. 18, 7 p.m., headquarters; all members are requested to attend, when show business will be finally settled. Committee meet same place Nov. 23, 7.30, when specials will be drawn for and show officials elected.—W. Nisbet, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE C.C. OF SCOTLAND.

Meeting held Oct. 24th, 71, London Street, Glasgow. The President (Mr. T. Penman) presided. Sec. read correspondence regarding non-delivery of show cages, but it was felt nothing could be done except to leave the whole matter in the hands of the cage maker. For our club show to be held at the Glasgow and Dist. fixture in January, it was agreed to grant the following specials for young bird classes, viz., Champ., 5s. for most points, 3s. for second most points, and 2s. for third most points; Novices, 5s. for most points, 3s. for second most points, and 2s. for third most points. In the bowl competition the points won at Lochgelly are as follows: Martin 14, McLellan 13, MacRobbie 13, Heggie 12, Girvan 11, Crichton 8, Cochrane 8, Webster 7, Gibb 5, Sanderson 4, Reid 4, MacDougall 3, Reilly 1. The following gentlemen were unanimously elected to membership: Messrs. J. Ford (Kelty), J. W. Bruce (Coldstream), and Dr. J. C. Syson (Glasgow).—R. B. Gibb, Hon. Sec.

BANKFOOT AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

At the show held Red Lion Hotel, October 14th, only a very poor entry was recorded. This state of affairs is very disappointing to the officials, who have done their best to stimulate interest and enthusiasm amongst members. No doubt the removal of headquarters has something to do with the falling off of attendances at both shows and meetings. Unfortunately a good percentage of our members are only interested in their own welfare, and do not trouble themselves concerning the society's interest. I do not infer our society is by itself in this respect, but there is room for a vast improvement. In the past we have had some of the finest lecturers it is possible to obtain, but to ask the gentlemen to deliver lectures to the few regular attenders would be like adding insult to injury. Should any of the members have grievances, why not attend the meetings and have such grievances settled once and for all, instead of poisoning the minds of other members who are only in a position to learn one side of the case? The annual general meeting takes place in January, at which all grievances of an official nature can be remedied. Since our removal it is only fair to add that we have been handsomely treated by Mr. H. B. Wood, the proprietor of the Red Lion.—F. Gelder, Sec.

ARDWICK AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

General meeting held Oct. 17th, Headquarters, there being a good attendance. Mr. W. Robinson (chairman) gave a washing demonstration. He explained the things required—a good supply of hot and cold water, three vessels for washing and rinsing in, a good soft-haired shaving brush, also a small brush and sponge, soft cloth, and soap (powdered soap he preferred), and a drying cage, which should be placed before the fire and warmed before placing the birds in; also cover the front of cage with thin cloth, so the birds will not dry too quickly. On this occasion he had to use a drying case heated with a hot water tank, owing to our having no fireplace in meeting-room, but he preferred drying before the fire. Having everything ready on the table, he put water in the vessel, only using one on this occasion, it being a small bath. There was, he said, enough water to wash and rinse in. He took the bird in his left hand, breast downwards, and showed how to hold the bird with the thumb across the neck to the first finger, the other three fingers to be opened as much as possible to allow you to wash the bird in that position. He then immersed it in the water, soaking the feathers, and applied the soap and brush, washing down the back wings and tail. He turned the bird smartly over, washed under the wings, breast, throat and tail, and now turned the bird over as in the first position, only closing the fingers and taking the thumb off the neck. After washing this part he used the small brush to wash the head. He next rinsed the bird, using the sponge. Do not, he said, be afraid of the water. He soaked up as much water off the birds as possible with the sponge, then used the soft cloth to dry the feathers, finishing by wiping and laying the feathers in the right direction. He explained how to wrap the bird up if you preferred to dry them before the fire. He smartly put another one through the tubbing, this not taking him half the time as the first one. He now persuaded one of the novice members to wash the other bird; this member had never washed a bird before, but he instructed him all the while he was washing, and a right good job he made of it. While the birds were drying several questions were asked Mr. Robinson, who answered them to the satisfaction of all. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Robinson brought an instructive evening to a close. Next meeting Nov. 7th, washing competition for novices only. Mr. Downing has kindly offered the use of his spacious room at his home, so will all members meet at Mr. Downing's, The Hollies, Polygon Avenue, Stockport Road, Ardwick? Competition commences at 8 o'c. Mr. W. Robinson will judge. A gold centre silver medal is given by the society to winner.—J. Spencer, Hon. Sec.

PENDLETON AND SALFORD O.S.

Meeting held Irwell Castle, Oct. 23. Mr. Rumbelow presided over a good muster of members and friends. After the show business (arranging classes, choosing of medals, and specials, and altering show date to December 2nd, 1911), Mr. W. N. Turner commenced his washing exhibition. As he washed each bird he went through all the details, testing the water and putting a half-teaspoonful of borax in same to soften it. He used a fine powder soap; it was voted the best soap ever seen for the washing of birds. As each bird was going through the waters he explained everything, and then he placed the birds in his fine linen before the fire for a few minutes, and then in the drying cage (the drying cage is worth going a long way to see). Mr. Turner invited any member to try; one of the members accepted the invitation, and washed his first bird, and from the look of it after drying it was easy to tell that this member had watched Mr. T. very closely, and also listened attentively to the advice given. I dare say Mr. Slowley will now be independent of any fellow fancier as regards washing. After the birds were dried they were well inspected by all present, and everyone agreed that Mr. Turner was a master hand at the job. Then Mr. Turner very kindly offered a medal for best washed bird at our next meeting for members, several giving their names that night for the competition. A hearty vote of thanks was given Mr. Turner.—R. G. Metcalfe, Assist. Sec.

NATIONAL BRITISH BIRD & M.C.

Committee meeting held at headquarters, 28th Sept. Present: Messrs. J. Robson (chairman), J. Dewhurst, T. R. Trower, G. Mortlock, W. Page, G. E. Weston, Allen Silver, G. Crabb, A. J. Marley, A. C. Askew, C. T. Maxwell, R. A. Newley, A. Plumbridge, and J. P. Carr. Letters were read from Messrs. Wilkinson, Gregson, Bancroft, Cocks, Ramsden, and Reading, Swanley, Rochdale, Brighton, and London Federation Societies. The following medals were granted the Crystal Palace Show: Gold for most points throughout the Brit. and Hybrid sections; silver most points in hardbill section, silver most points in softbill section, silver most points in Hybrid and Mule sections. Mr. Weston gave a silver medal for most points gained by a member who has not previously won a medal, and a vote of thanks was accorded him. Mr. Thos. Holmes, of Carlisle, a new member, presented a handsome gold medal to the club through Mr. Robson, and the committee allotted it for most points gained throughout the year, subject to Mr. Holmes' approval. A vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Holmes for his generosity. The diploma presented to the club by Mr. Allen Silver was on view. The question of how these diplomas were to be given was discussed. On the advice of the hon. treasurer the committee thought that the club funds would not allow of the giving of each cup winner a hand-painted specimen. It was proposed by Mr. Maxwell, seconded by Mr. Askew, that the winners of the cup, on payment of 10s., and the club paying the balance, could have a hand-painted specimen. An amendment, proposed by Mr. Silver, seconded by Mr. Trower, that before any decision was arrived at an estimate of cost of reproduction in black and white, and also in colours, be ascertained. The amendment was carried—7 for, 3 against. Mr. Weston undertook to get estimate of cost of reproduction. Mr. J. Beswick (Stockport) was made a member.—Plumbridge and Carr, Hon. Secs.

The Young Naturalist.

Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given weekly for the best three anecdotes about birds written on postcards. Competitors must be under sixteen years of age, and state whence stories are taken. Two stars indicate the Winning Contribution; one star the runners-up.

*Greenie's Return.

Last year we caught a Greenfinch with white rings round its eyes. We kept it for several weeks, and then we let it go. But it kept coming back and tried to get in the cage; but at last it disappeared—we thought for good. But a month ago it came back with three young and tried to get into its old cage again. —Sent by Annie Slew (aged 12 years), 53, Weston Road, Portland, Dorset.

**A Strange Foster-mother.

A cat in a railway goods shed had three kittens. Soon after the kittens were born, some of the railwaymen found a young Jackdaw, which they put beside the kittens. The cat made no objection, and received the bird kindly. It gave "Jack" just as much care as the kittens. The workmen fed the bird, while the cat took every other care of it, and even washed it in its turn with the kittens. The rearing was quite successful, and the bird grew up strong and healthy.—Sent by Henry Elliot (aged 13), 89a, Main Street, Tweedmouth, Berwick-on-Tweed.

*A Nest on a Dresser.

A working man living in Kent reared a young hen Blackbird, not shutting her in a cage, but letting her fly in and out at the windows. When she was a year old, one spring morning she appeared with a mate, who, seeing how bold his wife was, ventured to perch on the kitchen window sill, though he could not make up his mind to come any further. The hen bird chose the kitchen dresser for her home, and there built a beautiful nest between two plates which stood on it. The good woman of the house wanted to use her plates, and in taking one down she tore the nest to pieces. But the Blackbird built another in the same place. This time she was left alone.—Sent by Maggie Thomas (aged 11), 94, Ynyswen Road, Treherbert, Glam. (Taken from "True Stories about Animals.")

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Singing Contests.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Week-end contest held Prince Albert Inn, October 28th, when 19 birds were entered. Some very good singing was heard. Judges, Messrs. E. Wood and C. Lorriman. 1st prize, A. Binns; 2nd, J. Chippendale; 3rd, T. Chippendale.—E. Wood, Hon. Sec.

SALFORD.

Salford Linnet Club: Meeting held Boathouse Hotel, Oct. 29th, Vice-President (Mr. Bird) chairman. The delegates who represented the club at Wigan were present, and proceedings were passed unanimously. A visitor, Mr. Haigh (Leeds) will endeavour to arrange a visit of the Yorkshire Linnet Singers at some future date. Also decided to hold an open contest for time and quality, Nov. 18th, when the delegates from all the Lancashire clubs will hold their meeting here, and we hope that all our members will bring birds as promised. Next meeting, headquarters, Nov. 12th, 7.0 prompt.—B. Wharton, Sec.

LEEDS.

Linnet contest for quality held Old Bird House, King's Head, October 29th, when 26 birds sang for four good prizes. Some very good singing was heard. 1st, 3rd, 4th prizes, A. Butler; 2nd prize, H. Wigfield. Judges, Messrs. H. Hardcastle, W. Naylor, A. Jennings. Notice, contest on October 4th for four good prizes.—T. C. Summers, Hon. Sec.

Singing contest held Oct. 28th, Skinner's Arms, Buslingthorpe Lane, when we had an excellent company, including visitors from Leicester, Hull, and Pontefract to hear some splendid singing by 24 birds. 1, Sissons; 2, Sellars; 3, Turner; 4, Granger. Judges, Messrs. Green, Thirkell, Clayton. Also Oct. 29th, another grand contest, when 19 birds sang. 1, C. Ward; 2, 3, shared by Sellars and Turner. Judges, Messrs. Madden, Clayton, Biss.—C. Clayton, Sec.

WIGAN.

Wigan Linnet C.B.S. open-to-all-England Linnet singing contest held Colliers Arms, Frog Lane, when Mr. S. Fishwick gave 10s. to an entrance fee of 6d. a bird. Twenty-eight of the best birds in Lancashire sang. First for quality, W. H. Topping; 2, J. Macfarlane; 3, J. W. Jones. First for time, Mrs. Fishwick, 54; 2, J. Statham; 3 a set between J. Macfarlane and F. Kennedy, 34 each. Judges for quality, Messrs. W. Milligan and J. Macfarlane; for time, Messrs. G. Milligan and E. Parker. Time-keeper, Mr. T. Hurst. After the contest we spent a pleasant night together.—J. Asburst, Sec.

Delegates' meeting held Collier's Arms, October 29th, after the contest, when the following delegates were present: Messrs. J. W. Topping (Blackburn), B. Warton and J. Green (Salford), F. Kennedy (Tyldesley), J. Ashurst, and G. Milligan (Wigan), and J. McAllister and J. W. Jones (Leigh). Business: Arranging dates; how we should take time at contest, etc.; but we found it impossible to get through all the business, so we arranged another meeting at Salford if it is possible for Salford to run a contest on the date arranged, which I shall report in due course. We are still open to receive delegates from other clubs if they care to make application to J. McAllister, Sec., or J. Ashurst, Pres., who will be willing to give them all the information that they may require.—J. Ashurst, Pres., 31, Schofield Lane, Wigan; J. McAllister, Sec., 1, Brunswick Street, Leigh.

In the Courts.

CHARGE OF CRUELTY TO A BRACE BIRD DISMISSED.

A charge of alleged cruelty to a bird was heard at the Leicester County Police Court, before Mr. F. S. Stone, on Oct. 21, when Ernest Smith (24), shoehand, was summoned for cruelly ill-treating a decoy Goldfinch at Humberstone, on Oct. 9. Mr. Simpson prosecuted on behalf of the R.S.P.C.A. and Mr. E. G. B. Fowler defended.

Mr. Simpson stated that the defendant was stopped by the police as he was cycling towards Leicester. In his bag was found a Goldfinch, round which was a "brace." The constant chafing caused by the brace had caused the injuries, which constituted the alleged cruelty.

P.C. Toomes said that he was on the Uppingham Road, and saw the defendant cycling towards Leicester with a carpet bag. Witness asked him what he had in his bag, and found two Goldfinches in decoy cages, and another bird in a stock cage. The bird in the last-named cage was examined, and it was found to be fastened over tightly by a brace. There were marks on the bird, and a lump and sore places under its breast. These were pointed out to defendant, who replied: "Oh, that's nothing." The bird appeared to be in great pain, and could not sit on the perch properly. When told he would be charged with cruelty, defendant replied that the bird had been kept in the brace for two months.—Cross-examined, the constable said it took two people a quarter of an hour to get the brace off.—P.C.'s Roby and Allen corroborated.—Cross-examined, P.C. Roby said he thought it was cruelty to put a brace on any bird.

Inspector Smith said that when he examined the bird about 4.30 he found abrasions on the shoulders and the breast caused by the cord of the brace. The bird looked as if in pain.

Mr. Fowler, for the defendant, stated that the police stopped him, thinking they had a case of catching Goldfinches when out of season, in the close time. It had been decided in the Courts that it was not cruelty to brace birds, and he was prepared to call expert evidence to prove that the brace had caused no injuries, and that the injuries referred to by the police were caused when they attempted to take the brace off. An experienced man could put a brace on and take it off in half a minute.

Without hearing further evidence, the Bench dismissed the case.—"Leicester Daily Mail."

Three Foreign Notabilities of the Season

By WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., &c.

Rare and beautiful species exhibited at the recent Clapham C.B.A. Show: with notes on their proper treatment in captivity.

(See our Frontispiece this week).

Jackson's or Drooping-tailed Whydah (*Drepanoplectis jacksoni*):—This beautiful and rare species made its first appearance on the show bench at the Clapham Show, securing for its fortunate owner, Mr. C. T. Maxwell, premier honours in its class. The species is well known to frequenters of the London Zoo, for five specimens have been exhibited in the Small Birds' House during the whole of this year, and I believe Mr. Maxwell's specimen is one of these.

They are most entertaining birds with their grotesque courting display and scratchy, chipping song. They are, nevertheless, very handsome, though not arrayed in brilliant colours, but the rich velvety black, relieved by the rich buffish-brown margins to some of the wing feathers, combined with the sickle-shaped tail give it a most striking appearance, and at once attract the attention, and place it above the ordinary plane of avian beauty. The female is of the usual Whydah type, and does not possess the long tail plumes, or rich black areas of the male. They are natives of East Africa, and are reported to be common around Nairobi, but very few East African birds have reached this country at present.

Welcomed Strangers.

The above and its congener, the Crimson-ringed Whydah (*Penthetria laticauda*), would make a welcome addition to English aviculture. May they soon arrive in sufficient numbers for general dispersion among the garden aviaries of this country. That they would be a great acquisition a glance at our illustration will show, but it is not merely fine form or handsome appearance that is their sole attraction, it is their deportment that attracts and interests. I have watched them at the Zoo for long spells at a time, and have been both fascinated and interested. When in full colour the bird is never still or quiet; with head feathers erect and all the feathers of neck shaken out loose, vibrating throat, grotesque prancing, often with a bent in its beak, its tail always, more or less, retaining its sickle-shape, it makes an object of general interest to anyone privileged to observe it. Of course, to the casual observer it only interests for the moment, and calls forth the remark "how ridiculous!" or "how absurd!". It will also strike the aviculturist as grotesque while it interests and fascinates, but then, all love antics are droll, even those of the *genus Homo*! On the ground the bird indulges in the same drollery as in the branches and, here (on the ground), it is an exact replica of a diminutive bantam fowl. But enough; it is one of the most interesting Whydahs I have met, save perhaps the Queen Whydah (which appeals to me more than any other of this group), and those who saw it at Clapham Show will, I am assured, endorse this eulogy.

As regards food and treatment, this is similar to that given to other members of the Whydah group. Its mainstay is canary seed, white and spray millet seed, greenfood, and an occasional mealworm or other live insect. I have found some species of Whydahs to take "paddy" rice and to pick over a hopper of kibbled oats.

A closing word:—The species require a roomy cage, not merely for reasonable exercise, but to permit them to indulge in their grotesque display. In the aviary a small bed of tall growing reeds would probably act as an incentive for them to reproduce their kind. At the Zoo there were only males, but although "scraps" were frequent no harm was done, and the absence of mates did not lessen the ardour of their love dance.

A Beautiful Living Jewel.

Amethyst-rumped Sunbird (*Arachnechthra zeylonica.*): Sunbirds, Sugar Birds, and Humming Birds have all a strong similarity, though the last-mentioned and the first mentioned are the more difficult to keep, and it would appear that Humming Birds (so far as present experience goes) are not adapted for keeping in this country. This, however, the future must reveal. It must suffice to say that all the above-named families are among the most diminutive as well as the most gorgeously apparelled of the feathered tribe.

The Amethyst—or Purple-rumped—Sunbird is one of the most bautiful of the genus *Arachnechthra*, and it is almost impossible for pen to describe. I quote Mr. E. H. Aitken's inimitable description of it as follows: "Seen at a distance and in dull light, it is a tiny bird of a dark brown colour, except on the breast and lower part, which are yellow. But see it at close quarters, with the sun shining on it, as its admiring mate sees it! The top of its head glistens with a hue which Jerdon defines as 'bright metallic glossy green,' while Mr. Oates calls it 'metallic lilac.' Perhaps one looked at it from the front and the other from behind. Its throat and the whole of its back glow with the tint of an amethyst, the shoulders and wings are of the richest maroon-red (Mr. Oates says 'dull crimson'), and the tail is black." The female is dull green above in colour, and pale yellow beneath.

Feathered Exquisites.

Mr. Douglas Dewar, writing of Sunbirds in "Bird Notes," speaks of them as follows:—"Sunbirds are tiny feathered exquisites which vary in length from 3½ to 5 inches, including a bill of considerable length for the size of the bird. . . . . They cannot be said to be of any colour. Like shot silk their hue depends upon the angle at which the sun's rays fall upon them. In the sunlight their plumage glistens like a new silk hat, and sometimes the sheen looks lilac, and at others green. . . . . It is pretty to watch Sunbirds feeding. They are as acrobatic as Titmice, and strike the most extraordinary attitudes to procure honey. When there is no convenient *point d'appui* they hover like Humming Birds on rapidly vibrating wings, and while so doing explore with their long tongues the recesses of some flowers. To quote Aitken: 'Between whiles they skip about, slapping their sides with their tiny wings, spreading their tails like fans, and ringing out their cheery refrain. As they pass from one tree to another they traverse the air in a succession of bounds and sportive spirals.' Verily the existence of a Sunbird is a happy one."

That the above glowing descriptions of this lovely bird are not overdrawn, will, I am assured, be confirmed by all who saw the Hon. Mrs. Bourke's fine specimen at the Clapham Show. Surely one lesson is to be gleaned therefrom, viz., the birds must have a roomy cage for exercise and display, that their lives may not be less happy thus than in their native wilds.

Menu: Syrup Sop: This consists of boiling water, Nestle's milk, honey, Mellin's Food, and crumbled sponge cake. It is most fond of Tangerine oranges, though it should not be confined to one kind; it can be given any kind of fully ripe fruit it will take.

In captivity these birds are merry and interesting, as well as beautiful little creatures. Their sweet, cheery little song is continuously uttered, and their charming acrobatic antics—if twiggy branches take the place of perches—charm and divert. Even under the conditions of cage-life, if their home be roomy, they display many of the characteristics of their wild life as described above, as well as their glistening and begemmed garment of many colours.

A Comical, Confident Conure.

Blue-crowned Conure (*Conurus hamorrhous*): Though odd specimens have at various times been exhibited at the London Zoo., this species is well known to Continental aviculturists. It is quite uncommon on the English market, and is a very probable first appearance on the Show bench; but these notes are being written against time, and a search through catalogues is not possible. Mr. Sydney Williams, junr., is to be congratulated on his acquisition, and on the condition in which he staged the bird.

Conures are not favourite cage birds in this country. They are noisy, and much given to wood-cutting, and they need a strong enclosure or cage to contain them. But the Blue-crowned Conure is one of the most pleasing of the group, and, according to records of those who have kept it, it is very lively, talks a little, is comical, and soon becomes tame and confiding. Its call is penetrating, but, when the bird is tame, not persistently uttered. So far as it has been kept, it is well spoken of as a pet.

It is also a beautiful species, as the following description will demonstrate: Description: General body colour rich grass green, wings darker green and washed with olive; forehead and crown bluish; central tail feather green; the remainder have the inner webs copper-red; beak light horn; feet dull flesh-colour; skin round eye, whitish flesh-colour; iris golden-brown.

The species is a native of Brazil, and as it is rare even in museums, it would appear that it is not common in its native haunts, or only (at present) frequents almost inaccessible districts. I have kept many Conures, but not this species, and both in the bird-room and the out-door aviary have not found them unendurably noisy. Most of them are gorgeous as to plumage, and very shapely.

I have found Conures to thrive on a mixture of canary seed, white millet seed, oats, hemp and sunflower seed: half the bulk of the mixture to consist of canary and millet, the other items in equal parts. Also fruit, green food and nuts. The birds are mostly very fond of plain biscuit and cuttlebone. They delight in a bath; and in the mixed aviary they are able to take care of themselves in any company.

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NOTES BY THE SECRETARY.

What the Brighton Magistrates Think of the Bird Laws.

Before the Brighton Borough Bench a young man, who was described by the Chief Constable as "a highly respectable young fellow," was summoned for having recently taken Linnets in his possession. The solicitor for the defence said that it seemed an anomalous law that a man might lawfully take birds at one place, walk over an imaginary line, and then be considered to have committed an offence for having the birds in his possession. What the Mayor and the magistrates thought of the law which they were bound to administer will be understood from the remarks of the Mayor, who said that the magistrates had power under the Act to fine defendant £1 for every Linnet, and then proceeded to inflict a penalty of *twopence* each bird.

The Value of Back Numbers.

In reference to the Leicester case, reported in another column, I hear from Mr. Pinsent, who was to have been one of the witnesses for the defence, that by the aid of a copy of Cage Birds for Nov. 12, 1910, which contained a verbatim report of a similar case at Luton, the defending solicitors were enabled to put up such a case that the magistrates dismissed the summons without calling upon the witnesses for the defence. The Leicester fanciers have decided to give expression to their appreciation of the efforts of their counsel by presenting him with a drawing-room cage and a singing Canary. I hope to be able to get a verbatim report of the evidence for the prosecution, so that League members may judge of the methods adopted by our opponents in their frantic endeavours to suppress bird-keeping.

A Member from the States.

Among the members enrolled during the past week, of which the following list is a representative selection, I have the pleasure of welcoming Mr. John Brown, of Illinois, U.S.A. Cage Birds League is now represented in Africa, Canada, and the United States, and it says much for the appreciation in which the League is held by fanciers generally when readers of Cage Birds send subscriptions from these distant parts of the world. Every individual fancier at home should emulate the example of their brother bird-keepers abroad, and join the League, which has for the main object of its existence the protection of our hobby from the attacks of the sentimental faddists who are leaving no stone unturned in their efforts to put an end to bird-keeping of any kind whatever.

Mrs. Favill, Sheffield; Mrs. Storey, Ulverstone; Miss Thomas, Boscombe; Mrs. Castell, Lymington. Messrs. Bearder, Walsh, Sawer, Hibberson, Spencer, Moore, Wright, Holt, Lancaster, Richardson, Hawkesworth, Porter, Elshaw, E. E. Smith, H. Smith, and Milne, Sheffield; North, Bradford; Brown, Illinois, U.S.A.; Sampson, Stocksbridge; Smith and Turner, Mosbro; Charlton, North Seaton; Pinsent, Leicester; Farmer, Thorneywood; Ambrose, High Wycombe; Hoyle, Dumfries; Woodgate, Exeter; Chesney, Goole; Higgs, Gorton; Chesney, Goole; Salter, Hackney; etc.

Posters for the Shows.

In response to the suggestions of several members, neat posters have been prepared, conveying an invitation to visitors to shows to join Cage Birds League and assist to protect our hobby. Many Secretaries have already expressed their wish to have these posters for display at their exhibitions, and I shall be glad to forward copies to any applying for them. Large numbers of the public are quite unaware of the danger in which our delightful hobby stands to-day, and the posters will be a means by which their eyes may be opened. I hope, therefore, that all Secretaries will take advantage of the offer now made, and apply for the Posters forthwith.

Private Bird-keepers and the League.

Mrs. Isabel Storey, of Ulverstone, in sending subscription, writes: "It is only within the past month we have known of Cage Birds League, and think it is just the thing wanted." This exactly illustrates what I have said in the above paragraph. Thousands upon thousands of private bird owners have no idea either that the keeping of their pets is liable to be prohibited, nor do they know of the existence of the League, which is here to prevent such a calamity. All members of the League may not be able to emulate the example of their fellow member, Mr. Peck, who has been instrumental in introducing forty new members, but nearly all have friends who keep birds, and who would join the League if it were simply mentioned to them. Our numbers might be immensely increased by a very little enthusiasm on the part of individual members, and I hope that the hint may be sufficient.

Another Local Hon. Sec.

This week I have to announce another addition to our list of Local Hon. Secs., as under:—

Exeter, Mr. H. C. Woodgate, 8, Fortescue Road, St. Thomas, Exeter.

For particulars of our seals, badges, and free booklets, and for terms of membership, etc., see last week's issue (p. 272).

Henry J. Fulljames,
Secretary Cage Birds League,
154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

The Campaign Against Bird-keeping.

Upon the suggestion of a valued correspondent, Mr. C. Prior, whose name is well-known to our readers, we have prepared a number of leaflets worded as below. A parcel of these will be sent gratis and post-free to the Secretary of any Society upon application, and the name of the Society will be printed at the foot of the leaflet. The activity of our opponents is being daily made manifest. Their avowed intention is to put an entire stop to the hobby of bird-keeping, and the misrepresentations which they publish broadcast are made with the intention of enlisting the sympathies of those who know even less than themselves about bird-keeping. A circular such as the one for which we are indebted to Mr. Prior would do much to arouse the interest of the general public, and we hope that every Society throughout the kingdom will take advantage of this offer, and send application to us for a supply of the leaflets for distribution at their show.

Is Bird-keeping an "Outrage"?

Dear Sir (or Madam)—

Please allow us to assure you of our appreciation of the honour you do us in extending your kind patronage to our exhibition of birds, and at the same time to express the hope that you are pleased with what you have seen.

In their quarters at home our pets are, of course, provided with more suitable accommodation than is possible at exhibitions. There they are tended with all the skilful care that the experience and loving kindness of their owners can suggest. They are shielded from their natural enemies, and protected from the cruelties which Nature inexorably inflicts upon her children; cruelties which we could not on any account find it in our hearts to inflict. They are perfectly contented and happy, and a source of constant joy and pleasure to us.

What our Opponents Say, and what they Purpose Doing.

But the officials of the R.S.P.C.A. have lately taken the view that the keeping of birds in captivity is an act of cruelty. They are using the money and influence of the R.S.P.C.A., to secure convictions (and not always by methods which unprejudiced people could endorse), for technical offences against the law, and they have avowed their intention of putting an end to bird-keeping altogether. They are determined to get it legislated out of existence.

There is a great and grave danger of this act of injustice being accomplished. The vast majority (and the number is many thousands) of bird-keepers in this country are in humble circumstances. They have no leisure and little money to spare to defend their interests. It follows then, that their views and knowledge of the actual facts are never properly laid before the authorities, and laws are made quite over their heads.

A Personal Appeal.

We appeal to you, therefore, as a lover of birds yourself, to help us to frustrate this iniquitous persecution of an innocent, pleasurable, legitimate hobby. We feel that our aims and ideals need only to be properly understood for this molestation to cease.

The theory of our prosecutors that the bird-keeper and his birds are a paraphrase of "Bill Sykes" and his bulldog, is based on a total misconception of the facts. We ask you to assist us in suppressing this fallacy by spreading knowledge of the truth amongst your friends and acquaintances.

Thanking you on behalf of the bird-lovers of Great Britain for this favour. We are, etc.,

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

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W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington, Bradford. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Practical experience. Terms moderate.
G. EDWARDS, 11, West Street, Leominster. Judge of Can., Brit., Mules. Specialist Nor., Crests, Mules. 30 years' exper. Terms mod.
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C. A. HOUSE, 82, Upper Walthamstow Road, Walthamstow. Judge of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds.
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DOVER SHOW

Nov. 8th and 9th. Judge, J. Robson. **Entries very short. Will accept Sunday's post.—Abbott and Austen, 13, Eric Road. P.S.—Error in schedule. Specials Nos. 31-32-33 should read Class 80.**

ENTRIES SHORT AT

SOUTHEND

Nov. 8th and 9th.

Entries extended till Monday (morning), Nov. 6th. For particulars, see "Review of Schedules" on page 316. Send along your entries, and de will do the rest. **London Fanciers should take a cheap trip to Southend (2/6 return up till 3.25, Fenchurch St.) on Thursday.** Show at Clarence Hall, Clarence St. —**Wm. C. Lockwood, Hon. Sec., 21, East St., Leigh-on-Sea.**

Nov. 8th. # WEST BROMWICH **Nov. 8th.**

(STAFFORDSHIRE).

Fifth Annual Show of Canarics, Mules, British and Foreign Birds, M.C.Y.C.C. Patronage. Champion and Novice. Judge, J. H. Payne. **Entrics close First Post Sunday, Nov. 5th. Prize Money 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, guaranteed.** Now Fanciers, please give us a bumper and remember **all Prize Money was paid within four days last year. W. G. ANDREWS, 1, Hayes Street, West Bromwich.**

Nov. 9th LEEK and Dist. C.B.S. Open Show.

Entries extended till Monday's Post, Nov. 6th. Send along at once for Schedule. **I have not received a single entry at time of writing. Grand Classification. 30 Open Classes.** Norwich 8, Yorkshires 5, Crest 2, Selling 2, British 2, Hybrid 1, Foreign 1, **Novice 9. Prize Money, 10 -, 5/-, 2/6.** Entry Fee 1/6. **Good Cash Special for all Sections.** Judge J. Trengove, Esq. Schedules from **J. A. PEGG, Hon. Sec., 2, Portland Street South, Leek, Staffs.**

HAMILTON (C.O.) Onith. Soc. November 11

Annual Open Show of Norwich, Borders, Yorkshires, Crests, Mules, British and Foreign Birds. Under the patronage of the Border Fancy Canary Club. To be held in **The Town Hall.** Judges—A. Watson, Kilmarnock, Norwich; A. Walker, Lesmahagow, Borders; Fred. Bowman, Glasgow, Yorkshires; P. Pettigrew, Glasgow, Mules, British and Foreign. Exhibitors at the late City of Glasgow Show will receive schedules. Any exhibitors overlooked apply to **GEO. MARLIN, 21, Glebe Street, Hamilton, Lanarkshire.**

Nov. 11th # WARRINGTON **Nov. 11th**

and Dis. C.B.S. Annual **Open Show. Yorks. 5 classes, Novice 5, Norwich 5, Novice 5, Yorks. Green 3, Borders 5, A.O.V. 1, Hybrids 3, British and Selling.** Judge, A. Wellings, Esq. **Prize money, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, and 2/-, paid at show. Full prize money guaranteed** in Border section. **Specials galore;** splendid room. **Entries close Nov. 7.** Schedules from **G. M. Nelson, 466, Knutsford Rd., Warrington.**

NOTTINGHAM

NOVEMBER 11th and 13th. 1911.

Judges—Messrs. Heath, Dewar, Trengove and Fuller. **ENTRIES CLOSE NOVEMBER 6th. G. E. WILKINSON. 86, Lenton Boulevard, Nottingham.**

Nov. 14 & 15 # BRISTOL **Nov. 14 & 15**

Judges—Messrs. J. H. Payne and W. Vardy. Entry 1/6. **Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 2/6 and 1/6. Full Prize Money and the "Bristol" Art Card Free. Entries extended to Monday, Nov. 6th (first post).—G. T. H. MAGGS, 9, Trinity Street, Bristol.**

WIMBLEDON Nov. 14th & 15th Open Classes.

Judges: H. Knight, Esq., Yorkshires; F. A. Lester, Esq., Rollers; J. Robson, Esq., all other open classes; H. Norman, Esq., Members. Entry Fees: Champion, 2/-; Novice, 1/6. Good prize money and Specials.

Champion Classes.

1 to 7—Norwich. 15, 16—Crest and C.-Bred.
8 to 14—Yorkshires 17, 18—Borders.

Novice Classes.

22 to 27—Norwich. 33a and 33b—Crest and C.-B.
28 to 33.—Yorkshires. 34—Borders.

Open to Both Sections:—35 to 44—British. 45 to 47—Mules and Hybrids. 48 and 49—Foreign. 50—£2 Limit. 19—Rollers, any age. 20—Rollers, bred 1911. 21—A.O.V. For Schedules apply **H. Smith, 115, Merton Road, Wimbledon.**

Nov. 15 & 16 # CARDIFF

15th Ann. **Cage Bird** Show. S.Y.C.C. Patronage. Open and Novice Classes **Entries close Nov. 8. W. SAMPSON, Secretary, 93, Llanishen Street.**

EXHIBITORS! We want your entries at

ONE DAY ONLY. # STOKE-ON-TRENT **Nov. 16.**

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Nov. 17 & 18 # PRESTON O.S. **Nov. 17 & 18**

Prize money, 22/- per class, and good **cash specials.** Judges, Messrs. Roe and Houlton. Under patronage of G.C.A. **11 Open Nor. Classes, 6 Amateur** Nor. Classes. **Silver Cup** for most points in same. **Entries close Monday, Nov. 13.—J. P. Leeming, Hon. Sec., Corporation Street, Preston.**

COWDENBEATH C.B.S. NOV. 18

Annual Show of **CAGE BIRDS** only. Under the Patronage of the Border Fancy C. C. F. & K.N.P.C. and the W.F.C.B.L. 73 Classes. Specialist Judges. **Prize Money, 10/- 5/- 2/6. 92 Specials.** Schedules from **JOSEPH R. REID, 7, Woodland Place. Entries close Nov. 13th.**

KILMARNOCK O.C.B.S. 5th Annual

Show will be held in **Art Gallery Halls, Kilmarnock, on**

NOVEMBER 18th.

Under the patronage of the Crest, Norwich, Yorkshire and Border Fancy Clubs. 81 classes. Judges: Scotch Fancy, W. Webster and W. Edgar; Crests, A. Chalmers; Plainheads, G. Mitchell; Yorks., J. B. Paterson; Borders, R. Lambie; British and Foreign, R. Bald. **A grand list of Specials, including Cups and Medals. Prize money, 12s., 8s., 4s., 2s., within 7 days. Entries close on November 11th. Fee 2s.** Schedules, etc., from **Wm. Guthrie, 10, Hood Street.**

NOV. 23. # STAMFORD **NOV. 23.**

Cage Birds Only. Norwich 8 Classes, Yorkshires 7, Crests 1, Mules 2, British 7, Foreign 2, Selling 1. **4 Guinea Solid Silver Cup to be won outright, and numerous Cash Specials.**

Entries Close November 14th.

Schedules from **A. HARRISON, 7, New Street, Stamford.**

CANNOCK SHOW

All Fanciers have forgotten this Show. Not a single Entry in some classes. See last week's paper for classification. **Send your entries at once to H. W. Briggs, Hon. Sec., Old Hall, Great Wyrley, nr. Walsall.**

KIRKINTILLOCH

and **Dist. C.B.C.** Annual Show, **11th November.** A. Sloan, judge. **Thousands wanted to view grand prize drawing at close.—D. Pirrett, Sec., "Chronicle" Office, Kilsyth.**

SWANSEA

Must extend **entries to Sunday morning's post.** This is a genuine appeal to all fanciers to help us. Send entries, I will classify.—**S. H. George, 32, Fisher Street, Swansea.**

LUTON

Cage Bird Show, Nov. 9th. Good prize money. Point Special for every variety. Judges, C. A. House and R. J. Howe. **Entries extended to Monday, first post. —E. Bloomfield, 22, Hitchin Road.**

MALTON (Yorks.) **16th Annual Open Show** of Canaries, British, Mules, and Hybrids, will be held on **Thursday, November 9th.** Judge, W. A. Cowgill, Bradford. Y.C.B.B. and M.C. patronage. **Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6,** for 1/6 entry fee (and specials). **Entries close November 4th, 1911.** For schedules apply, **J. Wilson, Sec., 8, Wold St., Norton, Malton, Yorks.**

Peterborough

Cage Birds Only. NOVEMBER 9th.

Judges:—Messrs. S. H. Mays and J. Robson. Norwich, 14 classes; Yorkshires, 6; Mules, 2; Crest, 2; A.O.V., 1; British, 11; Foreign, 2; Selling, 3. **Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6 for 1/6, and Specials. Best Railway Connections in England. Entries extended to Nov. 6th first post.** Schedules from **S. L. Cocks, Corn Exchange, Peterborough.**

Banbridge

Cage Bird and Pigeon Association's Show, to be held in **Town Hall, Banbridge,** on **Thursday and Friday, 9th and 10th NOVEMBER (open to Ireland only).** Under patronage of Yorkshire Canary and Cage Bird Society of Ireland. 55 Classes for Cage Birds and 12 Classes for Pigeons. **3 Cups and 60 Specials.** Judges: Scotch Fancy and British Birds, Mr. R. Wright; other classes, Mr. W. Mundell. **Entries close 4th November.—A. McCagherty, Hon. Sec., Banbridge, Ireland.**

Hallo! Money for nothing at

BARNSLEY

C.B.S. 21st Annual **Open Show** of Canaries and British Birds will be held in the Wesley Street School (five minutes' walk from all stations), on

Nov. 10th and 11th.

Open to the United Kingdom. Under patronage of the O.N.P.C. 20 Classes; 6 Ch. Yorks, 6 Ch. Nor., 4 Nov., 1 Sell., 3 Brit. **Popular prize money: 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, 1/-. 2/6 special each class.** Entry fee, 1/- Judge, H. W. Battye. **Entries close Tuesday, Nov. 7th.** Send for Schedules from—**F. C. SIMS, 15, Wright Terrace, Grace Street, Barnsley, Yorkshire.**

OLD SHILDON

Workmen's Club C.B.S. Show on **NOVEMBER 10th and 11th. Prize money 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d., 1s. 1s. 6d.** entry. Judge: J. Stanger, Pelton Fell. 2s. 6d. special each class. **5s. special most entries. Special value 10s. 6d. for best bird in show.** Entries close November 4th. Schedules, apply.—**J. H. Elwell, 35, Church Street, Shildon, Co. Durham.**

KIRKCALDY

C.B.S.

The Largest Show in Fifeshire.

Fanciers please note, 2 days, 10th and 11th November. All birds to be forwarded by Thursday night or Friday morning, at 9 a.m. Judges: Scotch Fancy, A. Fotheringham, Kelty; Borders, J. Thomson, Newtongrange; Crests, Geo. Arnott, Kirkcaldy; Norwich, Jas. Logan, Dysart; British Birds, L. J. Arrighi, Edinburgh. **Cups, Medals, and host of Specials. Prize money, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-.** Entry money 1/6.—**E. McAnally, Secy., 18, St. Clair Place, Kirkcaldy.**

WHITEHAVEN

13th Annual Show, November 10 & 11. Judges: Mr. C. Cubby, Carlisle, and Mr. J. W. Metcalfe, Liverpool. **Nor., Yorks. & British, etc.** Schedules, **W. J. Douglas, 17, King Street, Whitehaven.** See **"C.B." Oct. 21.**

CONSETT

November 11th.

See last week's "Cage Birds." Note: 91a, Norwich Crest-bred. **101a,** any variety British, not mentioned.—**R. R. Walker, Blackhill.**

NOTICE!

DARLINGTON

C. and B.B.F.A. 6th Annual **Open Show of Canaries,** Mules, Hybrids, British and Foreign Birds, will be held in the Corn Exchange on **Saturday, November 11th. 43 classes. Prize money, 8s., 4s., 2s.** Entrance fee 1s. Judges: J. Wilcock and J. Walsh. **Entries close Saturday, November 4th.** Schedules from **A. Walker, Hon. Sec., 47, Montrose Street, Darlington.**

DARVEL

(Ayrshire) Annual Show will be held in the Town Hall, on **Saturday, November 11.** 32 classes Cage Birds. B.F.C.C. Club patronage. Good prize money and specials. Judges, Messrs. Muir, Smillie, and Hoyle. **Entries close Nov. 6.** Schedules from **Jas. Robertson, jun., Corra Linn, Darvel, Ayrshire. Let us have a "bumper" entry!**

FORFAR

and Dis. C.B.S. Second Annual Show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds, will be held in Reid Hall, on

Saturday, Nov. 11th.

under the patronage of the B.F.C.C., and S.B.B. and M.C. **2 Cups and Numerous Specials.** Judges: Norwich, J. Sandison; Borders, Wm. Mossie; Mules, British and Foreign, A. W. Watson.

Entries Close on Nov. 6

Schedules from **J. Fyfe, 137, East High St., Forfar.**

GREAT HORTON

O.S. Grand Annual Show of Canaries. Open to the United Kingdom, will be held in the Congregational Schools, High Street, on **Saturday, November 11th.** Patronage of Y.C.C., C.M.Y.C.C., and leading gentry of the district. Judge, C. A. House, London. **Entries close Tuesday, November 7th.—J. Holroyd, 27, Kingswood Street, Great Horton, Bradford.**

QUEEN'S PARK & DIST. C.B.A.

Members' Annual Show held at the Emmanuel Hall, Harrow Road, W., Saturday, November 11th; 2 to 9 p.m. Judge, J. Robson, Esq.

ALNWICK

Wednesday, 15th November.

39 Classes, 4 money prizes, class special, section specials and extra specials for 1/- entry. Judges: H. W. Battye, Esq., and A. Cochrane, Esq. **Entries close Saturday, 11th November.—R. Forster, Sec., 36, Bondgate (Without), Alnwick.**

PEMBROKE DOCK

22nd Annual **Open Show, November 15th.** Poultry Pigeons, **Cage Birds,** etc. C.B.U. rules. **Entries close November 8th.—A. W. Lewis, De Valence House, Pembroke Dock.**

WORTHING F.A. 19th Annual Show, **November 15th and 16th,** Literary Institute. **Open Classes for Canaries. Guaranteed prize money.** Judge, Mr. Heath. Schedules ready. **Entries close November 8th.—C. STUBBS, Sec., 27, Eriswell Road, Worthing.**

GOOLE

YORKSHIRE. OPEN. NOVEMBER 16th. Entries close Nov. 9th. Cage bird judge, T. J. Ambrose, Esq. Schedules from **A. Roberts, Sec., 13, Manuel Street, Goole.**

PENZANCE

Open Cage Bird Show, **Nov. 16 and 17, 1911.** Judge, Mr. W. G. Poole. 33 classes. Numerous specials. **Entries close Friday, Nov. 10.** Schedules from **W. C. Bodinnar, 18, Leskinnick Terrace, Penzance.**

PRIZE MONEY WITHIN SIX HOURS.

HULL

17th Annual Open Show of

Canaries, Mules, Hybrids, British, and Foreign Birds. **47 Open Classes; 6 Novice Canary Classes. NOVEMBER 17th and 18th.** Judges: J. Robson (London); J. Maddison (Newcastle-on-Tyne). **Numerous specials.** Schedules.—**Ernest R. Ridley, 19, Lambton Street, Hull.**

LOOK HERE!

SALE

and Dist. Open Show, Nov. 17th and 18th. 42 Open Classes, including **Open Amateur. Grand list of Specials.** Anyone not receiving schedule kindly write. **—A. Royle, Sec., 99, Harley Road, Sale, nr. Manchester.**

AVONBRIDGE O.S. 8th Ann. Show of Pltry., Pigns., and **Cage Birds,** on **Saturday, November 18,** under patronage B.F.C.C. and G.C.A. Judges, Mr. Henry Wilson, Mr. Wm. Sharp. **Entries close November 11.** For schedules: **Peter Gentleman, Cowan Buildings, Avonbridge.**

BIGGAR

AND DIS. Cage Bird Open Show

November 18. Judges, Messrs. Mason (Peebles), and Mossie (Annbank). **Extended classification. Over 100 Specials. A chance for British bird fanciers! Entries close Nov. 11.—Sec., F. Anderson, Townhead, Biggar, N.B.**

BLACKWOOD Open Show of **Cage Birds** and Pigeons, to be held on **Saturday, November 18, 1911.** Popular judges. For schedule, apply **James Hamilton, Sec., Kirkmuirhill, Lanarkshire.**

WINDHILL, SHIPLEY

Dis. O.S. 26th Annual **Open Show,** on **Saturday, Nov. 18th.** Judge, J. Broadley, Esq. **Entries close Nov. 14th.** Write for Schedules to **J. Cook, 16, Fair Bank, Cragg Road, Windhill, Shipley.**

L.C.B.A.

Annual Exhibition of Canaries, British Hybrids, and Foreign Birds (open to the World),

ROYAL HORTICULTURAL HALL, NOVEMBER 24th to 27th. 140 Classes. Quantity of Specials. Prize money, **12/- 8/-, 4/-, 2/-.** Twelve specialist judges. Schedules will be sent to exhibitors at last Show of L.C.B.A. and Palace. Entries close **November 16th. Messrs. MUGFORD & TYSON, 1, Strathearn Road, Wimbledon, London, S.W.**

BUCKHAVEN

and District Cage Bird Society Fourth Annual Exhibition of Canaries, Mules, British, and Foreign Birds, on **Saturday, November 18. 73 Classes. Cups, medals, and numerous specials.** Leading judges: Border Fancy, G. Hislop, Stirling; Norwich and Yorkshire, J. McLay, Kirkintilloch; Scotch Fancy, British and Foreign Birds, Alex. Cochrane, Edinburgh. **Entries close Saturday, Nov. 11th.** Schedules from **John Lawrie, Grahams Buildings, Randolph St.**

COVENTRY

O.S. 35th Annual **Open Show, November 18th. 39 Open Classes. No Cancelling or Amalgamation. Splendid Specials.** Patronage, N.B.B. and M.C. Judge J. Robson, Esq. **Entries Close Nov. 13th.** Schedules, **A. J. BARRATT, 38, Craven Street.**

CROOK Original

C.B. F. and F.S. 7th Annual Show, on **Saturday, Nov. 18th. 26 classes for Cage Birds. Staged in a Hall by themselves.** Judge, H. W. Battye, Esq. **Entries close Nov. 13.** Schedules, apply, **John Horner, Whits Lea, Crook, Co. Durham.**

The Fifty-First Annual Show of the

GALASHIELS

Ornith. Society, Nov. 18th, 1911 (The Palace Show of the Borders). Judges: Scotch Fancies, W. Rodger, Colinton; Norwich, British, etc., J. W. Nicholson, Carlisle; Borders J. Young, Allanton. **Cups, Medals, and innumerable specials.** Schedules from **C. Lugton, Betany Cottage, Galashiels.**

NOW NOVICES! 6 CLASSES!! £4 4s. LIMIT.

HARROGATE

November 18th, 1911. Judge, J. Bailey, Esq., Bradford. Schedules sent to last year's exhibitors; others please apply.—**W. E. Fergusson, Sec., 62, Harlow Terrace, Harrogate.**

TIDESWELL

C.B.S. Annual **Open** Show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds, **November 18th,** in the Bagshaw Hall. **Good classification. Rare chance for Novice or Amateur. Prize money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6.** Entrance fee 1/6. Judge, A. Hirst, Accrington. **Entries close November 13th.** Schedule ready, will be sent to all last year's exhibitors. Others apply.—**Flint and Swarbrick, Queen Street, Tideswell.**

WOODSIDE

NOV. 18th, OPEN SHOW of Canaries, British and For. Cage Birds. 45 classes. Judges, Messrs. Allan Marr, Arbroath, and Wm. Mitchell, Perth. Schedules from **A. Thomson, 100, Gt. Northern Road, Aberdeen, N.B.**

INVERNESS

31st Annual Show of **Cage Birds,** Pigeon, and Bantams, will be held on **22nd November, 1911. Thirty-one Silver Medals, and over one hundred Special Prizes. Prize money, 17/6 per class.** Entry money 1/6. Judges: John Lyon, Aberdeen; John Bell, Perth; and Wm. McPherson, Dingwall. For Schedules, **apply to Urquhart and Sutherland, Joint Secys., 86, Telford Rd.**

SWANLEY (KENT)

Annual Show will be held on **Wednesday, November 22,** in the Club Hall. **40 Classes.** Canaries, Mules, British, and Foreign Birds. **Prizes, 12/-, 6/-, 3/-.** Entry fee **2/-.** Judge, Mr. C. A. House. **Specials include £1 for most points in show.** Schedules, **W. Colyer, 2, Station Road, Swanley, Kent.**

DUBLIN Nov. 22 & 23,

Pigeons, **Cage Birds,** and Bantams. **Open to United Kingdom. Entries close 14th November.** Schedules ready.—**J. Gibson, 5, South Anne Street, Dublin.**

LOCKERBIE (N.B.)

Wanted, exhibitors to send for Schedules and enter their birds **at this grand fixture, Town Hall, Thursday, November 23rd, 1911. Cup for Best Unfed Norwich Plainhead. Cup best Border Fancy, and Medal by Border Fancy Canary Club,** and a **valuable Special in every class.** Judge, J. F. Dewar, Esq. **Entries close Nov. 16th.—Harry Davidson, Hon. Secy., Royal Hotel, Lockerbie.**

LUDLOW

November 23rd.

M.C.Y.C.C. Patronage. 5th Annual Open Show of **Cage Birds.** Judge, J. H. Payne. **Entries close Nov. 20th.** Schedules from **W. T. Woof, 2, Market St., Ludlow.**

Hello! What's This?

GREAT HARWOOD

& Dis. to the front again. **Annual Show, November 24 and 25, 1911.** Under the patronage of the N.P.C. and C.C. Clubs. Judges, H. W. Battye and Alf. Wellings.—**Albert Bentley, 13 and 15, Blackburn Road, Great Harwood, Hon. Sec.; George Waddington, Delph Road, Gt. Harwood, Assist. Sec.**

HINCKLEY

£5 Limit. Nov. 24 and 25. Good classification. **Lots of Specials.** Schedules from **H. Ridgway, Priesthills Road, Hinckley.**

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH (15 miles radius). Cage Birds, etc. **Nov. 25. Entries close Nov. 18. J. S. WHERRETT, Chapel-en-le-Frith.**

Cramlington

3rd Annual Show, Nov. 25th, 1911. 18 Members' and **12 Open Classes.** Judges, Mr. A. Brown and Mr. H. Seely. **Entries close Nov. 20th.** Schedules, apply **J. R. Chestney, Cramlington, Northumberland (main line between Newcastle and Morpeth).**

CITY OF DUNDEE

C.B.S. Annual Show of Canaries, Mules, and British Birds on **Saturday, November 25th.** Under the patronage of S.C.C.C. and S.N.P.C. Judges: Crests, John Young; Plainheads, Wm. Hampton; Scotch Fancies, Jas. Stenhouse and Jas. Strachan; Borders, T. Arnott; British Birds, R. V. Raine. **Entries close 20th Nov.** Schedules from **Alex. Miller, 3, Park Avenue, Dundee.**

LOCHORE & GLENCRAIG CAGE BIRDS ONLY

C.B.S. Annual Show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds, on **Saturday, November 25th,** under patronage B.F.C.C., S.Y.C.C., and W.F.C.B.L. **71 Open Classes. Cups, Medals, and numerous specials.** Judges: J. Kean, Edinburgh, Jos. Thomson, Newtongrange, Allan Chalmers, Kirkintilloch, and G. Marlin, Hamilton. Schedules now ready, from **Duncan Grant, 146, Waverley Street, Lochore, Lochgelly.**

UDDINGSTON

Show of Poultry, Pigeons, **Cage Birds,** and Cats, on **Saturday, 25th Nov., 1911. 49 classes for Cage Birds.** Judges, Messrs. Smart, Muir, and Bald. **Entries close 18th Nov.—A. W. Forrester, Secretary, Tower View, Uddingston, Near Glasgow.**

ILKESTON

Open **Cage Bird Show, November 25th and 27th. Splendid classification. No cancelling. No amalgamation of classes. Liberal list of Specials and prompt payment.** Judge, Mr. J. C. Barnes. **Entries close Tuesday, Nov. 21st.** Send for Schedules to **Thos. Smith, 5, King Street, Ilkeston.**

Entries Close Nov. 21st.

LAUNCESTON

Cage Birds, Open.

10s. Cash, Best Bird entered by November 21st, & other specials.

Judge, C. A. House, Esq., Walthamstow. First prize, 10s.; second, 5s.; third, 2s. 6d. **Entrance fee, 1s. 6d.**

1.—Yorkshire Clear Yellow.
2.—Yorkshire Clear Buff.
3.—Yorkshire Ticked, Marked or Variegated.
4.—Yorkshire Hen, any colour.
5.—Norwich, Clear Yellow.
6.—Norwich Clear Buff.
7.—Norwich Ticked, Marked or Variegated.
8.—Norwich Hen, any colour.
9.—Norwich Crest.
10.—Norwich Crestbred.
11.—Border Fancy, Yellow.
12.—Border Fancy, Buff.
13.—Ticked, Marked or Variegated.
14.—Pairs Matched for Breeding.
15.—Any other variety.
16.—Light Canary Mule.
17.—Dark Canary Mule.
18.—Hybrid.
19.—British Goldfinch, cage moulted.
20.—Bullfinch, cage moulted.
21.—Any variety Foreign Bird.
22.—British Bird, smaller than a Lark.
23.—British Bird, larger than a Lark.
24.—Selling, any variety, 20s.
25.—Selling, any variety, 10s.

Schedules.—**N. H. Reed, Launceston.**

LLANELLY AND DIST. C.B.S.

Under the patronage of N.B.B. and M.C., E. and W.B.F.C. Affiliated to C.B.U. Seventh Annual Open Show, Canaries, British and Foreign birds, **Tuesday, November 28, 1911. 53 classes, 6 cups; prizes 10/-, 5/-, 2/6.** Judges, J. H. Roe, Canaries; H. Norman, British and Mules. **Entries close Nov. 23.** Schedules, apply **Daniel John, 9, Pottery Place, Llanelly, Sec.**

The 4th Grand Open Show will be held at

WINDSOR

on **November 29th, 1911.** Judge, J. Robson, Esq. **42 open classes** for Canaries, Mules, Hybrids, British and Foreign Birds. Entry fee, 1/6. Schedules from **E. A. Stickland, Windsor.**

EPSOM November 29th. Open Show of Cage Birds. Good classification. **Entries close November 20th.** Schedules.—**A. W. Breeden, 71, Hook Road.**

AMBLESIDE & Dis. Open Show (Westmorland), NOV. 30th. Apply **J. M. King, Sec., The Green, Ambleside.**

GRANTHAM

C.B.S. 1st Annual Open Show, to be held on **Thursday, November 30, 1911. Good Specials. Novice class for Norwich. Prize money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6; entry** fee 1/6, members 1/-. Judge, W. Vardy, Hucknall. **—Sec., W. E. Allen, 119, Alexandra Road, Grantham.**

PENTREBACH

Merthyr Tydfil, November 30th, 1911. Second Great Open Show of Cage Birds, etc. Under the patronage of the Welsh Cage Bird Club. **21 Open Classes. Numeroue specials, cups, etc. Prize money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6.** Entry fee, 1/6. Judge, T. L. Castree, Esq. **Don't forget the only show in this district on this date. Schedules now ready. Entries close Nov. 23rd, 1911.—A. E. Brown, Hon. Sec., 66, Clars Street, Merthyr Tydfil.**

BLAIRGOWRIE

East Perthshire **Open** Show,

2nd DECEMBER,

26 classes. **Numerous Specials,** including **Gold and Silver Medals.** No members' specials. **Prize money, 8/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-.** Entry fee, 1/6. Judge, J. F. Dewar, Esq. **Entries close November 28.** Schedules from **M. Irvine, 17, Brown Street, Blairgowrie.**

GALSTON

Ayrshire, December 2nd. 12 classes for Scotch Fancies. Judge, Mr. David Holden, Muirkirk. **7 classes for Borders, 2 classes for Norwich, 4 classes for British Birds.** Judge, Mr. James Johnstone, Kilmarnock. **Let us have your support.—Alexander Frew, Secy., 25, Duke Street.**

KINGSWOOD Bristol, **December 2nd. 5 Challenge Cups.** Judges: Poultry and Rabbits, G. H. Billett; Pigeons, A. Parsons and W. Austin; **Cage Birds,** J. Houghton. **Entries close November 27th certain.** Schedules from **E. Morris, 125, Regent Street, Kingswood, Bristol.**

Don't Delay to send for Schedules for

WHITBURN

and Dis. C.B.S. Sixth annual **Open Show** of Canaries, Mules, Hybrids, British and Foreign Birds. Will be held in the Town Hall on **Saturday, Dec. 2nd. 45 Classes. Prize money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6.** Entrance fee 1/6. Judges: Messrs. J. W. Bruce and Wm. Bishop. **Entries close Nov. 28th.** Schedules to be had from **Thomas Duncan, 9, West Main Street, Whitburn, N.B.**

DERBY

Open Cage Bird Show.

Dec. 2nd and 4th. Under the patronage of the N.P.C., C.C.C., M.C.Y.C.C., N.B.B. and M.C., and the G.C.A. 15 Norwich, 11 Crest, 10 Yorkshire, 12 Greens, 6 British, 4 Hybrids, 2 Selling, 2 Foreign, and A.O.V. **Plenty of Novice classes.** Judges: Mr. J. Robson and Mr. R. Rhodes. **Prize money, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-.** Entry 1/6. **Entries close Monday, 27th.** Schedules from **W. Stevens, 58, Olivier St., Derby.**

TONBRIDGE

Tuesday and Wednesday, December 5th and 6th, 1911. Poultry, Pigeons, Cats, Rabbits, Cavies, Cage Birds. Judge, J. Robson, Peckham. **Entries close Nov. 20th. —P. STONESTREET, Sec., 102, Hadlow Road, Tonbridge.**

KEITH Wednesday, **December 13,** Cage Bird Show. Judge, Alexander Steele, Aberdeen. Schedules, **Charles Ralley, Sec., 123, Mid St. Keith.**

Plymouth show report, in the Norwich Clear Yellow, 1st and special should read Copp, and not Coop.—J. W. Copp (Barnstaple).

Report of Portsmouth Show should credit us with winning extra 3rd in unflighted Norwich class, write Messrs. Caddy and Moorman (Carisbrooke Castle).

The name of Mr. A. King, of 118, Dale Street, Milnrow, was accidentally omitted from our catalogue, writes Mr. R. Blincoe, sec. of the Rochdale O.S.

We are holding a show on Dec. 6, write Messrs. Taylor and Sayward, secs. of the Halstead and Dist. F.S. Thirteen classes for cage birds (limit price £3; prizes 8s., 4s., 2s.; fee 1s.), and the judge is Mr. J. N. Harrison.

Exeter show report credits Mr. Thomas with 3rd in Ticked, Marked, or Variegated Yorkshire class; this should read German. I derive much benefit from reading CAGE BIRDS.—F. German (Torrington).

Your show reports are splendid. This week's CAGE BIRDS is a very interesting number. The show advertisements are bold, and cannot be missed by any exhibitor. It is a cheap pennyworth. Further success to CAGE BIRDS.—C. H. Hill (Wiveliscombe).

We intend to hold our Members' Show on Nov. 11, and we have two open classes for the Fylde and Dis.—viz., A.V. Canary and A.V. British, to be held at Working Men's Club, writes Mr. Jas. R. Crossley, hon. sec. of the Blackpool and Fylde C.B.F.S.

Kindly thank all who have written me for schedules for our forthcoming show, writes Mr. J. Johnson, sec. of the Lancaster Primrose C.B.S. I have not received these from the printers yet, but will forward to all last year's exhibitors as soon as possible.

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Twitterings.

I have received the pictures (re draw) from Mr. Wright, writes Mr. F. E. Hawkes, sec., Bootle and Dist. C.B.S.

Frome Cage Bird Show will be held on Dec. 14; judge ,Mr. J. Robson, writes Mr. C. I. Young, sec., Frome F.A.

Will the reader who on Nov. 1 sent us a deposit of 6s 6d. in favour of Mr. Twist kindly communicate his name and address to us?

Schedules for Kilmarnock, Nov. 18, are now out, writes Mr. W. Guthrie, the sec. Will anyone overlooked please drop me a postcard?

Mr. J. T. Reynolds, Trevorno Farm, Sithney, near Helston, Cornwall, writes to say he will be glad to receive schedules of Cornwall shows.

Entries for the Malton Norton and Dist. F.S. Show are coming in rather slowly, and will be accepted up to Monday's post, Nov. 6, writes Mr. J. Wilson, the sec.

Northampton Show report Limit £3 Norwich Yellow class reads Bott 2nd and vhc; this should have been G. Griffin 2nd and Bott vhc. —G. Griffin (Northampton).

Schedules will be sent to all who have applied for same as soon as we receive them from the printers, writes Mr. W. E. Allen, sec. of the Grantham C.B.S.

Kindly thank exhibitors for the many kind letters I have received, thanking me for prompt payment of prize-money, writes Mr. B. Peake, sec., Hanley and Dis. C.B.S.

Will exhibitors having received schedule for our show please note that special No. 18 should read "for most points in open classes," writes Mr. G. Bescohy, sec. of the Doncaster and Dis. C.B.S.

Mr. T. COWELL (Barrow-in-Furness).

It is with deep regret, writes Mr. J. Higgin, sec. of the Barrow-in-Furness C.B.A., that I have to announce the death of our late President, Mr. T. Cowell, who passed away on Oct. 15, after a very short illness, at the early age of 30 years. Our late President was a true fancier, and a hard worker for the society. We are sure that all who knew him will readily extend their sympathy to his young wife and family.

Stockport Members' Show will be held on November 30 and December 1, with Mr W. Bourger as judge, writes Mr. W. Stafford, the sec.

Mr. G. Edwards secured 1st prize in Class 120 of Tavistock Show, Mule or Hybrid, and not Mr. W. Chivers, writes Mr. J. Young, the sec.

Mr. Ramsden has kindly given a silver medal for best colour-fed bird (fed on Ramsden's Pure Pepper) to be competed for at the Bath Fanciers Show to be held Nov. 30, writes Mr. W. H. Knowles, the sec.

The secretary of the Pontypridd Fur and Feather Society writes: Entries are coming in very slowly, and must extend until first post Nov. 6. Fanciers, please support us and give us a bumping entry.

Through a priuter's error, our British and Foreign bird judge's name is down as G. Martin, writes Mr. Duncan Grant, hon. sec. of the Lochore and Glencraig C.B.S. It should read G. Marlin (Hamilton).

Intending exhibitors at Launceston Show should look out for our show advertisement in your next issue, writes Mr. Reed, the hon. sec., as in some varieties they can win 22s. 6d. cash if they enter by Nov. 21. We have 25 open classes.

Walsall and Dis. C.B.S. annual members' show has been fixed for Nov. 11, at the White Hart Hotel, Calamore, writes Mr. F. Price, the hon. sec. There will be 16 classes, and Mr. J. A. Tonks (Wednesbury) has kindly consented to judge.

Support is asked for the non-colour-fed classes provided at the Brighton C.B.A. Open Show, Nov. 8 and 9 (prize-money 10s., 6s., 4s.), writes Mr. W. H. Gibb, the sec. A special of 5s. goes to the best non-colour-fed bird. Send aleng; I will classify.

Our members thank the exhibitors at our late show for their letters and postcards of praise for the manner in which we returned their exhibits, writes Mr. Arthur Wake, sec. of the Middlesbrough and Tees-side C.B.S.

I hope fanciers are aware that the Eccles Cage Bird Society is still going, writes Mr. J. Hall, hon. sec., 193, Liverpool Road, Patricroft and that anyone wishing to join us can do so by sending me 1s. and their name and address.

Mr. Woodhead, the secretary of Hartlepools Show, asked our representative to state that he is removing this week to The Elms, Westbourne Road, West Hartlepool, so that exhibitors will understand the reason if there is any delay in paying prize-money, etc.

Will fanciers kindly note that I have been elected hon. sec. of the Burnley and District C.B.S., writes Mr. Fred Cunliffe, 19, Lark Street, Burnley. All communications must in future be addressed to me.

Schedules have been posted to all last year's exhibitors; also to members of the B.F.C.C. and the G.C.A., writes Mr. P. Gentleman, sec. Avonbridge O.S. Will any other exhibitor requiring one please apply at once?

Will S.Y.C.C. exhibitors please note that the cup is for competition at Southend, writes Mr. W. C. Lockwood, hon. sec. of the Southend and S.C.O.S.; this is omitted from schedule. Class 29 is for fed or non-fed birds.

London and Counties Association of Canary Breeders' Autumn Show Saturday, Nov. 4, at the Earl Cathcart, Munster Square, N.W. (two minutes' walk from Portland Road Station, Underground Railway), from 3 to 9.30 p.m.—Advt.

Fanciers, please note that Rule No. 5 in our schedule, owing to a mistake by the printer, reads, All birds to be in by Friday evening. It should read Thursday instead of Friday, writes Mr. E. McAnally, sec. of the Kirkcaldy C.B.S. Classes 32 and 35 should be 1911 and not 1910.

The past breeding season has been a record one with me, having bred 100 young ones, the majority being now clean moulted, writes Mr. C. A. O'Reilly (Dublin). I am pleased to say I have a few toppers amongst them. I wish Cage Birds the success it so well deserves.

Will fanciers kindly note that New Cross and Dis. C.B.S. are holding their annual show in conjunction with Plumstead and Woolwich at their new headquarters, People's Hall, Tanners Hill, Deptford Broadway, on Nov. 16, write Messrs. Barton and Barton, joint hon. secs.

Swansea must extend entries to Sunday morning's post, writes Mr. S. H. George, the sec. The entries at time of writing are very low, and I hope that fanciers will rally round and give us a good entry. We have given one of the finest classifications possible—67 open classes.

We have sent schedules to all fanciers we know of, writes Mr. John Lawrie, sec. of the Buckhaven C.B.S. If anyone has been missed, will he forward me his address? As we are giving a good classification and a large number of open specials, we are looking forward to a record entry.

Entries for our show will be extended until first post Nov. 7, writes Mr. Arthur Walker, sec., Darlington C. and B.B.F.A. This show is open to all, with a good classification and well-known judges. Will any fancier who is in want of a schedule please drop me a postcard? Darlington being on the main line, exhibitors' birds from a distance will be sent off in time to arrive home same night.

Up to the time of writing we have not received a single entry, and have extended the time of closing entries to first post Nov. 7, writes Mr. J. H. Elwell, sec. of the Old Shildon Workmen's Club C.B.S. Will anyone who has not received a schedule forward entries? We will classify same. Staging will be on the three-tier system, and the room will be made comfortable for all exhibits.

The Wimbledon Society at their annual show on Nov. 14 and 15 have again made a class for marked or variegated hens in the open Yorkshire sections, writes a committeeman, M. E. J. Whittome (London, S.W.). I sincerely hope fanciers will appreciate this, and send entries to fill this class, as this is our second attempt to cater for marked hens, and I believe the only show in the South doing so.

A great opportunity occurs this week for lovers of rare birds to obtain uncommon species, as that noted Belgian aviculturist, Mons. Pauwels, is offering in our advertisement columns a lengthy list of duplicate and surplus examples from his own wonderful collection at reasonable prices. The list represents a veritable feast of good things from the bird-lover's point of view, and all interested in foreign birds should give it their attention.

The name of the Norwich judge, owing to a printer's error, is spelt incorrectly, writes Mr. G. E. Wilkinson, sec. of the Nottingham and Notts Show; it should be Mr. J. Trengove. Class 27: "Cinnamon Crested and Crest-bred" is not confined to current year birds, as might be inferred from the position of the class in the schedule. Schedules have been posted to members of the Crested C.C. as per last year's list. Will anyone who has not received one please apply to me?

The special prize given by Mr. H. Matthews in the list of members' specials in schedule will be 5s. for the best Light Mule exhibited by a member and 5s. for the best Dark Mule, not as stated—for best pair of Canaries in Class 24, writes Mr. W. O. Brooke, the hon. sec. of the Bournemouth C.B.A. All birds competing for Mrs. Downey Fawer's specials must be bred by the members exhibiting. Our entries have closed with a total of 475, 41 classes standing out of 47.

At the meeting of the London and Counties A.C.B., held at the Earl Cathcart, Munster Square, Oct. 21, Mr. H. J. Pearce presided over a goodly gathering. Business relating to the autumn show was dealt with, and Mr. E. Pretty gave a very interesting paper on "Canary Farming in the Open Air." At the close an animated discussion took place upon the various points arising out of the subject. A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded Mr. Pretty for his paper, which he briefly acknowledged.

WITH EVERY COPY OF THIS ISSUE READERS SHOULD RECEIVE A COLOURED PLATE OF "DAINTY SOFTBILLS."

Open-Air Canary Farming and Its Possibilities.

A STRIKING IDEA.

One of our oldest living authorities on Canary Breeding states that Canary Farming in the open-air is a good thing for both the birds an their owner's pocket.

By the courtesy of Mr. E. J. Pretty, one of the few now happily remaining of the "Old Brigade" of London Fanciers, we have had the opportunity of inspecting the fine stock of birds which were the subject of the lecture recently given by Mr. Pretty to the London and Counties A.C.B.

In what is literally a "back yard," being a stone-paved space between the high walls of the houses at the back of Mr. Pretty's Dental Surgery in Albany St., Regent's Park, we were introduced to some two hundred Canaries, old, young and middle aged. Yorkshires, Norwich, Crest-breds, Lancashires and Cinnamons, all were here, and every one looking an absolute picture of health. Many of the birds would hold their own in any competition, but Mr. Pretty is not so keen on showing as in former days. With the Canaries were a very fine five-year-old Chaffinch, a cock Linnet and a couple of beautiful Redpolls, one of which, if Mr. Pretty accepts the advice tendered, will grace the show-bench in the immediate future. The birds are kept mostly in pairs in commodious flight cages convertible into double-breeders, and have absolutely no protection other than their cages. "Four years ago," said Mr. Pretty, "I required the use for other purposes of the rooms in which I was keeping my Canaries, and, rather than give up my hobby, I determined to put them out, in their cages as they stood, into the well space at the back of my surgery. That the venture was successful you may see for yourself. Nearly all the birds of four years ago are here now; the others are youngsters which have never seen inside shelter. I have no trouble with them other than from mice and slugs; cats cannot get down into the space in which they are kept, the high houses shelter them from heavy winds, and it is only in respect of sunlight that I would wish anything better for the birds; unfortunately this is kept out by the surrounding buildings, but still they do fairly well." In this we could do no other but agree; the condition of the birds would have contradicted any sentimental expressions deploring the lack of sunlight, and we agreed with Mr. Pretty that though some sun would be better for the birds they did exceedingly well without it. Altogether, quite a new vista was opened up as to what is possible in the way of Canary farming in the open, and we shall publish next week Mr. Pretty's account of his methods. That eminently practical article is of interest from beginning to end, and we are sure that our readers will join with us in thanking Mr. Pretty for his kindness in giving so freely of his experience in this new field of great possibilities.

Whilst at Birmingham Show it came to our ears that the present secretary intended to send in his resignation at the end of the season (for private reasons). Mr. J. H. De Maillet, the late secretary, had been approached, and we understood would most likely accept office, providing new headquarters were found.

Entries are very short for Brighton Open Show, Nov. 8 and 9, writes Mr. W. H. Gibb, the sec.; we must extend to Nov. 6 first post. Full prize-money is guaranteed (10s., 6s., 4s., with extra vhc 1s. 6d. in large classes); there is a good classification. No classes will be amalgamated. Send along, and I will classify.

The financial position of the Welsh C.B.C. is increasingly favourable. From the 1910 balance sheet it is seen that the amount in the treasurer's hands is better by £1 13s. 8d. than in the previous year, the figures being £15 17s. 1d. in December, 1909, and £17 10s. 9d. in December, 1910. The secretary of the club is Mr. A. E. Brown, 66, Clare Street, Merthyr, from whom particulars of membership may be had on application. The subscription is 3s. per annum.

The Highgate and Hampstead C.B.S. are holding their annual members' show on Nov. 10 and 11, writes Mr. C. W. Law, hon. sec., when Mr. G. Gardner judges. Will brother fanciers kindly pay us a visit? We are only a small society, but a good proportion of our members can be seen at any of the London shows; therefore we should be glad to see members of some of the other societies. Our money specials amount to £10, besides specials consisting of cups, teapots, and other useful articles—some seventy specials in all.

Changes of Address.

Secretaries and others are asked to note the following changes of addresses:—Mr. S. H. Lambert (sec. of the Guisborough Priory C.B.S) from Gill Street, to 35, Cleveland Street, Guisborough; Mr. C. A. O'Reilly from York Road, Rathmines, to 10, Dolphin Avenue, Dolphin's Barn, Dublin; and Mr. R. E. Helliwell, from Thorn View to 149, Claremont Road, Boothtown, Halifax.

Grimsby's Silver Cup.

At Grimsby Show we noticed a very handsome and prettily designed silver cup on view. We were informed that the secretaries, Messrs. Towl Bros., had had this given to them by a well-known local gentleman to be competed for next year by members (champions) for most points over all sections. If energy and perseverance go for anything, the Brothers Towl look like lifting the Grimsby Society to a very high place. They have our good wishes.

Romance of a White Blackbird.

With reference to the White Blackbird exhibited at East Lothian C.B.S. Show, I hear, writes our representative, that Mr. Skeldon has refused a good offer for him (either dead or alive), but seemingly he is a great favourite—and no wonder, as the following will show. The owner heard from another worker on the farm that a nest of Blackbirds had been found with two white ones in it. Needless to say, he had a good look for the nest, but all visits proved unsuccessful. One day, when working in the garden, a great black cat came past him with something white in its mouth. He gave chase, and after a good hunt the cat let go his hold, and Mr. Skeldon was rewarded by finding the subject of my remarks more dead than alive, but after careful nursing he has indeed made it a champion—a bird to be proud of. After telling his friend of it, they visited the nest, but found it empty, all the other birds having been killed by the cat, no doubt.

A White Canary Club!

Having seen by Cage Birds that there are fanciers in possession of White Canaries, writes Mr. Fred Ward (Thelwall, near Warrington), I should very much like to see them go ahead, also a White Canary Club established. I would offer myself as secretary and push them to the front. Shall be pleased to hear from anyone willing to join; also if there are any White Canaries for sale at a reasonable price.

Novice Classes at L.C.B.A. Show.

The L.C.B.A., in their schedule, published today (Saturday) have given a splendid classification for the novices, including four British, two Borders, six Norwich, and six Yorkshire classes. As the novices are continually complaining of being compelled, in some cases, to show against the champions, they have here a chance to compete in their respective sections, and such pluck on the part of the L.C.B.A. ought to be rewarded with full classes in each instance. Now, novices, wake up and send for a schedule!

Specials from New Zealand.

I have received from Mr. A. Malcolmson (New Zealand) £1 as specials money for Norwich and British birds at our forthcoming show, writes Mr. G. Marlin, sec., Hamilton Cadzow Oaks O.S. Our schedules being in the printers' hands, I had to announce specials on the back page as "extra specials." Mr. Malcolmson is getting on well in his new home. He has started keeping birds again, and has some nice Goldfinches. Mrs. Malcolmson and family sail on Dec. 1 to join him, and she is taking some birds with her which I was instructed to purchase for him.

Those Railways Again.

There is one circumstance we all very much regret, writes Mr. J. Atkinson, secretary of the recent Wakefield Show. Mr. Poole, of Stratford-on-Avon, had three entries, which did not arrive up to judging time, although the classes he had entered in were kept back until 1 p.m. Every enquiry was made, but we could get no tidings. The hamper, however, turned up at Wakefield on Sunday at 10.50 a.m.! It was taken to one of our members living near. The cages were immediately taken out, when it was found that the Bullfinch was dead. The other two (Siskin and Redpoll) were in an exhausted condition, but pulled round with careful treatment. This is very grieving to all of us, and there must have been serious delay on the part of the railway company. I hope Mr. Poole will be able to get at the party or parties at fault.

WATCHES FOR READERS OF "CAGE BIRDS."

On page 304 will be found an offer of the greatest interest to our readers. It is an offer of something everyone can do with, viz., a good reliable watch (fully guaranteed by the makers for one year) at a sensationally low price. A Cage Birds Watch can be obtained post free in box in return for a 5s. postal order or cash. But to everyone who will help us to increase the circulation of our journal it will be noted that we make a highly advantageous offer, i.e., we reduce the purchase price as low as one-half (2s. 6d.) in return for eighteen coupons cut from the current issue of Cage Birds. Send these coupons, and you have only to forward 2s. 6d. cash as well in order at once to receive a watch. Or a less number of coupons can be sent (see details of the scheme in the advertisement). Readers should have no difficulty in persuading visitors to the shows—or their neighbours interested in birds—to purchase this week's issue and to hand over the watch coupons therein. These coupons can then be used as part of the purchase price of a Cage Birds Watch. This watch is of really good modern make, finish, and appearance; and is not disfigured by any advertisement device. Better cannot be obtained at double the price. Remember, all coupons sent must be cut out of the current issue.

Winter's Added Terror: The Great Grey Shrike.

This winter visitor hunts small birds, etc., after the manner of a Hawk, impaling its victims on wayside thorns and tearing them to pieces.

By E. A. MORRIS (Ilford).

Perhaps not so common or well known as the majority of our migrants, a brief article on this noble and defiant-looking bird may not fail to interest a few of your numerous readers. Not so elegantly attired as his near relations the Red-backed or Woodchat Shrikes, the Great Grey is by no means a sombre-looking bird. Unlike our spring visitors, this winter migrant cannot claim to possess great vocal abilities, as he has practically no song whatever. Nevertheless he is a great favourite with many British bird exhibitors.

For the benefit of those who have not seen the Great Grey Shrike the following is the description of same: Length, roughly about 9 inches; head, neck and back a rich bluish-grey; breast and under parts of body pure white; wings black, with white moons on the tips of secondaries and inner pgimaries; tail black, with the exception of the two outside feathers, which are white; lobes and ear coverts black, and a white streak over each eye.

He requires more than the usual attention generally bestowed upon most of our other softbills. Besides being given the usual insectivorous food, consisting of ants' eggs, dried flies, crushed biscuit, meat, meal, etc., he should be supplied with a dead bird about every other day. It is not necessary to skin the bird before giving it to the Shrike (although some fanciers prefer to do so) as they do not swallow the tail or flight feathers, and the smaller body feathers they disgorge in the form of a pellet, which helps to clean the stomach. I do not advise giving a live bird to a Shrike, as he will sometimes play with it for a good time before killing it outright, although at times he will kill the bird the instant it is put into his cage. one I had would kill every time he had the opportunity.

This particular bird was kept in my birdroom, in which I bred Yorkshire Canaries. Arriving home one day I was surprised to see I had forgotten to close the door of a flight cage which contained about fifteen young Yorkshires, most of which were flying about the bird room. Imagine my surprise on looking into the cage which contained my Shrike to see six dead Canaries lying on the bottom! This bird also accounted for a winning hen Bearded Reedling in a like manner.

The Great Grey Shrike is very fond of mealworms, gentles; and in fact any insect life he will appreciate. He should be kept in a fairly large cage, one about 36 to 40 inches long, 20 inches high, and about 18 inches deep, or, better still, a small aviary, which should be cleaned out about twice a week, as they soon get dirty.

When dead birds are not available for them a little raw beef or liver chopped up into small pieces may be given. I have never been able to get my Shrikes to bathe, but a good spraying every day usually keeps them in good condition.

As an exhibition bird the Great Grey Shrike has very few equals, and his ability to win in the keenest of competition is well known. It would be useless to dwell on the various show points required in this particular bird, as one rarely gets an opportunity of being able to select from a number, they being somewhat rare.

About five days before sending him to a show your bird should be washed (by no means an easy matter), and I should strongly advise those fanciers who have not had much experience in hand-washing large birds to get a more experienced fancier to perform the operation. When sending to a show which lasts for two or three days it is necessary to send a dead bird or two with the soft food, so as to enable the stewards to feed him properly whilst in their care. The show cage for the Great Grey Shrike should be about 24 inches long, 18 inches high, and 14 inches deep. I usually enamel my show cage and wire front a rich cream, which I consider shows the bird off admirably.



From a Drawing] [by E. A. Morris

THE GREAT GREY SHRIKE.

Through a - - Birdroom Window

New Series by this popular Author.

By the Rev. C. D. FARRAR

(*Continued from page 305*).

No. 15—My Rock Peplars.

For many years I longed to possess some Rock Peplars, but I longed for years in vain. I have many points in common with Wang-Han Chih, one of the illustrious persons in a certain Chinese lex I wot of. On one occasion, it is recorded, he went in the snow to visit a friend, named Tai-Ta-k'wee, but on reaching the door he turned back and went home again. Being asked for an explanation of this behaviour, he replied: "I started full of spirits, but they were exhausted, so I came home again." How often it was so with me. Many and many a weary day I tramped all up London looking for Rock Peplars. I started full enough of spirits; every day would bring me what I longed for, but when my holiday ended I was no nearer my desire than when I started.

Occasionally I came across a more or less diseased specimen of the Rock Peplar, who sat in the shop window with a sort of look on his face a dying Gladiator would have worn. *Moriturus te saluto!* I was discouraged. That is one of the temptations to which I most easily fall a victim. I started out from home full of spirits; then when they were exhausted—like Wang Hun-Ch'h—I came back again.

This went on for several successive seasons, and I really began to think that I never should succeed in getting a pair of Rock Peplars; but as the old proverb says, "It's a long lane that has no turning," and so it proved in my case.

In aviculture, as elsewhere in life, it is generally the unexpected that happens. One day, to my huge surprise, I got a letter informing me that a certain ship was at Southampton with a cargo of "Australian stuff" on board, among it some fairly healthy Rock Peplars. There is no need to tell my readers what happened, but a food and his money shortly parted company. In a few hours there arrived a travelling cage with, what the porters called, "Somat alive in it." I was not a mouth tearing off the wrapper, and then you could have knocked me down—wasn't it Sairey Camp who used this expression on a momentous occasion?—with a feather! Here, indeed, were the Rock Peplars: but such a pair of woebegone creatures may I never see again for a long time.

I felt quite certain, after one quick glance, that "brief life was here the portion" of these birds. I was a true prophet, for within a week they were sleeping quietly under the sod, and I was poorer by four good golden guineas. For the time being I hated the very mention of Rock Peplars. I always do hate for a time a species on which I have plunged and lost heavily, but unfortunately my repentance is, like that described by the outspoken prophet as characteristic of Israel, "like the morning cloud and as the early dew that passeth away." I suppose this is inevitable, otherwise how should we ever get new specimens?

Laziness Rewarded.

Some months after this sad episode I saw an advertisement of a pair of Rock Peplars somewhere up in Scotland. In those days we had no telegraph office at Micklefield. Since then we are quite in the running, and boast not only a telegraph office, but electric power in the village. At the time I am speaking of, our nearest office was two miles away, and I was lazy, and thought that a letter would do as well as a wire. Accordingly I wrote, only to learn that the birds had been claimed, by wire, and that wires were still coming to claim them. I lose opportunities as people sometimes lose trains by not being in time.

Next year I was in London for my annual holiday, and in walking down a back street "down East," I saw in a window of a private house a Rock Peplar. I stared; I rubbed my eyes to make sure. Yes, there could be no doubt about it—it was a fine cock Rock Peplar. I lost not a moment in entering and inquiring the price of the "green bird." I was too wary to call it a Peplar, lest I should raise undue suspicions of its commercial worth. The woman told me that her son, who was a sailor, had brought it home, but that as she was no great things on birds, and it made a dratted mess with the seed (she didn't say dratted), I could have it. What would I give for it? I was afraid to name too high a figure. I modestly suggested a sovereign. The lady seemed to think I was a bit dotty: but promptly closed with my offer; apparently in fear lest I should repent incontinently. She stipulated, however, that I must catch the bird myself. This I agreed to; and soon had him in a chocolate box; and *en route* for Yorkshire.

My next work was to find a hen. Some fellows have a gift for finding things: they have a gift of collecting Toby jugs, everywhere they discover a Toby jug. I am rather lucky myself, so they say, in hunting out bargains. It seems hardly credible, but still for all that it is true, that the very next day I lighted on a hen Rock Peplar, not far away from where I had unearthed the cock. Perhaps there was nothing very strange about it. If a ship came in from Australia with Rock Peplars aboard, what more likely than that two fond sons should bring one as a present to the old folks at home? Sailors, we know, when they do bring over anything, bring what is most common at the time the ship leaves, no matter how rare it may be at times in its native land.

Love is Blind.

My brother-in-law has often told me that it is not what you want to bring, or are ordered to bring, that you buy but what the man in Sydney has in the shop on the day you call. If Rock Peplars happen to be abundant, it will be Rock Peplars or nowt. No doubt on this occasion there was a glut of Peplars at Sydney; hence my luck in getting a pair in the same neighbourhood.

I carried the lady home with me at the end of the week, and at once introduced her to her future lord. He accepted her unquestionly, as the simple Trojan accepted the Olympian lady who appeared to him clad in grace, but otherwise scantily, from a rosy cloud.

I kept them in a big compartment of one of my birdrooms all the winter, as I was going to take no risks. They were very easy to feed, as they appeared to care for nothing but plain canary seed, though they would enjoy a mealworm occasionally. They moulted and became quite handsome creatures, though of a subdued beauty. Rock Peplars are so rare and so very delicate (nine out of ten always going off in some mysterious way), that I had little expectation of doing more than keep them alive to look at. To breed them never entered my thoughts.

When, therefore, one day in June, I put them out, it was rather to give them the benefit of fresh air treatment than for any other cause. But as I said before, it is always the unexpected that happens. In this case the unexpected happened twice over, for the Peplars not only went to nest, but they went to nest in the most unlikely place imaginable—on the floor of the aviary. It was not for want of new nest-boxes. They were present in plenty. It was pure cussedness so far as I could see, unless in Australia Peplars do go to nest in a hole in the ground. It may be they do, but we know so little of the nesting habits of Australian Parrakeets. I have had King Parrots do the same thing. I was far too thankful that they had deigned to go to nest to care where they actually nested. My only fear was that mice would interfere with the sitting hen; for do what you will, mice will get into outdoor aviaries, and mice are what an old Sherburn vicar said anent his choirmen and bellringers—"the devil!"

However, Mrs. Peplar chose to nest on the ground behind a brick, and I had to chance it. She laid three white eggs about the size of a pigeon's, very round, and you could see them quite plainly when the hen was off. She sat in the most exemplary manner, so that no blame could attach to her; but only one of the eggs hatched. You will never know the anxiety with which I watched the growth of that little bird *ab ovo* to maturing. So many things can happen in six weeks—mice, chilly nights, a sudden scare, and all one's hopes are gone for a year. Happily nothing happened, as day by day she swelled "wisibly," and was evidently doing justice to her parents' care and feeding.

It was very funny to watch the youngster being fed on the ground; it reminded me of a young squab pigeon. I was afraid the parents would be shy; but they were not a bit, and I have many and many a time watched the operation. It is not often one gets a chance of seeing young Parrakeets being fed.

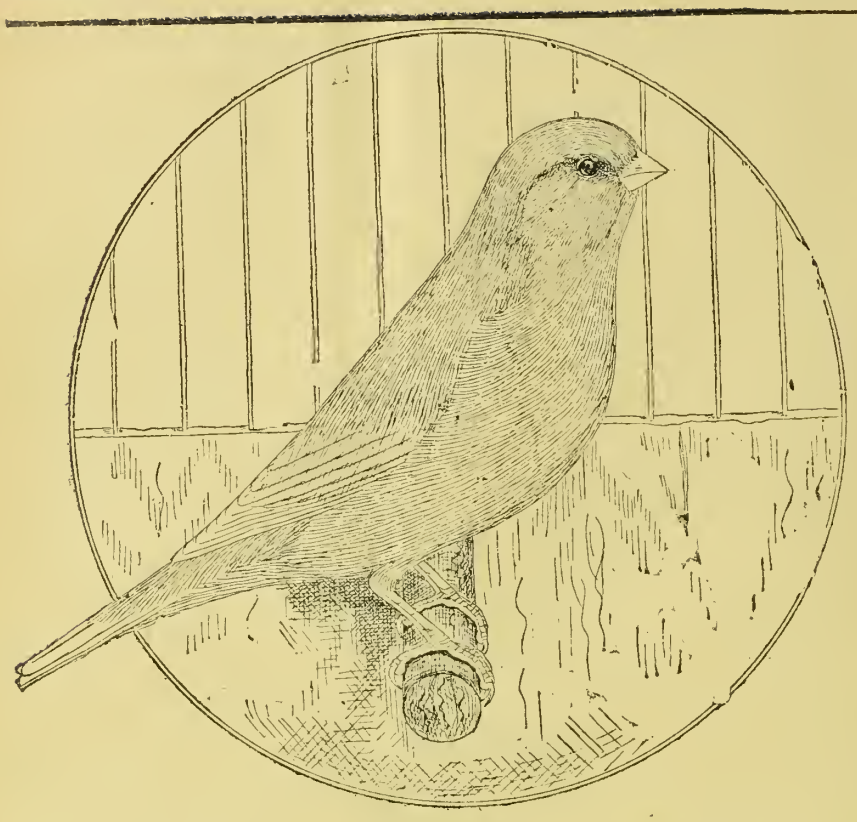
Worthy of their Hire.

The sexes are quite easy to tell in Peplars, as the cock is quite yellow compared with the sober green of the hen; so that there is no danger of disappointment over sex. My youngster resembled the hen when in full plumage, and it has remained a hen ever since. I don't, of course, know what a young cock would be like, but I expect, following the usual rule, all the young would take after the hen till after the first moult.

Peplars are always rare, and command a good price. You would certainly make a mistake not to buy a healthy pair of adults at £5 or even more, and if you could get them to breed they would soon repay their cost, as the youngsters will readily sell at 50s. each. It is many years now since I have seen or heard of any of these birds for sale.

Unless healthy and tight in feather when they first come over, they invariably die. Some years ago I saw a whole consignment of about thirty all going home as fast as they possibly could. They would have been dear at any price.

You may ask me why I tell you these old experiences, and I answer with Crabbe Robinson, "I now perceive why old men repeat their stories in company. When they can originate nothing they can profit their juniors by recollections of the past."



A NORWICH PLAINHEAD CLAIMED AT SIX GUINEAS.

This fine clear yellow Norwich, exhibited by Mr. Barclay, was awarded second prize at the recent City of Glasgow show, and found a new owner at the catalogue price, £6 6s.

A Vanishing Variety of Canary.

By A. G. FILBY. (EALING).

The London Fancy, the "Spangled back" of olden times, is a member of the Canary family verging on extinction, therefore these notes by an admirer and breeder of to-day are of peculiar interest.

If this endeavour of mine to set forth the attractions of the London Fancy Canary induces anyone to take up the variety, or assists any of those already breeding them, I shall be amply repaid for the time and trouble spent in penning it, to say nothing of the pleasure it gives me to write about my favourites.

Unfortunately, the variety has been a good deal passed by. Why, one cannot understand, as it is not now (whatever it might have been) any more difficult or troublesome to manage, nor is it any harder to rear the young, than is the case with any of the other varieties. It is a very fascinating hobby, and the bird when obtained is a very handsome one. The London Fancy has a yellow body, black wings and tail and black legs, feet and claws. It is also an ancient variety, being mentioned as far back as 1826, and designated "the Spangled Back" and "the Fancy Canary"; and there is a record of Mr. Brodrick purchasing some in 1842, all more or less spangled. But a few years' breeding had produced something like ninety specimens, with only two foul feathers amongst the lot, and during the last twenty-five years there have been a good many perfect specimens exhibited on the show-bench, showing that the old champion blood is still in existence in several breeding rooms.

Alike, yet Different.

It is thought by a good many that the London Fancy Canary is an offshoot of the Lizard. Be that as it may, we know the general tendency of nature under domestication is to get lighter and lighter, but my experience is that dark birds are much more frequently produced than light ones. The dark colour always seems to run over, so to speak. The two varieties, viz., the Lizard and the London Fancy Canary certainly are very much alike at different periods of their lives, and they are very diverse at other times. When first fledged they are both dark, with clear caps. At their first moult (at about six months old) the London Fancy should come clear in body. The Lizard then comes evenly dark. At the next moult (at about fifteen months old) the London Fancy moults to all light or grey, according to the amount of dark blood contained in it, and its show career is then over; and the Lizard also moults to a lighter shade. With each succeeding moult both varieties get lighter. I have moulted a London Fancy till it has become as clear as a clear Norwich. The legs, feet and claws are black in both varieties, and do not change.

The London Fancy has never been taken up in the same way that other varieties have, for it is, after all, a "Fancier's" bird. It is of no use to the "pot hunter," being only one season in show form, which I contend should be in its favour, for each breeder stands an equal chance, there being no old champions to meet. The Lizard is also a one-season bird, but it is better cared for, both by breeders and show committees. What is more attractive than a sprightly jonque London Fancy? It is a deep "ball of fire," with wings and tail of black. There is also the lovely Mealy with its frosting showing on the edges. These two—the Jonque and the Mealy—answer to the Yellow and Buff of other varieties and the Gold and Silver of the Lizard.

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For the benefit of beginners with the variety I will give my methods of keeping the birds during winter, and the pairing up, breeding, moulting, and exhibiting of them—methods which I find best after having bred the variety exclusively since 1897.

In order to ensure the birds being in good health and strength for the breeding season, I keep them in a large flight, six feet long, four and a half feet high, and three and a half feet deep in a sunny room without artificial heat, except in the very coldest of weather. They are put in as soon as they can safely do for themselves, and the old ones too as soon as they finish breeding, till I pair them up again, say at the end of March. I feed them on the usual seeds, viz., good canary seed as staple food, and on alternate days a little hemp. On the day when I do not give hemp I give German rape, about half a teaspoonful of each kind of seed per bird, and almost daily a little crushed biscuit (thin lunch for preference) and once a week bread and milk instead of biscuit. Sometimes I give a little sweet apple, and occasionally a little maw seed as an extra. During the breeding season the above-named diet is supplemented by egg. If made frequently the egg food is always good. I also give plenty of crushed (hens') egg shells, and cuttlefish. For green food I prefer lettuce, but I give it sparingly.

I am old-fashioned enough to use the square box for nesting purposes, with moss and cowhair; as I find it answers well, I see no reason to alter it.

As for that pest of the young in the nest—red mite—I hardly ever see one, owing probably to the make of the cage I use having no refuge for them. I make the cages myself and every crevice is filled with enamel. I expect it would shock some breeders to use such cages, but I've used them successfully for years.

Details of the Cage.

The size of the cage is 16ins. by 12ins. by 16ins. high. It has two perches, one each way; that is, one from end to end about six inches from the top, and the other about four inches from the bottom from back to front fitted to hook on and off so that they can be replaced by a duplicate set when they require cleaning (I keep duplicate sets for all cages). At each cage-end is fitted a piece of zinc, to allow them to be stood side by side, without the birds seeing each other at any time. The whole stands in a zinc tray four inches deep all round, which greatly helps to keep a good deal of seed from being scattered about the room and wasted, besides keeping the room more tidy and clean. It is also very easy to clean out; just lift out the cages (nest, birds, and all) and you can clean away without disturbing a sitting hen at all. All food and water vessels are placed inside. The bottom of the cage I keep well covered with nice gritty sand.

Clear Body Difficult to Get.

Another advantage of having the cages all alike is that when the hen has a brood and wants to nest again all can be transferred to another cage (clean, of course) without their knowing the difference; and the used dirty cage can be washed, ready for another pair, probably under the same circumstances.

When pairing I prefer to select for clear body birds first. I find that quality more difficult to obtain than the dark wings and tail; in fact, I have bred show specimens from a cock that had a white tail. Of course, you are likely to get birds with light feathers in wings and tail, but in the case of birds having perfect wings and tail the body generally moults out very well.

Plucking must be Avoided.

As soon as the young can feed themselves, cage off separately all those having good wings and tail, in case from plucking or any cause good wing or tail feathers get knocked out, for the next feather will come greyer, perhaps only at tips, which, in any case, lessens its chance on the show bench. Also, if the parents seem spiteful, separate the young. I once had a nest of four, all good ones, spoilt by leaving them with the parents a few hours too long. As stated above, all unfit for show are turned into the flight at once, care being taken to ring all birds when they are about twelve days old; and, of course, a very accurate pedigree list needs to be kept properly.

I have crossed London Fancies with the Lizards, and find that one season is quite enough, the spangles taking years to breed out again. Any other cross seems unsatisfactory, as the dark remains from the green blood will not moult out, and dark on the body is fatal.

With regard to medicine, I cannot claim to know much. My birds are so healthy that I seldom require anything in the way of medicines. Given good food and proper attention they keep all right. I did have a bird queer recently; I put him on a bread and milk diet for a few days, and he is now, at the time of writing, in full song.

Moulting and Exhibiting.

During the moult I feed the birds as usual, giving in addition a little sweet pepper with their egg and biscuit. Till the moult is over, of course, keep them caged separately; my cages—after the breeding—get a good wash, and then come in nicely for that purpose. The birds remain in them till the shows end.

In preparing the birds for exhibition, beyond getting them used to a small cage in which they must stay I do not do anything. I run them into the show cages for a few days previously to get them used to it, as they object at first. I always send the birds to the shows in a canvas-lined hamper. I find that the birds travel well, and a hamper of this sort is far easier for show stewards to unpack and stack away.

The principal points in a bird's favour are: Clear body, black wings and tail, good size and condition. With these as they should be the bird can win.

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A BIRD-LOVER OF ST. HELENS, LANCS.

Mr. R. Rimmer, who is a member of "Cage Birds League," is seen seated in front of his out-door Aviary and Birdroom.

Wild-Bird Life.

About Starlings.

It is rather a curious coincidence that at the very time an effort is being made to put a stop to the catching and caging of wild birds as pets there should come a complaint from the fruit-growers of the Home Counties of the damage done to their crops by Starlings; and so serious is it considered to be that the Middlesex County Council is to apply to the Home Office for revocation of the Wild Birds Protection Act in the county, which means that the Starling and its eggs will be once more free to those who like to take them. As a pet the Starling is unrivalled, and if reared from the nest (as he should be) he becomes almost a nuisance to his owner by his excessive tameness. In keeping such a bird there cannot be, by any stretch of the imagination, the slightest cruelty. In a wild state the Starling, as a fruit destroyer, is a creature to be reckoned with; his appetite is far in excess of what one would imagine it to be, considering his size; and what is of greater importance is that he does not do his foraging alone, but is nearly always accompanied by a dozen or so companions with equally vigorous feeding capabilities. Of course, this bird has been protected in the past on account of the good he does to grass land and growing crops by the destruction of the dreaded wireworm, grubs, and insects of all kinds, which are detrimental to growth; and in this capacity the Starling has no equal, because, being in a sense a bird of the homestead, he forages near and far. His only real rival, the Plover, is too wild and wary to do much good excepting on land situated some distance from the homestead; he loves the wild, free marshland, the breezy uplands, more than the home fields, which would in consequence soon become infested with grubs but for the attentions of the handsome Starling and a few others. The Starling is such a free breeder and frequently rears his hungry young ones in almost inaccessible places that there can be no fear of its ever becoming extinct or even rare. In addition to which we have each autumn a big migration of strong birds from the Continent, many of them remaining with us; and it is more than probable that it is these aliens that are doing the damage among our Home Counties orchards, our English bird having been driven westward by the intruders.



DAINTY SOFTBILLS.

LESSER WHITETHROAT. BLACKCAP WARBLER. WILLOW WARBLER. GOLD-CRESTED WREN.

Four Woodland Beauties

By H. J. FULLJAMES.

"Dainty Softbills."

A companion article to the Coloured Plate accompanying this week's "Cage Birds."

I have been asked by our Editor to write a few words around the beautiful coloured plate presented with this issue, and it is a task which I undertake with very great pleasure.

Dainty Soft-bills! No other word but dainty could fill the bill. And how daintily they are grouped by our artist-in-chief, Mr. H. Norman. The lovely picture will, I am sure, be admitted to rank as one of Mr. Norman's very best efforts, and no higher praise could be given than this. The sweet little bird depicted in the lower left-hand foreground is the Lesser Whitethroat, a bird which comes to us in the early spring, about the middle of April. As regards its visible presence it must count among the less frequently seen birds of our countryside, for it is of a most retiring nature, keeping mainly to the shelter of quiet hedgerows, or betaking itself at times to the highest trees, where it may flit almost unseen from branch to branch. It is as unobtrusive in its song as in its habits, and an ordinary stroller through our country lanes may easily fail altogether to notice the bird.

Excepting for exhibition purposes, and nothing makes a prettier exhibit, this charming little bird is not much kept as a cage-bird, for it has little song with which to reward its keeper. Its food in nature consists entirely of living insects, except in autumn, when it will help itself to a little ripe fruit. In a cage it should be fed on a mixture consisting of equal parts, by weight, of dried-flies, ants' cocoons and preserved yolk of egg, the whole made up to double its weight by the addition of powdered sweet biscuit. A portion of this sufficient for a day's supply should be moistened to a "crumbly" consistency by the addition either of grated carrot, boiled potato, chopped green-stuff (lettuce, dandelion, chickweed, groundsel tops, etc.) and in autumn any small berries will be appreciated. Of course live food is also a necessity, and this may take such form as may be convenient; too many mealworms are not to be recommended, as the hard skins of these are very indigestible, but house and blow-flies, smooth caterpillars, well-scoured gentles, spiders, and above all, if they are obtainable, living ants' cocoons; all these may be given in any quantity. A little cream cheese, chopped and mixed with the stock food, forms a valuable tit-bit, and ground silkworm pupæ may take the place of the dried flies.

He Can't Help Singing.

Directly above the Lesser Whitethroat in our picture is the Blackcap. This charming bird greatly resembles the first-named in body plumage, but the black crown which gives it its name serves to distinguish it at a glance. While it is equally retiring in its habits, its beautiful melody betrays its vicinity at any time between its arrival in April and the end of July. And who is there who pays any attention to the sounds of Nature and has not been charmed by the music of the Blackcap's song? Even on the nest, relieving his mate of her maternal duties, while she seeks exercise and food, the cock Blackcap is unable to restrain himself.

As a cage-pet the Blackcap is unapproachable among British birds, seed-eating or insectivorous. The easiest of all birds to "meat off" as it is termed, a Blackcap will settle down to cage-life in a very few days, and will delight its owner with exquisite melody for quite eight months in the year, from soon after Christmas until the August moult. He will sing in day-light or gas-light, in a bird room or a living room: in fact, in a cage or in Nature, a Blackcap *must* sing; literally, he can't help it. Then as to food, the minimum of trouble is all that is necessary. As a stock-food the Blackcap needs a mixture made up somewhat as recommended for the Whitethroat, but the ordinary grocers' currants of commerce may form quite the largest portion of its dietary: these should be soaked in water over-night to soften the skins, and a Blackcap can scarcely have too many of these; a piece of banana or any ripe fruit in season will be relished, and such living insects as may be obtainable.

The Prettiest and the Tiniest.

At the top of the picture is the Willow Warbler, the commonest as well as one of the prettiest of our spring migrants. It arrives in this country considerably earlier than either of the two already mentioned, coming in fact, only about a week later than the Chiffchaff which in its turn is second only to the Wheatear, the earliest of all. Its merry little song is welcome at a time when the music of birds is scarce, but it lapses into comparative unimportance with the coming of the Blackcap. It is only as an exhibition bird that it has much to recommend its keeping in captivity, for it is many degrees behind the Blackcap in quality of song, and what it does possess is not very freely rendered in a cage or aviary. Further, it is not at all easy to keep. If the attempt be made it should be treated as described above for the Whitethroat, especially not forgetting the small berries in autumn; it is particularly fond of elderberries.

The fourth bird of our plate is the Golden-crested Wren, the tiniest not only of all British birds, but of all European birds: six of him would weigh less than an ounce! How such an atom can contrive to find its sustenance of microscopic insects throughout an English winter is a puzzle indeed. The mortality among these feathered mites must be appalling, for the number of the resident Gold-crests is added to each autumn by thousands upon thousands of autumnal arrivals from the Continent to our shores.

The Gold-crest will live in perfect contentment in an aviary in which it may get plenty of exercise, with a snug shelter for a roosting place, but its love of incessant activity renders it an unsuitable denizen of an ordinary cage, and in such conditions it will not live for any length of time. In any case, plenty of small living insects are an indispensable necessity, and these must be supplied in addition to a stock-food such as already mentioned. On the show-bench it makes one of the prettiest of all the exhibits, especially if shown in a fairly roomy cage, which is fitted with a twiggy branch or piece of a gorse-bush.

When away from the shows it should have the largest possible cage which may be afforded to it, and this cage should be quite crowded with small branches among which the restless little bird may take the exercise which is absolutely essential to its well-being. In addition, a snug roosting-place must be provided, for the Gold-crest is one of the most susceptible to cold of all British birds.



SCOTLAND'S SECOND WHITE CANARY.

Last year, writes Mr. E. Barron, Dr. Syson, of Glasgow, bred a pure white Canary amongst his Yorkshires, and exhibited the bird at the City of Glasgow O.S. show of October, 1910. Its appearance on the show-bench at the time caused quite a commotion. This year, at the same exhibition, Dr. Galloway, of Aberdeen, exhibited a pure white Canary in the A.O.V. class, and secured the premier award. This bird is also somewhat of the Yorkshire type. Is it possible to ascertain the types of the other white Canaries that have appeared from time to time? The fact that the only specimens ever exhibited in Scotland are in the hands of Doctors, of course, has nothing to do with their colour!

A Londoner and His Norwich Plainhead Canaries.

An interesting paper upon this widely popular breed.

By T. D. Jackson (West Green.)

(*Continued from page 277*).

If, however, it was a failing in type, or faulty wing, carriage or length of tail or body that I had to deal with then I should use a hen, buff for choice, as hens are generally more typical than yellows. For whatever purpose we introduce fresh stock, we should always endeavour to get such birds as are, what I might term, exaggerated, or over-strong in the particular points that we wished to improve in our own stock, for having something that was merely good would not do. For example, if we pair a bird that is weak in head properties to another that is only just good, we can only expect to produce the happy medium: and the happy medium in this case would not be good enough. Hence my reasons for choosing birds that are "over-strong" in the particular points in which our own stock fails.

With regard to size, it must be understood that, like all other points it has carefully to be bred into the stock. My own experience teaches me that the hen has as much influence over the size of the progeny as the cock; and further, that the buff parent is chiefly responsible for it. I should never use a Crest-bird for that purpose, for we would be sure to lose in other respects. In striving for one point do not lose sight of others, for to gain one point at the loss of another, is not progress; and never sacrifice type for anything. Always let type and quality be your chief objects.

A lot has been said of late for and against breeding with related birds. I would not advise the beginner to attempt that method until he has had some years' experience, and even then it should only be done for some specific object, such as to fix some point that he has gained; then, provided the birds are strong and vigorous, he can in-breed as close as brother to sister without the least fear of sacrificing stamina in the progeny, and I am not speaking without experience. While judicious in-breeding with related birds has undoubtedly been the making of many strains, indiscriminate in-breeding will always prove disastrous.

When Stock is Down in Colour.

If the stock had got a little down in colour or quality I should use a yellow cock, either clear or variegated it would not matter which, provided there was plenty of "green" blood in them. Always bear in mind that the green is the fountain of colour: in fact, a good yellow-green cock is a most valuable bird in the stock of any Norwich Plainhead breeder. Unless colour is bred in the bird, remember, a cartload of the best capsicum that was ever grown will not put it there. In speaking of greens, understand I am not referring to what are known as the "Liverpool" greens, as these would be quite useless as colour producers.

The green I refer to is a bronze green. If I were in want of such a bird I should obtain a yellow Cinnamon hen, not a large one, but as good in Norwich properties as possible, and of a rich bright cinnamon colour; I should pair to her a clear yellow Norwich cock that was exceptionally good in head, as generally that is a failing with the Cinnamon. The young cocks from that cross would be bronze greens; and it is those bronze greens that I should use to improve both the colour and the quality in the Norwich Plainhead.

Another item to which I might refer is double-buffing. But here again the young fancier will be well advised not to "rush in where angels fear to tread," for some experience is necessary before he can distinguish between the right and wrong birds to use for this purpose. My own experience in this direction has been most satisfactory. But as with in-breeding, it can easily be carried to excess.

How Quality and Color may be Lost.

The too frequent use of double-buffing means loss of quality and colour. On the other hand, if care and judgment be observed in selecting the right birds there will be no such loss. One reason for pairing two buffs together is the broadening of the web of the feather when the feather is getting a bit thin; it has also a tendency to shorten the feather. Where the stock has run a little thin in neck double-buffing can be resorted to with advantage, and type may also be improved by the same means. But, as I have already said, unless the right birds are used for this purpose, the results will be reverse of satisfactory.

Birds used for double-buffing must be of very good quality, with close-fitting feather, and must be rather under than over medium size. One of the birds at least should be marked, and the best results are obtained from birds possessing plenty of green blood. The results that I have obtained from the pairing together of two yellow Norwich has not been so satisfactory, the young birds coming out too thin and sparse in feather; on one occasion, however, I bred a clear buff cock, very good in type, colour and quality, which turned out to be a very useful stock-bird. But that one exception was not sufficient to induce me to experiment further in that direction.

But by pairing a yellow Cinnamon hen to a yellow Norwich cock, as stated previously, the results will be highly satisfactory, as the young cocks, which will be green or bronze-green, will be of wonderful colour, teeming with quality, and type will not be lost if the right hen is used.

The Management of Stock.

I will now turn my attention to the management of the stock. Where it is possible I would advise getting the stock together about November or December, as the birds will by then be clean moulted and will be at their best. It will also give them time to become accustomed to their new surroundings before they are paired up for breeding. From that time onward their diet should be of a liberal description. By liberal, I do not mean that all seeds should be given them ad lib. Let the best Spanish canary seed be their staple diet, and about three times a week let them have a little mixed seed such as hemp and German rape, or linseed; also a piece of boiled carrot now and again. See that the birds get fresh water every day, and wash the drinkers out by rubbing the finger round the inside before re-filling them. Empty the seed boxes at least once a week, and clean them: and wherever it is at all possible have a light in the bird-room for an hour during the winter evenings for the birds to feed by, otherwise they are without food far too long, for they are at roost before five o'clock in the evening until about eight o'clock the following morning.

A little extra attention during the winter months is well repaid in the breeding season, for there is not the slightest doubt in my own mind that success or failure in the breeding season depends largely, if not entirely, on the attention given to the birds during the dark days and long nights of winter. Neglect at this season is the cause of more ills than is generally supposed. Nigh all such disappointments as clear eggs, chicks dead in shell, hens refusing to feed can be traced to neglect, which means loss of stamina in the old birds, and that in its turn means weakly youngsters. Therefore do not neglect the birds during the winter, thinking that all you will need to do when the breeding-season arrives will be to cram them with egg-food; that will not bring them into condition—it will be more likely to upset them.

(*To be continued.*)

An error occurs in your report of my paper on the Norwich Plainhead, published in your last issue. In one part you make me say:—"I like the cocks of good size, but never sacrifice type for it." You conclude the same paragraph:—"I should not mind if they (the cocks) were a shade long in flights on tail, or just a little loose in feather, as I have had the best results from such birds when they are often considered too small." The latter part of this should read "from such birds when *paired to short chubby hens* that are often considered too small." The words in italics give the paragraph quite a different meaning; but they were missing in your report—probably a printer's error.—J. D. Jackson.

Correspondence.

Has the Mating Been Successful?

Sir,—In reply to "Country Lad" re "Has the Mating been Successful?" I have a cock Bullfinch now that mated to a Norwich hen and fertilised eggs. She hatched out three young from four eggs the first nest, and two young the next nest of three; but she would not feed them. I did not pair him this year; it was in 1910 that I had the young. I have not heard of a case before. S. G. Crisp.

A Regrettable Happening.

Sir,—On my bird arriving home from Bromley Show I found that it was injured, as it could not stand. On examination I found that both its thighs were bruised quite black. I gather from the fact that all the seed and sand were in the bottom of the travelling case that this had been dropped rather heavily. It is not very encouraging to a novice for this sort of thing to happen, as this is my first time of showing, and my bird won second in Yorkshires bred 1911. It was entered for another show this week, but I am unable to send it. I do not for one moment blame the Bromley fanciers, as I have no proof where it happened. S. Creed.

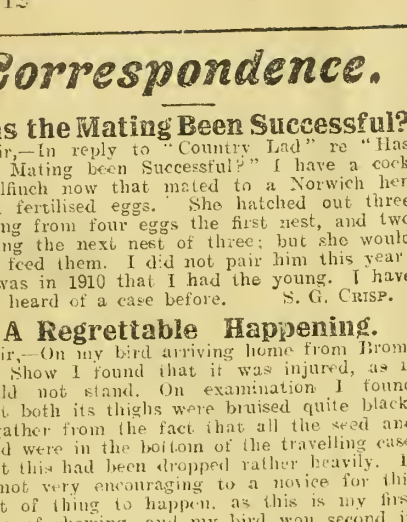
Exhibits and Water.

A Suggested Remedy.

Sir,—I notice Mr. Pope's remarks, and ask why should the water tin be removed? I have been the cage bird steward and attendant at our Barnstaple Show for years. I once used to empty all tins early in the morning, but I found a much better method, viz., on arrival I water every bird when staging, and then remove the water tin, and put the hook of the tin in the drink hole, so that the bird can drink, but not wash. If Mr. Pope was to try this method he would find it answer well, as it is impossible for the bird to wash; and the birds would keep up in condition and not look soft. Geo. Dix.

Linnet and Greenfinch "Keep House" Side by Side.

Sir,—I am sending herewith a photo which I thought might be of interest to readers of our indispensable paper, Cage Birds; maybe also to the faddists who think it cruel to keep birds in cages, who will doubtless see by it that with kindness British birds (even though caught by cruel men) will be quite happy if their wants are understood and they are kept perfectly clean. I venture to suggest that then they will not yearn for a cold and cheerless bough to sleep upon, and the scarcity of food which too often obtains at certain periods of the year! The eggs were laid by a Greenfinch and Linnet. I paired them up for Hybrid-breeding, as I



A "DOUBLE EVENT" NEST.

thought, judging by the song of the Linnet, it was a male bird. I gave them a wicker travelling cage to build their nest in (the photographer removed the top of the cage for the convenience of the camera). They were very delighted, and very soon half filled the cage with nesting material, which consisted of short lengths of hay, root fibres, and cow hair. They pulled it to pieces, but eventually built it again, which evidently gave them every satisfaction. The Greenfinch laid four eggs, and then, to my surprise, a smaller one appeared. Upon going to my bird room the following morning I found the Linnet sitting on the nest and another small egg. Of course, I then altered my opinion re my supposed male Linnet! When the Greenfinch sat upon its eggs, the Linnet, as will be seen by the photo, made a nest and laid three more eggs. They then sat side by side for about two weeks, as I thought it would be unkind after all their trouble to deprive them of their eggs. They would both take cracked sunflower seed from my fingers whilst sitting on their nest. I do not advise doing this, generally speaking, as the less interference the better. I have had a very successful season with my Canaries, having bred thirty youngsters, all doing well, and had eggs from hybrid pairs. I hope with patience and a little more experience to be able to obtain some young Hybrids. This is my third season as a fancier, and, thanks to Cage Birds and its valuable information, I have made good progress. H. E. Smith.

Birds Caught Wearing Marked Rings.

Sir,—I notice a hen Chaffinch has been caught by Mr. W. Steanes, with Ring No. 22 on. I may say this bird was brought from near Alcester and given to me. I tried to get it steady, but, failing this, when the bird was in first-class condition, I decided to put a ring on and await results. I should be very pleased to know where Mr. Steanes lives, so that I may see where the bird was caught, it having been at liberty some three months. It was about here for a few days, then I lost sight of it. I think this is very interesting, and I should like to hear more through your esteemed paper, Cage Birds, which I look forward to each week. W. H. Uzzell.

14, Avenue Road, King's Heath, Birmingham.

Borders at Dysart Show.

Sir,—I visited the above show, and was greatly surprised to see a prominent exhibitor of the Border Fancy lining his cages with white gravel instead of oat husks as he usually does. His cage labels were stuck in the centre of his cages instead of being at the left-hand corner. I think it looks rather odd when you see such a big change and a big win. I am not a disappointed exhibitor, as I had no entries in the show. Blackbird.

[We must confess that it is somewhat difficult for us to see where objections like the above might end—for instance, some may object to oat husks and say that plain Canary seed is the correct thing. We believe there is no rule, unless it be laid down in the schedule of a show, that only plain seed is to be used on the floors of cages.—Editor.]

Yorkshire Union Water Tins.

Further Advice Wanted.

Sir,—On receiving my birds from Manningham Show in good time on the Saturday night, I was surprised on opening my case to find the following written on a slip of paper: "Will you please show with Union water tins?" I am at a loss to know what sort to show with, as these same two tins have been used for at least eight or ten shows, and as far as I know are of the pattern used by the Yorkshire Union. I hope these tins have not disqualified me. I am a good way from Bradford here at Harrogate, and the expense of going there every Saturday is rather large. I cannot afford to go to the shows as well as to exhibit. I am much obliged to the gentleman who popped the notice in the box, but am very much surprised someone has not let me know before this. I am not by any means a disappointed novice, but have won prizes at three out of four shows in the Union competition this year.

Harrogate. W. E. Fergusson.

The W.C.O.S. (Plymouth) Norwich Cup.

Sir,—Your correspondent, "Disgusted Exhibitor" would, I think, have done better to have signed his name rather than write you under a nom de plume. If the writer is a member of the W.C.O.S. he would also have done better to have waited until the November meeting of the society, which, as a member, he would know is always devoted to discussion on the open show. If a non-member, this cup being a purely members' cup, it certainly has nothing to do with an outsider, even if he were an exhibitor at the W.C.O.S. recent show in the open classes. Those immediately concerned—viz., Messrs. Redwood and Spillman—are quite satisfied, and the action of Mr. Spillman is one to be greatly commended, inasmuch as directly he found that it was his old hen and not his non-flighted (as he thought when giving information to your reporter) that had won the cup, he acquainted me and Mr. Redwood, and waived all claim. The facts of the matter are as follows: The cup is for non-flighted birds, but members show in the open classes, and claim for competition by placing "M.C." after the entry. In checking the judge's list of members on the show day, I used an advance copy of the catalogue which had "M.C." (in error) against Mr. Spillman's exhibit in the yellow hen class. She consequently was judged for the cup. It is quite true that the rule of Cup are in our schedule, which state "non-flighted only." But I may say that the judge, Mr. Horne, is not the only judge who has awarded a W.C.O.S. Cup to a bird that could not fulfil these conditions. Personally, I cannot agree with "Disgusted Exhibitor" that this very minor error is likely to affect the future entries for the W.C.O.S. Cup, and if the number of congratulatory messages I have received from exhibitors, both as to the condition their birds were received home in, and their appreciation of the very prompt payment of prize-money, is any guide, the good old W.C.O.S. will still flourish.

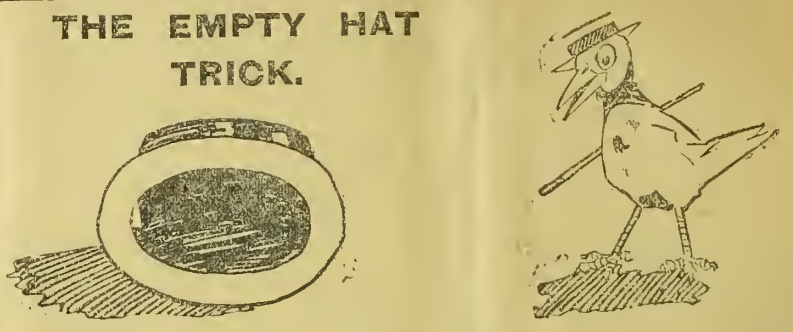
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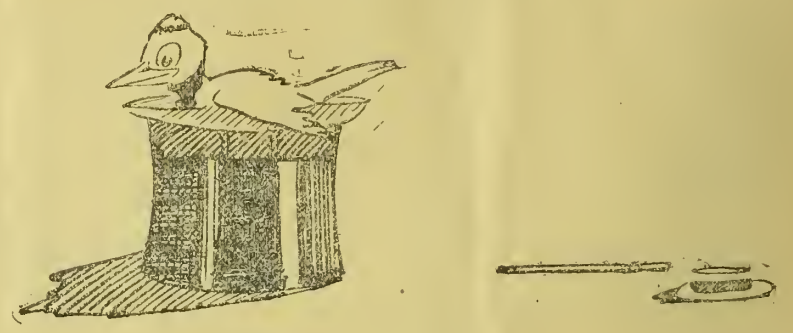
A Gouldian Finch Stolen from Dysart Show.

Sir,—I beg to inform you that we had a bird stolen from our Show on Saturday night, Oct. 28. It happened about a quarter to six. It was one of the Gouldian Finches belonging to Mr. Peter Arnott (Alloa). Please notify in Cage Birds that the society is willing to reward anyone giving me information. I may state that I have put the case in to the hands of the police, and to-night we have suspicion of a man. I will let you know how we get on later. John S. Harris, hon. sec.

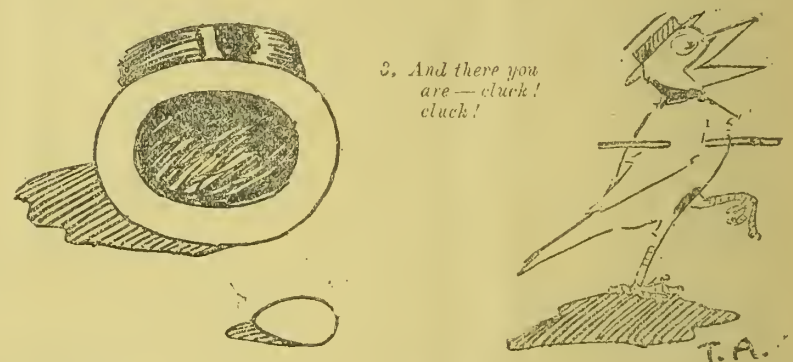
THE EMPTY HAT TRICK.



1. *Nothing in the hat and nothing up my sleeve!*



2. *I simply jump inside, then out again*



3. *And there you are—cluck! cluck!*

T. A.

Which Bird Lays the Golden Egg?

Our Correspondent says that Amateur Exhibitors Do Not Get Fair Play.

Sir,—Will you kindly grant me a small space in your valuable columns for the purpose of drawing the attention of the amateur exhibitor to the show at Manchester? It is said that the novice or amateur is the backbone of the Fancy. In these few comparisons the "backbone" will find how he is catered for in comparison with the champion exhibitor. In the champion Norwich section there is an entry of 193 in eleven classes. For the purpose of argument, I am assuming the entry fee in all cases to be 2s., which in these classes totals £19 6s., while the prize-money totals £14 6s.: a profit of £5 on the section, or 9s. 1d. on each class. The amateur Norwich section has an entry of 173 in five classes: an average of 35 a class. The entry fees total £17 6s., and prize-money £6 10s.: a profit of £10 16s., or approximately £2 3s. 2d. per class. I want the amateurs to notice the magnitude of the amount of difference in the profits of the two sections. Champion Yorkshires had 171 in twelve classes, an average of 14.25 per class. Entry fees totalled £17 2s., and prize-money £14 6s., showing a profit of £2 16s. on the section, or 4s. 8d. a class. The management provided a liberal classification for the amateur Yorkshire men—three classes, as against the champions' twelve. The three classes totalled 82 an average of 27.33. Entry fees totalled £8 4s., and prize-money £5 18s.: a profit of £4 6s., or £1 8s. 2d. per class. Again please note the difference in profits between the amateur and champion sections. Clears and Crested-breds mustered forty in eight classes, one class being cancelled! Novice Crests, eighteen in two classes. I understand that this section is patronised by the C.C.C., or the society would have lost £2. Cinnamons had 42 in four classes and novice Cinnamons fourteen in two classes. The society lost £4 on champion section, while they gained 2s. on novice section. Belgians were all cancelled, and there was an entry of seven in one class of Scotch Fancies. Borders just about held their own as far as I could make out with just a casual glance without reckoning up; but the Green section bowed a small balance on the management's side. Hybrids, British and Foreign, totalled 93 in twenty-three classes, averaging nearly nine entries; fees totalled £9 6s., and prize-money totalled £5 18s. In four of these classes no prize-money was paid. 1st and 2nd only, and in three of the four they gained 1s. in each! The fit-but is to be found in the mustering-ground of these sections—the Lancashire and Lizards. This section had the patronage of two specialist clubs, and entries totalled 112 in fifteen classes, an average of eight a class. Entries £11 4s., and prize-money £15. Only six cases paid in money, or there would have been a greater loss than £1 16s. Here are a handful of fanciers forming themselves into two specialist clubs and dictating to a large society that unless they are granted four-teen classes they will withhold their "patronage." They reward that society with a magnificent entry of 112; while the poor amateurs in the Norwich and Yorkshire sections are provided one with five and the other with three classes; and they muster up 235 birds, an average of 32 a class. I have only compiled these notes to show which bird (the champion or the amateur) lays the golden egg. It behoves the management of shows to be sure they do not in time kill that goose. Of course, the two classes in Cinnamons and Crests for novices were quite sufficient for the number of fanciers there are who breed these two varieties. But it is time that the amateur Norwich and Yorkshire exhibitors know who it is who pays the piper, or, in other words, who runs the shows, and the Manchester Show in particular, while the champion exhibitor always calls the tune, as well as divides the spoil. Taking the whole of the champion classes (excepting those which were cancelled), I find 892 entries in 89 classes—an average of 11.14. There are four money prizes in a class, which means that every exhibitor has rather better than a 3 to 1 chance against him of being in the money. The amateur Yorkshire and Norwich section had 255 in eight classes—an average of 32 a class, meaning that every exhibitor has an 8 to 1 chance against him of winning a money prize. This is a difference which ought not to exist. Give the amateur something like a decent chance as well as the champion. He does not expect anything like so many classes as the champion, but when it comes to forty odd birds in a class, and Yellows and Buffs together—well, it almost makes him into as big a fool (for exhibiting) as the show committees think he is.

Bird o' Freedom the Third.

Training the "Brace" Bird.

Sir,—Would any of your readers kindly inform me through your valuable paper how to train a braced Linnet to ride the flirt stick?

E. Grantham.

A Recipe for the Staining of Clap-nets.

Sir,—Re staining clap nets, the following will be found equal to the occasion.—Get from the chemist one pound of fustic chips; put same into one and a half gallons of water, and bring it to boiling point. Then put a piece of green copperas in about the size of a pigeon's egg. Place nets in while still boiling, and let same for two hours. Then allow all to cool down. Take nets out and dry in open air, and they will be found on becoming dry to be of an excellent colour. But being small nets, perhaps they will not require so much [illegible] ounces, [illegible] are about six [illegible] the nets of Jack Williams, and I [illegible] I [illegible] long.

[illegible] Cage Birds Office.

Does the L. and P.O.S. Need Rousing?

Sir,—Could anyone inform me if it is true that the London and Provincial Ornithological Society is on the decline, as I have heard several times that such is the case? Can nothing be done to rouse it from the dull, sleepy state into which it has fallen? It seems such a pity that an old-standing society should lose its prestige for the want of a little effort and energy on the part of those who belong to it.

INTERESTED.

[We publish the above letter, as it reaches us from an unimpeachable source, but we wonder if the writer has overlooked the fact that the officials of the L. and P.O.S. recently promoted Mr. Kearton's interesting cinematograph lecture and that they have provided helpful features at many recent meetings? Possibly, however, the letter is directed at alleged apathy on the part of the general body of members.—Editor.]

Extraordinary Treatment of Show Birds When on Rail.

Sir,—I had entered two Cinnamons at the recent Manchester Show, and as I have had several enquiries as to why they were not benched, I shall be obliged if you will allow me to make a short explanation. The birds were duly despatched to the station here, but about midnight the same evening I was knocked up and my show cage handed to me by a messenger from the station. All the labels had been torn off, and on making an inspection I found that both cages had been damaged about the wires, while one of the birds, and that the better of the two, had disappeared. All the seed had also been removed from the cage, and everything points to a deliberate and despicable action by some unprincipled individual. So far all enquiries have failed to bring anything to light as to how the mischief was done. Of course, I have put in a claim for damages from the railway company; but this is still in abeyance.

(MRS.) N. TWEDDLE.

Yeovil Show Postponed.

Sir,—The committee of the Yeovil and Dist. F. and F.S. greatly regret they will have to postpone their annual show owing to the political situation in the district. Our readers are doubtless aware that Sir Ed. Strachey, M.P., has been elevated to the peerage, and consequently there will be a bye-election in the constituency, and to all appearances same will take place during the week of the show—probably on the actual day. The committee had booked the Skating Rink, which is the Liberal party's main hall; consequently they will acquire it for themselves (at any cost) for their political campaign. The other two halls in the town would also be in use—viz., Conservative Hall (similar use), and Town Hall (polling station). Of course, we cannot say the actual date of the polling, but the committee considered it only fair to postpone the show until the New Year, as we might otherwise have to do so at the last moment. We will endeavour, however, to re-engage Mr. C. A. House (London) to judge cage birds, etc. Schedules will duly be forwarded as soon as arrangements are made for the show.

S. PRIDDLE, sec.

Is the Yorkshire Canary on the Down Grade?

Sir,—After reading the contributions dealing with this question, I am rather inclined to the opinion, rightly or wrongly, that sooner or later someone is going to get stung, as the letters, taken as a whole, seem to indicate that not only has a hornets' nest been discovered, but that it is being disturbed; hence, as the saying goes, "There is no telling where a blister may arise." I sincerely hope that whatsoever the outcome the birds themselves will emerge from the fray unstung and uninjured in any part. As one who in years gone by has done some little service towards furthering the well-being and interest of the Yorkshire Canary, I crave permission to make a few remarks on the question at issue, which I hope will not tend in the direction of creating any bitter feeling in the breast of anyone concerned. As I take it, "Longfellow," in his first contribution, suggests that exhibits which are not of the standard length of 6¾ inches, are taking and have taken precedence in the matter of awards over those that reach or are above that standard of length, and he proceeds to suggest that this state of affairs has led, and is leading, towards this variety being dragged down to the level of the Border Fancy. He then goes on to suggest that the executive of the Y.C.C. and the judges are at fault, and further charges them with being apathetic and negligent on this matter of length. Let us fairly and squarely look the matter in the face, and examine the full meaning the Y.C.C. attaches to the 6¾ inches in its relation to the expression "standard length." If I understand this matter of size aright, together with its accepted interpretation, I take it to mean, as I believe every other member of the Y.C.C. takes it to mean, that 6¾ inches is the maximum length not to be exceeded without committing a breach of the standard—i.e., it is a limit length to go to, but not beyond. Why the Y.C.C. executive in its wisdom (or otherwise) thought fit to make this limitation is a matter which is best left to that body to explain. Suffice it to say that the probability is, in my own humble opinion, that had not this action been taken this bird of "grace and beauty" would have been in some danger of losing its title to such an appropriate and descriptive name. Every true Yorkshire fancier, I presume, whatsoever his or her ideas as to size, will be thoroughly unanimous that nothing ought to be done that is likely to make the Yorkshire Canary less a thing of "grace and beauty" than it has been in the past. There was a time in its history when the then so-called Yorkshire bird did not command the title given above; in fact, it may be said with propriety that it was an almost absurd and unknown quantity. Then it was that a mighty effort was made to effect such an improvement as would enable it to at any rate vie with its older rivals for popularity as an accepted exhibition bird. But that was not all, as, in addition, the old-time fanciers set themselves the task of practically establishing a new variety worthy of being called "Yorkshire Canary," and they proceeded to lay the foundations for such accordingly. When one considers the frail and almost insignificant object they had to make their model Yorkshire from, the task seemed a hard one indeed. The most difficult part of this self-imposed task was to ultimately evolve a specimen bird, the model of which would be entirely different from any and every other variety, and without any semblance of imitation whatsoever. In the perfecting this new model, size had to play its part; but to what extent? I take it that this essential element is one of those qualities which in a Yorkshire model should be distinctive to that appertaining to the Lancashire Plainhead on the one part and the Border Fancy on the other part—two varieties which constitute the shortest and longest specimens in Canarydom. It thus appears reasonable to suppose that if the Yorkshires have a length standard, they must steer clear of that possessed by the Lancashire Plainhead and not descend to that possessed by the Border Fancies. Further, it seems expedient to preserve a neutral attitude in the matter of length for the best of reasons, viz., that by far the best perfected models of "grace and beauty" are to be found in these Yorkshires ranging between 6¼ and 6¾ inches, though it is possible very occasionally to find fine model specimens exceeding that limit, though even these, if adjudicated upon for a perfect model alone, would have to take second place. In conclusion, I would suggest that if size had, or has, or ought to have, the commanding influence and respect advocated for it by 'Longfellow," how comes it to pass that whilst the Yorkshire variety has advanced by leaps and bounds during the past two decades, the fate of the Lancashire giants during the same period has been to progress in the other direction, so that they are rarely to be seen outside their own county nowadays?

JONAS KNIGHT.

The Fancy in Liverpool.

A Protest.

Sir,—I notice in the last issue of your widely-read and popular paper that a statement was made by Mr. Wright that the Liverpool bird societies were in a bad way, both financially and numerically. Now, sir, as chairman of the Liverpool Bird Breeders' Society, treasurer of the Green Canary Association, and also as one of the original founders of the Liverpool O.S., I think I am in a better position to speak as to the soundness of the above societies than your correspondent, Mr. Wright, who is not a member of either, has not been a member, and is never likely to be a member. Consequently the statements made by him concerning them must be based on information supplied to him by others, and they must have been, to put it mildly, "pulling his leg." Re his statement that "the Breeders have decreased in membership 80 per cent.," three years since, when I had the honour of being elected chairman of that society, the membership stood at 52, and the following year it rose to 78. Last year 74 paid their subscriptions, and we have on the books at the present time 89 members, which is an increase in two years of 47 members, and only the names of paid-up members appear on our balance-sheets. Last year our special prizes, which were all subscribed for by members only, cost just a little under £10. These were *actually* handed to the winners, as well as the prize-money. Mr. Wright was quite correct when he stated that the entries at the Nest Feather Show only numbered fifty. I am sorry to state that a good many of our members had a poor breeding season, myself included. Now, just a word re the Green Canary Association. I have great pleasure in informing Mr. Wright that at our last meeting, held on Oct. 26, the secretary handed over to me the cash he had in hand, and I may say that the cash in hand is sufficient to pay all our advertised season's specials and to purchase five £1 1s. gold Club medals. The secretary was then left with money enough to pay our only liability of 17s., and still retains enough to meet all small working expenses. As regards his statement re the Ornithological Society, it was formed three years ago by twelve fanciers, myself being one of them. We have 29 members at present. The first show we held we had about 700 entries, the second about 950, and the entries at our last year's show totalled 1,262. Furthermore, all prize-money was made up, and the majority of winners paid on the Saturday of the show, and this year we hope to do even better as regards entries.

J. H. ISAAC.

Chairman Liverpool B.B.A.

[We have permitted Mr. Isaacs to make these statements concerning the societies in question, but we cannot print any further discussion on the topic, which is of purely local interest. We hope, however, that the societies will long continue to prosper and work in harmony for the good of the Fancy in the district.—Editor.]

A Unique Scheme for Popularising the Crested Canary.

Sir,—The following far-reaching scheme has been submitted to me by Mr. V. W. Laithwaite, 2, Rigby Lane, Bradshaw, near Bolton, in reply to a communication I made asking him to reconsider his resignation of the Club. The scheme: "That the successful exhibiting members of the Crested Canary Club supply young fanciers like myself with birds (I mean the sort they show and win with) for breeding, at, say, a guinea each, and give the proceeds to the C.C.C. funds. The C.C.C. would soon have a decent credit balance, and there would soon be a boom in Crests." Mr. Laithwaite then follows: "If you care to give my scheme a trial and will send me a young Crest of the show kind on approval, I will send you a guinea if it suits me, the guinea to go to the C.C.C. funds; and I will also send you 5s. subscription and 5s. to the special prize fund."



CINNAMON BORDER FANCY CANARIES.

First and second prizes at the Crystal Palace Show for Mr. E. R. Roberts (Penygroes) and Mr. W. S Wilson (Hamilton, N.B.) respectively.

The novelty of the scheme must be my excuse for asking you to publish the above in your valuable journal, with the hope of obtaining a pronouncement thereon, and I much regret that I am not in a position to act in such a manner.

JOHN TYSON.

Hon. Sec., Crested Canary Club.

Rare-feathered Birds at the Shows.

Sir,—I hope you will grant me sufficient space to give your readers an explanation of my judging at Morpeth on Oct. 14, and to answer the questions asked by Mr. Manners. The letter is hardly worth answering, as it is almost devoid of the truth. But as it has a tendency to lower my reputation as a judge, I decided to defend myself against such false accusations. I hope when Mr. M. enters the Press criticising me he will adhere to facts and not be so misleading to your readers. Firstly, my Greenfinch at Gateshead was four years (not two) ago. Secondly, these two cases are vastly different. Had Mr. Weston acted the same at Gateshead as I did at Morpeth no controversy would ever have taken place over my Greenfinch. Mr. W. distinctly marked my cage "W.C."—that means "debarred from competition." This was not so with me at Morpeth. My reasons need no explaining. I only kept these almost white birds out of the cards because I did not think they were worthy of one. They were not debarred, but were judged, like the others. When I judge a Linnet class I base my ideal on size, boldness, density in the hazel colour, rich and well-defined pencilling, and steadiness. Now, as this white one possessed not one iota of the points I aim at in an exhibition Linnet, there was no alternative for me but to keep it out of the tickets. But it was not debarred any more than any of the other cardless birds. Therefore I point blankly deny acting like Mr. Weston. There is all the difference in the world between debarring a bird and allowing it to compete. Common sense teaches the most ignorant of us the difference; yet Mr. Manners asks if I learnt a lesson through your valuable paper. I only wish he would take a few lessons from your valuable paper, as yet, with all his knowledge, he has a lot to learn. It sounds rather funny for a man to say he does not wish to injure my prospects, yet bare-faced ly does so by penning a letter to the Press brimful of spiteful inaccuracies. He either does not understand the Gateshead case or this one at Morpeth. Again, let me tell him that previous to my case at Gateshead that great specialist club, the N.B.B. and M.C., had no set rule for the guidance of judges anent these rare-feathered birds. Therefore to myself belongs the credit of awakening them to the importance of some set rule being fixed. Even if I had acted at Morpeth the same as Mr. W. did at Gateshead four years ago, no one could have criticised my action, as now the above-mentioned Club's rules will bear any judge out of such a difficulty. No. Mr. M., you are wrong in thinking it was impossible to convince me that only normal-coloured birds ought to win four years ago. My whole case lay in "W.C." being on my cage number, and not because my bird did not get a prize.

A. HAY

The Sex Problem at the Shows.

Sir,—In reference to 'Rob Roy's' letter in your issue of Oct. 28 in regard to W.C. birds at shows, I can tell you of an experience I had at Newcastle Show, held on Oct. 20 and 21. I entered two unflighted buff hens in Class 10, "hen, clear, ticked or variegated Buff unflighted bred 1911." When I received my catalogue on Saturday morning I was surprised to find my two exhibits in Class 10 marked W.C. I saw Mr. Atkinson, the secretary, at the show on same day, and asked if the judge had given any reason for wrong-classing my two birds in Class 10. He looked up the judge's slips, but unfortunately the slip for Class 10 was missing. He very courteously offered to accompany me to find the stewards on that section. We looked them up, but failed to get any satisfactory explanation. Mr. Atkinson then suggested writing to Judge Vardy, and, as that was the most reasonable course, I consented. Well, the judge's reply to the secretary's letter was: "I W.C. them for being cocks in hen class; could not do otherwise; both too clear for me to pass as hens." Now, I beg to state that the judge is entirely wrong, and that in my opinion, and in the opinions of others too, he was not justified in wrong-classing them. They are undoubtedly hens. One was 4th Burnley Oct. 6 and 7, unflighted hens, yellow or buff, N.P.C. and O.N.P.C. competition; Judge Vardy was 3rd in the same class, under Mr. J. C. Barnes. The same two hens (W.C. at Newcastle) were 1st and 2nd at the Border City (Carlisle) Show under Judge Battye on Oct. 25 and 26—clear or ticked buff hens. I may further state that I have had offers to buy these hens after Newcastle Show from well known Norwich fanciers, well up in Club competitions; and as I have been a breeder and exhibitor of Norwich Plainheads for several years I may fairly claim to know a hen from a cock, especially as I bred both birds. They have been caged off for over two months, and I am constantly amongst them. According to Newcastle Show Rules, there is no appeal against the judge's decision, so I take this opportunity to vindicate myself with regard to what I consider amounts to an insinuation of fraudulent practice.

FRANK F. LAWSON.

Carlisle Oct. 31 1911

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Moulting and Difficult Breathing.

P. B.—It is not uncommon for the moult to bring out any little weaknesses in the subject, and chest troubles become much more prominent than at ordinary times. You must first remove all exciting causes of the trouble by keeping the bird in a fairly comfortable temperature, but not over-heated, as equable as possible, and quite free from draughts or fumes of burning lights. Give a staple diet of three parts canary to one part summer rape. In addition give every second day for a fortnight half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw seed; on the alternating days twice a week give a morsel of banana or sweet apple, and on two other days a half-teaspoonful of a mixture of hemp, inga, teazle, millet, linseed, and groats, as frequently detailed here. In the drinking water give the aperient mixture advised to "Shelling Seed" for two days, and afterwards 20 drops of whisky, six each of oxymel of squills, and glycerine, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together in the water every second day for a fortnight. As you are only just starting the hobby you would be well advised to get "Canary Breeding for Beginners," which our manager would send you for 7d. post free. It will prevent you making many mistakes.

An Anxious Beginner.

Tyro.—To go into all details of management is not possible in this column, so I hope you will not mind my referring you to the coming standard work, "Our Canaries," which you can get in parts, or bound complete, or House's "Manual" or "Canary Breeding for Beginners," see inset, for the A to Z of Canary management. You have certainly done very fair this year. To reply to your particular queries: (1) You should reduce the full varied dietary you have been using during the moult and give a more plain one during the winter. Give plain canary only as staple. Every second day give separately half a teaspoonful of summer rape, and on the alternate days once a week give a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, or an equivalent quantity of bread and milk. On two other days each week give half a teaspoonful of the seed mixture you are now using, and on each of the remaining days a scrap of watercress (when weather permits) or a morsel of banana, or sweet apple. This is quite sufficient, and all that is necessary to keep the birds in the best possible condition, and the cocks in full song. (2) Keep these hens rather on the warm side until the moult is quite finished. Feed as above, but for the first fortnight give, in addition to the rest, the above-named quantity of sponge cake every second day (alternately with the rape) and add to it three drops of cod liver oil emulsion every second time, and on the other occasion slightly dust it with flowers of sulphur. In each case finally sprinkle with maw. In the drinking water give first the aperient and afterwards the tonic mixture, both as advised to "R.H.L.R." I can quite believe what you say re mites. Your theory is correct. Your system of cleaning is responsible for keeping them invisible. Relax these efforts for a month or two, and then fit or no fit, you would see some mites. Fact.

Birds in Conservatory (R.H.L.R.).—Your feeding is undoubtedly the chief cause. Try following treatment, which will, I think, soon set matters right. For staple diet give a mixture of three parts Canary to one part summer rape only. In addition give a little crushed plain biscuit, or sponge cake, or bread and milk, once a week only, allowing a small teaspoonful per bird. On two other days give a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, millet, with a sprinkling of maw, gold of pleasure, teazle, and a few groats. About three times a week give a little green food, or sweet fruit. For the first week only vary the above by omitting the mixed seeds, and giving half the quantity of sponge cake daily, and adding to it four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion for each bird, and sprinkling with maw seed. In each ounce of drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb, and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week, then dissolve a dram of ammoniated citrate of iron and quinine in an ounce of sherry, add a teaspoonful of glycerine, and give 15 drops of this mixture in each ounce of water every second day, continuing it for a fortnight or three weeks if necessary. I am assuming these birds have moulted.

Fishbone for Roller (Loco).—By the term "fishbone" I presume you mean cuttlefish bone, which is quite a different thing from the bone of ordinary edible fish. Cuttlefish bone is used quite freely during the breeding season to assist hens to shell their eggs, and is useful at almost any season. It would do no harm whatever to keep a piece stuck in the wires for your Roller to peck at when so inclined. But ordinary fish bone would be quite useless.

Shelling Seed (Shelling Seed).—It is usually due to some digestive derangement. Following will set matters right. Give plain canary as staple. Every second day give separately in addition half a teaspoonful of summer rape and a morsel of banana. On the alternating days give a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut, dusted with soft sugar, and a pinch of maw seed. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom salts for three consecutive days, and afterwards four drops each of tincture of gentain, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a week. After this you may gradually bring him on to the ordinary dietary again.

Lump Between Claws (Anxious).—You should have described the appearance and size more minutely. Bathe the substance well for a few minutes in quite warm water, and examine the lump carefully, whilst doing so to see if it is simply an accumulation of hardened filth. If this is so, continue bathing until it is softened sufficiently for you to remove it, and wash foot quite clean. Then dry, and anoint it sparingly with boracic ointment. If it is really a swelling and shows a "head," pick it with a clean needle, press out contents, then bathe clean in a solution of boracic acid, and anoint as before. If it shows no "head," simply bathe foot quite clean, dry, and afterwards touch it every second day for a week with a drop of tincture of iodine on the end of a match stick.

CANARY QUERISTS

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All Unfertile (Novice).—There are several causes which may account, either singly or collectively, for the whole of the eggs in every clutch being unfertile. The hen might possibly be late-hatched last season, and, consequently, not in full virile breeding condition, yet the laying of full clutches on each occasion is just a little against this theory, as is the fact of two cocks being used against the idea of the cock being wholly to blame. Taking all points into consideration I think it most likely that the cause was accidental, and due to some natural obstruction to efficient copulation. Perhaps you did not trim off the loose superabundant feathering from the thighs, flanks, etc., or, maybe, the hen "called" only whilst sitting in the nest. Either circumstance is very frequently fatal to the production of fertile eggs. Keep the hen now in a large cage or flight, and feed on a plain diet for a time, and out of hearing of the cocks if possible.

About an Aviary (W.T.P.).—The south-east aspect is not really a bad one. If the building is in a fairly sheltered position, and the birds have hitherto been kept in quite a normal temperature, which I take it is the case, there is no reason why they should not thrive in this building quite well through the winter. But if the situation is cold and exposed, it would have been far better to line the inside of the house with matchboards and fill in the space between the walls with sawdust or wool-waste. The house would then have been considerably less subject to sudden fluctuations owing to external influences. To complete the ventilation arrangements add an inclined flap, hinged at the bottom, over each set of holes in the ends of the house, and on the inside. These you could open or close according to prevailing winds, and when open the inclined plane would divert any incoming draught to the roof away from the birds. Also cut out a piece from the centre of the front near the floor, eight by four inches, and cover this on both sides with perforated zinc arranged so that the perforations do not come into juxtaposition. Fit a sliding shutter or hinged flap over this, also for use when required to suit the prevailing conditions of weather.

Seed Samples (C. Hobdell).—(1) Maw, just a moderate quality. (2) Hemp, a rather poor quality; of the 23 seeds comprising the sample most of the kernels were deficient in oil, and about half a dozen decidedly bad. (3) Sunflower, of fair quality only, might be plumper. Useless for small birds unless chopped. (4) Inga, of good average quality. (5) White oats, a nice, plump, and good quality. (6) Summer rape, of very good quality. (7) Linseed, of excellent quality, if free from mites, though I am just a little suspicious on the point. (8) Canary, large, plump, and excellent all-round quality. (9) White millet, of good average quality. The most common fault of this seed is having a large quantity of dirt and dust mixed in the bulk. (10) Brown millet, seems very clean, and of good quality. Same remarks apply as to No. 9. Another time you must send a rather more generous sample. Opinions based on just a tiny pinch of seed cannot possibly be safely applied to the seed in bulk.

Roller Keeping Song (R.A.P.).—It requires a dash of the prophetic spirit to enable one to say definitely whether any given Roller which is perfectly trained, and sings a good pure song will maintain that song uncorrupted for an indefinite period. Individuals vary greatly. Some birds rapidly deteriorate, or quickly pick up "bad notes," whilst others are very slow in doing so and will retain a very good and tolerably pure song for quite a number of years. Between these two types there is every variety of good, bad, and indifferent individuals. In the course of time there are extremely few that do not deteriorate more or less. It would help to keep the song of both birds pure if you had a second of the same strain, and quite free from bad notes, but when you had two near together you would need to keep them under constant observation to check any tendency to loudness or harshness in either bird by covering over its cage or putting in a song-box—otherwise the result would be worse than keeping one bird by itself.

Contagion (A.M.P.).—Thanks for your further letter and particulars, which, however, does not throw any light upon the probable source of infection. Personally, I think you may safely put the fear of contagion out of your mind, and with the precaution I mentioned in my last reply, again bring the cage into use. Although I do not anticipate any danger of this same trouble breaking out afresh, I think you would be better able to meet any such contingency if you got Dr. Clarke's handbook on "Septic Fever," which our manager would send you post free for 7d. You would, in the event of such another death occurring, be better able to trace the source of contagion.

Age for Breeding (C.B.L., Member).—(1) Canaries hatched last June and July will be quite old enough to breed successfully if mated next April. If one of the small breeds, such as Borders or Rollers, there can be no objection whatever to mating them at this age, but with large breeds such as Crests and Lancashires, it is often good policy to keep them unmated over the first season when they are late-hatched. Note.—I say that it is good policy; not that it is essential. It is, however, advisable as far as possible to mate them with birds over a year old. (2) I cannot tell what can be wrong with this hen, as you do not give the slightest data to go upon. Write again and give me some particulars about her, and any symptoms of ailing exhibited, and I will do my best to help you. Probably she is not worth giving another chance.

A Singer Wanted (Ignoramus).—If you got Part xvi. of "Our Canaries" you would gather what is the true value of these multifarious titles. What you want is a well-trained Roller of the so-called Seifert or St. Andreasburg type, which simply means, or should do so, that the bird is taught a more varied repertoire, and consequently sings a greater variety of notes. These birds do not become monotonous—that is the fault, from the average popular point of view, of the highly trained contest singing birds, whose repertoire frequently consists of one or two long, pure hollow or bass rolls, which the average fancier may fail to appreciate after the novelty has worn off. You should get a very decent bird for the sum you name. Anytime during the next two months would be the best to buy. I do not advise you to have a last year's bird—get a well-trained young bird. You may also be interested in reading reply to "R.A.P."

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

An Indoor Aviary.

A Young Beginner.—(1) It is well, if you wish your birds to thrive and be productive, to give as much space as you can, and should advise one 7½ by 6 feet deep, and the full height of the room. (2) I should merely erect (stretch) wire netting right across the room, 2½ft. from the door, thus the front of aviary would face the door, this wire front and a frame covered with wire netting (½inch mesh) to cover the window. There must be a small door in this frame to allow of window being opened and closed. (3) I should commence with not more than three pairs, though the aviary will accommodate thirty birds of this size. You could also keep one pair each Rosella Parrakeets and Cockatiels with them. (4) Artificial heat will not be required. (5) The walls would be better stripped and coloured with Hall's washable distemper (pale green); this would be more satisfactory than paper, which the birds would tear about. Use spruce branches or pea sticks (nail or hang them up) for perches, and put up an ample number of coconut husks or concave bottomed nest boxes.

Grey with Light Beak.

Novice.—Your pseudonym and partial description misled me, and I concluded you had made the error so many make in purchasing and mistaking the Roseate Cockatoo for a Grey Parrot. Correspondents do not realise the difficulty there is in naming written descriptions, which must be very thorough to give one a reasonable chance of success. I regret any annoyance I may have caused by describing your uncommon species (local race?) as the Roseate Cockatoo. Not a great deal is on record about the Timneh Parrot (also from the Gold Coast), which, in my opinion, is merely a local race of the Grey Parrot, from which it differs in its generally darker plumage and lighter beak; its greater value would be from the exhibitional standpoint, and many judges, some at large shows, would fail to recognise it as any other than a dark Grey Parrot. Many prefer the ordinary Grey, a nicely pencilled specimen of which is more handsome, in the opinion of many, than the darker and rarer race. Its value to a lover of the uncommon is about twenty-five per cent. more than that of the Grey—that is, other things being equal (talent, condition, etc.), of course. Though not quite analogous, the King Grey Parrot is merely a colour variety of the Grey, and not a separate species.

Amazon with Growth.

C. Meads.—You had better let your nearest vet. see the bird. I fear the film over the eye is a cataract, if so, it is no longer any use using the rosewater and zinc solution. You must not use the iodine on a sore, get a box of antiseptic ointment from your chemist, and keep the sore slightly greased with it till healed. I am still of the opinion that it is the bird's condition that is causing the clucking noise you refer to, and that it will gradually disappear with returning health. You must continue to keep its bowels moving freely (not watery loose), with occasional doses of Dinneford's Magnesia, as per our previous reply. While it is off its feed let it have such seeds as it most favours, also try it with bread sopped in Chemical Food and water, and sprinkled with a little sugar. I do not take birds in to care for them. You had better let the vet. see it, and possibly when the nature of swelling and film on eye is definitely ascertained, I can advise you further. But it must have enough to eat, and you had better let me know just what it is eating of the seed mixture, and if it touches the maize at all, also if it is favourable to the bread sop suggested above.

Amazon, Age and Value.

Constant Reader.—As a rule the scaling of the legs is a good guide as to age. In an aged bird these would be very coarse, hard, and horny. The different stages leading up to this would be quite a good indication as to its approximate age. From your very brief letter I should think it was a fairly young bird. As it is fairly tame keep it in the living-room, where it will get plenty of company (yet it must not be frequently scared), hear conversation, etc., and get generally fussed about with. At periods when it is quiet and restful talk to it, and teach it by constant repetition, and there will be ultimately some response. If it is correctly named its value is 30s. to 40s., according to condition. The value would, of course, increase, as it acquires talent as a talker. It would be well if you described the plumage of the bird to me as carefully as you can. I could then settle the question of species for you. A rough diagram, with the colours of the various parts marked out, and written on the diagram, would be the best way of doing this. It would appear that you wish to know more than your letter implies; if so, you must repeat query.

Outdoor Aviary Queries.

"Enthusiast."—I am rather in a difficulty as you give me no idea of your county, and this is really an important factor when considering suitable birds to winter out of doors. Again, no sample of netting reached me. Half-inch mesh will contain Waxbills and the small "Ornamental Finches," but with anything larger than this they can force their way through whenever inclined. Providing you are not too far north the following species should fulfil the conditions you name: Finches: Zebra, Ribbon, Sharp-tailed, Bib, Spice, Cuban, Saffron, Ruficauda, Long-tailed Grass, Grey, and Green Singing. Waxbills: Common and Green Avadavats, Grey, Orange-cheeked, St. Helena, and Golden-crested. Mannikins: Silverbills, Black-headed, White-headed, Bronze, and Magpie. General: White Java Sparrows, Cape Canaries, Combassou, Pekin Robin, Madagascar and Napoleon Weavers, Paradise Whydah, Red-crested Cardinal, and Blue Tanagers. You have breeding space for 15 pairs, and accommodation for half as many again. The Indian Striated Finch is worth approximately 5s. per pair, sometimes more, sometimes less. Well furnish the aviary with twiggy branches, and make the part under open netting roof a jungle of bushes and herbage.

What Bird? (Stranger).—It is a Green Singing Finch, and the cock is a songster of average merit. Canary, white and spray millet, with greenfood, grit, cuttlebone, and water will about meet their simple needs, though a little British Finch mixture to pick over two or three times a week is much appreciated and also beneficial, as also is an occasional mealworm, spider, or other insect. Keep a piece of clean cuttlebone hanging in the cage. Use a twiggy branch for perching accommodation.

Saffron Finch, etc. (C. N. D.)—(1) I have used the honeysuckle without any ill effects, and do not think you need fear any. (2) I should cage up the Saffron Finch (roomy cage), and put it on a coarse of Byno-phosphates. Let it have a daily bath, also a mealworm or two daily, if it cares for them, and once a week put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water in lieu of the phosphates. Lightly anoint the hare and scaly areas with sulphur ointment, but do not put on sufficient to run among and clog its plumage. After once being taken indoors it must remain there till next spring.

Bare-eyed Cockatoo (H. R. Titswell).—Every fourth day put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia into the drinking water—one fluid ounce is sufficient for the day's supply. During the winter season once weekly should be sufficient for the bath. Choose a mild day, and keep strictly out of draught till dry. Spray it with a fine "mist" sprayer, using chilled water. It will help to tone the bird up a little if on the days you are not giving the magnesia if you put the same quantity of Byno-phosphates in the drinking water. The above treatment is in addition to the ordinary diet, but when giving the prepared water, no other water should be offered on the particular day. Use a crock or glass drinker. Continue the above treatment for about a month, and then report progress.

An Ailing Grey Parrot (R. E. Collier).—I do not think the wheezing arises from a cold, but from the stomachic troubles. Give a little aromatic confection every other day for a week, and then write again, giving full details as to its condition. The better plan in giving drugs (only a crock or glass vessel should be used) is to take away water over night, and then to give the prepared water and nothing else till the bulk has been taken—dose, one teaspoonful aromatic confection, water two tablespoonfuls. On the other days, that is, when not giving the aromatic confection, dissolve one drop of laudanum in two tablespoonfuls of chilled water—this quantity is about a day's supply. The above treatment is to be continued for one week, when you had better repeat query. Diet bird as per directions in Nutshell Booklet No. 17.

Budgerigar with Sore Legs (Hocking).—I am assuming from your letter that the small lumps are sound and the skin unbroken. In such case bathe daily in hot water (not hot enough for discomfort), dab dry with a linen cloth, and then paint with tincture of iodine, so long as the skin remains sound; you must not use the iodine after skin breaks, but a little zinc ointment instead—both can be applied with a camel hair brush, which must be well cleansed after use. Keep its bowels moving quite freely (not watery loose) by occasional doses of sweet oil—two drops direct to the beak from the end of a quill. The drinking water may be lightly tinged with Chemical Food, and a piece or two of plain biscuit supplied in addition to the diet you are giving. If there is no improvement in three weeks, write again and enclose a stamped addressed envelope and a copy of this reply.

Budgerigars, Nonpareils, etc. (Lotus).—(1) This bird had evidently either been badly scared by something or else the other Budgerigar had maltreated it, and these once amiable birds appear to be changing for the worse in this respect. Your diet is satisfactory, but give greenfood daily, now the frosty season is here lettuce (fresh) is about the best. Try anointing its head with "Zam-buk" daily for a time, but do not use sufficient to grease the plumage; if this does not give relief try cold cream under same conditions. Bathe the eye as a precaution with a rosewater and zinc eye solution. Keep bowels moving freely by a couple of drops of sweet oil, direct to the beak, from the end of a quill, and lightly colour its drinking water (only small

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS

should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

quantity) with Chemical Food. (2) These arrive in a very debilitated condition, and many die soon after arrival, but live well when once established. Add white and spray millet and greenfood to your dietary. Keep warmish and out of draught, yet it must get fresh air. (3) Yes, provided cages are spacious enough for reasonable exercise, and that the birdroom is well ventilated without setting up a draught. Your cock bird evidently caught a chill and succumbed to pneumonia. My Avadavats are still in outdoor aviary. (4) The Lovebird is about the same size in body as the Red-crested Cardinal, possibly a little smaller, but it's a near thing; the long tail of the Cardinal makes it appear larger than it really is.

A Feather Pulling Grey (Nemo).—As yours is but a young bird you have every hope of checking this annoying habit. Stop the milk and tea sops and all table scraps, etc., at once. As it is accustomed to moist food, give the following: stale household bread or plain biscuit moistened with equal parts of warm water and Chemical Food, and lightly sprinkled with moist sugar; also ripe fruit, nuts, plain dry biscuit, and the following seed mixture: four parts each canary and white millet, two parts oats, and one part each paddy rice, hemp, and sunflower seed, well mix and keep a supply in the cage. Add a pinch of grit (not sand) to the daily supply of seed, and keep a piece of clean cuttlebone hanging in the cage. Give one teaspoonful of Dimeford's Magnesia in the drinking water, and repeat this in a week's time. Spray once weekly with quassia solution, but keep strictly out of draught till dry. At all times it must have fresh air without draught. Get Nutshell booklet, "The Grey Parrot," 2½d. post free, from our manager.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Managing a Robin.

Bideford.—There is no reason why you should not cage a Robin; in fact, they sing freely and well in captivity. But they are not seed-eaters. I know people who keep them during the winter and let them free in the spring; perhaps you would care to do this. The best house cage is a box-pattern one about 18 inches long by 14 high by 9 or 10 wide, fitted with food, etc., vessels inside. Try this stock food: Powdered Osborne biscuit, six parts; best ants' egg, and dried flies, two parts each; powdered silkworm pupae, one part; meat meal, half part, by measure. Take the quantity required of this, and mix it just crumbly moist with grated raw carrot, or finely chopped lettuce, watercress, or chickweed (use young leaves only), or cold boiled potato, varying it frequently and adding a little water (but only a few spots) if necessary. "Bobbie," however, likes a few seeds—canary mostly—now and again. You could buy a good stock food, ready made up, from many advertisers using our columns (possibly at local bird shops, or bird food dealers), and add to it grated carrot (sufficient to just damp it), and now and again half a finely-minced hard boiled egg. That would make up a very fair dietary. You can add mealworms and small black beetles when you can get them, and other suitable live foods. "Bobbie" likes a few ripe berries (such as elder-berries) and a little fruit, too.

Proper Diet for Bullfinch.

Grateful.—Have you bought the "Nutshell" booklet on this bird? It is very useful, indeed. This species has been bred freely in aviaries and now and again in cages. As regards the food when moulting, to get a good result in the way of colour, I fancy many of the owners of show Bullies give them a little sweet pepper. It can be given amongst their seed (crushed) if the bird won't eat soft food, though most of them do this. If natural colouring agents be used (and these are best), Bullies should have a free daily supply of all the fruits and berries with colour in them, especially blackberries (in both red and black stages), and privet berries; in addition to these you have straw, rasp, elder, mountain ash (rowan), dew and other berries, black currants, and cherries, etc., to say nothing of the wild seeding plants, I am so frequently recommending, such as ripe plantain, dock, thistles, heather tops (where possible), shepherd's purse, chickweed, mouse-ear, groundsel tops, etc. Let your bird bathe freely. A most important point in the production of gloss on the plumage is a free use of the bath. If your Bullie is lax in this respect, he must be lightly sprayed every day with a fine sprayer (such as barbers use for bay rhum, etc), which may be bought from most fanciers' specialists advertising in our columns. Never drench the bird. The stock seed mixture should be canary three parts, teazle two parts, linseed and summer rape, one part each, by measure. Sunflower and safflower seeds should be offered fairly liberally, cracked, if necessary. The seed can be run through a seed mill, and have a little sweet pepper mixed amongst it. Don't give hemp.

Show Condition in Goldfinch.

Hard Lines.—Well, it certainly is "hard lines" that your bird should not be fit for your show, but the Goldie is somewhat late in moulting as a rule, and even after he has acquired his new coat, a few weeks pass before his blaze attains a deep crimson colour. Give your bird plenty of thistle heads and hardheads, and let him bathe freely, and the "bloom" will soon appear on his plumage. Feed your bird on the following lines: This is the seed mixture I am using at present for my own Goldies: Teazle four parts, canary and hemp three parts each, linseed one part, sunflower saf-flower and summer rape half-part each. The sunflower and saf-flower I crack lightly by passing them through a seed-crushing machine, and mix them with the others only when about to feed; but this, of course, is not convenient to everybody. In addition I have two other mixtures, of which I give a small teaspoonful daily—one, one day, the other the next day, and so on. They are (1) niger three parts and naw one part; (2) thistle three ounces, dandelion and sesame two ounces each, lettuce, gold of pleasure, and corn-flower one ounce each. All the others are mixed by measure. These seeds are those I have found by long experience the Goldfinch is particularly partial to, and as "tit-bits" they help to bring them into condition quicker than anything else I know. There are other little tit-bits (such as maggots out of thistle, etc., heads), but the above list will answer well, providing the bath (or spray) is not forgotten.

Blackbird's Show Cage (Golden Eye).—There is no set pattern and no set size for the show cage of a Blackbird. Some exhibitors like one shape and colour, and others prefer something different. Any good up-to-date cage maker would supply you with a suitable show cage. Size, about 20ins. long, 15 high, and 9 wide. Have the outside black, etc., inside and wires some shade of blue—a turquoise blue being, in my opinion, very hard to beat. I like the wire front to be bowed a little at the top; only two perches.

Always Pecking Amongst its Feathers (Bob).—Your bird is affected with "red mite," which accounts for the restlessness and continued uneasiness. The exciting cause of death was pneumonia. Examine you other birds, and, if affected similarly with red mite, spray them occasionally with a solution of sulphuretted potash, one drachm to the pint of water, using the solution warm. The cages must be thoroughly cleansed. If metal, wash them with boiling water containing a strong dash of a good disinfectant (Izal, Jeyes, etc.). If wood, either put them in a fairly warm oven for 20 minutes (don't clear them, of course) or paint over all the cracks and crevices with turpentine, letting it run freely into the joints. You can replace the birds in a few hours' time.

The Waxwing (Long Crest).—A really good and most economical stock food can be prepared by taking a dessertspoonful of crushed "Melox" (obtainable at all corn and seed stores), thoroughly soaking it with hot water, and then reducing it to a crumbly consistency by adding (dry) some good make of prepared insectile food, such as is advertised in our columns at about 1s. to 1s. 6d. per pound. Let the bird have ripe fruit and berries (black, privet, mountain ash, etc); also some live food frequently (mealworms, gentles, and the like). Show cage about 16in. long, 14 high, and 8 wide, black outside, light blue wires and inside. The Waxwing is very hardy, and can stand the cold, if kept free of draughts and damp.

The blaze of a "Greypate" (Puzzled).—Strictly speaking, a "greypate" has no blaze, the term really applying to a young Goldfinch in its nestling plumage. But you must not think that because your young Goldies have poor coloured blazes that they are necessarily hens. The blaze of even the adult Goldfinch does not moult out crimson in colour—it comes a pale ("brassy," as fanciers term it) colour at first, and gradually gets deeper. Sometimes it is a month or two before it becomes at all a deep red. The blaze of a first-year Goldfinch (a "greypate") always comes very "brassy" looking, and seldom comes out a really bright, deep colour, until after the second moult. If the blaze is really expansive (that is, covers a good area of the "face"), you can safely keep the bird as a cock, and in the expectation that it will moult a good one next year.

BRITISH BIRD & HYBRID QUERISTS

should consult Moulton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4 "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 2, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

D. D. Sutton.—The liver was one mass of fat, not a remnant of healthy tissue remaining, the slightest touch causing it to break up. There was no possible hope of cure for such a case, and the only way to prevent other loss which I suspect you have already experienced is to seek the cause, which I believe is to be sought for in the food. If you can enlighten me as to your system of feeding, and submit me a sample, I may possibly be able to afford you some assistance.

A.B.C.—Consumption was not the cause of death, pneumonia terminating in broncho-pneumonia gave the climax to an already weakened system. There is no doubt but that your bird was an asthmatical one, and such are always predisposed to pneumonia upon the advent of cold wet weather.

C. Darnley.—Budgerigar succumbed to enteritis, or inflammation of the bowels.

Seed.—Loss of feathers was due to the presence of a small parasite, just visible with the naked eye, but very pronounced under the microscope. Your best remedy will be to spray your birds, using a small scent spray, with a solution made warm, before use of sulphuretted potash, mixing half a drachm in four ounces of warm water. Spray well under the feathers every alternate day for a week or ten days, and scrub and disinfect perches, or other wood work thoroughly, so as to ensure destroyal of parasites which lurk in these positions.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

A Photograph (C. H. Hill).—This came safely to hand, thanks, and we intend to reproduce it at the first suitable opportunity.

An Article (Fred Kings).—We are much obliged to you for this entertaining history, which we purpose publishing next week.

A Photo (W. A. Wilson).—Many thanks; will utilise the photo in an early issue.

Show Cage for a Magpie (Bird Fancier).—You will be able to get the above from any of the large cage makers advertising in our columns, or from any of the large firms that specialise in fanciers' goods. Address an enquiry to them for price, etc.

Newcastle Show (Lover of Justice the Second).—We will make inquiries into this matter. There are always "passengers" amongst officials, however, and if they do not do their duty it is obviously up to the members to weed them out at the annual elections.

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CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Attercliffe C.B.S.—Nov. 9, Horse and Jockey Hotel, 8. Washing exhibition; also washing competition for novices.—W. Richinson.

Altrincham C.B.S.—Nov. 4. Closing of entries. List of specials can be had at meeting.—C. C. Blackshaw.

Ashton-under-Lyne O..S.—Nov. 7, P.S.A. Rooms, 8. Classes, specials, etc., for back-end show.—J. R. Colville.

Abersychan C.B.S.—Nov. 4. Anyone wishing to join please apply.—F. Sweeting, 22, Caradoc St., Pentwyn.

Ardwick C.B.S.—Nov. 7, Onward Hall, 8. Washing competition for novices; judge, Mr. W. Robinson. Meet, Mr. Wm. Downing's house, 8, The Hollies, Polygon Av., Stockport Rd.—J. Spencer.

Bolton C.B.S.—Nov. 6, Joiners' Arms, Deansgate, 8. O.B. show, etc.; will all members bring in ticket money and unsold tickets.—P. Brierley.

Barrington and Choppington C.B.S.—Nov. 4, Social Club, 7. Show business.—T. Griffiths.

Bradford National Show Committee.—Nov. 6, Market Tavern. Executive Committee at 7; general committee at 8. Business important. Committee requested to attend. Arrangements for dispatch of schedules.—H. Hill.

Bradford East O.S.—Nov. 7, Park Chapel Schools, 8. Balance sheets for members' shows, and social evening arrangements for Nov. show; ballot for Union judges, etc.—H. Hill.

Barnoldswick C.B.S.—Nov. 1, Alexandra Cafe, 7.30. Entries for members' show. Mr. Elmer will give special for best bird; Mr. J. Wilson judge.—J. Wilson. (Possibly Nov. 8 is meant.—Ed.)

Blackpool and Fylde C.B.F.S.—Nov. 10, Workingmen's Club, 8.30. Entries for members' show, etc. Judges, Mr. Lingard and Mr. Nuttall.—J. R. Crossley.

Brighouse C.B.S.—Nov. 9, Round House Inn, 8. Show business.—F. Mitchell.

Birmingham (South) O.S.—Nov. 8, Sydenham Hotel, 8.30. Members' show business; very important; stewards, allotting specials.—J. Sheppard.

Clitheroe C.B.S.—Nov. 6, Bennett's Tea Rooms, 7.30. Washing exhibition by Mr. J. Barnes.—J. Southworth.

City of Wakefield O.S.—Nov. 4, Crown and Anchor Hotel, 7.30. Members' prize money.—J. Atkinson.

Codnor Park and Eastwood C.B.S.—Nov. 4, Three Tuns, Eastwood, 7. Payment of prize money; specials.—J. H. Mitchell.

Cowdenbeath C.B.S.—Nov. 8, Arcade Temperance Hotel, 7. Final arrangements for show.—J. R. Reid.

Coventry O.S.—Nov. 8, Sydenham Palace, 8.30. Schedules ready, etc.—A. J. Barratt.

City of Bradford O.S.—Oct. 28, Flying Dutchman Hotel, 8. Business important.—F. Rhodes. (Possibly Nov. 4 is meant.—Ed.)

Choppington C.B.S.—Nov. 4, Railway Hotel, 7.—G. H. Seeley.

Chester C.B.F.A.—Nov. 7, Nag's Head Cocoa House, 8.30. Show business.—J. Swindley.

Clapham C.B.A.—Nov. 6, Landor Hotel, 8.30. Paying prize money, specials, cups, for open show, etc.—A. L. Priest.

Denton C.B.S.—Nov. 6, Denton Brotherhood, 8. Special show business; entry forms ready. Subs now due.—W. Hopwood.

Dewsbury C.B.S.—Nov. 5, Saville Hotel, 7.30. Show business.—S. Shaw.

Darlington C. and B.B.F.—Nov. 7, George Hotel, 7.30. Final arrangements for open show.—A. Walker.

Dubmire Workmen's Club C.B.S.—Sunday, Nov. 5, Dubmire Workmen's Club, 10.30. Final arrangements for 1st annual show.—B. Robinson.

Doncaster C.B.S.—Nov. 11, Victoria Room, 7.30. F. Barker, Esq., will present challenge cup to the society; final show arrangements.—G. Bescoby.

East Ham F.S.—Nov. 6, Earl of Wakefield, Wakefield St., 8. General meeting; all specials for schedule for coming annual show must be in sec.'s hands.—H. Rutter.

East Ham C.B.S.—Nov. 4, Hartley Avenue Schools, Wakefield Street. Annual show; judge, Mr. H. Norman.—B. C. Smith.

Ealing F.S.—Nov. 4, Evening Show, St. John's Hall, Leeland Rd., West Ealing. Members please return Y.S. show tickets.—W. Bird.

The Attercliffe and Dis. C.B.S. is postponing the table show that should have been held at the November meeting till December on account of its being so near to our annual show, writes Mr. W. Richinson, the sec. The committee have arranged a washing competition and exhibition instead, as some of the novices have not seen birds washed before. There will be a washing brush for the novice washing his bird the best, all novices to bring their own birds.

We shall be holding a table show of Lancashires and Lizards on Nov. 14, and a special will be given for each variety, writes Mr. J. Cope, sec. of the Oldham C.B.S. Mr. Hardy, our worthy treasurer, has been elected judge. We are looking forward to getting a good entry; so, Lancashire and Lizard fanciers, kindly note. Will all fanciers who have not returned open show ticket money and unsold tickets kindly do so at once, so as to enable me to issue the show report as soon as possible?

The Cutlers' Hall, Sheffield, in which the Sheffield O.S. are holding their All-England Show on Nov. 3 and 4, is one of the finest and most suitable halls in the country, writes Mr. T. Bishop, the sec. It is large, well lighted by day, and by electricity at night, and heated on the most up-to-date principle. We have made arrangements with the sec. of the Cheltenham C.B.S. to have sent on to Sheffield any exhibits staged at their show and entered at ours. This applies especially to members of the N.B.B. and M.C. and the Crested C.C.

The awards at Craven Arms show should read: Norwich (13): 1, Groom; 2, vhc, Williams; 3, Worral; hc, res., Davies. Yorks. (12): 1, Leadbeater; 2, Windsor; 3, res., Davies; vhc, Creasey; hc, Seton; c, Creasy. Crest or C.B. (2): 1, 2, Muscott; A.O.V.: 1, Windsor. Mule (4): 1, Slee; 2, Leadbeater; 3, 4, Oates. Linnet, etc.: 1, Groom; 2, Bridges; 3, Slee; vhc, Evans. Bullfinch: 1, 2, Groom. A.O.V.: 1, Hughes; 2, Groom; 3, Davies. A.O.V. Foreign: 1, Rogers; 2, Hartshorn; 3, 4, Barns. Selling: 1, 3, Davies; 2, Creasy.—R. Davies (Craven Arms).

Elgin C.B.A.—Nov. 6, Gordon's Temperance Hotel, 8. Annual show business, etc.—A. W. Douglas.

Grantham C.B.S.—Nov. 6, Co-op. Hall, 8.—W. E. Allen.

Grimsby O.S.—Nov. 9, Slatter's Rooms, 8. All subs., etc., to be paid up.—Towl Bros.

Guisbro' C.B.S.—Nov. 18, Wear's Rooms, 7.30. Important.—S. H. Lambert.

Gateshead C.B.S.—Nov. 8, Lockhart's Cafe, 7.30. Show business, specials, etc.—A. Holden.

Halifax O.S.—Nov. 4, Plummet Line Hotel, 8. Annual show business; allotting specials; paying prize money for members' show.—J. J. Dunn.

Hetton-le-Hole C.B.S.—Nov. 4, "Crown,", 7. Extra special meeting. Very important.—A. J. Notley.

Hull C.B.S.—Nov. 6, Oddfellows' Hall, 8. Final arraugements open show.—E. R. Ridley.

Hyson Green (Nottingham) C.B.S.—Nov. 7, Cricket Players' Hotel, 8. Show business; judges; schedule, etc. All members please attend. Special prize money and subs. due.—W. Cottingham.

Hebden Bridge and Calder Valley O.S.—Nov. 9, Nutclough Tavern, 7.30. O.B. show business, etc.; subs.—A. Pickles.

Heywood O.S.—Nov. 8, Rechabite Hall, Pine Street, 7.30. To receive entries and allot specials, etc.—A. H. Meadowcroft.

Smallbridge C.B.S.—Nov. 6, 7.30. General meeting. Members' back-end show, etc., 7.30.—W. Lanyon.

Motherwell N. and B.F.C.—Nov. 4, Y.M.I., Brandon Street, 8. Important.—J. Mair.

Leyton C.B.A.—Nov. 6, Grange Park Hall, Grango Park Rd., 8. Washing exhibition and competition, by Mr. B. F. Forse.—Forse and Son.

Longton C.B.S.—Nov. 7, Castle Inn, 8. Special; also to elect treasurer and sec.—Hallam and Lovatt.

Leeds Roller C.C.—Nov. 4, 55, Briggate, 7.30.—H. L. Davis.

Leeds C.B.S.—Nov. 4, Lockharts (Briggate), 7.30. Duty of members to the society, and important announcement by sec.; will members kindly bring Ramsden's coupons?—W. A. Wilson.

Leadgate C.B.S.—Nov. 4, Church Square Hall, 6. Table show, birds to be staged 6o'c., meeting later; schedule.—J. A. Turnbull.

Liverpool B.B.A.—Nov. 9, Oldham Hall, 8. Night show for champions. Judge, Mr. S. Hadwin.—F. Eccleston.

Leicester C.B.S.—Nov. 8, 11, Saracen's Head Hotel, 8.15. A.O.V. Can. unflg.; Mule or Hyb.; Goldfinches and Bullfinches.—W. R. Adams.

Llanelly C.B.S.—Nov. 4, Greyhound Hotel, 6.30. Show matters.—D. John.

Lancashire and Liz. F.A.—Nov. 4, Wellington Hotel, Kingston Brow, Hyde, 6.30. Club show dates, judges, etc.; important.—J. Rukin.

Littleborough C.B.S.—Nov. 6, Coffee House, 8. Members' back-end show; general business.—J. R. Mayers.

Leigh C.B.S.—Nov. 8, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Schedules and entry forms for old show.—R. Charleson.

Lowestoft C.B.S.—Nov. 6, 8.30. Fox and Hounds. Final arrangements for annual show, etc.—F. Rackham.

Loanhead C.B.S.—Nov. 11, Masons' Arms, 7. Payment of prize-money, balance-sheet, new members enrolled.—W. B. Smart.

Manchester N.C.O.S.—Nov. 6, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Various.—H. Boothman.

Manningham C.B.A.—Nov. 4, Headquarters, 8. Important.—H. Grange.

Morley C.B.S.—Nov. 4, Sycamore Hotel, 7.30. Washing exhibition, by Mr. H. Birdsall. Fanciers invited.—D. Halliday.

Nelson C.B.S.—Nov. 6, Thornton's Restaurant, 8. Classification, etc., for old show, etc.—J. Gregson.

Northern Border and S.F.C.C.—Nov. 6, 65, Grainger Street, 8. Judging, show.—J. N. F. Scott.

Ormskirk C.B.S.—Nov. 6, Church House, 8. Show business.—T. H. Tiffen.

Pudsey Stanningley C.B.S.—Nov. 6, Fleece Hotel, 7.30. Washing exhibition, also payment of prize-money for last show.—H. Raistrick.

Queensbury C.B.S.—Nov. 6, Granby Hotel. Members' show. Birds staged not later than 8. Judge, Mr. A. M. Craven.—A. Hartley.

Redhill C.B.S.—Nov. 7, Muttons Hotel, 8. To arrange members' show and judge.—A. W. Bacon.

Reading C.B.S.—Nov. 8, Palmer Hall, 8. Show business.—W. H. Pyke.

S. London Col. and F.A.—Nov. 9, Headquarters, 8. Discussion re annual show and election of stewards.—N. Caunter.

Sheriffhill F.F.S.—Nov. 4, St. John's Parish Hall, 6.30. General monthly, and table show of Nor., Yorks., and Brit. Mr. G. Willis (judge). Arranging specials for half-yearly show, etc.—W. Stockton.

Stockport B.F.A.—Nov. 7, Boars Head Hotel, 8. Final night for subs. and new members.—W. Stafford.

Sunderland C.B.A.—Nov. 11, Fawcett St. Cafe, 7.30.—J. Jeffrey.

Sittingbourne C.B.S.—Nov. 6, Headquarters, George Hotel, High Street, 8.30. Special business.—B. Tidy.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—Nov. 6, Commereial Hotel, 8. Taking ent. for show, etc., held Nov. 7; stage birds 7.30. Judge, Mr. F. Benn (Gt. Horton).—J. Lewis.

Stocksbridge C.B.S.—Nov. 11, Headquarters. Members' show; birds staged 2.30.—G. L. Sampson.

Shipley O.S.—Nov. 7, Prince of Wales, 8.—A. A. Tillotson.

Thatto Heath O.S.—Nov. 6, Nutgrove School, 8. Election of officers for coming year; election of auditors; final arrangements for members' show.—R. G. Tyson.

Vale of Leven C.B.S.—Nov. 7, Village Schoolroom, Alexandria, 8. Show business.—A. H. McLean.

Wimbledon C.B.S.—Nov. 6, Broadway, 8. Final arrangements for show, November 14 and 15. Washing exhibition, by Mr. H. Attridge. Fanciers welcome.—H. Smith.

Walsall C.B.S.—Nov. 6, White Hart, Caldmore, 8. Final arrangements for annual members' show.—F. Price.

Walkden C.B.S.—Nov. 7, Institute, 7.30. Classes for annual show.—H. Howard.

West Stanley C.B.S.—Nov. 4, Stanley Inn, 7. Table show and business for annual show.—W. Elliott.

West Bromwich C.B.S.—Nov. 7, Dartmouth Hotel, 7. Staging up for show.—W. G. Andrews.

West of Scotland O.S.—Nov. 4, Nelson's Temp. Hotel, 7.30. Arrangements for annual show, allocation of specials, all Ramsden's and CAGE BIRDS coupons to be handed in.—W. Hutchison.

Wallsend C.B.A.—Nov. 8, Station Hotel, 7.30. Ordinary meeting and final show arrangement, and return of special prize lists.—Macdonald and Evans.

Wibsey C.B.S.—Nov. 4, Horse and Groom Inn, 8. Members' show, Birds staged 7. Judge, Mr. H. H. Towers.—H. C. Crossley.

Windhill Shipley O.S.—Nov. 4, Blue Bell Hotel, 8. Final meeting before show.—J. Cook.

Wandsworth F.A.—Nov. 9, Red Lion, 8. Arrangements for annual show, also business of open C.B. show.—W. Lightfoot.

Wood Green F.F.H.—Nov. 4, Alexandra School, Mayes Road. Mrs. A. Barratt to open show at 2 o'c.—T. Callegari.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

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Nov. 3 & 4.—**Liverpool O.S.**—(Metealfe and Hillmen, 68, Brunswick-rd.). W.M., W.V. and A.W, W.D.

Nov. 3 & 4.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne.**—G. Havver, 1, Theresa Street.)—J.R., H.W.B.

Nov. 3 and 4.—**Sheffield O.S.**—(T. Bishop, 69, Alexandra-rd.), J.H.R., C.H.

Nov. 4.—**Cleator Moor** (J. E. Byrne, 110, Birks Road) J.Wk.

Nov. 4.—**Stockton-on-Tees.**—(J. W. Lowes, 17, Canning-st).

Nov. 4.—**York.**—(H. Thompson, 57, Nun Mill Street, Scarcroft Road.) A.H.

Nov. 4 and 6.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(A. Freestone, 19, Clarendon St.) C.H., J.R.

Nov. 7 & 8.—**Bournemouth.**—(W. O. Brooke, 162, Nortoft Road.) J.R.

Nov. 8.—**West Bromwich.**—(W. G. Andrews, 1, Hayes Street, Carter's Green.) J.H.P.

Nov. 8 and 9.—**Brighton.**—(Will H. Gibb, 18, Bond Street.) C.A.H.

Nov. 8 & 9.—**Southend.**—(W. C. Lockwood, 9, East Street, Leigh-on-Sea.)

Nov. 9.—**Leek.**—(J. Pegg, 2, South Portland St.).

Nov. 9.—**Peterboro'.**—(S. L. Cocks, Corn Market.) J.R., S.H.M.

Nov. 10 and 11.—**Barnsley.**—(F. C. Sims, 15, Wright-terrace, Grace-st.) H.W.B.

Nov. 10 and 11.—**Old Shildon** (J. H. Elwell, 35, Church Street). J.Str.

Nov. 11.—**Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.**—(A. Walker, 47, Montrose St.). J.Wk., J.W.

Nov. 11 & 13.—**Nottingham.**—(G. E. Wilkinson, 86, Lenton Boulevard). T.H., J.T., J.F.D.

Nov. 11.—**Warrington.**—(G. M. Nelson, 466, Knutsford Road.) A.W.

Nov. 14 & 15.—**Bristol F.A.**—(G. T. H. Maggs, 9, Trinity St., Newtown.) J.H.P., W.V.

Nov 14 and 15.—**Wimbledon.**—(H. Smith, 115, Merton Road.)

Nov. 15.—**Alnwick.**—R. Forster, 36, Bondgate, Without.). H.W.B., A.C.

Nov. 16.—**Stoke-on-Trent.**—(J. Pitchford, 218, London Rd.) A.W.

Nov. 17 & 18.—**Preston.**—(J. P. Leeming, 40a, West Cliff.) J.H.R., C.H.

Nov. 17 and 18.—**Hull.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19, Lambton-st.), J.R., J.M.

Nov. 18.—**Coventry O.S.**—(A. J. Barratt, 38, Craven Street.) J.R.

Nov. 18.—**Tideswell.**—(Flint and Swarbrick, Tideswell, near Buxton.) A.H.

Nov. 18.—**Crook Original.**—(J. Horner, White Lea.)

Nov. 18.—**Harrogate.**—(W. E. Fergusson, 62, Harlow Terr.) J. By.

Nov. 23.—**Ludlow.**—(W. T. Woof, 2, Market St.) J.H.P.

Nov. 23.—**Stamford.**—(A. Harrison, 7, New St.). J.R.

Nov. 24 & 25.—**Doncaster.**—(G. Bescoby, 26, Duke Street.) J.C.B., J.M.

Nov. 24 & 25.—**Great Harwood.**—(W. T. Mattinson, 32, Orchard Street.) H.W.B. and A.W.

Nov. 24 and 25.—**Hinckley.**—(H. Ridgway, Priesthills Road).

Nov. 24., 25, 27.—**L.C.B.A.**—(Mugford and Tyson, 1, Strathearn-rd., Wimbledon, S.W.)

Nov. 25.—**Cramlington.**—(J. R. Chestney, Quarry Cottage). A.B., H.S.

Nov. 25 and 27.—**Ilkeston**—(T. Smith, 5, King Street). J.C.B.

Nov. 28.—**Launceston.**—(N. H. Reed.)

Nov. 29.—**Windsor.**—(E. A. Stickland, 36, Alma Rd.).

Nov. 30.—**Grantham.**—(W. E. Allen, 119, Alexandra road.)

*Dec. 1 and 2.—**Lancaster Primrose C.B.A.** (J. Johnson, 45, Perth-st.) W.M., S.M.

Dec. 2 & 4.—**Derby.**—(W. Stevens, 58, Olivier-st.). J.R., P.R.

Dec. 5.—**Stratford-on-Avon.**—(R. W. Ingram, 15, Scholar's Lane.)

Dec. 5 & 6.—**Tonbridge.**—(P Stonestreet, I02, Hadlow Rd.)

Dec. 7.—**Newport and Dist.** (J. Hammett, 56, Milman-st., Newport, Mon.) J.R.

Dec. 8 & 9.—**Bradford National.**—(H. Hill, 15, Settle Terrace, Thornton Lane, Little Horton).

Dec. 8 and 9.—**Gateshead.**—(A. Holden, 5, Cramer Street.) J. R., J.H.R., J.B., J.F.D.

Dec. 8 & 9.—**Runcorn.**—(T. P. Baxter, I03, Greenaway Rd.). A.W.

Dec. 9.—**Sheffield and Dis. C.B.S.**—(A. Hobson, 66, Langsett Av.). W.A.C., J.C.B.

Dec. 15 & 16.—**Blackburn.**—(J. Cook, 6, Charlotte St.).

Dec. 16.—**Yarm, Eaglescliffe.**—(T. Wilson, High Street.) W.M., F.M.

Jan. 6.—**Guisbrough Priory.**—(S. H. Lambert, 25, Gill Street).

Feb. 2, 3, 5, 6.—**Great National** (Crystal Palace). (J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Ave., Brixton, S.W.)

Scotland.

Nov. 4.—**Bo'ness.**—(J. Cameron, 7, Ash Terrace, Greyfriars).

Nov. 4.—**Stonehouse.**—(J. Hamilton, 36, Camnethan St.). A.C., J.P.

Nov. 4.—**Brechin.**—(G. Mitchell, 118, Montrose St.). W.B., G.Hp., J.St.

Nov. 10 & 11.—**Kirkcaldy.**—(E. McAnally, 18, St. Clair Place).

Nov. 11.—**Hamilton (Cadzow Oaks).**—(G. Marlin, 21, Glebe Street.) F.B., A.Wn., A.Wr., P.P.

Nov. 11.—**Forfar.**—(J. Fyfe, 137, East High Street.) J.Sn., W.M., A.W.W.

Nov. 18.—**Buckhaven.**—(J. Lawrie, Grahams Buildings, Randolph Street.) G.H., J. M'L., Ax.C.

Nov. 18.—**Cowdenbeath.**—(J. R. Reid, 7, Woodland Place).

Nov. 18.—**Kilmarnock O.C.B.S.**—(W. Guthrie, 10, Hood St.)

Nov. 18.—**Galashiels.**—(C. Lugton, Botany Cottage). W.R., J.Y., J.W.N.

Nov. 23.—**Lockerbie.**—(H. Davidson, Royal Hotel.) J.F.D.

Nov. 25.—**City of Dundee.**—(A. Miller, 3, Park Ave.) J.Y., W.H., J.Sec., J.Stn., T.A., R.V.R.

Dec. 2.—**Blairgowrie** (M. Irvine, 17, Brown Street) J.F.D.

Dec. 2.—**Cupar.**—(D. J. Bruce, Mount Pleasant.) W.Tn., W.Gn., A.W.W.

Dec. 2.—**Galston** (A. Frew, 26, Duke Street).

Dec. 2.—**Whitburn.**—(T. Duncan, 9, West Main Street.) J.W.B., J.Bp.

Dec. 9.—**Kilsyth.**—(A. D. Duncan, "Chronicle" office)

Dec. 16.—**Broxburn.**—(W. McLaren, Church Street.) J. McLn., G.Sfe., J.Tn., J.M., J.Sn.

Dec. 30 and Jan. 1, 1912.—**Scottish National** (A.W. Watson 58, Colinton Road, Edinburgh.)

Jan. 1 & 2.—**Paisley O.A.**—(W. Lambie, 25, Caledonia Street.)

Jan. 2 & 3.—**Glasgow C.B.A.**—(F. Bowman, 5 Parkview, Tolleross.). W.B.M., J.Cg., J.W.B., L.J.A., A.C.

Wales.

Nov. 8.—**Pontypridd.**—(A. A. Gordon, McLucas, 48, Rosser St., Maesycoed).

Nov. 8 & 9.—**Swansea.**—(S. H. George, 82, Fisher Street). H.W.B., A.S.

Nov. 15 & 16.—**Cardiff.**—(W. Sampson, 93, Llanishen St.). J.H.P., J.R.

Nov. 28.—**Llanelly.**—(D. John, 9, Pottery Place). H.N., J.H.R.

Nov. 30.—**Pentrebach.**—(A. E. Brown, 66, Clare St., Merthyr Tydfil.) T.L.C.

Ireland.

Nov. 2 & 3.—**Yorks C.B.S. of Ireland.**—(C H. Holley, 66, Fitzroy Avenue, Drumcondra, Dublin.)

Nov. 9 and 10.—**Banbridge.**—(A. McCagherty, Belmont Terrace.)

Dec. 1 & 2.—**Ulster O.A.**—(R. Trimble, 11, Waring Street, Belfast.) D.B., R.T., G.M.

Dec. 7 & 8.—**Larne.**—(**T. Mayne, 35, Barnhill.**) H.W.B.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Hamilton Cadzow Oaks.—Nov. 11, Town Hall, Judges, Messrs. A. Watson, F. Bowman, A. Walker, and P. Pettigrew. 52 open classes: Nor. 11 (1 Sell), Crest 2, Bord. 11 (1 for novices, 1 Sell), Yorks. 4, A.O.V. 1, Hybs. 5, Brit. 16, For. 2. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and many specials. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Nov. 6, to G. Marlin, 21, Glebe St.

Coventry O.S. (N.B.B. & M.C.).—Nov. 18, Sydenham Palace. Judge, Mr. J. Robson. 39 open classes: Nor. 9, Crest 3, Cinn. 1, Yorks. 3, A.O.V. 1, Mule 4, Brit 8, For. 1, Limit 8, Gift 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, Fee, 1/6. Ent. close Nov. 13, to A. J. Barrett, 38, Craven St.

Kirkcaldy (B.F.C.C., S.P.C.).—Nov. 10 and 11. Judges, Messrs. A. Fotheringham, J. Thomson, G. Arnott, J. Logan, L. J. Arrighi. 70 open classes: Scot. 10 (2 Sell.), Bord. 14 (2 Sell.), Common 1, Yorks. 4, Crest 7 (1 Sell.), Nor. 17 (1 Sell.), Brit. 10, Mules 3, Sell. 1, For. 2, Boys' Brit. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-, and specials. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close Nov. 6, to E. McAnally, 18, St. Clair Place.

Wimbledon (Lond. Fed., S.Y.C.C., S.N.P.C., B.R.C.C. N.B.B. & M.C.).—Nov 14 and 15, Queen's Hall, Queen's Rd. Judges, Messrs. H. Knight, F. A. Lester, H. Norman, and J. Robson. 53 open classes: Champ. Nor. 7, Novice 6, Champ. Yorks. 7, Novice 6, Champ. Crest 2, Novice 2, Champ. Bord. 2, Novice 1, Roller 2, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 10, Mules 3, For. 2, Limit 1, Sell. 1. Prizes, 12/-, 6/-, 3/- in champ. Nor., champ. Crests, champ. Borders, and A.O.V.; 12/-, 6/-, 3/-, 1/6 for champ. Yorks.; 12/-, 7/-, 3/-, 2/- for Rollers; and 10/-, 5/-, 2/6 in Novice classes, Brit., Mules, and For. Fee 2/- in champ. classes, 1/6 in others. Ent. close Nov. 7, to H. Smith, 115, Merton Road, Wimbledon.

Southend and S.C.O.S. (S.Y.C.C.).—Nov. 8 and 9, Clarence Hall, Clarence St. Judges, Messrs. W. Mundell and J. Dewhurst. 43 open classes: Champ. Yorks. 6, Novice 6, Champ. Nor. 6, Novice 6, Yorks. non-fed 2, Nor. non-fed 2, A.O.V. 1, Mules 3, Brit. 7, Sell. 2, For. 2. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close (extended to) Nov. 6 (1st post) to W. C. Lockwood, 21, East St., Leigh-on-Sea.

Alnwick (N.B.B.M. and F.B.C.).—Nov. 15, Corn Exchange. Judges: Messrs. H. W. Battye and A. Cochrane. 27 open classes: Nor. 6, Bord. 4, Yorks 4, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 7, Mules 2, For. 2, Sell. 1. Prizes: 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, 1/-. Fee 1/-. Ent. close Nov. 11 to R. Forster, 36, Bondgate Without, Alnwick.

Darlington C. and B.B.F.A. (Federation Show).—Nov. 11, Corn Exchange. Judges: Messrs. J. Wilcock and J. Walsh. 32 open classes: Yorks 6, Nor. 6, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 10, For. 2, Sell. 5, Gift 1. Prizes 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, 1/-. Fee 1/-. Ent. close Nov. 4 to A. Walker, 47, Montrose Street.

Queen's Park (Lond. Fed.).—Nov. 11. Judge, Mr. J. Robson. 51 members' classes. Show held Emmanuel Hall, Harrow Road. Ent. close Nov. 6 to J. B. Birch, 63, Ashburnham Road, Willesden, N.W.

Stoke-on-Trent.—Nov. 16. Judge, Mr. A. Wellings. 35 open classes: Nor. 11 (4 Novice), Yorks 11 (4 Novice), A.O.V. 1, Mules 3, British 6, For. 1, Sell. 2, Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Entry fee 1/6. Heaps of valuable specials. Entries close Nov. 11th to J. Pitchford, 218, London Road.

Gt. Horton O.S.—Nov. 11, Congregational Schools. Judge, Mr. C. A. House. 27 open classes: Yorks 25 (8 for novices, 2 Sell.), Nor. Novice 2. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/6, 2/-. Fee 1/6. Ent. close Nov. 7 to J. Holroyd, 27, Kingswood Street.

Buckhaven (B.F.C.C., S.B.B. and M.C.).—Nov. 18, Free Gardeners' Hall. Judges: Messrs. A. Cochrane, G Hislop, and J. M'Lay. 67 open classes: Scot. 5 (1 Sell.), Bord., 14 (2 for novices, 2 Sell.), Crest, 4, Nor. 14 (1 for novices, 1 Sell.), Yorks. 6, A.O.V. 1, Common 1, Gift 1, Brit. 14, Mule 2, Sell. 1, For. 4. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Ent. close Nov. 11 to J. Lawrie, Graham's Buildings, Randolph Street

Warrington.—Nov. 11, Kendrick Street School. Judge, Mr. A. Wellings. 40 open classes: Yorks 10 (5 for novices), Nor. 10 (5 for novices), Yorks Green 3, Bord. 5, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 2, Mule 3, Brit. 5, Gift 1, Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee 1/6. Ent. close Nov. 7th to G. M. Nelson, 466, Knutsford Road.

Darvel (B.F.C.C.).—Nov. 11, Town Halls. Judges, Messrs. W. G. Muir, J. Smillie, and A. Hoyle. 33 open classes: Nor. 7 (1 Sell.), Crest 2, Bord. 8 (1 Sell.), A.O.V. 1, Mule 2, Brit. 9, For. 2, Sell. 1, Gift 1. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close Nov. 6 to J. Robertson, jun., Corra Linn, Darvel, Ayrshire.

Avonbridge (G.C.A., B.F.C.C.).—Nov. 18, Public Hall. Judges, Messrs. H. Wilson and W. Sharp 51 open classes: Nor. 8, Crest 2, Bord 12, Mules 3, Brit. 18, For. 1, Sell. 7. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Ent. close Nov. 11 to P. Gentleman, Cowan's Buildings, Avonbridge, Sterlingshire.

Penzance,—Nov. 16 and 17, Corn Exchange. Judge, Mr. W. G. Poole. 23 open classes: Nor. 5, Yorks 5, Crest 1, Cinn. 1, Pairs 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 2, Brit. 3, For. 1, Sell. 3. Prizes 8/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-. Fee 1/6. Ent. close Nov. 10 to W. C. Boddinar, 18, Leskinnick Terrace.

Pembroke Dock (C.B.U.).—Nov. 15. Covered Market House. Judge, Mr. J. N. Harrison. 7 open classes: Nor. 1, Crest 1, Yorks 1, Mule 1, Brit. 2, Sell. 1. Prizes 6/-, 3/-, 1/6. Fee 1/-. Ent. close Nov. 8 to A. W. Lewis, De Valence House, Pembroke Dock.

Kirkburton.—Nov. 11, Old Drill Hall. Judge, Mr. W. Wadsworth. 3 open classes: Yorks 2, A.O.V. 1, Prizes 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/-. Ent. close Nov. 6 (1st post) to A. Scott, Highburton, Kirkburton, nr. Huddersfield.

Enfield.—Nov. 18, Drill Hall. Judge, Mr. A. E. Enfield, J.P. 19 open classes: Yorks 2, Nor. 9, Crest 2, A.O.V. 1, Pairs 1, Mules 1, Brit. 3, For. 4, Sell. 2, Gift 1. Prizes on sliding scale. Fee 1/-. Ent. close Nov. 8 to F. J. Ebben, 80, Gordon Hill.

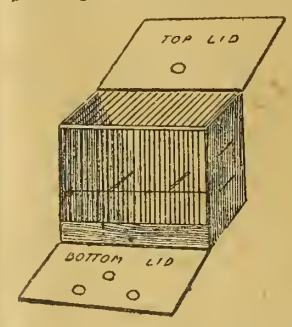
Illustrated Ideas

No. 550.

A Travelling or Show Cage.

Sent by Mr. E. Pease, 23, Broad Street, Warwick.

I enclose a sketch of a travelling or show cage, which may be of some advantage to your readers. This cage, you will find, can be used for despatching birds on rail quite safely, or



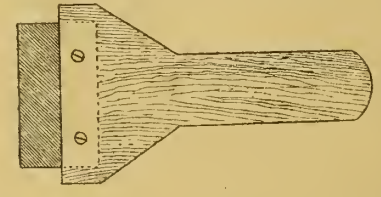
as a show cage. When used as a show cage it will appear as under; otherwise the lids can be shut up and tied round each way without fear of damaging the cage.—E. Pease.

No. 551.

A Useful Scraper.

Sent by Mr. A. J. Shipton.

I am enclosing a very useful scraper. The cost of making same is practically nothing. All that is required is a stiff piece of tin or iron and a wooden handle cut out of any piece of wood. Make a saw-cut in the centre to let



iron or tin into; then the scraper is screwed tight, and you then can scrape your sand drawers clean with very little trouble.—A. J. Shipton. [Will Mr. Shipton kindly send us his address, which has been mislaid?—Editor.]

ENTRIES EXTENDED.

Nov. 5 (first post).—**West Bromwich.**—W. G. Andrews, 1, Hayes Street.

Nov. 5.—**Dover.**—Abbott and Austen, 13, Eric Road.

Nov. 6 (first post).—**Malton, Norton.**—J. Wilson, 8, Wold Street.

Nov. 6 (first post).—**Pontypridd.**—A. A. Gordon McLucas, 48, Rosser Street, Maesycoed.

Nov. 6 (first post).—**Brighton.**—W. H. Gibb, 19, Bond Street.

Nov. 6 (first post).—**Bristol.**—G. T. H. Magge, 9, Trinity Street.

Nov. 6 (first post).—**Luton.**—E. Bloomfield, 22, Hitchin Road.

Nov. 6 (morning).—**Scuthend.**—W. Lockwood, 21, East Street, Leigh-on-Sea.

Nov. 7 (first post).—**Darlington.**—A. Walker, 47, Montrose Street.

Nov. 7.—**Old Shildon.**—J. H. Elwell, 35, Church Street.

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Nov. 6.—**Hamilton.**—G. Marlin, 21, Glebe Street.

Nov. 6.—**Kirkcaldy.**—E. McAnally, 18, St. Clair Place.

Nov. 6.—**Queen's Park.**—J. C. Birch, 68, Ashburnham Road, Willesden, N.W.

Nov. 6 (first post).—**Kirkburton.**—A. Scott, Highburton.

Nov. 6.—**Whitehaven.**—W. J. Douglas, 17 King St.

Nov. 6.—**Forfar.**—J. Fyfe, 137, East High Street.

Nov. 6.—**Darvel.**—J. Robertson, jun., Corra Linn, Darvel, Ayrshire.

Nov. 6.—**Nottingham.**—E. E. Wilkinson, 86, Lenton Boulevard.

Nov. 7.—**Barnsley.**—F. C. Sims, 15, Wright Terrace, Grace Street.

Nov. 7.—**Great Horton O.S.**—J. Holroyd, 27, Kingswood Street.

Nov. 7.—**Warrington.**—G. M. Nelson, 466, Knutsford Road.

Nov. 7.—**Wimbledon.**—H. Smith, 115, Merton Road.

Nov. 8.—**Pembroke Dock.**—A. W. Lewis, De Valence House.

Nov. 8.—**Cardiff.**—W. Sampson, 3, Llanishen Street.

Nov. 8.—**Worthing.**—G. Stubbs, 27, Erlswell Road.

Nov. 8.—**Enfield.**—F. J. Ebben, 80, Gordon Hill.

Nov. 10.—**Penzance.**—W. C. Bodinnar, 18, Leskinnick Terrace.

Nov. 11.—**Alnwick.**—R. Forster, 36, Bondgate (Without).

Nov. 11.—**Buckhaven.**—John Lawrie, Graham's Buildings, Randolph Street.

Nov. 11.—**Kilmarnock.**—W. Guthrie, 10, Hood Street.

Nov. 11.—**Biggar.**—F. Anderson, Townhead, Biggar.

Nov. 13.—**Tideswell.**—Flint and Swarbrick, Queen St.

Nov. 13.—**Crook.**—J. Horner, White Lea, Crook, Co. Durham.

Nov. 13.—**Cowdenbeath.**—J. R. Reid, 7, Woodland Place.

Nov. 13.—**Harrogate.**—W. E. Ferguson, 2, Harlow Terrace.

Nov. 13.—**Preston.**—J. P. Leeming, Corporation St.

Nov. 13.—**Avonbridge.**—P. Gentleman, Cowan's Buildings, Avonbridge, Stirlingshire.

PRIZE MONEY PAID.

Tavistock, Torbay O.S. (Paignton), Middlesbrough, Hanley.

BELPER.

Twenty-second show of the Belper F.A.—described by the management as "the best show in Derbyshire"—held in the Public Hall on Oct. 28. The nine classes provided for cage birds filled well, especially the "any variety class" for novices, which received 23 birds. The management under the able leadership of Messrs. Stillman and Holden, the secs., was excellent, and everything passed off well. Mr. J. N. Harrison judged.

NOR. (13): 1, Millward; 2, Hallman and Sons; 3, Baker; vhc, H. Doxey and Riley; hc, Riley, R. C. H. Doxey. YKS. (9): 1, Green; 2, Sheldon; 3, Allen; vhc, Bishop and Smith; hc, Bishop; r, Clay Cross. YKS. UNFLIG. (16): 1, Elkins; 2, 3, Lomas; vbc, Sheldon and Clay Cross; hc, R. Bishop. CREST (6): 1, 2, Brown; 3, vhc, Woolley; vhc, Osborne; r, Moxey. C.B. (7): 1, vhc, Woolley; 2, R. Brown; 3, Osborne; vhc, H. Doxey. BRIT. (9): 1, Bishop; 2, Allwood; 3, Mason; vhc, Melbourne; hc, Taylor; r, Eady Bros. SELL. 10/- (9): 1, Baker; 2, Smith; 3, Dallman and Sons; vhc Greaves (2), Elkins; r, Horwood. A.V. ANY AGE. MEMBERS' (8): 1, Smith; 2, J. Moxey; 3, Walker; vhc, Green; hc, Hunt; r, Elkins. NOVICE A.V. (23): 1, R. Shipley; 2, hc, Shepperson; 3, Cockerham; vhc, Rice, Bishop, Watson, Whyman, Miss G. Allen; hc, Moxey.

CITY OF WAKEFIELD.

City of Wakefield O.S. show held Oct. 28. Five open classes were provided for British birds, and one for Mules and Hybrids. These classes filled well, as also did the twelve members' classes. The Siskin, Redpoll and Twite class gave the judge some trouble, and some good birds were left out of the cards. Mr. J. Atkinson, the sec., is to be complimented on his able management of affairs, and on the successful issue of the show. All birds were dispatched by 7.30 p.m. A tie in points resulted in spl. for 4th awards, but Mr. Lee having won most prize money, the spl. went to him. Mr. E. Clegg judged.

LINNET (12): 1, Kemp; 2, vhc, Nelson; 3, Tart; hc, Midgley; c, Lane. GOLDFINCH (7): 1, Lane; 2, Almond; 3, Talbot and Medley; vhc, Lee; hc, Anderson; c, Tindall. BULLFINCH, ETC. (9): 1, 2, Lee; 3, Jackson; 4, Ramsden; vhc, Danniel; hc, North; c, Isherwood. SISKIN, ETC. (13): 1, hc, Almond; 2, c, Inman; 3, Lane; 4, Wilson; vhc, Isherwood. A.O.S. BRIT. (11): 1, Jackson; 2, vhc, Bousfield; 3, hc, Isherwood; 4, Lane; c, Medley. MULE OR HYB. (6): 1, Wilson; 2, Lumb; 3, Kemp; 4, Parks; vhc, Buckley; hc, Danniel. MEMBERS' CLASSES—YELL. YORKS. CK.: 1, 4, Buckley; 2, Taylor; 3, Slack; vhc, Danniel. BUFF: 1, Buckley; 2, Slack. YELL. HEN: 1, Taylor; 2, Buckley; 3, 4, hc, c, C. and C. T. Parks; vhc, Slack. BUFF: 1, Holroyd; 2, 3, Buckley; 4, vhc, Slack. UNFLIG. CK.: 1, Buckley; 2, Holdroyd; 3, vhc, Talbot; 4, hc, c, Taylor. HEN: 1, 2, Buckley; 3, Rollings; 4, hc, Taylor; vhc, Holdroyd; c, C. and C. T. Parks. NOR. CK.: 1, vhc, c, Atkinson; 2, 3, C. and C. T. Parks; 4, Hill; hc, Talbot. HEN: 1, 2, 3, C. and C. T. Parks; 4, vhc, Danniel; hc, Atkinson; c, Slack. NOR. UNFLIG. CK.: 1, vhc, C. and C. T. Parks; 2, Danniel; 3, hc, Atkinson; c, Talbot. HEN: 1, 2, 3, 4, Atkinson; vhc, Parks. PAIRS: 1, 2, hc, C. and C. T. Parks; 3, Talbot; 4, Slack; vhc, Holroyd; c, Taylor.

GLASGOW (Confined) SOUTHERN O.A.

Eighteenth annual show held in the Grand National Halls, Main St., Gorbals, 28th Oct. The president is Mr. J. Renwick; vice-pres., Mr. P. McLennan; sec. and treas., Mr. J. Fleming; auditors, Messrs. J. Law and W. Bennett. This annual event is eagerly looked forward to, and is regarded as one of the best club shows of the season for Scotch Fancy Canaries. Entries were a little in advance of last season, and the quality throughout was excellent. Mr. Montgomery's buff hen, which has done some good work in the winning of let honours elsewhere this season, was awarded the club's silver cup and gold medal, changing places on this occasion with the same gentleman's yellow hen (a sister), a former cup winner. Runner up, Mr. Gray's yellow cock, which wins gold medal for best bird of opposite sex. As usual, there was a large turn-out of breeders and friends. Mr. Fleming, the secretary, who is most courteous and obliging, had the show arrangements well in hand, and was ably supported by a hard working committee, who were well up to their respective duties. Judges, Messrs. D. Caldwell (Baillieston), A. Paterson (Edinburgh), Watson (Glasgow), and D. Black (Govan); their judgments were well received. In the unavoidable absence of the Right Hon. Lord Rowallan, Bailie Young presented the awards. Following were the winners of specials (which were both handsome and useful); best bird in hall, cup, and gold medal, Mr. Montgomery; best bird opposite sex, Mr. Wm. Gray; gold medal bird first ck., Mr. Gray; best second ck., Mr. Wm. Fleming; best third also fourth ck., Mr. Montgomery; best cl. or foul ck., Mr. Jas. Orr; best first hen, also best second, Mr. Montgomery; best third hen, John Orr; best fourth, W. Montgomery. Other specials were won by Messrs. G. Fulton, McIlwain, W. Baillie, A. Clark, A. McLachlan, John Orr, J. Clark, Millar, J. Fleming, Jas. Orr, Sharp, Seywright, Lochard, and Shaw.

YELL. CK. (13): 1, Gray; 2, Fulton; 3, 4, Montgomery; 5, James Orr; 6, Shaw; 7, Renwick; 8, John Orr. BUFF (21): 1, 2, Montgomery; 3, 8, John Orr; 4, Seywright; 5, Jas. Orr; 6, Miller; 7, Fulton. YELL. PIED CK. (11): 1, Lees; 2, 3, Miller; 4, Blue; 5, Ilwain; 6, Shannon; 7, Buchanan; 8, Lochhead. BUFF (25): 1, Gray; 2, 3, Miller; 4, Renwick; 5, Fulton; 6, Shannon; 7, M'Laughlan; 8, Law. GREEN CK. (9): 1, 8, Lang; 2, 5, James Orr; 3, Buchanan; 4, John Orr; 6, Baillie; 7, M'Donald. FOUL CK. (20): 1, 2, Montgomery; 3, Shannon; 4, Alex. Orr; 5, 7, Alex Clark; 6, M'Ilwain; 8, John Orr. YELL. HEN (17): 1, 2, Montgomery; 3 John Orr; 5, 7, M'Ilwain; 4, Gray; 6, 8, Miller. BUFF (27): 1, 2, 4, Montgomery; 5, Fulton; 3, Gray; 6, Fleming; 7, John Orr. YELL. PIED HEN (5): 1, M'Ilwain; 2, Blue; 3, Gray; 4, Baillie; 5, Miller; 6, Lochhead; 7, Brooks; 8, M'Donald. BUFF (11): 1, John Orr; 2, 3, Gray; 4, Buchanan; 5, M'Donald; 6, Fulton; 7, Sharp; 8, Seywright. GREEN HEN (18): 1, Bennett; 2, Blue; 3, Buchanan; 4, John Orr; 5, Shaw; 6, James Orr; 7, 8, Clark. FOUL (23): 1, 6, Fulton; 2, Montgomery; 3, Renwick; 4, M'Ilwain; 5, Miller; 7, James Orr; 8, Calder.

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CHELTENHAM SCORES.

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Annual show of the Cheltenham C.B.S. held Nov. 1 and 2 in the Drill Hall. The entries came up well in all sections being 100 in advance of last year's. The total entry was 800. Norwich and Yorkshires were a feature in themselves, and the Border Fancies were the largest in number and best in quality ever staged in Cheltenham. The Crest section was also up to the usual high standard, noticeable at Cheltenham Show, the quality in the young Crest class being especially good. The winning Crest here was a stormer, and was bred by a local exhibitor. British and Mule classes, which were under the patronage of the N.B.B. and M.C., were well filled, and the birds were excellent. The foreign birds were tip-top. We are glad to record a noteeable improvement in the number of foreigners staged year by year. Mr. W. E. Greeves judged the Crests, Mr. H. W. Battye the Norwich, Yorks., and Borders, and Mr. J. Frostick the British, Hybrid, and Foreign birds; their awards gave general satisfaction.. The Drill Hall is an ideal place for an exhibition of this kind, being well lighted by day and and illuminated at night by electricity. Hot-water radiators kept the room at a pleasant even temperature to the advantage of the exhibits and visitors alike. Everything was in order, and judging commenced at 9 a.m. sharp. Mr. Treasure, the able sec., whose tact and courtesy are so much appreciated, was once again in his usual place, and was ably assisted by the hon. show manager, Mr. W. Pounsett, and a hard-working body of stewards, including Messrs. Grant (chairman), Lewis (vice-chairman), King, Kilminster, Child, Hands, Hiles, Hayling, Hope, Brown, Smith, Elstone, Madagan, Bates, Stevens, who had everything in splendid working order. Sandiford's spl. was won by Mr. Baker.

The Canary Classes.

BUFF CREST CK. (9): 1, Rev. Joyce, 2 wing mkd., D.C., large, expansive crest, well filled, rare good frontal, in fine form; 2, Guy, heavily mkd., large Crest, good centre, if anything, larger in crest than leader; 3, Routh, wing mkd. D.C., neat shaped crest, good frontal; 4, Ley, wing and tail mkd., pied Crest, good frontal, nice leafy feather; vhc, Taylor; he, Evins; c, King. HEN (13): 1, Evans, nearly green "Dusky Queen," massive crest, good frontal and back, crest very dense in feather, a stormer; 2, Shearman, variegd. buff, with D.C., very neat in crest, good centre; 3, Colledge, wing mkd., D.C., nice texture of feather, good length; 4, Lazarus, self green, nice feather; vhc, Guy; he, Ley; c, Faux. BUFF C.B. CK. (11): 1, Coath, pied tail, grand entrance, good back, skull neatly lashed; 2, Mills, variegd., good lash, fine length of feather, not quite so large in skull as leader; 3, Ley, neck mkd., good width of skull, well lashed behind; 4, Lazarus; vhc, Guy; he, c, Taylor. HEN (10): 1, Hesketh, green, pied tail, grand entrance to head, very massive feather, of lovely quality; 2, Ley, cheek mkd., good skull, fine texture of feather, neatly lashed; 3, Evins Bros., head and back mkd., good texture of feather, neatly lashed; 4, Taylor, cl., good cushion shaped skull; vhc, Allen; he, King; c, Simmonds. YELL. CREST (7): 1, Taylor, cl. body, grey crest, and quality good, frontal and back, crest in grand form; 2, Evins Bros., wing and tail mkd., D.C., good back; 3, c, King, wing mkd., D.C., rare good col.; 4, Ley, pied tail green, good back; vhc, Faux. YELL. C.B. (6): 1, Brotherton, heavily variegd., massive skull, good cushion, neatly lashed; 2, King, variegd., rare good col., fine entrance, neatly lashed, grand back skull; 3, Colledge, head and body mkd., very heavy in feather, neatly lashed; 4, Hesketh; vhc, Evins Bros. BUFF C.B., 1911 (19): 1, Kilminster and Hooper, body mkd., D.C., massive crest, lovely formation, nicely drooped, grand centre; 2, Evins Bros., cl. body, D.C., nice drooping crest, good frontal and back crest, can win in good company; ex. 2, Colledge, heavily mkd. D.C., very large crest, very leafy in feather; 3, Guy, nice cl. body, D.C.; ex. 3, Coath, pied tail green; 4, Kilminster and Hooper, cl. body, D.C.; vhc, Taylor; he, King; c, Ley. BUFF (14): 1, Brotherton, heavily mkd., grand skull, covered with a wealth of fine quality feather, a real gem; 2, Peters, heavily mkd., good entrance, fine width of skull, nice lash, close up to winner; 3, Ley, lightly mkd., good back, skull; 4, Taylor; vhc, Kilminster and Hooper; he, Day; c, Mills. CINN. CREST, ETC. (3): 1, Routh, cinn. Crest, pied tail, neat centre and droop, well radiated, nice texture; 2, 3, King; 2nd cinn. Crest, good front and back crest, close to winner, 3rd nice C.B. NOVICE CREST (11): 1, Kilminster, jun., D.C., wing and tail mkd., nice exhibit, good frontal and back crest, grand radiation and droop; 2, 4, Col. Routh, 2nd both wings mkd., good droop and radiation, 4th nice D.C.; 3, vhc, Dr. Trigg, D.C., wing mkd., good entrance, fine texture of feather; he, Hewatt; c, Jones. C.B. (8): 1, Kilminster, jun., another smart exhibit, good width of skull, feather of fine texture; 2, 3, Miss Hewat, pair of very nice exhibits, hard to part; 4, Jones; vhc, Dr. Trigg; he, Col. Routh; c, Mrs. Maconochy. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (8): 1, Baker, grand size and shape, good head and neck, well filled in back, nice long carriage; 2, Gill and Pethick, good size and shape, nice quality, well balanced wings, good col.; 3, Baker, good col., well up in size, hardly finished yet; 4, Spillman, good stamp, nice size; vhc, Collins, nice exhibit. he, Bennett; c, Ellis. BUFF (11): 1, Collins, good head and neck, deep in chest, well filled in back, nice wing carriage, rare col. and substance, staged to win; 2, Baker, rare Nor. properties, in full bloom, grand wing carriage; 3, vhc, Gill and Pethick, good bold Nor., rare col., good wing carriage; 4, Follwell, red-hot col. buff, good deep chest, well filled in at back; he, Ellis; c, Read. TKD., ETC., CK. (14): 1, vhc, Baker, variegd. yellow, in tip-top form, good head and neck, deep in chest, well filled in back; 2, Gill and Pethick, buff mkd. side of head, good substance, deep in chest, nice back and wing carriage; 3, Houghton, wings and eye mkd. yell., good col., rare head, well filled in back; 4, Tristem, tkd. eye yell., nice head and neck; he, Tristem; c, Bellamy. UNFLIG. YELL., CL., ETC. (17): 1, Baker, cl. yell., good head and neck, fine deep chest, well filled in back, neat wing carriage; 2, vhc, Spillman, yell., good deep chest, neat wings and tail, well cut away; 3, Collins, cl. yell., in rare bloom, good head and neck, deep in chest; 4, Gill and Pethick, another cl. yell., nice one; he, Davis; c, Follwell. BUFF (21): 1, Collins, neck mkd. buff, in grand bloom, nicely moulded, deep in chest, well filled in back, neat wing carriage; 2, 3, Houghton, 2nd cl. buff, in rare form, deep in chest, grand col., neat wings and tail; 3rd, cl. buff, another nice exhibit, good bold eye, deep in chest, hardly substance as former; 4, Ellis, another cl. buff, nice substance, deep on chest; vhc, Davis; he, c, Gill and Pethick. YELL. HEN, CL., ETC. (14): 1, Follwell, unflig. yell., looks like Plymouth winner, rare good substance right through, good head and neck, neat wings and tail; 2, Bell., cl. yell., good bold head, deep in chest, nice wings and tail; 3, Baker, another cl. yell. hen, in tip-top form, good deep chest with well moulded body; 4, Spillman, cl. yell., good head, rare bold eye; vhc, Collins; he, c, Gill and Pethick. BUFF (14): 1, Mortara, cl. buff, good head and neck, nicely mealed, rare good wing carriage, short in tail, wins; 2, Collins, eye and wing mkd., plenty of substance, well moulded body, neat, compact wings and tails; 3, Chidgey, cl. buff, good head and neck, deep in chest, well filled in back, short flights and tail; 4, Houghton, heavily mkd. buff hen, bouncing big one; vhc, Gill and Pethick; he, Ellis; c, Spillman. NOVICE YELL., CL., ETC. (7): 1, Kenyon, head and back mkd. yell., good deep chest, nicely cut away body, good col.; 2, 3, Mrs. Williams, 2nd cl. unflig. yell., good head and neck, fine chest and back, neat wings and tail; 3rd, cl. yell., nicely moulded body, neat wings and tail; 4, Wren, hot col. yell., neat exhibit; vhc, Routh; he, Mabbett; c, Stubbs. BUFF (9): 1, he, Mrs. Williams, 1st very neat shaped cl., nicely mealed, good head and neck, deep chest; 2, 3, H. Williams, 2nd cl., good deep chest, nicely cut away, good wings and tail; 3rd, unflig cl., nice col., neat wings and tail; 4, Dr. Trigg, wing mkd., nice exhibit, vhc, H. Pinnell; c, Matthews. YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL. (18): 1, Hawes Bros., tkd. right cheek, grand length, well up on leg, good wings and tail, nice col. and quality; 2, Rennie, cl. yell., good length and stand, stylish, nice position, well cleaned up underneath; 3, Col. Routh, cheek mkd., very stylish, lovely quality, must have pressed; 4, vhc, J. Mock, good length of side; he, P. Rorke; c, Easterling and Carson. BUFF (20): 1, H. Knight, cl., good length, back, and wing carriage, nice feather and col.; 2, vhc, Hawes Bros., cl., good head and neck, clean front, lovely back, must have pressed; 3, Kearns another nice cl., very stylish, good wings and tail; 4, J. Mock, cl., rare position and stand; he, E. James; c, E. Holliday. MKD., ETC. (14): 1, Mabey, eyes and right yell. wing mkd., rare length and position, lovely col. and quality, good back and wing carriage; 2, he, Hawes Bros., eye, wing and tail mkd. buff, well drawn out, good length, well up on leg; 3, H. Knight, neck and wing mkd. yell., nice back, wings and tail; 4, Rennie, unevenly mkd. buff, well drawn, good back; vhc, Mrs. Owen; c, Crisp. UNFLIG. (20): 1, P. Rorke, head and wing mkd. yell., very racy, rare shape and position, good wings and tail; 2, Easterling and Carson, cl. buff, good length of side, well up on legs, clean front, must have pressed; 3, H. Knight, cl. yell., beautifully drawn, lovely back and wings, grand col.; 4, Kearns, neck mkd. buff, good position and stand; vhc, Owen, good one; he, W. Elsmore; c, Hawes Bros. HEN (16): 1, Hawes Bros., cl., neat head and neck, lovely back and wing carriage, nice piped tail, clean front; 2, H. Knight, neck marked, grand position and style, good head and back, lovely feather; 3, c, J. Rennie, clear, another smart damsel, well up on legs; 4, Easterling and Carson, another nice wing marked, well up on legs; vhc, E. Holliday; he, A. Knight. BUFF (17): 1, 3, vhc, Rennie, 1st, very stylish cl., good head and neck, nice back and wing carriage, feather like boxwood; 3rd, another smart cl., nice length and position, lovely quality of feather; 2, 4, P. Rorke, 2nd, ticked mk., very smart and stylish, neat head, full neck; he, Elsmore; c, Mrs. Gill. NOVICE YORKS. YELL. (14): 1, vhc, Pinnell, racy cl., full of swagger, rare length, well up on legs, nice feather; 2, Hall, red hot cl. yell., grand length, nicely tapered off, must have pressed; 3, James, ticked eye, very racy, good position, nice wings and tail; 4, Knight, wing marked, good back and wing carriage; he, Richards; c, J. Steer. BUFF (14): 1, Col. Routh, very shapely cl. buff, good length of side, nice wing and tail carriage; 2, Hall, another smart cl., lovely back, tight nutting wings, neat pipe tail, close up; 3, Steer, good coloured cl., full of swagger, rare length, good wings and tail; 4, Hall, ticked buff, nice close feather, neat wings and pipe tail; vhc, Meiris; he, Brimble and Latchem; c, H. Payne. BORD. CL., ETC., YELL. (11): 1, Jenkins, nice round headed cl. yell., full neck, lovely back, feather like boxwood; 2, 3, Sampson, another pair nice cl. yell. in tip top, must have been hard to separate; 4, Pope, another cl. yell., neat head, good wings and tail; vhc, Ford; he, Owen; c, Mercer. HEN (6): 1, Jenkins, a grand feathered hen, beautiful shape, neat wings and tail, a bonny lady; 3, MacGuffie, another gem, feather like a Java, in tip top form; 3, Longden, neat shape, feather and col.; 4, Owen, small clear, very stylish; vhc, Edwards; he, Sampson. BUFF CK. (16): 1, MacGuffie, lovely head and neck, grand back, clean front, smooth as a bottle, smart; 2, Edwards, neat shape, good head and back, nice quality of feather; 3, Jenkins, grandly feathered, lovely back and wing carriage, must have pressed; 4, Norman, smart and stylish, good back, neat fitting wings; vhc, Jenkins; he, Owen; c, Dodge. HEN (15): 1, Bacon, regular model, feathered like a Java, in tip top form; 2, D. Jenkins, very similar to first, very difficult to separate; 3, MacGuffie, good head and neck, clean front, nicely braced wings; 4, Montague, in nice form; vhc, Tyler; he, c, Evans. UNEN. MARKED (4): 1, 4, Rocking, 1st, 4-pointed buff, good head and neck, nicely packed wings and tail; 2, Owen, 4-pointed yellow, not so well balanced in markings, in good condition; 3, Miss Dooley, 4-pointed buff, neat head and neck, nice packed tail; UNEVENLY MKD. (14): 1, Ford, unevenly mkd. yell., neat shape, good feather and col.; 2, King, head and wing mkd. buff, nicely braced wings and tail; 3, Sampson, unevenly mkd. yell.; 4, Jenkins; vhc, Evans; he, Longden; c, Norman. GREEN, ETC. (10): 1, Williams, jonque green, rare shape, sound col., stylish, well shown; 2, Hocking, green, good col.; 3, Hocking, cinn., nice col. and feather, very neat; 4, c, Bexon, nice green; vhc, A. Bacon; he, Perry; c, R. Bexon. O.V. (4): 1, Mr. Broomfield, buff cinn., good head and neck, fine substance; 2, Allen, buff Belg., very stylish, close up; 3, King, buff cinn., good substance, rare [illegible]; 4, Col. Routh, yell. cinn., good head and neck. CANARIES: 1, H. Allsopp; 2, 3, 4, c, E. Lewis, vhc, he, Roberts. MEMBERS' (£3) CREST (7): 1, 3, vhc, Kilminster and Hooper; 2, he, J. Hands; 4, King; c, Miss Dent. C.B. (£2) (5): 1, 3, vhc, Kilminster and Hooper; 2, King; 4, Hiles. PAIRS CREST (£3), some very cheap pairs of birds in this class (6): 1, Hands; 2, vhc, Kilminster and Hooper; 3, King; 4, Hiles; he, Hamlin. CL. YELL. NOR. (5): 1, Washy; 2, Williams; 3, Child; 4, Houghton; vhc, Pounsett. BUFF (9): 1, 4, Rogerson; 2, Kenyon; 3, Brown; vhc, Houghton; he, Child; c, Pounsett. MKD. (11): 1, Washy; 2, Pounsett; 3, Stephenson; 4, Brown; vhc, he, Houghton; c, Kenyon. HEN (10): 1, Pounsett; 2, Stephenson; 3, Brown; 4, c, Houghton; vhc, Williams, he, Child. MATCHED PAIRS (7): 1, Stephenson; 2, Rogerson; 3, Taylor; 4, Williams; vhc, Brown; he, Pounsett; c, Houghton. YORK., YELL. (2): 1, 2, Hiles. BORD. C., YELL. (10): 1, 2, Madagan; 3, Rogerson; 4, Dent; vhc, c, Hands; he, Hope. BUFF (8): 1, 2, Madagan; 3, Sallis; 4, Rogerson; vhc, he, Hands; c, Hope.

Mules, British and Foreign Birds.

GOLDFINCH (13): One of the best classes we have seen thus early in the season, the majority, not quite fit yet, and a week or two will make wonderful changes. 1, Levett, very forward, fine square, well burnished blaze, rich in tanning, beautifully shown; 2, Chivers, broad expansive blaze, but not yet up in col.; 3, Brown, richer in col, not quite so good in head properties; 4, Lawrence, makings of a grand bird, not yet ready; vhc, Edwards; he, Routh; c, Tilley. BULLFINCH (11): Nice class, but mostly field-moulted, and more or less wild: 1, Wren, typical specimen, rich tone of col., fine cap and wing bars; 2, Ford, fails only in size, nice one; 3, Brown, sweet little bird; 4, Chivers, very rich col.; vhc, Baseley; he, Tilley; c, Pargeter. LINNET (12): Very hot lot, not a duffer among them: 1, Marley, real topper, size, col., shape, and markings perfection; 2, Routh, another beauty all over; 3, Brightly, grand bird fails just a little in condition and depth of marking; 4, Gay, real good one, will improve; vhc, Ford; he, Rees; c, Pace. GREENFINCH (6): Poor in numbers only, quality all there: 1, Marley, well-known Buff, massive head and body, tight as a bottle, staged to perfection; 2, Ford, another Buff, very stylish, fa[illegible] in high condition; 3, Russell, nice Yell., if anything, feather too dark a shade; 4, Lawrence, another yell., grand bird, rough on flights, given a fair chance, would want a lot of beating; vhc, Marley; he, Caunt. SISKIN, ETC. (7): 1, Marley, a gem of a Redpoll, well-known; 2, Tyler, colour fed Siskin, rich col., nicely laced cap, good thigh markings; 3, Harris and Dix, Redpoll, fails only in col. to winner; 4, Dark, Siskin, good one; vhc, Brightly; he, Farrow; c, Edwards. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (6): 1, Lawrence, bonny Bramble, large, rich in spangling, good col.; 2, Marley, very large, grand col. Chaffinch, not quite the shape or style we like; 3, Marley, very hot coloured Bramble, fails only in size to winner; 4, Lawrence, Chaffinch, nice stylish bird; vhc, he, Davis. A.O.S. (7): 1, Caunt, Cornhunting, we liked much, only wants the scales taken from its legs to make a champion; 2, Caunt, Hawfinch, a trifle on the small side, otherwise good; 3, Russell, really nice Yellowhammer, judiciously fed, well marked head; 4, Edwards, another of same species, fails only in col. and markings, good one; vhc, Older; he, Ford. INSECTIV., SMALL (1): 1, Tyler, nice Nightingale. LARGE (2): 1, Lloyd, Cornish Chough, in lovely condition, but from its rather small size probably a hen; 2, Gibbons, large black and white Blackbird, very prettily marked. HYB. LIGHT, ETC. (7): 1, Lawrence, lovely Goldfinch-Can., Buff, slightly marked on tips of each wing, a gem of the first water; 2, Longden, almost clear Linnet-Can., another gem, shown in the most perfect condition; 3, Locke, nice Yell., variegd. Goldfinch-Can.; 4, Lees, very good Linnet-Can., fails to second only in condition, and rather wild; vhc, Edwards; he, Bowen; c, Maddocks. DARK LINNET, ETC., CAN. (16): Very fine class: 1, Pope, [illegible]cent Linnet, large size, rich col., well put down; 2, Lewis, one of the hottest coloured Goldfinch-Can. we have seen, only wants a little filling out on chest to make a champion, quickly claimed at catalogue price, a bargain at 25s.; 3, Lawrence, good Buff Linnet, shown to the best possible advantage; 4, Lamb, Yell. Goldfinch-Can., nice one; vhc, Morton; he, Longden; c, Longden. A.O.V. (except Can.-Bullie) (11): 1, Buckingham, very large Redpoll-Can., nice even tone of col., wins well; 2, Somerfield, good Greenfinch-Can., well fed and beautifully staged; 3, Longden, very attractive Siskin-Can., with distinctive markings; 4, Longden, Cinn. Greenfinch-Can., just wants filling out a little; vhc, Somerfield; he, Lamb; c, Jones. HYB. (including Can.-Bullfinch) (6): Small, but very select lot: 1, Lawrence, Can.-Bullfinch, an old stager, often described, looking very fit; 2, Edwards, very choice Greenfinch-Bullfinch; 3, Lamb, tip-top Linnet-Bullfinch, in rare form; 4, Longden, nice conditioned Goldfinch Bullfinch, put down in his well-known excellent style; vhc, Lawrence; he, Lees. FOR.: PARROTS (14): 1, Arthur, one of the best Stanley Parrakeets ever staged, a perfect picture; 2, Rogerson, Barnards Parrakeet, in beautiful order; extra 2, Rogerson, mealy Rosella, in full bloom; 3, Rogerson, Indian Ringneck, in fine trim; 4, Shaylor, good Grey Parrot, looking nervous in its strange surroundings; vhc, Davis; he, Kent; c, Fletcher. COMMON WAXBILLS, ETC. (9): 1, Howe, a perfect Zebra Waxbill cock; 2, Howe, equally perfect Green Avadavat; extra 2, Routh, brilliantly coloured Orange Bishop; 3, Routh, good pair Zebra Finches; 4, Beaty, well-shown Combassou, in full colour; vhc, Rogerson; No. 9, Beaty, Avadavats, disqualified for being two hens. A.O. SEEDEATERS (8): 1, Howe, cock Pytelia Melba, well known, takes F.B.C. medal for best foreign bird; 2, Howe, charming Parrot Finch; 3, Grice-Hutchinson, Paradise Whydah, in full col., nicely shown; 4, Beaty, good pair Red-headed Finches; vhc, Beaty; he, Peters; c, Beasley. INSECTIV., ETC. (2): 1, Levett, lovely Blue Tanager; 2, Routh, Pekin Robins, good ones. MEMBERS' CLASSES: GOLDFINCH, ETC. (6): 1, Elstone (Bullfinch); 2, Pounsett (Bullfinch); 3, Elstone (Goldfinch); 4, Brown (Bullfinch). GREENFINCH, ETC. (9): 1, Pounsett (Greenfinch); 2, Stevens (mealy Redpoll); 3, Stevens (Siskin); 4, Brown (Linnet); vhc, he, Elstone; c, Sallis. A.O.S. (3): 1, Stevens (Corn Bunting); 2, Brown (Yellowhammer); 3, Sallis (Chaffinch). LARGE (3): 1, 2, 3, Stevens (Thrush, Blackbird, and Starling). HY. (6): 1, he, Taylor; 2, Brown; 3, Pounsett; 4, vhc, Smith. FOR. (9): 1, 5, 4, Rogerson; 2, Child; vhc, he, c, Treasure.

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DUNBAR.

Seventh annual show held Assembly Rooms November 1st. The hall is a good one. The birds were staged around the sides, and seemed nice and comfortable. Borders were somewhat fewer than last year, but good in quality. In the Norwich section the classes were increased, and there was a fairly good entry. Quality all through the show was much as in former years. Mr. Gilhooly makes an ideal secretary, having everything in tip-top order; a few more stewards to assist the judge would be an improvement. Mr. C. Campbell (Glasgow) made the awards.

The Critique.

BORD. F., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (7): 1, spl. and medal, Cormack, good col., fine style, nice back; 2, Halliday, similar built, fine feather, a wee shade snipy in head; 3, 4, Patterson: 3rd the old champion, looking as well as ever, some thought might comfortably have won; vhc, Skeldon; he, Davie; c, Henderson. HEN (5): 1, Cormack, nice size, good back, in grand condition and finish; 2, Barrie, fine head, good back, level in col.; 3, Patterson, good type, fine head, splendid action; 4, Davie, fine stamp, good style. BUFF: 1, Grant, thick set, nice quality feather, good wings; 2, 4, Patterson, better type, fine col., style and quality; 3, Halliday, nice type, fine head, grand back wing and tail carriage; vhc, Gilchrist; he, Anderson. HEN (9): 1, spl., Halliday, in good condition, fine wings; 2, spl., Barrie, similarly built, fine head, a wee bit rough at thighs; 3, Gilchrist, better type, fine col., quality and condition; 4, Patterson, grand head, fine finish; vhc, Anderson; c, Skeldon. EVENLY MKD. (4): 1, Gilchrist, Newcastle winner, grand eye markings, fine wings, a good first; 2, Patterson, grand type, fine markings, a wee shade small in eyes; 3, Cormack, cinn. mk. good eyes, fine wings; 4, Combe, fine col., good quality. UNEVEN MKD. (8): 1, spl., 2, Patterson, former buff, latter yell., two good ones, in the pink of condition; 3, Combe, marked eyes, wings and head, good col., fine head; 4, Gilchrist, grand eyes, fine col; vhc, Barrie; he, W. Barrie; c, Anderson. GREEN OR CINN. (7): 1, 2, Young, leader yellow-green, nice type, good pencilling, 2 buff-cinn., some preferred, fine type, good head, back and wing carriage; 3, he, Patterson, yell.-green hen, fine type, good pencilling; 4, Grant, fine yell.-cinn.; vhc, R. Patterson; c, Anderson. CREST. CK. (9): 1, spl., Young, d.c., fine head, nice radiation centre and droop, well put down; 2, Paul, nearly green, follows close, good entrance, frontal nicely rounded, nice finish behind; 3, [illegible]oughton, large one, fine crest, all round, well put down; 4, Turnbull, nice grizzle crest; vhc, Burns; he, Anderson; c, Combe. HEN (5): 1, 2, Sharp, two beauties, both good in head, nice substance, splendid length of head, feather, well groomed; 3, Paul, nice size, good body, fine centre; 4, McNaughton, green, good body, fine length; vhc, Burns. C.B. CK. (6): 1, spl. and medal best bird shown by S.C.C.C., J. Burns, grand one, fine entrance into a massive head, grand skull and browing, wins well; 2, McNaughton, variegd., grand size, fine body, good skull; 3, 4, Sharp, wee bit smaller, but grand head good entrance and browing, 4 green, similarly built, good head, fine feather; vhc, Burns; he, Young. HEN (2): 1, Douglas, yellow, nearly evenly marked, good length of body, fine feather, some thought might have given way to 2, Combe, good substance, fine feather, extra good head and entrance. 1911 CREST (2): 1, Young, grand grizzle, good size, fine condition, nice centre and droop; 2, Burns, d.c., runs close race, fine head feather, long and well radiated crest. 1911 C.B. (7): 1, Young, variegd., splendid head, nice dome shape, good entrance, fine quality; 2, 3, Burns, variegd. and green, equal in size; 4, vhc, R. Burns, fine size, good front, well put down. NOR. CK. (7): 1, spl, 3, McFaughton, grand size, fine body, extra nice col. and quality; 2, he, Gardiner, fine typical yell., good front, nice head, 3 nearly green, fine head, bouncing front, ideal shape; 4, he, Barrie, yell., even, fine shape, grand position. HEN (4): 1, Young, variegd., ideal head, nice neck, cobby in shape, fine col. and quality; 2, McNaughton, clear, nice col., good quality, grand front; 3, 4, Gardiner, we liked, splendid shape, handles well, beautiful head, grand front, finished to perfection, 4 another good one, fine col. and quality. BRIT. (7): 1, spl., Paterson, grand Mealy Redpoll, in tip-top order, steady, grand markings; 2, Bruce, Yellowhammer, fine size, beautiful col., nice top markings, steady, well shown; 3, Broome, Crossbill, in fine condition; 4, Harkness, Bullfinch, lovely col., good cap; vhc, Farquhar; he, Heugh; c, Douglas. FOR. (21): 1, Bruce, red-headed Gouldian finch, well know, in splendid form to-day; 2, Wingate, Budgerigars, fine pair, well matched and staged. LINNET, ETC. (3): 1, Geddes, well fed Greenie, in splendid trim, grand at feather and quality; 2, Bruce, Linnet, good size, fine col. and markings; 3, Douglas, Greenfinch, nice large one.

EAST READING.

Cage birds, at the show of the East Reading F.A., which was held in the Cross Street Hall on November 1st, did not come up quite so well as last year, and the quality of the Canaries was not up to past shows. The Foreigners were splendid, as were the British, and the special for the best bird in the show fell to a magnificent Magpie shown by Mrs. Scrimshaw. The arrangements were well carried out by a good band of stewards, and Messrs. Wise and Sheppard made an excellent brace of secretaries. Mr. C. A. House judged.

NOR. (4): 2, 3, spl., Lawrence, two nicely feathered chubby buffs; vhc, Brooker; he, Haines. YORKS. (8): 1, 2, 3, vhc, he, c, spl., Pike, leader a long stylish yellow of good shape. BRIT., LARGE: 2, 3, vhc, spl., and spl. best in show, very handsome Magpie, grand colour, making, and feather, just a beauty, as was the Jackdaw, vhc. SMALL (7): 1, c, spl., Pike, very handsome Chaffinch, lovely col., markings, and feather; 2, Brooker, nicely mkd. Goldie, good big blaze, nice bars and buttons, not quite through moult; 3, Smith, nice shaped, well mkd. Linnet; vhc, Munday; he, Hamilton. FOR. LARGE (6): 1, spl., he (2), Cox, very rich coloured, grand feathered, long-tailed glossy Starling; 2, Wise, magnificent Alexandrina, splendid col., feather and marking; vhc (2), Swain, two grand Grey Parrots. SMALL (5): 2, spl., vhc, Billett, nice level coloured pair of Yellow Budgerigars, good heads and well mkd.; 3, vhc, he, Cox, very nice Paradise Whydah, short in tail, blue-winged Love Bird, and a pair of red-beaked Weavers.

I had splendid results from my advertisement in "Cage Birds," and did excellent business—with all clients thoroughly satisfied. Undoubtedly there is no question about it, "Cage Birds" is a splendid advertising medium. I have much pleasure in enclosing an advertisement for another three weeks.—A. J. A. Marley (Leyton).

The last advertisement I had in "Cage Birds," like others, was a success. From the time "C.B." was issued on the Friday to the following Wednesday I had every Siskin sold, and had to return no less than 7 P.O.'s. That, I must say, is good, and speaks well for your journal, which I think a great deal of.—Hugh Fraser (Killiecrankie).

LISKEARD.

Show held Nov. 1st in the Public Hall. We regret to record the fact that several classes were cancelled. The exhibits were nicely staged on the platform at one end of the room, and they were well cared for by several good fanciers. The quality of the exhibits was very good, many meritorious birds being put down. We think that if another year the Committee can provide a separate room for the cage birds and advertise the fact, they will get an increased entry. The society are fortunate in having Mr. Jones. Robins as their hon. sec., as he is methodical, keen, and most courteous. Mr. J. H. Payne made the awards and pleased all.

The Critique.

NOR. CL. YELL. (7): 1, Pascoe, lovely col., good shape, neat head, clean cut, short flights and tail; 2, Belby, nice silky feather, short flights and tail, good shape, neat head, just a wee bit fat on chest; 3, Watton, grand col. and quality, nice head and neck, close up; res, sp, Symons Bros.; vhc, Garland; hc, Tottle; c, Pope. BUFF (7): 1, Watton, good shape, lovely feather and quality, nice head, neck and back, neat tail, rich undercol.; 2, Collings, good colour, nice head, neck and back, capital shape, well across perch; 3, Collins, nice cobby shape, good head and neck, short flights and tail; res, Spillman; vhc, Smith; hc, Garland; c, Reed. TKD., ETC. (6): 1, Collings, vg., good colour, nice shape, deep chest, short full neck, nice head; 2, sp, Seymour Bros., grizzled on rump, good shape and nice silky feather, neat in tail, beaten in wing carriage; 3, Smith, ticked on head and wing, nice shape, col. and quality, close feather, neat wings and tail; res, Cock and Son; vhc, Watton; hc, Bielby. HEN (8): 1, Collings, nice shaped buff, good head, neck, wings and tail, good feather and quality; 2, Pascoe, mkd. head, eye, and right wing, well up in col., good shape and feather, yell.; 3, Spillman, saddle mkd. yell., good shape, feather and quality, short flights and tail; res, Watton; vhc, Garland; hc, Reed; c, Brown. A.O.V. CAN. (7): 1, 2, Dyer, buff Cinnamons, winner excels in col. and quality, good size and shape; 2, good size and shape, nice skull; 3, Tottle, yell. Border, nice shape and feather, good col. and carriage; res, hc, Medlin; vhc, Cock and Son; c, Brown. PAIRS CAN. (7): 1, Symons and Son, Crested cock, good shaped crest, nice droop and radiation, C.B. hen, nice entrance and a good shaped skull which is well feathered, easy win; 2, Pascoe, Norwich, good shaped var. yell. cock and a neat shaped and good feather clear buff hen; 3, Wills, Yorks., nice length, position and feather; res Smith; vhc, Tottle; hc, Martin; c, Spillman. MULE OR HYB. (6): 1, 2, Collins, four-pointed Buff Goldfinch and Can., nice col., shape and feather, well balanced markings; 2, lightly mkd. Linnet Canary, good feather and col.; 3, hc, Hoskin, nice feathered four-pointed Goldfinch Can.; res, Cock and Son; vhc, Hawkyard. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (9): 1, Polkinghorne, Goldfinch, nice square cut blaze, well polished, lovely feather, good bars and buttons, in grand form; 2, Hamilton Jones, well cut blaze, good tanning on chest, nice bars and buttons, hardly the polish of the leader; 3, Gregory, Bullfinch, capital shape, expansive well cut cap, nice bars; res, Michael; vhc, Wilmot; hc, sp, Symons and Son; c, Pascoe. SELL 20/- (10): 1, 2, Symons and Son; 3, Smith; res, Scantlebury and Quiller; vhc, Pascoe; hc, Wills; c, Tottle. 10/-, (13): 1, hc, Symonds and Son; 2, Smith; 3, Reed; res, Collings; vhc, Lugg; c, Martin. LOCAL, CAN. (7): 1, sp, Quiller, green Crest, good frontal, nice droop and well radiated from a neat centre; 2, vhc, Martin, J. W., nice dipping green Crest, good frontal; 3, Martin, F., nice feathered yell, Yorks., res, Emsden; hc, Hodge; c, Wills. BRIT. (8): 1, Inmates of Liskeard Union Infirmary, Song Thrush, grand shape, good ground colour and well spotted on breast and sides; 2, Smith, capital feathered Greenfinch, good wing bars; 3, hc, Collingwood, Song Thrush, nice shape and well spotted; res, Broad; vhc, Pinwarden; c, Holman.

CROYDON.

Croydon and Dis. F.A. Show held St. Michael's Hall, Nov. 1st. The show was a great advance on last year's effort, the entries totalling nearly double the number recorded on that occasion; and the quality was equal to that seen at some of the best open shows. Mr. F. W. Capell, the hon. sec., leaves nothing to chance, but has every detail carefully worked out, so that there cannot possibly be any hitch, and the result was successful arrangement and satisfaction to exhibitors and visitors alike. Mr. F. Botell (assist. sec.) rendered the most efficient aid to his chief, and the committee and stewards did excellently. The show was opened at 3 o'clock by Sir F. T. Eldridge, J.P. (President), and the ceremony was a very interesting one. Lady Eldridge (a patroness) takes a lively interest in the society's welfare. Special for best cage bird fell to a very fine broken yell. Nor., and special for 2nd best to a grand buff Nor., both belonging to Mr. A. J. Wilby. Special for best Yorks. fell to Mr. G. Harris; Mr. E. E. Gunnell annexed the British bird special; and Madame Ratford that for Foreign birds. There was a decidedly superior tone to the show, and encouraging attendance of the general public, and indications point to all-round success. Mr. C. Gardner judged, and his awards were well received.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL. (7): 1, 2 spls, 2, Kilby, leader beautiful cheek tkd. bird of deep col., good substance and silky feather, staged in tip-top form. 2nd another sweet ticked yell., grand type; 3, Litt'e, thick-set bird, lovely feather, scarcely so deep in tone, and just a shade heavy in head; res, Botell; vhc, Little; hc, Austin; c, Harvest. BUFF (6): 1, spl, Kilby, fine bodied bird, rich under-colour, good head, very close in feather for its size and very silky to boot; 2, res, Little, former good shape, not quite the substance of 1st, lovely bloomy feather, neat head; 3, Austin, bird of good quality; vhc, Botell; hc, Miss A. N. Potter. UNFLIG. (13): 1, 2, 3, Kilby, clean sweep and a grand team, leader yell. of beautiful buff texture of feather, stout in body, good in head and neck, very promising, 2nd tkd. buff, possesses substance and the correct texture of feather, should make a good old bird, 3rd tkd. yell., lovely feather; res, c, Little; vhc, Austin; hc, Lock. YORKS YELL. (11): 1, spl, 3, Harris, leader fine length, well up in leg, nice neck, head and wing carriage, plenty of length behind, 3rd bit shorter, but good in style and breed characteristics; 2, res, spl, Soper, stylish, close feathered, well packed; vhc, spl, Bayley; hc, c, Truelove. BUFF (8): 1, 3, Harris, two typical birds, standing well up and dancing merrily when called upon, rare quality; 2, Soper, possesses length and style; res, hc, Truelove; vhc, Lisney; c, Britter. UNFLIG. (10): 1, 3, res, Harris, 1st very pretty yell., stands well off perch and folds its wings nicely, sweet bird, 3rd very nice; 2, Soper, well after winner in all points; vhc, Soper; hc, Lock; c, Truelove. SELL., 20s. (18): 1, Gilbey; 2, res, hc, Gunnell; 3, vhc, Soper; c, Botell. MULE OR HYB. (3): 1, 2, 3, res, vhc, Gunnell, grand team, led by nice Goldie-Bullie, Siskin-Greenie following, all were in fine trim. GOLDIE, ETC. (5): All entries and all prizes, including best Brit. special, to Mr. Gunnell, very nice Goldie leading the way. A.O.S. BRIT. (10): 1, 2, 3, res, hc, c, Gunnell, again a rattling fine team, winner topping Greenie, staged in the pink of feather, with a beautiful Channel 2nd, and a lovely Linnet 3rd; vhc, Kilby SELL. BRIT. (15s.): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Gunnell; res, Lisney. hc, Kilby. FOR.: 1, spl, Madame Ratford, grand Green Parrot; res, Kemp, nice African Grey; vhc, Sutton. GIFT: 1, 2, Gunnell.

WISBECH.

Second annual open £5 limit show held October 25, in the Public Hall, a really good place for a cage bird show. The exhibits were nicely staged, and the birds were well looked after by a capable committee. The secs., Messrs. Ward and Allen, had arrangements admirably in hand. Mr. J. Mackley judged, and did well.

NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (12): 1, spl, Brook, grand cl., wonderful chest and head, rare size and good feather with it; 2, Bielby, also cl., not so bold fronted, but a fine bird at all points; 3, Nobbs, nice head and chest, good wings, full of quality; res, hc, Handley; vhc, Smith; c, Darley. BUFF (14): 1, Smith, good gold cl., excellent size and type, grand meal and quality; 2, 3, Keech, two very good ones, close up, well rounded all over, rare good quality, neat as could be; res, Handley; vhc, Watts; hc, Bielby; c, Brooks. BUFF HEN (16): 1, Keech, fine lady, indeed, beautiful type and style, again all quality, plenty of size; 2, Smith, another good-sized one, not quite so compact, but very shapely, gc h head and front; 3, Darley, fine substance, neat, quality good; res, Bennell; vhc, Goodman; hc, Rolington; c, Handley. NOR. CL., ETC., 1911 (14): 1, Keech, cap-mkd. yell., good one for size and shape, bold style, teems with quality; 2, Handley, cl. yell., fine frame, neat head, good short wings, nice youngster; 3, Nobbs, not fed but deserves its place, excellent type and quality; res, Bennell; vhc, Brooks; hc, Goodman; c, Brown. MULE (5): 1, Brooks, very neatly mkd. (eye and wing), Goldie, fine quality, good size and shape; 2, Widdowe, pretty yell. variegated; 3, Bielby, also a good light Goldie; res, Handley; vhc, Breeze. YORKS. CREST, A.O.V. BRIT., AND FOR.: All cancelled. SELL., £1 (10): 1, Dawson; 2, Harold; 3, res, Handley; vhc, Ramsdale; hc, Nobbs; c, Ingram. DITTO 10s. (13): 1, vhc, Handley; 2, Breeze; 3, Harrold; res, Harradence; hc, Dawson; c, Ingram. NOVICE, A.V. (8): 1, 3, Harradence, two very nice buffs; 2, vhc, Breeze, good yell.; res, Elam; hc, Martin.

BONNYRIGG.

Third annual show of the Bonnyrigg and Dis. C.B.S. held Oct. 28 in the Public Hall, a place nicely adapted for the purposes of a cage bird show. The arrangements were in the capable hands of Mr. Geo. Harper, who is to be congratulated on his excellent management. The judging was in the hands of Messrs. D. Brown, J. Boag, and A. Thomson, whose awards appeared to please all. The quality of the exhibits was tip-top, and the show as a whole was a capital one.

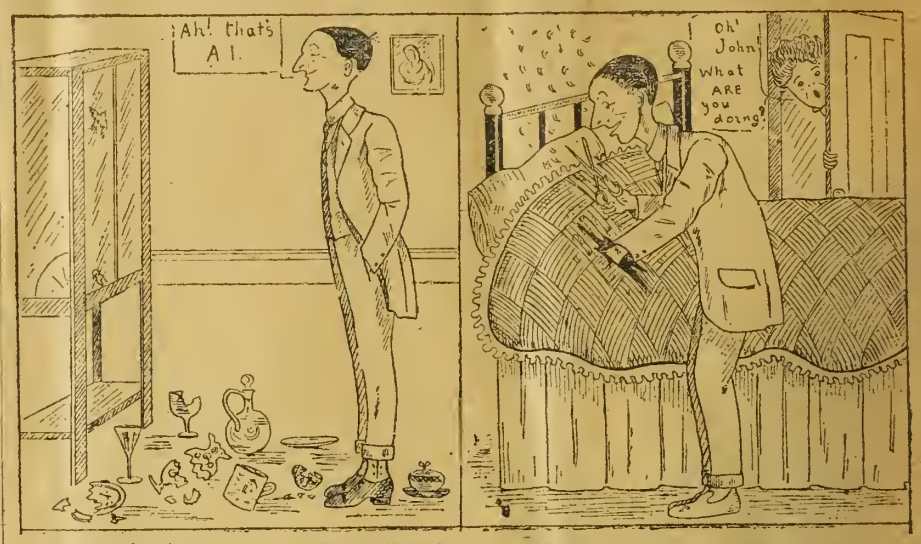
SCOT. FCY., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (3): 1, cup and medal, King; 2, 3, Jardine. HEN (3): 1, Noble; 2, 3, Jardine. BUFF CK. (6): 1, Jardine; 2, 3, 4, Allan; 5, Weigly. HEN (5): 1, King; 2, Allan; 3, 4, Weigly. GREEN, ETC., YELL. CK. (5): No awards given in catalogue. HEN (5): 1, 2, King; 3, Allan; 4, Jardine. BUFF CK. (5): 1, 3, 5, Weigly; 2, Gilchrist; 4, Allan. HEN (5): 1, 4, Allan; 2, 5, Weigly; 3, Yule. BORD. FCY. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (18): 1, Rowe; 2, 6, 7, Douglas; 3, J. Hamilton; 4, Nelson; 5, 8, Thomson. HEN (21): 1, 5, 6, J. Hamilton; 2, name not in catalogue; 3, Nelson; 4, Rowe; 7, Fisher; 8, Flockhart; 9, Thomson. BUFF CK. (19): 1, Nelson; 2, 4, Douglas; 3, Yule; 5, Thomson; 6, Hamilton; 7, Gilchrist. HEN: 1, Douglas; 2, Flockhart; 3, Yule; 4, Nelson; 5, Harper; 6, Rowe; 7, Fisher; 8, Nelson. HEN, YELL VARIEG. (15): 1, Noble; 2, T. Hamilton; 3, Yule; 4, Gilchrist; 5, Harper; 6, J. Hamilton; 7, Douglas. BUFF (26): 1, Nelson; 2, Fisher; 3, Harper; 4, Flockhart; 5, 6, 8, J. Hamilton; 7, Rowe. EVEN MKD. (3): 1, Yule; 2, Thomson; 3, Nelson. YELL. GREEN (18): 1, medal, Club and Bord. Fcy. medal, Thomson; 2, 3, 4, 5, Thomson; 6, Fisher; 7, Nelson. BUFF (17): 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, Thomson; 6, J. Hamilton. NOR. YELL. CK. (5): 1, 2, 3, Gardiner; 4, Noble. HEN (7): 1, 2, 4, 6, Noble; 3, Yule; 5, Gardiner. BUFF (8): 1, 3, 4, Noble; 2, Flockhart; 5, 6, Gardiner; 7, Gilchrist. HEN (8): 1, 2, 3, Gardiner; 4, Gilchrist; 5, 6, Noble; 7, Yule. MULE OR HYB. (5): 1, J. Hamilton. BRIT. BARD. (10): 1, 3, Nelson; 2, 4, T. Hamilton; 5, 6, Harper; 7, Fisher. SOFT. (5): 1, W. Nelson.

NORWICH C.B.S.

Show held October 3rd, when Messrs. Mackley and Woollard judged to the satisfaction of all. Special for best Crest fell to Mr. Dunham, and that for best P.H. to Mr. Drury.

CL. YELL. CK.: 1, 3, J. J. Smith; 2, Harl; 4, Simmonds; vhc, Mitchell. BUFF: 1, Ebbage; 2, Smith, 3, Mitchell; 4, Gay; vhc, Whitmore; hc, Mitchell. TKD. YELL. CK.: 1, Ebbage; 2, Smith, 3, Mitchell; 4, Harl; vhc, Gay. BUFF: 1, Simmonds; 2, J. J. Smith; 3, Ebbage; 4, Gay; vhc, Harl; hc, Fulcher. VARIEG. YELL. CK.: 1, 2, Harl; 3, Fulcher; 4, hc, P. Scott; vhc, Alden; c, Gay. BUFF: 1, 4, J. J. Smith; 2, Harl; 3, hc, Gay; vhc, Ebbage. YELL. HEN: 1, J. J. Smith; 2, vhc, Harl; 3, Ebbage; 4, Alden; hc, Whitmore; c, Gay. BUFF: 1, 4, J. J. Smith; 2, hc, Harl; 3, Ebbage; vhc, Gay; c, Simmonds. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, Drury; 2, Fulcher; 3, Alden; 4, Ebbage; vhc, Gay; hc, P. Scott; c, A. Scott. BUFF: 1, 2, J. J. Smith; 3, Ebbage; 4, Simmonds; vhc, Fulcher; hc, Gay; c, Whitmore. PAIR PH.: 1, c, Harl; 2, 4, Ebbage; 3, Simmonds; vhc Mitchell; hc, Fulcher. CREST, CL. BODY: 1, 3, res, Brundell; 2, Whitmore; 4, Simmonds; vhc, hc, Dunham. CREST BUFF: 1, 2, Brundell. HEN: 1, Brundell; 2, Curl; 3, Alden. YELL. CREST.: 1, Dunham; 2, Brundell; 3, Mitchell. YELL. C.B.: 1, Ebbage; 2, Curl; 3, 4, Brundell. BUFF CK.: 1, vhc, Brundell; 2, Ebbage; 3, Mitchell; 4, Dunham. BUFF HEN: 1, Curl; 2, Alden; 3, 4, Brundell. PAIR CRESTS: 1, Curl. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, 2, Mitchell; 3, Boughton; 4, Dunham. NOVICE YELL. NOR.: 1, Whitmore; 2, 3, Morter; 4, hc, Boughton; vhc, A. Scott. BUFF CK.: 1, 2, Morter; 3, A. Scott; 4, hc, Boughton; vhc, Whitmore. YELL. CK.: 1, 4, Fulcher; 2, Drury; 3, Simmonds; vhc, Whitmore; hc, P. Scott; c, Gay. BUFF CK.: 1, Whitmore; 2, Simmonds; 3, Wyer; 4, Dunham; vhc, Gay; hc, P. Scott; c, Fulcher. YELL. HEN: 1, Simmonds; 2, P. Scott; 3, Drury; 4, Fulcher; vhc, Whitmore; hc, Wyer; c, A. Scott. BUFF: 1, Morter; 2, Whitmore; 3, Simmonds; 4, P. Scott; vhc, Fulcher; hc, Drury; c, Wyer.

Don't overlook page 304.



1.—The drawing-room china cabinet will make an excellent temporary cage.

2.—When short of nesting material, don't forget the cider-down quilt.



3.—The wife's work-basket is not a bad receptacle for young birds.

4.—If your aviary roof leaks, there is always the floorcloth handy.

Some Hints for Emergencies.

BARNSTAPLE.

Twenty-fourth annual show held Oct. 31 and Nov. 1. The cage birds were staged in an annexe of the large Market Hall, splendidly lighted with top light, free from draughts—an ideal place for an exhibition. The birds were staged in three tiers, and in number showed an increase in entries over last year. Belgians as a rule are a great attraction, Barnstaple being now recognised as the Belgian centre. Four classes were provided, and some real good birds were staged. The young Belgian class contained some nice exhibits, and many out of the tickets can win. Yorkshires had three classes, and contained some grand birds. Norwich Plainheads were fine in quality. Crests and Crest Breds were simply superb. Here we had the cream of the Fancy. The A.O.V. class contained some nice birds. Hybrids were also grand, including several Palace winners. The novice class contained some good and useful birds. Britishers came up well. Mr. Percival Harris makes an ideal secretary, and with a good working committee everything went off splendidly, while Mr. Dix acted as cage bird steward and attendant. Mr. J. Robson judged.

The Critique.

BELG. BUFF CK. (6): 1, spl, 3, hc, Horrill, 1st large, shapely bird, good shoulders and neck, in splendid feather, 3rd very similar; 2, 4, vhc, G. S. Baker, 2nd grand size, very heavy bird, large shoulders brings head nicely down. YELL. (6): 1, spl., G. S. Baker, good shoulder and neck brings head nicely down, fine exhibit; 2, R. J. Baker, another nice bird, similar to 1st; 3, vhc, Horrill, 3rd best substance, heavy shoulders and nice droop of neck; hc, A. Baker. HEN (6): 1, Hunt, yell., nice substance, good shoulder and neck, splendid droop, wins; 2, 4, G. S. Baker, two good hens, 2nd fine position, draws well, nice pose; 3, hc, Horrill, 3rd lovely yell., not quite the substance of leaders. BRED 1911 (12): 1, cup, A. Baker, we could not quite endorse the judge's decision here; true, he is a good one and massive in shoulder, but fails neck to many below; 2, c, G. S. Baker, 2nd beautiful hen of nice size and quality, good shoulder and top end, brings head down well, some preferred for 1st place; 3, hc, Horrill, 3rd lovely yell., nice substance, good shoulder and neck, deserves his place; 4, Dix, heavy shouldered buff, good substance and nice neck; vhc, G. Baker. —YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (12): 1, spl., Bonsfield, regular beauty, nice quality, feathered like wax, stands like a guardsman; 2, hc, Boundy, 2nd another grand exhibit, perhaps not quite so nicely drawn as 1st; 3rd, Pool, variegated, very similar to 2nd; 4, German, another fine exhibit, just fails in quality; hc, Lashbrook; c, Taylor. BUFF (8): 1, 2, J. A. Taylor, two grand exhibits, beautifully drawn, well upon leg, staged to perfection; 3, Boundy, another nice bird, not quite the length of leaders; 4, Lashbrook; vhc, Oven; hc, Banbury; c, Pool. HEN (10): 1, spl., 2, J. A. Taylor, two grand buff hens, put down in grand style, wins; 3, vhc, Lashbrook, yell., nice quality; 4, Banbury; hc, Owen. NOR. PLAINHEAD, CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (10): 1, spl., Pool, cl., beauty, nice rounded head, chubby body, of grand quality feather, wins; 2, Redwood, another good one, similar in every respect; 3, Lashbrook, nice bird, not quite so cobby as above; 4, Lewis; vhc, c, Richards; c, Turner. NOR., YELL. UNFLI. (9): 1, hc, Turner, two really nice hens, 1st good head, chubby body, wings; 2, 4, Copp, 2nd grand hen, not quite so hot as 1st, 4th stouter in body; 3, Lewes, nice head and body; vhc, Noyce; hc, Luxton; c, West. BUFF (9): 1, spl., Noyce, grand exhibit, beautiful body, nice and chubby, good quality feather, wins; 2, Pawley, another nice exhibit; 3, Hoblyn, good head, chubby body, fails only in col. to above; 4, C. Dart; vhc, Richards; hc, Luxton; c, West. CREST., VAR., ETC. (7): 1, spl, 3, Piper, 1st wing mkd. d.c., immense body, grand drooping crest of nice radiation, of good leafy quality, 3 yell.; 2, F. G. Bale, wing mkd. d.c., another good bird, simply superb; vhc, wonderful youngster, not ready yet, still in pipe, will make a stormer later; 4, Hammett; hc, Bale. C.B. CK. (6): 1, sp., 2, F. G. Bale, 1st, his noted Barum King, wonderful head, truly a masterpiece, well known, 2nd, another grand bird, plenty of substance, heaps of feather of grand quality; 3, Davey, var., grand skull, not quite the length of winners; vhc, Hammett. HEN (6): 1, Lane, almost green, wonderful head feather, dense and veiny, grand body, real good one; 2, Hobbs, large var., fine skull and body, feather of nice quality, good 2nd; 3, Davey, var., another nice exhibit, nice cushioned head, plenty of feather, grand turnover; 4, F. G. Bale, not ready yet, will make up a good one. A.O.V. (7): 1, sp., C. F. Dart, Scotch Fancy, grand exhibit, good size, heavy shoulder, fine drive; 2, Pope, Buff Cinn., nice exhibit; 3, Young, Dutch Frill; 4, C. T. Dart; vhc, c, Dix; c, C. Dart. PAIRS (matched for breeding) (6): 1, F. G. Bale, Buff C.B. ck., plenty of feather, vari., D.C. hen, nice leafy crest wins; 2, Piper, similar pair, not quite so dense in feather; 3, Davey, Green C.B. ck., grey crest hen, very useful pair; 4, Butt, Belgian, nice pair; hc, J. Bale. MULE OR HYB. (6): 1, sp., Davies, Goldfinch, Bullfinch, stormer, and no mistake, grand exhibit, wins without doubt; 2, Lamb, Linnet Bullfinch, another nice exhibit, one of the best; 3, E. Collins, his noted Goldfinch Redpoll, grand exhibit; 4, F. Collins, fine exhibit; hc, Lashbrook, Canary-Bullfinch, fails only in condition. NOVICE, A.V.: 1, Bowen, clear body, D.C., beauty for a novice, fit for open; 2, Blackmore, var., Nor., nice bird; 3, West; 4, Jones; vhc, Richards; hc, Horrill; c, Lewes. SELL., 42s.: 1, Lamb 2, Hunt 3, Pope; 4, Piper; hc, Bonsfield; c, Horrill, 21s.: 1, Pawley, 2, Halls; 3, Bonsfield; 4, Banbury; vhc, Jones. 10s. 6d.: 1, Lane; 2, Bonsfield; 3, Copp; 4, Davies; hc, Collins; c, Jones. BRIT., GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, sp., Blackmore, Goldfinch, nice face, beautifully tanned, nice warm col., wins to-day; 2, Mrs. James, larger, nice quality, hardly at his best yet; 3, c, Halls; 3, last year's winner, not ready yet; vhc, c, Potter. BRIT., A.O.S., SMALL: 1, sp., Wells, Yellowhammer, nice exhibit; 2, F. Collins, Siskin, a beauty indeed; 3, E. Collins, Siskin, better col., fails only in head work to above; 4, Hicks; vhc, Jones and Lavercombe; hc, Halls. FOR.: LARGE: 1, sp., Davis, King Parrot, a beauty all over; 2, Young; 3, Squires; 4, Lake. FOR.: PAIRS: 1, sp., Miss Boyd; 2, Miss Boyd; 3, W. Young; 4, Lee; vhc, Lee; hc, Huxtable. LOCAL CLASSES: 1, Master Piper; 2, T. Lane; 3, E. Collins; 4, West; vhc, Mrs. West; hc, Blackmore.

I had heaps of applications for my pair of winning Norwich advertised in "CAGE BIRDS" the week before last. They were sold to a gentleman in Worcester. I have always been more than satisfied when advertising in "CAGE BIRDS." I could only reply to those who sent stamps.—J. E. Jones

Wolverhampton puts up a Record

And its own Finest Display represents the best of the season in the Midlands.

Fifth annual show held Oct. 27 and 28, and may be regarded as the finest display ever seen in the history of the society. The venue was the Co-operative Hall, a room admirably adapted for the purpose, being very spacious; indeed, several hundred more birds could easily have been staged without the room being overcrowded. There was no lack of light by day, while at night it was brilliantly lit by electric light. The entry was a capital one, close upon 500—a record. We should say it was about the best entry seen in the Midlands this season. Not only was it good numerically, but the quality was excellent. Competition was therefore exceedingly keen in all sections. Norwich opened the ball with an average of over twelve per class. A very level lot they were, type and quality being well maintained. Yorkshires were a little below the Norwich for average, viz., eleven per class, but quality was immense. Every class in this section contains birds of a very high order, many local breeders staging some fine exhibits, which lead their own with some of the "cracks" from the County of Broad Acres. Is this the fruits of the Midland Counties Y.C.C., whose patronage was allotted to this show? The novices are well catered for at this feature, and right well did they respond. The Norwich averaged over fifteen per class, while the Yorkshires went one better. Special mention must be made of the winning Yellow York hire hen bred and exhibited by the genial hon. sec., Mr. J. Gibbons, one of the best unflighted hens we have seen out this season. Mules were not a strong lot, but some really topping specimens were on view. British classes were well filled, and were a choice collection. The management was of a very high order, and every attention was paid to the birds. In Mr. J. Gibbons the society is well served with a hard-working sec. Although young to the post, his experience with last year's show stood him in good stead. He has a thorough knowledge of the working of a show, every detail being carried out in a methodical manner. He is well backed up by a committee of workers, fanciers to the backbone, while at their head, as chairman, is Mr. F. J. Weaver, a veteran in show management, who in turn is well supported by Mr. R. Willoughby as vice-chairman. We were pleased to see one of the vice-presidents (Mr. J. A. Tonks) taking such an active share in the work. He retired from the show bench some while back, but his love for the Hybrids and Britishers is not by any means dead. Messrs. Trower and Co.'s silver medal was won by Mr. J. Gibbons with the Yorkshire hen already commented on. Ramsden's silver medal, Mr. Victor Williams. Sandiford's silver medal, Mr. F. J. Weaver. Mr. J. Rohson judged.

The Critique.

NOR. CL. YELL. (6): 1, Silver, nice size, good type, well cut away, short tail, good carriage; 2, Broadhurst, big bounding bird, good body, broad full head, rare col., must have pressed hard; 3, Hathaway, good size, col. and qual., nice head; 4, Willoughby, good one for size and shape; vhc, Mason; hc, Weaver. BUFF (10): 1, Silver, grand size and shape, good back and chest, nice head, well cleaned out, rare col. and qual.; 2, MacMillan, very nice type, good head and front; 3, Judd, good size and shape, nice head, well rounded, lovely feather; ey; c, Broadhurst. TKD. ETC. YELL. (12): 1, Judd, uneven mkd., rattling fine type, col., and qual., good head, short full neck, nicely cut away; 2, Hathaway, mkd. head and wings, red-hot col., fine qual., good shape; 3, Broadhurst, bonny type, wing tick, splendid head and chest, rare size and qual.; 4, Eckersley, nice type, size and qual.; vhc, Eckersley; hc, Weaver; c, Taylor. BUFF (10): 1, Hathaway, head and wing mkd., good size, splendid col. and qual., nice shape, well frosted; 2, Jones, mkd. vent and tail, good size and shape, rare good head; 3, Broadhurst, mkd. head, very nice size, rare type, short compact feather; 4, Garfield, uneven mkd., nice size and shape; vhc, Brotherhood; hc, Eckersley; c, Willoughby. HEN (20): 1, Field Bros., cl. yell., real bonny lady, fine size and shape, good broad head, best of quality, wins; 2, Broadhurst, yell. rare size, good head and front, nice type; 3, Eckersley nice cl. buff, good shape, col., qual., well cleaned out, grand head; 4, Jones, shapely cl. buff, rare qual.; vhc, Broomfield; hc, Willoughby; c, Hulse. UNFLI. YELL. (11): 1, Eckersley, head mkd., good size and type, nice substance, short and cobby, nice head, col. and qual.; 2, Judd, grand cl., lovely type, splendid head, best of col. and qual., well cleaned out, pressed hard; 3, Eckersley, cl., good head, very wild; 4, Taylor, nice size, grand type, rare substance, fine head, col. and qual.; vhc, Royeroft; hc, Broadhurst; c, Silver. BUFF (12): 1, Eckersley, rattling fine type cl., short, chubby bird, rare head, nice short tail; 2, Hall, uneven, splendid size, very best of type, short and compact, nice substance, rare col. and quality; 3, Eckersley, good size and shape, nice head, neat tail, nice col. and quality; 4, Hathaway, smart cl., good col.; vhc, Eckersley; hc, Taylor; c, Faulkner. HEN (17): 1, Judd, cl. buff, grand type, short wings, and tail, rare chest, well cleaned out, nice quality, shade weak in head; 2, Mason, cl. buff, splendid size and shape, rare full head and neck, good width through; 3, Eckersley, cl. yell., good size, nice head, rare col. and quality, nice substance; 4, Willoughby, cl. buff, bonny hen, grand shape; vhc, Barrett; hc, Eckersley; c, Jones. NOR. PAIRS, 30s. (9): 1, Barrett; 2, Willoughby; 3, 4, Dippie. NOVICE NOR. (18): 1, Robinson, cl. buff, rare size and shape, nice head and substance; 2, Gibbons, cl. buff, hardly the size, but lovely type, good head and chest; 3, Wood, tkd. yell., nice size and shape, hot col., good quality; 4, Wallace, very fine type; vhc, Harrison; hc, Brown; c, Mrs. Hinde. HEN (13): 1, Brown, wing tkd. buff, grand size and shape, good quality; 2, Woodfine, buff, nice shape, but very coarse in feather; 3, Wallace, buff, nice shape and quality; 4, Hughes, buff, good head, type, and feather; vhc, Derry; hc, Rowley; c, Williams. UNFLIG. (16): 1, Robinson, cl. buff, good type and feather, nice head; 2, Hyde, variegated, buff, good head; 3, Harrison, shapely cl. buff, good quality, close up; 4, Derry, another buff, good col. and feather; vhc, Wood; hc, Williams; c, Hughes. CREST (5): 1, Peace, buff, wing mkd., dark crest, good droop, length, and radiation; 2, Groves, wing mkd. buff, nice veiny crest, good width of skull, fails just a little to winner in length; 3, Grant, very densely feathered, rare front; 4, Groves; vhc, Vaughan. C.B. (6): 1, Gilbert, buff, splendid size and shape, lovely cushioned skull, well lashed, easy 1st; 2, Grant, good size, not quite so massive in head as leader; 3, Peace, pied green; 4, vhc, Groves; hc, Vaughan. YORKS. CL., ETC., YELL. (12): 1, Halliday, grand length, racy, long sided bird, well on leg, neat waist, good back and tail; 2, Andrews, fine length and style, well drawn, neat head, very nervy, smart carriage; 3, Clempson, shade shorter, grand shape and style, good head and tail; 4, Beck, fine length, cl., and quality; vhc, Millencamp; hc, V. Williams; c, Dykes. BUFF (11): 1, Andrews, splendid length, rare, long sided bird, neat head, well filled back; 2, Taylor, tkd. neck, big upstanding bird, grand head, neat waist, best of style and position; 3, Baxter, wing tkd., good length, slim in build, good col. and quality; 4, Victor Williams, stylish undig. cl., good shape and quality; vhc, Beck; hc, Dykes; c, Taylor. MKD., ETC. (15): 1, Dykes, uneven yell., rare length, nice head, back, and shoulders, well cut away, good style and quality; 2, Baxter, cinn. mkd. yell., big raky bird, well drawn, good head, gets quickly into position; 3, Taylor, mkd. head, nick, and wings, very smart, rare length and style; 4, V. Williams, hot col., wing mkd. buff, rare shape, best of quality and position; vhc, hc, Raybould; c, Shepherd. UNFLIG. (11): 1, V. Williams, neck tkd. buff, fine length and shape, tight as a Java, Birmingham, etc., winner; 2, Andrews, cl. yell., splendid length, neat head and waist, nice pose, full of style, good col. and quality; 3, V. Williams, smart thigh tkd. yell., ready to strong in build as 2nd, nice length, good head, rare col. and quality, stylish; 4, Bryan, variegated, yell., grand length and shape; vhc, Dykes; hc, Shepherd; c, Clempson. HEN, YELL. (11): 1, Taylor, uneven mkd., good length, nice and slim, sweet head, best of shape, very stylish, in fine fettle; 2, Dykes, mkd. eye and wings, shade stronger in build, nice length, good head and back, lovely quality; 3, Baxter, splendid length and shape, nicely drawn, best of wing and tail carriage, nice pose; 4, V. Williams, very smart, wing mkd., Birmingham 2nd; vhc, Raybould; hc, Andrews; c, Millencamp. BUFF (10): 1, Taylor, lovely thigh tick, grand length and style, head round as a marble, well filled back, best of shape and carriage; 2, Dykes, uneven mkd., splendid length, nice and slim in build, well packed wings and tail, straight as a pencil; 3, Millencamp, cap mkd., lovely length and quality, unflig., sweet head, nice carriage; 4, Baxter, cinn. mkd., nice length and style; vhc, Andrews; hc, Clempson; c, Millencamp. NOVICE YELL. (13): 1, Stevenson, neck tick, grand length and shape, well up on legs, good col. and quality; 2, Hearnshaw, long raky cl., good position; 3, Hearnshaw, tick back of head, rare length, good back, well carried wings and tail; 4, Lane, cl., of rare length; vhc, Parker; hc, Hall; c, Jones. BUFF (12): 1, Lawton, neck tick, well drawn, good shape and carriage, nice style; 2, Weeks Bros., head mkd., nice length, very shapely, rare quality and style; 3, Dudley, variegated, splendid length, sweet head, good carriage, nice shape; 4, Kidner, nice uneven, good length and shape; vhc, Gibbons; hc, Lane; c, Hearnshaw. UNFLIG. (18): 1, Day, very long, racy, bird, tick on neck, neat head and waist, rare style and carriage, nice one; 2, Lane, wing mkd., bit stronger in build, splendid length, hardly ready; 3, Lane, neck tick, good size and shape; 4, Kidner, neck and wing mkd., grand length; vhc, Jones; hc, Hearnshaw; c, Weeks Bros. HEN (20): 1, Gibbons, lovely cl. unflig., grand length and shape, neat head, back, and tail, hot col., very best of quality, very smart, real good one; 2, Lane, cl. buff, rare length, nice shape and quality; 3, Weeks Bros., cl. yell., good length, shape, and style; 4, Gibbons, nice length and quality; vhc, Parker; hc, Hinton; c, Day. YORKS., 15s. (9): 1, Baxter; 2, 3, Millencamp; 4, Broomfield; vhc, Shepherd; hc, Wright; c, Halliday. BORD. YELL. (2): 1, Smith, nice, shapely uneven, good carriage, rare quality, takes perches well; 2, Naylor, pied Green, sweet shape. BUFF (1): 1, Baugh, pied green, nice feather and carriage. HEN (4): 1, Peppwell, 2-pointed yell., nice round head, lovely shape and style, nice quality; 2, Baugh, uneven buff, of good shape, sweet head and carriage; 3, Naylor, variegated, buff, nice head, good quality. A.O.V. CAN. (7): 1, Baker, yell. cinn., nice size, good type, rare col. and quality, in good order; 2, Peace, Dutch Frill, good size, nice position and ruffle; 3, Broomfield, buff cinn., grand size and shape, rare head, nice col. and quality; 4, Peace, Dutch Frill; vhc, Windsor; hc, no name; w.c., Wright. 20s. (8): 1, Groves; 2, Potter; 3, Harrold; 4, Woodall; vhc, Dippie; hc, Taylor; c, Baker. 10s. 6d. (10): 1, Dippie; 2, Butler; 3, Groves; 4, Hewarth; vhc, Willoughby; hc, Harrison; c, Hyde. CAN. MULE, CL., ETC. (4): 1, Gilbert, Goldie-Can. buff, grand size, wing mkd., nice flash, very shapely, grand quality, in rare condition; 2, Lawrence, 2-pointed buff, of the same persuasion, good size and shape, hardly so neat in taste, close up; 3, Poole, uneven buff, Goldie Can., not the size or col. of leaders, lacks like hen; 4, Woodall, yell. Goldie-Can., variegated, rare size, hardly so fit. DARK, ETC. (6): 1, Butler, Linnet-Can., splendid size and col., nice shape and quality, in splendid trim; 2, Hall, buff, Goldie-Can., very nice flash, good size, nice feather; 3, Lawrence, rattling good buff, Linnet-Can., nice size, lovely condition; 4, Price, very nice Greenie Can.; vhc, Mason; hc, Grand. HYB. (including Can.-Bullie) (3): 1, Lawrence, Can.-Bullie, splendid size, immense breast col., in best possible condition; fine exhibit; 2 Lawrence, Linnet-Bullie, good size, shows cross nicely, good col. and quality, nice order; 3, Jeffreys, Linnet-Bullie, good breast col., not so dense in cap as 2rd. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (9): 1, Jeffreys, grand size and shape, very rich in tanning, rare width of face, good depth of haze, fine bars and buttons, nice win; 2, Davies, equal in size to first, good body colour, rich bars good buttons, grand width; 3, Potter, splendid size and shape, not quite so rich in chestnut as leaders, grand buttons, very steady; 4, Jones, good size, rich body col.; vhc, Sutton; hc, Potter; c, Martin. LINNET (8): 1, Davis, fine size and shape, grand body col., splendid laced, fine polish, exceedingly steady; 2, Gay, not quite so rich in body col., good size, very shapely, nice pencilling on head and breast; 3, Davies, neat shapely bird; 4, Jeffreys, grand size, well pencilled, best of condition; vhc, Gay; hc, Osborne; c, Nock. GREENFINCH (7): 1, Lawrence, real bouncer for a yell., grand head and body, rattling good col., fine bars and bloom; 2, Jeffreys, nice shape, good condition; 3, Potter, good shape, splendid body col., and wing bars, shown in fine fettle; 4, Osborne; vhc, Fullwood; hc, Poole; c, Hall. REDPOLL, ETC. (13): 1, Jones, lovely mealy, rare size, beautifully mkd. on back and thigh, rare shape in rattling, fine trim; 2, Jeffreys, grand Siskin, good size, nicely laced cap, good wings, very rich in col., fine feram; 3, Martin, fine Twite, good size, nice body col., grand polish; 4, Barrett, splendid Lesser Redpoll, in best possible condition; vhc, Gibbons; hc, Jones; c, Crundell. A.O.S. HARDBILL (11): 1, Welsh, Hawfinch, good size and shape, rare col., clean cut bib, well defined bars, well put down. Birmingham winner; 2, Brotherhood, well-known Bramble, in superb condition, needs no comment; 3, Lawrence, spic and Chaffinch, rare good size and shape, best of col., very forward; 4, Williams, good Bullie, dense, well cut cap; vhc, Jones; hc, Weedall; c, Fulwood. SOFTBILL (2): 1, 2, V. Williams, Chough and Magpie, well known, shown in magnificent condition, greatly admired. FOR., SMALL (1): 1, Price, Goldfinch, nice size, nice deep tanning, good face and wings. LARGE: No entry. MEMBERS' NOR. (10): 1, vhc, Weaver; 2, c, Willoughby; 3, Harrison; 4, Martin; hc, Hyde. HEN (11): 1, Hampton; 2, Willoughby; 3, Martin; 4, vhc, Weaver; hc, Hall; c, Robinson. UNFLIG. (9): 1, 2, 4, Willoughby; 3, Robinson; vhc, c, Weaver; hc, Harrison. YORKS. (3): 1, Gibbons; 2, 3, Millencamp. HEN (4): 1, 4, Millencamp; 2, Hall; 3, Gibbons. UNFLIG. (5): 1, 3, vhc, Millencamp; 2, Hall; 4, Gibbons. A.O.V. CAN. 5): 1, 2, Willoughby; 3, Weaver; 4, vhc, Vaughan. MULES (9): 1, hc, Weaver; 2, Barret; 3, vhc, Gibbons; 4, c, Price. BRIT. (11): 1, 4, Price; 2, hc, c, Rowley; 3, Gibbons; vhc, Weaver. FIELD-MOULTED (4): 1, Gibbons; 2, 3, Price; 4, Rowley.

AYLESBURY.

Third annual show, held in the Town Hall, October 26th. The entry was a good one, and this year interest was deepened by the offering of open classes, which were well patronised, and brought out some first class specimens. The society has Lionel de Rothschild, Esq., M.P. for the Division, as its President. The committee are out and out fanciers; while the hon. secretary, Mr. F. Rayner, is courteous, able and methodical. The show arrangements were excellent, and the Town Hall is an exceedingly well lighted building. Every comfort was provided for the exhibits, and the stewarding was well done. In the open Norwich section were some front rankers, staged in splendid form by Mr. A. J. Kilby, who won the section special with a rattling cheek ticked yellow. Yorks. also came up well. In the local classes the specials fell deservedly to Messrs. F. Rayner, W. Buckingham (2), F. Horne, H. Mole and D. E. Riley. The quality here was high-class, many of the birds being fit for the best open competition. Awards were up early, catalogues out promptly, and towards evening—it being early closing day—the attendance of the general public was good. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged, and his awards seemed to give entire satisfaction.

The Critique.

OPEN, NOR. (7): 1, spl., 2, Kilby, leader beautiful tkd. yell., rare body, teaming with col., feather shining like satin, good head, neck, chest and beak, 2 a bonny buff that carries a wealth of under-col., bold head, chest and neck, short beak, stands well across, a rattler; 3, Olliffe, buff, smaller, but beautiful tone of feather, rich under-col.; vhc, Goldsmith; hc, c, Cannon. YORKS. (8): 1, 3, vhc, Mole, leader yell., lengthy, well up on leg, and showing nice thigh, good feather, neat head, 3 buff, not quite the length, but very fine in quality; 2, Buckingham, buff, upstanding, close feathered bird, when roused goes up like a rocket; vhc, Mole; hc, Olliffe; c, St. John Wildridge. LOCAL, FOR.: 1, Dines; 2, Yates; 3, Drayton, all three in fair condition. NOR.: 1, Buckingham, buff, good body, nice head and wing carriage, fine quality; 2, Sandiford's special, hc, Rayner, leader well fea yell., of good shape and quality; 3, Buckingham, buff, fine type and quality, little short of under-col.; vhc, Cannon. HENS (4): 1, 2, Rayner, leader topping yell., very fine quality, rattling col., good shape, 2 capped buff, good stamp, but just a bit open in feather; 3, vhc, Buckingham, yell., chubby body, not yet fully tightened up. UNFLIG.: 1, Buckingham, buff, grand type and quality; 2, 3, Rayner, both buffs, and good ones. NOVICE, NOR. (11): 1, Fountain, buff, beautiful feather, short back, wings and tail, rattling exhibit; 2, Horner tkd. yell., full of colour, nice type, silky in feather; 3, Barrett, good head, back, wings and tail, nice one; vhc, hc, Horne; c, Riley. HENS: 1, spl, 2, 3, Horne, grand team, full of quality, rare type; vhc, Franklin. YORKS., these classes contained some very excellent specimens, which the members said was an answer to the judge's challenge of two years ago—to show some "Yorkshires": 1, spl., 2, 3, Mole, three beautiful birds, tkd. yell. of rare length, stylish, well up on leg nice wing carriage closely followed by two equally smart buffs; vhc hc, Buckingham; c, Barrett. HENS, another grand class: 1, Buckingham, yell., led nicely, rare build, and quick as a shot on her perch; 2, 3, vhc, Mole, former lovely feathered, 3-pointed buff, her jacket fitting like wax; hc, c, Barrett. CREST OR C.B.: 1, Barrett, C.B., with a good skull, nice length of head-feather; 2, 3, Fountain, nice C.B., and crest respectively; vhc, hc, Fountain. NAT. COLOUR: 1, 2, 3, Fountain, very nice team; vhc, Fisher; hc, Hooker. GOLDIE: 1, Buckingham, nice Finch, won all the way; 2, 3, Horne; vhc, Fountain. A.O.S. HARDBILL: 1, Buckingham, very sweet little Redpoll, in fine fettle; 2, 3, vhc, Horne, good Bullie and Linnet respectively; hc, Fountain. HYB.: 1, spl., 2, Buckingham, light Goldie-Can., in good feather, leading; 3, Rayner, large buff dark Goldie-Can., only wants tightening up to be a good one; vhc, Fountain. FOR. SMALL: 1, spl., vhc, Riley, leads wide yell. Budgerigars; 2, 3, Kyle and Simmonds. SELL., 15s.: 1, 2, hc, Mole; 3, vhc, Rayner; c, Buckingham.

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Meeting and show held George Hotel Oct. 2; Mr G. Watford presided. Decided to throw annual show open to Kent, and classes were arranged accordingly. Mr. A. Cornelius, of Oare, near Faversham, was elected a member. Mr. G. Watford kindly acted as judge. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Watford. A letter was read from the Sittingbourne and District Homing Society stating that they would join with the society at their annual show on November 20th, and would augment the classes.

NOR.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Attwood; 4, Tidy. YORKS. CL.: 1, 3, Olive; 2, Tidy. TKD., ETC.: 1, 3, Tidy; 2, Olive. BRIT.: 1, Attwood (Thrush); 2, Smith (Thrush); 3, 4, Grant (Bramblefinches); vhc, Hyland (Linnet).—B. Tidy, Sec.

LIVERPOOL B.B.A

Meeting and night show for novices held Oldham Hall, October 12th, Mr. J. H. Isaac presiding. There was a good number of members present. Re 6 open classes for old show, it was decided to add two extra classes for Yorks. greens, making eight classes in all; these two classes being guaranteed. Prize money was fixed at £1 2s., viz., 10s., 6s., 4s., 2s. In the unavoidable absence of Mr. W. R. Knowles (Earlstown), Mr. J. W. Metcalf judged, and his awards were well received. Two new members were elected. YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, 3, Malone; 2, vhc, Garrood, BUFF: 1, spl, Garrood; 2, 3, Malone; vhc Phythian. SELF, FOL, YELL., GREEN: 1, Garrood; 2, Eccleston; 3, Malone; vhc, Phythian. BUFF: 1, spl, Malone; 2, 3, Garrood; vhc, Phythian; hc, Eccleston.—F. Eccleston, Sec.

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LONDON FEDERATION OF C.B.S.

Heartily are the committee of the London Federation to be congratulated upon the success of their first show, which was held at the Church Institute, Marylebone, W., on October 27th and 28th. The entry, when one considers that the sliding scale of prizes was in force, was a good one, whilst the quality generally was far better than we expected to find it, especially may this be said of the Yorkshires. The birds were very nicely staged, and all the exhibits carefully attended to by the stewards, Messrs. Reeks, Tomsett, Castell, and Dewhurst, the latter giving particular attention to the British and foreign. The only drawback to a really good show was the wretched fog which prevailed on Friday, its dim religious light made judging a most arduous and thankless task. Mr. Bray, as show manager, and Mr. Cook as secretary, were both most indefatigable in their efforts to promote the success of the venture. Mr. C. A. House judged Canaries, 415, and Mr. J. Frostick, the Mules, British and foreign, which numbered 106, a total of 521.

Mr. C. A. House's Classes.

CHAMPIONS, NOR., YELL. (7): 1, Richardson, nice bold, shapely bird, lovely quality and col.; 2, Dixon, very short and compact, a gem, trifle small; 3, Thomas, nice col. and feather, but longer; res., he, Battison; vhc, Harper; c, Hayzell BUFF (3): 1, Harper, stout body, nice col. and meal; 2, Dixon, not so cobby, rice col.; 3, Hayzell. MKD. YELL. (2): 1, Richardson, very shapely, nice feather and style; 2, Curtis, carries more col., lovely quality, not so cobby. BUFF: 1, Richardson, a good one, deserving competition. HEN, YELL (7): 1, Curtis, tkd. neck and wing, short and compact, very clean cut behind, a little gem; 2, Thomas, grand shaped, heavily mkd., not so stout in head; 3, Gibbons, stout, nice col., but longer; res., Butterfield; vhc, Lack; he, Battison. BUFF (8): 1, Curtis, grand type, nice level col., well mealed; 2, Harper, very neat feathered cap and saddle mkd., loses in chest; 3, Thomas, good chubby Clear, not so tight; res., Battison; vhc, Dixon; he, Hayzell; wrong class, 3, Dixon, a Yell. UNFLIG. YELL (9): 1, Curtis, cheek tkd., lovely quality, rich col., very shapely and stylish; 2, 3, c, Richardson, grizzled tailed, grand shape, nice feather, not so rich in col., two broken feathers in tail, 3, Clear, very short compact bird of grand feather, trifle browy; res., McGregor; vhc, Thomas; he, Butterfield. BUFF (17): 1, Cooper, not over rich in col., but grand head, chest, wings and tail; 2, c, Curtis, lovely quality and col., not so cobby; 3, Richardson, grand type and col., not so tight; res., he, Dixon; vhc, Butterfield. YORKS., YELL. (11): 1, sp., best bird in show, Green, grand lengthy bird, with plenty of leg, rare wings and tail, lovely feather and col.; 2, Jones, rare shape and style, lovely quality, beaten in length; 3, French, grand body and style, but flat in head, res., and spl. best res. champion, Burton, rare good bird, not tightened up; vhc, Cook; he, c, Crisp. BUFF (7): 1, Jones, long, slim, well feathered, grand legs, wings and tail; 2, French, hardly so long, but lovely quality and style; 3, Burton, good head, wings, and tail, hardly so erect; res., Pinton; vhc, Green; he, Crisp; absent, Easterling and Carson. MKD., YELL. (9): 1, Penton, very smart, slim, stylish, three pointed; 2, Rorke, also three pointed, grand shape and quality, not so long; 3, Bennett, variegated, grand shape and style, little open in tail; res., Burton; vhc, Jones; he, French; c, Green. BUFF (3): 1, Jones, grand length and shape, nice feather, very stylish; 2, French, pretty Cinn.-marked, good shape and col., hardly so tight; 3, Whittome. HEN, YELL. (9): 1, French, very neat, stylish, cheek tkd., full of nerve; 2, Green, neck tkd., more length, grand style and shape, not so neat in head; 3, Rorke, a gem, but would not stand when handled; res., Jones; vhc, he, Crisp; c, Whittome. BUFF (14): 1, 2, French, two nice long, stylish; shapely birds, 1st best feather; 3, Penton, given a trifle more length of leg she would be a gem; res., Rorke; vhc, Smith; he, Burton; c, Boxall; absent, Easterling and Carson. UNFLIG. YELL. (15): 1, 2, Cook, two rare shaped, stylish birds, lovely quality, plenty of nerve, grand wings and tails, 1st has it in length; 3, Jones, very smart, shapely and stylish, bit harsh in feather; res., Green; vhc, French; he, Penton; c, Bennett; absent, Crisp. BUFF (10): 1, French, grand length and shape, capital feather, full of style, handles well; 2, Green, very smart and stylish, nice feather, not so neat in head; 3, c, Boxall, grand shape, feather and style, shorter in leg; res., Crisp; vhc, Penton; he, Smith; absent, Easterling and Carson. CREST (2): 1, Gibbons, nearly green, big spread, nice radiation; 2, Turner, nicely drooped grey, not so massive. C.B. (2): 1, Turner, slashing good Cl.; 2, Gibbons, varieg., not so well feathered. UNFLIG. C.B.: 1, Gibbons. A.O.V. (7): 1, 3, he, c, Tringham, sound coloured Buff Cinns, capital shape and feather; 2, Thurling, nice shapely, stylish copy; res., vhc, Boxall.

AMATEURS, NOR., YELL. (2): 1 Knight, tkd. head, lovely shape, col. and quality; 2, Parr, very nice, but slack in wings. BUFF (4): 1, Parr, very neat and shapely, nice feather; 2, Knight, larger, nice col., not so tight; 3, Pawley, lovely feather and shape, pale in col.; res., Hart. MKD. YELL.: 1, Cole, grand shape and quality. BUFF (2): 1, Hart; 2, Parr. Mr. House judged this class, and marked both birds "wrong class," as he considered them "ticked," they each being grizzled on wing. The next day it was pointed out that the decision was wrong under the rules of the Federation, a special definition of "ticked" having been drawn up. This reads: A "Tick" shall constitute a dark patch on any part of the body not larger than a sixpence, or one dark tail or wing feather; dark underfluc allowed." Mr. House then re-judged the class. HENS, YELL. (2): 1, Knight, capital shape, col. and feather; 2, Cole, nice style, rich feather, not so shapely. BUFF (4): 1, Hunt Bros., lovely type, grandly feathered, nice level col., in superb fettle; 2, Knight, grand col. and feather, not so chubby; 3, Hart, good bird, needed a wash badly; res., Cole. UNFLIG. YELL. (6): 1, Knight, rich level col., lovely feather, nice type; 2, Parr, plenty of col. and quality, not so cobby; 3, Worth, paler, nice feather. BUFF (6): 1, 3, Knight, sweet head and body, as tight as wax, full of col., rare style, 3, hardly so chubby; 2, Hart, plenty of col., good shape and feather, not so showy; res., Parr; vhc, Cole; he, Worth. YORKS., YELL. (4): 1, Parkes, very slim, capital length and style; 2, Lacey, tkd. head, not so much col., good shape, hardly so clever with wings; 3, Tebbs, another hot one, good shape, also fails in wing carriage; res., Monger. BUFF (4): 1, res., Tebbs, very neat shape, nice style and feather; 2, Monger, good but stouter; 3, King. MKD. YELL., (3): 1, Hunt Bros, heavily mkd., full of quality, grand shape and style, rare legs, wings and tail; 2, King, capital shape and carriage, built wide in tail; 3, Tebbs, shapely and fails in feather. BUFF: 1, Parkes, nice, stylish varieg. HENS, YELL. (6): 1, Parkes, rare shape, full of quality and style; 2, 3, Tebbs, two very smart, stylish, nervy birds; res., Knight; vhc, Monger; he, Hunt Bros. BUFF (6): 1, King, very smart and racy, capital shape and feather; 2, Lacey, very slim and stylish, nice shape, shorter; 3, Hunt Bros., good head, wings and tail, nice style, stouter in waist; res., Knight; vhc, Tebbs; lic, Parkes. UNFLIG., YELL. (9): 1, Tebbs, a beauty, nearly green, rare shape and style, grand length, capital wings and tail, rare legs; 2, Lacey, Cl., very nice head, wings and tail, capital feather and style, not so slim at waist; 3, res., and sp., best amateur; res., Hunt Bros., two nice shapely, stylish birds, not so long, and hardly so slim; vhc, King; he, Wyatt; c, Monger. BUFF (8): 1, vhc, Hunt Bros., grizzled neck, rare shape and feather, full of style, and stands well up to his work; 2, c, Tebbs, eye and wing tkd., very stylish, more length, not so slim; 3, Wyatt, tkd. over beak, very neat and stylish, grand feather, bit short on leg; res., Parkes; he, King. CREST (3): 1, 2, Pickard, nice, shapely variegated, and a Grey, 1st has best droop; 3, Offord, shapely, loses in centre. C.B. (2): 1, 2, Pickard, massive, well feathered Green and a Cl. UNFLIG. CREST: 1, Offord, neat centre and radiation, saddle markd. C.B.: 1, Pickard, good stamp of Green. A.O.V.: 1, Knight, nice, shapely Green.

NOVICE, NOR., YELL. (9): 1, vhc, Hart, grand shape and feather, lovely col.; 2, Frances, better head and chest, carries wings rather badly at times; 3, Clark, nice shape, needs tightening up; res., Warwick; he, Leach; c, Jeffreys. BUFF (5): 1, Jeffreys, rare col. and quality, nicely mealed, good shape; 2, Campbell, more typical, but not so nicely shown wing ends were dirty and frayed; 3, Lethbridge, good, but smaller; res., Leach; vhc, Hart. MKD., YELL. (3): 1, Jeffreys, neat, good quality; 2, Hodson, nice shape and size, hardly so silky in feather, wrong class, 1, Neal, a Yorkie. BUFF (6) & 1, Lethbridge, four-pointed, and a real good one, too, rare col. and feather, with grand shape; 2, Shipton, very chubby eye, wing, and tail mkd., grand feather and quality, a close run; 3, Hodson, eye and saddle mkd., capital col., nice feather, longer behind; res., Tomsett; vhc, Hocking; he, McMillan. HENS, YELL. (2): 1, Tomsett, neat, showy Cl.; 2, Hart, not quite so chubby, nice feather. BUFF (10): 1, Campbell, capital head, neck, and shoulders, neat wings and tail, nice col. and feather; 2, J. H. Smith, good body shape, splendid col. and quality, hardly so stout in head; 3, Leach, nice varieg., very chubby, grand quality; res., and sp. best novice res., Tomsett, very short and cobby, capital feather and style; vhc, Pellet; he, Hart; c, G. J. Smith. A very fine class of hens. UNFLTG. YELL. (12): 1, Pettett, lovely quality Cl., rare shape, rich level colour, in grand form; 2, Francis, nice cobby varieg., capital feather, good col; 3, McMillan, rare col., grand silky feather, not so stout; res., Warwick; vhc, Clark; he, Tomsett; c, Hart; wrong class, Neal, a Yorkie. BUFF (15): 1, Hocking, very smart Cl., neat and chubby, lovely soft, silky feather, nice col. and meal; 2, Jeffries, varieg., rare shape and feather, nice col.; 3, c, Campbell, very stout Cl., nice feather, not so stylish; res., Tomsett; vhc, Trevallion; he, Woodcock; wrong class, Neal, another Yorkie. YORKS., YELL. (13): 1, Stopher, rare shape and style, nice fine head, rare wing and tail carriage, grand feather; 2, Bamber, plenty of length of body and leg, nice feather, a bit stouter; 3, Hunt, about the best in the class when standing quiet, but would not be handled, a first, lost for want of training; res., Brown; vhc, Cornish; he, Scudder; c, Birch. BUFF (11): 1, Styles, style indeed, very neat and smart right through, a quality bird; 2, Stoakley, grand shape and feather, not so steady; 3, Rolfe, capital shape and style, not so tight; res., Birch; vhc, Salter; he, Crockett; c, Walker. MKD. YELL. (6): 1, Scudder, long, slim, varieg., grand shape, col., and style; 2, Fletcher, neck and wing mkd., hardly so good in head, capital shape, feather and style; 3, Brambridge, slim, stylish, varieg.; res., vhc, Herring; wrong class, Walker, tkd. in neck. BUFF (3): 1, Herring, very slim, stylish, nice feather; 2, Walker, not quite so nervy and racy; 3, Lowe. HENS, YELL. (10): 1, Carpenter, lovely shape and style, rare wings and tail, a good little hen; 2, Scudder, nice length and style, stouter in waist; 3, Rolfe, long, racy, and stylish, not so tight in chest; res., Pears; vhc, Hunt; he, Stoakley; c, Cottey. BUFF (10): 1, Rolfe, grand length, plenty of style, rare shape and feather; 2, Castell, splendid shape and feather, not so much leg; 3, Fletcher, needs more length of side, lovely quality and style, good shape; res., Scudder; vhc, Stopher; he, Stoakley; c, Frances; wrong class, Barton, a Yell. UNFLIG. YELL. (19): 1, Lloyd, splendid length, capital shape, full of nerve, nice quality; 2, Pears, equally good in shape and carriage of body, not so neat in tail; 3, Herring, a gem for shape, feather and style, but shorter; res., Fletcher; he, Cottey; c, Reeks. BUFF (20): 1, 3, Salter, two grand shaped, good headed birds, very tight and silky, in feather, nice length, winner just the smartest in wings; 2, Lloyd, lovely little hen, rare shape and carriage, shorter on leg; res., Rolfe; vhc, Scudder; he, Range; c, Reeks. Three classes for Crests and C.B. had three entries from Mr. Campbell, who secured the prizes in the old classes with nice useful birds, but his young bird was absent. BORDERS, YELL. (10): 1, Plank, capital shape, feather, and style; 2, he, Cornish, rather hot in col. for a Border, lovely feather and style, not quite so slim; 3, Soames, good shape and carriage, opens tail a bit; res., c, Mrs. Parry; vhc, Harrison; wrong class, 4 and 5, Mrs. Parry, two Buffs. BUFF (2): 1, Plank, neat and stylish; wrong class, Soames, a Yell. MKD. YELL. (3): 1, Plank, very smart and stylish, good feather; 2, Cornish, nice shape, but oh! so hot; 3, Mrs. Parry, rather stout, nice feather and style. BUFF (2): 1, Plank, nice shape, feather and style; 2, Soames, rather chubby, nice quality. GREEN (2): 1, Soames, nice feather and style. A.O.V.: 1, Warwick, big, shapely Buff Cinn.

Mr. J. Frostick's Classes.

The Hon. Mrs. Bourke's well-known Dartford Warbler unfortunately escaped during the day and was not secured for a long time, giving its owner quite an anxious time. This exhibitor's Nightingale was in grand form and was much admired by visitors.

HYB. CL. ETC. (6): 1, Mortlock, fine size, mkd. eyes and wings, very shapely, stands well, in good condition; 2, Smith, similar markings, lovely shape, very tight in feather, must have pressed; 3, Lingley, var. bird, good touch of blaze; res, McLelland; vhc, he, Botting. DARK (6): 1, Juby, fine bold Linnet, very cobby, nice head, well laced, in grand order; 2, vhc, Lingley, smart Redpoll, sound col., well marked throughout, in fine feather; 3, Thrower, big buff Goldie, rare size and quality, nice wings; res, Jay; he, Botting. HYB. A.O.V. (1): 1, Botting, Siskin-Redpoll, very smart, good size, well marked, in fine condition. GOLDFINCH (7): 1, Thrower, smart cobby-shaped bird, good body col., capital blaze, well back over eye, very clean in colour; 2, Hill, not quite so cobby, very rich in tanning, shade richer in blaze; 3, Marley, another slim one, nicely tanned, good top, rare bars and buttons; res, Lowe; vhc, Snow; he, c, Parry. GREENFINCH (6): 1, Marley, a topper for shape, well filled head and neck, nicely rounded body, good col. throughout, col. of cage does not display his beauties; 2, Tyson, very steady hold bird, good col., in grand condition; 3, Graham, hold bird, good col., in grand condition; res, good shape, in rare feather, fine sound bars; res, Francis; vhc, Jay; he, Dewhurst. LINNET (10): 1, Marley, very shapely, good size, beautifully laced throughout, shows himself well, a topper; 2, res, Botting, not quite so shapely, but very sound in col. and beautifully marked, must have pressed; 3, Page, another bonny bird, bold showy specimen, in grand feather; vhc, Francis; he, Tyson; c, Williams. SISKIN (5): 1, McLaughton, big bold bird, in grand condition, A1 cap, good wings, beautifully laced; 2, Francis, smart bird, not quite so large, very dense in cap and wings, in very fine condition; 3, Marley, good one, too wild to show himself: res, Harris; vhc, Tyson. REDPOLL (8): 1, Marley, bonny bird, good bold front, nice touch of crimson, grand shape, beautifully laced, capital poll and bib, a real beauty; 2, McLellan, grand Mealy, splendidly marked throughout, good cap, in fine condition; 3, Tyson, another nice Lesser, in rare fettle; res, McLaughlin; vhc, Clark; he, Francis; c, Botting. TWITE (3): 1, Francis, big bird, very shapely, good sound col. throughout, beautifully laced, in fine fettle; 2, Harris, another real good one, quite as nice in col. and markings, beaten only in condition; 3, Marley, smaller, good col., close up. CHAFFINCH (5): 1, Marley, grand bird, wonderful size, col., wee bit fat, rare quality and fine wings; 2, Francis, quite as good in shape, col. and condition, just beaten for size and staging; 3, Page, another nice one, very rich in col., grand cap and wings; res, Tyson; vhc, Snow. BRAMBLE (6): 1, Botting, beauty, grand expanse of chestnut, very fine wings, beautifully spangled throughout, very steady; 2, res, Francis, another good one, with a wealth of spangling; 3, Marley, a topper for depth of chestnut, fails only in spangling to winners, in rare condition; vhc, Offord; he, Woodcock HAWFINCH (5): 1, Harris, very fine bird, grand size and shape, good bib, deep rich col. throughout, in fine feather; 2, Page, beautifully shaped bib, fine head, sound in col., very steady; 3, vhc, Grahame, fine big bird, in good form, grand wings; res, Marley. BUNTING (5): 1, 2, Grahame, very fine yell., good head, splendid back, rare depth of col. in wings, shown in grand order; 2nd another of col. in wings, shown in grand order; 2nd another one, close up, quite as distinctly marked, lovely col.; 3, Mortlock, nice Cirl, good size and shape, well marked, a bit out of condition; res, Tyson; vhc, Francis. HEN, BRIT. (7): 1, Marley, lovely Siskin leading, nice chubby shape, good wings, A1 lacing, well shown; 2, Shipton, fine bold Bramble, rare col. for a lady, very shapely, in good condition; 3, Harris, very fine Yellow Bunting, nice size, good lacing throughout; res, Grahame; vhc, Francis; he, Dewhurst. BLACKCAP, ETC. (4): 1, 3, Hon. Mrs. Bourke, two lovely 'Gales, winner a beauty for size, col., and quality, in fine form, half inclined to sing when we saw it, 2nd hardly so well finished but still a good one; 2, Williams, nice Blackcap, in fine condition, good cap and col; res, Dewhurst. BLACKBIRD (3): 1, 2, Marley, two grand Blackbirds, wonderful size and depth of col., beautifully staged, in lovely condition; 3, Dyke, another beauty, A1 shape and col., beaten only in size. A.O.S. (5): 1, Hon. Mrs. Bourke, well-known Dartford Warbler leading, in very fine condition, well staged; 2, Dewhurst, lovely Pied Flycatcher, a good specimen, not often seen on show bench; 3, res, vhc, Bray, bonny White Wagtail, good size, beautifully marked, in fine condition. FOR.—PARROTS (1): 1, Mrs. Miller, fine bold Amazon, grand col. and quality, well shown. FINCHES (3): 1, Williams, fine pair of Golden-breasted, rich col., in grand condition; 2, Snow, lovely pair of Orange Cheeks, as tight as wax, little gems; 3, Mortlock, two fine Javas, sound in col., lovely feather. WAXBILLS (2): 1, 2, Williams, fine specimen of the Ruficauda Finch, and a beautiful pair of Lavender-backs, both shown in A1 condition. SUGAR BIRDS, ETC. (2): 1, 2, Hon. Mrs. Bourke, lovely Sugar Bird and a Tanager.

FALKIRK.

23rd show of the Falkirk C.B.S. held Oddfellows' Hall, Oct. 28. The Hall, which has been often described, is one of the best, and the 500 exhibits which graced its benches were also of the best. Norwich were particularly good, and Borders much the same as usual. The British classes contained some very fine exhibits. The office bearers, who are to be congratulated upon the carrying out of this most successful exhibition, are: Hon. Pres., Mr. Hugh Moreland; Pres., Mr. T. R. Wallace; Vice-Pres., Mr. J. Moreland; Treas., Mr. J. Morris; Committee, Messrs. Baird, Sutton, Robertson, Simpson, Conner, Martin. The secretarial reins were in the hands of that young and enthusiastic fancier, Mr. Robert Rennie, who carried everything through with great success. Mr. J. Holmes (Edinburgh) made the awards in the Norwich section, Mr. J. Jeans (Cameloa) Borders, Mr. D. J. Gardner (Bathgate) Mules. British and Foreign. Their awards all round were well received. During the afternoon the show was well patronised.

The Critique.

YOUNG BIRDS: CL., ETC., YELL., P.H. CK. (12): 1, McNaughton, lovely shaped cl., fine head and carriage; 2, 3, Jeffrey and Stevenson, 2nd tkd., good stamp, close up, 3rd nice cl., good substance; 4, Corbett, lovely type, we admired; 5, Moreland; 6, Patterson; 7, Inglis; 8, Sutton. BUFF (17): 1, Burke, nice chubby cl., wins well; 2, Jeffrey and Stevenson, presses hard; 3, Simpson, fine body, good head; 4, 5, Scaife, pair of right good ones; 6, Baird; 7, 8, McNaughton. A.O.V. CK. (16): 1, 5, Ovenstone, lovely varieg. yell., bold bird, wins well; 2, 3, Jeffrey and Stevenson, right good ones, beautifully fed, lovely feather; 4, 6, Simpson, fails only in body, good head; 7, Burnett; 8, Scaife. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (8): 1, Burnett, very taking cl., shown in fine form; 2, 4, Jeffrey and Donaldson, 2nd nice cl., fine stamp, 4th wing mkd., we liked; 3, McNaughton, another very taking cl.; 6, Marshall; 7, Smart; 8, Simpson. BUFF (10): 1, 8, Jeffrey and Donaldson, noble head, grand body, in splendid fettle; 2, Moreland, another good one, presses hard; 3, McNaughton, wee bit feathery; 4, Baird, soft when we saw it; 5, Simpson; 6, Ovenstone; 7, Baird. A.O.V. HEN (18): 1, Ovenstone, variegated yell., nice chubby exhibit, rare fettle; 2, Smart, large bold bird; 3, 6, Jeffrey and Stevenson, fine exhibit, dark cap, nice silky feather; 4, Sutton, lovely Bullie type, full of go, we liked; 5, Scaife; 7, Heard; 8, Burke. NON-FED YELL. (5): 1, Binnie, good all-round exhibit, wins handsomely; 2, Marshall, fails in body, good head; 3, Kemp, nice carriage and condition; 4, Sutton, much the same; 5, Morris. BUFF (8): 1, cup, Conkie, grand Bullie type, carries itself like a soldier, popular win; 2, Marshall, also fine stamp, not far behind; 3, 6, Kemp, nice varieg., good col.; 4, Ovenstone, same as third; 7, Morris. CREST, CK. (4): 1, Paul, abundance of feather, nice drooping crest; 2, Binnie, cl. body, dark crest, presses hard; 3, Moreland, another right good one, needs time. HEN (5): 1, cup, Paul, regular dandy, great body feather, well formed drooping crest, easy win; 2, Beaton, cl. body, dark crest, fails in crest only; 3, Moreland, nice varieg., fine frontal, close up. C.B. CK. (8): 1, Moreland, cl., of good substance, broad skull, nice brows; 2, Paul, varieg., good body feather, fails only in head; 3, Moir, just a shade slim; 4, Smart, nice bird; 5, Wilson. HEN (7): 1, T. Sharp, massive bird, great head, wins well; 2, Wilson, nice brows and body feather; 3, J. Sharp, good head; 4, Binnie, much the same as 3rd; 5, Paul; 6, Moreland. CL., ETC., YELL. BORD. CK. (16): 1, Reid, cl., nice type, tight as wax, wins; 2, Wilson, also cl. in grand fettle, presses; 3, Jamieson, grizzle, sweet exhibit, presses hard; 4, McWatt, nice cl., wee bit shallow in back; 5, Leitch; 6, Baxter; 7, Heard; 8, Reid. BUFF (13): 1, 5, Conner, nice typical cl., close fitting wings; 2, Baxter, another of same, tight as wax; 3, Heard, beautiful another very tick, nice silky feather; 4, Kinloch, another very good cl., right stamp; 6, Reid; 7, Wilson; 8, Veitch. A.O.V. CK. (11): 1, Wilson, typical yell.; 2, Fairfoul, varieg. buff, nice stamp; 3, Jeffrey and Stevenson, uneven, buff, lovely silky feather, we liked; 4, Baxter, uneven buff; 5, Kinloch, nice grizzle cap; 6, 8, Wilson; 7, Conner. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (13): 1, 5, Wilson, nicely tapered hen, well filled in; 2, 1, Fairfoul, tkd., also good stamp; 3, Conner, nice cl., little unsteady; 4, 7, 8, Reid, 4th right good one, must have pressed. BUFF (11): 1, Wilson, sweet little hen, correct stamp; 2, 3, 6, Reid, 2nd and 3rd also good, must have chased hard; 4, Jeffrey and Stevenson, nice tick; 5, Jamieson; 7, Conner. Stevenson, nice tick; 5, Jamieson; 7, Conner. A.O.V. HEN (12): 1, Baxter, beautiful cinn. tkd., good type, nice silky feather; 2, McWatt, varieg. buff, jaunty little gem, well proportioned; 3, Reid, varieg. yell., also good stamp; 4, Baird, presses; 5, 6, Wilson; 7, Fairfoul; 8, Jeffrey and Stevenson. MULE OR HYB. (8): 1, 3, Wilson, 1st grand yell. Greenie-Cun., teeming with col., 3rd large buff do., both in grand trim; 2, 6, McWatt, nice jonque Goldie, should yet be heard of; 4, McGillivray, varieg. Goldie; 5, McWatt; 7, Jeffrey and Stevenson. A.O.V. CAN. (5): 1, 3, Morris; 2, Moreland; 4, Kirkwood. OLD BIRDS: P.H. CK. (11): 1, Burnett, nice chubby, full of col.; 2, Corrie, not much between them; 3, 7, McNaughton, bold bird, rare fettle; 4, Patterson; 5, 8, Moreland; 6, Sharp. HEN (17): Grand class, many good birds cardless: 1, Patterson, rare Bullie type, nicely fed; 2, Scaife, another good one, presses; 3, 6, Jeffrey and Stevenson, haroly so well up as winners; 4, Sutton; 5, Condie; 7, Gorrie; 8, Heard. CK., NON-FED (12): 1, Veitch, a gem, full of quality, wins well; 2, Kemp, nice skull, good feather and carriage; 3, Rennie, good one, fails in body only; 4, McGillivray; 5, Condie; 6, Moreland; 7, Sutton. HEN (10): 1, Moreland, grand chest, lovely feather, wins; 2, Baird, not far behind, sweet head; 3, Inglis, good tight feather, shows well; 5, Rennie; 6, Marshall; 4, 7, Veitch. CREST CK. (5): 1, McNaughton, grand drooping, good body feather; 2, no name, good head and feather; 3, 5, Paul, another of the same; 4, Moir. HEN (8): 1, 2, Sharp, two right good ones, well ahead; 3, Moir, nice head, plenty of body feather; 3, Paul; 6, Beaton; 7, McNaughton. C.B. CK. (8): 1, Paul, splendid drooping brows, great abundance of body feather; 2, Veitch, shade narrow, otherwise good; 3, 8, Moir, close up; 4, Beaton; 5, 6, Sharp; 7, McNaughton. HEN (3): 1, no name, good head and body feather, all there; 2, Moir, good head; 3, Beaton much the same. BORD. CK. (8): 1, Leitch, nice typical varieg. yell.; 2, Veitch, cl. buff, nicely filled in, good pin tail; 3, sp. Baird, even yell., very silky feather, nice jaunty appearance; 4, 7, Jeffrey and Stevenson, even buff, well tapered, sweet head; 5, Reid; 6, Kinloch. HEN (9): 1, Jeffrey and Stevenson, bonny cl. yell., right stamp; 2, 7, Wilson, mkd. buff and yell., two right good ones, rare fettle; 3, Veitch, another good yell., in lovely condition; 4, 8, Baxter, even yell., beautifully mkd.; 5, McWatt; 6, Reid. GOLDIE, ETC. (11): 1, sp, 6, Sharp, lovely Bullie, deep col., massive, dark cap, shown in rare fettle, easy win; 2, 8, Robertson, Goldie, nice blaze and collar, well tanned and buttoned, wants time; 3, 4, McGillivray, 3rd nice Bullie, rare condition; 4, good Goldie; 5, Bell; 7, Jeffrey and Stevenson. CHAFFIE, ETC. (11): 1, 3, Rennie, 1st Chaffinch, steady as a rock, rich all through, right good one, 3rd another good bird; 2, Corbett, beautifully spangled Bramble, deep chest col., plenty of size, good second; 4, Godfrey, another Bramble, good deep col.; 5, 8, Baird; 6, Robertson; 7, Binnie. LINNET (16): 1, Robertson, gem for col., condition, and markings; 2, Sharp, fails only in breast marks, good bird; 3, Corbett, same remarks apply to this exhibit; 4, Wilson, larger than winners, too light in col.; 5, Bell; 6, 7, Morris; 8, Waugh. GREENFINCH (12): 1, McGillivray, large bouncing bird, full of col., noted winner; 2, T. Sharp, level all through, splendid wings, close up; 3, Heard, large buff, noble head, nicely frosted; 4, Rennie, smaller, good col. and condition; 5, Robertson; 6, Morris; 7, Sutton; 8, Reid. SISKIN, ETC. (7): 1, Moreland, Siskin, rare good yell., splendid cap and bib, well laced; 2, Burnett, Twite, deep chestnut brown, nicely pencilled, very steady, good second; 3, Bell, Siskin, very nice exhibit; 4, Baxter, Twite, good one; 5, Jeffrey and Stevenson; 6, Robertson; 7, Morris. LESSER REDPOLL (9): 1, McGillivray, little beauty, nice nutty col., well pencilled; 2, Condie, larger, not quite so nicely finished; 3, McGillivray, very taking, field-moulted Redpoll; 4, Godfrey, much the same; 5, R. Kirkwood, jun.; 6, Burnett; 7, Rennie; 8, Moreland. A.O.S. HARDBILL (7): 1, Kirkwood, beautiful Corn Bunting, steady as a rock, nicely mkd.; 2, McGillivray, Yellow Bunting, all there for col. and marks, good second; 3, Robertson, good Hawfinch, barely ready; 4, Burke, another yell., not far behind second; 5, 6, Rennie, Reed and Yellow Buntings; 7, Morris. SOFTBILL (3): 1, Kirkwood, Waxwing, good exhibit, but barely ready; 2, Moreland, nice young Wheatear. MULE OR HYB. (7): 1, 3, Ovenstone, 1st Goldie-Bullie, rich blaze, shows well, an easy win, 3 Greenie-Goldie, also good exhibit, very distinctly mkd.; 2, Bell, light Goldie-Can., shown in rare form, deserves its place; 4, McGillivray, Linnet-Bullie, fine condition and col., good cap; 5, Condie; 6, 7, Godfrey. FOR. (4): 1 sp, Kirkwood, good Lorrikeet; 2, Ovenstone, nice Goldie, 3, 4, Wallace, beautiful Budgerigars and Javas. HYB. PAIRS (6): 1, 2, Ovenstone, 1st Goldie Bullie, both in lovely fettle, very likely pair, 2nd, grand Greenie-Bullie again; 3, Waugh, Goldie-Canary, offsprings from this pair should do all right; 4, McWatt, Greenie-Bullie; 5, Veitch; 6, Sharp. HEN, BRIT. (11): 1, sp, Robertson, Waxwing, in lovely condition; 2, Ovenstone, fine Bullie, nice broad cap, silky feather; 3, Heard, Corn Bunting, very steady, good col. and markings; 4, Moreland, very nice pied Wagtail, we liked; 5, Baird, Bramble; 7, Rennie; 8, Veitch.—SELL., BRIT. 5s. 6d. (11): Some snips here: 1, Baird; 2, Heard; 3, Kinloch; 4, Moreland; 5, 8, Robertson; 6, Morris; 7, Wallace. MEALY REDPOLL (8): 1, Condie, not of the largest, but well coloured and laced, nice cap and bib; 2, Jeffrey and Stevenson, larger, but not quite so well coloured or tight in feather; 3, Bell, very nice Redpoll, well finished; 4, Morris, very similar; 5, McGillivray; 7, Baxter; 8, Robertson.

Manchester's Display of 1,600 Birds.

A GREAT SHOW.

The Amateur Sections Specially Distinguish Themselves. The Usual Excellent Management and Marvellous Saturday Crowd of Visitors.

The 29th annual show of the Manchester and Northern Counties O.S. was held on Oct. 27 and 28 at the Zoological Gardens, Belle Vue, and yet another success was scored by this most enterprising society. Exhibitors prophesied disastrous results when they altered the venue from the Hulme Town Hall to Belle Vue. Many a time we have been so crushed at the Town Hall, we could not find time to see the birds in the ante-room; but now, what a glorious change! Even more exhibits—certainly more room—and a wonderful top light until dark. You can now shake hands with and chat to your friends without being bumped into every minute. The show room is entirely free from draughts, and well served by the heating apparatus. No doubt it was the bright room that went far to keep the exhibits looking so well until they left the hall on the Saturday. There is one thing about the Manchester fanciers—they do look well after the exhibits under their care, surely a grand recommendation for future shows!

The schedule comprised 152 classes (including those for members) and a hearty response was made, exhibitors sending some 1,600 entries, an increase of 150 over last year. A worthy tribute this to the management! All the birds are staged on the three-tier system, so that every bird can be seen distinctly. The foreigners, always a wonderful show here, had the end of the room to themselves; and they wanted it, so numerous were their admirers.

The manager of the show, Mr. H. Boothman, had everything in apple-pie order—no rush; just a word to one of his many helpers, and the order was promptly carried out, every man doing his utmost to make the visitors and birds comfortable. Mr. Boothman is a great asset to the M. and N.C.O.S., with his genial manner and businesslike ways, and we hope there is no truth in the rumour we heard that he is thinking of giving up his post. His chief clerk is Mr. Aspinall (a future show manager, we presume), and this popular gentleman is an apt pupil in the art of successfully running a show. In Mr. W. A. Bladon the society has a working President second to none in the country. It would not seem a Manchester Show without his smile, and a grip of the veteran's hand. Long may he live to so cheerily welcome the visitors! The exhibitors are also indebted to the following gentlemen for looking after the general welfare of the birds: Messrs. J. H. Aspinall, Atkinson, Bruce, "Genial" Sam Cook, W. Fairhurst, Gray, Hardy, Harrison, Hughes, J. Adison, Geo. Lythgoe, Moorbey, Mason, Richards, Riley, Smith, Spencer, Schofield, Yeats, Fulcher, Haywood, Robinson, Morgan, and Broughton. That old war-horse Mr. G. W. F. Lythgoe, along with Mr. Raynes, also put in a lot of work. Unfortunately Mr. Raynes was taken ill on the Friday, and is still confined to his bed. We wish him a speedy recovery. Messrs. Spencer and Hayward took over his duties, and right well they did their various tasks.

The "Top Sawyers."

The quality of the exhibits this year was of the finest, and far beyond previous exhibitions. The giants of the Canary family, the Lancashires, turned up fairly well. Certainly some classes were not what they might have been; but look at the specimens shown by Messrs. Barrass, Fitton, Hordern, and Collinge—it was like old times to see the crowd round their cages. The yellow coppy put down by Mr. Barrass was an out-and-out good one, the envy of all eyes. We notice there are new names in the variety, and we gladly welcome them to the ranks, and trust they will have the same successful and honourable careers as the veterans in this variety. Lizards were a grand lot (Manchester seems always to get good support), and they are getting more level every year, no one seeming to "rule the roost" in this variety. This is how it should be.

The dark-eyed 'uns fra' Yorksher turned up strong and the quality was the best that has been seen at Manchester for a long time. We cannot report anything standing out "on its own"; a more level lot would be hard to find, quite a number of new fanciers capturing leading prizes, and they did not all go to Bradford. Amateur Yorkshires were an eye-opener, and fully deserve to have the classes divided into yellows and buffs. Some grand birds were staged that would have put a stopper on some of the champions if they had met. The chief winners were Messrs. Richards, Brooks, Snape, Potts, and Bryant, whose birds were a decided credit to them. The pink-eyed 'nns were again down in number, but oh! what quality! The cream of Yorkshire! No wonder fanciers use cinnamon blood when they can turn out such remarkable quality of feather.

Amongst the Greens.

The Yorkshire Greens were put down in great force, and some birds of great merit were shown. The grass-green colour was magnificent, and the type quite equalled that of their clear brethren. It was the best show of Greens this year. Manchester seems to vie with Liverpool as to who are the best caterers for this variety. The prizes were wonderfully well divided. Here again the birds are getting more level in merit, no one man running away with all the spoils. We heard that that enthusiastic fancier, Mr. Tom Rowlands, is not counting his points for the Cup, leaving the rising exhibitors to make a fight for it. Norwich Greens did not come up as well as expected, but competition is always keen here. Mr. Lawson had quite a field day, winning in both cock classes, with young birds, we noticed. Mr. Dormer put down a storming foul yellow (from Cinnamons, Billy?). Mr. Barker, from Widnes, stole a march on the others in the foul buff class with his noted buff hen. My word, she does improve! Messrs. Walker and Hales staged some typical birds, but the judge, no doubt, went in for big 'uns.

In the Norwich Plainheads, this being the N.P. Club Show, naturally there was a galaxy of talent present. What balls of fire—quite a fifth of November display! Type, however, seems to be the main characteristic now. We noticed very few showing the brow and length of side of the Crest-bred. Messrs. J. E. Davies, Vardy, Cook, Raynes, Johnson, Barker, Grey, Thomas, Seed, Dormer, Leonard, Boothman, and Sheldon put some extraordinarily good birds down in the Champion Section. The Amateur Norwich made a rare show 175 in five classes. A man was lucky to get in the prize-list, as no fault could be found with any of the first dozen in each class. The cream of the spoils were taken by Messrs. Edmondson, Greenhall, Hobson, Hillmen, Norman, Collis, Bixter, and Johnson.

Crests were very poor in number, though this was greatly made up by the excellent quality. We noticed there were plenty of admirers for this variety. Chief winners were Messrs. Guy, Evans Bros., Taylor, Ley, Brotherton; and in novices, Messrs. Warham, Jones, Lightborne, and Dr. Twigg. Cinnamons turned up hardly so well as in previous years, but there were more exhibitors, and this is good for the Fancy. Those stalwarts Mr. W. Dormer and Mrs. F. E. Deacon fought their usual battle, and at the finish Mr. Dormer came out with a lead. A new aspirant to championship honours is Mr. Hartup, who scored a bull at the first time of asking, with a lovely-coloured unflighted yellow. Novice Cinnamons were really grand. New names here again, who also put down some Cinnies that will be heard of later. Mr. Heys has now to go to the Champion Section; he was all smiles on Saturday. The members, as is usual here, were well catered for, and their birds made quite a show on their own. The Yorkshires and Norwich were fit to go out in the open. We are pleased to notice exhibits from several of the clergy, the reverend gentlemen holding their own with the best of them.

Mr. J. E. Davies won the £2 2s. for best Norwich in the show with his unflighted yellow. He also won the N.P. Club's gold medal in the Champion Section; while Mr. J. Norman accounted for that over the Amateur Section. The claims did not come up to former years, we were sorry to hear, as it means less grist to the mill. The attendance was really marvellous on the Saturday; where did the people come from? The gangways were packed. We met the following well-known fanciers, who had come up to see this truly fine exhibition:—Messrs. W. H. Howe (Wellingborough), E. Baker (Cowes), Large, Ireland, and Higgins (Barrow), J. W. Ramsden (London), Robinson, Handley, Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Deacon, Rowlands, Nimmo, Mr. and Mrs. Hillmen (Liverpool), Mr. and Mrs. Parry (Ruabon), John Guy and Griffiths (Garston), Teddy Fitton (Rochdale), John Roberts (Bontnewydd), Mrs. and Miss Tom Taylor (Gateshead), besides the numerous fanciers whose names we did not know.

The Belgian classes were cancelled, and so was one of the Scotch Fancy classes. The other S.F. class did not produce any bird of a remarkable character. The Borders were fairly strong in numbers, and the quality was of a very high order indeed, the clear buff classes containing gems of the very first water. The local champion, Mr. Bayley, took his usual share of the prizes, whilst the Barrow men, Messrs. Ireland, Large and Hudson, gave him a good race. There were some outstanding birds of wonderful colour in the Green Borders, and what was lacking there in numbers was made up for by quality and richness of colour, the type also being a great improvement.

Hybrids turned up splendidly and just on 60 of the best were on view in the open section. The Light Canary Hybrids contained such noted birds as the champion clear Linnet, clear Goldie-Canary, nearly clear Greenfinch-Canary, and some very fine almost evenly marked yellow and buff Goldie-Canaries, all in the pink of condition. Some very smart dark Canary hybrids were shown, too. Some of the Siskin-Cans. shown among the dark buffs were held to be just strong enough in body colour all over to be eligible for the dark yellow class. The members' hybrids were also very good. The British birds were splendid for quality on the whole, though not quite so numerous as last year. It is not often two Hoopoes also two Dartford Warblers appear in a class; yet we had them here. There was a fine collection of Foreign birds, and it was a treat to see so many staged in such grand condition. The F.B.C. silver medal for best member's bird went to a most exquisitely conditioned Wood Swallow simply as tight as a wax model. The members' British birds deserve special mention for their fine quality. The Siskins were much better than those shown in the open class. As our critique will tell, there was a very large variety of species and crosses in the Hybrid, British and Foreign sections, and the birds entertained visitors immense'y.

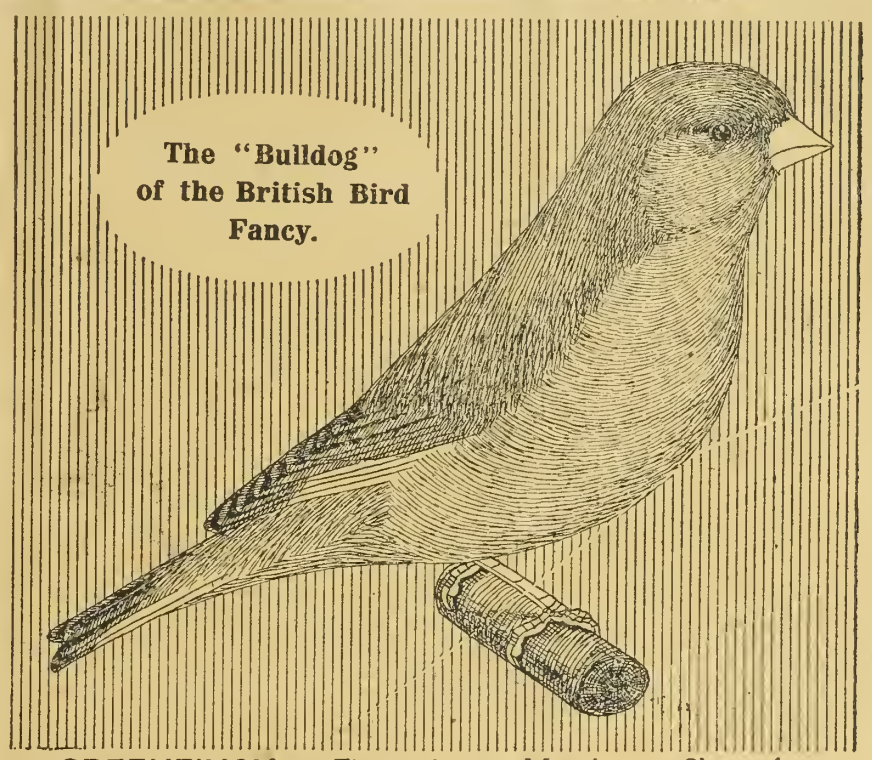
The judges were Messrs. Swalwell, Colledge, Davis, Battye, Godley, Hadwin and Houlton, and these old and tried hands seemed on the whole to be very successful in pleasing exhibitors and visitors.

Mr. Swalwell's Classes.

LANCS. COPPY CL., ETC., YELL. (5): 1, 2, Barrass, 1st cl., wonderful coppy, not a feather out of place, perfectly easy win; 2nd grizzle coppy, rare length of feather, but not as close as winner; 3, Hordern, cl., grand substance, fine length, beaten only in head; 4, Ridgard, grizzle, again good length, neat coppy; vhc, Hampshire. BUFF (5): 1, 3, Barrass, 1st grizzle coppy, well over, again of excellent formation, abundance of feather, well staged, 3rd grand coppy, neat centre, plenty of size; 2, Fitton, rare col., for a buff, coppy slightly split when we were taking notes, but a good 'un; 4, Garner, tremendous substance, a wealth of feather; vhc, Naden. TKD. BUFF (7): 1, Hordern, grizzle coppy, stormer for size and feather, well radiated coppy; 2, Barrass, grizzle, excellent coppy, nicely formed from centre; 3, Ridgard, grand feather, of rare length, not quite so good in head as above; 4, Vickers, neat coppy, grand substance; vhc, Stanfield; hc, Garner; c, Beatie. BRED 1911 (5): 1, Lowe, wins, tremendous youngster, fine coppy well over, good neck properties; Hordern, of strong proportions, good one; 3, Fitton, splendidly shaped head and neck; 4, vhc, Collings, stout wealth of feather, well staged. P.H. YELL. (14): 1, 4, Fitton, 1st lashed to perfection, grand skull, extra fine length of side, 4th smaller, but good; 2, Kay, broader body and neck, wide entrance, again of nice length; 3, Barrass, tremendous lashings, well up; vhc, Collinge; hc, Hordern; c, Naden. BUFF (8):1, Fitton, great size, well lashed, wealth of feather, of good texture, grand body; 2, Barrass, webby feather, broad skull, rare length, great tail, staged to perfection; 3, Vickers, good long one, not quite strong enough, broad skull; 4, Lowe; vhc, Hampshire; hc, Collinge; c, Garner. BRED 1911 (5): 1, Collinge, cl., buff, topping shape and substance, neat carriage, grand col.; 2, Fitton, pale buff, carries tremendous drapery, grand skull, and lashings; 3, Vickers, yell., rare substance, good body, nice entrance to skull; 4, vhc, Beatie, fine order, real good youngster. HEN (12): 1, Barrass, coppy buff, wonderful length, knows how to show herself, good centred coppy; 2, Vickers, yell., grand body and feather, stands well; 3, Ridgard, buff Plainhead, not size of above, topping head and neck, nicely lashed; 4, Beatie, Plainhead, grand head and length of body; vhc, Hordern; hc, Stanfield; c, Collinge. LIZ., CL. C., GOLD (9): 1, 3, Hamer, 1st rare work on body, well rowed, spangling of the best, 3rd good breast, spangled well down to vent, neat rows; 2, hc, Dewsnap, larger, neat cap, well laced glorious ground col.; 4, Oliver, well spangled, and rowed; vhc, Barnes; c, Lawton. SILVER (10): 1, Rukin, frosted to perfection, well laced, beautiful back spangle; 2, 4, Dewsnap, 2nd wonderful spangle, rowed nicely, well up in col., 4th good bird, perfection as regards rowing and spangle; 3, Hamer, down when we were taking notes; hc, Hampshire; c, Ollerenshaw. B.C. GOLD. (7): 1, Dewsnap, col. of the best, like burnished gold, neat rows of spangle, grand broad back; 2, Ollerenshaw, smaller, carries nice ground col., neat spangle; 3, vhc, Oliver, large size, grand back, shows a wealth of spangle; 4, Barnes, nice breast and back spangle; hc, Martin; c, Rukin. SILVER (10): 1, Hamer, well frosted back spangle, neatly rowed, coming well to end of wings; 2, Dewsnap, close up, good breast, very clear and regular spangle; 3, Oliver, large bird, good breast, neat spangle; 4, Hampshire, down when we were taking notes; vhc, Ollerenshaw; hc, Rukin; c, Lawton. HEN, GOLD (6): 1, 3, Hamer, 1st clear cap, topper for regular spangle, rowed to perfection, good ground col., 3rd spangle, very neat, not yet even in rows, good breast; 2, vhc, Oliver, cl., cap, toppy col., shows nice rows of even spangle; 4, Ollerenshaw, B.C., grand col., regular spangling; hc, Barker Clegg. SILVER (9): 1, Bosworth, B.C., very even spangle, nice crest, coming well to vent; 2, 3, Rukin, small, but rare col., grand shape, fairly even spangle, 3rd similar; 4, vhc, Dewsnap, small, but extraordinarily good for spangle, and rowing, grand shoulders; hc, Ollerenshaw; c, Barker Clegg.

Mr. Davis's Classes.

NOR. GREENS, SELF YELL. (7): 1, 2, Lawson, 1st good head and neck, nice shape and col., should make up, 2nd extra fine col., lovely green right through; 3, Walker, good col., nice bird; 4, Jenkins, cobby built, beaten only in col.; vhc, hc, Hales; c, Gerrard. BUFF (12): 1, 2, Lawson, 1st very rough when we were taking notes, rare good head, unflighted, 2nd neat throughout, good head, neck, and col., capital pencilling; 3, Jenkins, cobby, rare head and neck, lovely col.; 4, Walker, loses only in neck to above, fine tone of col.; vhc, Richardson; hc, Halco. FOUL YELL. (12): 1, Dormer, foul tail, plenty of substance, fine shape, grand col.; 2, Lawson, foul wing, tail, and cheek, bonny shape and feather, rare markings, well up; 3, Handley, foul tail, cobby and well staged, takes perches freely; 4, vhc, Hales, rare quality and type; hc, Barker; c, Jenkins. BUFF (7): 1, Barker, foul tail hen and a right good 'un to beat the cocks, cobby and full of quality; 2, vhc, Walker, foul tail, cres. grand col. and markings, in topping order, moves freely; 3, Handley, foul tail, better stamp of a Nor., just fails in head a trifle; 4, c, Hales, foul tail, rare good shape and quality; hc, Lawson. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (15): 1, Raynes, grand head and neck, deep front, and broad back, in proportion, reminiscent of the old days; 2, Thomas, rare good bird,



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Mr. Colledge's Classes.

CRESTS, BUFF, CK. (4): 1, Guy, Green var., massive crest, nice droop from centre, neatly finished crest; 2, Evins Bros., Green variegated, not quite so full, but very broad crest; 3, Ley, d.c., not quite up to concert pitch as yet, will improve; 4, Taylor, neat crest, but not density of above. HEN (5): 1, Evins Bros., self Green, enormous crest, well radiated, beautiful droop, easy win; 2, Guy, variegated, Green, fair size crest, nice centre, not quite the finish of winner; 3, Taylor, grizzle, nice centre, grand size of crest, but not droop enough; 4, Brotherton, variegated Green, monster, but not finished yet; vhc, Ley. C.B. BUFF CK. (7): 1, 3, Taylor, leader almost green, wonderful size, plenty of feather, well lashed, 3 broad head, well lashed again, but not feather of above; 2, vhc, Ley, grand entrance, broad skull, wealth of feather; 4, Bewick, variegated Green, abundance of feather, fails in skull only to above; hc, Guy; c, Roper. HEN (6): 1, Ley, almost cl., splendidly lashed, broad skull and good entrance; 2, Hesketh, self Green immense skull, abundance of feather and broad; 3, Evins Bros., variegated, good entrance, and lashed; 4, Guy, broad feather and good shaped head; vhc, Taylor; hc, Brotherton. CREST YELL. (2): 1, Evins Bros., variegated, large crest, grand centre, webby feather; 2, Ley, almost Green, nice droop, broad feather well radiated. C.B. YELL. (5): 1, Brotherton, variegated, tremendous lashings, good entrance to broad skull; 2, Evins Bros., variegated, leafy feather, plenty of it, wide skull; 3, Hesketh, cl. yell., pinched in head, wealth of feather; 4, vhc, we could not find. BUFF CREST (current year) (5): 1, Buy, green crest, well radiated, neat at centre, broad feather; 2, vhc, Taylor, Green Crest, giant crest, fails just a trifle at centre to winner, grand droop; 3, Ley, clear, shapely crest; 4, Evins Bros., var., good radiated crest. C.B.: 1, Evins Bros., self, large skull, good entrance, plenty of broad feather; 2, Ley, variegated, abundance of clothes, wide entrance to skull, well placed; 3, Bewick, longer feather, not quite so good in skull; 4, Guy, rare lashings; vhc, Taylor; hc, Brotherton. CINN. CREST. OR C.B.: Cancelled. NOVICES, CRESTS (9): 1, Wharam, variegated, monster, topping crest, nice centre and radiation; 2, Lightown, variegated, dense feathered crest, not quite so good centre as winner; 3, 4, Dr. Twigg, d.c., wing mkd., real good crest, little bit more over in front would improve it, 4 leafy feather, good centre, nice droop; vhc, Broadhead; hc, Jones; c, Stevens. C.B. (9): 1, Jones, self Green, well lashed, abundance of real good feather, fine skull; 2, Wharam, variegated, good skull and entrance, webby feather; 3, Lightbown, variegated, broad skull, plenty of good broad feather; 4, c, Broadhead, almost cl., well lashed, wide skull; vhc, Dr. Twigg; h, Roper. SELL., 30s., A.V. (10): 1, Barnes; 2, Bartlett; 3, Allen; 4, Hickson; vhc, Dr. Twigg; hc, Whiteley; c, Proctor. 20s.: 1, Myers; 2, Stevens; 3, Humphries; 4, Buckley; vhc, Bunting; hc, Whitelegg; c, Dr. Twigg. 12s. 6d. (38): 1, Hartup; 2, Hellewell; 3, Laverty; 4, Turner; vhc, Spencer; hc, Millward; c, Pike. 10s. (18): 1, Ball and Drury; 2, Hartley; 3, Heaton; 4, hc, Proctor; vhc, Dr. Twigg; hc, Kirk. EX-STOCK CLASS: 1, Holder; 2, Crook; 3, Buckley; 4, Appleton; vhc, Henson; hc, Lucas; c, Fulcher.

red hot, Bullfinch type, nicely cut, just, and only, beaten in head; 3, Trengove and Son, better head and neck, not quite the substance of above; 4, Watson, rare big chap, and nice quality with it; vhc, J. E. Davies; hc, Oliver; c, Beswick. BUFF (24): 1, Vardy, adding another first, topping type, mealed to perfection, round as an apple, neatly cut; 2, T. Seed, like a blaze of fire, good substance, round head and bull neck, close carried wings; 3, Sheldon, good bird, but paler, very cobby, and well filled in, no corners; 4, Leonard, shows slight brow, large bird, rare good feather; vhc, Johnson; hc, Shore; c, J. and J. Hopkins. TKD., ETC., YELL. (14): 1, 2, J. E. Davies, 1st wings and head mkd., red hot, bold head and neck broad back, and nicely moulded chest, wins, 2nd variegated, just a bit too much chest, rare head and bull neck, for a yell., 3, Leeming Bros., variegated, topping type, short wings and tail, boat shape, very compact; 4, Oliver, variegated, very warm, neat right through; vhc, hc, Hargreaves; c, Turner. BUFF (1): 1, 2, Vardy, 1st clinker, all front, nothing behind perch, a Norwich throughout, put down in excellent order, 2nd yet another good one, eye marks, round as an apple, bull's head and neck, very compact wings and tail, a treat; 3, Thomas, variegated, lovely quality and type, again well staged; 4, Sheldon, variegated, excellent type; vhc, Leonard; hc, Anderton; c, Seed. HEN, CL., ETC., YELL. (14): 1, 4, Sam Cook, 1st cl., often described, an absolute gem, our choice for best in Nor. section, and she's worth it, 4th, rare good hen, full of quality and style; 2, Dormer, variegated, a topper for type and quality, round head and neck, not disgraced; 3, Barnes, cl., wee bit fat, lovely col., broad back, neatly carried tail; vhc, Entwistle; hc, Raynes; c, Turner. BUFF (14): 1, Watson, cl., full of quality, carries wonderful meal, short, all front, nice broad back; 2, Boothman, variegated, topping head and neck, rare size, put down in good condition; 3, Thomas, cl., romping big lady, full of quality, close carried wings and tail; 4, Cunliffe, grizzle shoulder, good chest, head, and neck. UNFLIG. YELL. CK. (20): 1, 3, hc, J. E. Davies, a lot of stormers here, 1st special best Nor. in show, good size, nice head, showing not the slightest sign of brown, a real good 'un, 3rd variegated, hot stuff, all front, broad back, bold head and eye; 2, Hulse, cl., big one, rare col., neatly carried wings, plenty in front, but not quite type of winner; 4, Dr. McConaghey, bit down, but looked a good 'un, when moved about; vhc, Braybrook; c, Seed. BUFF CK. (21): 1, J. E. Davies, cl., beautiful shape, rare size of chest across, mealed all over, like frost, wins; 2, Guy, variegated, lovely type and quality, broad back, put down in rare order; 3, Sutton, cl., round as a drum, neat front, good shaped head and neck; 4, Trengove and Son, wing mkd., topper for type and feather; vhc, J. and J. Hopkins; hc, Howe; c, Lewins Bros. HEN (35): Two sets of winners could easily be found here; 1, Johnson, variegated, yell., bouncer for size and shape, bold eye, and takes her perches freely, sound col.; 2, Leonard, grizzle mkd. buff, extra type and quality, wonderful meal, short wings and tail, real good one; 3, Sutton, cl. yell., another good lady in topping order; 4, Hillmen, cl. buff, round as a drum, shows

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plenty of meal, very short and well carried wings and tail; ex. 4, Granger, topper for style, rare head; vhc, Fulton; hc, Hayhurst; c, Thomas. NAT. COL. CK. (11): 1, Barker, variegd. yell., good size, nicely rounded off, broad head, fine thick neck, put down well; 2, Seed, varieg. buff, big one, bullet head and neck, short wings and tail; 3, J. and J. Hopkins, good yell., topping size, bull neck, neat wings, well up; 4, Davies, varieg. buff, short compact, and rare quality; vhc, Anderton; hc, Marshall; c, Peak. HEN (11): 1, Barker, varieg. yell., another of the right stamp, shows true Nor. properties; 2, Cook, yell., topper for type, well worth feeding, Sam, all front, bold and fearless, close up; 3, Allen, varieg. buff, another beauty, just beaten in size; 4, Greenhalgh, buff, grand head and neck, well staged; vhc, Carbutt; hc, Dr. McConaghey; c, Peak. AMAT. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (30): What a class! 1, Edmondson, cl., bold head and neck, short wings, plenty of width across back, neat win; 2, Greenhalgh, wing mkd., good size, round head, hot col., rare quality; 3, Bixter, varieg., topping type, bouncer for size, well carried wings and tail; 4, Mellor, eye and wings mkd., red hot, bold head and neck; vhc, Fildes; hc, Lingard; c, Bell. BUFF (33): Two lots of winners easily: 1, Hobson, cl., bouncer for substance, boat shape, good col. and quality, just a bit browy; 2, Hillmen, cl., true Nor. type, glorious mealing, short and compact, shows a ruffle at cheek, or would have gone up; 3, vhc, Whittaker, bit longer, but a rare good type Nor., teeming with quality; 4, c, Fildes, eye and wing mkd., all front, short legs, well carried wings, nicely staged; ex. 4, Scott, topper for size, and quality with it; hc, Dr. McConaghey. UNFLIG. YELL. (29): 1, Norman, cl., fine type, full neck, bold eye, short wings, broad boat shape back, wins; 2, Collis, varieg., good substance and shape, bull neck for a yell., should come out next year; 3, Fulton, cap mkd., another of good stamp, fair size, shows plenty of col.; 4, Smalley, cl., close feather, very short wings, well cut away; ex. 4, Cooper; vhc, Bell; hc, Lawton; c, Critchley. BUFF (30): What a class—work for the poor judges! 1, Bixter, eye and wing mkd., an eye-opener, type really good, feather of the finest texture, frosted all over; 2, 4, Johnson, leader smaller, but extra type and quality, deep chest, bull neck, 4th short, compact, and round as an apple, rare head and neck; 3, Whittaker, cl., good size, short wings and tail, carries glorious feather, staged; ex. 4, Hopwood Bros., topping quality, full chest, head well fitted in neck; vhc, Cooper, should win yet; hc, Collis, red hot, nicely staged; c, Dumpley, very compact. HEN (41): Quite a gathering of suffragets: 1, Collis, varieg. buff, blaze of col., close fitting feather, mealed over like a frosty night, wonderful front, wins; 2, Hobson, cl. buff, portly damsel, all front, round head, bull neck, true type, earns her place; 3, Lawton, cl. yell., broad boat shape, bold and fearless eye, well cut away; 4, Stafford, cl., yell., another sprightly miss, full of Nor. properties, and put down in rattling order; ex. 4, Lowe, well up for size and quality, fine frost; vhc, Chalmer and Rowland, very good hen; hc, c, Hopwood Bros., quite a creditable pair.

Mr. Battye's Classes.

YORK., CL. YELL. (7): 1, Hirst, straight as a rush, well filled in neck, grand length of side, good finish; 2, Ambler, hot as fire, neat head and neck, well balanced wings; 3, Dooley, racy and nervy, round shoulders, showing not a trace of frill; 4, Morrison, round as a pencil, well drawn out; vhc, Atkinson; hc, Wagstaff; c, Watson. BUFF (19): 1, Thornton and Bower, stormer for quality, well up on leg, neatly carried wings and tail, put down in fine form; 2, Wilkinson and Woodhead, straight and nicely filled in, close covered wings and tail; 3, Hall, rare legs, shows daylight round body, well placed; 4, Faulkner, full of swagger, beautiful type; vhc, Ambler; hc, Ogden Bros.; c, Dooley. TKD., ETC. YELL. (14): 1, Gray, wing and neck marked, like a guardsman, plenty behind leg; 2, c, Binns, cap and wing marked, rare legs, and knows how to use them, feathered like boxwood, close up; 3, Kearns, neck grizzled, well filled in neck, erect and fearless; 4, Morrison, grizzle cap, grand length and position; vbc, Edmoudson and Son; hc, Thornton; c, Binns; a very fine class. BUFF (17): 1, Edmundson and Son, grizzle cap, feathered like a Java, straight and nicely moulded, pipe tail; 2, Binns, thigh tick, rare type and quality, evenly balanced wings and tail; 3, Ambler, in topping order, very shooty for a buff, well up on leg; 4, Kearns, grizzle wing, stands well on leg, close feather; vbc, Dykes; hc, Whitaker; c, Slater. HEN., CL., ETC., YELL. (16): 1, Wilkinson and Elliot, cl., fine top end, nicely filled in should do some winning, bonny damsel; 2, Spencer, neck mkd., shows glorious feather and type, rare breedy hen, plenty of leg; 3, Kearns, tkd. neck, well moulded body, fine pair of wing and pipe tail; 4, Thornton and Bower, cl. nice type, closely carried wings; vhc, Whitaker; hc, Roberts; c, Linaker. BUFF (17): 1, Thornton and Bower, cl. pretty miss, leggy and full of swank, good top end; 2, Dykes, wing mkd., shooty and full of nerves, compact wings and well finished throughout; 3, Ogden Bros., cl. fine type, rare quality, breeding; 4, Broughton, cl., grand feather and style, well up; vhc, Wikinson and Elliot; hc Kearns; c, Spencer. YELL., BRED 1911 (23): 1, 4, Wilkinson and Elliott, 1 cl., hot as fire, magnificent feather, round as a bottle, well away, 4 cap mkd., straight as an arrow; 2, Broughton, cl., in topping order, shows plenty behind, well fitted in tail; 3, Allen, cl., a beauty for quality and type, very shooty and compact; vhc, Slater; hc, Linaker; c, Binns. BUFF (19): 1, Ogden Bros., cl., spanking fine youngster, grand length of wing, well carried, feather like boxwood; 2, Brown and Sons, cl., good top end, round as a bottle, well up on leg; 3, Pyke, wing and eye mkd., shows a touch of breed; 4, Atkinson, shoulder grizzle, rare type and quality, leggy; vhc, Morris; hc, Hall; c, Gray. AMAT., YORKS., CL. CK. (31) extraordinary good class: 1, Richards, yell., straight as a gun-barrel, beautiful feather, lovely type, full of swank, well away; 2, Brooks, buff, toper for length, rare back and wings, shows just a slight frill; 3, Gill and Son, yell., shooty, lovely shape, grand quality, nice leg; 4, J. S. Young, buff, good bird, badly staged else would have been higher we are sure; vhc, Alston; hc, Mrs. Deakin; c, Hadfield. TKD. (20): 1, Snape, tkd. yell., grand wedge shape, straight from head to tail, in topping order, wins; 2, Potts, cap mkd. buff, lovely type and feather, plenty behind leg; 3, Charnock, hot yell., neat head and neck, very racey, wedge shap; 4, Hadfield, very small, all type and quality; vhc, Frith; hc, Dalton; c, Brooks. HENS (31): 1, Bryant, cl. yell., fine damsel, straight as a rush, neat neck, wings, boxy feathers; 2, Brooks, cl. buff, round as a bottle, shooty for a buff, neat legs; 3, Hadfield, small buff, teaming with quality, topping type, size stops it; 4, Gill and Son, straight yell., V-shaped wings, rare position; vbc, Booth; hc, Anderson; c, Harrison. YORKS., GREENS, SELF YELL. (21) grand class: 1, Atherton, long drawn out bird, grass green col., well pencilled, fine head and neck, showed slight frill at times; 2, McDermott, rare back and wings, good col. and lacing; 3, 4, Rowlands, 3 slimmer, full of type and quality, correct col. and markings, 4 again slim, topping col. and markings; vhc, hc, McNulty, in nice order; c, Mockridge, ideal stock bird. BUFF (17): 1, vhc, c, Rowlands, not a big one, but glorious col. and markings, wonderfull quality and position; 2, 4, Young, leader young bird, splendid type and col., should make a topper next year, 4 stronger built, fine tone of col., wedge shape; 3, Robinson, stands like a guardsman, lovely feather and markings; hc, McNulty. FOUL YELL. (15) 1, Hellewell, foul tail, very good ground col. and markings, just a touch of Belg. in him; 2, Atherton, tail foul, grass green, good pencilling, well up on leg, good bird; 3, 4, Nimmo, 3 foul wing and tail, showed open tail when we were taking notes, stylish, fine tone of col, 4 tail and wing, better bird, grand shape and quality; vbc, Rowlands; hc, Richardson; c, Metcalfe. BUFF (19): 1, McDermott, foul tail, rare shade of col., good back and wings, well carried tail; 2, McNulty, foul tail, shooty, full of nerve, long sided, in topping order; 3, 4, Atherton, 3 a trifle strong pencilling good, fine back and wings, 4 similar shape, hardly through yet; vhc, Rowlands; hc, Richardson; c, Young. AMAT. MEMBERS', YORKS., CL. YELL. (9): 1, Holden; 2, c, Jones; 3, Young; 4, Midgley; vhc, Mason; hc, Whitaker. TKD. ETC., YELL (6): 1, Midgley; 2, Barlow; 3, Young; 4, Jones; vhc, Mason; hc, Schofield. CL. BUFF (9): 1, 2, Whitaker; 3, Mason; 4, Young; vhc, Bain; hc, Jones; c, Barlow. TKD., ETC. (6): 1, Mason; 2, Bain; 3, Humphries; vhc, Holden; hc, Hickson; c, Schofield. HEN A.V. (15): 1, Hickson; 2, Holden; 3, Bain; 4, Whitaker; vhc, Jones; hc, Mason; c, Young. NOVICE MEMBERS', YORKS., CL. YELL. (5): 1, Moorbey; 2, Vint; 3, vhc, Lucas; 4, Waterhouse. BUFF (3): 1, Waterhouse; 2, Moorbey; 3, Lucas. TKD., ETC. YELL. (5): 1, Waterhouse; 2, 4, Lucas; 3, Vint; vhc, Moorbey. BUFF (2): 1, Lucas; 2, Waterhouse. HEN, YELL. (1): 1, Lucas. PUFF (3): 1, Lucas; 2, Waterhouse.

Mr. Hadwin's Classes.

BELG. Cancelled. SCOT. CK. (7): 1, 2, vhc, Kelsey, 1st buff, good depth, reach, and drive, 2nd buff, very similar, fails just a trifle in top end; 3, hc, Scott, yell., good sweep, nice reach, wants just a little more substance; 4, Andrews, good shoulders and drive, close up; 1217, Wilkinson, absent. HEN cancelled. BORD. CL., ETC., YELL. CK.: A grand class (12): 1, Blackshaw, lovely quality and col., nice easy carriage, good style, well moulded; 2, vhc, c, Bayley, wing mkd., rare col. and quality, close up to first; 3, Hudson, very neat, good quality, fails only a trifle in col. and style; 4, Mrs. Harrison, lovely quality and shape, not quite ready; hc, Ireland. YELL. HEN (13): 1, hc, Large, a perfect gem for shape and quality, nice easy carriage, good style, real good one; 2, Andrews, another good one, not far behind, very natty; 3, Brown, very neat shape, good quality, not quite so stylish as leaders; 4, vhc, Ireland, very nice exhibit; c, Bayley. BUFF CK. (18): specially good class: 1, c, Bayley, grand shape and quality, rare col., like a bit of wax, a gem; 2, Hudson, another really good one, hard to separate, not quite so stylish or so good in col.; 3, Large, very neat one, good quality and style; 4, hc, Ireland, nice quality and shape; vhc, Mrs. Harrison, nice exhibit. HEN (10): 1, B.F.C.C. medal, Ireland, a marvel for shape and quality, rare style, feathered like wax, a most perfect lady; 2, c, Bayley, good bird, shade stouter, grand quality and col.; 3, Brown, nicely moulded, good quality, fails only a trifle in style; 4, Bayley, similar all through to third; vhc, Drinkwater; hc, Booth. EVEN MKD.: Cancelled. UNEVEN MKD. (18): 1, Bayley, well-known winner, in grand condition, much admired; 2, Hudson, Buff, two-pointed, grand quality and shape, good style; 3, Lloyd, nearly four-pointed, close up, good one all through; 4, Lloyd, Yell. cap mkd., rare quality and col., nice shape, not quite so neat at waist; vhc, Large; hc, Mrs. Harrison; c, Higgin. GREENS, YELL CK. (8): 1, Murray, lovely ground col., very clear in pencillings on back, sweet shape, good quality, grand specimen; 2, Johnstone, not quite so clear in pencillings, otherwise equal to winner; 3, Walker, another good one, just a bit soft at time of judging; 4, Mrs. Fildes, very smart shape, good quality, a trifle smoky in col.; vhc, McQuillan; hc, Bailey; c, Gentleman. BUFF (7): 1, Walker, wonderful col., rare shape and quality, very smart; 2, Johnstone, lovely quality and shape, not quite the col. of leader, otherwise equal; 3, Mrs. Fildes, good shape and quality; 4, Bayley, nice quality and col., good one; vhc, Gentleman; hc, Blackshaw; 1343, Handley, wrong class. YELL. HEN (7): 1, Johnstone, lovely quality, nice shade of col., very sweet lady; 2, vhc, Bayley, sweet shape, good qual., nice bird all through; 3, Mrs. Fildes, nice quality, a trifle smoky in col.; 4, Walker, Foul, bright col., good one; hc, Drinkwater; 1352, Handley, wrong class. BUFF (10): 1, r, Young, grand col., quality and shape, well laced on thighs, a little gem; 2, Gentleman, another good one, not quite so neatly laced, nice one; 3, Walker, bonny little lady, not quite the style of leaders, good bird; 4, McQuillan, good shape and quality; vhc, Johnstone; hc, c, Bayley; 1364, Booth, wrong class, Yell.

Mr. Godley's Classes.

CINN. TKD., ETC., YELL. (10): 1, Morrison, wing mkd., topping quality, straight and fearless, plenty of leg, full of swank; 2, Ogden Bros., wing and eye mkd., red hot, shows just a bit of Belg.; 3, Towers, mkd. wings, wedge shape, long sided and compact wings and tail; 4, Brown and Son, varieg., like a rush, well moulded; vhc, Knowles; hc, Thornton; c, Gray. BUFF (7): 1, Ogden Bros., winge and eye mkd., shows plenty of swagger, well clothed, leggy; 2, Towers, similar markinge, erect and plenty of him, boxy feather; 3, Brown and Son, wing and eyes mark, shows wonderful quality, neat tail; 4, Morrison, wing marked, topping type, smaller; vhc, Cooper; hc, Gregson; c, Broughton. YELL. HEN (10): 1, Ogden Bros., eye and wings marked, long-drawn lady, shows very fine feather, well up on leg; 2, Furness, mkd., rare order, neatly moulded shoulders and body; 3, 4, Towers, 3rd wing and neck mkd., straight as an arrow, lovely quality, 4th similar hen, just beaten in tail properties; vhc, Morrison; hc, Thomas; c, Brown and Son. BUFF HEN (12): 1, Morrison, var., shows nice feather, well drawn out, lovely head and neck, wedge shape; 2, Hellewell, eyes and neck mkd. again, lovely lady, boxy feather, very round; 3, vhc, Allen, wing marks, well moulded, tight as a Java, plenty of leg for a buff; 4, Thornton, var. stylish and neat; hc, Brown; c, Cookey. CINN. YELL. (10): 1, 2, Dormer, 1st wonderful deep bronze, well to the vent, rare substance, in fine fettle; 2nd again deep ground col., grand size, full of Nor. properties; 3, 4, vhc, c, Mrs. Deacon, 3rd paler than winner, grand type, put down in faultless form, 4th grand tone of col., crosses wings slightly; hc, Bentley. BUFF (10): 1, 2, 3, Dormer, 1st leader down when we were taking notes, but still shows marvellous col., 2nd rare size, grand head and neck, deep tone of ground col., well laced to vent, 3rd topper for col. and markings, red-hot, well staged; 4, hc, Bentley, grand substance and quality; vhc c, Mrs. Deacon. UNFLIG. (11): 1, Hartup, new name in Clnns., yell., col. of the finest shade, good one; 2, Mrs. Deacon, bouncing buff, rare tone of col., grand head and neck, clean cut; 3, 4, vhc, Dormer, yell. and buff, two birds of excellent col. and markings; hc, Wilson; c, Oldaker. HEN (11): 1, 4, Mrs. Deacon, storming yell. leading, grand size, full of quality, rich col., 4th similar bird, rare lacing for a buff; 2, vhc, hc, Dormer buff of rare qual., fine shape and substance, good ground col. and markinge; 3, Wilson, yellow, of good Nor. properties, fine shade of col., topping order; c, Hartup. NOVICE CINN. YELL. (8): 1, 4, vhc, Heys, trio of real good Cinns., correct col. and marking, bold fronts, leader better in head, 4th shade paler, good substance; 2, 3, Proctor, quite a credit, rich col., grand quality and style, good big ones; hc, Norman; c, Mrs. Tweddle. BUFF (6): 1, vhc, hc, Heys, grand substance, good head and neck, excellent col., well laced, well under; 2, 4, Proctor, two good shaped birds, carrying wealth of col., nice quality; 3, Norman, paler in col., fine shape of head, well finished off. MEMBERS AMAT. CREST: No entries. AMAT. NOR. YELL. (6): 1, 3, Boothman; 2, McKail; 4, Kirk; vhc, Whalley; hc, Bruce. BUFF (9): 1, Boothman; 2, Whalley; 3, Fulcher; 4, Mason; vbc, Bruce; hc, c, Smith. UNFLIG. YELL. (9): 1, Booth; 2, hc, Boothman; 3, Fulcher; 4, Bruce; vhc, Kirk; c, Whalley. BUFF (12): 1, Buckley; 2, Booth; 3, Holden; 4, Kirk; vhc, Fulcher; hc, McKail; c, Boothman. YELL. HEN (6): 1, Smith; 2, Whalley; 3, Kirk; 4, Booth; vhc, Boothman; hc, Harrison. BUFF (7): 1, Dr. Twigg; 2, Boothman; 3, Whalley; 4, Fulcher; vhc, McKail; hc, Robinson; c, Bruce. A.O.V. (2): 1, Whalley; 2, Holden. NOVICE NOR. YELL. (8): 1, 3, Rev. J. W. Wragg; 2, hc, Beswick; 4, Vint; vhc, Appleton; c, Rowbottom. BUFF (9): 1, Rowbottom; 2, 3, c, Beswick; vhc, Rev. J. W. Wragg; hc, Vint. UNFLIG. YELL. (11): 1, Rowbottom; 2, Vint; 3, Hudson; 4, Colbeck; vhc, Beswick; hc, Rev. C. E. Gaul; c, Hayward. BUFF (8): 1, Hudson; 2, Vint; 3, vhc, Beswick 4, Hayward; hc, Rev. J. W. Wragg; c, Rowbottom. YELL. HEN (8): 1, Rev. J .W. Wragg; 2, hc, Vint; 3, vhc, Beswick 4, Rowbottom; c, Rev. C. E. Gaul. BUFF (13): 1, Rev. C. E. Gaul; 2, hc, Hayward; 3, vhc, Rowbottom; 4, Colbeck; c, Vint. A.O.V. (3): 1, Beswick (Nor. Green); 2, 3, Percival (B.C. Lizards).

Mr. Houlton's Classes.

CL., ETC., CAN. HYB. (3): 1, Martin and Archer, well known Cl. Linnet-Can., looking well to-day; 2, Bond, famous old-time champion cl. buff Goldfinch-Can., keeps up wonderful for his years; No. 1523, varieg., ought to have been shown in next class. VARIEG. (10): A very warm lot; 1, 4, Martin and Archer, 1st very lightly varieg. Greenfinch-Can., very large, in the very best of condition; 4th, lovely quality, nearly even mkd. buff Goldie-Can., dark patch on back of head, finest shape and condition possible; 2, Bond, almost even mkd. yell. Goldie-Can., rare size, col., shape, quality and condition; 3, Maddison, varieg. Greenfinch-Can., rather heavier than 1st, grand size, shape, col., quality and condition; vhc, Jackson, pretty little rather heav. varieg. Linnet-Can.; hc, J. M. Walsh, big varieg. buff Goldie-Can., in splendid condition; c, Kearton, very smart little varieg. yell. Goldie-Can. DARK GOLDIE OR LINNET (9): 1, Martin and Archer, grand sized yell. Linnet-Can., rare col., shape, feather, markings and condition; 2, Maddison, smart rare-feathered buff Goldie-Can., in splendid condition; 3, Coffey, fine upstanding Linnet-Can., just beaten in substance of body; 4, Robinson, big yell. Goldie-Can., rare bird when quite up in condition; vhc, Hooson, buff Linnet-Can., in A1 form; hc, R. J. Metcalfe, good col. yell. Goldie-Can; c, Durston, big bouncing buff Goldie-Can., wants tightening up in condition. A.O.V. YELL. (6): 1, Davies, very fine yell. Greenfinch-Can., a gem all over; 2, Helm, very cobby Siskin-Can., grand size, shape, col., markings and condition; 3, Goode, big good shaped Greenie-Can, fine bold head, deep col., beaten in body feather just a little; 4, Tams and Son, Siskin-Can., very pretty col., well mkd., wee shade smaller than 2nd, all else equal; vhc, Coffey, Greenie-Can., lovely feather, bit tender on feet, which got him down a bit; hc, Dawson, nice Greenie-Can. A.O.V. DK. BUFF (15): Very strong class of fine birds, two or three left out as a bit too high col. all over for buffs; 1, Davies, regular bouncer of a Greenfinch-Can., grand heavy type, flowing with col., well mealed, in A1 condition; 2, Mrs. S. E. Love, a gem of a Siskin-Can., grand size and shape, deep col. for a buff, lovely markings and feather, finished like wax; 3, Williams, Greenie-Can., A1 size, shape and quality of feather, in rare condition; 4, Baincs, very pretty little Redpoll-Can., splendid feather and condition; vhc, Coffey, long slim Twite-Can., a bit wild, good bird when steady; hc, Tams and Son, Siskin-Can., grand feather, shape, markings and condition. BULLFINCH, HYB., ETC. (14): Very fine class indeed, containing four fine Canary-Bullies; 1, Bond, very large Can.-Bullfinch, rare shape, just wants a bit more time to finish off to perfection; 2, Martin and Archer, lovely little Goldie-Bullie, in full bloom; 3, J. W. Nicholson, grand Can.-Bullie, a real gem for quality, shape, markings, and exquisite feather; 4, Tams and Son, equally perfectly feathered Linnet-Bullie, grand shape, quality and condition; vhc, Hayter, still another very good Can.-Bullie, in fine feather and condition; hc, J. M. Walsh, Grecnie-Bullie, was not quite showing up to form when we were taking notes; c, Grewar, very neatly feathered Redpoll-Greenfinch, shows well. BRIT., GOLDFINCH (14): 1, A. Holt, a clear win, large clean cut blaze, very rich cl. bright col., beautifully tanned body col., very even and deep across breast, good moons and bars, in best possible condition; 2, Pitchford and Stocker, rare good sized blaze, just a wee shade darker in blaze, good sized moons and bars, nice feather, not quite so forward yet in body condition as 1st, will improve; 3, Wilson, good clean cut blaze, bright col., nice shape, good moons and bars, should improve much in a week or two; 4, Roberts, very big clean cut bright blaze, rare shape moons and bars; vhc, J. M. Walsh, clean cut, good blaze, wants a little more time and grooming; hc, Jackson, rare good Finch, fine blaze, grand body col.; c, J. Williams, young bird, grand blaze, good col. BULLFINCH (9): 1, Williams, very cobby, smooth feathered bird, grand broad cap, fine blue back, level breast col., good wings and tail; 2, Hobson, fine bird, well moulted, in grand condition, shade paler colour than 1st all else equal; 3, c, Jones, capital head and cap, well built, just beaten a trifle in breast; 4, Holmes, grand colours all through, wee shade smaller than others; vhc, Ride, very nice bird; hc, McFarlane. LINNET (12): 1, Tams and Sons, fine bird right through, very silky and glosy condition; 2, Marley, very like 1st and runs very tight for honours; 3, Hurst, bold and showy, nice markings, will improve in finish of condition; 4, Kearton, grand col., markings, shape and condition; vhc, J. M. Walsh, fine chubby bird, good col., and markings; hc, Wilson, prettily marked, in A.1., condition; c, Brade, grand markings. SISKIN ETC., (18): 1, Marley, fine Twite, in grand form, a lovely bird all through; 2, Brade, lovely Lesser Mealy Redpoll, moulted in fine form; 3, 4, Kilner and Son, pretty Siskin, but light in cap, otherwise excellent, and a fine marked Twite, both in fine condition; vhc, Fairhurst, grand Lesser Redpoll Jonque, in A.1., condition; hc, Greenwood, nicely marked Twite; c, Metcalfe, good Siskin. GREENFINCH (12): 1, Tams and Son, very fine built, grand feathered condition; 2, Hurst, capital body, fine feather, well shown; 3, J. M. Walsh, grand yell., fine feather and condition, wee bit smaller than leaders; 4, Metcalfe, yell., very like 3rd, in grand condition; vhc, Marley, fine buff in good condition; hc, Hayter, good buff; c, Fairhurst, all these were capital birds. BRAMBLE (6): 1, Hexter, very large and well spangled, nice body col., good feather and condition, upstanding, capital carriage of wings and tail; 2, Marley, not quite so large, grand colour and markings, in A1 condition; 3, 4, Goode, deep colour, grand markings, splendid feather and polish on both; vhc, Lane, nice marking; 1695, Bancroft, absent. CHAFFINCH (10): a good lot: 1, vhc, Hurst, best to-day, grand all through, in fine trim; 2, Marley, not quite the polish it had last week, a grand bird; 3, Lane, very nice bloom and condition, a trifle smaller; 4, Hayter, lovely polish, cobby, fine markings; hc, Ride; c, McFarlane. A.O.S. (5): 1, 4, J. M. Walsh, Hawfinch and Yell. Bunting, both in very fine condition, well shown and well placed; 2, 3, Johnson, Cornbunting and Yell. Bunting, in good form to-day, both very steady; vhc, Ride, Yell. Bunting, beaten only in markings, nice one. SMALL SOFTBILLS (4): 1, 3, Martin and Archer, pair of Dartford Warblers, former like a cock, latter like a hen, 1st in best condition, both well shown and well worth position; 2, Walsh, nice Redstart, again well shown, in fine form; 4, Griffiths, good Nuthatch. LARGE (8): 1, Boyd, well-known Chough, in very good trim; 2, vhc, Wellings, very pretty Thrush and a fine spangled Starling, both put down in good form; 3, Morgan, nice coloured Hoopoe, a trifle rough in breast feather; 4, Beaty, fine big Blackbird, pale beak and eye cere, A.1., feather; hc, Gilman; c, J. M. Walsh. FOR.: PARRAKEETS: 1, 2, Baxby, very good Crimson-wing and fine Pennant Parrakeet, in splendid condition; 3, J. M. Walsh, pretty Black-cheeked Love Bird, in A.1., condition, good third; 4, Beaty, Brown's Parrakeet, not quite in proper feather just yet. PARROTS: 1, Ditchfield, perfect conditioned Blue-fronted Amazon; 2, 3, Rev. G. H. Raynor, Everett's Parrot and Meyer's Parrot, nice birds but not quite so perfectly feathered as the 1st. AVADAVATS ETC., (16): 1, 3, Howe, exquisite pair of White-headed Nuns and an equally good pair of Orange-cheeked Waxbills, both in fine form; 2, hc, c, R. J. Watts, very large, tight feathered pair of Diamond Sparrows, a pair of Gold-breasted Waxbills, and a pair of Green Avadavats, all in good condition; 4, Baxby, a beautiful pair of Zebra Finches; vhc, Beaty, good pair of Short-tailed Combassous, in very fine condition. TRUE FINCHES ETC., (13): 1, Howe, grand Crimson Finch; 2, c, Watts, very fine Queen Whydah, in A.1., form, and a smaller Crimson Finch; 3, Howe, lovely Parrot Finch, in grand form; 4, Hubbard, good pair of Nonpareils in fine feather; vhc, Walsh, sweet pair of Black-headed Gouldians, in tight condition; hc, Beaty, smart pair of Red-headed Finches, in good condition; a very good class, all exhibits in fine form. TANAGERS (6): 1, vhc, Taylor, well-known Yellow-winged Sugar Bird, in nice order, though hardly so tight in feather as at Newcastle; vhc, Banana Quit, not quite at its best yet, a fine bird; 2, 3, 4, Walsh, grand trio of Tanagers, all in very fine form and well shown; hc, Pitchford and Stocker, Magpie Tanager, a bit out of form to-day. A.O.S.: 1 (spl. F.B.C.), 4, vhc, Walsh, most exquisite Wood Swallow, leading and wins F.B.C., Silver Medal, with his superb tight fitting feather and good condition; 2, 3, Baxby, fine Greenbilled Toucan, 2nd and a good Mexican Green Jay, both well shown. MEMBERS'—HYB. (4): 1, 3, A. G. Smith; 2, 4, Whalley. BRED 1911 (10): 1, 4, hc, Fairhurst; 2, 3, c, Robinson; vhc, Whittaker. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (5): 1, spl, Whalley; 2, vhc, Austin; 3, Whittaker; 4, Harrison. LINNETS (3): 1, Harrison; 2, Smith; 3, Schofield. GREENFINCH (5): 1, Hayward; 2, Whalley; 3, Schofield; 4, Whittaker; vhc, Midgley. SISKIN, ETC. (11): 1, Whittaker, grand Siskin, soon claimed at £1 5s.; 2, vhc, Smith; 3, 4, Harrison; hc, Waterhouse; c, Whalley. A.O.V. (5): 1, Buckley; 2, Smith; 3, Appleton; 4, Schofield; vhc, Harrison.

CLYDEBANK.

First annual show of the Clydebank and Dis. C.B.C. held in the Conservative Hall, Kilbowie Road, on Saturday, Oct. 28, when quite a nice lot of birds were staged in 29 classes. The secretarial arrangements were in the hands of Mr. J. Hart, who went through his work in a most able manner, and received capital assistance from the president (Mr. T. Sheridan), the vice-president (Mr. G. M'Gown), and a committee consisting of Messrs. J. Tawse, D. Chambers, J. O'Donnell, W. Kane, J. Richmond, W. Bilsland, S. Bragden, and J. Buchanan. Mr. Allan Roberts (Rutherglen) judged.

YOUNG BIRDS.—SCOT. FCY. (9): 1, 2, 3, 5, Flannigan; 4, Bilsland. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (13): 1, 6, Tawse; 2, 3, Kane; 4, Ramsey; 5, 7, Hart. BUFF (21): 1, silver challenge cup for best young bird in show, 2, 3, 7, Hart; 4, Ramsey; 5, Richmond; 6, Tawse. YELL. VAR. (9): 1, 3, Ramsey; 2, Sheridan; 4, Kane; 5, 7, Bilsland; 6, Hart. BUFF (11): 1, Hart; 2, Bilsland; 3, Tawse; 4, 5, M'Gown; 6, Richmond; 7, Kane. BORD. CL., ETC. (4): 1, 2, 3, Buchanan; 4, Walker. VAR. (1): Walker. YKS. CK. (5): 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Kane. MULES (3): 1, 2, 3, O'Donnell. OLD BIRDS.—SCOT. FCY. (4): 1, 3, Bilsland; 2, 4, Flannigan. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (7): 1, 2, 4, 5, Tawse; 3, Sheridan; 6, Hart. BUFF (13): 1, 5, 6, Tawse; 2, 3, 4, Hart. YELL. VAR. (4): 1, Ramsey; 2, 3, Tawse; 4, Bilsland. BUFF (2): 1, Tawse; 2, Sheridan. BORD. CL., ETC. (5): 1, 5, Tawse; 2, 3, 4, Buchanan. VAR. (1): Buchanan. YORKS. (5): 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Kane. A.O.V. (2): 1, Richmond; 2, Tawse. MULES (1): 1, Walker. BRIT. GOLDIE (3): 1, M'Gown; 2, Flannigan; 3, O'Donnell. LINNET (3): 1, Hart; 2, Greer; 3, O'Donnell. SISKIN, ETC. (3): 1, 2, 3, Robb. GREENFINCH (2): 1, Sheridan; 2, Greer. BRAMBLEFINCH, ETC. (3): 1, 2, Greer. BRIT. SMALL (1): 1, Robb. LARGE (2): 1, 2, Robb.

EDMONTON F.A.

Seventh annual Y.S. Show, held Town Hall, Oct. 12. The arrangements, under the control of the excellent hon. sec. (Messrs. J. S. Jackson and A. Burgess), were smoothly carried out. The general public patronised the show well, and everything pointed to success. Norwich were good classes, and the quality well up to the average. British were good. Special for best cage bird was won by Mr. J. F. Salter, with a really topping ticked yellow of lovely col., fine quality. The birds, on the whole, were a great advance upon last year. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged.

NOR. CL. (9): 1, 2, Cawthorne, leader typical yell., deep chest, silky feather, 2nd an equally nice buff, well packed; 3, White, yell., trifle longer, but beautiful silky feather; r, vhc, White; hc, Jauncey; c, Richer. TKD., ETC. (6): 1, sp best cage bird, Salter, rich col., silky feather, nice shape, well staged; 2, Cawthorne, tkd. buff, stout in body, not quite so full of quality as winner; 3, Jauncey, another nice tkd.; r, hc, White; c, Richer. BRIT., A.S. (4): 1, 2, 3, Williams, good team, nice Greenie leading, followed by a very nice Bramble and Redpoll, all in grand feather; r, Jauncey. MULE (2): 1, 2, Simmonds, two dark buff Goldie-Canaries.

OXFORD.

First Great Open Show of the Oxford C.B.S., held Oct. 26th, St. Peter-le-Bailey Hall. Although some of the classes were poorly supported, there were close on 300 exhibits on view, including teams from some of the most prominent exhibitors. The show was fairly well patronised during the day, and taken on the whole it was about the best exhibition of cage birds seen in Oxford. An interesting feature was the inclusion of two Roller classes, which brought together 29 birds, and some good singing was heard, Mr. Randall's young bird being in wonderful form. Mr. Levett, a local exhibitor, had a magnificent team of foreign birds on view, including those very rare specimens, the Brazilian Military Starling and the Brazilian Hang-nest, which were much admired. The secretarial duties were in the hands of Mr. A. F. Fifield, than whom it would be difficult to find a more able or more willing worker; he had everything in capital order, and was not short of assistance from his fellow officials. Mr. J. H. Roe (Birmingham) judged.

The Critique.

NOR. CL. YELL. (9): 1, sp, Richardson, very typical yell., nice silky feather; 2, sp, Lewin, rare head and crest, capital type, hardly fined down, a close race; 3, Irons, very large yell., good deep col., fails only in wing carriage to winner; vhc, c, Lovegrove; hc, Webb. BUFF: 1, sp, Lewin, a gem for shape, grand front, deep broad chest, beautifully mealed, a real topper; 2, Lovegrove, nice shape, close feather, nice front, fails only in substance to winner; 3, Irons, bouncing buff, rare substance and size, fails only wing carriage to winners; vhc, Brotherhood; hc, Webb. TKD ETC..: 1, sp, Lees, tick neck yell., good head and front, rare type, good deep level col., wins; 2, Kilby, tick neck yell., very typical, nice exhibit; 3, Lewin, eye ticked yellow, all there for type, good deep col., nice carriage; vhc, Gardner; hc, Webb; c, Brotherhood. Hen (a grand class): 1, sp, Lewin, grand typical yell., A1 for type, a Nor. all over, good head and neck, deep chest; 2, chc, Irons, sweet yell., grand type, fails in substance only to winner; 3, Lovegrove, buff, very tight in feather, well mealed, taking exhibit; hc, Mullis; c, Lees. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, sp, Frisby, cl. yell., grand col., good head and front; 2, Lewin, not quite so hot in col. as winner, Nor. all over, good head and front, well packed wings; 3, Irons, true to type, fails only in size to winner; vhc, Richardson; hc, Mullis; c, Lewin. BUFF: 1, sp, Richardson, very stout buff, good head, well filled neck, nicely mealed; 2, Irons, very compact, tight in feather, fails only in size to winner; 3, Lewin, marked buff, wonderful substance for youngster, good head and chest; vhc, hc, Frisby; hc, Mullis; c, Midgley. NOR. AMAT.: 1, sp, Wade, cl. yell, deep col.; 2, 3, hc, Wren, grand trio, cl. yell. leading, unflig., very smart, must have been close race with winner. UNFLIG.: 1, sp, 3, c, Wren, cl. yell. leading, true type, deep col., well cut away; 2, Wood, very smart typical buff, close up, wants a little more size, still very taking exhibit; vhc, Wood; hc, Sheppard. YORKS. YELL.: 1, sp, 2, Hawes Bros., two good typical birds, nice position; 3, Taylor, another fine bird, close up. BUFF: 1, sp, 3, Hawes Bros., another trio of good birds, well placed; 2, Taylor, not quite the finish of winner, but a grand one; vhc, Grant. HEN: 1, sp, 2, Taylor, two grand birds, well up on legs; 3, hc, Hawes Bros., 3rd, another good bird; vhc, Longley; c, Tombs. YORKS. AMAT.: 1, sp, 3, hc, Cripps, leader good cl. yell., well finished, fine position; 3rd, another nice yell.; 2, Longley, buff, fine position; vhc, Goldsmith; c, Tombs. UNFLIG. AMAT. (a good class): 1, sp, c, Goldsmith; grand youngster, straight as a rush, stands well; 2, Dimmock, nice length and finish; 3, Frisby, another neat Yorkie; vhc, Longley; hc, Tombs. CREST or C.B.: 1, sp, 2, Fifield, neat wing marked D.C.; 2, heavily varieg. D.C.; 3, Castle, cl. body, grizzle crest, nice bird, will improve yet; vhc, hc, Grant. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, sp, 3, Tyler, cl. buff and green Borders, neat birds; 2, Gough, Cinn., nice all through. LIGHT CAN. HYB. (some grand specimens here): 1, sp, Pearce, noted "Prince Charlie," needs no comment; 2, hc, Lees, well known Linnet and Goldfinch Mules, former pressing winner hard; 3, c, Bond, Siskin and Goldfinch Mules, well known birds; vhc, Lawrance, again well known wing mkd. Goldie, hard luck to meet such competition. DARK: 1, sp, c, Bond, grand Siskin Mule leading, in beautiful condition; 2, Lamb, good dark Mule in rare form; 3, Pearce, Redpoll-Can., good col. and condition; vhc, Gough; hc, Lawrance. A.O.V. HYB.: 1, sp, 2, Lawrance, Canary-Bullie and Linnet-Bullie, two grand specimens of these rare crosses, in tip-top condition; 3, Pearce, Redpoll-Bullie, shows cross distinctly, in rare fettle; vhc, Lamb; hc, Grant; c, Sandwell. GOLDFINCH, BRIT.: 1, sp, Levett, grand Goldie, in fine bloom, nice blaze and tanning; 2, Lewin, another good one, not quite so forward; 3, hc, Gough, two nice birds, but hardly ready yet; vhc, c, White. BULLFINCH, BRIT.: 1, sp, 2, Wren, 1st, a stormer, in beautiful condition, wins silver medal for best bird shown by an amateur; 2nd, another good one, not quite so forward as winner; 3, White, nice tight feathered bird, a bit on the small side; vhc, White; hc, Levett; c, J. Gough. GREENFINCH, ETC.: 1, sp, Brotherhood, Bramblefinch, 1911 Palace winner, in beautiful condition; 2, 3, hc, Lawrance, Chaffinch, Greenfinch and Bramblefinch, respectively, all in tip-top condition; vhc, Buck; c, Baseley. LINNET, ETC.: 1, ap, Tyler, Siskin, in fine bloom, nice size and markings; 2, Poole, runs winner very close; 3, Levett, Linnet, well pencilled, in good form; vhc, c, White; hc, Pearce. A.O.V. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, sp, Poole, Hawfinch, good in size and shape; 2, vhc, White, Hawfinch and Yellowhammer, both in fine condition; 3, Paine, another very fine Yellowhammer, all well shown. BRIT. SOFTBILL: 1, sp, 2, 3, vhc, Levett, fine team, Cornish Chough leading, in beautiful condition; 2, Nightingale, in splendid feather; 3rd, a grand spangled Song Thrush. HEN: 1, sp, Loader, hen Bullie, grand one, well shown; 2, 3, Gough, Bullfinch and Greenfinch, two very nice hens; vhc, White; hc, George; c, Lawrance. BRIT. AMAT.: 1, sp, vhc, Sandwell, both Goldies in fine form; 2, White, junr., Bramblefinch, nicely spangled; 3, Wren, Bullfinch, nice shape, but not quite ready; hc, Tombs; c, Ager. FOR. SMALL: 1, sp, vhc, hc, Levett, Blue Tanagers, in perfect condition, a treat to behold; 2, Baseley, grand Siberian Bullie, in the pink of condition; 3, Wade, Red-headed Gouldian Finch, a very smart exhibit. LARGE: 1, sp, 2, 3, vhc, Levett, a fine team of rare foreigners, viz., Brazilian Military Starling, Brazilian Hang-nest, and a Greater Hill Mynah, a sight worth seeing, all in perfect plumage and beautifully shown. LIMIT, 30/-: 1, Lees; 2, Grant; 3, Levett; vhc, Silk; hc, Frisby; c, Mullis. 12/6: 1, vhc, Lewin; 2, Bareham; 3, Lewis: hc, George; c, Frisby. ROLLER CLASSES—OLD BIRDS: 1, sp, Randall, hollow roll 5, hollow bell 4, bass roll 5, schockel 4, Glucke 3, flute 3, water roll 3, w. glucke 3, deep bubbling water tour 3, bell 2, bell roll 2, general effect 4, total 41. This bird was a wonder, singing this wonderful variety of tours in a rising and falling manner, and kept its deep and pure singing going right through its song; 2, Stalle, holl. roll 4, holl. bell 3, bass roll 3, schockel 3, glucke 4, flute 3, water roll 3, water glucke 3, d.b.w.t. 3, bell tour 2, gen. eff. 4, with one deducted for sharp flute, total 34; this was a lovely free bird with a dashing style, and very strong on the flute at end of song; 3, Slade, holl. roll 6, holl. bell 4, bass roll 3, schockel 4, flute 4, water roll 2, bell 2, bell roll 2, gen. eff. 4, total 31; this was the general favourite for its song all day, its hollow roll and bell being of such a fine tone and sweetness; 4, Randall, bird with great variety, very pure, 30 points; vhc, Buffin, had a lovely hollow roll and other good notes, making a total of 27; hc, Lewis, a fine hollow roll, 6 points, and other good notes, making a total of 27; c, Williams, 23 points. YOUNG BIRDS: 1, silver medal, Randall, real good bird, rising and falling in its song with a rare variety; holl. roll. 3, holl. bell 2, bass 3, schockel 2, glucke 3, flute 4, water roll 3, water glucke 3, d.b.w.t, 3, rising and falling bell tour 2, bell roll 2, gen, eff. 3, and one off for sharp flute, total 32; 2, sp, Neugebayer, bent holl. roll 4, holl. bell 4, bass 3, schockel 3, flute 3, water roll 3, water glucke 2, d.b.w.t. 1, bell 2, bell roll 2, gen. eff. 3, total 31; 3, bronze medal, Randall, another of these wonderful birds, total 30; 4, Buffin, hollow roll 6, and a good variety of tours, total 27; vhc, Williams, nice clear bird, and soft, total 26; hc, Williams, another good clear bird, total 24; c, Randall, shy, 23 points. No. 5 arrived ill, and Nos. 7, 12, 13, 16 and 17 did not sing, in spite of 1½ hours and the warmest place in the room.

TREHARRIS.

Eighth annual open show of the Treharris and Dis. F.S. held Oct. 26th, Central Skating Rink, close to station. We noticed several well known faces among the crowd in the evening, evidently making the best use of the short time at their disposal. Entries were rather under last year's, comparing favourably, however, with those of many other fixtures held this season. The classes being reduced in number possibly made some difference in this respect, and we would strongly advise the committee to give at least a class another year for unflighted Norwich, and same for Yorkshires. The judging was delayed for some time in a couple of classes through the non-arrival of some of the exhibits. The birds were staged at a nice height, and made a good display, especially after the lighting of the gas. The quality of the exhibits generally was A1, and competition in some of the classes very keen. Cup for best cage bird and special for best members' went to Mr. W. Davies' clear yellow Norwich cock. Everything seemed to pass off very smoothly under the capable management of Messrs. W. Dobbs (chairman), and Mr. J. Davies (sec.), who, together with the stewards, were exceedingly obliging and worked hard for the welfare of all concerned. Mr. E. J. Davies judged.

The Critique.

NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (9): 1, c, W. Davies, cl., chubby, fine head and neck, good depth of chest, nice col., fine wings and tail, wins challenge cup and members' special; 2, Phillips and Hunt, cl., unflig., grand type, lovely quality, capital wings, colour, and condition; 3, E. Thomas, cl., good size, nice head and neck, well cleaned out; 4, G. Edwards, tkd. right wing, grand all-round bird, will make the best directly; vhc, D. Thomas; hc, M. Middleton; a good class. BUFF (9): 1, E. Thomas, cl., fine head and neck, good col., quality, and meal, well coned body, nice fitting wings; 2, A. Maggs, cl., beautifully moulded, grand col. and quality, close up; 3, vhc, c, W. Davies, another cl., again grand col. and quality, carries one wing trifle high at times; 4, Phillips and Hunt, cl., unflig., nice type and feather; hc, G. Edwards. CL., ETC., HEN (5): 1, withheld; 2, E. Thomas, unflig. yell., mkd. eyes and left wing, nice full chest, short wings and tail, well cut up; 3, Maggs, griz. neck yell., not quite so full in neck and chest, otherwise good; 4, D. Thomas, cl. buff, grand type, col., and quality; vhc, E. Price; hc, G. Edwards, missing when we took notes. YORKS. CL., ETC., YELL. (14): 1, 2, Flook, 1st griz. head, unflig., good length and position, beautifully filled up, grand wings and tail, 2nd clashing fine cl., plenty of length, lovely back, col., wings and tail; 3, T. Evans, head tkd., grand type, splendid position, clever legs, nicely filled up all over; we heard 2nd Cardiff last year; 4, vhc, J. Williams, cl., nice racy bird, well up on legs; hc, W. Weeks; c, H. Palmer. BUFF (9): 1, Phillips and Hunt, cl. buff, good length of side, rich col., solid feathered bird, excells in quality and condition; 2, Phillips, topping position, grand feather, nicely filled, close up; 3, 4, Weeks, 3rd another very smart cl., good all-round, well worth place, 4th tkd. left wing, well filled up, good feather; vhc, no name; hc, T. Evans; c, J. Williams; No. 8, Davies; w.c., yell. CL., ETC., HEN (12): 1, R. C. Joues, lovely var. buff, grand length for hen, fine position, wings and tail, well filled all over, pressed for cup, popular win; 2, Whetton, cl. yell., good length, nice position, wings and tail, worth her place; 3, Phillips and Hunt, varieg. yell., again fine lengthy hen, good wings, tail, well up on nice legs; 4, Weeks, cl. buff, smart all-round bird; vhc, T. Evans; hc, no name; c, W. D. Clee. A.O.V. (3): 1, 3, withheld; 2, Lewis, nice yell. Belg.; 4, D. Davies; No. 1, c, Farrow, w.c. through exchange of labels, stewards might have corrected. GOLDIE, ETC. (5): All Goldies. Where were the Bullies? 1, withheld; 2, Palmer, good type, nice cap, fine sized, well shaped blaze, plenty of tan and moons; 3, D. Edwards, another very decent Finch, better in col. and polish than winner, capital bars and buttons, smaller in face; 4, no name, smart black leg, nice col.; vhc, no name; hc, D. G. Davies. LINNET, ETC. (5): 1, withheld; 2, W. Dark, really good col.-fed Siskin, capital type, good col., grand lacing; 3, Vaughan, pretty little Redpoll, grand feather, col. and condition; 4, Sullivan, F.M. Linnet, wonderfully steady, nice feather; vhc, Sullivan; No. 1, Farrow, w.c., exchange of labels, foul green Scotch, nice bird, easy winner in his proper class, hard lines. A.O.S. (7): 1, withheld; 2, 3, vhc, H. S. Davies; 2nd King Parrot, well known winner, grand bird, but we have seen him looking better, 3rd Goldie-Bullie hyb., fine blaze, good body col., condition, and size, vhc buff Goldie-Can., mkd eyes, wings, and head, topping size and shape, we heard Six Bells cup winner; 4, G. Edwards, smart little Redpoll-Goldie, very neat, lovely feather; hc, no name, Grey Parrot; c, H. Jenkins, Corn Bunting.

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LARKHALL.

Sixth annual show, held October 28th, and it proved a great success, entries being considerably in excess of last year's. Canaries were good classes, some excellent birds being staged. Crests were good, while Plainheads were above the average. Borders, too, were in fine force, 4 fine grand specimens being staged. Mules and British birds were grand classes, a really fine 1911 bred Goldie-Greenie hybrid being on view. This bird (Mr. Pollock's) won cup for best young bird bred by a member. The leading Greenfinch was an outstanding exhibit. The show was held in the Miners' Hall, a nice place for a show, being very comfortable; and the staging was well erected. The committee are a company of genuine fanciers, who had everything in apple-pie order. They had as their leader a first-rate manager, Mr. J. Pollock, whose services as secretary the society are fortunate in securing. The show was well patronised. Mr. J. Young (Rutherglen) judged the Canaries, and Mr. J. W. Bruce (Coldstream) the Mules and British birds; their selections left little to be desired. Winners of Specials: Cup for most points, Mr. J. Rundell (president); cup for best young bird bred by a member (Goldie hybrid), Mr. J. Pollock (secretary); most points Canary section, Mr. J. Rundell; best bird in Mule hybrid or British section, Mr. J. Pollock; for best old bird, Canary section, Mr. J. Rundell; most points in any one class, Mr. J. Graham; novice medal, Mr. S. Ferguson.

The Critique.

NOR., CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, McLean, bot-fed one, fine stamp, good head and front, well staged; 2, Smith, sweet bird, nice front and wing carriage; 3, McClue, nat. col., grand size, shade slimmer in front, grand head; vhc, Nisbit; hc, Rundell. BUFF: 1, 3, McLean; 1st, wins, grand shape and quality, good head and front, well cut, in rare bloom; 3rd, good shape, well cut, nicely balanced; 2, M'Ewan, slimmer, good head and wings, well put down; vhc, Cook; hc, Nishit; c, Hastin. A.O.V. NOR.: 1, McLean, good buff, grand mover, fine head and front, nicely drawn, in graud form; 2, Nisbit, fine feathered yell., shade slimmer in front, but good head and grand wing carriage; 3, Rundell, var., sweet size, good shape NON-FED YELL.: 1, Cook, good cl., well up in size, nicely rounded, rare shape, grand quality feather; 2, Pirrie, sweet exhibit, fine head and quality; 3, McClue, var., all there for polish. BUFF: 1, Rundell, good one, well up in size, nice quality throughout, hold head and front; 2, McLean, grand head and front, lovely feather; 3, McClue, good quality feather, very neat wings and head; vhc, Cook; hc, Arnott; c, Pirrie. BORD. CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, 3, Rundell; 1st, sweet thing, grand shape, rare head and wing carriage, lovely taper, well shown; 3rd, good head and quality; 2, Graham, good head and wings, lovely taper again, in grand feather; vhc, Bulloch; hc, McClue. BUFF: 1, Johnstone, in grand order, sweet one, lovely head and front, well drawn, stylish; 2, Graham, good type, nice size; 3, McClue, close up to winners, very nice size, good stamp; vhc, Rundell; he, Nisbit; c, Kerigan. A.O.V. BORD.: 1, 2, vhc, Graham; 1st, cinnamon mark, well staged, grand quality, rare shape, fine weight, good head, nice wing carriage; 2nd, nice var., not quite so close in feather, nice stamp and finish; 3, Bulloch, var., fails only in finish, rare mover; hc, Rundell. BUFF: 1, vhc, c, Rundell; 1st, for quality hard to beat, lovely feather bird, grand head and front, well put down; 2, 3, Graham; 2nd, cinn. mark, grand feather, nice shape, well drawn; 3rd, beaten only in finish; hc, Mitchell. GREEN OR CINN.: 1, Johnstone, good, well pencilled yell. green, grand ground col., rare type; 2, Rundell, sweet buff-green, lovely type; 3, hc, Graham, sweet all-round buff-green, nice size and quality of feather, well pencilled; vhc, c, Kennedy. CREST OR C.B., CK.: All to Arnott; 1, good all-round Crest, well centred, good length of feather, nice side; 2, Crest, not quite so dense in top piece, still good; 3, C.B., nicely lashed. COMMON CAN., CK.: 1, c, Rundell, large crossbred var.; 2, Smith; 3, McEwan; typical specimens of the cottage songster; vhc, Pollock; hc, Pirrie. HEN: 1, Haston; 2, 3, Rundell; vhc, Pirrie; hc, Kennedy, c, Alexander. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, hc, Clark, good yell. Nor., cinn., fine size and lacing, nice col. and shape; 2, 3, Ferguson; 2, sweet buff Yorkie, well up in size; 3rd, yell. Yorkie, good quality feather; vhc, Mitchell; c, Kerr Bros. LIGHT MULE OR HYB.: 1, Pollock, grand 1911 Goldie-Greenie, winner of cup, sweet size, grand face and wing bars, rare shape, another moult and will make a champion, real good one; 2, Sinclair, also Goldie-Greenie, in lovely feather, steadier than winner, but fails a bit in size and face; 3, Neilson, sweet var. Linnet-Can., well up in size; vhc, hc, McClue. DARK: 1, Rundell, good yell. Linnet, grand size, dense col. and markings, sweet shape, rare quality; 2, hc, McClue, nice yell. Greenie, good size, well up in face and bars, should make a grand one; 3, Cook, tip-top buff Greenie, grand feather and col.; vhc, Neilson; c, Smith. GOLDFINCH, BRIT.: 1, Clark, wins on forward condition, dense face, good square blaze, nice tannings, well up in size, rare quality feather; 2, Alexander, good one, grand body col., nice size, close up; 3, McClue, real good one, nice size, good quality feather; vhc, Nisbit; hc, Clarkson; c, Neilson. LINNET: 1, Docherty, good one, fine ground col., grand markings, lovely lacing, good flights; 2, McClean, grand old warrior, fine shape, rare markings, lovely flights; 3, McEwan, well marked, in grand order; vhc, Arnott; hc, Kerr Bros.; c, McClue. GREENFINCH: 1, Clarkson, a gem, rare size, lovely nat. col., full bold head, nice wings, flights, grand body col., staged to perfection; 2, McLean, grand flights, nice tone of col., runs light below, and not so bold or effective in head as winner; 3, Sinclair, not quite so forward in condition, good col., very nice headed one; vhc, Graham; hc, Alexander; c, McEwan. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Bruce, large nat. col. yell. Siskin, well-laced cap and sides, grand back and wing bars; 2, 3, Neilson; 2nd, well-fed Twite, good size, nicely pencilled, fine flights, in grand order; 3rd, well-marked Mealy Redpole, fine flank markings, good cap and bib; vhc, Cook; hc, Clark; c, Graham. LESSER REDPOLL, H.M.: 1, Alexander, in full bloom, grand col., nice cap and bib, well laced, in rattling fine order; 2, Docherty, good size, nice col., good flanks; 3, Sinclair, close up, sweet little 'Poll; vhc, McClue; hc, Kerr Bros.; c, Graham. F.M.: 1, Alexander, good one, in lovely order, steady as a rock, fine cap and bib, bare flank lacing, well staged; 2, Pirrie, good 'Poll, well up in size, sweet bird; 3, Neilson, nice cap and bib, good ground col.; vhc, Sinclair; hc, Swan; c, Graham. BULLFINCH, HEN, BRIT.: 1, Kerigan, wins, grand size and shape, dense broad expansive cap, good wing flights, tight as wax; 2, Clarkson, better in body col., just lacks the bib and size of cap of winner; 3, Pirrie, again well up in finish; three good ones, little to choose between them; vhc, Neilson, McLean, Alexander. A.O.S., HEN, HARDBILL: 1, Neilson, sweet Mealy Redpoll, grand size and markings, fine cap and bib, staged in perfect order; 2, Boag, sweet Siskin, nicely laced, good size and quality of feather; 3, McLean, good all-round Greenie, fine col., bold in head; vhc, McEwan; hc, Cook; c, McClue. A.O.S., BRIT.: 1, 3, Kerr Bros.; 1st, good well-marked large Magpie, in fine trim, smart exhibit; 3rd, Jay, good col. and finish; 2, Cook, nice Bramble, well up in size, grand col. and markings, worth its place; vhc, Sinclair; hc, Kerigan; c, Ferguson. FOR., SMALL: 1, Nelson; 2, 3, vhc, c, Thomson; hc, Brown. A.O.S.: 1, Cook.

QUEEN'S PARK (Glasgow)

Third annual show held October 28th, in the Victoria Hall, 476, Victoria Road. The President is Mr. R. Thomson; Vice-President, Mr. R. Miller; Sec. and Treas., Mr. R. Heggie; Committee: Messrs. R. Rennie, R. Jeffrey, J. R. Steel, G. Gentle, G. McDowall, And. Hunter, D. Aitchison, T. McCubbin, and W. Cuthbert; Auditors, Messrs. Naismith and Yates; Judges: Nor., Mr. J. Smeaton (Musselburgh); Bord., Yorks, Mules, Brit. and For., Mr. R. B. Gibb (Ibrox). The show was held in the large hall for the first time, and the change proved a distinct advantage in every way. The hall was crowded all the afternoon till the close, ladies being very much in evidence. The Sec., Mr. Heggie, had everything well in hand, and with the aid of a willing and efficient band of helpers things were all in the best of order. The Association are very fortunate in having a patron in Mr. T. E. Byrom, who takes such an active and lively interest in the well-being of the club. The entries, compared with last year's, were only two or three down, but the quality throughout showed a marked improvement, some really grand birds being forward. The winner of the Blue Ribbon in the Norwich section (the T. E. Byrom silver cup and gold medal) was Mr. A. W. Naismith's non-fed buff Plainhead cock, a young bird; runner-up, President Thomson's clun. yell. Border, winner of gold medal. Special for 3rd best in hall, won by Sec. Heggie, with a four-pointed buff Goldfinch Mule, 3rd at Glasgow City show, wins silver medal to-day. Spl. for best Yorkshire also Sec. Heggie. Special for best Crest or C.-B., President Thomson. Best in British and Mule Section, Sec. Heggie. Special for best Border, the runner-up for cup. Ramsden's special, Mr. W. Ross. Handsome special for most entries, Mr. R. Thomson (30 entries). Both Sec. Heggie and President R. Thomson contributed largely to the success of the show in having no less than 60 entries to their credit. The specials numbered 135, and a very useful lot they were. T. E. Byrom, Esq., handed over the prizes to the successful winners, and in handing over the cup and medal to Mr. A. W. Nalsmith, he hoped he might ultimately win it outright; and when he did so he (the speaker) would be ready to present the club with another cup to take its place—a remark which brought forth a round of hearty applause.

The Awards.

NOR. CL., ETC. YELL. CK. (6): 1, spl, Bryson; 2, Gentle; 3, Jeffrey; 4, Rennie; vhc, Cairns; hc, Ross. BUFF (9): 1, Colley; 2, 3, Gentle; 4, Bryson; vhc, spl, Miller; hc, Cairns; c, spl, Steel. VAR. YELL. CK. (2): 1, Rennie; 2, Cairns. BUFF (3): 1, Colley; 2, Cairns; 3, spl, McKenzie. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (4): 1, spl, Cairns; 2, Gentle; 3, spl, Bryson; 4, Jeffrey. BUFF (7): 1, spl, Steel; 2, Cairns; 3, spl, Jeffrey; 4, Bryson; vhc, spl, Colley; hc, Miller; c, spl, Gentle. VAR. YELL. HEN (1): 1, McCubbin. BUFF (3): 1, Gentle; 2, Colley; 3, Fulton. NON-FED. CK. (10): 1, spl, spl. cup and medal, Naismith; 2, 3, 4, vhc, Hunter; hc, McDowall; c, McKenzie. HEN (6): 2, 3, vhc, 1 spl., Naismith; 4, Hunter; hc, Peters. GREEN, ETC. (2): 1, spl, 2, Ross. NOVICE, NOR. (2) 1, spl, spl, A. McKenzie; 2, D. McKenzie. CRESTS (2): 1, 2, Yates. C.-B. (4): 1, 2, 3, Thomson; 4, Yates. BORD. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (8): 1, spl, 2, 3 spl, 4, Thomson; vhc, Dunbar; hc, Steel. BUFF (10): 1, spl, spl, 2, 4, hc, Thomson; 3, spl, Steel; vhc, Morgan; c, spl, Dunbar. GREEN, ETC. (7): 1, spl, 2, 3 spl, 4, vhc, he, 3 spl, Thomson. YORKS CL., ETC. CK. (9): 1, Johnston; 2, vhc, hc, spl, c, Heggie; 3, 4, Colley; hc, Ross. HEN (7): 1, spl, 2, vhc, hc, Heggie; 3, 4, Colley; c, spl, Ross. VAR. (1): 1, Heggie. MULE, OR HYB. (11): 1, spl, McGavin; 2, Dunbar; 3, 4, c, spl, Rennie; vhc, spl, spl, hc, Dunbar. OLD BIRDS. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1 spl, vhc, spl, Jeffrey; 2, 3, spl, Gentle; 4, Cairns; hc, Colley. BUFF (8): 1, c, Gentle; 2, 3, 4, spl, Jeffrey; vhc, Ross; hc, Fulton. VAR. YELL. CK. (6): 1, spl, Fulton; 2, hc, Cairns; 3, spl, Colley; 4, spl, Ross; vhc, spl, Gentle; hc, Findlay. BUFF (3): 1, spl Jeffrey; 2, Morgan; 3, Wilson. CL., ETC. YELL. HEN (3): 1, Colley; 2, Gentle; 3, Findlay. BUFF (8): 1, Gentle; 2, Heggie; 3, 4, hc, c, Jeffrey; vhc, Wilson. VAR. YELL. HEN (6): 1, Cairns; 2, 3, spl, Jeffrey; 4, McCubbin; vhc, spl, Fulton. BUFF (7): 1, spl, McCubbin; 2, Ross; 3, spl, vhc, spl, Gentle; 4, c, spl Morgan; hc, Colley. NON-FED CK. (13): 1, Cairns; 2, 4, Naismith; 3, spl, Hayes; vhc, spl, Hunter; hc, Foreman; c, spl, McKenzie. HEN (8): 1, Gentle; 2, 3, spl, Naismith; 4, he, McDowall; vhc, spl, Cairns. GREEN, ETC. (1): 1, Forman. NOVICE, NOR. (2): 1, Findlay; 2, Steel. CRESTS (9): 1, spl, Steel; 2, vhc, spl, hc, 4, Yates; 3, spl, c, spl, Thomson. C.-B. (9): 1, spl. spl, Thomson, 2, 3, spl, vhc, spl, 4, Yates; hc, Fulton. BORD. CL., ETC., YELL. (6): 1, spl, spl, 2, Thomson; 3, hc, Dunbar; 4 Steel; vhc, Morgan. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Thomson; 3, Morgan; 4, Steel; vhc, spl, Aitchison; hc, Cuthbert. GREEN, ETC. (3): 1, 3, Thomson; 2, spl, Dunbar. YORKS, CL., ETC., CK (11): 1, spl, 2, vhc, spl, hc, c, Heggie; 3, spl, 4 Johnstone. HEN (6): 1, 2, 3, spl, vhc, spl, hc, Heggie; 4, Johnstone. VAR. (7): 1, spl, spl, 2, 3, spl, vhc, spl, he Heggie; 4, c, spl, Ross. CAN. A.O.V. (4): 2, 3, spl, 4, McKenzie; 1 spl, Aitchison. MULE OR HYB. (3): 1, spl, spl, 3 spl, Heggie; 2, McGavin. BRIT. LINNET (7): 1, spl, McGavin; 2, Halliday; 3, spl, hc, Steel; 4, Hayes; vhc, Peters. GOLDFINCH (3): 1, spl, 2, Peters; 3, spl, Steel. SISKIN, ETC. (6): 1, spl, 2, McGavine; 3, spl, Cuthbert; 4, Peters; vhc, Thomson; hc, Morgan. GREENFINCH (6): 1, spl, 2, McGavin; 3, spl, Bryson; 4, Heggie; vhc, Johnston; hc, Dunbar. BULLFINCH HEN (2): 1, spl, McGavin; 2, Peters. HENS (for Hyb. breeding) (2): 1, spl, McGavin; 2, McCubbin. BRIT. A.O.S. (5): 1, spl 3 spl McGavin; 4, Gentile; 2, Dunbar; vhc, Morgan. FOR. GOLDFINCH (2): 1, spl, McGavin; 2, Gentle. A.O.S. (4): 1, spl, 4, Morgan; 2, 3, spl, Ross. SELL. (16): 1, Gentle; 2, 3, Cairns; 4, Colley; vhc, hc, Naismith; c, Johnston. GIFT (7): 1, spl, Thomson; 2, spl, Cairns; 3, spl, Gentle; 4, spl, Jeffrey; vhc, spl, Rose; hc, spl, Forman; c, Cuthbert. OPEN NOR. CL., ETC. YELL. CK. (7): 1, Maxwell; 2, vhc, 4, Hutchison; 3, Cairns; hc, Crawford; c, Hardie. BUFF (12): 1, Hutchison; 2, Young; 3, Maxwell; 4, Cairns; vhc, Hardie; hc, Wood; c, Wilson.

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DYSART.

The Run of Fifeshire Successes Checked.

Dysart and Dis. C.B.S. 7th annual show held Oct. 28, in the Normand Memorial Hall, but it cannot be said that the success of preceding Fife shows was maintained, as it will take the society all its time to make ends meet. Entries totalled 500, this being a decrease of 100 on last year's. The executive, from the president, Mr. D. Walker, downwards, are a body of enthusiastic fanciers, who know how to manage a show properly, and we trust they will take a friendly hint and give more inducements to fanciers at their next show. Mr. J. S. Harris was again in the secretarial chair, and proved himself a very efficient official; the society will do well to keep him in that position as long as possible. We greatly missed the genial presence of the late secretary, Mr. Jas. Logan, and were sorry to learn of his son's serious illness; we trust he will soon be on the road to recovery. The Border Fancy Section proved the strongest, both in point of numbers and excellence of type and quality. Teams were forward from all the noted stables, and proved a hot handful. We noticed a few of the colour-fed variety, but the judge, Mr. R. Lambie (Whitburn) had no hesitation in putting them out of competition, and if other judges would follow this excellent example we would hear less grumbling at shows. Mr. Hutchison, in addition to capturing the coveted B.F.C.C. medal, succeeded in winning the Harris Cup for most points in show. Plainheads though only fair in numbers, for quality reached a high standard. Mr. J. Smeaton, although his noted yellow hen was put out of competition through an unfortunate error on the part of the judge, accounted for most of the plums. Mules, British and Foreign birds were disappointing, and showed a considerable drop on what we have already seen this season; the two judges had a very easy task. Judging was over in good time, and the awards in all sections were well received. Judges: Scotch Fancies, Mr. J. Thomson (Kirkcaldy); Border Fancies, Mr. R. Lambie (Whitburn); Crests and Plainheads, Mr. J. Winter (Edinburgh); Mules, British and Foreign, Messrs. C. White and R. Gilmour (both of Kirkcaldy).

The Critique.

SCOT., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (6): 1, sp, Archibald, good type, well up on legs, fine drive; 2, Melville, fine size and depth, good top end, nice action; 3, c, Leslie, nice stamp, fails only in substance; vhc, Grieve; hc, Thomson. HEN (6): 1, Thomson, well up in size, and substance, grand action and droop; 2, vhc, Gilmour, rare action, fine reach, grand shoulders, presses; 3, Leslie, good position, drives well; hc, Melville; c, Wilkie. BUFF CK. (6): 1, Beattie, well set up, good shoulders and decided drive; 2, Thomson, fine nervy bird, takes good position, reaches well; 3, Wilkie, rare size and thickness, bold action, presses hard; vhc, c, Thomson; hc, Cairns. HEN (3): 1, Thomson, nice type, well up on legs, neat head, long, reachy neck; 2, Watson, nice size and shape, slow worker; 3, Melville, neat type and action, follows well. YELL., ETC., GREEN CK. (6): 1, 3, Barrie, nice length of wing, good top end, drives well, 3rd neat stamp, fine action, fails only in substance; 2, Anderson, good size and depth, stands well up on perch, grand top end, some considered might have won; vhc, Melville; hc, Anderson. HEN (4): 1, Gibson, nice stamp, fine wings and tail, well under, quick worker; 2, Gibson Gilmour, neat head and reachy neck, well set up on perch, follows well; 3, Wilkie, nice type and action; vhc, Cairns. BUFF CK. (3): 1, Melville, neatly proportioned, plenty of nerve and action; 2, Beattie, well set up, fine drive; 3, Gilmour, nice type, stiff action. HEN (2): 1, Thomson, rare size and depth of chest, plenty of top end, and capital reach, easy win; 2, Gibson, finely got up, neat action. SELL., CK., £1 (8): 1, Watson; 2, Thomson; 3, Howie; vhc, Thomson; hc, Wilkie; c, Melville. HEN, £1 (6): 1, Gibson; 2, Watson; 3, Howie; vhc, c, Black; hc, Grieve. BORD., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (20): 1, Patterson, jun., splendid model, neat head and neck, front nicely rounded and tapered, put down as the exhibitor knows how; 2, Hutchison, splendid type, excelling in wing and tail carriage, a trifle soft when we were taking notes; 3, Williamson, another one, true to type, grand wing carriage; vhc, Arnott; hc, Taylor; c, Crabb and Finlayson. HEN (13): 1, B.F.C.C. medal, Hutchison, very neat model, rich natural col., level throughout, neatly rounded head and neck, rather restless; 2, Young, very typical lady, lovely wings and tail, finely tapered front, rare condition, not far behind; 3, Craig, another topper, true to type, splendid condition; vhc, Peters; hc, Patterson, jun.; c, Arnott. BUFF CK. (14): 1, Bennett, grand model, hard to find fault with, will take a deal of stopping, staged in faultless condition; 2, Bickerstaff, good type, well braced wings and tail, nicely tapered frontal, rather restless; 3, Arnott, splendid type, excels in front; vhc, Hutchison; hc, Duncan; c, Craig. A few birds in this class showed signs of colour-feeding, and accordingly had to pay the penalty. HEN (14): 1, Hutchison, splendid type and jaunty action, put down in spanking fine order, closely followed by 2, Bennet, grand model, all over in lovely bloom; 3, Arnott, rare type, neat head and front, well worth its place, the above three were very equal in merit, and must have proved a stiff task to separate; vhc, Davidson; hc, Peel; c, Hyslop. EVEN MKD. CK., YELL. (10): 1, Bennet, neatly got up, lovely col. and markings, splendid wings and tail, wins; 2, Craig, strongly built specimen, but very shapely put down, in grand bloom; 3, Hutchison, very typical, lovely quality, follows well; vhc, Robertson; hc, Kidd; c, Aitchison. HEN (10): 1, Hutchison, grand quality, neat head and neck, not quite so well rounded in front as we like; 2, Young, grand cinn. mkd., splendid type, lovely quality, some thought might have won; 3, Hazzard, finely got up, nice markings, grand condition; vhc, Patterson, jun.; hc, Laing; c, Rae. BUFF CK. (11): 1, Arnott, very taking model, true to type, and excelling in wings and tail, lovely condition; 2, Spence, smart, jaunty action, splendid type, neat head, worth its place; 3, Gibb, grand stamp, full of quality, close up; vhc, Martin; hc, Smith; c, Webster. HEN (8): 1, Bennet, splendid model, true to type, all there for quality, feathered like a Java; 2, Hutchison, nicely tapered body, grand wings and tail; 3, Patterson, jun., a regular topper, with hardly a fault, trifle soft when we were taking notes; vhc, Blackie; hc, Aitchison; c, Robertson. GREEN, ETC., CK. (7): 1, Bickerstaff, yell. green, grand type, rich shade of body col., pencilled to perfection; 2, Smith, another yellow green, of good type and quality, failing only in density of body col.; 3, Forrest, jonque cinn., neatly proportioned, fine col. and quality, worth its place; vhc, Peters; hc, Taylor; c, T. and W. Nisbet. HEN (5): 1, Forrest, jun., cinn., nice type and col., good quality feather, closely pressed by 2, Buglass, yell. green, splendid type, grand body col., put down in rare fettle; 3, Smith, yell. green, failing only in col.; vhc, Irvine; hc, Russell. A.O.V. (21): 1, Harris, nice specimen of buff cinn. Nor.; 2, Sneddon, yell. grizzle Crest, staged as coppy. COMMON CAN., 5s. 6d. (3): 1, Harris; 2, Saunders; 3, Barclay. NOVICE BORD. (6): 1, 3, McCrae, 1st cl. yell., fine type and condition, 3rd foul yell., neat stamp of Border, in good condition; 2, vhc, Grubb, clear buff, very shapely, good head and wings, lovely condition; hc, Russell; c, Kidd. CREST CK.: Cancelled. HEN (4): 1, 2, Crerar, two dk. Crests of real merit, leader winning on radiation of crest, 2nd crest, of rare quality feather; 3, Sneddon, large grizzle Crest, good body feather; vhc, Arnott. C.B. CK. (3): 1, Cowie, very fair all-round specimen, winning on length of head feather; 2, Findlay, nice type and quality; 3, Brown. HEN cancelled. SELL., £1: 1, Brown; 2, Findlay. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (8): 1, Smeaton, splendid type, bold head and neck, deep chest, neatly rounded, grand wings and tail, in grand bloom; 2, Fleming, another good one, excelling in head and frontal; 3, Lumsden, full of col. and quality, neat type, failing only in substance; vhc, McAnally; hc, Philp; c, Steele. HEN (10): 1, Buglass, grand hen, short and chubby, deep front, nicely rounded and tapered, short wings and tail; 2, McCabe, splendid model, excelling in head and front, a trifle patchy in col.; 3, Adamson, neat type, hot col., lovely quality, close up; vhc, Wildridge; hc, Dempster; c, Thomson. BUFF CK. (7): 1, Lumsden, bold head and neck, short wings and tail, lovely col. and condition; 2, Grewar, well up in size and substance, neatly rounded and finished, good wings, fails only in substance; vhc, Christie; hc, Allan; c, Dempster. HEN (9): Smeaton, very typical head, grand substance, lovely quality, shows mealing to perfection; 2, Craig, grand type, bold bead, and deep chest, neatly rounded and tapered, fails only in tail carriage; 3, Adamson, neat specimen, all there for quality; vhc, Harris; hc, Steele; c, Leach and Leckie. VARIEG. CK. (12): 1, Smeaton, great size and substance, grand col., and lovely quality, inclined to hug perch too closely; 2, Fleming, grand model, bold head and neck, neatly moulded frontal, stands well across perch; 3, Buglass, plenty of size and substance, good quality feather, longer than leaders; vhc, Harris; hc, Lumsden; c, McCue. HEN (9): 1, Fleming, grand type of hen, good head and bold frontal, staged to perfection; 2, Buglass, great depth of chest, neatly rounded and tapered, close feather; 3, Harris, nice type, excelling in wings and tail, follows well; vhc, Steele; hc, Traill; c, McLaren. UNFLIG. YELL. CK. (10): 1, 3, Smeaton, a grand pair, full of quality and col., true Nor. properties, 3rd bird fully larger than winner, but unsteady; 2, Harris, splendid shape, bold head and front, well up in size, wee bit open in front; vhc, Adamson; hc, Hunter; c, Dempster. HEN (12): 1, Smeaton, beautiful quality hen, hot col., and all there for type; 2, McAnally, splendid type, short and chubby, fails only in condition; 3, Wildridge, shapely model, nicely finished, follows well; vhc, Adamson; hc, Traill; c, Dempster. BUFF CK. (7): 1, Christie, shapely model, bold head and neck, lovely quality; 2, Roughead, typical variegated youngster, staged in first-class order; 3, Smeaton, plenty of size here, inclined to be on long side; vhc, Maclauchan; hc, Dempster; c, Weir. HEN (10): 1, McCue, very shapely hen, good bead, neatly moulded frontal, closely followed by 2, 3, Smeaton, pair of typical Plainheads, full of quality, lovely col., beautifully mealed, will be heard of later; vhc, Adamson; hc, Traill; c, Dempster. NON-FED YELL. CK. (4): 1, Lawrie, variegated, grand type and rich nat. col., useful bird; 2, Grewar, Lochgelly, another grand variegated, failing only in head; 3, Dempster, fine size and depth; No. 4, McLaren, w.c., col. fed. HEN (5): 1, Craig, cap mkd., good type, fine wing carriage, rich level col.; 2, Buglass, bold head and front, good wing carriage, a wee bit open in front; 3, Grewar, fine type, good quality, close up; vhc, Traill; hc, Dempster. BUFF CK. (7): 1, Lawrie, great depth of chest, short wings and tail, good quality feather; 2, Smeaton, good head and neck, nice quality feather; 3, Harris, nice type and quality; vhc, Skinner; hc, Robertson; c, Dempster. HEN (5): 1, Smeaton, very shapely, neat head, grand wings; 2, Buglass, fine type and quality, follows well; 3, McLaren, variegated, good head and quality, nice substance; vhc, Keddie; hc, Traill. NOVICE NOR. (3): 1, 2, Harris, leading with a very fair cl. buff, 2nd yell. variegated; 3, McCrae, cl. buff, close up. YORKS. CK. (10): 1, Clelland, cl. yell., finely drawn, takes good position; 2, Syson, cl. yell., fine type, good length of wing, hot col., and quality, presses; 3, McDougall, good Yorkie, cl. buff, fine head, lovely tapered body, close up; vhc, Crerar; hc, King; c, Reid. HEN (6): 1, 2, Crerar, winner, clu. buff, neat head, shoulders, nicely drawn, good length of side, 2nd yell., same type, follows well; 3, King, buff, nice type and quality; vhc., McDougall; hc, Syson; c, Hamilton. DARK CAN. MULE (6): 1, Bell, well-known Linnet Mule, rare size and col., easy win; 2, Bogie, good col. Goldie Mule, a bit on small side; 3, McLaren, Goldie Mule, fails only in col. and condition, good one; vhc, Watson; hc, Keddie; c, Maclauchan. LIGHT (6): 1, McLaren, buff Goldie Mule, nicely mkd., and rare col.; 2, Adams, pale col. Goldie Mule, nice bird, thought by some to be a hen; 3, Watson, yell., Goldie Mule, grand col. and condition, might perhaps have gone up one; vhc, c, Dewar; hc, Arnott. HYB. (3): 1, 2, 3, Williams, leading with a nice coloured Goldie-Bullie, 2nd Twite-Greenfinch, shows parentage well, 3rd Siskin-Greenie hen. BRIT., LINNET (12): 1, 3, McArdie and Stewart, well-known pair, grand size and col., very steady, hard to separate; 2, Nicoll, good size and col., but would not show himself; vhc, Pringle; hc, Hodge; c, Philip and Son. GREENFINCH (5): 1, Traill, typical Greenie, all there for condition; 2, Russell, fine size and shape, follows well; 3, Arnott, well up in size, good col., close up; vhc, Dryburgh; hc, Haxton. SISKIN (13): 1, Bell, noted winner, showing improvement; 2, McLaren, neat cap and bars, nicely laced, lacks the frill; 3, Duncan, grand Siskin all over, hot col., well defined cap and bib, come made an easy 2nd; vhc, Spittal; hc, Lawrie; c, Whitbrook and Allan. LESSER REDPOLL, ETC. (9): 1, vhc, Bell, 1st well-known Poll, in lovely condition, fine col. and markings; 2, Pringle, neat Poll, fine lacing; 3, c, Nicoll, nicely mkd. Redpoll; hc, Spittal. MEALY (7): 1, Duncan, large Poll, plenty of flesh, somewhat badly staged; 2, Bell, good mealy, finely laced, some though might have won; 3, Colville, another big one, failing only in col.; vhc, Bisset; hc, Dall; c, Nisbet. GOLDFINCH (4): 1, Roughead, typical Goldie, winning on purity of col. and finish; 2, Spittal, nice size, good bars and moons, a shade darker in blaze; 3, Watson, a big one, blaze of nice dimensions, also on dark side; vhc, Kay. BULLFINCH (9): 1, Wright, not a big one, but a marvel for breast col.; 2, Bell, larger than winner, and in rare condition, fails only in col.; 3, McDonald, fine size and condition, neat cap and bars, follows well; vhc, Smith; hc, Mackie; c, Thomson. LARGE BRIT. (2): 1, Lister; 2, Bisset, both Blackbirds, leader winning on condition. SMALL SOFTBILL cancelled. A.O.S. HARDBILL (3): 1, Reid, fine Bramblefinch, well up in col. and markings; 2, Webster, Chaffinch, good col. and condition; 3, Saunders, nice Bramblefinch, failing only in col. HEN (4): 1, Sutcliffe and Son, buff, mkd. wings, and yell., mkd. wings and head, former full of col., straight as a gun-barrel, lengthy, well on leg, 4 lengthy, capital feather and col., has a tendency to overlap his tremendously long wings; vhc, Chittenden; hc, Middleton Bros.; 3, Ogden Bros. HEN (12): 1, Chittenden yell., mkd. wings and eyes, red hot, magnificent feather, rattling fine stand, slim, beautiful wing carriage, lengthy and leggy; 2, Wilcock, junr., buff, mkd. wings and head, rare length and position, grand back, flights and tail, smartly clothed, rich col., full of style; 3, Ogden Bros., yell., mkd. wings and eye capitally fed, rich col., good stand and length, neat legs, worth its place; 4, Priestley, buff, mkd. wings and eye true position, lengthy, A1 quality and mealing; vhc, Bailey; hc, Grange; c, Mason. UNFLI. HEN (23) rare lot; 1, Mitchell, cl. yell., shone like polished marble, straight as a rush, good length, well on leg, grand col. should moult out a gem; 2, Edmondson and Son, cl. buff, rattling position, delightfully clothed, rich in tone, good back and wing carriage; 3, Towers, very stylish cl. yell., smooth as a bottle, well filled back, neat wing carriage; 4, Shackleton, mkd. wing and head, longest in class, delightful quality; vhc, Bailey; hc, Elsegood; c, Lunn. YELL. (13): 1, Chippendale, cl. of rare position and length, A1 quality and col., best of backs, neatly carried wings, pipe tail, possessing clever pair of legs; 2, Sutcliffe and Son, mkd. wings and eyes, teeming with quality and colour, rare length and stand, lovely back fights and tail, wee bit soft, or might have won; 3, Shaw Bros., cl., stands grand, superb quality and col., shows well, beaten in length only; 4, Shackleton, cl., full of style, A1 quality and col.; vhc, Ogden Bros.; hc, Bailey; c, Chittenden; No. 7, Wilkinson, w.c., a buff. BUFF (10): 1, Dewbirst, mkd. neck, feathered to perfection, straight as a pencil, rich col. and frosting, lengthy and leggy, full of promise; 2, Chippendale, cl., smooth as wax, clinking col. grand back, sides and flights, showing thighs well, solid front; 3, Towers, cl., shone like satin, true character, one of the best; 4, Radley, cl., possessing most length in class, good stand, well ou leg; vhc, Shackleton; hc, Wilson; c, Murgatroyd. SELL. HEN, 12s. 6d. (18): 1, Horsfield; 2, Greaves; 3, Jebson; 4, Stobart; vhc, Skirrow; hc, Grange; c, Holroyd Bros. NOR. (10): 1, Rhodes, cl. yell., short and thick set, capital col. and feather, nice substance and carriage, clean cut away; 2, Binns, buff, mkd. head, rare shape and size, grand col. and quality, richly mealed, smart mover, 1911 bred; 3, 4, Roe buff mkd. wings rare size, good head, neck and chest, A1 col. and feather, 4 cl. buff, capital feather and col., very shapely, very neat; vhc, Moore and Stott; hc, Scargill; c, Guffick. HEN (15): 1, Roe, bouncing cl. yell., feathered nicely, good col., A1 shape and carriage, neatly shown; 2, Pearson, cl. buff, rattling size, very shapely, A1 col. and quality, not very far away; 3, Birkeck, cl. yell., smartly moulded, soft silky texture of feather capital col., 1911 bred; 4, vhc, Simonett, cl. buff, smooth as wax, good shape and style; hc, Scargill; c, Rhodes.

Mr. M. Broadley's Classes.

NOVICE: YELL. YORK. (24): 1 Huddleston, cl., wedge shaped, grand col. and feather, very lengthy, lovely back and wing carriage; 2, Mountain, cl., straight as a gun-barrel, delightful position, rare col., well on leg, must have pressed; 3, Greig and Pearson, cl., very length, A1 position, good in texture, neat expression of head; 4, Smith, cl. hot in col., A1 quality stands well; vhc, Atkinson; hc, Burden; c, Batty. BUFF (22): 1, Western, cl., beautifully clothed, rich in col., upstanding, capital length, full of nerve, grand one; 2, Dibb, cl., teeming with quality and col., lovely type, grand back and wing carriage, near on equal to winner; 3, Fowle, cl., rattling fine quality, straight up, lengthy; 4, Atkinson, cl., full of style, superb quality, nice stand; vbc, Smith; hc, Firth; c, Padgett. UNFLI. YELL. (31) a choice class: 1, Harney, very lengthy and stylish cl., lovely feather and col., grand back and wing carriage, clever legs; 2, Cockcroft, cl., hotter in col., stands very finely, lengthy, well on leg, not quite so slim; 3, Leather, cl., A1 col. and position, nice length, good front and legs; 4, Atkinson, mkd. neck, good stand and length, nice feather and col.; vhc, Field; hc, Batty; c, Moore. BUFF (29): 1, Powell, mkd. eye lovely salmon tinged col., delightfully clothed, rare length, stands like a soldier, gem; 2, Denby, cl., smooth as a bottle, straight as a gun-barrel, lengthy and leggy, very close up; 3, Ellis, mkd. wing and head, A1 col. and quality, erect and of good length, nice back and wing carriage; 4, Sutcliffe, cl., full of style, nice position and length; vhc, Craven; hc, Dibb; c, Field. UNFLI. HEN (28): 1 Watson cl. buff wedge shaped, tight as a Java, delightful position, rare length, quite a charming maiden; 2, Bennett, gem of a cl. yell., not a feather misplaced, straight as a pencil, grand back flights and tail; 3, Moore, cl. buff, full of character, nicely feathered, good col.; 4, vhc, Northrop, thigh tkd. yell., slim and upstanding, nice col.; hc, Nichols; c, Marsh. EVEN, ETC. (15): 1, Western, mkd. wings and eyes red hot, rattling quality, rare length and position, capital back, flights and tail; 2, Packer, buff, mkd. wings and eyes, lovely quality, col. and frosting stands like a guardsman, lengthy and leggy; 3, Tidswell, yell. mkd. wings and neck, rich col., good position and length, clever legs; 4, Kirkbright, buff, mkd. wing and bead, full of style, A1 position and quality; vhc, Hainsworth; hc, Fowle; c, Riley. HEN (17): 1, Tidswell, yell., mkd. wings and head, tight as wax, grand position and length, A1 back and wing carriage; 2, Moore, buff, mkd. wings and eyes, straight as a pencil lovely feather, col., and frosting, rare length, grand sided; 3, Smith, yell., mkd. wings, head and eyes, slim and upstanding, lengthy and leggy; 4, Marsh, buff, mkd. wings and head A1 col. and quality, stylish; vhc, Deighton; hc, Newton; c, Townley. CL., ETC., HEN (21): 1, Hodgson, junr., cl. yell. magnificent quality and col., true position good length of wing, neat waist and tail, gem; 2, B. Hainsworth, mkd. neck, longer and of good feather and position, beaten in style only; 3, W. Hainsworth, mkd. head very lengthy, nice col. and staud, good back and flights; 4, Cooper, good, lengthy, cl. yell., A1 feather nice back and flights good legs; vhc, Powell; hc, Jebson; c, Simonett. BUFF (28) rare class: 1 Jebson, cl., rattling feather, capital stand, grandly filled back, A1 wing carriage; 2, Jowett, cl., slim and erect, superb col. and mealing lengthy, well up on leg, just beaten in feather; 3, Powell, cl., lengthy and of good position, nicely clothed, inclined to open on front, which tells against it; 4, Helliwell, cl., superior col. and quality true type; vhc, Firth; hc, Lodge; c Jeffrey. CINN. MKD. (10): 1, Spencer, yell., mkd. wings, full of col. and quality, clinking position, fine length, well on leg, very bonny; 2, 3, Grayson with a couple of smart exhibits, buff, mkd. wings and cheek, beautifully feathered, rattling fine col., good length and stand, 3 yell., mkd. wings and eyes, lengthy, straight up, capital quality and col., good back and flights; 4, Moore, buff, mkd. wing and eyes, A1 col. and feather, neat frosting, slim and upstanding; vhc, Lewis; hc, Leather; c, Whitelock. YELL., SELL., 20s. (20): 1, Morley; 2, Powell; 3, Ackroyd; 4, Fieldhouse; vhc, Grange; hc, Hersey; c, Marsh. BUFF 15s. (21): 1, Radley; 2, Myers and Lamb; 3, Marsh; 4, Grange; vhc, Greenwood; hc, Smith; c, Elsegood.

MANNINGHAM.

A Fine Yorkshire Union Show.

Manningham C.B.A. held their annual function on Oct. 28th. The Drummond Road Council School, in which the exhibits were staged, is capitally lighted, roomy, lofty, and absolutely free from draughts. The temperature maintained throughout the entire show day was excellent, the room being very cosy. Held under Y.U. rules, with the Y.U. and Y.C.C. patronage, naturally all the best of the birds of "grace and beauty" were present to do battle. The magnificent array of long, slim 'uns will be remembered for many a long day. Entries came up well, upwards of 460 specimens, averaging a matter of 18 per class, being on view.

President Mr. J. Ackroyd, Vice-presidents Messrs. Holroyd, Hellas, and Huddleston, form a quartette of enthusiastic and most excellent officials, while the treas., Mr. W. E. Dent, is one of the very best of fanciers, making one feel quite at home when in his company. The worthy sec., Mr. H. Grange, performs his duties in splendid style. Courteous and obliging, he handles the reins masterfully, and has every detail of the show at his finger tips. Much of the success of the venture can rightly be placed to his credit, and the society are happy in being able to command his services. The committee is composed of hard-working members, and every credit is due to them for judicious work on behalf of their show. The management right along the line, in fact, we wish to endorse as superb.

Turning to the birds, one is at sea somewhat in selecting any for special mention, so many good exhibits, even in merit, being benched. When we quote Messrs. Bailey, Chippendale, Dykes, Ogden Bros., Shackleton, Sutcliffe and Son, Thomas, and Towers, as being strongly represented, no one can wonder at such a marvellous collection being got together. Standing out we thought were the winning yell. cock (Ogden Bros.), the two unevenly mkd. yell. cocks (Bailey), the yell. hen (Thomas), and the buff hen (Dykes). All are gems of the very choicest kind. For the first time this season that champion dameel (yell.), the property of Mr. J. Chippendale, met with a rebuff, being pegged back to 3rd place on account of being soft. At judging time, we understand, she was very down in condition, and when we left had not pulled herself together. Don't over-show her, Mr. C. She is "the" hen when right; give her a rest, it will pay you. The novice classes again filled well and one could locate therein many meritorious birds. We heard of "claims" whilst at the show.

Judging commenced early, and the light prevailing being exceedingly bright, assisted greatly Messrs. M. Broadley (Sbipley) (novice and selling classes), and J. C. Barnes (Sheffield) (champion section) in their work. Both appeared happy in their selections. Judging was over in good time, and the stewards, Messrs. Newton, Hellas, Powell, Ward, and Robertson, promptly placed the cards on each class as it was adjudicated upon. A better worked show we have not attended.

Mr. J. C. Barnes's Classes.

YELL. YORKS. (15): 1, 2, Ogden Bros., couple of "right 'uns," marked neck and wing, perfect position, smooth as a bottle, lovely back and flights, closely folded tail, 2 cl., ablaze with col., stands like a guardsman, rare length, well up on leg, just beaten in quality; 3, Bailey, cl., teeming with quality and col., lengthy and slim, capital position, 1911 bred, exceedingly promising; 4, Sbackleton, cl., wonderful length, upstanding, rattling fine wing carriage; hc, Northb; vhc, Thomas; c, Greaves. BUFF (19): 1, Ogden Bros., cl., feathered like wax, straight as a gun-barrel, A1 col. and frosting, long sided, best of wings and tail, clever legs; 2, Shackleton, cl., possessing true position, lovely feather, finely filled back, grand flights, full of style; 3, Wrigbt and Son, another magnificent cl., full of character, little if anytbing behind one above; 4, Morrison, cl., teeming witb quality, and long, very lengthy, well on leg; vhc, Wilcock; hc, Thomas; c, Shaw Bros. EVEN, ETC. (15): 1, Bailey, yell., mkd. wings and head, slashing feather and col., straight as a pencil, rare length of side, possessing fine legs; 2, Shackleton, yell., mkd. wings and eyes, lovely texture of feather, A1 position and length, very stylish; 3, Ogden Bros., buff, mkd. wings and head, marvellous length, lovely position, A1 quality, col. and frosting; 4, Sutcliffe and Son, yell., mkd. wings and eyes, red hot, fine length capital body and wings; vhc, Hill; hc, c, Towers. HEN (14): 1, Stobart, yell., mkd. wings and eyes, smooth as a bottle, straight as a rush, length superb quality and col.; 2, Dykes, yell., mkd. wings and head, even better col., wedge shaped, A1 feather, good legs, a charmer; 3, Shackleton, mkd. wings and cheeks, lengtb, rattling fine position, nice tone of col.; 4, Ackroyd, mkd. wings and eyes, stands well, good length of side, neat back, flights and tail; vhc, Hardacre; hc, Bailey; c, Middleton Bros. YELL. HEN (9): 1, Thomas, cl., delightful position, rare length, tight as a Java-capital tone of feather, A1 col., shows for all she is wortb; 2, Shackleton, cl., yet another dream, very close up indeed, fully worthy of a 1st prize, staged to the moment; 3, Chippendale, cl., the "catch of tbe season" when in condition, but very much down to-day "rest cure" wanted; 4, Crabtree, cl., well feathered, good stand and length, nice legs and wing; vhc, Ogden Bros.; hc, Lee; c, Wilcock. BUFF (19) a fine lot: 1, Dykes, wonderfully lengthy cl., true position, feathered to perfection, lovely back, sides and wings, pipe tail; 2, Thomas, thigh tick rich salmon tinged col., beautifully clothed, very lengthy, capital symmetry, ran winner close; 3, Ogden Bros., mkd. wings and neck, tight as a drum, full of true character, good length, capable of winning at majority of shows; 4, Chippendale, cl. of good length and quality, stands neatly, nice col., good sides; vhc, Wharton Bros.; hc, Wilcock; c, Shackleton. CINN. TKD. (8): 1, 2, Bailey, with a brace of stormers, yell., mkd. wings and eyes, and buff, both similarly mkd., possessing lovely quality and col., great length, staged by a master hand; 3, 4, Sutcliffe and Son, buff, mkd. wings, and yell., mkd. wings and head, former full of col., straight as a gun-barrel, lengthy, well on leg, 4 lengthy, capital feather and col., has a tendency to overlap his tremendously long wings; vhc, Chittenden; hc, Middleton Bros.; 3, Ogden Bros. HEN (12): 1, Chittenden yell., mkd. wings and eyes, red hot, magnificent feather, rattling fine stand, slim, beautiful wing carriage, lengthy and leggy; 2, Wilcock, junr., buff, mkd. wings and head, rare length and position, grand back, flights and tail, smartly clothed, rich col., full of style; 3, Ogden Bros., yell., mkd. wings and eye capitally fed, rich col., good stand and length, neat legs, worth its place; 4, Priestley, buff, mkd. wings and eye true position, lengthy, A1 quality and mealing; vhc, Bailey; hc, Grange; c, Mason. UNFLI. HEN (23) rare lot; 1, Mitchell, cl. yell., shone like polished marble, straight as a rush, good length, well on leg, grand col. should moult out a gem; 2, Edmondson and Son, cl. buff, rattling position, delightfully clothed, rich in tone, good back and wing carriage; 3, Towers, very stylish cl. yell., smooth as a bottle, well filled back, neat wing carriage; 4, Shackleton, mkd. wing and head, longest in class, delightful quality; vhc, Bailey; hc, Elsegood; c, Lunn. YELL. (13): 1, Chippendale, cl. of rare position and length, A1 quality and col., best of backs, neatly carried wings, pipe tail, possessing clever pair of legs; 2, Sutcliffe and Son, mkd. wings and eyes, teeming with quality and colour, rare length and stand, lovely back fights and tail, wee bit soft, or might have won; 3, Shaw Bros., cl., stands grand, superb quality and col., shows well, beaten in length only; 4, Shackleton, cl., full of style, A1 quality and col.; vhc, Ogden Bros.; hc, Bailey; c, Chittenden; No. 7, Wilkinson, w.c., a buff. BUFF (10): 1, Dewbirst, mkd. neck, feathered to perfection, straight as a pencil, rich col. and frosting, lengthy and leggy, full of promise; 2, Chippendale, cl., smooth as wax, clinking col. grand back, sides and flights, showing thighs well, solid front; 3, Towers, cl., shone like satin, true character, one of the best; 4, Radley, cl., possessing most length in class, good stand, well ou leg; vhc, Shackleton; hc, Wilson; c, Murgatroyd. SELL. HEN, 12s. 6d. (18): 1, Horsfield; 2, Greaves; 3, Jebson; 4, Stobart; vhc, Skirrow; hc, Grange; c, Holroyd Bros. NOR. (10): 1, Rhodes, cl. yell., short and thick set, capital col. and feather, nice substance and carriage, clean cut away; 2, Binns, buff, mkd. head, rare shape and size, grand col. and quality, richly mealed, smart mover, 1911 bred; 3, 4, Roe buff mkd. wings rare size, good head, neck and chest, A1 col. and feather, 4 cl. buff, capital feather and col., very shapely, very neat; vhc, Moore and Stott; hc, Scargill; c, Guffick. HEN (15): 1, Roe, bouncing cl. yell., feathered nicely, good col., A1 shape and carriage, neatly shown; 2, Pearson, cl. buff, rattling size, very shapely, A1 col. and quality, not very far away; 3, Birkeck, cl. yell., smartly moulded, soft silky texture of feather capital col., 1911 bred; 4, vhc, Simonett, cl. buff, smooth as wax, good shape and style; hc, Scargill; c, Rhodes.

Mr. M. Broadley's Classes.

NOVICE: YELL. YORK. (24): 1 Huddleston, cl., wedge shaped, grand col. and feather, very lengthy, lovely back and wing carriage; 2, Mountain, cl., straight as a gun-barrel, delightful position, rare col., well on leg, must have pressed; 3, Greig and Pearson, cl., very length, A1 position, good in texture, neat expression of head; 4, Smith, cl. hot in col., A1 quality stands well; vhc, Atkinson; hc, Burden; c, Batty. BUFF (22): 1, Western, cl., beautifully clothed, rich in col., upstanding, capital length, full of nerve, grand one; 2, Dibb, cl., teeming with quality and col., lovely type, grand back and wing carriage, near on equal to winner; 3, Fowle, cl., rattling fine quality, straight up, lengthy; 4, Atkinson, cl., full of style, superb quality, nice stand; vbc, Smith; hc, Firth; c, Padgett. UNFLI. YELL. (31) a choice class: 1, Harney, very lengthy and stylish cl., lovely feather and col., grand back and wing carriage, clever legs; 2, Cockcroft, cl., hotter in col., stands very finely, lengthy, well on leg, not quite so slim; 3, Leather, cl., A1 col. and position, nice length, good front and legs; 4, Atkinson, mkd. neck, good stand and length, nice feather and col.; vhc, Field; hc, Batty; c, Moore. BUFF (29): 1, Powell, mkd. eye lovely salmon tinged col., delightfully clothed, rare length, stands like a soldier, gem; 2, Denby, cl., smooth as a bottle, straight as a gun-barrel, lengthy and leggy, very close up; 3, Ellis, mkd. wing and head, A1 col. and quality, erect and of good length, nice back and wing carriage; 4, Sutcliffe, cl., full of style, nice position and length; vhc, Craven; hc, Dibb; c, Field. UNFLI. HEN (28): 1 Watson cl. buff wedge shaped, tight as a Java, delightful position, rare length, quite a charming maiden; 2, Bennett, gem of a cl. yell., not a feather misplaced, straight as a pencil, grand back flights and tail; 3, Moore, cl. buff, full of character, nicely feathered, good col.; 4, vhc, Northrop, thigh tkd. yell., slim and upstanding, nice col.; hc, Nichols; c, Marsh. EVEN, ETC. (15): 1, Western, mkd. wings and eyes red hot, rattling quality, rare length and position, capital back, flights and tail; 2, Packer, buff, mkd. wings and eyes, lovely quality, col. and frosting stands like a guardsman, lengthy and leggy; 3, Tidswell, yell. mkd. wings and neck, rich col., good position and length, clever legs; 4, Kirkbright, buff, mkd. wing and bead, full of style, A1 position and quality; vhc, Hainsworth; hc, Fowle; c, Riley. HEN (17): 1, Tidswell, yell., mkd. wings and head, tight as wax, grand position and length, A1 back and wing carriage; 2, Moore, buff, mkd. wings and eyes, straight as a pencil lovely feather, col., and frosting, rare length, grand sided; 3, Smith, yell., mkd. wings, head and eyes, slim and upstanding, lengthy and leggy; 4, Marsh, buff, mkd. wings and head A1 col. and quality, stylish; vhc, Deighton; hc, Newton; c, Townley. CL., ETC., HEN (21): 1, Hodgson, junr., cl. yell. magnificent quality and col., true position good length of wing, neat waist and tail, gem; 2, B. Hainsworth, mkd. neck, longer and of good feather and position, beaten in style only; 3, W. Hainsworth, mkd. head very lengthy, nice col. and staud, good back and flights; 4, Cooper, good, lengthy, cl. yell., A1 feather nice back and flights good legs; vhc, Powell; hc, Jebson; c, Simonett. BUFF (28) rare class: 1 Jebson, cl., rattling feather, capital stand, grandly filled back, A1 wing carriage; 2, Jowett, cl., slim and erect, superb col. and mealing lengthy, well up on leg, just beaten in feather; 3, Powell, cl., lengthy and of good position, nicely clothed, inclined to open on front, which tells against it; 4, Helliwell, cl., superior col. and quality true type; vhc, Firth; hc, Lodge; c Jeffrey. CINN. MKD. (10): 1, Spencer, yell., mkd. wings, full of col. and quality, clinking position, fine length, well on leg, very bonny; 2, 3, Grayson with a couple of smart exhibits, buff, mkd. wings and cheek, beautifully feathered, rattling fine col., good length and stand, 3 yell., mkd. wings and eyes, lengthy, straight up, capital quality and col., good back and flights; 4, Moore, buff, mkd. wing and eyes, A1 col. and feather, neat frosting, slim and upstanding; vhc, Lewis; hc, Leather; c, Whitelock. YELL., SELL., 20s. (20): 1, Morley; 2, Powell; 3, Ackroyd; 4, Fieldhouse; vhc, Grange; hc, Hersey; c, Marsh. BUFF 15s. (21): 1, Radley; 2, Myers and Lamb; 3, Marsh; 4, Grange; vhc, Greenwood; hc, Smith; c, Elsegood.

DYSART—Concluded.

Bisset, fine Missel Thrush, well staged; 2, Storrar, Starling, in lovely condition; 3, McLaren, Bullfinch, good col.; vhc, Callan and Ross. BUNTING (9): 1, 3, Watson

A Success in the Burn's Country.

The Ayr C.B.C.'s latest venture is well-managed and the birds excellent both in numbers and quality.

Fourth annual show of the Ayr and Dist. C.B.C. held in the Academy Hall on October 28. Except for the rather out of the way situation, the Hall is an admirable one for the purpose; the light, and plenty of it, is all from the roof, and this gives an opportunity of viewing the exhibits to the best advantage. An even temperature was kept up during the day, which made things very comfortable for the numerous visitors during the afternoon, as well as for the birds on show. The secretarial duties were most ably performed by Mr. James Sloan, and for a young member he apparently has little to learn in the way of running a show to a successful issue. The staging and management generally were perfect and reflect the greatest credit on all concerned. All are willing workers connected with this young club, and we congratulate the officials on the undoubted success in their latest venture. The entries aggregated about 450, a little in excess of last year, and the quality of the exhibits was well maintained. The office bearers, who are very enthusiastic, are, Hon. President, Mr. Robert McKay; President, Mr. J. Forbes, and Vice-Pres., Mr. C. C. Irvine. The committee comprises a set of good workers, amongst whom we noticed Messrs. J. Cameron, A. Girvan, W. Lyall, J. Brown, R. Aitken, J. Boyd, J. N. Hunter, A. Lindsay, J. French, W. McKay, J. Bell, A. Campbell, J. Kelly, R. Muir, and T. French. The judging was expeditiously carried through by Mr. J. F. Dewar (Edinburgh) for Scotch and Border Canarics and Brit. and For. birds, Mr. A. Watson (Kilmarnock) Crests and Nor., and Mr. J. B. Paterson (Ayr) Yorks., and their awards, as was to be expected, gave general satisfaction.

The Critique.

SCOTCH CK.: Cancelled. HEN (7): 1, sp., 2, Hainey; 1, fine young hen, wonderful thickness, plenty of top end, wonderful droop, very ready, gem; 2nd, good thickness, very racy and stylish, in grand bloom, well staged; 3, 5, 7, McLean, 3rd pressing close up, beaten in size only; 4, 6, sp, Cameron, very fine, ready, grand size, lovely feather; 6, Burgess. CRESTS (5): 1, Noble, green, with white tail, fine formed crest, good body, grand drooping crest, rolling in body feather, we liked much; 2, Cram., fine formed crest, good body feather; 3, r, McKay, varg., nice feather, fine size, rare good condition; 4, 5, spl. Forbes, 4 varg., rare good droop, could do with a little more grooming. C.B. (4): 1, Noble, self-green, one of his well-known winners, good all round; 2, 3, 4, r, McKay, 2, another right good one, rare body feather, fails a little in head; 3, varg., nice feather, fine size, in rare good condition; 4, self-green, fine body feather, well shown. NOR. CK., YELL. (7): 1, Pound, cl. yell., rare type and beautiful level colour, nicely rounded body, grand head, wonderful condition; 2, Barron, another cl., fails little in chest, well set on legs, fine close feather, full of quality; 3, 6, Devoy, eye, wing and neck marked, in grand condition, nice colour, close feather, rare short well-carried wings and tail, a trifle thin on head; 4, spl, r, McKay, large grand cl., lovely hack and nicely mealed; 5, T. French; 7, Mrs. Stewart. HEN (7): 1, Martin, cl., excellent type, grand plumage, good chest, well set on legs, grand bloom; 2, Devoy, cap and wing marked, nice chubby one, good head, rare close feather, nice wings and tail; 3, c, McKay, very fine condition, good flights and tail, well built; 4, Donaghy, good one, little behind in head; 5, Whitten; 6, 7, r, McKay. BUFF CK. (17): 1, Scott, cl., plenty of substance, very fine bead, extra rich colour and style; 2, Barron, grizzled neck, grand type, extra good in wings, nice wing carriage, in grand bloom; 3, Devoy, cl., grand one, excellent in type and condition, well set thick body, good short tail and wing carriage, must have pressed winners; 4, Martin, thick body, grand type, well staged; 5, spl, Picken; 6, Strank; 7, Muir. HEN (7): 1, Devoy, clear, real beauty, capital size, nice body, delightful position, grand tight wings, rare texture of feather, wins easy; 2, Strank, clear, lovely level shade of colour, grand chest and extra stylish; 3, 4, r, McKay; 3, heavily varg., another nice one, perhaps a trifle larger, grand substance, equally warm in colour, specially well staged; 4, clear, fine soft feather, showing just the least bit of brown; 5, McHarg; 6, Muir; 7, Mrs. Millar. CK., NON-FED (5): 1, r, Martin, Buff, grizzle cap, nice type, nice soft col., excellent condition, grand head and wing carriage; 2, Johnstone, cl. yell., grand chubby type, stout round body, nice wings, short leg, but dry in feather; 3, Kelly, cl. Buff, really good one, we liked, capital body and head, position and feather both good; 4, r, McKay, plenty of size, fine soft feather, nice shape; 5, Thomson. HEN Martin, cl., rare big bodied bird, nice texture of feather, very taking bird, in winning condition; 2, Calderwood, cl. yell., extra tight in feather, very shapely, staged in lovely bloom; 3, Strank, really good one, we liked, capital body and head, lovely wing carriage, in rare condition; 4, Kelly, clean and smart; 5, Johnstone; 6, 7, r, McKay. PH. CK. (UNFLIG.) (22): 1, 3, 2 spls, Maxwell, cl. yell., splendid youngster, beautiful body, very hot even col., very stylish and well staged; 3, another cl., extra tight in feather, rare good quality, very smart; 2, 5, Martin, 2nd cl. huff, equal in all good qualities, grand head, upstanding style; 4, Guthrie, heavily varg. green, capital shape and style, very fine chubby body, nicely rounded, correct head, right good one; 6, J. Muir; 7, 2 spls., H. Muir. HEN (11): 1, Calderwood, cl. yell., regular stormer, immense substance, delightful condition, every feather in its place, beautiful head, wins easy; 2, Martin, Buff, grizzled cap, rich col., nice body, well set on legs, capital head, in grand order; 3, Donaghy, Buff, neck marked, rare short feather, capital shape, well staged; 4, Taylor, Buff, foul tail, grand head and upstanding style, good shade of colour; 5, Maxwell; 6, Henry; 7, Pound. YORK. CK., YELL. CL. (6): 1, McLellan, cl., long slim upstanding bird of lovely quality and col., very stylish, staged to advantage, wins; 2, Girvan, grand position, nice length, not quite so tight in feather, beautiful quality; 3, Cochrane, cl., grand long slim col., good stand, fails just slightly in head; 4, Syson, long slim bird, nice position and style; 5, Sanderson; 6, Mathieson. BUFF (12): 1, McLellan, cl., grand length and position, well up on a splendid pair of legs, feathered like wax; 2, Syson, slightly marked on one wing, very stylish, rare stand, extra good, in beautiful feather; 3, Heggie, another lovely bird, of rare length and stand, beautiful quality of feather; 4, Hunter, clear, grand length and position, grand quality; 5, Sanderson; 6, Simpson; 7, McRobbie. HEN, CL., ETC. (12): 1, Sysson, cl. yell., beautiful stand, lovely quality feather, in tip-top condition; 2, 5, Heggie, former cl., Buff, grand length and position, lovely quality and col.; 3, McLellan, yell., wing marked, good length, position, and quality; 4, Simpson; cl. buff, very slim and stylisb, fair length; 6, Hunter; 7, Penman. VARG. (8): 1, Martin, grizzle head marked yellow, grand length and stand, nice head and back, lovely quality of feather, nice exhibit; 2, Hunter, heavily varg. Buff, another lovely quality bird of rare length and stand, beautiful feather; 3, Syson, yell. green varg., very stylish, nice length and position; 4, Crichton, very slim and stylish; 5, sp, 7, Webster; 6, Penman. CK., BRED 1911 (13): 1, 2, Martin, 1st cl. yellow, grand upstanding bird, lovely quality and col., very stylisb, nice feather; 2, Buff, nice length, not quite so tight in feather, but good quality, a right good pair; 3, McLellan, cl. yell., very long slim bird, grand quality, good position and style; 4, Cochrane, cl. buff, nice length and position; 5, spl, Syson; 6, Hunter; 7, McRobbie. HEN (9): 1, Martin, yell., slightly ticked on neck, rare length and stand, lovely wing carriage, nice piped tail, wins; 2, Simpson, Buff, grand length, lovely shoulders, nice head and neck, and wing carriage; 3, Cochrane, Cl. Yell., lovely bird of rare length and quality of feather; 4, Sloan, grand length and position, well staged; 5, Girvan; 6, Dr. Syson; 7, Crichton. NON-FED (6): 1, McRobbie, cl. buff, grand length, lovely position, nice shoulders, extra good wing carriage; 2, 5, Anderson, yell. varg., very slim bird, good quality, fine head and position; 3, 6, J. French, cl. buff, good length, position, and quality; 4, Hunter, cl. yell., nice quality of feather, well drawn. BORD. FCY. CK., YELL., CL., ETC. (15): 1, sp, Aitken, cl., nice size, good head, very soft when we were taking notes; 2, Walker, very nice one, lovely quality, nicely rounded front, well cut away; 3, 5, Mossie, 3, cinn. wing tkd., nice type, good col., fine head and neck, splendidly laid on wings, some thought might have been higher up; 4, Clark, a gem, lovely col., quality, and condition, nice small head; 6, Holden; 7, Campbell. HEN (10): 1, 3, Mossie, 1, wing ticked, a gem, lovely col., quality and condition, nice small head, good round back, finely laid on wings, staged in lovely bloom; 3, much the same mould, grand quality and condition, feathered like wax; 2, Kirkhope, grizzled cap, good type, fine head and neck; 4, Monaghan, good type, quality, and condition; 5, Cunningham; 6, Briggs, jun.; 7, McCarrol. CK., BUFF (10): 1, Miller, grand condition, rare col. and quality of feather, nice wing carriage; 2, Walker, good stamp, fine size and type, good wing carriage; 3, Montomery, grand quality, col., and condition, feathered to perfection, grandly modelled head; 4, McCarrol, another taking one, lovely head and position; 5, Nairn; 6, McDowall; 7, Aitken. HEN (10): 1, medal for best Bord., Laidlaw, lovely col., quality, and oondition, nice head, good round back, nicely drawn; 2, Clark, grand col., quality, and condition, feathered to perfection, lovely staging; 3, Smillie, lovely cl., nicely rounded front, grand type, good col., fine carriage, staged in lovely bloom; 4, Findlay, good type and taking style, fine head; 5, Nairn; 6, Dunsmuir; 7, Walker. EVEN MKD. CK., ETC. (6): 1, Montgomery, buff, grand one all over, lovely eye marks, well balanced wings, splendid type; 2, Kirkhope, yell., very neatly balanced markings; 3, Walker, yell., fails just a little in markings, grand bodied bird, in fine order; 4, Robertson, grand conditioned one; 5, Clark; 6, Murray. UNEVENLY MKD. (10): 1, Kirkhope, almost even marked, splendid shape, style, and position, in lovely condition, grand col., well rounded and free; 2, Aitken, buff eye marks, fine col. and quality, could do with a wash; 3, Gibson, huff, grand type, well rounded, wings well laid on; 4, Montgomery, buff, nice type, in good condition and quality, very taking style; 5, Holden; 6, Clark; 7, Laidlaw. GREEN OR CINN. (7): 1, Lambie, yell. green, rare col., quality, and condition, good pencilling, nice ground col., in rare fettle; 2, A. Murray, yell. green, good type and quality, nice ground col., small bead, good wings; 3, Findlay, huff cinn., grand type, fine style, col., and quality, well finished below; 4, Campbell, buff green, shade stronger, grand type; 5, Cunningham; 6, W. Murray; 7, Kirkbope. A.O.V. CAN. (4): 1, Cram, very nice cl. Lancs. coppy, good size and substance, well put down; 2, Hunter, very swect little Silver Lizard, good spangling; 3, Lambie, neat cinn.; 4, Pirrie. SELL. (13): 1, Donaghy; 2, H. Muir; 3, Girvan; 4, McKay; 5, R. Muir; 6, Sloan; 7, Martin. LIGHT MULE, ETC. (8): 1, Heron, Goldie-Bullie, grand size, in lovely condition, well up in col., good face, well marked wings; 2, Cowan, buff, 4-pointed mule, nice size, lovely col., staged in lovely bloom; 3, 5, McQuiston; 3, Goldie-Bullie, grand size and colour, showing the cross extra well, not much to choose between this and 1st; 4, McFarlane, still another Goldie-Bullie, grand size, good breast col., could do with a larger cage; 6, Lyall; 7, Alexander. DARK (10): 1, 2, McQuiston, 1st his well-known Linnet mule, City of Glasgow winner; 2, large buff Greenfinch mule, grand colour and quality of feather; 3, Stenn, Jonque Goldfinch mule, grand size, nice flush face, a little pale yet; 4, W. A. Lyall, buff Linnet mule, nice size, shown in lovely bloom; 5, Henry; 6, Findlay; 7, Irvine. GOLDFINCH, BRIT. (13): 1, 7, Conkie, in grand bloom, a gem for quality of feather, lovely sheen throughout, dense blaze, rich tannings, perfect buttoning; 7, grand wild bird, lovely face; 2, McRobbie, very fine shape, good dense blaze, lovely cheeks, good frontage; 3, Nicholson, good blaze, very dense, well cut; 4, Henderson, shade smaller, but good col.; 5, Boa; 6, McNaught. BULLFINCH (9): 1, sp, McQuiston, well-known winning Bullie, in rare bloom; 2, Kelly, lovely breast col., nice wings and back, beautiful shape, very steady; 3, Lyall, nice size and feather, in very good condition, nice capped bird; 4, Erskine, grand shaped, dense cap; 5, Dunsmuir; 6, Graham; 7, Brodie. GREENFINCH, FED (9): 1, McLean and Nicol, large buff, clinking fine head, broad skulled, shown in tip-top; 2, McQuiston, yell., lacks size of winner, very hot col., good feather, big head, well staged; 3, Allan, yell., grand size, not quite so rich in col. as leader, beautiful shape, inclines to crouch on perch; 4, Stewart and Dalling, grand big bird, seems to be run down, could do with a rest; 5, Henderson; 6, Small; 7, Irvine. NON-FED (10): 1, Gemmell and Logan, grand stamp, nice shaped one, very steady; 2, 5, Bald, 2, real bouncer for shape, grand nobly made bird, rare front, and splendid carriage, clinking fine head, grassy green, some thought might have won; 3, McQuiston, nice tone of grass-green, beautiful shape, grand big head; 4, McGavin, good fronted bird, just a shade inclined to be thin; 6, Wason; 7, McHattie. LINNET, H.M. (11): 1, 2, 6, McQuiston, again to the front with his two well-known winners, often described; 3, Irvine, grand size, very steady, nice breast work, well staged; 4, Conkie, nice chubby, thick-set bird, lovely breast work, grand big head, very steady; 5, Wason; 7, Bell. F.M. (18): 1, 2, Henry, two grand Linnets, nice size, col., and markings, very steady, shown in tip-top condition; 3, Sykes, a monster, but just lacks the col. of winner, very nice breast work, good big head; 4, Conkie, grand size, rich col. markings, if a bit steadier would have been a bit higher up; 5, Mrs. Brown; 6, Hutcheson; 7, Bald. MEALY REDPOLL (9): 1, McQuiston, large Mealy, fine light tone of col., nicely laced, big bead and beak, teaming with quality; 2, Conkie, bigger, but a little darker in markings, grand typical bird, big head and bib; 3, Laing, a monster, dark in markings, was very soft when we were taking notes; 4, Taylor; 5, Graham; 6, Boyd; 7, Irvine. TWITE (11): 1, 5, Conkie, grand size, lovely col. and markings, good big head, wins; 2, Morton, nice col. and markings, a wee shade small, and looking soft; 3, McQuiston, medium sized Twite, good markings on back and breast, very steady; 4, 5, Hutcheson; 6, Haldane; 7, Craig. SISKIN (7): 1, Morton, very hot-fed one, dense cap, faint bib, cloudy under col.; 2, Bald, a gem for size, beautiful col., grand cap, rare bib, splendid exhibit, well staged; 3, McGavin, a beauty for col., very nicely marked; 4, Sykes; 5, Henderson; 6, Duncan; 7, Conkie. LESSER REDPOLL (14): 1, 5, sp, Morton, Lochgelly winner, nice size and markings, lovely type, in grand bloom; 2, Gribben, fine size, splendidly marked, a real beauty, good bib, big head; 3, 6, Hopkins; 3, well up in size, good bib and col.; 4, Craig; 7, Easton. A.O.S. FINCH, ETC. (9): 1, 4, McQuiston, leader, well known Corn Bunting; 4, lovely Bramblefinch, rare col. and markings, very steady; 2, Sykes, Bramblefinch, grand size, very rich col. and markings, staged in lovely bloom; 3, Morrison, Hawfinch, grand size, lovely breast col., good bib and head qualities; 5, McClung; 6, Stewart and Dalling; 7, Brodie. HEN HARDBILL (12): 1, Bald, well-known Bullfinch hen, lovely type and col., grand head and cap, good breast col.; 2, Laing, a gem of a Yellowhammer, lovely col. and markings, staged in bonnie bloom; 3, Dunsmuir, Palace winning Bullie hen, coming into bloom; 4, 5, McQuiston; 6, Taylor; 7, McLean and Nicol. SOFTBILL SMALL (6): 1, McQuiston, Bearded Tit, in lovely bloom, staged in faultless condition, much admired; 2, Taylor, Crested Tit, shown in fine bloom, very steady, staged to advantage, taking exhibit; 3, Morrison, Pipit, a little gem, steady as a rock, and shown in A1 bloom; 4, Wilson (Grey Wagtail); 5, Lyall (Lark); 6, Stewart and Dalling (Bearded Tit). LARGE: Cancelled. SELL., 7s. 6d., variety (9): 1, Gribben; 2, Irvine; 3, Tannock; 4, Findlay; 5, Erskine; 6, Small; 7, Davidson. FOR. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (7): 1, Sharp, well-known winning Goldie, needs no comment; 2, Graham, Goldie, grand size, coming into rare bloom, will be a hard nut to crack when ready; 3, McLean, Goldfinch, grand size, lovely whites and tannings, good big head and blaze, just a little pale yet; 4, McGavin; 5, Stevenson; 6, Hutcheson; Stewart and Dalling absent. SMALL FOR. (5): 1, Webster, now well-known Black-faced Lovebird, shown in faultless condition; 2, Lawrie and Welsh, lovely Whydah, shown in great bloom, a credit to its owners; 3, Allan, Red-headed Gouldian, a bonnie exhibit, feathered like wax, shown in faultless condition; 4, Duncan, pair of bonnie Yellow Budgerigars, might be better staged; 5, Irvine, good Green Cardinal. LARGE (5): 1, White, Greater hill Mynah, shown to great advantage, a wonderful attraction, talking all day, a beauty; 2, Morrison, Blood-wing, shown in lovely condition, hard lines to run up against winner; 3, Mrs. Sinclair, Rock Parrot, in lovely bloom, was also a great attraction; 4, Livingstone; 5, T. French.

SITTINGBOURNE.

Sittingbourne and Dis. F. and F.S. 12th annual show held Oct. 25th, Town Hall. Competition was open to the county of Kent, in addition to which there were several classes confined solely to local competition. The entry was a very good one, and the quality throughout of a high average. The arrangements here are generally excellent, and this year was no exception to the rule. The birds were staged upstairs in a separate room, which was large and lofty, the temperature being cosy, and the place free from draughts. Mr. T. J. Monday made a capable steward, assisted by another gentleman, whose name we omitted to get, but who rendered efficient help. In the open section competition was keen. The chief specials (2), also Hyde's, fell to a rattling fine Crest, staged by Miss F. B. Brown. Mr. T. J. Monday also secured two specials—one for Canary and one for British. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged, and his awards were well received. Cards were up and catalogues out promptly, and everything worked smoothly, with Mr. G. Arnold, the efficient and courteous hon. sec., at the helm, aided by a thoroughly fancierlike committee.

OPEN CLASSES: NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (8): 1, Gibbs, good body, bold head, lovely col., fine neck and chest, soft silky feather; 2, 3, Taylor, 2nd another bonny bird, in shape, hardly so rich in col., 3rd again good; vhc, Lynn; hc, Whitten; c, Ditch. BUFF (10): 1, Gibbs, teems with quality, rich under col. and bloomy, topping shape; 2, 3, Taylor, former lovely feather, good type, fails just a trifle in under col., 3rd another bird of lovely quality. TKD., ETC. (10): 1, 2, Gibbs, two bonny birds, former a thick set, short tailed, neat headed, lovely feathered buff, latter also full of quality; 3, vhc, Taylor, former variegated buff, very rich and hot in col., close in feather; hc, Whitten; c, Wickham. YORKS. CL., ETC. YELL (4): 1, Gibbs, good length and style, nice feather; 2, vhc, Creed, neat, good pose, nice feather; 3, Monday, very neat and nice. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Gibbs, both stylish, full of quality, well staged; 3, sp, Monday, compact, sharp actioned bird, grand quality; vhc, Olive; hc, c, Cross. MULE OR HYB. (4): 1, Acland, dark Greenie-Can., in good form; 3, Monday, neat Goldie-Can.; vhc, Ditch. GOLDIE, ETC. (4): 1, Casemore, has the pull to-day in richness, closely pressed by 2, Wickham, wide faced and glossy feathered Finch, not yet at its best in blaze col.; 3, Acland, nice Bullie, that had neglected to tie his stockings up; vhc, Wickham. BRAMBLE, ETC. (4): 1, Webb, lustrous Chaffinch, large, good wing markings, and steady; 2, sp, Monday, about the richest col. Brambling one could wish to see, in lovely bloom; 3, Smith, another bonny Brambling; vhc, Acland. LINNET, ETC. (7): 1, Acland, topping little Redpoll, full of col., close as wax, beautifully mkd.; 2, Cook, smart Linnet, finely mkd., lustrous; 3, c, Pankhurst, very sweet Redpoll; vhc, Casemore; hc, Webb. LOCAL CLASSES: NOR. UNFLIG. (3): 1, Tidy, yell., soft and silky feather, nice type; 2, Monday, buff, good type, rich quality feather, very nice; 3, Appo, buff, good shape, nice quality. YORKS. UNFLIG. (4): 1, 2, vhc, Olive, nice team of typical bird, good quality; 3, Monday, also typical, very good feather. TKD., ETC. (4): 1, 2, Olive, two upstanding birds of rare quality; 3, Monday, pretty buff, typical, not quite enough length, else good; vhc, Tidy. CREST (4): 1, 3 spls, 2, Miss Brown, leader wing mkd. D.C., fine droop, veiny feather, 2nd grey Crest; 3, Clayton; vhc, Jeffrey. C.B. (5): 1, Jeffrey, cl. buff, fine skull, good length of turn back, nice body; 2, Miss Brown, good body, wee head; 3, vhc, hc, Clayton, fails length and density of head feather. GOLDIE, ETC. (5): 1, Rumble, nice Bullie; 2, Monday, another good Bullie; 3, Apps, good Goldie; vhc, Clunduli; hc, Jeffrey. SONGSTER AND CAGE (10s.) (3): 1, Monday; 2, Apps; 3, Olive.

BERWICK.

Berwick and Dis. C.C. 23rd annual show held Long Room, Corn Exchange, October 28th. Entries were in excess by about 100 of last year's, in fact the hall was just small enough for the good gate, when all the birds were staged. This year new staging was introduced, which was a great success. Again Mr. Thompson won cup for best young bird in show, with a grand buff piebald cock. Up to time of writing the points for the handsome silver cup for British and Foreign birds had not been counted, but it lay between Messrs. Gray (last year's winner) and Moorland. The secretarial reins were again in the hands of Mr. A. Hay, and everything passed off without a hitch. The judges were Mr. A. Dippie (Morpeth) for Norwich, Mules, Brit. and Foreign, and Mr. J. Young (Allanton) for the remainder. It was near 2.30 o'clock ere they got through the last spl.; their awards seemed to give every satisfaction.

The Critique.

SCOT. FCY., YELL. HEN (2): 1, Thompson, neat all through; one absent. BUFF CK. (1): 1, spl., cup for best in hall, Thompson, piebald, rare size, wonderful reach, nice top end. NOR., CL., ETC., YELL. (6): 1, 2, 4, Makins, leading with a nice cl., grand head, 2 beaten only in size; 3, Renwick, pressed winners bard; vbc, W. Hay; hc, Mace. BUFF (8): 1, vbc, hc, Makins, another grand team, leader cl., best of wings, hot col.; 2, Renwick, very shapely; 3, A. Hay, scarcely ready yet; 4, W. Hay; w.c., Marshall (2). MKD. YELL. (5): 1, Morland, heavy mkd., neat head, rare shapely body, pressed bard by 2, and 3, Renwick, 2 takes Sandiford's medal for bottest fed, 3 heavy varieg; 4, vhc, spl, Marsball. BUFF (7): 1, W. Hay, grand uneven, rare Bullie body, grand wing carriage; 2, spl., Renwick, heavier mkd., close up; 3, A. Hay, similar to 1st, beaten only in col.; 4, vbc, (no name in catalogue) we learned it was Marshall; hc, Morland; c, Makins. CL., ETC., HEN (11): 1, spl., vhc, hc, spl., c. spl., Makins, again to the fore with a sweet buff hen, nicely moulded, takes spl. for best Nor.; 2, A. F. Thompson, another neat one, grand body, sweetly carried wings; 3, spl., Renwick, sweet cl.; 4, Morland. A.O.C. HEN (5): 1, Renwick, eye, wing and tail mkd., very shapely; 2, Morland, wings and head mkd., good one; 3, A. Hay, best of feather, well staged; 4, Makins; vhc, Mace. CREST OR C.B. (5): 1, 3, Mace, 1 nice Green Crest, very dense in crest; 2, 4, Craigs, another nice one, 2 neat drooping crest, well radiated, must bave pressed. A.O.V. (6): All A. Hay, Cinnamons, grand team, correct type, treat to look at, hot col. BORD., CL. YELL. CK. (10): 1, Smart, neat head, sweetly moulded; 2, vhc, Walker, rare body, grand wing carriage; 3, spl., Armstrong, close up; 4, Smart; hc, Wakenshaw; c, Schooler. HEN (11): 1, vhc, hc, Walker, sweet hen, grand wings, well carried neat pipe tail; 2, Armstrong, not quite so neat in body; 3, Wakenshaw, typical hen, correct wings; 4, Smart; c, sp. Meston. BUFF (12): 1, 4, Smart, neat pair, like wax, faultless; 2, c, Walker, not quite so shapely as winner; 3, J. A. Purvis, rare feathered cock, neat head, well rounded body; vhc, Armstrong; hc, Meston. HEN (10): 1, 2, Smart, sweet pair, little to choose between them, both models; 3, Armstrong, correct type, grand wing carriage; 4, hc, Walker; vhc, J. A. Purvis; c, Wakenshaw. EVEN MKD. (1): 1, J. A. Purvis. UNEVEN YELL. (13): 1, sp. Smart, almost even, grand quality feather, easy win; 2, Walker, head and wing marked, not quite so neat as winner; 3, Ritchie, very taking exhibit, well put down; 4, A. Hay; vhc, Schooler; hc, Blackhall; c, R. Purvis. BUFF (16): 1, Smart, again winning with a head and wing marked, neat head, silky feather; 2, Walker, marked head and neck, best of type, sweetly moulded; 3, 4, hc, Meston,, rare pair, close up; vhc, R. Purvis; c, Ritchie. FOUL YELL. (8): 1, sp, Smart, head tick., same old strain, looking better than ever; 2, Ritchie, L. wing tick.; 3, J. A. Purvis, neck tick, very stylish; 4, sp. Smart; vhc, Wakenshaw; hc, Roper; c, Walker. BUFF (10): 1, Smart, like Newcastle winner, looking a treat; 2, bc, Walker, neck tick., leading, not quite so well rounded in back; 3, 4, Wakensbaw, grand pair, close on winners; vhc, Morland; c, R. Purvis. GREEN (6): 1, 4, A. Hay, nice pair, Green and a Cinnamon, staged in the pink; 3, W. Hay, neat Green, nicely pencilled, rich grass colour. LIGHT MULE (2): 1, 2, J. A. Purvis, nice heavy varieg. Goldie-Can. DARK (4): 1, 4, J. A. Purvis, Linnet Canary, neat one; 2, 3, Grey, nice Siskin Canaries. GOLDIE ETC., (19): 1, sp. and sp. for best Brit., A. Hay, monster Bullie, grand cap, rich, shapely breast, well put down; 2, J. A. Purvis, another Bullie, beaten only in colour and size; 3, Smart, Bullie similar to 2nd; 4, Schooler; vhc, Roper; hc, Morland; c, Grey. LINNET ETC., (17): 1, J. A. Purvis, grand size, rich nut colour, very steady; 2, Marshall, another neat and steady Lintie, not quite so rich in pencilling; 3, Smart, grand Mealy Redpoll; 4, vhc, Morland; hc, Walker; c, Purvis. A.O. BRIT. SMALL (25): A grand class, 1, 3, sp. Morland, leading with a grand sized Greenie; 2, 4, hc, c, Grey, c, neat and shapely Bramble, 4th Chaffinch; vhc, sp. A. Hay, Snowbunting. LARGE (11): 1, Morland, very steady Thrush; 2, hc, c, Schooler, Hawfinch, well staged; 3, Roper, grand Thrush, some preferred to 2nd, rare breast colour; 4, vhc, Roper. FOR. (13): 1, 2, 3, 4, sp. vhc, c, Grey, grand team, winner leading in marvellous condition, 2nd White Javas, 3rd Spice Birds; hc, Morland. NOVICE CLASSES: BORD. YELL. (6): 1, Dickson; 2, Meston; 3, Wakenshaw; 4, sp. Ritchie; vhc, Knowles; hc, Marshall. BUFF (11): 1, Ritchie; 2, hc, c, Knowles; 3, sp. Wakenshaw; 4, Meston; vhc, Dickson. AMAT. NOR. ETC., (9): 1, 3, c, Mace; 2, vhc, hc, Craigs; 4, A. F. Thompson. BORD. YELL. (12): 1, sp. vhc, sp. and hc, sp., Blackhall, a marvel for a novice, takes B.F.C.C. medal, beating all champions, well put down Mr. B.; 2, Ritchie; 3, McDonald; 4, Wakenshaw; c, Dickson. BUFF (21): A wonderful class for novices, many could have held their own in the open, 1, 2, sp hc, c, MacDonald; 3, Wakenshaw; 4, Dickson; vhc, Blackhall. MULE BRIT. OR FOR. (11): 1, Marshall; 2, 4, vhc, c, Morland; 3, J. A. Purvis; hc, Craigs. BREEDING PAIRS (8): 1, sp, Thompson, S.F.; 2, sp. Makins, Nor.; 3, Hay, Borders; 4, vhc, Suthern; hc, Roper; c, MacDonald. GIFT CK. (19): 1, sp. Armstrong; 2, Ritchie; 3, A. Hay; 4, hc, Grey; vhc, Smart; c, Dickson. HEN (17): 1, MacDonald; 2, sp. Morland; 3, sp. Walker; 4, sp. Schooler; vhc, sp. Renwick; hc, Roper; c, Suthern. OLD BIRDS: NOR. CK. (12): 1, Hay; 2, Renwick; 3, W. Hay; 4, Stark; vhc, Renwick; hc, Meston; c, Morland. HEN (8): 1, A. Hay; 2, Makins; 3, W. Hay; 4, vhc, Renwick; hc, Stark; c, Suthern. BORD. CK. (13): 1, sp. Morland; 2, W. Hay; 3, sp. c, Blackhall; 4, sp. Walker; vhc, Smart; hc, Purvis. BORD., HEN (7): 1, Smart; 2, Dickson; 3, Suthern; 4, A. Hay; vhc, sp. Morland; hc, Marshall. A.O.V. CK. (2): 1, Craigs. HEN (1): 1, Craigs.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

BORDER CITY
(Carlisle).

Border City (Carlisle) O.S. held their 3rd annual show on Oct. 25th and 26th, in Harrison's Mart Hall, an excellent venue, nicely lighted and comfortable. On the whole the entry was good, constituting, we believe, a record for the society, though only the Border section could be described as high above the average. The quality of the birds was splendid all-round. The management left notbing to be desired, the birds being well stnged and tended. The secretary, Mr. J. C. Bell, is a very painstaking, hardworking and able official, and he was splendidly supported by the chairman, Mr. J. Davidson, and committee: Messrs. R. Thomlinson, D. Bunting, W. Davidson, F. Bell, J. Chaplow, I. Robson, jun., Jos. Robson, A. O'Neill, R. Macartney, W. Wilson, W. Dixon, P. Willmot. The show manager was Mr. T. J. Robson, and tbis gentleman got tbrough his onerous duties in a style that proved his high capabilities for the position. He is to be congratulated upon the deserved success attending his effort. The judges were Messrs. J. Robson and H. W. Battye.

The Canary Classes.

SCOT. FCY. C. (4): 1, Harvey, good cl. buff, fine mould, grand depth across, neat length of side, well staged; 2, 4, Sloan, 2nd varieg. buff, good top piece, squarer, but reachy and plenty of it, good length, 4th nice yell.; 3, Chapman, a good foul yell., showing age, nice size and top end. HEN (4): 1, Chapman, good buff, plenty of size, rare shoulder, lovely mover, grand drive and reach, in fine trim; 2, Craig, neat yell., not quite so massive, but sweetly got up, extra good all round; 3, Harvey, yell., plenty of length, good top end; 4, Johnstone, nice buff. BORD. YELL., CK. (24): 1, Ayre, good one, rnre shape, type, and condition, well shown; 2, Dixon, beaten in head only, well drawn, in lovely bloom; 3, Davidson, close up, sweet shape; 4, Pennington, nice, all there for style, grand bloom, in rare class; vhc, Clark; hc, McCartney; c, Murray. HEN (20): 1, Davidson, sweet onc, lovely size, grand front and head, in rare trim; 2, Young, close up grand head and front, extra sweet in taper; 3, Cubby, good body, neatly drawn; 4, Calderwood, stylish, rare feather, grand shape, well placed; vhc, Couthert, Moore and Son, Ayre. BUFF CK. (18): 1, Cubby, a gem, grand weight, rare head and taper, well staged; 2, Watt, not quite so well burnished, good head and wings; 3, Davidson, sweet shape and size; 4, Couthert, neat size, good quality; vhc, Bunting; hc, Kerr; c, Pennington. HEN (26): 1, 4, Cubby, again to the front, grand stylish hen, well carried, staged in fine trim, sweet exhibit; 2, Leveson, in grand order, good one; 3, Montgomery, good shape, in grand trim; vhc, Bunting; hc, Thomlison; c, Kerr. UNEVEN, ETC., YELL. (14): 1, Stewart, in rattling fine order, grand head and front, A1 style, well staged; 2, Clarke, close up, sweet style, good wing carriage; 3, Docherty, nice stamp, well rounded, good head; 4, Young, sweet one; vhc, Calderhead; hc, Ayre; c, Pearson. BUFF (27): 1, c, Dixon, hot one, grand shape and quality, well drawn, showing to perfection; 2, Moore and Son, good one, a wee shade plainer in appearance; 3, Ellwood, sweet style, grand front and taper; 4, Davidson, lovely feather; vhc, McVittie; hc, Chaplow. EVEN MARK (12): 1, 2, Dixon, 1st yell., good one, lovely eye and wings, rare type, in full bloom, 2nd buff, good markings, rare stamp, a pair of gems, well placed; 3, Harrison, buff, sweet shape, well balanced markings; 4, c, McVittie, cinn. ycll., grand type and quality; vhc, Stewart; hc, Higgins. CINN. YELL. (14): 1, Christer, typical, lovely col., shown well; 2, Johnston, again good col., natty all through; 3, Cubby, type and col. good, close up to 2nd; 4, Roberts, a nice one, well shown; vhc, Pearson; hc, Thomlinson; c, Watt. BUFF (11): 1, Coulthard, good one of nice shade of col., nice wing carriage, a beauty; 2, Hawkins, typical and neat, close on heels of first; 3, Kerr, grand bird, fine col. and wing carriage; 4, Thompson, good feather, nice one all tbrough; vhc, Davidson; hc, Roberts; c, Thomlinson. GREEN YELL. (17): 1, Dockerty, beautifully sound in col., splendid carriage, a real topper; 2, Johnston, grand bird, lovely col., good head and wing carriage; 3, Parker, again a good one; 4, Pennington, nice one, grand col.; vhc, Wagstaff; hc, Davidson; c, Watt. BUFF (10): 1, Cubby, beautiful type nnd carriage, grand Border all through; 2, Johnston, lovely col. and feather, a wee gem indeed; 3, Kerr, close on heels of 3rd, good Border; 4, Dixon, nice col., lovely shape; vhc, Pennington; hc, Wagstaff; c, Dockerty. CL., ETC., YELL. NOR. CK.: 1, 2, vhc, Lawson, 1st grand shape, well drawn, plenty of size, staged to perfection; 2, beaten in front, nice quality feather, real good one, up to this firm's style; 3, Davies, very neat in head, well drawn; 4, Pound, nicely drawn; hc, Dent; c, Brown. HEN (8): 1, Bell, grand quality, lovely front, well cut, sweet head and wing carriage; 2, vhc, hc, Lawson, good front, well rounded, nice head and taper; 3, Davies, grand type, lovely mould, sweet feather and fiuish; 4, Hope, plenty of substance; c, Dent. BUFF (16): 1, Lawson, fine flighted, good head and front, nice style, grand feather; 2, Davies, better shape, grand body and head, splendid wings, in tip-top order; 3, Brown, good type, beaten in feather, sweet style, extra good in front; 4, Reed Bros., in nice order, grand quality feather; vhc, Dent; hc, Davidson; c, Walker. HEN (12): 1, 2, 3, Lawson, 1st wins, rare shape, lovely head and front, and staged in perfect order, sweet one; 2, good body, beaten a shade in head, fine in front, well furnished up; 3, again in full bloom; 4, Brown, beaten head and front, sweet feather; vhc, Pound; hc, Bunting; c, Cubby. UNEVEN MARK., ETC. (10): 1, 2, vhc, Lawson, 1st good yell., fine size, grand shape and quality, good one, 2nd romping huff, rare bloom, extra fine head, grand front; 3, Bell, varieg. yell., sweet shape; 4, Jones, varieg. buff, good type and feather; hc, Bland; c, Nicholson. UNFLIG. YELL. (15): 1, Nelson, neat one, grand size and shape, and A1 quality of feather; 2, Robson, close up, good head and front; 3, Jones, nice one, just a shade thin across, but good quality; 4, Lawson, sweet one, plenty of size; vhc, Beard; hc, Brown; c, Pound. UNFLIG. BUFF (16): 1, 2, 3, Lawson, 1st sweet eye tick, nice shape, good body, well balanced, 2nd nice buff, good body and head, close up, 3rd head tick, fine col., and shape, lovely style; 4, Davies, well put down; vhc, Bell; hc, Robson; c, Grieve. NOR. NAT. COL. (6): 1, 3, Lawson, 1st large yell., good front and wing carriage, plenty of substance, fine feather and finish; 2, Brown, foul buff, good one, rare size and shape; 3, yell., well feathered; vhc, c, Chapton; c, Dixon. CREST (5): 1, 2, Tayler, 1st wins, fine top piece, well laid on, beautifully centred, sweet shaped crest, grand size, 2nd grizzle, fine centre, very good frontal; 3, Vere, good one, nice shape; 4, vhc, Goulden, falls to winner in length of feather. C.B. (3): 1, 2, Taylor, 1st grand varieg., plenty of feather, rare width skull, grand lash and entrance, 2nd good one, nice entrance; 3, Vere, good bird. YORKS. CL., ETC., YELL CK. (9): 1, Wigglesworth, sweet length, grand shape and style; 2, vhc, Stewart, lengthy, well drawn, rare front and head; 3, Dykes, grand bloom, beaten only in length; 4, Ferguson, racy, well drnwn; hc, Tweedie c, Brown. BUFF (12): 1, Dykes, grand shape, lovely feather, well shown 2, Stewart, close up, grandly drawn, rare head and front; 3, Tweedie, sweet shape and feather, good head and wings; 4, Brown, good quality, sweet one, well placed; vbc, Stewart; hc, Muir c, Mountain. HEN, YELL. (4): 1, Brown, sweet one, grand shape, well drawn, nice quality feather; 2, 3, Stewart, 2nd good wing, rare head, 3rd lovely bloom, well drawn; 4, Carrick, close feather. UNEV. MKD., ETC. (8): 1, Mountain, yell., fine bloom, racy, grand trim, well staged; 2, vhc, Hallilday, buff, grand type, rare length and quality of feather; 3, Tweedie, buff cinn. mark, sweet, nice quality feather; 4, c, Hetherington; hc, Dykes. HEN, BUFF (6): 1, 3, Stewart, 1st lovely type, grand showy; 3rd fine wing carriagc; 2, Brown, close up, good head and front, nice stamp; 4, Mountain; vhc, Tweedie; hc, Carrick. YORKS, UNFLIG. (16): 1, Wigglesworth, fine size, stands well, a good bird; 2, Dykes, mkd. eyes and wings, close up to 1st, capital feather, in fine trim; 3, Halliday, cl. yell., upstanding specimen, nice col.; 4, Hetherington, self yell. green, fine col.; vhc, Ferguson; hc, Stewart; c, Carr. HYB. (5): 1, Dixon, cl. buff Greenie, nice size, showing cross well, a shade out of condition, still wins with something in hand; 2, 4, vhc, Nicholson, 2nd neat Can.-Bullie, fine shape and col., in grand order, 4th sweet Redpoll-Bullie; 3, Wilson, smart Goldie-Bullie, nice col. and shape, grand feather. VARIEG (5): 1, 4, Dixon, nicc varieg. bnff, good size, in first-rate order, nice flush face, well marked, 4th var. yell. Greenie, nice shape, good quality feather; 2, Maddison, var. Greenie, well up in size, nice bird; 3, McVittie, hot frd Jonque Goldie, nice flush face, good col.; vhc, Nelson. A.O.V. MULE (10): 1, 3, Somerfield, 1st Jonque Greenie, nice size and col, some thought lucky to beat next, 3rd nice Jonque Linnet, grand col., shape; 2, vhc, Dixon, grand Jonque Goldie, fine flush face, fine size and quality, extra good one; 4, Davidson, Cape Can. Mule, nice size and quality of feather; hc, Pickles; c, Maddison. GOLDFINCH (11): 1, Dixon, wins, in grand bloom, fine flush face, splendid tnnnings, well mooned; 2, Murray, large faced Finch, nice front and markings; 3, vhc, Wilson, steady, grandly shown; 4, Bell, neat one, our choice for 2nd, grand shape, well marked; hc, Raine; c, Chaplow. LINNET (10): 1, Godfrey, wins, grand bird, rare shape and markings, in full bloom, a real gem, fine front and style; 2, 4, McQuiston, 2nd longer in shape, good quality feather, close up, 4th wlld, but good stamp and finish, fine style; 3, hc, Wilson, nice markings, a little more gloss on feather will make it a treat; vhc, Ford; c, Dixon. GREENFINCH (9): 1, c, Bell, nicely fed, rare flights, splendid body col., very neat shape; 2, Ford, good nat. col Finch, nice size and quality, good head; 3, Nicholson and Son, nat. col., good one, showing signs of age, rare size, beauty for shape; 4, McQulston, hot fed yell., good one; vhc, Davidson; hc, Chaplow. BULLFINCH (8): 1, c, Nicholson, grand col., good cap and bars, nice bib, in fine trim; 2, McQuiston, larger, grand shape, real tip-top one, lovely cap and bib, rare front and breast; 3, Laidlaw, good col. and markings, fine cap and bars, in nice order; 4, Kelly, neat one, fails just a little in cap and bib; vhc, Ford; hc, Palfrey. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (10): 1, vhc, Godfrey, 1st grand Chaffie, rare size and col., well marked, lovely breast and wings; 2, McQuiston, Bramble, rare size, well pencilled, fine breast col. and shape; 3, Dixon, Chaffie, all there for col., good wing flights and bars; 4, Laidlaw, Chaffie, grand shape. sweet Finch; hc, Stewart; c Raine. REDPOLL ETC. (21): 1, Godfrey, large Twite, grandly laced, rare shape and col., hot one for size, splendid head; 2, Nicholson and Son, Lesser Redpoll, close up, rare bib, well laced on flanks, good col; 3, Glaister, good Mealy, well up in size, very neatly laced, good 3rd; 4, c, Holmes, neat Siskin, dense cap, well pencilled on flanks; vhc, McQuiston; hc, Ford. A.O.S. FINCH, ETC. (6): 1, c, Nicholson and Son, 1st Corn Bunting, fine size, grand markings, steady, well shown, Palace winner; 2, Holt, Hawfinch, good cap and bib, well up in col., steady, neatly shown; 3, Laidlaw, Yellow-hammer, nice one, grand col., rare bloom, fine breast and wings; 4, McQuiston, Corn Bunting, very nicely pencilled, scarcely so steady; vhc, Holmes; hc, Pickles. BLACKBIRD, ETC.: 1, Laidlaw, Starling, nice size, spangle and sheen, well staged; 2, Chaplow, Thrush, good col., size and markings, beaten only in plumage; 3, Bell, Thrush, nice size and quality of feather; 4, Gardener, Thrush, good shape and markings. LARGE INSECTIV. (6): 1, McQuiston, Chough, grand bloom, well staged, wins; 2, Nicholson and Son, Waxwing, in good order; 3, Davidson, Fieldfare, nice size and markings, steady; 4, Henderson, Magpie, good shape and size, in grand order; vhc, Chaplow; absent, Bell (Waxwing). SMALL (9): 1, Wilson, grand Nightingale, demon for size, lovely col., steady, in perfect order, a gem of the first water, in full song when we were taking notes; 2, Nicholson and Son, Redstart, good one, fine col., well cut on breast, perfect feather; 3, Woodhouse, Wryneck, hot one, grand size, splendidly marked, in lovely order; 4, Davidson; Blackcap, again in full bloom, rare size, grand cap and markings; vhc, Welch Bros.; hc, Palfrey; c, Robson. LARK, ETC. (2): 1, Nicholson and Son, grand Grey Wagtail, in lovely bloom, rare col. and size, rare quality; 2, Holmes, Pied Wagtail, good crescent and size. HEN, A.S. (9): 1, Robson, Whinchat, nice one, soiled a trifle on tail and flights, good col. and size, beautifully staged, pressed by 2, Davidson, Blackcap, good large cap, fine markings, in grand feather; 3, Nicholson and Son, Grey Wagtail, in tip-top order, a beauty; 4, McQuiston, Corn Bunting, good shape and markings; vhc, hc, Bell; c, Chaplow. LINNET LOCAL (11): 1, Wilson, lovely col., well pencilled; 2, Thomlinson, another nice one; 3, Gardener; 4, Keswick; vhc, Wilson; hc, Holmes; c, Pearson. MACAWS, ETC. (7): 1, 2, 4, O'Neill, 1st Ceram Lories, in lovely order, 2nd Red-nape Lories, pair of beauties, 4th Brown's Parrakeet, again in lovely order; 3, Bell, Pennant Parrakcet, in full bloom; vhc, Lomas; hc, Bell. LOVEBIRDS, ETC. (6): 1, Pickles, Peach-faced Lovebirds, in grand order; 2, McKenzie, Black-headed Lovebirds, not quite so nicely staged; 3, 4, vhc, hc, Bell, grand Budgerigars, well shown; all were in very fine order. AVADAVATS, ETC. (15): 1, Bishop, pair of Cordon Bleus, in grand trim, sweet exhibits; 2, 3, J. Howe, Gold-breasted Waxbills and Green Avadavats, in full bloom; 4, hc, c, Bell, Rihbon Finches, in nice condition and well staged; vhc, Miss Slack. SEED-EATING FINCH, A.O.S. (9): 1, c, O'Neill, Pin-tailed Nonpareils, in good order; 2, 3, Howe, Melha Finch and Parrot Finch, both in grand trim; 4, vhc, Nicholson and Son, Parson Finches and Parrot; vhc, J. Dixon. A.O.S.: 1, 3, Taylor, Yellow-winged Sugar Bird, a real gem, splendid exhibit, and a Banana Quit, also in very sweet condition; 2, Nicholson and Son, Glossy Starling, an old warrior looking well; 4, vhc, hc, O'Neill, White-winged Troupial, the only one in captivity, extra good bird, scarcely in full bloom.

Have You Had Your Watch Yet?

HARTLEPOOLS.
A Splendid All-round Entry.

Seventh annual show held Oct. 23th, Church-square schools, an ideal place, being lofty, well lighted and nicely heated. Entries came up splendidly in all sections, but Yorkshires, under the patronage of the N.Y.C.C., were especially strong, and the competition very keen. Norwicb had a nice entry, but "straight 'uns." Hybrids and Mules were a grand lot, and some really fiue exhibits were to be seen in the classes provided. The British bird section was provided with ten classes, and contained many exhibits of great merit in nearly every class. Foreigners with two classes were greatly admired, grand teams being staged by Messrs. Nicholson and Son and T. Almond. In Mr. E. Woodhead the society have an ideal secretary, most courtcous and obliging, always ready to assist and give information, being ably assisted by Messrs. Robinson (chairman), E. Pyman, H. Williams, J. Popple, and others whose names we did not ascertain. The judges were Messrs. H. W. Battye (Canaries) and J. Maddison, who carried out their duties to the general satisfaction of all.

The Critique.

YORKS. CL. YELL. (18): 1, M. Wigglesworth, hot col., very fine quality, good length of leg, rather open on chest, was a bit down and would not show himself, looks as if overshown; 2, W. Rand, pale col., grand quality feather, well up on leg, neat tail, good wings; 3, G. Tweedie, nice col. and style, rare quality wings and position; 4, Woodhead, rich col., lengthy, nice head, good wings and tail, wins sp. for best member's bird; vhc, J. Stewart; hc, c, J. Thomas. BUFF (13): 1, vhc, W. Bearpark, grand feather and length, neat tail and wings, nice position; 2, J. Stewart, neat shapely bird, good head and back, grand quality; 3, S. Campling, rich col., lovely quality, good head, nice pipe tail, stands well, some preferred for 2nd; 4, G. Tweedie, nice quality, neat feather and position; hc, A. Chew; c, Wilkinson Bros. TKD., ETC. (25): 1, Wilkinson Bros., eye tkd. buff, slim and stylish, lovely feather, close fitting wings, neat tail and head, in grand trim; 2, Watmough, yell. tkd. on head, A1 quality, good length, well up on leg, rare bloom, good wings and back; 3, Stewart, buff tick over eye, neat and shapely, full of quality, good position, tight feather; 4, Cook and Hood, yell., rare quality, good length, nice col.; vhc, R. Tindall; hc, L. Hewson; c, E. Woodhead. HEN (30): 1, J. Stewart, buff, good length, grand quality, close fitting feather, well drawn, neat head; 2, Wilkinson Bros., yell., good length, well up, close fitting wings, neat tail, rare quality; 3, T. C. Crawhall, head tkd. buff on small side, A1 quality, good type; 4, E. E. Pyman, buff, bigger, well up on leg, nice head and back; vhc, R. Tindale; hc, Cook and Hood; c, Hall. UNFLIG. (37): 1, Whitenham, yell., rare size, rich col., good style and position, feather of grand quality; 2, Crawhall, buff, rich col., lovely quality close fitting feather, neat wing carriage, good legs; 3, Tindale, yell., well up on leg, nice tail, good feather and type; 4, Wilkinson Bros., buff, nice size, head and back; vhc, Chew; hc, Wigglesworth; c, Tomlinson. NOVICE CK. (17): 1, Atkinson, buff leading, real good one, grand feather, nice type, neat wings and tail; 2, yell., nicc level col.,good length and quality; 3, Swinsco, yell., good length, nice position; 4, Bryden, buff, good quality, nice shape; vhc, Walker, hc, Want; c, Gill. HEN (19): 1, Whitenham, head tkd. buff, big bouncing hen, rich col., good legs, nice quality; 2, Deighton, nice quality, neat head, good col.; 3, Cattell, good length, nice position and quality, 4, Walker, buff, smaller, good style, neat head, nice quality; vhc, Atkinson; hc, Swinsco; c, Bryden. NOR. CL. YELL. (8): 1, 3, Freeman, 1st, red hot col., nicc quality; 3rd, good quality, level col., nice shape, good head and wings; 2, Wilson, grand quality, good bead and chest, level col., nice shape, good wings and tail, loses only in col.; 4, Wilcock, nice col. and feather, neat head and shape; vhc, Cuthbertson; hc, Davison; c, Allen. BUFF (12): 1, 2, Freeman, good pair, leader nice cobby shape, rare feather, nice back and wings, clean on chest; 2nd, close up, fine col., and feather, clean cut away behind; 3, Burdett, nice shape, good quality; 4, vhc, Walker, nice shape and substance; hc, Dixon; c, Watson. TKD. (11): 1, Dixon, vnrieg. buff, good thick set body, nice short flights and tail, grand quality; 2, Cuthbertson, yell., good rich col., nice size and shape, neat head, grand quality; 3, Allen, buff mkd. head and wings, nice quality, good thick set body, neat on chest; 4, Wilcock, yell., A1 quality, nice shape. HEN (15): 1, 4, Wilson, buff leads, nicc one, good head and neck, rare texture of feather, cobby shape, typical hen; 4th nice col., good quality; 2, Freeman, yell., grand col., fine feather, not quite so compact in shape as winner; 3, Papple, buff, neat shape, nice feather, good wings and tail; vnc, Miller; hc, J. Cuthbertson; c, Jackson. UNFLIG. (14): 1, Woodhead, yell., rare col., nice silky feather, good shape wings and tail; 2, Watson, buff, A1 quality, nice meal, good front, neat head; 3, Freeman, yell., nice wings and tail, good front, level col., not quite so nice in head; 4 (no name), buff, good shape, neat head; hc, Miller; c, Kilner and Son. NOVICE CK. (13) 1, Tate, head and wing mkd. yell., nice bird, neat shape, good col., neat head and chest; 2, Summers, varieg. buff, nice quality, good size, neat head, wings and tail; 3, Swinsco, yell., good quality, rich col.; 4, Dawson, buff, grizzled on head, good col. and quality; vhc, W. Dow; hc, Ronald; c, McGregor. HEN (10): 1, Briggs, buff, neat and cobby, nice size and quality, good head and front; 2, (no name), nice level col., good head, neat wings, fine quality; 3, Miss Bennett, buff, shapely, nice quality, good chest; 4 (no name); vhc, Ronald; hc, Dow; c, Davison. Owing to late entries, some of the exhibitors' names did not get inserted in catalogue. A.O.V. (15), 1, Bewick, green Crest, a gem, nice shaped body, grand quality feather, crest of good size, neat shape good formation; 2, J. Riseborough, gold capped Liz., well shaped cap, nicely spangled body; 3, Edwards, grizzle Crest, nice shaped body, crest a wee bit open at centre, good size, nicely radiated; 4, McGregor, yell. Cinn., rich col., grand quality; vhc, Ridley; hc, Gibson; c, Riseborough. SINGING (8): 1, Lewis; 2, Hogg; 3, Gledden; 4, Howard; vhc, Heslop; hc, Weldon. In this class we give no notes as there were all kinds of birds, Germans, Yorkies, Norwich, Mules, and plain cages, box cages, and fancy cages; we wonder how the judge managed to place them. SELL (20/-) (11): 1, Hugill; 2, Wilson; 3, Bearpark; 4, Miss Bennett; vhc, Gibson; hc Freeman; c, Cuthbertson. 15/- (23): 1, Lawson; 2, Walker; 3, Calem; 4, Dixon; vhc, Lawson; hc, Wilson; c, Chapman. 10/- (14): 1, F. Calem; 2, Hyslop; 3, Bearpark; 4, Allen; vhc, Gibson; hc, Wilson; c, Ronald. LIGHT MULE, ETC. (6): 1, Todd and Son, Linnet-Bullie in grand trim, fine col., tight as wax; 2, Edwards, wing and eye marked Can.-Goldie, small, but in grand condition; 3, Taylor, Goldie-Bullie, a gem for colour, nice size, good blaze, a wee bit loose on chest or would probably have won; 4, Lowes and Son, Greenie-Goldie, very thick when we saw it; vhc, Dr. Wilson; hc, Nicholson and Son. DARK (16): 1, Dr. Wilson, Can.-Bullfinch, grand col., good size, wins easy; some seemed to think it should not have been eligible for this class; 2, Carr, Greenie-Can. yell., lovely col., rare size, nice shape; 3, Edwards, Goldie-Can.; 4, Taylor; hc, Medley; c, Moor. GOLDFINCH (11): 1, 2, c, Nicholson, pair of gems, rich col., expansive blazes, good tans, well buttoned; 3, Mayes and Atkinson, nice Finch, lovely blaze, nice body col., not quite so big; 4, Dr. Wilson, rich col. blaze, not quite so expansive; hc, Shaw, BULLFINCH (14): 1, Hogg, fine size, rich breast col., carried well under, big rich col. cap, grand shape; 2, Brewster, good head and shape, rich breast col.; 3, Wood, close up, grand shape, good wing bars, nice col.; 4, Lowes and Son, nice bright shade on breast, good cap and breast; vhc, Mayes and Atkinson; hc, Kilner and Son; c, Hanson. LINNET (17): 1, Mrs. Hunt, smart bird, fine size, rich nut-brown col., lovely pencilling; 2, Boyd, very similar, rich dark col., nicely pencilled; 3, Stamp, shapely and neat, rich col. and plenty of work; 4, Dr. Wilson, nice col. and shape; vhc, Taylor; hc, Gregory; c, Wiggins and Harrison. GREENFINCH (13): 1, Nicholson and Son, grand size, rare bloom, nice feather, good wings; 2, Hyslop, good feather and bloom, not quite so shapely; 3, Stamp, not quite so big, good wings, grand feather; 4, Messenger, nice thick set bird, good feather; vhc, Todd and Son; hc, Bewick; c, Lawson. SISKIN, ETC. (16): 1, Walker, Twite, rare size, good rich col., nice pencilling; 2, 3, Nicholson and Son, 2nd rare sized Redpoll, dark colour, nice lacing, rare bloom; 3, Siskin, good cap, well laced, grand colour; 4, Taylor, Twite, smaller than winner, grand col. and lacing; vbc, Briscoe and Son; hc, Todd and Son; c, Mrs. Hunt. HEN (8): 1, Briscoe and Son, Blackcap in grand trim, good size and col.; 2, 3, Nicholson and Son, Grey Wagtail leading, a gem, steady as a rock, in rare form, good size and colour; 3, Siskin, good lacing and size; 4, Forster, nice Twite; vhc, Dippie and Purvis; hc, Ronald; c, Hogg. A.O.V. (10): 1, 3, Nicholson and Son, Corn Bunting, grand size, rich col., well put down; 3rd, lovely Chaffinch, cl. whites, good polish, rare size; 2, Dippie and Purvis, Yellow Bunting, good head markings, rich colour and bloom, fine size; 4, Sanders and Son, Yellow Bunting, nice bird, beaten only in head and size; vhc, Gregory; hc, Chadwick; c, Wiggins and Harrison. SOFTBILL, SMALL (6): 1, 3, 4, Nicholson and Son, Tree-creeper, well staged, in grand feather; 3rd, Redstart, good size, well staged, rich col., very steady; 4th, lovely Wagtail, in faultless trim; 2, Briscoe and Son, Blackcap, good size, well put down, fine col.; vhc, Mackwell; hc, Forster. A.O.V. (4): 1, Boyd, Jay, rich col. on wings, steady, good size; 2, Nicholson and Son, Waxwing, lovely bloom, very steady, nice size, bit short of wax on wings; 3, Parnaby, nice Fieldfare; 4, Ainsley, nice Jackdaw. SELL., 10/- (10): 1, 3, 4, Mrs. Hunt; 2, Parnaby; vhc, Hogg; hc, Dixon; c, Hanson. FOR. LARGE (2): 1, Nicholson and Son, well known Glossy Starling, wonderful lustre, much admired; 2, Hall. SMALL (9): 1, 4, hc, c, Nicholson and Son, grand team, staged in this exhibitor's usual form; 2, 3, vhc, Almond, three grand exhibits, in rare trim. MEMBERS' NOR. YELL. (5): 1, Ashford; 2, 3, 4, Papple; vhc, Woodhead. BUFF (11): 1, 3, 4, Miss Bennett; 2, Pillar; vhc, Woodhead; hc, c, Papple. HEN (10): 1, 4, hc, Papple; 2, Miss Bennett; 3, vhc, c, Woodhead; c, Ashcroft. YORKS. YELL. (9): 1, 2, 3, Woodhead; 4, Pyman; vbc, he, Wilyman; c, Ronald. BUFF (8): 1, 3, 4, Woodhead; 2, "yman; vhc, Miss Bennett; hc, Wilyman. HEN (5): 1, 3, Woodhead; 2, Pyman; 4, Miss Bennett. A.O.V. (2): 1, 2, Miss Bennett. GOLDFINCH (3): 1, Woodhead; 2, 3, Wilyman. LINNET (5): 1, 3, Robinson; 2, Ashcroft; 4, Woodhead. A.O.V. (9): 1, 3, 4, c, Woodhead; 2, Pillar; vhc, Robinson; hc, Wilyman. MULE (4): 1, Chapman; 2, Woodhead; 3, Ronald.

SOUTH SHIELDS C.B.S.

Annual show held Ingham Hall, Ingham Street, October 28. Mr. Seely (Choppington) judged.

OLD BIRDS: NOR., CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, Richardson; 3, Watson; 4, hc, c, Coltman; vhc, Potts. BUFF: 1, 2, Richardson; 3, Macdonald; 4, Coltman; vhc, Potts. HEN: 1, vhc, Richardson; 2, 3, Coltman; 4, Potts; hc, Macdonald; c, Scott. PAIRS: 1, Potts; 2, Richardson; 3, Jolly. YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Hutler; 2, 3, 4, Smith and Thompson; vhc, Hutler; hc, Sharpe; c, Addison. BUFF: 1, vhc, Hutler; 2, Addison; 3, 4, Duke. HEN: 1, Hutler; 2, 3, 4, Addison; vhc, hc, Duke. PAIRS: 1, Addison; 2, 3, Duke; 4, Hutler. BORD. FCY., CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Mather; 2, 3, Duke. BUFF: 1, Blore; 2, 3, Duke. HEN: 1, Blore; 2, Mnther; 3, Parker; 4, vhc, Duke; hc, Macdonald. PAIRS: 1, Parker; 2, Duke. CREST CK.: 1, Widdowfield; 2, Priestley. HEN: 1, 2, Winter; 3, Widdowfield; 4, Duke. C.B. CK.: 1, Winter; 2, 4, Widdowfield; 3, Priestley, Duke (blind). HEN: 1, Widdowfield. PAIRS: 1, Widdowfield; 2, Wemyss. CINN. YELL.: 1, Coltman; 2, Richardson; 3, 4, Duke. BUFF: 1, Richardson; 2, Duke. A.O.V.: 1, Barrass; 2, Blore. PAIRS: Cancelled. YOUNG BIRDS, BRED 1911: NOR., CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, 4, Richardson; 2, Potts; 3, Winter; vhc, Jolly; hc, Coltman. BUFF: 1, vhc, hc, Richardson; 2, Winter; 3, Coltman; 4, Potts; c, Jolly. HEN: 1, 3, Richardson; 2, vhc, Jolly; 4, Winter; hc, Watson; c, Scott. YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, Hutler; 3, 4, Smith and Thompson. BUFF: 1, 2, Hutler; 3, Duke. HEN: 1, 2, Smith and Thompson; 3, Addison; 4, Duke. BORD. FCY., CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Barras. BUFF: 1, Macdonald; 2, Parker; 3, Blore. HEN: 1, Macdonald; 2, Parker. CREST: 1, Winter; 2, 3, Priestley; 4, Duke. C.B.: 1, Priestley. CINN. YELL.: 1, 2, Winter; 3, Richardson. BUFF: 1, 2, Winter. LIZ., GOLD, SILVER: Cancelled. A.O.V. CAN: 1, 2, 3, Richardson. NOR. GREENS: 1, Watson. BORD. FCY. GREENS: 1, 2, 4, vhc, hc, Parker; 3, Macdonald. NOVICE CLASSES, NOR.: 1, 2, Mather; 3, Scott. BRED 1911: 1, hc, Scott; 2, 3, 4, Mather; vhc, c, Sharpe. YORKS.: 1, Dixon; 2, 3, Sharpe; absent, Priestley. BRED 1911: 1, 2, 3, 4, c, Dixon; vhc, hc, Sharpe. BORD.: 1, 2, Mather. BRED 1911: Cancelled. CREST, BRED 1911: 1, Priestley; 2, hc, Wemyss; 3, 4, vhc, Boldon. C.B., BRED 1911: 1, Boldon; 2, 3, Wemyss; 4, Priestley. CINN., BRED 1911: Cancelled. BRIT., GOLDFINCH: 1, Smith and Thompson; 2, Jolly; 3, Scott. BULLFINCH: 1, Boldon; 2, Woodhouse; 3, Smith and Thompson. GREENFINCH: 1, Watson; 2, Barras; 3, Mather; 4, Sharpe; vhc, Addison. LINNET: 1, 3, vhc, Smith and Thompson; 2, Scott; 4, Addison; hc, Woodhouse; and Thompson; 2, Scott; 4, Addison; hc, Woodhouse; 3, Duke. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, 2, Blore; 3, Parker; 4, Widdowfield; vhc, Woodhouse. CHAFFINCH, ETC.: 1, Coltman; 2, Watson. A.O.S. FINCH, ETC.: 1, Addison. SONG THRUSH, ETC.: 1, Woodhouse. A.O.S. SOFTBILL: 1, Woodhouse. SKYLARK: 1, 4, Barrass; 2, 3, Smith and Thompson. SOFTBILL, SMALL: 1, Woodhouse, Wryneck. CANMULE OR HYB.: 1, 3, Woodhouse; 2, Boldon; 4, Watson. LARGE FOR.: Cancelled. SMALL: 1, Woodhouse. SELL., 15s.: 1, Richardson; 2, Coltman; 3, 4, Richardson; vhc, hc, Duke. 10s.: 1, vhc, hc, Richardson; 2, Smith and Thompson; 3, Woodhouse; 4 Sharpe; c, Duke. Sandiford's medal winner, Class 2, No. 2, Mr. Potts; special best Can., Mr. Winter; British, Mr. Woodhouse, Wryneck; Foreign, Mr. Woodhouse, Archbishop Tanager.

DERWENT VALLEY.

A Well-Conducted Show Receives Good Support.

Fifth annual open show of the Derwent C.B.S., held October 28th, and proved to be the most successful ever held in the history of the society. The venue was again the Church Hall, Hamsterley, which is pleasantly situated, and in close proximity to High Westwood Station, this enabling the officials to receive and dispatch the birds with the greatest facility. The hall itself is well adapted for holding a cage bird show, having plenty of room and plenty of daylight, and being quite free from draughts; the only possible fault one can find with it is the somewhat poor light at night. The staging was again a credit to the officials, being in rows three tiers high, each section by itself, with the classes running round the room in regular order, the whole making a very charming display. Entries came up well, totalling 450, a little over last year's, thus proving that exhibitors are not afraid of sending their birds out to shows where they are well looked after. Norwich were undoubtedly the feature of the show, both in numbers and quality, this section averaging nearly 15 per class in 6 classes, most of the birds being very good in type and quality. Yorkshires came next with nearly 13 per class in 6 classes, and these also made a very charming display, many well known winners being staged. Borders averaged about 10 per class in 5 classes, and type and quality again predominated here. A regrettable incident we understand occurred in this section, namely the passing by the judge, Mr. Brown, of the 4 exhibits of Mr. H. Bennet (Kelso), the allegation being that they showed signs of colour feeding. It was the general opinion that each bird would, apart from this, undoubtedly have won in its respective class; Mr. Brown, in fact, considered them the 4 best birds in the section. Crests and Crestbreds were only moderate in numbers, but what was lacking in quantity was fully made up in quality, several very neat birds being staged. British were good both in numbers and quality and competition was very keen in this section. The Bullfinch, Linnet, and Siskin, Redpoll, or Twite classes contained some grand birds, while the other classes were not far behind. Foreign birds were a nice collection and attracted a considerable amount of attention from visitors, the ladies especially being quite charmed with the display. The management was splendid, and the manner in which the work was got through was an eye-opener. The popular secretary, Mr. Joseph Lindsay, had everything in perfect working order, and it is quite a pleasure to meet this genial gentleman. His thorough knowledge of his duties and the practical manner in which he gets through them, stamps him as a most efficient secretary, and his kindly, courteous manner and willingness to oblige everyone gain for him a popularity which he richly deserves. He was ably assisted in his work by an excellent body of fanciers, all workers, headed by the genial and popular chairman, Mr. G. Barkas, and composed of Messrs. M. Armstrong, W. Tomlinson, W. Curry, M. U. Gardner, W. Marsh, and several others whose names we do not remember. The lady workers also deserve a special word of praise, and their services cannot be over-estimated. Their presence at the show gives it an extra charm, and we think it would be a good thing for the Fancy if more shows could get the ladies to assist them. Fine weather favoured the show which was well attended by visitors, and we were given to understand that it will probably be the most successful show ever held by the society. The judges were: Mr. A. Brown (Canaries) and Mr. F. Marwood (Mules, British, and Foreign).

Mr. Brown's Classes.

NOR. YELL. (12): 1, Butler, rich col. cl., nice size and shape, neat head, good quality, nice wings, shows well; 2, 3, Cowling, two beautles, heavy varieg. and eye tkd. respectively, leader grand cobby bird, short, well rounded body, good head and neck, more substance than winner, shade faulty in one wing, yet some preferred for 1st; 3rd, well known, grand shape, rich col. and quality, neat head, neck and chest, loses a little in size only; vhc, Mosley; hc, Dixon; c, Forster. BUFF (12): 1, Rigg, monster for size, nice shape, rich col., well mealed, full head and neck; 2, Dixon, not quite the same substance as leader, but more typical, grand shape, deep full chest, good col. and quality; 3, Smith, grizzle on head, rare size, wee shade longer in barrel, good col. and quality; vhc, Lackey; hc, Forster; c, Bambridge. 1911 (17): 1, vhc, Butler, varieg. yell., grand size and shape, thick head and neck, broad deep chest, good col. and quality, with a bit tightening up will be a topper; 2, Cowling, cl. buff, smaller than leader, grand shape, deep chested, grand col. and quality, not quite so full in head, good one; 3, Bamhridge, neck tkd. yell., nice size, good shape and col., neat head, neck and chest, gets wing across just a little; hc, Rigg; c, Johnston. HEN (13): 1, Butler very typical cl. yell., nice size and shape, good col. and quality, neat head and chest, well carried wings and tail, clean cut; 2, Williams, cl. buff, lacks substance a little, yet grand shape, nice col. and quality, good carriage, neat wings and tail; 3, Smith, cap mkd. buff, neater head than 2nd, good col. and quality, close up; vhc, Barkas; hc, Lackey; c, Cowling. NAT. COL. (9): 1, Adams, cl. buff, grand size, nice shape, neat head, good chest and back, feather of beautiful texture; 2, Crass, cl. yell., grand size, neat head and chest, good col. and quality; 3, vhc, A. Forster, cl. buff, nice shape, very neat head, good chest, wings and tail; hc, Carr; c, S. Forster. NOVICE (24): 1, Moore, cl. buff, grand size and shape, good head and neck, deep full chest, lovely col. and quality; 2, vhc, Watson, cl. yell., nice quality, good col., neat head and neck, crosses wings; 3, Johnston, cl. buff, not quite the substance of winner, good col., nicely mealed, neat head and chest; hc, Thompson; c, Nesbit and Wright. Some nice birds in this class, but most of the yellows were too long in leg. YORKS., YELL. (15): 1, Simeson, varieg., nice length, grandly drawn, gets well up on a pair of good legs, nicely carried wings and tail; 2, Ellwood, cl., nice long upstanding bird, good col. and quality, not quite so nicely rounded in body; 3, Tindale, cl., nice length, well drawn, neater head than 2nd, well braced wings and tail; vhc, Tomlinson; hc, Reed and Collins; c, Wilson. BUFF (10): 1, Crawhall, cl., grandly drawn, fine length, neat narrow shoulders and waist, well tapered, nice head and neck, well braced wings and tail; 2, Tindale, good upstanding bird, fine length and position, well drawn, neat head and neck, grand carriage; 3, Johnson, cl., nice length and position, very erect, well tapered, wee shade flat on head; vhc, Hatter; hc, Walker; c, Dixon. 1911 (11): 1, Walker, yell., mkd. back of neck and right wing, grand quality, tight as wax, good length and position, neat head, well braced wings and tail; 2, Tindale, buff, eye and wing tkd., nice length and position, good col. and quality; 3, Crawhall, cl. yell., fine length, grand col. and quality, nice position, wee trifle flat on head; vhc, Lane; hc, Mather; c, Simeson. HEN (19): 1, Mather, yell., grandly drawn, nice length and position, neat head, good wing carriage, nice col. and quality; 2, 3, Walker, leader buff, a bit pale in col., well drawn, erect position, nice head and neck, 3 yell., trifle heavier in build, grand position, neat head and neck, nice length and col.; vhc, Robinson; hc, Crawhall; c, Tindale. NAT. COL. (10): 1, Dix, buff, nice length, good position, grand col., neat head, well braced wings and tail; 2, Richardson, buff, beautifully drawn, grand length, erect position, neat head, well carried wings and tail; 3, Charlton and Simpson, foul green, rare length, fine position, good head and neck, well tapered body, nice col. and quality; vhc, Colling and Turnbull; hc, S. Forster; c, Dodd. NOVICE (10): 1, vhc, Moffat, varieg, buff, nice long upstanding bird, grandly drawn, gets well up on fine legs, neat head and neck, nice col. and quality; 2, Johnson, cl. yell., grand length, fine position, well drawn, rich col., good shoulders and waist; 3, Wilson, cl. yell., fine length and position, grand col. and quality, neat head, good wings, two or three tail feathers not quite down; hc, Robinson. CREST (4): 1, 3, Dickinson Bros., leader green, nice size, grand shape crest, neat centre, good formation and droop, 3 varieg., smaller crest than leader, good formation and droop, a trifle open in centre; 2, Gardiner, wing mkd., d.c., shield shape, neat droop and centre, grand quality; vhc, S. Forster. C.B.: Cancelled. CREST OR C.B., NOVICE (9): 1, Gillespie, varieg., good size, nice width of skull, good size and entrance, well domed, good flow of feather behind; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Gardiner, varieg., grand size, good, massive skull, nice rise and entrance, 3 wing mkd. d.c., 3rd in previous class; c, Thorpe. BORD., YELL CK., ETC. (9): 1 Elliot, real model, tight as wax, grand rich col., beautiful quality, sweet head and neck, fine jaunty movement; 2, Ellwood, lovely shape, rich col. and quality, sweetly rounded body, nice wings and tail; 3, Ross, nearly even mkd., grand shape, beautiful feather, sweetly moulded, heaten only in head and wing carriage; vhc, Rowell; hc, Walker; c, Dickinson Bros. HEN (6): 1, Ellwood, mkd. both wings, a typical lady, grandly moulded, sweet shape, neat head and neck; 2, Craig, even mkd., grand shape, fine quality, sweet jaunty movement, fine carriage, well carried wings; 3, Gray and Gilhome, tkd. neck, not quite the grand shape of leaders, yet good, neat head, nice wings and tail; vhc, Lane; hc, Ross. BUFF CK. (14): 1, Elliot, cl., grand shape, beautifully moulded, rich col. and quality, neat head, good one; 2, Hawkins, tkd. top of head, well rounded, nice col. and quality, neat head, fine carriage; 3, Ellwood, cl., trifle heavier build, grand shape, sweet free movement, rich col. and quality; vhc, Gray and Gilhome; hc, Henderson; c, Walker. HEN (11): 1, Ross, grand shape, sweetly moulded, neat head and neck, grand carriage, good quality, looking a trifle thick when we took our notes; 2, Ouigley, grounded neck, nice shape and carriage, neat head, well braced wings and tail; 3, vhc, Dickinson Bros., tkd. left eye, nice shape, neat head and neck, nicely rounded; hc, Lindsay; c, Elliot. NOVICE (7): 1, 2, Ouigley, leader yell., very typical, sweetly moulded, neat head and neck, grand rich col., good quality, 2 varieg. buff, perhaps a trifle heavier in body, but a good one for shape, grand head and neck; 3, Dowson, cinn. tkd., very shapely, well rounded body, neat head, good col. and quality, wee shade long in wing; vhc, Walker; hc, Owens and Humble; c, Ridley.

Mr. Marwood's Classes.

CL. MULE, ETC. (4): 1, Maddison, well known, neck tkd. Greenie mule, nice size and col., looking as well as ever, put down in grand condition; 2, Butler, lightly mkd. Goldie mule, nice flush and wings, feather smooth as wax, in grand condition; 3, Wilcock, another Goldie mule, heavier mkd. than 2nd, larger, nice face and wings, not quite the condition and polish; vhc, Sokell. DARK (6): 1, Maddison, yell. Goldie, grand face and wings, beautiful feather, in splendid coudition and polish, wins well; 2, Sokell, yell. Greenie mule, nice size, grand col., rare condition and polisb; 3, Taylor, buff Greenie mule, fine size, nice col. and shape, not quite so tight in feather as might be; vhc, Rowell; hc, c, Barkas. SELL. 15s. (9): 1, Crosling; 2, Forster; 3, Lindsay; vhc, Gardiner; hc, Robinson; c, Willlams. 10s. (10): 1, Marsh and Telford; 2, Tomlinson; 3, Ellwood; vhc, Reed and Collins; hc, Rowell; c, Forster. BULLFINCH, BRIT. (9): 1, Williams, grand size, beautiful shape, good level breast col., nice shaped cap of dense col.; 2, Curry, another grand one richer breast col. than leader, fine shape although not the perfect waggon-horse type of leader broad dense col. cap, winner also has a little pull in size, two grand Bullies; 3, Minto, another good one for shape and size, nice, big, well shaped cap; vhc, Carr; hc, Milbourn; c, Tomlinson. GOLDFINCH (10): 1, Butler, grand size and shape, big square cut blaze, very level in col., nice wings, in good condition; 2, Tomlinson, nice size and shape, good blaze, deep col., fine wings, beaten just a little in condition; 3, Stewart very neat and shapely, nice col. blaze, in good condition; vhc, Barkas; hc, Mitchell; c, Carr. GREENFINCH (11): 1, Sokell, medium size, grand cobby shape, nice col. and feather, in good condition; 2, Rowell, another good one for shape, lovely col. and condition, not quite so bold or round in head; 3, Milhurn, larger than leaders, but not the cobby shape, rare head and neck, good col. and condition; vhc, Carr; hc, Taylor; c, Dobson. BRAMBLE, ETC. (10): 1, Tomlinson, Bramhlc, not a big one, but in beautiful condition, not a feather out of place, nice col. and spangling; 2, Slack, Chaffie, good size and col., nice head, good bars, put down in excellent condition, close up; 3, Davidson, well known Bramble, much larger than leader, good rich body col., well spangled and laced; vhc, Smith; hc, Barkas; c, Clark. LINNET (16): 1, Adams, grand size, rich col., well pencilled, clear and distinct, and plenty of it, shows any amount of whites, in nice condition; 2, Davidson, even larger than winner, good shape, grand col., fine distinct pencilling, though not so profuse on breast as leader, again in topping condition; 3, Tomlinson, grand lacing and pencilling, good col., neat shape; vhc, Waters, another good one for pencilling; hc, Barkas; c, Wilson. SISKIN, ETC. (13): 1, vhc, Taylor, leader Siskin, grand shape and size, good rich col., well shaped, dense col. cap., nicely laced, shown in excellent condition; 2, Waters, mealy Redpoll, a topper for size, grand shape, well laced, put down in capital order; 3, Stewart, Lesser Redpoll, fine size and shape, grand col., well pencilled, lovely feather and condition; hc, Milburn; c, Maddison. HEN FINCH (10): 1, Charlton and Simpson, Bramble, nice size and shape, good col., well spangled, rare condition and polish; 2, 3, Curry, leader Bullie, nice size, good shape, fine col. for a hen, grand shaped cap of dense col., shown in perfect condition; 3, Siskin, sweet little hen, grandly laced, beautiful col. and condition, well up; vhc, Stewart; hc, Colling and Turnhull; c, Barkas. A.O.S. FINCH, ETC. (4): 1, Charlton and Simpson, Yellowhammer, not a large one, but a beauty for col. and condition, rich and bright throughout, shown in perfect feather; 2, Wilcock, Hawfinch, nice size, grand level col., fine feather and condition, close up; 3, Adams, another Yellowhammer, nice size and shape, in good condition, fails only in col. and polish to leader; vhc, Waters. SOFTBILL (4): 1, Scott, Magpie, shown in perfect condition, not a feather out of place; 2, Curry, Jay, in good condition, not quite so perfect yet in feather to leader; 3, Swan, Song Thrush, nice size and col., well spotted, close up; vhc, Hall. FOR., LARGE (5): 1, Scott, King Parrot, lovely col. and feather, in beautiful condition; 2, 3, MacKenzie, leader Lory, tip-top condition, grand plumage, 3 Senegal Parrakeet, again in lovely condition and feather; vhc, Jamieson; hc, Christer. SMALL (7): 1, vhc, Young, lovely Scarlet Tanager, not a feather out of place, shown in finest condition; 2, hc, MacKenzie, Gouldian Finch, in superb feather and condition, greatly admired; 3, c, Patterson, Zebra Finch, in grand plumage, lovely condition.

MEMBERS' CLASSES: NOR. YELL. (3): 1, 2, 3, Barkas. BUFF (4): 1, Marsh and Telford; 2, 3, Barkas; vhc, Curry. YORKS., YELL. (5): 1, Colling and Turnhull; 2, Garside; 3, Charlton and Simpson; vhc, Dixon; hc, Johnson. BUFF (9): 1, 3, Johnson; 2, vhc, Dixon; hc, Charlton and Simpson; c, Garside. CREST OR C.B. (10): 1, 2, Gardiner; 3, vhc, Colling and Turnhull; hc, c, Thorpe. BORD. (3): 1, 2, Lindsay. MULE OR HYB. (4): 1, Tomlinson; 2, 3, Barkas; vhc, Thorpe. GOLDIE, ETC. (8): 1, vhc, c, Curry; 2, hc, Tomlinson; 3, Barkas. LINNET (10): 1 c, Tomlinson; 2, vhc, Curry; 3, Barkas; hc Marsh and Telford. SISKIN, ETC. (4): 1, Barkas; 2, Curry; 3, vhc, Marsh and Telford. A.O.S. (6): 1, Charlton and Simpson; 2, c, Tomlinson; 3, Barkas; vhc, hc, Colling and Turnhull. A.O.S. SOFT (1): 1, Curry. Best case of Stuffed Birds or Animals (7): 1, hc, c, Gardiner; 2, White; 3, Oxley; vhc, Anderson.

PERTH (City & County of).

Club show held Good Templar Hall, Oct. 28. The show was a great success. The entries were a good bit up in number this year, and the quality of the birds was of a very high standard. Some of the City of Glasgow winners were staged here. The hall is very suitable for a show, being warm and light. The secretary, Mr. J. Kerr, is very kind and courteous, and well up to the duties of a secretary. He was ably assisted by the treasurer, Mr. Borrie, the president, Mr. Brown, and the vice-president, Mr. Forrest; also by a joint working committee. The judges were Messrs. Allan Chalmers and J. Good fellow, and they handled the birds in their usual style, getting through in good time. The winner of the bowl was Mr. Forrest; Dewar cup and Hyde's spl, was won by Mr. Blythe; Mr. Smith won spl. for best Canary in show.

NOR., BRED 1911, YELL. TKD. (7): 1, 4, 5, Forrest, winner of bowl; 2, Smith; 3, Mooney; 6, Borrie. HEN (5): 1, 3, Forrest; 2, Borrie; 4, Smith; 5, Mooney. BUFF CK. (4): 1, Forrest; 2, Smith; 3, Mooney; 4, Borrie. HEN (2): 1, Smith; 2, Borrie. NON-FED CK. (1): 1, Carstairs. HEN (2): 1, Mooney; 2, Carstairs. NOR. CK., ANY AGE (8): 1, sp. best Can. in show, Smith; 2, 4, Kerr; 3, Mooney; 5, Forrest; 6, Borrie. HEN (4): 1, Smith; 2, Kerr; 3, Forrest; 4, Borrie. CREST. CK. BRED 1911 (6): 1, 2, 5, Hyde's sp, Dewar cup winner, Blythe; 3, M'Donald; 4, Bruce; 6, Watson. HEN (5): 1, Cochrane; 2, Watson; 3, 5, Bruce; 4, Duncan. C.-B. CK. (5): 1, 3, 5, Blythe; 2, Watson; 4, Bruce. HEN (6): 1, 2, 3, Blythe; 4, Watson; 5, Bruce; 6, M'Donald. CREST. CK., ANY AGE (5): 1, Duncan; 2, Blythe; 3, 4, M'Donald; 5, Cochrane. HEN (6): 1, Watson; 2, 3, 5, Blythe; 4, Duncan; 6, M'Donald. C.-B. CK. (4): 1, M'Donald; 2, Cochrane; 3, 4, Blythe. HEN (5): 1, 3, Duncan; 2, Watson; 3, 4, Bruce; 5, M'Donald. BORD. FCY. CK, 1911 (8): 1, Fairweather; 2, 3, Munro; 4, Esslemont; 5, M'Donald; 6, Stewart. HEN (10): 1, Fairweather; 2, 3, Munro; 4, Esslemont; 5, Duncan. ANY AGE CK. (6): 1, Munro; 2, M'Donald; 3, Fairweather; 4, Kerr; 5, Blythe; 6, Campbell. HEN (8): 1, Munro; 2, Esslemont; 3, Bruce; 4, 5, Duncan; 6, Fairweather. A.O.V. CAN. (4): 1, 2, 3, Smith; 4, Fergusson. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (6): 1, Roy; 2, 3, Cranna; 4, Kerr; 5, Borrie; 6, Brown. BULLFINCH (4): 1, Mooney; 2, Cranna; 3, Esslemont; 4, Kirk. HEN (6): 1, Kirk; 2, 4, 5, 6, Cranna; 3, Roy. LINNET (6): 1, Borrie; 2, Smith; 3, Kerr; 4, Cranna; 5, Roy; 6, M'Donald. SISKIN (15): 1, 4, Brown; 2, Mooney; 3, Esslemont; 5, Fergusson; 6, Smith. REDPOLL (8): 1, Cranna; 2, Roy; 3, Kerr; 4, Smith; 5, M'Donald; 6, Roy. GREENFINCH (2): 1, Roy; 2, Cranna. A.O.S. BRIT. (3): 1, Brown; 2, Roy; 3, Kerr. MULES BRED 1911 (10): 1, 2, 3, 4, Roy; 5, Allan; 6, Fergusson. FOR. SMALL (1): Carstairs. LARGE (1): Winton.

BATLEY AND DISTRICT O.F.S.

First winter show, held Oct. 9, Talbot Hotel, when Mr. L. Dykes judged, his awards giving general satisfaction. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (9): 1, Bedforth; 2, Birdsall; 3, Stafford; vhc, Kershaw; hc, Rothery; c, Dean. BUFF (7): 1, 3, Bedforth; 2, c, Stafford; vhc, Rothery; hc, Birdsall. EVEN. ETC., MK., BUFF (1): 1, Kershaw. GREEN, MKD. CK. (2): 1, 2, Stafford. BUFF (2): 1, Bedforth; 2, Kershaw. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (9): 1, hc, c, Bedfortb; 2, 3, Kershaw; vhc, Rothery. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Rothery; 3, vhc, Bedforth; hc, c, Kershaw. EVEN, ETC., Mkd. YELL. (9): 1, Rothery; 2, 3, Bedforth. BUFF (2): 1, Rotbery; 2, Kersbaw. W. Bedforth wins special for most points.—G. G. Stafford, Hon. Sec.

LUTON.

Show of the Luton F.S. held Oct. 26tb. Mr. C. A. House judged.

NOR. (6): 1, Pedder, nice shaped cl. buff, good col. and feather; 2, hc, Webb, nice shapely buff, tkd. head; 3, c, Bowler, smaller, nice quality; vhc, Brewer. YORKS. (7): 1, 2, Mrs. Ballard, nice racy, good shaped tkd. necked yell.; 2nd, beautiful cl. buff, capital shape, carriage, and feather, neat wings and tail; 3, vhc, Harris, nice stylish, good shaped cinn.-mkd., not quite so tight in front; hc, Fancourt; c, Webb. BRIT. (7): 1, 2, vhc, Andrews, very nicely mkd., good coloured Chaffinch, and a bonny little Siskin, grandly mkd., and in good feather; 3, Bowler, good shaped Hawfinch, nice colour, hardly through moult: absent. Anstea

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19.—The Pekin Robin.
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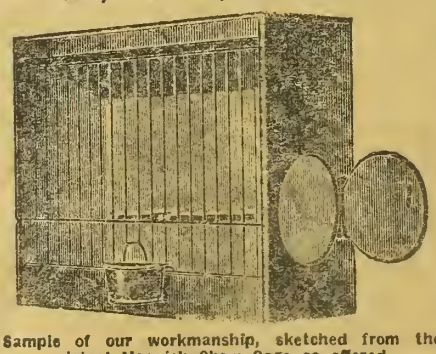
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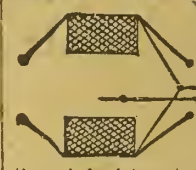
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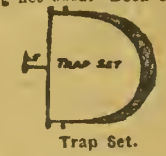
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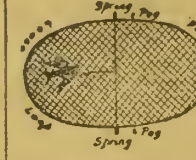
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TWO handsome Goldfinches (cocks), picked from catch of 25 birds 2/6 each: L. Cash, Quarry Bank, Birkenhead.

GOOD British Hardbills, also clean charlock seed; sell cheap or exchange disc records; offers: G. Frith, Crowle, Lincs.

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GOOD cock and two hen Bullfinches, two cock Redpolls, 3/- lot: P. Jenner, Eastern-rd., Haywards Heath, Sussex.

GOOD hen Bullfinches, 9d. each, three hen Goldfinches, 1/- each or 2/6 the three: Hook, Dairy Farm, Lindfield.

WESTMORLAND Bullfinches, cocks, 2/- each, hens 1/-, exhibition birds, 3/-: T. Bell, 3a, Yard 93, Highgate, Kendal.

GOLDFINCHES: Have few grand cocks, caught two months, in full colour, 2/6 each, hen 1/-: Perkins' Aviary, Chatteris.

FULL coloured cock Goldfinches, well on seed, caged five weeks 1/9, 2/-; cock Bullfinches 1/6: Pemberton, Aston, Wem.

WARRANTED cock Linnets, 3/- dozen; dealers wanted to take 4 dozen weekly: Arthur Coote, 16, Windmill-st., Luton.

CHAFFINCH, cock, large, grand full coloured bird, perfect feather and condition 2/-; approval: Long, 94, Entry Hill, Bath.

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ENGLISH Goldfinches, some clean moulted, 2/6, 3/-, 3/6; well on hard seed; approval: Smith, 12, Saville-rd., Acton Green, London.

COCK Goldfinches, 1911, house moulted and singing, 3/6 each; large, upstanding birds: Ward, 119, Latchmere-grove, Battersea.

HOUSE-MOULTED cock Bramble 2/-, steady; cock Bullfinches 1/6 each; Yorkshire cock Canary 5/-: Jas. Young, Copley, Butterknowle.

LINNETS, cocks, three 1/3; good birds; others 4/- dozen; cock Goldfinches 2/- each; Twites 6d.: Robt. Taylor, Chapel Lane, Chatteris.

NEW pair clapnets, 20ft. by 5, pull line, staffs, 4 siuging Linnets, Bullfinch, Chaffinch, lot 12/6: Lyons, Henry-yard, Sneinton, Nottingham.

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SPLENDID, healthy tame cock Bullfinch, 3rd. Braintree 1911; in grand condition 6/-; approval: Rayner, 180, Coggeshall-rd., Braintree.

WANTED, house-moulted British birds, show condition, state lowest price; on approval or deposit: Clubbs, 51, Battlefield-avenue, Glasgow.

BULLFINCH cock, house-moulted, splendid condition, 1st Salford, 1st Oxford Summer show, with show cage 10/6: Gough, St. Clement's, Oxford.

TRAP cages, double, 2 trained call Finches, 1/- lot; cock Linnets, Chaffinches, 6d. each, 3 for 1/3: T. Smith, Catcher, 232, Grange-rd., Plaistow.

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LINNETS 4/-; Larks 2/-; warranted cocks, not rubbish; hen Linnets, Greenfinches 1/- dozen; established 1890: Roughton and Son, Bird Stores, Chatteris.

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COCKS, Bullfinches 2/-, Chaffinches 9d., Goldies 2/6, Siskins 2/6, Linnets 8d., Redpolls 6d., Yellow Bunting 1/-, Mules, etc.: Vernum, 16, Reportou-rd., Fulham.

COCK brown Linnets, warranted in full song, 1/- each, 2/6 for three; cock Goldfinches, 1/6; singing, 1/9; satisfaction guaranteed: Heathcote's Aviaries, Leicester.

SIBERIAN cock Goldfinch, size and colour ready for exhibition 12/6; house-moulted Linnet, good type 4/6; others from 1/6; approval: Jolly, P.O. Johnshaven, Montrose.

SELECTED cock Linnets, 3 for 1/6, 4/- dozen; selected Goldfinches and Bullfinches 2/6 pair; hen Goldfinches, 6/- dozen: Wm. Cook, 66, Kitchener-rd., Ipswich.

GOOD team, house-moulted, can win any local show, Bramblefinch, Chaffinch, Linnet, Mealy Redpoll, and Siskin Mule, 40/-: Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool.

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NOTICE, no hens sent out for cocks; cock Linnets 3/- dozen, 1/9 half, hens 9d. dozen; cock Goldfinches 1'- dozen; all fed on hard seed: Reeve, 100, Highland-rd., Eastney, Portsmouth.

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GRAND pair for sale, both winners, £2; one pair 15/-; or exchange winning Yorks.; also Yorks. from 12/6 pair, or exchange Norwich, or offers: Tomes, 26, Derby-rd., Southampton.

1911 Crested hens, 5/6; Crestbred, 4/-, Crested cocks, 7/6, 8/6; Crested cocks, 6/6; approval; deposit: Comben, Outfitter, Portland.

SEVERAL good crested cocks for sale; all this year's birds; bred from winners; prices reasonable to clear: Hewat, 16, Essex-rd., Watford, Herts.

EXTRA large green-crested cock Canary, very large crest, Roberts' strain, £1 10/-; approval. "Oatlands," 210, Anerley-rd., Anerley, S.E.

HIGH-CLASS Crests, Crest-breds, only want seeing; exhibitors will not get better value anywhere; also few high-class Norwich; approval: Lewis, Pilling Garstang.

CREST and Crest-breds, several pairs and single birds, from 20/-; one of the best studs in London; bred by advertiser; inspection invited; approx.: Day, 15, Everlla-st., London, N.

TICKED Buff Crest-bred cock, can win in keen competition 50/-; also several other Crests and Crest breds; cocks and hens; approval deposit; stamp reply: Hardy, Stubley Mill, Littleborough.

CRESTED Norwich; giving up Fancy; cocks from 12/- to 28/-, hens from 6/- to 12/-; no better strain; satisfaction guaranteed; approval anywhere if deposit; state wants: Taylor, 17, Stanley-st., Nelson.

ONE large even-marked yellow dark crest cock 12/6; one massive dark crest hen 15/-; one large green crest-bred cock 12/6; all 1910 birds; all Barnett's and Taylor's strains: J. Hands, 5, Salmon-st., South Shields.

BREEDER of Crests for 30 years having bred scores of winners and won hundreds of prizes; have some nice young birds for sale, prices to suit everybody, on approval: G. Williams, 50, Lower Union-st., Torquay.

CHAMPION Crests, Crestbreds, several can win in best company; breeder 35 years, judge of 100 shows; have sold as many winners as any fancie anywhere; approval: T. Billington, Hambleton Poulton-le-Fylde.

EVINS BROTHERS.—Note our winnings at Plymouth, Newcastle, Manchester, Cheltenham, Sheffield, Paris; same blood, from 30/-; odd cocks and hens, crested, and Crest-bred, 20/- upward; state wants: 259, High-st., Exeter.

C. ROBERTS, leading breeder, exhibitor and exporter; champion large feathery Crests and Crest-bred, can spare show birds from £3 10/-; stock pairs, matched to breed winners, from 30/-; single birds from 12/6; state your wants; approval: Stannal Hey, Newton Drive, Blackpool.

A GRAND lot of Crest and Crestbreds same strain as our winning Crests, Cheltenham show, with 16 entries; we won six firsts; second; two thirds; two fourths and three vhcs; see report; our young Crest was claimed at catalogue price £25: Kilmister and Hooper, 10, Priory-terrace, Cheltenham.

CHAMPION strain of high-class Crest and Crestbreds for sale cheap, mostly young birds, sound, Crested cocks from 15/-; Crest-breds from 10/-; Crest-bred hens from 8/- upwards; also a few Cinnamon-blooded birds, Crest and Crest-breds, six in number, sell in one lot cheap, on approval: Mr. Compton, Waddesdon, nr. Aylesbury, Bucks.

CHAMPION exhibition dark Crested hen, 1911 bred, immense perfectly formed drooping crest, nicely centred, rare type and quality of feather, winner first and special only time shown, sure winner in keenest competition, only £4, honestly worth £10; also monster exhibition Crestbred cock, 1911 bred, immense head and neck, nicely browed, smothered in feather, can win anywhere, only 50/-, or £6 the pair; rare chance for beginner; certain to breed Palace winners; genuine bargain; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich.

MASSIVE feathery Crestbred hen, rare type and quality of feather, only 10/6; grand large dark Crested cock, lovely, neat crest, only 12/6; monster Crestbred cock, large head and neck, smothered in feather, only 12/6; real choice dark Crested hen, large neat drooping crest, only 10/6; also several other real good massive feathery Crested and Crestbred cocks and hens, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6 and 21/- each, all strong and healthy, cold room bred; Palace winning strain; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Cooper, 29, Junction-rd., Norwich.

BEING overstocked, must sell the following show or stock birds: Monster variegated Crestbred cock, grand broad head, lovely brow, £1 5/-; ditto, magnificent skull, £1; monster variegated dark Crest cock, grand dense shapely Crest, £1 5/-; another grand Crest cock, £1; monster variegated dark Crest hen, perfect crest £1 1/-; massive heavy feathered ditto, lovely crest, 18/-; monster variegated Crestbred hen, grand broad head, £1; ditto, grand skull, 16/-; all exhibition birds from my winners, Barnett's strain; approval with pleasure: Miss Stone, The Fleet, Belper.

HAVING had a most successful season, can offer following exceptional value in highest class Crests, Crestbreds, Barnett and Joyce's strains. Monster variegated dark Crest cock, grand crest, £1; massive heavy feathered green Crest cock, gem, 15/-; massive feathery variegated ditto 10/6; monster variegated dark Crest hen, lovely crest, 17/6; massive feathery green Crest hen 14/-; massive feathery variegated ditto, grand crest, 10/-; monster variegated Crestbred cock, grand head, £1; massive heavy feathered green ditto, 15/-; massive feathery variegated ditto, nice head, 10/6; monster variegated Crest-bred hen, grand head, 18/-; massive heavy feathered, ditto, 15/-; massive feathery, ditto, 10/6; properly matched pairs, 17/- to 35/-; best blood; all grand stock birds in perfect condition; approval willingly: Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

Heavily feathered Crests and Crest-breds, warranted to give satisfaction, matched pairs 12/6, 15/-, 20/- upwards; odd cocks and hens. State wants. Show specimens reasonable; approval: H. Amiss, Ashby-st., Norwich.

Dutch Frills.

DUTCH Frill cock, exchange pair Borders, Lizards and Muling hens; offers invited: P. Edwards, Redland-ter., Frome.

Greens.

YORKSHIRE and Border Greens, can spare few pairs, right type and colour; reasonable; approval: Young, Grosvenor-rd., New Brighton.

YORKSHIRE and Norwich, show or stock birds, best blood in the Fancy; come and inspect them: Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool.

FOUR very large Norwich green cocks, 1911, fit for keenest competition; for particulars apply: Bingham, West-st., Long Sutton, Lincs.

OWING to accident to my hand I am compelled to part with all my stock of Yorkshire Greens, also cages, all in one lot; my birds have won many first cards at all leading shows, which can be seen. They would make grand stock for anyone starting this variety; may be seen any night or week-ends, or by appointment: H. Hughes, 6, Argyle-st. South, Birkenhead.

ROWLAND'S STRAIN.
The finest winning strain of Green Yorkshires on the show bench. See reports weekly. I have purchased the whole surplus stock of Mr. Rowlands, and offer them for sale at reasonable prices, singles or pairs: Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool.

Lancashires.

CHAMPION large massive Plainheads, 10/6 each; ten days approval: W. Powick, Dewsbury.

Lizards.

CHAMPION Lizards, Gold or Silver, cock or hen, 5/6 each; ten days approval: W. Powick, Dewsbury.
PURE bred Clear-cap Lizard cock Canary for sale, 1911 bird, through moult; write offers to: R. Everett, 4, Lauriston-rd., Wimbledon.
THE Lizard Prince offers Crystal Palace diploma winning strain, any bird for sale cheap; approval; inspection invited: John Rukin, Hall Carr-rd., Rawtenstall, Lancashire.
ALL Lizard Fanciers should take note of a very exceptional offer this week of Lizards, added to my own collection. I now have the entire stock of a well-known fancier, who is giving up; I therefore have all his winners and stock birds; they consist of, amongst other, 1st Manchester, Rochdale, 1st Newcastle, 2nd Gateshead, 3rd Newcastle, etc., etc.; all will be offered at exceptionally low prices, from 4/6 each: W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

Norwich.

BREEDERS' CARD.

E. BAKER, 14, High Street, Cowes, I.W., Breeder and Exhibitor High-class Norwich Plainheads, winner at most big shows. Write for prices.
J. HODDER, breeder of champion Norwich; winner of championships. A few good birds for sale at low prices: 6, Banner-st., St. Luke's, London, E.C.
J. C. WILMOT, 17, Sandhurst-rd., Bedford, can spare about 50 Norwich, colour-fed and natural colour, prices right, novices treated liberally; write.

NORWICH Canaries, splendid singing birds, some crested: 94, Duke's-ave., Chiswick, W.
WATSON, Arbuckle-st., Kilmarnock; a few good typical pairs, some fit to win; approval.
A GOOD yellow Plainhead cock, 1911, for sale, 15/-: Hoyle, 66, James-st., Dearnley, nr. Rochdale.
CHAMPION Norwich, sure winners, cocks 7/6, hens 5/6 each, ten days' approval: W. Powick, Dewsbury.
E. GODLEY has few grand Norwich for disposal, single or pairs, also Cinnamons: Rishton, Blackburn.
HEALTHY 1911 Norwich; clears, yellows, buffs; cocks, 6/6; hens, 4/6: Wilson, 69, Ladysmith-rd., Exeter.
NOTICE, grand Norwich cocks 3/6, cock and hen 5/6; approval: McKeand, Seabright Villa, Castle Douglas.
YOUNG Norwich cock, in full song, 5/-, on approval: Jones, Vine Cottage, Station-rd., Bagillt, Flintshire.
LOOK. 70 Norwich Crested and Plainheads, 7/- pair, cocks 5/-, hens 2/6: Bolton, 105, Blackmanlane, Leeds.
GOOD yellow and buff cocks 10/- each, hens 4/- and 5/- each; approval: Ford, Hospital Lodge, Burton-on-Trent.
COLOUR-FED Norwich cocks, 7/6, hens 3/6, 4/6; bred from my Lewes winners: Small, 67, Western-rd., Brighton.
GOOD large Norwich cocks and hens, few muling hens; cheap to clear; approval: Myles, 4, Queen-st., Arbroath.
A FEW typical Norwich cocks for sale, yellow and variegated, smart birds, from 5/-: T. Dack, Worlingham, Beccles.
SEVERAL young stock Norwich cocks and hens, bred from prize strain, cheap: Muir, 30, Eaglesham-st., Glasgow.
SPLENDID colour-fed, and non-fed Norwich cocks 7/6, hens 3/6, 4/6; no rubbish; deposit: Theobalds, Bancroft, Hitchin.
A FEW Norwich Plainheads for sale, related to my winners, cocks from 12/6, hens 7/6: W. Wallace, 27, Mill-st., Stafford.
1911 COCK Canaries, 6/-, hens 3/-; cold-room bred; three days' approval; deposit: W. Dennis, Freckenham, Soham, Cambs.
PRIZE bred Norwich, grand type and quality, pairs from 10/6; approval, deposit: King, 14, Ashby-st., Norwich. See Mules.
GOOD strong Norwich, out-door bred; excellent for out-door breeding; cocks 7/6, hens 3/-: Baker, York-rd., Long Eaton.
WHAT offers for 12 cocks, 7 hens (Norwich), or would sell separate, at 7/- pair?: W., 4, St. Mary's-terrace, Lewes, Sussex.
PAIR colour-fed Norwich, Hodder's strain, 12/6; colour-fed cocks, 5/6; hens, 3/-: 34, Heysham-rd., Shirley, Southampton.
FRANK F. LAWSON, 14, Pugin St., Carlisle, breeder and exhibitor, for champion Norwich, correct type, fine quality; approval.
FOUR prize-bred 1911 good size colour-fed buff cocks, fit to show, 8/6 each, approval: Olle, 37, Alderman-rd., Ipswich.
NORWICH Canaries, own breeding, 1911, 3 cocks, 5/- each; 3 hens, 2/6 each; lot £1: Shinn, Wellington-yard, Richmond, Surrey.
HANDSOME Norwich cocks, grand songsters, 4/-, 4/6; hens 2/6; pairs, 6/-, 6/6; grand value; approval: Hatton, Aviaries Belper.
PRIZE bred Norwich Canaries; cocks, in full song, 4/-, 5/- each; hens, same strain, 1/6, 2/- each: Heathcote's Aviaries, Leicester.
CLEARING out; 8 good Norwich cocks, 5 hens, 2 double-compartment breeding cages, £3; approval: Holah, Foggathorpe, Selby.
WANTED, large Norwich cock (singing), exchange good pair of stag's horns, evenly pointed: Beesten, Queen-st., Market Drayton.
UNFLIGHTED yellow marked Norwich cocks 6/- upwards; also yellow cinnamon cocks and hens: Bexson, 17, Otter-st., Derby.
NORWICH, grand lot of outdoor aviary bred birds for sale, cheap; good buff, no colour-feed: Bearman, Havering, Romford.
GRAND, shapely Norwich cock, lovely singer, 5/-; sweet shapely hen, 2/6; pair 7/-; bargain; approval: Miss Stone, The Fleet, Belper.
MISS IBBERSON offers good Norwich Canaries, outdoor aviary, cocks 7/6, 8/6, hens 3/-, 3/6: 21, Wilbury-villas, Hove, Sussex.
PAIR of large typical Norwich, 15/-, a bargain; first-rate yellow cock, 12/6; large buff hen, 10/-: Davidson, Bookseller, Montrose.
A. EDWARDS can spare a few 1911 bred, high class birds; three pairs 10/6, 12/6, 15/6; single birds from 7/6: 54, Reigate Hill, Reigate.
SPLENDID Norwich for sale, singing cocks 5/6 each, mated pairs 7/6 and upwards: Turner and Roberts, 23, Havelock-st. Derby.
FOR sale, colour-fed Norwich buff, yellow, and green, fine quality, good strains (no Sunday visitors): Thom, Victoria Buildings, Lenzie.
TWENTY good Norwich hens from 2/- to 7/- each, Norwich cocks from 4/- to 10/-: T. Memory, 1, Granby-houses, Dane-st., Leicester.
A. YOUNGHUSBAND, Stanger-st., Keswick, Cumberland, breeder and exhibitor of high-class Norwich, correct type, grand quality, approval.
SACRIFICE, ticked yellow cock, clear buff, unflighted hen, matched to produce winners, 30/-: Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool.
NORWICH 1910 and 1911 cocks and hens, aviary-bred, low price to make room; approval, deposit: Miss A. Harrow, Long Sutton, Lincs.
NORWICH, from Plainhead cup winner, and Heath's strain, note York Show, cocks 7/6 to £1, hens 5/- to 15/-: Watson, 6, Ellscote-grove, Halifax.
TWENTY good bred colour-fed 1911 Norwich, Lawson's and Dawson's strain, pairs from 12/6 to 20/-, or £6 the lot: W. White, Fleet-rd., Holbeach.
AM obliged through want of time to reduce my stock of Norwich considerably, show and stock birds for sale, cheap: Barraclough, 25, Railway-st., Hyde.
GOOD prize-bred Norwich for sale, cocks from 7/6, hens from 5/-; see show reports; cash or deposit: H. Piggin, Fruiterer, 61, Botolph-st., Norwich.
SEVEN young Norwich cock Canaries, 5/6 each; 1 cock Finch-Canary Mule, 6/-; 2 hens, 1/- each; or £2 lot; bargain: H. Pidgeon, 22, Mulkern-rd., Upper Holloway
BARGAIN, three pairs high-class Norwich, cocks in song, cheap at 10/6 pair, accept 8/6 pair, or 12/6 lot; on approval, cash or deposit: E. L. Storey, Crowle, Doncaster.
CANARIES, Canaries, Canaries. Young home-bred Norwich cocks 4/- each; breeding pair 6/6; plain or variegated: White, 53, Danbrook-rd., Streatham.
GRAND lot 1911 Norwich cocks, yellow or buff, from 8/-, hens, yellow or buff, from 5/-; see report Ayr show; approval deposit: D. Devoy, 23, George-st., Stranraer.
GENUINE high-class Norwich Canaries from 9/6 pair; state requirements; satisfaction guaranteed: George Boughton (from Norwich), 54, Dunstans-rd., East Dulwich.
HIGH-class Norwich, colour-fed, big cobby stock birds, 6/6, 7/6; hens, 4/-; three special cocks, ready for show bench, 10/6 each; approval: Awde, 21, Montrose-st., Darlington.
MASSIVE clear buff Norwich hen, 10/-; clear yell., 7/6, a gem; another, 5/-; several unflighted, cheap; Siberian Goldfinch wanted; approval: Hotchkis, 37, Barry-terr., Newtown, Pontypridd.
GRAND pair Norwich, from prize-winners, 8/6; buff and yellow variegated cocks, splendid stock birds, 8/6; buff hen York. 4/6; approval: Bingham, Bramley-house, Long Sutton.
G. B. DANIEL, 69, Derby-lane, Liverpool; all my Norwich for sale; some of the finest stock birds obtainable, from 15/- pair upwards; grand lot of cages; enquiries solicited; approval.
MASSIVE 1910 buff Norwich hen, real gem for size, shape, and style, another almost its equal, 10/6; better specimens could not be wished for; approval: Hawkes, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.
FOUR large buff and yellow marked cocks, 1911, 4/6 each; big buff green cock, 1910, 8/6; house-moulted cock Linnet, 2/6; approval, deposit: Bridgeford, 27, Newcomen-rd., Wellingborough.
MRS. RICHARDSON-GRIFFITHS has a few 1911 Norwich cocks and hens for sale, Yellows and Buffs, good type; hens 3/6 and 4/6, cocks 7/6 and 10/6; approval, deposit: Oak Cottage, Horsham.
EXCHANGE 3 unflighted buff cocks, splendid type and quality fed, value 22/6, for exhibition unflighted yellow cock or hen; will give a little cash: Sargent, Kensey-view, Launceston.
MESSRS. BUTLER and BARLOW having bred 70 youngsters, have for disposal a few good cocks, yellows and buffs, from 7/6; also a few pairs from 10/-: Barlow Hilcote, Blackwell, Alfreton.
MR. E. KEW, 8, Queen-st., Margate, has his usual surplus Plainheads, bred from his winners, cocks 7/6 upwards, hens 4/6; typical pairs 10/6; state wants; great bargains; approval, deposit.
MUST sell, 30 Norwich, mostly unflighted, same strain as won cards at Bolton, Manchester, Liverpool; cash or deposit; cocks from 7/6, hens 4/-, pairs 10/6: Garbutt, 21, Niagara-st., Stockport.
MASSIVE framed colour-fed buff Norwich cock, 2nd Palace last February, now much improved, will win at classical shows, accept 20/-; worth treble; approval: Hawkes, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.
MUST sell, thirty prize-bred Norwich, fine size, big heads, full necks, quality, feather, and colour, for exhibition or stock, 7/6 upwards; this strain won 50 prizes last year; approval: Smithers, Decorators, Hadlow, Kent.
IT is impossible to obtain better value than these; cobby cocks 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6; smart hens 2/6, 3/6, 5/; correctly matched pairs 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; approval; full particulars free: R. Hanford, Derby.
J. COPP has buff and yellow unflighted Norwich for sale, from 6/6 upwards, same strain as my Exeter, Plymouth, Paignton, and Barnstaple winners; approval, deposit; stamp reply: Sunny Bank, Barnstaple.
NORWICH for sale; eight 1911 cocks, four 1910; splendid songsters 5/- each; 15 hens 1/6 each; cold room, strong healthy birds; seven days approval deposit; offer for lot: Batten, Baker, 11, Arnold-rd., Woking.
CLEAR yellow cock 12/6, worth £1; clear buff cock 10/-, good stock bird; buff ticked cock 7/6; two buff marked hens 7/6 each, all natural colour; also 5 breeding cages cheap: Brown, 19, Portland-rd., Hucknall Torkard, Notts.
TWENTY young Norwich Canarics, cocks, full song, 4/6; hens, 2/-; or 6/- pair; every bird in grand condition and feather, good feeding strain; cash or deposit, on approval; seen any time: Wright, 189, Mill-rd., Wellingboro'.
GREAT sacrifice; large chubby c.f. yellow Norwich cock, also buff cock, both have won several high honours, and now ready for classical exhibition, real gems, 12/6 each; 7 days' approval: Hawkes, Grove Green, Leytonstone.
HIGH-class Norwich, several can win; 35 years' breeder, judge of 100 shows; I don't exhibit now, I breed for other fanciers to win; have sold as many winners as anyone in England; approval: T. Billington, Hambleton, Poulton-le-Fylde.
FOUR good 1911 buff Norwich cocks, 8/6 each; two buff Norwich cocks, 8/6 each; two buff hens, 2/- each; all 1911 bred; also a good song cage, 18 by 12, painted inside and out, 1/9; approval, deposit: James Bayes, Irelicster, Northants.
MASSIVE, cobby Norwich; few real clinkers; Vardy's strain; cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; stout shapely hen, 5/-, 6/-, 6/6; matched pairs, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; bargains; approval willingly: Hatton, Windmill, Belper.
WINNERS for novice and limit classes, very cheap; hird I sold won 1st and spl. Bedford, 14 in class, novice; grand young cock, fit for keenest competition, 10/- and 15/- each; approval: George Notley, Kings-place, Bedford.
J. WOOLHOUSE, Sheffield, challenge cup winner, has for sale 50 prize bred Norwich, including winners, all own breeding, no fancy prices, pairs from 12/6; inspection invited; approval: 111, Oakland-rd., Hillsborough, Sheffield.
MAGNIFICENT, cobby Buff Norwich cock, grand head, 12/6; lovely stout yellow hen, gem, 8/6; pair £1; massive yellow cock, grand quality, 11/-; graud stout buff hen 6/6, pair 10/-; from my winners; approval gladly: Miss Stone, The Fleet, Belper.
AT two shows, only times out, so far this season, my birds have secured four 1sts, two specials, four 2nds, six 3rds, three 4ths, and several honours. Some grand typical birds to spare for show or stock: J. Eckersley, 51, Francis-rd., Edgbaston, Birmingham.
C. ROBERTS' noted (Waggoner) strain champion Norwich have size and Bullfinch type required. Buy from the breeder, 23 years' standing, and get the best; show birds from 40/- upwards; stock birds from 12/6.—Stannah Hey, Newton Drive, Blackpool.
GEORGE MITCHELL'S well-known Norwich Plainheads direct from his winners at Palace, L.C.B.A., Bristol, Plymouth, Exeter, Frome, etc., etc., about 50 for disposal at reasonable prices, mostly 1911, singles or pairs. To avoid disappointment, write or call early; all outdoor bred: Broadway Boot Stores, Topsham, Devon.
MAGNIFICENT, cobby, 1911, exhibition buff Norwich cock, real gem, only 12/6; grand stout yellow hen, rare type and quality, only 8/6, or £1 the pair; also massive yellow cock, 1911 bred, grand colour and quality, only 12/6; also monster buff hen, rare size and quality of feather, only 6/6, or 17/6 the pair; genuine bargains; approval: Cooper, 29, Junction-rd., Norwich.

WAKE'S HIGH CLASS NORWICH.
Some really good show or stock birds, both sexes; prices reasonable; approval: 41, Aske Road, Middlesbrough.

A. MAXWELL.
Having had a most successful breeding season, have a grand lot of Norwich to part with from 10/6 upwards; see report City of Glasgow, Ayr, also Partick this week; approval, deposit: 40, Stewartville-st., Partick, Glasgow.

RELIABLE NORWICH.
Clean, healthy, typical Norwich; cocks, 4/9, 5/3; hens, 1/9, 2/3, 3/-; all on approval, and I will pay carriage back if not satisfactory; a few matched pairs, bred from winners, 8/9, 10/9: L. Lee, 40, Bridlington-st., Nottingham.

NORWICH THAT WIN.
If you want Norwich from a strain that breeds winners, try mine. See reports of all leading shows. Stock pairs from 12/6 upwards; single birds reasonable; approval, or come and see them: R. Allen, 196, Blackburn-rd., Bolton.

CHAMPION NORWICH.
High-class Norwich, bred from best blood in England, cobby typical pairs, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, to 60/-; this strain has won several championships; apply early as these pairs are bargains; single birds equally cheap; approval: J. Hodder, 6, Banner-st., St. Luke's, London, E.C.

Champion Exhibition Norwich

Monster 1911 exhibition clear yellow cock, large broad head, deep chest, rare type and quality, one of the best seen this season, sure winner in keenest competition, only £3, honestly worth £5; also massive 1911 exhibition marked yellow cock, massive head and neck, rare depth of chest, grand colour type and quality, truly a gem, only 55/-, honestly worth double; also monster stock yellow cock, only 30/-, recently cost £3, also slashing 1911 exhibition clear buff cock, real model for type and quality, make a champion, only 42/-, can soon win his cost; also massive 1911 exhibition marked buff cock, massive head and neck, immense depth of chest, grand type and quality of feather, only 45/-, dirt cheap; also monster stock buff cock, immense size, only 25/-, worth £3 for stock alone; champion exhibition clear buff hen, also clear yellow hen, both of rare size, grand type and quality, rare depth of chest, sure winners in keenest competition, only 25/- each; also monster exhibition marked buff hen, immense size, rare type and quality of feather, winner many prizes, only 30/-, cheap at £3; also monster stock buff hen, rare size and substance, only 10/6, also grand large stock yellow hen, good size, type and quality, only 10/6; also many other stock and exhibition birds at very reasonable prices; all the above are strong and healthy, and in perfect condition; all cold room bred; state your requirements fully, and I will guarantee satisfaction; hundreds of unsolicited testimonials received from breeders and exhibitors who have been supplied by me; genuine bargains; approval; cash or deposit: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich.

The "DAVIES" Strain.

I can now supply a few matched pairs of pure pedigree Norwich, year old and unflighted birds, at £3 per pair. Also a grand lot of Buffs and Yellow cocks, clear and variegated, at 40s. each. All bred from birds now winning—see Show reports, Burnley, Longton, Bolton, Manchester and Liverpool.
JAS. E. DAVIES, 200, Higher Brinksway, STOCKPORT.

FIRST-CLASS NORWICH

A glance down Bedford Show Report in this week's issue will convince you that birds purchased from my strain can win, and also breed winners. If you are looking for something good, you cannot do better than drop me a line, stating exactly your wants, and about what price you wish to pay. All birds sent on approval, and prices very moderate; terms, cash or deposit: A. Keech, The Aviaries, Old Fenlake, Bedford.

CHAMPION NORWICH

Grand typical cocks, in full song, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6 upwards. Smart cobby hens, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6 upwards. Muling hens same price. Exhibition Norwich. Some grand birds for disposal, ready for benching, with good heads and necks, stoutly built, good size and wonderful quality of feather. Cocks or hens, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/-, to 100/- each. A few winners at open championship shows for sale. Every bird I have is for sale. Every bird is sent on approval at my risk. All fanciers are at liberty to come and inspect my rooms and stock at any time. Satisfaction absolutely guaranteed to every purchaser or every penny of each returned. Send a P.C. for my illustrated catalogue.
JOE THOMAS, Breeder and Exhibitor, ANGLER THORN, HALIFAX.
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Leave this city annually to be retailed through advertisements, etc., often from quarters that are little thought of. What I profess is not to attempt to cut the price to that which wastrels of no distinct breed whatever are sold at, as Norwich, but I invite you to test my quality by purchasing direct with any others advertised at similar prices.
Norwich Cocks, 5/-, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6. Hens, 2/6, and 3/6 each; 3 hens for 5/6; pairs, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6. For Crests, Scotch Fancies, and other varieties, please send for free current Price List. Note.—Some real good cocks, with plenty of size and substance, fed, and for show, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; hens, with size and substance, to match, 4/6, 5/6, 7/6. Worth treble; guaranteed. Cages in all cases 3d. extra.
W. RUDD, THE Bird Specialist, **NORWICH.**

J. C. BARNES,
NORWICH AND YORKSHIRE SPECIALIST,
113, Northfield-rd., Walkley, Sheffield (late 149, Duncombe-st.), has choice specimens to spare, of both varieties. 20 years' standing strains. Better blood unobtainable. Price reasonable; approval with every pleasure. Inspection cordially invited. Few special pairs £3 to £5.

Pure Norwich



A few grand ones ready direct from our noted strains and Mr. Midgley's noted Crystal Palace strain this last few years. Not exhibiting this season can offer some of the best blood in the Fancy. Won year 1902 38 1sts, etc., 1903 50 1sts, gold medal International Show, also N.P.C. Challenge Cup, 1904 42 1sts, also N.P.C. Challenge Cup, second year in succession, 1905 30 1sts, etc., 1905 35 1sts, etc., 1906 38 1sts, etc., 1907 33 1sts, etc., 1909 30 1sts, etc. What more proof? All in best and keenest competition. Have some grand yellow cocks and hens, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/- each. Buff cocks and hens, 8/-, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-, 20/- each; any on approval with pleasure; send for catalogue of winning testimonials. Breeders 30 years.
SANDIFORD, Canary Breeder & Judge, PRESTON, LANCS.

Rollers & Singing Canaries

BREEDERS' CARD.

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WANTED, Rollers: Barnes, Aviaries, Merthyr.
HARTZ Roller cock, in song, 3/6; hens, 1/6: Rees, Canary Breeder, Forres, N.B.
COLD room kept, grand cocks, in full song, 5/6 each; ten days' approval: W. Powick, Dewsbury.
NOTICE, grand St. Andreasberg Roller cocks, 3/6, cock and hen 5/6; approval: McKeand, Seabright Villa, Castle Douglas.
GRAND deep Seifert Roller cock, 4 pure hens, same strain, B.R.C.C. rung, 15/- lot: 6, Brunswick-terr., Stackstead, Manchester.
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PAY the price, songster cock Canaries, 10/-, seven days' approval; no misleading statements: Henry Maynard, Canary Specialist, Bethnal Green.
PURE Seifert Rollers, 1911 cocks, guaranteed on song, 5/6; approval; cash or deposit system: Rodnight, Wolverton-rd., Stony Stratford, Bucks.
PERFECTLY trained golden-veiced Seifert Rollers, from contest strain, £1 each; hens 4/6; approval: Taylor, Alexandra-terr., Chanter's-rd., Bideford.
THIRTY-FIVE high-class Seifert and Glucke Rollers at 7/6 each, hens 2/6; 1 Hartz cock 4/-; 7 days' approval: H. Nickless, 59, Mill-st., Crewe.
GENUINE Trimte Rollers (high-class birds), guaranteed in full rolling song, day and gaslight, sacrifice, 10/6 each; approval: V., 24, Craven-terr., Leeds.
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MY stock of pure Rollers, about fifteen cocks and dozen hens for sale, all bred from picked and contest birds; no rubbish; cold room, and in splendid condition: Greenaway, Bideford.
ENGLISH bred Seifert Rollers, perfectly trained birds, with wonderful length and variety of song, 12/6, 15/-, 21/- each; hens, 2/6, 3/6, 5/- each; approval: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn.
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ROLLERS, four cocks, eight hens, four 2-compartments, four 3-compartments cages, complete with rack, £4 cash; part exchange gramophone and records: Chemist, 38, Church-st., Bilston.
HARTZ Mountain Rollers, splendid singers, and prime breeding hens from the best strains of Joh. Gunkel, wholesale breeder and exporter: Braunschweig, Germany, Schoppenstedterstr., 32. Telephone 2,297. Price list free.
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Honourable Honesty.

There are two words for you. Do you know their meaning? I take it you do. You will all the more appreciate it when you know they are the secret of my success in the bird world. Some unscrupulous persons would say they are not in business, but my way of writing successful bird business is honourable honesty with fair dealing to all men. Just you call in any day (Sundays excepted) and look for yourself. You will be compelled to acknowledge mine the best collection you have ever seen, and for songsters there is not the least doubt I take the lead for quality and cheapness combined. I yearly supply leading bird clubs with contest singers and winners. Just allow me to send you some of my birds on approval (cash or deposit) that you may judge for yourself, for I am confident of your future patronage when you have once seen and heard the quality of my birds. I have now ready for immediate disposal, 1,000 grand 1911 youngsters, well moulted, and cocks in song, including my famous German songsters, the German working man's friend; cocks that will sing by day and gaslight, loud, free, continuous songsters; every bird tested before sending out. Cocks, 4/6, 5/-, 5/6, 6/- each; matched pairs for breeding songsters, 6/-, 6/6, 7/6, 8/-. German trained St. Andreasburg Rollers, with full change of song by day and artificial light, bred and trained by leading contest winners in their home land, with full volume of song, free from harsh or choppy notes, cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 each; hens, 2/-, 2/6, 3/- each. High-class long slim typical Yorkshires, in all colours, clean moulted, cocks 5/-, 5/6, 6/-, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6; a few extra good specimens for exhibition, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; accurately matched pairs for breeding, 7/6, 8/6, 9/6, 10/6, 12/6; superior quality, lengthy hens, 2/-, 2/6, 3/-, 3/6, 4/6. Plainhead Norwich, thick-set, cobby, stylish Norwich, in all colours, quality that will astound you, especially at the prices; clean moulted cocks, in song, 5/-, 5/6, 6/-, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6 each; grand quality hens, 2/-, 2/6, 3/-, 3/6, 4/- each; matched breeding pairs, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6; neat travelling cages, 3d. each. You really must see these birds to be convinced of their value, for it is utterly impossible for small breeders or dealers to sell such quality at the prices; all birds on seven days' approval at my risk, and I pay carriage back if you should not be satisfied: E. L. Storey, Practical Bird Specialist, Crowle, Doncaster.



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Cocks, 4/6, 5/-, 5/6; better notes, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6. Hens, 1/3, 2/-. Pairs matched for breeding, 6/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6 up. Grand Seifert Cocks, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each. Hens, 3/6 and 5/-; cages, 3d. extra. Do not be deluded into paying high prices for "bogus" and meaningless names, when I will sell you, not as good, but better at half the price. Remember, I can produce and have published more testimonials than any other person living or dead. Full detailed list free if desired. All birds on approval.

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MODESTY FORBIDS

me to say all I could say about the Leipzig Rollers, but the following letters say more for them than ever I could. So many advertisements from dealers all claiming to have the best strain must tend to confuse the intending purchaser somewhat, but in order to clear away any doubts, and to make assurance doubly sure, I invite all persons wanting a Roller Canary to have a Leipzig Roller from me on full week's trial, and an ordinary Roller at any higher price from elsewhere. Test them side by side for a week and keep the one which suits best. You will notice from this that not only do I say the Leipzig Roller is better than others costing same price, but that they are better than those costing more money. I now have an enormous stock of these Leipzig Rollers; every cock guaranteed in full song day and gaslight, with long, bellow and double rolls, sweet silvery trills, waterbubble runs, soft roulades, piccolo trills, jug-jug of Nightingale, and bell, harp, and flute notes, etc., etc., and warranted entirely free from any harsh or objectionable notes whatever price, 6/6 and 7/6 each; special Bandmasters, which excel in the deep bass and hollow bell rolls, 10/- and 12/6 each; special contest Rollers, whose song can be likened to a cascade of everflowing melody, 15/- each; Leipzig Roller hens, 1/9 each, 3/- couple. For those who like a loud, noisy singer I have a splendid stock of Hartz cocks, every one guaranteed in full vigorous song day and gaslight, 5/- each, two 9/-, seven 28/-. Roller singing cabinet cages, with folding doors, comprising cage and cabinet combined, 2/6 and 3/6 each. Please note following letters are entirely unsolicited, and all received during last few days:—"53, Roundhay-road, Leeds, October 30th.—Sir,—Roller I had from you last year has moulted, and is singing better than ever.—Yours, B. Haigh." "11, Streatfield-terrace, Ryhope, nr. Sunderland, November 4th.—Sir,—Please send me a 10s. Roller. I was at Newcastle show the other week and a gentleman told me they are the best Rollers imported into England, so that is why I am sending for one.—Yours, W. Wade Mangles." (Will the gentleman mentioned please accept my best thanks.—W. Gore.) "3, Nicholas-street, Middlesbrough, November 3rd.—Sir,—Received bird with great satisfaction. Thanking you for prompt attention.—Yours, V. Moody." "6, Coach Houses, Adlington, near Chorley, November 3rd.—Sir,—Pleased to say I received bird and am well pleased with it. Thanking you for a beauty.—Yours, J. Fairbrother." "21, Commercial-street, Harrogate, October 31st.—Sir,—Roller to hand in good condition. The bird you have sent is a good one, and has been singing freely. It is a pleasure to do business with straight people.—Yours, H. Mason." "5, Cybi-place, Holyhead, October 31st.—Sir,—Most pleased to inform you that bird arrived in best condition. Many thanks for value you have given me for money; it sings day and night, and is fit for any Palace.—Yours, F. Hambley." "11, Pinfold-square, Higher Ince, nr. Wigan, October 30th.—Sir,—Please send a Roller at 10s. I have just heard a very good one that came from you, and cost 10s.—Yours, H. Wasley." "211, Bensham-lane, Thornton Heath, Surrey, October 28th.—Sir,—Received Roller safe; he is a fine one. I like his song very much.—Yours, J. Williams." "189, Alliance-avenue, Newington, Hull, October 24th.—Sir,—Have to-day notified Editor to forward you deposit of 10s., in full payment of Roller Canary. I am quite satisfied with the bird, and also your straightforward dealing.—Yours, Wm. Lythgoe." "52, Hammond-street, Preston, Lancs., October 23rd.—Sir,—The Leipzig Rollers I got from you last year have done me great service, and I have sold all my young birds to my friends.—Yours, G. Atkinson." "48, Normacott-road, Longton, October 17th.—Sir,—Leipzig Roller arrived safely. Thanks for prompt dispatch. Am quite satisfied with bargain.—Yours, A. Tudor." "39, Broadway-avenue, Croydon, October 14th.—Sir,—Please send two Leipzig Rollers. Those I had two years ago turned out beauties.—Yours, B. Garland." Please note I am the sole importer of this strain of Rollers, and all cocks are stamped on wing, "Hans Weber, Leipzig," and no other dealer can sell as much as one feather of this strain unless he first purchases from me. All are safely and warmly packed in special travelling cages with seed and water inside, and sent on full week's approval at my risk during whole time either on receipt of cash or deposit system of this paper, and money fully and freely refunded if every satisfaction is not given. Persons who do not care for the long-drawn-out monotonous rolls of the ordinary Roller are specially invited to have a Leipzig Roller on week's trial from me. I do not mind if they have no intention of purchasing the bird, I shall be pleased to send one just to show what an improvement the Leipzig Roller's song is over that of the ordinary Roller. Dealers supplied; send trade card for wholesale list.

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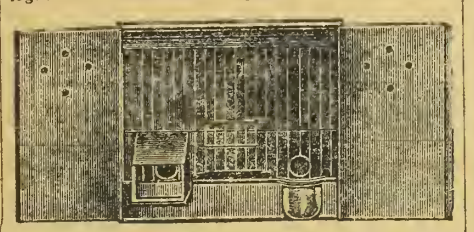
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Arrived first lot of the real Seifert Rollers, direct from Germany, specially trained under Nightingale, Woodlark, and bell notes with those long, wonderful trills, fit for any mansion, price **6/6, 7/6, 8/6;** real Schoolmasters, **10/6 and 12/-;** hens, **2/-.**

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SCOTCH Fancies, 4 Buff hens, all young, 20/- to 40/- each; approval: R. Thoms, 60, Watson-st., Dundee.

SCOTCH Fancy Canaries for sale, cocks and hens, good strain, cheap: H. Hunt, 4, West-st., Bridgeton, Glasgow.

FOR sale, 1 clear yellow Scotch Fancy cock, 1 buff; good birds; approval: Wm. Burgess, 57, Townhead, Irvine.

FOR sale; good birds; working men's prices, also grand feeders: James G. Millar, Cleansing Dept., Helen-st., Govan.

TWENTY young birds, no yellow cocks, eight yellow hens, from my noted strain: McIlwain, Mount Florida School, Glasgow.

SCOTCH Fancy, four yellow cocks, 4 buff hens, 1911, three bred cocks, cheap and good: Shannon, 645, Argyle-st., Glasgow.

NOTICE! I am giving up Scotch Fancy breeding, and have a few good birds for sale: W. Sadler, Union-st., Broughty Ferry.

SCOTCH Fancy, buff cock, green cock, yellow hen, green hen, young birds, 25/- to 50/- each: Arthur Lang, 118, Main-st., Rutherglen.

SCOTCH Fancies, 8 cocks, Yellow-pied Buff-pied, and Green; can be seen any time, cheap to clear: A. Russell, 53, Black-st., Rawyards, Airdrie.

SCOTCH Fancy buff pied cock and yellow pied hen, the pair 30/-, of a well-known strain; giving up Fancy; approval, deposit: James Johnston, Coronation-pl., Tranent, Haddingtonshire.

Yorkshires.

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JONAS KNIGHT, over 20 years' breeder high-class Yorkshire Canaries in all varieties; home and shipping orders for show and stock birds a speciality: Allerton, Bradford, Yorkshire.

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1911 Yorkshires, yellows, buffs, cocks 6/6, hens 5/-; approval: Wilson, Ladysmith-rd., Exeter.

YORKSHIRE cocks, 1911, singing, long, slim birds, 5/6 each: Duckworth, Hammerton-yard, Burnley.

EIGHT pairs grand Yorkshires, bred from good birds, £2 10/- the lot: H. Firth, 7, Ivy-grove, Leeds.

BURTON, Flat 6, 87, Gt. Titchfield st., London, has some excellent Yorkshires for sale, cheap; inspection invited.

NOTICE, grand Yorkshire cocks 3/6; cock and hen 5/6, approval: McKeand, Seabright Villa, Castle Douglas.

CHAMPION Yorkshires, sure winners, cocks 7/6, hens 5/6 each; ten days' approval: W. Powick, Dewsbury.

HAVE a few pairs of winning Yorkshires for disposal from 15 - pair: Holborn Road Schools, Victoria Docks, E.

YORKSHIRES, clears, ticked and foul marked greens, cocks 4/6, hens 2/- upwards: Milnes, 16, Crow-lane, Otley.

FOR sale, typical Yorkshire Canaries, unflighted hens from 4/-, cocks from 6/-: Apply, Sykes, 19, Thorpe-rd., Pudsey.

TO CLEAR quickly; clear and ticked yellow Yorkshire cocks 3/-, hens 1/6: Graveson, 9, Elephant-yd., Kendal, Westmorland.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, from my winning strain, cocks from 5/6, hens from 3/-: Ernest Cheshire, 26, Crawford-st., Bradford.

BARGAIN; 6 Yorkshire hens 10/-, or exchange yellow Norwich hen; yours first: Furness, 815, Hollins-rd., Hollinwood.

CLEARING out, 80 Yorkshires, many fit to win; price reasonable; approval; cash or deposit: O'Reilly, Nunthorpe-avenue, York.

BARGAINS; 4 long Yorkshire cocks, healthy, on song, 6/- each, or offers; approval, deposit: 357, Crookesmoor-rd., Sheffield.

GRAND pairs typical Yorkshires from 10/6; stylish hens from 4/- each: Goodwin, Breeder, 136, Warham-st., Kennington, S.E.

EXHIBITION Yorkshires; have won 1st sp., 2, 3, 4, 5, 6; once shown; deposit offers: Mowbray, 18, Stephenson-st., Darlington.

YORKSHIRE cocks, 7/6 upwards; hens 4/- upwards; see reports Ecclesbill C.B.S.; approval: Jebson, Wood-st., Skelmanthorpe.

HIGH-class Yorkshires, beautiful long, slim, colour-fed birds (King's strain), 8/6 pair, carriage paid: Darwin, Kirkhams, Manchester.

CHAMPION Yorkshires, winners, cocks 7/6, hens 5/- up, feather like wax, 1910, 1911; approval: Wills, Fireman's Cottage, Wadebridge.

HIGH-class Yorkshire and Norwich greens, type and quality, cocks from 7/6, hens 5/- upwards; approval: Hawkes, 39, Lloyd-st., Liverpool.

YORKSHIRES, real good stock birds, own breeding from my winners, cock 7/6, hens 5/-, pairs 12/6, approval: Barfe, Pateley Bridge, Yorkshire.

MAGNIFICENT pair of Yorkshire Greens, mated to produce winners, a bargain, 35/-; approval willingly: Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool.

EASY payments. Grand healthy Yorkshires, cocks 7/6, pairs 10/6 upwards; week's approval; stamp for particulars: Shirley, Birdholme, Chesterfield.

FIFTY Yorkshires, exhibition and stock birds for sale; pairs from 12/6; seven days' approval; cards sent: Carpenter, 79, Landells-rd., East Dulwich.

SIXTY unflighted Yorkshires, in all colours; cocks 5/- to 8/-; matched pairs from 7/6; nicely colour-fed: approval, deposit: Foxon, Boot Dealer, Hinckley.

CHAMPION Yorkshires, true type, feathered like wax, from 7/6; approval, deposit: Wm. Guest, Knock Bawn Cottage, Greystones, co. Wicklow.

YORKSHIRE Canaries, own breeding, 1911, cocks 4/6, hens 2/-; any quantity of standard rose bushes, good variety, 10d. each: Neale, Freckenham, Cambs.

COME and inspect my noted Yorkshires, at home all day. West Derby or Green Lane tram: Metcalfe, Yorkshire Aviaries, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, show or stock birds, from my winning strain; hens 3/-, cocks 5/-; cash or deposit: Priestley, 121, Gaythorne-rd., West Bowling, Bradford.

J. DOBSON has 24 Yorkshires for sale, in good condition, must be sold on account of ill-health; also the whole fittings of bird room: 18, East-rd., London, N.

1910 colour-fed buff Yorkshire hen, grand bird, claimed at last Palace, accept 7/6, cheap at treble the figure; approval: Hawkes, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, from my winners, cocks from 7/6, hens from 4/6, pairs 12 upwards; on approval, and satisfaction guaranteed: G. Simeson, 63, Beaconsfield-st., Acomb, York.

MY Yorkshires are now ready to send out; good strong, healthy birds, Ogden's and Shackleton's strains, to any address, at 10/6, 12/6, 15/- pair; deposit: Horler, Westfield, Radstock.

GIVING up the Fancy; must be sold; 25 good upstanding racy birds, cocks and hens, as bred, Shackleton's and Bailey's strains, fit to win; £6; deposit: E. Vorse, Irthlingborough.

HIGH-class Yorkshire Canaries, closely related to winners, few good stock pairs from 15/-; also odd cocks from 5/-; and hens from 3/-: 30, Mild may-grove, Mildmay Park, London, N.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, splendid length, type, and quality; cocks from 5/-, hens from 3/-; matched pairs 8/- upwards; approval; satisfaction guaranteed: Greenwood, Colne-rd., Crosshills, Keighley.

YORKSHIRES, bred from my silver cup, gold medal, and Crystal Palace winners; cocks from 6/6, hens from 4/6; pairs from 10/- upwards; approval: S. S. Rigg, Grove House, Mytholmroyd, Yorkshire.

AMATEURS' opportunity: Faulkner's, Morrison's, Mouger's direct winning strains, cocks from 6/6, hens 3/6; h.m. and Canary-reared Linnets, genuine strong birds: Abery, 43, Queen's Gate Mews, Kensington.

GREAT bargains.—Yorkshire cock, with 2 hens, standard length, double breeding cage, 18/6; also two Yorkshire cocks, in show cages, with travelling case, complete, £1, splendid condition: J. Brewin, Heanor, Notts.

I HAVE 100 grand Yorkshires for sale, cheap, cocks from 6/-, hens from 4/-, pairs from 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, upwards; satisfaction guaranteed, or your money returned; approval: Galling, 23, North-st., Otley, Yorkshire.

CHAMPION Yorkshires, the best blood in the Fancy, cocks from 5/-, hens from 2/6; week's approval at my own risk; satisfaction guaranteed or money returned in full; cash or deposit: Ben Clegg, 120, Westgate, Dewsbury.

YORKSHIRES, best blood obtainable, colour-fed, cocks 5/- upwards, hens 3/- upwards, carriage paid, approval; also yellow cock, winner 2nd, 15/-; buff cock, 2nd, 12/-, full of quality: Edgar King, Fairfield, Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire.

TWENTY pairs Yorkshires, bred from our champion Palace winners, to clear, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- pair, including travelling box, also few winners and some extra good pairs, best blood in Fancy: Messrs. Amblers, 29, Sefton-rd., Morecambe.

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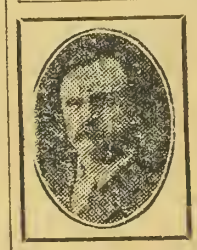
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EXCHANGE 2 Cinnamon-marked Yorkshire hens for cock Goldfinch Mule, 1911: W. Edwards, 51, Hall lane, Kensington, Liverpool.

WANTED good green Yorkshires on approval; exchange Borders, stock or winners: R. Malcolm, Mount Rosa, Broughty Ferry.

EXCHANGE pair Norwich for Linnets or Goldfinches, H.M. preferred, yours first: Worrell, West Rye, Annfield Plain, Durham.

EXCHANGE 1910 yellow ticked Norwich cock for 1910 yellow cinnamon hen; yours first: Floyd, 130, Haydons Park-rd., Wimbledon.

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YELLOW buff Lancashire coppy 1911 hen; second prize at Ynol Park; what offers in yellow 1911 Norwich cock; yours first; no rubbish wanted; or sell 12/6: Jones, Bethesda, Amlwch.

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Members Shows.

Northowram C.B.S.: Held Oct. 28. Mr. W. Taylor judged. Principal winners: Yorks, Messrs. Sykes, Crowther, Tasker, and Hanson.—S. Sykes, Sec.

Chesterfield C.B.S.: Held Oct. 28, Welbeck Club Room. Judge, Mr. L. Goucher; 22 birds. Next table show Nov. 25th, same classes and ent. fee, prize money on sliding scale. Mr. Marriott's 2s. special for most points won by Mr. Baxby. Principal winners—Yorks: Messrs. Lanchlan, Baxby, Goucher. Nor.: Mr Jepson. British: Messrs. Baxby, Booker, Jepson, Brailsford. Borders: Messrs. Booker, Naylor. Foreign: Messrs. Brailsford, Baxby; and Mules, Mr. Marriott.—T. Booker, Sec.

Leicester C.B.S.: Held Oct. 25th, headquarters. Judges, Messrs. J. A. Taylor and F. J. Harison. Principal winners in open, Messrs. Moore, Heighton, Adams, and Groocock. Novice, Messrs. Groocock, Dyson, Bell, Smith.—W. R. Adams, Sec.

Halifax O.S.: Held Oct. 28 Assembly Rooms, Saddle Hotel. Judge, Mr. F. Allen; 82 birds staged. Messrs. A. Ross and Burdekin Bros. tied in points for spel in open with 14 points;—Mr. E. Saville, in novice section, won 16 points. Principal winners—Yorks: Messrs. Burdekin Bros., Ross, Walsh, Townsend, Armitage. Novice Yorks: Messrs. Saville, Greenwood, Barren, Tinkler, Clegg Mann. Novice Nor.: Messrs. Moore and Stott, Hudson, Watson Dewhirst, Lord.—J. J. Dunn, Sec.

Stamford F.A.: Held Oct. 28. Upwards of 70 birds staged. Judge, Mr. H. Popple. Principal winners—Nor.: Messrs. Welsh, Grimes, Spriggs. Yorks: Messrs. Fancourt, Harrison, Wright. Mules and British: Messrs. Swanson, Baker, Harrison.—A. Harrison, Hon. Sec

Northern Y.C.C.: Held Oct. 25. Principal winners champion section: Messrs. Tindale, Johnson, Crawhall, Dix. Novice: Messrs. Potts, Bryden, Cattell, Atkinson.—R. Tindale, Hon. Sec.

Hawick O.S.: Held Oct. 14, St. Mary's Hall. Mr. W. Bell, judge. Principal winners—Scots: Messrs. Holt, Dodds. Borders: Messrs. Middlemas, Amos, Holt. Norwich: Messrs. Laidlaw, Hesketh, Holt, Dryden. A.O.V.: Messrs. Holt, Innes. Brit. and Mules: Messrs. Welsh, Hesketh, Laidlaw, Weir, Amos, Brydon.—T. Dryden, Sec.

Stratford and E. London F.S.: Held Oct. 25, Workmen's Hall, Romford Road. Certificate for best bird, Mr. J. Reed (Glossy Starling) for fourth time in succession. Spl. for best Can., Mr. W. Smith. Principal winners—Norwich: Mr. Francis. Yorks: Messrs. Smith, Parker. A.O.V.: Mr. Parker. Brit. and Mules: Messrs. Reed, Parker. For.: Mr. Reed.—W. Maxey, Hon. Sec.

Londonderry C.B.S.: Held Oct. 28. Union Hall. Judge, Mr. C. Sherrard. Principal winners—Scots: Messrs. Cargill, Gilfillan. Crest: Messrs. Moore, Cargill, Kincaid, M'Clelland. Nor.: Messrs. Moore, Cargill, Kincaid, M'Clelland. Nor.: Mrs. W. S. Taylor. Yorks: Messrs. Hunt, Goligher, Williamson. A.O.V.: Mr. Mooney. Mules and Brit.: Mrs. Taylor, Messrs. Falconer, M'Dermott, Cargill, Williamson, Carlisle.—A. T. Goligher, Sec.

Pudsey, Stanningley C.B.S.: Held Oct. 28, Fleece Hotel—115 birds in 12 classes. Judge, Mr. W. Cruise. Principal winners—Yorks: Messrs. Richmond, Oddy, and Galloway, Butler Bros., Marsh, Ackroyd, Marsh, Towler, and Hargreaves. Norwich: Messrs. Benson, Maltby, Pawson. Richmond. Principal point winners: Oddy and Galloway, 26; Richmond, 35; Marsh, 28; Butler Bros., 28; Towler and Hargreaves, 15; Braceweil, 15; Ackroyd, 14.—H. Raistrick, Sec.

East Bowling B.F.A.: Held Oct. 28th, St. John's School. 121 birds faced Mr. H. H. Towers, judge. Principal points (champion), Casey, 40 points; Hodgson, 35; Clark, 33; Shaw, 28; (novice) Rawes, 24; Walker, 24; Hall, 13. Principal open winners—Yorks: Messrs. Dawson, Hodgson, Clark, Casey, Gledhill, Shaw, Helliwell, Robinson and Sharp, Bywater, Gledhill. Novice Yorks: Messrs. Rawes, Walker, Hall, Tolson, Beall.—L. Booth, Sec.

Sheffield C.B.S.: Held Nov. 2, for unflighted Yorks and Nor. Principal winners in Yorks: Messrs. Tomlinson, F. Jones; in Nor., Mr. Woolhouse.—J. Woolhouse, Assist. Sec.

West Stanley C.B.S.: Held Nov. 4. Principal winners—Norwich: Messrs. Thompson, Hetherington. Borders: Messrs. Peart, Murray. Yorks: Mr. Bentick. British: Messrs. Wears, Hunter, sen., Calvert, Atkinson and Boyle. Next table show (judge, Mr. E. Atkinson), 7 classes.—W. Elliott, Sec.

Manningham C.B.A.: Held Oct. 31, headquarters, Mr. Sutcliffe judge. Points: F. Grauge, A. Huddleston, J. Ackroyd, and J. Smith. Spl. for best cock, F. Grange; hen, J. Ackroyd. Principal winners: Messrs. Newton, Huddleston, Powell, F. Grange, Dent, S. Smith, Robinson, Hersey.—H. Grange, Sec.

Wibsey C.B.S.: Held Nov. 4, Horse and Groom Inn. 102 birds faced Mr. H. H. Towers, judge. Most points with 3 unflig. birds, cl. and tkd., W. Mann 21, D. Sutcliffe 16, J. Nicholls 13, Taylor Bros. 13, Bairstow and Chapman 12, B. Wilman 11. Green mkd.: D. Sutcliffe 24, C. Bastow 19, B. Wilman 16, W. Mann 15, A. Hiley 10. Cinn. mkd.: W. Mann 14, D. Thornton 13, Bairstow and Chapman 5, W. Jowett 5. Cup competition: W. Mann 19, D. Sutcliffe 15, J. Nicholls 14, J. Taylor 11, C. Bastow 11. Spls. for best vlue birds: W. Hillas, A. Hiley, and Bairstow and Chapman. Principal winners—Yorks: Messrs. Jowett, Bairstow and Chapman, Sutcliffe, Nicholls, Mann, Thornton, Wilman, Taylor, Bastow. A.O.V.: Messrs. Bairstow and Chapman.—H. C. Crossley, Sec.

Broughty Ferry C.B.S.: Held Good Templar Hall, Oct. 28. Entries and quality good. Judges, Messrs. R. Ireland (Dronfield), Low (Bro. Ferry). Points medals presented by R. G. Malcolm, Esq., were won by W. Keill for Scotch Fancies and J. Campbell for Border Fancies. Principal winners—Scotch Fancies: Messrs. Keill, Thoms, Curtis, and Carmyllie. Crests: Mr. R. Whitton. Border Fancies: Messrs. Malcolm, Campbell, Carmyllie, Curtis, and Keill. British Birds: Messrs. Campbell, Whitton, Keill, Curtis, Carmyllie, and Malcolm.

Green C.A.: Held Oct. 26. Judge, Mr. G. Bell. Principal winners: Messrs. Davidson, Lloyd, T. R. Jones, Davenport, F. J. Jones. Nov. 23rd, table show, Green Norwich.—G. Green, Hon. Sec.

Keighley C.B.S.: Held Oct. 21, Black Horse Hotel. 93 birds faced Mr. T. Bennett, judge. Principal winners for the season's specials: S. Smith, 16 points, J. Middleton 14, F. Miles 11, and H. Spencer 11, in the open classes; N. Jeffrey 18, F. Newiss 11, J. Bowers 10, in novice. Principal winners—Champion: Messrs. Binns, Middleton, Miles, Spencer, Smith, and Mitchell. Novice: Messrs. Jeffrey, Midgley, Bower and Ackroyd.—J. Binns, Sec.

Queensbury C.B.S.: Held Oct. 14, Granby Hotel. Mr. W. Lowett judged; 38 birds staged. Principal winners: Messrs. Smith, Myers and Lumb, A. Jowett, Brooke, Kirkbright, Nichol, Pearson, Mr. H. Smith won spl. for best bird. Another show November 6, same place, judge, Mr. A. M. Craven; 48 birds staged. Principal winners: Messrs. Nichol, J. H. Fowler, Brooke, Kirkbright, Myers and Lumb, Smith, Pearson, W. Jowett. Spl. for best bird, Mr. T. Brooke.—A. Hartley Sec.

Singing Contests.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Contest held November 4th, Prince Albert Inn; 14 birds entered. Judges, Messrs. F. Wood and C. Lorriman. 1st, A. Turner; 2nd, divided between A. Binns and T. Chippendale.—E. Wood, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS.

Contest held old bird house, King's Head, Shannon Street, for quality, November 5th; 19 birds sang. Some very good singing was heard, to the enjoyment of a crowded house. 1st, H. Wigfield; 2nd and 3rd, T. Stead. Judges, Messrs. Walt. Naylor and A. Jennings.—T. C. Summers, Hon. Sec.

Quality singing held Nov. 4, Skinners' Arms, Burlingthorpe. Nineteen birds sang. 1st Wain; 2nd Sellars; 3rd shared between Sellars and Turner. Also Nov. 5th, another grand contest when 20 picked birds sang. 1st Richardson; 2nd, 3rd Sellars; 4th shared by Ward and Laycock; judges, Messrs. Siscons, Reed, Clayton. As dark nights are drawing in soon, Nov. 11th; first two birds to be hung at 2-30 o'clock prompt,—C. Clayton, Hon. Sec.

SALFORD.

Re meeting at Boat House Hotel, Nov., 12, members are requested to attend to decide business re club match, which concerns every member. Rule 3 will be adhered to; only financial members will be allowed to compete. Other matters: Printing fixtures, etc. 7.30 prompt. If unable to attend, kindly oblige by sending post card.—B. Wharton, hon. sec.

SHEFFIELD.

Linnet contest held Newmarket Hotel, Shoaf St., Oct. 29. Mr. Webster gave three prizes. Winners: 1, E. Bisby; 2, 3, Sanderson. Also same hotel, Nov. 5, for three prizes. 1, Brown; Bisby and Calligan tied for second (divided); Sanderson and Small tied for third (divided). A contest will be held Nov. 12, first pair of birds up 1 o'c, open to all England for time singing; pleased to see some of the old chucks from the old stables showing some form.—R. Brown.

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Club Reports.

FALKIRK (Good Intent) C.B.A.

Meeting held, Oddfellows' Hall, Oct. 28, Mr. Morris presiding. Table show of British held, the president acting as judge. 1st J. Marshall; 2nd G. Condie; 3rd Mar hall. Next meeting Nov. 25; it is hoped a good rally will turn out, as it is the last night for specials and other matters for annual show.—W. Clubb, Sec.

WEST WEMYSS AND DIS. C.B.S.

Meeting held November 2nd. Secretary reported re table show, October 21st, considered a great success; which speaks well for the fanciers in the district. We are able to show a balance on the right side. Decided, to hold open show next season; officials appointed for same who are fanciers of the right stuff. The prospects are really bright.—J. Henderson, Sec.

DALKEITH AND DIST. C.B.S.

Meeting held usual place, Mr. J. Stirling (Pres.) in chair. This being the end of our financial year, the balance sheet was submitted; it showed income £8 3s. 1d., expenditure £5 1s. 10d., leaving a balance of £3 1s. 3d. to be divided into prize money. Members agreed to leave election of office bearers till next meeting, 5th Feb., when they invite all fanciers within a radius of 10 miles to attend.—Ewing and Steel, Secs.

GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND CLUB.

Grand washing competition for prizes presented by the president and a few of the members, took place in Mr. Muir's, Saltmarket, Oct. 31st. As this was a new kind of competition in Glasgow, a great deal of interest was taken in it also a good deal of friendly rivalry among the competitors. Two classes were provided, viz., Champion and Novice. The Novice class had to be postponed until Nov. 14, as the hour was late before the Champion Class was finished. 1st F. Taylor; 2nd M. Craig; 3rd F. Bowman; 4th Watson.—F. Taylor, Sec.

HETTLESTON AND DIST. C.B.S.

Meeting held Oct. 14, Johnstone's Rooms, Mr. McFarlane presiding over a fair good turn out of members. Mr. Hunter (Glasgow), gave an exhibition of hand washing. This exhibition was got up for the benefit of the young fanciers, but I may say that the old fanciers got a good lesson as well as the young ones on how to handle the birds. He is a professional at hand washing. Next meeting, Nov. 11th, when I expect to see every member present; according to rule every member must be clear on the book by this date. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Hunter.—A. Berry, Sec.

GREEN CANARY ASSOCIATION.

Meeting held Oct. 26, Oldham Hall, Mr. J. W. Metcalfe in chair. Secretary furnished a statement of accounts showing a balance of cash in hand amounting to £9 4s. 11d., after all accounts had been paid; this leaves a balance after providing for the season's specials, and everything points to a satisfactory ending to the year's working. Medals have again been exchanged with the Toronto (Canada) Society. A table show of Green Yorks was held, but owing to the inclement weather and the fact that the exhibitors were busy getting their birds away to the Manchester Show, only 15 birds were staged.—Geo. Green, sec.

ANNANDALE C.B.F.A.

On the kind invitation of E. J. Brook, Esq., of Hoddam Castle, near Annan, the members of the Annandale C.B.F.A. and a few friends paid a visit to that gentleman's aviaries of rare foreign birds last Saturday. Although the weather was dull, a company of 21 mustered. Many very fine specimens of bird life were shown to us, some of them most rare, one being the sole representative of its species in the United Kingdom. Great credit is due to Mr. Shannon (the keeper) for the very healthy and beautiful condition of the birds under his care. The company were also shown the Castle gardens, which were in lovely bloom. Home was reached about 6.30, all being highly pleased with this outing.—J. Urquhart, assistant secretary.

NEWCASTLE C.B.S.

Meeting held Nov. 2, Mr. J. G. Hutchinson presiding over a good attendance. The members heard with regret that the secretary, Mr. J. E. Atkinson, was very ill with pleurisy, and hope was expressed for his speedy recovery. Mr. T. C. Crawhall proposed, and Mr. T. Robson seconded, the following resolution: "That this meeting disapprove of the letter which appeared in CAGE BIRDS, signed "Lover of Fair Play," and affirms its confidence in its chairman, Mr. Hutchinson. It also desires to tender its thanks to Mr. Hutchinson for the many sacrifices made and his great interest taken in the welfare of the society." At this stage of the meeting the Vice-Chairman (Mr. Shepherd) took the chair. Mr. Bertram, Mr. Shepherd, and others spoke feelingly in support of the resolution, which, on being put to the meeting, was carried amid applause. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. G. Young, Mr. Milburn, and Mr. Atkinson, senior, and family, for their great help in connection with the business of the show.—R. Tindale, Hon. Asst. Sec.

LANCASHIRE AND LIZARD F.A.

Meeting held Nov. 4, at Hyde. Decided, that arrangements as to classes at Blackburn Show, and Club Competition with Northern Lizard Club, be left with the secretary. The holding of two club shows for members only was gone into; decided, that we have the first one at Mr. T. White's, Hyde, on Dec. 2nd and 3rd. Judges were selected for first show, and same will be made known in due course. Friend Teddy was just through his paces, and given his final instructions by Mr. T. White, who tried to impress upon Teddy the necessity for less verbosity now he has a chance of showing his ability as a judge of Lancashires and Lizards. Friend Teddy seemed to be of the opinion he would have to be short of breath when he gave over spouting. Date for show at Shaw was left over till next meeting at Hyde, Nov. 18, when classes, specials, etc., will be finally discussed for Hyde Show. As this is same date as the Hyde Society's show, we are hoping for a good muster of members. Following is a record of points gained at Rochdale and Manchester in Lancashire and Lizards: Champion Lancs., A. Hordern 36, T. H. Collinge 32, J. Garner 24, J. Vickers 20, J. Oldham 10, N. Stansfield 12; novice Lancs., W. Ridgard 16, J. Hampshire 9 points. Champ. Liz., J. Dewsnap 53, F. Hamer 50, H. Oliver 37, J. Rukin 26, J. Hampshire 16, E. Ollerenshaw 30, A. Martin 11, W. P. Barnes 11 points; novice Liz., A. E. Bosworth 18 points. I should esteem it a favour if all those who have used Ramsden's colour-feed would send me on their coupons as early as possible.—J. Rukin, Hon. Sec.

LANCASTER PRIMROSE C.B.A.

Final meeting before annual show held November 2nd, when there was a good attendance of members. It was decided to send schedules to last year's exhibitors; others please apply to me.—J. Johnson, 64, Aberdeen Road, Lancaster.

NORTHOWRAM AND DIST. C.B.S.

Meeting held headquarters, October 25th, when Mr. J. Priestley (Halifax) gave an exhibition of washing. He put three birds through in splendid style, to the satisfaction of all present, which proves that he is no novice at the job.—S. Sykes, Sec.

WEST OF SCOTLAND O.S.

Meeting held Nov. 4, Mr. P. Thom presiding. Final arrangements for show were made. Stewards, etc., were appointed. Will Mr. T. Jardine kindly send on address to me? A vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the meeting.—W. Hutchison, secretary.

WIGAN AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held headquarters, Legs of Man Hotel. In chair Mr. P. Vicker. It was decided to abandon open show fixed for Nov. 24 and 25. Decided, to hold a Members' show (open to Wigan), Mr. H. Tams to judge, Nov. 25. We hope to have a good show next year when trade is more promising.—W. Dyer, Hon. Sec.

PROVINCIAL ROLLER C.C.

Meeting held Swan Hotel, Fountain Street, Manchester, Oct. 28. Mr. A. Foulds in chair. After the business of the meeting, the members had the pleasure of listening to a few birds brought by Mr. Kremner and Mr. Mawhood. As the tours were sung they were called out by the chairman, thus helping the novices to learn to distinguish the various tours. The birds brought were chiefly Glucke birds, and some of them were very good on the hard Glucke, and others on the Water Glucke. All went away delighted at having heard some of the latest birds from Germany.—Tom Routledge.

NORTHERN Y.C.C.

Meeting and table show held Oct. 25. Mr. Crawhall presided. The members heard with regret that Mr. J. E. Atkinson, who was to judge, was ill and could not attend; secretary was instructed to send expressions of sympathy and best wishes for his speedy recovery. A letter was read from Mr. Cuthbertson explaining why he did not mark N.Y.C.C. on his entry form at Chopwell Show; decided to accept the explanation and that the points gained stand. The proposal that novice members judge champion section and championship members judge novice section was agreed to; this arrangement gave every satisfaction.—R. Tindale, hon. sec.

WIMBLEDON C.B.S.

Meeting held 6, The Broadway, Oct. 7. There was an attendance of about 40, nearly half being ladies. A washing exhibition attracted several visitors; Mr. W. H. Stoakley (chairman). Unfortunately, Mr. Attridge (Wandsworth) who was to have given the exhibition, was unable through illness to be present, and secretary had to fall back on two members, Messrs. P. Rorke and E. J. Whittome, assisted by Mr. Dixon, and right well they performed the task, being duly accorded a hearty vote of thanks. There were nominations, and six new members elected. Business relating to annual show transacted. It was stated that the new Mayor, Alderman McSheehy, had consented to open show on Tuesday at 3.30.—H. Smith, Hon. Sec.

PAISLEY, TANNAHILL O.S.

Meeting held Lockie's, 2, St. James Street, Nov. 4, Mr. R. Neil presiding. This being the annual show day, the meeting was well attended. After songs from various members, the chairman presented the society's cup to Mr. J. Fulton, he having won it with his yellow pied hen; he congratulated Mr. F. on winning the Amalgamation. Mr. A. Ferguson also came in for a word of praise in being runner-up in both sections, with his foul yellow cock bird. Reference was made to this being the second year in succession when this society have won the 1st and 2nd Amalgamation; this was toasted with success. Prize-money was paid out and specials handed over to Messrs. J. Fulton, 4; A. Ferguson, 3; W. Neil, 3; J. Malcolm, 2; J. Fleming, 2; J. Price, 2; J. Alston, novice, 2. Songs were rendered during the evening by Messrs. Fleming, Neil, Hamilton, Mason, Donaldson, Forsyth, Allison. Meeting terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman, also to the pianist, Mr. Mason.—J. Stewart, sec.

NEW CROSS AND DIST. C.B.S.

Meeting held headquarters, the Pepple Hall, Tanners' Hill, Broadway, Deptford, Nov. 2, Mr. Hill (chair). The new headquarters are great, so also was the attendance. An alteration was made in reference to the entrance fee for Nov. 16 show. All members will now have to pay for admittance (3d.); this will go to the funds of the society. Entry fee to be 1/- per cage, 3d. in the selling class; prize money on sliding scale, with no deductions. Fourteen specials were allotted, all well worth going for; so I hope members will make a large entry so as to make our first attempt a success. The rest of the evening was taken up by questions on birdie subjects. Mr. Hill acted as judge. Each member put a question in a hat and each drew, and had to answer the question he drew. The novices seemed a bit knocked, but were soon put right by Mr. Hill, who answered the questions All. This seems a good way to bring the novices out. Mr. Hill was asked to give a bird washing exhibition on Dec. 7, to which he readily consented. A vote of thanks was given him for his valuable assistance.—Barton and Barton, Secs.

SHEFFIELD C.B.S.

Meeting held Nov. 2, Wentworth Cafe, Mr. A. Bradshaw in chair. Stewards elected to act during judging at open show: Messrs. J. R. Webster and H. Lockwood; assistant stewards, Messrs. F. Jones, A. Bradshaw, A. Lawton, and C. W. Hobson; all are true fanciers, who will do their best for the exhibits and visitors alike. Mr. A. Lawton was also given the special duty of seeing all birds off to the stations that have to catch certain trains, an arrangement that will be of great use to distant exhibitors. Tickets for open show and voting papers for election of the officials were given out; all voting papers must be brought or sent to next meeting, Dec. 14. A special point for ticket-sellers to remember is, that £6 worth of birds are to be given away to the friends that buy a ticket and patronise the show. Several important motions re alterations to rules are to be decided at next meeting. Also decided that points specials be in kind instead of in cash. Messrs. F. Jones, C. Tomlinson, and J. Thorpe promised specials. Also decided that a supper and prize distribution be held in January, when the cups and specials will be presented; also that next committee meeting be open to all members. Judging competition and table show also held, winners in former: 1, F. Jones; 2, T. Hemming; 3, W. T. Furniss. Upwards of a score of fanciers made the journey to Manchester Show and had an enjoyable time. Mr. J. Mace was elected a new member.—J. Woolhouse, assist. sec.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

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England.

Nov. 10 and 11.—**Barnsley.**—(F. C. Sims, 15, Wright terrace, Grace-st.) H.W.B.
Nov. 10 and 11.—**Old Shildon** (J. H. Elwell, 35 Church Street). J.Str.
Nov. 11.—**Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.**—(A. Walker 47, Montrose St.). J.Wk., J.W.
Nov. 11 & 13.—**Nottingham.**—(G. E. Wilkinson, 86, Lenton Boulevard). T.H., J.T., J.F.D.
Nov. 11.—**Warrington.**—(G. M. Nelson, 466, Knutsford Road.) A.W.
Nov. 14 & 15.—**Bristol F.A.**—(G. T. H. Maggs, 9, Trinity St., Newtown.) J.H.P., W.V.
Nov 14 and 15.—**Wimbledon.**—(H. Smith, 115, Merton Road.)
Nov. 15.—**Alnwick.**—R. Forster, 36, Bondgate, Without.). H.W.B., A.C.
Nov. 16.—**Stoke-on-Trent.**—(J. Pitchford, 218, London Rd.) A.W.
Nov. 17 & 18.—**Preston.**—(J. P. Leeming, 40a, West Cliff.) J.H.R., C.H.
Nov. 17 and 18.—**Hull.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19, Lambton-st.), J.R., J.M.
Nov. 18.—**Coventry O.S.**—(A. J. Barratt, 38, Craven Street.) J.R.
Nov. 18.—**Tideswell.**—(Flint and Swarbrick, Tideswell, near Buxton.) A.H.
Nov. 18.—**Crook Original.**—(J. Horner, White Lea.)
Nov. 18.—**Harrogate.**—(W. E. Fergusson, 62, Harlow Terr.) J. By.
Nov. 23.—**Ludlow.**—(W. T. Woof, 2, Market St. J.H.P.
Nov. 23.—**Stamford.**—(A. Harrison, 7, New St.). J.R.
Nov. 21 & 25.—**Doncaster.**—(G. Bescoby, 26, Duke Street.) J.C.B., J.M.
Nov. 24 & 25.—**Great Harwood.**—(W. T. Mattinson 32, Orchard Street.) H.W.B. and A.W.
Nov. 24 and 25.—**Hinckley.**—(H. Ridgway, Priesthills Road).
Nov. 24., 25, 27.—**L.C.B.A.**—(Mugford and Tyson, 1 Strathearn-rd., Wimbledon, S.W.)
Nov. 25.—**Cramlington.**—(J. R. Chestney, Quarry Cottage). A.B., H.S.
Nov. 25 and 27.—**Ilkeston**—(T. Smith, 5, King Street) J.C.B.
Nov. 28.—**Launceston.**—(N. H. Reed.)
Nov. 29.—**Windsor.**—(E. A. Stickland, 36, Alma Rd.).
Nov. 30.—**Grantham.**—(W. E. Allen, 119, Alexandra road.)
*Dec. 1 and 2.—**Lancaster Primrose C.B.A.** (J. Johnson, 45, Perth-st.) W.M., S.M.
Dec. 2 & 4.—**Derby.**—(W. Stevens, 58, Olivier-st.). J.R., R.R.
Dec. 5.—**Stratford-on-Avon.**—(R. W. Ingram, 15, Scholar's Lane.)
Dec. 5 & 6.—**Tonbridge.**—(P Stonestreet, 102, Hadlow Rd.)
Dec. 7.—**Newport and Dist.** (J. Hammett, 56, Milman-st., Newport, Mon.) J.R.
Dec. 8 & 9.—**Bradford National.**—(H. Hill, 15, Settle Terrace, Thornton Lane, Little Horton).
Dec. 8 and 9.—**Gateshead.**—(A. Holden, 5, Cramer Street.) J. R., J.H.R., J.B., J.F.D.
Dec. 8 & 9.—**Runcorn.**—(T. P. Baxter, 103, Greenaway Rd.). A.W.
Dec. 9.—**Sheffield and Dis. C.B.S.**—(A. Hobson, 66, Langsett Av.). W.A.C., J.C.B.
Dec. 14.—**Frome.**—J. Yeo, Keyford). J.R.
Dec. 15 & 16.—**Blackburn.**—(J. Cook, 6, Charlotte St.).
Dec. 16.—**Yarm, Eaglescliffe.**—(T. Wilson, High Street.) W.M., F.M.
Jan. 6.—**Guisbrough Priory.**—(S. H. Lambert, 25 Gill Street).
Feb. 2, 3, 5, 6.—**Great National** (Crystal Palace). (J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Ave., Brixton, S.W.)

Scotland.

Nov. 10 & 11.—**Kirkcaldy.**—(E. McAnally, 13, St Clair Place).
Nov. 11.—**Hamilton (Cadzow Oaks).**—(G. Marlin 21, Glebe Street.) F.B., A.Wn., A.Wr., P.P
Nov. 11.—**Forfar.**—(J. Fyfe, 137, East High Street.) J.Sn., W.M., A.W.W.
Nov. 18.—**Buckhaven.**—(J. Lawrie, Grahams Buildings, Randolph Street.) G.H., J. M'L., Ax.C
Nov. 18.—**Cowdenbeath.**—(J. R. Reid, 7, Woodlane Place).
Nov. 18.—**Kilmarnock O.C.B.S.**—(W. Guthrie, 10, Hood St.)
Nov. 18.—**Galashiels.**—(C. Lugton, Botany Cottage) W.R., J.Y., J.W.N.
Nov. 23.—**Lockerbie.**—(H. Davidson, Royal Hotel.) J.F.D.
Nov. 25.—**City of Dundee.**—(A. Miller, 3, Park Ave.) J.Y., W.H., J.Sse., J.Stn., T.A., R.V.R.
Dec. 2.—**Blairgowrie** (M. Irvine, 17, Brown Street) J.F.D.
Dec. 2.—**Cupar.**—(D. J. Bruce, Mount Pleasant.) W.Tn., W.Gu., A.W.W.
Dec. 2.—**Galston** (A. Frew, 26, Duke Street).
Dec. 2.—**Whitburn.**—(T. Duncan, 9, West Main Street.) J.W.B., J.Bp.
Dec. 9.—**Kilsyth.**—(A. D. Duncan, "Chronicle" office)
Dec. 16.—**Broxburn.**—(W. McLaren, Church Street.) J. McLn., G.Sfe., J.Tn., J.M., J.Sn.
Dec. 30 and Jan. 1, 1912.—**Scottish National** (A.W. Watson 58, Colinton Road, Edinburgh.)
Jan. 1 & 2.—**Paisley O.A.**—(W. Lambie, 23, Caledonia Street.)
Jan. 2 & 3.—**Glasgow C.B.A.**—(F. Bowman, 5 Parkview, Tolleross.). W.B.M., J.Cg., J.W.B., L.J.A., A.C.

Wales.

Nov. 15 & 16.—**Cardiff.**—(W. Sampson, 93, Llanishen St.). J.H.P., J.R.
Nov. 28.—**Llanelly.**—(D. John, 9, Pottery Place). H.N., J.H.R.
Nov. 30.—**Pentrebach.** (A. E. Brown, 66, Clare St., Merthyr Tydfil.) T.L.C.

Ireland.

Nov. 9 and 10.—**Banbridge.**—(A. McCagherty, Belmont Terrace.)
Dec. 1 & 2.—**Ulster O.A.**—(R. Trimble, 11, Waring Street, Belfast.) D.B., R.T., G.M.
Dec. 7 & 8.—**Larne.**—(T. Mayne, 35, Barnhill.) H.W.B.

I should very much like to congratulate the officials of Grimsby O.S. upon the excellent manner in which they conducted their late show, writes Mr. J. G. Cowley (Sheffield). I received my prize money in about eighteen hours after the opening, also my birds home in good time, packed up as carefully as when sent out.

ROUND THE SHOWS.

CHATHAM.

The result of the 21st annual show, held November 2nd and 3rd, was most gratifying, a good entry turning up in our section. Considering the show was only open to Kent the quality was tip-top. Mr. Wray had the secretarial duties in admirable order, and he was ably supported by a hard working committee. Mr. A. E. Enfield judged.

The Critique.

NOR., CL., ETC. (8): 1, 3, Gibbs, winner rare shape and col., lovely quality of feather, 3 not quite so good chested, nice quality; 2, Taylor, very level in col., good type, nice quality; r, and members' spl., Gooding; vhc, Smith, Taylor. TKD., ETC. (7): 1, spl., 2, 3, vhc, Gibbs, very typical Nor. leading, nice silky feather, tight as wax, 2 same type and quality, 3 nice quality feather. UNFLI. (7): 1, r, Taylor, wiuner bonny bird, capital shape, grand quality; 2, members' spl., Wickham, rare style, lovely quality feather, not quite so full chested as winner; 3, Gooding, fails only in shape, lovely quality; vhc, Lynn, Acland. YORKS., CL.: 1, spl., Monday, nice upstanding yell., very slim, good wing carriage; 2, 3, r, Gibbs, nice trio, 2 better quality than winner, but not quite the style and carriage. A.O.C.: 1, 2, Olive, good length, straight, good wing carriage; 3, members' spl., Hinkley, very slim, good carriage. UNFLI.: 1, 3, r, vhc, Britton, grand team, winner rare length, very stylish, third a trifle frilly; 2, Pilcher, rare style, good carriage, beaten only in length. LINNET: 1, Smith, very steady, in rare form; 2, members' spl., Knight, another good one, close up; 3, Webb, not quite so good in col. or plumage, nice one. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, Wickham, Goldie, smart blaze, grand breast, capital moons and wing bars; 2, Acland, Bullfinch, splendid cap and breast, in rare form; 3, withheld. FINCH, A.O.S.: 1, spl., Wickham, clinking good Hawfinch, very steady, shown in rare form; 2, Acland, another nice Hawfinch, beaten only in plumage; 3, Monday, Bramblefinch, very well shown; r, Prosser. MEMBERS' CLASSES: NOR.: 1, spl, cup, 2, r, Wickham, winner typical yell., very tight in feather; 3, Hyde's spl., Lancaster, good type and quality; vhc, Smith. YORKS: Mr. Hinkley showing 8 had the class to himself, winning 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, with a nice team. LINNET, ETC.: 1, 2, 3, r, Pankhurst. GOLDFINCH, ETC.; 1, 2, 3, Wickham; r, Pankhurst.

TREDEGAR.

Show held Nov. 2nd, Market Hall. Our section was staged very neatly in tiers at the far end of hall, and gave quite a finish to the appearance of the show. The Welsh C.B.C. open special for best Canary was won by Mr. W. Davies with a very typical buff Norwich, and that for best Hybrid, British, etc., by Mr. D. Edwards, with a very neat Goldie-Bullie, which was quickly claimed at catalogue price. The secretary, Mr. E. W. Sutherley, was a very obliging official. Unfortunately, the weather somewhat spoiled the "gate," but we trust the evening made up for the poor attendance of the earlier part of the day. Mr. H. W. Battye judged.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL. CK. (7): 1, withheld; 2, 3, hc, Davies, leader cl., good size, shape and col.; 3rd, tkd., very typical, nice short wings and tail; vhc, Phillips and Lunt; c, Tedstone. BUFF (8): 1, W.C.B.C. spl, vhc, Davies, variegd., good type and quality, very chubby, wins; 2, Phillips and Lunt, cl., lovely type, nice quality, not quite the substance of leader; hc, Lohr; c, Pritchard. YELL. HEN (3): 1, 3, withheld; 2, Davies, cl., good size and shape, nice compact wings and tail; vhc, Pritchard; hc, Tedstone. BUFF (7): 1, withheld; 2, Edwards, eye and wing mkd., very chubby, in grand condition; 3, hc, Davies, variegd., good size, nice quality and condition; vhc, Lohr; c, Tedstone. NOVICE NOR. YELL. CK. (6): 1st, withheld; 2, Capt. Collier, grizzle mkd., good col. and quality, nice neat wings and tail; 3, Collins, cl., lovely type, good col., not quite the substance of leader; vhc, Brown; hc, Rogers; c, Pierce. BUFF (9): 1, Brown, extra good col., cl., nice short wings and tail, good substance; 2, Powell, another good cl., nice type; vhc, Rogers; hc, c, Capt. Collier. YELL. HEN (3): 1, 3, withheld; 2, Powell, good col. and substance, nice quality, well shown; vhc, Capt. Collier; hc, Brown. BUFF (5): 1, withheld; 2, Collier, cl., nice type and quality, good head and neck; 3, Brown, grizzle mkd., very typical, nice wings and tail, well shown; vhc, E. Powell; hc, Mortimer; c, Carter. YORKS., YELL. CK. (9): 1, Evans, grizzle mkd., very racy, rare shape, well up on legs, good wings and tail; 2, hc, Newell, cl., well drawn out, good length, grand position, nice col.; vhc, Phillips and Lunt; c, Watkins. BUFF (10): 1, spl, Lunt and Phillips, cl., grand length, well up on legs, good head, neck, nice straight back; 2, Cook, cl., good length and position, well up on legs; 3, Wells, cl., nice type, good position, grand quality; vhc, Newell; hc, Phillips; c, Perry. YELL. HEN (9): 1, Lohr, cl., good length, nice straight back, well up on legs; 2, Williams, tkd., good head and neck, lovely back, nice quality; vhc, Wells; hc, Evans; c, Phillips and Lunt. BUFF (5): 1, withheld; 2, Cook, cl., good length, nice back and wing carriage, lovely quality; 3, Evans, cl., good type and quality, grand position; vhc, Hillman; hc, Perry. NOVICE, YORKS. YELL. CK. (10): 1, Mortimer, very stylish, rare length, well up on legs; 2, Morgan, cl., grand col. aud quality, nice straight back, good wings and tail; 3, Steer, cl., good back and wing carriage, well up on leg; vhc, Pritchard; hc, Lewis; c, Wells; wrong class, No. 5. BUFF (11): 1, spl best novice Canary, Watkins, cl., very stylish, good head and neck, nice wings and tail, grand feather; 2, Mortimer, variegd., well up on leg, nicely drawn wings and tail; 3, Hoar, very racy, good position, well shown; vhc, Watkins; hc, Pritchard; c, Wells; wrong class, No. 7. YELL. HEN (6): 1, withheld; 2, Watkins, cl., rare shape and position, very racy, good wings and tail; 3, hc, Hoar, cinn. mkd., lovely quality, well up on legs, nice wings and tail, straight back; vhc, Mortimer; c, Haddrell. BUFF (10): 1, Clear, variegd., good head and neck, nice straight back, grand quality; 2, Griffiths, cl., nice type, well drawn, good positiou; 3, Wells, cl., well up on legs, nice back, good wings and tail; vhc, Mortimer; hc, Watkins; c, Hoar. BORD FCY. (6): 1, withheld; 2, vhc, Jeremiah, yell., grand col., lovely type and quality; 3, hc, Anstey, cl. buff, lovely quality, feathered like wax, nice jaunty carriage; c, no name. A.O.V. (11): 1, Lohr, Belgian, very stylish, nice condition; 2, Mortimer, cl. capped Gold Lizard, in tip-top order, beautifully feathered; 3, Edwards, Buff Crest, in nice condition; vhc, Jones; hc, Muscott; c, Pritchard. MULE OR HYB. (10): 1, W.C.B.C. spl, Edwards, very sweet Goldie-Bullie, in perfect feather, quickly claimed at £3; 2, 3, Davies, 2nd unevenly mkd. Goldie-Canary, nice type and quality; 3rd, good Greenie Mule, grand col. lovely col. and condition; vhc, Edwards; hc, Robert. c, Barnard. BULLFINCH (8): 2, Jones, really good Bullie, nice col., good cap, very chubby; vhc, Nicholas; hc, Castree. GOLDFINCH (10): 1, Palmer, good blaze, nice wing bars and buttons, well shown; 2, Edwards, fair blaze and size, good tans and buttons; 3, Williams, nice size and quality; vhc, Pierce; hc, F. Nicholas; c, Moss and Barnes; unnoticed, No. 5, best Finch in class, grand blaze, lovely tans and polish. Was this an oversight on the part of the judge? SISKIN, ETC. (4): 2, Jones, nice non-fed Siskin, in good fettle; vhc, Phillips and Lunt; hc, F. Nicholas; c, Castree. HARDBILL, A.O.S. (5): 2, Jones, Linnet, nice col. and quality, well laced; 3, hc, Ray, Hawfinch, not one of the largest, but in perfect feather, lovely polish, some thought rather unlucky; vhc, Phillips and Lunt; c, J. Williams. A.O.S. (2): 3, Ray, Waxwing, in perfect order, should be heard of later; vhc, Hoare. FOR. (3): 2, Mrs. Sage, nice Parrot, in good condition; vhc, Castree, sweet pair of White Javas; hc, Langdon.

ECCLESHILL.

Eccleshill C.B.A. 17th annual exhibition under Y.U. rules held 4th Nov., Hutton Board School. Only a meagre entry of 258 birds put in an appearance in the 29 classes provided, no less than five of the open Yorkshire classes receiving only half prize money, there not being more than seven entries in these classes. In the novice classes a much better state of things prevailed; in the Yorkshire section there was nearly double the entry in the same number of classes—132 in eight classes; and also in the two Norwich novice classes the entry was good—31 in the two classes. Mr. Nettleton, as secretary, had things well in hand, being supported by Messrs. Slater, Studd, and Sparks as stewards. He also had a lot of assistance from the members generally. Prize money was paid out during the afternoon and evening, which fact should be of great assistance to the management another year. Sectional specials were won by Messrs. Bailey, Chippindale, Fowle, Birkbeck, and Smith. Mr. J. Wilcock officiated as judge, his awards giving every satisfaction.

The Critique.

CL., ETC., YELL. YORKS. (13): 1, 2, Cruise, leader tick cheek, great length, nice cut, good back, wings and tail, lovely quality; 2nd, another nice hig one; 3, vhc, Bailey, nice length, good shape, leggy, rattling fine feather; 4, Elsegood, tick wing, neat type, grand quality and col.; hc, Ogden Bros.; c, Shackleton. BUFF (7): 1, Shackleton, nice type, breedy, good back, rattling fine quality; 2, vhc, Dykes, fine size, well up in position, nice feather; 3, Morrison, grand shape, nice head, lovely quality; 4, hc, Ogden Bros., tick wing, rare quality; c, Bailey. VARIEG. YELL. (6): 1, 2, Bailey, leader green mkd., grand type, stands to perfection, lovely col. and quality; 2nd, cinnamon mkd., rattling fine col. and quality; 3, Shackleton, green mkd., good length, grand shape, nice back, good quality; 4, Casey, four-pointed, lengthy, good position; vhc, Morrison; hc, Towers. BUFF (7): 1, Stebbings, grand type and position, well filled, rare quality; 2, Thomas, stylish and typical, lovely quality and col.; 3, Bailey, cinn. mkd., good size; 4, hc, Chippindale, nice shape, good shoulders; vhc, c, Ogden Bros. UNFLIG. YELL. (7): 1, Bailey, grand shape, good head, rattling fine position, lovely quality and col.; 2, vhc, Chippindale, great length, leggy, rare shape, good quality; 3, Ogden Bros., slim, neat type, stylish, lovely quality; 4, Towers, tick wing, good shape, very leggy; hc, Stebbings; c, Markwell. BUFF (7): 1, Towers, grand type, splendid back, wings and tail, nice quality; 3, Ogden Bros., nice shape, lovely feather; 4, Lee, grand type and style, good quality; vhc, hc, Chippindale; c, Bailey. YELL. HEN (11): 1, Thomas, grand type and style, perfect feather, first-class trim; 2, Chippindale, grand hen, lovely shape and position, grand head, splendid quality, beaten in condition only; 3, Casey, nice shape, good position, shows well; 4, hc, Ogden Bros., smart, good type, leggy, nice quality; vhc, Towers; c, Lee. BUFF (11): 1, vhc, Ogden os., big ben, rattling fine quality; 2, Dykes, nice shape and style, showy, grand quality; 3, Chippindale, good length, extra leggy, nice shape; 4, Shackleton, good shape, length, and position; hc, Thomas; c, Stebbings. NOVICE CLASSES (confined to members of the Yorks. Union).—CL., YELL. YORKS. (14): 1, Smith, grand shape and position, leggy, lovely feather and col.; 2, Hirst, good shape, very leggy, nice feather; 3, Sutcliffe, extra nice type, good head and back, lovely quality; 4, Boulton, nice position, extra good quality; vhc, Ellis; hc, Oddy; c, Bennett. BUFF (14): 1, Dibb, nice shape and position, lovely feather, stylish; 2, Brooks, extra fine col., nice quality, good size; 3, Padgett, grand type and style, very close in feather; 4, Smith, stronger, grand quality; vhc, Jehson; hc, Atkinson; c, Oddy. TICK, ETC., YELL. (12): 1, Dibb, good length, nice type and style; 2, Fowle, mkd., nice length and shape, leggy, good position, smart feather; 3, Moore, grand shape, good back and wings, extra nice quality; 4, Brown, fine length, good shape, nice shoulder, rare quality; vhc, Hainsworth; hc, Atkinson; c, Tidswell. BUFF (7): 1, Tyas, mkd., grand type and position, well up on legs, lovely quality; 2, Fowle, grand shape, very compact; 3, Firth, grand type and style, extra good quality; 4, Ratcliffe, neat and stylish, grand quality; vhc, Sutcliff; hc, Symes; c, Hudson Bros. UNFLIG. YELL. (19): 1, Jehson, grand length, good shape, splendid back and wings, extra nice quality; 2, Fowle, fine shape and style, lovely quality, very clean at front; 3, vhc, Harvey, nice long bird, good type, grand feather; 4, Brooks, neat narrow shoulders, stylish, good quality; hc, Studd; c, Field. BUFF (18): 1, Ellis, mkd., grand shape and position, lovely back and wings, feathered to perfection, very compact; 2, Padgett, good shape, stands well up, all there for quality; 3, Denby, smart type, shows well, nice quality, neat; 4, Atkinson, typical, well up, lovely quality; vhc, Dibb; hc, Craven; c, Spencer. YELL. HEN (26): A grand class; 1, Sutcliffe, grand shape, well cut away, nice back, wings and tail, lovely quality; 2, Jehson, grand type and style, extra good quality and col.; 3, Gledhill, lengthy, shapely, good back and wings, rattling fine quality; 4, Moore, good size, splendid quality and col.; vhc, Hodgson; hc, Simonette; c, Hainsworth. BUFF (22): 1, Bateman, grand shape and position, lovely head, back, wings and tail, perfect feather; 2, Brooks, grand quality, stands like a soldier, good one; 3, Jebson, grand shape, good head and neck, very close in feather; 4, Bennett, nice shape, good quality; vhc, Northrop; hc, Helliwell; c, Cooper. NOR. CK. (15): 1, Birbeck, mkd. yell., good size, fine head; 2, Roe, mkd. yell., massive, good chest, grand quality and col.; 3, 4, Hudson, buff, good head, nice quality and col.; 4th, tick buff, good body, compact, cobby, smart quality; vhc, Airton; hc, Pearson; c, Rhodes. HEN (16): 1, Birbeck, yell., cobby and compact, nice head, good quality; 2, Roe, yell, good size and substance, grand quality and col.; 3, Rhodes, variegd. buff, great size, nice shape, good feather; 4, hc, c, Simonette, yell., good shape and substance, nice head; vhc, Hudson.

MUIRKIRK.

Annual exhibition held 4th Nov. The birds were housed in the Temperance Hall, and a very comfortable one it is. The light was good, and the staging and general management excellent, reflecting credit on those immediately concerned. The classes in respect to numbers were disappointing, but the quality usually shown here was well maintained. The Borders had the show all to themselves, the one British Bird class scheduled having perforce to be cancelled; this latter is not a satisfactory state of affairs, when one considers the number of British Bird fanciers within a very short radius. Mr. Davidson's buff marked hen was awarded medal for best bird, and Mr. Findlay gets cup for best local. The management was under the guidance of Mr. Torbett, Secretary, and this is tantamount to saying that everything was done well. Mr. Watson (Douglas) made the awards.

The Critique.

BORD. FCY. YELL. CK., ETC. (8): 1, Mossie, good head, bold eye, finely carried wings and tail, sound colour, in A1 bloom; 2, Davidson, nice rounded head, good colour; 3, Miller, fine head, back, and tail, lovely wing carriage; 4, Smart, grand stamp, neat head, shown in lovely bloom; 5, Mair; 6, Watt. BUFF (7): 1, Mossie, beautiful style and col., neat round head, finely carried wings and tail, well filled back, bonnie staging; 2, Holden, cl., good type, lovely feather, good wings, nice level col.; 3, Montgomery, grand head, body and tail, fine bold front; 4, Davidson, nicely tapered body; 5, Findlay; 6, Watt. HEN, YELL., CL., ETC. (6): 1, 3, Mossie, 1st, wing ticked, Ayr winner, a little gem, good col., quality and condition, staged in this well-known exhibitor's usual inimitable style; 3rd, cl., grand quality, fine head and neck, lovely wing carriage; 2, Davidson, fine type, nice head, close packed tail; 4, Dempster, grandly moulded, all there for type, could do with a wash; 5, Findlay, 6, Boswell and Burrell. BUFF (5): 1, Montgomery, lovely col. and type, good head and neck, well placed wings; 2, Davidson, lovely feather, well drawn front, nice short flights; 3, Holden, grand type, well laid wings, lovely head; 4, Watt, grandly moulded, all there for type; 5, Findlay. VARIEG. (6): 1, Miller, head and wing mkd. yell., lovely close feather, wings and tail well carried, staged in nice bloom; 2, Montgomery, almost even mkd. bu.., lovely bright feather, very close, finely tapered body, shown in grand bloom; 3, 4, Davidson; 3rd, head and wing mkd. yell., best of head and wing carriage, just fails in brightness of bloom; 4th, eye and wing mkd. buff, very neat and stylish; 5, Mair; 6, Holden. HEN (7): 1, 4, Davidson, 1st, Buff, mkd. both eyes and one wing, very stylish, good head and neck, very heavy fronted; 4th, buff, nice quality, warm col.; 2, Findlay, foul yell., lovely feather, good style and make, close feather, some thought might have won; 3rd, Montgomery, tkd. one eye and both wings, buff, grand quality and shape, feathered like silk; 5, Smart; 6, Boswell and Burrell. EVEN MKD. (4): 1, 3, Montgomery; 1st, well balanced buff, even head, lovely eye and body of good type; 3rd, yell., grand feather, eyes well balanced, sound warm colour; 2, Holden, buff, very heavy wing mkd., grand quality feather; 4, Dempster, buff, fine silky feather, nicely rounded chest. GREEN OR CINN. (6): 1, 2, Davidson; 1st, a yellow green, well shaped body and sound grass colour, a good green; 2nd, buff Cinn., similar shape, close feather, warm colour; 3, 6, Findlay, former a yell. green, good built one, sound col, good one all over, some thought might have won; 4th, Holden, buff Cinn., even colour and pencilling; 5, McKean. CONFINED TO PARISH (6): 1, 4, Montgomery, even marked buff, very cheap at 7/6, true Border type, best of head and wing carriage; 2, Miller, yell. tkd. on head, good head and body, lovely wing and tail carriage; 3, 6, Findlay, cl. buff, best of body type, fine quality and warm col.; 5, Holden. HEN (6): 1, Miller, yell. eye and wing mkd., grand quality and shape, a gem for type, close as a Java; 2, Findlay, buff, almost [illegible]en mkd., similar type, well finished, good bird, fi[illegible] tapered body; 3, Holden, buff Cinn., finely col[illegible]ed, close feather, very nice even col.; 4, Montgomery; 5, Dempster; 6, McKean.

CLEATOR MOOR.

Eighth annual open show of the Cleator Moor F.S., held November 4. The Market Hall, in which the show was held, is well adapted for the purpose, being spacious and well lighted, both by day and night, thus allowing full justice to all exhibits while being judged, also giving visitors the benefit of seeing the birds under favourable conditions. In all, 180 entries were got together in our section—an average of just over 9 per class in the 19 classes that stood with five entries or over. Though lacking somewhat in numbers, the quality all round was good. British birds, as is usual here, were well represented. Yorkshires and Borders were good numerically, though not the quantity one would like to see. Mr. Byrne is an ideal secretary; he is careful and most obliging. He is well supported by an excellent committee, consisting of Mr. J. Rigg (chairman), Mr. B. Gray (vice-chairman), Mr. Sumpton (treasurer), and Messrs. T. Adair, J. McGuinness, J. Sumpton, jun., Jos. Whalley, J. and G. Bainbridge, J. Keogh, R. Fowler, P. Branney, T. Wilde, D. McCarter, W. Beck, C. Adams, E. Jones, and J. Savage. Mr. A. Wellings (Prescot) judged, and his awards were well received.

The Critique.

YORKS., CL., YELL. (8): 1, c, Douglas, leader, nice length, finely drawn, good col.; 2, Stewart, good colour and position, a wee shade heavier; 3, Seward and Biggar, nice col. and position; 4, Ferguson, nice length aud position; vhc, Coulson and Watson; hc, Rennicks. BUFF: Cancelled. TKD., ETC., YELL. (15): 1, Douglas, head tick, fine position, grand col., well braced wings, good shower; 2, Stewart, thigh tick, similar to 1st, close race; 3, Coulson and Watson, thigh tick, reachy, good quality; 4, Todd, head tick, paler col., good length and position; vhc, Brown; hc, Ferguson; c, Hetherington. BUFF (6): 1, vhc, Stewart, tkd. back of head, rare col., fine position; 2, Moffat, tkd check, paler col., well drawn; 3, hc, Miers, tkd. on back of head, good feather, well drawn; 4, Ferguson, tkd. shoulder, reachy, good length. CL., ETC., YELL HEN (7): 1, 3, Stewart, leader good col., fine position and well drawn, latter paler col., good quality and position; 2, vhc, Douglas, very little behind; 4, Brown, good shape, well drawn; hc, Rennicks; c, Todd. BUFF (9): 1, 2, Stewart, leader good shape, bonny feather, and well shown, latter close up; 3, Brown, good head and front, fine stamp, 4, vhc, Douglas, well drawn; hc, c, Seward and Biggar. BORD., CL., BUFF (7): 1, Levason; 2, Rea, both typical, good col. and quality, well staged, a near thing; 3, Moore and Son, a little longer, good quality and col.; 4, Knight, good col., quality, fine carriage; vhc, Nelson; hc, Ellwood. TKD., ETC., YELL.: Cancelled. BUFF (10): 1, Knight, head, eyes and wing mark, rare quality, good type; 2, Rea, 3-point, fine quality, conditinn excellent; 3, 4, Moore and Son, eye tick leading, fine col., quality and shape, latter eyes, check and one wing marked, fine col. and quality; vhc, Smith; hc, Gibson; c, Levason. HEN (10): 1, Rea, tick wing, Buff, fine type, quality, A1; 2, Ellwood, 3-point Buff, well shown, typical, fine quality; 3, Levason, Cl. Buff, good one, in fine order, good col.; 4, Moore and Son, Cinn. tick on head, Yell., fine col. and type, in rare order; vhc, Knight; hc, Smith; c, Leggatt. NOR. CL., YELL., and BUFF: Cancelled. TKD., ETC. (5): 1, Coulson and Watson, Yell., almost clear, good front, fine head, capital col., well carried wings; 2, 4, Sumpton Bros., tkd. Buff leading, fine col. and quality, well staged, 4, variegd. Yell., rare col.; 3, Nicholson Bros. and Stephenson, tkd. Buff, good feather and type. UNFLIG. (11): 1, Nicholson Bros. and Stephenson, Cl. Yell., good body and wings, fine col; 2, Wilson, Cl. Yell., good head and chest, level col., nice shape; 3, 4, Sumpton Bros., tkd. head, Yell., good level col., fine feather, and type, 4, wing mark Buff, nice shape and size; vhc, c, Moffat; hc, Walker. YELL. HEN: Cancelled. BUFF (6): 1, Wilson, Cl., good head and body, rare texture of feather; 2, vhc, Whalley, eye-tick, good col., fails only in substance to winner; 3, 4, hc, Sumpton Bros., tkd. head, good type. HYB. CL., ETC.: Cancelled. DARK (11): 1, 2, 3, 4, Bertram and Barnes, Goldfinch leading Jonque, rare good col., in fine condition; 2, Greenie, nice size and col., 3, Redpoll, nice col. and condition, 4, Linnet, good size and col.; vhc, Sumpton Bros.; hc, Seward and Biggar. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (5): 1, Johnstone, wins on condition, fine markings and colours, nice face 2, 4, vhc, Glaister; 3, Jenkinson, all well marked, fine birds, but not up yet in condition. LINNET (house-moulted) (19): 1, Richardson, well marked, good col., steady, nice size, runs a little light in centre of breast, otherwise a topper; 2, Stewart, fine markings, good size, rare feather and condition; 3, vhc, Godfrey, splendid shape, markings and col., a bonnie bird 4, hc, Kearton, very little behind leaders c, Davidson. FIELD-MOULTED (16): 1, Godfrey, well marked, good col., nice size, very steady; 2, Douglas, equally as good, but not quite so steady; 3, Sumpton Bros. 4, Reay, both good ones; vhc, Park; hc, Byrne Bros.; c, Fowler. SISKIN, ETC. (12): 1, Godfrey, Twite, good size and markings, grand col. and quality, nice shape; 2, Jenkinson, Siskin, good col., nicely marked, no bib; 3, Claister, Mealy Redpoll, rare size, good markings; 4, Kearton, Lesser Redpoll, good quality, nice markings, in good order; vhc, Madden; hc, Keogh; c, Reay. A.O.S. SEEDEATER, SMALL (6): 1, Godirey, Bramblefinch, in fine condition, col. and markings, well defined; 2, 4, Reay, Crosshill, fine, steady bird, good col. and condition, latter, good Yellowhammer, lovely col.; 3, Godfrey, Chaffinch, capital size and col., well defined markings; vhc, Davidson.

GOSPORT.

Show held Nov. 1st, Connaught Drill Hall. The entries came up very well in the cage bird section. Mr. Marshall won challenge cup for best bird in the feather section with a splendid Crest. Mr. P. Jupe judged.

CREST: 1, cup, spl, 2, Marshall, 1st grand Green, nice formation, well shown; 2nd, also nice, fails in size of crest only; 3, Haysom; vhc, Mallins. C.B.: 1, Marshall, splendid cl., rare nice cushion; 2, Smith, capital bird, well shown; 3, vhc, Haysom, nice green, good skull, would have been 2nd but eyesight is doubtful. BORD. FCY.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Hinds, winner nice eye and wing mkd. yell. NOR.: 1, 3, vhc, Norris, 1st grand buff, nice head and colour, but cage too small to show him to the best advantage; 3rd, also yell., capital bird; 2, Hatter, good yell. hen, in tip-top form. YORKS.: 1, 3, Newman, 1st fine ticked buff, splendid form; 3rd, yellow, rare col. and length; 2, vhc, hc, Smith, nice breedy green, fails only in length. CAN., BRED 1911: 1, c, Hatter, cl. yell. Nor., splendid shape and substance, well shown; 2, Marshall, nice Crest, good body; 3, Morris, good tkd. yell. Nor., rare col. and quality; vhc, hc, Haysom. MULES: 1, 2, Morris, 1st good Goldie-Can., hardly ready yet; 2nd, nice size; 3, Tout,; vhc, Hill; hc, Mallins; c, Dukes. BULLFINCH: 1, 2, 3, Hinds, winner in best condition, nice size, Portsmouth special winner; vhc, 346a; hc, 347a. GOLDFINCH: 1, spl, Jupe, A. T., nice bars and buttons, very steady, will improve; 2, Haysom, nice bird, not up in col. yet; vhc, Walker; hc, Hinds. SOFTBILL: 1, spl for second best bird, 2, 3, vhc, Tout, 1st grand Bunting, all in splendid form, a credit to their owner. A.O.S. BRIT. HARD: 1, c, Haysom, very nice Bramble, hardly ready yet; 2, A. T. Jupe, good Linnet, well pencilled, in fine form; 3, Mitchard; vhc, Walker; hc, Dukes. LOCAL: 1, Hatter; 2, Tout; vhc, 365a.

LONDON & COUNTIES.

Annual members' show held Nov. 4th, "Earl Cathcart," Osnaburgh-street, N.W. Exhibits, though not numerous, were of good quality, especially in the Yorkshire section; Mr. E. Pretty took all honours in the champion section, leading with a very fine upstanding rich buff cock. Messrs. Salter and Gilbert once again fought for honours in the novice section, the former winning the special with a very smart unflig. yell. cock, who had a slight lead of his sire. Crests and Crest-breds came up well, Mr. Willis's well selected team taking premier honours in each section. Norwich were fair, special for best bird going to Mr. E. Pretty's variegated yellow. Mr. Bell scored in buffs and hens with some useful birds. Mr. Austin had the novice section to himself. Mr. R. J. Pretty's nest of four cinnamons looked well; leader a nice coloured yellow cock, beating the Lancashire for special. The A.O.V. class winner was a buff Lancs. Plainhead of Mr. E. Pretty's (here was one of the disadvantages of "Canary farming in the open air" in London; anyway, a chimney fire had left its mark—would have done well for a washing competition). British birds were weak this time, and were amalgamated into two classes, Mr. E. Pretty's charming Lesser Redpoll taking special. In the Finch or Bunting class, "open air farming" scored over house-moulting. Mr. E. Pretty's fine coloured Chaffinch led his nephew's fine coloured Yellow Bunting, who was not quite ready, wanting a little more fining down. Mr. W. Shakespeare judged, and gave general satisfaction.

NOR. YELL.: 1, spl, E. Pretty; 2, 3, Bell. BUFF: 1, 2, Bell; 3, E. Pretty. HEN: 1, vhc, Bell; 2, Austin; 3, E. Pretty. NOVICE: 1, spl, 2, 3, vhc, Austin. YORKS. (6): 1, spl, 2, 3, vhc, hc, E. Austin. YORKS. (6): 1, spl, 2, 3, vhc, hc, E. Pretty; c, R. J. Pretty. HEN: 1, 2, Gilbert; 3, E. Pretty. NOVICE, YELL.: 1, spl, Salter; 2, 3, Gilbert. BUFF: 1, 2, Salter; 3, vhc, Gilbert. CRESTS (7): 1, spl, 2, Willis; 3, vhc, R. J. Pretty; hc, c, E. Pretty. C.B. (6): 1, 2, vhc, hc, Willis; 3, c, E. Pretty. CINN.: 1, spl, 2, 3, vhc, R. J. Pretty. A.O.V. (5): 1, E. Pretty, Lancs. P.H.; 2, hc, Willis, green Borders; 3, vhc, R. J. Pretty, greens. HYB.: 1, 2, Bell, Greenie and Linnet Canaries. LINNET, ETC.: 1, 2, E. Pretty (Redpoll and Linnet); 3, vhc, Harrison (ditto). A.O.S. FINCH, SELL.: 1, E. Pretty (Chaffinch); 2, R. J. Pretty (Yellow Bunting); 3, Harrison (Greenfinch).

SWANSEA.

Eleventh annual show of the Swansea and Dis. C.B.A. was held at Workingmen's Club, Alexandra Rd., on Nov. 8th and 9th. The hall was laid out with the usual good taste and looked very attractive, the staging being covered with red baize, which not only enhanced the appearance, but kept the exhibits free from draughts. Plenty of walking room was provided between the tiers, which prevented jostling, and allowed a good view of all the exhibits. Sixty-six classes were provided, but unfortunately this year entries did not come up to expectations, being nearly 100 short of the previous year, which is very regrettable, as this old society has always catered well for all branches of the Fancy, and taken the utmost care of the exhibits, and deserves to be better supported. We trust the "gate" made up for the deficit. The show managers, Messrs. J. E. Jeffreys and J. H. Ford had everything in apple-pie order, the birds all staged in good time and judging started early. The stewards deserve credit for the prompt manner in which the awards were put up, and the welfare of the birds looked after. Exhibitors are indebted to the following hard-working committee:—Chairman, Mr. J. W. Ford; vice, Mr. J. W. Bancroft; and Messrs. Gay, Wright, W. R. Taylor, A. E. Taylor, Hocking, D. Jenkins, Ford, Steer, W. H. Jenkins, and the evergreen Phil Jenkins. The secretaries, Messrs. S. H. George and Fred Heal, were very courteous officials, and left no stone unturned for the benefit of the society. Norwich, Borders, and Yorkshires were great, both in numbers and quality, and gave the judge a hot time. Hybrids were poor in numbers, but what were there were of the first water. British birds, usually the Welshman's great forte, were not so numerous as usual, but the exhibits struck us as being well up to the standard. Principal specials: Norwich, best bird, Mr. W. J. Houghton; best local and Ramsden's, Mr. W. Palmer; best Yorks., Messrs Hawes Bros.; Border Fancy, C.C. silver medal, Mr. D. Jenkins; best Hyb., Mr. A. Shellam; Danygraig cup for best local bird, Mr. D. A. S. Longden, with a ticked Linnet-Canary hybrid; this being the second win, the cup now becomes Mr. Longden's own property. Unfortunately, at the last moment Mr. A. Silver was prevented by ill-health from officiating, and the committee decided to appoint Mr. D. A. S. Longden to judge the British Hardbills, and Mr. Phil Jenkins the Hybrids, Mules, and Softbills. Mr. Battye judged the Canaries.

The Canary Classes.

NOR. CL., YELL. (14): 1, Palmer, grand head and neck, short compact wings, lovely col.; 2, Longden, another topper, grand type and quality; 3, Chedgey, bold head and neck, very neat wings and tail, good chest; 4, George, good col. and quality, nice chubby bird; vhc, hc, Davies; c, Jeremy. BUFF (15): 1, Sheldon, grand type and quality, nice full head and neck; 2, Palmer, not quite so chubby as winner, but a topper; 3, Pritchard, again good, lovely meal, grand type; 4, Thomas, very chubby, grand type and col., in perfect bloom; vhc, Jeremy; hc, Lohr; c, Sheldon. TKD., ETC., YELL. CK. (9): 1, Sheldon, eye and wing marked, good round head, nice compact wings and tail; 2, Houghton, eye and wing mkd., a ball of col., very neat wings and tail, close up; 3, Hitchings, variegd., good chubby bird, well filled neck; 4, George, neat exhibit, not quite so chubby as leaders; vhc, Davis; hc, Pritchard; c, Mabber. BUFF (16): 1, Davies, variegd., bonny, nice compact wings and tail; 2, Maggs, griz., mkd., lovely condition, good chubby shape; 3, Sheldon, variegd., good head and neck, beautiful shape; 4, Jeremy, variegd., good chest, nice head and neck, close up; vhc, George; hc, Powell; c, Thomas. CL., ETC., YELL., HEN (18): 1, Sheldon, cl., lovely chubby bird, good head and neck, wins; 2, Thomas, eye and wing mkd., very neat wings and tail; 3, Hopson, rare col., good front, nice wings and tail; 4, Maggs, grand col., good type, close up; vhc, George; hc, King; c, Powell. BUFF (24): A warm lot: 1, Sheldon, griz., lovely lady, good type and quality, nice full head and neck; 2, Houghton, grand shape, nicely proportioned, neat wings and tail; 3, Chedgey, good fronted bird, rare size, stands well across perch; 4, Sheldon, grand size, col. and quality, neat head; vhc, Lohr; hc, Tedstone; c, Heal. UNFLIG. YELL. (15): 1, Collier, griz., good bold front, lovely col., nicely rounded head, neat wings and tail; 2, Hitchings, a bonny bird, close up, compact wings, good head and neck; 3, Sheldon, cl., grand head, neck, good bold chest, fine quality; 4, Slocombe, cl., another good one, beautiful type; vhc, hc, Mabbet; c, Pritchard. BUFF (12): 1, Houghton, cl., good thick-set bird, fine wings and tail; 2, Thomas, tkd., close up, very chubby, lovely meal; 3, Hitchings, grand head, neck, nicely rounded chest, good wings; 4, King, variegd., good quality, grand type; vhc, Slocombe; hc, George; c, Maggs. NAT. COL. (15): 1, Steer, cl., yell., sweet head, lovely condition, grand type; 2, Jeremy, variegd., neat wings and tail, nice chubby shape; 3, Pope, buff, close up, good front, nice head and neck; 4, Mabbet, cl. yell., good type and quality, nice wings and tail; vhc, Jenkins; hc, Serine; c, Davies. YORKS., CL., YELL. (13): 1, Ogden, very racy and nervy, well up on leg, good back; 2, Easterling and Carson, neat head and neck, nicely balanced wings; 3, 4, Mock, rare type and quality, nicely moulded, well up on legs, 4th good type, well up on leg, good straight back; vhc, Morgan and Wilcox; hc, Newell; c, Morgan. BUFF (11): 1, Dykes, well up on leg, nicely carried wings and tail, good head and neck; 2, James, rare good legs, lovely type and quality, well shown; 3, Steer, stands well on leg, nice type and quality, good head points; 4, Mock, well filled in neck, good back and wings; vhc, Ogden Bros.; hc, Hawkes; c, Cook. TKD., ETC., YELL. (8): 1, Hawes Bros., tkd., stands like a guardsman, full of nerve, lovely quality; 2, Ogden Bros., tkd., grand feather, nice straight back, good tail; 3, Rorke, variegd., well filled head and neck, straight as a line; 4, Morris, variegd., nicely moulded, grand type and quality, stands well on perch; vhc, Morgans and Wilcox; hc, Mock; c, Hawes. BUFF (8): 1, Dyke, variegd., good length and position, nicely filled, grand wings and tail; 2, Hawes, very racy, well up on legs, nicely moulded; 3, Mock, tkd., good type and quality, nice straight back, good head and neck; 4, Ogden Bros., tkd., nice straight back, good type and quality; vhc, Newell; hc, Rorke; c, Morris. YELL. HEN (16): 1, Hawes Bros., cl., grand hen, lovely type and quality, nicely moulded; 2, Watkins, good head and neck, nice straight back and tail; 3, Ogden, cl., well up on legs, good wings and tail; 4, Steer, cl., beautiful quality, nicely drawn, good legs and wings; vhc, Cook; hc, James; c, Rennie. BUFF (15): 1, Rennie, cl., very leggy, nice straight back, good wings and tail; 2, Rorke, tkd., lovely type, well filled in neck, good position; 3, Hawes, variegd., well up on leg, very neat, good back; 4, Hawes, a neat wing and tail, well up on legs, good quality; vhc, Ogden Bros.; hc, Sparey; c, James. UNFLIG. YELL. (19): 1, Ogden Bros., variegd., clinking youngster, grand type and quality, stands like a major; 2, Portman, cl., lovely type and quality, well up on leg, nice compact wings and tail; 3, Rooke, variegd., nicely drawn, good col., well up on leg, good type; 4, Hawes Bros., cl, well up on leg, good straight back and tail; vhc, Hawes; hc, James; c, Easterling and Carson. BUFF (13): 1, James, a grand length of wing, nicely piped tail; 2, Watkins, tkd., good type, lovely quality, well up on leg; 3, Mock, very nervy, nice head, neck, wings, and tail, good quality; 4, Easterling, fine type, rare quality, nicely moulded, loses wing carriage; vhc, Ogden Bros.; hc, Rorke; c, Rennie. NAT. COL. (15): 1, East, variegd. yell., good length, well up on leg, nicely rounded; 2, Nicholas, a buff, grand head and neck, nice compart wings and tail; 3, East, tkd. yell., grand col. and condition, stands well; 4, Taylor, cl. buff, lovely quality, in faultless trim; vhc, hc, Nichols; c, Bevan. BORD. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (15): 1, 2, Sampson, lovely shape, feathered like wax, grand head and neck, 2nd another topper, beautiful col, grand type and quality; 3, vhc, Jenkins, good head and neck, nicely balanced, loses condition; 4, Roberts, beautiful shape, grand head and neck, presses 3rd; hc, Richards; c, Mugford. BUFF (19): 1, 3, McGuffie, leader good head and neck, lovely type, bit inclined to cross wings, 3rd grizzle mkd., good shape and quality; 2, Harry, good col. and quality, nicely packed wings; 4, Edwards, very neat, good head and neck; vhc, Morris; hc, c, Jenkins, latter real topper, feathered like wax, we liked. YELL. HEN (12): 1, 2, D. Jenkins, a charming couple of clears, grand shape and condition; 3, vhc, Guppie, cl., jaunty little lady, nice type; 4, hc, Sampson, lovely col. and condition, grand wings and tail, some thought could have been higher; vhc, c, E. M. Evans. BUFF (25), a wonderful class, two sets of winners could easily have been found here: 1, D. Jenkins, real topper, grand head, neck, good straight back, lovely piped tail; 2, Pepperell, another beauty, well filled neck, lovely quality; 3, Hary, feathered like wax, true Border type; 4, Roberts, close up, lovely feather, grand head, neck and back; vhc, c, Evans; hc, Morris. EVEN MKD. (5): 1, Harrison, buff, well marked, good wings and tail, lovely quality; 3, Hocking, buff, very neat, nice type, inclined to cross wings; 4, Sampson, yell., nice exhibit, well proportioned, good colour; vhc, Pepperell; hc, Miss Dooley. UNEV., ETC. YELL. (12): 1, Ford, eye and wing mkd., teeming with quality, neat exhibit; 2, Smith, variegd., close up, grand type, good head and neck, nice piped tail; 3, Evans, head and wing mkd., good straight back, nice compact bird, wants a little more time; 4th eye and wing mkd., good type and quality; vhc, Sampson; hc, Morgan; c, W. J. Jenkins. BUFF (12): 1, King, variegd., very jaunty carriage, nicely rounded, good wings and tail; 2, Longden, very neat, grand type and quality; 3, Ford, eye and wing mkd., good head and neck, very shapely; 4, Richards, cinn.-mkd., superb quality, good straight back, well filled neck; vhc, Williams; hc, D. Jenkins; c, Williams CINN. YELL. (9): 1, 2, 3, 4, Hocking, grand team, leader wonder for colour, grand shape, lovely wing carriage, 2nd grand type and quality, very neat wings and tail, 3rd good type, 4th again good col.; vhc, Gully; hc, Morgan; c, Pringle. BUFF (7): 1, 2, 3, hc, Hocking, again a topping lot, leader good colour, lovely type, we liked, 2nd a gem of a Border, beautiful polish, grand head and neck, 3rd very sweet, not quite so sound in head properties as leader; 4, Morgan, fout tail, nice quality and col.; vhc, Roberts; c, Ellwood. BORD. GREEN YELL. CK. (17), a grand lot: 1, Johnstone, lovely grass green, good head and neck, grand type and quality, wins; 2, 4, McQuillen, close up, grand col. and type, lovely wings and tail, 4th good col. and quality; 3, Mrs. Fildes, beautiful col. and shape, well filled neck, very jaunty carriage; vhc, Sampson; hc, Hocking; c, Morgan. BUFF (11): 1, Johnstone, beautiful shape, grand head and neck, good straight back; 2, Mrs. Fildes, close up, good col. and condition, nice compact wings and tail; 3, Walker, another neat exhibit, hard to separate, grand type and quality; 4, Bayley, good type, lovely quality; vhc, hc, Richards; c, Ellwood. YELL. HEN (8): 1, 2, Johnstone, a grand pair of jaunty little ladies, leader extra col., lovely type, light as a bottle, latter equally good, not quite col.; 3, Richards, beautiful type and quality, hard lines to meet two such toppers as leaders; 4, Bayley, another beauty, close up, grand type; vhc, Walker; hc, Longden; c, Mrs. Fildes. BUFF (9): 1, McQuillan, a gem, grand feather and shape, lovely type; 2, c, Johnstone, hard to separate, grand head and neck, lovely carriage; 3, Walker, another topper, beautiful quality and shape; 4, Bayley, grand type, very jaunty carriage; vhc, Williams; hc, Richards. CREST OR C.-B.: Cancelled. SCOTS FCY. (1): 3, Jones, good top end, gets tail well under perch. A.O.V. (5): 1, Young, Dutch Frill, charming exhibit, greatly admired; 2, Lohr, good Belgian, fine drive; 3, Pope, good clubby Cinn.; vhc, Mortimer; hc, Alsopp.

The Remaining Classes.

MULE CL., ETC. (1): Shellam, noted cl. Greenie, Plymouth sensation, looking better than ever, a beauty. UNEV. CAN. HYB. (9): 1, 2, Longton, Linnet-Can., well known, in tip-top form to-day, wins, 2nd wing and eye mkd. Goldie, good size and shape, lovely quality, in perfect order; 3, Davies, tkd. Goldie, lovely quality, grand size and shape, some thought might have been 2nd, and nobody grumble; 4, Portman, eye and wing mkd., good size; vhc, Longton; hc, Slee; c, Jenkins. DK. YELL. GOLDIE (6): 1, Jeffreys, good jonque, nice col, and shape, lovely quality; 2, Longden, we liked, a ball of col., grand shape, size and quality; 3 Lering, we hear a baby, very promising, grand blaze, shape and size, lovely quality; 4, Jones, another good one, grand blaze, lovely wing; vhc, Davies; hc, R .W. Jones. DK. BUFF GOLDIE (5): 1, Longden, grand quality, good blaze, lovely wing bars, nicely mealed; 2, Thomas, nice one but some thought should have given way to 3, Scriven, grand shape, lovely type and quality; 4, Thomas, good blaze, had been bathing when we took notes. DK. LINNET (7): 1, R. W. Jones, jonque, good size and shape, lovely colour and quality; 2, 3, Longden, buff, good head and neck, nice size and shape, 3rd buff, good carriage, nice head, neck and chest; 4, Coffey, good size, shape and quality; vhc, Shellam; hc, Rees. GREENIE (5): 1, 2, Longden, a pair of toppers, cinn., leading in superb condition, latter jonque, a blaze of col., as tight as wax; 3, Jones, jonque, nice colour and quality, good size and shape; 4, Goode, very neat, nice quality and condition; vhc, Balsh. A.O.V. (5): 1, Longden, jonque, Siskin Can., grand col. and quality, fine size; 2, Love, buff Siskin, nice shape; 3, Coffey, lovely little Redpoll Can., in tip-top order; 4, Coffey, nice Siskin Can. buff. A.O.V. HYB. (4): 1, Shellan, Can.-Bullie, lovely exhibit, grand col., beautiful shape, wins; 2, 3, 4, Longden, pair of good Goldie-Bullies, in faultless condition, 4th well-known Goldie-Greenie, in faultless condition. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (11): 1, Hurst, a topper, grand blaze, lovely bars and buttons, wins; 2, Jeffreys, another good one, good underblaze, lovely bars, grand wing bars; 3, Heal, good shape and size, fine bluze; 4, Joyer, sweet little Finch, nicely cut blaze; vhc, Reynolds; hc, Palmer; c, Richards. GREYPATE (12): 1, Morgan, very shapely Finch, good square blaze, buttons, and tans; 2, Lewis, good tans, bars, and buttons, smaller blaze; 3, Gregory and Son, grand shape and size, nice tans; 4, Marley, another nice Finch, grand tanning, lovely bloom; vhc, Messer; hc, Thomas; c, Russell, best Finch in class, but flighted one wing, which kept him out, hard lines. BULLFINCH CK. (11): Grand class: 1, Jones, Tredegar winner, grand cap and bars, lovely chubby shape, tip-top condition, wins; 2, Holborrow, grand shape, nice short wings and tail; 3, Ford, very chubby, nice cap and bars, grand condition; 4, F. C. Nicholas, lovely type and quality, good cap and bars; vhc, Bowen; hc, Cole; c, Hull. HEN (7): 1, Ford, lovely lady, grand short wings and tail, good chest, cap, and bars; 2, Holborrow, good size, and shape, nice bold exhibit; 3, Bancroft, nice cap and bars, good col., not quite size of leaders; 4, Bowen, nice cap and bars, good head and neck; vhc, Roy; hc, Cole; c, Jenkins. LINNET (H.M.) (15): 1, Gay, grand col., a wealth of lacing, looking his best to-day, wins; 2, Marley, well known, grandly laced, good whites, loses only in col. and condition to leader; 3, Copham, smaller than leaders, nicely laced, good colour; 4, S. Jones, nice shape and col.; ex. 4, Lewis, good shape and size, nicely laced; vhc, Ford; hc, Hurst; c, c, W. Jones. FIELD-MOULTED (23): A hot lot; 1, vhc, Bancroft, Pentre winner, grandly laced, nice nutty brown col., good shape and size, wins; 2, Jeffreys, neatly laced, good col. on back, nice head and neck; 3, Davies, smaller, but nice otherwise; ex. 3, Alsopp, good Nor. type, nicely laced; 4, O. Sullivan, very neat, nice cone shape, well laced; ex. 4, Thomas, grand col., not quite so good markings; vhc, W. Slade; hc, Gregory, 3 Jones, C. F. Nicholas. SISKIN (7): 1, Heal, nonpareil good shape and size, lovely quality, in tip-top form; 2, Jones, close up, not quite so large, but a trifle richer col., good eye marks; 3, Jeffreys, very neat, well laced thighs, well laced cap; 4, Bancroft, nice type, good wing bars, eye marks, nicely laced cap and thighs; vhc, Hurst; hc, Bancroft; c, Love. MEALY REDPOLL OR TWITE (10): 1, vhc, Bancroft, good size Mealy Redpoll, nice bib and shape; 2, Marley, Twite, good col. and shape; 3, Goode, nice Twite, good size and col.; 4, Sadler, Twite, nicely laced, wee bit on small side; hc, Coffey; c, Huxtable. LESSER REDPOLL (H.M.) (16): 1, 3, 4, Marley, well-known team, leader grand co.., nicely laced thighs, 3rd lovely shape, good bib, 4th extra col., nice shape and size; 2, Jeffreys, nice poll, good bib and thigh lacing, lovely quality; vhc, Fairhurst; hc, Heal; c, Ford. FIELD-MOULTED (6): 1, Jenkins, a topper, good size, grand lacing at thighs, a wealth of col., wins; 2, Thomas, fine shape, good bib, not quite so good markings as leader 3, Jeffreys, sweet little Redpoll, neatly laced; 4, Bancroft, grand col.; vhc, Marley; hc, Morgan. YELLOWHAMMER (5): 1, Russell (Western Chief), grand exhibit, lovely markings, good size, col., and condition; 2, Williams, good size and shape, loses col. and markings; 3, Ford, nice col. and condition, good head markings; 4, Jenkins; good size and col.; vhc, Goode, grand v, loses just a little in brightness of col. GREENFINCH (11): 1, Ford, jonque, nice head and neck, good shape; 2, Marley, buff, grand type and quality, lovely shape; 3, Jeffreys, jonque, grand col. and quality, wee bit smaller than leaders; 4, Russell, fed jonque, nice type, grand fettle; vhc, Hurst; hc, Fairhurst; c, Jenkins. CHAFFINCH (8): 1, Marley, grand shape and condition, nice wings, good col.; 2, Hurst, extra good col., not quite the shape of leader; 3, Jeffreys, nice quality and col., good wagon shape; 4, good col., nice shape, and condition; vhc, Ford; hc, Jenkins; c, Jenkins. BRAMBLE (6): 1, Marley, a topper, lovely shape, nicely spangled, grand wings and back; 2, Bancroft, good col. and shape, beautifully laced, close up; 3, Ford, another good one, nicely spangled, not quite tone of col. of leaders; 4, vhc, George, smaller, very shapely, loses condition; hc, D. Williams. A.O.S. (4): 1, Ray, Hawfinch, good size, shape, and condition; 3, Hughes, Corn Bunting, nicely laced, fine size and shape; 4, Marley, Hawfinch, not the polish of winner; absent, Thomas. HEN SEEDEATER, SMALL (15): 1, Ford, Corn Bunting, a topper, grand col., beautifully laced; wins; 2, Bancroft, Bramble, good size and col., well laced thighs; 3, Scrine, sweet little Siskin, grandly laced, cap and thighs; 4, Marley, Hawfinch, not quite in the best of form to-day; vhc, Bancroft; hc, Jeffreys; c, Jenkins. BLACKBIRD, ETC. (9): 1, Longden, Song Thrush, good shape, nicely spangled, we liked; 2, Marley, one of the finest Blackbirds we have ever seen, beautiful col., grand beak and eye cere; 3, vhc, Longden, Missel Thrush, well known, looking very fit; 4, Price, Blackbird, nice size and col., hard lines to meet a champion; hc, Ford; c, Price. SMALL SOFTBILL (2): 2, Hughes, sweet little Blackcap, in perfect fettle; 3, Price, Titlark, very neatly mkd. FOR. LARGE: 3, Thomas, Cockatoo, well shown. SMALL (8): 1, Hughes, superb Tanager, charming exhibit, wins; 2, Castree, White Javas, in tip top order; 3, P. Jenkins, St. Helena Finch, grand col., well mkd., lovely quality; 4, J. H. Jenkins, sen., Budgerigars, in perfect order; vhc, Alsopp; hc, Taylor; c, Ford.

ST. COLUMB.

Sixth annual show of the St. Columb C.B. and C.A. held in Drill Hall, November 7th. Entries were slightly in advance of last year's, 126 being staged, which was very good considering the show came the day before Bodmin show. The Drill Hall was an admirable place for the show, being well lighted and free from draughts. The birds were excellently staged, so that they were all well displayed and reflected great credit on the committee who had the management of affairs. The president for the year is H. Whitford, Esq., who was backed up on this occasion by a most energetic committee, comprising Messrs. Boney, Cornish, Crapp, Gatley, F. Liddicoat, S. Liddicoat, J. Liddicoat, Penna, Rabey, Tamblyn, Trethewey, Hosking, Hambly, Fradd, C. Salmon, Houghton, J. S. Salmon, George, Bond, Roach, Polkenhorne, and Gregor, Mr. W. L. Salmon makes a most courteous and obliging secretary, and seemed to have everything at his fingers end, so that everything went like clockwork. Special for best bird was awarded to Messrs. Rabey Bros. for their well-known winning light body, dark crest. Mr. C. H. Toy made the awards, which were favourably received.

The Critique.

NOR. CK. CL. YELL. (5): 1, sp, Pascoe, rich in col., fine quality and size, correct shape and carriage; 2, Ferrell, grand size and quality, good head, shape, and colour; 3, vhc, Dunstan, former, grand colour and quality, fine type, good substance; r, Andrew. BUFF (7): 1, sp, Andrew, nice cobby shape, good feather, right type and quality; 2, Colins, grand size, good quality, nice wings and tail; 3, Ferrell, grand type, good, hot col., well mealed; r, Stephens and Gaved; vhc, Roberts; hc, Dunstan. TKD., ETC. (6): 1, sp, Thomas, tkd. neck and chest; 2, Pascoe, tkd. head and neck., yell., hot col., very typical, lovely quality; 3, Gregor, tkd. neck and wing, buff, nice col. and quality, good size and type; vhc, r, Spillman; hc, Stephens and Gaved. HEN (11): 1 Spillman, grizzle back buff, rich col. and type, grand quality, good head, neck, and chest, bonny hen; 2, sp, r, Pascoe, former, tkd. head, back, and wing, yell., good size and quality; 3, Gregor, cl. buff, lovely head and chest, good type, taking exhibt; vhc, Kemp; hc, Ferrell. NOR., NONFLIG. (9): 1, Spillman, well up in size, beautiful type, nice short flights and tail, rich col. and quality; 2, Smith, tkd. head and buff, good substance and shape, rich col. and quality; 3, sp, Thomas, excellent quality, neat shape, rich level col.; r, Dunstan; vhc, Ferrell. YORKS. YELL. CK. (8): 1, Bounsly, best of type and quality, good length and position, wins well; 2, sp, r, Thomas, former good type and position, rich col. and quality; 3, Found, nice length, splendid type and quality; vhc, Oatey; hc, Roach. BUFF (4): 1, sp, 2, Thomas, very racy, grand type, well drawn, stands well, lovely col. and quality, latter another good one, close up; vhc, Boar. TKD., ETC. (3): 1, Bounsly, tkd. thigh, yell., good stylish exhibit, nice col. and quality; 2, sp, 3, Thomas, former tkd. wing, yell., very lengthy, grand type, stands well, latter another long one, very typical, good wing carriage and tail; r, Boar; vhc, Oatey; hc, Eddy. CREST OR C.B. (5): 1, sp, 2, 3, vhc, Rabey Bros., former cl. body D.C., rich leafy feather, grand radiation and droop, wins sp for best bird, 2nd C.B., head and wing mkd., large body, well feathered, nice width and rise of skull, well lashed, 3rd wing mkd. D.C., rare top piece, well formed, good exhibit. MULES (3): 1, sp, 2, r, Collins, former 4-pointed Goldfinch Canary, grand feather and condition, latter 2-pointed Goldfinch Canary, lovely quality, tight as boxwood, well shown. GOLDFINCH (3): 1, Polkinghorne, lovely Finch, rare blaze, clean cut, beautifully tanned and buttons, 2, sp, Pascoe, another fine Finch, good size and colour; r, Liddicoat. BRIT., A.O.S. SMALL (5): 1, sp, 3, Collins, former Nuthatch, grand feather and condition, well shown, latter Bramblefinch, good size and col., fine shape, good lacing on head and shoulders; 2, r, Jordan, Bullfinch, grand cap and breast col., in fine condition; vhc, White. LARGE (4): 1, Stephens and Gaved, Hawfinch, shown in faultless condition, perfect markings in wing bars and bib, the Plymouth and St. Austell winner; 2, Thompson, Spotted Woodpecker, in grand fettle and condition, at times very busy indeed; 3, sp, Luke, Jay, in perfect plumage and condition, a grand exhibit. FOR., SMALL (7): 1, Philp, Cowbird, in grand sheen and condition, a striking exhibit; 2, F. Liddicoat, 2 small Australian Grass Finches, handsome plumage, well shown; 3, Kemp, another handsome bird; r, Liddicoat; vhc the Hon. Constance Agar-Robartes. LOCAL CAN (7): 1, sp, 3, r, Gregor; 2, Rabey Bros.

BODMIN.

Bodmin nineteenth show, held 8th November. Cage birds were somewhat stronger than for some years past, and the quality of the exhibits was considerably in advance of that of some previous shows. Norwich classes contained some of the best known birds in the West of England, and were a show of themselves. Yorkshires were not so strong as we have seen them. It was a pleasure to see the Cinnamons coming up a bit, and the British birds especially; the A.O.S. Small British contained quite two sets of winners. As in past years, the cage birds were well staged in a cosy part of the hall, which was heated by a stove. Mr. Jago was a painstaking and obliging secretary, and Messrs. S. Tickell, N. Shelley and Tonkin ably looked after the welfare of the birds. Mr. Thos. Pope (Plymouth) judged, and his awards seemed to give general satisfaction.

The Critique.

NOR., CL. YELL. (6): 1, Spillman, excels in type; 2, Fox, good feather and well shown; 3, Gill and Pethick, close up to form; vhc, Garland; hc, Andrew; c, Wills. BUFF (8): 1, Rowdon, good substance and col., runner-up for special for best Can.; 2, Gill and Pethick, in grand condition, not quite so big as winner; 3, Wotton, very neat Nor.; vhc, Spillman; hc, Symons Bros.; c, Edwards. TICK, ETC.: 1, Spillman, tkd. Yell., old winner looking well; 2, Gill and Pethick, neck tkd. Buff, close up, grand bird; 3, Rowden, cap-marked Buff, looks like Plymouth winner; vhc, Fox; hc, Edwards; c, Wottou. HEN: 1, Spillman, smart Yell., good col. and style; 2, Fox, cap marked Yellow, good substance; 3, Spillman, marked Buff, fine type and feather; vhc, Gill, very wild, or might have been third. NOR., NONFLIG. (12): a good class, especially the Yellows: 1, two spls., Spillman, big, bouncing bird, lovely col., type and feather, takes special for best Can.; 2, c, Gill and Pethick, very close up, another Cl. Yell., beaten in col. and head only by winner; 3, Smith marked Buff, frequent winner in Western shows, looks like making a good old bird; vhc, Spillman and Fox; hc, Bank, Ferrell. CREST OR C.B. (9): 1, Coath, CL. body, D.C., well-known "Nance," hard to beat; 2, Edwards, Tavistock, 2nd, improving grey crest of good expanse; 3, Coath, Green, C.B., with extra good head, looks like Cheltenham winner; vhc, Rabey Bros., Symons Bros.; hc, Symons Bros; c, Russell. YORKS., CL. YELL. (7): 1, sp, Bounds, well up on leg, in good condition; 2, Andrews, fails a trifle in length only; 3, Jewell, stands well; vhc, Thomas; hc, Found; c, Martin. BUFF: 1, spl., 2, Thomas, two fine exhibits, winner excelling in length; 3, Wills, fails in length only to winners, nice one; vhc, Juleon; hc, Pincombe; c, Jewell. MARKED, ETC.: 1, spl, Boundy, thigh tkd. Yell., a really good Yorks.; 2, Jewell, fine variegd. Yell., well shown; 3, Docking, nice one; vhc, hc, Wits; c, Saunders. A.O.V. (8): 1, sp., 2, Dyer, two good Buff Cinn., winner one of the best seen in the West of England for some time; 3, Medlin, Yell. Cinn.; vhc, Richards, Scots Fancy; hc, Medlin; c, Cock and Son. MULE (9): 1, sp., Edwards, good Greenie-Bullie, Tavistock, winner; 2, Collins, six-pointed Buff Goldfinch Can., looking well; 3, Staddon, Goldie Bullie; vhc, Collins; hc, Collins; c, Stephens and Gaved. GOLDFINCH (8): 1, sp., Polkinhorn, the Liskeard winner, in splendid bloom; 2, Jordan, fails in col. only to winner; 3, Rowe and Richards, with more time will ner; 3, Rowe and Richards, with more time will ner; 3, Rowe and Richards, with more time will take some beating; vhc, Edwards; hc, Large; c, Mumford. A.O.S. SMALL BRIT. (15): 1, sp., Thomson, Tree Creeper, an interesting exhibit, and a credit to its owner; 2, Rosser and Son, Wryneck, looks like Paignton winner; 3, Wills, well-known Yellowhammer, bearing his many years and honours well; vhc, Jordan (2), Collins; hc, Rosser and Son; c, Edwards. LARGE (8): 1, sp., 2, Thomson, winner, Waxwing looking in splendid fettle; 2, Chough, again well shown; 3, Collins, Hawfinch, good bib and col.; vhc, c, Collingwood; hc, Bray. CAGE OF FOUR CAN. (6): 1, Spillman, Buff Nor., an easy winner; 2, Symons Bros., Crests and Crest Breds; 3, Thomas, Yorks.; vhc, Pascoe; hc, Rabey Bros. FOR., LARGE (6): 1, sp., Stephens and Gaved, King Parrakeet, the Tavistock winner, looking well; 2, the Hon. Constance Agar Robarts, lovely Hill Wryneck; 3, Mrs. Derry, Sulphur Crested Cockatoo. SMALL (10): 1, 3, Roberts, winner, fine pair of Black cheeks, 3, pair nice Waxbills; 2, Stephens and Gaved, good Diamond Finch; vhc, Smith, Wills, Messrs. Meager, Mitchels, and Holloway's, birds absent.

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

J. G. BARNES, 113, Northfield Road, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Long, practical experience. Terms moderate.

T. BENNETT, Glendare House, Lidget Green, Bradford. Judge of Cage Birds. Long and practical experience.

J. W. BRUCE, Coldstream. Judge of all varieties of cage birds; Border and British Bird specialist. Terms moderate.

H. J. CHITTENDEN, 108, Bolton Hall-rd., Bolton Woods, Bradford, judge of cage birds, life experience. Terms moderate.

F. COLLINS, 60, Union-st., Camborne. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Life experience.

W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington, Bradford. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Practical experience. Terms moderate.

G. EDWARDS, 11, West Street, Leominster. Judge of Can., Brit., Mules. Specialist Nor., Crests, Mules. 30 years' exper. Terms mod.

GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road, London, N.W. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.

J. HARTLEY, Victoria-st., Micklethwaite, Bingley (late of Bradford). Judge of Cage Birds. Specialist Yorkshire and Norwich.

C. A. HOUSE, 82, Upper Walthamstow Road, Walthamstow. Judge of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds.

W. R. MILES, The Aviaries, Chichester. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Life experience.

W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Manningham, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

J. W. METCALFE, The Yorkshire Aviaries, 68, Brunswick Road, Liverpool. Judge of Cage Birds. Specialist Yorkshire and Norwich.

H. NORMAN, The Eyrie, Salisbury Road, Carshalton, Surrey. All varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist Hybrids and British Birds.

W. POWICK, Orchard, Saviletown, Dewsbury. Judge of all varieties of cage birds, 30 years' practical experience.

J. PATTERSON, Chirnside. Judge of Cage Birds; all varieties. Wide practical experience. Specialist Border Fancy Judge.

J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.

C. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Life experience.

WALTER SWAYSLAND, 47, Queens-rd., Brighton. Judge all varieties of cage birds. Life experience.

HENRY TAMS, Orchard Place, Longton, Staffs. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Twenty-five years Breeder and Exhibitor.

S. TICKELL, 22, Honey Street, Bodmin. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds; specialist Norwich, Cinn. & Liz. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

W. VARDY, The Aviaries, Hucknall Huthwaite, Notts. Judge of all varieties; specialist in Norwich Plainheads. Life experience. Terms moderate.

J. WALSH, Bird Specialist, Blackburn. Judge of cage birds, practical experience, specialist; British Foreign, Mules, and Hybrids. Terms moderate.

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Wednesday, 15th November.

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Tues. & Wed. next

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COVENTRY O.S.

35th Annual Open Show, November 18th. 39 Open Classes. No cancelling or amalgamation. Prize money guaranteed. Judge, J. Robson, Esq. (The show is under the management of such sterling fanciers and exhibitors as Messrs. T. Gilbert, G. Lawrence, W. H. Raven, G. Peters, and a host of others.) Special Note.—All exhibits will be properly cared for, packed and forwarded by fast trains on Sunday Night only, to reach their respective owners early Monday morning. Entries extended to Tuesday, November 14th. Schedules per return.—A. J. Barratt, 38, Craven St.

KILMARNOCK O.C.B.S. 5th Annual

Show will be held in Art Gallery Halls, Kilmarnock, on

NOVEMBER 18th.

Under the patronage of the Crest, Norwich, Yorkshire and Border Fancy Clubs. 81 classes. Judges: Scotch Fancy, W. Webster and W. Edgar; Crests, A. Chalmers; Plainheads, G. Mitchell; Yorks., J. B. Paterson; Bordens, R. Lambie; British and Foreign, R. Bald. A grand list of Specials, including Cups and Medals. Prize money, 12s., 8s., 4s., 2s., within 7 days. Entries close on November 11th. Fee 2s. Schedules, etc., from Wm. Guthrie, 10, Hood Street.

TIDESWELL

C.B.I.S. Open Show, Nov. 18. Just time, if not got schedule please enter from this. Entrance fees: Non-members 1/6, members 1/3. Nor. Champ. Classes.—1, cl., tkd., or mkd. yell.; 2, cl., tkd., or mkd. buff; 3, cl., tkd., or mkd. yell. unflig.; 4, cl., tkd., or mkd. buff unflig.; 5, cl., tkd., or mkd. yell. hen; 6, cl., tkd., or mkd. buff hen; 7, cl., tkd., or mkd. yell. or buff unflig. hen. Nor. Nov. Classes (£5 limit).—8, cl., tkd., or mkd. yell.; 9, cl., tkd., or mkd. buff. Yorks. Champ. Classes.—10, cl., tkd., or mkd. yell.; 11, cl., tkd., or mkd buff; 12, cl., tkd., or mkd. yell. unflig.; 13, cl., tkd., or mkd. buff unflig.; 14, cl., tkd. or mkd. yell. hen; 15, cl., tkd., or mkd. buff hen; 16, cl., tkd., or mkd. yell. or buff unflig. hen. Yorks. Nov. Classes (£5 limit).—17, cl. tkd., or mkd. yell.; 18, cl., tkd., or mkd. buff; 19, Crest, A.V.; 20, C.-B., A.V.; 21, B.F., A.Y.; 22, A.O.V. Canary; 23, pair, A.V., 30/- limit; 24, Selling Class, not to exceed 12/6; 25, gift class, with thanks, no entrance fee (prizes 8/-, 4/-, 2/-); 26, Mule or Hybrid; 27, A.V. Finch 28, A.V. Finch, Linnet or Bunting, hen; 29, A.O.V. British, including Lark or larger; 30, A.O.V. British, smaller than Lark; 31, Foreign bird, Cardinal, or smaller, singly or in true pairs; 32, Foreign bird, larger than a Cardinal, singly or in true pairs. Judge, A. Hirst.—Secs., Flint and Swarbrick, Queen St.

NOV. 23. STAMFORD NOV. 23.

Cage Birds Only. Norwich 8 Classes, Yorkshires 7, Crests 1, Mules 2, British 7, Foreign 2, Selling 1. 4 Guinea Solid Silver Cup to be won outright, and numerous Cash Specials.

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NOV. 29 ROYAL WINDSOR NOV. 29

Fourth Annual Open Show. 42 Open Classes. Quantity of Specials. Prize money 1st 8/-, 2nd 4/-, 3rd 2/-. MONEY PAID OUT ON DAY OF SHOW. Judge, J. Robson, Esq. All Classes except Foreigners. Judge in Foreign Classes, Wesley T. Page, Esq., F.Z.S. Entries Close Nov. 25th, 1911. Entry Fee 1/6 each exhibit. Schedules from E. A. STICKLAND, 36, Alma Rd., Windsor.

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A.C.B. Annual Members' Show, at the Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, W., on Friday and Saturday, November 17th and 18th. Judges, Messrs. J. Mackley and C. Prior.

Final Notice!

CARDIFF

Next Wednesday and Thursday. Entries accepted Sunday. 60 Classes (see review, Oct. 28). Payne and Robson alternately. Guinea special for most points throughout. 10s. Nor., 10s. Yorks., 5s. British, 5s. most entries British, 2/6 best bird in each of the five Mule classes. Fee, 1/6. S.Y.C.C. patronage. Champion and Novice.—W. Sampson, Sec., 93, Llanishen Street.

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November 17 and 18.

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Open Show of Cage Birds and Pigeons, to be held on Saturday, November 18, 1911. Popular judges. For schedule, apply, James Hamilton, Sec., Kirkmuirhill, Lanarkshire.

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The Fifty-First Annual Show of the

GALASHIELS

Ornith. Society, Nov. 18th, 1911 (The Palace Show of the Borders). Judges: Scotch Fancies, W. Rodger, Colinton; Norwich, British, etc., J. W. Nicholson, Carlisle; Borders J. Young, Allanton. Cups, Medals, and Innumerable specials. Schedules from C. Lugton, Botany Cottage, Galashiels.

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Second An. Show, Nov. 13. Canaries, Mules, British, Foreign, at Co-operative Hall, St. George's Cross. Doors open 1 p.m. Admission 6d. Judges: Messrs. A. Sloan, J. F. Dewar, and L. J. Arrighi. Entry fee, 6d. each bird. Entries close November 13th.—W. Proudfoot, 145, Henderson Street, Glasgow.

Not a Single Entry Received for

HARROGATE

November 18th.

Send your Entries, I will classify. Judge, J. Bailey, Bradford.—W. E. Fergusson, 62, Harlow Terrace, Harrogate.

WALKLEY and Dist. C.B.S.

5th Annual Show, held at the St. Philip's Schoolrooms, Westmoreland, Upperthorpe, Saturday, Nov. 18th. Judge, Mr. Browning. Open 1 to 8 p.m.—J. Scott, Sec., 135, Vale Road, Sheffield.

WINDHILL, SHIPLEY

Dis. O.S. 26th Annual Open Show, on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Judge, J. Broadley, Esq. Entries close Nov. 14th. Write for Schedules to J. Cook, 16, Fair Bank, Cragg Road, Windhill, Shipley.

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BRIGHTON Fur and Feather Association. Nov. 22 & 23.

Entries close Nov. 13th, to J. Donne, Hon. Sec., 7, Chatham Place, Brighton.

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Annual Show, Nov 23rd. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Entry 1/6. Judge, J. Brotherton, Rotherham. Entries close Nov. 16th. Schedules from: W. Lidgett, Milner St., Newark.

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LUDLOW

November 23rd.

M.C.Y.C.C. Patronage. 5th Annual Open Show of **Cage Birds.** Judge, J. H. Payne. **Entries close Nov. 20th.** Schedules from **W. T. Woof, 2, Market St., Ludlow.**

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HELLO! WHAT'S THIS?

GREAT HARWOOD

and Dist. to the front again. Annual Show, **November 24 and 25.** Review of Schedule.—**36 Classes: 13 Nor., 8 Champ., 5 Nov.** Class 1, Nor. cl., tkd., var. yell.; 2, cl., tkd., var. buff; 3, unflig. yell., A.V.; 4, unflig. buff, A.V.; 5, yell. hen; 6, hen, buff; 7, unflig. buff or yell. 8, nat. eol., ck. or hen; 9, Novice Nor. cl., tkd., var. yell.; 10, cl., tkd., var. buff, Nor. nov.; 11, cl. tkd., var. yell, unflig. nov.; 12, cl., tkd., var. buff, unflig; 13, hens, yell. or buff. **Yorkshire 4, and 1 Nov. Champ.:** 14, cl., tkd., var. yell.; 15, cl., tkd., var. buff; 16, hens, yell. or buff, A.V.; 17, cinn. tkd., or var. yell. or buff; 18, novice, A.V. yell. or buff. **Cinn., 5 Champ. and 2 Novice:** 19, Champ. cinn. yell.; 20, cinn. buff; 21, unflig. yell. or buff; 22, hens, yell. or buff; 23, foul cinn. yell. or buff; 24, novice cinn. yell.; 25, cinn. buff; 26, A.V. of Canary or Mule not mentioned; **Sell. 3: 30/-, 20/-, 12/6; Brit. 5: 30 Goldfinch, 31 Linnet, 32 Redpoll, Siskin or Twite, 33 any variety Hard, 34 A.V. Soft, 35 Foreign; 36 Gift Class.** Judges, H. W. Battye and Alf. Wellings. **Entries close first post Tuesday, Nov. 21st.** Hon. secretary, **Alb. Bentley, 13 and 15, Blackburn Rd., Gt. Harwood.**

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50th Ann. Open Show. SAT., NOV. 25th.

Judge, John Robson (London). 2 Scotch Fancy, 6 Yorkshire, 4 Norwich, 4 Border, 2 Crest, 15 British and Foreign, 3 Selling. Prizes 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Entry fee 1s. 6d. Specials every section. No charge for prize cards. **Entries close 20th November.** Schedules from **Colin W. Paterson, Albion House, Ayr.**

Cramlington

3rd Annual Show.

November 25th, 1911

18 Members' and **12 Open Classes.** Judges, Mr. A. Brown and Mr. H. Seely.

Entries close Nov. 20

For schedules, apply, **J. R. Chestney, Cramlington, Northumberland** (main line between Newcastle and Morpeth).

CITY OF

DUNDEE

C.B.S. Annual Show of Canaries, Mules, and British Birds on

Sat., Nov. 25th.

Under the patronage of S.C.C.C. and S.N.P.C. Judges: Crests, John Young; Plainheads, Wm. Hampton; Scotch Fancies, Jas. Stenhouse and Jas. Strachan; Borders, T. Arnott; British Birds, R. V. Raine. **Entries close 20th Nov.** Schedules from **Alex. Miller, 3, Park Avenue, Dundee.**

INVERURIE **C.B. Show, Nov. 25.** 39 Op. Cls., Cup, 3 Medals, numerous val. Spls. Good Prize Money. Judge, James Sandison, Aberdeen. Schedules from **Jas. Simpson, 27, High St., Inverurie, N.B.**

LOCHORE & GLENCRAIG **CAGE BIRDS ONLY**

C.B.S. Annual Show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds, on **Saturday, November 25th,** under patronage B.F.C.C., S.Y.C.C., and W.F.C.B.L. **71 Open Classes. Cups, Medals, and numerous specials.** Judges: J. Kean, Edinburgh, Jos. Thomson, Newtongrange, Allan Chalmers, Kirkintilloch, and G. Marlin, Hamilton. Schedules now ready, from **Duncan Grant, 146, Waverley Street, Lochore, Lochgelly.**

SELKIRK **NOV. 25th.** 8 classes for Borders, 2 Norwich, 3 British. Judge, J. Alexander. **R. Emond, Jun., Sec.**

UDDINGSTON

Show of Poultry, Pigeons, **Cage Birds,** and Cats, on **Saturday, 25th Nov., 1911. 49 classes for Cage Birds.** Judges, Messrs. Smart, Muir, and Bald. **Entries close 18th Nov.—A. W. Forrester, Secretary, Tower View, Uddingston, Near Glasgow.**

Entries Close Nov. 21st.

LAUNCESTON

Cage Birds, Open.

10s. Cash, Best Bird entered by November 21st, & other specials.

Judge, C. A. House, Esq., Walthamstow. First prize, 10s.; second, 5s.; third, 2s. 6d. **Entrance fee, 1s. 6d.**

1.—Yorkshire Clear Yellow.
2.—Yorkshire Clear Buff.
3.—Yorkshire Ticked, Marked or Variegated.
4.—Yorkshire Hen, any colour.
5.—Norwich, Clear Yellow.
6.—Norwich Clear Buff.
7.—Norwich Ticked, Marked or Variegated.
8.—Norwich Hen, any colour.
9.—Norwich Crest.
10.—Norwich Crestbred.
11.—Border Fancy, Yellow.
12.—Border Fancy, Buff.
13.—Ticked, Marked or Variegated.
14.—Pairs Matched for Breeding.
15.—Any other variety.
16.—Light Canary Mule.
17.—Dark Canary Mule.
18.—Hybrid.
19.—British Goldfinch, cage moulted.
20.—Bullfinch, cage moulted.
21.—Any variety Foreign Bird.
22.—British Bird, smaller than a Lark.
23.—British Bird, larger than a Lark.
24.—Selling, any variety, 20s.
25.—Selling, any variety, 10s.

Schedules.—**N. H. Reed, Launceston.**

LLANELLY AND DIST. C.B.S.

Under the patronage of N.B.B. and M.C., E. and W.B.F.C. Affiliated to C.B.U. Seventh Annual Open Show, Canaries, British and Foreign birds, **Tuesday, November 28, 1911. 63 classes, 6 cups; prizes 10/-, 5/-, 2/6.** Judges J. H. Roe, Canaries; H. Norman, British and Mules. **Entries close Nov. 23.** Schedules, apply **Daniel John, 9, Pottery Place, Llanelly, Sec.**

CHANDLERS FORD, Nov. 29.

Open to Hants. Show of Pitry., Pgns., Rbts., Cats, Cavies, and **Cage Birds.** Spratt's Patent pen and feed. **90 classes.** Nearly **50 special prizes.** Judge, Mr. J. N. Harrison (Belper). **Entries close Nov. 22nd first post.** Schedules of **A. J. Dean, Chandlers Ford.**

CAGE BIRD FANCIERS DON'T FORGET

EPSOM OPEN SHOW

NOVEMBER 29th, 1911. Good classification and specials. Fanciers please help. **Entries close Nov. 20th.** Schedules, **A. W. Breeden, 71, Hook Road.**

READING

C.B.S. NOVEMBER 29th.

10 Open Classes. 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and Specials. Fee, 1/6. Judge, J. H. Payne, Esq. Schedules ready.—**W. H. Pyke, 25, The Grove, Reading.**

Cage Birds Only. **SITTINGBOURNE**

C.B.S., Nov. 29th, 1911, open to Kent. Guaranteed prize money. **Entries close Nov. 21st, 1911.** Schedules of **B. Tidy, Hon. Sec., 13, High St., Sittingbourne, Kent.**

AMBLESIDE & Dis. Open Show (Westmorland), NOV. 30th.
Apply **J. M. King, Sec., The Green, Ambleside.**

GRANTHAM

C.B.S. 1st Annual Open Show, to be held on **Thursday, November 30, 1911. Good Specials. Novice class for Norwich. Prize money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6; entry** fee **1/6,** members **1/-.** Judge, W. Vardy, Hucknall. **—Sec., W. E. Allen, 119, Alexandra Road, Grantham.**

PENTREBACH

Merthyr Tydfil, November 30th, 1911. Second Great Open Show of Cage Birds, etc. Under the patronage of the Welsh Cage Bird Club. **21 Open Classes. Numerous specials, cups, etc. Prize money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6.** Entry fee, 1/6. Judge, T. L. Castree, Esq. **Don't forget the only show in this district on this date. Schedules now ready. Entries close Nov. 23rd, 1911.—A. E. Brown, Hon. Sec., 66, Clare Street, Merthyr Tydfil.**

LANCASTER

P.C.B.A., **December 1st and 2nd,** under Cage Bird Union rules and the patronage of the Border Fancy Club and E. and W. Border Club. **30 open classes. Prize money, 22s. per class and a good special.** Schedules ready. Judges, Wm. Mundell and S. Mulliner. **Entries close November 28th.—J. Johnson, Sec., 64, Aberdeen Road, Lancaster.**

BLAIRGOWRIE

East Perthshire **Open** Show,

2nd DECEMBER,

26 classes. **Numerous Specials,** including **Gold and Silver Medals.** No members' specials. **Prize money, 8/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-.** Entry fee, 1/6. Judge, J. F. Dewar, Esq. **Entries close November 28.** Schedules from **M. Irvine, 17, Brown Street, Blairgowrie.**

CUPAR, FIFE.

DEC. 2nd, 1911. Annual Show, under patronage of **Border Fancy Club.** Judges, Wm. Thornton, Blackhall, S. Fancies; Gollon Hyslop, Stirling, Borders; A. W. Watson, Edinburgh, Norwich, etc. Note.—As no cats in show are penned on Friday and all are sent off on Saturday, bird fanciers need have no fear from that source of risk to birds. Schedules, **D. J. Bruce, Mount Pleasant, Cupar.**

BETHESDA

(N. WALES).

First Annual **Open Show on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. 19 open classes and special in each class.** Judge, H. W. Battye, Esq. Schedules from **O. Thomas, Sec., 9, Station Road, Bethesda, N. Wales.**

FORRES and Northern O.A. 25th Annual Show

of **Cage Birds,** Pigeons, and Bantams, on **Saturday, Dec. 2nd.** Cage Bird judge, A. Harris. Schedules from **Wm. Cumming, 28, North Road, Forres, N.B.**

GALSTON

Ayrshire, December 2nd. 12 classes for Scotch Fancies. Judge, Mr. David Holden, Muirkirk. **7 classes for Borders, 2 classes for Norwich, 4 classes for British Birds.** Judge, Mr. James Johnstone, Kilmarnock. **Let us have your support.—Alexander Frew, Secy., 26, Duke Street.**

KINGSWOOD **Bristol, December 2nd. 5 Challenge Cups.** Judges: Poultry and Rabbits, G. H. Billett; Pigeons, A. Parsons and W. Austin; **Cage Birds,** J. Houghton. **Entries close November 27th certain.** Schedules from **E. Morris, 125, Regent Street, Kingswood, Bristol.**

Don't Delay to send for Schedules for

WHITBURN

and Dis. C.B.S. Sixth annual **Open Show** of Canaries, Mules, Hybrids, British and Foreign Birds. Will be held in the Town Hall on **Saturday, Dec. 2nd. 45 Classes. Prize money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6.** Entrance fee 1/6. Judges: Messrs. J. W. Bruce and Wm. Bishop. **Entries close Nov. 28th.** Schedules to be had from **Thomas Duncan, 9, West Main Street, Whitburn, N.B.**

BACKWORTH

(Northumberland). Third Annual **Open Show, Dec. 2nd,** of **Cage Birds,** Pitry, and Pgns. **20 classes for Cage Birds.** Judge, T. Dixon (Bedlington). **Prize money, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d.** Entry fee, 1s. 6d. **Cup value 21s. for best Canary in the show. Error in schedule:** Class 52 and 53 should read Cock or Hen. **Send for schedule to Tom Hunter, Sec., East Holywell, Shiremoor, Northumberland.**

DERBY Open Cage Bird Show.

Dec. 2nd and 4th. Under the patronage of the N.P.C., C.C.C., M.C.Y.C.C., N.B.B. and M.C., and the G.C.A. 15 Norwich, 11 Crest, 10 Yorkshire, 12 Greens, 6 British, 4 Hybrids, 2 Selling, 2 Foreign, and A.O.V. **Plenty of Novice classes.** Judges: Mr. J. Robson and Mr. R. Rhodes. **Prize money, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-.** Entry 1/6. **Entries close Monday, 27th.** Schedules from **W. Stevens, 58, Olivier St., Derby.**

ONE DAY SHOW.

STRATFORD-ON-AVON

DECEMBER 5th.

32 classes. Prize money 8s., 5s., 3s., 1s. 6d., for entry fee, 1s. 6d. Judge, J. H. Roe, Esq. **No amalgamation and full prize money. Entries close November 27th.** Schedules.—**R. W. Ingram, 15, Scholar's Lane, Stratford-on-Avon.**

TONBRIDGE

Tuesday and Wednesday, December 5th and 6th, 1911. Poultry, Pigeons, Cats, Rabbits, Cavies, Cage Birds. Judge, J. Robson, Peckham. **Entries close Nov. 20th. —P. STONESTREET, Sec., 102, Hadlow Road, Tonbridge.**

We are Ready to Send you a Schedule of

HALSTEAD

(ESSEX).

£3 Limit Show, to be held on **Wednesday, December 6th.** Judge, J. N. Harrison. **Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-,** for 1/- entry fee. Plenty of classes and **good specials. Entries close November 26th.** Schedules:—**Taylor and Sayward, Pretoria Road.**

CANTERBURY

41st Annual Show of **Cage Birds,** etc., will be held on **Dec. 6th and 7th. Open to Kent, Surrey, and Sussex.** Judge, Mr. J. Robson. **Entries close Nov. 28th.—J. W. Sargeant, Hon. Sec., 25, St. Peter's St.**

WANDSWORTH Fanciers' Soc First Open Show

of **Cage Birds,** will be held on **December 6th and 7th.** Judge, Mr. H. Norman. Schedules.—**W. Lightfoot, Sec., 86, Heythorp Street, Southfields, S.W.**

"PALACE OF THE PEAK" **MATLOCK**

10th An. **Open** show of Cage Birds; Victoria Hall, **Thurs., Dec. 7th. Good classification. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Guaranteed.** Entry fee 1/6. Judge, C. Ward, Derby. Schedules ready. **Entries close Thurs., Nov. 30th, to Messrs. Oakley and Gratton, Lime Grove, Matlock.**

GATESHEAD

and Dist. C.B.S. 12th Annual Show, **Dec. 8th and 9th. 88 Open Classes; 11 Novice Classes.** Prominent judges, J. H. Roe, J. Bailey, J. Robson, J. F. Dewar. Splendid hall. Under the patronage of all leading specialist clubs. Schedules from **A. Holden, 5, Cramer St., Gateshead-on-Tyne.**

HOUNSLOW

DEC. 6th. Cage Birds etc. J. Jefferies. schedule ready. **REES, 73, Whitton Road.**

BRADFORD

National Cage Bird Show (YORKSHIRE'S CRYSTAL PALACE), Central Bath Hall, Bradford, **Dec. 8th and 9th.** Under patronage Y.C.C., C.M.Y.C.C., N.G.M.Y.C.C., O.N.P.C., B.F.C., G.C.A., F.B.C., P.R.C.C., N.B.B. and M.C., Y.C.B.B. and M.C. Yorks, 38, Nor. 16, Borders 7, Brit. 7, Hybrids 3, Foreign Birds 6, Rollers 2, A.O.V. 3. Twelve specialist judges. Novices will be provided for. **Prize money, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-, and diplomas for each variety.** Entry fee, 1/6 per cage. **Valuable Specials. Entries close November 30th.** Schedules ready November 15th, apply, **Secretary, H. Hill, 15, Settle Terrace, Thornton Lane, Bradford.**

RUNCORN

Fri. & Sat., Dec. 8 & 9

First Annual **Open Show. 40 classes.** Judge, A. Wellings, Esq. **Prize money, 10s., 5s., 3s., 2s., and paid same day. Numerous cash specials. An ideal showroom.** Please help us. **Entries close Dec. 4th.** Schedules from **T. P. Baxter, 103, Greenway Road, Runcorn.**

BROOMHILL AND DISTRICT

P.P. and C.B. Show will be held on **December 9th.** Judges, Mr. Inman, Mr. A. Beardsley; **Cage Birds, Mr. H. Seely (Choppington).** For schedules apply—**W. Smailes, 28, Hartside Terrace, Chevington Drift, Northumberland.**

KEITH **Wednesday, December 13, Cage Bird** Show. Judge, Alexander Steele, Aberdeen. Schedules, **Charles Ralley, Sec., 123, Mid St. Keith.**

NARBERTH

24th An. Show, Dogs, Pitry, Pgns., **Cage Birds,** Cats, Rbbts., **December 13th,** Victoria Hall, glass covered. **Entries close December 6th.** Judges:—Dogs, Henry Rees and B. R. Rowe; Pitry, Pgns., and Rbbts., J. N. Harrison; Cats, Miss Peel Floyd, Tenby; **Cage Birds,** J. Morgan Lewis, Haverfordwest. Schedules will be ready this week.—Apply, **James Owen, Sec., St. James' St.**

All Cage Bird Fanciers are asked to support the

YARM, EAGLESCLIFF

and Dist. C.B.S. **(Federation Show).** Third Annual Show on **December 16th. Prize money, 8s., 4s., 2s., 1s.** (40 classes). **Specials in every class. Entries close December 11th.** Judges: W. Mundell, Canaries; F. Marwood, British, Foreign, Mules and Hybrids. Schedules from **Wilson and Henderson, Secs., High Street, Yarm.**

The Young Naturalist.

Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given weekly for the best three anecdotes about birds written on postcards. Competitors must be under sixteen years of age, and state whence stories are taken. Two stars indicate the Winning Contribution; one star the runners-up.

*Story of a Goldfinch.

In our garden we have an aviary containing Canaries and other birds. A pair of Goldfinches this year built a nest, and very interesting it was to watch them weave the moss together. They built close to the side where we were constantly passing and repassing, but the little builders took no notice of us. After a time they hatched some young ones. Next year we hope they will build again, and be even more successful than this year.—B. Garner (age 13 years), Bannold Waterbeuch, Cambs.

*How a Thrush Was Caught.

Last winter a nice Thrush was visiting our garden every day, so my father tried several ways to capture it. At last he gave it up. One day my mother was hanging clothes on the line, when she saw the Thrush hopping about the garden quite tame; so she put an empty cage on the ground and put cake crumbs into it. As soon as she left the cage the Thrush went in. Mother picked up the cage and carried it into the house, where the Thrush has remained ever since in full song; it sings by daylight and gaslight.—D. J. Mathias (age 11), 34, Cambrian Place, Sea Side, Llauelly.

**A Clever Polly.

One day, when conversing with a friend in Acton, two of his children were amusing themselves together in the same room, when our attention was suddenly arrested by the following sentence: "Hold your row there, do!" uttered in a commanding tone. "Whoever is that?" we asked. "Oh!" said our friend, "it's only the Parrot"; which was a very fine specimen of the African grey kind. "She's an amusing bird, and very clever, too," said our host. "Now listen while I ask her a question: 'Polly, what is the matter with you?'" "Nothing," replied the bird. "Then go and hang yourself," he said. "So I will," responded Poll. She then, with her beak, laid hold of a wire at the top of her cage, from which she suspended herself, gave a shiver, clapped her wings close to her sides, stretched her legs straight out, closed her eyes, and became perfectly motionless, looking as dead as a door nail. She remained in this position about a minute, when our friend said to her: "That will do, Polly." She opened her eyes, and was instantly on her feet again.—Sent by Mary Ford (aged 12), "Daphne," Elms Avenue, East-

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Twitterings.

We hear that Mr. F. Gardeu (Aberdeen) has been appointed to judge the cage birds at the Inverurie Show on Dec. 9.

A bronze medal is, we learn, to be given for best bird in the Yorkshire classes (local) at Ambleside Show on Nov. 30.

Many thanks for the splendid report of our show given in CAGE BIRDS of Nov. 4, writes Mr. James Sloan, sec., Ayr and Dis. C.B.C.

The next annual show will be held on Dec. 5 and 6, when Mr. H. W. Battye will judge, writes Mr. M. O'Keeffe, sec. of the Cork and Provincial O.S.

Schedules have been sent out for Ilkeston Show; if any exhibitor has been overlooked, will he kindly send me a postcard, writes Mr. T. Smith, the sec.

Am very sorry to say that entries are very short indeed, writes Mr. Geo. Stubbs, hon. sec. of the Worthing F.A. Entries will be accepted till first post Nov. 12.

The Hucknall Torkard C.B.S. have, writes Mr. J. Nicholls, the sec., fixed upon Oct. 25 and 26 for their annual show date for 1912. Will secretaries please note?

Mr. J. H. Walker gives a pair of lady's bedroom slippers for best hen shown in the open section at Harrogate Open Show, writes Mr. W. E. Fergusson, the sec.

We have decided to hold our show on Dec. 14 next at the Concert Hall, Llanrwst, with Mr. J. H. Payne as judge of the cage birds, writes Mr. F. Kershaw, A.R.S.I., the sec., Llanrwst Society.

Schedules for the North Wales C.B.S. open show (Dec. 26), writes Mr. J. W. Jones, the sec., have been sent out; if anyone has been overlooked, a copy may be had on application.

Fanciers will do well to visit the New Cross and District Cage Bird Show at the People's Hall, Tanners Hill, Deptford Broadway, Nov. 16. Some grand specimens will be staged.—(Advt.)

I have sent out schedules to all known fanciers (750 in all), writes Mr. Duncan Grant, hon. sec., Lochore and Glencraig C.B.S. Anyone I have missed may have one on receipt of postcard.

I have received so many letters from delighted exhibitors at our late show that I take this opportunity of thanking them all for their kind appreciation, writes Mr. A. Dickson, sec. Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A.

One of our members lost a Crest at the Blaydon Show, writes Mr. G. Harver, the sec. Will any fancier who has got this bird by mistake return it to me, as the owner is a novice and feels the loss very much.

Hastings thirteenth annual show, 32 classes, Nov. 22 and 23. Prize-money, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Entrance fee, 1s. 6d. Closes Nov. 14. Judge, Mr. Ellis.—Apply Mr. Coombs, Abergeldie, Silverhill, St. Leonards-on-Sea.—Advt.

The following additional birds are, we hear, included in Class 187 at the L.C.B.A. (Horticultural Hall) Show, having been omitted through a printer's error:—Dyal bird, White-cheeked, Red-eared, and Black Bulbuls.

The committee of the Croydon F.A. will be glad if any fancier wishing to join (residing within twelve miles of the Croydon Town Hall) will communicate with me, writes Mr. F. W. Capell, 121, Brighton Road, South Croydon.

We are short of entries in many classes, although we have so very many specials; we will therefore accept any entries bearing Saturday's postmark, write Messrs. Ebben and Dartnall, hon. secs., Enfield F.A. Send entries and we will classify.

Schedules of the Sittingbourne C.B.S. are now ready; those overlooked may have one on receipt of a postcard, writes Mr. B. Tidy, sec. The show is open to Kent, and is within easy reach of all towns. A comfortable hall has been secured.

Mr. Ramsden has promised a set of carvers for best bird fed solely on Ramsden's Colour Feed, and I have also had one or two more specials come in since schedules were put in printer's hands, writes Mr. W. E. Allen, sec. Grantham C.B.S.

I am pleased to inform readers that Mr. J. Steel, joint secretary of the Dalkeith and Dis. C.C., is making rapid progress towards recovery after having undergone a serious operation on Oct. 24 in the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, writes Mr. John Ewing, the hon. joint sec. I am sure all fanciers will join with me in wishing him a speedy recovery.

We have been notified of the following corrections to show reports:—Burton-on-Trent, hybrid class 3rd, G. Edwards (not Longden); Cheltenham, members' cl. yell. and tkd. buff class 1sts, A. E. Wasley (not Wasby); Dysart, A.O.V. class, J. Sneddon showed a yellow Lancashire coppy (not "a grizzled Crest staged as a coppy").

A feature of the Metropolitan C.B.A. show is, we hear, a class provided for the cottage-kept Canary for the children of Battersea.

"Ailing Cage Birds and How to Cure Them"—No. 6 of our popular Nutshell Series—is being reprinted. This explains why some of our readers have not received copies which they ordered, and we trust they will accept this explanation of the delay.

I am leaving the Fancy for a time, and have sold my entire stock of Norwich Plainheads, cages, etc., to Mr. W. Holmes, of Holmwood, near Chesterfield, winner of the Codnor Park and Eastwoods Society Cup last week, writes Mr. A. Wilson (Hopthorne Lane, near Chesterfield).

Since issuing our schedule, we have received specials for third most points in open Yorkshires, and third most points in open British, also 2s. 6d. most points by v.h.c.'s in open classes, writes Mr. G. Bescoby, sec. of the Doncaster C.B.S. Will anyone overlooked kindly write for schedule?

I have just received the oil painting special for most points in show, writes Mr. J. Pitchford, sec. of the Stoke-on-Trent C.B.S. We have had it framed. I am advised on good authority that the value £2 2s., as stated in the schedule, is underrated, and that the picture is worth nearer £5. Albeit, it is really a beautiful prize, and I envy the fortunate winner.

OBITUARY.

It is with the deepest feelings of regret, writes Mr. H. R. Macdonald, of the Thatto Heath and Dist. O.S., that I have to announce the death of Mrs. R. G. Tyson, the young wife of our hon. secretary, who passed away on Nov. 2, after a very brief illness, death being due to pneumonia. Deceased was laid to rest in Eccleston Churchyard on Nov. 6. I am sure all who knew them will readily extend their sympathy to Mr. R. G. Tyson in the hour of his great trial.

Mr. JAMES KING (Percy Main).

The members of the North Shields and Dis. C.B.C., writes Mr. R. P. Fox, the sec., offer their most heartfelt sympathy to the friends and relatives of the late Mr. James King (Percy Main), who passed away on Nov. 3. We have lost a most ardent member, and the bird world has lost a very strong supporter. As a British bird fancier, his name will be handed down for generations, for up to the day of his death he was a keen bird-lover. He was respected by all who knew him, his charming and genial manner making him a general favourite with all.

Mr. A. GORRIE (Edinburgh).

A well-known fancier passed away after a long illness on Nov. 4 in Edinburgh, viz., Mr. A. Gorrie. He was for a few years a member of the committee of the Scottish National C.B.S. Scotch Fancy Canaries were his hobby, and he was fairly successful with them. He won the Paterson Cup at the Scottish National on one occasion for the best young Scotch Fancy. He was also a member of the Edinburgh Western, and secured the cup there on at least one occasion. His birds were exhibited at that show a week previous to his death. All who knew him will join in expressing their sympathy with his wife and family.—Robert Craig (Edinburgh).

Mr. R. Lile, sec. of the Edinburgh Western O.S. (of which Mr. Gorrie was one of the oldest members) also writes expressing the sympathy of his society with the widow and family of the deceased.

The Metropolitan C.B.A. are this Saturday holding their annual show, and it is the great finale for the solid silver cups, spoons, and medals which the society offers, writes Mr. G. Harwood, the sec.

I am pleased to inform you that I have now won the British Bird Cup of the Yorks C.B.S. of Ireland outright, writes Mr. P. Mulcahy (Dublin), having won it three times in succession. I may say I have to thank CAGE BIRDS in no small way for my successes.

A slight error occurs in our schedule; Class 46 should read Clear or Ticked Yellow or Buff hen, writes Mr. Wm. Guthrie, sec. of the Kilmarnock O.C.B.S. Since issuing schedules I have received two extra specials, one for non-fed Norwich and one for Yorks, which will duly appear in prize list.

On going through our schedule I find several printer's and other errors, writes Mr. W. H. Mugford, hon. sec. of the London C.B.A. The diploma for Yorkshire Green is for the best bird not yellow; and in the Green Border section the diploma is for the best bird. The entrance fee to the Foreign bird classes is 2s. With regard to the Crest section, I was under the impression that Classes 1—9 had been guaranteed, but I now find it is only Class 3. Will exhibitors kindly note this?

The Mayor as President.

On account of serious illness our President, Alderman M. Murray, can no longer grace our association, writes Mr. J. M. Macdonald, sec., Wallsend-on-Tyne C.B.S., and our members very much regret this and wish him a speedy and complete recovery. The present Mayor of Wallsend, Councillor Swinburn, J.P., has accepted the position of President, and, with the Mayoress, will visit our show on Nov. 11, when their presence will afford great pleasure to the members and public (we expect a large turn-out). Mr. J. Dixon (Bedlington) judges the Canaries instead of Mr. A. Hay, who is officiating at Blyth. Mr. Hay has promised to keep the Wallsend date for us next year; our members have taken a fancy to him.

Your autumn double number is up to CAGE BIRDS usual high standard, and the coloured plate just lovely, writes Mr. Robert Whitton, sec., Broughty Ferry C.B.S.

I have received a postcard from someone wanting two or three pairs of Canaries, but cannot decipher the address, so cannot reply, writes Mr. Thos. Price (Wigan). The postmark is Edmonton, London, N.

We regret exceedingly to hear that Mr. Atkinson, the popular secretary of the Newcastle-on-Tyne C.B.S., has been down with pleurisy, but his many friends will be glad to know that he is making satisfactory progress towards recovery.

We hear that Mr. R. Lowther has sold his winning Buff Norwich (King George) to Mr. W. H. Howe, of Wellingborough, for a good figure. This bird has secured firsts at Chopwell, Newcastle (Bowl winner), 2nd Morpeth, and 1st Blaydon.

I regret to say, writes Mr. H. Smith, that entries at Wimbledon Show are very short, and it has been decided to extend the closing date till Saturday morning next, Nov. 11. We hope fanciers will rally round us.

We shall have an excellent show this week-end (Nov. 10 and 11), writes Mr. C. W. Law, hon. sec. of the Highgate, Hampstead, and District C.B.S., over 350 entries having come to hand. We hope to see a good gathering of fanciers at the hall—the Spencer Hall, Dartmouth Park, N.W., near the Tufnell Park tube station and Junction Road (M.R.) station.

We hear that Nottingham Show this week-end (Nov. 11 and 13), held in the Mechanics' Lecture Hall, will provide its usual treat for bird-lovers, in the way of a grand display of birds, some of the best in the country having been entered. Visitors to this old-established and splendidly managed exhibition have evidently another treat in store.

Owing to our show at Leigh on Nov. 18 and 19, appearing in your Guide to Shows, writes Mr. R. Charleton, the hon. sec., I have had several applications for schedules, so will you kindly thank all enquirers and state that it is only a members' show with one open Limnet class? This speaks highly for the many hands CAGE BIRDS Guide must get into, and for its usefulness.

Allow me to thank all exhibitors at Luton Show for their support, writes Mr. E. Bloomfield, the hon. sec. I regret not being able to send labels sooner, as it was feared we should not have a show; I hope that every exhibitor, on reading your report, will realise that we have done our best for them.

Being employed on a local newspaper and knowing the value of a good display advertisement, Messrs. J. G. Hammond, your printers, deserve special praise for the display of our Swansea Show advertisements, writes Mr. S. H. George, sec., Swansea C.B.A.

Visitors to Nottingham Show this week-end (Nov. 11 and 13) should pay a visit to CAGE BIRDS Stall, where our books and pamphlets, etc., will be on sale. Mr. Wm. Cottingham (of Nottingham) has charge of the stall, and hopes to make the acquaintance, on our behalf, of the friends and fanciers present.

Mr. H. Davidson, sec. of the Lockerbie F.A., writes drawing the attention of fanciers to the fact that at the Lockerbie Show on Nov. 23 a cup is being offered for the best Border Fancy in show, and another for the best Norwich (non-fed), and that there are in addition a number of other valuable specials (one at least in each class), including gold and silver medals.

I have been reluctantly compelled to extend entries to Sunday morning's post, fearing the result will be disastrous unless we do, writes Mr. W. Sampson, sec. of the Cardiff C.B.S. Since the issue of schedules Mr. Sivill has presented a special of 5s. for most entries in the 15 classes of British. This is in addition to the Points Specials. Novices should observe we are providing four classes for Nor. and four for Yorks. Mr. Ramsden has also presented a handsome breakfast cruet for best fed bird.

We hear that Mr. W. Rudd, the enterprising bird specialist, of Norwich, has recently acquired the whole of a noted fancier's stock of Lizard Canaries, both breeding and young (1911) birds, including some noted winners at our leading shows. All of them, winners as well, he has for sale, and the prices he will ask for them are extraordinarily low. Here is a fine chance for all breeders—especially the amateurs—to acquire first-class stock at bargain prices, which will bring them to the front, and we recommend them to write Mr. Rudd for particulars.

A Novel Method.

Cover the sand trays with a sheet of paper, and put the sand on same. Change paper and sand every two days. Sweep cages out weekly. Have practised this mode for some years, writes Mr. J. Kay (Charlton)

A Great Chance in Crests.

We hear that several of the most prominent breeders of Crests in the Newcastle and Gateshead district are shortly leaving England for Australia, and that some of the best Crests and Crest-breds in the country will have to find fresh homes.

Ten Guineas for a Norwich.

My noted Buff Norwich cock (1st and special, Oxford) won 1st at Leicester last Saturday, and was claimed at catalogue price, £10 10s. I feel proud to have bred such a bird; he was an ideal one, writes Mr. A. Lewin, chairman, Oxford C.B.S. I must also thank you on behalf of my committee for the excellent report CAGE BIRDS gave of our Oxford Show.

To Canada via "Cage Birds."

I exported on Thursday by the steamer "Laurentic" 74 valuable Yorkshire Canaries to Canada through an advertisement in your paper CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. Edgar Broadbent, of Sheffield. Messrs Spratts Patent, Ltd., are undertaking control of the shipment, etc.

£25 Paid for a Young Crest.

The sales at Cheltenham Show were considerably above the average, and a number of birds changed owners, writes Mr. A. S Treasure, sec. The young winning Crest shown by Messrs. Kilminster and Hooper was claimed at catalogue prize, £25. The Rajah of Sarawak visited the show on Thursday and made several purchases.

Changes of Address.

Will secretaries and others kindly make a note of the following changes of address:—Mr. E. Meades (joint hon. sec. of the Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.), from Griffin Road to 56, Conway Road, Plumstead, S.E.; Mr. J. Nicholson, from Skipton to 244, Burnley Road, Accrington; Mr. P. H. Harris, from Bedford Square to 127, Drakefield Road, Balham, London, S.W.; and Mr. G. A. Watson, from Parkgate, to 27, Thomas Street, Sheffield.

An Unwise Choice!

Four local fanciers had been "called to the bar" at Sheffield Show, when a fifth party came on the scene with this message: "Mr. ——, you are wanted." Mr. —— went in a hurry. After a few minutes he returned, saying: "Excuse me, gentlemen, whilst I get over the shock." Having pulled himself together, he broke the news: "What do you think, chaps, a well-known local lady has claimed one of my birds for singing purposes, and it's a hen mule!" Mr. ——, however, saw that matters were rectified afterwards.

Sheffield's Successful "Landlady."

The refreshment bar at Sheffield Show, run by the society and managed by Mrs. G. Fletcher (wife of one of the members) proved a paying concern. Mrs. F. makes a capital "landlady," quite an expert, being able to give a joke and take a joke with whoever feels inclined for a few minutes' jovial chat. Many ladies were observed having afternoon tea and enjoying the capital fare provided at nominal cost. On viewing the stock-in-trade after the show closed, we observed that most of the bottles were empty, and all the barrels were tilted!

An Attractive New Class.

A novel, and what seems to us excellent, feature will be found in the schedule of the next Crystal Palace Show, viz., a class for birds staged in cages so decorated as to represent the natural surroundings of the species. The decorations will be judged, and not the birds, and the prizes be awarded for suitability and artistic merit. Any British or Foreign species (singly or in pairs) may be shown in this class. This attractive notion will no doubt commend itself to many bird-keepers who would not otherwise be exhibiting birds, and the expectations of the management that the class will be one of the features of the show ought to be fulfilled.

Reduced Admission to Shows for Cage Bird League Members.

With refereuce to the paragraph in the League column as to the above, we hear as we go to press that:—

At Stoke-on-Trent, Nov. 16, the charge will be threepence instead of fourpence.

At Cardiff, Nov. 15 and 16, the 1s. charge up to 4 p.m. on the first day will be reduced to ninepence, and the charge afterwards, and on the second day, will be fourpence instead of sixpence.

At Swanley, Kent, Nov. 22, there will be reduced charges of ninepence, fourpence, and twopence, instead of the ordinary admission of a shilling, sixpence, and threepence respectively.

Mr. H. Smith, Hon. Sec. of Wimbledon C.B.S. writes: Catalogues with awards will be printed immediately after judging and sent post free for sevenpence; this was omitted from schedule. Entries promise to beat all records. Members of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE, will be admitted, if wearing their badges, or on production of their membership receipt, at the reduced fee of ninepence up till five o'clock on Tuesday, and fourpence afterwards and on Wednesday. CAGE BIRD LEAGUERS should attend this show, the first to make the reduction named.

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Canary Farming in the Open Air.

A Lecture given by Mr. E. Pretty before the Members of the London and Counties A.C.B.

When a fancier puts up more than a moderate number of pairs of birds his hobby goes somewhat beyond ordinary Canary breeding. It partakes more of the nature of a business, and I therefore make no apology for my title, "Canary Farming." A Canary is not what it is; it is what you make it. In my experience I have found it to be the most hardy and most healthy of any bird I know, and one which is well able to withstand an English winter out of doors with only reasonable protection. It is to be remembered that the open air is the natural element of a bird and it does not feel the cold as some people would make you believe. Often when I have had to break a solid lump of ice out of my birds' water pans the birds have bathed immediately.

Tried for Years.

I have kept my Canaries out of doors now for some years, and I should never think again of keeping them in a room even if I had the accommodation. I have found the most suitable cage to be of the box pattern, not less than twenty-four inches long, twenty-two deep and twenty high. What is meant by a box cage is one with wood all round except for the wire front. I put only two hop perches, these I make of good thickness, about three-quarters of an inch, and set as wide apart as possible. I have no water or seed-pot holes in the front wires, but put the drinking and feeding vessels on the cage-bottom in such a position that the birds cannot foul them from the perches; the birds then feed and drink from the ground, and this keeps their nails at a proper length, so that they seldom need cutting.

The aspect I prefer is facing south, with some kind of protection against excessive sunshine, for in hot weather too much sunshine may easily prove fatal to the birds. In most places some device must be invented to keep off the cats, such as a skeleton framework covered with wire netting. Slugs and mice are likely to give trouble. The former are particularly partial to the egg-food, and should be kept down by a nightly visit, and a box of salt into which they may be dropped as found. Mice may be killed by any one of the vermin killers or trapped in a pail partially filled with water and stood at each corner of the stack of cages.

For Lancashires and Yorkshires the perches should be fixed low in the cage to get the birds well up on the leg; with other varieties, in which reach is not desired, the perches should be placed nearer the top to prevent undue reach. The best time to introduce Canaries to an outdoor life is about the end of March, when the worst of the weather will be over, and the birds should previously have been kept in a cold room, one entirely without a fire. If they have been kept throughout the winter in a warm room, they should not be placed outdoors until later in the year.

The Selection of Breeding Pairs.

In selecting birds to breed from, I pay most attention to size and colour on the cock side, and shape and type on the hen's part, taking the precaution never to pair together two birds possessed of the same fault. A want of any property on the one side must be balanced by an excess of the same on the other; a similar fault in both birds is certain of perpetuation in the young. Size is mostly obtained by judicious crossing with other and larger varieties.

The latter end of March is the best time to get your birds into breeding condition. I prefer to let Nature take her own course, and I do not force my birds. At this time they should have daily a little dandelion leaf, which has been well washed overnight and allowed to dry. The staple food should be good sound canary seed, with a teaspoonful three times a week to each bird of the following mixture in equal parts; white millet, red millet, hemp, niga, summer rape, golden pleasure, linseed and maw seed. On the days when the mixture is not given, the birds should have a little dry egg-food, as I shall explain later. A little tonic should be placed in their drinking water twice a week. I have found the following an invaluable mixture: From a bottle of good port wine take out a cupful; then put into the bottle one ounce of honey and one ounce of citrate of iron, and thoroughly dissolve the citrate by standing the bottle in hot water. Enough of the mixture should be added to the drinking water to turn it of the colour of sherry. A piece of cuttlefish bone hung up above the perches for the birds to peck at must not be forgotten, as this will assist the production of hard shells to the eggs.

When the birds have made up their minds to start breeding, the cage should of course be provided with a nest pan and bracket, the nest pan lined with felt which must be glued in. For nesting material, I have found nothing better than cow-hair; it holds the heat longer than any other substance that I know.

The hen, while sitting for thirteen or fourteen days, according to the weather and temperature, should be fed on plain canary seed, with just a pinch of maw seed added. Green food should be avoided, and only plain water given for drinking. During this time stomach trouble will sometimes appear; if so use maw seed plentifully. If the diarrhoea continues, the hen may neglect to feed her young, but this may be prevented by giving the oil of cajuput mixture, which I shall mention when I speak of birds coming back from a show.

Treatment of the Young.

As soon as the young are hatched the hen must be provided with egg food, and this may be in either of two forms, known as dry feeding and wet feeding. In dry feeding, take for the first four days the yolk of one hard-boiled egg to two Osborne biscuits; afterwards one egg (the white and yolk together) to four Osborne biscuits. The white and the yolk are well broken up with a pestle and mortar, and the biscuit thoroughly incorporated. Personally I prefer the wet feeding, for birds have very little saliva, and it is easier for the hen to disgorge moist than dry food. The wet feeding is managed as follows: Thoroughly grind up the white of a hard-boiled egg and two lumps of sugar, take a thin slice of bread right across the loaf, soak this in water for ten minutes, squeeze as dry as possible in a cloth, well work in the yolk of the egg, and then thoroughly mix with the pounded white. This is quite the best food I know for young Canaries; of course, any quantity may be made according to requirements, but it must not be allowed to become stale.

Treatment of Bad Feeders.

Sometimes the hens are inclined to be lax in their feeding duties, and the first thing I do in such case is to change the food to boiled bread and milk. If this fails, I turn the hen off her nest and place an unlined nest-pan over the young, so that she cannot get back to them. I then leave her for five minutes, take the nest pan off the youngsters and leave her again. Some hens are very nervous, and will not feed in anyone's presence, and this is why I advise going right away from them when trying this method. I have always been very successful in the treatment. I strongly advise never to take away the soft food until the moult is well over, but always give crushed hemp seed and canary seed in separate pots. The birds must not be allowed to get too fat before or during the moult, and the soft food at that time should be plain biscuit powder, damped with a little water and sprinkled slightly with canary seed and maw seed.

The parent birds and young should have soaked rape seed in addition to their egg food, and this is prepared as follows: Put a breakfast cupful of summer rape into a quart jug three parts full of water, and let it soak for twenty-four hours; take it out, let it drain for another twenty-four hours, and if the weather is warm and the seed is good, it will by that time be sprouting; the soaked seed must not be given wet, but must be rubbed dry in a cloth. While the soaked seed is being given, green food will not be necessary.

Moulting for Colour.

When birds are to be colour fed the process should begin at about seven weeks old. At first, this should be weak; crush together with a pestle and mortar eight lunch biscuits, four lumps of sugar, and one teaspoonful of colour food, add an egg-cupful of maw seed, and damp with a little water, or sufficient hard-boiled eggs. Each week add an extra spoonful of colour food until you are giving four teaspoonfuls to the eight biscuits, etc., and then continue at that strength right through the moult. Beginning about August, a little sulphate of iron first dissolved in hot water and then added to the cold drinking water will fix the colour. All birds that are being colour-fed should be screened by some thin material from exposure to excessive light.

Preparing for the Show.

Birds should be washed one week before a show, using the best curd soap, and should be sprayed every morning; nothing fines down the feather better than this spraying; a piece of thin muslin will keep off dirt and smoke between washing day and show day. When they return from a show they should have as their first feed some freshly boiled bread and milk sprinkled with maw seed, and if they look at all queer, oil of cajuput is a valuable remedy. Put four drops of this in an empty drinker, and then pour slowly into it from as high a point as possible water nearly to the top. It is necessary to hold the pouring jug high in order to separate the particles of the cajuput oil, but do not let the drinker run over, or the medicine will be wasted.



AN UNCOMMON AND CHARMING BRITISH BIRD.

THE CRESTED TIT: Drawn from the specimen so successfully exhibited at the Scottish Shows by Mr. E. Taylor (Anniesland, Glasgow).

Foreigners Which Pay the Tobacco Bill

To say Nothing of Holiday Bills and Bills for Food.

Some Experiences of Mr. Fred Kings (Sutton Coldfield).

"Foreign Birds!" The softest whisper of these two magic words is sufficient to rouse me out of the most melancholy mood, and to at once make me happy, bright, and cheerful. When I was a boy my schoolmaster used to grumble at me because I was always drawing foreign birds in my copy book, instead of studying history; at night my mother used to grumble at me for reading bird books in bed; and now I am a married man my wife grumbles at me because I am always sitting up into the small hours reading my CAGE BIRDS instead of going to roost at a respectable time! When a little boy, I started bird-keeping with a tame sparrow, which I kept in a cage I manufactured out of an old soap box and a few umbrella wires; and I got grumbled at by my mother. When I blossomed into youth I kept Hawks, Owls, Magpies, Jays and Parrots, and got grumbled at by my father. When I became a man I kept Emus, Cassowaries, Eagles, Vultures, and Condors, and got grumbled at by my neighbours. Nevertheless, the fact remains that out of the thousands of living things I have kept, nothing has given me such pleasant hours as my foreign birds.

What Solomon Missed!

The keeping of Foreign birds dates from a very early period, but King Solomon was perhaps the first bona-fide Fancier, who kept his collection of various Foreign birds equally as much to the pleasure of his subjects as to his own delight. But even King Solomon, with all his wealth, had not the opportunity for keeping Foreign birds compared with the Fancier of to-day, and I often think what a tremendous price Solomon would have gladly paid for a copy of CAGE BIRDS. Foreign birds can now be obtained so readily and cheaply that there is no excuse for a man to say he cannot afford them. For the beginner, let me recommend seedeaters of the hardier species, such as Budgerigars, Zebra Finches, Java Sparrows, Ribbon Finches, etc., as these birds are wonderfully hardy, will live in the garden aviary all the year round, and are as prolific as House Sparrows and with little trouble or attention will rear several nests of young each year.

Never shall I forget when a schoolboy breeding my first nest of Budgerigars. I had a pair sent me by a friend in Wiltshire for a birthday present. It was in the month of April (not April 1st) and I kept them in the garden in a large cage I manufactured out of an old bacon box and some ½-inch wire netting. They went to nest the following month, and reared me 5 beautiful youngsters (3 cocks and 2 hens) which I used to delight to exhibit to my old schoolmaster as "Baby Parrots." The poor old fellow was not a Fancier, so did not know the difference!

I sold the young Budgerigars and bought a pair of Cockatiels, and shall always remember my old schoolmaster coming home with me to see them. The hen was busy incubating four eggs, and the old man being short-sighted put on his glasses and peeped down into the nest, when the old hen Cockatiel, being of a rather retiring and suspicious nature, pinned him by the nose and held on, which started him sneezing as if he had just taken a huge pinch of snuff.

Another advantage of the keeping of Foreign birds, is that an aviary suitable for them can be readily constructed in any backyard, and in the densest populated town, and they can be kept without being a nuisance to the neighbours, though perhaps to the delight of the neighbours' cats. But cats seldom worry me now. Last year I exchanged some of the Budgerigars with a gentleman in Devonshire, and in return he sent me an air-gun, the smartest little cat-frightener I ever handled.

"Pin Money" for the Ladies.

Foreign bird keeping can be indulged in by the fair sex equally as by the sterner sex, while the Fancier can make his birds pay for their keep, and with a little systematic management they will show quite a nice little balance in their favour as well. I don't say there is a fortune in them, but at the same time they will certainly pay for their keep and trouble—more than can be said of plenty of other hobbies. I know a lady in Wiltshire who makes quite a nice little sum (which she calls "Pin Money") out of her Foreigners every year—while another Fancier, a friend of mine near Birmingham, saves enough out of his Foreigners to pay for his annual holiday at the seaside. As to my own experience, well, that is not a fair test as to profit and less, as I have now become such a keen Fancier of Foreign birds that I sometimes speculate rather large sums to obtain very scarce species, and as many of these costly species do not breed in England. I cannot exactly look on them from the profit-making point of view, but in the light of a luxury. Still, with all this, on balancing up my Foreign bird accounts each year, I find they leave a favourable balance; so taking into consideration that I have had more pleasure out of my Foreigners than anything else I have ever kept, you will readily understand why I am so much in their favour.

One thing, at least, I have to thank my Foreigners for—they saved me a lot of trouble, and worry over the recent Budget. You see I am a rather heavy smoker, and the advance of the duty meant that my "Bacca" would cost me more, but thanks to my Foreigners I go on quietly smiling and smoking as usual, for they not only pay for their keep, but pay for my tobacco all the year round as well. So I get my hobby and my 'bacca for nothing. I hope they won't put a tax on my Foreign birds!

In conclusion, let me advise all amateur Fanciers to commence with the species I have mentioned above, give them proper and careful attention, keep an exact statement of expenditure and returns, advertise surplus stock and young birds in CAGE BIRDS (they will get plenty of replies) and I am confident they will soon experience the same satisfactory results as myself

Questions and Answers.

DOUBTS AND DIFFICULTIES SOLVED BY SPECIALISTS.

Queries will be answered under the following conditions:—

(1)—*All questions must be clearly written in ink (or typewritten) on one side of paper, and must conclude with either the correct name of querist, or a pseudonym, or initials.*

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(9).—*All queries must be addressed to the* **Editor, "Cage Birds,"** *154, Fleet Street, London, E.C. Only queries so sent will be answered. Postcards are not admissible.*

THE following gentlemen represent CAGE BIRDS staff of **ADVISORY EXPERTS.** Queries must in no case be addressed to any of them individually, but to the Editor.

Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** British Birds, Mules and Hybrids—**G. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., &c., Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc., of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his questions for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Eating and Wasting.

A.H.T.—Your treatment is not correct, but before attempting anything else first see that the birds are kept in a healthful place. Keep them quite free from cold draughts, or extreme fluctuations, and do not allow them to hang in or near to a window, or fire, or burning lights, nor high up near ceiling Keep cages strewn with clean gritty sand, and see they are free from red mites. Give a staple diet of plain Canary seed only. Every second day give a half teaspoonful of summer rape, and on the alternate days give three times a week for a month a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut sprinkled lightly with soft sugar, and finally with a pinch of maw, and twice a week a small spray of watercress or sweet fruit. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, every second day for a week, and afterwards dissolve in each ounce of water every second day for a fortnight a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea, a crystal of sulphate of iron half as big, and add six drops of dilute sulphuric acid. Treat both birds the same, except that you should keep the one that has not moulted rather on the warm side, and also add a light dusting of flowers of sulphur to the bread and milk each time for the first fortnight.

A Squealing Crest (Reader of "Cage Birds.").—The bird undoubtedly get a chill during the moult which has brought on bronchial trouble, which is the cause of the squealing, as you term it. See that all causes of the complaint are removed, as suggested in reply to "S. Crichton," and feed as directed in that reply. Also give the aperient mixture therein named for two days, and follow this up with a fortnight's course of the chlorodyne mixture given in reply to "Keeper."

Seed Samples (S. G. Williams).—The canary is an excellent all-round quality. The rape is probably a mixture of rape-like seeds, and has a proportion of the hot biting kind. Otherwise the sample is very clean and good. For feeding Canaries you should get the wild nutty-flavoured sort, and limit the use of the kind of which sample consists to the mixture used occasionally in small quantities as a change. The hemp is also probably a mixture of various qualities. The bulk of it is of moderate quality only, a small proportion very good, and about the same proportion is decidedly bad. I should not care to use it for high-class valuable Canaries.

Travelling Box (Box).—The small so-called travelling cage used by large dealers to send out birds would be quite the best thing for sending the bird a journey of 70 miles. These are about nine inches long by 5in. by 5in., wired only in front and a perch across the middle from back to front about an inch or rather less from the floor. Throw in a handful of canary seed, put in bird shortly before time to pack up, so that it may begin to pick up off the floor. At last minute offer a drink of water, put in cage a small piece of bread saturated with water, and pack up cage closely in stout brown paper. No holes or anything else for ventilation are necessary or advisable at this season. Label prominently "Live Bird," etc. Proper labels for the purpose are advertised in our columns. Send per passenger train. At end of journey a drink of lukewarm water or milk and a little bread and milk or crushed sponge cake will be all that is necessary.

Doubtful Sex (J. Booth).—I am inclined to think your doubts about the sex of the bird are well founded. Most young Roller cocks begin to mutter more or less almost as soon as they leave the nest, and any healthy young Roller that is well through the moult should be in fairly good song by now. You might give it half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with three or four drops of sherry mixed in it every second day for a fortnight, and a pinch of a mixture of equal parts maw, gold of pleasure, and inga on the alternate days. If it still shows no signs of coming in song after that—well, put it in the harem. But if it gives you trills—or rolls, rather—of two minutes duration, then it will still be a marvel which I, at least, "have never heard the like." Feed as advised in No. 10 Nutshell, but give a staple of two parts canary to one part summer rape.

A Trio (Young Novice).—(1) See Editor's replies under "General." (2) You should have placed it at once in a nice, comfortable and equable temperature, free from draughts, but not overbeated. If no better, do this now, and give a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar and a pinch of maw daily for a week or so. In the drinking water give the glycerine, squills, chlorodyne, epec. wine and potassium mixture given in detail in one or two other replies this week. (3) To clear out the mice use the Virus remedy advertised in our columns, afterwards fill up all holes, etc., with cement in which a little finely broken glass has been mixed. For the cockroaches keep a Demon trap or two set baited with a little sweetened moisture, and destroy the "catch" each morning and evening.

Breeding and Ailing Hen (C.B.L. Member).—(1) You may quite safely mate these birds for breeding next season, say, at the beginning of April, provided they are in the proper condition for mating. (2) Your treatment is not giving this hen a sporting chance. Give a staple diet of plain canary only. Every second day give in addition half a teaspoonful of summer rape and a morsel of banana. On each alternating day for a fortnight give a similar quantity of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver emulsion mixed in it and sprinkled with maw seed. Limit the food to these items. In the drinking water give these same medicines as advised to "A. Farmer." You can get small drinkers for giving medicines economically from any large dealer in appliances. Strictly avoid metal drinkers for this purpose.

Not Moulted (W.M.).—It would help this bird to give it a vapour bath, as described in "Our Canaries," and afterwards keep it rather on the warm side and add to the drinking water 20 drops of whiskey, five of sweet spirit of nitre, and a few shreds of saffron every second day for a week or so. See that she is kept quite free from draughts and the noxious fumes of burning lights. Feed as advised to "S. Crichton," but omit the sherry and oil from the soft food, and slightly dust it with flower of sulphur instead, and give also twice a week a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, millet, and broken groats. If cough is not better in, say, a fortnight, give her the chlorodyne mixture as advised to "Keeper."

Just Starting (E. Hollis).—You will get a pretty fair knowledge of all the elements required from "Canary Breeding for Beginners" sent you, and if you now get "Our Canaries" you will be well equipped for starting, and should be able to get over every difficulty that arises. The bird bred last March will be quite old enough and ready for breeding at the beginning of next season—say, end of March or beginning of April. Its not singing may be due to moulting. If it is really a cock it should commence to sing as soon as the moult is finished. It is quite a matter for personal judgment whether you start with one cock to one hen or one cock with two hens. If properly worked either plan may be equally successful in result, with the saving of one-half the number of cocks. How to work one cock with two hens is fully explained in the book mentioned, and also in several recent replies in this column.

Sits Panting (S. Crichton).—You omit to say which year it was bred. Keep it in a comfortable temperature—not over-heated nor yet cold, but quite free from extremes on either side, cold draughts, or fumes from burning lights, and do not hang it near ceiling. Give a staple diet of plain canary only. Every second day give half a teaspoonful of summer rape, and each alternate day for a fortnight give a similar quantity of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw seed. Three times a week give a morsel of green food or sweet fruit. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom salts for two days, and afterwards 20 drops of whisky, six each of glycerine and oxymel of squills, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, every second day for a week or fortnight, as may seem necessary.

Soft Moult and Diarrhœa (A. Farmer).—For the latter see that all your seeds and foods are quite sweet and fresh. The treatment prescribed below will, however, probably correct this. Strictly speaking, no room should be "hot" for Canaries either with or without these complaints. If you wished to heat the room for any purpose, a temperature of 54 degrees, which can only be called "temperate," is quite sufficient for practically all purposes. See reply to "S. Crichton," and treat the birds the same as regards food and temperature. Also give the same aperient for two days, and afterwards dissolve a dram of ammoniated citrate of iron and quinine in two tablespoonfuls of sherry, add a teaspoonful of glycerine, and give 20 drops of this in each ounce of drinking water two days in every three until the feathers cease dropping.

Buff Hen with Cold (Keeper).—(1) See reply to "S. Crichton" in this issue, and treat this hen the same as therein advised, especially in the matter of the removing causes. If not better at end of fortnight get a chemist to mix you two drams each of glycerine and oxymel of squills, one dram each of chlorodyne and ipecacuanha wine, and eight grains of iodide of potassium, and give 20 drops of this in each ounce of water every second day for a week or two. You might take advantage of a few fine mild days to remove the bird from the kitchen to a room where no fire is kept, provided it is quite free from draughts and damp, and the bird has been kept well away from the fire for a few days before removal. (2) See Mr. Weston's replies. Query should have been on a separate sheet. (3) If money is an object of importance, and you have no experience at all, you should get a pair of hardy young birds at about half the price you name, which would be just as good "to learn on," and, if the first attempt failed, it would not be quite so discouraging.

Feather Coming Off (T. Shaw).—The most common cause of this continual moulting is exposure to draughts, or extremes of heat and cold. The first step towards curing the trouble is to discover and remove the cause—without this all treatment will prove futile. See that bird is in a fairly equable and comfortable place—not necessarily very warm—but quite free from draughts or damp. Give a staple diet of three parts Canary to one part summer rape. Every second day for a month give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cold liver oil emulsion mixed in it and sprinkled with maw. On the alternate days give a few grains only of hemp and a morsel of banana. In the drinking water give a pinch of Epsom salts for two days; then dissolve a dram of ammoniated citrate of iron and quinine in an ounce of sherry, ad a teaspoonful of glycerine, and give 20 drops of this in the water every second day until feathers cease dropping.

Always Curled Up (R.P.S.).—If you carefully look into this bird's position I think you will find it is either exposed to occasional draughts or extremes of heat and cold. These must be absolutely removed. Do not keep bird near the fire, nor near, or over, burning lights in the evenings. Also carefully examine its cage for red mites, and if any are found, exterminate them. Give a staple diet of plain canary only. In addition, give one day a morsel of banana and a quarter teaspoonful of maw; next day half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, millet, and linseed; and next day a similar quantity of crushed sponge cake. Repeat these three items in the same order twice in each week for a month. In each ounce of drinking water give ten drops of syrup of buckthorn for one day, and afterwards every second day for a fortnight dissolve in the same quantity of water a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea, a crystal of sulpbate of iron half as big, and add six drops of dilute sulphuric acid. Keep cage and perches as clean as possible.

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should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping (1/1); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

About Nightingales.

Miss A. Mepham.—I do not know, of course, that your bird is a male. But even assuming it to be of the male sex, it may not commence to sing until the spring is approaching. Nightingales vary in this respect when in cages. Some sing freely during the autumn and winter, but moult in the spring and sing very little indeed during the warm weather—just the contrary, in fact, to that which one would expect—while others sing freely during spring and summer, and are more or less mute the rest of the year. The warm weather songsters predominate, undoubtedly, while all-the-year-round (more or less) vocalists are very scarce—I had a beauty myself a few seasons back. My 'Gales generally get to enjoy ripe fruit (even apples), the favourites being raspberries, peeled grapes (sliced), bananas, and garden currants. They are fond, too, of fleshy berries (elder, privet, black, etc.). A little live food should certainly be given—two or three mealworms and a few gentles, for instance. Good grocer's (shop) currants soaked in very hot water until they swell, then drained and allowed to cool, are very much relished, and a "feed" may frequently be given.

Hybrid Matters.

Hybrid Novice.—(1) As steadiness is so valuable in muling pairs, a house-moulted Greenfinch might have been more suitable for your purpose. I cannot tell you any length of time to keep the fresh-caught Greenfinch in a small cage, as this depends entirely upon its disposition. Some Greenfinches settle down and become steady in a fortnight, others take months. If your bird turns out very wild and untractable, he will be useless; give him his liberty and try another. Use the jonque. (2) It depends upon whether the Britisher is a proved muler. If so, he need not run with the hen until the latter is getting into breeding condition. If untried, then a spell with a hen Canary (or several hens) is beneficial during the winter. (3) It is just a matter of personal choice, as both Canary-Bullies and Greenie-Bullies are of considerable value. (4) Why not try the cock Bullfinch with a variegated yellow hen Canary? (5): No one could possibly say, as individual birds differ so. The chances are very much against her doing so, however.

Loss of Goldfinches.

W. Pugh.—It is difficult to judge the sample of seed sent, for I have no hesitation in saying that it is the dirtiest, dustiest sample I have ever set eyes upon. Surely you do not give it to your birds like this? If you do, then your losses need no further explanation. The canary seed looks small, but otherwise good, and the linseed does not seem amiss. The teazle is small and poor-looking (I should not buy it for my own use), and the hemp—most important of all for Goldfinches—contains many bad grains (brown and dried, not white and "milky," in kernel; crush some yourself and see), and in addition to this it is too large and hard to give to newly-caught Goldfinches—the sort of hemp that many of them could not crack. Get a smaller kind of hemp, which when crushed yields a white, oily ("milky") kernel; and even this should be given lightly cracked to newly-caught Goldies. No birds can live on bad seed—that goes without saying—and unless hempseed is really first-class, Goldfinches are better without it.

A Puzzle of a Bird (J. W. W.).—Your description is very vague (you don't, for instance, say whether seed-eater or otherwise), and what there is of it is very puzzling, especially the "yellow breast." Hazarding a guess, I should think the bird must be a Linnet Mule (i.e., a cross between a Linnet and a Canary). If you think this is not correct, try and describe the bird more fully and state how the plumage is marked, also what the bird's call note and song (if any) are like.

A Trio (W.O.C., Hounslow).—(1) Of the three seeds in the mixture the linseed is good, the canary good but smallish, and the hemp only moderate, there being a percentage of bad grains amongst it, brown in the kernel (when crushed) or entirely dried to dust. Bad hemp can be very harmful, especially to birds which feed much upon it (such as Goldfinches), and I am certain it is the unsuspected cause of many deaths. Some of the canary seed has been shelled by mice, unless I am very mistaken, and these pests soon render seed to which they have access unfit for the food of birds. (2) Have you tried moving the bird from a cold to a heated room (or vice versa, as the case may be)? This usually serves to drop a bird into moult. (3) Good linseed is not harmful to Goldfinches if given in moderation. My own Finches always have it. There is no object in giving "too much."

Size of Flocks (W. Bywater).—Personally I have never seen above 24 to 30 Goldfinches together in a flock, and generally speaking, parties of 6 to 12 have been far more common. But it is a fact that flocks of 50 to 100 (and over) have very often been seen. A friend of mine counted over 40 in a flock not many days ago.

Sixpence a Pound (H.M., Rhymney).—I felt very interested when I read that you had bought thistle seed at sixpence a pound—I promptly put my hand into my pocket to see how much money I had to spare after the fifth of November celebrations! But I put my money back again after I had examined the sample you enclosed, for I found it to be the ordinary teazle seed, and not thistle at all. Either the chemist you mention does not know thistle from teazle, or he mistook your order. Maybe it was the chemist's boy. I have heard of rat poison being sold by these enterprising young men to soothe the feelings of infants engaged in cutting their first tooth. By the way, it is very good teazle.

BRITISH BIRD & HYBRID QUERISTS *should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); "Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4 "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.*

A Quartette (O.C.S.).—(1) I use sea-sand myself, combined with crushed shell grit. (2) I don't quite know what you mean by "red" sand; if ordinary builders' sand, then this should not be injurious, though it is not sufficiently gritty (too fine). (3) I have never known virgin cork, when used as aviary ornamentation, prove harmful to birds. (4) If your birds are newly-caught—i.e., not properly used to captive life and its changed diet—then no doubt this is the cause of the losses. House-moulted birds, or, at least, birds which have been for some time in captivity, would be best for your purpose. Until you tell me the size of the aviary, I cannot very well suggest suitable birds. If you write me again, say how you have been feeding them, and the number and kind kept together.

Two Items (Would Like to Know).—(1) Sometimes birds which do not moult at the proper season prove very difficult to deal with. Often they will go until the spring before casting any feathers, and at times until the next autumn. A hand-wash, with soap and hot water (rather warmer than usual) has time and again proved an effective means of starting backward birds to moult. After the tub, keep them in a heated room, and steep three or four shreds of meadow saffron (from chemist) in their drinking water. (2) I have never used the seeds of the laurel for Bullfinches, so can give no opinion. I don't see what good purpose they could possibly serve as "colouring agents." What about the list I gave last week in answer to a querist? Plenty of really good and harmless colouring agents mentioned therein.

Breeding Mules (D. T.).—You say you have a "flight" 3 feet long, 2 feet high and 1 foot wide, and ask whether you can put two couples into it for Mule breeding purposes, viz., cock Linnet and hen Canary, and cock Goldie and hen Bullie. In the first place, your "flight" is not so large as some of my own cages (except in height) into which I put one couple; in any case, it is not suitable for more than one pair of birds. Further, to keep two pairs together, even in a much larger cage, is certainly calculated to hinder rather than to make for success. Each pair should have a separate "home." Of course, if your cage had a central division, a hen Canary could be kept in each compartment. Kept all together, both cocks and hens are liable to injure one another fighting. You should read one of the many articles CAGE BIRDS has published from time to time on Mule breeding; or CAGE BIRDS books on the subject. Even the cheap "Nutshell" booklets (on the Linnet, Goldfinch, etc.) have a few words to say concerning breeding with the various birds and method of feeding. It is too long a subject to deal with adequately in this column. Linnet and Canary and Goldfinch and Canary are the best pairs for a beginner, as the hen Canaries will rear the young, whereas hen British birds mostly fail in this respect. Ordinary earthenware nest-pans are generally used; many breeders, however, have their own particular fancy in the way of nesting receptacles. The term "Mule" is generally applied to birds having Canary blood in them, and the term "Hybrid" to birds bred between two Britishers. Strictly speaking, "Hybrid" is the correct term for all.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

Grey and Cuban Parrots.

T. Williams.—As regards the Grey, stop giving milk, and in addition to the seed mixture supply ripe fruit, plain biscuit, stale crust of household bread, nuts, and a little green food—keep a piece of clean cuttlebone in the cage, and add a pinch of grit (not sand) to the daily supply of seed. For a time, say for a month at least, add one teaspoonful of Byno-phosphates to the daily supply of water, which leave in the cage continually. If the bird is still unduly loose a fortnight hence, please repeat query. Re the Cuban, the same treatment will suffice for this as for the Grey as to the diet—give the bird an occasional dose of Dinneford's Magnesia—one teaspoonful in two tablespoonfuls of water—to keep the bowels moving freely, and at other times Byno-phosphates as for the Grey. Spray the bird weekly with quassia solution, using a fine "mist" sprayer.

Will It Talk?

Long Sett.—Your bird is not a Parrot, but the Australian Roseate Cockatoo, which bears a good reputation in its native country, which does not hold good over here—nevertheless, there have been quite talented birds of this species, though not very numerous, and if you take pains with yours, it should at any rate talk a little; most of them make

good minnies, are very droll, acrobatic and chummy. First you must get it tame, avoid anything likely to scare it, once it is tame keep it where it will hear plenty of conversation and not be dull; when it is restful talk to it and teach it by constant repetition—pet and fuss about with it, and it will soon respond. Diet: A seed mixture of two parts each of canary, white millet and oats, and one part each hemp, paddy rice, small maize, dari and sunflower seeds—well mix and keep a supply in the cage. Also supply nuts, ripe fruit, and plain biscuit. Keep a piece of clean cuttlebone hanging in the cage, and add a pinch of grit (not sand) to the daily supply of seed. It must either have water in the cage or be allowed to quench its thirst two or three times daily.

Budgerigars (J. E. Wood).—(1) About size of single Canary-breeder, enamelled creamy-white inside and black outside, including the wire front. Colour feeding quite unnecessary. I should advise showing in pairs, though they may be shown singly. (2) Yes, Budgerigars in a state of nature bathe by rolling in wet grass and herbage, and but seldom "tub" as other species do. Yes, spray as you suggest—use a fine (mist) sprayer. (3) A fair average sample. Nutshell Booklet No. 18 would help you, 2½d. post free from our manager.

Ailing Budgerigar (Lovebird).—Write me per return full details as it is fed, treated, and where it is kept; it is impossible for me to give a satisfactory reply without these details. In the meantime give three drops of tasteless castor oil, direct to the beak, from the end of a quill, and repeat the dose unless full relief is given. In lieu of the ordinary drinking water give a little very weak chilled brandy and water, say, 3 drops to two tablespoonfuls of water; the bird must be kept strictly out of draught, but not in a warm, close situation. Nutshell Booklet, No. 18, 2½d. post free from our manager, should assist you in keeping this species.

Blue-wing Lovebirds (Bluewing).—The Blue-wing Lovebirds, or, more correctly, Passerine Parrakeets, are not free breeders in captivity, but they have been bred in cage. I cannot call to mind any instance of either a talking Blue-wing or Madagascar, but as occasionally a talking Budgerigar turns up, why not a talking Lovebird? Hang up either a husk or small barrel in the cage as a nest receptacle. Diet: Canary, white and spray millet seed, with a few kibbled oats as a change, green food, and a little of any kind of ripe fruit they will take—also grit, cuttlebone and water, for drinking and bathing. They will do well either in your living room, or in an unheated room, but in either case must be subjected to draught.

Lavender Finch (Novice).—(1) A semi-box cage, 12x9x9 inches, enamelled pale sea green inside and black out, including the wires is about as good as any, but the standard show cage, about the above size, will meet the requirements of this species. (2). Besides the magazine you name, and the Fancy Press, there are no others outside the various books. Most of the latter are rather expensive, those advertised in CAGE BIRDS, published at our office,

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should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

are about the cheapest. Send me a stamped addressed envelope, per the Editor, and I will send you a list of the most suitable—some (many) do not deal with the treatment of the birds in captivity at all. Have you "Foreign Birds for Beginners," 1s. 1½d. post free, from our manager?

Lovebirds (W. A. Barr).—I think you had better tell me what kind they are before I attempt to answer your query, also do you intend to keep them in a cage, outdoor aviary, or flying loose in a bird-room? In the meantime feed as advised to "Bluewing" in this issue. Repeat query in full, as I do not retain queries by me.

African Grey Parrot (Anxious).—Undoubtedly shelled walnuts are the best, and as they are usually eaten right up, are no more costly in the end than cheaper kinds, but the bird should not be confined to any one kind—make the above your staple kind, but vary with Hazel and Pea-nuts, both can be purchased ready shelled. Saud is better than sawdust, the latter is certainly not wholesome, as it gets in their moist food and sets up internal irritation. For Parrots which I permit to come out in room or handle, I always keep the wire grating over cage tray, and my birds have clean feet, can be handled and allowed to come out at any time without any preparation.

Amazon Parrot with Swelling (Nemo).—It is difficult to form an opinion, there are quite a number of various swellings, and it would really be best to let a vet. see it, he would operate if necessary and remove it. However, if you wish to treat it yourself, foment with a decoction of camomile flowers, as hot as can be used without causing the bird discomfort, bearing in mind that the eye is a tender place—then dry with a soft cloth and lightly anoint with antiseptic ointment. Carry out this treatment daily, and then let me know how matters are progressing. In conjunction with the above keep the bowels moving freely, not watery loose, by an occasional dose of Dinneford's Magnesia—one teaspoonful in two tablespoonfuls of water. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever.

To go with Budgerigars (M. C. G.).—As has been often stated in this column, it is most unsatisfactory keeping Finch-like birds with Parrakeets and Lovebirds—though all may go well for a time, sooner or later tragedies become numerous. Red-crested and other Cardinals, Black-headed Silias, and any of the Foreign or English Thrushes and Blackbirds would be all right, but not smaller species. Budgerigars in these degenerate days do not bear the amiable character which they once possessed, as they often fall out among themselves. The better plan would be to put in a pair of Cockatiels, Rosella and Moustache Parrakeets. If you will send me size of your aviary I will tell you whether you have room for all or only part of the above.

What Bird? (Grateful).—So far as your description goes it corresponds with that of the Dugresui's Amazon, in fact, if your description is complete, it is that bird, a very handsome and uncommon species. But I give description to make sure. Fully as large as a Grey; general body colour, including wings and tail green; forehead and fore part of crown red; sides of face below eyes pale blulsh; a small patch in front of the eye yellow; three of the larger wing-coverts are red and the flights violet (puce) blue; beak and feet whitish. If yours is a young bird it may lack the yellow and blue face markings. If this does not correspond with your bird, repeat query, with any further particulars you can give.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 2, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 1s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Puzzled.—Septic fever.

A. J. Smith.—Death occurred from internal hæmorrhage consequent upon rupture of one of the pulmonary blood vessels, probably induced by fright.

W. Ramsay.—Your bird died of enteritis accompanied by splenic apoplexy of contagious origin. The disease is spread either by actual contact, or by mediate contagion by soiling of food with the excrement of affected birds. A course of disinfection is very necessary, and isolation of healthy from the diseased. Once diarrhœa sets in the disease is difficult to combat. Quinine in the form of citrate of quinine dissolved in drinking water twice daily, and if diarrhœa persists, 10 drops of a concentrated solution of Hœmatoxylin similarly administered, and discontinued upon its cessation.

John Glennon.—Contagious Septicoemia (not Septic fever) in which the spleen becomes enlarged and the lungs undergo inflammatory change. It is a very fatal disease, and you will do well to isolate remaining birds, if any, and to ensure complete and thorough disinfection.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

A Letter (F. Litchfield).—Your letter has duly been forwarded.

Peafowl (G.P.).—Our Mr. Page will give you an answer in his query columns.

Duraline (J. Bontyn).—Duraline is sold by the Wire-Wove Roofing Coy., 108, Queen Victoria-st., London, E.C.

Press Cuttings (J. P. Green; Miss Brown; A.E.S.; and others).—We are much obliged to you for your kindness in sending us the interesting newspaper cuttings about birds, etc.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Brighton F.A.— Nov. 22 and 23, Town Hall, Hove. Judges, Messrs. F. Easterling and H. R. Willmer. 25 open classes: Nor. 7 (2 for novices), Yorks. 8 (3 for novices), Crest. 2, A.O.V. 1, sell. 1, Brit. 4, For. 2. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Entries close Nov. 13, to W. J. Donne, 7, Chatham-place.

Holywood (Y.C.B.S. of Ireland).—Nov. 24 and 25, Town Hall. Judge, Mr. W. Mundell. 34 open classes: Scot. 2, Crest 2, Nor. 6, Yorks. 14 (6 for novices), sell. 2, song bird 1, Mule 3, Brit. 3, For. 1. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Entries close Nov. 20, to F. T. Cole, 7, High-st.

Hinckley.—Nov. 24 and 25, Drill Hall. Judges, Messrs. W. Judd and J. A. Tyler. 17 open classes: Nor. 6, Yorks. 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 5, For. 1, sell. 2. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Entries close Nov. 18, to H. Ridgway.

Newark.— Nov. 23, Public Hall, Barnby Gate. Judge, Mr. W. Brotherton. 3 open classes: Nor., A.O.V., and Brit., 1 each, and 13 members' classes. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 2/6 Fee 1/6 Entries close Nov. 16, to W. Lidgett, 58, Milner-st.

Brandon Colliery.—Nov. 25, Temperance Hall. Judge, Mr. W. Rutherford. 6 open classes: Nor. 1, Yorks. 1, Brit. 3, A.O.V. 1. Prizes 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee 1/-. Entries close Nov. 22, to G. Reed, 35, Newcastle-st., Brandon, Colliery, Co. Durham.

Doncaster (Y.C.B.B. and M.C.).—Nov. 24 and 25, Co-operative Hall, John-st. Judges, Messrs. J. C. Barnes and J. Maddison. 37 open classes: Yorks. 12 (4 for novices), Nor. 6 (2 for novices), A.O.V. 2, sell. 2, Mules 2, Brit. 11 (1 sell.), For. 2. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Entries close Nov. 20, to G. Bescoby, 26, Duke-st.

Stamford.—Nov. 23, Corn Exchange, Judge, Mr. J. Robson. 28 open classes: Nor. 6, Yorks. 5, Crest. 1, open novice £3 Nor. 1, ditto Yorks. 1, sell. 3, Mules 2, Brit. 7, For. 2. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and spls. (including £4 4/- silver cup for best exhibit, to be won outright). Fee 1/6. Entries close Nov. 14, to A. Harrison, 7, New-st.

City of Dundee (S.C.C., S.N.P.C.A.—Nov. 25, Gymnasium, Ward Road. Judges, Messrs. J. Young, W. Hampton, J. Stenhouse, J. Strachan, T. Arnott, and R. V. Raine. 49 open classes: Crest. 6, Nor. 12, Scot. 8, Bord. 6, Mule 2, Brit. 10, sell. 5. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 3/-. Fee 1/6. Entries close Nov. 20, to A. Miller, 3, Park-ave.

Swanley (Kent).—Nov. 22, New Club Hall. Judge, Mr. C. A. House. 40 open classes: Nor. 11 (1 for 3 mile radius), Yorks. 9 (1 for 3 mile radius), Bord. 1, Crest. 2, A.O.V. 1, Novice Can. 1, sell. 2, gift 1, Brit. 8, Mule 1, sell. 1, For. 2. Prizes 12/-, 6/-, 3/-. Fee 2/-. Entries close Nov. 15, to W. Colyer, 2, Station-rd.

Galashiels (B.F.C.C.).—Nov. 18, Volunteer Hall, Judges, Messrs. W. Rodger, J. Young, and J. W. Nicholson. 38 open classes: Scot. 12 (2 sell.), Belg. 1, Bord. 10 (1 sell.), Nor. 5 (1 sell.), A.O.V. 1, Mule 2, Brit. 5, For. 2. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and spls. Fee 1/6. Entries close Nov. 14, to C. Lugton, Botany Cottage.

Inverness.—Nov. 22, Rose Street Drill Hall. Judge, Mr. J. L. Lyon. 44 open classes: Yorks. 4, Bord. 8, Nor. 9, Crest. 4, Mules 2, sell. 1, Brit. 12, For. 2, gift 2. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Entries close Nov. 15, to Urquhart and Sutherland, 86, Telford-rd.

Cambridgeshire.—Nov. 29 and 30, Corn Exchange. Judge, Mr. T. J. Ambrose. 19 open classes: Nor. 2, Crest. 1, Yorks. 2, A.V. 1911, 1, Mule 1, Brit. 8, For. 2, sell. 1, gift 1; and 10 local £3 limit classes. Prizes 7/6, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Entries close Nov. 18, to Unwin and Howlett, 15, Emmanuel-rd., Cambridge.

Lockerbie (B.F.C.C.).—Nov. 23, Lesser Town Hall. Judges, J. F. Dewar. 27 open classes: Scot. 2, Bord. 11 (1 sell.), Crest. 1, Nor. 4, Mule 2, Brit. 5, For. 1, gift 1. Prizes 11/-, 5/-, 2/6, cups and spls. Fee 2/-. Entries close Nov. 16, to H. Davidson, Royal Hotel.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Ayr C.B.C.—Nov. 15, Academy Hall, Fort St., 7.30. Report of open show; classification and judge for club show.—J. Sloan.

Bolton and Dist. Roller C.S.—Nov. 14, Joiners' Arms Hotel, Bolton, 8. Schedules for open show.—W. Massey.

Bolton Woods C.B.S.—Nov. 11, Victoria Hotel, 8. Members' show business.—M. Skirrow.

Bradford East O.S.—Nov. 14, Park Chapel Schools, 7.15. Members' show; judges: Messrs. W. A. Cowgill and S. Dean. Birds staged 7.15 prompt. Ent. taken Monday night and Tuesday.—H. Hill.

Bradford National Show Committee.—Nov. 15, Flying Dutchman, Leeds Road, 7.15. Dispatch of schedules, etc.; plenty of help needed; please attend.—H. Hill.

Bradford West C.B.A.—Sat., Nov. 11th, Shoulder of Mutton, 7.45. Balance sheet of open show.—F. Western.

Bury C.B.S.—Nov. 14, Y.M.C.A., Rock St., 8. Final arrangements of show.—H. Jameson.

Chester-le-Street C.B.S.—Nov. 11, Butchers' Arms, 7.30. Show business.—E. J. Hedley.

Cinnamon Mkd. Y.C.C.—Nov. 11, Butchers' Arms, Great Horton, Bradford, 4.30. Specially important.—Grayshon and Allen.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—Nov. 13, 60, Paddington St., W., 7.15. Washing competition.; judge, Mr. J. Oldaker. Competitors please bring birds and drying cloths.—A. W. Curtis.

Coventry O.S.—Nov. 15, Sydenham Palace, 8.30. Final arrangements for show.—A. J. Barratt.

Derwent Valley C.B.S.—Nov. 11, Church Hall, Hamsterley, 7. Members' prize money, etc.—J. Lindsay.

Dewsbury C.B.S.—Nov. 11, Saville Hotel. Members' show; birds staged 3 o'c. Judge, Mr. T. Ogden (Bradford).—S. Shaw.

Ealing F.S.—Nov. 15, Hanwell Library, 8. General meeting; distribution of prizes and specials; arrangements for members' show, etc.—W. Bird.

Eccles C.B.S.—Nov. 15, Diamond Inn, 8. Table show; new members' subs.—J. Hall.

Eccleshill C.B.A.—Nov. 11, Fountain Inn. Members' show, birds to be staged by 7.30; judge, Mr. J. Chippendale.—W. Nettleton.

Glasgow West End C.B.C.—Nov. 10, Co-op. Hall, St. Geo. Cross, 8. Monthly meeting; annual show business.—W. Proudfoot.

Glasgow and West of Scotland Club.—Nov. 14, Mr. Muir's, Saltmarket, 8. Grand novice bird washing competition and members' show business; friends invited.—F. Taylor.

Huddersfield O.S.—Nov. 10, Old Hat Hotel, 8.—F. J. Sykes.

Halifax O.S.—Nov. 11, Plummet Line Hotel, 8. Ann. show business, etc.—J. J. Dunn.

Hemsworth C.B.S.—Nov. 15, Headquarters, 7.30. Meeting instead of third Saturday, owing to pigeon show, 18th Nov.—J. W. Gillings.

Houghton-le-Spring C.B.S.—Nov. 11, White Lion Hotel, 7.30.—R. H. Dixon.

Hyde C.B.S.—Nov. 13, St. George's School, 8. Entries close for annual show.—T. Allsop.

Keighley C.B.S.—Nov. 14, Black Horse Hotel, 7.30. Selecting stewards for show.—J. Binns.

Kent County C.B.—Nov. 15, Barton Road School, 8. Correspondence and general.—A. Hendry.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—Nov. 11, Railway Hotel, 6.30. Members' show; judge, Mr. F. Self (Clayton).—J. E. Hudson.

Leeds C.B.S.—Nov. 11, St. George's Schools (near Infirmary), birds staged at 2.30 p.m. Members' show; judge, Mr. W. Richmond (Rodley); show open 4.30 p.m. to 7 p.m.—W. A. Wilson.

Llanelly C.B.S.—Nov. 11, Greyhound Hotel, 7.30. Show matters; members who have not paid their subs. note that time is extended till this meeting.—D. John.

Middleton C.B.S.—Nov. 13, Old Boar's Head, 8. Arrangements for back-end show, etc.—J. Oldham.

Mid-Rhondda C.B.S.—Nov. 16, White Hart Hotel, Tonypandy, 7. General, etc.; fellow fanciers invited to join; shall be pleased to enroll members for Cage Bird League.—A. H. C. Legg.

Musselburgh O.S.—Nov. 18, Gray Horse, 7. Show business, entries, etc.—W. Nisbet.

Northern Liz. Club.—Nov. 11, Faucett St. Cafe, 7. Important and urgent.—G. C. Davidson.

North London C.B.A.—Nov. 15, Headquarters, 8. General debate and annual show business.—R. P. Harper.

Northern Yorks. C.C.—Nov. 15, 65, Grainger Street, 8. Meeting and table show. 3 classes in each section. Mr. T. C. Crawhall will address meeting on staging of birds.—R. Tindale.

Oldham C.B.S.—Nov. 14, Textile Dining Rooms, 8. Table show of Lancs. and Liz., also general debate on same; fanciers and friends invited.—J. Cope.

Pentre C.B.S.—Nov. 16, Jones's Cafe, 7.30. General.—G. Lingard.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—Nov. 13, Irwell Castle, Lr. Broughton, 8. Allotting specials, subs. now due; washing competition for members, entry fee 2d.; bring own birds.—J. Critchley.

Portobello C.B.S.—Nov. 14, Masonic Hall, 8. General business and settling of prize money.—J. Bell.

Queensbury C.B.S.—Nov. 16, Granby Hotel, 8.—A. Hartley.

Rawtenstall F.S.—Nov. 14, 7.30. Show and meeting; 5 classes for cage birds. All cage bird fanciers cordially welcomed. Mr. C. Bosworth, judge.—H. Kershaw.

Sale C.B.S.—Nov. 13, Volunteer Hotel, 8. Open show business. Members kindly bring entries.—A. Royle.

Sandy Lane C.B.A.—Nov. 14, Victoria Hotel, 8.—Ratcliffe and Shaw.

Selston F.S.—Nov. 14. National Schools, 7. Classification for annual show, etc.—C. H. Bacon.

Skelmanthorpe C.B.A.—Nov. 14, Liberal Club, 8. Table show, birds to be staged 8. Judge, Mr. F. Dyson.—J. Hird.

Skipton C.B.S.—Nov. 13, Globe Coffee Tavern, 8. Final arrangements for show.—E. Gill.

Sowerby Bridge C.B.S.—Nov. 11, Wharfe Hotel, 8. Members' show; cocks only.—Sutcliffe and Walker.

Spennymoor C.B.S.—Sunday, Nov. 12, County Hotel, 6.30. To choose judge for first annual show, New Year's Day, Jan. 1, 1912, County Hotel.—C. Ramsey.

Stoke Newington F.A.—Nov. 14, Amethyst Club, 8.30. Final arrangements for annual show on 24th Ent. close 13th.—J. C. Spence.

Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A.—Nov. 13, Red Lion Hotel, 8.30. Very important.—J. Pitchford.

Tong C.B.S.—Nov. 14, Hand and Shuttle Inn, 7.30. Meeting and judging competition. Ent. fee, 6d.—W. Walker.

Wallsend C.B.A.—Nov. 15, Station Hotel, 7.30. To settle show account and pay prizes.—Macdonald and Evans.

West of Fife C.B. League.—Nov. 18, Masonic Hall, Cowdenbeath, 4.—W. Duff.

Wibsey C.B.S.—Nov. 11, Horse and Groom Inn, 7. Beast heart supper. Fanciers and friends invited.—H. C. Crossley.

Wigan C.B.S.—Nov. 11, Legs of Man Hotel, 8. Members' show.—W. Dyer.

Wolverhampton C.B.S.—Nov. 16, Duke of York, 8. Paying out prize money and specials; so I appeal to all to attend.—J. Gibbons.

Wombwell B.F.A.—Nov. 18, Wesleyan Schoolroom, 7.—J. Hudson.

York C.B.S.—Nov. 4, Headquarters, 7.30. Washing exhibition, by Mr. T. Wright.—H. Thompson.

Yorkshire Union of C.B.S.'s.—Nov. 11, Butchers' Arms, Great Horton, 5.30. Meeting of Council. Ballot for Union judges, etc.—H. Hill.

London C.B.A. (Lond. Fed. C.C.C., S.Y.C.C., G.C.A., S.N.P.C., L. and L.F.A., L.C.A., U.K.B.C.A., B.F.C.C., E. and W.B.F.C.C., B.R.C.C., N.B.B. and M.C., F.B.C.).—Nov. 24, 25, and 27, Royal Horticultural Hall, Vincent Sq., Westminster, S.W. Judges, Messrs. H. D. Astley, S. L. Cocks, M. Jacquenim, T. J. King, E. J. Lamb, F. A. Lester, D. A. S. Longden, J. L. Lyons, P. Mason, C. Roehl, J. Robson, and W. Vardy. 151 open classes: Crests 10, Novice Crests 2, Crest Limit 2, Yorks. 7, Novice Yorks. 6, Yorks. Limit 1, Greens (Yorks., Nor., and Bord.) 12, Nor. 7, Novice Nor. 6, Nor. Limit 1, Cinn. 2, Lancs. 4, Liz. 6, Lond. Fcy. 1, Dutch Frill 3, Belg. 3, Bord. 7, Novice Bord. 2, Roller 7 (1 open-remainder for members of B.R.C.C.), Sell. 3, Extra Stock 4, Mule 9, Brit. 27, Novice Brit. 4, For. 15; and 41 members' classes. Prizes, 12/-, 8/-, 4/-, 2/- (except in Foreign, 15/-, 9/-, 4/-, 2/-, and Roller open, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, and 1/6), and heaps of cups, medals, and other specials. Fee, 2/-. Ent. close Nov. 16, to Mugford and Tyson, 1, Strathearn Rd., Wimbledon, London, S.W.

Hull (Y.C.B.B. and M.C.; O.N.P.C.).—Nov. 17 and 18, New Corn Exchange, North Church Side, Market Place. Judges, Messrs. J. Robson and J. Maddison. 47 open classes: Crest. 1, Nor. 7, Yorks. 7, Bord. 2, A.O.V. 1, sell. 3, Gift 1, open novice £3, Nor. 3, ditto Yorks. 3, Mules 5, Brit. 11, For. 3. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/-. Entries close Nov. 14 (1st post). to E. R. Ridley, 19, Lamhton-st.

Tunbridge Wells.—Nov. 15, Friendly Societies' Hall, Camden Rd. Judges, Messrs. W. Schmidt and T. W. Scarsbrook. 17 members' classes. Ent. close Nov. 12, to H. G. Whibley, 56, Beulah Rd.

Dublin P.P. and C.B.S.—Nov. 22 and 23, The Rotunda. Judge, Mr. W. A. Cowgill. 17 open classes: Scot. 2, Crest 2, Nor. 2, Yorks. 10, Novice Yorks. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close Nov. 14, to J. Gibson, 5, South Anne St.



ENTRIES CLOSE.

Nov. 12.—**Tunbridge Wells.**—H. G. Whibley, 56, Beulah Rd.
Nov. 13.—**Tideswell.**—Flint and Swarbrick, Queen St.
Nov. 13.—**Crook.**—J. Horner, White Lea, Crook, Co. Durham.
Nov. 13.—**Cowdenbeath.**—J. R. Reid, 7, Woodland Place.
Nov. 13.—**Harrogate.**—W. E. Fergusson, 2, Harlow Terrace.
Nov. 13.—**Preston.**—J. P. Leeming, Corporation St.
Nov. 13.—**Avonbridge.**—P. Gentleman, Cowan's Buildings, Avonbridge, Stirlingshire.
Nov. 13.—**Brighton F.A.**—J. Donne, 7, Chatham Place.
Nov. 13.—**Glasgow (West End).**—W. Proudfoot, 145, Henderson Street.
Nov. 14.—**Dublin.**—J. Gibson, 5, South Anne Street.
Nov. 14.—**Windhill, Shipley.**—J. Cook, 16, Fair Bank, Cragg Road.
Nov. 14.—**Stamford.**—A. Harrison, 7, New Street.
Nov. 14.—**Hull.**—E. R. Ridley, 19, Lambton Street.
Nov. 14.—**Galashiels.**—C. Lugton, Botany Cottage.
Nov. 15.—**Inverness.**—Urquhart and Sutherland, 86, Telford Road.
Nov. 15.—**Swanley (Kent).**—W. Colyer, 2, Station Road.
Nov. 16.—**Lockerbie.**—H. Davidson, Royal Hotel.
Nov. 16.—**L.C.B.A.**—Mugford and Tyson, 1, Strathearn Road, Wimbledon, S.W.
Nov. 16.—**Newark.**—W. Lidgett, Milner Street.
Nov. 18.—**Blairgowrie.**—M. Irvine, 17, Brown Street.
Nov. 18.—**Uddingston.**—R. W. Forrester, Tower View.
Nov. 18.—**Chapel-en-le-Frith.**—J. S. Wherrett.
Nov. 18.—**Hinckley.**—H. Ridgway.
Nov 18.—**Cambridge.**—Unwin and Howlett, 15, Emmanuel Road.

ENTRIES EXTENDED.

Nov. 11 (morning).—**Wimbledon.**—H. Smith, 115, Merton Road.
Nov. 12 (1st post).—**Cardiff.**—W. Sampson, 93, Llanishen Street.
Nov. 12 (1st post).—**Worthing.**—E. Stubbs, 27, Erisswell Road.
Nov. 13.—**Goole (Yorks.).**—A. Roberts, 13, Manuel Street.
Nov. 14.—**Coventry.**—A. J. Barratt, 38, Craven St.

PRIZE MONEY PAID.

Croydon; Blaydon-on-Tyne; Ayr; York; Cheltenham; Wisbech.

It is impossible for me to reply to all applicants for the Linnet Mules mentioned in my advert. in last week's "CAGE BIRDS"; I replied to those who sent stamps.—H. C. Ainge (Melton Mowbray).

Correspondence.

Does the L. and P.O.S. Need Rousing?

Sir,—In answer to letter from "Interested" re above, I should like to ask: Who is "Interested?" What does he want? What does he know? Is he a member?

MEMBER, L. and P.O.S.

The Colour of Borders at Liverpool Show.

Sir,—May I ask Mr. Alfred Wellings through your valuable paper if it be true that all my clear birds with the exception of one buff hen, shown at Liverpool Show under him as judge, were put out for being colour-fed, as it was rumoured about in the show on Saturday?

WALTER BAYLEY.

An Explanation from Stonehouse.

Sir,—Owing to a protest being lodged against one of the Linnets which was tested in the secretary's room and alleged artificial colour taken from it, this rather upset our committee, and two birds were neglected to be packed and one was wrongly packed on the Saturday night. It was near the close of the show when the protest was gone into. I hope the owners of the detained birds will accept this as an apology.

WM. MELVIN.

Assist. Sec., Stonehouse Show.

Extraordinary Treatment of Show Birds When on Rail.

Sir,—I am very pleased to see someone has written you on this matter. I regret to say I am a recent victim. I entered four birds for the Manchester Show, and mine came back next morning with the label reversed, and on unpacking the birds one of them was in a pretty plight, feathers strewn about the cage. It looks to me as if the box had been opened and the cages taken out somowhere and left all night, as there was enough dust to write your name on. This is very annoying, for it must be a great temptation to see what's in those "bird boxes" when they are in transit. Can any of your readers say if I have any legal claim on the railway company, or if any one has had the same experience? It is a splendid number you have given us this week in CAGE BIRDS autumn special.

V. E. LITTLE.

The City of Birmingham C.B.S.

Sir,—When I noticed the remark in "Twitterings" that Mr. de Maillet was thinking of again taking up the secretaryship of the above society, I was reminded that it is less than twelve months ago when I heard this gentleman say that never again would he undertake such a terrible ordeal and position. But we do not want Mr. Mole to resign. He has been a splendid worker, and the way he ran the last show was a credit to him. He deserves the praise of the whole of the members and the society's thanks, for although we have a loss, I believe it will be a lucky society in the Midlands to show a profit (try a 50-mile limit show, Midlanders!). There is a strong feeling for amalgamation, and although I am not a member of the South Birmingham O.S., I should strongly advise that society not to tie themselves. But if matters could be put on a sound financial basis it would be an improvement, and the Midlands would have the strongest society outside Manchester and other Northern towns. And why should we not? We are now the second largest city of the Empire.

W. JONES.

Which Bird Lays the Golden Egg?

A Poor Opinion of Amateur Birds.

Sir,—I notice a letter from "Bird o' Freedom the Third." The writer certainly is up the pole in regard to some of the statements he makes; I am alluding to the Lancashire and Lizard C.A. Other varieties can look after themselves. He makes use of the following:—"Here are a handful of fanciers forming themselves into two specialist clubs, and dictating to a large society, that unless they are granted fourteen classes they will withhold their patronage." This is untrue, and the party responsible for the statement comes under the heading usually applied to persons making untrue statements—and as long as they can do so under an assumed name they will. I may tell this person that the fourteen classes are voluntarily given, though the writer might have taken the trouble to notice that Mr. Barrass guaranteed one class. All the classes necessary to get our patronage are four for Lancashires and four for Lizards. "B.O.F. the Third" mentions several classes being half prize-money. Has it struck him at all that the aforesaid fanciers keep on paying 2s. an entry for what means a first prize of 6s.? Would the writer like to have classes so made that a fancier could show as a novice or amateur all his life? I can find him men to-day that I know have been showing for twenty years, and yet are showing in novice classes to-day. It is only this last few years that Lizard and Lancashire fanciers could show as novices; they had to fight their way amongst the old hands. We have fanciers in our society now who are entitled to show in novice classes and decline to do so, owing to having shown one season as a novice. They are taking their chances amongst the open classes. Our president, Mr. John Garner, wants me to mention that he remembers the time when Lancashires stood thirty-two deep at the Manchester Show, so that they have not always been a loss to the society. While quite agreeing with the writer that classes filled as he says the novice and amateur classes did at Manchester pay, yet is it the novice or open classes which draw the fanciers? I personally would sooner see a class, say, of nine or ten entries, if sent by professional exhibitors, than I would see a class of thirty novices or amateurs, with perhaps one or two good birds in them. Now, then, Mr. "Bird o' Freedom the Third," the least you can do is to apologise for your misstatement to the L. and L.F.A., and use a little more care before rushing into print.

JOHN RUKIN.

Hon. Sec., L. and L.F.A.

Sir,—Hasn't "Bird o' Freedom the Third" heard the saying: "You can fool all of the people some of the time, you can fool some of the people all of the time, but you can't fool all of the people all of the time"? Yes, the backbone goes to the bottom of the bird and the golden egg comes from near the end. The novice is the backbone of the Fancy, and he also furnishes the golden egg. For the show managers, "Fish for flats"; and how eagerly we novices grab at the bait and get the hook so fast into our gills that we haven't the sense to release it till we have been bled freely. Why don't we novices let the strike fever get hold of us and refuse to show till better conditions are given us? If some of the members who could show in the open would do so, it would give the novice a chance. But when fanciers lend birds to their friends to show, what encouragement does it give us novices to compete? (I was in a fancier's room some time ago, and he showed me a bird he had lent, and it took 2nd in an open class.) No, they like to pipe the tune; and we dance, and that freely, and, what's more, seem to enjoy it. No one can say that I have left the societies owing to my being beaten, but owing to the way I have been had by some of the members. There are plenty of real gentlemen in the Fancy—that I can prove—but also others who would bleed the novice of his last penny.

A. E. LONG.

Is the Yorkshire Canary on the Down Grade?

Sir,—I have read with great interest the correspondence on this subject, and was delighted to see in your valuable paper this week a letter from Mr. Jonas Knight, one of the oldest breeders of the bird of "grace and beauty," and a Yorkshireman to boot. I quite agree with and endorse every word of his letter, and I do not think I am far wrong in saying that his remarks convey the general opinion of the Yorkshiremen. It seems to me that this craze for size is set up by a few exhibitors here in the South, and if they are allowed to have their sway, as they are at present having, under one or two judges, then certainly the Yorkshire will be on the down grade. I had the privilege of visiting a recent London show, and I must say that I was absolutely disgusted at some of the birds that had tickets in the open Yorkshire classes. It was the biggest ones first and foremost, irrespective of type and quality (the two main factors of a Yorkshire Canary). This state of affairs must not continue, or it will end in the downfall of the most popular variety of Canary of the present day. When the Y.C.C. adopted the present standard show cage, they made the cage to suit the bird, but I am sure that some of the Yorkshires that are now winning in the South would be much more comfortable in a Lancashire show cage, or at any rate in one of the same size. Trusting that many more of our leading breeders will give their views on this subject.

TYPE AND QUALITY.

The Cause of Short Entries.

Our Correspondent Considers Delay in Paying Prize-money is Often Responsible.

Sir,—I shall be greatly obliged if you will allow me a little space in what I dare venture to say is a boon to the fancier, CAGE BIRDS, as I have read in our paper from time to time a great deal about the lack of entries at our shows. Some blame the exhibitors; some say the show schedules are wrong—they seem to blame all sorts of things. I blame the show committees themselves. If they managed one most important thing when the show is over in the same way as they manage the other departments while the show is going on, it would be a boon to the Fancy, and especially to the working-man fancier. That is, pay out the prize-money at their very earliest date. This is where the lack of entries comes in. Some will say I am speaking for myself. Well, the working-man fancier only has shillings where some have pounds. He starts to exhibit with a shilling or two, and sometimes depends upon the prize-money from one show to make his entries at the next show. If he has to wait a month for his prize-money he misses sometimes two or three shows, which, you see, may prove to be lacking in entries and at the same time lacking in interest to the exhibitor. Now, as a rule, working-men fanciers are in a majority, and so on the whole the largest exhibitors; therefore the shows depend on them for entries, while they depend on the show committees to help them to make their entries.

WORKING MAN FANCIER.

Yorkshire Union Water Tins.

Sir,—I have made further enquiries re my water tins used at Manningham Show, and find out that my tins, as far as I can see, were the proper sort. May I ask the question what was wrong with them in my Manningham friend's opinion? The tins were the proper shape, and with no sharp edges and of Union pattern.

W. E. FERGUSSON.

The Use of Birdlime in Fife and Forfar.

Sir,—I should be glad if, through your columns, some readers of CAGE BIRDS in the Dunfermline district could give an explanation in regard to the using of bird lime, and say if it is prohibited in the Fife district and if it affects any other district round about (including Forfarshire). I have never before heard of a case of anyone getting fined for using bird-lime.

H. M.

The case "H.M." refers to is briefly dealt with in the following cutting from the Dundee "Evening Telegraph."—Editor. "G. Stewart, tinsmith, Cannongate, Edinburgh, pleaded guilty at the Dunfermline Sheriff Court to-day (Nov. 2), to having at North Queensferry used, or caused to be used, lime upon twigs and whin bushes for the purpose of taking birds, and nine decoy birds in cages, with which he caught one Linnet. The Sheriff imposed a fine of 12s. 6d., including expenses, or five days in prison."

The Wrong Classing of Alleged Mules at Morpeth Show.

Sir,—Having been away from home a good deal of late, my time has been fairly well occupied; hence the delay in replying to the letter of Mr. F. Sokell that appeared in CAGE BIRDS of Oct. 21, re my disqualifying his two exhibits, shown as Redpoll Mules at Morpeth Show on Oct. 14. Well, in the first place I had not noticed the controversy that took place at Chopwell Show (re the report of same in this journal) where these two birds stood 2nd and 3rd in the Light Mule class. Had I seen it, however, the same would not have influenced me in the least. Views held by other people have nothing whatever to do with me. I use my own discretion, without fear or favour, when adjudicating upon a show. I wrong-classed these two birds shown as Mules, and had no hesitation in my own mind whatever as to their being Canaries pure and simple. You say in your letter you have exhibited Mules, etc., for a matter of eighteen years. That may be so, but after such a lengthy experience I should have thought you would have had more sense than to have tried these birds as "clear Mules." The general opinion at Chopwell Show, so I am informed, was that they were Canaries. After judging was over at Morpeth Show I wish to inform Mr. Sokell that the opinion there was unanimous. Since this later show took place, Mr. Sokell, you have had the same tickets served out to you at Newcastle Show—"wrong-classed" by Mr. C. Houlton. Take my advice, friend, and do not waste your money on entry fees, railway charges, etc., by trying your luck again. If one mistake has been made, mistakes galore are not bound to follow. Should you show what are in my opinion really Clear Redpoll Mules under me at any show, I shall be only too delighted to give you full credit. I am sorry to have to pen these few lines in this strain, but your letter on the subject demands such, written as it was in a none too friendly strain.

J. C. BARNES.

P.S.—Is it true that after judging was completed at Chopwell Show, and these two alleged Mules were pointed out to the judge who had given them 2nd and 3rd, by various exhibitors present, an error of judgment was admitted?

Why Do Exhibitors Show Birds?

A Tilt at the Sliding Scale?

Sir,—I can understand an exhibitor making entries in a show where, for an entry of say 1s. 6d., he has a chance of a first prize of 10s., and other prizes in proportion. But what is the inducement for an exhibitor to enter on the sliding scale, even in a members' show? Take for example the case of the recent show of the London Federation of Societies, deservedly in many respects well-spoken-of in your report. The schedule, for an entry fee of 1s., offers (after retaining 2d. in the shilling for expenses) half the remainder for first, the other half being divided between second and third prize birds. One hundred and sixteen classes were provided in champion, amateur, and novice sections, and over 500 were entered, with an average of only over four per class. Now note what happens; twenty classes are cancelled, presumably drawing no entry at all, twenty-eight more classes had less than three exhibitors, leaving only sixty-eight classes where competition is worth calling competition. It is, of course, to the advantage of a society running a show on the above lines to uphold classes with one and two entries, for the exhibitor in the case of one entry gets back as first prize 5d. of his own money, thereby paying 7d. of his own money for the privilege of taking a first prize, and this 7d. goes into the pocket of the society, there being no second and third prize winners to take their portion. There are other shows run on similar lines. One, I believe, adopts the sliding scale in members' classes and stops 3d. in the 1s. for expenses. Another gives open classes, with 21s. in all as prize-money, for 2s. entry fee, but ten entries and under on the sliding scale, so that before they pay full prize-money in any class they have 22s. in hand from entries in that class! An exhibitor, when he enters, can only guess what competition he will meet or whether he will meet any. I fancy, therefore, one important inducement he has to enter is that he may be able in your advertisement columns to puff his bird as "first last time shown" and "first only time shown" (quite true, no doubt); but are not societies in this way almost aiding and abetting something approaching to misrepresentatiou of the merits of the birds? There are too many shows now, and I should say shows of this description are better left out. I may add that having the three sections—viz., champion, amateur, and novice—is one of the main causes of small classes and no competition.

VICTIM.

The Cage Bird Union.

Secretary Optimistic as to Its Future.

Sir,—At the end of September I sent a circular to every society in England and Wales. I thought it best to do this in preference to putting a notice through the Fancy Press, so that every society would have an opportunity of putting before its members the question of remaining in the Union or not. I have received a good many replies, both for and against. The number who has said "for" are quite sufficient to keep the Union going until the troublous times are over, when I am quite sure a Union can be built up of real service to the Fancy and without any coercion whatever. Will those societies who are in favour of the Union please send on their delegate's name and address at once, and then the future working of the Union can be put before them? Please note address.

S. HADWIN, sec.

7, Thompson Street, Birkenhead.

The Chortle of an Anti-colourfoodite.

Sir,—Speaking for myself, I am still here on *terra firma*, though I would not have announced the fact had not Mr. H. Moore mentioned me by name in connection with his insinuation that I would try to suppress any anti-colour-feeders' opinions. As you, sir, could have informed him, my "blue pencil" exercises no influence whatever over your columns, neither would I endeavour (I have never yet done so) to suppress honest and practical criticism against the practice of colour-feeding, and believing, as I do, that no amount of honest and unprejudiced investigation is to be feared by colour-feeders, I was glad to see the suggestion that it should be scientifically investigated. I was, therefore, genuinely pleased to find that the suggestion (which, by the way, would not have appeared had your policy been to suppress the opinions of anti-colourfeeders) so far elated one crest-fallen roosted as to make him buck up and crow so loud!

CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Sir,—I am sorry to have to answer Mr. H. Moore's letter, "A Chortle from an Anti-Colourfoodite." I think it is a pity he did not add a little more to it in the way of sense, and then he might have signed himself "H. Moore-Sense" I should think he backed Senseless (not Willonyx).

G. PYE.

Sir,—Knowing me as you do, I am astonished that you should allow Mr. Moore to cast an aspersion upon my character by suggesting that I was in your company watching Willonyx win instead of attending to business on the occasion when Mr. Johnson told readers of CAGE BIRDS that colour-feeding spoils a Greenfinch. As a teetotaler, non-smoker, and anti-everything that is incompatible with a virtuous existence, I take it very hard indeed that I have to suffer thusly simply because on occasion I have told querists that Yellowhammers, Blackbirds, etc., need to be colour-fed to win under present-day conditions. Which happens to be true. Mr. Moore has evidently not noticed that the day of the colour-fed Greenfinch and Siskin seems to be passing, and I am delighted that this should be so, for I am not a lover of these species when "fed"; still, so long as colour-fed birds continue to be awarded the leading positions at the shows, for so long shall I consider it my duty to answer "Yes" when I am asked if it is necessary to colour-feed them for exhibition purposes. But, Mr. Moore, we do not use "hot" pepper, neither do we give only a mouthful of seed every three weeks. I don't exactly know what kind of implements those are which you term "odds bodkins"; but I feel that for making such misstatements (as you surely know them to be) you deserve to have a very long bodkin inserted into a tender portion of your anatomy. That would indeed be a "pretty pass, I ween!"

G. E. WESTON.

How to Get Rid of Mice.

Sir,—Can any of your numerous readers advice me as to the best way of getting rid of that awful little pest, the mouse, failing the usual remedies of cat or poison (I have two dogs!)? The mice follow the cages from room to room, and even get inside. They carefully avoid all traps.

ANTI-MOUSE.

[Our correspondent should have stated the kind of cages he refers to and how they are (presumably) supported against the wall. Mice are easily kept from climbing into stacks of breeding cages by the use of tin "guards" fixed to the supports.—Editor.]

The Seaham Harbour C.B.B.A. to be Resuscitated.

Sir,—We propose re-starting the Seaham Harbour and Dis. C.B.B.A., and should be glad if you will draw fanciers' attention to the fact that a meeting will be held on Nov. 11 at seven o'clock in the Station Hotel, Seaham Harbour. Will fanciers who are desirous of joining please attend to help make arrangements?

H. Dobson.

54, Francis Street, Seaham Harbour, Durham.

A Substantial Adjustable Seed Crusher.

Sir,—I have tried in vain to obtain a substantial and lasting seed crusher which can be adjusted so as to simply crack seeds, and not grind them and their husks into dust, or allow them to filter through untouched and whole. I know there are cheap and useful (in their way) articles on the market, but I do not find that they properly suit one's needs. A friend of mine has an old coffee mill—a large one, with an adjusting screw. It works excellently well. I have myself bought two or three old mills, but they have all been failures. Years ago someone wrote to the Fancy Press saying where a steel machine with adjustable rollers could be obtained for about 7s. 6d. I hope that good fancier will see this appear, and repeat himself in your next issue; or will someone else also help by giving information?

Querist.

Some Details of the Next Crystal Palace Show.

Sir,—My committee have considered the suggestions received in answer to my letter published in your columns, and have decided that the classification be as at the last show, with the following additions:—New Classes:

Unflighted Yellow Norwich Hens.
Unflighted Buff Norwich Hens.
Unflighted Yellow and Buff Yorkshire Hens.
Any Variety White Canary.
Lesser Redpoll.
Mealy Redpoll and Twite.
Any Species Wagtail.
Two Cage Classes.

Mounted Cages—Bird and Cage, the cage furnished with natural surroundings appropriate to the bird shown. In this class the cages and decoration will be judged, not the birds, and the prizes will be given for suitability and artistic merit of the decoration. Any bird, British or Foreign, may be shown, singly or pairs, in these cages. I shall be pleased to hear from anyone willing to subscribe to the Special Prize Fund.

J. W. Ramsden, Show Manager.

11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, S.W.

Proposed New Society for Juniper Green (Midlothian) and Dis.

Sir,—It has been decided to call a public meeting for the purpose of starting a new cage bird society for Juniper Green (Midlothian) and district. The meeting will be held in the schoolroom, Juniper Green, on Saturday, Nov. 18, at 8 p.m., when we hope to see a large turnout of fanciers and others. Everybody will be made welcome.

James Napier.

Stuart's Buildings, Juniper Green, Midlothian.

The W.C.O.S (Plymouth) Norwich Cup.

Sir,—Mr. Pope, in his letter of last week, states that Mr. House is not the only judge who has awarded the cup to a bird which could not fulfil the conditions. If I remember rightly, the rules at the time Mr. Pope is referring to stated "only young birds shall compete for cup." If a bird should happen to get its flights and tail damaged, and the owner has to draw them (the bird still being eligible to compete), any judge is liable to make a mistake, but I do not think there is any excuse where the rules distinctly state "all birds must be nonflighted."

Disgusted Exhibitor.

Sticking at the Half-prize-money Limit.

Are Members Sometimes to Blame?

Sir,—I should like to ask a question through the columns of your esteemed paper, Cage Birds, viz.: Should not all members of a society which is holding an open show make their entries first? I know of cases where they wait and see how many entries they get in a class before they enter. If they only receive eight entries in a class, the members do not enter; but if they only get five or six entries, then the members enter in up to eight. Of course, this might seem all right from a financial point of view on behalf of the society; but is it fair to the exhibitor who is willing to pay his entry, risk his birds, pay his carriage, to only receive half prize-money where "the oracle" has been worked? We could easily know that the members had entered first by the cage numbers issued to outsiders, and if this was done it would be more encouraging to exhibitors, as when a society holds an open show it should be based on justice, and the officials be just as willing to lose as gain, as they have the gate money, etc., to help them out. I should like to have other fanciers' views on the matter, as I am sure it concerns every one of us.

Fairation.

(Several letters unavoidably held over.)

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A New Concession to Members attending the Shows. How the Leicester Case was Won.

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Another Vice-President.

I have pleasure in announcing that W. H. Raven, Esq., of Nottingham, has joined Cage Birds League as Vice-President, and I have added his name to our list, as above.

Our Week's Membership List.

The list for this week is again a representative one, and comprises the names as under.

Messrs. Roast, Brighton; Nock and Aston, Wolverhampton; Campbell, Teignmouth; Moore, Kensington; Coghlan, Lymington; Watson, Robson and Briggs, Dawdon; Hills, Seabam Harbour; Goodhead and Dallman, Derby; Marnoch, Lochgelly; Northridge, Ealing; Saywell, White, Hill, Clarke and Wolfe, Nottingham; Cotton, Southampton; Parish, Devonport; Radmore, Plymouth; Woodnull, Fareham; Storrar and Law, Dundee; Carmeross, Broughty Ferry; Burgess, Islington; Smith, Castleford; Richardson, Ryhope Colliery; Bycroft, Doncaster; Woolhouse, Rotherham; Webb, Wandsworth; Jackson, High Harrington; Chilcott, Southend.

Further Hon. Secs.

The latest additions to our list of Local Hon. Secs. are:—

Cramlington, Mr. J. R. Chestney, Quarry Cottage.

Seaham Harbour, Mr. John Watson, 39, Stavordale Street, Dawdon.

Mr. G. A. Watson, who has been acting as local hon. secretary for Rawmarsh, has removed to 27, Thomas Street, Sheffield, at which address he will be pleased to receive the names of any bird-lovers in the neighbourhood who may wish to become members of the League.

Work for the R.S.P.C.A.

The description of a recent stag-hunt at Dorking, must, one would think, give the R.S.P.C.A. and its subscribers something to which they might turn their thoughts, rather than busy themselves in trumping up charges against bird-keeping. In such a direction they would command the support of everybody. It appears that after having afforded the members of the Warnham Hunt a "splendid run of six miles" the thoroughly exhausted victim of "sport" crawled through the thoroughfares of Dorking and took refuge in a stable. The stag lingered for half an hour in agony before death mercifully released it from its sufferings. The Earl of Rosebery has stated in a recent speech that the most pathetic sight on earth is the look of a dying deer. The members of the Warnham hunt did not trouble themselves about the pathetic scene, for while their victim was in its death agony they were outside the stable congratulating each other (male and female) on the fast run which they had so greatly enjoyed.

The Leicester Case.

By the courtesy of Messrs. Fowler and Fowler, of Leicester, solicitors for the defendant in the brace-bird case reported last week, I am enabled to give further particulars of the evidence tendered on behalf of the R.S.P.C.A. There can be no wonder that the magistrates dismissed the case without calling on the witnesses for the defence.

The police constable who was first called swore that the brace had caused swelling and chafing, that the bird was obviously in pain, and, with the brace on, was much cramped. In cross-examination he admitted that he had had no experience of handling birds; he had taken ten minutes to remove the brace which was capable of being taken off in thirty seconds; he was unable to find (in court) any marks on the bird, even with the aid of a magnifying glass, and did not know how it was that the marks to which he had sworn had disappeared. The evidence of this constable was "corroborated" by another member of the police force, who said that there was blood on the brace when removed, although he could not explain how the blood had got there through a skin which was now admittedly unbroken.

Then came an inspector of the R.S.P.C.A., who swore that there were abrasions on the bird caused by the brace, and that the skin was slightly broken. He, also, could not explain the rapid disappearance of the alleged marks. Mr. Fowler asked him if he were aware that if the skin had been injured as alleged it could not have healed in the time which had elapsed, and he said he was not so aware. Then, after another constable had been called to bolster up the case,

Mr. Fowler, defending, said that the police thought at first that they had a case of catching Goldfinches, and when they found they had not, for the defendant had not been catching that day, they trumped up this charge of cruelty. He submitted that the only cruelty inflicted on the bird was at the hands of the police, who had taken more than ten minutes to remove the brace. He said that a brace, properly used, caused no inconvenience to a bird, in fact many pet birds in gentlemen's houses were braced instead of being kept in a cage. The magistrates dismissed the case, as above stated, and so ended another abortive prosecution.

A New Concession to Members.

Members will be interested to hear that arrangements are being made under which a reduced price of admission to some forthcoming shows will be charged to members of Cage Bird League who wear their badges or produce their membership receipts. Further reference to this matter will be found on our "Twitterings" page of this issue.

Posters for the Shows.

In response to the suggestions of several members, neat posters have been prepared conveying an invitation to visitors to shows to join Cage Birds League and assist to protect our hobby. Many Secretaries have already expressed their wish to have these posters for display at their exhibitions, and I shall be glad to forward copies to any applying for them. I hope, therefore, that all Secretaries will take advantage of the offer now made, and apply for the Posters forthwith.

Handbills for the Shows.

Many applications have been received from Hon. Secs. of Societies for a supply of our handbills for distribution, and parcels have been despatched to all applicants. A number will be sent gratis and post free to the Secretary of any forthcoming show who may write me for them, stating the number he will require. The name of the society will in each case be printed at the foot of the handbills sent. A copy of the bill was printed in last week's issue.

OUR LEAGUE SEALS.

These pretty seals are printed in gold and colours in exact fascimile of our Badges, and are an ornament to envelopes, notepaper, postcards, billheads, etc. All members should use them; price eightpence per hundred, post free. Smaller quantities at the hundred rate, but with one penny extra for postage.

OUR FREE BOOKLETS.

I have still some of each of the sixpenny pamphlets on British Bird Culture and on Canary and Hybrid Culture, and, as long as they last, one of either will be sent gratis to all new members applying for a copy at the time of joining. Old members who have not yet had a copy may receive one on sending a penny stamp for postage. Only one copy of either book can be sent, and when the stock in hand is exhausted, I may not be able to get a fresh supply, so applications (with membership fee) should be sent to me without delay.

SUBSCRIPTION AND BADGES.

The subscription to Cage Birds League *is one shilling annually, and the badges sixpence or one shilling. The sixpenny badges are in three forms: (1) a button for coat lapel, (2) a pendant for watch chain, (3) a brooch for lapel, cycling cap, or for lady's wear. The badges at one shilling each are mounted in 9-carat rolled-gold, and are in two forms only: (1) a pendant for watch chain, (2) a brooch for a lady or for cycling cap or coat lapel. Members should distinctly state which form they prefer.*

JUNIOR BRANCH.

The annual subscription to the Junior Branch, *for members under fourteen years of age at the date of joining, is sixpence. Price of badges as above.*

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Ladies or gentlemen who are in sympathy with the objects of Cage Birds League *may give practical expression to that sympathy by becoming* Patrons *of the* League, *and either making a lump sum donation to its funds or subscribing an annual amount of a guinea or upwards. One-half of such donation or subscription may be allotted to any individual object of the* League.

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The qualification for Vice-Presidentship is an annual subscription of not less than half a guinea, and one-half of this subscription may be allotted to either the Literature Fund, the Defence Fund, or towards the purchase of special prizes to be given at any show nominated by the subscriber. Failing any such special allocation, the subscription will be devoted to the development and progressive work of the League, *to advertising its objects and promoting its ideals.*

Henry J. Fulljames,
Secretary, Cage Birds League.
154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

Mr. Cowgill has been appointed judge of cage birds at the Dublin P.P. and C.B.A. Show on Nov. 22 and 23, writes Mr. J. Gibson, the sec.

Middlesbrough report credits Mr. Walker with winning 1st, special, and 3rd in the young unflighted class; it should read Waller.—R. H. Waller (Whitby).

I had a pleasant surprise on getting Cage Birds of Oct. 28 to find my unflighted buff hen depicted on the front page. It is a splendid likeness, and reflects great credit on your artist. —J. W. Richardson (Newsham).

I was at Portsmouth C.B. Show on Oct. 19, and found it an ideal hall. The birds were well staged, and received every attention; while the management was all that could be desired, writes Mr. F. J. Evans (Hindhead). I had my prize-money within two days.

Liverpool O.S. Fourth Annual Show.

A Thorough Success.

The Color of Border Fancies Again Called into Question. Judge Passes Many Birds. Alleging Them to be of Doubtful Natural Color.

The 4th annual exhibition of the Liverpool O.S. took place on Nov. 3 and 4. The St. Martin's Hall, in which the function was held, is a very spacious and excellent building, nicely lighted, free from draughts, heated comfortably, admitted by all to border on the ideal. The schedule issued was a capital one, and the response to the liberal inducements brought the fine total of 890 entries. Most of the leading specialist clubs patronised the venture.

The catalogue opened with the Yorkshire Greens, and the "cream" of the birds were in evidence. The principal winners in the champion section were Messrs. McDermott, T. Rowlands, F. Handley, C. Hickson, H. A. Nimmo, and McNulty. The novice classes contained many very meritorious birds, Messrs. J. Brindle, R. Malone, Hamilton, Algie and B. Wood being represented by exceptionally smart exhibits. The Yorkshires made a very nice collection, Friend Mundell appearing happy in his selections. Splendid exhibits were shown by Messrs. F. Allen, Ogden Bros., W. Binns, W. H. Shackleton, W. Broughton, Dykes, and Thornton and Bower.

A Revival in Norwich Greens.

The Norwich Plainheads contained many well-known warriors, the most noted, perhaps, in these classes being the cl. yell. and unflighted cock and the unflighted cl. buff, shown by Mr. J. E. Davies. Others worthy of special mention were the cl. yell. hen (Mr. F. Cunliffe) the buff hen (Mr. T. H. Dent) and the cl. buff cock (Mr. R. Anderton). The amateur section filled well, real gems being on view belonging to Messrs. J. Edmondson (a cl. yell. capable of doing well in any company), W. Ordish (cl. buff in A1 order) and J. Owen (a charming buff hen). The Cinnamons were great, Mrs. F. E. Deacon, and Messrs. E. Godley, A. Bentley, and J. E. Hartup staging birds which fought out some rare battles without blood being shed. Mrs. Deacon had quite a field day, claiming no less than 4 firsts, 3 seconds, and other honours. A triumph for the "weaker" sex.

One of the events of the show was the revival of the Norwich Green. We noticed new fanciers showing in this variety. There is, we are sure, plenty of room for them, and with a little perseverance and a bit of luck thrown in they will soon come out on top. It is an established fact that the Norwich were on the down grade as regards numbers, and we require new aspirants in this variety. The quality has advanced wonderfully; this, no doubt, has been brought about by the discontinuance of the Crest-bred as a stock bird to produce size, which was the rage some time back. The type of the Green compares very favourably with the Clear Norwich. We were very pleased to see Mr. Deacon exhibiting again; he informed us he is compelled to put business considerations before his hobby.

The Talk of the Show.

Quite the talk of the show was the number of Border Fancies that were put out for alleged colour-feeding. The owners may say they have received no pepper, but the majority of those present seemed to think it was evident they had received something outside ordinary seed. There was a vast difference in some of the exhibits, even from the same stable. The head and neck of some of the Buffs was ablaze with colour. We heard a whisper at Manchester Show about this colour, one exhibitor even admitting marigolds were given the birds freely during their moult. The question arises, Is this colour-feeding? We should like to hear the exhibitors' views on this matter. The birds, both in quality and numbers, were quite up to former years. Some charming Greens were put down by Mrs. Fildes, Messrs. Johnson, McQuillan, Walker, and Docherty. Mr. Fildes had the honour of staging the best Green Canary in the show, with her Buff Green. It's a great feat to beat the Green Yorkshires and Norwich. We congratulate the lady.

The winning Goldie, we heard, was sold for £5 10s., while the sales totalled £26 10s. There was a splendid attendance. The long distance birds were away at 3 p.m., and all railway birds by 5.15 p.m., while the show was cleared by 6.30 p.m.

Some of the special winners are as follows:—Best Green, Mrs. Fildes; Border, Large; Members' Green York., T. Rowlands; do., Clear, McNulty; do., Nor. Green, Deacon; tea service, Mrs. F. E. Deacon; Most points, Greens, Rowlands; Clears, Binns; Novices, Pomfret and Brindle; Green Marks, Dykes; Green Nor., Deacon; Champ. Nor., J. E. Davies; Amat., Whitaker; Champ. Cinn., Mrs. F. E. Deacon; Novice, Hales; Green Bord., Johnson; most points Cl. Bord., Large; Mules, R. H. Jones; Brit., Captain Hurst; Hyde's, Lawson; Sandiford's, Godley.

Compliments from the President.

The President, Col. W. Hall Walker, M.P., officiated at the opening ceremony, his speech being one to greatly encourage the members, as he paid them many compliments on their magnificent show. The committee are a band of workers (not shirkers). Each and all did their level best to ensure success, and are well worthy of all the kind words we heard spoken of them. The staging was A1; every specimen could be seen at a glance. The stewards were Messrs. J. Walker (President Green Club), T. Rowlands, R. Parry (Ruabon), J. Wright, C. Robinson, W. Hales, V. H. Deacon, J. Lloyd, J. Thornton, E. Lawson (the worthy Treas.), G. B. Daniels (Chairman), G. Green, and T. McDermott. With such a list as this one can hardly wonder at the management being of such a superb character. Not a hitch did we note. Almost all the birds were got into the showroom the night previous, many of the society members working all Thursday night, staging same. A rule enforced in this go-ahead society is that when a person decides on joining the club he is bound to sign an agreement that open shows must be run each year. Last, but by no means least, are the worthy Secretaries, Messrs. Metcalfe and Hillmen. Pulling well together, controlling masterfully even the minutest details, always most courteous and obliging, and always doing the right thing at the right time, their efforts earn them the goodwill of everybody. They are truly great assets to the Society. The judges were Messrs. W. Mundell (Yorks.), W. Vardy (Champ. Nor.), W. Dormer (Cinn. and Amat. Nor.), A. Wellings (Bord. and Brit.). Their awards, which gave general satisfaction, were promptly made, and the prize cards up in very quick time.

The Norwich and Cinnamons.

YELL. NOR. (11): 1, 2, 4, spl, Davies, very fine team, former noted var. looking a picture, we have yet to see his equal, truly a knockout, 2 lightly var., lovely shape, excelling in quality and colour, delightfully mealed, moves beautifully, 4 the old warrior, Cl., often described as "so well known," as "a stormer," "might have been higher," etc.; 3, Sheldon, marked back and eyes, ablaze with col., A1 texture of feather, grand head and neck; vhc, Bixter; hc, Fowler; c, Bayhurst. BUFF (10): 1, Anderton, mkd. wings and head, feathered to perfection, short and thick set, capital col., covered with delightful frosting, a charmer; 2, Bayhurst, cl., ablaze with colour, delightfully clothed, rare size and carriage, a treat to observe, another topper; 3, Sheldon, very hot cl., lovely shape and size, all front, moves fine, just beaten in compactness of feather; 4, Sutton, lightly var., A1 colour and feather, richly mealed, capital head, neck and chest; vhc, c, Seed; hc, Haigh and Son. YELL. HEN (11): 1, Cunliffe, marvellous sized cl., magnificent shape, slashing quality and col., jaunty, a stormer; 2, Cook, cl., if anything superior in col., equal in quality, lovely body, wings and tail, not quite so good in head expression, yet most bonny; 3, Daniels, cl., neatly clothed, of good colour, not quite the type of above, still neat exhibit and shown in the pink; 4, Seed, cl., ball of fire for a hen, cobby, and of superb quality, smaller; vhc, Burns; hc, Entwistle; c, Anderton. BUFF (11): 1, Dent, cl., full of colour, teeming with quality, true shape and carriage, wonderful substance, an eye-opener; 2, Cunliffe, grizzled back, very shapely, feathered to perfection, superb colour, beaten in size only; 3, Barker, mkd. wing, tail and head, fine substance, A1 quality and colour, magnificent head, neck and chest; 4, Sheldon, mkd. eye, true shape, smooth as a bottle, full of clever action, good 4th; vhc, Cook; hc, Steeple; c, Guy. UNFLIG. YELL. (10): 1, 2, Davies, brace of demons, former the Burnley, etc., winning cl., red hot, feathered to perfection, a marvel, 2 mkd. wings and head, hot enough to fire his happy home, shapely, excellent feather, rare size, A1 carriage; 3, Steeple, mkd. wing and head, short and thick set, lovely feather and colour, jaunty carriage; 4, Thompson, mkd. eye, full of quality and colour, true type, worth its place; hc, Johnson; c, Nelson. BUFF (15): 1, Davies, cl., round as a ball, smooth as wax, marvellous feather and colour, great size, best buff unflig. we have seen this season; 2, Sutton, cl., beautiful colour and feather and frosting, good size, not quite so meritorious in head expression as 1st, but capital body, wings and tail; 3, Bixter, mkd. wings and eyes, model for shape, superb feather, neat in carriage; 4, Guy, var., tight as a Java, grand head, neck and chest, nice body; vhc, Thompson; hc, Aspden; c, Seed. AMAT. YELL. NOR. (14): 1, Edmondson, cl., well up in size, capital shape, good quality, moves in fine style, a gem; 2, Aspinall, hotter in colour, very shapely, fine quality, not quite so massive in build; 3, Grey, var., possessing lovely colour and quality, shone like satin, rare head, neck and chest, longer; 4, Bennett, cl., smooth as a bottle, true shape, A1 colour; vhc and spl, Hillmen; hc, Heaton; c, Johnson. BUFF (20, good class): 1, Gibbie, very bonny cl., delightful quality and colour, grand shape, rich mealing, cheap at catalogue price 40/-; 2, Whitaker, cl., hotter in colour, A1 quality, well up in size, full of merit; 3, Grey, cl., hottest in class, rare feather and size, good carriage, rather longer in barrel; 4, Edmondson, cl., tight as a drum, lovely quality, neat frosting, shapely; vhc, Huggins; hc, Enever; c, Hillmen. UNFLI. YELL. (6): 1, Norman, very bonny cl. of rattling fine colour, feathered grandly, A1 shape and carriage, we liked immensely; 2, Smalley, red hot cl., good size, lovely quality, not quite so thick through; 3, Johnson, jun., marked eye, delightful feather and colour, smooth as wax, moves well; 4, Ordish, cl., good colour and quality, grand body, neat; vhc, Bixter; hc, Jones. BUFF (18): 1, Ordish, cl., fine shape, quality, and col., richly mealed, good enough for open competition, a beauty; 2, Heaton, cl., another lovely specimen, a wee bit longer, otherwise equal, shown in delightful fashion; 3, Bennett, cl., rare substance, capital shape and quality; 4, Huggins, grizzled neck, ablaze with colour, capitally clothed, good head and neck; vhc, Whitaker; hc, Jones; c, Grey. HENS (18): 1, Owen, yell., grizzled tail, bouncer, grand feather and colour, neat carriage, clean cut away, a charmer; 2, vhc, Whitaker, yell., mkd. root of tail, full of colour and quality, nice head and neck; 3, Aspinall, yell., mkd. wings and head, all type, feathered to perfection, not overdone with size, but a very fine all-round specimen; 4, Bennett, cl. yell., rare substance, capital colour and quality, moves well; hc, Norman; c, Gerrard. YELL. CINN. (13): 1, vhc, hc, Godley, superb qual., magnificent shape and substance, delightful tone of colour, shone like burnished copper; 2, 3, 4, Mrs. F. E. Deacon, very meritorious trio, 2 teeming with quality, bright col., very shapely; 3, lovely feather, nice type and carriage, behind a shade in substance and colour; 4, wonderful size, rattling fine head, neck and chest, A1 quality, requires little deeper tone of colour; c, Bentley. BUFF (14): 1, hc, Mrs. F. E. Deacon, marvellous size, shape and quality, delightful depth of colour, shone like a mirror, not a feather out of place, a knock-out; 2, 3, c, Godley, capital team, 2 equal to winner except in colour, where it is a trifle paler, 3 well up in size, lovely head and neck, grand body, bit down to-day, topper when in trim; 4, vhc, Bentley, capital colour, good size and shape. UNFLI. YELL. (7): 1, Hartup, fine size and shape, lovely colour and quality, Manchester's winner, we believe, truly a magnificent "baby"; 2, 3, hc, c, Godley, a quartette of grand ones, 2nd even better in colour than 1st, finely moulded, delightful carriage, just whacked in size, 3rd capital feather, rich tone of col., moves gracefully, again a shade behind in substance; 4, vhc, Mrs. F. E. Deacon. A1 colour and quality, neat head and neck, loses in body properties, still sweet specimen. BUFF (8): 1, 2, Mrs. F. E. Deacon, a slasher, smooth as wax, wonderful feather and colour, fine shape and carriage, Manchester 2nd, we presume; 2nd, another climber, hardly so tight in costume, otherwise of equal merit; 3, Wilson, rare shape and quality, nice size, not quite so tight or so deep in colour, still good 3rd; 4, vhc, c, Godley, cobby and of A1 quality, neat carriage; hc, Bentley. YELL. HEN (10): 1, Mrs. F. E. Deacon, model for shape, dressed to perfection, superb colour, sprightly carriage, stood at head of affairs at Manchester; 2, hc, Godley, capital colour and quality, good size and shape, not quite so neat in wing carriage; 3, Hartup, A1 quality, well up in size, shapely, shade paler; 4, Wilson, good shape and feather, nice head and neck, clean cut away; vhc, Bentley; c, Mrs. F. E. Deacon. BUFF (11): 1, 2, hc, c, Mrs. F. E. Deacon with a magnificent quartette, marvellous size, rattling fine quality, deep and bright in col., rare shape and carriage, an eye-opener; 2nd, full of col. and quality, neat head and neck, not quite so thick through; 3, 4, vhc, Godley, fine trio, 3 A1 quality and substance, lovely tone of colour, 4 superior feather and colour, shapely. NOVICE YELL. CK. (7): 1, 2, Hales, capital brace, both of good col. and quality, former possessing a shade more size, well put down, a credit to owner; 3, c, Proctor, topping col., silky feather, smaller and slimmer; 4, Mrs. Tweedle, A1 colour and quality, again not thick set enough; vhc, hc, Heys. BUFF (6): 1, c, Hales, bouncer, lovely quality and shape, deep colour, shone like burnished copper, would do well in "higher circles"; 2, vhc, Heys, equal throughout except in size, where it is just passed, very neat indeed; 3, hc, Proctor, good in feather and colour, smaller, nice shape and carriage; 4, Norman, A1 colour, capital quality. UNFLIG. (12): 1, Norman, yell., A1 shape and quality, delightful tone of colour, very promising; 2, vhc, hc, Hales, nice shaped Buff of lovely colour and feather, very close up, well staged; 3, Heys, yell., tight as a Java, rare shape, good 3rd; 4, c, Hales, yell., all type, rich colour and quality, moves gracefully. HEN (13): 1, Norman, very smart and stylish yell., not big, but awfully neat, teeming with quality and colour; 2, Mrs. Tweedle, yell., more substance, good shape; 3, hc, Hayes, yell., shapely and of good size, capital quality, he best in class but soft at judging time; 4, c, Hales, yell., A1 quality, nice size, clean cut; vhc, Proctor.

The Green Canaries.

NOR. GREENS, SELF, ETC., YELL. (16): 1, Deacon, self, old champion, looking as well as ever, rare head and neck, wonderful col., plenty of him; 2, Lawson, again of marvellous col, rare size, fails only in head properties; 3, c, Walker, foul check, and tail, grand Nor. type, rare good col. and markings, clean cut; 4, Hales, topper for shape, col. and size, shows a few foul feathers in face; vhc, Handley; hc, Sutton. BUFF (19): 1, Nelson, foul wing and tail, nice head and neck, really good shade of col., which got him in; 2, Walker, foul tail, better shape and substance, lovely quality feather; 3, Handley, lovely type and feather, wee bit on the small side, very even col. and pencilling, clean cut; 4, Lawson, self, topper for size, rare head, full neck, neat wing carriage, splendid front; vhc, Harrison; hc, Ryno; c, Pike. YELL. HEN (15): Best lot of hens seen out for years: 1, Barker, foul throat, storming lady, great substance, good width of chest and body, rare col., clean behind, will want holding back; 2, 4, Deacon, another extraordinary damsel, if anything even better type of Nor., exquisite quality of feather, a bit wild, 4th truly a real good Miss, shows plenty of grass green colour, well laced; 3, c, Lawson, foul wings, side and tail, grand hen, deep chest, topping tone of colour, carries herself jauntily; vhc, Pilley; hc, Pike. BUFF (24): Where did they come from? Quite a sensation: 1, Barker, Manchester winner, looking well, champion type, nice bread head and neck, shows good cheeks, clean cut away behind, takes perches well; 2, Hales, foul tail, a Nor. throughout, lovely col., all front, neat wings and tail; 3, vhc, Deacon, grand head and bull neck, great substance, pencilled to vent, should make a champion when she steadies down, spend a bit more time on her Mr. D.; 4, hc, Walker, another of the right sort, again of marvellous quality and type, clean as a whistle; c, Harrison.

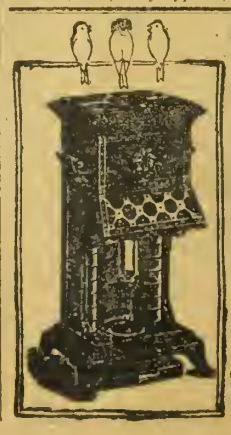
BORD. FCY. GREEN SELF, ETC., YELL. (14): 1, 3, McQuillan, leader a topper for type and col., sweet exhibit, nicely tapered away, very free mover, 3rd not quite so good in pencilling, but a rare Border in shape, nice col.; 2, Johnson, clinker for col. and pencilling, neat head, beautifully carried wings and tail, just beaten in general contour; 4, Cubby, wee bit stronger, rare tone of col., magnificent pencilling, bonny shape; vhc, Greenwell; hc, Dockerty; c, Mrs. Fieldes. BUFF (8): 1, spl, best green in show, Mrs. Fildes, excellent shape, charming quality, beautifully moulded, extraordinary colour for a buff; 2, Walker, again of wonderful col., neat head, nicely tapered, beaten only in type; 3, Johnson, sweet exhibit, nice colour and pencilling, shows just a nice bit of shoulder; 4, Graham, charming bird, beauty for colour and pencilling, neat wings and tail; vhc, Young; hc, Bayley; c, Richardson. YELL. HEN (10): 1, Johnson, old champion, we should say about the best hen ever staged, no faults whatever; 2, Ireland, grand hen, rare wings and tail; 3, Greenwell, bonny shape, sweet head and neck, well carried tail; 4, Bayley, neat moulded body, beaten in head properties only; vhc, c, Walker; hc, Mrs. Fildes. BUFF (10): 1, Johnson, again a topper, shows wealth of col., pencilled down to root of tail, clean cut away behind; 2, McQuillan, close up, neat head, neck fitted nicely to shoulders, beautiful contour; 3, Bayley, splendid col. and pencilling, nice back, wings, and tail, very pleasing; 4, hc, Walker, very jaunty and free, well laced; vhc, Greenwell; c, Graham.

YORKS., GREENS, SELF, ETC. (20): 1, McDermott, good head, well placed wings, grand carriage, sound colour; 2, vhc, Rowlands, self greens, grand type, lovely wings and tail, sound col., a near race for 1st; 3, McNulty, self, well up on leg, long flights and tail, good head; 4, Benson, fine wings and tail, sound col., not quite so long as winners; hc, Mackridge; c, Nimmo. BUFF (15): 1, spl for best green Yorks., 4, Rowlands, Newcastle and Bradford West winner, sound col., good head, nice wings and tail, position A1, 4th rich col., neat head, long flights; 2, McNulty, nice type, sound col., good head, open in tail a trifle; 3, Young, well up on leg, nice position, good wings and tail, sound col.; vhc, c, Davison; hc, Robinson. YELL. HEN (17): 1, Rowlands, a gem, unflig., neat head, grand wings and tail, position A1; 2, McDermott, foul, a wee shade stout, well up on leg, good wings and tail; 3, Young, foul, grand position, well braced wings, piped tail; 4, Benson, self, very typical, sound col.; vhc, Handley; hc, Pilling; c, Mallison. BUFF (14): 1, Handley, sound col., good long flights and tail; 2, Nimmo, foul, grand hen, lovely type and quality, well braced wings and tail; 3, 4, Rowlands, 3rd foul, piped tail, neat head, full of quality; 4th self, good head and wings, upstanding, piped tail; vhc, McDermott; hc, Hickson; no name 9A, c. SELF, ETC., YELL., BRED 1911 (14): 1, hc, Rowlands, grand position, sound col., well up on leg, good head, a wee bit unsteady; 2, McDermott, sound in col., well placed wings, piped tail, close race for 1st; 3, 4, Atherton, 3rd good head, full of quality, nice type; 4th rich col., well up on leg, a bit wild; vhc, Benson; c, Brindle. BUFF (12): 1, Hickson, self, sound in colour, good head, long flights, wants a little more training; 2, Rowlands, foul, a bit rough, well up on leg, long flights and tail; 3, Atherton, self, rich col., full of quality, long flights and tail, might have gone up one when we saw it; 4, Young, self, neat head, grand position; vhc, Corbett; hc, Benson; c, Dixon. NOVICE: YELL. GREEN (16): 1, Brindle, self, sound col., very stylish, long flights, neat tail; 2, Hamilton, self, good head, wings, and tail, typical, sound in col.; 3, Algie, foul, very stylish, boxey feather, well up on leg nice position; 4, Edwards, a wee shade on the stout side, good wings and tail, nice position; vhc, Bracken; hc, c, Lloyd. BUFF (14): 1, Malone, self, boxey feather, nice style, good wings and tail; 2, Brindle, self, sound in colour, good head, wings well braced, fine position; 3, Wood, foul, lovely quality, very typical, piped tail; 4, Jones, self, nice type and quality; vhc, Bell; hc, Howcroft; c, Davison.

The Remaining Canary Classes.

BORD., CL., ETC., YELL. (10): 1, Harrison, cl., splendid type and quality, neat head and neck, crossed wings a little; 2, Ireland, jaunty, beautiful contour, tight as wax, better wing carriage, some preferred for 1st; 3, Mrs. T. Harrison, in rare order, well moulded, neat carriage of wings and tail; 4, hc, Thomas, grand style, tapered well from shoulder to tail, close up; vhc, Hudson; 1 and 2, Bayley; 9, Wilson; 10, Cubby, alleged to be fed. BUFF (15): 1, 2, Large, two beauties for type and quality, mealed to perfection, both take perches well, either could win; 3, c, Thomas, not far behind, beautiful shape and general contour, very jaunty; 4, Hopper Bros., grand outline of a Border, neat wings and tail, beaten only in quality of feather; vhc, Ireland; hc, Andrews. HEN (11): 1, 4, Large, yellows, two good ones, leader the better feather, well moulded body; 4, neat head, fine cut body; 2, Bayley, buff, well posed head and neck, one piece throughout, a real knockout; 3, Ireland, neat shape, grand rounded head, well cut body, staged to perfection; vhc, Andrews; hc, Hopper Bros.; c, Cubby. UNEVENLY MKD. (16): 1, Dockerty, mkd. eyes and wings, in rare order, neat shape, wing carriage and tail magnificent; 2, Large, cap and wing marks, jaunty, neat outline, shows a well cut barrel; 3, hc, Thomas, variegated, a stormer for quality, sweet head, general contour of this exhibit beautiful; 4, Mrs. T. Harrison, neatly carried wings and tail, shows wonderful quality of feather, should improve; vhc, Harrison; c, Hudson.

YORKS., CL., YELL. (11): 1, 4, Allen, 1st grand type, well up on leg, lovely quality, two feathers just showing in tail, should have been kept at home another week or two, 4th unflig., full of quality, nice position; 2, McNulty, a blaze of col., boxey feather, nice wing and tail, good position; 3, Shaw Bros., unflig., full of quality, nice type, rich col.; vhc, Hirst; hc, Hall; c, Towers. BUFF (10): 1, Ogden Bros., in the pink of condition, lovely quality feather, neat round head, grand breast, wings, and tail, wins well; 2, Thornton and Bower, position A1, full of quality, well up on leg; 3, Binns, nice type and quality, fails just a little on breast; 4, Benson, unflig., full of quality; vhc, Knowles; hc, Hall; c, Shackleton. TKD., YELL. (9): 1, Binns, cap and wing mkd., rich col., neat head, full of quality, nice position, very steady; 2, Morrison, cap, rich col., lovely quality, well up on leg, piped tail; 3, Parry, wing mkd., pale col., typical, full of quality, neat head; 4, Haigh and Son, thigh tkd., good head, long flights and tail; vhc, Broughton; hc, Boote; c, McNulty. BUFF (9): 1, Binns, thigh tick, rare length, full of quality, grand wing carriage, piped tail, very steady; 2, hc, Broughton, marked on breast, boxey feather, well up on leg, grand wing and tail, position A1; 3, Allen, marked eye, boxey feather, well placed wings, piped tail, good position; 4, Morrison, thigh tick, rich col., full of quality, very stylish; vhc, Ogden Bros.; c, Shaw Bros. YELL. HEN (14): 1, Shackleton, eye and wing marked, pale col., boxey feather, well up on leg, grand wing carriage and piped tail; 2, Knowles, unflig., rich col., long flights and tail, a bit wild; 3, vhc, c, Parry, rich col., grand back, well placed wings, a little open on breast; 4, Morrison, good head, full of quality, not steady; hc, Baxter. BUFF (21): 1, Ogden Bros., mkd. neck and wing, lovely quality, grand pair of wings, piped tail, position A1, wins well; 2, Broughton, rich col., lovely quality, neat head, nice position; 3, Shackleton, neat head, boxey feather, good wings and tail; 4, Thornton and Bower, pale colour, boxey feather, nice wings; vhc, Parry; hc, Baxter; c, Hall. NOVICE: YORKS. YELL. (34): 1, Hamilton, unevenly mkd., a blaze of col., boxey feather, well up on leg, long flights, piped tail; 2, Edwards, full of quality, well placed wings, good round head, piped tail; 3, c, Alston, cap and wing mkd., long flights and tail, full of quality, nice position; 4, Corbett, Cinn. mkd., nice type, lovely quality; vhc, Gregory; cx. 4, Pomfrett; hc, Davison. BUFF (27): 1, Pomfret, cap mkd., rich col., well up on leg, grand position, full of quality; 2, Sutton, boxey feather, nice type, good one; 3, Currie, blaze of col., boxey feather, nice wings and tail; 4, Glover, pale col., type and quality, neat head; vhc, Potter; hc, Alston; c, Hamilton. EVEN ETC., YELL. (7): 1, Shackleton, eye and wings mkd., pale col., teeming with quality, position A1; 2, hc, Morrison, cheek, eye, and wing mkd., grand colour, well up on leg, pure quality; 3, Ogden Bros., wings and eye mkd., blaze of col., boxey feather, nice type; 4, vhc, Sutcliffe and Son, eye and wing, blaze of col., full of quality; c, Dykes. BUFF (9): 1, vhc, Dykes, eye, wings, and breast mkd., blaze of col., boxey feather, grand wings and piped tail, nice position, lovely head; 2, Ogden Bros., eye, wing, and head mkd., grand position, well placed wings, piped tail, full of quality; 3, Priestley, eye and wing, open just a little on breast, nice quality, good position; 4, Towers, eye and wing tick, rich col.; hc, Sutcliffe and Son; c, Brown and Son. YELL. HEN (10): 1, Thornton and Bowen, eye and wing mkd., pale col., lovely quality, feather, nice type, piped tail; 2, Shackleton, cheek, eye, and wing mkd., full of qual., position A1, rare length; 3, 4, Sutcliffe and Son, wing and eye mkd., blaze of col., quality A1; 4, eye and wing mkd., rich col., grand wings and tail, boxey feather; vhc, Dykes; hc, Ogden Bros.; c, Allen. BUFF (8): 1, Dykes, a gem, eye and wing mkd., full of quality, long flights, nicely placed, piped tail, position A1; 2, Towers, cap and wings mkd., rich col., boxey feather, position A1; 3, Brown and Son, eye and wing mkd., boxey feather, good position, level col.; 4, Priestley, eye, neck, and wing mkd., full of quality, nice type; vhc, Sutcliffe and Son; hc, Hall; c, Ogden Bros.



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LIGHT MULE (5): 1, Johnson, buff, bordering on sky-pointed Goldie-Can., sweetly moulded, lovely quality, nice size, neat markings, a gem; 2, Jamieson, yell. Green.-Can., capital colour and feather, shapely, slightly on the small side; 3, Williams, var. buff Goldie-Can., capital shape, smooth as wax, nice size, neat face; 4, Potter, buff, same persuasion, not quite so large, otherwise equal: No. 2, Richards, w.o., dark one. DARK (14): 1, 3, Jones, yell. Greenie-Can., magnificent colour and feather, grand shape, not the biggest but one of the best, staged in good style; 2, Linnet-Can., A1 col., feather and shape, tight as a drum, shone like satin, in the pink; 2, c, Pickles, Gold-Can., nice substance and shape, capital face of rich col., shows parentage most distinctly; 4, he, Heken and Ashall, yell. Sikin, magnificent quality, capital colour of breast, bright and dense cap well cut, in the pink; 2, 4, Holborow, shapely and of A1 quality, lovely breast colour, nice carriage, not quite the size; 4, very bonny hen, good size, shape and quality, nice head character; 3, Brunskill, best breast colour in class, good size and shape, neat cap, good one; vhc, Jones; hc, Hooson; c, Harris. LINNET (21, rare lot): 1, he, Captain Hurst, fine size, lovely colour, delightfully pencilled, very shapely, a charmer; 2, Jones, smooth as wax, magnificent shape, col., quality and markings, steady as a top; 3, Wilson, shape and quality all there, not quite the brightness of feather of above, yet grand; 4, vhc, Walsh, rare substance and carriage, fine shape, clear and distinct in pencilling, shows for all he is worth; c, Davies. GREENIE (12): 1, Walsh, wonder shape and size, delightful colour, not a feather misplaced, staged in masterly fashion, a knock-out; 2, Captain Hurst, well up in substance, grand shape and carriage, beaten a wee shade in richness of colour, good enough to win at most shows; 3, Jones, fine shape and size, moves well, capital quality; 4, Johnson, shapely, but not quite substance or colour, well worth place; vhc, Brade; hc, Morgan; c, England. SISKIN, ETC. (23, a fine collection): 1, Coffey, Twite, slashing shape and size, delightful colour, prettily pencilled, in full bloom, topper; 2, Pickles, Redpoll, of wonderful size, A1 colour and quality, well marked, one of the very best; 3, Captain Hurst, Siskin, rich quality and colour, finely pencilled, grandly cut cap, well up in size; 4, Morgan, Redpoll, not quite so bold as 2nd, otherwise its equal; vhc, he, Kilner and Son; c, Lomax. BRAMBLE, ETC. (7): 1, c, Coffey, Bramble, rattling fine size, magnificent colour, profusely spangled, steady as a rock, shown by a master hand; 2, 3, Captain Hurst, with a couple of lovely Chaffs, former a shade the larger, both of A1 colour and feather, grandly marked, put down in fine style; 4, Brotherhood, Bramble, looks like the Burton winner, bit more substance even than 1st, fine shape, beaten slightly in col. and finish, yet a beauty; vhc, Bond and Son; he, Morgan. A.O.S. (6): 1, Harris, Hawfinch, a living picture, fine substance and shape, lovely col. and quality, grand bib; 2, 3, Johnson, Cornbunting and Yellowhammer respectively, both in tiptop order, former possessing rich colour, A1 quality, latter, lovely colour; vhc, Jones; he, Walsh.

WEST BROMWICH.

Fifth annual show, held Nov. 8th, and proved a great success. The entries came up extremely well, being an advance of nearly 100 over last year, which constitutes a record. Quality, too, was better than in any previous year, Norwich and Yorkshires being very strong in this respect, many high class exhibits being staged. The open Novice classes were really good, both in numbers and quality; several of the winners would have done well in the open. The venue was again the large room of the Dartmouth Hotel, which is quite free from any draughts. The exhibits were nicely staged, and we need hardly add they were well attended to by a keen and enthusiastic body of fanciers who did all possible for their well being and comfort. Mr. A. Jones is the popular Chairman of a strong Committee. Mr. W. G. Andrews is the hard working and energetic Hon. Sec., and he had everything in smooth running order and was most courteous to one and all: he seemed, naturally, pleased with the result of his labour. Mr. J. H. Payne made the awards, which appeared to please all.

The Critique.

NOR. CL. YELL. (11): 1, Jones, grand shape, full skull, lovely feather and col., wings and tail well packed, nice round chest full neck; 2, vhc, Broadhurst, short cobby body, neat head, well packed short flights and tail; 3, Eckersley, lovely col. and full of quality, nice head, wings and tail; 4, Tayler, S. N., good head, neck and chest; he, Silver; c, Dipple. BUFF (11): 1, Wilkoughby, grand col., full of quality, nice round chest, well packed flights and tail; 2, Silver, beautifully moulded body, short wings and tail, nice back and tight feather of good quality; 3, 4, Broadhurst, lovely col. and quality, nice full chest and neck, good back, nice wings and tail; 4th, good shape, nice head and neck; vhc, Eckersley; hc, Jones; c, Collier. MKD., ETC. (10): 1, 3, vhc, Jones, buff, grizzled on rump and tail, good shaped body, full of quality, nice col., good head and neck; 3rd, lovely feather, nice wings and tail, good shape; 2, Weaver, marked eyes, yell., good col. and quality, neat wings and tail; 4, Garfield, variegated buff, nice feather and col., good shaped body; he, c, Eckersley. HEN (18): 1, vhc, Eckersley, yell., capital shape, nice clean head, lovely feather and quality, well packed flights and neat tail, level col: 2, Collier, buff, mkd. eyes and saddle, grand shape, tight fitting jacket of good quality, good head and neck, neat wings and tail; 3, Dipple, hot col. cl. yell., good shape, nice head and neck, neat tail; 4, Broadhurst, wing ticked yell., good feather and quality, nice shape; he, Vics; c, Garfield. UNFLIG. YELL. (11): 1, c, Collier, magnificent col., feather and quality, good shape, neat head, wings and tail, wins Ramsden's special for hottest col.; 2, he, Eckersley, good size and shape, nice back, wings and tail, capital quality; 3, Willoughby, nice shape and feather, good col., gets well over perch, neat wings and tail; 4, Jones, nice shape and feather, neat head; vhc, Broadhurst. BUFF (14): 1, vhc, Elliott, clinker all round, wonderful substance for such quality and shape, grand col., lovely back, short flights and neat tail, and put down in the pink wins special for best Nor.; 2, 4, Eckersley, a brace of good ones, good shape, well up in quality, nice feather, neat wings; 3, Collier, good shape, grand feather, nice head and neck; he, Dipple; c, Jones. YORKS. CL., ETC., YELL. (11): 1, spl. best Yorkshire, Newell, hot col., grand feather and quality, neat head, slim built; 2, Walsh, grand feather, long side, nice wings and tail, stands well; 3, Andrews, straight as a pencil, close feather, neat wings and pipe tail, close up; 4, Male, straight and good position, well on leg; vhc, Millinecamp; he, Brook; c, Dykes. BUFF (11): 1, Thomas, J., straight as a rush, good position, nice head and shoulders, wings well packed and pipe tail; 2, Walsh, wing ticked, beautifully feathered, neat tail, long flights; 3, Taylor, J. A., plenty of length, stands well up, grand feather; 4, Williams, nice feather, good tail and wings, neat feather; vhc, c, Andrews; he, Beck. MKD., ETC. (11): 1, Dykes, variegated, slim built, stands well, narrow shoulders, close fitting jacket of good quality; 2, 3, Williams, wing ticked buff, grand col. and feather, nice position, neat tail and good flights; 3rd, head, eye and wing mkd. yell., long sided, grand col.; 4, vhc, Thomas, yell. mkd. wings, slim built, good col.; he, Walsh; c, Cassey. HEN YELL. (13): 1, Newell, variegated yell., Cassey, beautiful feather and quality, slim built and stands well, nice pipe tail; 2, Cassey, clear, plenty of side, beautiful feather, nice flights and tail; 3, Andrews, grand feather, good head, nice position, wings and tail; 4, Thomas, capital feather, nice position, good back and neat head; vhc, Raybould; he, Clempson; c, Dykes. BUFF (5): 1, Andrews, nice position, good feather, neat wings and pipe tail; 2, Cassey, nice length, good feather, and stands well; 3, Dykes, nice colour and quality, neat head; 4, Williams, capital feather, nice position; vhc, Millinecamp. UNFLIG. (16): 1, Dykes, yell., magnificent feather, good length and position, nice back, wings and pipe tail, close run for special; 2, vhc, Williams, head ticked buff, hot col., close feather, stands well, neat head and tail; 3, c, Taylor, wing ticked yell., slim built, long sided, stands well; 4, Andrews, yell., good length, position, nice col. and feather; he, Raybould. CREST (8): 1, spl, c, Groves, mkd. left wing, good droop and formation of crest, nice shaped body, leafy feather; 2, vhc, Price, F., mkd. wings, nice drooping crest, capital back; 3, he, Shipley, nice frontal, crest, good dip; 4, Gilbert, good frontal crest, nice droop. C.B. (5): 1, Price, F., rare length of head feather and good width, nice shaped skull; 2, 3, 4, Groves, green, good length of head feather, nice cushion shaped skull; 3rd, variegated, good length of feather on back skull; 4th, good back skull; vhc, Price, H. A.O.V. (5): 1, 2, Baker, buff Cinnamon, good col. and feather, nice shape and skull, well packed flights; 2nd, yelt Cinn., nice col. and feather; 3, 4, Tyler, eyes, wings and cheek mkd. buff Border, good col., shape and feather; 4th, neat feathered and shapely clear buff Border. MULE LGT. (2): 1, Gilbert, buff Goldfinch Canary, grizzled on wings, nice col. and feather, good shape; 2, Capewell, variegated buff Goldie Canary, nice size and feather. DARK (9): 1, Davies, Greenfinch, lovely quality of feather, rich col., nice wings, in grand order; 2, 3, Somerfield, Greenfinch, grand size and shape, not quite the polish of the leader; 3rd, good feathered and coloured Linnet; 4, Viles, buff Goldfinch, nice feather and shape; vhc, Hall; he, c, Russell. HYB. (4): 1, 3, Wilson, Canary Bullie, in good feather; 3rd, Goldfinch Bullfinch, rich col., well mkd., in nice feather; 2, Ashberry, grand feathered Greenfinch Bullfinch, nice shape and col.; 4, Hall, good shaped Canary Bullie. BRIT. GOLDIE, ETC. (16): 1, Yates, Goldfinch, nice square cut blaze, good bars, buttons and tanning; 2, Baseley, Bullfinch, rich coloured breast, rich dense cap of good shape, capital bars; 3, Bridges, nice feathered and good coloured Bullfinch; 4, Ashberry, Goldfinch, grand bars and buttons, not yet up in face; vhc, Hyde; he, Soul; c, Martin. LINNET ETC. (8): 1, Palmer, buff Greenfinch, good size, shape, col. and feather, bold head; 2, Clarke, buff Grecnie, good size and shape, nice head, shows plenty of meal; 3, Hughes, Grecnie, capital feather, nice wings and good shape; 4, Bate, nicely pencilled Linnet, good feather; vhc, Baseley; he, Tyler; c, Jones. SISKIN, ETC. (8): 1, Tyler, Siskin, capital feather and shape nicely marked flanks and cap, nicely spangled; 2, Gibbons, mealy Redpoll, well marked and good bib; 3, Martin, nicely marked and good col. Twite; 4, Capewell, good feathered and marked col. Twite; 4, Capewell, good feathered and marked col. Siskin; vhc, Palmer; he, Gilbert; c, Price, nat. col. Siskin; vhc, Palmer; he, Gilbert; c, Price, good lot. A.O.S. HARDBILL (8): 1, Welsh, Hawfinch, and not one of the largest, but grand feather and markings, nice cut bib, in fine trim; 2, Cooper, Bramblefinch, nice size, good col., well spangled; 3, Burrows, Hawfinch, nice size and shape, good feather and col.; 4, Woodhouse, nicely spangled Bramble; vhc, Baseley; he, Tonks; c, Dawes. SOFTBILL (7): 1, Williams, Cornish Chough, grand feather and sheen, wonderful coloured legs and bill, nice shape; 2, Capewell, good feathered Waxwing; 3, Jeffery, nice coloured Nightingale, capital body col.; 4, Baseley, Skylark, capital feathered and well marked, very steady; he, Soul. FOR. (1): 2, Hall, Siberian Goldfinch, nice cheeks and wing bars. NOV., NOR. (10): 1, 2, Gibbons, Buff, grand col. and quality, nice shape, 2, hot coloured Yell., good shape; 3, Mrs Hinde, Buff, nice feather and quality, good back and wings; 4, Kenyon, variegated Yell., hot col., nice shape and feather; vhc, Hampton; he, Amos; c, Tye. HEN (3): 1, 2, Gibbons, nice shape and feather, both Yellows; 3, Ames, nice Yell. UNFLIG. (9): 1, Hampton, Buff, mkd. wings, neck and eyes, lovely shape, feather and col., short, well packed flights and tail, a good one; 2, Hyde, variegated Buff, good size and shape, nice wings and tail; 3, Mrs. Hinde, nice shaped clear Buff, good feather and col.; 4, vhc, Gibbons, variegated Buff, good shape and col.; he, Childs; c, Tye. YORKS., YELL. (10): 1, Hernshaw, head and neck mkd., grand feather and quality, nice wings and tail, stands well; 2, Parfitt, variegated, long sided, nicely drawn out, good feather and quality; 3, Cowley, grand quality of feather, stands well, neat tail and wings, not the length; 4, Stevenson, hot col., nice stand, good flights; vhc, Fletcher; he, Lane; c, Grigg. BUFF (10): 1, Wecks Bros., stands well on a good pair of legs, nice long side, capital feather, wings and tail; 2, Bryant, good length, grand feather, nice back and tail; 3, he, Lane, capital feather, nice length and stand; 4, Dudley, variegated feather and stands well, neat tail and wings; vhc, Gibbons; c, Lawton. HEN (18): 1, Gibbons, grand feathered Yell., nice position, well on leg, long sided, neat tail and good flight; 2, Hall, long sided Yell., grand feather, nicely tapered, good position; 3, c, Bryant, grand feathered Cinnamon mkd. Buff, nice stand and style, neat pipe, tail; 4, Hernshaw, grand feathered clear Buff, nice position, neat tail and well packed flights; vhc, Hinton; he, Lane. UNFLIG. (17): 1, Fletcher, neck tkd. Yell., lovely feather, nice length and style, long sided, neat head; 2, Hearnshaw, wing tkd. buff, lovely feather, nice position; 3, vhc, Lane, neck tkd. Yell., grand feather, nice stand and style; 4, Day, slim built and good feathered neck tkd. Yell., long flights and pipe tail; he, Stevenson; c, Lawton. MEMBERS: NOV. (4): 1, Barnsley; 2, Cowley; 3, Grigg; 4, Sadler. HEN (4): 1, Cowley; 2, Barnsley; 3, Sadler; 4, Grigg.

BRIGHTON.

Encouraged by the success which attended their first venture, the committee of the Brighton C.B.A. put forth a well arranged schedule for this year's show, held on November 8th and 9th, in the North Road Concert Hall, a far better venue than last year's, and one which allowed of the birds being seen to far greater advantage. The morning was very dark, and all the judging had to be carried out by the aid of the electric light. There were three prizes in each class, but in classes of over 15 the vhc card carried with it a prize of 1s. 6d. The entry received was splendid, totalling as it did 516, 130 in advance of last year, and one upon which all concerned are to be most heartily congratulated, specially when one considers the number of shows being held in the South this week. Not only was the entry good, but the quality also was most excellent right through. Norwich had 163 in the seven classes, and a better lot has seldom been seen at a South Coast show. Mr. Wade's yellow tkd., which won in the novice, was a good one; although not staged so well as it might have been, it won well. Yorks. were indeed a sight; they totalled 114 in the seven classes, and so high was the quality and so keen the competition, that it was hard lines indeed only one set of cards could be awarded, as amongst the unnoticed crowd were many exhibits which doubtless have won and will win again. The conclusion we came to at some of the earlier shows was confirmed here, and there is no doubt that Yorks. in the South have made most rapid strides of late; type and quality have both been improved, whilst the extra length has not been obtained at the cost of increased size, quite the contrary, as greater length has been gained with improved type. The Novices were a strong lot, and the birds of Messrs. Alford, Redwood, and Hall could have given a good account of themselves in the open. Members were good, but not extraordinary. British birds made a grand show, and the great majority were excellently shown. The British Bird and Mule Club special fell to a very nice Dartford Warbler shown by Mr. Evans. Foreigners made an interesting section, and a nice display in the members' classes wound up a most satisfactory and pleasing show. The committee of management was composed of the following enthusiastic fanciers, and they attended to their duties in first-class style: Messrs. C. Pearson (chair), J. B. Absalon (vice-chairman), J. Roast (treasurer), A. Burtenshaw, J. Boxall, E. F. Brooks, E. and W. Cadman, F. Dandridge, A. Flook, H. James, R. Sharp, S. Sparks, A. Goble, T. A. Small, and W. Swaysland. Messrs. W. H. Gibbs and H. Akehurst made a most tactful, courteous, and indefatigable brace of secretaries, and under their direction everything went as merrily and smoothly as a wedding bell. Mr. C. A. House judged.

NOR., YELL. (10): 1, sp., Richardson, rare head and neck, grand deep chest, lovely quality, and sound col.; 2, Ellis, very warm in col., lovely feather, good head, not quite so chubby, takes Sandiford's sp.; 3, Pennells, rare shaped bird, of grand col., nice quality, not so tight in chest; vhc, Bellamy, a beauty, but needs tightening up; he, Cosier and Crisp; c, Silk. BUFF (9): 1, sp., Saunders, a gem, rich level col., grandly mealed, rare feather, carriage and type; 2, Terry, beautiful body and feather, lovely col., not quite so bold in head; 3, Silk, rare body, splendid col. and feather, stands well, a shade browy; vhc, Kilby, not quite so good in head, lovely shape and col.; he, Leach; c, Matthes. TKD. (16): 1, sp, Saunders, wing tkd., Yell., rare shape, splendid feather, rich level col., full of style, well cut away behind; 2, Bellamy, very chubby, variegated, Buff, rare col. and meal, stout head and neck; 3, vhc, Kilby, cheek and tail mkd. Yell., very nice col., good quality of feather, capital shape, not so tight, vhc, very similar cheek and neck mkd.; he, Cosier and Crisp; c, Pennells. HEN (19): 1, sp., vhc, Pennells, a charming variegated Yell., stands well up off the perch, rare chubby head and body, rare feather; 2, Ellis, beavily mkd. Buff, grand type, col., and meal, lovely quality of feather; 3, Bellamy, another topping variegated Yell., not quite so bright in col. as 1st, still a gem; he, Miller; c, Curtis. UNFLIG. (28): 1, sp., Richardson, Yell., grizzled on vent, wonderful quality, neat short body, rare style, not level col.; 2, Saunders, grizzle capped Buff, beautifully frosted on rich body col., rare shape, feather, and style; 3, Borman, variegated Buff, very chubby head and neck, grand chest and shoulders, grand feather; vhc, c, Curtis, very neat cheek tkd. Yell., lovely quality, hardly so stout; he, Jupe; a remarkably fine class, full of high quality birds. NOVICE (13): 1, sp., Wade, grand shaped wing tkd. Yell., rare head, neck and chest, sound level col., in the hands of a professional would do good work; 2, Little, smart, stylish Buff, lovely quality, col., and meal, very neat and stylish; 3, Palmer, grand variegated, rare shape and style, grand feather, capital col.; vhc, French, sweet bodied Buff, lovely col. and meal, had rubbed the black from cage wires on his face; he, Small; c, Ditch. NON-FED (8): 1, Frost, very shapely close feathered grizzle-tailed Buff, 2, vhc, White, another good quality buff; 3, Hedger, heavy mkd. Buff, not so close in feather; he, Cripps; c, Donne. CREST (15): 1, sp, c, Gravett, heavily mkd., almost perfect in crest formation, very veiny feather, rare centre, radiation and droop; 2, Field, even marked, nice centre and radiation, more width, but not so good in droop; 3, Mrs. Thynne, very heavy fronted, Cinnamon crest, lovely quality, not yet ready; vhc, Marshall; he, Miss Turner. C.B.: Cancelled.

YORKS, YELL. (13): 1, sp., Miller, very neat head, grand back, wings, and tail, capital feather, rare style, pale in col.; 2, Brooks, also pale in col., but grand shape and style, nice feather and very nervy; 3, Veness, richer col., more length, nice quality of feather, not so quick in the hand; vhc, Walsh, not so neat in head, more length, nice feather; he, Hemphries; c, Dandridge. BUFF: Cancelled. TKD. (11): 1, sp., Atkins, neck tkd. Yell., rare shape and style, capital feather, and very nervy, neat wings and tail; 2, Foxen, very slim, stylish, head and wing tkd. Buff, gets well up on leg and shows nicely; 3, Stroud, nicely feathered Yell., nice length and style, not so neat in head; vhc, Morris and Son, eye and wing, Cinn. mkd., lovely style; he, Wraight; c, Green. HEN (20): 1, sp., Atkins, eye tkd. Buff, a beauty, stands well up on good legs, very silky and tight in feather, neat head, wings and tail; 2, Green, head tkd. yell., plenty of length both of body and leg, very stylish, nice head, wings and tail; 3, Montgomery, lovely bodied Buff, but wants a trifle more leg to show its other good properties; vhc, Brooks, very racy Yell., nice length, very nervy; he, Stroud; e, Foxen. UNFLIG. (16): 1, sp., Williams, very sweet Yell, grand length, lovely quality of feather, neat head, grand shoulders, wings and tail; 2, Montgomery, rattling good shaped, stylish Yell., not so well shown, and paler in col.; 3, Veness, very slim, stylish Buff, small and neat right through; vhc, Atkins, nice style and shape, not quite so tight in feather; he, Green; c, Harris. NOVICE, CL. (23): 1, sp., Alford, long slim, stylish Yell., good head, back, wings, and tail, neat feather; 2, vhc, Redwood, fine, lacy Buff, grand legs, capital wings and tail, handles well; 3, Hall, very nice feather and carriage, just a trifle shorter; he, Smallman, Coxed. A.O.V. (17): 1, sp., Montgomery, smart lacy, tkd. Yell., good head, shoulders, flights and tail, very stylish; 2, Parsham, close and wing tkd. Buff, very neat and stylish, capital feather; 3, Meades, head tkd. Yell., very shapely, nice length and style, not so tight in feather; vhc, Hall, very smart lacy Buff, not so much col.; he, M Vicar; c, Hutton. NON-FED (13): 1, sp., c, White, a really grand Buff, full of quality and style, grand shape; 2, Newman, sweet Yell., neat head, good shoulders, wings and tail, very stylish; 3, vhc, Ford, grand buffed Yell., nice feather and style, not so neat in tail; he, French. BORDER (9): 1, spl, Mrs. Thynne, very neat feathered buff, fine head, well set shoulders, good style, in nice form; 2, c, Bacon, yell., nicely feathered, neat head, rather deeper in chest, nice style; 3, Spiers, grandly feathered buff, good carriage, but stout; vhc, Montague; he, Burton Bros. A.O.V.: Cancelled. SELL, 15/- (21): 1, Gavett; 2, Baker; 3, Arthurs; vhc, Jupe; he, Brooks; c, Swayeland. 25/- (24): 1, Baker; 2, Bond; 3, Filfield; vhc, Walsh; he, Saunders; c, Bibb. MULES, DK. (21): 1, Pope, very nicely mkd., rich coloured Jonque Linnet, grand silky feather; 2, Lamb, stylish, close feathered, nice col. Jonque greenie; 3, members' spl, Cadman Bros., good rich col. Jonque Goldie, well mkd., nice feather; vhc, Goble, fine, big, well mkd., mealy Linnet; he, Lees; c, Wraight. HYBRIDS, ETC.: Cancelled. VARIEG. (11): 1, sp, Lees, the noted lightly mkd. Linnet, in grand form; 2, Botting, eye, wing, and tail mkd. Jonque Goldie, capital col. and feather, nice size and shape; 3, Lamb, well-known variegated yell., in grand form; vhc, Wraight; he, c, Hurst.

BRIT. GOLD (24): 1, two spls., Akehurst, very large blaze, lovely tone of colour, grand buttons, capital shape and size; 2, Levett, richer body col., grand quality of feather, not so large in body or blaze; 3, Goble, another fine large bird, with capital markings, but not so rich in colour, or tight in feather; vhc, Burr, another really good Goldie, not quite fit; he, Butler; c, Gill. BULL. (11): 1, Burr, a real picture, very rich bright col., grand cap, beautifully feathered and very steady; 2, Hinds, lovely rich colour, nice clean cut cap, grand back, not quite so large; 3, Montague, capital shape and size, grand feather, not so bright in col.; vhc, Francis, good cap and breast, not so tight in feather; he, Wade; c, Newman; members' spl., Cadman Bros. LIN. (15): 1, sp, Marley, lovely rich col., grandly mkd., nice size and shape, lovely feather and very steady; 2, Francis, not so large, rich nutty brown col., lovely markings and feather; 3, Gunnell, fine shape, capital marking, not so rich in col., grand feather; vhc, Botting, smart and shapely, capital size, hardly so steady; he, and best members' spl, Gibb. GREEN (14): 1, Gunnell, an immense bird of splendid shape and feather, rare col., wings and tail; 2, Burr, not quite so large, capital shape, lovely feather, grand style; 3, Marley, splendid col. and feather, grand wings and tail, loses in size; vhc, Carrier, neat and shapely, not so bright in col: he, members' spl, Cadman Bros.; c, Shiers. CHAFF., ETC. (15): 1, spl, vhc, Marley, slashing Chaff., wonderful size, rare shape, lovely col. and marking, and very steady; 2, Botting, rich col., beautifully spangled Brambling, grand style and feather; 3, c, Cadman Bros., rare col. and mkd. Chaff., beautiful feather and style, not so large; he, Ashen. REDPOLL, ETC. (15): 1, 3, Francis, very charming Lesser Redpoll, wonderful col., feather, and marking, and a topping little Twite of rare col; 2, Gunnell, beautiful little Siskin, grandly mkd., lovely col. and feather; vhc, Jordon, another very pretty Siskin, grandly mkd.; he, Hobden; c, Tout. BUNTING (9): 1, Cadman Bros., grandly mkd. yell., capital shape and feather, grand col., in splendid fettle; 2, Swayeland, remarkably fine Ortolan, grand shape, feather and marking; 3, Botting, good big yell., of nice shape, well mkd., not so rich in col.; vhc, Mather, good yell., but wild; he, Kilby; c, Evans. A.O.V. SMALL (11): 1, he, Evans, very nice Dartford Warbler, in capital feather; 2, Tout, the Portsmouth winning Gold Crest, looking well; 3, Miss Hopwood, lovely Lesser Whitethroat, grand col. and feather, in grand form; vhc, c, Hedges. LARGE: Cancelled. FOR, BUDGERIGAR: Cancelled, A.V. SMALL (10): 1, Levett, the noted Blue Tanager, in magnificent feather; 2, Howe, one of the best Parrot Finches ever seen, in grand bloom; 3, Swayslaud, very smart Pin-tailed Whydah, good body and tail; vhc, Wade, grand Red-headed Gouldian, nice col. and marking; he, Thwaites; c, Gibb. PAIRS (9): 1, he, Thwaites, very handsome pair of Pintail Nonpariels, in rare feather; 2, Berisford, two very handsome Cordon Bleus, in perfect feather; 3, c, Miss Hopwood, grandly mkd., good col. Black-headed Gouldians; vhc, Newley, very nice pair of Cordon Bleus. LARGE: Cancelled.

MEMBERS': NOR. (13): 1, 2, c, Gibb; 3, Dean; vhc, Absalon; he, Roast. YORKS. (12): 1, spl, Dandridge; 2, 3, Gibb; vhc, Pearson; he, Mrs. Foles; c, Plummer. A.O.V. (5): 1, Gravett; 2, vhc, Dandridge; 3, he, Gibb. NOVICE (8): 1, 2, Mrs. Padwick; 3, he, Gibb. NOVICE (8): 1, 2, Mrs. Padwick; 3, Pelling; vhc, Streeter; he, Williams; c, Pinjow. BRIT. GOLD. (5): 1, vhc, c, Cadman Bros.; 2, Plummer; 3, Gibb; he, Beck. A.O.V. BIRD. (8): 1, 2, vhc, c, Cadman Bros; 3, he, Gibb. STOCK (12): 1, 3, vhc, he, Small; 2, Mrs. Padwick; c, Mrs. Gray.

SWINDON.

The entry in the cage bird section at this nature, held Nov. 9, was but moderate. Exhibitors nowadays seem to fight shy of the mixed shows. The birds were accommodated on the platform and the steward in charge was careful of their needs, and did everything possible to make them comfortable. The Swimming Bath is an excellent building for the purpose of such a show, and the committee must have worked like galley slaves to get the show straightened out, considering the building was not available until mid-night on Tuesday. The Foreigners were a splendid collection, and a great attraction, and to the winner in this class was awarded the silver goblet for best bird in show. First prizes were withheld in classes of less than eight entries. Mr. T. J. Ambrose judged.

NOR. (5): 2, r, Greenwood and Burson, leader wing mkd. buff Crest, good radiation and droop; c, vhc, Mrs. Thynne, wing mkd. Crest, not so round in crest, but good otherwise. YORKS. (3): 3, vhc, Sendell; r, Brett, just a nice trio, cinn. mkd. bird leading. A.O.V. (6): 1, 3, Pearce, leader nice sky-pointed Goldie-Can., grand col., feather, and size, 3rd Linnet-Goldie-Can., grand feather, nice col.; r, vhc, he, Leavers. Bullie, grand feather, nice col.; r, vhc, he, Leavers. A.V. CAN., BRED 1911 (3): 3, r, Greenwood and Burson, leader a very nice Crest. GOLDFINCH, Etc. (2): 3, Levett; r, Acland. BRIT. SMALL (3): 3, Edwards; r, Tout; vhc, Acland. FOR.: (14): Wonderfully attractive group, containing many rarities; 1, and goblet, best bird in show, 3, he, Levett; 2, 1, and goblet, best bird in show, 3, he, Levett; 2, vhc, Edwards; r, he, Leavers; he, Mrs. Gibbs. CAN. vhc, Edwards; r, he, Leavers; he, Mrs. Gibbs. CAN. OR MULE, LOCAL (12): 1, spl, 2, Greenwood and Barson; 3, r, Brooks; vhc, Kirby; he, Kilminster. BRITISH, A.V. MEMBERS (12): 1, spl, Gorton; 2 vhc, Leavers; 3, Ireland.

SOUTHEND.

Fifth annual show of the Southend and Southern Counties O.S. held Clarence Hall, November 8th and 9th. The hall is a fine building, and capable of holding, with comfort, a thousand or more birds. The entry this year did not come up to expectations in consequence of the date unfortunately clashing with other fixtures. Yorkshires formed the principal item, and these were of good quality. The Norwich were a good lot for quality and finish, although as a whole lacking somewhat in size. British birds were not numerous, but a few good ones faced the judge. A feature of the show was a drawing competition got up for the benefit of young fanciers; this received quite a large entry, including some very creditable works of art; the first prize went to Miss Margory Churchland for a good full-page work of many birds. The essay competition received a large number of entries, all the competitors being invited to attend the show. The show was opened by the Mayor of Southend, with the Vicar, the Rev. Dormer Pearce, in the chair. In the course of his remarks upon bird-keeping the Mayor said that no better object-lesson was wanted than the tameness and docility of the Skylark opposite him in a home-made cage of cheap construction, but strong and roomy; and while he saw such examples he could not but agree with those who kept birds under such admirable conditions. The show was capitally managed by Messrs. Pattrick and Franks, ably assisted by Messrs. Lockwood, Cundy, Cunnington, Hutson, Jeffries, Lee, Nichols, Askew, Bunney, and Lonsdale. Mr. W. C. Lockwood did the secretarial duties in a very able manner. Mr. Mundell judged Canaries and Mr. Dewhurst the remainder.

The Critique.

YORKS., YELL. CK.: 1, Green, neck tkd. bird, wonderful length of body and wings, very clean run to a good tail; 2, vhc, Hawes Bros., another lengthy specimen, grand shoulders, rare length of body, good wings and tail; 3, Rorke, good stamp, capital head and neck, grand col.; 4, Franks, A1 quality and col., beautifully rounded; vhc, c, Easterling. BUFF (12): 1, 3, Knight, 1st grand bird, wonderful length, closely braced wings, rare boxey feather; 3rd, grand length, very clean, beautiful shoulders; 2, Easterling and Co., good upstanding bird, nice length, grand wings, well up in col.; 4, hc, Hawes Bros., rare quality, wonderful length; vhc, Green; c, Pattrick. VARIEG. (10): 1, Penton, 3-pointed yell. bird, nice length, very clean contour, beautiful head on nice neck, capital shoulders; 2, Pattrick, lovely boxey buff, rare quality, grand shoulders and wings, very clean run; 3, Hawes, fine length and wonderful shoulders, perfect wing carriage; 4, Knight, lovely cinnamon tkd., grand length and quality; vhc, Rennie; hc, Rorke; c, Owen. UNFLIG. (19): 1, c, Easterling and Co., real topper for type and quality, beautifully rounded back and front, nice clean run; 2, Knight, topping yell., real Yorkie type, capital shoulders, sweet head, A1 wings; 3, 4, Hawes, 3rd lovely quality bird of capital length, A1 shoulders; 4th, capital length, very straight, nice head, neck and shoulders; vhc, hc, Pattrick. YELL. HEN (14): 1, Knight, real beauty for quality and finish, perfect Yorkie type, grandly filled; 2, 4, Pattrick, wing and head mkd. bird, grand position, good back, 4th, smart yell., nicely rounded, good wings; 3, c, Easterling, smart little lady of wonderful type, neat head, good shoulders, smart tail; vhc, Owen; hc, Hawes. BUFF (16): 1, Knight, rare length of body and wings, neat head, good shoulders, grand quality, clean and smart; 2, Rorke, good length, capital wings, nice head, tight in feather; 3, Hawes, fine long bird, cleanly cut, good wings, nice quality; 4, c, Pattrick, wonderfully neat, very clean run; vhc, Easterliug; hc, Rennie. NOVICE YELL. CK. (12): 1, c, Skinner, grand upstanding yell., good head, well filled back, nice quality, shows plenty of leg; 2, Cundy, beautifully rounded bird of capital length, good wings and tail; 3, Rogers, smart bird, sweet head, nice bit of shoulders, well filled back; 4, Tebbs, fine lengthy bird, capital col.; vhc, Taylor; hc, Barber. BUFF (14): 1, Skinner, wonderful length, nice clean cut, capital wings, rare quality; 2, Creamer, another long one, real Yorkie type, well up on leg, neat head; 3, Askew, smaller, but full of quality, very racey, neat head, capital shoulders; 4, Tomblin, another smart one, very straight, nice head; vhc, Holt; hc, Potton; c, Askew. VARIEG. (12): 1, 3, Creamer, smart upstanding head and wing mkd., grand length, nice clean run, Yorkie head; 3rd, wing and head mkd., nice length, fine bit of shoulder; 2, Goldsmith, lovely specimen, grand position, very clean cut, nice head and neck; 4, Skinner, nice leggy specimen, sweet head, well filled back; vhc, Potten; hc, Cundy; c, Bunney. UNFLIG. (17): 1, hc, Skinner, smart bird, good length of body and wings, neat head, pipe tail, tot col. in tip-top condition; 2, Tebbs, grand position, lovely head, good shoulders, capital wings; 3, Bunney, smart bird, nice position, good wings, fine quality; 4, Cundy, very racy specimen, capital shoulders, neat head; vhc, Creamer; c, Tapper. YELL. HEN (16): 1, hc, Hutton, racy clean-cut bird, beautifully tapered, well braced wings, A1 quality; 2, Skinner, smart upstanding, capital shoulders, fine wing carriage, neat tail; 3, Burbridge, fine quality, neat head, well filled back; 4, Askew, smart upstanding yellow, very straight; vhc, Burbridge; c, Barber. BUFF (12): 1, 2, Cundy, smart clean-cut bird of rare quality, lovely head, good wings and tail; 3, Stoakley, another neat one, close up, beautifully rounded, grand position; 4, Potten, similar bird but shade smaller, lovely quality; vhc, Askew; hc, Tomblin; c, Goldsmith. NOR. YELL. CK. (3): 3, Harper, smart bird, neat head, good wedge shape body, grand col. and quality. BUFF (7): 1, Harding, grand bold bird, pure col. and quality, typical specimen, wins well; 2, vhc, Read, lovely quality, good head and back, lovely quality; 3, Harper, capital yell. of fine quality, typical, sound col.; 4, Harper, lovely quality buff, nice head and neck, neat wings; hc, Rippon; c, no name. UNFLIG. (5): 1, 2, 3, Farrow, neat and typical, nice head and neck, good short wings and tail, grand col. and quality; 2nd A1 quality and col., capital head, nice clean-cut, good wings and tail, 3rd wing mkd., nice size, lovely quality; 4, Farrow, neat specimen, good head, neck and shoulders. YELL. HEN (8): 1 Farrow, very smart bird, capital head, very shapely, good wings and tail; 2, Rippon, short cobby specimen, good head and neck, well filled shoulders; 3 (no name), shapely, capital size, lovely quality and col.; 4, Harding, fine bold variegated bird, grand head and neck; vhc, Barham; hc, Harper. NON-FED YORKS CK. (12): 1, 3, Hutson, nice long specimen, neat head and neck, well braced wing, A1 condition; 2, Deer, another smart one, good stamp, nice clean-cut bird; 4, Gamble, well up on leg, nice bit of shoulder; vhc, Pattrick; hc, Lockwood; c, Limington. NOVICE NOR. YELL. CK.: 1, Simms, bonny specimen, real Nor. type, grand col. and quality; 2, Bunney, bigger, grand head, well filled body; 3, Askew, very shapely, nice head, good sweep from throat to tail; 4, Gollar, smaller but very neat, full of col. and quality, vhc, Cundy. BUFF (5): 1, Bunney, cap mkd., good size, head and wing, lovely quality; 2, Cole, bonny specimen, very typical, grand head and neck, fine back and wings; 3, Scudden, fine bold bird, grand col., good head, nice width of chest; 4, Askew, typical specimen of lovely quality; vhc, Cundy. UNFLIG. (51): 1, Bunney, fine bold bird, splendid head and neck, very shapely, short wings and tail; 2, Cundy, smart bird, of rare quality, good head, lovely back, fine col.; 3, 4, Askew, 3rd neat specimen, lovely head, neat wings, and tail, 4th A1 quality, very hot col.; vhc, Corvie. VAR. CK. (5): 1, Thomas, fine bold green, rare Nor. type, capital head, very short in flights; 2, Neal, another dark one, not quite the substance of winner but still good; 3, Cole, capital type, lovely quality and col.; 4, Bamber, neat specimen. YELL. HEN (5): 1, Bunney, lovely specimen of grand Nor. type, very short in wings and tail, capital col.; 2, Thomas, smart, A1 col. and quality; 4, Cole, very heavily mkd., good type, nice short cobby specimen; 3, vhc, Askew, hold bird, lovely type, capital head, neat tail. BUFF (6): 1, Gollan, cap mkd. bird of good substance, very neat, nice quality of feather; 2, Bunney, big bold bird, fine stamp, grand quality; 3, Cowie, smart, hardly the substance of winners, but capital head and grand quality; 4, Scudden, fine typical specimen, good head; vhc, Askew. NONFED NOR. CK. (7): 1, 2, 3, Cunnington, fine cobby spec., nice short neck, good well filled back, 2 variegated bird, of same stamp, neat head, good wings, inclined to be a trifle rough at thighs, 3 another variegated spec., good stamp; 4, hc, Cundy, smart cl., fine head, grand quality; vhc, Finch; c, Bamber. A.O.V. (9): 1, 3, Cundy, 1 good col. cinn., capital head, nice wings, very sound, 3 another cinn. of fine substance, grand col. for a buff; 2, Tampkin, fine bold C.B., grand skull, well lashed; 4, Scudder, neat crested bird, well shaped crest, nicely radiated; vhc, hc, c, Sammons. HYB., DK. (8): 1, Mortlock, bonny Linnet, grand size and type, good style, shows well, fine spec.; 2, Potten, neat Greenie, very shapely, pure quality feather, close up; 3, 4, Whent, 3 cinn. Linnet, capital size and col., good shape, 4 another good Linnet, fine bold bird; vhc, Cundy; hc, Bamber; c, Brown. GOLDIE (6): 1, Lonsdale, capital Goldie, shapely, good size, rare expanse of blaze, fine col., will improve; 2, Mortlock, another good one, capital tan grand wings, nicely cut blaze, fine size and col.; 3, Jeffries, yet another good one, good tanning, neat blaze; 4, Franks, good col. bird, nice size and col. of blaze, clean whites; vhc, hc, c, Webster. LINNET (6): 1, Marley, fine bold Linnet, grand depth of col., beautifully laced and marked, fine size and shape; 2, Trist, very fine shape, rare quality, nicely mkd., good wings; 3, Tyson, fine spec., grand, shapely, well up in pencilling, sound col.; 4, Jeffries, bold, rare size, nice head and back; vhc, Cundy; hc, Lockwood. GREENIE (7): 1, Whent, big bold Greenie, grandly shaped, nicely proportioned, sound col., lovely quality; 2, Marley, another shapely spec., good size, A1 col., in sound condition; 3, Tyson, shapely bird, of fine size, well proportioned, good wings, shows well; 4, Jeffries, very smart buff, grand size, lovely quality; vhc, Lockwood; hc, Cundy. REDPOLL (9): 1, Tyson, very neat Redpoll, fine bold shape, good bib, nicely mkd., capital bib; 2, Lonsdale, neat spec., sound in col., fine bib; 3, Marley, smart little Twite, shapely, sound in col. and markings; 4, Trist, capital Siskin, good size and shape, nicely laced; vhc, Potten; hc, McLaughlin; c, Tassell. A.O.S. (6): 1, 2, hc, Marley, nice neat Hawfinch, very shapely and sound in col., god bib and eye marks, 2 good Bramble, nicely spangled, capital breast; 3, Tyson, bold Yellow Bunting, good size and shape, well mkd. head and cheek; 4, Whent, bold Snow Bunting, grand size and shape; hc, Lockwood. SOFTBILL (5): 1, Rogers, a perfect pair of Bearded Tits, fine size and shape, tip-top col. and condition, markings absolutely perfection, wins special for best; 2, Banks, nicely marked Thrush of good size and shape, very steady; 3, Emery, very steady, large, in home-made cage; 4, Ilderton, another good Thrush, very bold spotting. CHILDREN'S DRAWING CLASS: 1, Master Alex. Arnup, nice group of various views of Canaries, well done in pencil; 2, B. Shepherd, good Yorks., also in pencil, well drawn; 3, Miss Winnie Peck, a group of British birds, very well executed; 4, Master Percy Sherriu, a Siskin and nest, very real, nicely drawn; vhc, A. Barber, Kenneth Forbes; hc, Leslie Plummer, M. Hallet, E. Lambley, F. White; c, C. Liveridge, D. Pattrick, N. Pearse. CHILDREN'S ESSAYS: 1, Margary Churchland, Wilfred Lambert; 3, Florrie Wiffin; 4, Andrew Barry.

PONTYPRIDD.

First open show, held Nov. 8th, in the Victoria Hall, a capital place for an exhibition of this kind. The cage bird fanciers were fortunate in securing the very best position in the hall, with good light in the day-time and well lit by electricity at night. The entry was fairly good, especially as the society can only boast of about 4 or 5 C.B. members, and no doubt they will try and strengthen this section before next show season. The staging was splendidly arranged, and at a nice height. The judging in our section was rather late starting (the whole show being too much for one man to tackle in the time), hence the hall was somewhat crowded while the judge was still at work, making his task anything but a pleasant one; while reporting had to be conducted under adverse conditions, it being almost impossible to get near some of the classes. Under the capable management of Mr. Gordon McLucas (sec.) and a hard-working committee, everything passed off very nicely, and promised to end in a financial success. We hope so, as the society well deserves this to be the case. Mr. J. N. Harrison judged.

The Critique.

NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (6): 1, Hill, cl., grand head and neck, good chest, back, and col., fine condition, bit unsteady; 2, withheld; 3, Thomas, left wing and head mkd., nice head, grand type and depth of chest, well filled in, close up; 4, Hotchkin, wings, head, and chest mkd., natural col., nice bird all-round; vhc, Caddy. BUFF (3): 1, withheld; 2, Tomkinson, wings, head, and neck mkd., splendid head and neck, thick-set body, good col. and qual., lovely back, clear win; 3, Hammett, cl., nice type and col., good substance and head, bit wide in tail; 4, Buse, cl., again good type, loses only in finish. UNFLIG. (7): 1, Thomas, wings, head, and eyes mkd. buff, lovely cobby bird, good head, neck, back, and chest, well filled, good col. and quality, grand bird, wins; 2, Phillips and Hunt, cl. yell., wonderful col. and quality, capital head, neck, and wings, beaten only in substance; 3, withheld; 4, Phillips and Hunt, cl. buff, beautiful col. and neat, well moulded, again loses a little in substance, beautiful bloom; vhc, Hammett; hc, Hill. YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL. (8): 1, Williams, grand lengthy cl., fine col. and condition, bit open at throat, otherwise good; 2, Horler and Fricker, cl., nice one, not so long, but better filled up than winner; 3, Morgan, cl., nice length, grandly moulded, beautifully cleaned out at waist, some thought might have gone higher; 4, we could not find; vhc, Weeks; hc, Wells. BUFF (10): 1, spl. best Yorks., Weeks, cl. buff, nice length, position, grandly filled up, capital wings, tail, col., and quality, well cleaned out, real good one; 2, Phillips and Hunt, cl., good length of side, fine back wings and tail, good col. and quality, bit short in neck; 3, Horler and Fricker, cl. again, good all-round bird, but very soft when we saw him; 4, J. Hitlman, another cl. of fine length, position, feather, and quality, shade short col.; vhc, Wells; hc, Williams. UNFLIG. (13): 1, hc, Weeks, left wing and head mkd., buff, medium size, nice head, back, wings, and tail, good quality and condition; 2, 4, Morgan, 2nd buff, mkd. wings, head, and neck, nice length, some thought should have given way to 3rd, 4th nice cl. yell.; 3, Hillman, grand cl. yell., fine length of side, good wings and tail, grand col. and waist; vhc, E. W. Thomas. A.O.V. (7): 1, J. H. Jones, Goldie-Bullie, rich col. blaze, nice size, lovely feather and condition; 2, 4, Muscott, variegated. Crest, nice size, well formed crest, not yet fit, 4th variegated. C.B., good size, col. and feather; 3, withheld; vhc, Forsey (2); vhc, Jones, Howell and Bevan, cl. yell. Nor., we made this w.c., there being a class provided for such. GOLDFINCH MULE (6): 1, Davies, well-known Goldie Mule, buff, grand size, mkd. wings, head, and eyes, lovely feather and condition, easy win here; 2, withheld; 3, Evans, very fair dark Goldie, has a few light mkgs. on back of head; 4, hc, D. Thomas, nice heavily variegated Goldie Mule; vhc, Nicholas. A.O.V. MULE OR HYB.: Cancelled. GOLDFINCH, BRIT. (15): 1, spl, Ray, good all-round bird, clean cut, well polished blaze, nice cap, wings, and buttons, tanning just a shade too dark in places; 2, Arnold, very smart, good col. bird, rich tans and wings, nice buttons, round blaze, has it in col.; 3, vhc, Nicholas, much better shape blaze, larger, good tan, bars, buttons and polish, a shade pale; 4, Evans, large bird, nice blaze and tan, very unsteady; vhc, G. and J. Davies; vhc, Edwards; hc, J. M. Davies; hc, W. Thomas. BULLIE, BRIT.: Cancelled. LINNET, BRIT. (11): 1, E. and J. Davies, good all-round bird, nice condition; 2, S. Jenkins, nice size and col., markings carried well down, though a trifle blurred, good flights and condition, close up; 3, White and Co., nice size and col., a trifle blurred in markings; 4, Nicholas, fine size and col., lovely back and wings; vhc, Caddy; hc, Sullivan. A.O.S. HARDBILL (4): 1, withheld; 2, vhc, Ray, very fair Hawfinch, lovely bib and feather; 3, Dark, capital little Siskin, well fed, nice cap, bars, and lacing; 4, J. Lauchlan, nice Chaffinch, grand condition and feather. SOFTBILL (5): 1, W. Williams, beautifully mkd. Starling, lovely feather, grand bloom, but looked as though not long caged; 2, withheld; 3, J. Lewis, grand conditioned Skylark, nice col. and feather; 4, Chapman, very nice all-round Thrush, thick-set, nice markings; vhc, McLauchlan. FOR.: Cancelled.

LOWESTOFT F.S.

Twenty-third annual show, held Nov. 8 and 9, in the South Lowestoft Baths, which makes a very fine hall, being very roomy, while an excellent light is obtained. The exhibits were exceptionally good, especially the Crest and C.B. classes. Mr. Corke's Crest won the sp. for best exhibit in show, and Mr. Hart that for best Norwich Plainhead. The show was opened by the Mayor of Lowestoft, J. E. Thirtle, Esq., supported by many ladies and gentlemen. The energetic and able secretary, Mr. E. L. A. Crow, with Mr. Hart Kirk, and several of the committee were very busy with the birds, and the management was splendid. Mr. W. E. Greeves placed the awards, and gave every satisfaction.

The Critique.

NOR., CL. YELL. (8): 1, Schofield, good body, well braced flights and tail, nice level colour throughout; 2, Calver and Sons, nice quality, not quite so good colour, but a fine youngster; 3, Schofield, good body, level col., rather slack when we saw him; 4, vhc, Rackham; hc, c, Howard. BUFF (8): 1, Howard, Clear, very nice and tight in feather, well mealed, good colour, fine exhibit; 2, Schofield, another real nice one, good head and neck, short flights and tail, will look even better later; 3, Hart, good body, nice shaped head and neck, good colour, we liked much; 4, Kirk; vhc, Schofield; hc, Rackham; c, Calver and Sons. VARIEG. YELL. (9): 1, hc, Howard, marked on neck, grand size, lovely head, short in flights and tail, as good as any we have seen lately; 2, vhc, Rackham, another good bird, not quite so thick as winner, but well worth his place; 3, Kirk, nice shape, good quality; 4, Hart; c, Schofield. BUFF (6): 1, Hart, wing and eye marked, excellent quality, very nicely frosted, short, typical body, we liked much; 2, hc, Rackham, nice shape and lovely col., but not quite so large as winner; 3, Howard, fair shape, nice colour; 4, Calver and Sons; vhc, Kirk. HEN: 1, Howard, Clear Buff, real good type and quality, short and thick, a model; 2, Kirk, Cl. Yell, fine type, good col., will improve too; 3, 4, Rackham, Cl. Buff, nice exhibit, rather smaller, 4th, another good hen. NAT. COLOUR: 1, Money, Cl. Yell., very nice size, well braced wings and tail; 2, Alpe, Yell., good shape; 3, Brown; 4, Howard; vhc, Alpe; hc, Money; c, Castleton. PAIRS: 1, Miss Moore, Cl. Yell. cock and Buff hen, nice typical pair; 2, c, Rackham, another good pair Clears, hard to separate these two pairs; 3, Hart, another good pair; 4, vhc, Miss Moore; hc, Dady. NOR., GREENS: 1, Hart, Yellow, rare size, lovely col.; 2, Rackham, Buff, good body, nice head and neck. CINN. YELL: 1, Andrews Bros., good head, nice body, lovely sound col.; 2, Bevan, real good body, not so good quite in head, but hard to put back; 3, Andrews Bros., good exhibit. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Bevan, leader, really nice bird this, lovely col., good in body and head, short flights and tail, second is another real good one; 4, vhc, Crow; hc, Shearman. CREST, YELL.: 1, Crow, nice well formed Crest, with plenty of feather, good one; 2, 3, Howard, wing mkd., dark Crest, very nice bird, leading; 4, Carlton; vhc, Calver and Sons. C.B., YELL.: 1, 2, vhc, Mrs. Crow, both plenty of size, good colour, very thick feather, nice pair; 3, Rope, another Green, plenty of size and feather; 4, Carlton; hc, c, Linder. CREST BUFF: 1, Corke, nice bird, large, drooping, heavy feathered Crest, fine body, takes special for best exhibit in show; 2, Shearman, another rare good bird, lovely Crest, as round as a bell, not quite so heavy as winner; 3, Corke, another good one, hard to separate these three; 4, c, Mrs. Crow; vhc, Linder; hc, Shearman. C.B. BUFF: 1, Shearman, Green, good head, well browed, massive feathered bird this; 2, vhc, Gabriel, variegated, dense feathered, good bird; 3, Linder, variegated, nice size, good in head; 4, Hart; hc, Mrs. Crow; c, Calver and Sons. C.B. BUFF HEN: 1, Fuller, Green, fine head, plenty of feather, real good one; 2, Howard, variegated, heavily feathered, fine bird; 3, Mrs. Crow, Green, nice shaped body, carries nice amount of feather; vhc, Calver and Sons; ries nice amount of feather; vhc, Calver and Sons; hc, Shearman; c, Gabriel. CREST BUFF (bred 1911): 1, J. Corke, real fine youngster, very neat Crest, plenty of feather, should make a good one; 2, Carlton, also real good, hard to separate these two; 3, Shearman; vhc, Linder; hc, Clapham; c, Mrs. Crow. C.B. BUFF: 1, Clapham, Green, good body, well formed head, looks like making up well; 2, Carlton, another good Green, plenty of feather; 3, Shearman, very smart youngster; 4, Linder; vhc, Gabriel; hc, Mrs. Crow; c, Mrs. Crow. PAIRS: 1, Hart, Green, C.B. cock, and Crested hen, nice pair this; 2, Mrs. Crow, also a fine couple 3, 4, Linder; vhc, Wigg. MULE: 1, Crow, good variegated Goldfinch-Can.; 2, Widdows, Goldfinch-Can., not so light as winner, but nice bird; 3, Blackburn; 4, Crow; vhc, Savage; hc, Savage. NOVICE CREST: 1, Barton; 2, Fuller; 3, Roper; 4, Nobbs; vhc, Fuller hc, Goldsmith. C.B.: 1, 2, Goldsmith; 3, Roper; 4, Nobbs; vhc, Lowe; hc, Dawson. NOR. YELL: 1, Alpe; 2, Dady 3, Castleton; 4, Keymer Bros.; vhc, Catchpole; hc, Dawson; c, Howard. BUFF: 1, Dazeley; 2, vhc, Keymer Bros.; 3, Cole; 4, Widdows; hc, Blackburn c, Dady. HEN: 1, Cole; 2, Barton; 3, Alpe; 4, Dazeley; vhc, Butcher; hc, c, Keymer Bros. BRIT. GOLD., OR BULL: 1, 3, Lowne, Goldfinch leading, of good col., nice square blaze, very steady; 2, Barton, good blaze, nice Finch; 4, Keymer Bros.; vhc, Brown; hc, Courtnell; c, Dawson. LIN., ETC.: 1, Dady; 2, Lowne; 3, Cogman; 4, Keymer Bros. A.O. SPECIES: 1, 2, Lowne; 3, Bownas. INSECTIV.: 1, 2, Lowne. FOR., LARGE: 1, Lowe, Amazon, fine condition; 2, Curzon, Blue-fronted Amazon, also good; 3, Rice, Diademed Parrot; 4, Lighton, Leadbeater Cockatoo. SMALL: 1, 2, Andrews Bros., very nice Paradise Whydah and Lavender Finches; 3, Cooke, Whydah; 4, Rice.

BRAINTREE.

Eleventh annual £5 limit show, held November 4, in the Corn Exchange, a very suitable place for a bird show. The management was in the hands of Mr. F. A. Hunnable, to whom great credit is due, as the show proved a great success. He was ably assisted by a managing committee. Mr. Clem Watson (Watford) judged. The challenge cup was won (outright) by Mr. J. H. Broad, with a fine Yellow Crest. Mr. W. H. Strutt took the Coronation cup with a splendid Yorkshire.

NOR. (6): 1, 3, Outten; 2, Collicott; res., Clayden; vhc, Blake; hc, Smith. CREST: 1, 2, 3, Broad. YKS.: 1, 3, res., Coronation cup, Strutt; 2, vhc, Spurgeon; hc, Chesswas; c, Lucking. CAN., 1911: 1, two sps. challenge cup, 3, vhc, Broad; 2, Collicott, res., Claydon; hc, Blake; c, Britton. NOVICE A.V.: 1, sp., Usher; 2, res., Chesswas; 3, hc, Pepper; vhc, Spurgeon; c, Bates. MULE OR HYB., A.V.: 1, Claydon; 2, Brown; 3, Sayward; res., Beckwith; vhc, Tokeley; hc, Hammond c, Row. GOLDFINCH: 1, Sayward; 2, Reeve; 3, Cameron. BULLFINCH: 1, Salter; 2, Claydon; 3, Speight; res., Row. A.O.S. HARD: 1, 2, Laurence; 3, c, Beckwith; res., Marshall; vhc, Fryatt. FOR., A.V.: 1, 3, Row; 2, Gage; res., sp., vhc, Bright; hc, Mrs. M. Row; c, Goodchild.

DOVER.

Eleventh show, held on Nov. 9 and 10, Market Hall, a really excellent hall for cage birds, well lighted and free from cold and draughts. The exhibits were not large, but the quality was well up to standard Some of the winners have won in the hottest competition. The secretaries, as usual, had the show well in hand, and were here, there, and everywhere; they were hosts in themselves. Their committee were all workers, and as far as management is concerned, the show should be another big success. Mr. Robson judged.

NOR. CL., YELL. (5): 1, 4, vhc, Taylor, grand size, fine col., and quality; 2, Meades, fine head, grand quality; 3, Gibbs, fine substance and col. BUFF (5): 1, 2, 3, Taylor, 1st grand feather, well across perch, fine substance, wins well, 2nd good size and quality, 3rd grand body, fine quality; 4, Meades; vhc, Gibbs. TICKED, ETC. (8): 1, 2, vhc, he, Taylor, former wonderful size, grand quality and col., wins well, 2nd fine head and neck, good body; 3, Gibbs, shapely buff, grand quality; 4, Howard; c, Wickham. HEN (8): 1, 2, 4, Taylor, 1st massive buff, fine substance, grand col., 2nd fine variegated yell., rare head, very shapely, well shown; 3, Gibbs, nice quality, fails only in col.; vhc, Pilcher; c, Reeve. UNFLIG. (11): 1, 4, Meades, leader very fine buff clear, rare size, col., and quality, sweet bird; 2, vhc, c, Taylor, nice mkd. buff, grand col., takes perches well; 3, Wickham, very shapely yell., well across perch, nice quality; hc, Ackland. CREST: 2, Gale, nice round crest, good back. C.B.: 4, Miss Brown, nice clear buff. CREST, 1911: 1, Miss Brown, good body, nice even crest; 3, Gale, neat. YORKS., CL., YELL. (13): 1, Lockett, grand quality, stands well up, neat back, good style and carriage; 2, c, Johnson, wonderfully stylish, fine head, not quite the nice finish of winner; 3, Mole, grand carriage, well braced wings; 4, Leaver; vhc, Austin; hc, Rayner. BUFF (7): 1, 4, Rayner, vhc, leader wonderful quality, beautifully drawn, very neat, nice one; 2, Mole, grand col., rare length, good style; 3, vhc, Gibbs, fine length, nice carriage, slack in feather; hc, Johnson; c, Lockett. TICKED, ETC. (11): 1, Johnson, grand bird all over, splendid length, well up on leg, truly a good one; 2, Rayner, grand style, good back, very neat; 3, Lockett, splendid col., good length, fine stock bird; 4, Mole; vhc, Gibbs; hc, Vine; hc, Olve. HEN (13): 1, Rayner, beautifully drawn, rare style, nice back; 2, Johnson, grand yellow, fine quality, rare yellow, fine quality, rare style and carriage, well up on leg, must have pressed; 3, Sales, sweet hen, very stylish; vhc, hc, Leaver; c, Lockett. YORKIE, 1911 (16): 1, 4, hc, Lockett, wing tkd. yell., rare length, fine col., good back, grand bird; 2, Leaver, variegated, yell., very fine drawn bird, gets well up; 3, Rayner, nice style and carriage; vhc, Rayner; c, Abbott. BORD., NONFED (6): 1, Mrs. Soames, green, nicely drawn, jaunty carriage, wins well; 2, Wood, cl. yell., very neat; 3, Soames, buff green, moderate; 4, Bacon; vhc, Wood. 1911: 1, 4, Wood, former very shapely, moves well, wins; 2nd we could not find; 3, cinn., neat but hollow in neck; vhc, Aitken; hc, Aitken; c, Rev. Soames. LIZ (6): 1, 2, 4, Wood, both Golds, well rowed, shown in A1 form, little between them; 3, Bacon, Silver, nice col., good cap; hc, Rev. Soames. MULE, LIGHT: 1, Johnson, yell. Goldie-Can., rare size and colour, good one; 2, Ward, Goldie Can. buff fine col.; 3, Ackland, Greenie, beautiful col., well shown; 4, Rev. Soames. A.O.V. CAN. (5): 1, Gibbs, grand four-pointed buff Nor., fine shape, col., and quality; 2, Rev. Sales, four-pointed Yorkie, nice style and carriage; 3, 4, Hendry, good Belg. and Scotch. GREENFINCH, ETC. (3): 1, 2, Wickham, 1st good Bullie, nice col. and cap, 2 rare coloured Greenfinch; Bullie, nice col. and cap, 2 rare coloured Greenfinch; 3, Brett, nice Bullie. GOLDIE (5): 1, 4, Casemore, former grand bird, beautiful face, grand whites, fine wings, very steady, well shown; 2, Wickham, fine size, good wings; 3, Brett, nice rich face, a trifle unsteady; 4, Ward. LINNET (2): 3, Casemore, very steady, well pencilled, in rare form; hc, Brett. SISKIN, ETC. (5): 1, Pankhurst, fine Twite, rare size, in grand condition; 2, Casemore, grand Siskin, rich col., very steady, must have pressed; 4, Ackland; vhc, Austin; c, Pankhurst. SOFTBILL (14): 1, Brett, grand exhibit, in splendid trim; 2, Brett, very fine bird, not quite so steady; 3, Austin, not in quite the same condition; 4, Austin. SOFTBILL (3): 1, Brett, Shrike, in grand form, very steady; 2, Ackland, fine Thrush, big winner, still in fine form; 3, Webb, good exhibit, not quite so well shown. A.O.S.: 1, 4, Austen, both good Hawfinches, former best bib and col.; 2, Brett, Chaffinch, rare colour; 3, Wickham.

Successful Debut of the Sheffield O.S.

A FLYING START.

A Huge Attendance of Bird-lovers and a Fine Entry of 664 Birds.

The initial exhibition of the Sheffield O.S. took place on Nov. 3 and 4, in the Cutlers' Hall (the leading hall of the cutlery capital). Two exceptionally spacious rooms, splendidly lighted, beautifully decorated, heated by modern apparatus, and perfectly ventilated, were utilised for the staging of the exhibits. In one room the Canaries were on view; in the other the foreign and British birds and Mules; truly a capital arrangement. This progressive and enterprising Society issued an exceptionally good schedule, and were favoured with the patronage of some of the leading specialist clubs. As a result, there was gathered together a galaxy of "birdy talent" for visitors to feast their optics upon. A walk round the show room convinced every one of the excellence of the birds—indeed it is many a long day since the "sooty citadel" was invaded by such an array of feathered gems.

Yorkshires opened the capitally arranged catalogue, and were of a remarkably meritorious description. The breeders of the "long and slim 'uns" had many studies to dwell upon—truly a magnificent collection. The novice classes filled exceptionally well. Norwich contained many stylish and characteristic specimens, and the novice section here also pleased greatly, two outstanding birds being the winning Yell. and the Cl. Buff. Crests and C. Breds were admitted to be a grand lot. A local enthusiast, Mr. J. W. Crookes, claimed 2 firsts, 2 seconds, 1 third, besides other honours, staging some real beauties.

Delighted Everybody.

British and Hybrids held several of the finest examples known at the present time, and delighted hosts of visitors with their lovely colours and dainty dresses, a sight to be remembered for many a long day. The Yellow Greenfinch-Canary Mule, shown by Mr. Somerfield, scored again, this making its 34th first prize. What a record! Foreign birds were both numerous and gorgeous—the special attraction of the Festival. "Full houses" were the order of the day (and night) around the benches on which they displayed their marvellous plumage. Mr. Thos. Taylor (Gateshead) with his yellow-wing Blue Sugar Bird, gained the spls. for best and rarest in the show. Other spl. winners are as follows: Messrs. Dykes, Wilkinson and Elliott, Ogden Bros., A. Cooper, Morrison, Craven (2), Edwards, W. N. Turner, Mallinson and Son, J. P. Moir, G. Wilson, T. Taylor (3). J. W. Crookes (2), A. J. A. Marley, J. Milne, P. Walsh, R. Bond, Martin and Archer, A. Somerfield, W. Baxby, F. Howe, J. M. Walsh, and G. Fletcher, Sandifords, E. Robinson, Ramsdens, C. E. Hall.

Speaking of the management, this was remarkably fine throughout; every detail, large and small, was judiciously attended to. Everything went as smoothly as the proverbial marriage bell. The staging, three-tier high, had been carefully thought out, so that every bird could be seen at a glance, and those responsible for this arrangement are to be complimented. Mr. T. Dawn, the worthy chairman, is "true steel," and the exertions he put forth in the good of the cause were wonderful. On the Saturday night the perspiration fairly ran out of him. Mr. J. A. T. Woodall (vice-chair) is also a "willing horse," getting through a great amount of work without a murmur, while the treasurer, Mr. J. W. Drabble, is the right official for this very important office. The committee consists of well-known and practical fanciers, all of whom put their shoulders to the wheel, every praise being due to them.

Two Well-Tempered Blades.

The secretaries are Messrs. T. Bishop and R. Colton. What workers, to be sure. Their services were heavily called upon, but they controlled all details masterfully, always kept "top side" of their duties, and were ever courtesy personified to all who claimed their attentions. Decidedly a brace of officials who know to a nicety the essentials which go to the successful running of an open venture. The Society is fortunate to have them at command.

Amongst the very many visitors we noted J. Binney, Esq. (Clerk of the Peace of Sheffield), Dr. J. G. Mylan and wife (Sheffield), Dr. A. M. Deane (Dewsbury), Rev. J. Smith (vicar of Baslow), Coun. and Mrs. P. Benson (Sheffield), Messrs. J. W. Ramsden (London), J. Beswick (Stockport), Simpson (Worksop), H. Wilkinson (Stocksbridge), A. Towl (secretary of Grimsby), G. Bescoby (secretary of Doncaster), and many others whose names escape our memory. Mr J. C. Barnes, here, there and everywhere, chatting to birdy friends from far and near, seemed to be spending a happy time.

A. Balfour, Esq. (Master Cutler) officiated at the opening ceremony. His speech was most appropriate, and he paid some well-deserved compliments to the officials. Mr. T. Dawn (chairman) presided. Dr. J. G. Mylan, well-known as a lover of foreign birds, proposed a vote of thanks (seconded by Mr. J. A. T. Woodall) to the Master Cutler for his kindness in honouring the Society and its show.

The Hobby for All.

Dr. Mylan declared that everyone should have a hobby, and he found none more suitable and fascinating and health-giving than the keeping and studying of cage birds, and most particularly British and foreign birds. Mr. Balfour thanked the audience for their presence, and proposed a vote of thanks to the visitors, coupling Mr. J. W. Ramsden's name with it (he had "stepped in" to see the show), and the judges for the manner in which they had performed their very difficult duties that day. Mr. Ramsden returned thanks for the kindly reference to the visitors, and Mr. Chas. Houlton for the kind appreciation of the judges' services.

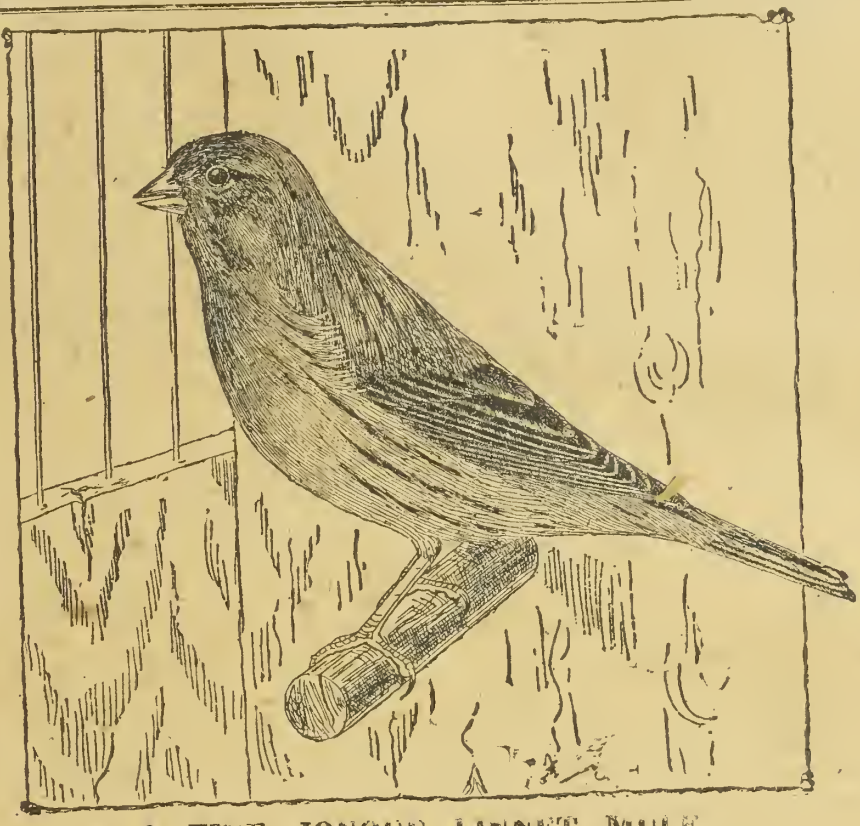
The stewards, up-to-date in their methods, were Messrs. G. Fletcher, A. Somerfield, J. Mace, and T. Turner, a quartette who acted promptly and well. Mr. A. Somerfield and his young sons attended to the feeding and watering of the whole of the exhibits in first-rate style. The judging was in the hands of Messrs. J. H. Roe (Canaries), and C. Houlton (British, Foreign, and Hybrids).

The Canary Classes.

YORKS. YELL. (18): 1, Hall, mkd., wing, red hot, straight as a rush, lovely back flights and tail, leggy, in the pink; 2, Wilkinson and Elliott, cl., more length, good position and col., neat in wing carriage; 3, Haigh, mkd. wing, full of nerve, delightful position, rare feather and col.; 4, Burdikin Bros., very lengthy cl., A1 quality, good back wings and tail; vhc, Clark, hc, Bishop; c, Thorpe. BUFF (18: 1, Ogden Bros., delightfully fed cl., slim and lengthy, lovely feather, fine back flights and tail, topper; 2, Furniss, cl. of good position and length, capital feather and col., good legs, but thicker waisted; 3, Ridal, mkd. head, A1 quality and col., stands well, sweet expression of head; 4, Wilkinson Bros., tkd, head, wonderful length, straight as a gun-barrel; vhc, A. Radley; hc, Hirst; c, Drabble and Bennett. MKD. (7): 1, Dykes, huff, mkd. wing and head, shone like a mirror, erect and upstanding, very lengthy, best of backs and wings; 2, Marshall, yell., mkd. wings, eyes and tail, ablaze with col., rare feather and position, wonderful length, full of style, must have pressed; 3, Mason, yell., mkd. wings, slim, superb feather and col., true type, beaten today in length only; 4, Ogden Bros., yell., mkd. wings and eyes, full of col., teeming with quality, neat; vhc, Drabble and Bennett; hc, Frith; c, Dr. W. Craig. YELL. HEN (15): 1, Edmondson and Son, mkd. neck, smooth as wax, magnificently clothed, lovely position, lengthy, capital wing carriage, most bewitching; 2, Wilkinson and Elliott, sweetly moulded cl., erect, and of splendid quality and col., neat back, A1 wings and tail, very close up; 3, Craven, cl., delightful quality, true type, shooty and nervy; 4, Kearns, mkd. back, tight as a Java-a wee bit short, but neatness itself; vhc, Haigh; hc, Clark; c, Wilkinson Bros. BUFF (19): 1, Radley, cl. of exquisite feather, rich col. and frosting, splendid position, rare length, showing breed, a topper, staged to the moment; 2, Ogden Bros., cl., tight as wax, lengthy and of A1 position, good back and flights; 3, Craven mkd. wings and head, superb feather, lengthy and of good col., neat expression of head; 4, Wilkinson and Elliott, wonderfully lengthy cl., grand col., nice stand; vhc, Hinchliffe; hc, Edmondson and Son; c, Dykes. UNFLI. YELL. (16): 1, spl., Dykes, cl., marvellous length, slim and upstanding, very long sided, rare back and wing carriage, clever legs, a knock-out; 2, Wilkinson and Elliott, mkd. head, full of quality and col., grand position, shows well, hardly so lengthy, yet very bonny; 3, Bingham, thigh tkd., stands nicely, well filled back, neat wings and tail; 4, Dr. W. Craig, cl., feathered to perfection, full of style, very neat; vhc, Bacon; hc, Hall; c, Bishop, BUFF (15): 1, Wilkinson and Elliott, wedge shaped cl., teeming with quality, rich colour, neatly mealed, capital length and well on leg, beauty; 2, Clarke, thigh tkd., even beter col., equal in length, position and quality, clever legs, just beaten in "swagger"; 3, Allen, mkd. wing, stands well, good back and wing carriage, not quite so close in feather; 4, Brown and Son, cl., capital quality and col., lengthy; vhc, Kearns; hc, Radley; c, Haigh. CINN. TKD. YELL. (7): 1, Morrison, mkd. wings, smooth as a bottle, A1 col., grand position, full of nerve, best of backs and flights; 2, Towers, mkd. wings and eyes, warmer in col., more length, good position, not far away; 3, 4, Brown and Son, a brace of neat exhibits, former lightly varieg. red hot, rattling fine quality and position, 4 mkd. wings and head, slim and upstanding, A1 quality and col., we liked best of the two; vhc, Cooper; hc, Ogden Bros.; c, Drabble and Bennett. BUFF (12): 1, spl., Cooper, mkd. wings and eyes, shone like polished marble, wonderful position and length, grand back, flights and tail, clever legs, a stormer, greatly admired; 2, Morrison, mkd. wings and cheek, lovely salmon tinged col., rare length and position, rattling fine quality, crosses wings at times, which tells against it, otherwise a topper; 3, Towers, mkd. wings and head, feathered to perfection, lovely tone of col., deleghtful position and length, many thought equal to winner; 4, Ogden Bros., mkd. wings and eyes, neat and narrow, straight up, rare length,; vhc, Hirst; hc, Brown and Son; c, Mallinson and Son. YELL. HEN (16): 1, Chittenden, mkd. wings and eyes, ablaze with col., shone like a mirror, delightful position, fine length and clever legs, very dainty; 2, Morrison, mkd. wing and head, lovely quality, rare length, perfect position, beautiful back and wing carriage; 3, Furniss, mkd. wings and neck, capital feather, well filled back, neat carriage; 4, vhc, Ogden Bros., mkd. wings and head, magnificent quality, rare length; hc, Towers; c, Mallinson and Son. BUFF (11): 1, Morrison, mkd. wings, eyes and breast, richly fed, A1 position, very lengthy, lovely back wings and tail, leggy; 2, Ogden Bros., mkd. wings and eye, beautiful position, grandly clothed, rare length; 3, c, Allen, mkd. wings and eye, straight as a pencil, excelling in quality, well up on leg; 4, Mason, mkd. wings and eyes, slim and upstanding, A1 quality, could have gone higher; vhc, Cooper; hc, Hirst. NOVICE, YORKS. YELL. (36) a fine class: 1, Clayton, mkd. wing, full of fire, stands like a guardsman, lengthy and leggy, sweet exhibit; 2, Frith, mkd. head, delightful feather, upstanding and of capital length, heaten in col. only, close up; 3, Race, mkd. wing, silky texture of feather, stands well, lengthy, but a bit on the strong side; 4, Craven, very lengthy, upstanding cl., beautifully feathered; ex-4, Rushworth, full of quality, good position and length, well worth the extra prize; vhc, Ferguson; hc, Busby; c, Bacon. BUFF (40): 1, spl, Craven, mkd. wing and eyes, smooth as a bottle, straight as a rush, nice length, clever legs; 2, ex-4, Oates, couple of very stylish creatures, former mkd. head, wonderful length, A1 back flights and tail, one of the best, latter good position and feather, nice length, capital col. and frosting, well up on leg; 3, Gilbert, cl., well clothed, full of style, capital position; 4, Burdekin Bros., cin., mkd. wings and head, stands well, lovely feather; vhc, Tomlinson, hardly ready, well improve; hc, Blanchon; c, Sampson. NOR., YELL. (14): 1, spl., Edwards, mkd. wing, red bot, fine substance and shape, all front, clean cut away, jaunty carriage; 2, Mennard, well up in size, capital col. and quality, very shapely, moves well, close up; 3, Turner, mkd. head, rare size, grand shape, col. and quality, a litle long in tail, yet good 3rd; 4, Cowley, mkd. head and root of tail, wonderful substance, shapely; vhc, Mallinson and Son; hc, Simpson and Vertigan; c, Marlor. BUFF (8): 1, Harding, well fed cl., fine size and type, delightfully frosted, jaunty carriage, clean sweep; 2, Mason, very shapely cl., full of quality and col., moves gracefully, not quite the substance; 3, Hall, cl., lovely feather, A1 shape and col., not one of the biggest, but one of the best; 4, Hobson, cl., rare substance, grand shape; vhc, Mallinson and Son; hc, Allen; c, Howard. HEN (17): 1, Turner, cl. yell., very massive in build, rattling feather and col., sweetly moulded, very fine exhibit; 2, Allen, buff, mkd. eye, round as a ball, lovely quality, col. and frosting, nice size; 3, Mason, cl. huff, A1 col. and feather, capital body; 4, Waters, ycll., tkd. eye, grand shape, quality and col., wee bit long, good 4th; vhc, Cowley; hc, Mallinson and Son; c, Hall. UNFLIG. YELL. (13): 1, Turner, red hot cl., finely clothed, shapely and of good substance and carriage, very promising indeed; 2, Wilkinson and Elliott, good col. cl., rich quality, shapely; 3, Marlor, varieg., warm col., cobby, and of lovely quality, jaunty carriage, not far away; 4, Hemming, short and thick set cl.; vhc, Cowley; hc, Mason; c, Hobson. BUFF (20) a nice class: 1, Waters, cl., round as a ball, tight as a Java, lovely feather and col., not one of the biggest, but very sweet; 2, Hall, cl., more substance and col., equal in shape, delightful carriage, richly frosted, our choice; 3, Mallinson and Son, cl., true type, A1 quality and col., moves well, clean cut, worth its place; 4, Mennard, cr., short and thick set, very neat; vhc, Robinson; hc, c, Poulter. NOVICE, NOR. YELL. (16): 1, Moir, mkd. back, ablaze with colour, rare substance and shape, nice carriage, one we liked; 2, Hibberson, cl., grandly clothed, lovely shaped body, neat head and neck, little long in wings and tail; 3, c, Martin, cobby cl., rare size and quality, good col. and carriage; 4, hc, Wilson, cl., rattling head, neck and chest, nice col.; vhc, Pigott. BUFF (25): 1, Hobson, cl., well up in size, capital shape and quality, good col. and carriage, clean sweep, very bonny indeed, wins; 2, Wilson, mkd. head, bouncer, red hot, A1 quality, neatly frosted, crosses wings, which tells against it; 3, Miss A. Scott, mkd. wings

Mules, British & Foreign Birds.

BRIT.—GOLDFINCH (14): 1, Edwards, grand blaze, broad face, stout body, rich brown, good moons and bars, in very bright, smooth condition; 2, Raven, bit dark and smaller blaze, grand body col., good moons and bars, in fine feather and condition; 3, Blanchon, nice clean cut blaze, rich tanning, good moons and bars, well conditioned, close up; 4, Lane, very big face, well cut; vhc, Waters; hc, Smith; c, Wright. BULLFINCH (8): 1, Raven, fine bold bird, rare good head, cap, wings, and tail, nice bars, fine back col., and good breast condition; 2, 4, P. Walsh; 2nd, grand col., nice head, good cap, nice wings; 4th, good shape and condition; 3, Ford, very thick set, bit footsore, which spoiled him for showing properly; vhc, Harrison; hc, Jones; c, Drabble. LINNET (16): 1, vhc, Tams and Son, broad set, grand col., markings, feather, and glossy condition; 2, c, Walsh, almost equal in every respect, grand bird for condition; 3, Marley, only just gives way in size a little, equal in all other respects; 4, Martin and Archer, rather narrower in body, grand col., markings, and condition; hc, Ford. GREENFINCH (10): 1, Tams and Son, fine bold bird, up in col., quality, size, shape and condition; 2nd, fine



A FINE JONQUE LINNET MULE.

First Prize at the Sheffield O.S. Show for Messrs. Martin and Archer (Huddersfield).

and eyes, best col. in class, teeming with quality; 4, Pawson, cl., all type, rare size and quality, properly fed, would he a good one; vhc, Martin; hc, Dunford. CREST. (8): 1, spl, T. Taylor, buff, mkd. wings, d.c., wonderful substance, abundance of rich quality feather, crest round and of huge size, dense, delightful droop and centre; 2, Crookes, buff, mkd. wings, d.c., magnificent quality, good substance and shape, heaps of feather, crest large, dense aud of capital radiation and droop; 3, Peters, buff, cl. body, grizzled crest, well up in size, A1 quality, crest round, grand frontal, neat centre; 4, Memmott, buff, cl. body, d.c., plenty of feather, crest of fair size and shape; vhc, Evins Bros.; hc, Howard; c, Moore. HEN (7): 1, Barker, huff, almost green, d.c., superb quality feather, rare substance, crest of beautiful formation, thickly packed, magnificent droop and centre, a stormer; 2, Edwards, buff, cl. body, grey crest, fine shape, substance and quality, crest round as a hoop, good size; 3, Evins Bros., huff green, d.c., grand shaped body, abundance of feather, crest veiny, nice formation; 4, W. Radley and Son, buff green, pied tail, d.c., crest leafy and of nice shape; vhc, Crookes; hc, Taylor; c, Moore. C.B. (9): 1, spl., Crookes, cl. huff, lovely quality, marvellous substance, capital width and rise of skull, lashed to perfection, truly a knock-out; 2, Barker, another clinker, huff, almost green, A1 quality, wonderful substance, rare width of skull, heaps of head feather, beautifully browed; 3, vhc, Taylor, buff, varieg., wealth of rich quality feather, shapely; 4, Howard, buff, almost green, plenty of feather, good substance, not quite the skull of those above; hc, Radley and Son; c, Evins Bros. HEN (9): 1, Crookes, buff, mkd. wings and head, wealth of superb feather, rare shaped body of wonderful substance, magnificent head, finely browed, an eye opener; 2, Evins Bros., buff, mkd. wings and head, heaps of feather, good size, nice width and rise of skull, another grand specimen; 3, Taylor, cl. huff, lovely quality, nice skull and lash not so massive, still good 3; 4, Radley and Son, buff, mkd. wings and head, plenty of feather, grand body, nice skull; vhc, Memmott; hc, Evans; c, Howard. CREST (1911) (9): 1, Evins Bros., huff, heavy mkd. d.c., superior feather in abundance, shapely, capital size, crest large, dense, lovely radiation, splendid droop, centre rightly placed, bird with a future; 2, Taylor, buff, mkd. wings, d.c., fine size and quality of feather, crest veiny, rattling fine shape, lifts a little in centre yet; 3, Crookes, buff, mkd. wings and tail, d.c., A1 quality, crest of good frontal, nice centre; 4, vhc, Moore, buff, mkd. wings, grey crest, superior feather and plenty of it, in the pink of condition; hc, Evans; c, Memmott. C.B. (1911) (9): 1, 4, Taylor, former buff, varieg., wealth of feather, wonderful substance and shape, massive skull of great width and rise, lashed to perfection, 4 buff, mkd. neck, plenty of rich quality feather, shapely; 2, Crookes, buff, almost green, heaps of feather, rare substance and shape, promises to turn out one of the right sort; 3, Evins Bros., huff, almost green, abundance of quality feather, rare size; vhc, Evans; hc, Memmott; c, Dr. Maitland.

shape, very good feather, well polished; 3, P. Walsh, very pretty feather, shape, and condition; 4, Ford, very nice for shape, quality, and condition; vhc, Caunt; hc, Bousfield; c, Scott; a warm lot. TWITE, ETC. (17): strong class: 1, Marley, very fine Twite, grand size, shape, col., markings, and condition; 2, hc, Inman, grand little Siskin, in fine fettle, good cap, markings, and condition; 3, P. Walsh, very good Redpoll, in grand feather and condition; 4, Raven, smaller Twite than 1st, all else equal; vhc, Fletcher, very nice Siskin; c, Scott, another nice Twite. BRAMBLE, ETC. (18), capital class: 1, 2, Marley, Bramble and Chaffinch respectively, pair of real beauties, in lovely condition to-day; 3, Hexter, very large well-spangled Bramble, in fine feather and condition, hardly col. of 1st; 4, Raven, very good-coloured Chaffinch, shade smaller than 2nd, in grand feather; vhc, Lane, very nicely spangled Bramble; hc, c, Sadler, nice feathered Chaffinch and Bramblefinch, well shown. A.O.S. SEEDEATER (11): 1, J. M. Walsh, very fine col., good conditioned Hawfinch, grand head, clean cut bib, nice wings and nest tail; 2, hc, Lane, very good well-marked Yellowhammer, and a neat Corn Bunting, in rare condition; 3, Caunt, very fine Corn Bunting, very steady, in fine feather; 4, Raven, good-feathered Hawfinch; vhc, Edwards, fine Yellow Bunting; c, Towl Bros., very good Reed Bunting. LARKS, ETC. (10), a grand-conditioned lot—all good: 1, 3, T. Bishop, really grandly shown Pipits, former largest, both in exquisite order; 2, c, W. A. Lott, a very fine pair of Skylarks, grandly shown; 4, P. Walsh, fine Skylark, well up to 2nd in every respect, grand condition; vhc, Fletcher; hc, King. THRUSH, ETC. (7): 1, Dean, splendid Thrush for size, shape, col., spotting, and A1 condition; 2, Isherwood, very brilliant lustrous Starling, finely spangled, good size, satin-like polish on feather; 3, Beaty, splendid Blackbird for size, shape, feather, and condition; 4, P. Walsh, we unfortunately missed noting; vhc, Sharples, nice Starling; c, Bescoby, pretty Starling. SMALL SOFTBILLS; a treat of a class, which included two Wrynecks, two Dartford Warblers, Yellow and Grey Wagtail, Wheatear, White-throat, Blackcap Warblers, Nightingale, and Redstart (12), all in superb condition: 1, 3, c, J. Milne, a grand team, magnificent Wryneck, and very fine Wheatear, and good Nightingale, all in superb condition; 2, Martin and Archer, very pretty Dartford Warbler, hardly in so fine form as Wryneck, but very pretty, all the same; 4, Jackson, excellent Redstart, in perfect feather; vhc, Wragg, lovely White-throat; hc, Fletcher, grand Blackcap Warbler. HYB., CL., ETC. (8): 1, 2, 3, Martin and Archer, cl. Linnet leading, nearly cl. Greenfinch 2nd, with nearly even-mark huff Goldie-Can 3rd, all in nice feather, but leader could do with a tubbing, his soiled appearance lost him special for best in this section; 4th, vhc, Bond, varieg. yell. Goldie-Can., in nice order, and a varieg. Linnet-Can.; hc, Williams, eye-marked buff Goldie Can.; c, Edwards, nice useful var. Goldie-Can. DARK, GOLDIE, ETC. (15), a warm class: 1, Martin and Archer, grand yell. Linnet-Can., in splendid trim; 2, B. H. Wilson, very nice yell. Goldie-Can., good size, shape, col., markings, and condition; 3, 4, hc, Somerfield, good

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trio, a fine yell. Linnet leading; 4th, very good buff Goldie-Can., all in grand condition; vhc, Smith, buff Linnet-Can., beaten only in gloss; c, Colton and Dawn, yell. Goldie-Can., in fine condition. A.O.V. DARK (7): 1, 3, 4, Somerfield, champion Greenie-Can. leading, in A1 form; 3rd, fine buff Greenie-Can., nest mate to first, rare big bird; 4th, Siskin-Can., beaten in condition only; 2nd, Bond, grand yell. Siskin-Can., in A1 feather; vhc, Williams, nice Greenie-Can.; hc, Bailey, Greenie-Can, nice condition; c, Jones, Greenie-Can. A.O.V. HYB. (5): 1, and spl. in this section, Bond, excellent Can.-Bullfinch, in grand order to-day; 2, Edwards, pretty medium-sized Greenie-Bullie, in splendid feather; 3, 4, Martin and Archer, Goldie-Bullie and Linnet-Bullie, both in nice condition; vhc, Howard, bit paler Goldie-Bullie. FOR.—PARRAKEETS, ETC. (9): 1, hc, G. Fletcher, fine Crimson-wing leading, in lovely condition; hc, Bauer's Parrakeet, in nice order; 2, 3, Baxby, very fine pair of Alexandrine Parrakeets in perfect feather, and a very perfect feathered Pennant 3rd; 4, J. T. Fletcher, really pretty pair of Green Budgerigars in splendid condition; vhc, J. M. Walsh, very good Black-cheeked Lovebird; c, Pickles. WAXBILLS, ETC. (15), very fine class: 1, 3, Howe, well-known pair of grand White-headed Mannikins, take special for best pair; and 3rd, pretty pair of Orange-cheeks, both pairs in exquisite condition; 2, Baxby, very smart pair of Zebra Finches, in perfect condition; 4, vhc, G. Fletcher, lovely pair of Short-tail Combassous; vhc, pair Golden-breasted Waxbills, in fine feather and condition; hc, T. Bishop, nice pair of Cordon Bleus; c, Raven, very tight pair of White Javas. FINCH-LIKE (18), a grand lot: 1, Drabble, very grand Nonpareil, in superb feather and condition; 2, Popple, most lovely-feathered Paradise Whydah, in full lustre and bloom; 3, Raven, very tight Red-headed Gouldian, splendid colours, satin-like in condition; 4, Colton and Dawn, very smart pair of ruficaudas, in fine condition; vhc, hc, Howe, fine Crimson Finch and Parrot Finch, hardly up to usual form, but overwrought, in very tight company to-day; c, Cole, immense Siberian Bullfinch in splendid feather. TANAGERS, ETC. (5): 1 and spl. for best For., and spl. rarest Foreign, Taylor, well-known rare Yellow-winged Sugarbird, in magnificent condition to-day, and deserves all honours; 2, Raven, rare Spotted Emerald Tanager, not quite so classical as leader, but a lovely bird withal; 3, Sharples, very good conditioned Banana Quit; 4, vhc, J. M. Walsh, Maroon and blue and green Tanagers, had to face very hot company, all in nice order. A.O.S. (8): 1, and spl. for best F.B.C. member's bird, J. M. Walsh, very grand Wood Swallow in exquisite condition; 2, 3, Baxby, Fiery-tempered Mexican Jay, and a rare-feathered Green-hilled Toucan, whose hill is not so perfect as we have seen some; 4, Sharples, good Shama, in very good condition; vhc, Raven, nice Le Valliant Barbet, beaten only in breast feather; hc, Drabble. EXTRA STOCK: 1, 2, Elshaw.

STONEHOUSE, N.B

Fourth annual show held Public Hall, November 4th. The hall is an admirable one for the purpose, being lighted from both sides and roof. The exhibits were staged down the centre of the hall, and on one side. The executive might perhaps do one better next season by having the cage bird section either at the end or both sides of the hall. The duties of secretaries were in the able hands of Messrs. Hamilton and W. Melvin, who are both young, but have nothing to learn in the matter of running a show successfully. They are backed up by a few hard working stewards, headed by their president, vice-president and treasurer (Messrs. Cuthbertson, Mather and Sorbie respectively). The entry all over was much the same as last year's, but the quality was better still, some prominent exhibits being amongst the winners in all sections. Perhaps the British bird section might be said to be the best. In the Border section some of the exhibits arrived late. We learn that they were sent by Mr. T. Halliday, and Mr. McKenzie; in the former instance some of the birds arrived in time, and bis buff foul hen won the B.F.C.C. medal. Mr. McKenzie's birds did not arrive until judging was finished. Mr. A. Chalmers (Kirkintilloch) placed the cards in the Norwich section, and conjointly with Mr. J. Patterson (Cbirnside) in the British section; Mr. Patterson judged the Borders; and their awards left no room for grumbling. The visitors simply "swarmed" in, and the hall was well filled in the afternoon and evening.

The Critique.

CL., ETC., YELL., BORD. CK.: 1, spl., Gilchrist, a little beauty, turned out to perfection, lovely head, fine front, back, tail and wing carriage; 2, Denholm, much the same for size and type, nice head, fine neck; 3, Smart, excels in feather; 4, Scott, good stamp, rare head; vbc, c, Ritchie; hc, Brown. HEN: 1, Ritchie, a beauty, nice head, carried with a jaunty air, beautiful neck, well filled back, rare wing and tail carriage, grand finish; 2, Gilchrist, again stylish, plenty of nerve, good quality, condition and type; 3, Smart, a shade longer drawn, fine feather, good one; 4, Camphell, grand stamp, just lacks the finish of winners; vhc, Service; hc, Brown; c, Blair. BUFF CK.: 1, 2, Ritchie, two good ones, grand heads, fine necks, extra nice feather, of lovely quality, former best in wing carriage; 3, hc, Blair, tick, good head, fine neck, jaunty carriage; 4, Camphell, good one, feather coming down in tail, which held him back; vhc, Gilchrist, wild; c, no name. HEN: 1, spl., B.F.C.C. medal, Halliday, a little beauty, marked head, extra nice col. and quality of feather, splendid back, wing and tail; 2, Service, tick on neck, similar in stamp, again good in head, back, wing and tail; 3, 4, Ritchie, two fine ones, well put down, grand col., quality and condition; vhc, Denholm; hc, Johnstone; c, Scott. UNEVEN MKD.: 1, Smart, marked eyes, wings and head, looks like Newcastle winner, extra nice stamp, splendid head and neck, well filled back; 2, Gilcbrist, looks like his bed fellow, same markings, scarcely a straw to draw between them, winner best in col.; 3, Campbell, five-pointed cinn., rare stamp, fine markings; 4, Walker, three-point, fine col., good quality; vhc, Scott; hc, Johnstone; c, no name. EVENLY MKD.: 1, no name, extra good eyes, fine col., quality and finish, wins well; 2, no name, fails only in eye, grand type, col. and quality. GREEN OR CINN.: 1, Johnstone, yell. cinn. cock, grand col., fine position and type, sound in col.; 2, Halliday, good young green cock, fine back, nice thigh pencilling; 3, Campbell, grand little yell. cinn. hen, sweet head, fine markings, handles well; 4, Young, buff cinn. hen, fine type, good head; vhc, McIntyre; hc, Fallow; c, Allan. NOR. YELL.: 1, Devoy, evenly marked yell., grand bead, well rounded bouncing front, extra nice col., quality and condition; 2, Easton, cl., fine stamp, good head, short flights, rare col., type and quality; 3, Laidlaw, heavy varieg., excels in col., fine close feather; 4, Graham, good front, fine col., stands well; vhc, King; hc, Patterson. BUFF 1, Devoy, again leads with a beauty in rare bloom, well set, thick body, fine wings; 2, McFadzean, var., nice one, grand finish, fine level col., lovely feather and quality; 3, Melville, close up, good head, bold front, good flights, rare feather; 4, Campbell, good stamp, col. and quality; vhc, Graham; hc, Easton. BUFF HEN: 1, spl., Godber, champion, extra head, deep in chest, well rounded back, wing and tail carriage, all these a treat to handle; 2, Graham, a shade small, extra fine feather, well put down; 3, McLeod, good stamp, in grand order, fine col.; 4, spl., McLean, similarly built, runs a close race; vhc, McFadzean; hc, King. NOR. FED CK.: 1, Cuthbertson, yell., good nat. col., extra good feather, nice head, fine back; 2, Campbell, good col., fine type, feather of grand quality; 3, Neshit and Taylor, varieg., good head, fine col. and quality; 4, Naismith, follows close, good back, well filled; vhc, Godber. HEN: 1, Cook, good stamp, lovely feather, of extra nice col., fine bouncing front, well put down; 2, Naismith, huff, follows close, good col. and quality; 3, Wilson, yell., nice shade of col., good head, fine wing and tail carriage; 4, Rundell, good type; vhc, Elder; hc, Neshit. UNFLIG. CK.: 1, spl., Pirret, buff, and a rare one, too, splendid type, fine head, nice front, takes rare position; 2, Patterson, varieg. yell., another good one, lovely col., feather and condition; 3, McLeod, buff, nice type and quality; 4, Godher, follows close; vhc, Camphell; hc, Graham. HEN: 1, huff, a treat, grand head, well modelled front, extra good in wing and tail carriage, well put down; 2, vhc, Pirret, varieg., close up, fine head, grand substance, good col. and quality; 3, McLeod, nice col., grand head, short, thickset body; 4, Cant, good stamp, a little out of condition; hc, Melville. CREST: 1, spl., Young, d.c., grandly radiated crest, extra good in frontal, centre and drop, well put down; 2, McFadzean, heavy mkd., good size, fine substance, nice crest, not ready in centre; 3, 4, Nimmo, much similar all over, wants time. C.B.: 1, Young, grand head, well lashed, good browing and width of skull; 2, McFadzean, again good in head, fine entrance and side. COMMON CAN. (the best class of them we have come across): 1, Steele, nearly even, grand quality feather; 2, Sandilands, marked both eyes, again grand in feather; 3, Sorbie, varieg., in fine feather; 4, Brownlea, green; vhc, Kenniday; hc, Brown. GOLDFINCH, BRIT.: 1, Clark, grand size, lovely, well-cut face, extensive blaze, beautifully tanned, nice body col., grand bars and moons; 2, Murray, wee shade darker, but not quite so nicely cut in blaze, good feather and condition; 3, Mackie, should improve and be a winner, nice face, good moons and bars; 4, Smith, good face; vhc, Small; hc, Stephenson; c, Phillip. GOLDFINCH, ETC., FOR.: 1, Telfer Bros., grand size, lovely face, bright red expansive blaze in the best possible condition, rare moons and bars; 2, McGavin, a shade smaller, but in the pink of condition; 3, Shankley Bros., fine size, good bead, well cut blaze; 4, Sharp, fine moons and wing bars; vhc, Elder. BULLFINCH: J,' spl., Williamson, very cobby shape, extra nice col. and quality, broad cap and bib, grand blue back; 2, Young, a shade smaller, but grand cap and bib, rare col. on back rump and breast; 3, Shankley Bros., good col., fine feather, good back col.; 4, Richmond, nice col. and size; vhc, Croon; hc, Pollock; c, Watson. HEN: 1, Kerrigill, good size, fine cap and bib, extra sound in col., quality and condition, steady, shows well; 2, McGavin, good col., fine feather, nice cap, well put down; 3, Morton, similar in build, nice one; 4, Telfer Bros., good one, not quite finished in moult; vhc, Telfer; hc, Nicholson; c, Wilson. LINNET, HOUSE-MOULTED: 1, spl., Brownlea and Cummings, very silky and glossy feather, rare markings, shows whites well; 2, McLean, good col., fine pencilling, grand polish; 3, Dunlop, fine size, shape and style; 4, Nimms, similar in shape, head and style; vbc, Steele. FIELD-MOULTED: 1, Crone, grand one, lovely col. and quality, good markings, shows whites well; 2, McEwan, a shade smaller, fine col. and quality; 3, Hanney, grand markings, fine size, will improve in a week or two; 4, Wilson. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Quinn, monster, Mealy Redpoll, a gem of the first water, steady grand cap and bib, in the pink of condition; 2, 3, Morton, 2 Twite, grand fettle, lovely bird all through, splendid col. and feather, 3 Siskin, rare col., good feather, just a shade light in cap; 4, hc, Nelson, Mealy Redpoll, fine size, lovely quality; vhc, Brownlea and Cummings; c, Young. LESSER REDPOLL, HOUSE-MOULTED: 1, Brownlea and Cummings, a treat, excellent col., fine jaunty style, good head and markings; 2, hc, Morton, again a treat to handle, good markings, col., quality and finish; 3, Bruce, again a charmer, rare bead, fine markings, well put down; 4, Hopkins, fine markings; vhc, c, Thomson. FIELD-MOULTED: 1, Hopkins, a charmer, extra steady, good cap, fine bib, well shown; 2, Campbell, close up, in rare form, a shade rough below, fine cap and markings; 3, Pirret, wee bit smaller, but rare quality, good head, fine feather and finish; 4, Elder, good head, fine markings; vhc, Dunlop; hc, Shankley Bros.; c, Quinn. GREENFINCH: 1, spl., Findlay, bouncing fine buff, staged to perfection, lovely quality feather, grand head, hold front; 2, Small, much the build of winner, fails only in quality; 3, Nicholson, grand yell, wee bit soft, rare col. and feather; 4, Smith, buff larger one, will turn out A1; vhc, Christie; hc, McGaven; c, Grey. CHAFFINCH, ETC.: 1, Brownlea, grand Bramblefinch, in rare order, nicely spangled; 2, Dunlop, Chaffinch, good bead, fine col. and markings; 3, Campbell, Bramble, a shade smaller, fine markings and quality. A.O.V.: 1, Sorbie, rare yell Wagtail, in tip-top order, lovely col. and quality of feather, steady, well put down, one of the best we have seen; 2, Bruce, Ringousel, massive size, grand fettle, just a shade dark in neck markings; 3, Telfer Bros., beautiful Waxwing, rare size, good head, fine markings, just finishing; 4, Brownlea and Cummings, magnificent Yellowhammer; vhc, Grey; hc, Pirret; c, Kirrgill. HEN FINCH: 1, Morrison, grand Greenie, in fine form, massive head; 2, Telfer, Bramble, again good markings, grand feather; 3, Steele, Mealy Redpoll, good size, fine feather; 4, J. Burns, Siskin, fine col. and quality; vhc, Neshit and Taylor; hc, Melvin; c, Blackley. LIGHT MULE, ETC.: 1, McFarlane, Goldie-Bullie, rare size, grand col., fine feather, grand face, shows cross well; 2, Bruce, varieg. light Linnet Mule, large, good feather, well shown; 3, Mitchell, Redpoll-Goldie, rare good one, cheery little fellow; 4, Campbell, Siskin-Greenie, fine size, good markings. DARK: 1, Morton, dark Linnet Mule, fine size, good col., nice quality, well put down; 2, Campbell, Linnet Mule, grand col., fine quality, a few feathers out of head; 3, Cook, Greenie Mule, good size, fine col. and markings; 4, Naismith, Goldie-Mule. FOR.: 1, spl., Bruce, well known Gouldian Finch; 2, Smith, Grey Parrot, not large, fine col.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

CHELMSFORD.

Unhappily the cage bird section of the Chelmsford O.S. show, which was held in the Corn Exchange on Nov. 7th and 8th, with the other sections had a decreased entry, whilst the quality with few exceptions was not as good as usual. Mr. Rippon won the special for the best bird in the show with a remarkably fine yellow Norwich, a bird of grand type and quality. The birds were nicely staged on one side of the hall away from all draughts, and in a most excellent light. Messrs. Ballard and Rippon, the hon. secs., had all the arrangements in most excellent order, and in these gentlemen our Chelmsford friends have two grand officials, and it is a matter for deep regret that Essex fanciers did not rally round them in a stronger manner. Mr. T. Heath judged in his usual efficient manner, and his awards were well received.

The Critique.

CHAMPION NOR. YELL. (6): 1, sp, sp. best in show, and Ramsdeu's sp, vhc, hc, Rippor; 1st a beauty, rare head and chest, grand col. and quality; 2, 3, Outteu, two nicely shaped birds of good feather and style, not quite so fit; 4, Clayden. BUFF (4): 1, 2, 4, and two sps, Rippon, very neat short body, grand wings and tail, lovely feather; 2nd, lovely col. and meal, nice shape, not quite so closely feathered. AMATEUR YELL. (7): 1, 2, 3, Collicott, a capital trio, 1st best in type, feather and style; 2nd is a grand shaped bird, but loses in quality of feather; 3rd was hardly ready; 4, Parkins; vhc, hc, Garrett; c, Poulton. BUFF (9): 1, sp, and Hyde's sp., Collicott, good big shapely bird of capital feather and style, not very deep in col.; 2, hc, Garrett, nice rich col., good meal and feather, very stylish and smart; 3, Parkins, grizzle capped, capital col. and quality, not quite as stout; 4, c, Poulton. C.B.: 1, sp., Linn, very nice shaped, well feathered varieg., deserved competition. YORKS. YELL. (6): 1, 3, sp, Springson, cinn. mkd. and green mkd., two nice feathered stylish birds; 2, vhc, Lucking, Cinn., with pied tail, nice shape and style, not so close in feather; 4, hc, Linn. BUFF (7): 1, 2, 3, Springson, two nice Cinn. varieys., and a clr., capital feather, nice shape and style; 4, c, Lucking; vhc, hc, Linn. MULE (3): 1, Springson, good coloured, close feathered yell. Greenie-Can.; 2, Outten, nice coloured well mkd., dark buff Goldie; 3, Clayden, another shapely buff Goldie, not so much colour, but better feather. HEN (5): 1, 2, Rippon, two beautiful buff Nor., rare shape, lovely feather, nice style, good col. and meal, very fit; 3, Clayden, very neat and pretty yell. Nor., capital quality; 4, Poulton; vhc, Collicott. SELL. 25/- (8): 1, Outten; 2, Clayden; 3, Spurgeon; 4, Garrett; hc, c, Collicott. 15/- (4): 1, Outten; 2, Clayden; 3, Linn; 4, Mrs. Willett. BRIT. GOLD. (6): 1, sp, 3, Linn, very rich body colour, capital blaze, excellent bars, and buttons; 3rd, not ready, and not so steady; 2, Pannell, smaller, nicely mkd., good feather and col.; 4, Mrs. Minns; vhc, Everard; hc, Gething. BULL (5): 1, Harris, nice clear cut cap, lovely breast and back, grand feather; 2, Linn, not so large, capital col. and feather; 4, Minns; vhc, Teager. LIN. (6): 1, P. Richardson, rich col., capital markings, grand feather; 2, sp, 3, French, nice col. and shape, not so clear in markings, in nice feather; 3rd, small, and loses colour; nice feather; 4, C. Richardson; vhc, Gething; hc, Linn. A.O.V. Small: 1, Moore, very nice Mealy Redpoll, capital shape, col. and marking and very steady; 2, vhc, Linn, very rich coloured, well mkd. Twite; 3, 4, French, two good shaped, nice coloured Greenies. LARGE (3) 1, 3, sp, French, two well mkd., good coloured, shapely Hawfinches, 1st in best feather; 2, Harris, shapely, well mkd., nice coloured Thrush. FOR. (2): 1, Potter, well mkd., nice coloured Blue-fronted Amazon; 2, Miss Craig, very nice Leadbeater Cockatoo, not through moult.

BOURNEMOUTH.

Twentieth annual show of the Bournemouth C.B.A. held Nov. 7 and 8, Central Hall. The show was opened by Dr. Hosker. The entry was very good, numbering over 700 exhibits, and some of the very best were on view. The British bird section was the best we have seen in the south this season. The hall, though well lighted, was not quite large enough there not being much room for visitors. The management was of the best, and Mr. Brooke (the sec.) and his committee worked very hard for the comfort of both birds and visitors; he is an able organiser. Mr. J. Robson judged.

The Canary Classes.

NOR. CL. YELL., ETC. CK. (14): 1, Baker, very nice cl. yell., grand head and neck, beautiful col., very good wing carriage; 2, Davis, another grand exhibit, lovely shape, good stout chest, very stout head; 3, Ninness, also stout, but not quite so short very good wing carriage; vbc, Farrer; hc, Cook; c, Banhury. BUFF (16): 1, Cutler, lovely cl., grand shape, very stout head, nice back, beautiful wing carriage, fine col.; 2, Morris, grand quality, good head and neck, very nice back, in fine form, very close up; 3, Matthews, very neat, nice col. and wing carriage; vbc, Baker; hc, Davis; c, Farrer. YELL. TKD. ETC., CK. (15): 1, Baker, grand varieg. bird, lovely col., beautiful stout head and neck, nice wing carriage; 2, Cutler, very nice tkd., grand col., nice shape, rare good chest; 3, Morris, also tkd., nice col., fine wing carriage; vhc, Allen; hc, Schneider; c, Ninness. BUFF (11): 1, Baker, beautiful wing mkd., lovely col., grand head and neck, shown well; 2, Farrer, very nice exhibit, tkd. on neck, very stout head, beautiful wing carriage, close up; 3, Morris, another good tkd., very sweet face and col., fails just a trifle in neck and chest; vhc, Banbury; hc, Schneider; c, Mortara. YELL. HEN (10): 1, Morris, tkd. on head, very stout chest, beautiful neck, good wing carriage; 2, Baker, good cl., grand head and neck, sweet even col. all through, well staged; 3, Fellowe, also very nice cl., grand col., nice head and neck, well filled in back; vhc, Farrer; hc, Schneider; c, Brooke. BUFF (13): 1, Schneider, grand cl., very massive head and neck, lovely col, beautiful wing carriage; 2, Kirby, another nice cl., very stout, not quite such a nice col., good wing carriage; 3, Baker, another cl.; vhc, Morris, very nice indeed, some preferred for 3rd; hc, Allen; c, Brooke. UNFLIG. CK. (25): 1, Banbury, grand cl. yell., beautiful head, very stout chest, nice neck and back, lovely rich col., wins well.; 2, Follwell, another grand yell., lovely head, very sweet col., nice wing carriage, well shown; 3, Schneider, very neat, not quite so stout in neck, nice col.; vhc, Baker; hc, Kirby; c, Meager; a hot class. HEN (17): 1, Mortara, lovely buff, nice col., grand head and neck, very stout chest, good wing carriage; 2, Follwell, very stout yell., nice col., neat wing carriage, good head and neck; 3, Williams, very pretty buff, nice and stout, good back; vhc, Schneider; hc, Allen; c, Morris. YORKS YELL. CK. (10): 1, Tulford, very long, nice and straight, finely drawn, lovely col., carries tail well; 2, Holliday, another lovely bird, grand col., stands at a beautiful angle, very fine; 3, c, Bousfield, another nice one, but quite so tight in feather; vhc, Matthews; hc, Lydford. BUFF (8): 1, Bousfield, very nice col., mkd. on wing and head, very finely drawn, stands well; 2, Holliday, good cl., grand col., very fine, stands at the right angle; 3, Knight, very nice tkd., good col., very finely drawn; vhc, Fulford; hc, Joiner; c, Cutler. YELL HEN (8): 1, Bousfield, lovely yell., nice col., good length, well drawn, stands nicely; 2, Holliday, grand cl., ovely length, well drawn, but for bad tail carriage would win easily; 3, Fulford, very neat, straight as a pencil, not quite long enough; vhc, Churcher; hc, drawn, stands nicely; 2, Holliday, grand cl., lovely cl., very long, beautiful col., shows herself well; 2, Matthews, very nice cinn.-mkd., good col., very finely drawn, nice tail carriage; 3, vhc, Bousfield, 3rd nice cl., good shape and col., stands well. hc, Whittome; c, Holliday. UNFLIG. (11): 1, Holliday, very nice cl. buff, good col., well drawn and stands well; 2, vbc, Bousfield, good cl. yell., nice length, sweet col., fails just a trifle in tail; 3, Knight, neat tkd. buff, nice shape, good carriage, stands well; hc, Fulford; c, Harris. CREST CK. (10): 1, 2, Gale, 1st good dark lovely centre, grand crest, nice frontal; 2, light, beautiful crest, good centre; 3, Kearle, nice varieg. buff, good crest, nice centre; vhc, Haysom; hc, Spooner; c, Davis. HEN: Cancelled. C.B. CK (7): 1, Haysom, grand entrance, good skull neatly lasbed; 2, F. Matthews, yell., nice skull, good entrance, rare feather; 3, Gale, cl., good back, rare skull, neatly lashed; vhc Kearle; hc Davis; c Cook. HEN: Cancelled A.O.V. (5): 1, Minty, good Dutch Frill, very nice feather, well shown; 2, Minty, real good Lancs., nice crest, shown well; 3, Martin Cook, Scotch Fancy, good one, grand thickness, very nice droop; vhc, Clark. NON-COL.-FED NOR. OR YORKS. (24): 1, Scarfe, very nice cl. Nor. yell., grand head and neck, good shape; 2, vhc, Matthews, 2nd another nice Nor., not quite so short as winner, but very neat; 3, Bousfield; hc, Smith; c, Farrer. PAIR CAN. (19): 1, Morris, nice pair of Nor., good stout heads, nice backs; 2, Gale, Crest and C.B., nice pair; 3, Martin Cook, useful pair of Nor., good back, grand col.; vhc, c, Matthews; hc, Kearle. COLLECTION OF CAN., ETC. (6 or 8 specimens) (9): 1, Martin Cook, good team of Nor.; 2, vhc, Matthews, grand lot of Crests and C.B.s; 3, Farrer, very pretty lot of Nor., all nice col.; hc, Kirby; c, Onslow. MEMBERS' A.V., BRED 1911 (24): 1, Bousfield, Yorks., very nice length; 2, Kirby, good yell. mkd. Nor.; 3, Matthews, nice Crest; vhc, Kearle; hc, Farrer; c, Allen. NOVICE MEMBERS, DITTO (13): 1, 2, 3, Howard, 1st good Nor. buff, very stout in head; 2nd, fine Nor. yell., grand col.; 3rd, pretty Goldie-Can. Mule; vhc, Fulford; hc, c, Meager. CAN. OR MULE, LOCAL (7): 1, Dyson; 2, Whehle; 3, Mitchell; vhc, York; hc, Daniel; c, Pull. GIFT (6): 1, Brooke; 2, Matthews; 3, Davis; vhc, Thomas; hc, Potter; c, Bousfield.

The Remaining Classes.

MULE, LIGHT CAN. (8): 1, Lamb, beautiful Goldie-Can., almost cl., very sweet; 2, c, Martin Cook, also very good Goldfinch-Can., in grand form; 3, Davis, similar to above, well shown; vhc, Winter; hc, Matthews. DARK (14): 1, vhc, c, Bousfield, Siskin-Can., very rich in col., good size; 2, hc, Davis, Can.-Redpoll, very pretty exhibit, nice col.; 3, Martin Cook, Greenfinch-Can., good col. and shape, nice size. HYB. (9): 1, Lamb, very nice Linnet-Bullie, grand col. and size, well shown; 2, Adamson, grand Goldfinch-Bullie, very nice blaze, good size; 3, hc, Davis, also Goldie-Bullie, beautiful col., not much between them; vhc, Martin Cook; c, Barrow. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (17): 1, 2, Herbert, 1st nice one, very rich in blaze, which is, however, rather small, wins because he is most forward; 2nd, another nice one, will beat winner another day; 3, Chilvers, another useful one with time, nice blaze, good tannings; vhc, Tilley; hc, Jupe; c, Prior. BULLFINCH (12): 1, Burr, grand one, good cap and wing bars, very nice breast col., in grand condition; 2, 3, vhc, Bousfield, 2nd not quite so rich in breast col., but beautiful cap, nice size, looks like Portsmouth winner; 3rd, very nice, good cap and wing bars; hc, Tilley; c, Holloway. LINNET, ETC. (9): 1, Jupe, grand Linnet, wonderful size, well pencilled, very steady; 2, vhc, Francis, nicely mkd. Twite, in good condition, rather unsteady; 3, Prior, another very nice Linnet, not quite the size of winner; hc, Martin Cook; c, Davis. REDPOLL, ETC. (17): 1, 2, Bousfield, 1st very pretty Lesser Redpoll, nicely mkd., well shown; 2nd, nice col. Siskin, very steady, well staged; 3, Francis, another Redpoll, not quite the quality of winner, but very neat; vhc, Burr; hc, Davis; c, Ninness. GREENFINCH, ETC. (14): 1, 2, Francis, 1st Bramble, good size, rich spangling, nice col.; 2nd, Chaffinch, nice shape, good size and col.; 3, c, Gerrey, Greenfinch, beautiful col, very fine size, well shown; vhc, hc, Thomas. BUNTING: Cancelled. SOFTBILL, LARGE (8): 1, Francis, grand Waxwing, in the most beautiful condition, wins well; 2, Thomas, Song Thrush, grandly mkd., in lovely condition; 3, Bousfield, another nice Waxwing; vbc, Askew; hc, Lean and Son; c, Preston. SMALL: Cancelled. FOR., GREY PARROTS, ETC. (10): 1, Hoare, lovely Green Amazon, nice col.; 2, vhc, Moojen, beautiful Grey Parrot; 3, Martin Cook, Yellow-fronted Amazon, in nice condition; hc, Lydiford; c, Symes. BUDGERIGARS: Cancelled. PARRAKEETS, ETC. (7): 1, Capt. Maud, pair Meyer's Parrakeets, in good condition, extra nice col.; 2, vhc, hc, Bousfield, pair of Redrump Parrakeets, very handsome; 3, Edmunds, Brown's Parrakeet, lovely col., and in nice bloom; c, Adey. A.O.S., LARGE: Cancelled. SMALL (15): 1, Slade, Blue-wing Tanager, in good condition, lovely shape and beautiful col.; 2, 3, vbc, hc, c, Bousfield, 2nd Red-headed Gouldian, very pretty, nice col; 3rd, pair of Grass Finches, sweetly pretty and very taking.

MOLESEY.

The cage bird section at the show of the Molesey and Hampton Court F.A., which was held in the Conservative Hall, Molesey, on Nov. 2nd, was not so large as last year, only five classes being provided. The winners were: Canaries, Miss Burnett and Mrs. Pumfrett; Foreign, Mrs. Maxwell and Mrs. Pumfrett; British, Mr. Hodge, Mrs. Llewellin, and Mr. Brickwood; Mules, Mr. Peacock and Mrs. Llewellin. Mr. C. H. Swaby made a good secretary, and he received much valuable assistance from Messrs. Ive, Rogerson, and Storey. Mr. C. A. House judged.

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BO'NESS.

Boness and Dis. F.A. 7th annual show held Masonic Hall, 4th November. This hall is well situated, being only a few seconds' travel from the station; it is well lighted by large windows on the south and north sides, with entrance on the west end, and meeting the eyes of all who enter is a fine stage at the east end of the hall. Here was a fine display of beautiful cups, namely the Ure challenge cup, the Verney cup, and the Scottish British Bird and Mule Club cup, and the exhibits, which put the finishing touch on the scene, were of excellent quality. Norwich were a fine lot, and Borders were well represented. The British contained some of the best we have seen, and we must make special mention of the grand team of Softbills exhibited by Mr. Taylor (Glasgow), a splendid Bullfinch cock exhibited by Mr. Bald (Bathgate), and the large Goldie-Bullie Hybrid shown by Mrs. McLennan (Edinburgh). The office-bearers were a fine lot of fellows, composed entirely of hard-working men and real fanciers. Hon. Pres., H. Lloyd Verney, Esq.; Pres., Mr. T. Bell; Vice-Pres., Mr. T. Scotland; Sec., Mr. T. Cameron is a fine chap, full of energy, most obliging, and keeps everything moving just like clockwork. The society could not have chosen a better man for the duties a Secretary has to perform. The treasurer is Mr. R. Stevens. Committee: Messrs. J. Spowart, J. M'Gillivray, T. Scotland, W. Moreland, R. Boyd, J. Baird, W. Masson, W. Newbigging, J. M'Gregor, T. Brown, C. Liddle, W. Blair, J. Kema, G. Duncan, J. Baird, R. Liddle, J. Struthers, J. Stirling—all ready to attend to the wants of the various exhibits and exhibitors alike. The Norwich were judged by Mr. J. Holmes (Edinburgh). Borders by Mr. D. Hamilton (Hamilton); and British, Mules and Foreign by Messrs. A. W. Watson (Edinburgh) and R. V. Raine (Glasgow).

The Canary Classes.

CREST CK. (3): 1, Feeney, grand big bird, full of quality, crest to end of beak; 2, Binnic, another fine one, not quite so fine in crest feather, in good condition; 3, Johnston, plenty of feather, grand size, good quality, must have pressed. HEN (3): 1, 2, Sharp, real good hen, broad drooping crest of fine quality, 2nd not quite so good, not quite finished; 3, Masson, very little between the last two. C.-B. CK (5): 1 2, Sharp, grand exhibit, fine broad skull, heavily browed, wins easily, 2nd not quite so feathery, plenty of size, good head qualities; 3, 5, Masson, good substance, grand body feather; 4, Binnie. HEN (2): 1, spl, Masson, grand big broad-skulled hen, full of quality, abundance of feather; 2, Johnston, fails only in browing, good bird. CREST, BRED 1911 (1): 1, spl, Masson, grand young bird, will be heard of later, beautiful crest of fine quality. C.-B. (6): 1, spl, Feeney, fine big bouncing hird, wealthy in feather, well browed, wine; 2, Sharp, full of quality all through; 3, Meikle, grand bird, heavily browed, fine broad skull, plenty of size, good body feather: 4, Moreland; 5, 6, Masson. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (2): 1, Gardner, had all his own way here, good one of the right stamp, grand level col., fine pair of wings, nice head, No. I we could not find belonging to Mr. J. Sharp. BUFF (6): 1, 3, Thom, 1st grand big, well got-up, broad chest, fine full neck, shows well, 3rd good col. and shape; 2, Sloan, another good one, close up, not quite so round built, lovely col., nice hoxy feather; 4, spl, Smith; 5, Gardner; 6, Moreland. YELL. HEN (3). 1, Moreland, clinking good hen, all there for size and col, grand moulted front; 2, Sloan, good col., shows well, fine round head, short wings and tail; 3, Gardner, good one all through, must have pressed hard. BUFF (4): 1, Craig, fine hen, stands well over perch, full of quality; 2, Milne, close up, full of col., short cobby body, good braced wings, nice short tail; 3, Herd, loses in size only, otherwise good; 4, Gardner. NOR. A.O.V. CK. (7): 1, Muir, grand big, well proportioned bird, sound all through, wins; 2, Herd, not quite so good in shape, nice quality feather, plenty of size; 3, Thom, grand one all over; 4, Gardner; 5, Sloan; 6, Woodhouse; 7, Stirling. HEN (4): 1, Stirling, good all-round hen, wins easily; 2, Paterson, fine shape, good head; 3, 4, Gardner, 3rd must have pressed, good bird, fine round head, well filled neck. NOR. NON-FED CK. (5): 1, 6, Moreland, fine big bird, shows well; 2, Herd, fine short thick-made one, good feather, in grand condition; 3, Bell, well made, good round head and full chest, fine size; 4, Blair; 5, Thom; 7, Sloan. HEN (5): 1, spl, Moreland, nice hen, full of quality and good size; 2, Lawson, must have pressed winner, stands well over perch, grand substance, good wings, fine feather; 3, Gardner, another good one, close up on winners; 4, Blair; 5, Stirling. UNFLIG. CK. (8): 1, Woodhouse, good one, nice condition of feather, grand size; 2, 4, Gardner, little to choose between the two; 3, Menzies, not quite finished, will be a good one; 5, Sloan; 6, Smith; 7, Muir. HEN (6): 1, Muir, good all-round exhibit; 2, 6, Moreland, another good one, grand substance, shows well; 3, Sloan, loses only in size, otherwise grand one; 4, Parker; 5, Blair. UNFLIG. 1911 (6): 1, Gardner, nice one, full of quality, well placed; 2, 3, Moreland, falls just a little in condition, good shape and size, 3rd well up, fine shape, grand quality feather; 4, Blair; 5, Sloan; 6, Muir. BORD. FCY. CL., ETC., YELL. CK., NON-FED. (5): 1, Munro, neatly got up, rich nat. col. level throughout, full of quality, tight as wax; 2, Walker, very typical, lovely wings and tail, good 2nd; 3, Ray, another typical exhibit, lovely quality of feather; 4, Cairns; 5, Dunsmore. BUFF (9): 1, spl. 3, Shields, 1st very taking model, true to type, excelling in wings and tail, in lovely condition, 3rd nice proportioned bird, fine shape, a little restless; 2, Walker, another grand bird, good type and quality; 4, Smith Bros.; 5, Montgomery; 6, Dunsmore; 7, Miller. YELL. HEN (8): 1, spl, Munro, very neat model, rich nat. col, very level throughout, beautiful shape, clear win; 2, Livingston, very typical lady, lovely wings and tail, finely tapered front, in rare condition; 3, Rundell, another good Border, true to type also in splendid condition; 4, Graham; 5, Gentleman; 6, Aitken; 7, Dunsmore. BUFF (11): 1, Walker, perfect little lady, full of life and action, put down in grand fettle, wins well; 2, 5, Wilson, another very stylish lady, nicely got up, grand wings, lovely quality of feather, close up; 3, Gentleman, grand stamp of Border, just lacks finish of winners; 4, Smith Bros.; 6, Cairns; 7, Ray. EVENLY MKD. (4): 1, Gentleman, very typical, nice markings, staged in faultless trim; 2, Bell, another good Border, neat type, grand quality feather; 3, Lambie, fine type, splendid condition, worth its place; No. 1, Wilson, wrong class. VARIEG., ETC. (7): 1, Border Fancy Club medal, Walker, perfect little model for type, col. and quality, excelling in head and frontal, wins well; 2, Wilson, fine stamp, rare wings and tail, also in lovely condition; 3, Rundell, very typical, will come up a bit; 4, Graham; 5, Aitken; 6, Leitch; 7, Mackie. GREEN AND CINN. (16): 1, Wilson, yellow green, grand type, rich shade of body col., pencilled to perfection, good 1st; 2, 4, A. and W. Thompson, buff green, another grand Border of good type and quality, in splendid condition; 3, spl, Gentleman, cinn., nice proportioned bird, fine col. and quality; 5, P. Thompson; 6, Mackie; 7, Forrest. COMMON (3): 1, Feeney, buff varieg., in good order; 2, Moreland, another buff, close up; 3, Whyttock, good.

Mules, British and Foreign Birds.

BRIT. GOLDFINCH (12): 1, spl, M'Gregor and Boyd, lovely conditioned Finch, grand shape, good tanning, not quite finished yet; 2, Henderson, Kelty winner, lovely conditioned Finch, well tanned and buttoned, close up, some fancied for winner; 3, Brown, another good Finch, nicely tanned and buttoned, will be heard of later; 4, Bell; 5, M'Millan; 6, Stevenson; 7, Liddle. BULLFINCH, BRIT. (9): 1, spl. Bald, easy win, everything that is wanted, a real beauty; 2, Stuart and Dalling, nice Bullie, well shown; 3, spl, Bell, on a par with 2nd, only a little bigger; 4, Jamieson; 5, Mackie; 6, McCulloch; 7, Parker. LINNET, HOUSE-MOULTED (13): 1, spl, Bald, grand upstanding Lintie, lovely col., plenty of good fine pencilling, nice whites, wine; 2, Henderson, fine size, steady, well shown; 3, M'Gregor and Boyd, close up on 2nd, shows itself well, well staged; 4, Turner; 5, Crawford; 6, Bell; 7, Liddle. FIELD-MOULTED (15): 1, spl, Hodge, fine big Linnet, well pencilled, nicely shown; 2, Cooper, nice Linnet, fine pencilliug, good colour; 3, Craig, not much between it and 2nd; 4, Turner, good one all over; 5, Braid; 6, Brown; 7, Parker. SISKIN, FED. (8): 1, Hamilton, nice shape, fine black cap, slightly fed; 2, Craig, another nice one, very little between the first two; 3, Bald, nice Siskin, well and level fed, good cap, fine bib, one of the best we have personally seen this season; 4, two spls, Bell, fine stamp, wonderful bib; 5, M'Gregor and Boyd; 6, 7, Baird Bros. NON-FED (8): 1, 4, M'Gregor and Boyd, as good as any in the two classes, fine upstanding, colour well down sides and well laced; 2, Gentleman, another fine Siskin, in grand condition, very faint in col.; 3, 5, Brown, fine col., good cap, nicely laced; 6, Hill; 7, Braid. LESSER REDPOLL (14): 1, 5, Craig, grand little Poll, full of col., well laced, fine bib, shows well; 2, Bell, another good one, follows hard on heels of 1st; 3, M'Gregor and Boyd, slightly smaller but a beauty otherwise, well shown; 4, Turner; 6, Pringle; 7, Brown. REDPOLL, FIELD-MOULTED (9): 1, 6, 7, M'Gregor and Boyd, grand 'Poll, fit to win anywhere, fine size; 2, Baird Bros., grand col., well laced, shows well; 3, Bell, a beauty, fine size, good col., nice bib, fine round head and steady; 4, spl, M'Gregor; 5, Anderson. MEALY (11): 1, spl, Scotland, grand big well shaped Mealy, wins; 2, Laing, comes well up, little between the two; 3, Boslem, not quite so big, but fine col. and finish and markings, steady, well shown; 4, Johnston, very good one; 5, Bell; 6, Liddle; 7, M'Gregor and Boyd. TWITE (6): 1, spl, Turner, nice exhibit, in grand condition, fine col. and pencilling; 2, M'Millan, close up, much the same as winner; 3, Craig, not a bad one, fine size and col; 4, Bell; 5, no name; 6, Rennie. GREENFINCH FED (12), a fine class: 1, spl, Bald, nice yell., well fed, grand type, wins; 2, M'Lean, Glasgow winner, grand Finch, full of show, buff, bold head, nice one; 3, Allan, fine col., steady; 4, M'Gregor and Boyd, another good one; 5, Meikle; 6, Strachan; 7, Craig. NON-FED (13): 1, spl, McMillan, fine size and col, shows itself with chest down over perch and tail up; 2, M'Gregor and Boyd, good grass-green col., in fine condition, well shown; 3, Crawford, fine col., steady; 4, Taylor; 5, Nicol; 6, McLaren; 7, Geddes. FIELD-MOULTED (10): 1, 2, Bald, 1st grand, big, cobby, good col. Greenie, will take some beating, 2nd not quite so big but otherwise a good one, pair of nice Finches; 3, Duncan, nice exhibit, not quite the col. of winners; 4, Parker; 5, M'Gregor and Boyd; 6, Liddle; 7, Braids. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (8): 1, Strachan, Chaffinch, grand col., shows beautiful whites, steady, nice one; 2, Henderson, Chaffie, little larger, not quite so good in col. fine and steady; 3, spl, Stuart and Dalling, Bramble, fine col. and size, well shown; 4, Cairns; 5, Pringle; 6, Messer; 7, Allan. YELLOWHAMMER (7): 1, spl, 2, Stuart and Dalling, good big Yellowhammer, fine cl. in col., grand cheek marks, showing V on head, very prominent; 2, another nice bird, not quite so big, good one; 3, Messer, nice bird, lovely colour, steady, well shown; 4, Flood; 5, 7, M'Gregor and Boyd; 6, Cairns. BUNTING (4): 1, spl, Bald, well-known winner Corn Bunting, easy first to-day; 2, Arnot, Snow Bunting, fine big bird, grand lot of white, bold head; 3, M'Gregor and Boyd, Reed Bunting, fine strong col, well pencilled, black head, pure white collar; 4, Henderson. A.O.S. BRIT. SMALL (4): 1, 2, 3, Taylor, Redstart, fine specimen, perfect in plumage, grand col., a beauty; 2nd Black Redstart, another beauty, grand exhibit, 3rd still they come, Crested Treecreeper, well-shown, working beautifully round its hawthorn bows; 4, Arnot, Blackcap Warbler, another beauty, well shown. LARGE (7): 1, spl, Taylor, Waxwing, Kelty winner, still looking in first-class order, wins; 2, Kerr and Sons, Magpie, good bird, only one perch in cage; 3, McDiarmid, Jay, beautiful bird, in grand order, well placed; 4, Stuart and Dalling, nice Hawfinch, hard lines to meet such winners to-day; 5, Anderson; 6, Erskine; 7, Baird Bros. BULLFINCH HEN (8): 1, spl, 5, Bald, well-known winner looking its best, shapely body, nice cap and bars, easy win; 2, Arnott, nice bird, not quite so big as winners, well placed; 3, Nicol, Glasgow winner; 4, Liddle; 6, Turner; 7, Bell. GREENFINCH (7): 1, Laing, grand big hen Greenie, shows a bad eye, good otherwise; 2, Feeney, not quite so large but a nice bird; 3, Whyttock, another nice hen, well placed; 4, Sharp, very likely bird; 5, Blair; 6, Baird Bros.; 7, Liddle, wet when judging. HEN, A.O.S. (10): 1, 4, sp, M'Lean, Bramble, very nice bird, in the pink of condition, should be heard of later on; 2, Laing, Yellowhammer, in lovely order, well placed; 3, M'Millan, very small hen Siskin, in lovely order; 5, Baird Bros.; 6, Gentleman; 7, M'Gregor and Boyd. CL., ETC., MULE, LIGHT (7): 1, spl, M'Nicol, well-known Goldie Mule, one of the best for size and shape, but requires a wash badly; 2, 4. Jamieson, another nice Mule a buff; 3, Clapperton, grand bird, in good condition; 5, Arnott; 6, Turnbull; 7, Turner. DARK (18): 1, spl, Bell, Linnet Mule, yellow, in first-class condition, wins well here; 2, Craig, Greenie Mule, not a large bird but all there for col. and condition; 3, Scotland, Goldie Mule, unfed, should make a good one when pepper fed; 4, Rennie; 5, Brown; 6, Meikle; 7, Hill. HYB. (11): 1, spl, Mrs. A. M'Lennan, Goldie-Bullie, a gem of the first water, easily the best of its cross to-day, a credit to its owner; 2, Sneddon, nice Goldie-Bullie; 3, Lawson, again a Goldie-Greenie, very nice exhibit, shows parentage well; 4, no name; 5, Bell; 6, M'Kinna; 7, could not find when taking notes. FOR. BULLIE: Cancelled. FOR. GOLDIE (9): 1, Pringle, nice condition, well tanned; 2, Graham, better bird but guttered in bottom blaze, finely tanned; 3, Miller, not yet up in col., fine size and whites, nicely tanned; 4, Bald, some preferred for 1st place, big bold hird, great expanse of blaze, whites like snow, beautiful wings; 5, M'Lennan, another good bird but not yet ready; 6, M'Lean; 7, Scotland. FOR., A.O.S. (3): 1, Kirkwood; 2, Allan; 3, Arnott. LOCAL YOUTHS (5): 1, Braid, Goldie; 2, Bell; nice Linnet; 3, Whyttock; 4, Grant, 5, Blair.

MARKINCH.

The Colour Question in Border Fancies. Rumoured Boycott of a Judge.

Thirty-eighth annual show, held Masonic Hall, 4th November. The entries were a shade under in number this year, most noticeably in the Border Fancy section where there were but 28 entries in 9 classes. Mr. Lambie was officiating, and he judged Dysart show the previous Saturday, where he shelved certain birds, alleging they were of doubtful natural colour, i.e., showing signs of being colour-fed. We heard it rumoured that the falling off of entries to-day must be attributed to this shelving of the birds, and that the Border men must have made up their minds to boycott him. Mr. Lambie also took the Norwich, but in this section he had a capital following, some rare quality birds being staged. The Scotch Fancy classes filled fairly well, and the quality was something grand, some of the winners of the City shows being forward and again coming out on top. The Scots Fancies were judged by Messrs. J. Black (Arbroath) and J. Stenhouse (Kelty). The British Bird section did not fill very well, a thing we cannot account for, several classes having to be cancelled. Mr. Bald (Bathgate) judged this section, and his awards were well received. The Society officials were put to very much inconvenience by the Postal authorities making a serious blunder with the exhibitors' cage numbers, a great many having gone astray, and this gave the society a lot of extra work to do on the show morning; but they had everything ready in good time for judging. The society are well favoured by having a capital set of fanciers at the head of affairs. Mr. Mitchell, the Secretary, is the right man in the right place, and he is ably supported by a hard-working committee, who attended to the wants of all the birds with right good will. The hall in which the show was held is very suitable. We thought the staging a little bit too high for the birds. The show was fairly well patronised during the afternoon.

The Critique.

SCOT. FCY., CL., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, Leslie, nice size, erect, decided drive, good head; 2, no name, grand top end, good neck and droop; 3, Archibald, fine size and substance, rare style; 4, Leslie; 5, Hope; 6, Henderson. HEN: 1, Hope, good size, capital substance and nerve, neat head; 2, Leslie, erect, decided drive, good top end, fine mover; 3, Thomson, sweet bead, rare reach; 4, Allan; 5, Mitchell; 6, Gilmour. BUFF: 1, no name, grand quality, massive frame, neat head, long neck, good shoulder; 2, 4, Thomson, 2 another of fine proportion, erect, neat drive, fine length of wing; 3, Hope, grand size and substance, good head and neck, heavy top end; 5, Cook; 6, Beattie. HEN: 1, 3, Gray, 1 rare substance, neat head, fine neck, grand shoulders, 3 good one, fine top and wing, gets tail well under; 2, Henderson, grand drive and shoulders, fine long body; 4, Thomson; 5, Wilkie. YELL. PIED, ETC., CK.: 1, Lanskin, erect, nice drive, fine size, good body; 2, no name, good size, erect, fine neck and shoulders; 3, Marshall, very neat and stylish; 4, Mitchell; 5, Allan; 6, Watson. HEN: 1, Cook, capital size and drive, fine shoulder and body, full of action; 2, Gilmour, good top end, neat head and droop, well placed; 3, Thoms, good size and style, fine mover; 4, Thomson; 5, Wilkie; 6, Marshall. BUFF: 1, 3, Cook, 1 extra good substance and size, capital style, 3 very neat and typical, grand length of wing; 2, Hope, similar stamp to winner, grand reachy neck, massive top; 4, 6, Beattie; 5, Thoms, HEN: 1, Henderson. very stylish, neat, decided drive, good shoulder and body; 2, Laing, good reach, fine depth through chest; 3, Thomson, nice drive and shoulders, neat body; 4, no name; 5, Laing; 6, Allan. NOR., CL., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, Kerr, grand shape, fine size, nice head and neck, good, short wing and tail; 2, Chalmers, capital shape and substance, rare quality and col.; 3, Fleming, fine col. and quality, inclined to cross; 4, McAnally; 5. Summers; 6, Spence. HEN: 1. Stephens, splendid shape and size, capital col. and quality; 2, Fleming, rare substance, grandly rounded front and head, fine short wing; 3, Thomson, nice size, good quality feather; 4, Chalmers; 5, Kerr. BUFF CK.: 1, Lumsden, splendid quality and col., fine bold head and front, AI wing carriage; 2, Kerr, not the shape of leader, but all there for quality and col.; 3, Logan, nice head and neck, bonny feather; 4, Stephen; 5, Sharp; 6, Wyse. HEN: 1, Skinner, grand shape and size, good head and neck, well staged; 2, McConville, short cobby bird, bonny feather and quality, well braced wings; 3, Thomson, large, fine shaped bird, rare substance. VARIEG. CK.: 1, Fleming, head and back, mkd. buff, capital size and substance, teeming with quality; 2, Spence, eye, neck and wing mkd., good head and front, beaten in size; 3, McAnally, very typical yellow, nice shape and size; 4, Brown; 5, Kerr. HEN: 1, Fleming, eye, head and wing mkd. buff, capital substance and shape, good head and front; 2, Dickson, bonny feather and type, neat wing and tail carriage; 3, Kirk, nice yell. varieg., fine shape and col.; 4, Stephen; 5, Mathieson; 6, Stephens. UNFLI. CK.: 1, Chalmers, grizzle head, well rounded bead and front, finely shaped body, wins in a canter; 2, Dickson, nice cobby bird, capital col. and quality; 3, Kerr, head and wing mkd, buff, good substance and shape, rare quality; 4, Reeder; 5, Spence; 6, McCabe. HEN: 1, Boag, neat head and front, nice shape and substance; 2, Logan, lovely feather and quality, fails substance to leader; 3, McCahe, some made best hen in class, grandly shaped body, grand natural col.; 4, Chalmers; 5, Skinner; 6, Mathieson. NON-FED CK.: 1, Kirk, head and wing mkd., noble head and front, well braced wings; 2, 3, Lawrie, brace of nice ones, 2 clear, nice size and substance, 3 nearly green, topper for quality and col.; 4, Reid; 5, Kidder; 6, Johnston. HEN: 1, Logan, buff, leading excels in shape and quality, wins; 2, Boag, eye mkd. yell., neat head and front, good shape; 3, Reid, shade thin in neck, nice front and wing; 4, Venters; 5, Grant; 6, Kidder. CREST. CK.: 1, Lindsay, good shape, dec. of good formation, nice leafy feather; 2, Burt, grizzle crest, fine droop, capital body substance. HEN: 1, Lindsay, finely radiated d. crest, of good shape, nicely groomed; 2, Kerr, good shape and substance, fine large crest, nice droop; 3, Buchanan, fine body feather. UNFLIG. CREST: 1, Brown, capital crest, well radiated, beautiful droop and centre; 2, Lindsay, good looking bird, had been washing when we were taking notes. C.B. CK.: 1, Buchanan, slashing fine bird, wide skull, splendid lash and body substance; 2, Summers, abundance of body feather, massive skull and lash. HEN: 1, McCall and Henderson, green leading, slashing bird, fine big skull, and dense feather, nicely browed; 2, Burt, clear, not so massive in head, long, dense feather, well placed; 3, Sharp, bit narrow in skull, fine body shape and substance; 4, 5, Summers. UNFLIG. C.B.: 1, 2, Lindsay, massive skull, splendid lash, rare body substance, 2 varieg., fine size, capital head and body; 3, Burt, fails in head to leaders, nice length of feather; 4, Summers. BORD. FCY., CL., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, Hutchison, fine type, grand head and wing carriage, neat taper; 2, Williamson, well rounded, good carriage, neat head and front; 3, Fotheringham, good looking border, nice quality feather; 4, Melville. HEN: 1, Melville, grand quality hen, finely rounded head and front, excels in wing carriage; 2, Fotheringham, wee bit flat on head, well filled back, nice bloom; 3, Hutchinson, clinker, little gem, real model, some thought might have gone up; 4, Gibb. BUFF CK.: 1, Bennet, grand shape and feather, neat head and front, well braced wings; 2, Hutchison, nice type and style; 3, Bickerstaff, wing mkd., beautiful rounded head and front, well placed wings; 4, Burt; 5, Spence. HEN: 1, Bennet, grizzle in cheek, good one, grand head, feathered like a Java; 2, Arnott, foul on bead, good front and head, capital wing and tail carriage; 3, Baird, nice position, a shade thin on back, nice quality; 4, Bickerstaff; 5, Hutchinson; 6, Johnston. UNEVEN CK.: 1, Bennet, lovely varieg. nice qualtiy feather, grand shape and taper; 2, Hutchinson, head and wing mkd. yell., close up, grand wing and carriage, nice bloom; 3, Arnott, nicely mkd. yell., fine texture of feather, good type. HEN: 1, Bennet, fine beaded bird, good front and wing carriage; 2, Melville, eye and wing mkd. DARK MULE: 1, Turner, jonque Goldie leading, capital flush face, fine tone of col.; 2, Barclay, big, slashing, fine Greenie mule; 3, Jamieson, nice sized Linnet mule, fine markings, a wee shade dark in col.; 4, Davidson; 5, McGraw; 6, McDonald. LIGHT: 1, Jamieson, well known Goldie mule, fine col. and condition; 2, Lumsden, same cross, fails only in size to leader; 3, Walker, nice size Goldie, very wild. HYB.: 1, Turner, good sized Linnet-Bullie, cross, nice col. and condition; 2, McDonald, Siskin-Redpoll, nicely staged. GREENFINCH: 1, Reid, nice fellow, rare shape, capital feather and condition; 2, Adamson, large buff, fine bold front and head, nice tone of col.; 3, Spittal, fine sized Greenie, nice bloom; 4, Laing; 5, Logan; 6, Davidson. GOLDFINCH (BRIT.): 1, McCall and Henderson, grand bird, deep coloured, well cut blaze, grandly tanned on breast, good wing bars; 2, Sykes, paler in blaze, fine tan, good moons and buttons; 3, Mackie, capital Finch, nice square-cut blaze, hardly up in col. yet; 4, Barclay; 5, Muir and Morris. BRIT. A.O.S. (SMALL): 1, Sykes, grand coloured Bramble, lovely plumage and spangling; 2, Haldane, lacks the size and col. of winner, put down in nice bloom. BULLFINCH: 1, Wright, big dense cap, capital breast col., good wing bars; 2, Colville, grand cap, shade paler on breast, very shapely; 3, Mackie, very good cap, cobby shape, nice back and breast, capital condition; 4, McDonald; 5, Sharp; 6, Thomson. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, 2, Duncan, 1 Siskin, lovely cap and colour, well laced at flanks, 2 capital col. Mealy, fine big bird, grandly pencilled; 3, Haldane, dense coloured Twite, rare markings, finely staged; 4, Barclay; 5, Colvill; 6, Venters. FOR.: 1, Sykes, glossy Starling, shown in faultless condition; 2, no name, nice pair Parrakeets, in good order; 3, Walker, Grey Parrot, in nice feather and condition. COMMON CAN.: 1, 2, Bell; 3, Beveridge; 4, Thomson; 5, Thomson; 6, Saunders.

GREAT YARMOUTH.

Great Yarmouth F.S. annual show held Corn Hall, Howard Street, November 2nd and 3rd. It is a very nice hall for the occasion, being well lighted and free from draught; and although there were fewer entries than last year there was an improvement in the quality of the exhibits; we noticed some very nice young Crests and Crest-breds, which should make up very fine another year, and the Norwich were an improvement on last year's. We noticed our old friends, Messrs. H. Smith and F. Barton, busy attending to the birds, and great credit is due to the secretary, Mr. Trory, and all the committee for the arrangement of the exhibits, and we hope next year will see a larger entry, which the committee well deserve. That well-known judge, Mr. J. Mackley, placed the awards, and gave entire satisfaction.

The Critique.

NOR., CL. YELL. (7): 1, 3, spls, Miss Moore, good col., nice short wings and tail, might have been a little larger, but very neat; 2, 3, Thompson, 2 larger, good head, nice quality, will look better later; vhc, bc, Tiptod; c, Shearman. BUFF (9): 1, spl., Barton, plenty of size, grand one; 2, 3, c, Miss Moore, 2 nice wings and tail, better col., 3 another good quality and col., a trifle smaller; vhc, Barton; hc, Thompson. TKD., ETC. (8): 1, spl., 3, Tiptod, 1, varieg, yell., nice col., good head, nice short flgbts and tail, good exbihit, 3 another nice varieg. buff, lovely quality, beauitfully mealed; 2, Miss Moore, varieg. buff, nice size, good bead and neck, we liked mucb; vhc, c, Barton; hc, Miss Moore. NOR. HEN (10): 1, spl., South, plenty of size, nice quality, quickly claimed; 2, c, Barton, another yell., better col. than winner, good shape; 3, Shearman, varieg. yell., somewhat on the small side, but very neat; vhc, hc, Tiptod. CINN. BUFF (5): 1, 3, hc, Shearman, 1 plenty of size, nice col., will look better later, 3 good one; 2, South, another good bird, nice shaped body, sound col., plenty of size; vhc, Barton. YELL. (4): 1, Miss Moore, sound in col., nice one; 2, 3, vhc, Shearman, 2 large, nice col., good shape, we liked much, 3 another good one. CREST.: 1, 2 spls., 2, hc, Shearman, 1 plenty of size, well formed crest, nice droop, looks like making a good one, 2 another nice crest, plenty of size; 3, Thompson, quite good one; vhc, Miss Moore. A.O.V. CAN. (7): 1, 2, 3, Shearman, 1 Green c.b., plenty of feather, looks like making a good bird, 2 another good varieg. c.b., 3 another nice c.b.; vhc, Thompson; hc, Miss Moore; c, Gunnill. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, Thompson, nice varieg. Goldfinch Can., nice quality, with more col. would look wonderfully well, 2 another nice varieg. Goldfinch Can.; 3, Barton, dark Goldfinch Can., plenty of size and col., looked well; vhc, Claxton; hc, South; c, Hipgrave. BRIT. FINCH: 1, 3, Claxton, 1 Goldfinch, nice size, good square blaze, grand Finch, 3 Bullfinch, in the pink of condition; 2, Barton, not quite so good in blaze, nice one; hc, South. LINNET, ETC.: 1, Barton, a white Linnet, a rare bird, bnt some thought looked ont of place in the class; 2, Claxton, Linnet, good size and col., nice exhibit; 3, vhc, Hipgrave. THRUSH, ETC.: 1, 2, South; 3, Claxton; vhc, Mohbs. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, c, Hipgrave; 2, 3, vhc, bc, Claxton.

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LEICESTER (Hand-in-Hand).

Show held Nov. 4 and 6, Assembly Room of the "White Swan," Market Place. The entry was not quite so large as last year, when there was a record show for this society; this year it was about equal with former years. Norwich came up in good numbers all round, and some very nice birds were staged in most of the classes. Some of the winners could do with a little more size, and with the same shape and quality and carriage, we should see standard specimens. The leading birds in the Yorkshire classes were very smart. In the Lancashire class (12 entries) there were to be seen some remarkably good birds in grand order. The novice open Norwich were very good, particularly the buffs. Hybrids were well represented, and we noticed two clear Goldie-Canaries, two Canary-Bullfinches, besides other choice birds. British birds were very good, led by a nice lot of Goldfinches. Bullfinches were a strong class, and the winner was a gem for condition. Linnets were not so good as we are used to seeing amongst Leicester fanciers, and they want a little more attention. The Siskin-Redpoll and Twite class was most notable for the number of fine moulted Redpolls. The A.O.S. Hardbill class was led by a good Hawfinch, a fine Bramble, and a pretty Yellow Bunting 3rd. A splendid Redwing led the Softbills large class with a very fine Ring Ouzel second. Mr. Robson judged Canaries, and Mr. Chas. Houlton the Hybrids, British, and Foreign birds. The light was good, and judging was over in fine time. The Sec. (Mr. W. Freestone) got through his work well; he is a sticker and no doubt about it, and was ably assisted by Messrs. Hale, Moores, Sarson, Walton, Kilsby, Pole, Peberdy, Hulse, Noakes, etc.

The Critique.

NAT. COL. NOR. (17): 1, Growdridge and Son, medium size, cobby shape, nice quality and condition, a buff; 2, vhc, Hopkins, big yell. tick neck, and a varieg. buff, grand cobby bird in fine form; 3, Kilsby, grand varieg. buff, good size, fine shape, quality and condition; hc, Eland; c, Judd. HEN (14): 1, vhc, Hathaway, varieg. yell., cobby bird, nice quality and coudition; 2, T. Judd, tkd. eye, nice shape, buff, a bit nervous and wild; 3, hc, Orton, grizzle saddle, capital size, shape, quality, and condition; c, Herbert. CL. YELL. (12): 1, spl. (Sandiford's), and 5s. for best local exhibitor, Neal, tick neck, very hot in col, grand bird all over; 2, hc, Hathaway, tick right wing, fine body, feather and condition; 3, Gilbert, a bit frilly in neck, nice shape, good one; vhc, Bott; c, Lewin. BUFF (14): 1, Lewin, grand typical bird, medium size, perfect feather and condition, divides special of 5s. for best bird in show, a grand bird indeed; claimed at catalogue price, £10 10s.; 2, Hopkins, bonny bird, fine carriage, feather and condition; 3, Judd, very good type, fine quality, A1 condition; vhc, Pole; hc, Freestone; c, Corrall. VAR. YELL. (7): 1, Judd, lovely shape, very warm col, nice carriage and feather; 2, Hathaway, a bit smaller, nice quality; 3, Houghton, well up in all points; vhc, Neal; hc, Bott; c, Jeyes. BUFF (14): 1, Hathaway, tick head, very compact and of the best quality and condition; 2, Hopkins, larger, thicker set, in grand feather and condition; 3, Corrall, fine quality, good one; vhc, Walton and Noakes; hc, Jeyes; c, Lewin. UNFLIG. YELL. (15): 1, Judd, cl., good in all points; 2, Corrall, larger, beaten only in carriage, grand one; 3, Hulse, tick nape, longer in tail, fine body; vhc, Hopkins; hc, Lewin; c, Groocock. BUFF (16): 1, 2, Elliott, tick nape, both good all-round birds, 1st the larger; 3, Hulse, larger than 2nd, equal in all other points; vhc, Neal; hc, Peberdy; c, Dodd. BROKEN GREEN (7): 1, Hathaway, foul nape, throat and tail, a regular beauty; 2, Walton and Noakes, varieg., not quite so fine a bird; 3, Gibbons, good all-round bird, nice shape, feather and condition; vhc, Ball and Son; hc, Pole; c, West. HEN (9): 1, Hathaway, grand shaped buff, A1 bloom and finish; 2, Sarson, good yell., grand col., A1 form; 3, Miles, larger, fine col. and quality;; vhc, Bell; hc, c, Sarson. YELL. HEN, CL., ETC. (13): 1, Bott, cl., grand body, nice size, quality, carriage and condition; 2, Growdridge and Son, smaller but close up; 3, Lewin, good shape, beaten only in head, nice feather and condition; vhc, Freestone, very good type; hc, Walton and Nokes; c, Barratt. BUFF (13): 1, Buswell, nice shaped body, good feather and quality; 2, Mason, very good shape, lovely quality and condition; 3, Davis, another nice one; vhc, Corrall; hc, Hathaway; c, Walton and Noakes. VARIEG. HEN (1): 1, Bott, lovely varieg. yell., well finished all through; 2, Ball and Son, buff, fine type, nice quality and condition; 3, Houghton, very good buff all over; vhc, Groocock; hc, Walton and Noakes; c, Elliman. YORKS. YELL. (7): 1, Harrison, grand length, clean through, rare position and carriage; 3, Edwards, tick cheek, finely built, grand carriage, position and quality; 2, Andrews, lovely type, finely drawn, tight in feather, rare position, ticked nape; vhc, c, York; hc, Edwards. BUFF (8): 1, 3, Harrison, 1st best shape, splendid quality feather, beautifully conditioned, very neat carriage right through, 3rd nice bird; 2, Andrews, good position and style, beaten in roundness of body a little only; vhc, c, Green; hc, Edwards. LANCS. (12), a very good class: 1, hc, c, F. J. Green, yell. grey coppy, very large, long, and massive bird, well clothed all over; 2, vhc, Dodd, very massive, beaten just a little in coppy, in fine condition; 3, Fitton, very large Plainhead, a wealth of feather, long upstanding bird. A.O.V. CAN. (10): 1, Holder, robust buff cinn., nice col., shape and condition; 2, vhc, Gilbert, wing mkd. D.C., fine crest, well clothed, nice centre, good droop, and a very fine C.B., grand skull, good entrance, a wealth of feather; 3, Green, even mkd. eyes, Nor., grand shape, quality and condition; hc, Grant; c, Labraham. NOVICE, NOR. YELL. (9): 1, Wood, tkd. cheek, fine body, just a bit rough in breast when we saw it; 2, Dallman and Son, very cobby, grand body, beaten in head only; 3, Muddiman, jun., smaller, very compact; vhc, Ford; hc, Claypole; c, Morris. BUFF (19): 1, Emery, grand all-round bird; 2, Dallman and Son, fine quality and condition; 3, vhc, Cole; hc, Leavesley; c, Hyde's spl, Kilsby. HEN (15): 1, Turner, grand cl. yell. lovely col. 2, Dallman and Son, cobby varieg. buff; 3, Wood, cl. buff, beaten only in substance; vhc, Adams; hc, c, Moores. HYB., LIGHT (7): 1, vhc, Bond, the old cl. Goldie-Can. champion, wears well, and a varieg. yell. Goldie-Can., not quite settled in feather after his wash; 2, hc, Lawrence, pretty cl. Goldie Can., a trifle smaller than 1st; 3, Gilbert, right wing tkd. buff Goldie-Can., in grand bloom, feather and condition; c, Newby. DARK (13): 1, c, Lawrence, very fine Can.-Bullfinch, tight, grand feather and condition, dense col., shares spl. of 5s. for best bird in show, as Mr. Robson would not give in over the tick buff Nor. and Mr. Houlton would not give in over this fine Can.-Bullfinch, nearly all present thought the Can.-Bullfinch easily the best and most valuable exhibit; 2, Bond, very good yell. Greenfinch-Can., in fine form; 3, Smith, grand yell. Siskin-Can., lovely col., shape, markings and condition; vhc, Hayter, smaller but neat Can.-Bullfinch, in nice feather and condition; hc, Bowler, good buff Goldie-Can.; c, Lawrence, thick-set buff Linnet-Can. A.O.V. HYB.: 1, Lawrence, very neat Linnet-Bullfinch, good shape, feather and condition; 2, 3, Hayter, pretty Redpoll-Goldie and a very smart Redpoll-Siskin, both in good order. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (18): 1, Pitchford and Stocker, grand blaze, rich col., clean cut, fine moons and bars, in good body condition, nice tanning; 2, 3, Brooks, very promising pair, 2nd largest, well distributed col, good face, wants time to bring col. up, A1 feather, 3rd broad-set, gives way a little in breast condition, good face, moons and bars, nice tanning; vhc, Raven, neat bird, good col.; hc, Smith; c, Caunt. BULLFINCH (14): 1, Raven, excels in smooth tight feather and bloom all over, fine bird; 2, H. R. Jones, grand head and cap, very thick-set, typical Welsh bird, just gives way a little in breast and thigh condition; 3, Henshaw, very bold active bird, good shape, just wants a little more bloom with time; vhc, Pargeter; hc, Ford; c, Charles; No. 12 looked too big for this class. LINNET (7): Henshaw, lovely col., markings, and glossy condition, nice medium size, well shown; 2, Raven, fine shape, markings and condition, wants time for col. to come up; 3, Orme, grand markings, rare chest, good feather and condition; vhc, Neale, grand condition; hc, Towers; c, Miller. GREENFINCH (5):—1, Lewis, stands up like a full-chested soldier, was soiling his fine plumage with water spilled in bottom of cage; 2, Lawrence, good col. and bloom all over; 3, Hayter, smaller, very nice col. and condition; vhc, Cannt; hc, Grant Bros. SISKIN, ETC. (12): 1, Raven, first-rate moulted Mealy Redpoll, grand level feather, good col., markings and finish; 2, c, Henshaw, prettily mkd. Twite and a good Lesser Jonque Redpoll; 3, Charles, thick-set Siskin, good bird, just a bit loose in condition; vhc, Ride, another fine moulted large Mealy Redpoll, in grand feather; hc, Caunt. A.O.S. FINCH, ETC. (8): 1, 3, Raven, very good Hawfinch in fine bloom, and a rich col. well finished, nicely mkd. Yellow Bunting; 2, hc, Lawrence, well spangled Bramble, good colour, shape medium size, nice condition, and a nice feathered Chaffinch; vhc, Caunt, good Corn Bunting, in nice condition; c, Turner, nat. col. Yellow Bunting, wants handling to make a good one. SMALL SOFTBILL: 1, Raven, grand Redstart. LARGE: 1, Ford, about the best Redwing out for show at present, a gem to-day; 2, Raven, very good Ring Ousel, in splendid condition; 3, Johnson, large, fine shaped, well spotted Thrush, in perfect feather; vhc, Bowler, very fine Jay, very active which caused him to rough his feather a little. FOR.: 1, Raven, lovely Tanager; 2, Baxby, good King Parrakeet, not quite so perfect in feather as the Tanager. NOVICE MEMBERS' NOR.: 1, c, Hewitt; 2, hc, Barratt; 3, Moores; vhc, Kilsby. UNFLIG.: 1, Holder; 2, Moores; 3, hc, Chamberlain; vhc, Kilsby; c, Birch.

EAST HAM.

East Ham C.B.S. members' first annual show held Nov. 4th, Hartley Street Schools. For a first venture the show was a huge success, entries numbering well over 200. It was a most interesting show, some birds being staged that are not often seen at members' gatherings. The Yorkshires were well represented, and although there were some good birds among them, they hardly came up to the Norwich for all-round merit. The latter were very typical, well fed, and the majority well staged. In the matter of staging, the Yorkshire exhibitors bardly appear to grasp the importance of showing a bird to the best advantage, many being put back in consequence. Mr. South's fine yellow won special for best Yorks., which it well deserved, being quite typical with neat head and wings. Some fine Hybrids were on view, the pointed Goldie-Canary exhibited by Mr. Parker and the Goldfinch-Bullie by Messrs. Morris and Adams being much admired. Mr Walker staged a very fine Chaffinch, and Mr. Oliver a smart Siskin and a highly polished Starling. The team of Softbills shown by Messrs. Morris and Adams were quite high-class. The show was ably managed by Mr. B. C. Smith, who was the right man for the job; he was ably assisted by Messrs. Fox, Oliver, Morris, Adams, and others. The exhibition should be quite a financial success, as many visitors turned up during the day. The president (Alderman J. Brooks, J.P.) kindly opened the show, and made a few appropriate remarks respecting the good our hobby does in the homes of fanciers. The handsome cups belonging to the society were competed for, and were won by Mr. Fox (Novice), and Messrs. Morris and Adams (Hybrids and British). The latter also secured spl. for best in show with a beautiful Lesser Whitethroat. Mr. H. Norman judged.

YORKS., CL., ETC.: 1, 3, South; 2, Anglin; vhc, Fox; hc, Onslow. BUFF: 1, Lock; 2, Walker; 3, South; vhc, Morris and Adams; hc, Parker. CK., VARIEG.: 1, Parker; 2, Rowe. HEN: 1, Lock; 2, Fox; 3, Parker; vhc, Morris and Adams. CK., 1911: 1, Mays; 2, Walker; 3, King; vhc, Task; hc, Rowe; c, Wilkins. BUFF: 1, vhc, Fox; 2, King; 3, Smith; hc, South; c, Anglin. YELL., TKD.: 1, 3, Fox; 2, Walker; hc, Parker; vhc, Smith; c, Smith. BUFF: 1, Smith; 2, Fox; 3, King; vhc, Reed; hc, Wilkins; c, Rowe. MKD.: 1, vhc, Fox; 2, Parker; 3, Mays; hc, c, King. HEN, YELL.: 1, King; 2, Smith; 3, South; vhc, Mays. BUFF: 1, King; 2, 3, Thomas; vhc, Reed; hc, Mays. MKD. HEN: 1, King; 2, Rowe; 3, Parker; vhc, Mays; hc, Smith. NOR. CK.: 1, Taylor; 2, hc, Parr; 3, Blennerhassett; vhc, Walker; c, Reed. HEN: 1, 2, Parr; 3, Taylor. 1911: 1, Taylor; 2, Parr; 3, Dalton; vhc, Smith; hc, Hunt. CINN.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Parker. BUFF, 1911: 1, Taylor; 2, Parr; 3, Reed. MKD.: 1, Dalton. HEN: 1, 2, Blennerhassett; 3, hc, Taylor; vhc, Reed; c, Wilkins. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, Reed; vhc, Onslow. HYB. LINNET: 1, Pask. GOLDIE: 1, Morris; 2, 3, South; vhc, Walker. A.O.V.: 1, hc, c, Oliver; 2, Morris and Adams; vhc, Walker. LIGHT: 1, 2, 3, Parker; vhc, Reed. HYB.: 1, 2, Morris and Adams; 3, vhc, hc, Reed. BRIT. GOLDIE, ETC.: 1, 2, Morris and Adams; 3, Pask; vhc, c, Walker; hc, Reed. LINNET: 1, Pask; 2, Walker; 3, Blennerhassett; vhc, South. GREENFINCH: 1, Walker; 2, vhc, Dalton; 3, Morris and Adams; hc, Reed; c, Bigmore. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Oliver; 2, Reed; 3, Dalton; vhc, c, Gibbs; hc, Walker. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Walker; 3, vhc, Morris and Adams; hc, Bigmore; c, Reed. SOFTBILL: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Morris and Adams; hc, Bigmore; c, Reed. THRUSH, ETC.: 1, Morris; 2, 3, Oliver. LARGE: 1, Morris and Adams. FOR.: 1, Reed.

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YORK.

York C.B.S. 6th annual show held Nov. 4th. The management was again able to secure a room in the Exhibition Buildings, the most perfect place for a cage bird show we have seen; it is a big, lofty room, quite free from draughts, and has a nice even temperature. Entries came up splendidly; in fact, they constituted a record for the society, numbering in all 429. The Norwich P.C. allotted their patronage here, and 166 Norwich were staged, some real toppers being put down. Messrs. Pickering and Wright won Mr. Sandiford's medal for hottest fed bird. Mr. Zimmerman won the silver cup and teapot for most points; Mr. Moffat won silver medal for second most points. The staging was splendid, reflecting every credit on the management. The plants, which were arranged amongst the birds, made quite a picture. Mr. Thompson (secretary) and Mr. Sissons (his assistant) had everything well under control, and were most ably assisted by a band of real hard-working fanciers in Messrs. Campling, Chittenden, White, and Wright. The chairman (Mr. Zimmerman) was always there when wanted. The committee soon found out that the number of entries were too many for one judge, and so called upon Mr. Battye to assist Mr. Hirst. Judging was then over by half-past one o'clock, and the awards of both were well received. Marked catalogues were to be had early, which makes things very easy for visitors.

The Critique.

NOR., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (23): Rare class for both quantity and quality; 1, Greenwood and Pickles, a beauty, cl. yell., good col., size and shape, splendid head and chest, chubby bird; 2, Humphries, varieg., capital size, good col., massive head, good back, rare type, pressed winner hard; 3, 4, Thomas, two beauties, red-hot in col., capital size, chubby, good heads, plenty of chest, rare good backs, not much between them; vhc, Eyre; hc, Pickering and Wright; c, Clayton and Smith. BUFF (17): Another good class; 1, Humphries, eye and wing mkd., capital head, a gem for shape, good front, deep broad chest, rich col., a topper; 2, Thomas, neck, eye and wing mkd., all there for size, good quality, best of head, good deep chest, pressed hard; 3, Heap, cl., size in abundance, rare head and back, chubby, good deep chest, stands well over perch; 4, Eyre, cl., another topper for shape, grand chest, good head; vhc, Pickering and Wright; hc, Johnson; c, Clayton. YELL. HEN (9): 1, Humphries, nice chubby hen, good head, deep chest, short flights; 2, Sykes, another good one, must have pressed winner hard, nice col., good size, deep chest, fine back and head; 3, Haigh and Son, capital head, broad back, deep chest, close up; 4, Pickering and Wright, nice one; vhc, Harland; hc, Humphries; c, Hunter. BUFF (8): 1, Thomas, nice hen, plenty of size, good head, deep chest, broad back, short flights, a beauty; 2, Pickering and Wright, another good one, capital size, best of heads, deep chest, short flights; 3, Humphries, varieg., all there for size and substance, rare col., very chubby, short flights. CL., ETC., UNFLIG. YELL. CK. (18): 1, 2, Greenwood and Pickles, two beauties, a credit to their owners, size, substance, shape and quality, all that can be wished for, two real good ones; 3, Humphries, cl. yell., good head, deep chest, short flights, capital col., must have pressed hard; 4, Heap, another good youngster, rare col., nice shape, good head, deep chest; vhc, hc, Hunter; c, Thomas. BUFF (22): Here, again, we are amongst some good young stock; a strong class for quality and quantity; 1, Thomas, a blaze of col., grizzle tail, size, shape, substance, all there, capital head, deep chest, short flights; 2, Waller, cheek tkd., another good one, splendid head, deep chest, short flights, chubby; 3, Pickering and Wright, size, shape and quality of the best, capital head, deep chest, short flights; 4, Greenwood and pickles, capital size, good substance, but very wild; vhc, Thomas; hc, Johnson; c, Hunter. HEN, UNFLIG. (23): 1, Mason, big fine hen, capital head, deep chest, short flights, abundance of substance; 2, Humphries, cl. buff, all there, capital size, good head, deep chest, very chubby; 3, 4, Hunter, leader fails only in substance to leaders, fine bird; 4th, some thought could have taken 3rd place; vhc, Heap; hc, Loes; c, Mattison. NOVICE, CL., ETC., CK. (26): 1, Atkinson, eyes and wing mkd. yell., capital size, nice substance, good head, deep chest, short flights, easy winner; 2, Robson, mkd. both eyes buff, another good one for size, nice quality, grand head; 3, McNally, varieg. yell., plenty of size and substance, A1 quality; 4, Ridley, some considered this did well to claim 4th position, being a bit loose in feather; hc, Jefferies; c, Moffat. HEN (13): 1, Atkinson, yell., red-hot col., good head, deep chest, short flights, an easy winner; 2, Thorpe, buff, capital size, deep chest, short flights, good size 3, Watson, eyes, cheek, and wing mkd. buff, rare quality, good size, plenty of substance, deserves its place; 4, vhc, Moffat, yell., fails only in size and substance; hc, Ridley; c, Cass. YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL CK. (10): 1, Chew, cl. yell., straight as a rush, capital col., good condition, stands on a pair of good legs, a true Yorkie; 2, Robertshaw, splendid length, good style, nice quality; 3, Stobart, yell., fine size, lovely quality, straight as a line, stands on a pair of good legs; 4, Campling, fine racy bird, fails only in wing carriage; vhc, Eastwood; hc, March; c, Prentice. BUFF (8): 1, Norton, neck tkd., A1 quality, well staged, a true Yorks.; 2, Stobart, lovely quality, good style, straight, very steady; 3, Chew, nice length; 4, Robertshaw, good, straight, leggy bird, lovely quality, stands on a pair of fine legs; vhc, hc, Campling; c, Mitchell. CL., ETC., HEN (8): 1, Robertshaw, yell., fine drawn hen, nice even col., good position, A1 quality, wins easy; 2, Middleton Bros., eyes and wing mkd., falls only in position; 3, Precious, good length, well drawn, nice position, very steady; 4, Simeson, nice and boxy in appearance; hc, Brooks; c, Stobart. CL., ETC., UNFLIG. YELL. CK. (13): 1, Norton, tkd. cheek and thigh, a good Yorkie, well drawn, good quality, stands well, rich col.; 2, Brooks, wing tkd., very stylish, full of swagger, nice one; 3, O'Reilly, nice straight bird, open in front; 4, Robertshaw, fine bird, not quite ready; vhc, Chew; hc, Pressey; c, Stanford. BUFF (10): 1, Simeson, grizzled neck, lovely quality, straight as a line, very steady, good winner; 2, Brooks, cl., good length, nice shape, fine quality and position; 3, Allen, wing tkd., nice style and quality, fails only in length; 4, hc, O'Reilly; vhc, Campling; c, Prentice. CL., ETC., HEN (17): 1, Stobart, varieg., sweet damsel, cl., lovely feather, straight as a line, steady, well put down; 2, Campling, eye tkd., a true Yorkie, lovely quality, good position; 3, Chew, mkd., good leggy bird, nice position and quality; 4, O'Reilly, very stylish; vhc, hc, Simeson; c, Norton. NOVICE, CL., ETC., CK. (22): 1, 2, Ireland, two beauties, leader grizzled saddle, splendid size, A1 position, stands on a pair of good legs, nice warm col.; 2nd, lovely quality, nicely drawn, beautifully feathered, two nice ones; 3, O'Reilly, eyes and wing mkd., good col., nice position, fails only in length to leaders; 4, Girling, rare col.; vhc, Clough; hc, Prior; c, Hanson. CL., ETC., HEN (15): 1, Lightfoot, wing tkd., pale col., nice size and position; 2, vhc, c, Moffat, thigh tkd. yell., well drawn hen, good col. and position, steady, well put down; 3, Casling, tkd. head and wing, very neat damsel; 4, Clough, cl., nice boxy hen; hc, Girling. CINN. (5): 1, Dormer, a blaze of col., grand quality, good head and neck, clean on breast, staged well; 2, vhc, Richardson, 2nd buff, grand size, a trifle course in feather; 3, Thompson, another yell., grand type, not quite so hot in col.; 4, Dormer, nice shape, lacks just a trifle in col. to leader. A.O.V. (8): 1, Baxby, C.B., enormous size, plenty of feather, a good win; 2, hc, Jeffries and Husband, Green Crest, big, good drooping crest, in fine form; 3, Cass, Border, in the pink of condition, tight as a Java; 4, Baxby, another Crest, in fine trim; vhc, c, Dormer. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (12): 1, Barnes, wins, in grand bloom, fine flush blaze, splendid tannings, well mooned; 2, Wilson, in splendid trim, good blaze, distinct bars and buttons, nicely tanned; 3, Lockwood, not quite so large, but in very fine form, clean cut blaze, nice buttons; 4, Dresser; vhc, Middleton; hc, Almond; c, Darnton. LINNET (13): 1, Hunter, grand bird, rare shape and markings, in good bloom, a real gem; 2, Moffat, nice markings, good shape, in capital bloom; 3, 4, Lockwood, two nice birds, fails only in size to leaders; vhc, Wilson; hc, Mack; c, Pollard. BULLFINCH (7): 1, Lee, in fine form, shone like silk, good hood and bill, nice bars, very steady, a beauty; 2, c, Hartley, not quite the bloom or condition of winner, grand one otherwise; 3, Shorney, nice hood and bib, clean bars; 4, Jackson, nice one; vhc, Wilson; hc, England. SISKIN, ETC. (10): 1, 2, Almond, two sweet exhibits, leader Siskin, in fine trim, wins easy, nice col., distinct bib; 2nd, Twite, good bloom and size, distinct markings; 3, Wilson, Redpoll, nice exhibit, clean and distinct in markings; 4, Sissons, Redpoll, not quite so large as former, good one in all else; vhc, Chittenden; hc, c, Owen. GREENFINCH, ETC. (7): 1, Simpson, Bramble, a blaze of bloom, good spangling, rare size, capital condition, very steady, a good win; 2, Lee, Greenie, in fine form, rare col., extra nice in size, steady; 3, (no name in catalogue), Chaffinch, rare size and col., in good condition; 4, Hartley, Bramble, not quite the size or bloom of leaders, nice one otherwise; hc, Hume; c, Jefferson. BRIT. HEN (7): 1, Almond, Reed Bunting, nice sweet exhibit, distinct pencilling, like a piece of marble, in splendid bloom; 2, Lane, Bramble, steady, shines like silk; 3, Shorney, Yellowhammer, capital col. for a hen, good bloom, steady as a rock; 4, O'Reilly, nice Bullie; vhc, Chadwick; hc, Bousfield; c, Lane. HARDBILL, A.O.S. (6): 1, Hunter, Hawfinch, a real beauty, in the pink of condition, shone like silk, splendid cap and bib, steady as a rock, an easy win; 2, Wilson, Hawfinch, not quite the condition of winner; 3, Shorney, fine Yellowhammer, capital col. and markings; 4, Isherwood, Hawfinch. SOFTBILL, LARGE (7): 1, 2, 3, 4, hc, Zimmerman, a good team, all in fine trim, 1st Thrush, 2nd Blackbird, 3rd Thrush, 4th Lark. SMALL (7): 1, 4, Wilson, 1st Nightingale, in capital condition, steady as a rock; 4th, Bearded Tit, in the pink of condition, well put down; 2, Bousfield, Wagtail, shown to perfection, in the best of trim, a good 2nd; 3, Mackwell, Wren, a real beauty, deserved its place; vhc, Jackson. DARK CAN. MULE (6): 1, Shorney, Greenie-Can., nice size and shape, good bloom and condition; 2, Dixon, Linnet-Can., in fine trim, steady; 3, Jackson, Goldie-Can., rare size, nice shape, in fine order; 4, England, another fine Mule; vhc, Pollard; hc, Flint. LIGHT (4): Dr. Wilson put a fine team in this class, gaining 1, 2, 3, with a Goldie-Bullie, a Greenie-Bullie, and a Goldie-Bullie, all in the best of trim and staged to perfection; 4, Hemmings, very small lightly-mkd. Mule. FOR. SMALL (10): 1, Chadwick, fine drooping tailed Whydah, well staged; 2, McKenzie; 3, hc, Baxby; 4, vhc, Young; c, Zimmerman. LARGE (5): 1, Simpson; 2, Baxby; 3, Hildreth; 4, Elsley; vhc, Darley.

MAIDSTONE.

With an increased entry and a capital lot of nice quality exhibits, the cage bird section of this show, which was held in the Corn Exchange on November 3rd and 4th, was most successful. The exhibits were nicely staged, and well looked after by a capital lot of stewards under the direction of Mr. J. Barney, the chairman, whilst Messrs. Day and Hayman, the hon. secs., had all the general details in good order. The cup for the best bird in the show fell to Mr. Hills' winning non-fed Norwich, a bird of most excellent type and quality. Mr. C. A. House judged.

NOR. (12): 1, sp, 2, r, c, Hills, very nice typical buff and yell., well feathered and nice col.; 3, hc, Brumhill, very smart, stylish cap mkd., lovely feather and condition, not so stout; vhc, Lynn. NON-FED CLR. (11): 1, spl, cup, best in show, 2, Hills, a real picture of a buff, lovely shape and feather, short and compact like a Robin, 2nd another nice stylish, good feathered buff; 3, Wells, good feathered buff, not so short; r, Andrews; vhc, Harvey; hc, Carter; c, Baker. MKD. (6): 1, Andrews, thigh tkd. yell., nice shape, good silky feather, very showy; 2, Hills, neck mkd. buff, not so cobby, nice quality; 3, Wells, wing mkd. buff, capital quality, hardly so neat in head; r, Harvey; vhc, Carter; hc, Whibley. CREST OR C.B. (4): 1, spl, and Hyde's spl., Carter, very neat centred, good droop and radiation, a wing mkd.; 2, 3, Jenner, varieg. and a green, nice fronts, good quality of feather, but not so much of it; r, Andrews. YORKS., YELL. (13): 1, 3, hc, Andrews, two very nice, slim, stylish clrs., the winner has it in length; 2, r, Patterson, very nice quality varieg., good head, very showy; 3, not quite so neat in tail; vhc, Harvey; c, Conway. BUFF (10): 1, spl, Andrews, long, racy, neat feathered clr.; 2, r, Harvey, neat and shapely clr., not so smart in wings; 3, Whibley, good shape and style, not so long; vhc, hc, Conway; c, Dalton. PAIRS (9): 1, sp, Gregory, very high quality Nor., lovely shape and col.; 2, No. 650, no name, neat, typical, good coloured Nor.; 3, vhc, Hills, again very shapely, fine feathered Nor.; r, Jenner; hc, Lynn; c, Weare. MULES (10): 1, sp, Curd, very high coloured, silky feathered Jonque Goldie, rare blaze; 2, Hills, grand shaped buff Goldie, lovely feather, loses in col.; 3, No. 659, no name, well mkd., nice shaped Greenie-Linnet; r, Andrews; vhc, Conway; hc, Bennett; c, Jenner. BRIT., GOLD. (7): 1, spl, Curd, capital shape, well cut blaze, good buttons and bars; 2, r, Bennett, grand coloured body, not up in head yet; 3, Weaire, another good Finch, but not through moult; vhc, Baker; hc, McCabe; c, Andrews. BULL. (7): 1, 2, Bennett, two grand shaped Finches, rare caps, lovely backs and bars, nice sound coloured breasts, winner the largest; 3, Jenner, lovely col., grand shape, not so steady; r, Weaire; vhc, Turner; hc, Whibley; c, McCabe. LINNET, ETC. (9): 1, spl, Jenner, very nicely mkd., good shaped, Mealy Redpoll; 2, 3, Nos. 681 and 686, no name, well mkd., nice coloured Linnet, and a very neat, showy Lesser Redpoll; r, Whibley; vhc, Carter; hc, Andrews; c, Conway. A.O.V. (5): 1, 2, spl, Jenner, rattling good Bramble, very rich in col., and a well mkd. Chaffinch, both in excellent feather; 3, Whibley, close feathered, nice coloured Greenie; r, No. 692, no name; vhc, Weaire. FOR. (2): 1, spl, Blackburn-Mayne, large, well feathered, good col. Grey Parrot; 2, Lancaster, grandly mkd., well feathered, bright col. Budgerigar.

The Latest Tyne-side Success.

Fine Entry at Blaydon: Good Display in all sections: Management A1 Workers.

Eighth annual show held Nov. 3rd and 4th. The venue on this occasion was the Council Schools, and although not so well adapted for the purpose as the Drill Hall (where it was originally intended to hold the show) it answered the purpose very well, the worst fault being the somewhat poor light at night. The staging was very nicely arranged, being in rows the full length of the room, with the Foreign Birds and Large Britishers at the end of the room. The only fault, if it can be termed a fault, was the length of the rows, and we would like to see the society adopt the method employed by other large societies of having breaks here and there in the rows of staging, to enable visitors to cross from one side to the other without having to travel right round. The whole of the arrangements were in the capable hands of the genial chairman, Mr. J. Hands, who acted as show manager, and the fact that not the slightest hitch occurred is ample testimony to the thoroughness and care bestowed by this well known fancier upon everything under his charge. In Mr. G. Havver the society possess a secretary who is, without a doubt, a most capable official, with a thorough knowledge of the duties appertaining to his position, and the manner in which he gets through his work is a credit both to himself and the society, while his quiet, courteous, unassuming manner, combined with his willingness to oblige everybody, makes him deservedly popular with all who come in contact with him. These two gentlemen were ably assisted by a grand body of fanciers, composed of Messrs. T. Brown (vice-chairman), J. W. Clark (treasurer) and G. T. Ellwood, G. Simpson, J. Carr, J. H. Cross, T. Leek, J. Clark, C. Vallans, J. Lee, J. A. Carr, R. Pattinson, T. Fletcher, C. Graham, J. Dobson, G. Dobson, W. Purvis, J. Davidson, R. Havis, J. Fyson, and J. Hillary. Entries came up well, totalling 757, a matter of 8 or 10 over last year's total. The winner of the Challenge Cup for best bird in show, Mr. W. Marshall securing this honour with a grand Crest. British, Mules and Foreign Birds were only moderate in number, but quality was quite up to the average, and here again many well-known winners were staged and attracted a great deal of attention. The principal special prize winners were: Challenge Cup for best bird in show, W. Marshall; Northern Crest Club specials: Best Old Crest, W. Marshall; best Young Crest, J. G. Hutchinson; best young C.B., R. S. Bewick; Northern Border Club's medal for best young Champion Border, J. Johnston; Mr. G. Dobinson took Sandiford's medal for hottest fed bird, while Hyde's special went to Mr. J. Hands. Members' classes made a fine display, and several grand birds were shown here. In this section the silver cup presented by Messrs. Walter Wilson, Ltd., for most points with three nominated birds was secured by Mr. W. H. Butler. Despite the threatening weather of the morning the day kept fine, though cold, and the attendance of visitors on Saturday afternoon was very good, and gave satisfaction to the officials. The judges were, Messrs. J. Robson and H. W. Battye.

Mr. J. Robson's Classes.

NOR. CL. YELL. (10): 1, 4, Holden, leader grand size, fine shape, rare head and chest, nice col., clean cut behind; 4th, red hot col., not quite the depth of chest of leader; 2, Cameron, fine size, grand shape, rich col. and quality, nice well rounded chest, not quite so bold in head and neck as leader; 3, vhc, Hermeston, grand col., neat head, wings and tail; hc, Crass; c, French. BUFF (13): 1, Brown, nice size, rather barrel shaped, red hot col., grand quality, neat head, good wings and tail; 2, Brown, Thos., a shade longer in flights than leader, nice size and shape, neat head and neck, fine carriage; 3, French, better shape than either 1st or 2nd, grand chest, good head and neck, clean cut away, beaten only in col.; 4, Holden, Newcastle winner, grand size, rare shape, rich col., beautifully mealed, thick head and neck, bit open in feather to-day; vhc, Snowden; hc, Scott; c, Creighton. TKD., ETC. (13): 1, 2, Cowling, well known eye tkd. leading, grand shape, quality and col., fine carriage; 2nd, var., short cobby bird, all front, full head and neck, grand col. and quality, plenty of size; 3, Cameron, a beauty for shape, round as an apple, grand col. and quality, a shade weak in head and neck, yet a good one; 4, Creighton, shapely, four-pointed, close feather of good col. and quality; vhc, c, Lawson; hc, Holden. YELL. HEN (11): 1, Dormer, mkd. both eyes and right wing, good shape and size, neat head and neck, full chest, nice col. and quality, grand carriage; 2, Lawson, another good one for shape, nice col., neat wings and tail; 3, Cowling, good size, nice shape and col., neat head, wee shade faulty in wing; 4, Rowell, smaller, grand quality, nice wing carriage; vhc, McKay; hc, Dobinson; c, Holden. BUFF (14): 1, Lawson, grand shapely cl., fine size, good col., deep full chest, fine wing carriage; 2, Snowdon, another shapely cl., deep chest, nice head and neck, clean cut under, loses to leader in col. only; 3, Brown, A., cap and saddle mkd., good size, fine col. and quality, pinched in head a bit, some preferred 4th, Richardson, rare size, grand shape, deep full chest, good col. and quality, looks like Newcastle winner; vhc, Huxham; hc, Riseborough; c, Curry. YELL. UNFLIG. (18): 1, McGinn, cl., hot col., nice size and shape, good quality, neat head, wings and tail, fine carriage; 2, Butler, var., larger than winner, grand shape, full head, neck and chest, beaten in quality only; 3, Dobinson, cl., red hot col., short cobby body, well rounded, shade weak in head and neck, good carriage, takes Sandiford's medal; 4, Brown, A., streaked beak, nice shape and size, grand hot col., fine quality and carriage; vhc, Harland; hc, Lowther; c, Dormer. BUFF (20): 1, Lowther, "King George," Newcastle Bowl winner, fine size and shape, neat head, grand col. and quality, short flights and tail, well known; 2, J. Robson (Keppie), cl., grand shape, neat head and neck, grand col. and quality, deep full chest, not quite so well cut away behind as leader; 3, Cowling, red hot, grand quality, neat shape, fine chest, wings and tail; 4, c, Holden, another good one for shape, medium size, grand col.; vhc, Lawson; hc, Butler. YELL. HEN, UNFLIG.: 1, Cameron, grand size and shape, round as an apple, deep full chest, nicely rounded head, red hot col., a shade bolder in head, and would be a real topper; 2, Cowling, good shapely hot col. cl., nice head, good front, grand wings and tail, loses in size only to leader; 3, Brown, A., var., good size, nice head, trifle longer than winner; 4, Holden, cl., smaller, but very shapely, good chest, nice col. and quality; vhc, Harland; hc, Richardson; c, Wellsbury. BUFF (17): 1, Lawson, cl., gem for shape, bold, well rounded chest, grand head, full front, short flights and tail, grand col. and quality; 2, Butler, var., scarcely the cobby shape of leader, fine size, neat head, good chest, wings and tail; 3, Rowell, tkd. both eyes and right wing, nice size and shape, well carried wings and tail; 4, vhc, Cowling, charming hen, short and cobby, grand col. and quality, gets wings over a little; hc, Snowden; c, Brown, A. NOVICE (27): 1, vhc, Moore, leader cl. buff, romper for size, grand shape, thick head and neck, grand chest, rich col. and quality, looks like Newcastle winner; 2, McFarlane, wing tkd. yell., grand size, deep, full chest, neat head and neck, grand wings and tail, shade patchy in col.; 3, Birkett, var. buff, nice size, well rounded head, nice col. and carriage, clean cut away; 4, Dixon, cl. yell., red hot col., grand size, nice chest; hc, Johnstone; c, Havis. NAT. COL. (13): 1, Adams, cl. buff, rare size and shape, good chest and back, nice head, thick neck, grand col. and quality; 2, c, Minnit, cl., another short cobby bird, neat head and neck, short flights and tail, good col., close up; 3, hc, Crass, nice col. and quality, good wing carriage; 4, Brown, A., cap mkd. yell., good size and shape, neat head and neck; vhc, Hermeston. DARK CREST BUFF (4): 1, special best bird in show, Marshall, var., rare size, grand dense feathered crest, good formation and droop, neat centre; 2, Armstrong, wing mk. D.C., not the spread of winner, but very dense, nice shape, droop and centre; 3, Taylor, var., trifle smaller, nice shape, neat centre and droop; 4, Clark, foul tail green, smaller crest, neat centre. CREST HEN (2): 1, Armstrong, var., grand dense feathered crest, good frontal, nice droop and centre, good size and shape; 2, Marshall, foul tail green, good size and shape, neat centre. CREST 1911 (8): 1, Hutchinson, heavy var., neat shapely crest, nice droop and centre, good formation and feather; 2, Bewick, green, larger than leader, grand veiny feather, not quite so well finished as leader; 3, Taylor, var., smaller crest, very neat and shapely, not quite so veiny in feather. A.O.V. (5): 1, 3, Taylor, slashing fine yell. grizzle Crest leading, largest yellow we have yet seen, good spread of crest, neat formation and droop; 3, buff, grizzle crest, nice shape, neat centre, wants a wash; 2, Bewick, buff, grizzle crest, a shade smaller crest than leader, grand shape, neat droop and centre; 4, Fenwick, cl., grand crest, very dense, nice shape and droop, grand quality, some thought an easy 2nd, Newcastle winner; vhc, Hands. C.B. CK. (3): 1, Taylor, var., grand size and width of skull, wonderful lash, grand flow of feather; 2, Bewick, var., another good one, good size, fine width and lash, not quite the flow of feather; 3, Hands, scarcely so bold in skull, yet carries any amount of good feather. HEN (4): 1, Bewick, well known "Duchess," one of the best hens out, looking in grand condition, a stormer for size and feather; 2, Armstrong, foul green, not quite so massive as leader, yet a grand hen, wonderful lash, grand rise and width, abundance of feather; 3, Taylor, cl., grand skull, rare size and width, carries any amount of good feather, well up; 4, Marshall, var., smaller skull, nice lash, good feather. C.B. 1911 (7): 1, Routledge, green, rare size, nice rise and width, good lash, carries an abundance of feather; 2, Bewick, wonderful skull, grand rise and width, well lashed, fine size and cushion, overflowing with feather, must have pressed; 4, hc, Hutchinson, not quite so wide in skull, nice rise, good lash, carries a good flow of feather behind poll; 4, Armstrong, var., grand size, a shade narrower in front, fine lash, abundantly clothed with the right kind of feather, some thought might have gone higher up; vhc, Hands; c, Pearse. PAIRS (3): 1, Taylor, var., crest of great size and shape and good green C.B., wonderful skull, plenty of feather, good pair; 2, Armstrong, neat var., crest of good shape and droop, and a wing and cap mkd. C.B., loses only in size of skull to leader, not far behind; 3, Marshall, nicely shaped wing mkd. D.C., neat droop and centre, and nice var. C.B. SCOTS FCY. (8): 1, Scott, cl. yell., grand size, very thick through, fine top end, good drive and reach, gets tail well under; 2, c, Harvey, cl. buff, loses only in size to leader, nice drive and reach, good action, gets tail well under; 3, 4, Chapman, 3rd smaller than leader, yell., nice thickness, good top, nervy; 4th, another yell., scarcely the same thickness nice drive, gets tail well under; vhc, Little; hc, Crain. LIGHT MULE, ETC. (4): 1, 3, Dixon, leader clear buff Greenle-Can., a picture, shown in grand condition; 3rd, lightly mkd. Goldie Mule, grand feather, nice flush and wings, extra nice condition; 2, 4, Maddison, tkd. Greenie-Can., well known, fine size and shape, grand condition and feather; 4th, mkd. Linnet Mule, well known winner, looking a bit down in condition. DARK (10): 1, Nicholson, Canary Bullie, nice shape, good col. and feather, in grand condition and polish; 2, 4, c, Maddison, yell. Goldie Mule, shown in grand condition, beautiful feather and polish, nice face and wings; 4th, Linnet Mule, nice size and shape, good col., fine polish and condition; 3, Welsh, yell. Greenie Mule, nice size, good shape, grand col., shown in good condition, close up; vhc, Adams, hc, Sokell. GOLDFINCH (4): 1, Tomlinson, good size and shape, nice square-cut blaze of good col., grand wings, nice col. and polish, lovely tanning, will be better yet; 2, Nicholson, a picture, good deep col. blaze, nice tans, grand wings, good condition and polish, loses a little in size; 3, Elliott, good blaze, dense col., nice size and shape, loses just a little in body col.; 4, Miss Dooley smaller, very neat blaze of good col., in nice condition. BULLFINCH (9): 1, Woods, a topper for size, fine shape, rich breast col., very level, grand back, broad dense col. cap, lovely feather; 2, 4, Holmes, grand shape, a shade smaller than leader, good level body col., nice back, good cap of dense col.; 4th, nice size and shape, level col,. in nice condition; 3, Curry, good one for size, nice shape, lovely breast col., level back, nice broad cap; vhc, Laidlaw; hc, Tomlinson; c, Charlton and Dodds. GREENFINCH (6): 1, Sokell, medium size, grand cobby shape, nice col., bold round head, good feather and condition; 2, Rowell and Quigley, slightly larger, good one for shape, lovely col. and condition, not quite so bold or round in head as leader; these two occupied same positions at Derwent Valley; 3, Curry, larger than either 1st or 2nd, but not the same good shape, nice col. and feather, well shown; 4, Adams, another good one for size and col., good condition; vhc, Elliott; hc, Boyd. SISKIN, ETC. (9): 1, Robson (Keppie), Siskin, nice size, grand shape, good col. and polish, nice cap, well laced, good one all over; 2, 4, Petterson, leader grand Twite, nice size, well pencilled, grand feather and condition, beautifully polished, well shown; 4th, Siskin, a shade smaller than leaders, nice col., neat cap and lacing; 3, Cockburn, Mealy Redpoll, good size and shape, well laced, good bib, grand feather and condition, well placed; vhc, hc, c, Geo. Taylor. A.O.S. FINCH, ETC. (3): In this class the 1st and 2nd awards appear to have got reversed in the catalogue, which gives 1st to Tomlinson and 2nd to Maddison. According to the cards on the cages the awards were, 1st, Maddison, grand Corn Bunting, nice size, beautifully pencilled, very steady, shown in perfect condition; 2, Tomlinson, Bramble, not a big one, but grand col. and condition, shown in perfect feather, Derwent Valley winner; 3, Geo. Taylor, Yellowhammer, nice size and col., lovely col., good condition and polish. LINNET (12): 1, Adams grand size, rich col. and polish, profusely pencilled, clear and distinct, nice whites, Derwent Valley winner; 2, Boyd, another good Linnet, grand pencilling, very profuse and clear, fine size and shape, in grand condition; 3, hc, Geo. Taylor, another good one, grandly pencilled, good col., polish and condition, loses only in boldness of head; 4, King, good one for size, nice shape, profuse pencilling, in nice condition; vhc, Tomlinson; c, Dunn. A.O.S. SOFTBILL (3): In this class the 1st and 3rd awards appear to have got reversed in the catalogue, which gives 1st to Boyd and 3rd to Woodhouse. According to cards on the cages, the awards were: 1st, Woodhouse, Wryneck, in grand feather and condition, well known winner; 2, Scott, Magpie, in grand feather, looking extremely well, put down in grand form; 3, Boyd, Jay, good exhibit, in nice condition, well shown.

Mr. Battye's Classes.

YORKS YELL. (10): 1, Wigglesworth, grand length and position, well drawn, neat shoulders and waist, hot col., lovely braced wings and tail; 2, Parker, fine long upstanding bird, well tapered, neat narrow shoulders, nice head and neck, grand quality, just beaten in col.; 3, Joe Thomas, good one for length, neat head, fine position, well drawn, lovely col. and quality, we liked; 4, Cuthbertson, grandly drawn, nice length and position, neat head, nice col. and quality; vhc, Hutler; hc, Ellwood; c, Stewart. BUFF (15): 1, 2, Tindale, leader grand length and position, straight as a rush, close boxy feather, neat narrow shoulders, finely drawn, grandly braced wings and tail, good col. and quality, 2nd scarcely so upstanding, yet a good one, fine length, grand feather, neat head, wings and tail; 3, Hutler, fine position, well drawn, nicely rounded, neat head, good wing carriage; 4, Stewart, grand length, nice position, not quite so well rounded on back, neat head, wings and tail; vhc, Dix; hc, Tweedie; c, O'Hagan. YELL. HEN (5): 1, Crawhall, beautifully drawn, grand length and position, neat head and neck, well rounded back, fine wing and tail, well up in col. and quality; 2, Cuthbertson, fine length, good position, neat shoulders and waist, well tapered, neat wings and tail; 3, Thomas, nice length, neat, well rounded body, finely drawn, nice col., just beaten a little in position; 4, Ellwood, grandly drawn, slim built, upstanding lady, neat shoulders and waist; vhc, Addison. BUFF (5): 1, Stewart, fine length, very upstanding position, neat head, grand wing carriage, finely tapered body, nice col. and quality; 2, Tindale, another fine lady, grand length and position, neat head, wings and tail, nice col; 3, Wigglesworth, not quite so erect as leaders, nice length, finely drawn, well tapered, nice col. and quality; 4, Hutler, good length, gets well up, nicely tapered; vhc, Cuthbertson. YELL. UNFLIG. (13): 1, Whitelaw, a grand one for length and position, gets well up on grand legs, well rounded shoulders, neat waist, good head and neck, well braced wings and tail; 2, 3, Tindale, leader grand col., fine length, straight as a rush, well drawn, neat head and neck, 3rd another good one, fine length, nice carriage, well drawn, beaten only in col.; 4, Stewart, rare length and position, neat head and wing carriage, scarcely so well finished as leaders; vhc, Crawhall; hc, Thomas; c, Leck. BUFF (13): 1, Crawhall, grand length, very upstanding, gets well up on good legs, grand shoulders and waist, neat head and neck, well braced wings and tail, good col. and quality; 2, Wigglesworth, good position and length, neat head, well tapered body, nice col. and quality; 3, vhc, Tindale, not quite so finely drawn, yet a good one for length and position, very neat head, nice style and carriage; 4, Jas. Carr, very lengthy, nice position, nice col., head ard neck, slim built; hc, Jas. Carr; c, Thomas. HEN, UNFLIG. (14): 1, Mather, yell., fine length, grandly tapered, nice narrow shoulders and waist, neat head, good wings and tail, rich col; 2, Crawhall, head tkd. buff, fine length, well rounded body, finely tapered, good position, well braced wings and tail, close up; 3, hc, Hutler, yell., scarcely so well finished as leader, nice taper, good position, neat wings and tail; 4, Whitwham, buff, slightly heavier in build, good length and position; vhc, Tindale; c, Thomas. NOVICE, YELL. (18): 1, Atkinson, mkd. wings and neck, nice length, grandly drawn, gets well up, rich col. and quality, grand wings and tail; 2, 3, Lyall, not quite so neat in head as leader, good lengthy upstanding bird, nicely rounded body, well drawn, good col. and quality, 3rd grand length, hot col., nice position and carriage; 4, Wood, nice length, neat narrow shoulders and waist, finely drawn; vhc, Harris; hc, Whitwham; c, Addison. BUFF (21): 1, Johnson, grand length, slimly built, nicely rounded shoulders, finely drawn, neat head, grand wings and tail; 2, Deighton, grand one for length, well drawn, hot col., fine erect position, gets wings over a little at times; 3, Cattell, a trifle heavier, extra length, grand position, neat head; 4, Whitwham, cap mkd., another good one for length, fine position; vhc, Johnson; hc, Bryden; c, Ridley. BORD. CK. YELL., CL., ETC. (12): 1, Ellwood, a gem all over, sweetly moulded, grandly rounded, grand col. and quality, beautifully finished, Newcastle winner; 2, Smith, not quite so rich in col., a beauty for shape, neat head, well rounded body, grand carriage; 3, Espie, nice shape, grand rich col., beautiful quality, jaunty movement, scarcely so neat in head; 4, Morley, another good one, nice shape and col.; vhc, Graham; hc, Watson; c, Hudspeth. BUFF (12): 1, Morgan, very shapely clear, sweetly moulded, good col. and quality, grand wings and tail; 2, Thos. Chapman, a shade heavier in build, grand shape and col., neat romd head, fine carriage; 3, Ellwood, topper for shape, neat head, well rounded body, grand carriage, good col. and quality; 4, Smith, best col. of any, beautiful shape, fine carriage; vhc, Elliott; hc, Watson; c, Whittaker. HEN (22): 1, Craig, even mkd. yell, model for shape, grand col and quality, sweet head and neck, free jaunty movement, nice markings; 2, Smith, cl. buff, grand shape, sweet head, nice carriage, rich col. and quality; 3, Morgan, cl. buff, trifle heavier in build, nice shape, neat head and neck, fine quality; 4, Graham, nearly even mkd. yell., good shape, neat wings and tail; vhc, Montgomery; hc, French; c, Chapman. CK. MKD. (11): 1, 2, Dixon, leader a gem all over, even mkd. yell, beautiful shape, close, tight, boxy feather, rich col. and quality, sweet head and neck, well filled in back, jaunty carriage, 2nd even mkd. buff, another gem for shape, beautiful col. and quality, close feather, rare head, wings and tail, two beauties; 3, Laidlow, lightly var. yell., sweetly moulded, grand col. and quality, neat head, fine wings and tail; 4, Montgomery, uncv. buff, topper for type, sweetly rounded, well filled in, rare col. and quality, fine carriage; vhc, Couchman and Beevon; hc, Espie; c, Chapman. NOVICE YELL. (22): 1, 2, 4, Nicholson, trio of gems, leader beauty for shape, sweet head and neck, well rounded body, grand wings and tail, rich col. and quality, 2nd unev. mkd., nice shape, neat head, beautiful wings and tail, well filled in under, 4th yell-green, nice shape and carriage, good level col.; 3, Scott, trifle slimmer in build, grand rich col, best of quality, neat head and neck; vhc, Afflick Bros.; hc, Rowell and Quigley; c, Potts. BUFF (25): 1, 3, vhc, Nicholson, another grand trio, leader perhaps a trifle long, yet nice col. and quality, well rounded, sweet head and neck, 3rd even mkd., nice shape, good wing carriage, neat head, good col. and quality; 2, hc, Peel, topper for shape, close boxy feather, sweetly built, neat head and neck, grand wing carriage, we preferred for 1st; 4, Hillary, grand shape, beautiful carriage, well rounded body; c, Little. GREEN, ETC. (11): 1, hc, Parker, yell.-green, nice shape, head and neck, good col., but not quite level all through; hc, Newcastle winner, we thought, not looking so well to-day; 2, 3, Johnston, 2nd yell.-green, grand type, sweetly moulded, neat head, wings and tail, fine col., some thought should have won, 3rd yell.-cinn., sweet shape, well rounded, nice tone of col, pure and level all through; 4, c, Montgomery, yell. green, nice col., very level, good polish; vhc, Young. CINN. YELL. (3): 1, Dormer, a blaze of col., grand size, fine shape, pure cinny tone all through, rare polish and condition, wins well; 2, Seely Bros., not the substance of leader, grand shape, rich level col., fine polish; 3, Dixon, nice size, good col. BUFF (3): 1, Dormer, topper for size, grand shape, rare head, wonderful col., level and pure all over, fine polish; 2, Griffiths, grand size, fine shape, nice col.; 3, French, not the substance of leaders, very shapely, nice col. and condition. LIZ. C. C. (11): 1, hc, Rukin, Silver, grand ground col., beautiful Spangle well rowed, clear and distinct, nice cap and lacing; 2, vhc, Barnes, Gold, beauty for spangle, clear and distinct, laid on in good order, nice cap; 3, 4, Riseborough, Silver leading, larger than leader, big bold spangle, not quite so regular as leaders, good cap and ground col.; 4th Gold, good spangle, nicel. rowed, neat shaped cap; c, Hyslop. BROKEN (12): 1, 2, Rukin, two gems, leader Silver, grand col., beautiful back work, clear distinct spangling, laid on in regular order, good lacing, 2nd Gold, another good one for work, bold distinct spangle and plenty of it, nice ground col.; 3, c, Barnes, Gold, very similar to 2nd, grand spangle, well rowed, rich col., not much to choose; 4, vhc, hc, Hyslop, Silver, nice shape, good spangle, well rowed. PAIRS: 1, Dobinson, Nor., grand yell cock, fine size and col., sweet buff hen, beautiful shape and quality, both cleare, 2, Johnson, pair of nice Yorkies, lengthy, well tapered buff cock and sweet slimly built yell. hen again both clears; 3, Butler, var. buff Nor. cock, grand size and shape, and beautiful cl. yell. hen, a gem for quality and type; 4, Smith, buff Norwich cock, rare size, and nice yellow hen; vhc, Addison. FOR. LARGE (3): 1, 2, MacKenzie, Lory leading, in really grand condition, 2nd Senegal Parrakeet, also in lovely condition and plumage; 3, Scott, King Parrot, nice feather, not looking so well as we have seen him. SMALL (8): 1, c, Young, Scarlet Tanager in lovely condition, not a feather out of place, shown in fine form; 2, Taylor, Banana Quit, very pretty, not yet in condition; 3, hc, MacKenzie, Long-tailed Whydah, in good feather and condition; 4, vhc, Scott, nice pair of Cordon Bleus leading, in tight feather. Hyde's Special, 1, Hands. MEMBERS—NOR. YELL. (14): 1, Butler; 2, Holden; 3, J. H. Crass; 4, Jas. Crass; vhc, John Rohson; hc, Harris; c, Fletcher. BUFF (14): 1, John Robson; 2, 4, Holden; 3, Butler; vhc, Smith; hc, J. H. Crass. HEN (21): 1, Butler; 2, McKay; 3, Holden; 4, hc, Tyson; vhc, Smith; c, McKay. NAT. COL. (5): 1, Tyson; 2, Vallans; 3, Farrell; 4, J. H. Crass; vhc, Hands. CREST CK. (2): 1, Berwick; 2, Clark. HEN (4): 1, Bewick; 2, Hands; 3, J. H. Crass; 4, Tyson. C.B. CK. (3): 1, Bewick; 2, Hands, 3, Clark. HEN (3): 1, Bewick; 2, Pearce; 3, Clark. YORKS YELL. (5): 1, 3, Jas. Carr; 2, Jos. Carr; wrong class, Graham; abs., Leck. BUFF (6): 1, 2, 3, Jas. Carr; 4, Ellwood; vhc, Leck; hc, Harris. HEN (5): 1, Jos. Carr; 2, Leck; 3, Jas. Carr; 4, Graham; vhc Pearce. BORD. YELL. CK. (5): 1, vhc, Browell; 2, Hillary; 3, Ridley; 4, Purvis. BUFF (5): 1, Ellwood; 2, J. W. Reed; 3, 4, Purvis; vhc, Simpson. HEN (7): 1, 4, Browell; 2, c, J. W. Reed; 3, Purvis; vhc, Ellwood; hc, Ridley. PAIR OF CAN. (6): 1, Butler; 2, Hands; 3, Simpson; 4, Jos. Clark; vhc, Robson; hc, Harris. MULE (4): 1, Maddison; 2, Clark; 3, 4, Robson. GOLDIE, ETC. (4): 1, Leck; 2, Simpson; 3, Robson; 4, Clark. A.O.S. FINCH, ETC. (6): 1, hc, Robson; 2, Maddison; 3, vhc, Clark; 4, Hands. LINNET (5): 1, McKay; 2, J. W. Reed; 3, Clark; 4, Harrison; vhc, Robson. CREST, ETC., AMAT. (2): 1, 2, Simpson, NOR. (8): 1, 3, Ayre; 2, vhc, Dyer; 4, Spoor; hc, Walker; c, J. W. Reed. A.O.V. (3): 1, 3, Jos. Carr; 2, Simpson.

SANDY.

A nice little show was that of the Sandy Fur and Feather Society, which was held in the Town Hall on November 4th. Some very nice exhibits were staged, and the competition was fairly keen. The competition for the points cup was very keen between Messrs. Palmer, Kingstone, and Thompson, only three points separating the three, and Mr. Palmer being the lucky winner with sixty points. Messrs. Kent and Milliner made a most excellent pair of secretaries, and the stewards, under the direction of Mr. Western, the chairman, worked hard and well. Mr. C. A. House judged.

NOR. (5): 1, 3, Kingstone, very neat yell., and tkd. headed yell., good quality and colour, not best shape; r, Thompson, cobby, nice feathered buff, vhc, Palmer. HEN (4): 1, 3, res, Kingstone, short compact buff, and a varying yell, not so close in feather, 2, Palmer, nicely feathered, a trifle longer. NON-FED. (5): 1, res., Thompson, wing and neck yell., capital feather, nice shape; 2, 3, Kingstone, long shapely buff, and a nice feathered, 3, varieg. yell., not so typical; vhc, Palmer. A.O.V. (7): 1, 2, 3, res., vhc, hc, Palmer, a splendid team of crests, 1st neat green, very full and dense, neat centre, grand droop and radiation, 2, very neat wing mkd., rare centre and droop, not so wide or heavy, 3, even-mkd., nice shape, loses in droop, c, Kingstone. SELL 10/-: (10): 1, c, Mrs. Thurley; 2, res., vhc, hc, Palmer; 3, Thompson, Mrs. Sarll. BRIT GOLD (4): 1, 2, Thompson, lovely rich col., beautiful feather, and shape, 2, good col. and marking not up in face; 3, Godman, nice col. and marking, but wild, res., Sarll. MULES, ETC. (5): 1, Miss Harris, larger, good coloured, fine feathered, dark Greenie Goldie; 2, vhc, Godman, very shapely, nice coloured, neat feathered varieg. buff, 3, res, Kingstone, bonnie little Linnet, varieg. buff, 3, res, Kingstone, bonnie little Linnet, nice col. and marking. A.O.V. SMALL (4): 1, 2, Thompson, rich coloured, tight feathered, well spangled Bramble, and a grand coloured, close feathered Greenie; 3, res, Miss Harris, nicely mkd., shapely, rich coloured Chaffinch. FOR. (2): 1, 2, Gibbs, two very nice rich Orange Weavers, good colour and feather.

BRECHIN.

Once more we have the pleasure of recording another very successful show under the auspices of the Brechin C.B.S. This is the 48th annual show. The Society has weathered many a storm and is still going strong. The show was held on Nov. 4th, in the usual venue, the Templars' Hall, an ideal show-room, which has been so often described. The room was somewhat cold, and consequently many of the birds in open cages did not do themselves justice when judged; otherwise the results in several cases would probably have been different. Entries were a bit down on last year's, the numerous shows held in this part at this time no doubt affecting the entries. Brechin might be termed the "Border City" of Scotland. Borders certainly came out well, and were the feature of the show. The quality all over was of a high order, the competition being very keen in all the classes. Mr. Gray, who came in for a good share of the spoils, won the challenge cup presented by Mr. G. J. Melville. The Norwich classes contained some really high-class specimens, many of the classes being keenly contested. Mr. Harris (Montrose) was cup winner in this section with an unflighted cock. The British on the whole were a good collection. Mr. G. Mitchell makes an efficient, courteous, and practical secretary, and is ably assisted by a hard working committee of true fanciers. The Norwich were judged by Mr. W. Bishop (Stirling); Borders by Mr. J. Hutchison (Dysart); wild Birds, etc., by Mr. J. Stewart (Arbroath), and on the whole the awards gave every satisfaction.

The Critique.

NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (11): 1, Bowman, good shape head and neck, nice wing carriage, fine level col., bead marked; 2, Kydd, cl., not quite so good in substance, well staged; 3, sp, 4, sp, Mitchell, beautiful col., nice heads, good wings and tail, in the pink of condition; 5, Harris. 6, Pirie. BUFF (15): 1, Pirie, good head, nice full neck, typical Nor.; 2, sp, Mitchell, grand shape and substance, deep chest, well cleaned out underneath, close up; 3, Bowman, fine exhibit, good tone of col.; 4, sp Edwards, good one throughout, not far behind, 5, sp, Kydd; 6, Kennedy. YELL. VARIEG, ETC., CK. (7): 1, Allison, rare hot fed one, fine head and neck, good tail and wing carriage; 2, 5, Hampton, 2nd, fine exhibit, put down in rare trim; 3, Anderson, fine tone of col., good type; 4 Cable, very typical; 6, Grewar. BUFF (11): 1, sp, S.P.C.C. medal, Smeaton, good one, fine thickness, head and wing mkd., rare substance, staged to perfection; 2, Will, fine showy bird, heavier mkd. than leader, should come up a bit yet; 3, Ewen and Anderson, smaller, but fine type, in good feather; 4, Cable, another good one for type and quality; 5, Taylor; 6, Steven. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (7): 1, Smeaton, another clinker, fine substance, hot fed, good exhibit; 2, 4, sp, Mitchell, 2nd, fine head and neck, good wing carriage, well up, two good exhibits; 3, Boath, good type, very shapely; 5, Cable; 6, Hampton. BUFF (13): 1, sp, Smeaton, fine upstanding bird, good bead and neck, clean cut; 2, sp, 5, Mitchell, cobby and superb col., neat head and neck, one of the smartest; 3, sp, Milne, another good one, not far behind; 4, Taylor, good one throughout; 6, Harris. YELL. VARIEG. ETC. (7): 1, sp, Harris, rattling fine col. and quality, nice shape and size, good carriage, clean cut; 2, Pirie, well up in size, lovely shape and col.; 3, 5, sp, Mitchell, two good exhibits, put down in rare trim, a credit to the exhibitor; 4, Clark, fine type; 6, Kennedy. BUFF (9): 1, Kydd, fine hen, in rare feather; 2, Grewer, good hen, a trifle narrower in head, fine type and quality; 3, Sanderson, lovely feather and finish; 4, Bowman; 5, Edwards; 6, Ritchie. UNFLIG CK. (15): 1, cup, Harris, rare type, in fine feather, good tone of col. throughout, a popular win; 2, Smeaton, good one, close up; 3, sp, Kerr, beaten just a little in substance, good one; 4, Will, fine type; 5, Kydd; 6, sp, Hampton. HEN (15): 1, Smeaton, grand substance, Al bloom and condition, fine youngster; 2, Harris, another clinker, not quite so well rounded as leader; 3, Kydd, Al body, full of bloom and condition; 4, sp, Mitchell, fine condition; 5, Grewer; 6, Milne. NON-FED CK. (3): 1, Mitchell, fine head, and chest feather, good stamp; 2, 3, sp., Skinner, pleuty of substance, but barely the quality of leader; 4, Grewar, equal in most points; 5, Taylor; 6, Souter. HEN (11): 1, sp, Smeaton, nicely built, grand quality, lovely head, neck and chest, neat mod'l; 2, Grewar, good type and quality; 3, Mitchell, a wee shade small in head, perfect feather, nicely staged; 4, Taylor, nice size, taking exhibit; 5, Dressel; 6, Hendry. BORD. CL. ETC., YELL. CK. (14): 1, B.F.C.C. medal, sp., Patterson, fine model, grand shape and carriage, neat wings and tail, both carried to perfection; 2, sp, 4, sp, Craig, two good ones, grand shape and quality, nice col., very jaunty carriage; 3, sp, Arnott, a gem, sweet and shapely, nice quality; 5, Ayre; 6, Auld. BUFF (16): 1, Patterson, fine sweet exhibit, in lovely feather, like wax; 2, sp, Arnott, good shape, in the pink of condition, heavier built than leader; 3, 5, sp, Craig, grand shape and quality, feather close as wax, well modelled; 4, Bennet, neat wings and tail; 6, Irvine. YELL. VARIEG. CK. (13): 1, Auld, excellent shape and quality, feathered like wax, a model; 2, Bennet, another of almost equal merit to 1st, grand carriage, perfect wing and tail carriage; 3, Craig, grand shape and quality; 4, Hampton, nice shape, close fitting feather, perfect wing and tail carriage; 5, Crabb and Finlayson; 6, Logie. BUFF (10): 1, Bennet, eye and wing tick, lovely shape and feather, very smart; 2, Craig, sweet shape, very neat and stylish, lovely action, good all round quality; 3, Ayre, nice quality and shape, nicely carried wings, in lovely feather, good carriage; 4, Robertson, nice quality of feather, good type; 5, Duncan; 6, Patterson. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (15): 1, Patterson, very sweet cue, neat head, finely rounded front, good wing and tail; 2, sp, Arnott, similar type, fails just a trifle in finish; 3, 4, Craig, two very neat and stylish, true Border type; 5, sp, Irons; 6, Ayre. BUFF (21): 1, sp, cup, 3, sp, Craig, two gems of the first water, staged in faultless trim; 2, Bennet, another grand exhibit, full of quality, neat head; 4, Ayre, sweet head, finely tapered; 5, Patterson; 6, Logie. YELL. VARIEG. (6): 1, Irvin, fine smart made lady, put down in clinking fine trim, head mkd.; 2, Craig, heavier mkd., fine type, in lovely feather; 3, Logie, similar, not quite so steady; 4, Kennedy, good type; 5, Aikenhead; 6, Malcolm. BUFF (16): 1, Bennet, put down without a fault, in lovely feather, wing mkd.; 2, Craig, finely tapered body, very jaunty carriage; 3, McCrae, good one all through, not far behind; 4, sp, Patterson, sweet head, finely tapered; 5, Aitkenhead; 6, Lyall. EVEN MKD. (10): 1, B.F.C.C. novice medal, 2, Logie, two lovely exhibits, finely-balanced mks., grand quality feather, good type; 3, Hampton, a trifle heavier made, in fine feather, well staged; 4, Robertson, another good one for type and quality; 5, Gentleman; 6, Crabb and Finlayson. GREEN OR CINN. (4): 1, sp, 2, Lambie, green, very sweet, upstanding type, both staged to perfection; 3, Craig, similar, in fine feather, well put down; 4, Gentleman, another good Cinn. MULE OR HYB. (4): 1, Roy, Goldie-Mule, in fine feather, nicely staged; 2, Fyfe, Greenie Mule, put down in very fine feather; 3, sp, Smith, nice rich colour and feather; 4, Watson, Goldie, beautiful col. and condition, perfect feather, some thought might have had a prize. GOLDFINCH (BRIT.): 1, Palmer, not one of the largest, but fine shape, nice flush, good buttons, lovely chest, well tanned; 2, sp, 3, 4, Douglas, nice body colt, a shade small, not put down quite as well as might be; 5, 6, Jeffrey. BULLFINCH (BRIT.) (5): 1, sp, Black, fine size, well defined cap, but uneven in breast colour; 2, 3, Douglas, two lovely Bullies, fine cap, splendid bars, lovely breast colour, some considered could have been 1st and 2nd; 4, Kerr, fine exhibit; 5, Watt. SISKIN, ETC. (9): 1, 4, Black, fine size, steady as a rock; 2, McArdle and Stewart, Siskin, nice col. and quality, good cap, very shapely; 3, sp, Milne, similar to 2nd, sweet little chap; 5, Grewar; 6, Aitkenhead. LINNET (8): 1, sp, 3, McArdle and Stewart, two splendid Linnets, in lovely condition, good col.; 2, Palmer, nice bird, excellent size, shape and style, well marked all over, sound, nicely pencilled, must have pressed bard; 4, Smith, another good one, not quite so steady as wianers; 5, Mitchell; 6, Hendrie. GREENFINCH (7): 1, Gore, fine bird, grand size, shape and style, in first rate order; 2, Roy, splendid size and shape, good tone of col.; 3, Watson, real beauty for col., fine size, fine wings and tail, splendid bird; 4, Fyfe, good exhibit. BRIT. A.O.S. (2): 1, 2, Douglas, two well known birds, a Jay and a Magpie. FOR. (I): 1, Crawford, a pair of lovely exhibits.

EDINBURGH O.S. AND EDINBURGH WESTERN.

Combined show of the above-named societies held October 28th in the Grindley Street Hall. It was the 64th show of the former society and the 26th of the latter. The secretaries, Messrs. R. Lile (of the Western) and A. Stavert (of the O.S.), are a brace of able workers who deserve every praise for the success of the venture. They were admirably assisted by Mr. Tom Ballantyne (the president of the Western Society) and Mr. W. Allan (president of the E.O.S.). The entry for the Western Society was 330—a record number—and the judges were Messrs. J. Carson and J. Hogg (for Scotch Fancies), J. Thomson (for Border Fancies), and J. Adams (for Norwich and British). For the Edinburgh O.S. an entry of 294 birds faced Messrs. Carlaw and Park (Scotch Fancies), and A. Cochrane (the remainder). The awards of all the judges were well received.

The Edinburgh Western Awards.

SCOT. FCY., YELL. CK., (10): 1, 3, Burgess; 2, 6, spl., McNiven; 4, spl., Morris; 5, Bowman; 7, Spittal; 8, Aitchison. HEN (7): 1, 2, Dodds; 3, Proudfoot; 4, Spittal; 5, Aitchison. YELL. PIED CK. (5): 1, Morris; 2, Bowman; 3, Spittal. HEN (4): 1, 4, Bowman; 2, 3, Morris. TKD., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, Bowman; 2, Gorrie; 3, Aitchison; 4, Spittal. HEN (6): 1, Dods; 2, 5, Spittal; 3, 4, Rodger; 6, Proudfoot. BUFF CK. (7): 1, spl., McNiven; 2, Lile; 3, Burgess; 4, Morris. HEN (12): 1, 3, 6, spl., McNiven; 2, Dodds; 4, Bowman; 5, spl., Lile; 7, spl., Burgess. BUFF PIED CK. (9): 1, 3, spl., Aitchison; 2, 4, Proudfoot; 5, Spittal; 6, spl., Douglass; 7, Burgess. HEN (12): 1, 4, 5, spl., Burgess; 2, 3, spl., Rodger; 6, Proudfoot; 7, Bowman. TKD., ETC., BUFF CK. (5): 1, 5, Burgess; 2, McNiven; 3, Gorrie; 4, Campbell. HEN (11): 1, 4, 6, spl., McNiven; 2, Proudfoot; 3, Burgess; 5, Morris; 7, Gorrie; 8, Douglas. BORD., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (24): 1, 3, 6, spl., Andrew; 2, 5, J. I. Mackie; 4, Rodgers; 8, spl., Napier. HEN (24): 1, 3, 4, Andrew; 2, 8, J. I. Mackie; 5, Rodger; 6, Spittal; 7, Napier. BUFF (26): 1, spl., best Border, J. I. Mackie; 2, Napier; 3, 5, Spittal; 4, Whitefield; 6, Andrew; 7, Napier; 8, Rodger. HEN (16): 1, Andrew; 2, Rodger; 3, 5, J. I. Mackie, 4, 8, Napier; 6, Aitchison; 7, Spittal. MKD., ETC. (25): 1, 4, 5, 7, 8, spl., Andrew; 2, 3, J. I. Mackie; 3, 6, spl., Prondfoot. GREEN (11): 1, 7, J. I. Mackie; 2, 8, spl., Spittal; 3, 5, 6, spl., Lile; 4, G. Mackie. CINN. (8): 1, 3, 4, J. I. Mackie; 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, G. Mackie. MATCHED PAIRS (7): 1, spl., 6, J. I. Mackie; 2, Aitchison; 3, Lile; 4, Whitefield; 5, Spittal. NOR., YELL. CK. (8): 1, Bowman; 2, 3, 4, spl., Wishart; 5, Ballantyne; 6, 7, Brodie. HEN (13): 1, 2, 3, 8, Wishart; 4, 6, Ballantyne; 5, Campbell; 7, J. I. Mackie. BUFF, FED (13): 1, J. I. Mackie; 2, Bowman; 3, 6, 8, Wishart; 4, Campbell; 5, 7, spl., Ballantyne. HEN (12): 1, 6, Wishart; 2, 4, 5, spl., Bowman; 3, Tweedale; 7, Brodie; 8, spl. Thain. NON-FED (4): 1 Campbell; 2, Thain; 3, Brodie; 4, Bowman. CREST (6): 1, Wishart; 2, 3, spl., Black; 4, 5, Proudfoot; 6, Todd. C.B. (6): 1, 6, Proudfoot; 2, 4, Todd; 3, Black; 5, Wishart. BRIT.: 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, spl., J. I. Mackie (Yellow Wagtail, Missel Thrush, Bramble and Meadow Pipit); 4, Lile (Mealy Redpoll); 6, 7, G. Mackie (Bullfinch, Mealy Redpoll).

The Edinburgh O.S. Awards.

SCOT. FCY, YELL. (8): 1, 5, Hope; 2, 3, Dalgleish; 6, Brown; 7, Kerr; 8, spl., Stewart. HEN (13): 1, 6, Paterson; 2, Petrie; 3, Brown; 4, Kerr; 5, Rodger; 7, Stavart; 8, Thornton. YELL. PIED (9): 1, no name; 2, 5, 8, Rodger; 3, spl., Sinclair; 4, spl., Dalgleish; 6, Menzies; 7, Stavert. HEN (11): 1, spl., Dalgleish; 2, 7, Rodger; 3, spl., McMillan; 4, Sinclair; 5, Thornton; 6, Hendry; 8, Farrell. YELL. TKD. (6): 1, Allan; 2, Hope; 3, Paterson; 4, Kerr; 5, Carson. HEN (4): 1, Hope; 2, Paterson; 3, Kerr; 4, Carson. YELL. GREEN (3): 1, Munro; 2, Hendry; 3, Brown. HEN (3): 1, Dalgleisb; 2, 3, Begbie. BUFF (10): 1, spl., Thornton; 2, Hope; 3, 4, Rodger; 5, Farrell; 6, Kerr; 7, Brown; 8, Allan. HEN (13): 1, Rodger; 2, 4, spl., Munro; 3, 6, Menzies; 5, Allan; 7, spl., no name; 8, West. BUFF PIED: 1, Paterson; 2, spl., Allan; 3, Dalgleish; 4, Begbie; 5, 7, Rodger; 6, Kerr. HEN (17): 1, cup, Martin; 2, 7, Allan 3, Paterson; 4, spl., 8, Dalgleish; 5, spl., Begbie; 6, spl., Rodger. BUFF TKD. (11): 1, Begbie; 2, Munro; 3, spl., 7, Rodger; 4, Paterson; 5, spl., Dalgleish; 6, Brown; 8, Farrell. HEN (8): 1, Thornton; 2, Hope; 3, Kerr; 4, Dalgleish; 5, Farrell; 6, Carson; 7, Begbie; 8, Brown. BUFF GREEN (3): 1, Dalgleish; 2, Drysdale; 3, Begbie. HEN (6): 1, Allan; 2, Drysdale; 3, W. Carson; 4, J. Carson; 5, Begbie. NOR., BUFF (1): 1, Martin. HEN (3): 1, Martin. VARIEG. (8): 1, no name; 2, no name; 3, spl., 5, W. Carson; 4, Allan; 6, Duff. A.O.V. (7): 1, spl., 4, Hendry; 2, 3, Allan; 5, 6, W. Carson. MULE, LIGHT: 1, 2, 3, Allan. DARK: 1, W. Carson; 2, 3, 4, Allan. BRIT. (34): 1, 2, 5, 6, Allen (Linnet, Greenie, etc.); 3, 7, 8, McMillan; 4, Carson.

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TUNSTALL.

Third annual show of the Tunstall C.B.S. was held On Nov. 2nd. The "Crown and Anchor" Hotel, Market Square, was the venue. The large room in which the exhibits were very tastefully and judiciously staged, is well lighted and spacious, and is absolutely free from draughts. The chief feature was the Norwich section, the birds here being truly a choice collection. The British birds also were greatly admired. The Novice and Members' classes contained some stylish exhibits, many being capable of doing well in the "higher circles." The committee of management consists of the following enthusiastic and hard working officials, viz., Messrs. Potts, Jephson, Brough, Furnival, Symcox, Jones, Evans, James, Moseley, Averill, Wilkinson, Johnson, Smith, Hassall, Hughes, J. Parr, and A. Parr. Messrs. Evans and Brough, the worthy secs., work well together, are courteous and obliging, and were always doing the right thing at the right time. The stewards were Messrs. Pitchford (Stoke C.B.S. Secy.), Podmore, Hassel, Davies and Greatback, junr., who all worked magnificently and assisted in no mean manner to the success of the carnival. The exhibits of Messrs. J. E. Taylor (Bradford) and W. G. Poole (Stratford-on-Avon) arrived too late for judging—12.35 p.m. when these exhibits arrived—the railway company again, we presume! Judging commenced early and cards were quickly placed. The show opened in good time. Mr. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield) judged, and his awards were well received. Special winners:—Best Yell. Nor., Mr. W. Bowyer; Buff, Mr. R. Hall; Yell. Yorks, Messrs. Wilkinson and Elliott; Buff, Mr. T. Hawley; Yell. Nor. (Novice), Mr. H. Evans; Buff, Mr. J. W. Dalsell; Yell. Yorks. Novice, Mr. G. Lea; Buff, Mr. G. Lawton; British, Mr. P. V. Williams (his noted Cbough); Hyde's, Mr. H. Evans; Ramsden's, Mr. F. Johnson; Sandiford's, Mr. J. Wilkinson.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL. (5): 1, he, Bowyer, cl., rare shape and substance, lovely colour and quality, jaunty carriage, clean cut away; 2, Yates, cl., Al. col. and feather, grand head, neck and chest, tight as a Java; 3, Oliver, cl., true type, teeming with quality and colour, moves quickly; vhc, Rathbone. Classes 2, 3, 4, Cancelled. YELL. HEN (6): 1, Bowyer, cl., magnificent shape, rattling fine quality, grand substance and carriage, real charmer; 2, Hall, cl., lovely type, feathered to perfectiou, rich tone of col., one of the best; 3, Young, mkd. head, full of col., rare quality, shapely, good carriage; vhc, Pitchford and Stocker; bc, Smith; c, Oliver. BUFF (6): 1, spl. best buff Nor., Williams, mkd. wings and bead, wonderful substance, slashing fine sbape, delightful colour and frosting, a topper; 2, Yates, cl., very shapely, smooth as a bottle, superior feather and col., not the size of winner; 3, Hall, mkd. wings and head, well clothed, superior colour, grand head, neck and chest; vhc, Ratbbone; hc, Windsor; c, Smith. YELL. UNFLIG. (7): 1, vhc, Ratbbone, cap mkd., ablaze with col., capital quality, well up in substance, fiue head and neck, grand shaped body; 2, Hall, cl., grand type, featber and col., moves well, not quite the size, yet very smart and stylish; 3, Smith, cl., Al feather and col., fine head, thick neck, bold chest; hc, Bowyer; c, Whitehurst. BUFF: Cancelled. YORKS. YELL. (5): 1, Hawley, cl., very lengthy, stands like a guardsman, smootb as a bottle, good one; 2, Pygott, rattling fine feather, slim and upstanding, grand back and wing carriage; 3, Williams, sbooty, Al quality, good col., well filled back, neat wing carriage; vhc, Tomkinson; bc, Weedall. TKD. (5): 1, Hemmiugs and Breeton, tkd. head, rare leugth, stands finely, superior quality, grand back flights and tail; 2, Hawley, mkd. wing and head, red hot, silky feather, Al position, clever legs, close up; 3, Windsor, Cinn. mkd wiugs and head, capital stand, nice lengtb; vhc, Pygott; hc, Baxter. BUFF (5): 1, Baxter, mkd. wing, lovely salmon tinged col., straight as a rusb, good length, shows thighs nicely; 2, Leadbeater, Cinn. mkd. wings and eyes, wonderful length, Al position, grand one for stock purposes; 3, Williams, mkd. wing and head, lengthy and slim, straight up, capital body, wings and tail; Nos. 2, 3, Taylor, absent.. YELL. HEN: Cancelled. BUFF (4): 1, Hawley, cl., full of quality, true position, nice length, good back and wings, pipe tail; 2, Wilkinson and Elliott, cl., Al feather and col., lengthy and leggy, well filled back, neat wing carriage; 3, Robinson, c., stands nicely, good featber, a trifle gutted in back; No. 1, Taylor, absent. YELL. UNFLIG. (5): 1, Wilkinson and Elliott, cl., smooth as a bottle, straight as a gun barrel, full of style, easy win, very promising; 2, Hawley, mkd. neck, rare length, stands well, good back and flights, bas a tendency to pull bit thin in neck; 3, Williams, mkd. wing and head, red hot, shooty, capital lengtb, vhc, Lea; hc, Tomkinson. BUFF (5): 1, Hawley, very lengthy cl., tight as a drum, capital position, Al col. and quality, bonny; 2, Wilkinson and Elliott, mkd. wing and eye, straight up, lovely feather, beautifully frosted; 3, Robinson, mkd. wing and head, true type, good in col. and feather: vhc, Lea; No. 3, Hayes, absent. CINN. YELL. and BUFF HEN: Cancelled. GOLDIE (7): 1, vhc, Pitchford and Stocker, rare size and shape, capital quality, large and well cut blaze of Al col., neat bars and buttons, Manchester 2nd; 2, Dean, nice shape, size and quality, good coloured blaze, not quite so bold as above, yet grand exhibit; 3, Newman, most substance in class, good shape, square blaze of large dimensions, not yet up in col.; hc, c, Davies. LINNET: (9): 1, Tams and Son, magnificent col., shape and size, delightfully pencilled, steady as a top, a knock out; 2, 3, Davies, with a brace of very smart exhibits, former slashing fine col. and feather, good shape, neatly mkd.; latter Al col. and sbape, markings not quite so distinct, good 3rd; vhc, Bate; hc, Weedal; c, Hemmings and Brereton. SISKIN, ETC. (8): 1, Bowyer, Redpoll, wonderful size, grand shape and pencilling, capital col. and quality; 2, Pitchford and Stocker, Twite, lovely col., fine shape, beautifully mkd., tight as a drum; 3, Weedall, Redpoll, shapely, good col. and feather, nicely mkd., not quite size of 1st; vhc, Dean; bc, Tams and Son; c, Podmore. HARDBILL A.O.S.: Cancelled. SOFTBILL (3): 1, 3, Williams, 1st, very fine conditioned Chough, grand beak and legs; 3, Magpie, in nice form, put down well; 2, Hemmings and Brereton, Thrush, shapely, good col., profusely mooned, nice substance in the pink. FOR. (5): 1, Williams; 2, 3, vhc, Miss J. W. Blagg. OPEN NOVICE. NOR. YELL.: Cancelled. BUFF (8): 1, Dalsell, cl., short and thick set, superb quality and col., good substance and carriage, clean cut away; 2, Barrett, cl., capital size, quality and col., shone like silk, heaten a little in shape, yet very bonny; 3, Williamson, cl., well feathered, nice shape, moves gracefully; vhc, James; hc, Perkin and Tatler; c, Bridgwood. TKD. YELL. and BUFF: Cancelled. UNFLIG. (14): 1, c, Johnson, buff, mkd. wings and head, well up in size, cobby, capital col. and feather, very promising youngster; 2, Evans, cl. yell., ablaze with col., silky texture of feather, nice head, neck and chest, very close up; 3, Street, buff, mkd. eye, shapely and of nice size, good carriage, worth its place; vhc, James; hc, Perkins and Tatler. HEN (14): 1, Johnson, cl. buff, rattling fine feather and quality, rare shape, beautifully frosted, jaunty carriage, one of the best; 2, Evans, cl. yell., wonderful substance, col. and quality, good head and neck; 3, Dalsell, buff, mkd. head, cobby in build, good size, moves well, bonny; vhc, Clay; hc, c, Moor. YORKS. YELL. (6): 1, Lea, cl., straight as a pencil, lengthy, capital feather, good back, flights and tail, clever legs; 2, Sweetnam, cl., superb quality and col., stands well, fine length, just beaten in style; 3, Holland, mkd. wing and head, extremely lengthy, good position, leggy, vbc, Glover; hc, Windsor; c, Newman. BUFF: Cancelled. UNFLIG. (12): 1, Lawton, cl. yell., straight as a guardsman, slim, lovely feather and col., grand back wings and tail; 2, Lawton; cl. buff, beautiful position, lengthy and of rare quality, rich salmon tinged col., in the pink; 3, Walker, cl. gell., fine length, A1 quality and col., nice stand, good third; vhc, Glover; bc, Brough; c, Salt. HEN (8): 1, Holland, cl. buff, grand position, rich quality and colour, rare length, best of backs, quite a charming damsel; 2, Lawton, cl. yell., full of quality and style, nice length, lovely head expression, very close up; 3, Lawton, cl. buff, true type, rattling fine feather, good colour, well up on leg; vhc, P. Barnes; hc, Glover; c, Walker. MEMBERS, YELL. NOR. (2): 1, James; 2, Parr Bros. BUFF (7): 1, James; 2, Wilkinson; 3, Parr Bros; vhc, Smith; c, Potts. UNFLIG. YELL. (4): 1, Smith; 2, Potts; 3, Evans; vhc, Parr Bros. BUFF (10): 1, Hassell; 2, Evans; 3, Johnson; vhc, Potts; hc, Averill; c, James. YELL. HEN (6): 1, Parr Bros.; 2, Evans; 3, James; vhc, Parr Bros; hc, Smith; c, Potts. BUFF (9): 1, Evans; 2, Averill; 3, Hassall; vhc, Averill. MULE (1): 1, Parr Bros.

BEDFORD.

Ninth annual show of the Bedford and Beds. C.B.S., held Town Hall, Nov. 2nd. Entries were not so numerous as in previous years, but the quality was very much in evidence, and there was a really grand show of Norwich. The opening ceremony was performed by Mrs. W. Roff. Mr. A. Keech captured the challenge cup for most points; in fact it was difficult for anyone else to get a look in. It was worth going a long way to see the magnificent collection of Mr. Timaeus' Foreigners, which made a show by themselves. The Committee, ably led by the Chairman, Mr. H. Gentle, and the Secretary, Mr. E. Wiggins, had everything well in hand and cards were up before dinner. Mr. Geo. Gardner made the awards, and gave general satisfaction; he went for colour and type.

The Critique.

CL., ETC., YELL. NOR. (13): 1, 2, Keech, couple of grand youngsters, nice size, rare col., correct type, lovely col.; 3, F. Webb, a trifle smaller, nice type and quality; res, hc, Beanland, nice col.; vbc Millard, very fine bird; c, Gentle. TKD., ETC., YELL. (14): 1, res, c, Keech, mkd. bird, rare type, nice short stout body, good flights and tail, rare col.; 2, Millard, another marked bird of excellent type and quality, runs winner very close; 3, Wilmot, marked head, excels in col., correct type; vhc, Corrie; hc, Beanland. CL., ETC., BUFF (17): 1, res, Keech, lovely quality and col., in prime condition; 2, Beanland, very fine specimen, excels in col. and type, just a bit loose in feather or might have won; 3, Osborn, well made throughout, grand mealy, deserves its place; vhc, Gentle; hc, Millard. TKD., ETC., BUFF (18): 1, 2, vbc, Keech, ticked over eye, wins special for best in show, not a big one, but all there for type, col. and condition; 2nd, marked bird, excellent type, col. and quality; 3, Goodman, grizzle cap, very good type and quality, nice all round; res, Notley, marked, very short and cobby, well worth its place; hc, Gentle; c, Millard. YELL. HEN (16): 1, Keech, very smart unflig., not very big, but rare quality and col.; 2, Notley, rare big hen, excels in body properties, beaten only in col., some thought might have won; 3, Beanland, smart, excellent quality and type, just a trifle long; res, hc, Gentle; c, Webb. BUFF (a grand class of 23, several worth a first prize): 1, Wilmot, very fine typical hen, hard to find fault with, a good win; 2, res, Keech, couple of rare big hens with true Nor. properties; 3, Pedder, full of quality, nice type; vhc, Beanland; c, Millard. YELL. NAT. COL. (12): 1, Wilmot, good col. and type, tight as a Java; 2, 3, Keech, good quality and col., 3rd a trifle the longer; res, Swann, marked, good type, nice quality; vhc, Beanland; hc, Brudden; c, Gentle. BUFF (14): 1, Keech, quality wins here, also nice type; 2, Cherry, excels in quality and condition; c, hc, Swann, large marked bird, correct type; res, vhc, Asborn; c, Notley. CREST, ETC. (5): 1, 10/6 special, Bennett, green with light tail, very dense Crest of excellent formation; 2, 3, res, Bloomfield and Rose, green C.B., well fashed, and clear body with nice dark crest, will improve; vhc, Bushby. AVIARY of 12 NOR.: 1, Keech, 6 yell. and 6 buffs, a very fine dozen, several fit for keen competition; 2, Osborn, another very nice lot in excellent condition; 3, Goodman, we noticed one very moderate green in this aviary, which rather spoilt the appearance, the other eleven were a nice lot; res, Gentle; vhc, Notley. YORKS (5): 1, Dimmock, excellent cl. yell., well drawn, nice length and col.; 2, res, F. Webb, ticked buff, nice type and position; 3, vhc, F. J. Webb, good cl. buff, correct type. A.O.V. CAN. or MULE (7): 1, Webb, very fine Greenfinch Mule of rare col.; 2, Finedon, very pretty Siskin Mule, grandly marked and pencilled, in prime condition; 3, Miss Miller, nice Greenfinch Mule; res, Hunt; vhc, Armitage; hc, Sharpe. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, Wilmot, very smart Goldfinch, rare body col., rich col. blaze; 2, Wilmot, hen Bullie in perfect condition, well deserves her place; 3, Hunt, smart Goldfinch, superior wings, just a bit weak in head; res, Hunter, good hen Bullie; vhc, Gentle; hc, Cocking; c, Armitage. A.O.S. SMALL BRIT. (9): 1, hc, Swann, really lovely Skylark, very tame, well marked, good condition; 2, Bloomfield and Rose, very fair Chaffinch; 3, Gould, nice Linnet, looks like a fresh caught one; res, Dimmock; vhc, Worsley; c, Wiggins. FOR. SMALL (8): 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Timaeus, lovely team; 1st, superb Tanager in brilliant plumage; 2, Queen Whydah, very smart and pretty, much admired; 3, pair of choice Red-headed Gouldians in rare condition; vhc, lovely pair of Grass Finches. Mr. T. also showed a pair of choice Bichcno's Double-banded Finches and a pair of Ruficauda Finches. LARGE (8): 1, sp, 2, 3, vhc, Timaeus, 1st, very fine specimen of the Tufted Peruvian Jay, in really gorgeous plumage; 2nd, Purple Glossy Starling, plumage like satin, very choice; 3rd, pair of Black-faced Lovebirds, in prime condition; vhc, Scarlet Tanager, winner of several firsts. STOCK: 1, Notley; 2, 3, Prudden; res, Notley. NOVICE CLASS: 1, Fletcher, capital buff Nor., extra good for a novice; 2, Gould, smart yell. Nor.; 3, Johnson, yell. Nor., ticked on eye; res, Fowkes; vhc, Summerfield; hc, Swann; c, Oliver. There were a number of choice stuffed specimens on view, the winner in each class being Mr. Harris.

GREAT SHOW by the Y.C.B.S. OF IRELAND

A RECORD ENTRY.

The Yorkshire C.B.S. of Ireland third annual show was held on Nov. 2nd and 3rd at the Central Hall, Westmorland Street, Dublin. The venture was a huge success, the entries being in excess of that of any previous show. Yorksbires naturally were the backbone of the exhibition, most of the best birds of the Green Isle being staged, and among them were some wonderfully good specimens. This variety is making rapid strides towards popularity over the water, and each year sees an advance in type and quality. There is also a great improvement in head qualities, position, and length, although Irishmen have still something to learn in the matter of staging. Mr. Devins (Sligo) put up a fine show and did exceedingly well with them, although he just missed winning the Rung Cup, his clear buff hen making a good fight of it with Mr. Hawkin's yell. cock, a bird of fine length and quality of feather. Mr. Neville, of Cork, staged a topping clear bird, which was much admired. The yellows generally were better than the buffs. The novices made a grand display, the classes provided for them were well filled. Some of the winners were quite high class. The chubby Norwich do not appear to find much favour with the men of Dublin, as only two classes were provided. The birds, however, were of good merit and quite typical. Mr. Faith (Banbridge) supplied the leader in both cases. The British birds were a fine collection, and a good deal of interest was centred in this section, as the competition for the British bird trophy was expected to be unusually keen. Mr. Mulcahy (Dublin) proved to be the winner, but with only two points to spare from Mr. Birse, who staged some very fine birds, his grand Hawfinch securing special for best in section. This is the third year Mr. Mulcahy has won in the British bird classes, and the trophy therefore becomes his own property. The show was splendidly managed. Mr. C. Holley has apparently quickly grasped the duties of secretary, and everything went off exceedingly well under his guidance. He was assisted by a good committee; among them we particularly noticed Messrs. Fry, Gillen, Sheridan, Cloke, Stewart, and others. The fine hall was well patronised by visitors during both days. Mr. H. Norman judged all classes, and had a big task, but was so well served that he got through in good time.

The Canary Classes.

YORKS CL. YELL. CK. (16): 1, Neville, good length, fine position, nicely rounded, grand wings and tail, well up on leg, tight in feather; 2, Hawkins, very hot col., grand position, rare length of side, very fine, closely braced wings, good head; 3, c, Devins, very fine quality, lovely head, nice clean rime; vhc, Forrest; hc, Birse. HEN (15): 1, hc, Birse, rare racy, slim built bird, fine length, well up on leg, lovely head, grand nuality; 2, Devins, hardly so slim but beautifully proportioned, lovely head, back and winge, neat tail; 3, Hawkins, smart clean-cut bird of rare length, grand col., closely braced wings; vhc, Gillen; c, Keating. BUFF, CK. (12): 1, Fleming, rare length, grand colour and quality, beautiful back and wings, lovely head; 2, c, Devins, smart upstanding bird, nice boxy feather, grand head, nice free neck, cleanly cut; 3, Keating, similar, very smart and straight, grand head; vhc, hc, Hawkins. HEN (13): 1, vhc, Devins, a real beauty, tight as wax, grand position, good shoulders, back, and wings, shown in A1 condition; 2, Birse, fine upstanding bird, grand colour and quality, lovely bloom, capital wings and tail; 3, Hawkins, close up, nice position, neat pipe tail, grand condition; hc, Savery; c, Gillen. VAR. YELL. CK. (19): 1, Devins, wing tkd, grand colour and quality of feather, stands well, very slim and racy, a real topper; 2, Keating, ticked bird of rare length and style, grand col., neat head and wings; 3, Gillen, wing and head marked, rare length, fine wings, good head and neck; vhc, Hawkins; hc, Fleming; c, Dowling. HEN (16): 1, Devins, wonderful length, very clean cut, nice head and neck, good shoulders, fine wings and tail; 2, vhc, Hawkins, nice upstanding bird of fine length, hardly so good at throat, but grand quality and condition; 3, Tansey, fine col., grand quality, nice wings and tail; hc, Fleming; c, Carroll. BUFF CK. (13): 1, 2, Hawkins, Cinn. marked, fine size, good head and shoulders, very clean cut, grand length; 2, rare upstanding bird, grand length of wiug, sweet head, good shoulders, very straight; 3, vhc, Forrest, head and wing marked and of wonderful length, nice head, peach-like bloom; hc, Tansey; c, Gillen. HEN (16): 1, Devins, grand lady of fine length, beautiful head, nice bit of shoulder, very clean cut to a pipe-like tail; 2, Mulligan, another smart one, close up, very slim and racy, grand wings and tail; 3, McDonnell, lovely quality of feather, nice head and shoulders; vhc, Hawkins; hc, Neville; c, Forrest. NON-FED. CK. (2): 1, Devins, rare length, very straight, nice head and shoulders, capital tail; 2, Sholedice, mkd. bird, good quality, heaten only in size. HEN (5): 1, Keating, straight upstanding buff of rare quality, nice head and shoulders, good wings and tail; 2, Neville, very smart yell., stiff straight bird, good sound neat col.; 3, vbc, Sholedice, marked buff, of fine size, capital head and shoulders; hc, Devins. NOVICE, YELL. CK. (24): 1, Power, grand size, fine length of side, sweet bead, well filled shoulders and back, lovely quality; 2, Holley, very hot col., wonderful length, nice straight back and tail, smart; 3, c, Dunwoody, neat spec., lovely feather, good back, wings, fine position; vhc, Ryan; hc, Hyland. YELL. HEN (11): 1, Holley, upstanding bird, fine length, good shoulders, nice sweet head; 2, Mills, grand length, hot col., nice head, well rounded, grand length of wings; 3, Ryan, very fine quality, neat head, good shoulders and back, smart wing carriage; vhc, Hyland; hc, Dunwoody; c, Lea. BUFF CK. (10): 1, Dunwoody, very smart long buff ck., in fine fettle, rare length of wing, neat tail, good bit of shoulders; 2, Gaskin, shade better in col., nice Yorkie type, beaten in finish, grand wings; 3, Ryan, fine length, very shapely, good head and wings; vhc, Holley; hc, Fleming; c, Briggs. HEN (14): 1, Ryan, smart upstanding lady, lovely boxy-feathered, neat head, good wings; 2, Jameson, straight slim bird, neat head, good shoulders, inclined to frill; 3, O'Reilly, good length, neat head, nice bit of shoulder, smart tail; vhc, Holley; hc, Mullen; c, Mills. VAR., CK. (23): 1, Ryan, thigh ticked cock of rare length, very clean cut, neat head, good shoulders, pure wings; 2, Hyland, big ticked bird, well filled in, nicely rounded, grand length of wing, lovely head, A1 quality; 3, Mills, var. bird of good type, good head and shoulders, very neat in wings; vhc, Stewart, another good one, close up; hc, Gaskin; c, Dunwoody. HEN (23): 1, Mullen, smart ticked bird of fine shape, sound col., very clean run, a good first; 2, Ryan, ticked head, neck and wings, and fine length, grand quality feather; 3, Mills, var. bird of fine length, stands well, very steady, grand quality; vhc, Jameson, typical spec., good length; hc, Hyland; c, Lattimore. CREST AND C.B.: Two 1st, two 2nd, Birse, all nice typical specimens, especially the crested hen and clear C.B. cock, nice width of skull, and good length of feather. NOR. CK. (10): 1, 3, Faith, fine bold yell., very typical, grand head, well filled neck, short wings and tail; 3, mkd. bird of fine substance, good head and neck, well filled back, sound col.; 2, Forrest, close up to first, good type, fine head, well filled back, grand quality; vhc, Devins; hc, Kushan; c, Mulligan. HEN (13): 1, 3, Faith, fine bold yell., very typical, neat head, well filled neck and back, sound col.; 3, shapely, marked bird, good head, very sound col., fine quality feather; 2, Forrest, bold buff, good col., typical spec., good wings, nice quality; vhc, Devins; hc, Hart. SCOT. FCY. CK. (6): 1, Cottrell and Herbert, smart yell. leading, grand size, rare top, fine reach, moves splendidly; 2, Mallagh, big bold buff, rare shoulders, neat head, very nervy; 3, vhc, Birch, very nervy spec., good top and reach; hc, Dunlop; c, Kelly. HEN (6): 1, Mallagh, grand hen, wonderful top, fine reach, very quick, a beauty; 2, c, Birch, very smart yell., grand shoulders, fine reach, full of nerve; 3, Dunlop, big buff, rare length of wing, good depth and reach; vhc, Cottrell and Herbert; hc, Kelly.

Mules, British and Foreign Birds.

HYB., LIGHT (13): 1, 2, vhc, Dawson, 1, exceedingly smart four pointed yell., good size and shape, grand col. and quality; 2, lovely Linnet, beautiful shape, very smart wings and tail, A1 quality; 3, Birse, fine bold yell. var. greenie, lovely specimen, good sound col.; hc, Teskey; c, Scully. DARK GOLDIE (10): 1, McCaldwin, fine bold yell., good touch of blaze, very shapely, good wings, nice dense markings; 2, Furley, big buff, ground blaze, shapely bird, good in markings; 3, Gilchrist, another good yell., grand col., nice blaze, capital size; vhc, Birse; hc, Dawson; c, Hart. LINNET, DK. (7): 1, 3, hc, Kennedy, 1, bold bird, very shapely, nicely proportioned, well up in markings, quality and condition; 3, neat, grandly marked; 2, Birse, another big one, close up, equally good on points; hc, Harvey; c, Ryan. A.O.V. (6): 1, Gilchrist, good Siskin, nice size, good cap, capital col., in fine form; 2, Lavery, bold Greenie, full of quality, well proportioned, lovely col.; 3, Dawson, bold Siskin, beautifully marked, fine size and col., bit fat; vhc, hc, Carleton; c, Carolan. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (15): 1, vhc, bc, Birse, lovely bird, with nice full blaze of grand col., very shapely, beautifully tanned; 2, Furley, big bird, hardly up in col. yet, very shapely, capital wings; 3, Mrs. Carroll, another good one, beautifully tanned, good shaped, blaze of fine col.; c, Heaslip. FIELD MOULTED (3): 1, Lavery, neat specimen, nice blaze of grand col., well tanned, fine condition; 2, Briggs, big bird, good shaped blaze, rather wild; 3, Mulcahy, neat spec., capital tanning, shapely blaze, of good col. SISKIN, ETC. (13): 1, 3, Birse, grand little Siskin, leading, very shapely, good cap and bib, well laced, grand col. and feather; 3, neat Twite, very shapely, sound col. throughout, well filled, beautifully marked; 2, vhc, c, Mulcahy, fine bold Mealy, rare size, good bib, grandly marked; hc, O'Neill. LINNET (13): 1, Lavery, a real topper, capital size, good sound col., grand shape and markings; 2, 3, vhc, Mulcahy, two beauties, fine size, nice nutty shade of col., well marked and steady; hc, Birse; c, Furley. SKYLARK (6): 1, 2, hc, c, Mulcahy, big bold bird, quite a stormer, shade pale in col., but beautifully marked; 2, grand style, good size and col., in fine feather; 3, vhc, Birse, a good one, nice bold frout, beautifully marked. BLACKBIRD, ETC. (8): 1, 2, Mulcahy, lovely Song Thrush, leading grand size and shape, beautifully mounted, in fine fettle; 2, big bold Blackbird, grand shape and size, good sound col.; 3, vhc, c, Birse, very smart Starling, full of quality, grandly marked; hc, Mrs. Carroll, good Blackbird, fine depth of col., beaten in size only. BULLFINCH CK. (15): 1, vhc, Mulcahy, very fine bold bird, grand col., good well polished cap, steady; 2, 3, Birse, 2, close up, sound in col., grand wings; 3, fine bold bird, A1 size and shape, good cap; vhc, Ross. HEN (7): 1, hc, c, Birse, smart little bird, put down in A1 condition, neat head and wings; 2, 3, vhc, Mulcahy, if anything a better type bird than leader, but lacked polish and condition; 3, good bold bird, capital cap and wings, nice type. A.O.S. (12): 1, hc, Birse, grand Hawfinch, leading, good size and quality, well shaped bib, sound col., well shown; 2, 3, vhc, Mulcahy, lovely Greenie, wonderful size and shape, beautiful col. and quality; 3, big bold Bramble, nicely spangled, good breast col.; c, Carleton. SOFT BILL (7): 1, 3, Mulcahy, 1, fine bold Chough, rare size and depth of col., full of polish; 3, good Magpie, beautifully marked and well shown; 2, Mrs. Carroll, fine bold Cornerake, rarely seen on the show bench very steady, interesting exhibit; vhc, hc, Birse. FOR. PARROT (1): 1, Mrs. Carroll, good Rosella, grand col., fine back, in lovely condition.

MARYHILL.

Maryhill and Dis. O.C. 35th annual show, held Burgh Hall, 4th Nov. Office bearers: President, Mr. H. Pringle; vice-president, Mr. J. W. Anderson; treas., Mr. A. Hannah; sec., Mr. R. A. G. McKissock. Judges: Messrs. A. Clark (Rutherglen), and T. Park (Govan). Entries were not quite so numerous compared with former years, and in some instances birds that were entered were not forward, owing, no doubt, to the unfavourable weather conditions. Members have had, many of them, a had breeding season; still the birds staged were a fair average lot. Cup for best bird in hall fell to Mr. G. G. Aitkenhead's yell. pied cock. The same gentleman was very lucky in being the owner of the best bird of opposite sex, in winning the "Jardine cup." Sec. McKissock had everything connected with the show in splendid working order. In the earlier part of the day visitors were few in number, but things were improved further on in the afternoon. The judges' decisions seemed to give general satisfaction.

YELL. OR GREEN CK. (4): 1, Jardine; 2, Pringle; 3, Wilson; 4, Navin. BUFF (7): 1, Usherwood; 2, Anderson. YELL. PIED (7): 1, spl, Aitkenhead, cup bird; 2, Young; 3, Usherwood; 4, spl, Blackstock; 5, spl, McKissock. BUFF (6): 1, Anderson; 2, Blackstock; 3, Usherwood; 4, Pringle. FOUL (3): 1, Dickson; 2, Jardine; 3, Wilson. YELL. HEN, CL., ETC. (3): 1, spl, Aitkenhead, Jardine cup winner; 2, Martin. BUFF (3): 1, Usherwood; 2, Blackstock. YELL. PIED (6): 1, Usherwood; 2, McKissock; 3, Nairn; 4, spl, Pringle. BUFF (7): 1, Jardine; 2, Dickson; 3, Young. GREEN (3): 1, Aitkenhead; 2, Pringle; 3, Young.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES.

Sixth annual show of the Stockton-on-Tees C.B.S. held November 4th, Temperance Hall. It was our privilege to see a really good show. The hall is a capital place for an exhibition of this kind, and with a capable secretary like Mr. J. W. Lowes, and a hard working committee, this society can look forward to the future with confidence. Mr. Lowes informed us that the committee had worked so hard that they had sold sufficient tickets beforehand to make the show a financial success if they did not take a penny at the doors, and as they had a capital "gate" we saw nothing but smiling faces amongst the officials. In addition to the sec., Mr. Freeman (chairman) was in evidence all day with the committee, Messrs. Saunders, Nicholson, Nicholson junr., Yeatcs, Ducas, Acheson, Angell, Bean, Walker, Dawson, Broadbent, Shepherd, Briscoe, Chesworth, Tait, Pearson, Foster, Massheder, Mason, Rounds, Buckley, Wheeler, Riley, Clemnett and Galloway. Yorkshires with six classes were a grand lot, both in numbers and quality. Norwich with an equal number of classes, were a really nice display. Mules and Hybrids were strong in numbers, and many grand birds were on view. British birds, as is usual in this district, were a hot lot, and competition was very keen. Mr. Nicholson had a white Sparrow on view in this section. Foreigners were a lovely lot, and had a crowd of admirers round them all day. Mr. Halliday judged Yorkshires, Mr. T. Dixon Norwich, Mr. Tams British and Foreign, Mr. T. Hill members' Canaries, and Mr. F. Marwood members' British.

The Critique.

YORKS., CL. YELL (9): 1, Rand, good col. and feather, neat head, back and tail, well up; 2, G. W. Cuthbertson, rare quality, not quite so hot col., good head and wings, grand type; 3, Dowey, good col. and quality, not quite so shapely; 4, Wilcock, good level col., nice length, neat head; vhc, Nattrass; hc, Walker; c, Cook and Hood. BUFF (10): 1, Ellis, clean front grand quality feather, straight as a rush, neat head, good wing carriage and tail; 2, Walker, big, slashing bird, A1 quality, a shade stout; 3, Prince, nice shape, good quality and length, well up on leg; 4, Wilkinson Bros., fine quality, good back and wings, neat tail; vhc, Taylor; hc, Wilcock; c, Cuthbertson. TKD., ETC. (14): 1, c, Taylor, yell. mkd. neck, nice shape and quality, in grand trim; 2, G. W. Cuthbertson, buff tkd. butt of wing, exquisite quality, well up on leg, neat head and tail; 3, Ellis, yell. tkd. head, slim and stylish, good length, neat wings, good back; 4, vhc, Cook and Hood, lengthy, rare quality, nice style; hc, Watmougb; a hot class. HEN (17): 1, 2, Taylor, buff leading, rare size, grand feather, good position, stands well, good one, 2 varieg. yell., lovely quality, lengthy, good wings and tail, stands well; 3, Barker, buff, nice quality and size, neat and typical; 4, Wilcock, yell., rich quality, good shape, nice condition; vhc, Pyman; hc, Ellis; c, Vale. UNFLIG. YELL. (11): 1, Wilkinson Bros., A1 quality, nice length, good head, just a bit too stout for our fancy; 2, J. A. Taylor, grand quality feather, nice style, well up on leg, neat wings, bit frayed at tail; 3, Cook and Hood, grizzled head, slim and stylish, well up on leg, good wings and tail; 4, Murray and Burdon, plenty of size and quality, not the best of wing carriage; vhc, Cook and Hood; hc, Graham; c, Wilcock. BUFF (14): 1, Wilkinson Bros., mkd. back of head, rich salmon col., rare quality, good length and condition; 2, Wilson, paler in col., big bird, not quite so shapely, nice quality, would be improved with a wash; 3, Cook and Hood, nice style and quality, better shape than 2, neat head, wings and tail; 4, Ellis; hc, Wilcock; c, Pyman. NOR., CL. YELL. (7): 1, Thompson, sweet, typical bird, rich col., good cobby shape, nice condition and quality; 2, hc, c, Freeman, close up, shapely, good bead, nice short wings and tail, rare quality, commended bird. wins Ramsden's special; 3, Wake, nice bold head, good neck, close feather, of good quality; 4, Wilson, nice shape, col. and quality; vhc, Turner. BUFF (14): 1, Watson, neat, nicely built, good shape, lovely feather; 3, vhc, c, Freeman, nice cobby shape, good head, fine quality; 4, Wake, grand quality, good head and chest, nice cobby shape; hc, Walker. TKD. (10): 1, Dixon, varieg. buff, rare head, thick set, short body, good chest, wings and tail, rare quality; 2, Thompson, varieg. buff, grand quality, good chest, neat short wings and tail, not quite so cobby; 3, Burdett, head and wing mkd. yell., grand feather, rare bloom, neat shape, good body; 4, Laidlaw, var. yell., rare quality, good body, neat wings; vhc, Swiusco; hc, Creighton; c, Wake. HEN (21): 1, Thompson, buff, short, thick set, rare substance, quality, neat feather, full head and neck; 2, Creighton, another good one, rare shape, nice head, good chest, neat wings, A1 quality; 3, Popple, wing mkd. buff, short, cobby bird, rare condition, grand shape, not quite substance of winners; 4, hc, Wilson, yell., grand quality and polish, good head and chest; vhc, Wake; c, Freeman. UNFLIG. YELL. (6): 1, Burdett, good, shapely bird, rich col., good chest, neat wings, fine quality, damaged tail feather or two; 2, Woodhead and Son, nice level col., rare quality, good cobby shape; 3, hc, Freeman, bit slighter in build, good shape and head, grand quality, good col.; 4, Carr, rare quality, beaten a shade on head, nice shape; vhc, Wake. BUFF (11): 1, Wake, varieg., excellent shape, plenty of substance, nice and chubby, good quality of feather and col.; 2, Burdett, cl., good and typical, full of quality, neat wings and tail, nice bloom; 3, Summers, good size and shape, rich quality feather, neat chest and head, close fitting wings; 4, Jackson, fine quality, good type, not quite so chubby; vhc, Freeman; hc, Bean; c, Fletcher. CREST (7): 1, 4, Dobson and Son, a gem leading, good size, grand headpiece, crest large, leafy feather, good radiation and droop, 4 another good one, rare size, crest well radiated, grand quality feather; 2, Taylor, close up, grand one, rare size crest, good droop, nice radiation, beaten a shade in quality of feather; 3, Bewick, green, rare body, crest of great size, neat centre, well radiated; vhc, Taylor; hc, Gibson; c, Fletcher; a good class. C.B. (6): 1, hc, Yeates, massively built, good skull, clothed with plenty of feather of rare quality; 2, J. Taylor, splendid shaped head, great length of feather of grand quality; 3, Bewick, another good one, rare head, well lashed, grand quality and size; 4, Fletcher, good quality, nice head, good length of feather; vhc, Gibson. A.O.V. (10): 1, Summers, even mkd. Nor., nice type, rare quality, nicely marked; 2, Sanderson, gold capped Lizard, good size, well spangled, lovely bloom and quality; 3, Yeates, buff cinn., good quality and col., nice size and shape; 4, c, Henderson, borders, the commended bird our choice, nice shapely bird, better condition and type than 4th; vhc, Dixon; hc, Todd and Son. CL., ETC., MULE (9): 1, Maddison, lightly marked Greenfinch-Can., a gem, grand size, rare shape, lovely quality, and in the pink of condition, greatly admired; 2, Todd and Son, well known Linnet-Bullie, in grand trim, good col., a shade small; 3, 4, Grainger Bros., Goldie Bullie, rare size, rich col., showing parentage well, too tame, will not show himself, or would probably have gone up one, 4 Linnet-Bullie, larger than 2 but fails a bit in col.; vhc, Wilcock; hc, R. Taylor; c, Sanders. DARK (18): 1, Todd and Son, buff Greenfinch Can., rare size, good shape and condition; 2, Mays and Allison, Goldie Can., good size, rare col., fine blaze; 3 Carr, yellow Greenie Can., lovely col., rare size and shape, in grand bloom, some made this bird a first; 4, G. W. Cuthbertson, Linnet Can., eleven years old, grand size, in rare condition; vhc, c, Wells; hc, Nicholson and Son. LINNET (16): 1, Mays and Allison, big bold bird, rich nut-brown col., very steady, well pencilled; 2, Carr, well up in size, nice and chubby, grand nutty-brown col., steady as a rock, good breast, well laced; 3, Hansou, not quite so bold as leaders, splendidly laced good col.; 4, Stamp, nice, shapely bird, good lacing, not quite as good ou breast; vhc, Todd and Son; hc, Gregory; c, Nicholson. GOLDFINCH (8): 1, Mays and Allison, good size, rich colour, splendid rich coloured blaze, well polished, good moons and bars, well buttoned; 2, 3, 4, Nicholson and Son, graud team, in superb condition, 2 grand rich face, clean cut blaze, good body col., fine buttons, moons and bars, 3 close up, little to choose between them, 4 grand finch, blaze not quite so expansive or rich in col.; vhc, hc, Weedy; c, Smurthwaite. BULLFINCH (12): 1, Milburn, good size and shape, grand breast col., carried well down, good rich coloured cap and wing markings; 2, Mayes and Allison, good size, rich breast col., fine head, in good condition; 3, Stamp, good size and wing marks, grand head, rich breast col.; 4, hc, Hogg, well up in size, good col. and shape; vbc, Lowes and Son; c, Howling. GREENFINCH (9): 1, 4, Nicholson and Son, grand bird leading, rare size, rich col., grand shape, in splendid condition, 4 good col. and shape, not up in condition and bloom; 2, Milburn, nice even col., scarcely so bright as winner, good shape; 3, Robinson, close up, good size, nice shape, rich col.; vhc, Bewick; hc, Howling; c, Todd and Son. BRAMBLE-FINCH, ETC. (10): 1, Nicholson and Son, Chaffinch, excellent col., grand whites, rare bloom, large, in splendid feather; 2, 4, Todd and Son, Bramble leading, rich col., well spangled, good wing markings, nice size and condition, 4 chaffinch, good col. on head, nice whites; 3, Foster, Bramble, fine spangling, good wings, nicely marked breast; vhc, Gregory; hc, Lazeuby; c, J. Hanson. SISKIN, ETC. (8): 1, Todd and Son, Siskin, lovely col., good size and shape, deficient in lacing; 2, vhc, Walker, Twite, good lone of col., well laced, in fine condition; 3, Nicholson and Son, Siskin, rare size, good bead and cap; 4, Foster, nice Twite, rich even col., well marked, good size; hc, Moir; c, Nicholson and Son. REDPOLL (21): 1, Nicholson, mealy, looks a fresh caught one, large but very wild, some thought should not have been in the money; 2, Royd, bonny Lesser, good size, rich col., grand shape, A1 condition; 3, Mays and Allison, nice mealy, well laced, good condition, plenty of size and col.; 4, Nicholson and Son, Lesser, rare size, good shape, well marked; vhc, Calem, good mealy, grand markings, size and col.; hc, Griffiths; c, Woodhead and Son. A.O.S. (10): 1, P. Wilcock, fine Hawfinch, well up in size, nicely cut bib, grand col. and wings; 2, we could not find; 3, Stamp, Hawfinch, good col., nice bib, in fine condition, a shade smaller than winner; 4, hc, Nicholson and Son, well known Corn Bunting, a gem for size and col.; vhc, Gregory; c, Danby. HEN (12): 1, hc, Nicholson and Son, lovely grey Wagtail, splendidly staged, grand shape and col., a beauty; 2, Briscoe and Son, clinking good blackcap hen, great size, steady as a rock; 3, Wells, bonny Siskin, good col. and size; 4, Henderson, good Bullie, rare size and condition; vhc, Charlton and Simpson; c, Grainger Bros. THRUSH, ETC. (10): 1, Swann, rare big Thrush, grand shape, distinct breast markings, rich col.; 2, Parnaby, fine Redwing, in grand trim, good size and col.; 3, Briscoe and Son, Thrush, fine rich col., nicely mooned, beaten only in size by 1st; 4, Sanders, rare big Blackbird, grand col., good bill and eyes, very wild, which doubtless put it back one; vhc, Robinson; hc, Colley; c, Lazonby. SMALLER A.O.S. (4): 1, 2, 3, Nicholson and Son, rare team, 1st bonny little Treecreeper, in grand condition, rare size, good col. and markings, 2 lovely Redstart, in full pomp, very steady, grand size and col., 3 grey Wagtail, a pretty exhibit, in perfect condition, very steady, fine size; 4, Foster, Wryneck, in nice trim, good size, nice markings, good enough to win many shows. LARGE (3): 1, Nicholson and Son, fine Waxwing, in rare order, good size; 2, Boyd, Chough, nice bill, rich gloss on feather; 3, Parnaby. FOR. SMALL (9): 1, 2, vhc, hc, c, Nicholson and Son, grand team, beautifully shown; 3, McKenzie. 4, Young. LARGE (5): 1, Reeks, grand Alexandrine Parrakeet; 2, Nicholson and Son, well known Glossy Starling; 3, Hall; 4, vhc, Broadbent. MEMBERS', NOR., UNFLIG. (6): 1, vhc, Ducas and Angell; 2, 3, 4, hc, Dawson. YORKS. (9): 1, 3, Chesworth; 2, vhc, Broadbent; 4, hc, Walker. PAIRS (14): 1, Dawson; 2, 4, hc, Shepherd; 3, Walker; vbc, Ducas and Angell. A.O.V. (12): 1, 4, c, Shepherd; 2, vhc, Dawson; 3, Chesworth. BRIT. HARDBILL (16): 1, 4, Walker; 2, 3, hc, c, Lowes and Son; vhc, Sanders. SOFTBILL (3): 1, Briscoe and Son; 2, 3, Lowes and Son. NOVICES NOR. (5): 1, Pearson; 2, Carlisle; 3, 4, vhc, Bean. YORKS. (7): 1, 3, 4, hc, T. Carlisle; 2, vhc, c, Rounds. PAIRS (3): 1, Bean; 2, Carlisle; 3, Sanders. A.O.V. (6): 1, vhc, Tait; 2, Pearson; 3, 4, Rounds; hc, Carlisle. MULE (4): 1, Tait; 2, 3, 4, Sanders. BRIT. (9): 1, hc, c, Broadbent; 2, 3, Sanders; 4, vhc, Pearson.

LEWES (Sussex).

Lewes F.A. annual show, held October 26th and 27th, Corn Exchange. A very nice number of cage birds were on view. Mr. J. Martin, the secretary, had things well in hand. Mr. A. E. Enfield, J.P., judged.

NOR., CL. (10): 1, Ellis; 2, hc, Terry; 3 French; r, Miss Turner; vhc, Small, Rev. Miller. VARIEG. (6): 1, spl., Ellis; 2, Small; 3, Gibb; r, Miss Turner. YORKS., CL. (9): 1, Dandridge; 2, Gibb; 3, r, Plummer; vhc, Newman, Rev. Miller; hc, Skinner. VARIEG. (5): 1, Newman; 2, r, Plummer; 3, Mrs. Padwick. CREST: Cancelled. MULE (8): 1, Cadman Bros.; 2, Eager; 3, Hedges; r, Ellis, vhc, Cox. BRIT., GOLDFINCH (8): 1, Soffner; 2, Akehurst; 3, r, Plummer; vhc, Eager. A.O.S. (11): 1, r, Cadman Bros. (Hawfinch); 2, 3, Hedges (Lark), (3 Blackcap); vhc, Akehurst, Gibb, Eager. MEMBERS, CAN. (7): 1, 2, Plummer; 3 Mrs. Bagshaw.

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HANDSOME Yellow-fronted Amazon Parrot and cage, talks, dances, turns somersaults, acclimatised, witty, sensible, very amusing, good companion, 40/-; exchange gent's cycle, Canaries, or offers: Sheldon, Builders, Tideswell.

Miscellaneous.

SMALL, tame, pet monkey, 20/-: Vernum, 16, Reporton-rd., Fulham.

EXCHANGE rolled gold watch, new, for Canaries: J. Carter, 256, Corporation-rd., Newport, Mon.

PAIR new fishing waders, 2ft. 6in., 15/-; exchange birds: Pearson, 66, Trinity-buildings, Carlisle.

EXCHANGE new leather cloth easy chair, for Norwich Canaries: Thomas Macleau, 210, Duke-st., Glasgow.

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TWO Aberdeen pups, one dog, one bitch, £1 each; exchange fowls, Canaries, anything useful: Davison, Haddenham, Bucks.

PRIZE bred White Fantail pigeons, exchange cock Canaries, or sell 7/6 per pair: Stewart, 504, Clarkston-road, Cathcart.

PAIR show Pouters, red cock, yellow hen; exchange two yellow Norwich hens; offers: Cowan, Collinan-terrace, Troon, N.B.

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EXCHANGE two toy white Pom bitch pups for Talking Parrot, household; offers invited: Higgs, 65, Waterloo-st., Tipton.

EXCHANGE good gramophone and 18 double-sided records for Canaries: John Bailes, South View, Pencebouses, Co. Durham.

EXCHANGE miner's boring machine for young Crests or Plainheads; letters only: John Barr, Ashgill by Netherburn.

GENT'S cycle, 26in. frame, splendid order, tyres like new, 30/-; exchange Pom.; offers: Geddes, 6, Windmill-st., Peterhead.

EXCHANGE liver and white Spaniel pups for Canaries, or sell 10/- each, offers: John Orrells, 168, Gelli-rd., Ystrad, Glam.

EXCHANGE mandoline harp, and printing outfit, value 20/-, for 2 good cock Canaries: J. MacLaren, Fintona, Tyrone, Ireland.

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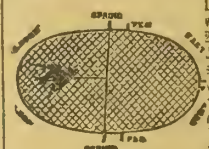
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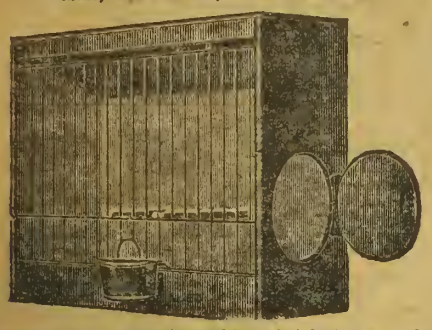
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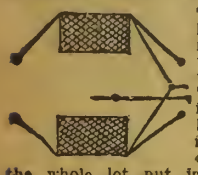
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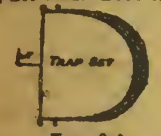
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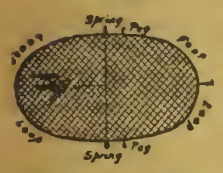
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YELLOW Siskin, show cage and box, 2nd Plymouth, colour-fed, ready for show, 10/-: Farrow, 9, Temperance-st., Merthyr.

LINNETS, warranted all cocks, 3/- dozen; wanted Linnet Mules, Linnet song: Gleaister, 174, High Town Road, Luton, Beds.

BOX cages for Britishers, 14in. long, loose punchpar front, etc., 1/-, 10/6 doz.: B. Savory, Great Hampton-row, Birmingham.

HOUSE-moulted giant Redpoll, 2/-; Lesser Redbreasted, 1/-; cock Goldfinch, with buff hen Canary, 4/6: S. Burch, Woodbridge.

CHAMPION large well-pencilled Scotch Linnets, muling or exhibition, 2/- upwards; Twites, 6d.: Alex. Chalmers, Maule-st., Arbroath.

SELECTED cock Goldfinches and Bullfinches, 3/-, 4/6; Linnets, 1/-; large hen Bullfinches for muling, 1/-: Charles Lewis, Highbridge.

BRECHIN winners: Goldfinch, 2nd., spl., 3rd., Broughty, 7/6: Mannikin, 2nd., 2/-; Goldfinch, 3rd., 5/-: Douglas, Bridge-st., Brechin.

BULLFINCH cock, house-moulted, splendid condition, 1st Oxford Summer show, with show cage 10/6: Gough, St. Clement's, Oxford.

PAIR Siskins, 3/-, house-moulted; Bramble, 6/6, ditto; Mealy Redpoll, 6/-, both cocks, in fine form, steady: Lowne, Naturalist, Yarmouth.

PAY the price; cocks in song, Linnets, Redpolls, Larks, Chaffinches, Greenfinches, Goldfinches, 2/-; cages, 6d.: Maynard, Bethnal Green.

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HAND-REARED cocks, Chaffinch and Bullfinch, 4/- each; house-moulted Bramblefinch, 3/6; large steady birds: Evans, 167, Victoria-rd., Exmouth.

GOLDFINCHES, 2/-, 2/6 each, three 5/-; exhibition specimens, 3/6 each; hens, 8d.: Harry Turner, Birdcatcher, Ivy Place, Selly Oak, Worcestershire.

COCK Bullfinches, three, 3/6; hens, three 2/-, six 3/6; cock Goldfinches, 2/6; hens, three 2/-; all healthy birds: Charles McCann, 15, North-st., Lurgan.

NEW double-trap cage, including two large cock Finches, trained call birds, 1/6 lot; send postal orders: Mr. Copp, Wardrobe Stores, Dartford.

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GOLDFINCHES, selected from catchers, good large blazes, caps, 4/6; Bullfinches, 2/-; 1 extra large, well marked, 3/6: Philpott, Northfield-st., Worcester.

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HAWFINCHES.—Exhibitors, remember I can supply winners, large, good colour; approval, stamp, particulars: Woodruff, Victoria-terr., Higher Walton, Preston.

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COCK brown Linnets, warranted in full song, 1/- each, 2/6 for three; cock Goldfinches, 1/6; singing, 1/9; satisfaction guaranteed: Heathcote's Aviaries, Leicester.

CLEARING aviary; four Redpolls, Greenfinches, Linnet, Yellowhammer, Goldfinch Mule, Siskin Mule, hen Canary, bargain, 10/6: Birch, Tinsmith, Skelmersdale.

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GOLDFINCHES, few grand cocks, in song, caged when Greypates, and now house-moulted, 2/6 each; bargains to Mule breeders: Fry, 35, Dean-crescent, Bedminster.

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BRAMBLEFINCH cocks, grand colour and spangling, 1/6, 3/-; cock Redpoll, finely laced, 1/6, all house-moulted, show condition: Alston, Yondercroft, Darvel, Ayrshire.

HANDSOME large cock Goldfinches (selected) for show, muling, or aviaries, at 1/9 each; any number supplied; cocks guaranteed: W. Bunting, 9, Stanley-street, Welshpool.

LARGE selected house-moulted cock Goldfinches, for muling and exhibition, can win at local shows; cash, approval, deposit: T. Sanders, 131, Upper Conduit-st., Leicester.

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NOTICE, no hens sent out for cocks; cock Linnets 3/- dozen, 1/9 half, hens 9d. dozen; cock Greenfinches 1'- dozen; all fed on hard seed: Reeve, 100, Highland-rd., Eastney, Portsmouth.

LARGE double compartment trap cage and 2 call-birds, only 1/6; cock Linnet and trap, 1/6; Goldfinch and trap, 1/9; Nightingale nets, 9d. extra: Broxup, Catcher, Whittlefield, Burnley.

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SCOTCH Thorn Linnets, tremendous size, ideal birds, for muling or exhibition, 2/6 each, 3 for 6/-, giant Scotch Redpolls 1/- each, 3 for 2/6; approval: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn.

HOUSE-moulted Linnets, Redpolls, 5/-; 2 large Sibbred cocks, 7/-; military Starling, 15/-; all perfect health, feather; approval, deposit: John Sykes, Shorthope-st., Musselburgh, Scotland.

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NOTICE: Goldfinches, Bullfinches, 2/3 pair; Linnets, Chaffinches, Yellowhammers, Redpolls, 8d. pair; trap cages, 6d., 1/- each; Goldfinches, Bullfinches wanted: Brain, 288, Lichfield-rd., Aston, Birmingham.

NOTICE. Warranted selected cock Linnets, 9d., 1/- each; 3/6 dozen; full coloured selected cock Goldfinches, 1/6, 2/- each; 15/- dozen; caged weeks; not rubbish: Haworth, Tatton-st., Ashton-under-Lyne.

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EXHIBITOR'S grand F.M. cock Linnet, correct type and markings, rich colour, ready for immediate showing, 3/-; F.M. cock Goldie, rich tanning and blaze, a beauty, 5/-; approval: Cockerill, Silverdale, 73, Chatham-st., Stockport.

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ALL house moulted, some winners, cocks, hand reared Corn Bunting, 10/-; Yellow Bunting, 5/-; Chaffinch, 5/-; Greenfinch, 2/6; Bramblefinch 1/6; Siskin, 5/-; steady hen Bramblefinch, 2/6: Smith, 42, Carlton-st., Ayres-rd., Manchester.

LINNETS, redbreasted cocks, 2/- dozen; selected old caught, 2/6 dozen; Bramblefinches, Yellowhammers, fit for show, very steady, 1/- each; hens, 1/- dozen; every bird well on seed: Flinders, Birdcatcher, Scotland-yard, Hollowstone, Nottingham.

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"THE Goldfinch": All about the feeding and management, hand-rearing and sexing, moulting and exhibiting of this noted popular of our British birds, is contained in Nutshell booklet, No. 1, price 2½d., post free from CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet-st., London.

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LARGE cock Yellowhammer, almost as large as Thrush, perfect markings, show condition, can win, 2/6; house-moulted cock Linnet, singing, 2/-; house-moulted cock Bullfinch, 2/6; Kestrel Hawk, 5/-; house-moulted cock Goldfinch, 3/-: Perry, Armcliffeter., Rexhill.

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LINNETS, warranted cocks, 2/6 dozen: extra large picked birds, 3/- dozen; 13 to the dozen; massive Greenfinch cocks, like paint, three 1/6; cock Bullfinches, make sure winners, 1/9, three 4/6: dead birds replaced: Walters, Birdcatcher, 21, Bergass-rd., Thorneywood, Nottingham.

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NOTICE to Dealers.—Linnets, Linnets, giant exhibitors, Mule breeders, clean moulted rose-breasted and brown-back cock Linnets, every bird in full song, only 1/9 half doz.; special picked birds, 3/- dozen; hens at 1/-; no hens sent out as cocks: Powers and Russell, 10, Granby-place, Bethnal Green, London, E.

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LINNETS, Linnets, our Southdown birds are the best songsters in England; grand Redbreast and Nutbrown cocks, well on seed, 6 for 2/-, or 3/6 a dozen; hens, 1/- a dozen; all birds are carefully packed for any distance; card before birds; please note, I never advertise without my full name and address: C. A. Paine, The Bird Stores, 54, Charlotte-st., Portsmouth.

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Warranted cock Goldfinches, 2/-, 2/6; warranted cock Linnets, red-breasted, three 1/3, six 2/3, twelve 4/-; cock Larks, three 1/3, six 2/3, twelve 4/-; Chaffinch, Redpoll, Greenfinch, 6d. each; cocks, not hens; satisfaction guaranteed or money returned: Clarke, 78, Whit-lane, Peudleton.

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Wanted extra large Greenfinch, must have grand head and body, a real bouncer: Pickles, Stoneyhurst, Morecambe.

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an extra large stock of Worcestershire cock Goldfinches on hand, all in perfect health and feather, thoroughly on hard seed and properly caged before sent out; warranted large Worcestershire cock Goldfinches, 1/6 each, three 4/-, six 7/6, 14/- dozen; specially selected larger cocks, in full colour, warranted in song, 2/-, 2/6, 3/- each, three 5/6, six 9/6, 16/- dozen; few special cock Goldfinches, deep square blaze, very steady, ready for show at once, 4/-, 6/- each; its impossible for any man to supply you with any better quality; hen Goldfinches, 1/-, three 2/6, six 4/-, 7/- dozen; splendid stock of cock Bullfinches, like paint, 1/6, 2/-, 2/6, 3/- each; hen Bullfinches, 1/-, 1/6 each; large stock of Worcestershire cock Linnets, with nut brown wings and back, red breast, 8d., three 1/6, six 2/6, 4/- dozen; specially selected giant cock Linnets, all caged off, warranted in song, 1/-, three 2/-, six 3/6, 5/6 dozen; few steady cock Linnets, finger tame, in full song, fit to show at once, 1/6, 2/-, 2/6 each, three 5/-; these are worth double the money; warranted cock Wood Larks, 2/-, 2/6 each; few nicely in song, very steady, 4/-, 5/- each; cock Greenfinches, Chaffinches, Redpolls, 6d., three 1/3; exhibition specimens, 1/-, 1/6 each; all the above birds are sent out on my well-known approval system, on receipt of cash; or deposit system on the understanding that the whole of your money is returned in full if birds fail to give satisfaction; hundreds of testimonials open at any time for inspection, and if I care to publish them I could fill this column every week; but instead of going to that expense I give my customers better value for their money; post card sent before birds; plenty in stock no waiting: Thomas Hughes, 65, Saltley-rd., Birmingham. Green, London, E.

MARLEY'S DREADNOUGHT TEAMS

still going strong, see reports Peterboro', Cardiff, Wimbledon and Coventry. I hold the cream of the South, few winners to spare at moderate prices; also some wonderfully fine field moulted Goldies and Linnets, not fresh caught rubbish, selected by one in the know; particulars, stamp reply: Manor-rd., Leyton.

NOTICE TO DEALERS AND EXHIBITORS

Warranted cock German Bullfinches, every bird in show form, 2/- each, or 12/3 a stick of seven; German hen Bullfinches, 1/6 each, 7/9 a stick of seven; German cock Goldfinches, 2/- each, 12/3 a stick of seven: J. Powers, 10, Granby-place, Bethnal

DON'T BUY SIBERIAN

Goldfinches now, you will be disappointed. Only the small dull-coloured Russians are at present arriving. I am securing Siberians due Nov. 26th, the best that money can buy; monster cocks, coloured like a picture, square blazes, white crescent cheeks, well tanned, white breast, just the kind you want for muling or show, 3/6 and 6/6; order now of Madame Hermann, Naturalist, 43, Scotts-rd., Leyton.

FRED ALLEN'S BRITISH AND SIBERIANS

The best advert. is that which offers you the best birds, so do not be misled by spurious imitations. I am bound to make this statement, as my advert. is being copied by many. See your birds before you purchase; you can do this by sending your cash to the Editor and your order to me, and having them on seven days' approval. Look, seven winners were supplied by me at last week's shows. Real giant cock Linnets, in full song, cannot be beat, 1/-, and 1/6; a few suitable for call birds, with new back cage, 2/- lot; contest singers, cock Linnet, learnt under my well-known champion of England, only 2/- each, with new contest cage and book of secrets, 3/6 lot; one note worth the money; extra large Norwich type cock Linnets, well pencilled, colour A1, steady as rocks, real gems, 2/- each; Siberian cock Goldfinches, with deep square cut blaze, broad heads, colour A1, real gems, 5/6 each; a few extra gems, cannot be beat, 7/6 each; a few good ones, same as I supply the Midland dealers with, 4/6 each: German cock Siskins grand size and colour, in full song, 2/6, 3/-, and 3/6 each; Belgian cock Greenfinches, extra size and colour, 1/-, and 1/6; giant cock Chaffinch, ready to win, 1/- each; beautiful cock Twites, well laced, grand colour, cannot be beat, 1/- and 1/6; Lesser Redpoll, a gem, 1/6; Mealy Redpoll, 2/6; German hen Bullfinches, 2/-: British, 1/-, and 1/6; splendid cock Bullfinches, feathered like silk, tight as wax, real gems, 2/6, 3/-, and 3/6 each; real pear-tree cock Goldfinches, in full song, caged months, 2/6 and 3/- each; a few gems, with extra broad heads, grand square cut blaze, 3/6 and 4/- each; young Parrot, nice pet, only 7/6; hen Cockatiel, guaranteed to breed, only 6/6: Budgerigars, 7/- pair; last but not least, house-moulted Linnets, in full song, right for contests or exhibition, not rubbish, 3/6, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6 each; testimonials with every post; no waiting: Fred Allen, Bird Specialist and Judge, Porter St. Aviaries, Hull.

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Goldfinches, for exhibition or muling, stormers for colour and size, 6/-, 7/6, 10/-; one special, 15/-; hens, 2/- each. Siberian Bullfinch cock, real winner, 10/-; hens, 7/6 each.

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W. GORE, The Importer, Gooch-st, B'HAM.

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REAL Siberian cock Goldfinches, very large birds with beautiful square-cut scarlet blaze, richly tanned on breast, beautiful wing bars and well buttoned, steady as rocks, show themselves for all they are worth, ready at once for the bench, 5/-, 6/6, and a few that can win under any judge 10/6; real English Peartree cock Goldfinches, the largest in England, same as the above for colour, 3/-; sure prize winners for the bench, 4/6; English cock Bullfinches, very large birds, perfect cap and bib, splendid wing bars, double rich colour in breast, sure prize winners for the bench, 4/-; and one cannot be beaten, 5/6, he is a topper; very large German hen Bullfinches, can win on the bench, 2/- and 2/6; please read what others say. Martin, Louth, Lincolnshire: "Bullfinch reached me this morning, he is a real beauty; the Goldfinches I got from you last year are doing well, and have been much admired." L. A. Knight to Mr. Allen, 18, Forrest Houses, Blaenlye dach, Rhondda: "Dear Sir, I am very pleased with the Linnet and Finch, they are both doing well, they are as good as ever I got from you; wishing you every success." W. Morris to H. Allen. Linnets for the bench largest in England, real Norwich type, beautifully pencilled, sure prizewinners 2/-, and one an extra gem 3/-; very large Muling Linnets 2/-, guaranteed to Mule, I hold world's record for Muling Linnets, taught by the champion Linnet of the world, singing beautiful quality, notes a treat to hear, with new cage and my book of secrets and a packet of my special mixture 3/-, 3/6, and a few of my gems 4/6. I defy any dealer in the world to supply the same for the money. Cock Siskins 3/-, a few gems 4/-; Larks, singing daylight and gaslight, beautiful quality notes, 2/-, a few can sing anywhere 3/6; all birds on 7 days approval; cash or deposit; no waiting; plenty in stock, so send to the old firm: Harry Allen, Bird Specialist and Judge, City Aviaries, Becket-st., Leeds.

British Exhibitors.

Mr. Hedges, Eastbourne, writes, September 13th: "Send me special selected cock Goldfinch, Linnet, Greenfinch, and hen Bullfinch for enclosed 10/-; Goldfinch I got from you two years ago won six 1sts and specials; the one I had last year won 3rd, but I lost him." Mr. Veitch, Jedburgh, writes: "Send cock Goldfinch, 3/-; two hen Bullfinches, 3/- Glad to say Goldfinch purchased from you won me two 1sts Hawick, 1st and special Kelso, 5th Edinburgh (class 33), 3rd Galashiels, twice 2nd at our show." W. Jones, Altrincham, December 6th. "Send two cock Linnets and two cock Siskins. Am pleased to say I won 2nd and 4th at Altrincham open class with birds purchased from you." Mr. Ewan, Kirn, writes: "Goldfinch arrived safe, and won 1st and special at our show." Mr. Weedall, Winsford, January 30th: "Send another good Bullfinch. Glad to say last two have won 1st and 2nd every time shown. Unfortunately best one just died; other won 4th large class at big Crystal Palace Show." Walter Dyke, Longridge: "Send cock Goldfinch and hen Bullfinch. Glad to say Hybrid which I bred from Goldfinch and Bullfinch purchased from you has won 1st Leeds (Class 19), 2nd Halifax, 1st Leek, 2nd Hamilton, 2nd Hinckley, 1st Portsmouth, etc." I have thousands of Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Linnets weekly, and can pick likely exhibition specimens. Cock Goldfinches and Bullfinches, 3/-, 4/-, 5/- each; cock Linnets, 1/-, 1/6 and 2/-. Cock Greenfinches, Chaffinches, Redpolls, 1/-, 1/6, 2/-. Large hen Bullfinches, for showing, Muling, 2/- and 2/6. Cock Siskins, 2/6, 3/-, 4/-. Send for catalogue. Proper Club Show Cages, 2/-, three 5/6. Can give you absolute proof of hundreds of winners I have supplied the last few years at above prices. Established 1879. Telephone 440.

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PAIR Cirl Buntings, 3/6; pair Reed Buntings, 2/6; six cock Goldfinches, 7/6; one dozen hen Goldfinches, 5/-: Phillip, Marazion, Cornwall.

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SELECTED cocks, Goldfinch, Linnet, Redpoll, Chaffinch, Greenfinch, Yellow and Reed Buntings, 5/6 lot; handsome pairs, Cirl Buntings, 4/-; Reed Buntings, 1/6; large tame Magpie and cage, 6/-; bargains: K. Older, 64, Kingsland-rd., Bristol.

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NOTICE: cock Goldfinches, Bullfinches, 1/6, selected 2/- hens 9d.. 1/-; Red-breasted Linnets, Redpolls, Chaffinches, cock Skylarks, Titlarks, Yellowhammers, Starlings, 6d. each, 3 for 1/-; hens 2d. each; Greenfinches 3d. pair; cock Thrushes, Blackbirds, 1/- each; all birds selected by me, rest sold to dealers; few of above, caged August, singing nicely, 6d. extra. Cages, large square, traps, Lark's, Goldfinch cages, 6d. each; small square, 3d.; box, show, cottage, top Lark's, 1/- each; cages made on the premises; dozens cheaper; approval, deposit, everything; wanted hen Canaries, cash: Gould, Birdcatcher, Holford-rd., Witton, Birmingham.

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THREE pairs champion winning strain Border, cocks 5/-, hens 2/6, or 18/- lot, cash; 7 days' approval: Storey, Crowle, Doncaster.

PRIZE-BRED Borders, 1911, bred from own stock, all colours, reasonable prices; state wants: R. Irvine, 106, Montrose-st., Brechin.

I HAVE some smart Border cocks from 4/- to 12/- each; pairs from 6/-; approval; Woods, 125, Palgrave-rd., Gt. Yarmouth.

EXHIBITION Borders; cocks from 6/6; hens from 3/6; ready for showing; state wants; approval: Cockburn, Miller-st., Innerleithen.

WINNING Borders; see latest wins, Brechin and Forfar; clears, marks, greens, cinnamons; reasonable; stamp: Craig, High-st., Brechin.

EXHIBITION Borders, clears, and greens, Bennett's, Patterson's, and Green's strains; state wants; approval: Brain, Glastonbury.

CHAMPION Borders; pairs from 10/6; singly, 7/6 and 3/6; approval; see Metropolitan report: Burgess, 60, Taybridge-rd., Battersea.

YOUNG Borders, prize strain, best condition; 14 cocks, nine hens, 65/- to clear; or in two lots: Howell, Traquair, Murrayfield, Midlothian.

YOUNG Yellow Border hen, he first feather show, Cheltenham, 6/6; yellow cocks, /6 each: Miss G. Dent, 1, Berkeley-villas, Pittville, Cheltenham.

YELLOW cock, 1911, grand type, fit to show, full of colour and quality, Patterson strain, 10/6, bargain; approval: Rea, Embleton, Cockermouth.

CHOICELY bred self-cinnamon Border cocks, 1911, one yellow, one buff, full cong, 3/- each to clear: Marsden, Ridge-hall, Chapel-en-le-Firth, Derbyshire.

CHOICE Borders, Clears, Marks, Greens; cocks 5/- upwards, hens 3/- upwards; see Manchester, Liverpool, etc., reports: Ireland, 19, Bowness-rd., Barrow-in-Furness.

EXHIBITORS: Not having time to exhibit, have about 20 first-class Borders for sale; yellow cock, 3rd, buff 4th, Plymouth, 10/- each; others from 5/-; approval: Bobbett, Lynch Aviaries, Walton, Bridgwater.

HIGH-CLASS Green Borders, also clears, for sale, exhibition or stock birds, selfs, fouls, yellows, and buffs; see reports Manchester, Liverpool, and Swansea, Wallsend, etc.: send stamped envelope for wants: John McQuillan, High-st., Wallsend.

MR. SAMPSON, Pontardulais, being overstocked, has several high class winning Borders for disposal at low prices; including 1911 yellow cock, 2nd., Swansea, 3rd., Cheltenham (see Press critiques), and other winners; promising youngsters; stock birds etc.

EVEN-MARKS, GREENS,

and their production are fully described in "The Border Fancy Canary," which also defines the standard. You will find fullest hints in our "Nutshell" booklet No. 23, concerning the keeping of your birds in health and song. Post free, 2½d., from the Publisher, CAGE Birds, 154, Fleet-st., Loudon E.C.

Cinnamons.

GIVING up the Fancy; all my Cinnamons for sale cheap; stamp for particulars: Miller, 88, Greengate, Barrow-in-Furness.

LARGE typical Cinnamons and Cinnamon Greens, buffs and yellows, from 7/6 each; few show birds cheap; approval; stamp: Broomfield, 273, Herbert-rd., Small Heath, Birmingham.

Crests and Crestbreds.

CREST and Crest-bred, or pairs for sale: Boulter, 32, Palmerston-rd., West Hampstead, London.

A few Crest and Crest-breds for disposal cheap, to clear; approval: Mr. Clarke, 109, Rupert-st., Nottingham.

J. DARLINGTON, 9, Osborne-rd., Birkenhead, has some fine Crests and Crestbreds for sale, all nicely over moult.

T. J. KING, Ingogo, Cheltenham, can now supply show or stock Crests, Crestbreds; breeder 40 years; winner over 7,000 prizes.

BIG massive Crest-breds, bred from Lancashire Coppy, also show Crests for sale, pairs from 25/-: Colledge, Kilburn, Derby.

OVERSTOCKED: will accept 40/- pair for really good Crests: worth double: J. Mensmott, 43, Meersbrook-rd., Heeley, Sheffield.

CLEARING sale, of champion Crests and Crest-breds; also Plainheads; cheap to clear; approval: Wm. Reid, Falkland, Fife.

J. BROTHERTON, Bradshawgate, Bolton, will have 50 Crests and Crestbreds for sale in about three weeks; 1910 and 1911 bred.

CRESTS, large birds, Barnet's strain, pairs from 15/-; large Norwich Plainhead hens, from 2/6: Johnson, jun., Wavenden, Bucks.

1911 CRESTED hens, 5/6; Crest-bred, 4/-; Crested cocks, 7/6, 8/6; Crest-bred cocks, 6/6; approval, deposit: Comben, Outfitter, Portland.

TWO monster, heavy feathered Crestbred cocks, 30/- each; also few odd hens from 15/-: Adams, Buddle Cottage, St. Thomas, Exeter.

IF you want Crests purchase from where they are, not where sold first, and bought afterwards; list free: W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

HIGH-CLASS Crests, Crest-breds, only want seeing; exhibitors will not get better value anywhere; also few high-class Norwich; approval: Lewis, Pilling, Garstang.

WANTED one Crested hen and two Crest-bred hens, 1911 bred; must be good birds; good price given; on approval: Paterson, Main-st., Bonnybridge, Stirlingshire.

HIGH class Crest-bred hen, a gem for stock, 15/-; also champion pair, which will breed champions, 50/- the pair; many well-known exhibitors supplied: Judge Silk, Whitstable.

GREEN Crested cock, 7/6; variegated ditto, 10/-; variegated Crest-bred cock, 7/6; grizzle Crested hen, 7/6; two variegated Crest-bred hens, 7/6 each; all 1911 birds: Fifield, Buckingham-st., Oxford.

OWING to business, I have got all my Crests and Crest-breds, show and stock birds, from best blood obtainable, for disposal from 10/- upwards; approval willingly: W. Mellor, Holbrooke Moor, nr. Derby.

IMPORTANT to exhibitors and high-class Crest breeders, several grand young dark-crested cocks (1911), £5 each; variegated crested hen, £2 10s.; green crested, 30/-, 1911: Horsley, Butcher, Norwich.

I HAVE for sale the property of a gentleman, 12 Crests and Crest-breds; some grand birds amongst them; prices very reasonable; inspection invited; apply to: John Vickers, 24, Kersbaw-st., Shaw, nr., Oldham.

BREEDER of Crests for 30 years having bred scores of winners and won hundreds of prizes; have some nice young birds for sale, prices to suit everybody, on approval: G. Williams, 50, Lower Union-st., Torquay.

HIGH class Crests and Crest-breds cheap, mostly young birds, cocks and hens, bred from winners, 10/- upwards; few feeding hens, 2/6 each; on approval: Jones, Arden-cottage, Castle Bromwich, nr., Birmingham.

CHAMPION Crests, Crestbreds, several can win in best company; breeder 35 years, judge of 100 shows; have sold as many winners as any fancier anywhere; approval: T. Billington, Hambleton, Poulton-le-Fylde.

THREE Crested hens, 10/-, 15/-, and 20/- each; three Crest-bred hens with head feather down to beak end, 10/-, 12/6, and 15/- each; also two pairs Crests, 20/-, and 25/- each; approval; deposit: Hardy, Stubley Mill, Littleborough.

MAGNIFICENT pair correctly matched high class Crests, very heavily feathered, rare type and quality of feather, certain to breed winners, Barnett's Palace winning strain, only 15/-, honestly worth £2; genuine bargain; approval: Cooper, 29, Junction-rd., Norwich.

C. ROBERTS, leading breeder, exhibitor and exporter; champion large feathery Crests and Crest-bred, can spare show birds from £3 10/-; stock pairs, matched to breed winners, from 30/-; single birds from 12/6; state your wants; approval: Stannah Hey, Newton Drive, Blackpool.

MASSIVE feathery Crest cock and massive feathery Crest-bred hen, variegated, 10/- each, 18/- pair; lovely variegated dark Crest hen, grand neat crest, 10/6; monster green Crest-bred cock, broad head, 10/6, pair £1, worth double; genuine offer to novices; approval: Hatton, Aviaries, Belper.

HARRY MILLS, 15, Moore-st., Kingsley, Northampton; two variegated Crest-breds, genuine show birds, can win young bird classes, 70/- each; father claimed Cheltenham, good price; Crest-bred hen, 1910, 30/-; two Crested hens, Crested cock, well bred, 35/- three; worth double sell again; approval.

MASSIVE heavy feathered Crests and Crest-breds, Barnett's and Joyce's strain, bundles of feather, grand head qualities, few choice specimens to dispose of, reasonable prices, single birds 12/6 to £1, correctly matched pairs £1 to 35/-; please state wants, all bird 7 days' approval, my risk: Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

I HAVE two yellows more than I want to keep for stock, one a green yellow Crest-bred cock can win in good company, the other a light Crest yellow hen, guaranteed Barnetts' famous strain, worth £5; will give them in exchange for a wire-haired Fox-terrier bitch; must be of the highest pedigree, nicely marked and full of type, not more than a year old; approval both ways: E. Smithhurst, Diamond-avenue, East Kirkby, Notts.

MONSTER feathery Crestbred cock, rare size and quality of feather, only 17/6; massive feathery Crest-bred cock, real clinker, only 12/6; monster dark Crested cock, large drooping crest, only 15/-; large heavily feathered dark Crested cock, only 12/6; massive feathery Crestbred hen, rare type and quality of feather, only 10/6; large heavily feathered dark Crested hen, only 15/-; choice dark Crested hen, only 10/6; also several other real good massive feathery Crested and Crestbred cocks and hens, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, and 21/- each; all strong and healthy, cold room bred; palace winning strain; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Cooper, 29, Junction-rd., Norwich.

CAN spare few real good Crests and Crest-breds, Barnett's strain, exceptionally cheap to clear, want room. Bred from my winners. Monster variegated Crestbred cock, grand head, £1 1/-; massive heavy feathered green ditto, grand skull, 18/-; monster variegated dark Crest cock, exhibition Crest, £1 5/-; monster ditto, grand dense crest, £1; massive heavy feathered variegated dark Crest hen, lovely crest, £1; ditto, trifle smaller, lovely crest, 15/-; massive heavy feathered green Crest-bred hen, broad skull, £1; massive variegated ditto, 16/-; all sound, healthy stock, cold-room; properly matched pairs, 25/- to £2; approval a pleasure: Miss Stone, The Fleet, Belper.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

Heavily feathered Crests and Crest-breds, warranted to give satisfaction, matched pairs 12/6, 15/-, 20/- upwards; odd cocks and hens. State wants. Show specimens reasonable; approval: H. Amiss, Ashby-st., Norwich.

TRY NEAME'S EASY PAYMENT SYSTEM.

Birds supplied from 1/- week, and forwarded on receipt first payment; all birds sent on approval; terms only want seeing; largest breeder in the West; enormous stocks Plainhead, Norwich, Yorkshires, and Crests; mating hens from 4/- each: Neame, The Aviaries, 13, Durnford-st., Stonehouse, Devon. Stamp reply.

Champion Crests and Crestbreds

Monster exhibition clear Crestbred cock, 1911 bred, marvellous head feather, well browed, immense size, sure winner, only 35/-, cheap at £4; monster exhibition dark Crested cock, 1911 bred, very large, perfectly formed, drooping crest, rare frontal, truly a gem, only 42/-, honestly worth £5; massive feathery variegated Crestbred hen, rare head and neck, smothered in feather, only 21/-, cheap at double; monster dark Crested hen, immense drooping crest, marvellous frontal, only 42/-, dirt cheap at £5 for stock alone; also extra-choice exhibition grizzle Crested hen, immense, perfectly formed, neat drooping crest, sure winner in keen competition, only 45/-, cheap at £5; genuine bargains, all cold room bred; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich.

JOHN TYSON.

169, Sloane Street, London, disposed of 44 birds from last advert., but has few pairs left, which must be sold at 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-, 60/-; real good value, no odd hens, separate cocks from 10/-; approval with pleasure to known fanciers; very satisfactory expressions from recent buyers; show cages, 1/- each; travelling cases cheap.

Greens.

YORKSHIRE greens, self and foul, good birds; reasonable: Cubbon, 40, Kinmel-st., Princes' Park, Liverpool.

YORKSHIRE and Border Greens, can spare few pairs, right type and colour; reasonable; approval: Young, Grosvenor-rd., New Brighton.

YORKSHIRE and Norwich, show or stock birds, best blood in the Fancy; come and inspect them: Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich and Border Greens, few for sale, pairs or single, reasonable approval: Walker, 197, Great Homer-st., Liverpool.

YORKSHIRE Greens, a few good birds for sale, same blood as my Manchester and Liverpool winners; approval: McDermott, 9, Maple Grove, Lodge Lane, Liverpool.

OWING to accident to my hand I am compelled to part with all my stock of Yorkshire Greens, also cages, all in one lot; my birds have won many first cards at all leading shows, which can be seen. They would make grand stock for anyone starting this variety; may be seen any night or week-ends, or by appointment: H. Hughes, 6, Argyle-st. South, Birkenhead.

ROWLAND'S STRAIN.

The finest winning strain of Green Yorkshires on the show bench. See reports weekly. I have purchased the whole surplus stock of Mr. Rowlands, and offer them for sale at reasonable prices, singles or pairs: Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool.

Lancashires.

CHAMPION large massive Plainheads, 10/6 each; ten days approval: W. Powick, Dewsbury.

TWO young yellow plainhead cocks, grand birds, 15/- each; approval; cold room: Fitton, 14, Vavasour-st., Rochdale.

FEW high class Lancashire hens, bred from winners, on approval, price and particulars: Nadin, 18, Royds-st., Rochdale.

ON sale, a few pairs of Lancashire Canaries, also ticked yellow coppy, 1st at Rochdale, and a few nice clears: R. Barrass, St. Stephen's, Rochdale.

GIVING up keeping Lancashires; I have for sale some splendid cocks and hens, yellows and buffs; also one grand pair; stamp for particulars and prices; approval: Tbos., Broadbead, Grocer, Derby-st., Macclesfield.

F. J. GREEN, winner of championship diploma Crystal Palace Show this year, can spare a few real good Lancashires, very reasonable; well matched pairs from 35/-; satisfaction guaranteed; no odd Plainhead hens; state wants: 5, Albert Place, Loughborough, Leicestershire.

Lizards.

CHAMPION Lizards, Gold or Silver, cock or hen, 5/6 each; ten days approval: W. Powick, Dewsbury.

CHAMPION Lizards, properly matched pairs, 10/6 upwards; Mr. Oliver and Mr. Dewsnap strain: W. Carter, Butcher, 160, Burnley-rd., Todmorden, Yorkshire.

CHEAP: Two grand sets of Lizards; giving up keeping; also young; state requirements; stamp for particulars: Broadhead, Macclesfield.

THE Lizard prince's offers still hold good; any bird for sale, cheap; none reserved; approval; inspection invited: John Rukin, Hall Carr-rd., Rawtenstall, Lancashire.

LIZARDS: Best strain in the world; winners of several cups, gold and silver medals; now is the time for show birds; cheap pairs, 12/-, 15/-; odd cocks, 8/-; approval: Whipp, 483, Rochdale-rd., Crompton, Shaw.

ALL Lizard fanciers should take note of a very exceptional purchase of Lizards, added to my own collection. I now have the entire stock of a well-known fancier, who is giving up; I therefore have all his winners and stock birds; many of these cost big prices, but will now be sold at small ones: W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

Norwich.

BREEDERS' CARD.

E. BAKER, 14, High Street, Cowes, I.W., Breeder and Exhibitor High-class Norwich Plainheads, winner at most big shows. Write for prices.

J. HODDER, Breeder of Champion Norwich, winner of championships; some nice birds cheap; approval: 6, Banner-st., St. Luke's, London, E.C.

L. J. RICHARDSON, breeder high-class Norwich; 50 birds for sale; see wins Oxford, London Federation and Brighton, etc; bowl winner, etc; single birds from 15/-, pairs from 30/-.—Post Office, 91, Union-rd., Rotherhithe.

FOUR Norwich show cages and case, as new, 10/-: Brain, Glastonbury.

WATSON, Arbuckle-st., Kilmarnock; a few good typical pairs, some fit to win; approval.

FOUR grand pairs of Norwich, grand stock birds, 25/- per pair; dirt cheap: Judge Silk, Whitstable.

CHAMPION Norwich, sure winners, cocks 7/6, hens 5/6 each, ten days' approval: W. Powick, Dewsbury.

E. GODLEY has few grand Norwich for disposal, single or pairs, also Cinnamons: Rishton, Blackburn.

SEVERAL pairs of good Norwich, Vardy's strain, from 10/- to £1 a pair: Holmes, Fletcher-st., Heanor, Notts.

BARGAIN, 3 pairs Norwich, 2 cock Goldfinch Mules, accept 25/- lot, or nearest offer: Fitzjohn, Star-st., Ware.

YOUNG Norwich cocks from 6/6, hens 3/-; cold room; seen any day: Poulson, 170, East-st., Walworth.

NOTICE, grand Norwich cocks 3/6, cock and hen 5/6; approval: McKeand, Seabright Villa, Castle Douglas.

NORWICH cocks, small 3/6, medium 4/6, large 6/-; hens, 2/- and 3/6; approval: Ross, Canary Breeder, Forres, N.B.

A FEW matched pairs, healthy Norwich, 12/6, 15/-; very cheap; approval: Day, Farnham-rd., Bury St. Edmunds.

WHAT offers for 9 cocks, 5 hens, Norwich, 1911 birds; no rubbish: Shooter, 1, Cemetery-rd., East Kirkby, Notts.

WHAT offers, for 2 pairs of Norwich and 18 of their youngsters (together or separate): P. Watson, Market Rasen.

THREE pairs Norwich Plainheads, 7/6 a pair; three feeding hens, 7/6; approval: John Starling, Barney, Guist, Norfolk.

PAIR of really good large Norwich, only 15/-; large yellow cock 10/6; big hen 8/6: Davidson, Bookseller, Montrose.

THIRTY good Norwich; hens 3/-, cocks 5/6, or 7/- pair; grand value; deposit: F. Freeman, 39, Queen-rd., Northampton.

CHAMPION Norwich, grand pairs, matched for breeding, 8/6, 10/6, 15/6; on approval: J. Blackshaw, 3, Bond-st., Coventry.

FRANK F. LAWSON, 14, Pugin St., Carlisle, breeder and exhibitor, for champion Norwich, correct type, fine quality; approval.

FEW Norwich for sale, price reasonable, approval; see Brechin and Forfar show reports: A. Pirie, 255, Montrose-st., Brechin.

PRIZE bred Norwich from 12/6 pair, see wins Carlisle, Cheltenham; singles from 7/6: Bell, 35, Clementina Terrace, Carlisle.

TWO Norwich cocks and three hens for sale, cheap; giving up; first P.O. for 17/6 gets them: H. Bell, 2, Clement-st., Coventry.

SURPLUS stock for sale, 3 buff cocks, 5 buff hens, 2 yellow hens, all bred from winners; cheap to clear: Lawrie, Falkland.

STRONG healthy Norwich, cold room, 1911, cocks 4/-, hens 2/-: A. Wale, Boot Maker, Charnwood-rd., Sheepshed, Leicestershire.

PRIZE bred Norwich Canaries; cocks, in full song, 4/-, 5/- each; hens, same strain, 1/6, 2/- each: Heathcote's Aviaries, Leicester.

SPLENDID Norwich for sale; singing cocks, 5/6; mated pairs, 7/6 and upward: Turner and Roberts, Havelock-st., Ripley, Derby.

CLEAR Buff Norwich cocks, bred from winners, well fed, 7/6; hens, 3/6; approval with pleasure: Ratcliff, Greenhill, Grantham.

NORWICH, 5 pairs, colour fed, and cages, sacrifice, 50/-, will separate; approval deposit: Lack, 89, Glenthorne-rd., Hammersmith.

YELLOW Norwich cock, 15/-; yellow hen, 12/6; second prize N.C. buff hen, 10/-; third Crest-bred hen, 7/6: Fountain, Aylesbury.

A. EDWARDS, can spare a few 1911 bred, high class birds; three pairs 10/6, 12/6, 15/6; single birds from 7/6: 54, Reigate Hill, Reigate.

UNFLIGHTED marked buff cock, 1st and reserve Bedford, 15/-; ditto yellow, 3rd, 12/6; approval: George Notley, King's, Bedford.

PRIZE bred Norwich cocks, Midgley's strain, 7/6 each; Seifert Rollers, own breeding, cocks, 4/6; hens 2/-: Olliffe, Church Green, Witney.

HANDSOME Norwich cocks, grand songsters, 4/-, 4/6; hens, 2/-, 2/6; pairs, 6/-, 6/6; grand value; approval: Hatton, Aviaries, Belper.

FEW good Norwich for sale, cocks from 10/- to 15/-, hens 5/- to 7/6; on approval: Burn and Collingwood, Hunwick, Willington, Durham.

SIX old Norwich cocks, yellow and buff, 6 1911 Norwich, 2 1910 hens, buff; all colour fed; 50/- lot: Woof, Oban Terrace, Armley, Leeds.

T. H. JONES, 9, Boundary-rd., Carlisle, breeder and exhibitor of high-class Norwich, correct type, grand quality, few pairs reasonable.

A. YOUNGHUSBAND, Stanger-st., Keswick, Cumberland, breeder and exhibitor of high-class Norwich, correct type, grand quality, approval.

NORWICH 1910 and 1911 cocks and hens, aviary-bred, low price to make room; approval, deposit: Miss A. Warren, Long Sutton, Lincs.

TWELVE pairs of grand young Norwich, bred from winners, cold room, 6/- pair; approval: Holmes, Mansfield-avenue, Quorn, Loughborough.

BARGAINS in Norwich: Cocks from 5/-, hens from 2/6, pairs from 7/6, all colour fed; cash or deposit: Cosier, 146, Earlsbrook-rd., Earlswood, Surrey.

SLAUGHTERING prices, must sell; Norwich cocks 5/6, hens 2/6, Baker's Palace strain; approval willingly: 34, Heysham-rd., Shirley, Southampton.

LARGE Norwich stock cocks, two clear yellows, two buffs, variegated, and ticked, genuine, worth double, 7/6 each; approval; Barnes, Bath-rd., Kettering.

HENS, hens: Now is the time to buy hens; I have a grand lot for sale from 5/- each; also a few good cocks: Wilmot, 17, Sandhurst-rd., Bedford.

JUDGE Silk has 30 grand hens, yellows and buffs, unflighted, and 1910 bred, 7/6 each, to clear; will be worth double in breeding season; approval: Whitstable.

CHAMPION Norwich cocks, 10/6 upwards; hens, 7/6 upwards; yellow or buff, Mr. R. Allen's strain: W. Carter, Butcher, 160, Burnley-rd., Todmorden, Yorkshire.

BARGAIN, three pairs high-class Norwich, cocks in song, cheap at 10/6 pair, accept 8/6 pair, or 12/6 lot; on approval, cash or deposit: E. L. Storey, Crowle, Doncaster.

TWO big solid grey unflighted cocks, for show or producing colour and feather in young stock, 25/- each; bargain; exchange: Robinson, 9, Broad-st., Windermere.

EXHIBITION Norwich, whole of my stock for disposal, also cages and fittings, in one lot, or will part; a grand chance for a beginner; Spinner, Leslie Park-rd., Croydon.

GENUINE high-class Norwich Canaries from 9/6 pair; state requirements; satisfaction guaranteed: George Boughton (from Norwich), 54, Dunstans-rd., East Dulwich.

LARGE unflighted clear yellow Norwich cock, 6/-; ditto, buffs, one clear, one marked, 5/6 each; hens, 3/-; approval anywhere: Smith, 102, Russell-st., Northampton.

W. SCHOFIELD, Saddler, Ipswich, having had a good season, can spare 20 pairs, or singly; bred from winners, Crystal Palace, Norwich, etc., from 10/6 pair; approval.

TWENTY pairs of good Norwich Plainheads, own breeding, from 10/6 a pair, cocks from 7/6, hens from 3/6; satisfaction guaranteed: Schulen, 116, Old Palace-rd., Norwich.

GRAND lot 1911 Norwich cocks, yellow or buff, from 8/-; hens, yellow or buff, from 5/-; see report, Hamilton and Darvel; approval: Devoy, 23, George-st., Stranraer.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich for sale, large 1910 buff cock, 17/6; one 1911, £1; other cocks from 7/6; hens from 5/-; cash or deposit: H. Piggin, Fruiterer, 61, Botolph-st., Norwich.

MR. E. KEW, 8, Queen-st., Margate, has surplus prize-bred Norwich for sale, bred from his winners; cobby cocks 7/6, hens 4/6, typical pairs 10/6; four magnificent cocks, 20/-.

SEVERAL winners to part with, also some grand stock birds; see Partick Show report this week; approval; inspection invited: Maxwell, 40, Stewartville-st., Partick, Glasgow.

GRAND stout cobby Norwich cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; stout cobby hens, 6/-, 7/-, 8/-; matched pairs, 12/-, 14/-, 16/-. From my winners, cold room; approval willingly: Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

FOR sale, a few Norwich yellow cocks, yellow hens, yellow variegated hens; all young; two Buff cocks; some winners amongst them; all well bred: Wm. Jeffrey, 142, Montrose-st., Brechin.

G. B. DANIEL, 69, Derby-lane, Liverpool; all my Norwich for sale; some of the finest stock birds obtainable, from 15/- pair upwards; grand lot of cages; enquiries solicited; approval.

NORWICH, cold room bred, good type and quality, natural colour, cocks 7/6 and 10/-, hens 3/- and 5/-; 1910 and 1911; must clear, room wanted: Robert, 68, Aston-rd., Raynes Park, Wimbledon.

GRAND 1910 yellow cock, thigh ticked, 12/6; ditto, clear yellow, 10/-; a few buff hens, reasonable; same blood as our winners; see this week's report Luton Show: Litchfield, Tennyson-rd., Luton.

MRS. RICHARDSON-GRIFFITHS has a few 1911 Norwich cocks and hens for sale, Yellows and Buffs, good type; hens 3/6 and 4/6, cocks 7/6 and 10/6; approval, deposit: Oak Cottage, Horsham.

NOTICE, grand pair Norwich Plainheads, buff cock and yellow hen, 1911, 15/-, and several grand birds, cheap to clear, also few young Crests; stamp, particulars: John Bale, 63, Victoria-st., Barnstaple.

BUFF cock, winner, 20/-, yellow hen 10/-, pair 27/6, 4 unflighted buff cocks 2 hens, 7/6 each, lot £2; Baker's strain, exchange for big yellow or buff cock; approval: Moorman, Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight.

WINNING Norwich Plainhead, 1st and 3rd, yellow cocks, £1 each, buff hen, hc at Wisbech, same as last Palace winners, also several others, cheap; approval, deposit: C. Handley, Walsoken, Wisbech.

THREE pairs of prize bred Norwich Plainheads for sale, winning strain, 25/- per pair, or would exchange lot for good gramophone and records, in sound working order: Welsh, 72, Scotgate, Stamford.

BARGAINS to clear. I am overstocked: Norwich cocks 7/6, 10/6, 12/6; hens 2/6, 5/6, 10/6; every one in good health and condition; chance for a novice to get tip-top birds cheap: Sherlock, Liverpool-rd., St. Helens.

GRAND stout cobby buff cock, 12/6; large stout yellow hen, 8/6, pair £1; stout cobby yellow cock, 10/-; grand stout buff hen, 6/6, pair 15/-; Iron's strain; bargains; approval gladly: Miss Stone, The Fleet, Belper.

MAGNIFICENT pair, correctly matched, high-class Norwich Plainheads, race size, type, and quality, certain to breed winners, only 10/6, honestly worth 25/-; genuine bargain; approval: Cooper, 29, Junction-rd., Norwich.

UNFLIGHTED Norwich cocks, clear buff 6/6, lightly marked buff 6/-, 1910 marked buff, large exhibition bird, natural colour, 15/-; the above are all good stock; right head, neck, quality: Hendry, 63, High-st., Fraserborough.

HAVING had a good breeding season, have a number of unflighted and year-old birds ready for immediate exhibition, all bred from noted winners, also several good stock birds; state wants; stamp, reply: Woodall, Carlton-rd., Sheffield.

BIG bouncing stock birds for sale, made 14 entries, won 10 money prizes, and hc; monster buff cock, 25/-, others from 8/6; extra fine yellow cock, from 8/6; yellow hens from 6/6; grand pairs from 20/-: Hudson, 117a, Gibbet-st., Halifax.

HIGH-class Norwich, several can win; 35 years' breeder, judge of 100 shows; I don't exhibit now, I breed for other fanciers to win; have sold as many winners as anyone in England; approval: T. Billington, Hambleton, Poulton-le-Fylde.

SEE reports of Birmingham, Wolverhampton and West Bromwich shows (only times out) for my wins: five 1sts, four specials, six 2nds, seven 3rds, four 4ths, etc. Few grand show and stock birds to spare: J. Eckersley, 51, Francis-rd., Edgbaston, Birmingham.

EXTRA large Norwich cock, £2, winner two 1sts, 2nd, etc.; large ticked yellow cock, 15/-, winner 2nd Burton, only time shown; very typical clear yellow cock, 12/-; good typical birds, natural colour: Messrs. Colloby and Brown, 13, New-rd., Wilnecote, near Tamworth.

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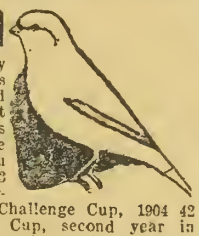


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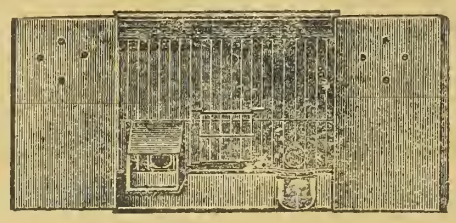
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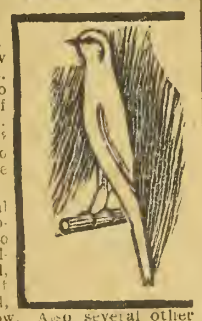
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NOTICE: Dealers requiring surplus stock Yorkshire Canaries write: Cheshire, 26, Crawford-st., Bradford.

WANTED, Goldfinches and Bullfinches, any quantity; state lowest prices: Clarke, 78, Whit-lane, Pendleton.

WANTED good Border show cages, exchange Norwich or Border Fancy Canaries: Gibson, 21, Fountain Brow, Kendal.

WANTED pure-bred Scotch Terrier dog, exchange high-class Canaries, Norwich or Yorkshire: Bly, Butcher, Tring.

WANTED Canaries, 1911, for gent's Humber cycle, new tyres, Dunlops, sell 55/-: Putner, 38, Circus-st., West Greenwich.

WANTED offers in Canaries; exchange new watch, goes eight days; sell 25/-: Drummond, 15, Hutcheson-st., Glasgow.

WANTED Canaries, Goldfinches, Siskins, and Bullfinches, state prices: Manager, Bird and Seed Stores, Kirkgate, Wakefield.

WANTED up-to-date second handed Scotch Fancy show cages; cash or exchange Canarics; approval: D. Shearer, Thurso.

WANTED Canaries or foreign birds, would exchange splendid family Bible, cost 50/-, or sell 30/-: Gomm, Ley Green, Chesham.

WANTED to exchange pedigree Fox Terrier pups for Hawfinch cock or 4 cock Bullfinches: Anderson, Carlisle-st., Leicester.

WANTED Canaries, exchange Harmsworth self-educator, vols. 1 and 2, bound: F. Jordan, 1, Chisenhale-rd., Bow, London.

WANTED 2 good cock Goldics, also offers for 12 well bred hen Norwich, good feeders: Etherington, Alderton, Chippenham.

GLAZIER'S diamond; value 15/-; new condition; exchange Canaries, Mules or offers: Biddle, 27, Wharton-st., Lloyd Sq., W.C.

WANTED: Yellow Border cock, exchange 4 hens, two unflighted, or sell 10/- lot; offers: Allen, New-rd., Gillingham, Dorset.

WANTED Yorkshires, long, quality, colour, fair prices, good birds: H. Oliver, 2, Bridport-place, Hoxton: will deposit cash.

WANTED offers in Canaries for Scotch blankets; sell 25/-; lever watch 30/-: MacDongall, 134, James-st., Bridgetou, Glasgow.

WANTED offers, Canaries, Mules, Goldfinches, for 80 splendid 3-year-old red currant bushes: E. Thoday, Earith, Huntingdonshire.

WANTED, good 1910 variegated crested cock; exchange three good Yorkshire hens; yours first: Ford, 19, Perry-st., Hull.

WANTED, any amount of Goldfinches for immediate cash; please state price: Haynes, Bird Aviaries, Bournbrook, Birmingham.

WANTED Roller cock Canary, give in exchange 2 pairs of Bullies and 6 cock Greenfinches, good birds: Dunster, Tatworth, Chard.

WANTED Roller cocks, in full song, or talking Parrot, exchange good Yorkshire Canaries: 114, Grassington-terrace, Keighley.

WANTED British house-moulted and Canaries, also Siskins; state cheapest prices: J. King, Bird Dealer, 164, Kelvinhaugh-st., Glasgow.

WANTED, Goldfinch Mule, for catching, Finch notes; exchange 2 twice house-moulted cock Goldfinches: O'Niel, Castle-st., Neath.

WANTED, overcoat to measure; exchange typical colour-fed Norwich cocks; no dealers; stamp reply: Anstee, 28 Newcombe-rd., Luton.

WANTED, little drain runner, must be true to hole; exchange 2 cocks, 1 hen Norwich: Robert Luke, Byers Green, Co. Durham.

WANTED offers, Canaries, poultry, for Anglo concertina; English make (by Lachenal), cost £3 15s.: Lafbury, 442, High-st., East Ham.

WANTED good pair Norwich or Yorkshire Canaries, exchange champion pair White Polish Bantams: Gribbin, Elliot-st., Newcastle, Staffs.

WANTED Canaries to purchase cheap, or offers wanted for gents cycle, worth 50/-; letters only: Brooks, 174, Sydenham-rd., Croydon.

WANTED, pair good Norwich; exchange gent's silver dress watch, good timekeeper: Sanger, 34, Telford-rd., Ladbroke Grove, London.

WANTED, Siberian Goldfinches in exchange for large chubby Norwich or prize-bred Yorkshires; Jackson's Aviaries, Guisbro, Yorkshire.

WANTED, clapnets, call birds, cages, complete; exchange cramp shutting board, mitre plane, cost 27/6: W. Bains, jun., Northborough.

WANTED, dogs, Parrots, pigeons, rats, guinea pigs, monkeys, poultry, birds, etc.; purchase or exchange: Barlow's Aviaries, Greenwich.

WANTED offers in good Canaries for "Yorkshire" chicken rearer, 26/-, and new wood beehive, 15/6: Hodgson, Newton House, Northampton.

OFFERS for 50 good Yorkshires, fed, or separate, 1 cock, 2 hens, properly matched, 10/6; cash or deposit: Watts, 11, Phillips-lane, Colne, Lancashire.

BIRDCATCHERS: Wanted, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Linnets etc.; any quantity weekly; state prices: George Vanner, 6, Redheugh-rd., Gateshead.

WANTED 16yds. clap nets, square mesh; exchange Mules, Linnets, Goldfinches, Canaries, to value; approval: Ernest Whitely, Crowle, Doncaster.

WANTED, feathery 1910 Crested cock, singing; exchange pair Seifert Rollers, cock singing, rung B.R.C.C.: W. Clark, 99, Teviot-st., Poplar, E.

CATCHERS for cock brown Linnets, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, etc., state lowest price to: Halls, Central Bird Stores, Liverpool-rd., Patricroft, Manchester.

WANTED Airedale dog pup, pure bred, in exchange for good Yorkshire Canaries; approval, no rubbish; or useful exchange: M., Gresham Lodge, Romford.

WANTED for cash, Canaries and hen Mules, Hybrids; state lowest price: William Trask, Bird Specialist, Chesham-house, Deptford-broadway, Lond.

CANARIES: Wanted any quantity for cash; or will exchange gramophones or records, any make or title, for them: George Vanner, 6, Redheugh-rd., Gateshead.

WANTED large buff Norwich hen, good head and neck, exchange 1 yellow cinnamon hen and 1 yellow green hen: Mason, 5, Prince Albert-bldgs., Edinburgh.

NORWICH hens of good type, wanted in exchange for boots, overcoats, blankets, etc., anything for home use supplied: Exchange Company, 57, Lime-st., Sheffield.

WANTED yellow Norwich cock, or 1910 cock Goldfinch Mule (Finch notes); exchange house-moulted British, or sell: Skinner, Ironmonger, Kingskerwell, South Devon.

CASH offers wanted for 3 cocks and 1 hen Goldfinch-Greenfinch hybrids; exchange new double-sided Zonophone records: Mann, 41, Sumner-st., Atherton, nr. Manchester.

WANTED exhibition small foreigners, exchange for practically new Windsor zither banjo and case, recently cost 9 guineas; no cards: Levett, High-st., Headington, Oxford.

WANTED for export, any quantity of hen Canaries, 1/- each given; large Norwich and Yorkshire hens, 1/4; menagery now open: Manager, Bird Stores, Kirkgate, Wakefield.

WANTED, any quantity of Goldfinches and Linnets from catchers only, also cock Goldfinch Mules, Linnet Mules; state lowest price: Thomas Hughes, 65, Saltley-rd., Birmingham.

WANTED yellow cinnamon hen, Norwich type, 1911 bred, must be good and cheap; particulars, stating price and qualities, to: A. B. Brown, 71, Warleigh-avenue, Devonport.

NOTICE, will give 6/- per pair for Norwich and Yorkshires, colour fed preferred; also wanted, Crests and Scotch Fancy, must be reasonable: McKeand, Hamilton-place, Castle Douglas.

WANTED watch, mandoline, Rollers, full song, or anything useful; exchange exhibition cock Goldfinch and good yellow cock Linnet, both twice h.m.: Cogger, 18, Rectory-rd., Hornsey.

WANTED offer, must sell, 16 double breeders, two large flight cages, 12 new show cages, all in good condition, for cash, or exchange anything useful: Smith, 34, Central-rd., Leiston, Suffolk.

WANTED offers in good Yorkshire or yellow Norwich hens, for pair of good Rollers; cock in full song; Yorkshire preferred; yours first; letters only: W. Kirkwood, 10, Tanpits-rd., Church.

WANTED large colour-fed Norwich, will give 7/- per pair for good birds; will deposit cash with Editor; send full particulars and stamp for reply: Gledhill, Fleet-lane, Queensbury, Bradford.

WANTED yellow Lancashire or Lancashire cross hens, yellow cock Siskin, or offers to trade; exchange pair new tricycle wheels, cock muling Goldfinches, exhibition Norwich: Phillips, Decorator, Portishead.

WANTED Canaries; exchange Columbia phonograph, with 12 records, as new; hand-sewing machine 25/-; banjo, in case 7/6; exchange disc records; or offers: Legget, 83, Mildmay-grove, Islington, N.

WANTED offers in Crests, cycle, musical, or anything useful, for a 5 by 4 Lancaster enlarger, 20/-; also nickel-plated motor generator, cost £3 3s., new condition, 30/-: Mack, Bognor, Ambleside Rd., Willesden.

COCK Canaries, full song, exchange Columbia gramophone, polished oak case, sapphire reproducer and Flower horn, new condition; cost 42/-, and 3 doz. 1/- records; or cash 30/- lot, or anything useful; exchange: 10, Portland-rd., London, W.

WANTED from catchers, special picked Goldfinch, Linnet, Redpoll, Greenfinch, or Chaffinch, must be large and genuine show specimens; also white or cinnamon Linnets or Greenfinches; on approval: Hull, City Arms, Gt., Tower-st., London, E.C.

WANTED singing Canaries, Mules, wild notes, good British; exchange classical gramophone records, medical electric battery, 7/6; new meat-mincing machine, 12/6, worth 15/-; gent's clothing, good; stamp reply, then guaranteed; birds first; deposit "Cage Birds": Lambert, Beverston House, Doris-rd., Sparkhill, Birmingham.

OWING to ever-increasing business I am open to take the entire catches regularly throughout the season of six to twelve additional Goldfinch and Linnet catchers. Only genuine catchers prepared to act honourably need reply. My bankers are Lloyds Bank, Ltd., Gooch-st. Branch, and I pay 20/- to the £ promptly: W. Gore, 131, Gooch-st., Birmingham.

FINGER TAME BIRDS WANTED

any variety Canary, British, or foreign bird; state lowest price: J. M. Martin, 7, Paradise-rd., Dundee.

WANTED.

2,000 Norwich and Yorkshires, Canaries, and cock Goldfinch Mules, must be in full song: Enoch Power, 91, Sclater-st., Shoreditch, London.

WANTED FOR EXPORT,

400 Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries, etc., good type; cocks in full song; send prices and full particulars: West of England Bird Exchange Co., 13, Durnford-st., Stonehouse, Devon.

WANTED.

all who send away birds of any kind to get my quotations for travelling cages; they are made up in summer to afford employment, hence I sell cheaper than can be had anywhere else in Europe, from 6 to any quantity: W. Budd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

NATURAL HISTORY

BIRDS stuffed and mounted by practical hands: J. Smith, Bedmondsey-st., Otley.

BIRD and animal preserving done cheaply by practical hands; latest improvements: F. Livermore, Windley, Derby.

23 birds' eggs, different, rarest specimens, 1/-; price lists, 1d. stamp; 40 butterflies, different, 1/10: Hudspith, Hunteroak, Allendale, Northumberland.

SALE or EXCHANGE.

Mainly British.

WILL exchange three large hen Bullfinches for Canaries, cocks: James Swan, Kirkcudbright.

HANDSOME pair Barn Owls 7/6; hen Cockatoo 6/-; wanted songsters Canaries: Clarke, 82, High-st., Sydenham.

EXCHANGE three cock Goldies for three Yorkshires: F. Miles, The Cottage, Wootton, Isle-of-Wight.

SIX nice young Goldfinches, 7/6 cash; exchange anything useful, drapery, etc.: Manager, 5, Mount-st., Welshpool.

EXCHANGE, large upstanding cock Larks, for Norwich or Yorkshire hens: C. Brightwell, Beck Row, Mildenhall, Suffolk.

LOOK! two splendid Essex cock Linnets, 9d. each, or exchange anything: A. E. Nevard, Rose Cottage, Mile End, Colchester.

THREE-point cock Goldfinch Mule, exchange dark yellow Greenie, or Linuet Mule, or offers: Cowan, Alexander-ter., Troon.

COCK Goldfinch, Mule breeder, with 2 hens, 8/6; or exchange Norwich, or anything useful: Holmes, 28, Jefferson-st., Liverpool.

EIGHT hen Mules (4 Goldie, 4 Linnets), exchange for Linnets, or sell, 10d. each: F. Birchenough, 7, St. George's-st., Macclesfield.

EXHIBITION type cock Thrush, 1/6; cock Bullfinch, full colour, 1/6; or exchange Linnet: Arthur Best, Bower Hinton, Martock, Somerset.

GOLDFINCH-Canary Mules, Linnet-Canary do., 8 Goldfinches; exchange Rollers, full song: Stephen Barber, Beveringham, Doncaster.

SIBERIAN hen Goldfinch and large yellow Greenfinch (mated), 6/-; approval; exchange good Linnet Mule: Inkpen, Queen-st., Gravesend.

EXCHANGE Goldfinch Mule and Bullfinch cocks for clear buff Lancashire or Sib cock; approval: Pitchford, 63, Dawley Bank, Salop.

BEAUTIFUL Magpie, grand plumage, make good talker, exchange Canaries or anything useful: S. Williams, 9, Hamp Ward, Bridgwater.

WILL exchange Linnet Mule, Goldfinch, note, for six fresh caught cocks, Goldfinches; yours first on approval: Tebbutt, White-st., Southall.

EXCHANGE good house-moulted Goldies, singing, for singing Linnets or Mule, used to catching: H. C. Ainge, 16, Stanley-st., Melton Mowbray.

THREE smart 1911 Goldfinch-Greenie hybrids, 5/- each; tame Robin, 1/-; house-moulted cock Greenfinch, 1/6: Dickens, 34, Vernon-st., Northampton.

EXHIBITION house-moulted Bramblefinch, Chaffinch, and Twite; exchange lot for Goldfinch Mule, pure Finch song, for singing; apply: 103, Hardy-rd., Wimbledon.

PAIR Lizards, 8/6; h.m. cock Bramble, 3/-; hand-reared cock Chaffinch, 3/-; cock Thrush, in song, 2/6; exchange Redpolls, etc.: S. Smith, 90, Rock-rd., Sittingbourne.

ENGLISH cock Goldfinches, 13/- dozen, 6 7/-, 3 4/-; hens, 9d.; 4 Peartree Finches, large, 2/6 each; sell, or exchange Canaries, left-off clothing: Miles, Pump-st., Nottingham.

1911, Dark Greenfinch Mule cock, hot fed, suit members' shows; exchange Siberian Goldfinch, mutual approval; sell 7/6; yours first, offers: Haston, Netherburn, Lanarkshire.

EXCHANGE British birds for fowls, rabbits, flemish giant, young, or sell; also four Fox-terrier bitch pups, four months old; exchange anything: Casey, 19, Coldham-lane, Cambridge.

NOTICE. I will exchange all kinds of British for show Muling contest singing, for any variety of Canaries or Mules; approval both ways, state wants and stamp for reply: Hollinshead, Cheshire Aviaries, Howard-st., Stockport.

NOTICE! Two giant hand-reared clean moulted, full coloured Siberian cock Goldfinches, warranted to make sure mulers and prize takers, 7/6 each; or exchange colour-fed Canaries or Mules: Powers and Russell, 10, Granby-pl., Bethnal-green-rd., London, E.

EXHIBITORS: Linnet 40/-, Goldfinch 50/-, Mealy Redpoll 40/- (magnificent specimen), ready to show; approval, deposit; exchange either for large cock Bullfinch or Twite; rubbish useless: Sadler, 33, Preston-avenue, Highams Park, Chingford.

ENGLISH Goldfinches, 15/- dozen, 6 7/-, 3 4/-; hens hens 1/-; 5 handsome Peartree Finches, 2/6, 3/-; handsome clear-cut Cheveral Goldfinch, 6/-, fit for show; exchange Canaries, left-off clothing: Miles, Pump-st., Nottingham; Swift, Boot Shop, Southwell.

Mainly Canaries.

FIVE grand Canaries, exchange cutlery, anything: C. Youngman, Scarborough.

FOR sale, or exchange, 10 Canaries, as bred, mostly cocks, 1911 birds: Fish, St. Paul's-st. North, Cheltenham.

THREE pairs of young Norwich, 18/-, or exchange Rollers, or offers: Harrison, 28, Carlton-st., Mansfield, Notts.

PAIR of Borders, 12/6; buff green hen, 5/-; var. hens, 4/-; or exchange Norwich: William Shexton, Windermere.

TWO good buff Norwich hens, 1910, one buff cock, 1911, 8/-; exchange 4 pullets: Lewis Woodeaves, Winforton, Hereford.

EXCHANGE for Rollers, 2 cocks, 3 hens, Norwich, 1 jong buff Yorkshire hen, 25/-: Musk, Chester-st., Houghton-le-Spring.

TWO cock Yorkshires, 5/- each; 3 hens, 3/6 each; 3 cock Goldfinch-Canary Mules, 3/6 and 5/-: Wheatley, Redbourn, Herts.

ONE cock, 2 hens, good Norwich, sell 10/-; exchange small foreigners, Budgerigars; offers: H. James, Kirton Lindsey, Lincs.

WARRANTED young cock Canaries, song birds, cold room bred, 4/-, 5/- each: Frank Smith, High-st., Studley, Warwickshire.

WHAT offers, three Crested hens, one Norwich green, must sell, or exchange yellows: Spriggs, Sandy-rd., Potton, Beds.

EXCHANGE two buff Border hens for one good yellow Norwich hen: A. McNaughton, 1, Margaret's Place, Larkhall, Scotland.

NORWICH Buff cock, and two hens, sell 10/-; or exchange British: Rogers, Verrier's Rank, Hanham-road, Kingswood, Bristol.

SCHOOLMASTER, 12/6; few young hens (Seifert and Glucke strain), 2/6 each; or exchange: Thwaites, 63, Pontefract-lane, Leeds.

EXCHANGE splendid clear Yorkshire cock for Seifert Schoolmaster, or sell 12/6: Gooding, 14, St. Mary's-rd., Bayswater.

EXCHANGE grand pair of Yorkshires, value 30/-, for gramophone, or useful offers: F. Cundy, Priory-avenue, Prittlewell, Essex.

QUALITY Yorkshires in exchange for Bath chair, linoleum, carpets, anything good, useful: Geo. Stocks, 44, Bentley-rd., Doncaster.

1910 Buff Norwich cock, singing, 6/-; exchange child's rocking horse, anything useful; approval: Tebay, Millthrop, Sedbergh.

PAIR prize Borders, 8/6; will exchange for two Norwich or Yorkshire hens, 1911 birds: Woods, 125, Palgrave-rd., Gt. Yarmouth.

THREE good 1911 cock Canaries, exchange 1911 Crests, or offers anything: W. Eversden, 16, Eskdale-avenue, Chesham, Bucks.

EXCHANGE high-class Border cocks, for good Scotch Fancy cock or hen, 1911; mutual approval: Stenhouse, Ardnadam, Argyll.

TOY Blue Pomeranian, female, 5 months, 25/-; or exchange Norwich Canaries, or offers invited: Coward, 40, Peter-st., Blackburn.

GRAND pair Norwich Plainheads, large typical birds, 17/6; offers men's boots or underclothing, new: Davidson, 14, High-st., Montrose.

TWO green singing Norwich cocks, 9/-; or exchange young cockerels to kill; or what offers: T. Dawes, Somercotes, nr., Alfreton.

EXCHANGE, Norwich cock Canary, for cock Mule; 2 Norwich show cages, at 1/6, new condition: G. Clark, Harold House, Waltham Cross.

THREE pair high-class Yorkshires, 30/- pair; exchange gramophone and records; approval, stamp: Anderson, Dene Avenue, Rowlands Gill.

EXCHANGE cock and 2 hens, Yorkshires, stock birds, Dyke's, for pair Crests or Crestbred: Shephard, 273, Heath Hayes, Cannock, Staffs.

EXCHANGE pair Scotch Fancies, matched for breeding, for good 1911 yellow Belgian cock; approval: Mitchell, Riverbank-st., Newmilns.

EXCHANGE 4 well-bred Border hens, 2 yellow, 2 buff, 1911, for yellow-green Border cock, fit to win, sell 10/-: Rea, 35, Kinnaird-st., Arbroath.

EXCHANGE Crested and Norwich hens, for Crestbred cock or Goldfinch cocks; approval: Wood, Sun Inn, Newbottle Fence Houses, Co. Durham.

BUFF Norwich cock and hen, 12/6, or exchange exhibition cock Hawfinch or Goldfinch; approval: J. Davies, 381, Station-rd., Winsford, Cheshire.

GRAND Yorkshire Canaries for sale, cocks from 7/6, hens 3/-, or exchange anything useful for house: A. Allen, Boot Maker, 32, Oxford-st., Rotherham.

1911 Yellow Norwich cock, good songster; exchange Siberian Bullfinch hen, mutual approval, sell 7/6; offers; yours first: Haston, Netherburn, Lanarkshire.

SMART 1910 buff Yorkshire stock cock, 10/6, or exchange for big ticked buff hen; yours first; mutual approval: Rees, 30, Bordesley Green-rd., Birmingham.

SIX clear hen Canaries, two Linnet-Greenfinch Hybrids, three Redpolls, from outdoor aviary, lot £1: Smith, 80, Hewitt-avenue, Wood Green, London, N.

EXCHANGE pair Norwich, cock exceptionally good one, for foreign seed eaters, value 25/-, or sell; approval: Stephenson, Park Head, Stanhope, Durham.

BARGAIN, 2 champion buff Yorkshire cocks, can win in good company, 25/-, or exchange, no live stock: Jones, Tailor Clogwyn House, Harlech, Wales.

FIVE Border cocks, 8 hens, 1911, Patterson's strain, 2 Norwich cocks, 2 hens, take best cash offer, or part exchange tweed: Lawrie, Roslin Mills, Midlothian.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, 20 pairs, for sale, Barnes' strain direct, pairs from 10/6 upwards; exchange exhibition foreign: Turner, 20, Sheffield-rd., Tinsley, Sheffield.

CLEAR yellow cock and buff hen, Norwich Canaries, 12/6 pair, or exchange ladies' boots, size 5; approval; yours first: Richardson, 6, Lower Orchard-st., York.

EXCHANGE 3 young Yorkshire hens, 1 Goldfinch Mule, dark, for good yellow Yorkshire cock; approval; stamp reply: Herbert Payue, 16, Emwell-st., Warminster.

EXCHANGE cinnamon Yorkshire cock Canary, grand stock bird, for Belgian hares or Flemish giants; offers: Robinson, 164, Camden Grove North, Peckham, London.

FIFTEEN Norwich Canaries, 6 cocks, 9 hens, with few cages; also 2 Linnets; sell £3 or near offer; or exchange crockery for re-sale: Hogan, 207, St. Leonard's-st., Bromley, E.

GRAND pair Rollers, good strain, and breeding cage, 9/-; or exchange good silver watch or new outer covers, 28 x 1½, beaded edge: A. Whitehouse, 38, Pitt-st., West Bromwich.

YORKSHIRES, Bailey strain; will exchange one or two pairs for Norwich or small Foreign Finch, sell 15/- pair: Thomas Flatleigh, 47, Granville-terrace, Bluchester, Bishop Auckland.

THIRTY long colour-fed Yorkshires, Nowle's strain, cocks from 5/, hens 3/- upwards; will exchange anything useful; all bred from winners: Bolton, Hairdresser, Mornington St., Keighley.

BEAUTIFUL colour-fed Yorkshires, two long slim yellow cocks, also two buff hens, 25/-; exchange overcoat, 43 in. chest, length 46; offers, anything: Darwin, 100, Kirkhams, Manchester.

CRESTED cock, 7/6; Crested hen, 3/6; Border Fancy cock, 7/-; Roller hen, 2/6; h.m. cock Greenfinch, 2/6; h.m. Goldfinch hen, 2/-; or offers: Welland, Tobacconist, Haslemere, Surrey.

EXCHANGE Buff cock, two Buff, one Yellow hens, for good Yellow Variegated Norwich cock, or sell 10s.; also few Norwich cocks 6/6, hens 2/6; approval: Connell, 72, East Main-st., Darvel, Ayrshire.

EXCHANGE Yorkshire Canaries, Ambler's strain, for Yorkshire show cages, pocket gun, or exhibition Yorkshire to value; approval both ways, or sell cheap: A. Phillips, Donnington, Moreton-in-Marsh, Glos.

YORKSHIRES. Two 1911 Cinnamon marked cocks, 6/- each; one variegated Cinnamon cock, 6/6, 17/6 lot; exchange 3 exhibition Goldfinches, house-moulted; yours first: Norwood, Leeds Laundry, Kirkstall-rd., Leeds.

I HAVE a few surplus birds, from Yorkshire exhibition stock, will take from 10/6 a pair; will exchange for mechanical toys, household commodities, etc.; yours first: Newiss, Park-grove, Keighley, Yorks.

PAIR first-class Roller Canaries, 12/-; Goldfinch Mule, pure Goldfinch song, 12/6; exchange fresh caught or moulted British for show; mutual approval: W. Fairhurst, 66, Nellie-st., Ardwick, Manchester.

YORKSHIRES, 2 Yellow Green cocks, 10s.; 2 Yellow Cinnamon hens, 6/-; 8 other hens, 2/- each; colour fed, healthy; offers for lot or exchange, gramophone, anything: Hird, Ebenezer-cottage, Wadsworth, Hebden-bridge.

EXCHANGE 3 grand Norwich cocks, all 1911 birds, for toy Yorkshire Terrier bitch, must be small, or sale 15/-; also a Green Variegated cock and Buff hen for Siberian cock, Goldfinch, or sale 10/-: T. Thomson, 185, Gallowgai, Aberdeen.

WILL exchange 2 prize-bred Norwich cocks, Yellow and Buff, real beauties, and ½-plate hand camera of good make, for a first-class ½-plate stand camera, with good lens, or post-card size camera, of good make; yours first: 3, Kime-st., Burnley.

Mainly Foreign.

PARROT and cage, splendid plumage, grand talker, finger-tame, 40/-; exchange for birds: Dowse, 12, Battle Bank, Gateshead.

FOR sale or exchange, a Grey and Red Parrot and cage; one Indian Parrot and cage; double breech-loading gun preferred: Glew, Doncaster-road, Ferry-Bridge.

TYPICAL winning Yorkshires (see reports); exchange small British show cages or acclimatised foreigners, seedeaters preferred; approval: H. S. Davies, Llandilo.

TWO perfect cock Budgerigars, in large wire cage, 11/6; exchange Pr. Butler's vols. on Foreign Birds, or pair of Green Avadavats or Gold-breasted Waxbills: Robertson, 22, Summerfield-terrace, Aberdeen.

Miscellaneous.

FIVE Hercules chest expander strands, new, cost 5/6, sale 4/-: Reader, 35, Rose-st., Wokingham.

EXCHANGE set of golf clubs for Norwich Canaries; no rubbish: Gray, 27½, Shore-st., Fraserburg, N.B.

BLACK Pomeranian bitch, one of the best, 30/-; or exchange; good reasons for selling: 127, Floyer-rd., Birmingham.

COCK Canaries and Goldfinch Mules, 5/- each; violin (complete), 12/6: Finigau, 36, Bircham-st., Stanley, Co. Durham.

HANGING lamp (parlour), cost 30/-; exchange for Canaries: G., 41, Swaffield-rd., Earlsfield, Wandsworth, S.W.

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GLASGOW (West End) C.B.C.

Meeting held Nov. 10th, Co-op. Hall, St. George's Cross, Mr. H. Jamieson presiding. All show arrangements have now been completed, and members are looking forward to 18th November to making it a record show.—W. Proudfoot, Sec. and Treas.

EDINBURGH WESTERN O.S.

Annual meeting held Riego Street Hall, 8 o'c, Nov. 2. President, Mr. Ballantine, in chair. Balance sheet read and adopted, showing a considerable balance. Annual show was considered by all to have been a great success, everything having been carried through successfully. Judging also had given entire satisfaction. Following office-bearers elected: President, Mr. D. Burgess; vice-president, Mr. W. Whitefield; committee, Messrs. G. Cockburn and J. Black; auditors, Messrs. J. Bowman and J. Proudfoot; secretary and treasurer, Robert Lile, 15, Argyll Terrace, Edinburgh. Society is now open for new members, and we hope to have a large influx this year.—R. Lile, sec.

NORTHERN BORDER & S.F.C.C.

Meeting held Nov. 6th; the chairman being absent Mr. Smith filled the post. Owing to our esteemed vice-chairman having left this country for Australia it was necessary to fill this post, and Mr. Johnson proposed, and Mr. Montgomery seconded, that Mr. Smith be elected vice-chairman; this was unanimously agreed to. Correspondence was then read re special allotted for competition at Newcastle; Mr. Christie proposed, and Mr. Greenwell seconded, that three highest birds be judged at Gateshead by the same judge; this was agreed to. The Secretary then announced that next meeting, Dec. 4th, Mr. Johnston (Wallsend) would give a lecture on "The Green Border." This is a night no one interested in the Border should miss, as Jim has already shown at the meetings that he has a fund of knowledge which is worth having. All are welcome. Secretary was instructed to get samples of medals. A matter re advertising the Club was discussed, but was allowed to drop. Mr. Newcombe (Sunderland) has kindly granted a special of a show cage, to be won by the novice exhibiting the best green or cinnamon at Sunderland Show. Then came the judging. The exhibits were disappointing in regard to numbers. Mr. Smith was the only member to bring birds; he staged a yellow and a buff, and they were well discussed, the buff being declared the winner hands down.—J. N. F. Scott, Sec.

CHESTER C.B.F.A.

Meeting held Nag's Head Cocoa House, Nov. 7th, Mr. Bracegirdle presiding over a good attendance. Business for annual show gone into. Secretary intimated he had secured the Assembly Room, Newgate St., for 26th Dec. A letter was read from the secretary of the Liverpool B.B.A. asking for support by entries for their show, Nov. 25th.—J. Swindley, Hon. Sec.

VALE OF LEVEN C.B.C.

Meeting held Village Schoolroom, Alexandria, Nov. 7th, President Hannah in chair. Handsome donations were announced from Col. H. Brock and Col. Telford Smallest. A breach of rules being charged against a member, the president along with Messrs. Liles and Ritchie were appointed to enquire into the matter and report. Rest of the evening was occupied in arranging over 80 specials, and the meeting adjourned until Monday, Nov. 20.—A. H. McLean, Hon. Sec.

STRATFORD & E. LONDON F.S.

All members are requested to attend meeting at Workmans Hall, Romford Road, Stratford, E., Nov. 23rd, 8 p.m., to receive clean prize cards, money, and certificates won at late Y.S. show. The silver and bronze points medals will be presented to winners of same, if present at meeting. Tickets of late Y.S. show, or cash for same, must be sent the Hon. Sec. per return, so that the balance sheet can be brought before meeting. Visitors cordially invited.—W. Maxey, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE AND LIZARD F.A.

Points for club trophies:—Lancs. champ.: A. Hordern 59 points, F. H. Collinge 45, J. Garner 42, J. Vickers 29, N. Stansfield 12, J. Oldham 10, H. Laycock 1; Lancs. novice: W. Ridgard 24, J. Hampshire 13. Champ. Liz.: J. Dewsnap 74 points, F. Hamer 76, H. Oliver 48, E. Ollerenshaw 30, J. Rukin 35, W. P. Barnes 30, A. Martin 11, J. Hampshire 16; novice Liz.: A. E. Bosworth 21 points. Rochdale, Manchester, and Nottingham shows: Next patronage show, L.C.B.A., Nov. 24, 25, and 27. I gave Dec. 2 and 3 as date of club show at Hyde in mistake; this should read Dec. 2 (Sat.) only.—John Rukin, Hon. Sec.

GATESHEAD C.B.S.

Meeting held Nov. 8, Mr. Tindale presiding. Arrangements for annual show were made. Election of stewards to assist at show; six were elected. We are open to accept assistance from other members of our society who are willing to give a helping hand in making our show one of the best, and so help to keep up our good reputation as "The Palace of the North." Specials were taken, and if our members will do their utmost to get as many as possible before next meeting, will assist the secretary greatly in the arrangements for schedule. We are giving an increased classification — 88 classes open; 11 novice—8 classes more than last show. Limit classes have been arranged: two for each section, which we hope will meet with success. We have received the patronage of most of the specialist clubs, and have cups and specials galore.—A. Holden, Sec.

WELSH C.B.C.

Meeting held Nov. 6th, White Lion Inn, Nantybwch, Mr. D. H. Tedstone presiding. Several new members were enrolled. We are pleased to find that several old members have toed the line once more. One member applied for his points at Tredegar show, but as he did not pay his sub. until after the judging this was refused. Another member wrote asking for an extraordinary general meeting to be called, but the Committee did not think he gave sufficient reasons for this. It was decided to hold a meeting, after Pentrebach show, Nov. 30th, to fix date, etc., of next club show. Unanimously agreed that last year's cup holders hold same until the annual general meeting. The members wish to thank Mr. J. Sandiford for again offering us a valuable cup, to be competed for at all shows held under our patronage. The Committee then dealt with the services of the late Sec., Mr. G. T. Jones, and it was decided, after passing a vote of thanks, to bring the matter up at Pentrebach. Secretary announced that Mr. T. H. Melhuish had written informing him he had met with an accident, and the members all join in sending Mr. Melhuish the deepest sympathy and wish him a speedy recovery. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the chairman, and also Mrs. Hughes, for the loan of the room.—A. E. Brown, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE UNION OF C.B.S.

Council meeting held Nov. 11th, Butchers' Arms, Great Horton, a good attendance of delegates being recorded. Mr. F. Armstrong (Halifax), vice-president, occupied chair, in the unavoidable absence of the President. Mr. A. Radley (Skelmanthorpe) again made application for reinstatement, but the Council decided not to consider the question until the end of season. Mr. Seth Radley (Skelmanthorpe) was reported by the Skelmanthorpe Society for showing as a novice in the Union Novice Classes, although reading in the same house as a champion exhibitor, the offence taking place at Laisterdyke and Bradford West Shows; and as the said champion exhibitor was the suspended fancier, Arthur Radley, it was ultimately passed by a large majority that no birds should be exhibited at Union Shows coming from the rooms of A. Radley. With regard to the prize-money which had been won at Laisterdyke and Bradford West Shows, it was passed by the Council that no action be taken in regard to same at present. This will probably come on in due course, following upon the decision of the Council with regard to the exhibitor being ineligible to compete in Novice Classes. The Council also passed a resolution to allow the first Saturday in December to stand as an open date for the Bradford National Show, which is held for a very deserving charitable object. Judges for next year's Union Shows were then balloted for; result: Oct. 5, Huddersfield, Mr. A. Hirst; Oct. 12th, Manningham, Mr. H. W. Walsh; Oct. 19th, Great Horton O.S., Mr. H. Sutcliffe; Oct. 26th, Windhill, Mr. J. C. Barnes; Nov. 2nd, Oct. 26th, Windhill, Mr. J. C. Barnes; Nov. 2nd, Brighouse, Mr. P. Mason; Nov. 9th, Halifax, Mr. W. A. Cowgill; Nov. 16th, Bradford (East), Mr. H. W. Battye; Nov. 23th, Great Horton Good Intent, Mr. C. A. House; Nov. 30th, Queensbury, Mr. R. Halliday; Dec. 7th, Bradford National, ——; Dec. 14th, Sandy Lane, Mr. J. Greaves; Dec. 21st, Skelmanthorpe, Mr. W. Cruise; Jan. 4th, 1913, Shipley, Mr. J. Robson; Jan. 11th, City of Bradford, Mr. W. Mundell; Jan. 18th, Bradford (West), Mr. J. Bailey; Jan. 25th, Tong and District, Mr. F. Armstrong. Tong and Dist. are to be complimented upon their pluck and determination in deciding to hold an open show, and I feel sure the members of the Union will rally round them when the time comes. With regard to two members who made application to join Union societies, it was decided to defer this until further information was brought before the council.—H. Hill, Sec.

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Under the White Rose.

GREAT HORTON O.S. Annual Show, held last Saturday, proved to be the best Yorkshire Union turn-out so far this season. The numbers came up exceptionally well, and our old friend House had a good morning's work set him to go through the 541 birds staged; and it is a good point that the room is very well lighted, and has plenty of space to fix up several judging tables, so that the birds had ample time to get steadied down after being moved on to these tables, always two classes, and sometimes three, being ready for the judge; this little matter saves a considerable item in the judge's time.

THIS was the sixth show of the season, and on looking up the numbers exhibited at each show the fact strikes one that they have not been as well patronised as usual at the fore part of the season, several of them having had somewhat heavy losses to contend with. Three out of the six had an average of only thirteen per class, which to those in the know spells financial loss to a society. Then, again, taking the total entries and the number of classes provided at these six shows, we have only an average of fifteen per class, just sufficient to pay prize-money. This means that all other expenses, judges' fees, room rents, printing, and a host of other small items have had to come out of societies, and when a society has a run of bad luck, with a drop of a few pounds each year, it is bound to take effect somewhere. Many arguments have taken place during the last week or two as to the cause of this meagre entry. Some attribute it to one thing and some to another; but it is a matter that will have to be thrashed out in the near future.

YORKSHIRE UNION and the Cinnamon Marked Y.C.C. each held a meeting on Saturday last in connection with Great Horton Show, when matters of pressing importance were brought forward.

CINDERELLA Show arrangements are going forward, and the schedules are expected to be in the hands of fanciers very shortly. It only now requires a bumping entry to make the show a thorough success. The tickets are selling very well indeed, and a good "gate" is assured already. It is therefore in the hands of fanciers to make the venture worthy of repetition.

STRAIGHT UN.

Wild-Bird Life.

Outlaws of the Air.

In some districts where the shot gun is not often used, the outlaws of the air—Hawks, Owls, Magpies, etc.—manage to flourish. These places are generally situated near towns. They are mostly wide stretches of common land, parks attached to large residences, or places partly given up to building purposes, where large trees, centuries old, still exist. In such places the gun is seldom used, so that the larger birds are not interfered with. A Hawk in the air is always an object of interest. We can generally tell by his actions if he is hunting for a meal or simply "loafing" in mid air. We should sadly miss him from the landscape, as we should the bold Magpie and the bright-winged Jay from the woodlands. As a rule, the sporting farmer does not interfere much with these birds unless they approach too near his poultry yard or hen coops. The gamekeeper is undoubtedly the greatest destroyer of these interesting birds. He shoots without trial and hangs without hope of reprieve. It is his business to rear game, and unfortunately Hawks and young Pheasants do not agree, and so he is quite beyond the reach of any softening influence. The writer has frequently examined the remains of victims strung in rows upon the gallows, and these do not always contain birds harmful to the gamekeepers' calling. The Woodpecker and the Nightjar are frequent victims, and so strong is the prejudice against these birds that no amount of argument can alter the older keepers' opinions and ways. Of the larger birds the Buzzard still survives among the Welsh mountains, and in similar districts. On parts of Dartmoor he is quite a feature in the landscape. He sails slowly in wide circles on his broad wings, calling now and again to his mate with a peculiar cry, far-reaching, and often heard when the bird is so far up in the blue that the naked eye is unable to follow him.

Singing Contests.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Week-end contest held Nov. 11, Prince Albert Inn, when 12 birds were entered. Judges, Messrs. E. Wood and C. Lorriman. 1st and 2nd divided between J. Chippendale and A. Binns; 3, A. Lorriman.—E. Wood, Sec.

SHEFFIELD.

Contest held Nov. 12, Newmarket Hotel, Sheaf St. Mr. Webster gave three good prizes for time singing. There were 20 birds entered for the prizes, and some first-class singing was heard before a good company. 1, Brown; 2, Driver; 3, Thompson. Contest will be held above hotel, November 19th, 1 o'clock, when some specials will be given by Mr. Webster: open to all England.—A. Brown.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

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England.

Nov. 17 & 18.—**Preston.**—(J. P. Leeming, 40a, West Cliff.) J.H.R., C.H.
Nov. 17 and 18.—**Hull.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19, Lambton-st.), J.R., J.M.
Nov. 18.—**Coventry O.S.**—(A. J. Barratt, 38, Craven Street.) J.R.
Nov. 18.—**Tideswell.**—(Flint and Swarbrick, Tideswell, near Buxton.) A.H.
Nov. 18.—**Crook Original.**—(J. Horner, White Lea.)
Nov. 18.—**Harrogate.**—(W. E. Fergusson, 62, Harlow Terr.) J. By.
Nov. 23.—**Ludlow.**—(W. T. Woof, 2, Market St.) J.H.P.
Nov. 23.—**Stamford.**—(A. Harrison, 7, New St.). J.R.
Nov. 24 & 25.—**Doncaster.**—(G. Bescoby, 26, Duke Street.) J.C.B., J.M.
Nov. 24 & 25.—**Great Harwood.**—(W. T. Mattinson, 32, Orchard Street.) H.W.B. and A.W.
Nov. 24 and 25.—**Hinckley.**—(H. Ridgway, Priesthills Road).
Nov. 24., 25, 27.—**L.C.B.A.**—(Mugford and Tyson, 1, Strathearn-rd., Wimbledon, S.W.)
Nov. 25.—**Cramlington.**—(J. R. Chestney, Quarry Cottage). A.B., H.S.
Nov. 25 and 27.—**Ilkeston**—(T. Smith, 5, King Street). J.C.B.
Nov. 28.—**Launceston.**—(N. H. Reed.)
Nov. 29.—**Windsor.**—(E. A. Stickland, 36, Alma Rd.).
Nov. 30.—**Grantham.**—(W. E. Allen, 119, Alexandra road.)
*Dec. 1 and 2.—**Lancaster Primrose C.B.A.** (J. Johnson, 45, Perth-st.) W.M., S.M.
Dec. 2 & 4.—**Derby.**—(W. Stevens, 58, Olivier-st.). J.R., R.R.
Dec. 5.—**Stratford-on-Avon.**—(R. W. Ingram, 15, Scholar's Lane.)
Dec. 5 & 6.—**Tonbridge.**—(P Stonestreet, 102, Hadlow Rd.)
Dec. 7.—**Newport and Dist.** (J. Hammett, 56, Milman-st., Newport, Mon.) J.R.
Dec. 8 & 9.—**Bradford National.**—(H. Hill, 15, Settle Terrace, Thornton Lane, Little Horton).
Dec. 8 and 9.—**Gateshead.**—(A. Holden, 5, Cramer Street.) J. R., J.H.R., J.B., J.F.D.
Dec. 8 & 9.—**Runcorn.**—(T. P. Baxter, 103, Greenaway Rd.). A.W.
Dec. 9.—**Sheffield and Dis. C.B.S.**—(A. Hobson, 66, Langsett Av.). W.A.C., J.C.B.
Dec. 14.—**Frome.**—King and Yeo, 9, Catherine Hill. J.R.
Dec. 15 & 16.—**Blackburn.**—(J. Cook, 6, Charlotte St.).
Dec. 16.—**Yarm, Eaglescliffe.**—(T. Wilson, High Street.) W.M., F.M.
Jan. 6.—**Guisbrough Priory.**—(S. H. Lambert, 25, Gill Street).
Feb. 2, 3, 5, 6.—**Great National** (Crystal Palace). (J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Ave., Brixton, S.W.)

Scotland.

Nov. 18.—**Buckhaven.**—(J. Lawrie, Grahams Buildings, Randolph Street.) G.H., J. M'L., Ax.C.
Nov. 18.—**Cowdenbeath.**—(J. R. Reid, 7, Woodland Place).
Nov. 18.—**Kilmarnock O.C.B.S.**—(W. Guthrie, 10, Hood St.)
Nov. 18.—**Galashiels.**—(C. Lugton, Botany Cottage). W.R., J.Y., J.W.N.
Nov. 23.—**Lockerbie.**—(H. Davidson, Royal Hotel.) J.F.D.
Nov. 25.—**City of Dundee.**—(A. Miller, 3, Park Ave.) J.Y., W.H., J.Sse., J.Stn., T.A., R.V.R.
Dec. 2.—**Blairgowrie** (M. Irvine, 17, Brown Street) J.F.D.
Dec. 2.—**Cupar.**—(D. J. Bruce, Mount Pleasant.) W.Tn., W.Gn., A.W.W.
Dec. 2.—**Galston** (A. Frew, 26, Duke Street).
Dec. 2.—**Whitburn.**—(T. Duncan, 9, West Main Street.) J.W.B., J.Bp.
Dec. 9.—**Kilsyth.**—(A. D. Duncan, "Chronicle" office)
Dec. 16.—**Broxburn.**—(W. McLaren, Church Street.) J. McLn., G.Sfe., J.Tn., J.M., J.Sn.
Dec. 30 and Jan. 1, 1912.—**Scottish National** (A. W. Watson 58, Colinton Road, Edinburgh.)
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Jan. 1 & 2.—**Paisley O.A.**—(W. Lambie, 25, Caledonia Street.)
Jan. 2 & 3.—**Glasgow C.B.A.**—(F. Bowman, 5. Parkview, Tollcross.). W.B.M., J.Cg., J.W.B., L.J.A., A.C.
Jan. 6.—**Crieff.**—(Cameron and Watt, Cameron Bdgs.)

Wales.

Nov. 28.—**Llanelly.**—(D. John, 9, Pottery Place). H.N., J.H.R.
Nov. 30.—**Pentrebach.**—(A. E. Brown, 66, Clare St., Merthyr Tydfil.) T.L.C.

Ireland.

Dec. 1 & 2.—**Ulster O.A.**—(R. Trimble, 11, Waring Street, Belfast.) D.B., R.T., G.M.
Dec. 7 & 8.—**Larne.**—**(T. Mayne, 35, Barnhill.)** H.W.B.

LEIGH.

Delegates Meeting.—Will delegates kindly note that the final delegates meeting will be held at the Boat House Hotel, Oldfield Rd., Salford, on Nov. 18th, at 6 o'clock. All delegates are requested to be prepared to pay the guarantee money.—J. McAllister (Sec.), 1, Brunswick St., Leigh.

LEEDS.

Linnet singing contest held Old Bird House, King's Head, Shannon-street, Nov. 12, when 39 birds sang. Winner was offered £3 for his bird, which he refused. 1, Summers; 2, 3, Stead; 4, Lunn. Judges, Messrs. S. Hardcastle, W. Naylor and A. Jennings. Having received a letter from Manchester re arranging a contest for Linnets with Salford, I have put it to our club, but our members think it too early in the season to take birds so far away, as it would be dark before all the birds could be put on the nail. We have such a lot of members, over 50 in number. I should very much like to have a day off. I may say I have taken in CAGE BIRDS for 9 years, and I think it is a very valuable paper.—T. C. Summers, Sec., 4, Back Craven Street, Woodhouse, Leeds.

Quality singing contest for Linnets, held Skinner's Arms, Buslingthorpe, Nov. 11th, when 20 birds (best in Yorks.) competed for three good prizes:—1, Turner; 2, Sellars; 3, Sellars. Also Nov. 12, grand contest, when 37 birds sang. The room was packed with friends; by the time the first two birds faced the judges there was not standing room. The singing was a perfect treat to listen to. Judges, Messrs. W. Simons, Bise, Madden. Next Saturday, 2.30 prompt.—C. Clayton, Hon. Sec.

ROUND THE SHOWS.

ALNWICK.

Alnwick and Dis. C.B.S. annual show held Nov. 14. Taken all over, the entry was a satisfactory one. Canaries were a good show, Norwich being well represented by the leading North Country exhibitors. Yorks. were nice classes, some real good birds being staged, while Borders, as of yore, were forward in good force. Mules were a grand lot, and the British birds were extra good, some of the classes being exceptionally strong. Foreigners taken on the whole were a gaudy collection, some real high-class exhibits being staged. The show upheld its reputation for being one of the best on the Borders. The worthy secretary, Mr. R. Forster, had everything in apple-pie order, and was ably assisted by an enthusiastic committee, who were real workers and no mistake. Good management has always been the feature of this show, and this year it was ably upheld. Fanciers can rely on the birds being well cared for and given a rapid return. Mr. H. W. Battye judged Canaries, and Mr. A. Cockrane the Mules and British, and their awards were well received. Mr. Maddison won sp. for best bird in show with his clear Goldfinch-Can. Mule.

The Critique.

NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, sp, 3, Cowling, wins easily, grand shape, lovely head, rare col. and finish, perfect wing carriage, eye tkd., 3rd heavy variegd., grand head and front, well cut, good all round; 2, Smailes, nice body, harsh a bit in feather; 4, Snowdon, inclined to be long in feather, neat head, well placed; vhc, Creighton; hc, Robson and March; c, Mather. BUFF (12): 1, sp, 4, Cowling, 1st good one for quality, rare bloom, grand front, well cut, 4th rare quality and col., grand bloom and finish, well worth place; 2, Snowdon, grand head, nice bird; 3, R. H. Dixon, heavy variegd., inclined to be a bit browy, but plenty of size; vhc, T. Dixon; hc, French; c, Robson and March. YELL. HEN (9): 1, c, Creighton, good nat. col., grand shape, rare head and front, A1 wing carriage; 2, 3, Cowling, 2nd nice size, good one; 3, lovely finish, grand body, a shade pinched in head; 4, Miller, hot. col.; vhc, Robson and March; hc, T. Dixon. BUFF (10): 1, sp, Richardson, rare size, grand quality, good front and wing carriage; 2, Snowdon, grand feather, good stamp, lovely feather, nice head and wings; 3, Miller, we could not find to report on; 4, Lackey, rare quality, extra good in col., very neat all over; vhc, Makins; hc, c, Cowling. CL., ETC., UNFLIG. YELL. (11): 1, sp, Dixon, nice stamp, good body and shape, well up in col., good head; 2, Richardson, variegd., nice quality, well balanced wings, neat in head, in grand bloom; 3, McGann, rattling fine size, good front and taper, nice quality feather; 4, Cowling, lovely all-round cl., fine quality feather, very nice head and wing carriage, some preferred for 1st; vhc, Miller; hc, Griffiths; c, Morgan. BUFF (14): 1, sp, Cowling, hot-fed one, in grand bloom, very neat, rare front and wings, fine head, real good one; 2, Robson and March, nice stamp, not quite so tight at thighs; 3, McKay, romping fine buff, warm in col., grand size, good all-round; 4, Summers, heavy variegd., beaten only in front and head, good stamp; vhc, Gunn; hc, Scott; c, Rennison. BORD., CL., ETC., YELL. (15): 1, sp, Armstrong, nice quality yell., fine feather, good head, rare wing carriage; 2, Dickinson, cinn. tkd., lovely feather, grand head and wings, good body; 3, Morley, nice shape, fine, well rounded body, nicely put down; 4, McDonald, grand variegd., lovely body and head, extra good in wings; vhc, Purves; hc, Morland; c, Scott. BUFF (11): 1, sp, Smith Bros., a topper Glasgow medal winner, in full bloom, well drawn, takes all over, a good one; 2, Gray and Gilholme, rare head and feather, not quite so well cleaned out as winner; 3, Mather, good body of feather, rare quality; 4, Smart, well rounded, good all-round, well staged; vhc, Ross; hc, Dickinson; c, Craig. YELL. HEN (13): 1, sp, Gray and Gilholme, nice shape and quality of feather, good stamp; 2, Smart, better feather and col., well drawn, smart, shape, good head, and wing carriage; 3, Smith Bros., nice one, inclined to be a bit thin in front, nice head, A1 quality, feather; 4, Ross, variegd., good stamp, fine front and feather, grand stamp; vhc, Aston; hc, Craig; c, Armstrong. BUFF (12): 1, sp, Bruce, wins, grand stamp, lovely wing carriage, well drawn, tight as wax, well put down; 2, Smart, lovely feather, a shade better in head, good wings and taper, in rare bloom; 3, Ross, plainer looking, but good stamp, grand feather; 4, Armstrong, good front, nice feather and qual.; vhc, Wakenshaw; hc, Gray and Gilholme; c, Smith Bros. YORKS YEL. (10): 1, spl, 2, Gray and Gilholme, 1st wins, fine position, good head and wings, A1 taper, slightly broken in col., 2nd cinn. tkd., good length, well drawn, nice head and wing carriage; 3, Crawhall, good quality; 4, Cairns, we could not find to report on; vhc, Moore; hc, Charlton and Anderson, Hodgson. BUFF (6): 1, spl, 4, Crawhall, 1st good one, lovely feather, rare head and body, grand quality, well drawn, wins easily, 4th all there for feather and quality; 2, Tindale, warmer in colour, good all-round exhibit, well placed; 3, Hodgson, lengthy, in good order, neat size; vhc, Wigglesworth; hc, Cairns. YELL. HEN (10): 1, spl, Hodgson, slim and well drawn, very stylish, real good one, nice exhibit, wins; 2, Mather, hotter fed, good wing carriage and taper, well put down; 3, Thurston, racy, nice stamp, fails a wee shade in head and front, but well drawn; 4, Crawhall, lengthy, good stamp, nice head and wings, well drawn; vhc, Tindale; hc, c, Moore. BUFF (9): 1, spl, 3, Crawhall, foul, wins, grand quality, rare finish and shape, fine all-round style, 3rd very racy, grand quality; 2, Wigglesworth, grand quality feather, nice head and wing carriage; 4, Gray and Gilholme, in rare order, nice quality feather, good all-round; vhc, Moore; hc, Tindale. A.O.V. (13): 1, sp, hc, Marshall; 2, 3, Thompson Bros.; 4, Priestley; vhc, Griffiths; c, Rennison. LINNET (23): 1, spl, Stewart, nice size, well laced, grand front, splendid back, well up in col., good in flights; 2, Maddison, fine bird, grand size, rare whites, good back and ground col.; 3, Tomlinson, well shaped, longer, not quite so pure in col., good back; 4, Taylor, grand Redbreast, plenty of spangle, good in wings, steady, well up in size; vhc, Maddison; hc, Dunn; c, Purves. GOLDIE, ETC. (19): 1, spl, Wilkinson, Goldfinch in the pink of condition, very tight in feather, nice square blaze, good nap; 2, Stewart, sweet Bullie, rare cap and bib, well up in colour, grand back and wing bars; 3, vhc, Tomlinson, dense faced Goldie, with lovely buttons, good size, steady; 4, Douglas, nice Finch, rare col. and tannings, grand size and blaze; hc, Lightly; c, Morgan. REDPOLL, ETC. (18): 1, spl, Sykes, nice Siskin, well up in size, fine tone of col., good cap, very neat bib, well laced on flanks; 2, hc Taylor, Twite, well pencilled, good size, nice flights, good quality feather showing signs of age; 3, Waters, good all-round Mealy, well up in size, large bib, well laced, in good order; 4, Bruce, Lesser 'Poll, lovely col., grand bib, nicely laced, well put down, worth its place; vhc, Aston; c, Boyd. GREENIE (21): 1, spl, McLean, grandly fed, polished to perfection, grand size, splendid wing bars, well staged; 2, Allan, nice nat. col. yell., grand shade of col., good bars, in nice order; 3, McVay, rare shape, regular Bullie type, splendid wing carriage, bold front; 4, Sokell, good strong bird, fine head, bold front, lovely col. and good one; vhc, Greenwell; hc, Charlton and Anderson; c, Morland. CHAFFIE, ETC. (8): 1, 4, Sykes, 1st Bramble, wins, in grand order, fine size, beautifully marked, lovely lacing, breast col., 4th Chaffie, fails slightly in head, good quality feather; 2, McVay, sweet Chaffie, well up in size, good bars, nice head, well put down; 3, Tomlinson, sweet Bramble, nicely laced, good stamp, in fine order; vhc, Boyd; hc, Gardiner; c, Marshall. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, Sykes, good Hawfinch, fine size, in lovely order, steady, grand bib and col.; 2, Allan, topping Yellowhammer, rare head, size, and col., beautifully shown, an extra good one; 3, McVay, Corn Bunting, A1 markings, fine size, steady, very nice bird; 4, Dippie and Purves, Yellowhammer, nice size, well staged; vhc, Bruce; hc, Johnston. SOFTBILL (7): 1, spl, Boyd, nice Cornish Chough, dense col., rare bill and legs, nice eye; 2, Bruce, grand Song Thrush, well up in spangle and size, steady and well shown; 3, Johnston, nice Lark, good size, well marked, grandly staged; 4, Morland, Song Thrush, steady, very nicely pencilled, good col.; vhc, Roper; hc, Gardiner; c, Tait. LIGHT MULE, ETC. (7): 1, spl, 4, Maddison, 1st cl. Goldie Mule, in good order, grand size, nice face and bars, 4th var. Linnet Mule; 2, Fordy, good var. Goldie, rare order, lovely blaze, nicely marked, staged to perfection; 3, Wilson, good Goldie-Bullie, well up in col., nice size and quality of feather; vhc, Lackey; hc, Petterson. DARK (17): 1, spl, Wilson, good all-round Canary-Bullie, well up size, nicely marked; 2, Maddison, Jonque Goldie, dense blaze, fine size, good wings, nice tone throughout, lovely quality feather; 3, Sokell, good yellow Greenie, fine size, good colour, well marked; 4, vhc, Bowerbank and Yeomans, Linnet Canary, nice size, good quality feather, steady; hc, Dickson Bros.; c, Taylor. FOR. SMALL (12): 1, sp, Ford, grand Crimson Finch, staged in lovely order; 2, 3, Young, 2nd, grand Pekin Robin, rare size, fine feather and markings; 3rd, lovely Waxbill, grand col. and feather; 4, vhc, Mackenzie, Paradise Whydah in nice order, grand col. and tail; hc, c, Allan. LARGE (2): 1, sp, 2, Mackenzie, 1st, Cream Lorie, in full bloom, well staged; 2nd, Senegal Parrakeet in rare bloom. MEMBERS' CLASSES. NOR. CK. (11): 1, sp, 2, hc, T. Dixon; 3, Rennison; 4, c, Miller; vhc, Nesbitt and Wright. HEN (12): 1, sp, 2, 3, c, Miller; 4, vhc, Dixon; vhc, Nesbitt and Wright. NOR. NAT. CK. (10): 1, sp, c, Staig; 2, 4, vhc, T. Dixon; 3, Nesbitt and Wright; hc, Tait. BORD. CK. (9): 1, sp, 3, 4, hc, Carns; 2, Miller; vhc, Moir; c, Rennison. HEN (9): 1, sp, 2, 3, hc, Carns; 4, Miller; vhc, Moir. YORKS. CK. (8): 1, sp, 2, 4, Carns; 3, c, Moffitt; vhc, Nesbitt and Wright; hc, Smith. HEN (6): 1, sp, 2, Carns; 3, vhc, hc, Nesbitt and Wright; 4, Moffitt. LINNET (16): 1, T. Dixon; 2, Nesbitt and Wright; 3, Cairns; 4, Davison; vhc, hc, Swan; c, Smith. A.O.S. HARD (14): 1, sp, c, Forster; 2, hc, Rennison; 3, Staig; 4, Moir; hc, Rennison. MULE OR HYB.: 1, sp, Rennison; 2, Straughan; 3, T. Dixon; 4, Moir; vhc, Staig; hc, Clark; c, Swan. LOCAL A.V. (6): 1, sp, Johnson, H.; 2, Thompson; 3, Scott; 4, Tait; vhc, Connol; hc, Carmichael.

WORTHING.

Held November 15 and 16. It was quite a success with their new venture of open classes for Canaries. The entry was good, and the quality excellent in Nor., Crests and Yorks. British were good, but were confined to members. Mr. T. Heath judged, and seemed to give general satisfaction.

The Critique.

YORKS., YELL.: 1, sp., hc, Wright, rare length, beautiful col., rare quality feather; 2, Lulford, beautiful tick, loses a little in length; 3, Rev. Miller, not quite the style of winners; vhc, Frost; c, Dandridge. BUFF: 1, Rev. Miller, wing and neck mkd., nice type and quality; 2, Wraight, typical Cl. Buff beautifully drawn, nice col. and quality, in grand form; 3, hc, Padwick, good length; vhc, Fulford; c, Frost. NOR., YELL.: 1, sp., 2, Miles, winner short, and cobby, beautiful type and col.; 2, loses only in substance, good quality; 3, Terry, variegd., rare body, good flights and tail; vhc, Palmer; hc, c, Morris. BUFF: 1, hc, Miles, nice type and quality, lost had been washing; 2, Terry, nice, short and cobby, rare head, crosses wings a bit; 3, c, Morris, nice col.; vhc, Terry. CREST: 1, 3 sps., 2, 3, vhc, hc, Gale, a grand lot, winner lightly marked Dark Crest, beautiful leafy feather, nice centre, 2, very similar, 3, nearly green, a bit smaller; c, Nicholls. C.B.: 1, Haywood, Variegd., rare head, beautifully lashed; 2, c, Turner, nearly green, rare size and length of feather, loses in head; 3, Gale, Variegd., good length of feather; vhc, Stubbs; c, Gale. LOCAL, YORKS.: 1, Hopper, good long, slim Yellow, fine style; 2, Rumsey, nice length; 3, vhc, Burtenshaw, long slim Yell., good one; hc, Parsons; c, Skinner. NOVICE, NOR.: 1, sp., vhc, Stubbs, Cl. Crest, nice size, in fine condition; 2, hc, Rumsey, grand Cl. Buff; 3, Wells, cap marked Buff, good quality, and col.; c, Mahon. NOVICE, A.O.V.: 1, Rumsey, nice Cl. Buff Nor.; 2, Pelgrim, Cinn. Crest; 3, Lester, Variegd. Goldie Mule; vhc, Stubbs; hc, Parker; c, Dewey. A.O.V.: 1, sp., Swaysland, good Bel., good shoulders, nice style; 2, 3, Riddles, two sweet little Borders. GOLDFINCH: 1, sp., 2, 3, Parsons, with 3 grand Fifeches, winner a nice rich col., square blaze, beautifully tamed, 2, nice Finch, loses just a little in shape of blaze, fine bird, 3, larger, vhc, Munday; hc, Mitchell; c, Bone. LINNET, ETC.: 1, 2, vhc, Parsons, sweet Redpoll, leading nice bib, rare col.; 2, Siskin, lovely col., good cap and lacings; 3, Corp, grand Linnet, rare size, nicely marked; hc, Warren; c, Swain. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, 2, 3, c, vhc, Miss Hopwood, with a grand team, grand little Flycatcher leading, in faultless condition; 2, Blackcap, rare size, 3, Nuthatch, good size and col.; hc, Tollington. A.O.S. FINCH: 1, Hopper, topping house-moulted hen Bullie, nice cap and bars, 2, Parsons, Bullie, good size; 3, sp., Hopper, grand col., field moulted Bullie; hc, Skinner; c, Bish. FOR.: 1, Wells, very nice Bullfe, good cap, nice bars, in grand form; 2, c, Pelgrim, pair of Yellow Bullfinches, well shown; 3, Hopwood, pair of Pekin Robins, good feather; vhc, Munday; hc, Pattridge.

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ANOTHER MAGNIFICENT SHOW AT CARDIFF.

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Fifteenth annual show of the Cardiff and Dist. C.B.S. was held 15th and 16th Nov. at the St. Andrew's Parish Hall, Cathays. The hall was admirably adapted for a cage bird show, being well lighted, free from draughts, and very roomy. We were pleased to see our old friend, Mr. W. Sampson, again at the head of affairs as show manager and secretary, and, needless to say, under his expert guidance everything worked very smoothly. We congratulate the Cardiff Society on being able to induce him again to take up the reins of office. He was ably assisted by a hard-working committee of well-known fanciers, in Messrs. E. J. Banks, E. J. Davies, H. J. Ford, A. Harrington, F. Hopson, F. D. Jones, T. H. Melhuish, H. C. Smith, A. Shellam, A. Simons, and E. Thorne. The show stewards (Messrs. R. Brown, J. Baker, W. Chedgey, F. Howard, E. James, A. Maggs, A. Roberts, J. Sivill, and W. Weeks), deserve great credit for the manner in which they carried out their duties. Messrs. Smith and Shellam undertook the feeding of the exhibits, a sufficient guarantee to exhibitors that the birds were well cared for. Norwich were a grand lot, some real toppers being put down. Yorks., as usual, were put down in great force, and were a magnificent lot; they gave the judges a warm time to separate. Borders were well to the fore. These "wee gems" are getting quite the feature of our Welsh shows. We notice the lady visitors take a great interest in this variety, a sure sign that they are bound to become very popular. Mules and Hybrids turned up well. British birds were, as usual, a fine lot, and some topping birds were exhibited. Mr. J. H. Payne judged odd, and Mr. J. Robson even numbers.

Mr. Robson's Classes.

NOR. CL. BUFF (11): 1, Jones, D. R., real good one, lovely meal, very cobby; 2, Tedstone, close up, neatly carried wings and tail, beautiful quality; 3, E. Thomas, grand type and feather, nice short wings and tail; 4, Collings, lovely type and quality, very neat wings and tail; vhc, Pritchard; hc, A. Maggs; c, D. Thomas. TKD., ETC., BUFF (10): 1, Cleaves, wing mkd., good head and neck, nicely balanced wings, very chubby; 2, Pritchard, wing and eye mkd., lovely meal, graud type and featber, close up; 3, A. Maggs, grizzle mkd., lovely shape, grand co., we liked; 4, W. Davies, var., good bold chest, nice short wings and tail, lovely meal; vhc, Thomas; hc, Pritchard; c, Redwood. BUFF HEN (18) a wonderful class: 1, Cleaves, wing mkd., a topper, lovely meal, rare shape, well carried wings, grand head and neck, wins; 2, Tedstone, eye and wing mkd., beautiful quality, nicely carried wings and tail, good shape; 3, Chedgey, cl., good head, neck and chest, very short wings and tail, in grand fettle; 4, hc, e, Slocombe, cl., very typical, lovely meal, good head and neck; vhc, Sheldon. UNFLIG. BUFF (12): 1, Mortara, grizzle mkd., good col., nice shape, size and condition; 2, Noyce, larger, good col., shape and quality, inclined to be a wee bit loose at thighs; 3, A. Maggs, grizzle mkd., good size and shape, not quite so short in flights and tail as leaders; 4, Slocombe, very neat exhibit, good eye, lovely type and quality, well carried wings, slightly damaged tail or would have been higher; vhc, Slocombe; hc, Pritchard; c, Thomas. NOVICE YELL. CK. (10): 1, Robinson, cl., good head and neck, nice broad back, well carried wings and tail; 2, vhc, Simons, cl., lovely col. and quality, good type, neat wings and tail; 3, Bielby, cl., very cobby, nice quality, good head and neck; 4, Gardner, tkd., very neat head and neck, well carried wings; hc, Collins; c, Chedgey. HEN (12): 1, Chedfey, tkd. Buff, good type, nice full chest, good wings and tail; 2, Powell, Cl. Yell., good col. and quality, nice short wings and tail; 3, Pounsett, eye and wing mkd., splendid type and quality, good wing carriage; 4, Baker grizzle mkd. Yell., good col. and quality, very neat wings and tail; vhc, Morgan; hc, Hopson; c, Bielby. YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL. (16): 1, Newell, Cl., grand col., neat head and neck, well balanced wings; 2, Hawes Bros., Cl., very racy, nice round shoulders, well up on legs; 3, Hawes Bros., Cl., splendid type and quality, straight as a guardsman; 4, Mock, Cl., nicely carried wings and tail, grand col. and quality; vhc, Wilson; hc, Smith; c, Weeks. VARIEG. (16): 1, Dykes, Varieg. Yell., very hot fed, straight as a gun-barrel, well up on legs; 2, Hawes Bros., Varieg. Yell., close up, grand head and neck, good straight back, lovely feather; 3, Rorke, Varieg. Yell., good type and quality, nice fitting wings, well up on leg; 4, Newell, Varieg. Buff, lovely meal, nice straight back and tail, good legs; vhc, Jones; hc, Merritt; c, Thomson. BUFF HEN, CL., ETC. (18): 1, Wilson, Cl., wonderful length, grand head, neck and back, in topping order; 2, 3, Rennie, former tkd., grand quality, good straight back, nicely carried wings, well up on leg, latter Cl., good length, nice head, neck, stands like a major; 4, vhc, Hawes, wing-mkd., lovely quality, feathered like boxwood, good legs, nicely packed wings; hc, Mock; c, Evans. UNFLIG. YELL. (24): A wonderful class: 1, Rorke, Variег., clinking youngster, magnificent feather, grand length of wing, well up on legs; 2, Portman, Cl., in topping order, straight as a gun-barrel, rare back and wings; 3, Cross, Cl., another topper, lovely shape, grand quality, well up on legs; 4, Easterling, Cl., rare position, grand type and quality; vhc, Gregory; hc, Hillmau; c, Hawes Bros. UNFLIG. HEN (24): 1, Cook, neck and wiug mkd. Yell., grand length, good head and neck, well up on leg; 2, Rennie, Cl. Buff, good straight back, nicely balanced wings, very leggy; 3, Dykes, Cl. Yell, very nervy, well up on leg, good straight back, nice length; 4, Rorke, Cl. Buff, round as a bottle, nice wing, well up on leg; vhc, Hillman; hc, Janies; c, Merritt. NOVICE BUFF (20): 1, Mortimer, Varieg., good length, nice straight back, well up on legs; 2, Gregory, Cl., nicc type and quality, good head and neck, well carried wings; 3, Pritchard, Cl., close up, good type, nice head and neck, neat legs; 4, Brown, Cl., nicely drawn, well up on leg, good type and quality; vhc, Steer; hc, Brown; c, James. UNFLIG. (23): 1, Knight, Cl. Buff, grand topper for length, good straight back, nicely carried wiugs; 2, Merritt, Cl. Yell., lovely quality, straight from head to tail; 3, Pritchard, Cl. Yell., good quality, nice straight back, well up on legs; 4, Clift, grizzle mkd., Yell., good type, nice head and neck, stands well; vhc, Gregory; hc, James; c, Sparly. C.B. (5): 1, Coath, Foul Green, tremendous lashings, good entrance, a wealth of feather; 2, Simmous, Varieg., good substance, a wealth of feather, well lashed; 3, Hobbs, Varieg., close up, good feather, well lashed; 4, vhc, Allen, good type, not quite the wealth of feather of leaders. SCOTS FCY., HEN (8): 1, Willison, good depth, reach and drive, wins; 2, 3 Jones, not quite substance of winner, good position, 3rd, nice sweep, gets into position quickly; 4, Willison, good drive, nice condition; vhc, Farrow; hc, Harrington; c, Lewis. BORD. FCY., BUFF (10): 1, Jeremiah, Cl., lovely quality and col., good head and neck, very jaunty carriage; 2, 3, Jenkins, Cl., close up, nice pair, grand type, nice full neck, well carried wings, staged to perfection; 4, Longden, wing mkd., very neat exhibit, good head and neck, lovely quality; vhc, Button; hc, Mercer; c, Williams. MATCHED PAIRS, £3 (10): 1, Hopson, Norwich; 2, Thomas, Norwich; 3, Edwards, Crests; 4, Slocombe, Norwich; vhc, Day; hc, Tedstone; c, Bennett. DK. GOLDFINCH MULE (12): A splendid class: 1, Poole, a topper, grand col., good blaze, lovely col., in tip-top form, wins; 2, Shellam, good col. and quality, nice shape, in tip-top order; 3, Longden, nice size and shape, good face, lovely quality; 4, Portman, Buff, grand size, lovely condition; vhc, Gough; hc, Edwards; c, Jones. DARK LINNET, ETC., MULE (14): 1, Shellam, Linnet Can., grand shape and size, lovely col. and quality; 2, Longden, Yell. Siskin, well-known, grand col. and condition; 3, Edwards, Buff Siskin, good size and shape; 4, Mrs. Love, good Buff Siskin, loses only in col. to leaders; vhc, Jones; hc, no name; c, Maggs. GOLDFINCH: 1, Yates, good shape, nice tans, bars and huttons, good square blaze, back claw missiug, should have given way to 2, Jeffreys, grand, shapely Finch, good tans, bars, and buttons, very clear, good col. blaze; 3, Chivers, good square blaze, lovely shape, bars, buttons, and tans, not so rich col.; 4, spl., Edwards, neat exhibit, rather thick when we took notes; vhc, Miss Dooly; hc, Heal; c, Palmer. BULLFINCH (11): 1, Holborrow, a topper, lovely cap, well cut, nice short wings, and tail, grand back, good chest, wins; 2, Thorne, F.M., very cohhy hird, nice col. cap and bars; 3, Pool, F.M., good col. cap and bars, not so good shape as leaders; 4, Hoare, good cap, bars, nice col., rather thick when judged, or would have been higher; vhc, Portman; hc, Carruthers; c, Miss Dooly. LINNET: 1, Marley, nice size and shape, very open in front, good col. and quality; 2, S. Jones, jun., good col. and quality, well marked; 3, Poyer, well laced, good shape, col. and condition; 4, Gay, we liked, some considered the best Linnet in class, good shape, col., size and condition; vhc, Ford; hc, E. J. Davies; c, W. Jones. LESSSER REDPOLL (14): 1, Jeffreys, good col., lovely shape, well defined bib, a wealth of lacing, wins; 2, Gibbons, good size and shape, well marked, not quite col. of winner; 3, Marley, another topper, good size, shape and col., not so profuse in markings; 4, Garland, good col. and markings, loses size; vhc, Ford; hc, Heal; c, Sampson. BRAMBLE, ETC. (7): 1, Marley, Bramhle, nicely spangled back, good wings, shape and condition; 2, Marley, Chaffinch, good wagon shape, nice col. and condition; 3, Pancroft, Chaffinch, lovely col. and condition, not quite the shape and size of 2nd; 4, Bancroft, Bramble, well spangled, grand col., shape and condition; vhc, Jeffreys; hc, Thorne; c, Tompkinson. BULLFINCH HEN: 1, Holborrow, beautiful exhihit, lovely cap and hars, good chubby shape, wins; 2, Roberts, another good exhibit, nice cap and hars, good shape, not quite condition of leader; 3, Ford, very cobby, good cap, loses col. to leaders; 4, Jones, very neat exhibit, show her in a more sombre cage, Mr. J.; vhc, Gough; hc, Leyman; c, Bobbett. A.O.S., LARGE: Cancelled. SOFTBILL: 1, Thorne, Bearded Tit, charming exhibit, shown in tip-top fettle. FOR., LARGE: 1, H. S. Davies' King Parrot, in lovely fettle; 2, 3, Thorne, Troupial, looking at his very best, a lovely exhibit, latter Yell. Budgerigars, well shown, in perfect plumage, should this not have been in small class?

Mr. J. H. Payne's Classes.

NOR. CL. YELL (11): 1, Collings, grand shape, rich deep col., well extended down flights and tail, gets well across perch, deep chest and nicely packed flights, and tail; 2, Redwood, wonderful feather, wings well braced, and neat tail, good back, and clean cut; 3, vhc, Davies, grand col., full of quality, hardly so tight in feather; 4, Chedgey, good shape, nice head and wings, full neck; vhc, Davies; hc, Cleaves; c, Redwood. TKD., ETC., YELL. (12): 1, Spillman, wonderful feather, good shape, full of quality, neat head, tail, and wings, rich colour, not a big one, but a gem, tkd. on eye; 2, Maggs, eye tkd., grand shape, and full of col., full head and neck, nice back and flights; 3, Thomas, cheek and saddle mkd., capital feather, and short, cobby body, nice flights and tail, nice head and neck; 4, Redwood, head and left wing mkd., nice shape, grand colour, close up; vhc, Edwards; hc, Davies; c, Sheldon. YELL. HEN (9): 1, Collings, short, thick set, cobby, body nicely rounded, grand feather, col., and quality, well packed flights, and neat tail, well across perch, a gem; 2, Folwell, unflig., grand shape, nice head and full neck, level back, short flights and tail; 3, Spillman, beautiful col. and quality, nice shaped body, short flights and tail, beaten in neck only; 4, Davies, grand quality, nice back, wings, and tail, good shape; vhc, Thomas; hc, Redwood; c, Sheldon. UNFLIG. YELL. (13): 1, Folwell, a real gem, grand shape and size, short flights and neat tail, nice head and neck, level colour and short compact feather; 2, Sheldon, another good one, lovely feather, well up in col., neat tail and wings, good head and neck; 3, Noyce, grand shape, short flights and tail, lovely col., good back, well up in size, close up; 4, Spillman, short cobby body, full neck, and nice head, level col., and neat tail and wings; vhc, Jeremy; hc, Mortara; c, Slocombe, grand class. NON-FED (10): 1, Jeremy, huff, mkd. eyes and wings, grand shape, lovely back, nice feather and quality, full head and wide shoulders; 2, Enderson, grand feathered yell., of good shape, nice head and neck, level col.; 3, Slocombe, yell., good head and neck, nice back and chest; 4, Thomas, yell., of good shape, nice deep chest, short flights and tail, good col., a bit wild; vhc, c, Matthews; hc, no name. NOVICE BUFF (15): 1, Whetton, magnificent quality of feather, lovely back, wings, and tail, good shaped body, in grand form; 2, 3, Powell, eye, wing, and rump mkd., grand shape, short winge and tail, neat head and nicely rounded chest, 3rd cl., splendid col., well up in size, full neck, just beaten in quality; 4, Brown, hot col., good size and shape, nice back; vhc, Robinson; hc, Simons; c, Collins. UNFLIG. (11): 1, Baker, cap and wing mkd. huff, nice shape, good col., short winge and tail; 2, 3, Chedgey, cl. yell., nice shape and feather, 3rd cap and back mkd., buff, grand feather, fine shape, neat tail and wings; 4, Bielby, cap, neck, and wing mkd., yell., nice col. and shape; vhc, hc Hopson; c, Gardner. YORKS. CL., ETC., BUFF (18): 1, 4, Hawes Bros., straight as a rush, good position, well filled in all over, grand flights and tail, 4th nice style and position, well braced wings and tail; 2, Phillips and Lunt, hot col., slim built and well up, nice quality; 3, Smith, grand feather, slim built and stands well, nice narrow shoulders; vhc, Easterling and Carson; hc, Gregory; c, Thomson. YELL. HEN (14): 1, Hawes Bros., a real gem, lovely feather and quality, stands to perfection, on a good pair of legs, nice wings and tail; 2, Smith, lovely feather, splendid style and position, nice length, thigh tkd.; 3, Casey, plenty of size, nice pipe tail and long flights, stands well, not quite so clean underneath; 4, Easterling and Carson, wing tkd., nice position, well on leg, good length; vhc, Rennie; hc, Holliday; c, Newell. MKD., ETC., HEN (4): 1, Rennie, straight as a pencil, slim built, grand feather and quality, nice narrow shoulders, neat round head, a gem; 2, c, Hawes Bros., mkd. head, eyes, and righ wing, buff, lovely feather, nice stand and style, well up in quality, nice piped tail; 3, Whetton, heavy mkd. grand position, feather, and quality, nice flights and tail; 4, Newell, straight, slim huilt, varieg. yell., neat head, well up on leg; vhc, Roke; hc, Smith. UNFLIG. BUFF (24): 1, Holliday, rare length, grand feather and quality, straight and stylish, well packed flights, pipe tail; 2, Easterling and Carson, slim built, nice boxy feather, nice style and stand, neat tail and well packed flights; 3, hc, James, slim built and good feather and position, close up; 4 Rennie, nice length varieg., grand feather, good position and style; vhc, Wecks; c, Mock. NOVICE YORKS. YELL. (17): 1, 2, Parfitt, long-sided and slim built varieg., good position, nice feather, 2nd cl., nice col., feather, and position, good long flights, and piped tail; 3, Mortimer, slim huilt, good length, nice stand, pipe tail and well packed flights; 4, Gregory, unflig., grand col. and quality, nice light jacket; vhc, James; hc, Knight; c, Merrett. HEN (17): 1, 2, 4, Brown, a good team, winner slim built yell., grand feather, nice narrow shoulders, neat head, and stands well, 2nd wing tkd. buff, lovely feather and position, 4th mkd. cheek and wings, good length, nicely mealed, and capital feather, huff; 3, no name, nice positioned yell., straight as a rush, neat tail; vhc, Watkins; hc, Parfitt; c, Gregory. CREST (6): 1, Coath, green, nice circular crest, good droop, and well radiated, capital shaped body; 2, vhc, Allen, mkd. wings, D.C., nice dipping crest, well radiated; 3, 4, Simmonds, neat grizzle Crest, 4th wing marked, nice back, crest, and well radiated; hc, Hobbs. SCOT. F. (10): 1, 3, Jones, cl. buff, good shoulders, nice drive and head depression, 3 pied buff, good shoulders, well turned; 2, hc, Farrow, pied buff, good shoulders and nice length of side, gets head well down; 4, Willison, good shouldered buff; vhc, c, Harrington. BORD. F., YELL. (7): 1, Jenkins, cl., lovely shape, feather and col., neat head, wings and tail, and capital carriage; 2, Sampson, varieg. and yell., lovely feather, nice shape and style, neat head, wings and tail; 3, Jeremiah, sweet shaped cl., neat tail and wings; 4, Richards, close up; vhc, Madagan; hc, Mercer; c, Williams. CL., ETC., HEN (10): 1, 3, Jenkins, a gem of a yell., lovely feather, sweet shape, feathered to perfection, and grand carriage, 3, buff, good shape and feather, nice carriage; 2, Jeremiah, buff, lovely feather and quality, good shape and jaunty carriage, grand wings and tail; 4, c, Pratt, nice shaped yell., good feather and neat tail; vhc, Pepperill; hc, Sampson. CAN. MULE, CL., ETC. (9): 1, Shellam, the Plymouth sensation, well-known clear Greenfinch-Can.; 2, 3, Longden, wing mkd. Linnet, sweet shape, grand col. and feather; 3, Goldfinch, faint tick on cheeks, head and tail, lovely feather, nice shape and full of quality; 4, Lewis, Goldie, mkd. eyes, right and tail, grand quality, nice shape, size and col.; vhc, Davies; hc, Baker; c, Fox. DK. GREENFINCH (7): 1, Davies, lovely feathered and rich coloured yell., grand bars, in fine order; 2, 4, Longden, well-known Cinn., nice feather and col., 4 yell. Greenie, nice col. and feather, capital bars; 3, Somerfield, rare size and shape, good head, not quite the quality of the leader; vhc, Jones, R. W.; hc, Edwards; c, Butler. A.O.V. (7): 1, Shellam, Can.-Bullfinch, wonderful col., grand size, shape and feather, well marked, and in fine order, wins Ramsden col. special; 2, G. Edwards, Greenfinch-Bullfinch, grand featber, nice col., good cap; 3, 4, Longden, Greenfinch-Goldfinch, grand size, shape and feather, lovely wing bars, 4 good coloured and feathered Goldfinch-Bullfinch; vhc, Jones, J. H.; hc, Fox; c, D. Edwards. GOLDFINCH, GREY PATE (7): 1, Morgan, grand feather, lovely tanning and bars, nice buttons and blaze, very steady; 2, c, Ford, grand feather, well tanned, nice blaze; 3, Jeffreys, good blaze, nice hars and buttons, rare size, loses in steadiness only; 4, Lewis, good hars and buttons, well tanned; vhc, Messer; hc, Raby. GREENFINCH (10): 1, Russell, rare size and shape, lovely feather, broad skull and nice bars, buff; 2, Ford, buff, lovely feather, nice shape, good bars; 3, Jeffreys, yell., lovely col. and capital wing bars, close race; 4, Marley, rare size and shape, good skull; vhc, Morgan; hc, Hoare; c, Wilkins. LINNET, FIELD-MOULTED (15): 1, 2, Bancroft, two gems, grand pencilling, lovely feather and shape, well-known winner leading, but only got home by a short head; 3, Jeffreys, nice pencilling, good shape and feather; 4, Davies, good shape and size, not quite so good in pencilling; vhc, Gibbons; hc, Sullivan; c, Thomas. SISKIN, ETC. (7): 1, Poole, Mealy, grandly mkd., lovely bib, nice shape, size and feather; 2, Jones, S., buff Siskin, good size and shape, flank markings well defined, lovely feather and cap; 3, Dark, yell. Siskin, nicely laced sides, cap well worked, and good body col.; 4, Bancroft, Mealy Redpoll, nice size and bib, good feather; vhc, Heal; hc, Jeffreys; c, Sampson. A.O.S. (4): 1, Poole, Hawfinch, wonderful feather and col., grand cut bib and wing bars, very steady, in the pink; 2, Russell, well-known yell. Bunting, good size and feather, nice V and cheek marks; 3, Ray, Hawfinch, nice size and feather; 4, G. Edwards, grand coloured yell. Bunting, nice feather and markings. A.O.S. HARDBILL, HEN (9): 1, c, Russell, Hawfinch, lovely feather, grand bib and wing bars, nice size and shape, in grand form; 2, J. W. Ford, Corn Bunting, beautifully mkd., rich col. and good feather; 3, Bancroft, lovely Bramblefinch, well spangled and grand col.; 4, Holborrow, Siskin, grandly mkd. flanks, rare size, feather and well shown; vhc, Shivery; hc, H. J. Ford. THRUSH, ETC. (11): 1, Button, Blackbird, a marvel for col., dense all through, and shines like satin, grand bill and eye cere, quickly claimed; 2, 3, Mrs. Longden, grand Song Thrush, rare size, shape, spotting and feather, very steady; 3, Missel Thrush, rare markings, feather and size, grand form; 4, J. W. Ford, Redwing, lovely col. and feather, and well mkd.; vhc, Williams; hc, Stevens; c, H. J. Ford. FOR. (5): 1, Thorne, Paradise Whydah, good feather and col.; 2, Castree, grand pair of White Javas, pure col. and well shown; 3, Morgan; 4, Leyman.

BRISTOL, concluded.

Redpoll, well mkd., good col. and shape; 4, Bousefield, Miss, Lesser Redpoll, grand col., feather and markings; vhc, Cordy; c, Harris and Dix. MEMBERS' CLASSES: C.B. (2): 1, 2, Mrs. Roberts. NOR. YELL. (8): 1, 2, Tristem; 3, 4, Mrs. Roberts. BUFF (9): 1, 4, Mrs. Roberts, 2, 3, vhc, Tristem; hc, Caines. YORKS. YELL. (10): 1, Mrs. Garland; 2, hc, Greenslade; 3, c, Keegan; 4, Buckland; vhc, Lovell. BUFF (8): 1, c, Greenslade; 2, 4, hc, Lovell; vhc, Keegan. MULE (4): 1, 3, Silcox; 2, no name; 4, Caines. GOLDFINCH (6): 1, 2, 3, Tilley; 4, vhc, Brown; hc, Caines. A.O.V. (11): 1, 3, 4, hc, Tilley; 2, c, no name.

BRISTOL.

Two £10 10s. 0d. Cups go Begging!

Bristol F.A.'s coming of age show was held at the Coliseum, Park Row, Nov. 14th and 15th. This is one of the best halls, if not the best, outside London for a show of this sort. It is capitally lighted by day, and one flood of electric light at night. We never heard one grumble of lack of light. The hall was kept at an even temperature and was absolutely free from draughts. The entry was unfortunately about 100 down, there being only 300 birds. What is the cause? Was it the clashing of Wimbledon, Nottingham and Cardiff? Or was it lack of interest of the cage bird members? Yorks. and Nor. made a grand show, and there were some fine Cinnamons; hut the Crests and Crest-breds, Lancashires, British and Mules were, we are sorry to say, cancelled. Only fancy! two 10-guinea challenge bowls had to go begging for owners. For the Cinnamon 11-guinea challenge bowl there was an exciting contest between Mr. E. Godley and Mr. W. A. Dormer, both of Blackburn, each having two shares in the bowl. It fell to Mr. Godley to secure the trophy outright. The 10-guinea challenge bowl for best current year Yorks. was won for the first time by Mr. L. Dykes (Bradford). In the members' the tankard for most points in Nor. was won by Mr. Tristem; Yorks. by Mr. Lovell; British and Mules, Mr. Tilley. The officers of the Association are: Mr. Tottle (President), Mr. F. Cook (Chairman), Mr. Fish (Vice-chair), Mr. T. H. Maggs (Financial Sec.), Mr. G. T. H. Maggs (Gen. Sec.). The Cage Bird Section Committee: Mr. T. Keegan (Supt.), Mr. C. Tilley, Mrs. Garland, Mrs. Roberts, and Messrs. Brown, Buckland, Greenslade, Ind, Lovell, Silcox and Tristem. Mr. G. T. H. Maggs is a splendid official and knows how to run a show well. Many and well deserved were the congratulations on his able management. Owing to so many classes being cancelled, the judge, Mr. Vardy, was written to and asked to cancel his engagement, and Mr. Payne took the whole of the classes and gave every satisfaction, as we heard not a word of grumble. Upon going into the show it was noticeable that some members and the whole of the officials were wearing a black ribbon at the back of their badges, and upon inquiry we found that this was a token of respect to one of the Vice-Presidents (Mr. S. R. Shipley) who passed away on Saturday night after a very brief illness. Deceased has been for many years one of the most hard working members in connection with the show.

The Critique.

NOR. HEN (9): 1, Coop, cl. yell., lovely shape, soft silky feather, nice head, neck and back, short, well packed flights and tail; 2, Tristem, cl. buff, grand shape, nice bead and neck, good col. and mealing; 3, Houghton, beavily mkd. buff, good shape, full neck and round chest, nice quality; 4, Mitchell, nice shape, col., and quality; vhc, no name; hc, Mortara; c, Tow. NAT. COL. (9): 1, Pope, cl. buff, sweet sbape, lovely feather and quality, nice head, clean cut, and well across perch; 2, 4, Deacon, yell. green, grand col., rare head and neck, nice quality of feather; 4th, good quality buff, nice col.; 3, Badcott, yell., nice shape and col., neat wings and closely folded tail; vhc, no name; hc, Barnett; c, Tryse. BRED 1911 (12): 1, Banbury, yell., sbort round cobby body, good col. and quality, deep chest, short flights and tail; 2, Houghton, cl. buff, rare size and shape, good head and neck, grand feather and quality, close run; 3, 4, Tristem, mkd. head, wings and tail, lovely head, good shape and quality, nice back; 4th, head ticked yell., grand col.; vhc, Mortara; hc, no name; c, Tow. NOVICE NOR. (12): 1, Viney, cl. buff, good quality feather, nice shape, neat wings and tail; 2, Lewis, nice shaped yell., grand col.; 3, 4, Williams, nice shaped cl. buff hen, short flights and tail; 4th, yell., nice col., neat shape, good head and neck; vhc, hc, Mrs. Williams; c, Tripe. CINN. (14): 1, 2, Dyer, well known winning buffs, leader a gem for size, shape col. and quality, grand skull, 2nd close up, not quite the col. of 1st; 3, vhc, Dormer, grand col. yell., nice size and shape, good skull; 4, Deacon, huff, grand sbape and quality, nice feather and skull; hc, c, Godley. UNFLIG. (16): 1, challenge cup, vhc, hc, Godley, Jonque, grand shape and size, full of quality, lovely col., fine skull for a youngster; 2, 3, 4, c, Dormer, grand team, clinking buff 2nd, well up in size and shape and full of col.; 3rd, nice shaped and good quality yell., rich col.; 4th, buff, good shape, full of quality. YORKS. YELL. (15): 1, Dykes, grand position, well up, good feather and quality, nice flights, piped tail; 2, Burton, grand feather, nice position and style, neat tail and flights; 3, Halliday, grand col. and quality, nice position, good back and flights; 4, Morgan, nice position, good length of side; vhc, Knight; hc, Flook; c, Keegan. BUFF (12): 1, Burton, clear, feathered like boxwood, slim built, narrow shoulders, wings and tail well braced, stands well; 2, 4, Lovell, ticked on head, hot colour, stands well, nice wings and tail; 4th, slim built, grand feather, stands well; 3, Knight, fine drawn, nice narrow shoulders, neat tail, well packed flights; vhc, c, Halliday; hc, Dykes. NAT. COL. (11): 1, Bousefield, cl. bull, beautiful feather, straight and stylish, lovely back, wings and tail; 2, vhc, Greenslade, yell., slim built, well drawn out, nice long flights and pipe tail; 3, hc, c, Lovell, wings and head mkd. buff, good length, nice feather, wings and tail; 4, Keegan, cl. yell., good feather and position. BRED 1911 (20): 1, 2, challenge cup, Dykes, cl. yell., a regular swell, lovely feather and quality, tight as boxwood, stands well on a clever pair of legs, nicely tapered off; 2nd, graud col. and quality, long flights and tail, stands well; 3, 4, Easterling and Carson, grand feathered bull, good length and style, nice position; 4th, wing ticked yell., grand quality and col., nice wings and tail; vhc, Bousefield; hc, Flook; c, Knight. NOVICE YORKS. (11): 1, vhc, Greenslade, hot col. yell., grand feather and position, nice tail and flights; 2, hc, Atkinson, grand feathered buff, lovely quality, good stand; 3, 4, Jones, head ticked yell., hot col., nice stand and style; 4th, mkd. head buff, nice col. and position; c, Bateman. MULE, DARK (12): 1, Davies, Greenfinch Can., good size, shape and feather; 2, no name, buff Goldfinch-Can., lovely feather and col., nice face and wings; 3, Harding, grand feathered Jonque Goldfinch-Can., level col.; 4 (no name), Greenfinch-Can., nice feather, good skull; vhc, Edwards; hc, Lewis. BRIT. BULLFINCH (10): 1, Bousefield, a gem, rich col. breast, dense cap, well cut, grand bars and back, feathered to perfection; 2, Miss Bousefield, nice breast col., good sized cap, nice bars; 3, Wines and Co., grand cap, large and well cut, beautiful feather, steady; 4, Hayward, nice breast col., good bars; vhc, hc, Gregory; c, Elliott. SISKIN, ETC. (8): 1, hc, Capt. Jones, Lesser Redpoll, well mkd. flanks, grand bib and skull, nice size, shape and feather; 2, no name, Siskin, nicely laced cap, well mkd. sides, capital feather; 3, England, Mealy

(Concluded on Column 3.)

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

J. C. BARNES, 113, Northfield Road, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Long, practical experience. Terms moderate.

T. BENNETT, Gleudare House, Lidget Green, Bradford. Judge of Cage Birds. Long and practical experience.

J. W. BRUCE, Coldstream. Judge of all varieties of cage birds; Border and British Bird specialist. Terms moderate.

H. J. CHITTENDEN, 108, Bolton Hall-rd., Bolton Woods, Bradford, judge of cage birds, life experience. Terms moderate.

F. COLLINS, 60, Union-st., Camborne. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Life experience.

W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington, Bradford. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Practical experience. Terms moderate.

G. EDWARDS, 11, West Street, Leominster. Judge of Can., Brit., Mules. Specialist Nor., Crests, Mules. 30 years' exper. Terms mod.

GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road, London, N.W. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.

J. HARTLEY, Victoria-st., Micklethwaite, Bingley (late of Bradford). Judge of Cage Birds. Specialist Yorkshire and Norwich.

C. A. HOUSE, 82, Upper Walthamstow Road, Walthamstow. Judge of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds.

W. R. MILES, The Aviaries, Chichester. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Life experience.

W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Manningham, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

J. W. METCALFE, The Yorkshire Aviaries, 68, Brunswick Road, Liverpool. Judge of Cage Birds. Specialist Yorkshire and Norwich.

H. NORMAN, The Eyrie, Salisbury Road, Carshalton, Surrey. All varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist Hybrids and British Birds.

W. POWICK, Orchard, Savilletown, Dewsbury. Judge of all varieties of cage birds, 30 years' practical experience.

J. PATTERSON, Chirnside. Judge of Cage Birds; all varieties. Wide practical experience. Specialist Border Fancy Judge.

J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.

C. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Life experience.

WALTER SWAYSLAND, 47, Queens-rd., Brighton. Judge all varieties of cage birds. Life experience.

HENRY TAMS, Orchard Place, Longton, Staffs. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Twenty-five years Breeder and Exhibitor.

S. TICKELL, 22, Honey Street, Bodmin. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds; specialist Norwich, Cinn. & Liz. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

W. VARDY, The Aviaries, Hucknall Huthwaite, Notts. Judge of all varieties; specialist in Norwich Plainheads. Life experience. Terms moderate.

J. WALSH, Bird Specialist, Blackburn. Judge of cage birds, practical experience, specialist; British Foreign, Mules, and Hybrids. Terms moderate.

G. WILSON, 14, Frizington Road, Frizington, Cumberland, Judges of Cage Birds, 25 years' practical experience; specialist British and Mules. Terms moderate.

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November 23rd.

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Cage Birds only. Yorkshire 12 (4 Novice), Norwich 6 (2 Novice), 2 A.O.V., Selling 2, Mules and Hybrid 2, British, Goldfinch, Bullfinch, Greenfinch, Linnet, C.M. Linnet, F.M. Linnet (Novice), Siskin, Redpoll, or Twite, A.O.V. Hardbill, A.V. Softbill, A.V. Hen, British, British Selling 12/6, Foreign not larger than a Tanager, Ditto larger than a Tanager. Send on, we will classify. **No amalgamation. 50 Specials, open and members'. 6 extra Specials in open Classes.** Barnes and Maddison, judges.—**G. Bescoby, 26,** Duke Street, Doncaster.

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Seventh Annual Show of **Cage-Birds, Market Hall, Llanelly,**

Tuesday, Nov. 28th, 1911.

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Open (£5 Limit). Nov. 24th and 25th. Cage Bird Section.—**First Prize, 10/-; Second, 5/-; Third, 2/6.** Entrance Fee, 1/6. Judges: British, Foreign and Mules, Mr. W. Judd, Leicester; Canaries, Mr. J. A. Tyler, Leicester. Class 49, Norwich (P.H.), any colour, except evenly marked, natural colour; 50, Nor. (P.H.), cl., tkd., or varieg., except evenly marked, Yell.; 51, Nor. (P.H.), cl., tkd. or varieg., except evenly marked, Buff; 52, Nor., Hen (P.H.), except evenly marked; 53, Nor. (P.H.), unflig., cl., tkd. or varieg., except evenly marked, Yell.; 54, Nor. (P.H.), unflig., cl., tkd. or varieg., except evenly marked, Buff; 55, Yorks., Ck. or Hen, any colour, except evenly marked; 56, A.O.V. of Canary, except Crest or C.B.; 57, A.V., Mule or Hybrid; 58, British Goldfinch or Bullfinch Ck.; 59, British Linnet; 60, Greenfinch, Siskin, Redpoll or Twite; 61, A.O.V. British Finch or Bunting, including Hen Bullfinch, excluding Hawfinch; 62, A.O.V. British, not larger than Missel Thrush, including Hawfinch; 63, A.V. Foreign; 64. Sell. Class, single bird, A.V., except Crests or C.B., price not to exceed 15s.; 65, Sell. Class, pairs, A.V., except Crests or C.B., price not to exceed 25s.; 66, Members, A.V., single, price not to exceed 20s. Specials: 7s. 6d. medal, most points any one section; 5s. cigar holder, most points Mr. Judd's classes; 7s. 6d. medal, most points in Mr. Tyler's classes; 2s. 6d. cash, best in Class 49; 2s. 6d. cash, best in Classes 50 and 51; 2s. 6d. cash, best in Classes 53 and 54; 4s. goods, best in Class 55; 5s. cash, best Dark Canary Mule other than Bullfinch in Class 57; 2s. 6d. cash, best in Class 58; 2s. 6d. cash, best in Class 59; 2s. 6d. cash, best in Class 61. **Entries close 1st post Nov. 20th.—H. RIDGWAY, Hinckley.**

BRIGHOUSE

Ann. **Open Show, Saturday, Nov. 25th,** Oddfellows' Hall. Patronage of Y.C.C., C.M.Y.C.C., N.G.M. Y.C.C., O.N.P.C. Judge, H. W. Battye, Esq., Huddersfield. **Entries close Nov. 21st.** Schedules from—**F. MITCHELL, Hon. Sec., 9, Marion Street, Brighouse.**

Royal Windsor

The 4th Annual Show of Cage Birds will be held at the **Royal Albert Institute, Windsor, November 29th, 1911. Entries close Nov. 25th, 1911. 42 Open Classes.** Judges, Wesley T. Page, Esq., and J. Robson, Esq. Schedules from—**E. A. STICKLAND, Windsor.**

SELKIRK NOV. 25th. 8 classes for Borders, 2 Norwich, 3 British. Judge, J. Alexander. **R. Elmond, Jun., Sec.**

HELLO? WHAT'S THIS?

GREAT HARWOOD

and Dist. to the front again. Annual Show, **November 24 and 25.** Review of Schedule.—**36 Classes: 13 Nor., 8 Champ., 5 Nov. Nor. Champ. Section:** Extra Class 1, Cl. or invis. tkd. yell.; extra Class 2, cl. or invis. tkd. buff; Class 1, tkd. or varieg. yell.; 2, tkd. or varieg. buff; 3, unflig. yell.; 4, unflig. buff; 5, yell. hen; 6, buff hen; 7, unflig. hen, yell. or buff; extra Class 8, nat. col. ck.; class 8, nat. col. hen. **Amateur Section:** Class 9, yell. ck.; 10, buff ck.; 11, unflig yell. or buff; 12, yell. hen; 13, buff hen. **Yorkshire 4, and 1 Nov. Champ.:** 14, cl., tkd., var., yell.; 15, cl., tkd., var., buff; 16, hens, yell. or buff, A.V.; 17, cinn. tkd., or var., yell. or buff; 18, novice, A.V. yell. or buff. **Cinn., 5 Champ. and 2 Novice:** 19, Champ. cinn. yell.; 20, cinn. buff; 21, unflig., yell. or buff; 22, hens, yell. or buff; 23, foul, cinn., yell. or buff; 24, novice cinn. yell.; 25, cinn. buff; 26, A.V. of Canary or Mule not mentioned; **Sell. 3: 30/-, 23/-, 12/6; Brit. 5: 30 Goldfinch, 31 Linnet, 32 Redpoll, Siskin or Twite, 33 any variety Hard, 34 A.V. Soft, 35 Foreign; 36 Gitt Class.** Judges, H. W. Battye and Alf. Wellings. **Entries close first post Tuesday, Nov. 21st.—Hon. Secretary, ALB. BENTLEY, 13 and 15, Blackburn Road, Gt. Harwood.**

Cramlington

3rd Annual Show.

November 25th, 1911

18 Members' and 12 Open Classes. Judges, Mr. A. Brown and Mr. H. Seely.

Entries close Nov. 20

For schedules, apply, **J. R. Chestney, Cramlington, Northumberland** (main line between Newcastle and Morpeth).

CITY OF

DUNDEE

C.B.S. Annual Show of Canaries, Mules, and British Birds on

Sat., Nov. 25th.

Under the patronage of S.C.C.C. and S.N.P.C. Judges: Crests, John Young; Plainheads, Wm. Hampton; Scotch Fancies, Jas. Stenhouse and Jas. Strachan; Borders, T. Arnott; British Birds, R. V. Raine. **Entries close 20th Nov.** Schedules from **Alex. Miller, 3, Park Avenue, Dundee.**

AYR **50th Ann. Open Show. SAT., NOV. 25th.**

Judge, John Robson (London). 2 Scotch Fancy, 6 Yorkshire, 4 Norwich, 4 Border, 2 Crest, 15 British and Foreign, 3 Selling. Prizes 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Entry fee 1s. 6d. Specials every section. No charge for prize cards. **Entries close 20th November.** Schedules from **Colin W. Paterson, Albion House, Ayr.**

BRANDON COLLIERY

Durham, Open Show, Nov. 25th. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, guaranteed. Numerous specials. Entrance, 1/-. **Close Nov. 22nd.—G. REED, Newcastle Street.**

LIVERPOOL Bird Breeders' Annual Old Show, held **Saturday, Nov. 25th,** in Oldham Hall. **8 Open Classes; 22/- per class prize money, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-. 2/- per class special.** For schedules apply to—**F. ECCLESTON, 42, Cotswold Street, Holt Road, Liverpool.**

UDDINGSTON

Show of Poultry, Pigeons, **Cage Birds,** and Cats, on **Saturday, 25th Nov., 1911. 49 classes for Cage Birds.** Judges, Messrs. Smart, Muir, and Bald. **Entries close 18th Nov.—A. W. Forrester, Secretary, Tower View, Uddingston, Near Glasgow.**

WEST OF SCOTLAND 22nd Ann. Show, Canaries, Mules, British, and Foreign. **Sat., Nov. 25th,** at **Grand National Halls, Main Street, Gorbals. Doors open at 2 p.m. Admission 4d.—WM. HUTCHISON, 163, Hospital Street, Glasgow.**

FIVE POUNDS REWARD

it not correct statement.

LAUNCESTON SHOW, NOV. 28th,

do you want it to be a complete failure? **The above reward if anyone can prove we have over one entry in open Cage Bird before this is posted. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6; tee, 1/6. 10/- cash special best bird entered by Nov. 21st.** Judge, Mr. C. A. House. **Hon. Sec., N. H. Reed.** 'Phone, No. 9. Full schedule in last week's paper.

READING

C.B.S. NOVEMBER 29th.

10 Open Classes. 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and Specials. Fee, 1/6. Judge, J. H. Payne, Esq. Schedules ready.—**W. H. Pyke, 25, The Grove, Reading.**

EPSOM OPEN SHOW of Cage Birds.

Nov. 29. Entries close Nov. 20. Judge, Mr. H. Norman. Bird fanciers, please help; entries are really short.—**A. W. Breeden, 71, Hook Road.**

Cage Birds Only. SITTINGBOURNE

C.B.S., Nov. 29th, 1911, open to Kent. Guaranteed prize money. **Entries close Nov. 21st, 1911.** Schedules of **B. Tidy, Hon. Sec., 13, High St., Sittingbourne, Kent.**

GRAVESEND

Show, Nov. 29th, 30th. (Twelve miles radius.) Cage Birds, 10 Classes. Entry, 1/6. **Prizes, 7/6, 5/-, 2/6. Entries close Nov. 23rd.—H. IBBOTTSON, 58, Old Road West, Gravesend.**

PENTREBACH

Merthyr Tydfil, November 30th, 1911. Second Great Open Show of Cage Birds, etc. Under the patronage of the Welsh Cage Bird Club. **21 Open Classes. Numerous specials, cups, etc. Prize money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6.** Entry fee, 1/6. Judge, T. L. Castree, Esq. **Don't forget the only show in this district on this date. Schedules now ready. Entries close Nov. 23rd, 1911.—A. E. Brown, Hon. Sec., 66, Clare Street, Merthyr Tydfil.**

GRANTHAM

C.B.S. 1st Annual Open Show, to be held on Thursday, November 30, 1911. Good Specials. Novice class for Norwich. Prize money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6; entry fee 1/6, members 1/-. Judge, W. Vardy, Hucknall. **—Sec., W. E. Allen, 119, Alexandra Road, Grantham.**

Lancaster

P.C.B.A.

December 1st & 2nd,

under Cage Bird Union rules and the patronage of the Border Fancy Club and E. and W. Border Club. **30 open classes. Prize money, 22s. per class and a good special.** Schedules ready. Judges, Wm. Mundell and S. Mulliner.

Entries close November 28th.

J. JOHNSON, Sec., 64, Aberdeen Road, Lancaster.

Don't Delay to send for Schedules for

WHITBURN

and Dis. C.B.S. Sixth annual **Open Show** of Canaries, Mules, Hybrids, British and Foreign Birds. Will be held in the Town Hall on **Saturday, Dec. 2nd. 45 Classes. Prize money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6.** Entrance fee 1/6. Judges: Messrs. J. W. Bruce and Wm. Bishop. **Entries close Nov. 28th.** Schedules to be had from **Thomas Duncan, 9, West Main Street, Whitburn, N.B.**

BLAIRGOWRIE

East Perthshire Open Show,

2nd December. 25 Classes.

Norwich 4, Borders 4, Crest 1, Crest-bred 1, A.O.V. 1, Mules and Hybrids 2, British 7, Foreign 3, Selling 2. **Good specials, gold and silver medals. All open. Prize money, 8/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-.** No model cards. Entry fee, 1/6. Judge, J. F. Dewar, Esq. **Entries close 28th Nov.** Schedules from—**M. IRVINE, 17, Brown Street, Blairgowrie.**

COALTOWN of Wemyss and District C.B.S. Show will be held on December 2nd. 56 Open Classes. Judges, J. Holmes, J. Goodfellow, and T. Spence. **Entries close November 27th.** Schedules from—**ALEX. STORRAR, Sec., Coaltown, Wemyss, Fife.**

GALSTON

Ayrshire, December 2nd. 12 classes for Scotch Fancies. Judge, Mr. David Holden, Muirkirk. **7 classes for Borders, 2 classes for Norwich, 4 classes for British Birds.** Judge, Mr. James Johnstone, Kilmarnock. **Let us have your support.—Alexander Frew, Secy., 25, Duke Street.**

CUPAR, FIFE.

December 2nd,

Annual Show, under patronage of **Border Fancy Club.** Judges, Wm. Thornton, Blackhall, S. Fancies; Gollon Hyslop, Stirling, Borders; A. W. Watson, Edinburgh, Norwich, etc. **Note.—As no cats in show are penned on Friday, and all are sent off on Saturday, bird fanciers need have no fear from that source of risk to birds.** Schedules—**D. J. BRUCE, Mount Pleasant, Cupar.**

KINGSWOOD Bristol, December 2nd. **5 Challenge Cups.** Judges: Poultry and Rabbits, G. H. Billett; Pigeons, A. Parsons and W. Austin; **Cage Birds,** J. Houghton. **Entries close November 27th certain.** Schedules from **E. Morris, 125, Regent Street, Kingswood, Bristol.**

ROTHERHAM C.B.S.

Annual Members' Show **Saturday, Dec. 2nd,** at the Mail Coach Inn, Wellgate. Judge, Mr. F. Gregory, of Shelfield.—**Sec., B. BAILEY, 47, Craven Street, Parkgate, Rotherham.**

DERBY Open Cage Bird Show.

Dec. 2nd and 4th. Under the patronage of the N.P.C., C.C.C., M.C.Y.C.C., N.B.B. and M.C., and the G.C.A. 16 Norwich, 11 Crest, 10 Yorkshire, 12 Greens, 6 British, 4 Hybrids, 2 Selling, 2 Foreign, and A.O.V. **Plenty of Novice classes.** Judges: Mr. J. Robson and Mr. R. Rhodes. **Prize money, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-.** Entry 1/6. **Entries close Monday, 27th.** Schedules from **W. Stevens, 58, Olivier St., Derby.**

ONE DAY SHOW

Stratford-on-Avon

DECEMBER 5th.

32 Classes. Prize money, 8s., 5s., 3s., 1s. 6d., for entry fee, 1s. 6d. Judge, J. H. Roe, Esq. **No amalgamation and full prize money.**

Entries close Nov. 27.

Schedules.—**R. W. INGRAM, 15, Scholar's Lane, Stratford-on-Avon.**

TONBRIDGE

Tuesday and Wednesday, December 5th and 6th, 1911. Poultry, Pigeons, Cats, Rabbits, Cavies, Cage Birds. Judge, J. Robson, Peckham. **Entries close Nov. 20th.—P. STONESTREET, Sec., 102, Hadlow Road, Tonbridge.**

We are Ready to Send you a Schedule of

HALSTEAD

(ESSEX).

£3 Limit Show, to be held on **Wednesday, December 6th.** Judge, J. N. Harrison. **Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-,** for 1/- entry fee. Plenty of classes and **good specials. Entries close November 26th.** Schedules:—**Taylor and Sayward, Pretoria Road.**

HOUNSLOW Dec. 6th. Cage Birds, etc. Jeffery Jefferis. Schedules ready. —**REES, 73, Whitton Road.**

THURSO Annual Open Show on 6th December. 25 Cage Bird Classes, 24 Specials (including cups and medals). **Prize money, 11s. per class.** Entry 1s. Schedules from—**D. SHEARER, Hon. Sec., Thurso.**

WANDSWORTH Fanciers' Soc First Open Show of **Cage Birds,** will be held on **December 6th and 7th.** Judge, Mr. H. Norman. Schedules.—**W. Lightfoot, Sec., 86, Heythorp Street, Southfields, S.W.**

CANTERBURY

41st Annual Show of **Cage Birds,** etc., will be held on **Dec. 6th and 7th. Open to Kent, Surrey, and Sussex.** Judge, Mr. J. Robson. **Entries close Nov. 28th.—J. W. Sargeant, Hon. Sec., 25, St. Peter's St.**

The Crystal Palace of the West.

NEWPORT (MON.)

Tradesmen's Hall, Hill Street, **Thursday, December 7th. 40 Classes: 34 Open,** 6 Members'. **20 Open Specials, one 21s. cash, one 21s. kind, one pair of Sib.-bred Canaries, and 17 2s. 6d. cash.** Entrance fee, 1s. 6d. Judge, J. Robson, Esq. Send for **Schedule—real eye-opener—to J. HAMMETT, 56, Milman Street, Newport, Mon.**

"PALACE OF THE PEAK" MATLOCK

10th An. **Open** show of Cage Birds; Victoria Hall, **Thurs., Dec. 7th. Good classification. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Guaranteed.** Entry fee 1/6. Judge, C. Ward, Derby. Schedules ready. **Entries close Thurs., Nov. 30th, to Messrs. Oakley and Gratton, Lime Grove, Matlock.**

LARNE

and District C.B.A. Third Annual Show, in McGarel Town Hall, Larne, on

December 7th and 8th.

(Open to Ireland.) Under the patronage of the Yorkshire Cage Bird Society of Ireland. **40 Classes for Cage Birds. 45 Specials.** Judge, H. W. Battye. **Entries close 27th November.** Schedules on application to **THOMAS MAYNE, Secretary, 35, Barnhill, Larne.**

BRADFORD

National Cage Bird Show (YORKSHIRE'S CRYSTAL PALACE), Central Bath Hall, Bradford, **Dec. 8th and 9th.** Under patronage Y.C.C., C.M.Y.C.C., N.G.M.Y.C.C., O.N.P.C., B.F.C., G.C.A., F.B.C., P.R.C.C., N.B.B. and M.C., Y.C.B.B. and M.C. Yorks. 38. Nor. 16, Borders 7, Brit. 7, Hybrids 3, Foreign Birds 6, Rollers 2, A.O.V. 3. Twelve specialist judges. Novices will be provided for. **Prize money, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-, and diplomas for each variety.** Entry fee, 1/6 per cage. **Valuable Specials. Entries close November 30th.** Schedules ready November 15th, apply, **Secretary, H. Hill, 15, Settle Terrace, Thornton Lane, Bradford.**

GATESHEAD

and Dist. C.B.S. 12th Annual Show, **Dec. 8th and 9th. 88 Open Classes; 11 Novice Classes.** Prominent judges, J. H. Roe, J. Bailey, J. Robson, J. F. Dewar. Splendid hall. Under the patronage of all leading specialist clubs. Schedules from **A. Holden, 5, Cramer St., Gateshead-on-Tyne.**

RUNCORN

Fri. & Sat., Dec. 8 & 9

First Annual **Open Show. 40 classes.** Judge, A. Wellings, Esq. **Prize money, 10s., 5s., 3s., 2s., and paid same day. Numerous cash specials. An ideal showroom.** Please help us. **Entries close Dec. 4th.** Schedules from **T. P. Baxter, 103, Greenway Road, Runcorn.**

Auchterarder Show

of **Cage Birds,** will be held on **Saturday, December 9th. 38 Classes for Cage Birds.** Judge, Mr. James Jeans, Camelon, Falkirk. **Entries close December 2.** Schedules now ready, from **James Daw, jun., Hon. Sec., Gowanbrae, Auchterarder.**

BROOMHILL AND DISTRICT

P.P. and C.B. Show will be held on **December 9th.** Judges, Mr. Inman, Mr. A. Beardsley; **Cage Birds, Mr. H. Seely (Choppington).** For schedules apply—**W. Smailes, 28, Hartside Terrace, Chevington Drift, Northumberland.**

KILSYTH

Open Show **(Cage Birds only), 9th December.** 15 Norwich Classes; judge, H. Moreland, Falkirk, 17 B.F.; A. Walker, Lesmahagow. 20 British, Mules and Foreign; J. Pendrigh, Edinburgh. Under S. Crest, B.F. and S.B.B. and M. Clubs' patronage. Entry fee, 1/6. **Prize money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Model cards free. Entries close 4th December to—ANDREW D. DUNCAN, Hon. Secretary, "Chronicle" Office, Kilsyth.**

SANQUHAR 7th Annual Show, December 9th. Leading Open Show in South of Scotland. Judge, A. Chalmers. **Entries close Dec. 4th.** Schedules from—**S. LAIDLAW, Sec., Queensberry Square, Sanquhar.**

IT WILL PAY YOU

to exhibit at the 32nd Annual Open Show at

SHEFFIELD

DEC. 9th. Prize money, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-, and Specials. Schedules from—**A. HOBSON, 65, Langsett Avenue, Sheffield.**

NARBERTH

24th An. Show, Dogs, Pltry. Pgns., **Cage Birds,** Cats, Rbbts., **December 13th,** Victoria Hall, glass covered. **Entries close December 6th.** Judges:—Dogs, Henry Rees and B. R. Rowe; Pltry, Pgns., and Rbbts., J. N. Harrison; Cats, Miss Peel Floyd, Tenby; **Cage Birds,** J. Morgan Lewis, Haverfordwest. Schedules will be ready this week.—Apply, **James Owen, Sec., St. James' St.**

KEITH Wednesday, December 13, Cage Bird Show. Judge, Alexander Steele, Aberdeen Schedules, **Charles Ralley, Sec., 123, Mid St. Keith.**

All Cage Bird Fanciers are asked to support the

YARM, EAGLESCLIFF

and Dist. C.B.S. **(Federation Show).** Third Annual Show on **December 16th. Prize money, 8s., 4s., 2s., 1s.** (40 classes). **Specials in every class. Entries close December 11th.** Judges: W. Mundell, Canaries; F. Marwood, British, Foreign, Mules and Hybrids. Schedules from **Wilson and Henderson, Secs., High Street, Yarm.**

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Canterbury (K.C.C.B.A.) (Open to Kent, Surrey and Sussex).—Dec. 6 and 7, Lower Corn Exchange. Judge, Mr. J. Robson. 30 open classes: Nor. 7, Crest 1, Yorks. 4, Bord 1, Liz. 1, A.O.V. 1, Pair 1, A.V. (non-fed) 2, Sell. 4, Mule 2, Brit. 6 (1 Sell). Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/9. Ent. close Nov. 28, to J. W. Sargeant, 25, St. Peter's St.

Stratford-on-Avon.—Dec. 5, Corn Exchange. Judge, Mr. J. H. Roe. 32 open classes: Nor. 5, Yorks. 4, Crest 2, Bord. 1, Cinn. 1, Novice Can. 1, Mule 3, Brit. 9, For. 3, Limit 3. Prizes, 8/-, 5/-, 3/-, 1/6. Fee 1/6. Ent. close Nov. 27, to R. W. Ingram, 15, Scholar's Lane.

Ilkeston.—Nov. 25 and 27, Victoria Hall, Bath St. Judge, Mr. J. C. Barnes. 33 open classes: Nor. 10 (2 Sell. and 1 for novices), Crest 3 (1 Sell), Yorks. 6 (1 cell and 1 for novices), A.O.V. 1, Mule 2, Brit. 8, For. 2, Gift 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Ent. close Nov. 21, to T. Smith, 5, King St.

Grimsby and Cleethorpes Roller (R.R.C.C.).—Dec. 1 and 2, Adult School, Albert St., Grimsby. Judges: Messrs. F. A. Lester and F. Oldroyd. 5 classes: Champ. young birds 1, Novice ditto 1, Any Age Champ. 1, ditto Novice 1, open limit 1. Prizes (1st two classes), 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 3/-, 2/-, and remainder 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-. Ent. close Nov. 27, to W. Yardley, 170, Legsby Av., Grimsby.

Ayr O.S.—Nov. 25, Green's Pavilion (Fullarton St. entrance). Judge, Mr. J. Robson. 36 open classes: Scot. 2, Nor. 4, Crest 2, Yorks. 6, Bord. 4, Sell. 3, Mule 2, Brit. 10, For. 3. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close Nov. 20, to C. W. Paterson, Albion House, Carrick Rd.

Ludlow (M.C.Y.C.C.).—Nov. 23, Town Hall. Judge, Mr. J. H. Payne. 16 open classes: Crest 1, Nor. 4, Yorks. 6, Mule 1, Brit. 3, Sell 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/-. Fee 1/6. Entries close Nov. 20, to W. T. Woof, 2, Market St.

Denny and Dunipace.—Nov. 25, Foresters' Hall. Judge, Mr. J. F. Dewar. 29 open classes: Crest 4, Nor. 10, Bord. 6, Brit. 6, For. 1, Mule 1, Sell 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close Nov. 20, to A. France, 63, Herbertshire St., Denny.

Chandler's Ford.—Nov. 29, Parish Room. Judge, Mr. J. N. Harrison. 22 open classes: Nor. 3, Crest 2, Yorks. 3, A.O.V. 1, Mule 2, Novice Can. 1, Sell. 1, Brit. 5, Novice Brit. 1, For. 3. Prizes on sliding scale. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close Nov. 22, to A. J. Dean, Hursley Rd.

Ambleside.—Nov. 30, Assembly Rooms. Judge, Mr. A. de Winton. 23 open classes: Nor. 4 (2 for novices), Yorks. 2, Bord. 7, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 3, Mule 1, For. 2, Sell. 2, Gift 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Ent. close Nov. 20, to J. M. King, The Green.

Brackley.—Nov. 28, Town Hall. Judge, Mr. J. N. Harrison. 5 open £5 Limit Classes: Nor. 1, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 2, Limit 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 2/-. Ent. close Nov. 21, to J. Hawkins, The Warren.

Ashford.—Nov. 30 and Dec. 1., Covered Yard, Tufton St. Judge, Mr. G. H. Billett. 3 open classes: Nor., Yorks., and Brit, 1 each. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/-. Ent. Close Nov. 20, to E. J. Browne, 30, Somerset Rd.

Rhymney Valley.—Nov. 23, Skating Pavilion, Bargoed. Judge, Mr. W. Hooley. 3 open classes: Nor. Yorks., and Brit., 1 each. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 2/-. Ent. close Nov. 18, to Ellis and Winstone.

Derby (N.B.B. and M.C., C.C.C., M.C.Y.C.C., G.C.A., N.P.C.). — December 2nd and 4th, St. James's Hall, St. James's Street. Judges: Messrs. J. Robson and R. Rhodes. 64 open classes: Nor. 11, Nor. Amat. 5, Crest 9, Novice Crest 2, Yorks. 10 (2 for novices), Green 12, A.O.V. 1, Mule 4, Sell 2, Brit. 6, For 2. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee 1/6. Ent. close Nov. 27, to W. Stevens, 58, Olivier St.

Thurso.—Dec. 6, Town Hall. Judge, Mr. J. Laidler. 25 open classes: Scot. 2, Nor. 4, Crest 5, Bord. 4, Yorks. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 4, Pair 1, For. 1, Sell. 1, Gift 1. Prizes, 6/6, 3/-, 1/6. Fee, 1/-. Ent. close Nov. 28, to D. Shearer, Sir John Square.

Wrington.—Dec. 6 (open to 5 miles from Parish Church). 2 classes: Can. 1, Brit. 1. Prizes, 2/6, 2/-, 1/-. Fee 6d. Ent. close Nov. 22, to W. G. Organ, Wrington, near Bristol.

Galston.—Dec. 2, Good Templars' Hall. Judges: Messrs. D. Holden and J. Johnston. 26 open classes: Scot. 12 (1 Sell), Bord. 8 (1 Sell), Nor. 2, Brit. 4, Prizes, 12/-, 6/-, 3/-. Fee, 2/-. Ent. close Nov. 27, to A. Frew, 26, Duke St.

Epsom and Ewell.—Nov. 29, Drill Hall. Judge, Mr. H. Norman. 6 open classes: Nor. 2, Yorks. 2, For. 1, Sell 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close Nov. 23, to A. W. Breeden, 71, Hook Rd., Epsom.

Cradley Heath.—Nov. 29 and 30, Grainger's Lane School. Judge, Mr. A. de Winton. 9 open classes: Nor. 2, Yorks. 2, Mule 1, Brit. 2, For. 1, Sell 1. Prizes, 7/6, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close Nov. 23, to H. Grainger, "Oakdale," Compton Rd.

Chapel-en-le-Frith (C.B.U.).—(Open to 15 mile radius) Nov. 25, Drill Hall. Judge, Mr. M. Marsden. 6 open classes: Yorks. 2, Nor. 2, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 1. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close Nov. 18, to J. S. Wherrett, Hayfield Rd.

Tonbridge.—Dec. 5 and 6, Public Hall Buildings. Judge, Mr. J. Robson. 17 open classes: Nor. 4, Crest 1, Yorks. 4, Mule 1, Brit. 4, For. 1, Sell. 1, Novice A.V. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close Nov. 20, to P. Stonestreet, 102, Hadlow Rd.

Sittingbourne C.B.S. (open to County of Kent).—Nov. 29, Fanciers' Hall, adjoining George Hotel, High-street.—Judge, Mr. F. J. Gibbs. 13 open classes: Nor. 3, Yorks. 3, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 5, Sell. 1, and 28 members' classes. Prizes, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/3. Entries close Nov. 21, to B. Tidy, 13, High-street.

Bethesda.—Dec. 2, United Club Room.—Judge, Mr. H. W. Battye. 19 open classes: Nor. 3, Yorks. 5, Roller 1, Bord. 1, Mule 2, Brit. 4, For. 1, Sell 1, Gift 1, and 5 radius classes. Prizes, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/-. Entries close Nov. 24 (late entries to Nov. 27 for double fees), to O. Thomas, 9, Station-road.

Sheerness (open to Sheppey).—Nov. 23 and 24, Bethell Hall, Hope-street.—Judge, Mr. F. Wickham. 11 open classes: Nor. 3, Yorks. 3, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 1, Brit. 1, For. 1, Gift 1. Prizes, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/-. Entries close Nov. 18, to C. G. Murphy, 19, Victoria-street.

Newton Abbot.—Nov. 23, Vegetable Market. Judge, Mr. R. B. Tope. 12 members' classes. Ent. close Nov. 18, to T. Mitchell, 9, East St.

Wellington, Somerset.—Nov. 24, Town Hall. Judge, Mr. S. R. Leach. 6 open classes: Nor. 2, Yorks. 2, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 1. Prizes, 9/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Ent close Nov. 18, to Norman and Parker, 9, Waterloo Rd.

Uddingston.—Nov. 25, Public Halls.—Judges, Messrs. G. Smart, W. G. Muir, and R. Bald. 42 open classes: Scot 2, Yorks. 2, Bord. 7, Crest 2, Nor. 8, Mule 3, Brit. 14, For. 2, Sell. 3. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Nov. 18, to A. W. Forrester, Tower View, Uddingston, nr. Glasgow.

Reading.—Nov. 29, Palmer Hall.—Judge, Mr. J. H. Payne. 10 open classes: Nor. 2, Yorks. 2, Crest 1, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 4, and 23 members' classes. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Nov. 22, to W. H. Pyke, 25, The Grove.

Woolwich (open to members of Erith, Dartford, and Silvertown Societies).—Nov. 24 and 25, Sussex Arms, Plumstead-road.—Judge, Mr. A. E. Enfield. 10 classes: Crest 1, Nor. 2, Yorks. 1, Sell. 2, Brit. 1, For. 1, Mules 1, Gift 1. Prizes on sliding scale. Fee, 9d. Entries close Nov. 20, to G. W. Boyce, 68, Elm-street, Plumstead, S.E.

Launceston ("Palace of Cornwall").—Nov. 23. Judge, Mr. C. A. House. 25 open classes: Yorks. 4, Nor. 4, Crest 2, Bord. 3, Pairs 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 3, Brit. 4, For. 1, Sell. 2, and 7 local classes. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and many spls. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Nov. 21, to N. H. Reed, Church-street.

Gravesend (open to 12-mile radius of Town Hall).—Nov. 29 and 30, Large Rooms, adjoining Bat and Ball County Cricket Ground, Wrotham-road.—Judge, Mr. G. H. Billett. 10 open classes: Nor. 3, Yorks 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 2, Brit. 2, Sell. 1. Prizes, 7/6, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Nov. 23, to H. Ibbottson, 58, Old-road, West.

East Perthshire.—Dec. 2, Public Hall, Blairgowrie.—Judge, Mr. J. F. Dewar. 25 open classes: Crest 2, Nor. 4, Bord. 4, A.O.V. 1, Mule 2, Brit. 7, For. 3 Sell 2. Prizes, 8/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Nov. 28, to M. Irvine, 17, Brown-street, Blairgowrie.

Pentrebach (Welsh C.B.C.).—Nov. 30, New Hall.—Judge, Mr. T. L. Castree. 23 open classes: Nor. 3, Yorks. 3, Bord. 1, Unflig. 1, Novice A.V. 1, Non-fed A.V. 1, A.O.V. 1, Confined Can. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 8 (1 confined), For 1, Sell. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Nov. 23, to A. E. Brown, 66 Clare-street, Merthyr.

Llanelly (C.B.U.).—Nov. 28, Market Hall.—Judges, Messrs. H. Norman and J. H. Roe. 53 open classes: Nor. 6, Green 4, Yorks. 6, Bord. 7, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 3, Local Can 2, Local Mule 1, Local Brit. 1, Mule 4, Brit. 16 (1 Sell.), For. 2. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6 (except local classes: Prizes, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-; Fee, 1/-). Entries close Nov. 23, to Daniel John, 9, Pottery Place.

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Nov. 18.—**Blairgowrie.**—M. Irvine, 17, Brown Street.
Nov. 18.—**Uddingston.**—R. W. Forrester, Tower View
Nov. 18.—**Chapel-en-le-Frith.**—J. S. Wherrett.
Nov. 18.—**Hinckley.**—H. Ridgway.
Nov. 18.—**Cambridge.**—Unwin and Howlett, 15, Emmanuel Road.
Nov. 18.—**Wellington (Som.).**—Norman and Parker, 9, Waterloo Road.
Nov. 18.—**Sheerness.**—C. G. Murphy, 19, Victoria St.
Nov. 20.—**Tonbridge.**—P. Stonestreet, 102, Hadlow Road.
Nov. 20.—**Ludlow.**—W. T. Woof, 2, Market Street.
Nov. 20.—**Dundee.**—A. Miller, 3, Park Avenue.
Nov. 20.—**Cramlington.**—J. R. Chestney, Quarry Cottage.
Nov. 20.—**Epsom.**—A. W. Breeden, 71, Hook Road.
Nov. 22.—**Holywood (Co. Down).**—F. T. Cole, 7, High St.
Nov. 20.—**Ayr O.S.**—C. W. Paterson, Albion House, Carrick Road.
Nov. 20.—**Doncaster.**—G. Beseoby, 26, Duke Street.
Nov. 20.—**Woolwich.**—G. W. Boyce, 68, Elm Street Plumstead.
Nov. 20.—**Lochore.**—D. Grant, 144, Waverley Street.
Nov. 20.—**Ashford.**—E. J. Browne, 30, Somerset Rd.
Nov. 20.—**Ambleside.**—J. M. King, The Green.
Nov. 20.—**Denny.**—A. France, 63, Herbertshire Street
Nov. 21.—**Ilkeston.**—T. Smith, 5, King Street.
Nov. 21.—**Launceston.**—N. H. Reed, Church Street.
Nov. 21.—**Brighouse.**—F. Mitchell, 9, Marion Street
Nov. 21.—**Sittingbourne.**—B. Tidy, 13, High Street.
Nov. 21 (first post).—**Great Harwood.**—A. Bentley, 13 and 15, Blackburn Road.
Nov. 21.—**Brackley.**—J. Hawkins, The Warren.
Nov. 22.—**Chandlers Ford.**—A. J. Dean.
Nov. 22.—**Brandon Colliery.**—E. Reed, 35, Newcastle Street.
Nov. 22.—**Reading.**—W. H. Pyke, 25, The Grove.
Nov. 22.—**Wrington.**—W. T. Organ, Wrington, nr Bristol.
Nov. 23.—**Llanelly.**—D. John, 9, Pottery Place.
Nov. 23.—**Pentrebach.**—A. E. Brown, 66, Clare Street Merthyr Tydfil.
Nov. 23.—**Gravesend.**—H. Ibbottson, 58, Old Road West.
Nov. 23.—**Cradley Heath.**—H. Grainger, "Oakdale," Compton Road.
Nov. 25.—**Windsor.**—E. A. Stickland, 36, Alma Road

ENTRIES EXTENDED.

Nov. 20 (first post).—**Stamford.**—A. Harrison, 7, New Street.
Nov. 20 (first post).—**Hinckley.**—H. Ridgway, Priest hills Road.
Nov. 20.—**Lockerbie.**—H. Davidson, Royal Hotel.
Nov. 20.—**L.C.B.A.**—Mugford and Tyson, I. Strath earn Road, Wimbledon, London, S.W.

ARDWICK AND DISTRICT C.B.S

Meeting held Nov. 7th, Mr. W. H. Fulcher in chair The third annual washing competition took place for novices only, when nine competitors took part. Some merriment was created by the remarks passed, but all seemed to take everything in good part. As you looked on you could not help smiling; each one was working away very diligently, as if everything depended upon them. Each one intended taking home the gold centre medal; in fact, one member thought he had won it, but it was not to be. Then he blamed the wife, saying she must have given him a dirty towel to bring with him. It was a grand competition and resulted in a very close finish. The judge, Mr. W. Robinson, was given a task to select the winner. He declared Mr. Whitelegg the winner with a Yorks., saying it was very well got up and was fit to be put on the show bench. Mr. J. Vint was close up with a nicely washed Norwich. Each competitor was satisfied the best had won. While the birds were drying part of the annual show business was dealt with. It was moved that next meeting night be the last for nominations for new members if they want to compete for the president's silver challenge cup. I think I can promise that the society can see its way to give a gold medal to the runner up; so if anyone is desirous of becoming a member, please hurry up, and send in your name at once to me. No entrance fee; subs. 4s. a year.—J. Spencer, Hon. Sec.

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Twitterings.

Entries close Nov. 20, writes Mr. Duncan Grant, hon. sec. Lochore and Glencraig C.B.S.

Mr. Easterling (Battersea) will judge our show on Nov. 25, writes Mr. A. W. Bacon, sec. of the Redhill C.B.S.

Entries are extended to Tuesday morning's post (Nov. 21), writes Mr. G. Bescoby, sec. of the Doncaster C.B.S.

Entries for Lockerbie Show, we are informed, have been extended to Nov. 20. A review of the schedule appeared on page 347 of last week's issue.

Whitehaven Cage Bird Show.—Result of drawing: 691, 1759, 18, 271, 1210, 1310, 2960, 833, 155, 2824, 537, 1437.—W. J. Douglas, hon. sec.—Advt.

Thanks for the excellent report of our show which appeared in Cage Birds, writes Mr. W. O. Brooke, hon. sec. of the Bournemouth and Dis. C.B.A.

We are pleased to hear that prospects for the forthcoming Reading Show are very bright indeed—plenty of specials and attractions for exhibitors.

Mr. T. Bishop, sec. of the Sheffield O.S., writes thanking the numerous exhibitors for the congratulatory and encouraging letters he has received.

I have at present received practically no entries, and we are obliged to extend to Nov. 20, writes Mr. A. Harrison, sec. of the Stamford and Dist. F.A.

Clever work at Kirkcaldy! I received my prize-money on Nov. 13, which I won at their show on Nov. 10 and 11, writes Mr. W. B. Smart (Loanhead).

Owing to the delay of exhibitors in forwarding entries, we have decided to extend our date of closing until Nov. 20, writes Mr. H. Davidson, hon. sec. of the Lockerbie P.P. and C.B.A.

The meeting of the Council of the London Federation of Cage Bird Societies, provisionally fixed for Nov. 17, has been postponed to Dec. 1, writes Mr. James Bray, jun., the hon. sec.

All our members desire to thank the exhibitors and patrons who contributed towards such a splendid success, as our show proved to be, writes Mr. E. Woodhead, sec. of the Hartlepools C.B.S.

Will Mr. Priestley, of Boldon Colliery, kindly forward me his full address, writes Mr. J. H. Elwell, sec. of the Old Shildon Workmen's Club C.B.C., in order that I may send him his prize-money?

We shall be glad if that old-esteemed fancier of Yorkshires, Mr. J. Wilman (late of Aire View, Baildon) will kindly let us know his present address, as we have a communication for him.

There will be two classes for Natural Colour Norwich; Class No. 10 will be for cocks only, and there will be another class, called 10a, for Natural Colour Hens, writes Mr. W. Stevens, sec. of the Derby C.B.S.

We have decided to give a 2s. special in each of our eight open classes at our annual show on Nov. 25, writes Mr. F. Eccleston, sec. of the Liverpool B.B.A. Applications for schedules, etc., will receive prompt attention from me.

The Great Harwood and Dis. C.B.S. have added three extra classes to their schedule in order to comply with the Norwich Plainhead Club's rules, writes Mr. Albert Bentley, sec. I hope fanciers will note same and send us a bumping entry.

All exhibits at Barnsley Show were in the railway company's hands by 7.30 p.m. on the Saturday night (Nov. 11), writes Mr. F. C. Sims, sec. I hope all exhibitors received their birds the same night in good order and condition.

Entries posted for our show on Nov. 18 will be accepted, write Messrs. Urquhart and Sutherland, secs. of the Inverness O.A. Omitted from schedule: "Class 15a, Crest or Crest-bred Cock or Hen bred 1911; Class 67a, Any Variety Pigeon, feather-legged, bred 1911; Class 67b, Ditto, Pigeon, clean-legged bred 1911."

Mr. Young (of Liscard) is giving a washing competition at the Ablett Cafe Room on Nov. 21 at eight o'clock, writes Mr. A. E. Lloyd, sec. of the Birkenhead C.F.A. Competition afterwards, when a special will be offered, which is open to members only; but it is hoped there will be a good attendance of both members and non-members.

I have received an entry form containing two entries (Class 41, Unflighted Variegated Buff cock, £10 10s.; Class 70, Selling Class, British Goldie cock, 5s. 6d.) with no name on the entry form, writes Mr. J. R. Read, sec. of the Cowdenbeath C.B.S. I think the entry came from Glasgow, but I am not sure. I shall be glad to hear from the sender.

Mr. H. Dobson, sec. of the Seaham Harbour and Dis. C.B.B.A., asks us to draw the attention of fanciers in his district to the letter published over his name in our last issue. Intending members should write him at 54, Francis Street, Seaham Harbour.

Schedules for Halifax O.S. are now ready, writes Mr. J. J. Dunn, the sec. There are 38 classes and good specials. Judges, Messrs. A. Hirst (Accrington) and A. Welings (Prescot). Will any exhibitor overlooked please apply for a schedue to me?

The secretary of the Wandsworth F.S. (Mr. W. Lightfoot) writes to say that at their open show on Dec. 6 and 7 there will be a large number of specials for open competition; and that these will be printed in the catalogues. He hopes their first venture will be backed up by exhibitors.

We could not run a show last year owing to the heavy deficit we had on the 1909 show, writes Mr. H. Ridgway, sec. of the Hinckley F. and F.S. We are now making our last effort, and we trust to be favoured with the support of exhibitors at our show to be held on Nov. 24 and 25.

Metropolitan fanciers should visit the annual show of the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S. at "Reindeer," Rye Lane, Nov. 21, when 400 birds will be on view, writes Mr. W. Hodson, the hon. sec. Cups, bowls, and over forty specials are for competition. Admission is by ticket from any of the society's members.

The November issue of the "Avicultural Magazine" contains several interesting articles, among them being one by Mrs. Katherine Currey on "Bird Cages," and another by Mr. W. E. Teschemaker, B.A., on "The Nesting of the Hawfinch." This issue includes a list of the members of the Avicultural Society.

OBITUARY.

Mr. H. BOXALL (Chiswick, W.).

We very much regret to hear of the death of the father of Mr. Frederick Boxall, chairman of the London Federation of C.B.S. Mr. Henry Boxall died on Nov. 6 at Melina Road, where he had resided for many years in a house built by himself. He was a member of the old Fulham District Board of Works, the Hammersmith Vestry and Board of Guardians. Mr. Boxall was an active member of the True Briton Lodge, Manchester Unity; also a director of the Second Mortgage Building Society in Bridge Road. Although not on the active list of fanciers, he took a keen interest in the Fancy, writes Mr. F. Boxall, and was well-known to the majority of fanciers in the West London district. The cause of death was a paralytic stroke. Mr. Boxall was in his 76th year. The funeral took place on Nov. 9 at Hammersmith Cemetery.

Mr. P. CHRISTISON and Mr. J. BELL (Brechin).

The members of the Brechin C.B.S., writes Mr. G. Mitchell, the sec., have to record the loss of two of their members in the persons of Mr. Peter Christison, Montrose Street, who was buried on Oct. 28; and of Mr. John Bell, who was buried on Nov. 11. The society can ill spare such worthy members, and the Fancy lose two very ardent supporters. The sympathy of all brother fanciers will go out to the widows and families of these highly-respected gentlemen.

Will all who had tickets for our late show kindly let me have money for all sold, also all unsold tickets, we having to pay for all tickets not returned to Messrs. Jennisons, writes Mr. H. Boothman, sec., Manchester and Dis. C.B.S. Having received so many kind letters from exhibitors at our late show, I take this opportunity of thanking them through your paper for their kind appreciation.

Darlington C.B.S. are not holding an open show this year, writes Mr. H. Todd, the hon. sec.; but they are having a members' show at Labour Hall on their annual date, Nov. 25, when Mr. T. Wright (York) will judge. The society is giving 2s. 6d. to each class towards prize-money, and the members have worked to get a special for each class. The show will be opened to the public at 3.30 p.m.

I have been asked by Mr. John Steel (Dalkeith), who is at present in Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, having undergone a serious operation for appendicitis, writes Mr. W. B. Smart (Loanhead) to thank the many fanciers, through the medium of your paper, who have so kindly written to ask for him and to let them know that he is making a speedy recovery, as he finds it impossible to answer each one individually.

With a view to getting our members to attend meetings and show more interest in the society, we are having a table show at our next meeting, Nov. 20, writes Mr. J. Lewis, sec. Spen Valley C.B.S., for novices only. Four classes will be provided—A.V. Yell. Cock; Buff; Yell. Hen; and Buff. Good specials will be given by Messrs. Wharton, T. Smith, and B. Wood for most points. Judge, Mr. J. W. Wharton.

The show of the week is held this Friday and Saturday (Nov. 17 and 18) by the City and Suburban Society at the Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, off High Street, Marylebone. The fine hall will be filled with some of the choicest Canaries, British and Foreign birds of the day. All bird-lovers are invited; don't miss this treat. The Institute is easily accessible, being but a few minutes from Baker Street (tube and underground stations), and every Baker Street omnibus passes the street.—Advt.

All prize-money won at Luton Show has been paid, writes Mr. E. Bloomfield, hon. sec., Luton C.B.S.

Our show is fixed for Dec. 30 and Jan. 1, writes Mr. W. H. Wright, sec. of the Carlisle and Dis. C.B.S. The judges are: Messrs. W. Poole, P. McKenzie, G. Goulden, and J. Dixon.

Exhibitors should not overlook the well-managed show of the Halstead and Dist .F.S. (Essex on Dec. 6. It is a £3 limit show, and so affords the smaller exhibitors a splendid chance to win prizes. Entries close on Nov. 25 to Messrs. Taylor and Sayward (Pretoria Road, Halstead, Essex). The entry fee is 1s., with 14s. prize-money and specials.

Barrow-in-Furness C.B.S. will hold their fourteenth annual local show on Nov. 25 (entries close Nov. 22), writes Mr. J. Higgins, the sec. At our last club meeting that old Scotch Fancy breeder and successful exhibitor, Mr. R. Wilson, presented the association challenge cups. They were won at the July Nest Feather Show by Mr. W. Johnson (best Yorks) and Mr. J. Fleming (best Border). Mr. Dixon, of Wigton, will judge the Nov. show.

Friends of Mr. Atkinson, the Newcastle secretary, writes Mr. T. C. Crawhall (Newcastle) will be pleased to know that after a severe relapse on Sunday, Nov. 5, he is now on a fair way to recovery. His illness has been very severe, and exhibitors at the late show will excuse any delay there has been in forwarding prize-money. Thanks to the kind assistance of his friends, Messrs. Young and Milburu, prize-money has now been despatched.

Every bird fancier will be interested to know that Messrs. Fred Bax and Son (the well-known and old-established bird seed and food specialists) are now conducting all their business from 319, Mare Street, Hackney, London, N.E. We understand that there they have every facility for executing orders even more promptly than heretofore. Messrs. Bax and Son have long held a high position among those who supply bird foods, and for their reliable dealings and moderate prices. Price lists and samples of their specialities may be had free on application.

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A well-known London Crest fancier made the journey to Nottingham Show (some 250 miles) at the full ordinary fare for the pleasure of spending just one hour amongst his favourites. He arrived at 6 p.m. and left at 7 p.m. How's that for enthusiasm?

Merry Meeting at Highgate.

The Highgate, Hampstead, and Dis. C.B.S. are holding their prize distribution and concert on Thursday, Nov. 23, at Spencer Hall, Dartmouth Park Hill, from 8 to 11, writes Mr. C. W. Law, the hon. sec., when Mr. George Garner has promised to give the prizes away. All friends welcome. Admission free.

Helping the Sale.

Will members who have tickets from the Codnor Park and Eastwood Open Show kindly return them, also money for those sold, to enable me to balance show report, writes Mr. J. H. Mitchell, the sec. Also, will members note that a members' show will be held on Dec. 9 at the Queen's Head Hotel, Riddings; 30 classes will be provided. A Yorks Canary will be given by the secretary for a certain ticket number chosen by an independent gentleman. Members who are willing to have tickets to sell for the good of the society, please apply for same.

Manchester News.

I now take the opportunity of thanking Cage Birds for the splendid report given of our late show, writes Mr. H. Boothman, hon. sec., Manchester and N.C.O.S., which I think was a complete success. Mr. Raynes was taken ill the Friday previous to the show, and Mr. Spencer had to be called in at the last minute, and I am sure a great deal rested upon him and Mr. Hayward to make the show such a success. I could never have managed without them. I would have written before, only I was knocked up after the show (I got a chill), and was busy getting prize-money ready for sending out.

Strange "Mule" on View.

At the City and Suburban Show held on Friday and Saturday this week-end (see advertisement on this page) Mr. G. E. Weston has promised to put on view, writes Mr. A. W. Curtis, the show manager, a bird said to have been bred from a cock Goldfinch and a hen Goldfinch Mule. Mr. Weston, I understand, thinks the bird's apearance bears out this description of its parentage (i.e., three-quarters Goldfinch, one quarter Canary), though it has given rise to much controversy, one well-known judge having stated that, in his opinion, it is only a freak Goldfinch. This strange bird should attract visitors interested in Mule breeding.

Items from Nottingham.

Our stall at Nottingham Show was ably looked after by Mr. W. Cottingham (of 9, Peveril Street), who did a great business with Cage Birds publications, our handbooks and "Nutshells" being prime favourites. Local bird-lovers can always obtain them from Mr. Cottingham, at his address as above. Mr. Pass, the well-known cage-maker, of Hucknall, Notts, had a special display of cages, cage-fittings, etc., on his stall, and was kept busy booking orders from the moment the show opened. Another Nottingham fancier, Mr. G. A. White (81, Parliament Street), makes excellent wicker hampers for birds journeying to shows etc., and will be pleased to send a price-list to all enquirers.

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What Happened at Banbridge?

The following mysterious communication we print exactly as received:—"Banbridge Show was a great success. The judges were in great form. After six hours' judging they adjourned to the Imperial Hotel. After a substantial meal they adjourned for light refreshments. At the eleventh over Warrick clean bowled Yorkie. The Umpire, John Jamieson, drew the stumps. The Lurgan Light Horse arrived on the scene and escorted the two pros to the train. On arrival at Belfast, Major O'Neill, with detachment of Irish Constabulary, accompanied them to their respective transports. Oh, Wullie! when shall we twa meet again?"

The L.C.B.A. Show: An Appeal.

As will be seen from the advertisement contained in this issue, write Messrs. Mugford and Tyson, secs. of the London C.B.A. Show, our Association have been obliged to extend the entries closing date until Monday. Up to the present not one per class has been received. This cannot be for the want of a good classification, prize-money, or specials, of which there are 400. We do hope fanciers will rally around us and send, if only a few. It is a very anxious time for us, and we are powerless without the support of the many, and venture to think that no society deserves support more than the L.C.B.A. Prize-money will be paid as soon after the show as possible, and all birds will be returned, together with magnificent prize cards, by the night mails, arrangements having been made accordingly with the railway companies. Schedules will be sent to all applicants.

A Baronet's Black Cockatoos.

The interesting collection of Cockatoos belonging to the late Sir Charles Lawes-Wittewronge, comprising five Banksian, four Gangas, five Roseate, and two Leadbeaters, was purchased by Mr. Hamlyn, of St. George's Street, East, this last week. We understand that four of the Banksians—one male and three females—were sold the same day to a well-known bird-lover for a sum considerably over three figures. It is pleasing to know that they will be kept loose in a very large aviary, as they were kept during the last five years by their late owner. Their tameness is remarkable, the Banksians all flying and perching on the head and shoulders of the late Sir Charles whenever he entered their aviary, and all feeding from the hand. The mere fact of anyone having five Banksians (Black) Cockatoos is remarkable. The sixteen birds were at liberty in a huge garden covered over with wire netting. During the last twenty years Sir Charles must have had twenty-five Blacks of various sorts. These birds were his particular favourites.

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No. 16.—My Avadavats.

Nothing gives me so deep and serene a satisfaction as a bird shop, but wealth will never be mine, and I shall never be able to buy all the birds I want. If I behave myself and respect the Decalogue, when I die I shall go to one of those delightful places where foreign birds are for sale. How a rich man can visit a foreign bird dealer, as many do, without spending pounds and pounds, I can never understand. Many many years ago I paid a visit to a seductive emporium; on all sides I saw birds that, to use a Yorkshire saying, "I could have done with"; but nobody gave them to me. I therefore sadly made up my mind that as I couldn't then afford what I wanted, I must be content with what my slender means could pay for.

My object at the time was to get hold of something that nobody had bred in order that I might therewith win a medal. As I look back on that time, it seems an unworthy motive. Why should one want a medal for breeding a new species for the first time? It ought to be pleasure enough to do it without hope of reward; but, alas! human nature being what it is, rewards and punishments, as "judicious Hooker" saith, must be taken into account.

After a lot of studying, I came to the conclusion that if I wanted an inexpensive bird, and one which, so far as I knew, had never been bred—Avadavats were the birds for me. Now, from a long experience, I knew that this would be no easy task. Of course, it is easy enough to buy Avadavats, because, like the poor, they are always with us, but it isn't half as easy to get them to live. The females have a most horrid way of dying without any rhyme or reason, and always just at the moment when you think success is going to crown your efforts in the way of a nest and eggs.

The Point of View.

They always remind me of the buoyant old widower who had worn out three wives. When he told his minister that he was about to marry again, he remarked that he had been very unfortunate in burying his wives. "Aye," he replied, "did ye ever ken ony body that was sae bothered as I hae been in puir deein' creatures of women?"

Knowing, therefore, as I did the deein' propensities of lady Avadavats, I thought the right proportion would be about 6 to 1. I at any rate invested in six females and two gentlemen. My readers need not think that I am here contradicting what I said about my poverty. Avadavats are not expensive birds; I believe I only gave eight shillings for the lot!

I picked out nice, alert, tight feathered birds, and carried them off home. It was well on towards summer, so I thought I should not suffer many "slings and arrows from outrageous fortune"; but there I was wrong. You never will know the climate of the British Isles. There can be a frost at any time.

The very first night I put these birds out there was a frost—what Shakespeare calls a "nipping" frost, and it nipped off two young ladies, and made another look very "thick" and unhappy. Needless to say, it made me feel the same, for here were half my chances gone. I made up my mind to catch the remainder of my stock and cage them till the weather was more settled. This was my salvation; and I felt quite proud of my cleverness. I think I was rather like the Highlander who was nearly drowned on a stormy night in crossing a ferry. On reaching home he told his wife of his narrow escape. "Oh, Donald," she answered, "Providence has been very good to you." "Yes, Mary," he replied, "but I was pretty clever, too, myself!"

After my sad experience, I determined to wait and to be quite sure of the weather. Accordingly, it was not till mid-June that I ventured to turn out what were left of my Avadavats. My readers will remember that I lost two hen Avadavats at one fell swoop, and that another was thick and puffy. This left me two healthy cocks and one hen. Experience has taught me never to tempt Providence by turning out birds in odd numbers as to sex. I therefore determined to try the healthy pair and see what they would do. There was not much self denial about my proceedings, as it is never much use to expect to breed off a sickly bird, more especially a hen.

All my hopes lay in that tiny pair of birds; and as I wanted to get a medal I knew that I should have to be quick and lucky. It is all very well to say that you should try to breed for the simple pleasure of the thing. In a better world, maybe we should do this sort of thing. In this present vale of tears we want to be first; and therefore my opponents are, for the time being, my enemies, and I rejoice to see them in the lurch. I had had the satisfaction a good few times in the past, and I hoped to add one more leaf to my laurels. That I did so you will see if you care to finish this story.

When the mornings became "real African," my cock Avadavat began to sing. I can't say it was exactly melodious; but, no doubt, the little hen thought it charming. Do not all girls think their lovers delightful, before they marry them? Still, speaking candidly, I should not say the Avadavat has much of a voice.

Cupid at Work!

Nevertheless, I always like to hear a cock begin to sing, because it generally means that his mind is lightly turning to thoughts of love, and when, a few mornings later, I saw him sitting by the hen and jumping up and down on a twig, and making a general ass of himself, I began to suspect that there might be something in it. Nor was I disappointed. In a few days I noticed them busy carrying about long grass bents, and evidently intent on nesting operations. They took a long time to fix up a site; there seemed to be so many eligible bushes in the aviary. While they were making up their minds I went through agonies of suspense. If we hear that Guy Fawkes was fretful in "Little Ease," we are not pained at Guy Fawkes' lack of Christian resignation; so I hope my readers will not think I was unduly to blame. I have not been able as yet to attain the correct impassivity of an Anglican congregation, though I daily minister to one.

At last they found the very place they had been looking for—a low box tree of thick and ample growth, quite near to one of the aviary windows. I was unspeakably thankful, as now I should be able to watch all the work of house-building without exciting any undue suspicion on the part of my little friends; for did not that great broad face appear regularly every morning and night to replenish the water and seed trays? He was a harmless, necessary evil.

I spent many a happy hour in watching the growth of that nest. It was composed entirely of long grass, half dried; was placed quite low down, within three inches of the ground; was a round ball, and warmly lined with feathers; and there was a beautiful little hole towards the light. The only fault I could find was that the interior, being as dark as the inside of a wolf's mouth, I could see nothing.

A Happy Ending.

As the hen sat steadily I hoped for the best, and after what seemed countless ages I was rewarded one morning by seeing the cock enter the nest clearly on feeding intent. After this it was merely a question of fine weather, and I should win. Micklefield is not Africa; and I felt that everything depended on the thermometer keeping up. Only let there come a good drenching downpour, such as is often enjoyed in this sunny clime, and all my hopes would be literally drowned. I have gone through this sort of thing so many times, that I am always anxious when the nests are about; an Avadavat's nest is such a poor flimsy thing in face of a torrential downpour; more flimsy even than a lady's summer blouse!

Fortunately for me, the weather kept propitious, and one fine morning I saw a little snuff-coloured bird with a black beak following the old Avadavats about chirping to be fed. Then I knew that my long agony of waiting was over, and that I was the proud possessor of a British-bred Avadavat. What did it matter that there was only one?

When I came to dismantle the aviary in the back end, I took out the nest and found inside it two tiny white eggs, rather elongated in shape, but clear. These I religiously kept until they were broken by the too eager hands of one of my children. The nest I still have, hung up on a nail in my study, above a very beautiful picture of a group of Avadavats that came out in a bird paper many years ago.

And now, like Venator, I am tired out, and I find the linen looks white, and smells of lavender, and I long to be between a pair of sheets that smell so; so good night!



TASTES DIFFER.

"Come along, Dickie; don't go in there. I know a Cafe down the street where flies are served in the Soup!"

My Experiences of Canary Breeding

By R. CHARLESON (Leigh).

A Lecture recently given before the Leigh and Dist. C.B.S.

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When the young get about three weeks old I put them in a nursery cage in front of the old ones, until I see that they are feeding themselves, then I put them in a large cage—the larger the better—to enable them to get plenty of exercise which assists the growing of the bones. Never mind their getting wild. Keep one or two show cages at the front, until the birds get about five or six weeks old; then cage them off—one bird one cage, if possible.

Then comes the time of steadying and training. I always make a practice of handling the birds very often whilst in their show cages, and when I am at home I like to take them downstairs for a few hours and put them on the table, as I think this is a good way of steadying them, owing to persons constantly passing to and fro. I forgot to mention that I always crack the seed for the young when they have left their parents, as I think they start to crack their own seed sooner, getting hold as they do of whole seed amongst the cracked. I never give them much egg food after they leave their parents, until I am ready to start colour feeding, because they always seem to gorge themselves, whereas they can't with the cracked seed; it takes them longer to eat a lot.

When Color-Feeding.

As regards colour feeding, this is a thing of which I am not in favour, but we have to do it if we want much chance. I like to get the colour-feed well into the birds before they drop any feathers. From the little experience I have had, I prefer hot and cold pepper in the proportion of 1lb. of cold to a quarter lb. of hot, unmixed. I say "unmixed," because I think that if you try and mix the hot and cold together, you are apt to get the hot in lumps, owing to its being more oily; therefore I say keep it separate. When you are mixing your egg food, just put the quantities of each in that you require, and mix them well, then you will be certain of having the hot and cold in as you wish. I always take the seed boxes off until the birds have eaten the quantity of food I have given them. I prefer also to have the room darkened, as I think the colour comes out better than when the birds are left in a strong light. The bath is very essential; give it almost every day if possible, providing the weather is favourable, as I think it is the only thing that will tighten up the loose feathers; that is if it is at all possible to do so; and it will help to get their tails into position; if they have no bathing water their tails are apt to get frayed at the ends.

If ever I have a bird stuck in the moult, I always use a few drops of sweet nitre in its drinking water; then I cover the cage up, and use saffron instead until near the end of the moult. I don't use linseed through the moult, as I find that most Canaries will not eat it. But to answer the same purpose I put a teaspoonful of linseed meal in the colour food when I am mixing it; then the birds are bound to eat it, and I don't see why it shouldn't do as well.

As regards winter treatment I always put the hens into a large flight, so that they get plenty of exercise; and I give them a teaspoonful of mixed seed once a week; also once a week a spoonful of inga seed, as I think this a great help for the coming breeding season, preventing to a great extend that unwelcome thing, egg-binding, with which most of us here are acquainted. When I have a hen eggbound I always believe in steaming it; and I oil the vent well with olive oil. I never drop any in the beak, as I think the hen is in too weak a condition to allow of a relaxative. Bear in mind that it is not the hen's bowels that cause her to be egg-bound, but probably something is wrong with the ovaries or the place that holds the egg; or it might be that the egg is turned the wrong way. There are lots of things that may be the cause of it. I generally give a tonic to the hen when I see she is ready for a wrink; from my experience I think dandelion juice reigns supreme.

The cocks I keep in separate cages as they do too much fighting, but I give them a spoonful of mixed seed once a week, and once a week a little maw seed.

A Dread Disease Combatted.

That concludes my experience so far, but I might as well say a few words on my last and most drastic experience, the Canary fever, or septic fever. First of all, beware of buying strange birds, also of buying strange cages, as I am strongly of the opinion that that is the way in which my cases started. I wrote a letter to CAGE BIRDS, which, as most of you are aware, was published; and just think of my joy on receiving a letter the following week from a perfect stranger in Bradford telling me that if I would follow his advice he would send me another pair unrelated with which to make a fresh start, making four birds in all, with the two which our worthy treasurer gave me. His advice was this, and it is also mine now to anybody who experiences septic fever, although I hope none of us ever will again take all your cages, perches, drinkers, in fact everything that is in your room, into the yard. Starting with the room, paste all the air holes up with paper; then get a good sulphur candle, and set it burning in the room; leave it and start with your cages, etc., disinfecting them with a solution of 1 gallon of boiling water, ½lb. of soft soap, 1 pint of paraffin and some disinfecting fluid. Then when they have dried, whitewash your room and cages, and don't take anything back into the room unless it has gone through the process of disinfecting. I have had cause to thank that gentleman several times since then for his friendly letters, and also for the good his advice has done me and what may come of it. I think I have told you all I know of interest—perhaps nothing that you did not already know, especially the old hands; so I will conclude my paper by thanking you for your kind attention and also anybody in anticipation for any enlightenment where I am wrong.

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Roller Hens for Breeding.

L. Cork.—It may be quite possible for you to select hens good enough for breeding with a good Roller cock from the Roller hens which are bred from untrained Rollers. But it is very much like working in the dark, because the cocks among their progenitors not having been trained, you can know very little as to their potentialities, or whether they would readily acquire and retain a really good type of song, or be more prone to rapid deterioration and acquire objectionable notes on leaving the company of the tutors. If your intention is to get a really good trained cock to improve the general type of song, you might select one or two of the hens which have the softest and mellowest call-notes, and are freest from any objectionable nasal or harsh notes, and mate these with him, keeping them well out of hearing of the common cocks. Later on all the young cocks might be placed under his tuition, and the faulty singers weeded out as described in Part XVI. of "Our Canaries," which you should obtain. The general quality would certainly increase each season under proper management, but it would take several to work them up to really high-class singers. Practically all the tours you name, except the "schwirre," are high-class ones. The latter is considered somewhat risky. There are plenty of bad notes besides these good ones. Get the Nutshell booklet on the Roller.

Treatment in Winter.

K.—The ordinary treatment given in "Canary Breeding for Beginners," etc.—see our advert.—for the winter months is the best method of keeping hens in prime healthy condition. Temperament, however, plays a certain part in the question of non-feeding hens, and individuals always occur which are all that could be desired in health and condition, and in such cases no system of feeding of treatment beforehand is of any avail. The best you can do is to aim at keeping the birds in the hard, robust condition indicated. Plenty of exercise is a great aid towards this, and a wholesome, liberal, yet not over-generous, feeding is essential. Keep them in the largest cages you have—in small groups in large flights or aviaries for preference—where they can get the maximum amount of active exercise, with a certain amount of wing exercise. For staple food give plain canary ad lib. Once a week or so give a small teaspoonful per bird of egg food, crushed biscuit, or sponge cake, or an equivalent quantity of bread and milk. Give one or other, but not all, of these once each week, or three times in a fortnight, or you may ring the changes with them. In addition, give a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts rape, hemp, inga, millet, and teazle once or twice a week. Occasionally give a little green food, when fit for use, or a morsel of sweet fruit or carrot. Keep cages clean and dry, and strewn with gritty sand or sawdust—if the latter is used give grit in a small vessel. Allow birds to bathe freely in mild weather.

Feathers Puffed Out (F. J. M.).—First carefully catch the bird and examine the feet and claws. It is possible that the claws are overgrown, and have been caught fast in the wires or around the perch, and the foot injured by the bird's struggles to get free. Hence the trace of blood. If this is so, bathe the foot, or feet, in a warm solution of boracic acid, then dry, and anoint with zinc ointment. If nothing is wrong with the feet treat as follows for a fortnight: Give a staple of plain canary seed only. Every second day give a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut with two drops of cod liver oil on it, and lightly sprinkled with soft sugar. On the alternate days give a morsel of banana and a small pinch each of maw and summer rape. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of buckthorn for two days, and afterwards every second day for a week dissolve in each two tablespoonfuls of drinking water a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea, a crystal of sulphate of iron half as big, and add six drops of diluted sulphuric acid.

Wild Poppy Seed (F. J. K.).—No harm would result from giving this seed to Canaries as a tit-bit in the same way as you would give the maw of commerce. The sample is nice and clean, and I should not be the least chary of using it in the manner suggested. In fact, I gave the sample to my Canaries.

A Question of Temperature (A. Farmer)—In replying to this correspondent last week I am made to say that the proper winter temperature of a bird-room should be 54 degrees. This was either a slip of the pen or an error of the comp. It should have read 45 degrees.

About Asthma (J. Kirkland).—This so-called asthma is in no sense a "catching" disease, so you need not fear the other birds taking it, save only in the sense that if the other birds are exposed to the same causes which brought it on in this bird, they, of course, are just as likely to fall victims. You must, therefore, take steps to remove the cause. Appropriate treatment to relieve the condition you will find in several replies every week. It is quite possible for the birds so affected to breed successfully, but the progeny always have an inherited predisposition to the complaint. In building up a strain it is always best to rigidly weed out all asthma sufferers and debar them from reproducing their kind. It pays also in the end to do so.

Birds Not Doing Well (Liverpool Green).—There is nothing whatever wrong with the seeds, of which you sent samples, to account for the birds not doing well. No. 1 is a well-ripened and extra good quality of Canary. No. 2 not quite so well ripened nor good in quality, but still very good. No. 3 is practically same as No. 2, but may be a trifle better flavoured. I place them in order 1, 3, 2, and No. 2 is quite good

CANARY QUERISTS,

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Cresswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

enough for any purpose. You should have given some particulars as to how, or in what way the birds are not doing so well as you wish. Get "Canary Breeding for Beginners," "House's Manual," or the early parts of "Our Canaries," and see if your general management is correct, or write again and mention these particulars, when I may be able to discover what is wrong.

Paint and Cough (Newstart).—(1) From the smell of the paint lasting so long I should imagine it was poor, slow-drying stuff. Try the effect of evaporating two tablespoonfuls of strong vinegar on a hot plate or shovel with the ventilators closed. In a few minutes open ventilators, and allow odour to pass off. Repeat once each day for a few days. Birds need not be removed, as the process is harmless, but usually excellent for removing smells. Pardon my ignorance, but I do not know what "cheeked serking" is, of which your house is built, so cannot say if it will be warm enough. Better write again and say what the material is like. (2) This bird probably caught a chill in being removed. Keep it in a comfortable place, free from draughts, and give the medicine advised to "Anxious."

Borders Loose in Feather (Grateful).—Possibly they have not had quite enough time to "fine down" yet. In addition to the staple diet give a pinch of summer rape every second day. On each alternate day for a week give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw seed. Give a morsel of banana, apple, or watercress, two or three times a week, and once a week omit the rape seed and give instead a small teaspoonful of a mixture of two parts each hemp, inga, and millet, one part each teazle, black rape, and groats, and a half part each maw, gold of pleasure, and linseed. For about a week before a show give this mixture in place of the rape every second day, and in drinking water add 20 drops of port wine, in four ounces of which you have previously dissolved a drachm of citrate of iron and quinine and two teaspoonfuls of honey. Allow the birds to bathe freely in suitable weather. You should get Parts IV. and V. of "Our Canaries," for the fullest information on this subject.

Aviary and Breed (Amateur).—The aviary would be more of a bird room than anything else. It must depend very much upon the surroundings whether the highest or lowest side should form the front. If you have a wall to build against let the highest side form the back; otherwise, it will be immaterial which is front. By making the highest side the front it would afford an excellent opportunity to display your artistic bent by training roses or creepers over the front. Starting at 3ft. from the floor, another 3ft. above is quite ample space for glass, and all space above the 6ft. would do to train creepers over. Too much glass will make the place too cold in winter. See there is a gutter at lower side to carry off rain. (2) For singing alone common Rollers would be best for your purpose. Other hardy breeds suitable are Borders, Norwich, and Yorkshire, either of which might be crossed with Rollers to improve their song.

To Make Him Sing (Anxious).—It is not always an easy matter to get a bird "touched" with asthma to sing freely soon after the moult. They usually prefer to wait until the "breath of spring is in the air." You must see that he is quite free from draught or fumes of burning lights. Give a staple diet of two parts canary to one part summer rape, and for the next fortnight give every second day half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw seed. On the alternate days give a morsel of banana, and a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, millet, and teazle. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of buckthorn for three days, and afterwards 20 drops of whisky, six each of oxymel of squills and glycerine, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, every second day for a fortnight. A mealworm a day would be very beneficial. After this course of treatment feed bird as advised in the Nutshell Booklet on the "Roller," except that the above staple may still be adhered to.

A Yorkshire Duet (Doctor).—(1) An eye marked or lightly wing marked buff, bred from two clears, or one clear and one slightly ticked, for choice, would be the best mate for the variegated yellow cock next to a clear buff. The bird must, of course, be suitable in other points—size, shape, style and feather being placed before colour. In your case, where there are frills, more or less, feather must be given a very prominent place in choosing a mate. The hen should be as close and boxey-feathered as possible. (2) A Yorks. or any other of the smaller breeds bred fairly early this year, say in the first or second brood, or not later than mid June, will be physically capable of running with two hens next season. A later bred bird would be better limited to a single hen.

Not Singing (A. Wickes).—The continual loss of feather is the cause—the cure is obvious. But you must first remove the cause of this continual moulting, which, considering your room is quite warm, will probably be found in great fluctuation. Perhaps there is a great difference between the day and night temperature. If so, you must try to remedy this. Give a staple of plain canary. Every second day half a teaspoonful of summer rape, and on the alternate days for a fortnight a similar quantity of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw seed. Twice a week give a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, millet, and teazle. In the drinking water give a pinch of Epsom salts for two days, and afterwards six drops of tincture of gentian and three of tincture of steel every second day for a fortnight. Allow it to bathe when so disposed.

Another Asthmatic (Quack).—Barring the dietary, which is very unsuitable, your treatment should have relieved the bird somewhat. The following course will do far more good. First of all endeavour to discover and remove the cause as frequently advised. Give a staple of three parts Canary to one part summer rape. Do not soak any of its seed. Every second day for a fortnight give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw seed. On the alternate days give twice a week a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, linseed, and millet, and on each of the remaining days a scrap of watercress or morsel of banana. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom salts every second day for a week, and afterwards 20 drops of whisky, six each of oxymel of squills and glycerine, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, every second day for a week or fortnight, as may seem necessary. The Nutshell booklet on "Ailing Birds," 2½d. post free, from our manager, would be a help to you.

Not Moulting, etc. (Perplexed).—(1) Place the hen in a fairly warm temperature, but see that it is free from draughts and extreme variations. Give plain canary only as staple. Every second day give separately a pinch of rape, and on the alternate days a piece of bread the size of a hazel nut soaked in cold milk, drained, lightly dusted with flower of sulphur, and sprinkled with maw seed. Twice a week give half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts millet, inga, linseed, and broken groats, and occasionally a scrap of green food or fruit. Continue this feeding for three or four weeks. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of buckthorn and a small pinch of Epsom salts every second day for a week, and on the alternate days 20 drops of whisky, as much chlorate of potash as will cover a threepennypiece, and a few shreds of saffron. (2) See that this cock is free from draughts and extremes of heat and cold, and treat for a fortnight the same as advised to "A. Wickes."

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Hens for Muling (Prudence).—If you get variegated Yellow Norwich hens, of good size and substance, then you have about the best possible type of birds for Dark Mule breeding; Cinnamon or Crest-bred (not too feathery) hens would be good, however, if Yellows, and possessed of substance. To stand a sporting chance of breeding a light Mule, under the circumstances you mention, I advise you to go in either for Clear Lancashire Plainhead hens (good ones are expensive, though) or clear-body, pink-eyed Yorkshire hens. I think that the firm mentioned will treat you fairly.

Food for Reed Buntings (Reed).—Like all the Buntings, the Reed cares little for any seed other than canary, which must be its chief item of diet. I have found them pick up coarse oatmeal and groats, and also a few seeds from amongst wild.

Food for Snow Bunting (Birdonia).—Feed this bird on exactly the same lines as advised "Reed" this week. We may publish a "Nutshell" on the subject later on.

Some Berries (Heaton Mersey).—I have never used the berries in question, so cannot advise you on the point, which, however, if you live in the country you can soon settle for yourself by watching to see whether the wild Thrushes, etc., come to feed off them. I don't suppose they would be harmful; but of the fruit of ornamental shrubs I have had practically no experience.

Quality of Ants' Eggs (Inquirer).—Am sorry your query did not reach me in time to answer in our last issue. I think that the ants' eggs you submit are really high-class, and certainly beautifully clean (free from rubbish). But, at the same time, I think there is an admixture of freshly prepared cocoons with some of older date, though the latter are decidedly in a minority. The price, of course, is high, and ought to command a first-rate article.

A Cinnamon Lark (R. B., Southport).—Strictly speaking, these rare-feathered specimens can only compete at shows where a class for "pied" Albino, and rare-feathered birds" is provided. And not many include one in their schedules. If shown in an ordinary Lark class, or Softbill class, some judges might admit it. But the majority would either mark it "wrong class," or pass it by—the result in either case being the same, i.e., you pay your entry money for nothing.

Giving in Marriage (Constant Reader, Hadlington).—You must use a certain amount of discretion in choosing mates for the British Goldies you mention. If you pair them with huge Norwich type hens about three or four times as large (bulky) as they are themselves, then clear eggs are practically a certainty. The hen can always be appreciably larger than the Finch, but there is a limit, beyond which it is unwise to go. For very large hens, extra large Finches should be selected. Even amongst genuine British-caught Goldfinches, some are quite twice as large as others.

seed mixture. They should be given a little of a high-grade insectile food (such as is used for Nightingales) frequently, prepared in the usual way, also two or three mealworms. They like live ants' eggs when in season, and flies and small grubs of various kinds. They also like to nibble at grass in seed, and seeding chickweed, shepherd's purse, etc.

Sex of Bullfinch, etc. (Amateurs).—Am glad to hear you find your Bullie such an entertaining little pet. I am very fond of the species myself. The cock is easily told from the hen, as the young cock assumes a bright red breast immediately he casts his nestling plumage (i.e., in the autumn of the year in which he was born). If your bird shows no sign of crimson on the breast, it must be a hen; she has the breast always a greyish-black, sometimes with a brownish tinge in it. I think that all the Greenfinch needs is a liberal daily supply of cracked sunflower seed. Bullie would relish one or two (don't give too many) as well.

Blackbird's Sore Feet (John Farrell).—"Sore feet" is somewhat vague, and I am at a loss to know whether you mean that they are "raw" and tender, or have hard growths ("corns") on them. In any case, see that the bird has good wide perches (not less than one inch in width), and that they are kept clean. Cover the cage floor very thickly with peat moss litter (i.e., the peat moss broken into very small pieces), which is to be bought very cheaply at all large stores selling poultry foods, corn, hay, etc.,

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should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Dr. Cresswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4 "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

also at florists and shops selling garden and vegetable seeds. If inflamed and swollen, steep the feet twice daily in hot water (not too hot, of course) for a short time, and afterwards dry and anoint with a little "Zambuk" ointment. If any hard lumps are present, their removal is very uncertain, but you should paint them over with a little tincture of iodine. You must, of course, persevere with the treatment for a time.

A Stock Mixture (C. Mackercher).—The following stock mixture would suit your little collection "down to the ground," as the saying goes, viz., teazle, 3 parts, canary two parts, summer rape and linseed 1 part each by measure. In a separate dish give every day a tablespoonful each of hemp and cracked sunflower, and twice a week add a similar quantity of a really good wild seed mixture. In the summer (hot weather) reduce the linseed until only the merest sprinkling is present; also do not give the hemp so freely. If you cage up the birds, then divide the "tit-bits" amongst them, but give the Bullie hardly any hemp at all.

Flycatcher out of Condition (Flycatcher).—I am afraid the bird's condition arises largely from the troubled times it experienced in its youth, and that you will have difficulty in getting it into "show condition." Besides, the Spotted Flycatcher is really a very difficult bird to keep at the best of times—much more so, in my experience, than the Pied Flycatcher. You are treating it very well, but to the stock food I think I should add a little of a really high-class insectile food (about 1/6 to 2/- a pound). Don't use olive oil, but mix well amongst the daily food supply a large saltspoonful of extract of malt and cod liver oil (in combination). It is unwise to give many mealworms (unless you squeeze them out, after cutting off their heads, over the food). You could give the gentles (well scoured ones) freely if killed first by being placed in a piece of muslin over scalding hot steam. Don't let them bathe too freely; it is a mistake in winter with delicate insectivorous birds, I can assure you.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

Madagascars and Blue-wings.

Mrs. B. J. M.—I should leave the birds together at present, but keep a close watch on them, and on the first signs of quarrelling remove the Blue-wings, though, I expect, it will be the Madagascars that will attack the Blue-wings, if any young are hatched out, but unless quarrelling ensues leave them as they are. Do not annoy them with close examinations, and do not pry into the husk while the birds are inside; a peep-hole should be arranged by which you can observe without opening the cage. As the cage is but small, it will be best to remove the Blue-wings as soon as Madagascars are ready to leave the nest, and the young birds, if reared, should be removed as soon as their parents cease feeding them. Put in a few pieces of plain biscuit when the young are hatched, but it may not be eaten. Diet: Canary, white and spray millet, a few oats, greenfood (fresh lettuce at this season), grit, cuttlebone, and water.

Ailing Guinea Fowl.

G. P.—I should isolate these from your poultry till they are fit again, and it will be a wise precaution to mix some roup powder with their soft food as a preventative. As for the guinea fowl, bathe the swollen parts with a hot decoction of poppy-heads, and bathe the nostrils with warm water containing a little permanganate of potassium, or similar antiseptic. Also give regular doses of roup pills (some reputable make), keep the drinking water tinged with permanganate of potassium. The birds should be kept in a dry and sheltered run till the trouble yields to treatment. The said run must then have at least the top three inches of soil removed and be limewashed before being used again for other stock. After fomenting the swollen parts, dry and smear them with the ointment you have been already using. The hen was evidently infected when it came into your possession, and has infected the cock birds, and the recent damp wet cold has accentuated the trouble. The trouble has reached an acute stage. If the above is not effective, then try a capsule of copaiba balsam three times daily till discharge ceases. It will be advisable, as a sort of wind up, to give the copaiba capsules for a few days, till all discharge ceases.

Breeding Cutthroats in a Cage (F. C. T.).—The larger and more roomy your cage, the more probable will be your chances of success. Get from your local dealer a Hartz travelling cage, take

out perches and fittings, cut out two of the uprights to give the birds egress and ingress, half fill it with hay, hang it up at one end of the cage near the top, and leave the birds to do the rest. Diet: Canary, white and spray millet, green food, and when they are feeding young I have found them to be very fond of ants' "eggs" (supplied as bought). Usually they are good parents, and mostly rear the chicks that are hatched out. Yes; they are quite ready to take a bath, and for cage birds this should always be one that hangs in front of open cage door. Grit and cuttlebone should be supplied to all hardbills, also water ad lib for drinking and bathing.

What Parrot? (A. Bottom).—Though there are one or two discrepancies in your description, I have no doubt but what your bird is a Senegal Parrot, an African species, neither very common nor yet uncommon. If in good plumage and fit, a tame, talking bird should be worth 80s., possibly you might get a little more from someone who saw the bird and heard its talking capacity.

Sexing Young Cockatiels (Beginner).—Even in their nest feathers the young cocks usually show a little more yellow in the cheeks, and their crest is also mostly a little (wee bit) paler and longer than their sisters; but the difference is not great, and not always constant, so it is best to wait till they have moulted, when the sexes will be quite clear. However, if of your two young birds one has paler (more yellow) cheeks and crest than the other, you may fairly assume that you have a pair. If they have already moulted, then from your details they are two hens.

Indoor Flight for Budgerigars (H. Mitchell).—All living things need sun, and if your room only gets it for one hour daily it will suffice, though a S.W. aspect would have been better, and you must see that you ventilate without draught, and keep a plentiful supply of sound cocoanut husks hanging from the roof. Get one pair each Green and Yellow Budgerigars, direct from some outdoor aviary. These should do well with you. You could also keep a pair of Cockatiels and a pai rof Madagascar Lovebirds with them, though the last-named had better not be put in till spring. A small barrel, say nine inches diameter by twelve inches deep, would be better for the Cockatiels; hang it up longitudinally. Our Nutshell Booklet, 'Budgerigars" (2½d., post free, from our manager), would tell you all about their treatment in captivity.

What Bird (J. P.).—(1) It is the Tri- or Three-coloured Mannikin, an African species. Give it a seed mixture of canary and white millet, two parts of the latter to one of the former; also hang up a millet spray occasionally. Also supply green food, grit, cuttlebone, and water. Lettuce is the best green food at this season. (2) I must assume, in the absence of all detail, that this query refers to the above bird. Take the bird in the hand, and with a mop camel-hair brush wash it with quassia solution, dry, and keep warm till dry. Repeat this two or three times, with a few days' interval between each operation. Examine its cage, and see that it is free from mite, if there is any doubt on the point; first thoroughly paint it, especially all joints and crevices, with neat paraffin, then scald with boiling water, and afterwards well swill with cold; it should then be quite free from parasites. The bird's demeanour indicates that it is troubled with these pests.

Indoor Flight (Whydah).—(1) You ought not to keep more than 36 birds the size of a Canary in your flight, but you could count two Waxbills and birds of similar size as one Canary. However, I ought to tell you, for breeding purposes, your flight ought not to contain more than six to eight pairs. I am now speaking from the standpoint of foreign species. (2) The birds you name would all answer well, and they are fairly varied as to colour. Common and Green Avadavats, Gold-breasted Waxbills, Grey and Green Singing Finches, and Alario Finches are all suitable birds; the three latter have all produced young when cross-mated with the Canary. (3) As regards Whydahs, I am afraid, in a flight the size of yours, Whydahs, with their long tails, would cause a panic; at any rate, at first, till the birds had become thoroughly accustomed to them. Paradise or Queen Whydahs would be the most suitable. These are usually amiable, though occasionally a "bully" turns up.

An Objectionable Habit (Miss Kent).—I am afraid you can't get rid of this; it is more apparent with some species than others. But most Parrots regurgitate their food and then swallow it again, and this is frequently done when you are fussing with it, and in the presence of those it is most attached to. If it had a mate it would feed it at such times. If you suspect it is more than this, you must repeat query and be a little more descriptive—that is, describe symptoms fully, also diet and general treatment, and also say what kind of Parrot it is. Possibly, I could then give you a more definite reply.

Amazon Parrot (A. D. B.).—You probably have quite a young bird, but it does not appear to be a Blue-front—evidently some other species. Send me a full description when it has been through a moult with you, and I will tell you what kind it is. Coming into a new home frequently causes a bird to be silent for a time, but as it settles down and becomes accustomed to you, it would then "find its tongue" again. As regard diet, see our reply to "Anxious" in this issue, but in your case the drugs will not be required. Keep the bird where it will hear plenty of conversation (that is, as soon as it is fairly steady), talk to it, and teach it by constant repetition, and it should soon prove responsive.

Green Parrot (Mrs. G. Moffatt).—The temperature of any living room will suffice, if it is kept out of draught. Cover it up at night all round the sides, but leave a portion of the top uncovered for ventilation. Diet: a seed mixture of three parts each canary and white millet, two parts oats, and one part each hemp, paddy rice, and sunflower seeds, well mix and keep a supply in the cage. Also supply ripe fruit, nuts, greenfood, and plain biscuits, add a pinch of grit (not sand) to the daily supply of seed, and keep a piece of clean cuttlebone in the cage. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever. Keep water in the cage, and as it will not bathe, spray it once a week (use a "mist" sprayer) with chilled water, keeping strictly out of draught till dry.

Blue-fronted Amazon (Anxious).—Undoubtedly the dietary is principally at fault. Give it a seed mixture, half the bulk of which is to be canary and white millet, and the other half oats, maize, hemp, paddy rice, dari, and sunflower seeds in equal parts, well mix and keep a supply continually in the cage. Also supply ripe fruit, nuts, and plain biscuit, a small piece of dry potato daily, is quite permissible, as also is a little boiled maize (the latter only keeps fresh one day), two or three times a week. Put a pinch of grit to the daily supply of seed, and keep a piece of clean cuttlebone hanging in the cage. Every fourth day put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in its drinking water, if the voidings become watery, then only give the Magnesia once a week. When not giving the Magnesia put one teaspoonful of Byno-phosphates into the drinking water, and continue for a month at least. If the bird has been accustomed to much soft food, then moisten a crust of household bread or plain biscuit with chilled water, and lightly sprinkle it with sugar.

What Birds? (A. M. B.).—It is impossible to give definite replies from the written descriptions of birds where the colours are so nondescript, as in such instances the description applies to many species, only to be distinguished by some small mark from each other. I was of the opinion as already stated in earlier reply, that the bird was a Spectacled (Melodina) Thrush. Re the small birds, I think they must be either young Grey Waxbills or possibly Aurora Finches (Crimson-wing Waxbills), but in the latter instance the birds would be a little larger than Avadavats—the young of red-beaked birds mostly have beaks and feet black while immature. Has it moulted while with you? If not, please repeat query then. A sight of the bird would remove all difficulty.

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should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Faods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); ar the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfectian of Cages, Bird-raoms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoraughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, Landon, E.C.

Parrakeets and Finches (A. J. C. Lowe).—Parrots, Parrakeets, Conures, or Lovebirds are very unsafe company for Finches, and sooner or later such association ends in tragedy. (1) Carolina Conures should breed if given suitable accommodation, and not too cramped for space. Their present value I should compute at about £5 pair. (2) Cactus Conures are a little smaller and brighter coloured—they have been bred in captivity. (See reply to Query No. 1.) If young when purchased, you may have to keep them at least a couple of years before they go to nest; this applies to above species. New imported, about 20s. to 30s. pair. (3) See replies 1 and 2. (4) Yes; Parrot Finches are frequently bred, the chief difficulty being to procure a true pair, as the outward sexual distinctions are infinitesimal, and the most expert frequently err.

An Ailing Budgerigar (Lovebird).—Either the bird has caught a chill, or its digestion is faulty; the latter, I am inclined to think. At the same time there is usually a draught between fire and door in most rooms—do not let cage stand in a direct line between fire and door. Your dietary is fairly satisfactory; supply greenfood daily, a few kibbled oats twice weekly, and keep a piece of clean cuttlebone hanging in the cage. Hang up a coconut husk at top of cage; it will help to find them occupation cutting it up and clearing out its interior. Put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia to each ounce (two tablespoonfuls) of the the drinking water daily, till full relief has been given, but directly it becomes relaxed, cease giving same till the voidings become normal, then give it every fourth day for a month. When not giving the Magnesia put the same quantity of Byno-phosphates into the drinking water for the same period. Report progress a fortnight hence.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 2, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 1s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

K.—Hen bird: Engorgement of the pulmonary blood vessel, with rupture, causing death from exhaustion due to hœmorrhage.

C. Buckner.—Pneumo-enteritis due to a specific organism, attacking more particularly young subjects. Disinfection is important for the eradication of this disease.

Blitey.—Pneumonia originating in a chill.

GENERAL.

Answered by The Editor.

A Seed Crusher (W. Miller).—Many thanks; will have a drawing made and publish it.

A Suggestion (J. Simpson).—We will see if your suggestion can be carried out later on. Many thanks for sending it on to us.

Still Nesting (Miss S. Young).—We have sent your letter to Mr. St. John (our Canary specialist), and will publish it after he has advised you upon the point therein.

Pluck in Showing (Full-hearted).—Please forgive us for not publishing your letter. It is more than a wee bit personal; and, anyway, we are not sure that our readers are interested as to whether the gentleman in question will show or will not show.

Foreign Birds at Lowestoft (Novice).—We make it a rule not to publish correspondence criticising a judge's awards, unless there is some special circumstance connected therewith. There is nothing to be gained by permitting it, as the judges' decisions as to the merits of the birds are always final, and no amount of argument in our columns can alter them.

A Letter (J. Smith).—The letter has been addressed and duly forwarded.

Catching In Fifeshire (Interested).—We did not know that Greenfinches were protected in Fifeshire. In any case, a policeman has no right to release birds without a magistrate's order, and we think the party could recover the value of the call-bird which he let go. A protest should be made when the case comes up for hearing. The magistrate can confiscate the tackle used if an illegal act has been committed by its owner. Shall be glad to hear result.

Allow me a little space in your very valuable paper to express my thanks to the officials of the Clapham Show for the very able way in which they packed my birds. My wife remarked that the birds arrived home in good time, and that they were packed very comfortably indeed. I must also thank them for their promptness in paying prize-money, and I hope to show there again next year.—Thos. Veness (Hastings).

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Adwick-le-Street C.B.S.—Nov. 25, Foresters' Arms, 6. Alloting specials, etc.; important show business.—G. H. Robinson.

Altrincham C.B.S.—Nov. 20, Victoria Cafe, 8. Table show; judges: Yorks., Mr. A. Royle; Nor., Mr. C. Fields; Bord., Mr. W. Bayley; Brit., Mr. A. Taylor.—C. C. Blackshaw.

Annfield Plain and Dis. C.B.S.—Nov. 22, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Important.—T. Robinson.

Ardwick C.B.S.—Nov. 21, Onward Hall, 8.—Allotting specials for annual show. Will members let me know what specials they have got on this night?—J. Spencer.

Ashington and Hirst C.B.S.—Nov. 18, Harmonic Hall., 7. Subs.; to take entries for annual show.—W. Hall.

Amble C.B.S.—Nov. 25, Gardeners' Arms, Amble, 6. Paying prize money.—J. T. Crachett.

Ashton-under-Lyne O.S.—Nov. 18, P.S.A. Rooms, 8. Entries close for show; subs. due.—J. R. Colville.

Bonnyrigg C.B.S.—Nov. 25, Foresters' Arms, 7.30. Payment of prize-money and election of office bearers.—G. Harper.

Bradford National Show Committee.—Nov. 22, Market Tavern, Bradford, 8. Important show business. Will members who have obtained patrons for the show kindly hand names in at this meeting without fail? All members of committee please attend.—H. Hill.

Birkenhead C.F.A.—Nov. 21, Abbett's Cafe Rooms, Market Street, 8. Washing exhibition by Mr. W Young (Liscard). Competition for members only. Special to be given. Last meeting previous to old bird show. Fanciers invited.—A. E. Lloyd.

British Roller C.C.—Nov. 21, Royal Mail, Noble Street, St. Martins-le-Grand, 8. Final show arrangements.—J. W. Norris.

Bramley O.S.—Nov. 18, Old Unicorn Hotel, 2. Members' show. Birds staged 2 p.m. Entries Friday, 8 to 10.30 p.m. Judge, Mr. H. Wilkinson.—W. Maltby.

Brighouse C.B.S.—Nov. 21, Round House Inn, 8. Final meeting before show.—F. Mitchell.

Bradford West C.B.A.—Nov. 22, Shoulder of Mutton. Birds staged at 10 a.m. Members' show. Judge, Mr. H. Sutcliffe. Entries taken on Tuesday night.—F. Western.

Bedlington Station C.B.S.—Nov. 18, W. S. Club, 7.30. Show business.—J. Jobling.

Beamish C.B.S.—Nov. 18, Bird Inn, High Hold, 7. Stewards for annual show, etc.—W. Knowles.

Barnsley C.B.S.—Nov. 18, Clarence Hotel, 7.30. Balance-sheet, open show.—F. C. Sims.

Bolton Woods C.B.S.—Nov. 18, Victoria Hotel, 7.30. Members' show. Judge, Mr. W. Stables.—M. Skirrow.

Coventry O.S.—Nov 22, Sydenham Palace, 8.30. Payment of prize-money and specials.—A. J. Barratt.

City of Wakefield O.S.—Nov. 18, Crown and Anchor, 7. Members' show business.—J. Atkinson.

Chesterfield C.B.S.—Nov. 25, Welbeck Inn, 5. Table show, and general.—T. Booker.

Cheltenham C.B.S.—Nov. 22, Sydney Arms Hotel, 8. Washing competition.—A. S. Treasure.

City of Bradford O.S.—Nov. 18, "Flying Dutchman," 6.45. Members' show. 16 Yorks., 8 Nor., 2 Brit. Judges, Messrs. H. Sutcliffe, and H. S. Naylor. All birds must be staged 7.15.—F. Rhodes.

Derby C.B.S.—Nov. 25, Derwent Hotel, 7. To accept entries for show, etc.—W. Stevens.

Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.—Nov. 21, Reindeer Hotel, Peckham. Show open 2. Annual members' show. Admission by ticket. Judge, Mr. J. Robson.—Messrs. Hodson and Tomsett, Managers.

Darlington C.B.S.—Nov. 22, Labour Hall, 7.30. Members' show, business, entries close, etc.—H. Todd.

Dubmire Workmen's Club C.B.S.—Sunday, Nov. 19, Dubmire Workmen's Club, 10.30.—B. Robinson.

Eccles C.B.S.—Dec. 6, Diamond Inn. Members' show. Classes for all cage birds.—J. Hall.

Edinburgh C.B.S.—Nov. 21, Cairns Memorial Hall, Gorgie Road, 8. Final arrangements for show.—J. I. Mackie.

Fife and Kinross N.P.C.—Nov. 18, Masonic Arms, Cowdenbeath, 6.30. General.—G. Fisher.

Gateshead C.B.S.—Nov. 22, Lockhart Cafe, 7.30. To allot specials, final arrangements for show.—A. Holden.

Glossop Hadfield C.B.S.—Nov. 20, 59, Hague St., 7.45. General show business. Members please note that in order to be eligible to compete for Ramsden's special, all coupons must be handed in to me on or before Nov. 20.—E. Thompson.

Green C.A.—Nov. 23, Oldham Hall, Liverpool, 8. Table show, Green Nor. Judge, J. Walker, Esq.—G. Green.

Halifax O.S.—Nov. 18, Plummet Line Hotel. Meeting and members' show. Birds staged 7.30. Annual show business, etc. Classification as Oct. show, but all hens. Judge, Mr W. Spencer.—J. J. Dunn.

Hetton-le-Hole C.B.S.—Nov. 18, Crown Inn, 7. Final arrangements and squaring up for annual show.—A. J. Notley.

Hebden Bridge and Calder Valley O.S.—Nov. 23, Nutclough Tavern, 7.30. Show; 5 classes: 2 Yorks., 2 Nor., 1 Brit., Mule, or Hyb. Judge, Mr. A. Greenwood.—A. Pickles.

Leek C.B.S.—Nov. 20, Unicorn Hotel, 8. Members' prize-money and presentation of silver cup, etc.—J. A. Pegg.

Leigh C.B.S.—Nov. 22, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Paying of prize-money, also ticket money to be brought in.—R. Charleson.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—Nov. 21, White Swan, 8.30. Presentation of cups, classification of night shows.—A. Freestone.

Lancs. and Liz. F.A.—Nov. 18, Wellington Hotel, Kingston Brow, Hyde, 6.30. First club show. Classes, etc. Good muster required.—J. Rukin.

Leicester C.B.S.—Nov. 22, Saracen's Head Hotel, Market Place, 8.15. Nor. pairs matched for breeding, open and novice; A.O.V. Can. (ditto), open and novice; and Linnet.—W. R. Adams.

London and Counties A.C.B.—Nov. 18, The Earl Cathcart, Munster Square, N.W., 7.45. "Topics of the Moment," by Mr. G. Gardner.—R. J. Pretty.

Llanelly C.B.S.—Nov. 18, Greyhound Hotel, 7. Show matters.—D. John.

Manchester and N.C.O.S.—Nov. 20, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. January show business, etc.—H. Boothman.

Metropolitan C.B.A.—Nov. 18, All Saints' Parochial Hall, Battersea Park, 8.30. Pay prize-money and report of annual show accounts.—G. Harwood.

Morley C.B.S.—Nov. 18, Sycamore Hotel. Second O.B. show. Birds to be staged 2.30. Judge, Mr. E. Clegg.—D. Holliday.

Northern Brit. B.M. and F.B.C.—Nov. 22, Lockhart's Cafe, 65, Grainger Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, 8.—G. Taylor.

Nelson C.B.S.—Nov. 20, Thornton's Restaurant 8. Special meeting. Allotment of specials for show, etc.—J. Gregson.

Petton Fell C.B.S.—Nov. 20, Institute Hall, 7. Final arrangements for open show, specials, etc., will be settled.—W. Forster.

Queen's Park C.B.A.—Nov. 24, Emmanuel Hall, Harrow Road, W., 8. Prize distribution, etc.—J. C. Birch.

Scottish National C.B.S.—Nov. 23, 142, High St., Edinburgh, 8. Committee meeting; important.—A. W. Watson.

Stockport B.F.A.—Nov. 21, Boars Head Hotel, 8. Schedule ready; important business.—W. Stafford.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—Nov. 20, Commercial Hotel, 8. Table show. Four classes for novices. Judge, I. W. Wharton.—J. Lewis.

Shipley O.S.—Nov. 21, Prince of Wales. Members' show. Judge, Mr. H. Hudson. Entries Monday night, also entries for judging competition.—A. Tillotson.

Swansea C.B.A.—Nov. 28, Market Coffee Tavern, 8 General; members please return show tickets and sub. books to close account.—S. H. George.

Springburn Possil Park C.B.C.—Nov. 22, 8. Classes for Dec. 2 annual show.—J. Waugh.

Sheffield C.B.S.—Nov. 22, Wentworth Cafe, 8. Open Show.—A. Hobson.

Seaham Harbour C.B.B.A.—Nov. 25, Station Hotel, 7. Election of officers.—H. Dobson.

Skipton C.B.S.—Nov. 22, Globe Coffee Tavern, 8. Arrangement of specials for show.—E. Gill.

Tong C.B.S.—Nov. 18. Members' show. Birds staged 7. Judge, Mr. C. Whiting.—W. Walker.

West Bromwich C.B.S.—Nov. 21, Dartmouth Hotel, 8. Urgent, members with prize-money coming please attend.—W. G. Andrews.

Walkden C.B.S.—Nov. 21, Institute, 7.30. Show business.—H. Howard.

Windsor C.B.A.—Nov. 23, Headquarters, 8.15. Show arrangements.—E. A. Stickland.

Wandsworth F.A.—Thursday, "Spread Eagle" yard, 5 to 10. Annual members' show. All exhibits to be penned not later than 3.—W. Lightfoot.

Members Shows.

Llandudno C.B.S.: Held Nov. 9th, Cobden Hotel, Mostyn-st. Mr. W. C. Roberts. Principal winners: Nor., Messrs. G. Jones, Griffiths, Hortle, Nolan; Yorks., Messrs. Thomas, D. G. Jones, England, Pike, Alcock; Mules, Messrs. J. Hughes, England; British, Messrs. Relf, J. Hughes, Wood, E. Roberts, Griffiths, Hartle; For., Messrs. Harris, Griffiths, Hartle and Berry.—E. E. Griffiths, Hon. Sec. (Will Mr. Griffiths kindly forward his address on to us.—Ed.).

Leadgate C.B.S.: Held Nov. 4th Church Square Hall. Mr. J. Williams (Annfield Plain) judged. Principal winners: Yorks., Messrs. Colling and Turnbull, Wilson; British, Messrs. Reed, Quigley; Norwich, Messrs. Colling and Turnbull (medal winner).—Mr. J. A. Turnbull, Hon. Sec.

Rochdale (Good Intent) C.B.S.: 15th annual back-end show, held Nov. 4th, Assembly Rooms, Newbold Friendly Society, Milnrow-row. 142 birds staged. Mr. R. Barrass judged. Mr. W. Leach won Fry's spl. (valued 10/6); spl. for best novice, Mr. A. Howarth. Principal winners: Lanes., Messrs. Collinge, Hordern, Newell, Hartley; Lizards, Messrs. Lord and Hordern; Crests, Mr. Collinge; Yorks., Messrs. Lord, Faulkner, Leach, Coupe, Barlow; Nor., Messrs. Lees, Leach, Faulkner. Pleasance; novice Yorks., Messrs. Butterworth, Hollows; ditto Nor., Messrs. Howarth, Hollows; Brit., Messrs. Hordern, Leach.—E. Hartley, Hon. Sec.

Newsham C.B.S.: Held Nov. 11th, Willow Tree Hotel. Best bird, E. Hudapeth. Mr. R. Bewick judged. Principal winners: Nor., Messrs. Dobinson, Griffiths, Powell, Dixon, Richardson, French, Snowdon; Crests, Mr. Powell; Yorks., Messrs. Charlton, Dixon, Taylor, Richardson, Long, Woollett; Borders, Messrs. Hudspeth, Rowell, Taylor, Dixon, Turnhill, Soulsby, Anderson; novice Border, Mr. Straker; A.O.V., Messrs. Armstrong, French; Brit., Messrs. Rowell, Straker, Richardson, Soulsby.—C. Snowdon, Hon. Sec.

Eccleshill C.B.A.: Held Nov. 11th; 58 birds faced Mr. J. Chippendale. Principal winners: Yorks., Messrs. Wilcock, Elsegood, Pullan, Sparks, Stebbings, Lee, Pearson; Nor., Messrs. Ayrton and Pearson.—W. Nettleton, Hon. Sec.

Dewsbury C.B.S.: Held Nov. 11th, Saville Hotel. Judge, Mr. T. Ogden. Considering the troublous times, the show was thought excellent. With the support of members there is no reason why the society should not regain its former position. Principal winners: Canaries, Messrs. Hall, Pollard, Clegg, Rayner, Blackburn, Blakeley, Imeson, Senior; Brit. and Mules, Mr. Clegg.—S. Shaw, Hon. Sec.

Leeds C.B.S.: Held Nov. 11th, St. George's Schools. 160 entries; judge, Mr. W. Richmond (Rodley). Principal winners: Yorks., E. Norton, 33 points, C. E. Hall 32, J. McDade 25, W. Bristow 28; Nor., H. J. Mennard 32 points, W. A. Wilson 18; Brit., J. Owen 30 points, T. Flint 31, E. Middleton 27. Leaders for section gold medals: Yorks., E. Norton 90 points, C. E. Hall 77, A. Rhodes 72, W. Bristow 67; Nor., D. McMillan 91, W. A. Wilson 58, H. J. Mennard 47; Brit., J. Owen 109, T. Flint 94, 69.—W. A. Wilson, Hon. Sec.

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Correspondence.

Result of the Coulson Appeal.

Sir,—I am pleased to announce that we have handed over to Mrs. Coulson the sum of £10 in response to the appeal that appeared in your columns some months ago. Mrs. Coulson wishes me to thank all who contributed.

H. Boothman.

Hon. Sec., Manchester and N.C.O.S.

The Border Fancy C.C. Medal at Grangemouth.

Sir,—Kindly allow me space as regards the judging for B.F.C.C. medal at Grangemouth Bird Show. Will Judge Tod kindly state why he awarded the medal given by the above-named Club to a bird in Class 27 that was defeated by a bird in Class 28 for another special prize? How could bird in Class 28 defeat bird in Class 27 for a special prize and not defeat it in the competition for the B.F.C.C. medal? I should like Judge Tod to state his reason.

Interested.

A Budgerigar which Talks.

Sir,—I have had much pleasure in reading in Cage Birds about the birds that talk, so thought I would write and let you know that I have a Green Budgerigar which talks. I purchased him of Mr. James (a member of the Brighton C.B.A.) eighteen months ago, and he started talking when I had had him about two months. He says plainly: "Kiss a granny's pretty boy," "Kiss pretty Sammy" (his name), "Sammy is granny's pretty boy," "Good morning, Louie darling," "You mustn't do it, you naughty boy," "Sweet, pretty Dick," "Kiss me pretty," "Louie's pretty boy," "Good-bye, darling," "Kiss me; then I'm going," "Saucy kipper," "Sammy is a darling," "What are you doing?" "Oh, he's his mother's pretty boy," 'Pretty little dear," "Good morning, Granny," "Louie's darling," "Pretty, pretty dear," "Sammy boy was a pretty boy," "Oh, he's such a darling," "Granny's pretty boy," "I can see," "Oh, he is a pretty, pretty darling," and he says "Sweet!" just the same as the Cauary. He also comes to the side of the cage and makes out he is kissing you, and then says "Kiss me." We have other friends in Brighton who have bought Budgerigars, and they, too, talk. So I thought your readers would like to hear about it.

Miss Sandells.

Which Bird Lays the Golden Egg?

A Defence of the Amateur Birds.

Sir,—It is evident I have been under a misapprehension regarding the L. and L.F.A. classes at Manchester, but, even admitting that, I probably deserve the appellation Mr. Rukin so well cloaked for what was, after all, only a "lapsus calami." I think that if the Manchester Society voluntarily grant fourteen classes to the L. and L.F.A., and that in spite of the poor support accorded them year after year—well, I think they ought to be where Mr. Rukin says I am—"up the pole," whatever that means. Regarding the half-prize-money classes, doesn't Mr. Rukin think that a fancier has more chance of getting his own back in classes of six or seven, even allowing for half-prizes, than he has in classes of 35 or 40? If I had six birds to exhibit, and was out to make money, I should prefer to enter in classes where I was sure of a prize, even if I had to have half-prize-money, rather than run my chance in classes of 40. Half a loaf is better than no bread. Again, Mr. Rukin mustn't overlook the fact that almost every bird in the small classes is a winner. Divide 112 exhibits between fourteen classes; that is eight in a class. There are seven prizes in each class. That is exactly 98 birds out of the 112 are prize-winners. What an honour! He asks me if I would have the classes so made that a fancier can show as an amateur all his life. Surely he can see that that is just what I want to alter. If the amateur men were to have more classes provided, there would be a greater probability of them becoming champions in a shorter time, as well as giving them something like a sporting chance for their money. Mr. Rukin also mentions that he knows of novices who have exhibited for twenty years and are yet novices. That is saying nothing. I know of fanciers who have exhibited for more than twenty years as champions, and couldn't win in the novice classes to-day. Probably Mr. Rukin's twenty years novices are in the Lancashire Fancy. If so, it is not to be wondered at; and at the present "frequent" rate at which they patronise shows some of them will be novices when Mr. Rukin and I are considerably older; in fact, they will, unless they exhibit more, be unable to persuade societies to put classes on for them. They must have been real exhibitors when they stood 32 deep at Manchester in Mr. Garner's remembrance. He, Mr. Garner, is known to me only by repute; but if he can remember Lancashires 32 deep at Manchester—well, he has been in the Fancy a long time, considerably longer than I have. What a "draw" they must have been at one time. Sure, their popularity is on the wane. I may be wrong, but I think (I don't want to earn that unlovely appellation again this week, so I will say "I think") I remember seeing a report in Cage Birds that Mr. Rukin, in his capacity as secretary of the L. and L.F.A., had written asking a society to put their classes on, and that society had regretfully declined. Am I wrong? If so, what I say is correct it doesn't speak much for the drawing powers of the Lancashire. Mr. Rukin doesn't seem to have a high opinion of the quality of amateur exhibits in general. There was one class at Manchester—the unflighted Norwich hen class—where both amateurs and champions competed. There were 35 birds in the class, exhibited by 30 fanciers—that is, there were more exhibitors in this one class than there were exhibitors in the whole of the Lancashire and Lizard classes. There were 24 exhibitors in those classes; and I think I am right in saying that there were more fanciers looking at that one class than looked at the fourteen classes provided for the L. and L.F.A. I am only mentioning this as a proof of quality and drawing power. The 1st, 3rd, and 4th birds belonged to fanciers who only won their way to the champion classes last season; the extra 4th and v.h.c. belonged to amateurs. The champions managed to get 2nd, h.c., and c. I want Mr. Rukin to particularly notice that fact; five out of the first six birds in a class of 35 (not seven) belonged to novices, or fanciers who were novices less than twelve months ago. That doesn't speak bad for the amateur birds. Another fact may interest him. Only one bird in that class belonging to an amateur was left out of the cards. I hope my writing under an assumed name doesn't trouble Mr. Rukin very much. There are some people who must be in the limelight; for myself, I am of a retiring disposition, and among a great many faults which I plead guilty to, my friends tell me the greatest is my modesty. While Mr. Rukin, being one of the top-notchers of the Fancy, is entitled to shine, I, being absolutely "non est," prefer to remain behind the scenes. Therefore I will still subscribe myself

Bird o' Freedom the Third.

A Novice "Call to Arms."

Sir,—The backbone and the web-footed bird that lays the golden eggs are very much to the front this last week or two. And quite right, too, for where would our societies be in point of numbers without the novices; and where would the show managers be but for the help of the novice—not on the perch, so to speak, but down among the sand at the bottom of the cage, lumpy and soft in feather and songless? Who does the donkey work and real hard grafting? Why, the novice. Does he get justice at the show as a reward by a liberal classification for his section? No; that would not suit the managerial staff. They think it best to give him as few classes as possible, so that the profit made out of him may go to help make up the shortcomings of the professional classes and their very liberal classification, etc. Will it last? No; certainly not. I venture to predict that the day is not far off when the novice classes will be shut down altogether if more classes are not put on for him. In 1908 a Lancashire open show had, I think, three classes for novice Yorkies. In the Buff class there were more than thirty entries, and I suppose the other two classes were in proportion. For curiosity, I have just looked up their report in Cage Birds for this year, and what do I find? Why, the same three classes for novice Yorkies, but what a slump in entries, which numbered eight per class—total for three classes, 24! What has caused the slump? Lack of enterprise. I venture to say that had the society put on another class or two at the 1909 show they probably would have had more entries than ever, and the classes still have shown a fair margin of profit; and this year, instead of their having eight birds per class, they would have had a real good turn-out in the novice section. The Fancy is very largely composed of working men, many of them subsisting on anything but a princely wage, who cannot afford to keep sending birds out where Yellows and Buffs, Ticks, Marks, and Clears show together; they want a fair chance, and ought to have it. How often do we read in the show reports (take notice, Mr. Rukin!)—"Novice Clear Ticked or Marked Yellow or Buff: a hot lot here"; or "Many of the birds in this section could have held their own in the open classes"; or "The judge must have had some difficulty in sorting them out"; or "Could easily have picked another set of winners"? The working man has not the money to continue entering birds in classes like these, and he shows his common sense when, instead of doing so, he spends the money on his children's feet. Give him a fair sporting chance, and you will find the birds there all right. The novices have the remedy in their own hands if they will but exercise it. You, novices, are in the majority in most societies; stand up for justice for yourselves; you are all big enough and have cut your wisdom teeth and got a voice; stand up for yourselves. Friend Long says, "Catch the strike fever!" Well, I say "Catch anything you like that is right and proper that will help you to put a good chest on the front of your backbone, just below that mouth in front of you, that is certainly entitled to swallow at least the top of those golden eggs." When the time comes round for your next show, refuse to have anything to do with it in any shape or form until they promise you a reasonable number of classes; and, also, if they cannot see the way clear to start novice classes for British birds, insist on being allowed to take your chance in the open British classes without its affecting your novice standing in the Canary section, and help along the tide of progress and yourselves at the same time.

W. Downing.

Birds Caught Wearing Marking Rings.

Sir,—I have seen several letters in Cage Birds referring to birds being caught with rings on. A friend of mine caught a Chaffinch hen in Haydock Churchyard on Sunday, Nov. 5, with a ring on bearing the inscription:—"Witherby, High Holborn, London, F. 728."

J. Smith.

Welsh Judge Suggested for the Palace Show.

Sir,—I should like to make a suggestion that the Palace Show Committee try a Welshman to judge a few classes for British birds, including Goldfinches, at the Palace. Welsh Goldies are reckoned the best; so why couldn't a Welshman be a good judge? There are a few good judges in Wales, both North and South Wales. Mr. Kershaw (Llanrwst) is reckoned one of the best in North Wales. I am sure fanciers would like to see a Welshman at the Palace for once.

Thomas Roberts.

The Chortle of an Anti-colourfoodite.

Sir,—I was sorry to see a reply to "Interested" from Mr. Moore. I have been a reader of Cage Birds since No. 1 was issued, and have kept birds for forty years; and my opinion is that colour feeding does certainly injure the health of birds. I am not speaking on what I think, but on what I know, to be a fact. I use colour-feed because birds stand no chance of winning unless they are fed, but I certainly should like to see more non-fed classes at the shows.

W. Andrews.

Sir,—I am one who has gained a good deal of useful information from Cage Birds, and I think colour-feeding is a question that should be very seriously considered. I believe there are a great many who feel themselves being carried along by the tide, though they strongly object to the modern fashion of trying to impose on nature. Quite apart from the question of health, I think colour-feeding is being carried a great deal too far. To me a bird in its natural plumage, glossy from health and cleanliness, is far more beautiful than these colour-fed birds, which in most cases look like badly-coloured plates. Why is a show Greenie bronze, as Mr. Moore says? Why can't we have our birds in their own natural beauty?

A Lover of Birds.

Sir,—I am somewhat surprised at the manner in which Mr. Moore's letter was received. The letter certainly looks a little strange at the first reading, but on a second perusal it is rather a clever composition. May I ask why Mr. Weston considers the mentioning of Willonyx casts an aspersion on his character? Surely there is nothing amiss in attending a race meeting? I have often heard this sport mentioned as the "sport of kings"—then, if this is good enough for kings, why should it cast an aspersion on Mr. Weston's character? I think that if Mr. Pye (whose wish I see is granted) will read the letter again and look well into it, he will find that it is "writ sarcastic." Mr. Moore, in order to expound his theories, exaggerates somewhat—hence the "mouthful of seed once in three weeks," the "odds bodkins," etc., and Mr. Weston's remarks concerning the latter may, I think, be overlooked, as it is quite probable that Mr. Moore senselessly backed Willonyx, and "had some ale," and was somewhat merry when he wrote his "chortle."

Arcadian.

The W.C.O.S. (Plymouth) Norwich Cup.

Sir,—I had not intended noticing "Disgusted Exhibitor," but I must thank Mr. Pope for his kindly and courteous account of how the error occurred. If "Disgusted Exhibitor" ever has to judge considerably over 400 Yorkshires, Norwich, etc., on such a dull, hazy morning as that which we had on the occasion of the W.C.O.S. show, he will doubtless find at the finish that neither his eye nor his head is quite as clear as when he started the task, and he will not query the fact as to whether given members are eligible to compete for a certain cup or not, but will, as I did, take the official numbers as being correct. Had I been more intent on rules and regulations than upon finding the best bird, the error would not have occurred. No one regrets it more than myself, and I ask those concerned to accept my apology for any inconvenience they may have experienced. To "Disgusted Exhibitor" I would say: "To err is human, to forgive divine." As a judge I strive to do my best, but I am not infallible.

C. A. House.

Sir,—Your correspondent, "Disgusted Exhibitor," is in error in saying, as he does, in last week's issue of Cage Birds, that the conditions of W.C.O.S. Cups were different when a flighted bird was awarded the honour at another show than this year's exhibition. The show to which I referred was in 1909, when a Yorkshire, subsequently disqualified by the committee, won the Challenge Cup. The conditions then for Canaries were the same as now; it is only the Mule classes that have since been altered. As I said in my previous letter, Mr. House was not then the judge in question, and no notice outside the society was taken of it. It was understood then as a slight slip on the part of the judge, and as the same gentleman has officiated at W.C.O.S. shows since, it is quite certain that his reputation has not suffered. Now, sir, what I should like to know from "Disgusted Exhibitor" is, Why all this pother? Is there animosity underlying the apparent aim of his letters? I may say that the W.C.O.S. judges are elected by the whole of the members by ballot, and all those who disapprove can signify the same at the election, which is much better than writing to the public press about a purely society matter.

Thos. Pope, Hon. Sec., W.C.O.S.

[This correspondence is now closed.—Editor.]

A Reader and His Birdie Pets.

Sir,—I have green and yellow Budgerigars which I hope will pair up and breed next season. Another friend of mine is a Bishop, who, when I first had him, was a very sober little brown bird; but a few weeks ago he put on an orange scarlet collar and tail. He still had a little brown back and stomach; now, however, it has changed to jet black. So in his coat of scarlet and black he looks a fine fellow. The next is a Redwing who, now the weather is cold, is at his best. He is with other but much smaller birds in a garden aviary, yet he does not harm them at all. The next are the delightful Weavers, who are ever amusing at their nest weaving; and their quarrels over the building sites are very funny. Another species are the charming little Black-headed Nuns, who are ever on the move in an aviary. I wish Cage Birds every success.

Frederick Hobart.

Is it Cruel to Keep Birds in Cages?

Sir,—I thought the following would interest some of your readers:—While working in my shop I noticed two gentlemen whom I knew to be lovers of the Blackbird; and their birds, I knew, were very old. I inquired how their pets were getting on. One said that his bird was dead, being seventeen years old when it died. The other told me his bird was still alive—fifteen years old—and a wild-caught bird. I might add that the one that died sang almost to the very last. Now, was it cruel to keep these birds in cages?

A. T. Suthren.

Sir,—After reading week by week in Cage Birds re the alleged cruelty to birds confined in cages, I think an experience I have recently undergone should be interesting. I may say I am a breeder of Yorkshires, but know practically nothing of wild birds, not knowing a good bird from a bad one, which makes my experience the more surprising to me. In December last, on going to work, I found a hen Greenfinch badly damaged and soaking wet. I kept it, and in the evening took it home. I placed it in a large flight with about a dozen hen Canaries. The following Saturday two of us made up our minds to try to lime a few Goldfinches, but were only successful in catching a cock and a hen Greenfinch. The hen we set free at once, but the cock, which was in splendid colour, I took home with the idea of placing with the hen Greenie. The hen Greenie I separated from the Canaries, and placed her in a single breeding cage, putting the cock with her. They agreed splendidly, and I kept them a month, within a day or two. A cousin of mine took a great fancy to them, and as I had plenty of birds I gave them to him, and very proud of them he was. I had an interesting conversation with a clergyman and his wife a day or two following; and they came to see my birds. The lady at the present time is local hon. sec. of the R.S.P.C.A. in this district. I asked them if they thought the birds appeared happy, and explained to them that to reproduce after their kind the birds must be in the pink of condition; and their environment must be perfect, or else they would not see the Canaries feeding their young. The lady remained silent, but the gentleman seemed puzzled. "You see, Ellery," he said, "I have nothing to say about keeping Canaries in cages; they are thoroughly domesticated. Generation after generation they have been bred in confinement, and they have adapted themselves to the new conditions of life. It is wild birds I complain of." And very fond of wild birds as he is, and I thought what a sensible answer I got. Alas! how mistaken we get! About a fortnight afterwards my cousin purchased a hen Canary with the idea of doing a bit of hybrid breeding, but he had the misfortune of losing his hen Canary—it got out of the cage, flew away, and he has never seen it since. Then something suggested he should let the Greenfinches fly. They flew away, but in the evening came back again. Then he made a practice of letting the cage hang outside the door with cage door open; and the birds came and went as they felt inclined. Sometimes they stop away all night, but they are always back in the morning.

Edmund Ellery.

My Mules advertised in "C.B." of Nov. 11 were sold long before I had my copy of "Cage Birds." I must say that the replies (I had over 40 letters and 9 telegrams), were quite a nuisance; which speaks volumes as to the value of "Cage Birds" as an advertising medium. I wish "Cage Birds" the success it deserves.—H. S. Davies (Llandilo).

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A New Cage Bird Club Formed for Irvine and District.

Sir,—At a meeting of cage bird fanciers held in the Masonic Hall, Irvine, on Nov. 8, attended by a large number of district fanciers, a cage bird club was formed. It was also agreed to hold an open show on Jan. 6, 1912. Mr. W. S. Clark was appointed President; H. B. Young, secretary; Mr. T. Kidd, treasurer; also a full committee. Next meeting will be held in the Masonic Hall, Bank Street, Irvine, on Nov. 18, at eight o'clock, to enrol members and make arrangements for open show. It was also agreed to advertise our show in CAGE BIRDS. H. B. YOUNG, hon. sec.

55, West Road, Irvine.

An Appeal from Market Weighton.

Sir,—Our eleventh annual show is fixed for Thursday, Dec. 28, and I write to ask if you will help us by an appeal in your valuable paper re guaranteeing a class or two for cage birds. We have open classes for all other sections, and have a good members' cage bird section, but no open ones. If we could get a guarantee for a class or two we would pay 8s., 4s., 2s., and 1s., for 1s. entry fee, and we have always paid prize-money in full and within three days for all other open sections. I should like to see the cage birds open as well as the other sections, but we do not want a big classification. They would be in a warm room and well looked after, and the show is a £5 limit.

D. CONSETT, sec.

Northgate, Market Weighton, Yorks.

Canary Farming in the Open Air.

Sir,—In reading your paper, CAGE BIRDS, I saw the account of keeping Canaries in the open. I thought perhaps it might interest your readers to know that I have kept Canaries in the open garden, summer and winter, for the last ten years, never in any cages, and they pair and nest and rear their little ones by building their nests in the bushes. They are quite like the wild birds in their habits. The coldest day in winter they stand upon the snow and sing right merrily. I never lose any. They are always healthy and strong, and their plumage is beautiful, and I only have to feed them once a day, even when they have little ones. I have a small house one end 6ft. by 4ft. by 10ft. high, and the run or flight, made of fine wire, is 18ft. by 10ft. by 7ft. high. I have Yorkshires, Norwich, and Crests. I reduce my birds to six or seven pairs each spring.

KITTIE CLAY.

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R. G. LEIGH.

Does the L. and P.O.S. Need Rousing?

Sir,—In answer to "Member," I am one who has the welfare of the L. and P.O.S. keenly at heart, and one who wants to see more members attend the meetings and more exhibits at the shows—in a word, more life and energy in the whole affair. I know also that the above question was broached last year at the Young Bird Show, held at the Raglan, and this year at the meeting ("Questions and Answers"), held at the Mission Hall, June 15, where it was asked, "What could be done to make the L. and P.O.S. a success?" To my idea the answer is that the programme of events for the year be carried out as arranged at the general meeting, and not one thing be replaced by another—additions are wanted, not substitutes.

INTERESTED.

The Norwich Plainhead Club Classification.

Sir,—I should like to point out to members and others that the Norwich classes have been altered to meet our requirements at Great Harwood and Derby shows, and that great care must be exercised in making entries; otherwise mistakes may be made and entries made in the wrong classes. It would be as well, after putting the class number on entry form, if exhibitors would write the description of the bird; that is, whether clear or marked, and so on. Then the secretary will know whether such bird is entered in the right class or not. May I appeal to members to support these shows as liberally as possible, as they are our two last shows for this season, and the committee would very much like to see all the classes well filled. Will natural colour exhibitors kindly note especially that there are two classes at each show and make an effort to send an entry or two along so that they will repay the societies who put them on?

JNO. HOPKINS.

Hon. Sec., N.P.C.

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Our Bond of Good-fellowship. How it is being Promoted. A Humanitarian Poet!

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An Important Step Forward.

I am pleased to be enabled to announce a further list of shows at which members of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE will be admitted at a less charge than is made to the general public. It is gratifying indeed to find so many committees agreeing with the suggestion made. It places beyond doubt the fact that in CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE there exists a feeling of good-fellowship all round, and I hope that all members of the LEAGUE in the towns mentioned will make a point of supporting by their presence the shows that have extended this concession. The badge will be an introduction from one member to another, and mutual benefit cannot fail to result from an interchange of courtesies between fanciers who would otherwise remain strangers to each other. The defence of our hobby, important though it be, is not the only object for which we exist. One of our main objects is the promotion of a bond of good-fellowship and union between bird-keepers all over the world, and a very important step in this direction has now been taken. I have no doubt that next week I shall be in a position to add materially to the list which now stands as under.

Preferential Tariffs.

At the shows at which the ordinary charge is one shilling LEAGUE members will be admitted for ninepence; if the usual admission is fixed at sixpence, only fourpence will be charged to LEAGUE members; and if fourpence be the charge LEAGUE members will get in for threepence. It is especially pleasing that not only have so many societies responded in this generous manner, but the letters of the secretaries have in every case expressed appreciation of the LEAGUE and its work, and best wishes for its continued success. The shows are as follows:—

Nov. 18—King's Lynn.
Woodside (Aberdeen), Burgh Hall.
Enfield, Drill Hall.
Kilmarnock, Art Gallery Halls.
Tideswell, Bagshaw Hall.
Glasgow West End, Co-operative Hall
St. George's Cross.
Nov. 22-23—Deal and Walmer.
Nov. 23—Ludlow, Town Hall.
Sheerness, Bethell Hall, Hope Street.
Nov. 24-25—Wigan.
Holywood (Co. Down), Town Hall.
Nov. 25—Cramlington.
Brandon Colliery, Temperance Hall.
Brighouse.
Lochore and Glencraig.
Liverpool B.B. Association.
Nov. 28—Brackley, Town Hall.
Nov. 28-29—Gravesend, Cricket Ground, Wrotham Road.
Nov. 29—Reading, Palmer Hall, West Street.
Sittingbourne, George Hotel, High Street.
Dec. 1-2—Halifax.
Dec. 2—Blairgowrie, Public Hall.
Dec. 2-4—Derby, St. James's Hall, St. James's Street.

More Hon. Secs.

This week I have again to announce additions to our list of Honorary Secretaries. These are as follows:—

Swanley, Kent; Mr. W. Colyer, 2, Station Road.

Alnwick; Mr. R. Forster, 36, Bondgate Without.

Poetical Humanitarians.

"The Humanitarian," in its issue for the current month makes a poetic reference to CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE, and a member has sent me in reply a poem in similar phraseology, but putting the matter from the opposite point of view. This also is reproduced below, as showing that in the matter of caged birds there are, as in most cases, two sides to the question. If the Editor of "The Humanitarian" would like some authentic instances in support of the quotation which he makes from my own article these will be forthcoming in any number. Apropos, I have at present a Starling which we can allow to go loose, and which will return to his cage directly it is put where he can see it. This particular bird was at one time rescued from the jaws of a cat, and can only imperfectly fly. He recognises his cage as a refuge against the occurrence of a similar attack, but I have had scores of birds possessed of their full capacities of flight, and who were equally glad to get back to the cage after a spell of liberty.

Cage Birds League and the Muse.

"Stone walls do not a prison make,
Nor iron bars a cage."—Colonel Lovelace.

"It is a fact that the British bird, kept with proper attention in a cage or aviary, will prefer confinement to liberty; or, as it may be better put, will prefer the protection and care of its owner to the tender mercies of Nature."—(Mr. Henry J. Fulljames, Secretary of the Cage Birds League.)

Ye silly birds, that still delight
To flit from tree to tree,
What gain ye by your restless flight?
How helps it to be free?
Hear ye the friendly fancier speak
Your madness to assuage:
Come, fold those weary wings and seek
True comfort in a cage!

A cage, it is the cosiest home—
Not built so broad and high
As that inhospitable dome,
The blue and boundless sky;
Here shall ye find content indeed,
Secure from wind and weather,
With naught to do but chirp and feed,
And preen each idle feather.

Then, if some faddist fool design
To raise unseemly strife,
By prating of the joys divine
Of Nature's open life,
With ruffled plume and swelling throat
Reprove such base intrigue,
And twitter on your topmost note—
"Long live the CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE!"

LOVELACE, JUN.

Ye silly men who still delight
To prate of wild birds free,
What gain ye by your restless flight
Of imbecility?
Hear ye the friendly fancier speak
Your madness to assuage:
Come, let us try the truth to seek,
To stultify your rage.

The cage, it is a kindlier place
Than ruthless Nature's field,
Where cold and hunger birds must face
When earth no fare doth yield.
The captives' lives are not at stake,
And thus I'll still engage:—
"Stone walls do not a prison make,
Nor iron bars a cage."

So, if ye still think us unkind
To take the birds for good,
And cage them snugly, and then find
For them their wonted food—
Then sure are ye devoid of sense,
Or fond of base intrigue;
But know ye this:—The birds' defence
Inspires the CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE!

W. A. D.

Posters for the Shows.

In response to the suggestions of several members, neat posters have been prepared conveying an invitation to visitors to shows to join CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE and assist to protect our hobby. Many Secretaries have already expressed their wish to have these posters for display at their exhibitions, and I shall be glad to forward copies to any applying for them. I hope, therefore, that all Secretaries will take advantage of the offer now made, and apply for the Posters forthwith.

Handbills for the Shows.

Many applications have been received from Hon. Secs. of Societies for a supply of our handbills for distribution, and parcels have been despatched to all applicants. A number will be sent gratis and post free to the Secretary of any forthcoming show who may write me for them, stating the number he will require. The name of the society will in each case be printed at the foot of the handbills sent. A copy of the bill was printed in our issue of November 4.

OUR LEAGUE SEALS.

These pretty seals are printed in gold and colours in exact fascimile of our Badges, and are an ornament to envelopes, notepaper, postcards, billheads, etc. All members should use them; price eightpence per hundred, post free. Smaller quantities at the hundred rate, but with one penny extra for postage.

For particulars of our badges, and free booklets, and for terms of membership, etc., see Nov. 11th issue (p. 349).

HENRY J. FULLJAMES,
Secretary CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE.
154, FLEET STREET, LONDON, E.C.

ENTRIES OVER 100 UP AT WIMBLEDON.

Another fine Exhibition in the Metropolis on November 14 and 15.

Once more the members of the Wimbledon and Dis. C.B.S. have brought off a most successful show. The entries this year totalled nearly 800, about 120 more than last year. The exhibiting public have now such confidence in Secretary H. Smith, and his committee that there is no lack of support. The only question that should at all worry them is space to stage the birds, for although the hall is a fine one and could safely stage a thousand exhibits, the venture is so popular with the London Fanciers that at times the crush is pretty severe, but everything went off gaily, and everybody was delighted with the fine exhibition. In Mr. H. Smith the Society have secured an ideal secretary. He is painstaking and careful, and particularly keen about the exhibits entrusted to his care. He has in Mr. W. H. Stoakley (chairman) a really good assistant, who on the show day surpassed himself in the amount of work he managed to get through. Their joint efforts were particularly noticeable in the smart way in which the catalogues were on hand. In the clerical part of the show work Mr. Smith was greatly assisted by his son, who worked hard. The committee, Messrs. Carson, Dell, Dixon, Dyke, Found, Griffiths, Owen, Rorke and Whittome are all well-known fanciers, and we particularly noticed Mr. and Mrs. Owen and Son, Mr. and Mrs. Griffiths, and Messrs. Day, Wright, Randall, and Veen, who all did yeoman service. The genial President was much in evidence, and was all smiles at the opening ceremony. This was performed by the Mayor and Mayoress of Wimbledon, who showed unusual interest in the exhibits, the Mayoress being particularly taken with the Rollers. Coming to the birds, numbers were pretty equally divided between the Yorks and Nor. As a rule the slim ones predominate, but this year the chubby ones were well in evidence, and the S.P. cup competition brought out some of the best birds in the South, and a few from the Midlands. This show always manages a good turn out of Yorks., and this year the quality was well up to the average. The Unflighted (novice) class was a stormer for numbers and quality; it contained quite two-thirds Yellow birds, and all typical, and difficult to separate. The two classes for Borders filled very well, and the birds were well up in type, and that lovely quality of feather so conspicuous with this variety. The novice section in both Nor. and Yorks. filled well. The judges were: Messrs. H. Knight, Yorks.; J. Robson, Nor.; and other open classes; H. Norman, members'.

Mr. Knight's Classes.

YORKS. YELL. CK. (15): 1, Easterling and Carson, fine length and style, nice clean run to a good tail, grand head and shoulders; 2, 3, 4, Hawes Bros., 2nd shade longer in body, but hardly so clean, good shoulders, neat wings; 3, similar bird to winner, hardly so hot in col., very racy; 4, grand size and type, very straight; vhc, Owen; hc, Mock; c, Mabey. BUFF CK. (15): 1, vhc, c, Hawes, bonny size, very straight, grand length of wing, neat tail, in fine trim; 2, Ayres, paler col., grand length, nice clean run to a good tail, well braced wings; 3, Easterling and Carson, smart bird, hardly the length of winners, nice head and shoulders, lovely quality; 4, Mock, slim built spec., of good length, beautifully rounded; hc, Easterling and Carson. VAR. CK. (10): 1, Mabey, grand three-pointed bird, A1 shape, neat head, well filled neck and shoulders, perfect wings; 2, Hawes, wing and eyes mkd., neat spec., well up on leg, capital shoulders, well filled back; 3, Denton, slim built, smart bird, very straight, nicely rounded, good position; 4, Foxen, very lengthy spec., nice clean cut, neat head; vhc, Easterling and Carson; hc, Rorke; c, Mrs. Owen. YELL. HEN (10): 1, Foxen, lovely spec., quite Yorkie type, a perfect head on good shoulders, nice clean run; 2, 4, Hawes, 2nd fine, upright bird of rare length, grand shoulders, good legs, 4th smart, lovely shape and quality, good run to a neat tail; 3, Brooks, very neat, typical spec., lovely head, good wings, in fine form; vhc, Easterling and Carson; hc, Ayres; c, Mock. BUFF (10): 1, Easterling and Carson, fine long spec., neat head, rare length of wing, grand quality; 2, vhc, Hawes, a lovely spec., wonderful length for a lady, perfect feather, stands well; 3, Easterling and Carson, another equally good one, wee shade stouter, grand quality; 4, Penton, very typical, neat head, nice bit of shoulder; hc, Rorke; c, Owen. VAR. HEN (15): 1, 3, Hawes, 1st fine length, good head, grand position, 3rd very hot col. for a lady, nice shape and quality; 2, Mason, lovely specimen, cinn. var. bird, of perfect feather, very typical, might have changed places; 4, Mahey, another warm one, neat shape; vhc, Mrs. Owen; hc, Rorke; c, Denton. UNFLIG. (8): 1, Green, good spec. for length and shape, beautifully drawn, lovely head, hot col., good quality; 2, Pilcher, nearly as long, very smart bird, nice clean run, good bit of shoulder; 3, vhc, Easterling and Carson, good position, nice head, capital wings; 4, Smith, smart, slim built bird of good quality; hc, Hawes Bros.; c, Owen. NOVICE YELL. CK. (20): 1, Hall, grand hot col. spec., very typical, good head, on capital shoulders, well up on leg, hot col.; 2, Fulford, lovely quality, beautiful contour, neat head, nicely braced wings; 3, Pennell, very smart, slim built spec., lovely quality; 4, Olding, good back and wings, neat head; vhc, Skinner; hc, Rogers; c, Stopher. BUFF CK. (15): 1, Olding, long raking bird, good length of wing, nice head, good shoulders, in perfect condition; 2, Dicker, quite as long, slim, build, good position, hardly so good in wings; 3, Yeoman, smart bird of nice quality, A1 wings and tail, boxey feather; 4, Tebbs, perfect position, lovely shoulders, good head; vhc, Beresford; hc, Harwood; c, Hall. VAR. (11): 1, c, Phipps and Co., neck mkd. bird of good stamp, very slim, nicely cut, neat head, A1 condition; 2, Bennett, another long one, very close up, good head and shoulders, lovely quality; 3, Skinner, neat head, good shoulders, nicely rounded, capital wings and tail; 4, Tebbs, heavily mkd. bird of grand size and length, very straight; vhc, Heath; hc, Bousfield. HEN (14): 1, Fulford, very neat spec., slimly built, quite typical, grand quality, neat wings; 2, Rogers, another neat one, hardly so fine in feather, good head and shoulders; 3, Tebbs, smart, hot col. bird, very typical, good head, nicely rounded, close up; 4, Pears, wing and head mkd., very shapely, good shoulders; vhc, Stoakley; hc, Styles; c, Heath. BUFF (12): 1, 4, Stoakley, 1st fine big bird of grand length, capital back, neat wings and tail, stands well, 4th good head, fine feather; 2, Tebbs, another big one of fine length, nicely rounded, good quality; 3, Skinner, very smart, neat bird, perfect type and feather; vhc, Bousfield; hc, Cundy; c, Stow. UNFLIG. (31): 1, Bennett, grand bird for length and quality, well up on leg, very straight back, neat head; 2, Hutton, equally good, very typical, lovely col. and quality; 3, Tebbs, fine, bold bird, rare length, a grand three-pointed buff, A1 condition; ex. 3, Reynolds, another smart yell., well up on leg, grand back and wings, neat tail; ex. 3, Pears, still another good yell., grand type; 4, Skinner; vhc, Bousfield; hc, Barber; c, Goldsmith.

Mr. Robson's Classes.

NOR., YELL. (10): 1, Irons, bonny bird of wonderful substance, very full in head and neck, good front, moves well, grand feather A1 col.; 2, hc, Gill and Pethick, another good one, pressing hard, grand shape, good full front, hot col., good wings; 3, 4, Baker, 3rd, smart typical spec., sweet head, nice short neck, good front and wings, 4th, bonny bird of fine substance, quite as good on points; vhc, Collings; c, Richardson. BUFF (13): 1, Collings, real topper, beautifully filled all through, grand front and back, good wings, hot col., full of quality; 2, Irons, another beauty, perfect type, lovely head, neck and shoulders, beaten only in col.; 3, 4, Gill and Pethick, 3rd, bouny spec., good Nor. type, capital head, lovely quality, 4th, big, bold bird, must have pressed, grand bead and neck; vhc, Ellis; hc, c, Baker. UNEVEN YELL. (6): 1, Irons, very typical, perfect head and front, good back, neat wings and tail; 2, hc, Baker, bonny, dark wings and tail, very shapely, lovely head and neck, full of quality; 3, Ellis, heavily marked head and neck, chubby build, in fine trim; 4, Gill and Pethick, a stormer for size and shape, grand full head, must have pressed; vhc, Cutler. BUFF (5): 1, Baker, grand spec., lovely quality, often described, looking bonny; 2, Collings, thick set, wing and head mkd., bird of good size, well filled back; 3, Gill and Pethick, hot col., tkd. bird, rare stamp, capital shoulders, neat head, stands well; 4, Bunning, cap marked bird, lovely type, good head and neck, grand front; vhc, Ellis. HENS (13): 1, Godfrey, a beauty for type and quality, wonderful body, good neck and head, capital col.; 2, Baker, lovely quality bird, of good size, capital head and neck, well filled back; 3, Collings, one of the best hens out, with quite a cocklike head on a wonderful body, looking a wee bit seedy; 4, Ellis, bird of wonderful quality, grand shape, neat, well filled head, good wings; vhc, hc, Gill and Pethick. UNFLIG., YELL. (13): 1, 3, Richardson, 1st, good head, nice front, stands well, sound in col., good wings, 3rd, wee shade longer in body, but grand head, nice full neck, sound col. and quality; 2, Godfrey, bonny, thickset bird, lovely head and neck, nice width of shoulders, hot col.; 4, Gill and Pethick, chubby spec., nice head, good front; vhc, Collings; hc, Baker; c, Mortar. BUFF (12): 1, Saunders, thickset bird, very short in body, beautifully rounded, capital grizzled head, on a good neck, grand quality; 2, Irons, good one, hardly so short in body, grand head, nice chesty spec.; 3, Collings, shoulder, patched bird, fine size, lovely head, A1 quality; 4, Baker, Clapham winner, hit out of sorts; vhc, Gill and Pethick; hc, Ellis; c, Godfrey. CREST: 1, Coath, cl. body dark, fine size, nice size crest, good droop, capital centre, grand quality feather; 2, Day, wing mkd. dark, rare size, good shape, neat crest, very dense, good centre; 3, Slade, varieg., neat crest, capital droop, coming well over beak; 4, Mrs. Thyune, big crest, nice shape, good droop; vhc, Hayden. C.B. (18): 1, Hayden, bonny cl., of grand quality, good skull, well lashed, full of feather; 2, 3, Slade, fine bold green, well domed head, capital lash, fine body, rare size; 3rd, another big one, good skull, plenty of feather; 4, Mrs. Thynne, neck mkd. bird, lovely quality, good head; hc, Mrs. Griffiths; c Campbell. BORD. CK. (17): 1, Sampson, bonny bird of good position, very shapely, good mover, neat head, capital wings and tail; 2, Dodge, good bold buff, capital shape, nicely rounded, good head and wings; 3, Mrs. Thynne, neat type, stands and moves well, sweet head, grand wings; 4, Ellwood, nice quality bird, good shape; vhc, Mrs. McGregor; hc, Hay; c, Edwards. HEN (14): 1, Mrs. Thynne, neat bird, stands well, capital head, nicely rounded, tips wings at times; 2, Plant, lovely quality, free mover, grand head, beautifully rounded; 3, Sampson, smart yell., very shapely, lovely head and back, grand wings, neat tail, we liked immensely; 4, Owen, wing and eyes mkd. buff of good quality, capital wings; vhc, Joyce; hc, McGuffie; c, Edwards. NOVICE NOR. YELL. CK. (8): 1, Davies, grand full bodied bird of good shape, very hot col., good head and wings; 2, Brookes, good one, tight in feather, neat head and neck, good front, capital wings and tail; 3, Tyrrell, good headed bird, full neck, nice front; 4, Campbell, good quality, nice size, capital body; vhc, Hart; hc, Little; c, Sadler. BUFF (9): 1, Wickham, chesty, typical specimen, lovely head and neck, grand shoulders, good wings, A1 quality; 2, Davies, another similar bird, very neat head, nice back, lovely quality feather; 3, Little, big bold bird, capital type, grand col. and quality, must have pressed; 4, Medley, good body bird, good wings, grand col. and quality; vhc, Rogers; hc, Hart; c, Cole. VARIEG. CK. (9): 1, Wade, nice heavily mkd. specimen, grand quality feather, good head and back, very neat tail; 2, Crawford, neck and wing mkd., nicely rounded, good head, grand col.; 3, Cheal, good green; very typical, capital head; 4, Tyrrell, bonny bird, real good head, nice neck and shoulders, chesty; vhc, Thomas; hc, Cole; c, Parks. YELL. HEN (8): 1, 4, Brookes, 1st bonny thick-set specimen, stands well, neat head, good bold front, capital wings; 4th, paler in col., but good, capital shoulders; 2, Hart, beaten in size, but not in quality, very shapely, sweet head; 3, Thomas, another good one of grand quality, well rounded, good head and neck; vhc, Little; hc, Mealey. BUFF (15): 1, 4, Brookes, 1st big bird, grand body, good head, nice wedge shape with good wings, A1 quality, quickly claimed; 4th, eye tkd. bird of good size, capital quality; 2, Wade, not so large, but good in quality, capital head; 3, Campbell, real good one, very short, good head on a thick neck, short in wings and legs; vhc, Hart; hc, Crawford; c, Gollan. UNFLIG. (20): 1, 3, Tyrrell, 1st neat type, good quality, capital col., good wings; 3rd, thick-set, chubby buff, lovely head, grand back; 2, Wickham, real good one, fine size and type, well filled head and body, grand col. and quality; 4, Brookes, chubby specimen, mkd. eyes and wings, good head and back; vhc, Medley; hc, Crawford; c, Little. CREST (11): 1, 2, Pickard, grand grizzle crest, lovely size and shape, good droop, former a capital centre; 2nd, wing mkd. dark of good size, nicely veined, capital shape, A1 frontal; 3, Shepherd, another grizzle of good size, good shape and centre; 4, Hayden, neat headpiece, good front, nicely veined; vhc, hc, c, Campbell. C.B. (10): 1, vhc, Pickard, green, grand size, bold head, nicely domed, well lashed, grand quality; 2, Shepherd, another green of rare size, splendidly lashed, nice breadth of feather; 3, Hayden, wing and head mkd., beautifully domed head, fine size, grand quality; 4, Matthews, rare size, lovely head, capital entrance; hc, Mrs. Griffiths; c, Campbell. BORD. (12): 1, Burton Bros., wing and head mkd., lovely type, capital head, nicely rounded body, very neat in wings and tail; 2, Miss Mead, a lovely clear, grand shape, very compactly feathered, neat head, good wings; 3, Ellwood, very nice green, lovely type, good sound col., in fine feather; 4, Lathbury, wing mkd., very shapely; vhc, Gamble; hc, Plant; c, Toms. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (15): 1, Hurst, a real good one, fine size, beautifully tanned, wonderful blaze, very square and clean cut, grand col., in the pink of condition; 2, Prior, hardly the expanse of blaze nor the depth of col., but a good one, capital col.; 3, Herbert, very close up, good square blaze, nice dense black, good wings; 4, Wickham, another beauty, A1 col, nice full blaze; vhc, Henderson; hc, Anison; c, Francis. BULLFINCH (12): 1, 2, Burr, 1st real Bullie, lovely type, grand head on a nice full neck, well in shoulders, capital breast col.; 2nd, another, close up, very little between them, grand type; 3, vhc, Hinds, good shape, nice bright col., hardly so good in cap and polish; 4, Wood, shade paler, lovely shape, fine feather; hc, Francis; c, Mrs. Horten. SISKIN (11): 1, Burr, bonny bird, shapely A1 col., nice cap, beautifully pencilled, lovely quality; 2, 3, Marley, 2nd, Twite, very sound in col., beautifully laced throughout, good size and shape; 3, Redpoll, nice size, of good col., neat bib, nicely marked; 4, Vale, another good Siskin, very dense in black; vhc, hc, Francis; c, Hurst. LINNET (7): 1, 2, Hurst, 1st, bonny bird of rare size, lovely shape, capital col., beautifully pencilled throughout, wins; 2nd, Twite, as good on points, beautifully laced, but beaten in depth of col.; 3, Marley, smart bird of lovely quality, good size and shape, nice full head and neck; 4, Francis, good one, nice condition; vhc, Vale; hc, Prior; c, Blackett; GREENFINCH (12): 1, Hurst, bold bird, capital size and shape, good sound col., lovely quality; 2, Tutty, wonderful size, good shape, not quite the quality of winner; 3, Marley, neat, shapely specimen, nice full head, good wings, A1 quality and col.; 4, Gerry, another good one, close up, must have pressed; vhc, Francis; hc, Burr; c, Cadman Bros. CHAFFIE, ETC. (9): 1, 4, Marley, lovely Chaffinch, capital shape, good cap and breast, A1 wings, rare size, in tip top condition; 4th, fine Bramble, grand size, lovely col.; 2, vhc, hc, Francis, good Bramhle, grand col., nicely spangled, fine wings, in lovely trim, close up; 3, Hurst, another good Chaffinch, A1 cap, good shape and size; c, Cadman Bros. A.O.S. (5): 1, 2, Francis, 1st, bonny Hawfinch, grand size, good bib bold head, sound col. throughout; 2nd, another good one, grand col., neat head, hardly so good in bib, capital wings; 3, Cadman Bros., good Yell. Bunting, nicely spangled, well marked head, good col.; 4, Marley, another good Hawfinch, cobby shape, good neck and back col.; vhc, Hireson. HEN (7): 1, Cadman Bros., good Snow Bunting, fine size and shape, very steady, A1 quality; 2, Marley, big Hawfinch, shapely, good bib, nice quality and col. for a lady; 3, Shipton, very neat Bramhle, grand shape and col., A1 condition; 4, Acland, fine bold Redpoll, grand shape and size; vhc, c, Francis; hc, Thorpe and Clark. A.O.S. (8): 1, Miss Bousfield, very fine Waxwing, good size, nice clean cut bib, grand wings, beautifully marked; 2, 3, Marley, 2nd, fine bold Blackbird, grand size, very dense col., good beak and eye; 3rd, another good Waxwing, nearly up to the winner; 4, Wakefield, smart Tbrush, nicely spotted; vhc, Francis; hc, Ward; c, Walker. RARE FEATHERED (4): 1, Pennell, lovely White Bullie, good shape, sound col. throughout, poorly put down, wins on rarity; 2, Lawley, grand White Blackbird, fine size, grand in col., nice and clean, well shown; 3, Schluter, rather small White Robin, with just a touch of col. on breast; 4, Owen, another Robin, prettily pied, good shape and size. LIGHT HYB. (4): 1, 3, Lamb, 1st four-pointed yell., lovely shape and size, a beauty for col. and quality, well shown; 3rd, four-pointed buff, lovely shape and quality; 2, Smith, lightly marked buff, grand size and shape, put down in tip top form; 4, Price, var. yell., with nice touch of blaze, good size and shape. DARK (6): 1, 2, Lamb, bonny yell., Goldie, rare size and flush of col., shown in A1 condition; 3, Shipton, bold Greenie, nicely proportioned, good head, back and wings, A1 condition; 4, Cadman Bros., topping Siskin, very shapely, nicely marked, good quality; vhc, Tutty, big buff Goldie, nice col. and rare quality, good wings. A.O.V. (4): 1, 2, Lamb, 1st, bold Linnet Bullie, wonderful size, very shapely, nicely marked, with good sound breast col.; 2, Greenfinch-Siskin, capital size and col., well up in markings; 3, Davies, Linnet-Bullie, hardly so big as winner, but grand col. and markings; 4, Mrs. Pearce, Goldie-Linnet, nice size and col., in fine feather. FOR. PARROTS (6): 1, Schluter, very fine Grey, grand size and feather, a beauty; 2, Simmonds, capital Parrakeet, fine feather, A1 col. and quality. A.O.S. FOR. (6): 1, 4, Miss Clare, lovely Indian White-eye, and a good Gouldian, both in perfect feather; 2, Miss Bousfield, another lovely Gouldian, grand col. and condition; 3, Day, fine pair of Weavers; vhc, Wade.

Mr. Norman's Classes.

A bad breeding season naturally influences entries considerably, and the members of this society were unfortunately among those Fanciers who did not experience the best of luck. In spite of this some 200 birds were staged, and if the numbers did not come up to the expectations of the secretary, we can honestly say the merit of the exhibits was quite high-class. In this respect the Norwich have made rapid strides. Mrs. Thynne staged two good ones in the champion classes, the buff securing a coveted special. Mr. Dixon's unflighted buff was runner-up for the Whittome cup, this being secured by a lovely marked Yorks. sent in by a popular lady exhibitor, Mrs. Owen, of Wimbledon Park. Yorks., too, were good. The popular secretary, Mr. H. Smith, did well, and would have done even better if he could have given a bit more time to preparing the birds. The novice section was exceptionally good.

CHAMP. NOR., YELL. CK.: 1, 4, Mrs. Thynne; 2, Dixon; 3, Wheeler; vhc, Smith. BUFF: 1, Mrs. Thynne; 2, Wheeler; 3, Dixon; 4, Day; vhc, Rorke. A.O.V.: 1, Wheeler; 2, Mrs. Thynne; 3, vhc, Dixon; 4, Smith; hc, Rorke. UNFLIG.: 1, 3, Dixon; 2, 4, Mrs. Smith. YORK., YELL.: 1, Whittome; 2, Smith; 3, Mrs. Owen; 4, Wheeler; vhc, Easterling and Carson; hc, Soper; c, Warley. BUFF: 1, Smith; 2, Easterling and Co.; 3, Warley; 4, vhc, Soper; c, Owen. YELL. HEN: 1, Whittome; 2, Easterling and Co.; 3, Smith; 4, Mrs. Whittome; vhc, Wheeler; hc, Soper. BUFF: 1, Smith; 2, Whittome; 3, Mrs. Owen; 4, Easterling and Co.; vhc, Rorke; hc, Wheeler; c, Soper. UNFLIG.: 1, Rorke; 2, Warley; 3, hc, Dicker; 4, Mrs. Whittome; vbc, Mrs. Owen; hc, Dicker; c, Soper. A.O.V.: 1, Mrs. Thynne; 2, Warley; 3, Mrs. Owen. AMAT., YORK.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Mrs. Taylor. NOVICE, NOR. YELL.: 2, Shipton. BUFF: 1, Barker; 3, Harris; 4, Shepton. HEN: 1, Harris; 2, Shipton. UNFLIG.: 1, Harris; 2, 3, vhc, Barker; 4, hc, Shipton; c, Wright. YORKS., YELL.: 1, Truelove; 2, Wright; 3, Becket; 4, Brown; vhc, Tebb; hc, Whiting; c, Stoakley. BUFF: 1, 3, vhc, Stoakley; 2, Liversedge; 4, Brown; c, Ross. HEN, YELL.: 1, Whiting; 2, 4, Stoakley; 3, Truelove. BUFF: 1, Truelove; 2, 4, Stoakley; 3, Brown; vhc, Tebb; hc, Morgan. UNFLIG.: 1, Ross; 2, 4, Whiting; 3, Tebb; 4, Liversedge; vhc, Stoakley; c, Truelove. NON-FED: 1, Coleman. BORD., CK.: 1, vhc, Owen; 2, hc, Lasbury; 3, 4, Plank; c, Mrs. Thynne. HEN: 1, Lathbury; 2, 4, Plank; 3, Mrs. Thynne; vhc, c, Owen. BRIT.: 1, vhc, Tutty; 2, Mrs. Mullis; 3 Warley; 4, c, Shipton. FOR.: 1, 2, 3, Day. ROLLERS, YOUNG BIRDS: 1, Dr. Read; 2, Buffin; 3, Veen; ex-3, Fisher; 4, Ives. OLD BIRDS: 1, 2, Veen; 3, Graves; ex-3, Stolle; 4, Williams.

KIRKCUDBRIGHT.

Ninth annual exhibition and competition of the Kirkcudbright F.A. (open to the counties of Dumfries, Kirkcudbright, and Wigtown) held in Drill Hall, Nov. 4th. The weather was very cold, but dry, and there was a moderate turn-out of visitors. The hall is an ideal place for a cage bird show, being large, well lighted, and free from draughts. The entry was a good one for a local show, though about 100 less than last year; but there were 40 less classes in the schedule than last year, which shows that this Association is held in favour by the Fancy. The reason for making it a confined show was the expenditure incurred last year, resulting in a loss of about £7. The committee feel confident they will be able to wipe out the deficit this year, and hope to make a grand open show another year. The birds were nicely staged at the end of the Hall, furthest from the door, well out of draughts, and on the three tier system; and they received every attention from the stewards in charge, who paid strict attention to duty. The Border Fancies had only two classes allotted them, and this in a district that can boast of 2,000 being kept by fanciers is surely a sad mistake. We would recommend the committee to provide a little larger classification another year, when we feel confident they would receive liberal support, if the show were properly advertised. The quality of the birds was grand. Mr. H. Rae, the genial deputy chairman, and his committee of management were all that could be desired, and did everything in their power for both exhibitors and exhibit. The committee on the birds were Messrs. James and John Andrew, J. Flannigan and W. Hannah. Mr. J. G. Penny, the secretary and treasurer had everything in apple pie order, and admirably carried out the duties of his office. The judge, Mr. F. McCreadie (Dumfries) gave general satisfaction.

The Critique.

SCOT. F.: (5) 1 and 2 spls., 3 and 4, Edgar, 1, buff-marked, grand size, rare thickness through, easy action; 3, buff marked, grand style, not finished moult yet; 2, Welsh, buff marked, last year's winner often described but not ready for the show bench yet. HEN: (4): 1, 2, and 3, Edgar, nice team for style and for action; 4, Welsh. BORD. F.; (6), 1, and 4, Welsh, yellow tick, rare lustre and style, full of quality, an easy win; 2, Geddes, clear buff, fine type and carriage; 3, Rome, yellow tkd. jaunty, rich level col. some thought could have gone up one. HEN: (6), 1, buff uneven marked, 2nd at City of Glasgow, short wings, neat tail, well moulded; 2, 3, and 4, Welsh, good team for type and quality of feather, well finished. CREST OR C.B.: (5): 1, Johnston and Son, buff D.C., rare size and shape, fine feather; 2, and 3, Skilling, buff D.C., grand shape, col. and quality, latter a bit unsteady; 4, Mc Ginn. NOR.: (7) 1, spl. and 2, Devoy, cl. buffs, very fine, good shape, rich pure col., nice close silky feathers, last year's Glasgow winner; 2, shapely, excellent col., not quite so sound in throat and breast; 3, and 4, Rome, fine feather, excellent col. HEN: (6) 1, and 2, Devoy, cl. buff, very cobby, nice head, neck and wing lovely feather; 2, yellow marked, fine shape, medium size, lovely head, neck and wing, grand feather; 3, Andrew, clean buff, nice quality; 4, Rome. DARK MULE OR HYB.: (4) 1, 3, and 4, Heron, Goldie Bullie, rare size and shape, well pencilled, might be a trifle warmer in col.; 3, Rome, Goldie Cin., rare size and shape, lovely feather and condition. Hard lines in a class of this kind. GOLDFINCH, BRIT.: (a rare class of (15): 1, spl, 2, and 4, McNaughton, splendid blaze, good yellow tanning and buttons, 2, much the same stamp, nice one; 3, Welsh, fine blaze, and tanning, very steady will improve. GOLDFINCH FOR.: (3) 1, Heron, large, good blaze and body colour, nice bars and moons, in excellent condition; 2, Mc Kinnel and Son, blaze scarcely so rich in col., fine feather and condition; 3, Devoy, promising Finch, scarcely at its best yet. SISKIN, ETC.: (7) 1, Rome, Greenfinch, fine size, shape and col, in grand feather; 2, 3, and 4, Welsh, Siskin, Greenie and Mealy Redpoll, three good exhibits well to the front for col. and markings. BULLFINCH (5) 1, Welsh, grand shape and substance, rare cap and bars, lovely feathers, glorious breast col.; 2, Mc Naught, good cap and bars,; 3, Mc Kinnel and Son, not at its best yet; 4, Kelly. BRIT. A.O.S. SMALL: R. Hylop, Thrush in grand condition, very steady. FOR. SMALL (3): 1, and 2, McKinnel and Son; 3, Flannigan. LARGE: (3) 1, Haugh; 2, Mc Kinnel and Son; 3, Miss Haugh.

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HALTWHISTLE.

Haltwhistle and Dis. C.B.S. first annual show held Nov. 10th, in the New Mechanics' Hall. Entries came up very well, totalling 300. Border Fancies, Mules, and British were a feature in themselves. The Norwich section was rather disappointing in numbers, but what were present were of very good quality. The New Mechanics' Hall is an ideal place for an exhibition of this kind, being centrally situated, well lighted and ventilated, and possessing plenty of room. The committee have all worked exceedingly hard, and got some splendid specials together, and everything points to a bigger success next year. The Judge was Mr. J. Dixon (Wigton), whose awards seemed to give every satisfaction. Mr. J. Nicholson, the sec., had an arduous task; he was very painstaking and obliging, and was backed by a lot of working committeemen consisting of Messrs. Pape (chairman), Bowerbank, Yeoman, Makepeace, J. Pape, Dodd, Leighton, Spark, W. Spark, Carruthers, Armstrong, Slater, Moscrop, Hyslop, Topping, and Benson. Everything was in order, and judging commenced at ten sharp. The members proved themselves genuine enthusiasts by the number of entries they made. Specials:—Most points in show: 1st, Holden; 2nd, Ellwood. Most points Borders: 1st, J. Nicholson; 2nd, A. Gilchrist; B.F.C.C. medal, Gilchrist; runner up, J. Nicholson; Norwich most points: 1st, Holden; 2nd, Cowling; British and Mules: 1st, Bowerbank and Yeoman; 2nd, Tomlinson; member winning most prize money, J. Nicholson. Local class specials: 1st, J. Nicholson; 2nd, J. and R. Moscrop; 3rd, Bowerbank and Yeoman; 4th, J. Dodd; 5th, T. Slater.

The Critique.

BORD. FCY., YELL., CK. (13): A strong class, containing some well staged birds: 1, Elwood, grand bird, wins well on col.; 2, Nicholson, a beauty, close in with winner; 3, 4, Armstrong, 3rd another sweetly moulded gem, 4th another good one; 5, J. H. Pearson; 6, Gilchrist; 7, Ross. YELL. HEN (9): 1, Gray and Gillholme, very nice tkd. one; 2, Armstrong, very close feathered, good type; 3, Ellwood, looked a bit soft, nice bird; 4, Nicholson, good one, nice jaunty carriage; 5, Walker; 6, Gilchrist; 7, Graham; very little between first three. BUFF CK. (11): Very strong class: 1, Higgins, very smart bird, well staged; 2, Nicholson, model for shape; 3, Gray and Gillhome, another good one, tkd. on head; 4, Graham, nice bird, close up, a beauty; 5, Ellwood; 6 Smith; 7, Peel. HEN (10): 1, Nicholson, lovely bird, exceptionally good throughout, wins easily; 2, Smith, another typical bird, good quality; 3, Gilchrist, fine wings and tail; 4, Pearson (J.H.), nice bird, well staged; 5, Ellwood; 6, Ross; 7, W. Pape. UNEVEN YELL. (11): Grand display of marks: 1, 6, Thompson, 1st a topper in the pink of condition, grand col., good markings; 2, J. H. Pearson, another good one, grand markings; 3, Nicholson, fine shape; 4, Smart, nice type, unsteady to-day; 5, Farrer; 7, Pape. BUFF (7): 1, Smart, good one, mkd. both eyes, wings, tkd. on head, grand shape, full of quality; 2, Thompson, a beauty, mkd. both eyes, one wing, in fine bloom, difficult to place 1 and 2; 3, Meekley, nice bird, mkd. both eyes, one wing; 4, Pape, nice type, 3-pointed bird; 5, Nicholson; 6, Gray and Gilholme; 7, Walker. EVEN MKD. (6): 1, 3, Gilchrist, 1st very smart buff, good eye and wing markings, brim full of quality; 3, another good buff, well staged; 2, Meekley, good yell., rather fine in neck; 4, Craig, nice bird; 5, Higgins; 6, Farrier. GREEN, ETC. (5): 1, 4, Johnson, 1st rich grassy green (yell.), grand type, beautifully pencilled, sound ground col., 4th smart yell. cinn., nice jaunty carriage; 2, Coulthard, very smart buff cinn., correct type, well staged; 3, Parker, another good yell. green; 5, Parker. A.V. NOVICE (16): 1, Browell, real good yell. cock, well staged; 2, Peel, very nice buff, grand type; 3, Atchison, nice yell. mark, in fine condition; 4, 5, W. Pape, pair of very nice birds; 6, Cruddas; 7, Waugh. NOR., CL. YELL. (5): 1, 2, Holden, pair of very fine birds, well fed, grand col., hard to separate; 3, Dobinson, very large, upstanding bird, good broad skull; 4, Bowling, prime quality, good col.; 5, Dixon, fine size BUFF (3): 1, Dobinson, massive, broad skulled, in fine order; 2, Holden, another good one, grand col.; 3, Bowerbank and Yeoman, nice type. TKD., ETC. (6): 1, 3, 4, Cowling, 1st massive yell., tkd. both eyes, in grand form, 3rd variegated yell., very large, 4th varieg.; 2, Holden, another good one, tkd. on head, grand feather; 5, Williams; 6, Jones. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (4): 1, Holden, good cl. yell., deserves her place; 2, Cowling, rather heavily mkd. yell., in really grand form; 3, Curry, "Lady Grosvenor," very fine bird, had been in the water pot; 4, Williams, full of quality. BUFF (4): 1, Curry, a topper, griz. mark on head, in fine feather; 2, Holden, fine quality, in extra nice bloom; 3, Lowther, a monster; 4, Dobinson, all there for quality. UNFLIG. (8): 1, Dobinson, a beauty, grand type, splendid col., wins easy, yell.; 2, Cowling, very massive buff, good col.; 3, Jones, very fine yell., in grand order; 4, 5, Holden, 4th good buff, 5th varieg. buff; 6, Davison; 7, Lowther. HEN (10): 1, 5, Williams, nice yell., grand sort, wins easy; 2, 4, Holden, 2nd varieg. buff, in nice condition, 4th nice buff; 3, Cowling, yell., smaller but grand quality; 6, McKay; 7, Wellsbury. NOVICE, A.V. NOR. (8): 1, 7, Davidson, good yellow, massive head, very cobby; 2, Wood, fine yellow, marked on head; 3, 4, Topping, 3rd good unflig. buff; 4, good yell., in prime condition; 5, White; 6, Wellsbury. YORKS., YELL. (3): 1. Ellwood, fine racy yell., good length, bonny head, in grand condition; 2, Gray and Gilholme, very long varieg. cinn., nice one; 3, J. and R. Moscrop, good length. BUFF: (7): 1, Ellwood, very fit, very smart buff, extra good length; 2, Gray and Gilholme, another typical bird, close up; 3, 6, Dixon, good length; 4, 7, Dodd, very nice cinn.; 5, Moscrop. SCOT. FCY. (4): 1, 2, Thomson Bros.; 3, 4, W. Harvey. GOLDIE, ETC. (8): 1, 7, Tomlinson, 1st Goldfinch, splendid blaze, well tanned and buttoned, very good specimen; 2, 6, Holmes, 2nd Bullfinch, massive head, good col., in grand order; 3, Graham, another Bullie, not quite so big, good cap and col.; 4, Dodd, Goldfinch, smart little chap; 5, Bowerbank and Yeoman. LINNET (11): Some good birds were forward in this class: 1, 2, Wilson, Newcastle winners, in extra good form; 3, Tomlinson, another good bird, grand col. and markings, splendid white, steady as a rock; 4, 6, 7, Bowerbank and Yeoman; 5, Tomlinson. HARDBILL (7): 1, 5, 7, Hodgson, Bramblefinch, a beauty in splendid condition, good cap; 2, Bruce, Corn Bunting, in fine plumage; 3, Bowerbank and Yeoman, Hawfinch, very rich col., grand bib, very steady; 4, Pape; 6, Tomlinson. FOR. (6): 1, 2, Mackenzie; 3, Ruston; 4, 5, Young; 6, Ord. LIGHT MULE, ETC. (5): 1, 4, Nicholson, 1st Can.-Bullies, nice one, 4th good Redpoll-Linnet; 2, J. W. Bruce, lightly variegated Linnet Mule; 3, Graham, nice Linnet-Bullfinch; 5, Bowerbank and Yeoman, variegated Goldie Mule. DARK MULE, ETC. (8): 1, Gilchrist, "Border King," dark Goldie, in splendid form, romps in; 2, 5, 6, 7, Bowerbank and Yeoman, 2nd dark Goldie (buff), good one, deserves position; 3, and 4, Maddison, 3rd Goldie Mule, in grand fettle, 4th Linnet Mule, in great form, a very hot little class. A.V. (6 miles radius) (18): This class was well patronised by members and novices in all varieties; 1, 2, Moscrop; 3, Cruddas; 4, Dodd; 5, C. Wilkinson; 6, W. G. Smith; 7, Spark. BRIT., ETC. (6 miles radius) (7): 1, 5, Dodd; 2, Slater; 3, Graham; 4, Spark; 6, 7, Bowman. MEMBERS': BORD.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Nicholson; 5, W. Pape; 6, Cruddas; 7, Waugh. NOR. (5): 1, 2, 3, 4, Holden; 5, Spark. YORKS. (7): 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, J. and R. Moscrop; 6, R. Toppin. BRIT. (15): 1, Dodd; 2, 3, 7, Bowerbank and Yeoman; 4, W. Pape; 5, 6, Slater. MULE OR HYB. (7): 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Bowerbank and Yeoman; 6, W. Pape; 7, T. Slater. REDPOLL (for boys under 16 years; 6 miles radius): 1, Yeoman; 2, 6, Bell; 3, Tallantyre; 4, Bowerbank; 5, E. Dodd; 7, Eals. The excitement among the competitors in this class was amusing. Some of the youngsters awaited the verdict for a greater part of the day. The birds were exhibited in true boyish style, in cages varying from a nice size stock cage to a small travelling cage.

PARTICK.

Partick and Dis. C.B.S. annual show, held 4th November, and it proved a great success. Canaries were grand classes, many of the exhibits being well known winners. Spl. for best in show was secured by a grand all-round Crest. Norwich and Yorks were the strongest classes. The old bird classes contained some fine, all-round exhibits. British birds were a nice lot, although a shade down in numbers. The show was held in the Subway Hall, an ideal place for a bird show, being well lighted and free from draughts. Mr. Priest, the worthy secretary, had everything well in hand, and was ably assisted by an enthusiastic committee. Mr. J. W. Bruce (Coldstream) judged Canaries, and Mr. J. Moreland (Bainsford) the British, etc., and their awards were well received.

The Critique.

YOUNG BIRDS: CREST: 1, cup, McMillan, good one, not a large body, but grand head, rare frontal and side, fine length of feather, well centred. C.B.: 1, McMillan, nice entrance, well up in lash, good size. NOR., CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, sp., 2, 3, Maxwell, leader wins, good one, fine size, grand head, well tapered body, nice wing carriage, A1 col. and finish, well staged, 2nd, grand body and col., fails just a little in head, 3, good headed, a nice trio. BUFF: 1, 3, Cairns, leader grand head and body, well rounded, nice wing carriage, 3rd, a wee shade slim in front, good stamp and feather; 2, 4, Maxwell, 2nd, close up, lovely feather and finish, 4th, longer in side, both in full bloom; vhc, Muir; hc, Crichton; c, Henry. VAR., YELL.: 1, Smith, good all-round variegated, grand quality, good head and finish; 2, Cairns, plenty of substance, fails only in feather; 3, Webster, good body and shape; 4, Henry. BUFF: 1, vhc, Maxwell, grand feather, tight as wax, lovely shape, fine head, grandly rounded body; 2, Cairns, another good one for body and head; 3, 4, Sutie, nice feather; hc, Henry; c, Muir. CL., ETC., YELL., BORD.: 1, 3, Whitelaw, leader nice one, fine weight, grand head, body and wing carriage, 3, tight as wax, well staged; 2, spl., Henderson, good body and feather, well drawn. BUFF: 1, spl., Henderson, good one, nice stamp, lovely quality, grand wing carriage, well rounded on head; 2, 4, Whitelaw, good body and taper, grand feather; 3, sp., Crassmond, good quality feather. VARIEG., YELL.: 1, Whitelaw, good all round, nice quality feather, grand carriage, nicely put down; 2, Maxwell, good mover; 3, Fairweather, grand feather and finish. BUFF: 1, Maxwell, in lovely bloom, good shape, sweet exhibit; 2, 3, Fairweather, nice quality feather, fails only in shape, 3, neat head and wings. CL., ETC., YELL., YORKS.: 1, McRobbie, grandly drawn, very stylish, tight as wax, a model Yorkshire; 2, sp., Aitkenhead, longer, very racy, good head, well drawn; 3, sp., vhc, Crichton, good length, fine quality feather, nicely put down; 4, vhc, Park, good col., rare quality; c, Henderson. BUFF: 1, sp., McRobbie, good all-round bird, nice head and top end, well drawn, smart style, well staged; 2, c, Sanderson, feathered like wax, good head and front, nice wing carriage; 3, Webster, good length, very racy, fine feather and finish; 4, Aitkenhead, well up in size; vhc, Park; hc, Sinclair. VARIEG., YELL.: 1, Webster, nice all-round, well up in length, good feather. BUFF: 1, Crichton, almost a Green, nice stamp, well drawn, good quality throughout; 2, Webster, fine length and feather. MULES OR HYBRIDS: 1, 4, Crichton, sweet Redpoll Sisken, nice tone of col., well marked, in fine feather, 4, Linnet, well up in size; 2, 3, vhc, Aitken, 2, good Buff Greenie, well up in size and col., 3, nice Linnet, solid in col., well laced. CREST OR C.B., NOVICE: 1, Park, Crest, nice size, well groomed. NOVICE, NOR.: 1, sp., Muir, nice Buff, variegated, well up in body and col. NOVICE, BORD.: 1, Crassmond, neat Yell., good shape and feather. OLD BIRDS: CREST: 1, sp., 2, McRobbie, leader, good dark Crest, lengthy, well to front, nicely centred, 2, Grizzle, good length, fine size and well centred; 3, Park, beaten in frontal only, good dense feather, stylish. C.B.: 1, McMillan, Green, nice entrance and lash, good back skull, well up in size. NOR., CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, sp., Maxwell, leader good one, a gem for shape and feather, extra fine taper, well carried wings, 2, grand head, good one; 3, McMillan, grand feather, nice front and taper; 4, Henry, good size; vhc, Fairweather; hc, Settie. BUFF: 1, 4, Maxwell, good body, grand head, nice front, well drawn, 4, grand size, rare quality, lovely front; 2, Muir, good one, well up in size, inclined to be a little browy; 3, vhc, Henry, strong and good in front; c, Whitelaw. VARIEG., YELL.: 1, Maxwell, again to the fore, rare size, nice quality feather, immense front, good taper and carriage, well put down; 2, Webster, lovely col. and quality of feather, nice size; 3, Cairns, nice one, grand head, good stamp; 4, Cairne, also well up in size; vhc, Muir; hc, Sutie. BUFF: 1, Smith, good all round, fine quality, well up in size; 2, McMillan, bold front and taper, good quality feather; 3, Maxwell, nice type, good in body. NON-FED: 1, 3, Cairns, real good Buff, grand head, rare front and wings, plenty of size, in lovely order, well put down, 3, good frontal, sweet size, grand shape; 2, vhc, McMillan, beaten in head only, well up in size and feather; 4, Sutie, good stamp and feather; hc, Maxwell. CL., ETC., YELL., BORD: 1, Whitelaw, good stamp, grand feather, well balanced winge; 2, 3, Fairweather, good quality, beaten in head only, 3, stylish bird. BUFF: 1, Henderson, best Bord. in show, real good one, lovely shape, grand head and body, beautifully balanced, rare wings; 2, Whitelaw, nice type, good head and neck, well drawn; 3, Maxwell, good feather, nice weight; 4, Crassmond, good feather. VARIEG., YELL: 1, Whitelaw, wins, good body and head; 2, Fairweather, fails in front only, nice feather; 3, Crassmond, fine size and quality. BUFF: 1, Fairweather, sweet Cinn., mark, real good one, lovely head and shape, grand style, well drawn; 2, Whitelaw, grand feather and finish; 3, Maxwell, beaten only in position, good head and feather. CL., ETC., YELL., YORKS.: 1, 4, McRobbie, leader hot one, lovely position, grand head and front, rare wing carriage, straight as a die, not a feather out of place, 4, same mould, good feather; 2, 3, Sanderson, two lengthy birds, leader well cut, 3, plainer in appearance, but rare length, nice quality feather vhc, Crichton; c, Sinclair. BUFF: 1, 4, McRobbie, grand fed bird, nice quality feather, good head and wing carriage, lengthy, 4, good length and feather, thinner in front; 2, Anderson, good stamp, fine front and taper; 3, 7, Crichton, good quality, nice head, fails a little in position, free style, in lovely bloom; vhc, Sanderson; hc, Park. VARIEG.: 1, 4, Anderson, 1, good col., sweet type, well moulded, good head, nicely drawn, 4, nice feather and position; 2, 3, Webster, good one, well tapered, neat head, 3, nice feather. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Whitelaw, good dark Goldie, fine size, plenty of face, good flights, well defined; 2, Sutie, variegated Goldie, well up in size, nicely marked; 3, Webster, good Buff Siskin Mule, well up in size, very nicely mealed, good stamp, well shown; 4, McRobbie, good dark Goldie, sweet col. and shape; vhc, Priest. GOLDFINCH: 1, McRobbie, best in blaze, good square face, grand size and markings, in full bloom; 2, Crichton, nice body and buttons, grand flights; 3, Webster, similar to 2nd, beaten only in face; 4, Priest, nice quality and col.; vhc, Park. BRIT. BULLFINCH: 1, Henderson, sweet exhibit, well up in col. and size. LINNET: 1, Priest, nice one, good size and lacing, fine ground col. REDPOLL: 1, Fairweather, wins, best bib, nicely laced on side, good size, A1 quality of feather; 2, 3, Anderson, well laced, good size, fine feather, 3, beaten only in col. and finish; 4, 5, Priest, good stamp. GREENFINCH: 1, Anderson, wins, good one, fine size, rare quality feather, nice flights; 2, Fairweather, nice size and shape, good flights. SMALL BRIT.: 1, Fairweather, nice Chaffinch, well up in size, good nap and flights, steady, in fine order; 2, Priest, close up. BUNTING: 1, Priest, good Yellow, warm in col., well marked, nice cheeks and body, well up in size, steady, well staged.

GREAT HORTON.

Best Y.U. Show of the Season.

"The finest show seen in Yorkshire this season," was the general comment at Great Horton on Saturday last, and, said the local executive, "the best Great Horton has ever had. We have had more entries, but with more classes; never before have we had a show averaging over twenty per class." As usual, the show was held in the Congregational Schoolroom, a grandly lighted building, and all the light was needed, as Saturday morning last was cold and foggy, and in consequence many of the birds did not look their best. The twenty-seven classes totalled 541, all of which were Yorkshires except the thirty-six Novice Norwich. 500 odd Yorkies, and a grand lot, too, especially the hens. Such a magnificent lot of hens we have never seen before—just under 200. The arrangements were splendid; the stewards, Messrs. W. Ormandroyd, J. Shackleton, A. Sykes, and that grand old enthusiast, Harry Jennings, had four tables fixed up, thus the birds had time to settle down after being carried from the benches, and the judge's time was not wasted. Grandly did this quartette work; indeed, to use a Yorkshirism, they were "champion." Mr. J. Holroyd, notwithstanding the fact that he was far from well, got through the duties of secretariat with satisfaction to exhibitors and credit to himself. Mr. C. A. House judged.

The Critique.

YORKS YELL. (14): 1, Shackleton, a gem, splendid head, neck, and shoulders, neat, well braced wings and tail, grandly tapered, full of style, lovely feather; 2, Bailey, more col., splendid shape, neat head, lovely wings and tail, very close in feather, not so steady; 3, Thomas, plenty of length, capital legs, very nervy, grand feather, but does not get up to his work so well; 4, Ogden Bros., lovely shape and feather, paler in col. and seemed to feel the cold; vhc, Hall; hc, Dykes; c, Shaw Bros. BUFF (11): 1, Thornton and Bower, magnificent feather, stands like a soldier, very neat and smart right through, nice, clean, well tapered body; 2, Stobart, most beautiful silky feather, splendid carriage and shape, not so slim, plenty of length, pale in col.; 3, Shackleton, sweet little bird, a Yorkie right through, and given a shade more length would be a stormer; 4, Wilson, from head to tail a beauty, col., feather, shape, style all there, but legs rather short; vhc, Wilcock; hc, Ogden Bros.; c, Chittenden. TKD. YELL. (17): 1, Cruise, very fine silky feathered, cheek tkd., wonderful sheen and finish, rare shape and style, capital legs, wings, and tail; 2, Burdekin Bros., eye tkd., hotter in col., as tight as wax, handles splendidly, grand shape, needs more length; 3, c, Bailey, very smart racy cheek tkd., lovely shape and style, neat head, wings and tail, not quite so bright in plumage; 4, Thomas, good slim stylish, neck tkd., rare feather, but short; vhc, Ogden Bros.; hc, Lee; No. 16, Midgley, mkd. head, neck and thigh, as the head marking takes in both eyes the bird is mkd. on two technical points and should have been in the Mkd. class. BUFF (15): 1, Morrison, thigh tkd., grand length and shape, full of nerve and style, neat head, good level run from shoulders and tail; 2, Shaw Bros., head tkd., beautiful feather, plenty of nerve, shows well, not quite so slim; 3, Wright and Son, a perfect picture, head, neck, back, wings, tail, all A1, whilst col. and feather were lovely, needs a bit more length; 4, Ogden Bros., very smart, racy, neck tkd., capital length and style, just a shade flat on sides; vhc, Dykes; hc, Allen; c, Briggs. UNFLIG. YELL. (26): 1, Broughton, a real topper, plenty of length without coarseness, fine and smart throughout, lovely feather and carriage; 2, Chippendale, very slim nervy bird, grand back, wings, and tail, splendid position, grand feather, just a shade flat in head; 3, Shaw Bros., splendid shape, style, feather, and length, not quite so steady; 4, Dykes, grand stylish bird, lovely feather, plenty of length, bit open in right wing; vhc, Ogden Bros.; hc, Burdekin Bros.; c, Wilkinson and Elliott. BUFF (26): 1, Towers, a living picture, capital length, stands well up on a good pair of legs, neat head, grand shoulders, wings and tail, lovely feather; 2, Bailey, rare style and shape, lovely head, grand back, wings, and tail, full of quality, but seemed to feel cold; 3, Lee, nice lengthy bird, grizzled on shoulder, capital feather, but does not get up straight enough; 4, Clark, full of nerve and style, nervy and whippety, falls a bit in neck; vhc, Ogden Bros.; hc, Chippendale; c, Turton. HEN, YELL. (17): 1, Wilkinson and Elliott, slashing firm hen, sweet head, grand wings and tail, plenty of length and knows how to carry it; 2, Thomas, grand length and slimness, very neat and smart, not quite so much col.; 3, Bailey, but for being a trifle open in front as good as either, rare head, back, wings and tail; 4, Wilcock, lovely shape and style, carries plenty of col., rather shorter; vhc, Ogden Bros.; hc, Mitchell; c, Chippendale, BUFF (21): 1, Ogden Bros., neck and wing tkd., sweet head, neat shoulders, wings and tail, grand back, feathered like a Java, full of nerve, grand legs, a bonnie hen; 2, Briggs, long slim col., beautifully feathered, neat and shapely in body with good length, hardly so steady; 3, Thornton and Bower, possibly the pick of the bunch when finished, but penny in head to-day and it spoilt the general effect of her other magnificent qualities; 4, Broughton, lovely feather, shape, and style, nice length, not quite so slim; vhc, Wilkinson and Elliott; 2, Thomas; c, Brown and Son. UNFLIG. HEN (28): 1, 4, Ogden Bros., wonderfully fine buff, magnificent shape, length and style, most lovely feather, neat head, grand legs, 4th a topping yell. for shape and length, but rather dull in feather, needed burnishing; 2, A, Mitchell, wing mkd. buff, plenty of length, grand head, wings and tail, not quite so neat and tapering in waist; 3, Wilkinson and Elliott, very long stylish yell., rare shape, close feather, but looked as though it needed a wash; vhc, Bailey; hc, H. Mitchell; c, Townsend. MKD. CK. (13): 1, Bailey, magnificent head and wing mkd., most lovely feather, plenty of col., neat head, well braced wings and tail, as fine a Yorkshire as any bird in the show; 2, Shackleton, eye, neck, and wing mkd., another real topper, rare shape, feather and style, handles wonderfully well, runs winner close in all points except col.; 3, Dykes, cheek and ring mkd., grand shape and feather, rare wings and tail, not so steady; 4, Townsend, very hot coloured, eye, wing, and chest mkd., wonderfully fine in feather, rare shape and style, just a trifle horny; vhc, Ogden Bros.; hc, Morrison; c, Ormondroyd. HEN (13): 1, Thornton and Bower, cheek and wing mkd. yell., carries a wealth of col., plenty of length, well carried by a grand pair of legs, sweet head, in rare form; 2, Deighton, very neat and stylish, cheek, wing, and chest mkd. buff, rare feather, nice length; 3, vhc, Stobart, head, chest and wing mkd. yell., grand col. and feather, full of style, shade wider at shoulders; 4, Casey, very nice shaped eye and wing mkd., not so steady; hc, Shackleton; c, Wilson. CINN. MKD. YELL. (11): 1, Bailey, very long, racy, well built, eye and wing mkd., grand legs, rare feather and style; 2, Towers, very long, stylish, head and wing mkd., grand quality of feather, but not quite so close and compact; 3, 4, Thornton, eye, neck and wing, and eye and neck mkd. birds, capital shape and feather, not so much col., latter is hardly so clever with his wings; vhc, Ogden Bros.; hc, Tinkler; c, Brown and Son. BUFF (11): 1, Bailey, eye and wing mkd., grand head, neck, shoulders, wings and tail, tapers well away, good legs, rare style and feather; 2, Brown and Son, head, neck and ring mkd., nice length and carriage; 3, Morrison, cheek and wing mkd., plenty of length and style, not so slim; 4, Cooper; vhc, Towers; hc, Metcalfe; c, Ogden Bros.; not a good class; where are the birds we used to see a few years since? HEN, YELL. (14): 1, Thomas, eye, cheek and wing mkd., a real bonnie hen in every respect, and a very easy winner; 2, 3, c, Towers, two head, eye and wing mkd. hens of nice shape and feather, not so good in col. and not quite such good handlers; 4, Mallinson and Son; vhc, Metcalfe; hc, Chittenden. BUFF (12): 1, c, Morrison, rather heavily mkd., capital shape and style, nice feather; 2, 4, Allen, eye and wing mkd., nice shape and carriage, paler in col. and not quite so clever in the hand; 3, Towers, rather stouter and paler, nice feather and carriage, mkd. on head, cheeks and wings; vhc, Wilcock, jun.; hc, Chittenden. SELL. (15s.) (41): 1, Townsend; 2, Fieldhouse; 3, Hodgson; 4, F. Self; vhc, Tidswell; hc, Jennings; c, C. H. Self. HEN (12s. 6d.) (20): 1, Hodgson; 2, Hunter; 3, Skirrow; 4, Fieldhouse; vhc, Oddy; hc, Bartle; c, Jennings. NOVICE, YELL. (27): 1, Midgley, rare length and shape, lovely feather and carriage, plenty of nerve, good legs; 2, Mountain, rather more length, grand back and wings, rare shaped body; 3, Smith, rare feather, neat head, wings, and tail, not quite so finely drawn; 4, Boulton, good shape, lovely silky feather, but needs tightening up; vhc, Hampshire; hc, Harvey; c, Hainsworth. BUFF (27): 1, Watson, very neat and smart, grand head, shoulders and back, splendid feather and style; 2, Northrop, neck tkd., hardly so fine in waist, but grand top end and full of style; 3, Padgett, very neat cheek mkd., lovely feather and carriage, grand wings and tail, not so long; 4, Lord, wing mkd., smart racy bird, but does not get up on leg so well; vhc, Firth; hc, Hooson; c, Atkinson. MKD. (20): 1, Moore, clinking eye and wing mkd. yell., lovely shape and style, most excellent feather, nice col., well shown; 2, Fergusson, very long cap and wing mkd. buff, grand quality, full of style, shapely; 3, Hainsworth, varieg. yell., plenty of nerve, rare shape, nice length, full of quality; 4, Towler and Hargreaves, head, cheek, and wing mkd., not so long, but grand shape and style; vhc, Jowett; hc, Sutcliffe; c, Smith. UNFLIG. (26): 1, Ellis, eye, neck, and wing mkd. buff, grand shape and length, grand head and shoulders, lovely feather; 2, Dibb, very shapely stylish neck and cheek mkd. buff, not quite so silky in feather; 3, Harvey, very shapely yell., good back, wings, and tail, not quite so well up on leg; 4, Midgley, grand shapely stylish yell., but inclined to open his tail; vhc, Brooks; hc, Mosley; c, Tinkler. CINN. MKD. (17): 1, 2, Grayshaw, yell. and buff, both eye and wing mkd., capital shape and style, neat heads, good wings and tail, and pretty handlers; 3, Helliwell, head and wing mkd. yell., not quite so long, good style and feather; 4, Saville, heavily mkd. buff, not quite so slim, good style; vhc, Grange; hc, Smith; c, Tinkler. CINN. MKD. HEN (16): 1, Simonett, very pretty, slim, stylish head and wing mkd. yell., grand head, wings and tail; 2, Fergusson, clinking eye, wing and cheek mkd. buff, lovely feather, very stylish, grand shape; 3, Jeffrey, long, stylish eye and wing mkd. yell., not quite so well polished; 4, Spencer, grand bodied neck and wing mkd. buff, bit short on legs; vhc, Smith; hc, c, Grayshaw. YORKS YELL. HEN (30): 1, Bennett, long, slim, well modelled, rare feather, grand wings and tail; 2, Gledhill, rare length, carriage and feather, hardy so neat in head; 3, Midgley, in shape, style, and feather equal to winner, but shy in hand; 4, Sutcliffe, tkd. on head, nice shape and feather, another had shower; vhc, Crabtree; hc, Jebson; c, Dibb. BUFF (33): 1, Crabtree, wing tkd., a real gem, full of quality, as straight as a gun barrel, full of style; 2, Firth, grandly feathered clear, splendid shape, wings and tail, not quite so long; 3, Atkinson, grand length, shape and style, not quite so tight in feather; 4, Barron, rattling good feathered clear, just a shade stouter; vhc, Townley; hc, Gledhill; c, Dyson. NOR. (17): 1, hc, Hudson, very smart, shapely, nice coloured eye tkd., capital feather; 2, 4, Clegg, good cobby, short feathered clear yell., good head and chest; 3, Gumlick, not quite so cobby, nice feather and carriage, plenty of col., varieg.; vhc, Rhodes; c, Birbeck. HEN (19): 1, Lord, vhc, Rhodes; c, Birbeck. HEN (19): 1, Lord, vhc, Tidswell; hc, Jennings; c, C. H. Self. HEN (12s. 6d.) (20): 1, Hodgson; 2, Hunter; 3, Skirrow; 4, Fieldhouse; vhc, Oddy; hc, Bartle; c, Jennings. NOVICE, YELL. 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FORFAR.

Second annual show of the Forfar C.B. Improvement Society was held in the large Reid Hall on Nov. 11. The Hall is a grand one for a show; it is well lighted all round, and has plenty of floor space. The exhibits were staged right round the hall, and visitors had plenty of room to examine the different classes in a comfortable way. The entries show a good increase on last year, and some of the dons were forward in every section. Norwich were a grand show, and Mr. W. Grewar (Forfar) won the Bowman rose bowl, with his clinking fine buff cock—a very popular win. Mr. G. Mitchell (last year's bowl winner) was runner-up with a grand clear buff hen. Mr. W. Hampton (Brechin) won Sandiford's medal. Most of the winners in the Border section were exhibited at Brechin the previous week, and there was a marked difference in the judge's awards. Mr. J. Craig (Brechin) was winner of the Scott cup for the second year in succession, and also the Border Club medal, with a dandy clear buff cock. British and foreign birds were the best show seen in Forfar for many a year. Many outstanding birds were forward, and Mr. Taylor won special for best in section with a splendid Redstart in rare fettle. The show was well looked after by the genial president (Mr. Bowman) and his henchman, Mr. J. Stevenson (vice-pres.); and they were ably backed up by an energetic committee and some capable stewards. The hon. sec., W. Fyfe, had everything in first-class working order, and more work on a show day would but serve to bring out his abilities to the full. Judges: Norwich, Mr. J. Sandison (Aberdeen); Borders, Mr. W. Mossie (Anbank); and British and Foreign, Mr. A. W. Watson (Edinburgh). Their awards gave general satisfaction, very little grumbling being heard.

The Critique.

NOR., CL., ETC., CK. YELL. (6): 1, Bishop, rare shape and substance, grand col. and quality, fine wing carriage, splendid type; 2, Mitchell, another good one, nice head, grand col., good wings; 3, sp, Harris, splendid head and grand wing carriage, well up; 4, Bowman; 5, Kidd; 6, Ewen and Anderson. BUFF (12): 1, bowl, 2 sps, W. Grewar, a clinker, rare type, well set up, fine feather, nicely mealed; 2, 5, Kydd, nice one, good head and front, well cut away, rare quality; 3, Mitchell, good one, well up in size and col., not quite so good in wing carriage; 4, Pirie; 6, Sloan. HEN, YELL. (10): 1, Boath, good type, and wing carriage, close feather; 2, Cable, fine size and substance, good col., presses; 3, W. Grewar, good type, rare quality, fine size, close up; 4, Mitchell; 5, Harris; 6, Kerr. BUFF (6): 1, 2 spls, Mitchell, grand size, nice length of side, level colour, good feather; 2, Harris, another good one, well up; 3, sp, Milne, nice fronted hen, good col., fails only in head slightly; 4, Taylor; 5, Grewar; 6, Bowman. VARIEG., ETC., CK., YELL. (4): 1, Allison, grand exhibit, good size and substance, fine type, hot col., well staged; 2, Anderson, heavily mkd., fine quality; 3, sp, Hampton, tidy bird, rare quality, well put down; 4, Grewar. BUFF (10): 1, Bishop, good size and substance, grand head, fine wings and tail, wins; 2, Hampton, wing mkd., good quality and substance, nice carriage; 3, Marr, good head, fine quality; 4, Will; 5, Taylor; 6, Boath. HEN, YELL. (5): 1, Harris, one of the best, rare quality, fine head and wings; 2, Pirie, nice head, good quality, fine feather; 3, Mitchell, fine size, good level col., rare deep front, presses hard; 4, Kennedy; 5, Taylor. BUFF (10): 1, 5, Grewar, 1st good one, rare size and quality, good colour; 2, Marr, nice one, fine size, good quality; 3, Bowman, close up, grand size and substance, fails just slightly in head; 4, Boath; 6, Kydd. UNFLIG. CK. (16): A good class, some nice ones left out: 1, sp, Harris, cl. yell., a topper, rare type, good col., well worth his place; 2, Will, another yell., good type and col.; 3, sp, Mitchell, good youngster, fine type and substance, rare quality, presses; 4, Adamson; 5, Grewar; 6, Wildridge. HEN (14): 1, Harris, slightly varieg. yell., good quality and col., fine size and substance; 2, 6, Grewar, good one, grand quality, fine head, nice col.; 3, Kydd, well filled in back and front, clean cut, good wings and tail; 4, Adamson; 5, Mitchell. NON-FED CK. (3): 1, sp, Soutar, good cl., nice head, good quality; 2, Taylor, heavily varieg., grand wings and tail, good head; 3, Grewar, fine size and substance, good type, rich col. HEN (4): 1, Mitchell, good cl., nice size and substance, fine feather; 2, 3, Grewar, two good ones, well up; 4, Kennedy. NOR. GREEN CK. (6): 1, sp, Pirie, foul yell., fine stamp, good head; 2, Harris, great size and substance, fine wings; 3, 5, Grewar, plenty of substance, good deep front; 4, Mitchell; 6, Taylor. HEN: 1, sp, 3, Grewar, both good birds, grand size and substance, good wing carriage; 2, Ritchie, nice size and quality, smart one; 4, Hendry. BORD. CL. YELL. CK. (9): 1, Hutchison, smart wee chap, neat head, well rounded, good col., lovely quality; 2, Fairweather, looks a good one, wet when we saw it; 3, 4, Craig, 2 good ones, rare type and quality; 5, Anderson; 6, Hastings. BUFF (11): 1, 2, cup, Border Fancy Club medal, 2 sps, Craig, a gem, in grand condition, like wax, staged to perfection, 2nd another smart one, very neat and stylish, a dandy pair; 3, Campbell, good one, very smart, staged in rare order, close up; 4, Irvine; 5, Lyall; 6, Irons. VARIEG. CK., YELL. (9): 1, Hampton, grand shape, close feather, good wings and tail; 2, Robertson, rare col. and type, fine quality, close up; 3, Craig, rather smaller, rare col., grand carriage, very smart; 4, Munro; 5, Auld; 6, Dryburgh. BUFF (6): 1, Hutchison, grand shape, lovely quality, neat head and chest, well filled in; 2, Stirling, neat, nice col. and quality, unsteady; 3, Fairweather, nice col., fine wing carriage, good head and tail; 4, Craig; 5, Campbell; 6, Robertson and Son. CL., YELL. HEN (9): 1, 3, Craig, very nice, not too big, grand quality, 3rd similar, slight droop; 2, G. Bennet, rare type, fine wings and tail, good quality, presses winner hard; 4, Campbell; 5, Munro; 6, Livingston. BUFF (8): 1, 3 sps, Kennedy, nice exhibit, a trifle coarse in feather, some thought might have given way to 2, G. Bennet, a little beauty, full of quality, very neat wings and tail, smart; 3, Hutchison, another good one, feathers like wax, grand head; 4, Hastings; 5, Craig, Brechin cup winner; 6, Smart. VARIEG. HEN, YELL. (10): 1, Hutchison, smart little hen, neat head, grand wing, carriage, faultlessly staged; 2, Logie, another good one, sweet head, fine tapered body, good wings and tail; 3, Hampton, nice one, fine col. and quality, good wing carriage; 4, Kenuedy; 5, Irvine; 6, Irons. BUFF (7): 1, Lyall, good head and neck, fine wings and tail; 2, 6, Stevenson, nice one, rare style, grand carriage, good colour, well put down; 3, Smart, very taking hen, fine col., nicely folded wings, good style; 4, Craig; 5, Black. EVEN MKD. (4): 1, Logie, rare quality, grand markings, tip-top wings and tail, well put down; 2, Munro, neat head and neck, good carriage, very sweet; 3, Anderson, neat one, very jaunty style, nice head; 4, Malcolm. GREEN OR CINN. (4): 1, 3, Lambie, well-known winners, often described; 2, 4, Thompson, very nice pair, good style, and well staged. MULE, LIGHT (3): 1, Mrs. McLennan, Goldie-Bullie, great size and substance, shows parentage well; 2, Bell, another Goldie-Bullie, nice tight feather, fine exhibit; 3, sp, Fyfe, Siskin-Greenie, small, nice silky plumage, good markings. DARK GOLDFINCH, ETC., MULE (8): 1, Bell, Linnet, good one, nice quality feather, fine substance; 2, Dunn, good Goldie, very taking exhibit, fine feather; 3, sp, Brown, Lionet, good bird, fine type and size, not looking quite so well as we have seen it; 4, Roy; 5, Taylor; 6, Hendry. DARK, A.O.V. (5): 1, Craig, Greenie-Can., very nice type, fine feather, good size; 2, Dunn, Siskin-Can., sweet bird, fine feathered, worth its place; 3, Fyfe, Greenie-Can., good one; 4, Muir and Hennan; 5, Fyfe. GOLDFINCH (7): 1, McMillan, grand bird, deep coloured, well cut blaze, nicely tanned, fine wings; 2, Sharp, nice one, fine size, well tanned, square cut blaze; 3, Mackie, good Finch, nice blaze; 4, Muir and Hennan; 5, Stewart; 6, Douglas. BULLFINCH (18): A grand class: 1, sp, Stewart and Dalling, nice Bullie, fine size, good cap, in rare order; 2, Allison, another good one, fine size, good dense cap, like wax; 3, sp, Robertson, good one, great size, fine head and wings; 4, Sharpe; 5, Webster; 6, Douglas. GREENFINCH (5): 1, McMillan, fine size, level col., good bold head, well staged; 2, Stewart and Dalling, capital Greenie, rare col., fine wings, in rare condition, nice size; 3, Dunn, good one, not quite the size of winners, good head, close folded wings, well staged; 4, Gove; 5, Fyfe. LINNET (7): 1, 2, McArdle and Stewart, pair of grand Linties, in splendid condition, good size, well pencilled, either might have won; 3, Hendrie, another good one, nice size, good feather, restless; 4, Muir and Hennan; 5, Cowan; 6, McMillan. SISKIN, ETC. (19): A splendid class: 1, Bell, dandy yell. Siskin, hot fed, big bib, good cap, shining like satin, wins; 2, McMillan, Twite, sweet wee chap, in faultless condition, well laced; 3, McArdle and Stewart, Siskin, good size and colour, grand markings, well placed; 4, Hendrie; 5, Stewart; 6, Muir. A.O.S. BRIT. (6): 1, 2 sps, Taylor, Redstart, a perfect beauty, every feather in place, grand size, sweet head, a credit to the exhibitor; 2, Douglas, Magpie, in fine fettle; 3, Colville and Son, Hawfinch, fine head, neat bib, in shining condition; 4, Stewart and Dalling; 5, Fairweather; 6, McMillan. FOR. (7): 1, sp, Storrar, Mynah, in grand trim; 2, Leslie, good pair of Grass Finches; 3, Colville and Son, Paradise Whydah, nice one, slightly frayed tail feathers; 4, Robb; 5, Lees; 6, Crawford. GIFT (4): 1, sp, W. Grewar; 2, J. Grewar; 3, Kennedy; 4, Winton.

NEATH.

Show held General Market, November 9th. Unfortunately through clashing with Swansea show, entries were very meagre in our section. The committee were a very hardworking lot of fanciers, and had everything well in order. The secretary, Mr. R. J. Llewellyn, was a very obliging and courteous official. Mr. G. H. Billett judged.

YORKS.: 1, 2, 3, Jenkins, splendid trio, leader cl. buff, good length, well up on leg, 2nd cl. yell., lovely quality, nice straight back, good position, 3rd cinn., nice type and quality; r, Williams; vhc, Rouse; hc, Jones. A.O.V.: 1, 3, Taylor, yell. Border leading, good head and neck, nicely moulded, latter buff Border, good quality, lovely type; 2, Lewis, yell., Nor., good chubby exhibit, lovely col. and quality; r, Richards; vhc, Thomas; c, Thomas. FINCH (11): 1, 2, Ray, former Goldie, good blaze, tans, and buttons, lovely quality, latter Hawfinch, good size, shape and quality; 3, Rogers, Goldie, nice tans, bars, and buttons; vhc, Jones, Gair; hc, Clark; c, Thomas.

HIGH BLANTYRE.

High Blantyre C.B.S. 20th annual show held November 4th, Masonic Hall. The entries showed a slight decrease on former years, but the quality was considered by good judges far ahead of that of any previous show. The Scotch Fancy cup winner which also got special for old and young, was a grand shaped one of Mr. W. Wilson's, which was greatly admired. The Scotch Fancies all over were a good lot. Plainheads came up well, and included some rattling good birds. The winner in the young buff cock class got cup for best young Norwich; it was a very neat, typical bird, not over large, but of good feather, and nicely mealed, and belonged to Mr. J. Wilson. Special for best hird in hall went to Mr. W. Wilson, with his old buff Norwich cock, a right good one, rare stamp and feather, good size, nice wings, a very popular win. Borders turned out well, type and quality being all there. The winning buff (belonging to Mr. A. Marshall) won cup for best young one, and special for best old or young bird was a typical bird of great merit; the more it was handled the tighter in feather it seemed to get. Mules were disappointing in quantity, but this was made up for in quality, First, cup and 2nd in the Light class went to two grand birds, former 6-pointed, Mr. J White. Novelties in the Dark class were two hybrids between the St. Helena Seedeater and a Canary. British birds were not up to the usual standard, though the winning Greenfinch, Mealy Redpoll and Lesser Redpoll were above the ordinary. The Secretary, Mr. D. Berry, was happy in his methods, and had the arrangements well in hand. Mr. J. F. Dewar judged, his awards appearing to please everybody.

YOUNG SCOT. F. CK.: 1, cup, 2 spls., 2, W. Wilson; 3, 4, 5, Taylor. HEN: 1, 2, W. Wilson. OLD CK.: 1, Hannah; 2, A. White; 3, W. Wilson. HEN: 1, 2, W. Wilson. YOUNG YELL. NOR. CK.: 1, 3, J. Wilson; 2, 5, Berry; 4, 6, Linnon. BUFF: 1, cup, 2 spls., 2, J. Wilson; 3, Berry; 4, Taylor. YELL. HEN: 1, spl., 3, J. Wilson; 2, 4, 6, Berry; 5, Linnon. BUFF: 1, J. Wilson; 2, 3, Berry; 4, Taylor. OLD CK.: 1, spl. for best bird in hall, 2, W. Wilson; 3, Berry. HEN: 1, J. Wilson; 2, Berry; 3, Taylor. YOUNG YELL. BORD. CK.: 1, Marshall; 2, 3, A. White; 4, Taylor. BUFF: 1, cup and spl, 4, Marshall; 2, 3, A. White; 5, Hannah; 6, Taylor. YELL. HEN: 1, 3, A. White; 2, Marshall; 4, Taylor; 5, 6, Hannah. BUFF: 1, spl., 3, Marshall; 2, 4, A. White; 5, 6, Taylor. OLD CK.: 1, A. White; 2, Marshall; 3, 4, Taylor. HEN: 1, A. White, 2, 4, 5, Taylor; 3, Marshall. GOLDFINCH, MULE: 1, cup, spl., 2, 3, 4, J. White. MULE: 1, spl., 2, 4, W. Wilson; 3, 5, Hannah. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, 2, Berry. GREENFINCH: 1, spl., W. Wilson; 2, Berry; 3, Linnon. LESSER REDPOLL: 1, Marshall; 2, 5, Berry; 3, Linnon; 4, Hannah. MEALY, ETC.: 1, Ford; 2, J. White; 3, Hannah; 4, J. Welsh; 5, Berry. HEN BRIT.: 1, Marshall; 2, Linnon; 3, J. White. BRIT.: 1, 5, Linnon; 2, Ford; 3, 4, J. Welsh. A.O.S.: 1, 2, Hannah; 3, J. Wilson; 4, J. White. GIFT: 1, W. Wilson; 2, Ford; 3, A. White; 4, Hannah; 5, Marshall; 6, Linnon.

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BANBRIDGE.

Held Town Hall, Nov. 9 and 10. The birds were nicely beached, and were well looked often. The exhibition was the best ever held at Banbridge, both to point of nubmbers and quality. The Scotch Fancies were a fine lot, showing plenty of substance and reach. The Norwich turned up well, and the cup winner of Mr. Thompson's was a gem. The Yorks were a grand lot. Grand birds were also shown in the novice and members' classes. British birds were a fine collection. The following gentlemen were special winners:—Messrs. Ronaldson, Mallagh, Dunlop, senr., Hamilton, Lavery, Thompson, Graham, Connell, Faith, Hegan, Fleming, Woods, Gillen, Ryan, Dunwoody. The attendance was very good, many of the fanciers coming a long distance to have a look at their favourites. The hon. sec., Mr. McCagherty, was very obliging, and looked well after both exhibits and exhibitors. His staff also worked very hard to make the show a success. Messrs. Faith, Lavery, Adamson, Arlow, Boyd, Currans, Hayes, Woods, Gilchrist, Pepper, Brown, and others were a capital lot of fanciers, and took a great interest in the show. We hope exhibitors will in the future patronise the Banbridge show, as we feel sure the fanciers in the district will look well after the exhibits and the interests of exhibitors. Mr. Wright judged the Belgians, Scotch Fancies, and British birds, and Mr. W. Mundell (Bradford) the Nor. and Yorks.

Mr. Wright's Classes.

BELG. (8): 1, spl, 3, Ronaldson, 1st yell., good reach, long flights and tail, plenty of depth, very nervy, wins, 3rd yell., long reach, good shoulder, grand wings and tail; 2, Lavery, buff, good shoulders, plenty of depth, very nervy, good one; 4, Lawthers, yell., very nervy; vhc, Neill. SCOT. FCY., CL., ETC. (10): 1, Hamills, buff, grand circle, plenty of substance, good reach, 2, 4, Lavery, 2nd yell., plenty of substance, fine drive, good shoulders, very nervy, nice wings and tail, 4th good substance, nice drive, long wings; 3, vhc, spl, Mallagh, yell., nervy, good drive, neat head, good shoulders. HEN (7): 1, Lavery, buff, neat head, capital drive, good depth of shoulders, very nervy, nice wings; 2, Hamilton, fine drive, good head and wings, plenty of substance, nice circle; 3, Dunlop, senr., buff, neat head, grand circle, good drive, very nervy; 4, vhc, spl, Mallagh, good body, rare reach. PIED CK. (10): 1, spl, Dunlop, senr., good reach, nervy, plenty of depth, good feather; 2, Trimble, heavily mkd., good depth of chest, long reach, gets tail well under; 3, vhc, Hamilton, 3rd yell., neat head, grand circle, very breedy, good wings, long tail; 4, Mallagh, yell., good neat head; hc, Neill. HEN (7): 1, spl, 3, Lavery, buff, very nervy, long reach, good depth, neat head, gets tail well under; 2, buff, very showy, plenty of depth, neat head; 2, spl, Lavery, yell., grand feather, neat head, breedy, good wings, long tail; 4, Mallagh, yell. varieg., neat bird, full of nerve; vhc, Graham. GREEN CK. (3): 1, 2, Lavery, 1st good reach and substance, neat head, rich col., rare length, 2od good col., neat head, wings, and tail, very nervy; 3, Neill, good substance, gets tail well under perch. HEN (3): 1, Trimble, buff, plenty of substance and nerve; 2, Neill, good varieg. yell., neat head, long flight and tail, rich col; 3, Mallagh, buff, great depth, neat head, grand circle. A.O.V. (3): 1, 2, 3, Mrs. N. S. Taylor, 1st yell. green Nor., good head and neck, rare quality, very chubby, 2nd green Nor., rich col., good neck and head, plenty of body, 3rd full of quality, nice type hen. MULE, GOLDIE-CAN. (2): 1, McCammon, varieg., full of quality; 2, Acheson, varieg., boxey feather, nice type. DARK GOLDIE-CAN. (6): 1, McCaldin, rich col. full of quality, nice type; 2, Lavery, close up, full of quality, rich col., nice type; 3, Seaton, nice type and quality; 4, Mrs. W. S. Taylor. A.O.V. MULE (6): 1, Lavery, greenie Can., grand condition, rare size; 2, 4, Mrs. W. S. Taylor, 2nd greenie Can., nice type and feather, not quite so large as winner; 3, Ateer, Siskin Can., rich col., full of quality. HYB. (3): 1, Black, Goldie-Siskin, grand rich col., full of quality; 2, Caghey, Goldie-Greenie, rare size and col.; 3, Mrs. W. S. Taylor, Goldie-Greenie, good one. BRIT. LINNET (3): 1, Barclay, rich nut brown, nicely spangled, grand condition and shape; 2, 3, spl, Lavery, nice col., good head and wings, well pencilled, 3rd neat head, rich col. GOLDFINCH (9): 1, Barclay, "Pride of Erin," good square blaze, nice bars and buttoos, in lovely condition, very steady; 2, 3, spl, Birse, square cut blaze, nice bars and buttons, condition A1, 3rd smaller, rich blaze, bars, and buttons; 4, vhc, spl, Lavery. A.O.S. SMALL (4): 1, Birse, Bramble, nicely mkd., rich col., in the pink of condition, very steady; 2, Barclay, Chaffinch, grand metallic col. on head, rich breast, condition A1; 3, McAteer, Bullie hen, nice type; 4, Black, Siskin. LARGE (4): 1, Birse, Hawfinch, good bib, grand massive head, rich nut brown; 2, Barclay, Hawfinch, very nice bird, not quite so large or as good a bib as 1st; 3, McAteer, Thrush, nice breast, rich col.; 4, Black, good Yellowhammer. FOR. (4): 1, Purdy, grand Cockatoo, well shown; 2, 3, Gilchrist; 4, Mrs. W. S. Taylor. LOCAL CLASSES.—SCOT. (4): 1, 4, Hamilton; 2, 3, Lawthers. GOLDFINCH (12): 1, 3, McCagherty, nice bars and buttons, good blaze; 2, Nelson, junr., good blaze, bars, and buttons; 4, vhc, Morrow. LINNET (13): 1, 2, 3, hc, two spls., Morrow, nice team, rich col. and markings; 4, Noddings; vhc, Harvey. MULE (12): 1, McCaghey; 2, 3, two spls., Harvey; 4, Adamson; vhc, hc, Burney.

Mr. Mundell's Classes.

CREST CK. (1): 1, Acheson, good centre and droop, plenty of feather. HEN (1): 1, Creighton, plenty of body feather, good centre and droop. C.-B. CK. (1): 1, Creighton, massive skull, well lashed, plenty of feather. NOR. CL., YELL., CK. (8): 1, 2, Faith, unflig., good head, clean round chest, full in neck, grand wing, short and chubby, rich col., full of quality, 2nd rich col., full of quality, good head and neck, grand wing carriage; 3, Thompson, a blaze of colour, boxey feather, good head, grand wings, short tail; 4, Barclay, rich col., full of quality, good head and neck; vhc, Graham; hc, McBride; c, Webb. TKD. YELL. CK. (2): 1, Thompson, rich col., full of quality, neat head, clean on breast, grand wings; 2, Lavery, pale col., good head and neck. CL. BUFF (9): 1, cup, best bird in show, also spl. for best Nor., Thompson, a gem, teeming with quality, rich salmon col., good head and neck, grand wings, short tail; 2, 3, Faith, 2nd good head, lovely quality, short and chubby, 3rd nice type, boxey feather, good head and neck; 4, and spl., Connell, rich col. and quality; vhc, spl, Graham; hc, McBride; c, Stewart. TKD. BUFF (6): 1, hc, spl, Thompson, tick on head, rich col., good front, nice wing carriage, full of quality; 2, Lavery, wing mkd. clean head, good front, quality, very cobby; 3, vhc, Faith, tick head, rich col., full of quality, true to type; 4, Graham, thigh tkd., rich col. VARIEG. CK. (9): 1, Lavery, eye, neck, and wing mkd., blaze of col., full of quality, good head, pair of nice wings, very cobby; 2, 4, Faith, varieg., rich col., boxey feather, clean on breast, good head and neck; 4, varieg., rich col., boxey feather, very short; 3, Carson, penny on head which told against it, rich col., cobby bird; vhc, Graham; hc, Thompson; c, Carson. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (10): 1, sp., Faith, lovely quality, rich col., good head, clean on breast, very cobby, a gem; 2, McCagherty, close up to winner, rich col., full of quality, true to type; 3, Carson, tick on head, pale col., boxey feather; 4, Coonell, good neck, full of quality; vhc, McCammon; hc, Thompsoo; c, Stewart. BUFF (10): 1, 3, Faith, unflig., boxey feather, good head, well filled in neck, rich col., grand type, a beauty, 3rd good size, rich col., full of quality, fine head; 2, Carson, boxey feather, rich col., nice wings and tail, good head; 4, Thompson, full of quality, grand bloom, neat head; vhc, Connell; hc, Connell; c, Graham. In this class specials were won by Messrs. Faith, Thompson, and Connell. VARIEG. HEN (9): 1, Stewart, yell., rich col., boxey feather, good head, rare size; 2, Lavery, buff, good head, well filled in neck, short and cobby; 3, Faith, yell., full of quality, rich col.; 4, Neill, buff, rich col., good head; vhc, Mrs. W. C. Taylor; hc, Carson; c, McCammon. NON-FED (4): 1, 3, 4, McCagherty, 1st yell., rare size and quality, good head, 3rd varieg. buff, teeming with quality, 4th buff, good size, nice head; 2, spl, Hegan, fine type, full of quality. YORKS., CL., YELL., CK. (7): 1, hc, Devios, the old champion, as good as ever; 2, Mulligan, very slim, full of quality, rich col., grand wings and tail; 3, Birse, pale col., quality A1, neat round head, grand wings and tail; 4, Woods, shade on small side, very typical, boxey feather; vhc, Lavery. HEN (10): 1, O'Reilly, rich col., teeming with quality, well up on leg, grand wings and tail, good head wins; 2, Devin's, very typical, boxey feather, well placed wings, piped tail; 3, Birse, pale col., boxey feather, very stylish, good wings and piped tail; 4, Woods, typical, full of quality, neat head; vhc, Gillins; hc, McNeilly; c, Lavery. TKD., ETC., CK. (11): 1, Gilleu, unevenly mkd. yell., well up on leg, good head, grand wings and tail, full of quality, position A1; wins special for best bird (members'); 2, hc, Devins, wing tkd. yell., full of quality, position A1, nice wings and tail; 3, Tansey, einn. mkd. buff, boxey feather, nice position, good head, very clean on breast; 4, spl, Woods, yell., mkd. on head, long flights and tail, well up; vhc, spl, Fleming; c, Keatings. HEN (12): 1, vhc, Devins, 1st yell., lovely quality, true to type; 2, Gillen, buff varieg, boxey feather, well up on leg, long flights and tail; 3, Lavery, buff wing and head mkd., boxey feather, very stylish, rich col., piped tail; 4, Keatiogs, wing mkd. buff, neat head, grand position, rich col., full of quality; hc, O'Reilly; c, Mulligan. BUFF CK. (10): 1, O'Reilly, grand long bird, full of quality, well up on leg, rich col; 2, Keatings, rich col., boxey feather, position A1; 3, Devins, very typical, full of quality; vhc, Birse; hc, spl, Flemings; c, McNeilly. HEN (7): 1, Devins, very breedy, boxey feather, grand wings and tail; 2, Birse, rich col., full of quality, well up on leg, piped tail; 3, Lavery, nice type, good head, well placed wings, piped tail, full of quality; 3, Fleming, junr., nice type, good back wings and tail; vhc, Keatings; hc, Gillen; c, Tanscy. NOVICE YORKS., CL. CK. (15): 1, spl, Ryan, yell., full of quality, well up on leg, long flights and tail, wants to be a bit more steady; 2, Dunwoody, yell., full of quality, nice type; 3, Dunlop, senr., yell., well up on leg, piped tail, position A1; 4, vhc, Gaskin, 4th buff, nice type and quality; hc, c, Holley. HEN (9): 1, vhc, Holley, grand yell., nice type and quality; 2, Ryan, buff, boxey feather, good head and wings, piped tail; 3, Dunlop, senr., buff, very stylish, good feather, well on leg; 4, Gaskin, yell., boxey feather, good position; hc, Shaw; c, Bannon. TKD., ETC., CK. (8): 1, Ryan, rich col. yell., boxey feather, grand head, wings, and tail, true to type; 2, Hayes, yell., non-fed, full of quality, very stylish; 3, 4, Dunwoody, 3rd huff, very typical, full of quality, 4th yell., stylish, boxey feather, well up on leg; vhc, hc, T. Dunwoody; c, Holley. HEN (7): 1, spl, Bannon, huff tkd., boxey feather, rich col., very stylish; 2, spl, Ryan, buff tick, boxey feather, neat head, well up on leg; 3, E. Dunwoody, yell., rich col., very typical; 4, Gaskin, yell., true to type, lovely quality; vhc, hc, Holley; c, Shaw. NON-FED (3): 1, spl, Keatings; 2, Devins; 3, Hayes. LOCAL CLASSES.— NOR. CK. (5): 1, Graham; 2, 4, vhc, spl, Adamson. HEN (6): 1, 2, 3, vhc, two spls, Adamson; 4, Jordon; hc, Graham. YORKS. CK.: 1, 3, 4, c, two spls, Woods; 2, Mrs. Barr; vhc, hc, Currans. HEN (7): 1, 2, 3, 4, two spls, Woods; vhc, c, Hayes; hc, Currans.

LONDONDERRY.

Second annual show of the City of Derry C.B. and P.S. held Union Hall, Nov. 4. The hall is one of the best; it is free from draughts, and has an even temperature, and it is beautifully lighted, which made things very comfortable. The staging and management generally were perfect, and reflect the greatest credit on all concerned. All are willing workers and experienced fanciers connected with this young club, and we congratulate the officials on the undoubted success of their latest venture. The entries came up well in excess of last year's, and the quality was well maintained. Competition for the silver challenge cup was very keen. Mr. J. Gallagher presented a beautiful gold medal. In Mr. A. T. Colgher the society possesses a practical and energetic hon. sec., who had matters well in hand, and was ably assisted by a hard working and capable band of helpers in Messrs. Cargill, Platt, Hunt, Glenn, Roulson, Gallagher, McClelland, McMeremin, Hyndman, Routledge, Faulkner, McComb, Scott, Lowry, Kerr, Doogan, Kincaid, Dunlop, etc. Mr. Connolly Sherrard placed the cards, and his awards gave entire satisfaction.

SCOT. FCY.: 1, 3, Cargill, good mould, grand depth across, neat length of side, well staged; 2, Gelfillan, good top piece, very good length. CREST, CK., A.C.: 1, Moore, beautiful size, quality, and shape; 2, Cargill, good drooping crest, A1 quality; 3, M'Clelland, smaller, but lovely quality and shape of crest. HEN: 1, Kincaid, good size, plenty of feather, 2, 3, Moore, grand crest, good size and quality. C.B. CK.: 1, Cargill, good head and quality; 2, M'Clelland, grand shape, plenty of feather; 3, M'Fadden, lovely quality, A1 shape. HEN: 1, Moore, good size and shape; 2, 3, M'Clelland, grand quality, lovely hen. NOR. CK.: 1, 2, 3, Mrs. Taylor, a beautiful trio, grand shape, quality, and col., hard to find fault with. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Mrs. Taylor, grand size, rich col., solid feather, beautiful shape, grand team. YORKS. CK., CL.: 1, 2, Hunt, two typical specimens, not much to choose between, grand quality, feather, well up on leg. HEN: 1, Hunt, good shape, stands well up, lovely wings, 2, 3, Goilgher, good length, well up on leg, well cut away, and shoulders, good shape, lovely head. TICK, ETC., CK.: 1, 2, Hunt, good length of flights, grand quality, well up on leg, stands like a soldier; 3, M'Dermott, very typical, good all-round. HEN: 1, 3, Hunt, good length of leg, wings, and tail, grand feather and position; 2, Williamson, good head, nice pipe tail. A.O.V.: 1, 3, Falconer; 2, Mrs. Taylor. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, M'Dermott, good square blaze, lovely quality; 2, Cargill, grand bloom, lovely moous, very steady; 3, Kincaid, good third, grand shape and feather. LINNET: 1, Williamson, grand chestnut col., beautiful pencillings; 2, Carlile, lovely quality of feather, grand size.

Fine Feathers at Nottingham

AND A RECORD ATTENDANCE.

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Thirtieth annual show held Nov. 11 and 13, in the Mechanics' Lecture Hall. Our journey from London to this old-established and always well-managed Midland fixture, had its disappointing features. We left Marylebone in sunny, almost spring-like, weather, only to find when we approached the lace city that the locality had borrowed for the day one of those unlovely fogs known as a 'London particular.' The atmosphere was very "pea-soupy," and the chill in the air helped to deepen our depression. But a simple ceremony (in which chinking of tea-cups played its part), undertaken in company with several other fanciers who had made the journey from London, put us on the high road to recovery, and our first glimpse of the cosy, well-warmed show-room effectually completed the cure. The Mechanics' Hall is a grand place in which to hold a bird show, and the experienced fanciers of Nottingham know how to set it out to the best possible advantage. Their three-tier system of staging is most excellent, and the row of electric lights specially run down the centre of each aisle on a level with the top of the wood framework, answers well, the light being absolutely perfect. At night the hall was bright and beautiful in the extreme. The birds, too, were tended with the greatest possible care, and nothing left undone to achieve success—in a word, the management was irreproachable.

Compensations.

It was with regret we learned that the entry in point of number was something of a disappointment—not anything like the "full measure, brimming over" which this society indisputably merits. We wonder whether this can be in anyway due to the fact that the fixture is a Saturday and Monday one? Somehow we are inclined to think some prejudice exists against shows with a Sunday in between, though it is not easy to account for it. However, upwards of 700 birds put in an appearance, and on all sides were to be seen representatives of the various breeds which could claim to be amongst the finest of their kind on the show-bench to-day. And how the local bird-lovers appreciated the good fare provided. Never before was such a crowd packed away in the hall. In spite of fog, and the rain that followed in its train, the visitors rolled up in droves, and we were not surprised to get a whisper from the secretary as we were on the point of departing that all records had been broken, over 1,000 people having passed through the door, leaving some £25 behind them with the doorkeeper! Here, indeed, was compensation for the ungenerous support of the exhibitors.

The Master Minds.

At the head of affairs was Mr. R. Rhodes (the chairman), to whose tact and business ability the society owes so much, and under the watchful eye of this widely-popular and respected gentleman things moved smoothly along without hitch or flurry. Mr. Geo. C. Ley, the vice-chairman, is another gentleman who stands high in the estimation of his fellow fanciers. He puts heart and soul into the work of the society and its shows, and everyone acknowledges the invaluable nature of the services he so cheerfully renders. We were sorry to find him not in the best of health, though indisposition quite failed to check his enthusiasm.

The committee, Messrs. T. Barker, W. Cottingham, J. Goode, G. Hill, T. Hodkinson, J. H. Northage, I. Onion, W. H. Raven, G. Sharpe, E. Wolfe, and G. A. White, are all good fanciers, who work ungrudgingly in the interests of the fixture.

The general success of the show was a well-deserved tribute to their labours, and to the work of the judges' stewards, Messrs. F. Moore, Goode, F. Clark, Hill, G. W. Boaler, J. W. Saywell, Barker, Cottingham.

A Rare "Bird."

We always commence a special paragraph when we start to talk about the Nottingham secretary, Mr. G. E. Wilkinson, for he is just about unique. He doesn't keep birds; and he would blush for our untruthfulness if we said that he knew much about birds. Yet as secretary of a bird show we should like to meet his superior. We all know the work there is attached to this post. But Mr. Wilkinson simply thrives on it, and everything to which he puts his hand is "well and truly" done, while nothing serves to disturb his habitual serenity or courtesy of manner. The writer is a proud man even to own the same initials to his name; and what more can he say? This year Mr. Wilkinson found an able helper in Mr. G. T. Royce, who attended to the award labels and other items in first-rate style.

Other valuable helpers were Mr. W. H. Raven, who, with his son, fed and looked after the British and Foreign birds in a manner which did him every credit, and Mr. G. A. White, who discharged the unthankful task of "advertisement canvasser" in a manner highly beneficial to the society.

Some Marvellous Crests.

The catalogue opened with the Nor. Plainheads. Although not quite so numerous as on many previous occasions, the quality one must vote superb. When such notable exhibitors as Messrs. W. Bowyer, W. Vardy, J. E. Davies, S. Cook, and J. Hayhurst are represented, up-to-date models are bound to be on view. Once again that noted unflighted cl. yell. ck., the property of Mr. J. E. Davies, stood at the head of affairs, and was admitted by one and all to be a "stormer." The mkd. buff cock, from the Hucknall stables (Mr. W. Vardy) is also an eye-opener. The amateur section contained several birds far and away above the ordinary, the unflighted yell. ck. successfully benched by Mr. T. Wood being a magnificent specimen.

Crests and C.B.'s as usual at this fixture, made one of the "sights of a life-time." They were "knock-outs," without a doubt. Friend Heath, that respected and popular judge, went into raptures over the three leading marvels in the Buff Crested-Bred Hen class. Truly a trio to be remembered. "The Duchess," (R. S. Bewick) is an out and out champion. Amongst the Crests, many models were present from the crack breeders. The cl. body D.C. cock (J. Franz) is a real beauty, while the buff almost green D.C. hen (Evins Bros.), "Dusky Queen," is rightly named, being a real giantess with a wealth of superb feather and a crest of immense size and perfect shape. Mr. F. G. Bale's almost unbeatable buff var. C.B. cock also merits special attention. A buff heavy mkd. dark Crest, the property of Mr. J. A. Smith (Birmingham), standing vhc in the "Current Year" class, struck us as the best youngster we had seen this season so far. Maybe at judging time this bird did not show to such perfection. It was the Cheltenham winner, and recent £25 purchase, we heard.

The Special winners are as follows:—Messrs. Evins Bros. (best Crest), J. Franz (best cl. body Crest), R. S. Bewick (C.B.), G. C. Ley (buff Crest, 1911), Dobson and Son (Buff C.B.), Thos. Taylor (yell. C.), Mrs. L. M. Thynne (members), W. Vardy (best yell. and buff Nor.), J. Goode (yell C.), G. C. Ley (buff C.), G. A. White (yell. C.B.), G. C. Ley (buff C.B.), W. H. Raven (Brit., also For.). Novice memb. silver cup, most points, W. Bown (Nor. sec.); silver cup Crest classes (G. A. White), silver cup Brit. (J. W. Saywell), gold medal For. (W. Cottingham), the above cups are won outright; silver medal (F.B.C.) best For. bird, W. H. Raven. The C.C.C. £10 10s. challenge bowl, for best current year Crest, fell to Mr. Geo. C. Ley. The £10 10s. challenge bowl (C.C.C.) for best current year C.B., went to Messrs. Dobson and Son. These two valuable trophies have to be won three times before becoming the absolute property of any exhibitor.

The judging was in the able hands of Messrs. J. F. Dewar, T. Heath, E. Fuller, and J. Trengove, and we heard remarkably few adverse comments upon their placing of the birds.

Mr. J. Trengove's Classes.

NOR. CL. YELL. (6): 1, Bowyer, rare substance and shape, beautiful quality and colour, jaunty carriage, the Tunstall winner, looking a picture; 2, E. Wilcox and Son, full of colour, teeming with quality, well up in size, not quite so thick set, yet a beauty; 3, Simpson and Vertigan, ablaze, fine substance, lovely shaped body; 4, Vardy, cobby, nice quality, moves gracefully, beaten in colour; vhc, Harris; No. 3, Twine, lame in one leg, and could not show, near on best in class, hard lines. BUFF (10): 1, Hayhurst, smooth and round as an apple, rare quality and size, lovely carriage, staged to the moment, real gem; 2, Vardy, capital feather and col., good substance, neatly mealed, not quite so chubby, yet a charmer; 3, Alton, teeming with quality, good size and carriage, not the col. quite, but well worth its place; 4, Hunt, A1 quality, col., and frosting, grand shaped body; vhc, Judd; hc, Bowyer; c, Hill. TK. YELL. (8): 1, 3, Davies, well known var. leading, wonderful substance, rattling quality and col., getting fat on chest, which is spoiling his symmetry somewhat; 3rd, lightly var., very shapely and of good feather, well up in size, not so bright in tone of colour; 2, Holmes, mkd. wing and neck, hot as a stove, short and thick set, feathered to perfection, delightful mover, just beaten in substance; 4, Judd, lightly var., cobby and of A1 col. and quality, clean cut away; vhc, Howard; hc, Hill; c, Sharp. BUFF (9): 1, 2, 3, Vardy, trio of gems, former, mkd. wing and eyes, model for shape, good substance and quality, rich col., covered with neat frosting, lovely carriage, topper; 2nd, mkd. eyes and root of tail, fine head, neck and chest, rich col., capital wing carriage, just beaten in quality by its stable companion; 3rd, mkd. head, very massive, red hot, well mealed; 4, Holmes, var., cobby, excellent quality and col., built on smaller lines, neat exhibit; vhc, Twine; hc, Routh; c, Coltman. YELL. HEN (13): 1, 3, hc, Cook, team of bewitching damsels, 1st marvellous sized cl., soft silky texture of feather, grand shape and carriage, clean sweep, in the pink; 3rd, cl., cobby, and as tight as a Java, capital col. and quality; 2, Vardy, cl., very shapely, full of quality, nice col. and carriage, beaten wee bit in substance; 4, Bowyer, cl., well up in size, shapely, nice feather, jaunty carriage, the Leek winner we presume; vhc, Davies; c, Hawkesley. BUFF (12): 1, Twine, cl., sweetly moulded, superb col. and feather, richly frosted, nice size and carriage, greatly admired; 2, Hawkesley, mkd. wings and eyes, more substance, equal in shape, hardly so rich in col. or quality, still close up; 3, T. and R. Smith, mkd. eye, well up in size, shapely, nice quality, not quite the cok.; 4, Judd, mkd. wing, typical, and of nice carriage, A1 col.; vhc, Wilcox and Son; hc, Vardy. UNFLIG. YELL. (14): 1, 2, Davies, brace of toppers, the well known and often described cl., marvellous specimen, leading, best youngster of the year up North; 3rd, mkd. wings and head, ablaze, and of rattling quality, fine substance and shape, close up; 3, Hulse, mkd. wings, eyes and root of tail, full of fire, teeming with quality, well up in size, little longer in barrel; 4, Vardy cl., cobby and of excellent feather and col., not overdone with size, but a true Nor.; vhc, Twine; hc, Martin; c, Hayhurst. BUFF (9): 1, Davies, cl., model for shape, superb col. and quality, tight as a bottle, lovely carriage, Liverpool, etc., winner; 2, Vardy, mkd. head, more substance, capital feather and col., shapely and of nice action, well frosted, not far away; 3, c, C. and H. Twine, cobby cl. sweetly moulded, nice substance and carriage, not quite so good in head and neck; 4, Hulse, warmly fed cl., well up in size, capital feather; vhc, J. and T. Twine; hc, Martyn. AMAT. NOR. YELL. (9): 1, Dollman and Sons, red hot cl., nice shape and size, good quality, capital carriage; 2, Wood, mkd. neck, A1 col. and quality, nice size, not quite so good in shape; 3, hc, Lamb, cl., nice head and neck, rich col. and quality, bit longer; 4, c, Hopcroft, cl., capital tone of col., rare quality, just beaten in size; vhc, Rayner; No. 3, Wilson, bonny bird, but very much down. BUFF (9): 1, Martin, mkd. wing and head, red hot, superior quality, well up in size, nice shape and carriage; 2, Wilson, mkd. head, rare quality, col. and frosting, nice substance; 3, Murfin, mkd. wing and eye, short and thick set, A1 quality, not so rich in col.; 4, Dollman and Sons, red hot cl., superb feather, nicely mealed, smaller, but neatness itself; vhc, Smedley; hc, Bakewell Bros. UNFLIG. YELL. (5): 1, Woods, cl., warm in col., rich in quality, grand shape and size, very choice; 2, Wilson, red hot cl., shapely and of nice substance, not quite so compact in feather; 3, Boaler, mkd. head, rare col., nice head, neck and chest, little longer behind, yet good; 4, vhc, Ball and Drury, mkd. wing, cobby and of excellent col. and carriage, clean cut, smaller. BUFF (7): 1, Emery, hot cl., smooth as a bottle, grand body, nice head and neck, good carriage; 2, Bond, ck., largest in class, A1 shape and colour, perhaps a bit free in feather; 3, Moore, mkd. eye, capital quality, shape and mealing, not one of the largest but one of the smartest; 4, Kirby, cl., shapely, rich tone of col., cobby; vhc, Ball and Drury; hc, Murfin; c, Rayner. HENS (13): 1, Wilson, cl., rare substance, capital quality and col., jaunty carriage, very bonny; 2, Boaler, mkd. wings and eye, well up in size, grand shape, nice col.; 3, Martin, short and thick cl., smooth as wax, neatly frosted, beaten a little in substance; 4, Dr. Twigg, mkd. wing, rare size, quality and col., good carriage; vhc, Wood; hc, Rayner; c, Dollman and Sons.

Mr. T. Heath's Classes.

CREST. BUFF, CL. BODY, ETC. (8): 1, Franz, D.C., heaps of rich quality feather, fine substance, crest round as a hoop, large and dense, delightful droop and centre, real gem; 2, Taylor, grey C., abundance of feather of rich texture, massive in build, crest of lovely frontal, good in droop; 3, Evins Bros., D.C., very shapely and of capital quality, crest not overdone with size, veiny, nice droop and centre; 4, Bewick, grey C., wonderful substance A1 quality feather, crest round, but thicker on one side than other, good droop and centre; vhc, Colledge; hc, J. T. Twine; No. 4 and No. 7, passed as deficient in vision, both gems; extremely hard lines. A.O.V. BUFF (13): 1, Rev. G. W. Joyce, mkd. wings D.C., rattling quality, wealth of broad feather, crest of immense size, lovely shape, magnificent droop, centre rightly placed, eye opener; 2, Evins Bros., var. D.C., heaps of rich feather, massive headpiece, exceedingly large and round, hardly so dense, but lovely droop and centre; 3, Thynne, mkd. wings D.C., slashing quality, good substance, crest of fine radiation, thickly packed, A1 droop and centre, bit smaller; 4, Taylor, mkd. wings D.C., heaps of feather, superb quality, crest of beautiful radiation, neat in droop and centre; vhc, Tyson; hc, Routh; c, Mason. BUFF C. HEN (15): 1, Evins Bros., almost green, pied tail D.C., monster, abundance of feather, grand shape crest of magnificent size and radiation, thickly thatched, lovely droop and centre; 2, Franz, var. D.C., superb quality, rare size, crest leafy shape, excellent quality, crest round as a hoop, large, not quite so dense, and behind a little in droop; 4, Dobson and Son, mkd. wings dark crest, wealth of quality feather, rare substance of body, crest nice radiation and droop, lifts a little in centre; vhc, Smith, heavy mkd. dark crest, wonderful substance and shape, abundance of rich quality feather, crest very massive and thickly packed, lovely droop and centre, our choice for higher honours; hc, Rev. G. W. Joyce; c, Norwood Bros. C.B. (18): 1, Dobson and Son, variegs., abundance of [illegible] feather, well up in size, magnificent width and rise of skull, grandly lashed, should moult out another year a stormer; 2, Ley, variegs., wonderful substance, shapely and possessing a wealth of feather, broad in skull, pronounced rise, very promising, close up; 3, Taylor, variegs., heaps of grand feather, not the size of above, yet real good bird, cobby shape, fine head; 4, Broad, green, wealth of feather, rare substance, capital shaped body, fails only in boldness of head, very neat; vhc, Bewick; hc, c, Twine; c, W. Radley and Son. YELL. CREST (5): 1, Norwood Bros., heavy mkd. dark crest, marvellous substance for yell., lovely feather, beautiful radiation, capital droop and centre, in the pink; 2, Franz, mkd. wings, dark crest, teeming with quality, good size, crest dense but hardly so round,



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The Committee and Judge (Mr. House) of the recent highly successful Show of the Brighton C.B.S.

and of capital size, grand frontal, beaten a little in shape, nice droop and centre; 3, Lazarus, green D.C., A1 quality, smaller in build, crest nice at sides and front, fails little at back, neat droop and centre; 4, Norwood Bros., almost green, pied tail D.C., heaps of feather, rare size and quality, crest of heavy frontal, split at sides to-day, good in droop; vhc, Ley; hc, Cowpertwait; c, Broad; No. 14, Rev G. W. Joyce, absent. GREEN OR FOUL BUFF, C.B. COCK (9): 1, Taylor, green, wonderful lot of feather, A1 quality, massively built, marvellous width and rise of skull, lashed to perfection; 2 Franz, pied tail, rare substance, abundance rich texture of feather, fine wide, highly cushioned skull, grandly browed, not far away; 3, Norwood Bros., foul, capital feather, smaller in stature, neatly made head, nice browing; 4, Harrison, pied tail, A1 feather, well up in size, shapely and of nice skull character, neatly lashed; vhc, Evins Bros.; hc, Smith; c, Brotherton. BUFF C.B., CL. AND C. (18): 1, Bale, var., giant, wealth of broad quality feather, massive in skull character, lashed to perfection, knock out all through; 2, c, Taylor, var., rich feather, rare substance, wonderful width and rise of skull, finely browed, nearly as meritorious as first; 3, Bewick, var., plenty of feather, not quite so massive, but a grand bird, well worth its place; 4, Evins Bros., lightly var., wealth of feather, rare size, nice width and rise of skull; vhc, Ley; hc, Gilbert. BUFF C.B. HEN (18) Finest class in section: 1, Bewick, green giantess, magnificent texture of feather, grand shape, about the broadest of skulls we have ever had the pleasure of seeing, great rise, wealth of feather, superb lashing, a stormer; 2, Tyson, almost green pied tail, wonderful substance, topping shape, feather in abundance, with a huge skull of grand character, browed to perfection, presses the winner hard; 3, Dobson and Son., var., another such as you read about but seldom see, heaps of feather of beautiful quality, fine substance, not quite the same width of skull, but with a wonderful turn up, finely lashed, gem; 4, Evins Bros., mkd. wings and head, capital quality, nice amount of feather, smaller in build; vhc, Ley; hc, W. Radley and Sons; c, Colledge. Around this class, during the whole time we were at the show, were groups of admiring Fanciers. YELL. CREST (10): 1, Taylor, cl. body grey ck., magnificent quality feather, well up in substance, crest of immense size, beautiful radiation droop and centre, topper; 2, Faux and Gilbert, variegs. dark crest, capital feather, good size, crest leafy and of grand shape, not quite so large but lovely droop, close up; 3, Evins Bros., mkd. wing and tail, dark crest, slashing feather, nice size, crest round as a hoop, bit hairy, good droop and centre; 4, Mrs. E. L. A. Crow, almost green dark crest, heaps of feather, good size, crest rather small but of capital shape and droop, neat centre; vhc, Colledge; hc, Goode; c, Ley. YELL. C.B. (13): 1, 3, Brotherton, good brace, former heavily variegs., magnificent feather, sweet shape, fine substance, rare skull and lash; 3, lightly variegs., teeming with quality, well up in size, fine width of skull, neatly browed; 2, 4, Colledge, lightly variegs., wealth of grand feather, great substance, hardly so wide in skull as winner, finely lashed, not far behind; 4, cl., good quality feather, shapely, bit smaller in build; vhc, Mrs. E. L. A. Crow; hc, Eley; c, Rev. G. W. Joyce; Nos. 8 Gilbert, 13 Hesketh, absent. CURRENT YEAR, BUFF CREST (19), fine class: 1, Ley, cl., magnificent quality, substance and shape, very fine crest of heavy frontal, but centre wee bit far back, splendid texture and thickness of feather; 2, Colledge, heavy variegs. dark crest, heaps of A1 quality feather, wonderful size, crest, leafy, large, round as a crown, lovely droop and centre, pressed hard; 3, Taylor, mkd. wings and breast dark crest, lovely nicely drooped, neat centre, good 'un; 3, Evins Bros., green, pied wing and tail, dark crest, rare substance and quality, crest round, not large, but awfully neat; 4, Broad, heavy mkd., dark crest, capital quality, when taking notes was wet through on crest, fuller description impossible; vhc, Holmes. YELL. C.B. (7): 1, Barker, mkd. head and neck, lovely quality, fair size and shape, nice skull and lash, but seemed distinctly lucky here; 2, hc, Lazarus, heavy variegs., rare substance and quality, abundance of feather on a grand skull, looked the superior bird; 3, Mrs. E. L. A. Crow, almost green, pied tail, lovely feather, grand size, neat skull and browing; 4, Evins Bros., heavy variegs., superior feather, good shape; vhc, Holmes. CINN. C OR C.B. (2): 1, Routh, crest, pied tail, rare quality and substance, very shapely headpiece, nice size and radiation, good droop and centre; 2, Tatman, mkd. both wings, crest, lovely quality, capital shape, nice droop and centre, not so large. SELL, £3 (6): 1, Smith; 2, Taylor; 3, Peters; 4, Goode; vhc, Holmes. SELL, £2 (13): 1, 2, Holmes; 3, Howard; 4, Cowpertwait; vhc, Radley; hc, Watcham; c, Harrison. SELL, 20s. (8): 1, Faux and Gilbert; 2, 3, Holmes; 4, Salisbury; vhc, Watcham; hc, Herrick; c, Stevens. C.B., 30s. (9): 1, Ley; 2, Harrison; 3, Herrick; 4, Smith; vhc, Kirkham; hc, Gilbert; c, Osborn. NOVICE, CREST (11): 1, Broadhead, buff, mkd. back, grizzled crest, rare substance, heaps of rich feather, crest large and round, capital droop and centre; 2, Gillespie, buff, mkd. wings, dark crest, cobby, wealth of feather, crest of nice frontal and droop, neat centre; 3, Wharham, buff, heavy mkd., dark crest, rare substance and quality, good radiation droop and centre; 4, vhc, Dr. Twigg, cl. buff, superior feather, crest of nice shape and droop; hc, Shipley; c, Salisbury. C.B. (8): 1, Broadhead, buff variegs., wealth of rich texture feather, well up in size, fine width and rise of skull, nicely lashed; 2, c, Wharam, mkd. wings and head, capital quality, rare substance; 3, Gillespie, buff variegs., full of character, staged in nice fettle; 4, Barber, abundance of feather, neat skull and lash; vhc, Jones; hc, Dr. Twigg.

YORK., YELL. (9): 1, Taylor, mkd. wings and eyes, ablaze with colour, superior feather, lengthy, straight as a gun barrel, well on leg; 2, vhc, Hymas, cl., very lengthy and slim, upstanding, capital quality and colour; 3, Routh, cl., A1 quality, good back and wing carriage, lengthy; 4, Elkins, mkd. neck, rare length, stands nicely, little open on front, which tells against it; hc, Truman; c, White. BUFF (11): 1, Hymas, mkd. wing, lovely salmon tinged col., grand position and length, fine back flights and tail, clever legs; 2, 3, 4, Taylor, choice team; 2nd, mkd. neck, straight as a rush, wonderful length, neat wing carriage; 3, mkd. wings and head, stands like a guardsman, full of style; 4, rare length, A1 quality, bit stronger; vhc, Elkins; hc, Truman; c, Taylor. HENS (12): 1, 2, 3, 4, Taylor, charming quartette, winner yell., mkd. head, slim and upstanding, very lengthy, lovely feather and colour, grand back flights and tail; 2, yell., mkd. wings, head and root of tail, feathered to perfection, full of style; 3, buff, mkd. wings and head, straight up, good length and quality, fine carriage; 4, cl. buff, rare length, A1 quality; vhc, hc, Hymas; c, White. UNFLIG. (13): 1, White, cl. yell., red hot, straight, lovely feather, grand back tail and flights, very promising; 2, Hymas, cl. yell., paler in colour, superior quality, capital position and length, well on leg; 3, Elkins, yell., thigh ticked, stands like, thigh ticked, stands like a soldier, neat and narrow, bit thin in neck, yet one we liked; 4, vhc, Taylor, buff thin in neck, very lengthy, capital quality, bit on the stout side; hc, Pickering; c, Gibson.

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NOV-MEMBERS, YELL. NOR. (15): 1, 2, Bown, both variegs., full of fire, lovely quality, former little more size, both grand shape and carriage; 3, Drury, cl., very shapely, A1 quality; 4, vhc, Clarke, mkd. wings and head, fine head, neck and chest, grand colour and quality; hc, Barnes; c, Boaler. BUFF (15): 1, Boaler, cl., grand shape and size, lovely colour, quality and frosting, bit weak on feet, otherwise all there; 2, 3, Clarke, mkd. wings and eyes, smooth as wax, nicely mealed, clean cut; 3, cobby, cl., rich feather; 4, hc, Bown, red hot cl., capital feather, good head and neck; vhc, Barnes; c, Drury. CREST (14): 1, 3, 4, White, trio of nice specimens, buff, mkd. wings dark crest, heaps of feather, good shape, crest neat formation droop and centre; 3, buff, mkd. wings, dark crest, shapely, A1 quality, crest rather small, but neat; 4, yelk., lovely feather, crest very neat; 2, hc, Hodgkinson, buff, cl. body, grey c., wealth of feather, crest round, nice droop and centre; vhc, c, Renshaw. C.B. (12): 1, 4, hc, White, cl. buff, rare substance, good width and rise of skull, well lashed; 4, buff, mkd. wing, shapely and possessing heaps of feather; 2, vhc, Renshaw, green, well up in size, good quality, nice width of skull; 3, Hodgkinson, buff, rare size, plenty of feather. EXTRA STOCK (8): 1, vhc, hc, Wolfe; 2, Wood; 3, Renshaw; 4, Gibson; c, Boaler.

Mr. E. Fuller's Classes.

LANC. COPPY., YELL. (10): 1, Hordern, cl., wonderful spread, capital shape, rare length and substance of body, superior quality, stood 3rd Manchester; 2, Dodd, grizzled, better colour, rare length, nice shaped head piece, hardly so neat in centre; 3, Garner, grizzled, neat in character, capital quality; 4, vhc, Collinge, cl., magnificent feather, good length, not so large in spread, neat in centre; hc, Fitton; c, Laycock. BUFF (10): 1, c, Hordern, grizzled, marvellous length and substance, grandly shaped coppy, lovely centre, the Manchester winner, we presume; 2, Dodd, grizzled coppy, fine length and position, capital coppy properties, not quite so massive in body; 3, vhc, Ridgard, grizzled, full of quality, nicely formed coppy, neat centre; 4, Garner, cl., rare length, not so thick in body, nice coppy, very neat; hc, Vickers. YELL P.H. (11): 1, hc, c, Hordern, nice team, cl., magnificent feather, marvellous substance and length, grand skull and lash, real stormer; 2, 3, Fitton, brace of gems, both cl., former teeming with quality, rare substance of body, fine head points, not quite so lengthy; 3, wonderful size, capital quality, good head; 4, Collinge, mkd. head, capital length, A1 quality, massive body; vhc, Garner; No. 10 Vickers, abst. BUFF (10): 1, Vickers, cl., giant, delightfully clothed, rich quality, broad skull and lashed to perfection, knock out; 2, Garner, mkd. cheek, lovely quality, lengthy, characteristic head properties; 3, vhc, Fitton, cl., marvellous size, grand quality, good skull; 4, Hampshire, nice feather, full of character; hc, Collinge. LIZ., GOLD, CL. CAP (9): 1, c, Hamer, fine size and shape, lovely ground colour, beautifully rowed, gem, Manchester winner, we heard; 2, Fisher, full of neat work, sound colour, shapely, A1 quality; 3, Barnes, grand feather and colour, good spangling, in the pink; 4, vhc, Dewsnap, good shape, neat work; hc, Whipp. SVL. (10): 1, 2, Hamer, both magnificent ground colour, full of neat work, shapely, nice size, little separates them, shown for all they were worth; 3, Dewsnap, shapely, excellent spangling, good colour and size, well worth its place; 4, Barnes, smaller, but lovely colour, full of neat work, A1 quality; vhc, Fisher; hc, Rukin; c, Whipp. GOLD, BROKEN (17) good class: 1, Dewsnap, topping shape, size and quality, beautifully rowed, well down sides, lovely ground colour, a picture; 2, 4, Barnes, both good, former of nice shape, capital colour, full of work; 4th shapely, A1 colour and spangling, teeming with quality; 3, hc, Oliver, good feather, nice size, prettily spangled; vhc, Fisher; c, Hamer. BROKEN (15): 1, Rukin, delightful ground colour, fine shape and size, very best of spangling, gem wins; 2, Hamer, good shape and quality, capital colour, neatly rowed; 3, vhc, Dewsnap, shapely and of capital quality and colour, nice even rowing, not quite the size; 4, Oliver, good size and shape, full of neat work, A1 quality; hc, Bosworth.

Mr. J. F. Dewar's Classes.

CLEAR, ETC., CAN. HYB. (8): 1, 4, vhc, Martin and Archer, leader the noted clear Linnet, truly a lovely bird, in grand form; 4th, cheek mkd. Greenie, another splendid Mule; vhc, the Palace winning uneven-mkd. Goldie-Can., in quite a lowly position to-day; 2, Lawrence, Goldie-Can., grizzled on one wing, grand bird for col. and quality, fine size and shape; 3, Gilbert, twin brother, we should think, to the second bird, similarly marked, grand col. and bloom, wee bit smaller; hc, Martin; c, McLean. DARK (8): 1, Martin and Archer, very good Jonque Linnet, rare col. and polish, nice size and style, trifle pinched in head; 2, Tams and Son, sweet Jonque Siskin, well built, rich col., nicely marked; 3, McLean, big, hot coloured Goldie, grandly polished plumage, little uneven in blaze col.; 4, Lawrence, flashing big buff Linnet, grand size and shape, good feather, trifle down in col., yet pressed hard for higher honours; vhc, Smith; hc, Large; c, Alton. HYB (6): 1, 3, Lawrence, leader champion Can.-Bullie, in great form, wonder for size, col. and markings, will want stopping; 3rd, real good Lin.-Bullie, fine chest and head, full of colour, in nice order; 2, Martin and Archer, Goldie-Bullie, good size and shape, excels in col. and bloom; 4, hc, Hymas, smaller Goldie-Bullie, very tight and glossy in plumage, nice bird; vhc, Howard. BRIT. GOLDIE (10): 1, Hurst, the best we have seen this year, by long chalks, big, upstanding, showy Finch, with a wonderful expanse of blaze above and below, grand tanning and markings all over, will take a world of beating if he does not get too dark in colour; 2, Mrs. Jeacock, smaller, and with hardly the same huge blaze, yet a lovely Finch at all points, big, rich blaze, fine chestnut and markings, beauty, was bred in an aviary, we understand; 3, vhc, hc, Raven, leader remarkable col., too much chestnut on him, in fact, very large blaze indeed, grand Finch, not in the same A1 condition as leaders; 4, Wagg, yet another smart Goldie, fine, wide, well-cut face, not quite up in col., bird needs steadying a trifle, bit restless; c, Routb. BULL. (10): 1, 2, Woods, two beauties, leader big, house-moulted bird, grand, wide, well-cut cap, hot breast col., fine back and bars; 2nd, t.m., smaller, good at all points, both in lovely condition; 3, Routh, fine size and shape, condition A1, grand back and bars, rich, solid breast col., well shown; 4, Smith, loses a trifle in col., very nice at all other points, bonny shape; vhc, Paley; hc, Yearling; c, Harrison. LINNET (7): 1, Raven, wins on condition, not the largest, but a gem for shape and style, fine col., very distinctive markings all over, in rare bloom; 2, 4, Hurst, bigger, fine, cobby shape, nice sound col., trifle duller in "coat," and hardly so sharp in pencilling; 4th, biggest in class, bonny type of bird, well made, cone-shaped body, fine head, nice sound col., well marked all over, though a little cloudily, we rather liked him for higher honours; 3, Wood, very sound nutty col., good wings and head, carries nice work, hardly so distinct as winners, in fine condition, excellent size and shape; vhc, Caunt; hc, Routh; c, Tams and Son. GREENIE (6): 1, Lawrence, topper, great size, wonderful head and chest, very rich sound col. (fed), grand quality, wins easy, pity he is a bit restless; 2, Hurst, non-fed, grand one at all points, charming col. and polish, good tail and flights, not so weighty as the winner; 3, Raven, also loses a little in bulk, very fine cobby shape, deep rich nat. col., in fine condition; 4, Martin, good bold shapely bird, fine polish, good col (fed); vhc, Tams and Son, splendid bird, in trouble a little with one eye, or would have warmed things up for some above it; hc, Smith. TWITE, ETC. (11): 1, c, Raven, lovely Twite for col., bloom and pencilling, real bonny bird; 2, Sillitoe, very fine Mealy, really mealy in col., too, grand bib and pencilling, soon "bagged" at catalogue price, 10/-; 3, Hurst, sweet Siskin for condition, excellent size and shape, fine colour, well mkd., but no bib; 4, Goode, fine Twite, bigger than winner, loses only in polish and condition; vhc, Mrs. Jeacock; hc, Wagg. CHAFF. OR BRAMBLE (12): 1, Hurst, really beautiful Chaffinch, marvellous col. and bloom, very nicely mkd., good size and shape, will do some winning; 2, Raven, extra large Bramble, wonderful broad head, nice col. and mkgs., seemed shade soft when we saw it; 3, Martin, another fine Chaffie for col. and mkgs., very forward in condition; 4, c, Lawrence, lovely Bramble, fine size and shape, full of col., grandly mkd., pressed hard, the latter a beautiful Chaffinch, very low in the list; vhc, Smith; hc, Ride, Chaffinch, will be a good one when ready. A.O.V. SEEDEATER (8): 1, 2, Raven, lovely Hawfinch leading, perfect polish and condition, fine bib and wings, very thick-set and shapely; 2nd, good coloured, well-mkd. Yellowhammer, also in charming condition; 3, Caunt, very fine steady Corn Bunting, grand mkgs., not quite fit yet; 4, Ride, another fine Yellowhammer, just loses to-day in tightness of feather; vhc, Lawrence, fine Crossbill; hc, Paln; c, Mrs. Jeacock. HENS (9): 1, 4, Caunt, leader the well known Corn Bunting, grand hen, looking very fit; 4th, exceptionally good Greenie, fine size and col.; 2, Martin and Archer, Reed Bunting, dainty little lady, very trim and neat, deserves her place; 3, Raven, real good Hawfinch, finely mkd., nice size and shape, trifle short of polish; vhc, Ride; hc, Webb; c, Butler; the very large hen Bullfinch, 2nd Clapham, we noticed standing cardless. SMALL INSECTIV. (6): 1, Raven, champion Nightingale, condition simply lovely, grand size, shape and colour; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Wagg, exceptionally nice team, all in splendid condition, Lesser Whitethroat, Redstart, Pipit and Wheatear; 4, Goode, pretty Yellow Wag., excellent col. and condition. LARGE (4): 1, Wagg, Waxwing, nice, shapely bird, A1 condition, catalogued as a cock, but we think it a hen; 2, Hawksley, really good Blackbird, fine size and shape, dense col., rich golden beak and eyeceres, had rather hard lines to play "second fiddle"; 3, Raven, rare big, shapely Waxwing, grand wings and crest, but damaged in plumage today; a fine King Ouzel unfortunately had a wrong label on its cage and appeared amongst the Mules! FOR. LOVEBIRDS, ETC. (4): 1, 2, Baxby, two splendid Blue Mountain Lorrikeets, lovely col.; 2nd, very fine Pennant; 3, 4, Fletcher, two rattling good pairs Budgerigars. PARROTS, ETC. (3): 1, Doncaster, one of the best Greys we have seen, beautiful col. and condition; 2, Mrs. Henton, real good Blue and Amher Macaw, very amusing bird; 3, Aulsebrook, smart Blue-fronted Amazon, nice colour. WAXBILLS, ETC. (12): 1, 2, hc, Howe, Gold-breasted Waxbills, White-headed Mannikins, and Green Avadavats, all real good and in charming condition, winners are a champion pair; 3, Routh, grand pair Zebras, big and finely mkd.; 4, Raven, extra good pair White Javas; vhc, Cottingham; c, Row. A.O.S. SEEDEATERS (6): 1, 3, Howe, Melba Finch leading, very nice condition, good bird; 3rd, lovely Parrot Finch, wonderful colouration and condition; 2, hc, Row, far the best pair Fire-tailed Finches we have ever seen, remarkable size, col. and markings, superb condition, hit unlucky we thought, not to have won; 4, Raven, simply perfect cock Red-headed Gouldian, gem; vhc, Cottingham. INSECTIV. (2): 1, 2, Raven, gloriously beautiful Spotted Emerald Tanager, truly one of Nature's living jewels, wins F.B. Club's medal; 2nd, Necklace Tanager, grand specimen, too. A.O.S. (4): 1, 2, Baxby, very fine and attractive Green-billed Toucan and Mexican Green Jay; 3, Raven, Levaillant's Barbet, very rare, not in best form yet; 4, Wood, very decent Siberian Goldie. NOVICE BRIT. GOLDIE, ETC. (8): 1, 2, 4, vhc, hc, c, Saywell, hot team, headed by very smart Hawfinch and Bramble; 3, Wood, very good Wheatear. A.O.V. (5): 1, 3, Wood, excellent Missel Thrush and big good-coloured Greenie; 2, 4, vhc, Saywell, fine Song Thrush, and decent Mealy Redpoll. FOR. (7): 1, Saywell, big, good-coloured Red-headed Finch; 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, c, Cottingham, rare good team, Cuttroats leading, fine col. Weaver and Sih. Bullie 3rd and 4th.

WYMONDHAM.

Nineteenth annual show held November 8th and 9th. The success of the venture is due in large part to the combined efforts of the secretary (Mr. W. Dye) and the assistant secretary (Mr. J. C. Clements), who (with the assistance of the committee) are to be congratulated on the excellent arrangements. Mr. C. L. Quinton judged the cage birds, which were of nice quality.

NOR. CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Bales; 2, Coman. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, 4, Bales; vhc, c, Coman; c, Blyth. YELL. TKD., ETC.: 1, 2, 3, 4, hc, Bales; vhc, c, Coman. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Bales; 4, hc, Coman; c, Blyth. CL. ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Bales; 3, 4, Blyth. BUFF: 1, spl., 2, 3, 4, Bales; vhc, c, Blyth; hc, Coman. PAIR PLAINHEADS: 1, 2, 3, Bales; 4, Coman; vhc, Blyth. NOR. NON-FED: 1, Mrs. R. Betts; 2, Buttolph; 3, vhc, Blyth; 4 Lemon; hc, Cross. HEN: 1, spl., Bales; 2, Smith; 3, Blyth; 4, Lemon. CREST: Coman. C.B.: 1, 2, Betts; 3, Coman. CREST, A.O.V.: 1, 3, vhc, Betts; 2, Lemon; 4, Coman. PAIR OF CRESTS: 1, 3, Betts; 2, Coman. MULE: 1, 2, 3, 4, Blyth. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, Baxter; 2, Coman; 3, H. Howes; 4, W Howes. THRUSH, ETC., BRIT. OR FOR. BIRDS: 1, Coman; 3, Welton. A.O.S.: 1, Betts; 2, 3, Coman. GIFT: Bales.

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WHITEHAVEN.

Whitehaven C.B.S. annual open show held Oddfellows' Hall, November 10th and 11th. The room is an ideal one for light, and is entirely free from any draughts; but it was somewhat cold, the sudden snap of frost being felt a little in the room. A lot of the birds no doubt felt the change, and drooped just a bit in the morning. But the officials got some heat put on early, and by noon the birds looked quite different. Some 400 entries turned up in the cage bird section, and a more level lot we have not seen for some time. Yorks. contained some really fine exhibits; Mr. Douglas just coming out on top with one point. The Norwich were a fine section, Messrs. Sumpton Bros. having quite a field day. Naturally in this hot-bed of Border Fancies, the wee gems came out strong, some wonderful birds being on view. British bird classes did not fill as they might have done. Linnets were a strong lot, and very hard to separate. The winner in the field-moulted class was a wonder; it should with a good moult hold its own with the best. Winners of specials: Challenge cup, Douglas; B.F.C. medal, Mossie; Steele's Border medal, Ayre; Steele's Linnet medal, Stewart. The attendance on the Friday was good, and sales better than last year. The society are greatly indebted to the secretary, Mr. W. Douglas, who is the right man for the job; it is wonderful the work he got through in so short a time. Judging commenced at 9 a.m. and not a bird was missing. Mr. J. Stewart, that ardent Yorks. fancier, had charge of the exhibits, which were well fed and watered; he had the birds laid out for the judge, two classes always being ready, so that each bird could settle down; which is how things should be. These two fanciers were well supported by Messrs. Levason, Kelly, Brown, E. Douglas, Ayre and J. B. Mossie. Mr. C. Cubby (Carlisle) judged Borders, and Mr. Metcalfe (Liverpool) the remainder, and we heard very little grumbling.

The Critiqus.

NOR. CL. ETC., YELL. (7): 1, 4, Worthington, monstrous bird, rare head and neck, good width across chest, capital wing carriage; 2, vhc, P. Davies, shorter body, compact wings, neatly cut away; 3, Johnson, red hot, charming shape and quality, good chest; hc, Sumpton Bros.; c, Pound. BUFF (5): 1, 2, Davies; 1, topper for type, mealed to perfection, compact, neat wing carriage; 2nd, smaller type, well cut away, excellent quality, well put down; 3, Coulson and Watson, rare substance, fine napper; 4, Pound, well frosted, good width across back; vhc, night; hc, Reed Bros. TKD. ETC., YELL. (7): 1, Sumpton Bros., cap mkd., a stormer for size, rare tone of col., topping quality, good one; 2, Coulson and Watson, cheek mkd., bull neck, good head, short wings and tail; 3, 4, Davies, two nice short birds, all front, beaten only in quality; vhc, Bell; hc, c, Cranston. BUFF (7): 1, Sumpton Bros., cheek mkd., grand head, boat shape, well mealed, cut well away behind; 2, Nicholson and Stevenson, cap mkd., very taking bird, not quite the sweep of winner; 3, vhc, Davies, wing and cap mkd., good size, broad neck, and thick neck; 4, Forsyth, well across perches, fine quality; hc, c, Bell. HEN (10): 1, Sumpton Bros., grizzle wing, extra good head and neck; 2, Johnson, rare good fronted damsel, well mealed, takes perches well; 3, c, Davies, plenty of substance, rich col., good quality; 4, J. S. Wilson, all quality, very lazy; vhc, Bell; hc, Worthington. YORKS. CL., ETC., YELL. (11): 1, 3, Douglas, leader a gem for type and quality, like a rush for erectness, shows good pair of legs; 2, Stewart, a stormer for Yorks. properties, but kept crossing wings, hard lines; 3, not quite quality of winners; 4, c, Brown, nice shape and style; vhc, Johnson; hc, Crawhall. BUFF (7): 1, vhc, Stewart, topping type and feather, stands well away; 2, Brown, good quality, wedge shape, close carried wings; 3, Tweedle, grand back, good top end, short in leg, nice exhibit; 4, Park, erect and fearless, nice wings and tail; hc, c, Irwin. TKD., ETC., YELL. (7): 1, 2, Douglas, two good Yorkies, plenty of leg, very shooty, capital wing and tail carriage, either could win, both cap mkd.; 3, Brown, wing mkd., grand type and quality, neat pair of legs; 4, Irwin, shows nice shoulder and back; vhc, hc, Hetherington; c, Rothery. BUFF (9): 1, Park, wing mkd., capital type, well mealed, round back, rare quality; 2, Tindale, cap mkd., neat head and shoulders, very shooty, good legs; 3, Tweedle, Cinn. mkd., as usual grand feather, a wee bit strong in shoulder; 4, hc, Stewart, rare position and style, plenty of leg, well up; vhc, Meirs; c, Douglas. CL. ETC. YELL HEN (10): 1, 4, Brown, 1st, straight neat hen, not a big one, but all style and quality; 4th, neat wing carriage, pipe tail, good feather; 2, 3, c, Douglas, two gems, show touch of Belgian, straight backs tapering like a wedge, both well up on leg; vhc, Stewart; hc, Park. BUFF (11): 1, vhc, Stewart, an out and cut good lady, beautifully moulded, well tapered, shooty; 2, 4, hc, Brown, 2nd good top end, neat head, glorious wing carriage, magnificent feather and position; 4th, neat head and neck, pipe tail, grand position; 3, Park, stands like a soldier, plenty of leg, nice quality feather; c, Meirs. UNFLIG CK. (14): 1, Douglas, straight as an arrow, well moulded, wonderful feather, plenty of leg, good yell.; 2, Tindale, bigger, but not quite the type of winner, well drawn wings; 3, Tweedle, very neat bull, knocked out a few tail feathers else would have gone up; 4, Stewart, grand type and quality, A1 position; vhc, Johnson; hc, Park; c, Brown. HENS (11): 1, Douglas, grand yell., on her own, beautiful type and style, neat wings and tail; 2, 3, 4, Stewart, storming team, leader tick buff, rare feather, well drawn and shooty; 3rd, good top end, really good feather and style, good wing carriage; 4th, round head, good back and tail, all well staged; vhc, Park; hc, Bostock; c, Tweedie. BOR. CL. ETC. YELL. CK. (14): 1, B.F.C. medal, Mossie, wing mkd., high col., neat head and neck; 2, Wilson, cl., exquisite quality, neat round head, nicely cut away; 3, Poole, cl., rare type and quality, very jaunty and free, fine tail; 4, Ireland, cl., takes perches well, sweet head and neck, rare style; vhc, Robinson; hc, Levanson. BUFF (a marvellous class) (22): 1, sp, Mossie, cl., beauty for type, frosted all over; 2, Morgan, cl., cut like a cameo, lovely type, runs close; 3, Wilson, cl., neat head and neck, splendid carriage, nice angle for position; 4, Young, cl., fine outlines, shows grand feather, clean cut; vhc, Bostock; hc, Brockie; c, Fergusson. UNEVEN, ETC., YELL. (6): 1, 2, Ayre, 1st, variegs., teeming with colour, capital quality, neat head and shoulders; 2nd, cap mkd., lovely contour, takes perches when required; 3, Wilson, var., nice col., neatly cut away; 4, Lavason, variegs., sweet head, full of style and quality; vhc Park; hc, Leggett. BUFF (12): 1, Young, variegs., teeming with meal, very jaunty, round head, fits neck a treat, wins; 2, Wilson, wing and eye mkd., excellent feather and type, grand angle; 3, Dixon, wing and eye mkd., shows a mealy mantle, lovely back and wing carriage; 4, Davies, variegs., topper for type, very free mover; vhc, Ayre; hc, Knight; c, Deacon. CL. ETC., YELL. HEN (11): 1, sp, Ayre, cl., glorious, as clean cut as a cameo, all style, lavishly clothed; 2, Young, c., again of the right sort, good co., takes perches nicely without upsetting herself; 3, Pearson, cl., fine moulded head and neck, lovely shaped wings and tail; 4, Moore, all one piece, close up; vhc, Brown; hc, Wilson; c, Ellwood. BUFF (15): 1, sp, Wilson, cap mkd., out and out good damsel, well clothed, tail fitted like a thin wedge, a topper; 2, Morgan, grizzle cap, grand hen, neatly moulded, very free and jaunty, opened tail a bit when we were taking notes; 3, Ellwood, cl., capital carriage, all in one at the requisite angle; 4, Levason, stormer for quality; vhc, Brown; hc, Brockie; c, Pearson. EVEN MARKS: Cancelled. UNEVEN, ETC. HEN (10): 1, sp, Wilson, eyes and wing mkd., extraordinary col. for a hen, clean cut, moves as she should do, wins nicely; 2, Ellwood, eye, neck and wing mkd., good type and quality, very jaunty, shows just a bit of leg; 3, Pearson, eye and wing mkd., sweet head, neat carriage and wings, correct type; 4, Ayre, cl. well defined outlines, clean cut; vhc, Moore; hc, Park; c, Brown. GREEN, ETC. (9): 1, sp, Ayre, self Cinn., we would like to see a bit of copper col., but a Border throughout; 2, Leggett, self yell. green, nicely pencilled, good grass green, moves nicely; 3, Pearson, self Cinn., clean out away, lovely head; 4, Ireland, self yell. green hen, magnificent col. for a hen; vhc, Dixon; hc, c, Poole. MULE, ETC., GOLDIE and GREENFINCH classes cancelled. LINNET, FIELD MOULTED (12): 1, Stewart, wonderful size, very steady, good front, pencilling of the best, should make a good one; 2, Godfrey, rare pencilling, grand co., again very steady, in fine form; 3, Tams and Sons, very jaunty, fine ticking head to vent; 4, Young, cone shape, rare col.; vhc, hc, Douglas; c, Buchanan. HOUSE MOULTED (8): 1, vhc, Godfrey, an eye-opener, pencilled well down, nutty brown col.; 2, W. Wilson, nice size and pencilling, a wee bit open in front, cone shape; 3, Richardson, rare quality, beautiful shape, shines like satin; 4, Stewart, nicely ticked, but down when we were taking notes; hc, Tams and Sons; c, Jenkinson. SISKIN, ETC. (5): 1, Godfrey, grand Twite, veiny pencilling, extra good col.; 2, Glaisher, good Mealy Redpoll, well laced to vent; 3, Madden, nice Lesser, neat coverts, fine col., in good form; 4, Mrs. Jenkinson, Siskin, good cap, grand co.; vhc, Moore and Son. A.O.S. HARDBILL (6): 1, 2, Godfrey, leader topping Bramble, spangle of the best, grand sheen; 2nd, Chaffinch, marvel for col. and shape, well staged; 3, Douglas, Hammer, beauty of a head the V very distinct, fine size; 4, vhc, Reay, Crossbill, nice plumage, good size; hc, Stewart. SOFTBILL (3): 1, 2, R. Lewis, Blackbird, nice cere, good size, put down in a stylish manner; 2, Starling, unsteady, should come out well later; No. 3, J. Lewis, absent. GIFT (13): 1, Brown; 2, Stewart; 3, Elwood; 4, Moore and Son.

CODNOR PARK AND EASTWOOD.

Second annual show of the Codnor Park and Eastwood C.B.S. held Assembly Rooms, Three Tuns Hotel, October 28th. The staging looked very attractive, being a five-tier; plenty of room was provided, which allowed a good view of all exhibits. Thirty-seven classes were provided, but unfortunately three classes had to be cancelled. The stewards, Messrs. Martin, Simpson, Lees and Wood, had everything in good order, the birds being staged in nice time, and judging started early; and the awards were put on in a prompt manner. Norwich were a grand lot, some noted winners being put back by some "good uns" that had not been seen out before. Yorks. were a moderate lot when the winners were taken out; Mules and Hybrids were a grand lot; and British, too, were a hard task to judge, some splendid birds being staged, all in the pink of condition. The Taylor's challenge cup was won by Mr. W. Holmes. Mr. J. Adnitt was runner-up. Messrs. Martin and Mitchell third, and these secured the greatest number of points, but had unfortunately to get double amount of points. Mr. J. H. Roe judged. (We much regret that the unavoidable absence of our reporter has made it impossible for us to give a detailed criticism.—Editor.)

NOR. CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, c, W. Holmes; 2, 3, Simpson and Vertigan; 4, Dodd; vhc, Prince; hc, Martin. BUFF: 1, vhc, Adnitt; 2, Alton and Thompson; 3, F. Smith; 4, Butler and Barlow; hc, W. Holmes; c, Simpson and Vertigan. YELL. HEN: 1, 3, Adnitt; 2, W. Holmes; 4, Mason; vhc, Martin and Mitchell. BUFF: 1, c, Adnitt; 2, 4, hc, W. Holmes; 3, Simpson and Vertigan; vhc, Martin and Mitchell. GREEN, ETC.: 1, Martin; 2, Hathaway; 3, Martin and Mitchell; 4, Ball and Son; vhc, Simpson and Vertigan; hc, Adnitt; c, W. Holmes. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, Prince; 2, Adnitt; 3, hc, Alton and Thompson; 4, Smith and White, vhc, Winterbottom; c, Dodd. BUFF: 1, Springall; 2, Adnitt; 3, 4, Alton and Thompson; vhc, Dodd. NAT. COL.: 1, 4, Adnit; 2, Hathaway; 3, Smith and White; vhc, Mason; hc, Williamson; c, Cliffe. PAIRS (£1): 1, 3, W. Holmes; 2, Adnitt; 4, Ford; vhc, Simpson and Vertigan; hc, Butler and Barlow; c, Ash. YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Wilkinson and Elliott; 2, Wood; 3, York; 4, Trueman; vhc, Barber; hc, Lanchome; c, Barton. BUFF: 1, Trueman; 2, Wilkinson and Elliott; 3, Lancham; 4, Martin and Mitchell. GREEN, ETC.: 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, Martin and Mitchell. UNFLIG.: 1, 2, Wilkinson and Elliot; 3, York; 4, hc, Crowson; vhc, Kew; c, Lancham. NAT. COL.: 1, Crowson; 2, 4, Athey; 3, Lees; vhc, Wood. PAIRS (£1): 1, 3, Flint; 2, hc, Martin and Mitchell; 4, Holmes; vhc, Williamson. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, W. Holmes; 4, Lowe; vhc, Holloway. GIFT: 1, W. Holmes; 2, Adnitt; 3, Martin and Mitchell; 4, Cliffe; vhc, Martin; hc, Wood. HYB., ETC.: 1, Martin and Mitchell; 2, Williams; 3, Watson; 4, W. Holmes; vbc, Barber. CAN. MULE: 1, Alton and Thompson; 2, Leadbeater; 3, Barton; 4, Smith; vhc, Adnitt; hc, Hopkins; c, Kew. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, Alton and Thompson; 2, Hexter; 3, Lowe; 4, Tams and Son; vhc, Kew. LINNET: 1, 2, Tams and Son; 3, Else; 4, Holmes; vhc, Caunt; hc, Henshaw; c, Martin and Mitchell. GREENFINCH: 1, Caunt; 2, Smith and White; 3, Smedley; 4, Williams; vhc, Barton; hc, Watson; c, Turner. BRAMBLE, ETC.: Cancelled. A.O.S. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, Poole; 2, 4, Caunt; 3, Martin and Mitchell. MEMBERS' NOR. YELL.: 1, 2, Martin and Mitchell; 3, Simpson and Vertigan; 4, Parson Bros.; vhc, Butler and Barlow; hc, Martin; c, Ash. BUFF: 1, Simpson and Vertigan; 2, Butler and Barlow; 3, Holmes; 4, Martin and Mitchell; vhc, hc, Parson Bros.; c, Martin. YORK. YELL.: 1, Wood; 2, 3, Kew; 4, Lees; vhc, Athey. BUFF: 1, 2, Kew; 3, Lees; 4, Hubbard. CAN., NOVICE: 1, Wood; 2, hc, c, Smedley; 3, Kew; 4, vbc, Burrows. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, 4, A. Smith; 2, T. Smith; 3, c, Lees; vhc, Martin and Mitchell; hc, Henshaw. LINNETS, ETC.: 1, c, T. Smith; 2, 4, Henshaw; vhc, Martin and Mitchell; hc, Holmes. BRAMBLEFINCH, ETC.: 1, 3, Martin and Mitchell; 2, 4, Martin; vhc, A. Smith; hc, Athey; c, Lees.

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LEEK.

Leek and Dis. C.B.S. 7th annual show, held Nov. 9th. The Co-operative Hall, in which the exhibits were admirably staged, is well lighted (electric light by night), fairly spacious, absolutely void of draughts and well situated. The entry, we are extremely sorry to have to say, was disappointing. There were only 130 entries all told. All the Yorkshire classes had to be cancelled, also the Cl. Yell. Nor., and Brit. Softbill classes. Surely a society like Leek, possessing as it does so many well-known and genuine enthusiasts, deserves to be treated better than this. Now, Staffordshire, rise to the occasion, and don't let it occur again. The show really resolved itself into a Norwich F.H. display. Truly they were not over numerous, but there were some real "eye-openers" among them. Many fell in love with "Little King," owned by Mr. T. Seed. Mr. W. Bowyer, too, had on view a magnificent Cl. Yell. hen. The unfigted mkd. Buff, the property of Mr. R. Hall, fully deserved the honour of "cup hero," truly a magnificent youngster; cobby and teeming with quality and colour; will make a stormer another year, providing it adds a little more substance. Messrs. F. Mason and W. Whetstone staged some grand specimens. Messrs. Tams and Sons, won well in the Hybrids, with a very choice Lin.-Bullie, staged in the pink. Novice classes contained many fit for the open, the unflighted Buff of Mr. A. Bonsall, and the 1911 bred Yellow, owned by Mr. Leng, both being full of character and "good 'uns." The President is C. Watson, Esq.; stewards, Messrs. Mason, Clowes, Bowyer, Bowyer jun., and R. Hall. All worked well, and gave of their best. Mr. J. A. Pegg, the secretary, is heart and soul in the welfare of his society, and is the right man in the right place. Courteous and obliging, and always on the go, he manages splendidly all along the line. Mr. R. Hall (the late secretary) assisted nobly, and in the part-compulsory absence of Mr. Pegg, took the reins, handling them in his usual efficient style. The management throughout was excellent. The committee deserve many compliments. Mr. J. Trengove judged, and his awards were well received. Sandiford's spl., Mr. W. Whetstone; Hyde's, Mr. H. Morris.

The Critique.

NOR., BUFF (8): 1, Seed, Cl., "Little King," looking a picture, red hot, superb quality, true shape, tight as a Java; 2, c, Bowyer, Cl., more substance, A1 feather and frosting, rare shape, jaunty carriage; 3, Cundiff, Cl., all shape, excelling in quality, nice carriage, not quite the size; 4, Hall, cl., teeming with quality, capital col., neatly frosted; vhc, Whetstone; hc, Oliver; No. 4, G. W. Guest, very fine specimen, too late for judging, hard lines. TKD. YELL. (7): 1, Seed, mkd. wing and head, wonderful substance, grand shape and carriage, magnificent feather and col.; 2, Mattinson, mkd. head, full of col., A1 quality, bold bead and neck, good chest; 3, Oliver, lightly varieg., ablaze with col., beautiful feather, sweetly moulded, clean cut; 4, Whetstone, mkd. wings and neck, rattling size, splendid feather and col.; vhc, Clowes; No. 1, Wilcock, absent; No. 5, Guest, too late for judging. BUFF (8): 1, 2, Hall, with a fine brace, former mkd. wings and eyes, red bot, smooth as a bottle, lovely shape, takes perches in fine style, 2, mkd. back, more substance, capital quality col. and mealing, a wee bit slack; 3, Seed, mkd. wings and head, splendid quality and col., rare shape and size, jaunty carriage, must have pressed; 4, hc, Bowyer, mkd. bead, A1 quality and col., rare shape and size; vhc, Springall; hc, Cundiff. YELL. HEN (8): Fine class, and not a had one in it: 1, vhc, Bowyer, very massive Cl., topping quality, rattling shape and substance, delightful carriage; 2, 4, Whetstone, mkd. wing and bead, warmer in col., A1 quality and size, not quite so thick through, but very choice, 4, rare substance and carriage, superb feather, well up in col.; 3, Hall, Cl., very cobby, full of quality and col., neat expression of head, jaunty; hc, Mattinson; c, Fowler. BUFF (7): 1, 2, 3, Hall, represented by a lovely trio, sweetly moulded Cl. leading, capital col. and quality, nice size and carriage, 2, mkd. wings and head, rare substance, grand shape, neatly frosted, clean cut away, 3, cobby, varieg., beautiful quality and col., A1 body shape, well worth its place; 4, Fowler, lightly varieg., nice shape and quality, rich col. and frosting, good size; vhc, Bowyer; hc, Whetstone. YELL., UNFLIG. (12): 1, Hall, Cl., delightful shape, feathered to perfection, nice substance and carriage, good col., clean cut away; 2, 3, Guest, with a brace of beauties, mkd. wing, fine size, quality and colour, short and thick set, very promising, 3, Cl., near on best col. in class, lovely feather, shapely and of nice size and carriage, many present preferred to winner; 4, Bowyer, Cl., wonderful colour, nice feather and substance, good one; vhc, Whetstone; hc, Fowler; c, Whetstone. BUFF (9): 1, hc, cup for best youngster, shown by a member, Hall, mkd. wing, root of tail and eyes, teeming with colour and quality, lovely shape and carriage, well up in size, should moult out a topper; 2, Whetstone, red hot Cl., tight as a Java, A1 quality and carriage, cobby; 3, Springall, mkd. wings and eyes, smooth as wax, capital feather and col., crosses wings a little, which tells against it somewhat; 4, vbc, Bowyer, Cl., nice size and feather, delightfully frosted, rich col.; c, Fowler. CREST, ETC. (9): 1, hc, Mason, Buff, mkd. wings, D.C., wealth of feather, rare substance, Crest large, veiny, and of good size and radiation, capital droop and centre; 2, Morris, Buff, mkd. wings, breast and head, C.B., beaps of rich feather, rare size, fine rise and width of skull, well browed; 3, Burgess, Buff, almost Green C.B., plenty of feather, shapely, very neat in head characteristics; 4, Burgess, Buff, almost green D.C., A1 quality, nice size, Crest leafy, as round as a hoop; vhc, Heywood. MULES (5): 1, 2, Tams and Sons, Lin.-Bullie, good size and shape, lovely col. and quality, shows parentage well, in the pink, 2, Buff, four-pointed Goldie Canary, tight as wax, magnificent colour and quality, sweet face expression; 3, Bowyer, Goldie-Bullie, shapely, and of nice size, good feather, will look grand shortly; 4, vhc, Jackson, Goldie-Greenie, good shape and quality, neat markings, nice col. HARDBILL (5): 1, Bowyer, magnificent Redpoll, wonderful size and shape, lovely col. and markings, staged to perfection; 2, 4, Tams and Sons, very shapely Goldie, well up in size, blaze large, and of good size and col., neat bars and huttons; 4, Yellow-hammer, sweetly moulded, slashing fine quality and col.; 3, Clowes, Lesser Redpoll, A1 quality and col., neatly marked, in fine fettle, well worth its place; vbc, Pailin. FOR. (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, Blagg, Grey Waxbills, Zebra Finches, Saffron Finches, and Red-Crested Cardinal, first, second and third exhibits in full dress, and greatly admired, 4, not yet quite up in plumage. NOVICE, YELL., NOR. (8): 1, Aspinall, red hot Cl., grand shape and quality, well up in size, jaunty in carriage, not a feather misplaced; 2, Baker, mkd. head, A1 col. and quality, rare substance, shade longer in build, yet not by any means an inferior specimen; 3, Barrett, Cl., well clothed, rich col., grand shaped body; 4, Brown, Cl., capital quality, nice size; vhc, Parker; hc, Perkin and Tatler; c, Burgess. BUFF (7): 1, Dalzell, Cl., best shape in class, delightfully feathered, rattling fine col., fine substance and carriage, charmer; 2, Barrett, Cl., superior feather and col., rare shaped body, clean cut away; 3, Emery, mkd. wing, cobby and of lovely col. and quality, very neat; 4, Baker, varieg., fine substance, smooth as a bottle, richly frosted, good body; vhc, Brown; hc, Leng; c, Burgess. UNFLIG., YELL. (6): 1, Leng, mkd. wing and eye, ablaze with col., teeming with quality, sweetly moulded, a little gem; 2, Bonsall, mkd. bead, more substance, capital feather, not quite so bot or so tight, still one we liked; 3, Moon, varieg., lovely feather, A1 body, nice col. and carriage, clean sweep; 4, Barrett, well feathered Cl., good size; vbc, Perkin and Tatler; hc, Cundiff. BUFF (6): 1, Bonsall, Cl., sweet shape, grand quality and col., nice size and carriage, very promising; 2, Dalzell, Cl., rich feather col. and frosting, nice substance, well put down; 3, Barrett, marked tail, full of col., A1 quality, neatly mealed, shapely; 4, Perkin and Tatler, Cl., warm col., good substance, capital feather; vhc, Sherratt; hc, Emery. HEN (8): 1, 4, Moon, very sweetly moulded Cl. Buff leading, tight as a Java, nice col., good carriage; 4, Yell., thigh tick, smooth as a bottle, good head and neck; 2, Brown, Buff mkd. wiug, full of quality, rattling fine col., more substance, worth its place; 3, vhc, Aspinall, Yell. mkd. wings and head, shapely and of A1 quality; hc, Burgess; c, Barrett.

ASHINGTON & HIRST.

This society held a show in the Universal Club, Ashington, on Nov. 11th. Taking into consideration that there was a large show at Blyth the same day, also that there is to be a large one at Ashington on the 25th, the entries came out fairly good, and quality was all there. Here we found a useful and obliging lot of fanciers at the head of affairs—Mr. L. Strong (president), R. Middleton (an able secretary), while our old friend and fancier (Mr. T. Floyd) as treasurer was there interesting himself and working like a Trojan. There was a splendid "gate" when we left. Mr. A. Dippie (Morpeth) judged, and his awards were well received.

NOR. YELL CK. (8): 1, spl, Floyd, cl., rare type, hot col.; 2, 3, (no names), both varieg., leader largest, grand type; 3rd, better condition, not quite so shapely; vhc, Anderson; hc, Edwards; c, Hancock. BUFF (3): 1, spl, spl for best in show, Floyd, lovely type, cl., wings well carried, hot col.; 2, King, varieg., fine feather; 3, Rowcroft, cl., nice size, scarcely ready yet; vhc, Anderson; bc, Edwards; c, Hancock. YELL. HEN (7): 1, spl, Rigg, mkd. on head, correct type, grand col., neat wings, wins well; 2, Hancock, head mkd., very similar; 3, King, cl., fine feather, close up; vhc, Anderson; hc, c, Rowcroft. BUFF (12): 1, spl, Reavley, grizzle backed, rich col. neat chest, short compact body, well balanced wings; 2, Smith, sen., cl., rare type, best of feather, if anything a trifle dirty; 3, Floyd, varieg., grand coloured hen, correct stamp; vhc, Anderson; hc, Hancox; c, Rigg. YORKS. BUFF CK. (10): 1, spl, Hall, neck tkd., rich col., right length, very shapely; 2, hc, Charlton, cl., hot col., fails only in feather; 3, Heall, cl., neat one, unsteady; vhc, King; c, Hancox. YELL. (6): 1, spl, 3, Charlton, grand pair, leader better size and style; 2, Edwards, better col., fails a trifle in feather; vhc, King; hc, Hancox; all clears. YELL. AND BUFF HEN (amalgamated) (9): 1, spl, Charlton, cinn. mkd. head and wings, grand length; 2, Edwards, another neat one, cl.; 3, Charlton, cl.; vhc, King; bc, Hancox. BORD. YELL. CK. (3): 1, spl, Anderson, tkd., grand quality, nicely rounded bead; 2, Furness, varieg., nice one; 3, Kirkup, cl., grand type. BUFF (5): 1, spl, Middleton, eye and wing tick, rich col., grand quality feather; 2, Anderson, cl., fails in col. only, grand body; 3, Hancox, cl.; vhc, Rigg; bc, Kirkup. HEN (amalgamated) (8): 1, spl, Charlton, varieg. yell., sweet hen, rare pair of wings, well carried, compact body; 2, 3, Anderson, buff tick and cl. yell., good ones; vhc, c, Furness; bc, Rigg. MULE (8): 1, spl, Hancox, Goldie-Bullie, shows parentage well; 2, Floyd, Linnet-Can., grand size, a topper, but unsteady; 3, Charlton, Greenie-Can., fine size, hot col.; vhc, King; hc, Anderson; c, Smith, jun. PAIRS, NOR. (9): 1, spl, Anderson; 2, Middleton; 3, King; vbc, Floyd; hc, Middleton; c, Kirkup. BORD. (4): 1, spl, Middleton; 2, Anderson; 3, Furness; vhc, Kirkup. A.O.V. (5): 1, spl, Hall (Yorks.); 2, Charlton (Yorks.); 3, Smith, sen. (Cinn.); vbc, King; hc, Furness. BRIT. LINNET (7): 1, spl, 3, Reavley, smart pair of Linnets, both grand size, winner beaten on col. and pencilling; 2, Floyd, beaten for size and col. only, nice bird; vhc, Rowcroft; hc, Carr; c, Middleton. A.O.S. HARD-BILLED (1): 1, spl, Floyd, Goldie, rare size, rich blaze, square cut, nice buttons, very steady; 2, Furness, Mealy 'Poll, well laced, good size, well placed; 3, Charlton, Greenie, grand col. and condition, fine size, well put down; vhc, hc, c, King. NOVICE NOR. (11): 1, spl, 3, Kirkup, cl. yell. and buff, good size, little to choose between them; 2, Reavley, tkd. buff, rare feather, correct stamp; vhc, Rowcroft; hc, Stephenson; c, Smith. YORKS. (3): 1, spl, 2, E. Edwards, yell. tick and cl. buff, wins well, shown just A1; 3, A. Edwards, nice cl. yell. BORD. (): 1, spl, 2, Furness, varieg. yell. and cl., both good ones, well matched; 3, Kirkup, varieg. buff, good type; vhc, Smith. A.O.V. (1): 1, Smith, jun. (Cinn.). CAN. OR MULE (hon. members only) (8): 1, vhc, Baldon, varieg. yell. Nor., grand type, wins well; 2, Strong, cl. buff Nor., neat type; 3, Cocking, cl. yell., grand col., neat size; hc, Cocking; c, Shannon.

PORTOBELLO.

Portobello C.B.S. 8th annual exhibition held Masonic Hall, Tower-street, Nov. 4th. There was a slight decrease in entries on last year's, but quality was better. Mr. J. Hogg (Oakley) judged Scotch Fancy and Borders, and Mr. G. Marlin the remainder. At the close of the show the prizes were presented by Mrs. J. Balfour.

BORD., CL., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, cup, Hogg; 2, Miller; 3, Crerar. HEN: 1, Hogg; 2, 3, spl, Miller. BUFF CK.: 1, 3, Hogg; 2, Davidson. HEN: 1, Miller; 2, spl, Hogg; 3, Wilson. EVEN, ETC.: 1, Hogg; 2, 3, Wilson. GREEN: 1, 2, 3, Wilson. NOR., CL., ETC., CK.: 1, 3, Vass; 2, Dunn. YELL. HEN: 1, Vass; 2, 3, Dunn. BUFF: 1, medal, and championship cup, Dunn; 2, spl, Vass; 3, Wilson. VARIEG.: 1, 2, 3, Dunn. YORKS., CL., ETC., CK.: 1, cup, 3, spl, Crerar; 2, Anderson. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Crerar. VARIEG.: 1, 2, spl, 3, Crerar. CREST: 1, medal, 2, spl, 3, Crerar. C.B.: 1, 2, 3, Crerar. SCOT. FCY.: 1, medal, Dunn; 2, 3, Buchan. MULES: 1, cup, 2, Hogg; 3, Dunn. OLD BORD.: 1, Miller; 2, 3, Bell. NOR.: 1, Dunn; 2, 3, Leach and Leckie. YORKS.: 1, 2, 3, Crerar. SCOT. FCY.: 1, Buchan; 2, Laird and Matthew; 3, Vass. CREST OR C.B.: 1, 2, 3, Crerar. BRIT. HOUSE-MOULTED—SISKIN: 1, cup and medal, Leach and Leckie; 2, Dunn; 2, Laird and Matthew. LINNET: 1, 2, spl, 3, spl, Leach and Leckie. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, 2, 3, Leach and Leckie. BRAMBLEFINCH, ETC.: 1, 2, 3, Dunn. BULLFINCH: 1, 3, Leach and Leckie; 2, Dunn. BRIT. HEN: 1, Wilson; 2, Leach and Leckie; 3, Anderson. GOLDFINCH (Brit. or For.): 1, Dunn; 2, Hogg; 3, Hood. BRIT. FIELD-MOULTED—LINNET: 1, Vass; 2, 3, Leach and Leckie. A.O.S.: 1, 2, Leach and Leckie; 3, Vass. FOR.: 1, Leach and Leckie; 2, 3, Hood.—G. Bell, Sec.

PETERBOROUGH.

Seventh annual show held Corn Exchange, Nov. 9th The entries were in advance of last year's, but there is still room for improvement, as several classes had to be cancelled. The Norwich classes were not very large, but contained some very choice specimens. The Yorkshires made a grand show, being staged down the centre of the hall, while the British bird classes contained a number of well-known winners. The committee were ably led by Messrs. Popple and Cocks (the joint secretaries) who are a pair of real workers, and it included Messrs. Dawson, Barley, Rowles, Smith, Simmons, Watts, and Marsh, who had everything well in hand, and cards were up before dinner time. Mr. J. Robson judged the Canaries and Mules, while Mr. S. H. Mays (the president) made the awards in the British bird classes.

The Critique.

NOR. CL. YELL. (10): 1, Irons, very fine, big, bold bird, teeming with quality, very rich in plumage; 2, Woods, very smart typical bird, also excels in quality and col.; 3, Harpur, excellent body properties, lovely quality, not quite so good in bead as winners; res, Lawson, excellent type and col.; vhc, Way; hc, Victor-Williams; c, Watts. BUFF (8): 1, Cole, very fine typical bird, rare good head, rich col., lovely quality, wins; 2, Victor-Williams, beaten a trifle in colour and quality, otherwise very nice; 3, Smith, fine big bird, correct type, deserves its place; res, Harpur, nice type, good quality; vhc, Keech and Son; hc, Irons; c, Watts. TKD. ETC., YELL. (8): 1, Irons, nearly cl., nice short and cobby body, good quality and col.; 2, 3, Hathaway, fine big bird, marked on wing, lovely soft feather, not quite so clean cut away as winner; 3, mkd., rich col., nice quality, close up; res, Lees, excellent type, mkd. on cheek; vhc, Keech and Son; bc, c, Lawson. BUFF (5): 1, Griffen, mkd. bird, not one of the biggest, but all there for type and condition, tight as a Java; 2, Hathaway, a trifle bigger, very rich in col., nice quality; 3, Lawson, very nice bird, not quite ready yet, will improve; res, Dawson; vhc, Watts. YELL. HEN (10): 1, res, Lawson, very smart mkd. bird, nice type and quality, we rather preferred res, bird, biggest in class, well made throughout, rare col. and quality; 2, Hennell, very smart, cl., nice quality, might be better in head; 3, Dawson, very nice, short bird, excellent wings, rich in quality; vhc, Irons; bc, Way; c, Popple. BUFF (10): 1, Brooks, very typical marked bird, in excellent condition; 2, Victor-Williams, very fine mealy, lightly mkd., teeming with quality; 3, Irons, very pretty cl., wonderful head for a ben, nice short body; res, Griffen, excellent mealy; vhc, Bennett; hc, Smith; c, Lawson. CL. YELL., BRED 1911 (6): 1, Howe, one of the very best, excels in all true Nor. properties, an easy first; 2, Smith, very nice, smart bird, falls only in substance to winner; 3, Dawson, very nice cl., typical bird; res, Watts; vhc, Nobbs; hc, Popple. BUFF (7): 1, Irons, very fine ben, excels in all points, an easy win; 2, Keech and Son, rare good body, a little longer than winner; 3, Lawson, rare good head, excels in col.; res, Searle; vhc, Hathaway; hc, Hennell; c, Nobbs. TKD. ETC., YELL., 1911 (5): 1, Searle, real Nor., grand bead, brilliant plumage, correct type; 2, Isom, not quite equal in head, otherwise very nice typical mkd. bird; 3, Victor-Williams, very smart, nearly cl.; res, Watts; vhc, Watson. BUFF, 1911 (7): 1, Howe, marked on wing, very typical throughout, lovely exhibit; 2, Lawson, good headed bird, nice quality, not quite so cobby as winner; 3, Edmunds, has wonderful good body, but inclined to hug perch; res, Keech and Son; vbc, Harpur; hc, Watson; c, Dawson. YELL. COCK, —£3 (15): 1, Symonds and Son, nice quality, good body, rich col.; 2, Handley and Son; similar, very tight in feather; 3, Ellis, nice quality, prime condition; res, Griffen; vhc, Victor-Williams; hc, Hennell; c, Lawson. BUFF (16): 1, Isom, of excellent type, in prime condition; 2, Ellis, beautifully stout, a bit wheezy, otherwise must have won; 3, Godley, very fine, big bird, correct type, in excellent condition, just a trifle long; res, Victor-Williams; vhc, Cole; hc, Lawson; c, Wells. HEN £3. 1, Ellis, rare bodied bird, very short, nicely folded wings, in good condition; 2, Howe, excellent marked bird, full of meal, rare quality; 3, Lawson, cl., correct type; vhc, Smith; hc, Keech and Son; c, Lose. CL. ETC., NOR, 1911 BRED.—£3 (11): 1, Godley, marked bird, not one of the biggest, but all there for type and condition; 2, Ellis, cl. Buff, excellent type, nice quality; 3, vhc, Lawson, cl. Yell, sound in col., correct type; res, Handley and Son; bc, Lose; c, Brown. YORKS. CL. ETC., YELL. (8): 1, Ogden Bros. very fine cl., well drawn out, straight, steady, very nice col. and quality; 2, Ross, correct type, good head, in fine condition; 3, res, Beaumont and Cockhill, nice lengthy bird, stands well on perch; vhc, Cowgill and Son; hc, Austen Bros. BUFF (7): 1, Knight, rare lengthy bird, good position, lovely quality and condition; 2, bc, Taylor, tight as wax, well drawn out, good position, lovely col.; 3, Ogden Bros., wing marked, nice col., quality and type; res, Cowgill and Son; vhc, Harrison; c, Fancourt. CL. ETC., YELL. HEN (9): 1, Knight, lovely Cinn. mkd., nice length, good position, rare quality; 2, 3, Taylor, couple of marked birds, very slim, good quality and condition; res, Ogden Bros; vhc, Ross; hc, Bishop; c, Dr. Craig. BUFF (11): 1, Cowgill and Son, quality wins here, correct type; 2, Taylor, very nice, steady bird, good head, nice lengtb and position; 3, Crawhall, correct length, good position, close up; res, Knight; vhc, Ogden Bros; hc, Beaumont and Cockhill; c, Harrison. YELL., BRED 1911 (9): 1, Crawhall, very smart, slim bird, nice length, good col. and condition; 2, Knight, another of good type, stands well, good col. and condition; 3, Harrison, tkd., lengthy bird, correct type and position; res, Read; vhc, Ogden Bros.; hc, Ross; c, Bishop. BUFF (10): 1, Ogden Bros., lovely, cl., very steady, full of quality, correct type; 2, Ross, marked on neck, nice length, bas good position; 3, Read, nice slim bird, excellent length, in rare condition; res, Harrison; vhc, Crawhall; hc, Beaumont and Cockhill; c, Fancourt. YELL., £3: 1, Halliday, excellent type, col., and condition; 2, Beaumont and Cockhill, similar, correct type; 3, Harrison, rare lengthy bird, not quite so straight as winners; res, Victor-Williams; vhc, Auton Bros.; bc, Brown; c, Bishop. BUFF: 1, Halliday, ticked eye, marked wing, quality, ccl. and type all there; 2, Harrison, ticked bird, good position and condition; 3, Knight, nice length and position; res, Auton Bros.; vhc, Cowgill and Son; hc, c, Victor-Williams. C.B., 1911 (3): 1, Tatman, bas nice leafy crest, good formation; 2, Nobbs, very nice green, crest just a wee bit horny, bardly finished; 3, Watson, nice crest, will improve. A.O.V. CAN. (5): 1, Tatmau, sweetly pretty Cinn. marked, lovely round Cinn. crest, very fine texture and quality, much admired; 2, Godley, very fine Yell. Cinn., Nor type, excels in col. and quality, hard lines meeting winner; 3, Brooks, capital Dutch frill; res Watson; c, Nobbs. LIGHT MULES, ETC. (9): 1, Meek, very fine Goldfinch-Bullfinch, grand col. and condition; 2, Cowgill and Son, very pretty, nearly evenly marked Goldfinch-Canary, nice size, col. and condition; 3, (no name in catalogue) very nice Canary-Bullie, not very big, but very good (remainder of cards in the class we omitted to take). DARK (11): 1, Poole, brilliant col. Goldfinch Mule, in prime fettle; 2, c, Andrews, charming little Redpoll Mule, nice mkd.; 3, Kitchener, fine yell. Greenfinch Mule, excellent col. and condition; res, Taylor; vhc, Leadbeater. GOLDFINCH (10): 1, Andrews, fine large bird, nice square blaze, well tanned and buttoned; 2, Harper, smaller, rich col. blaze, well tanned; 3, Lowne, very bright blaze, put up in good condition; res, Brown, good blaze; vhc, Fysh; hc, Rouse; c, Swanson. Several of the Goldies in this class were hardly ready. BULLFINCH (10): 1, Wood, nice size, excellent col., very fine well-formed dark cap, in good condition; 2, Judd, close run for premier honours, not quite so big as winner, but equal in col. and condition; 3, vhc, Rouse, hardly so rich in col., but very steady and in good condition; res, Harrod; hc, Cooper. GREENFINCH (9): 1, 2, Marley, two very fine large birds, not much between them, full of lovely bloom; 3, Howe, another grand bird not far behind; res, Rouse; vhc, c, Andrews; hc, Grahame. LINNET (10): 1, vhc, Marley, very nice col., well pencilled, rare shape, Nor. type; 2, res, c, Judd, not quite so stout as winner, but equal in col., fine pencilling; 3, Taylor, excellent col. and pencilling; hc, Dawson. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (7): 1, c, Marley; 1, brilliant col. Chaffinch, very steady; 2, equally rich col. Bramble; 3, res, Rouse, very smart Chaffinch and good col. Bramble, vhc, Andrew; hc, Swanson. SISKIN, ETC. (13): 1, Barley, bonny Siskin, rich col., nice dark cap, in lovely condition, but no bih; 2, Lowne, grand mealy Redpoll, profusely pencilled, in good coudition; 3, Poole, very nice Siskin; res Grahame; vhc, Cooper; hc, Ridgwell; c, Howe. BRIT. HEN (9): 1, Andrews, lovely Bullie, in the pink of condition; 2, Judd, grand Mealy Redpoll; 3, Grahame, very nice Hawfinch; res, Marley; vhc, Sindell; hc, Lowne; c, Barker. SMALL SOFTBILLS Cancelled. LARGE (5): 1, 2, Victor-Williams; 1, fine specimen of the Cornish Chough; 2, equally fine Magpie, in rare trim; 3, Rouse, excellent Jackdaw; res Jolmon, good Missel Tbrush. LOCAL NOR.: 1, Watts; 2, Abbot; 3, Dawson; res, Popple; vhc, Bird. NOR. HEN: 1, 3, Dawson; 2, res, Popple; hc, Watts. BRIT: 1, Barley; 2, 3, hc, c, Rouse; res, Dawson.

BONTNEWYDD (Carn.)

Gwyrfai F. and F.A. show, held Nov. 11th. There was a good entry of nearly 200, which gave the judge a good morning's work. In Mr. J. D. Roberts (Chairman) and Mr. F. Williams (Secretary) the Society have a capital pair, whilst the Committee were all that could be desired. The Norwich, though small in numbers, had amongst them some capital birds, as bad also the Yorks.; and the Borders were a bonny lot. The Mules were very much beyond the ordinary, and the British were a show in themselves. Mr. S. Hadwin (Birkenhead) judged, and his awards were well received.

NOR. YELL (5): 1, S. D. Owen, good head and neck, short well carried wings, good col. and quality; 2, W. H. Williams, level col., good quality and body shape, not quite so good in head; 3, Owen, close up, loses in col. only; vhc, hc, Williams. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Williams, good head and chest, short wings, neat and compact, nice quality and carriage, not much between them; 2nd, not quite so clean at thighs; 3, Owen, good body, wings and col.; vhc, John Williams; c, Griffiths. BRED 1911 (10): 1, W. H. Williams, 2nd in previous class; 2, Aitken, good quality, shape and col., not quite so bulky as winner; 3, John Williams, nice col. and shape; vbc, Owen; hc, John Williams; c, Jones. YORKS. YELL. (9): 1, J. O. Williams, good legs, col., quality and style, nice position; 2, Jones, well drawn, good legs; 3, Pritchard, good legs, well drawn, close up; vhc, Huxley; hc, Butler; c, James Jones. BUFF (5): 1, D. C. Roberts, lovely quality and col., sweetly drawn, nice carriage and position; 2, Huxley, well filled, good quality and legs; 3, J. O. Williams, very similar, not quite so neat in head; vhc, W. H. Williams; hc, Roberts. GREEN, ETC. (5): 1, Angell, rare length, good wings and tail, nice easy carriage; 2, J. O. Williams, good quality, style and col.; 3, R. W. Roberts, grand wings, good back and carriage; vhc, Jones; hc, Miss Mair Roberts. BRED 1911 (7): 1, hc, P. C. Roberts, described previously; 2, James Jones, well drawn, good style, quality and position; 3, Butler, nice quality and position; vhc, Jones; hc, J. O. Williams; c, W. O. Roberts. BORD. (22) a grand class: 1, hc, c, R. H. Jones, yell., rare col., quality, feathered like wax, nice jaunty carriage; 2, R. Jones, buff, sweet mould, good quality, rare feather, not quite so stylish; 3, N. Pritchard, yell. green, lovely col. and markings, fine quality; vhc, J. E. Roberts. MULE OR HYB. (18) a really marvellous class: 1, J. W. Pritchard, lightly mkd. Goldie Can., grand col., quality and condition; 2, Roberts Bros., dark Linnet Can., good size, nice col. and condition, good one; 3, Aitken, Goldie Greenie, massive chest, rare quality and condition, not quite the col. of leaders; vhc, Angel; hc, Roberts Bros.; c, Rob Jackson. BRIT. GOLDIE (14): 1, John Hughes, remarkable blaze of rich damask tone very rarely seen, good markings, in fine condition; 2, No. 14 (no name), good square blaze, not quite the col. of 1st; 3, O. Davies, very similar, close up; vhc, hc, Edw. Jones; c, Evan Hughes. GREY PATE (10): 1, No. 6 (no name), good col., nice flush, looks like making a grand one; 2, Griffiths and Lovell, not quite so well flushed in face; 3, Hughes and Son, very similar; vhc, Williams and Green; hc, c, Nos. 9 and 10 (no name). A.O.S. BRIT. a great class, two very good Hawfinches cardless (15): 1, W. H. Williams, well-known Bullie in faultless condition; 2, Griffiths, Nuthatch, in fine bloom and condition; 3, A. J. Hughes, grand Greenfinch, rare size and col., staged to perfection. MULE (Confined) (7) all Goldie Canaries: 1, 3, Evan Hughes; 2, Griffith Pritchard; vhc, H. Jones; hc, Rowlands; c, Rob. Williams. CAN. (Confined) (10): 1, sp, C. Roberts, previously described; 2, Hugh Roberts, good sized Crest, nice droop and radiation; vhc Morris Jones; hc, R. Williams; c, Mrs. Maggie Roberts. A.O.V. (Confined): 1, 2, P. C. Roberts; 2, Hugh Roberts; vhc, hc, Evan Hughes; c, Griff. Pritchard.


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BARNSLEY'S "COMING OF AGE" SHOW.

Good Display of Novice Yorkshires: Attractive Collection of Britishers.

Barnsley and Dist. C.B.S. 21st annual show held Nov. 10th and 11th. The Wesley-street Schoolroom, which is light, spacious, lofty, well ventilated, and nicely heated, was utilised for the function. Entries came up well, being 309 in number in the 20 classes provided, giving an average of over 15 per class. The Yorks. and Nor. were a really choice collection. Novice Yorks. were very fine lot, and included many quite capable of appropriating honours against the champions. The thigh ticked yell. cock, belonging to Mr. W. Cockcroft, stood out by itself; with another good moult it should be "one of the nuts." We heard rumours of a good price being offered for this very enchanting creature. The winner in the 20s. selling class, a variegated C.B., was a rare bargain for someone. Worse birds have won in open competition many a time. The British birds added to the attraction of the show. The Bullfinch (W. Lee), Linnet (C. Nicholson), Redstart (G. Booth) being a trio of gems, staged in masterly fashion. Sandiford's spl., Mr. J. Thomas. The president, Mr. J. Eyre (a well known and familiar figure), is one of the "right stamp," and works hard; vice-president, Mr. J. Simmons, and the treasurer, Mr. F. Race, are also capital officials, and have the society's interests at heart. Secretary Mr. F. C. Sims is a worker, and no mistake; he is a capital director, and is courteous and obliging, and under his guidance Barnsley should progress by leaps and bounds. Mr. W. Atherton acts as his understudy, and assists greatly. Botb are worthy of the praise bestowed on them. The management throughout was superb. Staging was of A1 description, and every bird could be seen at a glance. The stewards were Messrs. Toulson and F. Race, a brace of true fanciers. Mr. J. E. Taylor (show manager) proved himself fully worthy of this very important position, and kept the ball rolling in the right way. Mr. H. W. Battye judged.

The Critique.

YORKS., YELL. (17): 1, spl, 3, Morrison, a fine brace, mkd. head and wing, wonderful length and position, delightfully clothed, full of style, clever legs; 3rd, cl., straight as a rush, good length, nice back flights and tail, not quite the quality, yet very choice; 2, Dyson, cl., lovely quality and colour, lengthy, and of capital position, well filled back, neat wings and tail; 4, vhc, McNulty, warmly fed cl., stands nicely, stylish; hc, Hardaker; c, Robertshaw. BUFF (17): 1, spl, Wilkinson Bros., cl., magnificent position and length, clinking quality, best of backs, delightful wing carriage, pipe tail, a topper; 2, Morrison, cl., smooth as wax, shone like polished marble, straight as a pencil, clever legs, beaten slightly in length only; 3, Priestley, mkd. wings and eyes, straight up, A1 quality, fine length behind, just a little in style; 4, Jenkinson, mkd. head, wonderful length, exquisite quality; vhc, Dyson; hc, Radley; c, Wadsworth. YELL. HEN (14): 1, spl, Robertshaw, cl., marvellous length, slim and upstanding, clothed to perfection, magnificent back and wing carriage; 2, Charlesworth, mkd. wings and eyes, tight as a Java, stands like a Guardsman, fine back, flights and tail; 3, F. Taylor, mkd. wing and head, rattling feather, very lengthy, nice stand, not very far behind, well worth its place; 4, Middleton, mkd. wings and eyes, capital quality and col., good length; vhc, McNulty; hc, Dr. W. Craig; c, Radley. BUFF (19): A choice lot; 1, spl, Morrison, mkd. wing and eye, tight as a bottle, straight as a gun-barrel, wonderful length, best of backs and wing carriage, shone like satin; 2, Priestley, mkd. wings, A1 feather and colour, erect, and of nice length, capital back and wing carriage; 3, McNulty, cl., not a feather out of place, full of style, stands like a rush, smart; 4, Wilson, mkd. wings and eyes, very lengthy, tight as a Java, not quite so erect as above; vhc, Radley; hc, Wilkinson Bros.; c, Stobart. YELL. UNFLIG. (10): 1, spl, Wilkinson Bros., cl., slim and upstanding, very lengthy, delightful feather, A1 col., full of style; 2, Whitwham, thigh tkd., wonderful length, capital quality, fine position, lovely back and wings, must have pressed; 3, Priestley, cl., full of col. and quality, straight as a pencil, grand back and flights, neat tail; 4, Dr. W. Craig, cl., A1 col. and quality, slim, and of nice length, leggy; vhc, Butler; hc, E. Radley; c, Charlesworth. BUFF (15): 1, spl, Wilkinson Bros., cl., magnificent quality, rare position and length, fine sides and waist, clever legs, shows for all it is worth; 2, A. Taylor, cl., shooty and of capital, length, teeming with quality, beautiful expression of head, lovely back, wings and tail, well on leg; 3, Wilson, cl., superior feather, covered with rich frosting, good stand, rare length; 4, c, E. Radley, cl., feathered to perfection, delightful symmetry, nice length, well on leg; vhc, Jenkinson; hc, F. Taylor; No. 3, Doody, w.c., yellow hen. YELL. NOR. (13). A very fine class; 1, 3, spl, Thomas, magnificent cl. leading, short and thick-set, wonderful substance, ablaze with col., rich quality feather, jaunty carriage; 3rd, cl., full of fire, smooth as wax, nice size, longer a trifle in barrel, yet far from a bad one; 2, Humphries, mkd. wing and head, red hot, well up in size, A1 quality, capital shaped body; 4, Greenwood and Pickles, cl., even more substance, full of col., nice carriage, neat head and neck; vhc, Jackson; hc, Adnitt and Driver; c, Johnson; No. 8, Greenwood and Pickles, handsomely mkd., we liked. BUFF (12): 1, spl, Humphries, mkd. wings and eyes, bouncer, rattling col. and quality, best of shape, jaunty carriage, clean under, charmer; 2, Heap, cl., bright col., lovely feather, fine head and neck, not quite so thick through, moves gracefully; 3, Thomas, mkd. wings and eyes, superior col. and quality, shone like a mirror, cobby, one of the smartest; 4, c, J. Eyre, cl., short and thick-set, A1 col. and feather, nice carriage; vhc, Bagnall; hc, Hinchcliffe. YELL. HEN (8): 1, spl, Waters, mkd. eye, rattling good shape and size, beautifully clothed, slashing fine col., delightful carriage; 2, Thomas, cl., yet hotter, all type, feathered to perfection, clock-like action, must have run winner hard; 3, Hinchcliffe, cl., slashing good quality and col., fine head and neck, very neat, good 3rd; 4, C. and C. T. Parkes, cl., lovely quality and col., very shapely, jaunty carriage, one that cannot very well be passed over; vhc, Bagnall; hc, Adnitt and Driver. BUFF (11): 1, Heap, cl., rare substance and shape, tight as a Java, superb quality and col., moves in fine style, truly a gem; 2, hc, spl, Adnitt and Driver, full of col., teeming with quality, fine head and neck, clean cut away; 3, C. and C. T. Parkes, cl., wonderful substance, shapely, good col. and frosting, just a little too free in feather; 4, Eyre, cl., short and thick-set, not a feather misplaced, nice col.; vhc, Thomas; c, Jackson. UNFLIG. YELL. (12): 1, 4, Greenwood and Pickles, cl., bouncer, ablaze with col., slashing fine shape and feather, round as a ball, lovely carriage, clean sweep; 4th, cl., well fed, A1 quality, nice head, neck and wings; 2, 3, Heap, with a smart brace, former very warm cl., cobby and of good substance, moves in fine style, very close up; 3rd, mkd. eye, well ticked, massive and of good col., capital body, well cut away; vhc, Waters; hc, Humphries; c, Thomas. BUFF (19): A grand class; 1, Adnitt and Driver, cl., teeming with quality and col., fine substance and shape, rare carriage, a treat to observe; 2, 3, spl, Thomas, former mkd. tail (spl. for hottest fed, Sandiford's), very shapely and of rattling fine quality, grand head, neck and chest, jaunty, well cut away, close up; 3rd, mkd. wing and breast, magnificent quality, richly mealed, nice type; 4, Poulter, mkd. wings and head, capital feather, shapely and of nice size; vhc, Humphries; hc, Robinson; c, Johnson. NOVICE YELL. YORKS. (16): A rare collection; 1, spl, Cockcroft, thigh tkd., straight as an arrow, smooth as polished marble, delightful length and style, 1911 bred, should moult out a topper; 2, Farnish, cl., still more lengthy, rattling fine col. and quality, stands like a guardsman, clever legs; 3, Sheppard, cl., very lengthy, slim and upstanding, capital feather, good back flights and tail; 4, Atherton, cl., magnificent col. and quality, straight as a gun barrel; vhc, Hall; hc, Race; c, Hutchinson. BUFF (18): A nice class; 1, spl, Bower, cl., stands beautifully, smooth as a bottle, rare length, full of style, lovely back and wing carriage, neat tail, a model; 2, Sheppard, cl., more col., A1 quality, good length, nice back and flights, just beaten in position; 3, Moore, mkd. wing, neat and narrow, well clothed, richly mealed, when handled draws a bit thin in neck; 4, Malpass, cl., tight as a Java, full of quality, stands well; vhc, Hellewell; hc, Bielby; c, Race. HEN (25): A lovely lot; 1, spl, Farnish, cl. buff, well up in position, delightful feather, good length, best of backs, wings, and tail of a very neat kind; 2, Hellewell, yell., mkd. tail, smooth as glass, full of nerve, A1 back, wings and tail, lovely position, not far away; 3, Moore, cl. buff, not a feather misplaced, stylish, with a little more length would be a "stunner"; 4, Bower, yell., mkd. wing, straight up, tight as a bottle, full of swagger; vhc, Barnes; hc, Dr. A. W. Dean; c, Hutchinson. UNFLIG. (19): 1, 2, spl, Taylor, a taking pair, buff, mkd. head, slim and upstanding, lengthy and leggy, lovely col. and quality, shows well; 2nd, yell., thigh tkd., straight as a pencil, fine back and wing carriage; 3, Hall, buff, mkd. neck, A1 quality and col., nice length, good back, flights and tail, requires more training to show to perfection; 4, Hallows, yell., tkd. eye, straight as a rush, slim, capital feather, cheap at catalogue price 25s.; vhc, Pell; hc, Moore; c, Green. SELL., 20s. (29): 1, Dr. A. W. Dean, variegated C.B., worth far more; 2, Atherton; 3, Springthorpe; 4, Charlesworth; vhc, Rapson; hc, Tesseyman; c, Hutchinson. HARDBILL (11): 1, 2, spl, Lee, Bullie and Greenle, respectively, former good shape and size, nice breast col., cap large, dense and richly polished, staged in fine style; 2nd, lovely col. and feather, fine shape and substance, must have pressed hard; 3, Barnes, Goldie, nice quality and size, very shapely, a blaze of col., nice size and shape, neat bars and buttons; 4, Humphrey and Hudson, Bramble, good shape, nice feather and col.; vhc, Lister; hc, Springthorpe; c, Toulson; No. 1, Kirkby, on arrival had foot fast in door, which unfortunately lamed it, somewhat hard lines. LINNET, ETC. (13): 1, 4, Nicholson, beautifully mkd. Linnet leading, rare shape and size, capital col., steady as a top, well put down; 4th, Linnet, beaten by 1st in col. only, very bonny indeed, capable of topping more than tops it; 2, 3, J. and C. Scott, Siskin and Twite respectively, former magnificent quality and col., good size and shape, neat cap, well pencilled; 3rd, Twite, capital col. and quality, neatly mkd.; vhc, Lee; hc, Kemp and Govier; c, Springthorpe. SOFTBILL (6): 1, Booth, very fine Redstart, in absolntely the best possible condition, staged in a masterly manner; 2, hc, Simmons, Thrush, well up in size, shapely, capital col. and quality, nice moonings; 3, 4, spl, Milne, 'Gale and Grey Wagtail, both full of merit, put down for all they were worth; vhc, Dean.

LUTON.

Amongst those who suffered from the multiplicity of shows last week were our friends at Luton, whose fixture, which was held in the Corn Exchange on Nov. 9th, was very poorly supported. But if numbers were low, quality was not, some remarkably fine birds being shown in the different sections. A curious point arose in the awarding of the cup for Foreign Birds. The conditions read—"for the best Foreign Bird." Mr. Howe's selection was a pair of Blue Mountains, and the decision was queried as to whether under the conditions a pair of birds could be said to fulfil the conditions. In support of the award it may be said that this has previously been awarded to a pair of birds. The cups were won as follows: Nor., Mr. A. Keech; Yorks., Mr. W. Buckingham; Crest, Mr. G. Bennett; Novice, Mr. G. Moore; Mule, Messrs. Bloomfield and Rose; Brit., Mr. W. Smith; For., Mr. H. B. Timaeus. The birds were nicely staged and well looked after by the committee, composed of Messrs G. Bennett (chairman), E. Litchfield (vice-chairman), E. Cherry, J. C. W. Meadows, F. Martin, W. Sting, F. J. Webb, A. W. Ball, J. Litchfield, H. Rhodes, and S. Parkins. Mr. E. Bloomfield made a most excellent secretary, being most assiduous in the discharge of his duties, in which he received valuable assistance from Mr. W. B. Codd. Messrs. C. A. House and R. J. Howe judged.

The Critique.

NOR. (7): 1, 2, 3, hc, Irons, capital, a rare shaped yell. followed by two good buffs; vhc, Harper; c, Bowler. UNFLIG. (10): 1, 3, Keech, very smart, shapely, close feathered buff, and a good yell., a trifle slack at thighs; 2, Irons, very neat, rare coloured eye and neck, tkd. yell.; vhc, Campbell; hc, Pigg; c, Gentle. HEN (4): 1, Irons, lovely little yell., rare shape and quality; 2, Harper, stout heavy mkd. buff, good stamp; 3, vhc, Campbell, very nice tkd. buff, but a trifle soft. YORKS. CL., ETC. (7): 1, Owen, very smart yell., nice type, good feather, grand wings and tail; 2, Mrs. Ballard, neat buff, pale in col., grand style; 3, c, Easterling and Carson, very racy and stylish, not so good in head; vhc, hc, Alford. Wrong class, No. 1, Mrs. Ballard, the best bird in the class, but had a visible tick on neck. TKD. (6): 1, Williams, tkd. necked buff, neat head, lovely feather, shape and style; 2, Boyes, wing and neck buff, shorter, grandly feathered, rare style; 3, Pigg, neck tkd. yell., good shape, not so tight; vhc, Owen; hc, Easterling and Carson; c, Jefferies. UNFLIG (7): 1, Williams, nicely moulded yell., lovely col., quality, shape and style, needs just a shade more rise of head; 2, Dickers, very neat, close feathered cheek mkd. buff, rare style, stonier; 3, c, Harris, cap and wing mkd. yell., rare position, not so tight; vhc, Easterling and Carson; hc, Pigg. HEN (5): 1, Owen, sweet buff, grand shape and style, lovely feather; 2, Dickers, tkd. back yell., very shapely and stylish, trifle flat in head; 3, Easterling and Carson, shapely buff, not so tight in feather; vhc, Jefferies; hc, Kyle. CREST (5): 1, Barker, nearly green, neat centre, good spread and radiation, nice droop; 2, vhc, Campbell, not so wide, but lovely quality of feather and capital droop; 3, hc, Charnock, nice round crest, not quite so heavy. C.B. (5): 1, 2, Barker, heavy mkd. and wing mkd., two grandly feathered birds with heavy well browed skulls; 3, hc, Campbell, longer in body, plenty of feather; hc, Charnock. MEMBERS. NOR. YELL. (6): 1, Litchfield and Son; 2, hc, F. Webb; 3, Bloomfield and Rose; vhc, Notley; c, Beanland. Buff (4): 1, Keech; 2, Buckingham; 3, Martin; vhc, F. Webb. TKD (6): 1, 3, sp, Litchfield and Son; 2, Keech; vhc, F. Webb; hc, Martin; c, F. J. Webb. HEN, YELL. (7): 1, 2, Keech; 3, Beanland; vhc, Notley; hc, Litchfield and Son; c, Martin. BUFF (9): 1, Keech; 2, Pedder; 3, Martin; vhc, Gentle; hc, Litchfield and Son; c, Dimmock. UNFLIG. YELL. (9): 1, cup, Keech; 2, Pedder; 3, vhc, Bloomfield and Rose; hc, F. J. Webb; c, Buckingham. BUFF (13): 1, Keech; 2, c, F. J. Webb; 3, vhc, Litchfield and Son; hc, Beanland. YORKS. YELL. (6): 1, sp, Buckingham; 2, Codd; 3, vhc, hc, c, F. Webb. BUFF (7): 1, 2, F. Webb; 3, hc, F. J. Webb; vhc, Smith; c, Buckingham. HEN (4): 1, Buckingham; 2, F. J. Webb; 3, Codd; vhc, F. Webb. UNFLIG. YELL. (5): 1, Dimmock; 2, hc, Codd; 3, Smith; vhc, Buckingham. BUFF (6): 1, 3, cup, Buckingham; 2, vhc, Codd; hc, F. J. Webb; c, Smith. CREST (6): 1, 3, hc, sp., Bennett; 2, vhc, sp, Bloomfield and Rose; c, Cole. C.B. (6): 1, sp, vhc, Bennett; 2, 3, hc, sp, Bloomfield and Rose. UNFLIG. (6): 1, cup, Bennett; 2, sp, vhc, hc, c, Cole; 3, Bloomfield and Rose. NOVICE NOR. (12): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Rhodes; hc, Jackson; c, Livermore. YORKS (7): 1, vhc, c, Jackson; 2, Moore; 3, Rhodes; hc, Spires. NOVICE (12): 1, cup, Moore; 2, 3, Rhodes; vhc, hc, Jackson; c, Gregory. GIFT (4): 1, Codd; 2, Bennett; 3, Ball; vhc, Brewer. MULE (7): 1, Lees, well-known buff four-pointed, in grand form; 2, 4, hc, Andrews, very neat four-pointed buff and a six-pointed yell., former in best condition, and most level in marking; 3, Buckingham, very smart dark Redpoll, capital feather and marking; vhc, Harper; wrong class, No. 7, Smith, entered as a Greenfinch-Can., the judge made it a Canary, and we agree. HYBRIDS (4): 1, 2, 4, Andrews, Goldie-Bullie, well marked, good size and feather; 2, bot coloured Can.-Bullie, nice one, but a bit rough in feather, and a Redpoll-Linnet, in nice form; 3, Lawrence, very smart Goldie-Greenie, capital feather, good style and shape. BRIT. GOLDIE, ETC. (11): 1, Walman, nice rich blaze, good back and bars, nice buttons, neat feather; 2, Lawrence, capital feather and style, not so rich in col.; 3, Cooper, shapely, good coloured Bullie, nice feather; 4, Henderson, neat, well mkd. Goldie, smaller; vhc, c, Bowler; hc, Mays. LINNET, ETC. (9): 1, Gunton, lovely Twite, very rich col., grandly mkd., in splendid condition; 2, hc, Mays, smart little Linnet, grandly mkd., nice col. and feather; 3, Poole, very nicely mkd. Mealy Redpoll, good col. and feather; 4, Cooper, grandly mkd., nice shaped, steady Lesser Redpoll; vhc, Wildman; c, Buckingham. FINCH A.O.S. (4): 1, Poole, large, shapely, good coloured, well mkd. Hawfinch; 2, Mays, well mkd., nice coloured, showy Chaff., in capital form; 3, Cooper, well spangled, lustrous coloured, close feathered Bramble; 4, Bowler, another nicely mkd. Hawfinch. HARDBILL A.O.S. (6): 1, Laurence, very rich glossy coloured Yell. Bunting, grand shape, feather and style; 2, Mays, another nicely mkd. yell. in good fettle; 3, Bloomfield and Rose, nice coloured, well mkd. Meadow Bunting; 4, Buckingham; vhc, Andrews. SOFTBILL (6): 1, Lawrence, splendid Waxwing, grand head and wings, capital colour; 2, Bowler, very fine Jay, beautifully mkd., grand feather; 3, 4, vhc, Mays, very handsome Blackbird, lovely col., rare shape and size; 4, splendid Wryneck, but had lost some of his flights; c, Swan. PARROTS, ETC. (4): 1, cup, 3, Timaeus, very handsome Blue Mountain Lories, and Black-faced Lovebirds; 2, Meadows, also very nice Black-faced Lovebirds, capital col. and marking; 4, Kyle, very pretty Yell. Budgerigars. WAXBILLS (6): 1, 3, hc, Watts, very rich coloured, grandly mkd. pair of Golden Breasts, and most beautiful Avadavats; 2, 4, Meadows, lovely Aurora Finch, and pair of Cordon Bleus, both in grand form; vhc, Kyle. A.O.S. SEED EATING (7): 1, Watts, grandly mkd., beautifully coloured pair of Diamond Sparrows, and bonny Crimson Finch, in grand form; 2, Timaeus, well mkd. rich coloured pair of Red-headed Gouldian Finches; 4, Andrews; vhc, Bent and Reader. S.B. (3): 1, 3, Watts, very handsome Rufous-throated Sugar Bird, rare colour and marking, grand feather, and a very pretty Banana Quit, in grand form; 2, Timaeus, beautifully coloured Green Glossy Starling. MEMBERS. MULES: 1, 3, 4, Buckingham; 2, local sp., Smith; vhc, Webb; hc, Titmus; c, Thring. BRED 1911: 1, cup, Bloomfield and Rose. BRIT. GOLD., ETC. (6): 1, 2, Wilmot; 3, Buckingham; 4, Waller; vhc, Smith; hc, Morris. A.O.S. HARDBILL (7): 1, 3, Buckingham; 2, 4, Smith; vhc, Dimmock; hc, Waller; c, Bloomfield and Rose. SOFTBILL (5): 1, 3, 4, vhc, sp, cup, Smith; 2, Buckingham. FOR. (7): 1, Smith; 2, vhc, McWatts; 3, Meadows; 4, Timaeus; hc, Waller; c, Kyle.

DARVEL.

Annual show of the Darvel O.S. held Town Hall, November 11th. The show was fairly successful, some good quality exhibits being staged; but we regret to report that the entries were poor. The hall where the cage bird section was held is tiptop for the purpose, the light and comfort being all that could be desired. Our section has a secretary separate from the other departments, and in Mr. Robertson, junr., the Society have been very fortunate in their choice. He got through his duties in a very able and creditable manner, and is a very obliging and capable official. He was ably assisted by a committee of good fanciers, and the management all over was excellent. Judges for Nor., Mr. Muir (Kilmarnock); for Borders, Mr. Smillie (Riccarton); and for British, Mr. Hoyle (Musselburgh); and the awards of each, as was to be expected, gave general satisfaction.

The Critique.

NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (5): 1, 2, Watson, both clears, 1 fine type, nice Bullfinch body, and staged in fine condition, wins easy, 2 another right good one, splendid chest and wings, shown in grand form; 3, Guthrie, excellent type, nice quality, fine and short behind, real good one; vhc, Devoy; hc, Jones. HEN (5): 1, spl., Watson, grand cl., well rounded, good full head, nice wing carriage, rare front and style, a beauty; 2, Robertson, non-fed, good quality feather, nice finish, well up in size; 3, Jones, grand shape, well rounded, good full head, nice wing carriage; vhc, J. McNair; hc, Anderson. BUFF CK. (8): 1, 2, Devoy, not much to choose between them, former true Nor. shape, full free chest, well rounded head, A1 wing carriage, well staged, 2 something similar, fails just a wee bit in head; 3, Jones, lovely col. cl., nice size, good quality feather; vhc, Young; hc, Watson; c, J. McNair. HEN (5): 1, 2, Watson, both clears, 1 good feather, close, tight fitted, nice balanced wing carriage, neat head, well staged, 2 nice size, good quality feather, good second; 3, J. McNair, cl., stylish, in nice trim, grand tone of col., rare finish; vhc, Hopkins; hc, W. McNair. VARIEG. CK. (6): 1, Watson, almost self buff green, lovely size, nice head and neck, good short wings, a gem, and well staged; 2, Jones, varieg buff, warm col., grand back and wing carriage, A1 front, grand quality feather; 3, Calderwood, neck and wing mkd. buff, good all-round, fine size, good shape and head; vhc, Devoy; hc, J. McNair; c, Young. BORD. FCY., CL. ETC., YELL. CK. (6): 1, Fraser, cl. yell., fine positioned bird, free mover, grand head, nice wing carriage, very stylish; 2, Allan, cl., well rounded, good carriage, real nice one; 3, Bennet, gem and no mistake, lovely shape, fine weight of body, well set up; vhc, Ferguson; hc, Murdoch; c, Torrance. HEN (4): 1, Fraser, lovely cl., good one, fine head, nice front, rare position, very fine col.; 2, Allan, a shade longer, but grandly rounded; 3, Murdoch, nice feather and finish and well staged; 4, Sneddon, a taking exhibit. BUFF CK. (9): 1, B.F.C.C. medal, G. Bennet, nice quality feather, good shape, well rounded, fine front, well drawn and staged; 2, 4, Lloyd, former just lacks the finish of feather of winner, but neat and fine in pose, very showy, 4 close up on 2, taking position and style, in good trim; 3, Laidlaw, another nice cl., lovely sweet feather and col.; vhc, Black; hc, Montgomerie; c, Holden. HEN (10): 1, G Bennet, round as a marble, grand headed bird, extra good front and wing carriage, correct size, staged in lovely bloom; 2, vhc, Laidlaw, 2 eye mkd., again close up, very little between them, grand wing carriage, fine texture of feather, 4 real good one, lovely feather, grand shape, sweetly staged; 3 Fraser, neck mkd., nice size, good feather and finish, staged in lovely condition; hc, Murray; c, Holden, sick when we were taking notes. VARIEG. (8): 1, spl., Allan, almost even mkd. buff, in grand order, good headed one, nicely drawn, well put down; 2, G. Bennet, both eyes and wing tkd, buff, close up for shape, again well rounded, very stylish, good in head; 3, c, Laidlaw, 3 varieg. yell., very rich col., nice head and wing carriage; vbc, Gibson; c, Montgomerie. LIGHT MULE, ETC. (4): 1, spl., Crosbie, lovely buff, 4-pointed Goldfinch mule, staged in lovely bloom, wins easily; 2, Heron, a Goldie-Bullie, showing parentage well, thought it looked better than when we last saw it; 3, McQuiston, lovely varieg. Greenfinch Mule, grand size, lovely quality feather, barely finished moult; vhc, Cowan. GOLDFINCH, BRIT. (6): 1, spl., Conkie, good expansive blaze, square cut, dense in col., nice cheeks, fine buttons, staged in good order; 2, McNeillie, nice size, pale in blaze yet, will do well later on; 3, McNaught, in good bloom, well forward, lovely col.; vhc, McFadzean; hc, Thomson; c, McKnight. GOLDFINCH, FOR. (6): 1, J. Morton, wins easy, dense blaze of great size, pure in whites, well cut; 2, vhc, Guthrie, 2 similar to winner, fails just a little in blaze col., will do better later on; 3, McGavin, bonnie big bird, pure in whites, well cut, fails in col. of blaze only; hc, Hopkins; c, McKnight. BULLFINCH (6): 1, spl., McQuiston, his well-known winner, looking as well as ever; 2, Hardie, F.M., grand type, good in breast col., nice shape, a little unsteady; 3, Kelly, large bird, good cap and bars, nice warm breast col.; vhc, Lyell; hc, Thomson; c, Morton. GREENFINCH (5): 1, McQuiston, jonque, lovely col., fine size, real good one; 2, vhc, McGavin, 2 good shape, a shade weak in neck, but good flights; 3, J. Morton, good size and col., nice quality feather; hc, Hardie. SISKIN, ETC. (6): 1, spl., McQuiston, Twite, grand size, good big head, lovely lacing back and front, showing nice white in wings, real good one; 2, McGavin, Siskin, grand size, well laced on sides, shown in lovely order, taking exhibit; 3, hc, Tannock, 3 a Siskin, fine shape, very neat bib, showing white feather on cap; vhc, Withers; c, Robertson. REDPOLL (5): 1, McQuiston, large mealy 'Poll, plenty of size, grand bib and lacing, fine big head, shown in rare bloom; 2, 3, Hopkins, both Lessers, 2 nice size, good head and lacing, grand bib, well staged, 3 fails only in lacing, well staged; vhc, Brownlie and Son, Lesser; hc, A. and J. Girvan. REDPOLL F.M. (4): 1, Hopkins, grand size, lovely col. and markings, fine head and bib, grand type, Stonehouse winner; 2, Rorke, nice shape, fine breast work, good bib, very steady; 3, A. and J. Girvan, nice lacing, lovely bars and bib; vhc, Frew. LINNET: Cancelled. BRIT. A.O.S., LARGE (3): 1, spl., McQuiston, well-known Corn Bunting, often described; 2, McGavin, Hawfinch, grand size, lovely col., staged in fine bloom; 3, Howat, Song Thrush, shown in lovely bloom, steady as a rock. SMALL (9): 1, Brownlie and Son, Yellow Hammer, rich tone of col., well defined markings, steady, shown in good bloom, good one; 2, McQuiston, Bramblefinch, a monster, well marked cap and back, fine col. and condition, very steady, shown in rare bloom; 3, Anderson, Yellowhammer, grand size, very rich col., fails only in head markings to winner; vhc, Aiton, junr., Chaffinch; hc, Alston, Bramblefinch; c, Mitchell. GIFT (8): 1, Robertson; 2, Allan; 3, Tannock; vhc, Murdoch; hc, Alton, junr.; c, Lyell,

MANSFIELD.

First annnal show of the Mansfield C.B.F.S., held Horse and Groom Inn, Oct. 28, judge, Mr. J. Richards. Twenty-six classes were provided and some nice birds were staged.

YELL. NOR.: 1, hc, Vaughan, large, good head, lovely col.; 2, Hawksley, better type, beaten in col. only; 3, vhc, Vardy, both good in head, well up in quality; c, Brown. BUFF: 1, 2, Vardy, two grand birds, good type, quality and col.; 3, Marshall, good type; vhc, hc, Hawksley; c, Gregory. YELL. HEN: 1, Vardy, good head, well up in quality; 2, Hawksley, good type, grand col.; 3, Vaughan; vhc, hc, Marshall. BUFF: 1, 2, Hawksley, two good hens, 1st best in head; 3, Vaughan; vhc, Brown. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, 2, Vardy. BUFF: 1, sp, 3, Burton, varieg., nice type, good col., not over large; 2, Marshall, larger, nice one; vhc, hc, Gregory. STOCK PAIRS NOR.: 1, 2, Vardy, varieg Buff cock, good head, and ck yell hen, 2, yell. varieg. cock and good buff hen; 3, vhc, Hawksley. DARK CREST CK.: 1, 2, vbc, M. Norwood, grand team, 1st, largest in crest, but not the quality of 2nd; 3, J. Norwood, good green, nice crest; hc, Handley; c, Shaw and Booth. LIGHT: 1, M. Norwood, good light crest, nice centre; 2, Spencer; 3, Shaw and Booth; vhc, Smith. C.B. CK.: 1, 3, M. Norwood large, good head feather; 2, Shaw and Booth, nice bird, well up in head properties; vhc, Handley; hc, Turner and Lawson. HEN CREST: 1, M. Norwood, grand crest, large, good quality; 2, Nuttall. C.B.: 1, J. Norwood, grand hen, large, good head; 2, 3, Nuttall; vhc, hc, M. Norwood. STOCK PAIRS CREST: 1, Shaw and Booth; 2, 3, M. Norwood. YORKS. YELL CK.: 1, 2, Hymas, 1st, good length, well up on leg, nice quality; 3, vhc, Oscroft. BUFF: 1, 2, Hymas, good ones; 3, Spencer. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Hymas. BUFF: 1, 2, Hymas. MULES: 1, 2, Vardy, nice varieg. Goldfinch Cans; 3, Mallatrat; vhc, hc, Ward; c, Turner and Lawson. HYB: 1, 2, Hymas, Goldfinch Bullfinch, good one. BRIT.: 1, Ward, Linnet, very steady, nice markings; 2, Butler, good Bramblefinch; 3, Mallatrat, nice Goldfinch; vhc, Butler; hc, Boaler. SOFTBILL: 1, 3, Hawksley; 2, Baker; vhc, Butler; hc, Ward. FOR.: 1, 2, Baker. Special winners for most points: Nor., 1 Vardy; 2 Hawksley; 3, Vaughan; 4, Marshall; Crest, 1, M. Norwood; 2, Shaw and Booth; 3, Nuttall; 4, J. Norwood; Yorks., 1, Hymas; 2, Oscroft; Mules, 1, Vardy; Brit. Hard, 1, G. Ward; Soft, 1, Hawksley.

GOOD ALL-ROUND SHOW AT HAMILTON.

The Yorkshire makes Strides in Scotland

Mr. Pettigrew Delayed by Fog.

Hamilton (Cadzow Oaks) O.A. annual show, held Nov. 11th. Taken all over, it was well up to former shows. All the classes were good, and competition was very keen. Some rare Norwich were on view, while the wee Borders were forward in force. Yorks. are making strong headway in Scotland, and here we had several well-known stables competing under a specialist judge. Mules and British, as usual in this hot bed, were strong, some toppers being out, and in many cases condition only separated the winners. Owing to the dense fog in the morning Mr. Pettigrew (Glasgow) was delayed; but after his arrival he was assisted by Mr. J. W. Bruce (Coldstream) who judged classes from field moulted Linnets to Foreigners. We were pleased to see our old friend Mr. Pettigrew recovering from his accident. Mr. A. Watson (Kilmarnock) judged Norwich and Crests, Mr. F. Bowman (Glasgow) the Yorks., and Mr. A. Walker (Lesmahagow) the Borders; their awards left little to be desired. The show was held in a comfortable room, which was free from draughts and well lighted. Mr. Marlin, the genial secretary, had everything in apple-pie order, and was ably assisted by an enthusiastic committee; the show was well patronised.

The Critique.

NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (11): 1, Morrison, grand size, rare depth throughout, full headed, tip top wing carriage, in fine bloom; 2, Edwards, lovely feathered, sweet finish, good head and wings, well placed; 3, Thomson, another good one for type, well up in size, fine head and front, worth its place; vhc, Cathcart; hc, Shearer; c, Cant. BUFF (16): 1, Edwards, J. M., lovely quality feather, rare shape, splendid head, well cut, in fine bloom, a beauty and no mistake; 2, Devoy, fine chubby bird, well feathered, good head, not quite so massive as winner, in extra good trim; 3, Mathieson, good front and wing carriage, some thought might have given way to. vhc, Watson, sweet bird, in grand trim; hc, Gallacher; c, Braidwood. VARIEG., ETC.: CK. (16): 1, Braidwood, grand size, lovely quality feather, rare front, beautifully cut, shows to perfection; 2, 3, McLaggan, very short thick-set bird, extra well balanced, lovely head and wing carriage, in full bloom; 3, fails a wee shade in size, grand quality; vhc, Mathieson; hc, McFadyen; c, Strank. CL., ETC., YELL. (10): 1, Taylor, wins, sweet one all round, good size, round as a marble, lovely quality, grandly moulded; 2, Johnston, good feather; 3, J. Edwards, gem for shape, good head and front, A1 style, lovely tapered, rare quality of feather; vhc, Andrew; hc, Shearer; c, Morton. BUFF (7): 1, Morrison, grand substance, rare front and head, grand wing carriage, nicely cut and showy; 2, Devoy, lovely short feathered one, in grand trim, neat head, good in style; 3, Armour, well placed, good all round stamp, smart, taking bird in nice order; vhc, Braidwood; hc, Strank; c, Cathcart. VAREG., ETC. (8): 1, Cathcart, grand size, noble head and front, lovely shape, hot one all round; 2, J. M. Edwards, good stamp and quality of feather; 3, Cairns, grand quality of feather, well up in size; vhc, Morton; hc, Campbell. UNFLIG. CK. (23): 1, Morrison, good yell., fine quality feather, nice size, grand head and front, well finished; 2, vhc, Braidwood, hot buff, close up on winner, grand quality, rare size and shape, bold, in first-rate trim; 3, Mathieson, tkd. yell., good size, fine quality feather, lovely head, nicely drawn; 4, McNeill, variog. yell., nice size and quality; c, Barr. HEN (20): 1, 2, Morrison, cl. buff, grand size, well finished, neat head, good in front, lovely style, rare wing carriage; 2, yell., good shape, quality, very nice one, well placed; 3, Calderwood, presses hard on 2nd, rare stamp, fine bold head, front, well cut; 4, Rosemonde, another hot one, grand substance, rare shape; hc, Barr; c, Cant. UNFED. NOR., CK. (10): 1, 3, Campbell, leader tkd. yell., grand shape, lovely full front, well drawn, extra good in wing carriage, sweet exhibit; 3, yell, green, nice stamp, well rounded, in lovely feather; 2, McNeil, variog. huff, good quality feather, nice substance; 4, Naismith, good shape and quality; hc, Morrison; c, Connelly. HEN (10): 1, Calderwood, variog. yell., good one for substance, well up in shape, good head and front, in tip top order, wins; 2, Cook, rare quality all over, sweet head and front, very nicely put down; 3, Strank, tkd. buff, good show properties; 4, Lawson, yell., sweet one, short in feather and good head; hc, Morrison; c, Braidwood. CREST (9): 1, G. Edwards, grizzle crest, cl. body, fine substance, and tight in feather, large head piece well centre, good in frontal and side; 2, Burnett, D.C., and plenty of it, well centre and groomed to perfection; 3, vhc, Summerhill, good youngster, nice top piece and lengthy, well laid on; 4, Watson, dark crest, nice size and shape, and good all round head; hc, McMillan; c, Summerhill. C.B. (7): 1, 4, Watson, nice size, grand body, hold entrance, nice one; 2, c, Summerhill, good one, grand head, plenty of lash, real hot one, rare size and quality; 3, McFadyen, good size, plenty of feather; hc, McMillan. BORD. YELL. CK. (12): 1, c, Pollock, nice feather and size, well drawn, stylish; 2, Allan, good stamp, very stylish, graud wing carriage, in lovely order; 3, Johnstone, grand quality, sweet shape, good in head; 4, Atchison, good one, lovely head and body, rare body and finish; hc, Boswell and Burrell. BUFF (12): 1, Brown, nice order, tight as wax, stylish shape, good wing carriage; 2, Kerr, well drawn, good front, sweet style, nice quality feather, well placed; 3, Thomson, close up, grand bloom, stylish, good front; 4, Johnstone, neat one, also in good order; vhc, Allan; hc, Pollock. YELL. HEN (10): 1, Calderwood, good one, fine style, lovely head and wings, grand weight, in rare trim; 2, Allan, good stamp, grand head, lovely wing carriage; 3, Brown, grand shape, neat head, good quality feather, stylsh exhibit; 4, Pollock, good quality, neat size; vhc, Hay; hc, Spence. BUFF (13): 1, Hamilton, nice size, tight as a drum, good head, well drawn, rare pipe, tail very stylish; 2, Calderwood, good quality feather, lovely size, grand head, well balanced exhibit, well placed; 3, Boswell and Burnett, good shape, well drawn, neat head; 4, Pollock, nice size, sweet finish of feather; vhc, Marshall; hc, Allan. EVENMARKED (7): 1, Haddow, yell., Glasgow winner, in grand trim, well bounced eyes and wings, good type wins; 2, Houston, good buff, neaty balanced on eyes, grand wings, fine size and shape; 3, W. Hamilton, yell., nice type and quality; vhc, D. Hamilton; hc, Wilson; c, Aitchison. UNEVEN MARK YELL. (7): 1, B.F.C. medal, Calderwood, grand stamp, fine head and good wing carriage, nicely drawn and staged to perfection, looks like the Glasgow winner; 2, Haddow, close up, A1 feather and finish; 3, W. Hamilton, good shape, fine size, well balanced all over, nicely finished; vhc, Ross, hc, Brownlie; c, Wilson. BUFF (11): 1, Thomson, grand size and shape, rare head and front, well rounded, neat wings, lovely bloom; 2, D. Hamilton, good feather, neat style; 3, Boswell and Burrell, some preferred for 2nd place, good head, finely drawn, in tip-top order; 4, Kerr, good finish; vhc, Hay; hc, Reid. NOVICE BORD.: 1, Thomson, buff, grand quality all round, good head, well carried wings, nicely drawn, put down to win; 2, Glass, a yell., close up, rare head and front, well cut, stylish bird; 3, Houston, buff variog., good head, fine wing carriage, well placed; vhc, Thomson; hc, Reid; c, Bullock. GREEN, ETC., CK. (17): 1, 5, Wilson, leader sweet green, grand colour, rare lacing, lovely size, grand feather and finish; 2, Haddow, tip-top cinn., correct type, beautifully feathered, marvel for lacing, looks like Glasgow winner; 3, Kerr, nice all round green, well laced, fine size and shape, good depth of col.; vhc, Thomson; hc, Lamhie. HEN (9): 1, 2, 3, Wilson, grand trio, leads yell. cinn., nice size and quality of feather, rather heavy marked on back, good stamp, grand shape and finish; 2, good green, nicely marked, good flanks, deep throughout, in full bloom; 3, cinn., stylish, well up in lacing; vhc, Campbell; hc, Hamilton; c, Thomson. YORKS., YELL. CK. (9): 1, McRobbie, a clinker, rare size, lovely shape, drawn to perfection, grandly put down; 2, McLelland, good stamp, lengthy, grand feather; 3, Syson, again well up, plenty of length, rare quality; 4, Cochrane, smart, all-round, good head and wings; hc, Gracie; c, Crichton. BUFF (12): 1, Syson, rakey and stylish, grandly drawn, good head and wings, tight as wax, in full bloom; 2, McRobbie, good shape, finely drawn, grand quality feather, nice one, close up; 3, McLelland, fine length, good wing carriage; 4, Heggie, lengthy; vhc, Cochrane; hc, Crichton. YELL. HEN (5): 1, Cochrane, good one, sweet feather, well drawn, grand head and wings, showy, nice length; 2, Crichton, close up, nicely drawu, sweet size, good quality; 3, Syson, lengthy, in full bloom; 4, McRobbie, good shape, nice quality of feather; vhc, Cobb. BUFF (7): 1, Crichton, fine size, grand quality feather, well drawn, good head, very neat wing carriage, wins; 2, Syson, well up on leader, lengthy, finely tapered, grand wing carriage; 3, Gracie, sweet shape and quality of feather; 4, Simpson, good all-round, well up in size; vhc, McRohhie; hc, Cochrane. A.O.V. CAN. (5): 1, Houston, good huff Scotch Fancy, nice top end and reach, fine depth, good all-round Scottie; 2, Fyfe, nice buff cinn., good size, grandly pencilled, fine depth of col.; 3, hc, Allen, yell. Scotch Fancy, nice length, good top end and reach; vhc, Clark and Son. CL., ETC., MULE, ETC. (5), no awards were given in catalogue: 1, nice Greenie-Bullie, well up in size, grand col., sweet shape, rare quality feather; 2, good even-marked huff Goldie, nice markings, fair size, good wings; 3, Goldie Bullie, shows the cross well. A.O.V. CAN. MULE (5): 1, Edwards, good variog. Goldie, well up in size, nicely marked, fine flush, face and hars; 2, Williams, variog. Linnet, good stamp, shows cross well, in full bloom; 3, Edwards, variog, Greenie, plenty of size, grand col.; vhc, Nelson; hc, Summers. DARK GOLDIE, ETC., MULE (6): 1, vhc, Marlin, good jonque, well up in size, plenty of col., good wings and polish; 2, Rundell, jonque Linnet, nice size, grand col., well marked, real sweet one; 4, Naismith, huff Goldie, good size, nice face, in lovely order; vhc, Edwards; hc, Marlin; c, Liudsay. A.O.V. DARK CAN. (6): 1, Wilson, sweet jonque Greenie, well up in size, good shade of col., staged in grand trim; 2, Whiteford, Siskin, nice size, shows cross well, good cap and hars; 3, Johnston, we could not find; vhc, Campbell; hc, Edwards; c, Cosgrove. A.O.V. HYB. (5): 1, Campbell, sweet Siskin Greenie, nice size, finely marked, well up in col., staged in rare order; 2, Sinclair, Goldie Greenie, fine size, good blaze and hars, will improve yet; 3, Johnston, Redpoll-Linnet, sweet bird, a gem for feather and finish; vhc, Marlin; hc, c, Edwards. GOLDFINCH BRIT. (14): 1, McRobbie, in full bloom, dense face, well cut, good wing bars, well up in size, good tannings, in full bloom; 2, Clark and Son, close up, grand face, nice tannings, sweet exhibit; 3, Alexander, good all-round Finch, nice face, grand size; 4, Murray, good exhibit, nice face; vhc, McGregor; hc, Edwards. BULLFINCH (13): 1, McGregor, good all-round, nice size, grand cap and bib, good body col. and hars, in fine feather; 2, no name, a demon for col., very good cap, a shade soft when we were taking notes; 3, Cougan, good stamp, nice hody-col., good bih; 4, Lindsay, good topper, fine shape; vhc, Shankley Bros.; hc, Williamson. BULLFINCH HEN (8): 1, Stell, grand shape, rare broad cap, good body col.; 2, Bald, close up, good one, lovely cap and wing hars, good col; 3, Nicholson, good stamp, fine head, good bold front, in nice order; 4, Kergan, sweet size, grand col.; vhc, Telfer; hc c, Connelly. HEN FINCH, ETC. (9): 1, Whiteford, Russian hen Bullfinch, surely in wrong class, grand size, rare col., in first-rate order; 2, Telfer, sweet hen Bramhle, fine size, steady, well marked, real good one; 3, Laing, romping fine hen Grecnie, rare size and col.; vhc, Reid; hc, Neilson; c, Laing. LINNET (7): 1, Baird, grand stamp, lovely col., rare shape, well pencilled, a protest was laid, we heard, against this bird for alleged staining; 2, McLean, an old warrior, real grand Linnet, its only fault a shade weak on legs; 3, Cork, good one, nice tone, well pencilled; 4, McFarlane, sweet exhibit, good col. and markings; vhc, McKenna. FIELD MOULTED LINNET (11): 1, Sykes, a gem, rare size, beautifully pencilled, grand flights, steady, real hot one; 2, Cooper, similar to winner in col. and lacing, fails in eye only; 3, Williamson, again a sweet one, in full bloom, well marked; 4, Cowler, nice size and shape; vhc, hc, Summerhill. GREENFINCH, FED (7): 1, Allan, good stamp, sweet shape, level in colour, in grand bloom; 2, Baird, a shade slimmer, but warm in tone and level in col.; 3, Reid, nice col.; 4, Kirk, good shape and stamp, sweet all-round; vhc, Sykes; hc, McFarlane. NAT. COL. (10): 1, Bald, wins well on condition, well up in size, a shade smoky in col., well staged; 2, McLean, good jonque, fine size, rare col.; 3, McNeil, good quality feather, nice headed bird; 4, Edward; vhc, Fyfe; hc, Marlin. LESSER REDPOLL (12): 1, McGillivray Bros., good stamp, graud size, rare quality feather, nicely pencilled; 2, Marlin, close up, good shape, well laced, heaten in size only; 3, Pringle, good shape, neat hib and cap, well laced; 4, Marshall, good all round exhibit, sweet shape and feather; vhc, hc, no name; c, Bruce. DITTO, F.M. (12): 1, Marlin not a large one, but rare bih and cap, very distinctly laced, steady, in nice order; 2, Williams, a bouncer in size, grand cap and lacing, good col.; 3, 4, McGillivray Bros., two good ones, little to choose between them, 4 rather wild; vhc, hc, Campbell. MEALY, ETC. (7): 1, Quinn, grand Mealy, rare size, grand col., well laced, tight in feather, sweet exhibit all round; 2, Davidson, good Twite, well up in size, dense in col., very nicely marked; 3, Marlin, nice Mealy; 4, Haldane, good shaped Twite, heaten in lacing only; vhc, Duncan; hc, Drysdale. SISKIN (10): 1, Cook, sweet shape, nicely fed, in grand order, rare flank lacing; 2, Duncan, good Siskin, neat bih, good body-col., in fine order; 3, vhc, Clark and Son, good all over, nice size; 4, Davidson, nice cap and good hars; hc, Cullen; c, Connelly. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (8): 1, Reid, grand Bramble, rare size, good cap and back, rare shape and quality of feather; 2, 3, Sykes, good Chaffinch, rare col., steady, 3 good laced Bramble, beaten in size only; 4, Laidlaw, Chaffinch, sweet size; vhc, Campbell; hc, Cooke. BUNTING (8): 1, 4, Marlin, two yellows, his old champion leading, well marked on head, grand size, nice hody, sweet col., 4 a bouncer, rare shape, well marked; 2, 3, Laidlaw, good yell. leading, well marked, plenty of size, steady, well shown, 3 good stamp of a Cirl; vhc, Edwards; hc, Perrie; c, Baird. SOFTBILLED BRIT., LARGE (2): 1, Clark and Son, good Magpie, well up in size, well marked; 2, Perrie, good all-round Fieldfare, steady. SMALL BRIT. (2): 1, Perrie, good Pipit, well marked, in grand order, steady and well shown; 2, Sykes, yell. Wagtail, good size, nicely marked, steady, well shown, close up. GOLDFINCH, FOR. (6): 1, Johnston, in rare bloom, good face and cap, and nice body col., tight as wax; 2, Pringle, a topper for size, rare col., slightly broken on nap; 3, Shankly Bros., good sized Finch; vhc, Bald; hc, Steel; c, Campbell. FOR. A.O.S. (7): 1, Perrie, good Crimson-wing, in full bloom, fine size and shape; 2, vhc, Allan, grand Red-headed Gouldian, in faultless condition; 3, Sykes, glossy Starling, in good order; 4, Smith, pair of yellow Budgerigars; hc, c, Hayes.

DARLINGTON.

Sixth annual show of the Darlington C. and B.B.F.A. held in the Corn Exchange Nov. 11th. We were sorry to see entries were below the average of the shows in this district, especially in the Canary classes—probably owing to Shildon show being held same day. It is to be hoped this unfortunate clashing will be avoided another year. The British bird classes filled well, as they always do at Darlington, and competition was very keen. The members' classes contained some very nice birds. The show was well arranged and did credit to the ahlc secretary, Mr. Walker, and his energetic committee. Mr. J. Wilcock judged Canaries, and Mr. J. Walsh the British birds.

The Critique.

YORKS. CL. YELL. (6): 1, Rand, good length, grand quality feather, well up on leg; 2, Chew, rich level col., well drawn, good shape and style; 3, 4, G. W. Cuthhertson, grand quality and position, long, close-fitting wings, well up; 4th, A1 quality, nice stand, neat head; vhc, Nattrass; hc, Rennicks. BUFF (7): 1, Dixon, rare size, rich col., good position and quality; 2, Cook and Hood, a stormer, A1 quality, well drawn, fine condition; 3, 4, G. W. Cuthbertson, rich salmon col., A1 quality, nice position; 4th, longer, grand back and shape, good position; vhc, Chew; hc, Crawhall. TKD. (9): 1, Woodhead and Son, head and wing mkd. huff, grand quality, nice stand, tight as wax; 2, 4, vhc, Cook and Hood, yell., slim, rare quality, well up on leg, neat head and wings, good tail; 4, yell., nice length, good type, fine quality; 3, G. W. Cuthhertson, tkd. huff, lovely quality, well drawn, nice position, good head and back; vhc, Carr; c, Rennicks. HEN (11): 1, Woodhead and Son, slashing big huff, rare quality, good shape, stands well up; 2, Chew, variog. yell. lovely quality, nice level col., neat head, good close fitting wings; 3, Crawhall, stylish huff, fine quality, good type, neat stand; 4, vhc, Pyman, lengthy buff, fine quality, feather good position; hc, Barker; c, Rennicks. UNFLIG. YELL. (4): 1, Cook and Hood, head mkd. yell., very slim, rich quality, well up on leg, good shape; 2, Underwood, good col., nice quality and position; 3, hc, Carter, nice quality and length, well up; 4, Pyman, good size, nice position. BUFF (12): 1, Crawhall, nice size, rare position, lovely quality feather, good close-fitting wings, neat head; 2, Pyman, rare quality, good col., well drawn, stands on a pair of good legs; 3, Underwood, nice quality feather, good head and shape, well up; 4, Cook and Hood, fine quality, nice position; vhc, Messenger; hc, Carr; c, Mowhray. NOR. CL. YELL. (7): 1, Wake, rare quality, grand rich col., nice cobhy shape; 2, Thompson, good shape and col., nice quality feather; 3, Musgrave, nice rich col., good feather; 4, c, Freeman, fine quality, good col., nice shape; vhc, hc, Barnes. BUFF (10): 1, Carr, nice chuhhy body, good head and col., neat wings, fine quality; 2, Freeman, good shape, rich col., nice wings; 3, Musgrave, shapely, good col., nice size, fine quality; 4, Wake, grand feather, good head and chest; vhc, Walker; hc, Burdett; c, Middleton. TKD. (5): 1, Burdett, yell., good substance, neat head and wings, rare quality; 2, Brunskill, buff, short, thick-set, fine quality, nice shape; 3, Swinsco, yell., fine quality, nice col. and shape; 4, Clayton and Smith; vhc, hc, Carter. HEN (9): 1, Baines, yell., good chubby shape, rich col., neat head, wings and tail; 2, Papple, wing mkd. buff, pale col., nice thick-set body, fine quality feather; 3, Wake, rare quality, nice shape, good head and chest; 4, Thompson, good shape, fine quality; vhc, Freeman; hc, Carr; c, Middleton. UNFLIG. YELL. (8): 1, Waller, grand rich colour, good size, nice cobby shape, fine quality; 2, Woodhead and Son, rare quality, nice shape, good head and chest; 3, Freeman, good level col., nice type; 4, Middleton, good size, shapely; vhc, Carr; hc, Burdett; c, Watson. BUFF (11): 1, 4, Waller, neck mkd., short, cobhy hody, nice quality feather, good bold head; 4th, nice quality, neat shape; 2, Burdett, close up, good hold shape, fine head, short wings and tail; 3, Wake, variog., rare feather, nice size, good shape; vhc, Summers; hc, Miss Bennett; c, Palmer. A.O.V. (10): 1, 2, Wheatley, Crest-bred, good size, fine dome-shaped skull, clothed with plenty of feather of fine quality; 2nd, Crest, grand feather, crest of good size and shape, well radiated, neat centre, well put down; 3, Hands, Crest-bred, good size, nice length of feather, good head; 4, c, Stobhs, nice even mkd. Nor., fine quality, good shape and col.; vhc, Gibson; hc, Todd and Son. MULE, ETC. (15): 1, Dr. M. Wilson, Can.-Bullfinch, fine size, rich col., in beautiful condition; 2, Todd and Son, well known Linnet-Bullie, in perfect condition, grand col.; 3, Walsh, Greenie-Bullie, good col., nice trim; 4, Carr, fine yell. Greenfinch-Can., rare size, rich level col., very fit; vhc, Nicholson and Son; hc, Taylor; c, Wildsmith. BRIT. LINNET (24): 1, 3, Brade, fine size and shape, nice nuttybrown col., well pencilled; 3rd, good col. and shape, fine condition, markings not quite so distinct; 2, Barker, good rich col., fine size, nicely pencilled; 4, Walsh, nice tone of col., good size and shape; vhc, Gregory; hc, Maddison; c, Dr. Wilson. GOLDFINCH (11): 1, Wildsmith, nice bright fall, neat buttons, good bars and bloom, nice expansive blaze; 2, 3, vhc, Nicholson and Son, fine trio, leader rare polish, rich coloured, well cut blaze, good body col., nice size; 3rd, close up, good size, rich expansive blaze, good buttons, well mooned; 4, Tams and Son, another good Finch, fine size and shape; hc, Dr. Wilson; c, Smurthwaite. BULLFINCH (14): 1, Willcock, good size, grand rich black cap, well cut, good breast col., carried well under, nice bars, good body col.; 2, vhc, Woods, good col. on breast, though not quite so bright, rare cap, good wings; 3, Milburn, good shape, nice size; 4, c, Hogg, big bird, good cap, nice breast col. GREENFINCH (12): 1, Milburn, good shape and size, rich col., in fine trim; 2, Brade, big shapely hird, nice col.; 3, Walsh, nice colour and size; 4, W. J. Messenger, good polish and style, nice shape; vhc, Robinson; hc, Tams and Son, grand, thick-set body, rare col., in fine order, some preferred for 1st; c, Burton Bros. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (12): 1, Dr. Wilson, Bramblefinch, grand colour, rare condition, dense spangle, good size; 2, Nicholson and Son, Chaffinch, rare size, nice whites, good head col., in fine form; 3, Gregory, Chaffinch, good size, fine shape and col.; 4, A. and F. Hartley, Bramblefinch, nicely spangled, good shape and size; vhc, c, Todd and Son; hc, Messenger. SISKIN, ETC. (17): 1, G. W. Cuthhertson, Siskin, fine size, nice clean cut hih, rare col., nicely pencilled; 2, c, Nicholson and Son, Redpoll, rare size, good col., grand bloom; 3, Walker, Twite, fine col., good size, nicely mkd.; 4, Milburn, good Mealy Redpoll, nice size, col., and condition; vhc, Wildsmith; hc, Brade. A.O.S. FINCH (5): 1, Walsh, Hawfinch, good thick hird, nice hib, good col.; 2, Nicholson and Son, Corn Bunting, rare size, good rich col., in nice trim; 3, Gregory (we omitted to note); 4, Wilcock, Hawfinch, in fine condition, good size, well cut hib, nice; vhc, Wiggins and Harrison. THRUSH, ETC. (4): 1, Swann, real good Thrush, fine size, good col., very steady, distinct markings, carried well underneath; 2, Robinson, Starling, good size and condition, well spangled; 3, Gregg, Thrush, good size and shape; 4, Sanders, big Blackbird, rich col., good bloom. SOFTBILL, SMALL (7): 1, 4, Nicholson and Son, pretty Tree Creeper leading, in nice order, good size, col., and markings; 4th, grand Redstart, tight as wax, steady, good col. and size; 2, vhc, hc, Dr. Wilson, Nightingale, very steady, in grand feather, good size; 3, Mrs. Woodhouse, Wryneck, in fine order, good size and col.; c, Bousfield. FOR., LARGE (4): 1, 3, Nicholson and Son, Glossy Starling, old warrior, in perfect condition, shines like silk; 3rd, fine Scarlet Tanager, deep rich col., in fine condition; 2, Reeks, Alexandrine Parrakeet, bonny exhibit; 4, Broadbent, nice pair of Budgerigars. SMALL (5): 1, 2, 4, Nicholson and Son, lovely team, in perfect feather, rich col.; 3, Walsh, very fine pair of Redheaded Gouldians, like paint; vhc, Gregg. GIFT (10): 1, Swinsco; 2, Wildsmith; 3, Brown; 4, Gregg; vhc, Freeman; hc, Richmond. MEMBERS' YORKS. (7): 1, hc, Messenger; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Carter; 4, c, Richmond. NOR. (7): 1, Willcock; 2, hc, Carter; 3, 4, Richmond. A.O.V. (6): 1, 2, Willcock; 3, Richmond; 4, hc, Carter. LINNET, ETC. (10): 1, 2, hc, Wildsmith; 3, Robinson; 4, Messenger; vhc, hc, Carter. A.O.V. (6): 1, 4, hc, Wildsmith; 2, 3, Willcock. MULE (4): 1, Wildsmith; 2, 3, Willcock; 4, Robinson.

MALTON.

Sixteenth annual show of the Malton Norton O.S. was held on Nov. 9th in the Corn Exchange—a large and well-lighted room very suitable for such a show. Mr. Wilson is a hard-working, courteous secretary, and had a good committee of fanciers to support him, Messrs. Anderson, W. Brown, G. Wilson, J. W. Middleton, J. Wardell, W. Warren, and W. Wilson being in evidence, staging and attending to the wants of the exhibits. Yorks. were not up to the number usual at this show, hut some very good birds were staged. Norwich were a nice lot, and in this section the judge found the winner of spl. fer best bird in show. The Mule class was a hot one, and British birds were good in numhers and quality. Mr. Cowgill placed the tickets, and, in the opinion of fanciers present, picked the right winners.

The Critique.

YORKS. YELL. (9): 1, G. W. Cuthhertson, cl., long and stylish, rare wings, close fitting, good head and hack; 2, Rand, close up, grand shape, lengthy, good head and legs, fine quality; 3, Lister, uneven mkd., A1 quality, nice length, straight up, good legs; 4, Watts, good quality, nice head; 5, Meadows; vhc, Reilly; hc, Harding; c, Carter. BUFF (9): 1, 2, G. W. Cuthhertson, cl. leading, good length, rare quality, grand head and hack, close fitting wings; 2nd, tkd., A1 quality, slim, well up on leg, tight in feather; 3, 5, Campling, lovely quality, good length, neat head and wings, pipe tail; 4, Watts, rich salmon col., fine quality, well up on leg; vhc, Lister; hc, Cook; c, Harding. HEN (6): 1, Watts, yell., hc, Cook; c, Harding. HEN (6): 1, Watts, yell., good quality, nice col., good position; 2, Campling, huff, rare col. and quality, slim, well up, nicely drawn, good wings; 3, Lister, wing mkd. yell., good position, grand quality, plenty of size; 4, Rand, huff, good quality, pale col.; 5, Denham; vhc, Harding. NOR. YELL. (7): 1, Bielhy, grand chubby shape, short wings and tail, lovely quality, good level col., takes spl for hest in show; 2, J. Wilson, rich col., shapely, good head and wings, heaten only in quality; 3, Mennard, head, neck, and wing mkd., nice bold bird, good size, shapely, fine quality; 4, 5, Clayton and Smith, good shapely bird, nice quality, good chest and head; vhc, Middleton; hc, Cass. BUFF (9): 1, Clayton and Smith, big bouncing hird, nice chubby shape, good chest, wings and tail, rare quality and col; 2, Mennard, bigger, rare col., nice meal, fine quality, good head and hack; 3, Wilson, good quality and size, neat wings, well carried, a shade too long; 4, Middleton, good shape and position, nice size; 5, vhc, Cass; hc, Dixon; c, Carter. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (9): 1, Stamp, nice square cut blaze, good col. and huttons, well mooned; 2, Calam, blaze, good col. and hody, good blaze, nice wing marks, well hutoned; 3, Lane, big Finch, good size and blaze, well cut, good hody col., nice moons, probahly best Finch in class, hut out of condition, which put it hack; 4, Dr. M. A. Wilson, smaller, and not quite so good col. of winners, in very nice condition; 5, Dixon; vhc, E. Watson; hc, c, Humphrey. BULLFINCH, ETC. (12): 1, J. Stamp, Linnet, good size, rich nutty col., well pencilled, very steady; 2, J. P. Stamp, Bullie, rich hlack cap of good size, grand hreast col., carried well down, nice size; 3, Dr. Wilson, Linnet, good hody col., nice shape and size; 4, Woods, Bullfinch, good col. hreast and cap, nice size and condition; 5, Meadows; vhc, Watson; hc, Hunter; c, A. and F. Hartley. MULE, ETC. (9): 1, Monkman, really good Linnet Mule, rare size, grand shape, good rich col. and bloom, wants steadying a bit, when it will take some beating; 2, B. H. Wilson, dark Goldie-Can., very rich col., good blaze, in splendid condition; 3, Dr. Wilson, Goldie-Bullie, good size, rich col., well staged; 4, Dixon, nice yell. Linnet Mule, rich col., in A1 condition, a young bird; 5, G. Cuthhertson; vhc, B. Wilson; hc, Meadows. A.O.S. (17): 1, 4, hc, Dr. Wilson, good Nightingale, in fine form, very steady, good size; 4th, lovely Bearded Tit, in perfect condition, grand col., some preferred for 1st; 2, Lane, nice Yellow Bunting, good size, grandly mkd. head; extra 2, Medley, Redstart, good one, nice size, in rare bloom, very steady; 3, 5, Inman, nice Bramble, rich col., nicely spangled, good size and condition; vhc, J. Stamp; c, Charles. MEMBERS, A.V. (11): 1, hc, Carter, good Hawfinch, rare size, bigger than anything in open, grand col., good wing markings, hib a shade ragged, will make a good one; 2, vhc, Charles, good Crosshill; 3, Denham, Goldie, good size, nice hody col.; 4, Nicholson, Yorks.; 5, Jackson.

Kirkcaldy's Excellent Management

Meets with a Disappointing Entry. Is a Two-Day Show Popular in Scotland?

Kirkcaldy C.B.S. fifth annual show held in the Pioneer Hall, Nov. 10th and 11th. The entry proved disappointing, only 410 exhibits putting in an appearance. On looking for the cause of such a large decrease, one is forced to the conclusion that, outside the larger towns, a two-day show is unpopular with the majority of fanciers, and the society would do well to revert to a single-day fixture. Another cause might be found in the fact that it takes nine entries to make a full class, with the result that only 14 classes out of the total of 70 classes had the requisite number. The hall, which is within five minutes' walk of the station, is in every way suitable for such an occasion, and the staging left nothing to be desired. The committee are all well-known fanciers, and know the business thoroughly; they were ably led by Mr. J. Thomson as president, while the secretarial duties were in the capable hands of Mr. E. McAnally, who besides being a past-master himself in the matter of management, had for his assistant Mr. T. Arnott, a fancier of no mean repute and ability. Judges: Scotch Fancies, Mr. A. Fotheringham (Kelty); Border Fancies, Mr. J. Thomson (Newtongrange); Crests, Mr. G. Arnott (Kirkcaldy); Norwich, Mr. J. Logan (Dysart); British and Foreign, Mr. L. J. Arrigbi (Edinburgh); they got through their work in good time, and the awards all over seemed to be well received. Special winners: Best Scotch Fancy, A. Watson; B.F.C.C. medal, H. Bennet; ditto Novice, W. Dods; S.P.C. medal best cock, J. Kerr; ditto hen, W. R. Gibson; cup for best unflig. P.H. hen, J. McAnally; Hyde's, J. Brown. We noticed that Cage Birds League was very much in evidence, a large poster being prominently displayed, while the committee were distributing the handy little leaflets to all present, and we expect a big influx of members will result.

The Critique.

SCOT. FCY., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (4): 1, Melville, splendid stamp, great depth of chest, full top end, wins; 2, Archibald, fine nervy bird, grand position, nice droop; 3, spl, Thomson, well set up, splendid drive, nice action, fails only in substance; 4, Keill, fine stamp, plenty of nerve. BUFF (3): 1, Cairns, rare length of wing, decided drive, quick action; 2, Kilgour, fine position, plenty of substance, neat droop; 3, Hutchison, little, with plenty of style. PIED, ETC., YELL. CK.: Cancelled. BUFF (2): 1, Melville, pied of great size and substance, well up on legs; 2, Watson, pied, grand top end and reach, fine length of side, close up. CL. ETC., YELL. HEN (2): 1, Keill, well set up, fine depth of chest, good top end and decided drive; 2, Thomson, neat stamp, plenty of style, smart action, excels on top. BUFF (3): 1, spl, Watson, true Fancy properties, well set up, good top end, neat head and long, reachy neck; 2, Melville, well up in size, splendid action, grand worker, close up; 3, Watson, a youngster of great promise, correct type, will improve. PIED, ETC., YELL. (4): 1, Keill, grand one, good size and position, fine reach; 2, Yule, good stamp, plenty of nerve, works well; 3, Gibson, fine stamp; 4, Cairns, nice style. BUFF (4): 1, Keill, great length of side, well up on perch, neat droop; 2, Gibson, not quite size of winner, but all there for style and action; 3, Simpson, well set up; 4, Jardine, nice stamp, close up. BORD. FCY., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (8): 1, Bennet, grand type, brimming over with col. and quality; 2, Smith Bros., nice type, neatly rounded and finished, sound level colour, good condition; 3, Halliday, neat type, jaunty carriage, put down in first-rate order; 4, spl, McKenzie; vhc, Dods; hc, Peters; c, Kerr. HEN (10): 1, Bennet, neat head and neck, good wing carriage, in lovely condition; 2, Patterson, perfect little model, excelling in frontal which is neatly rounded and perfectly tapered, lovely wings and tail; 3, McKenzie, shapely body, grand wings, lovely bloom; 4, Arnott, close up; vhc, G. Bennet; hc, Tait; c, Gilchrist. BUFF CK. (12): 1, B.F.C.C. medal, H. Bennet, lovely quality bird, good head and neck, a wee bit thick behind; 2, Patterson, grand model, finely tapered and finished a wee bit nervous, must have pressed; 3, McKenzie, good head and neck, splendid wings, lovely quality; 4, Halliday, fine type, follows well; vhc, Arnott; hc, Peters; c, Tait. HEN (8): 1, McKenzie, a little gem, grand type, neatly rounded and finished, best of wing carriage, put down in grand order; 2, Gilchrist, neat head, well braced wings and tail, a wee bit too short behind; 3, Bennet, rich col., fine type, best of condition; 4, G. Bennet, good one, close up; vhc, Arnott; hc, Smith Bros.; c, Patterson. UNEVEN, ETC., YELL. CK. (7): 1, Bennet, grand model, built on correct lines, put down in faultless order; 2, Patterson, splendid type, lovely condition, failing only in frontal; 3, Peters, rare frontal, neatly rounded and finished; 4, Smart, close up; vhc, Nelson; hc, Rae; c, Nairn. HEN (9): 1, Yule, splendid model, neat markings, best of wings and tail, fine bloom; 2, Arnott, fine stamp, neat head and neck, rare frontal, neatly moulded, a wee bit leggy; 3, Gilchrist, grand body, front clean moulded and tapered; 4, Bennet, another good one, not far behind; vhc, Nelson; hc, Hazzard; c, Dods. BUFF CK. (7): 1, Arnott, very taking model, best of type and feathered like a Java; 2, Patterson, excellent col. and quality, neatly rounded and tapered; 3, Bennet, fine type, jaunty action, rare condition; 4, Gibb, fine conditioned Border, well worth its place; vhc, Nelson; hc, Fisher; c, Tait. HEN (9): 1, novice medal, Dods, bold head, well filled neck, splendid back and front, well staged; 2, Bennet, taking hen of sterling merit, excels in frontal, must have pressed; 3, Nelson, very shapely, grand wings and tail, put down in rare order, follows well; 4, Yule, another good one, close up; vhc, Hazzard; hc, Halliday; c, Mathieson. EVENLY MKD. (2): 1, G. Bennet, rare type, lovely quality and finish, well balanced markings; 2, Carmichael, neat type and good quality. YELL. GREEN (5): 1, Fisher, grand shape, rich even tone of body col., finely pencilled; 2, Lambie, fine type and quality feather, failing only in density of body col.; 3, Nelson, lightly built, good col.; 4, Mackie, all there for type and quality; vhc, Forrest. BUFF (6): 1, Bennet, nice type, good quality feather; 2, Christer, good type and body col.; 3, Mackie, sound col., very neatly pencilled, some made the winner; 4, Forrest, neat type; vhc, Hamilton; hc, Dods. CINN. (7): 1, spl, Mackie, grand Jonque, full of col., lovely quality; 2, c, Christie, fine type, col., and markings, well deserves place; 3, Bennet, grand type, hot col., lovely quality; 4, Lambie, fine col. and markings; vhc, Mackie; hc, Forrest. COMMON CANARY (13): 1, vhc, Bell; 2, Beveridge; 3, Wright; 4, Duncan; hc, Harris; c, Brown. YORKS. YELL. CK. (12): 1, Syson, grand type, long and slender, neatly tapered, put down in rare order; 2, Reekie, fine length, good head and shoulders, well moulded, fails only in col. and bloom; 3, Heggie, great length of wing, bold head, fine col.; 4, Celland, very typical, nice condition, close up; vhc, MacDougall; hc, Gibb; c, Saunders. HEN (5): 1, Heggie, grand stamp, well drawn, and takes fine position, warm col., staged in rare bloom; 2, Cochrane, neat head, fine length of side, wings well braced, follows well; 3, Gibb, grand type and condition, fails only in head; 4, Syson, grand type; vhc, Clayton. BUFF CK. (8): 1, Syson, splendid type, great length, nervy action, inclined to cross wings when handled; 2, MacDougall, a proper gentleman, well drawn and tapered, failing only in head; 3, Reid, very shapely, full of quality, follows well; 4, Clayton; vhc, Heggie; hc, Saunders; c, Reilly. HEN (6): 1, Cochrane, fine length, well drawn and tapered, neat head, lovely quality; 2, Heggie, splendid type, grand wings, fine position, a wee bit open in front; 3, Syson, a lady of quality all over, hard to find fault with, stylish action, some made an easy winner; 4, Saunders, nice stamp; vhc, Clelland; hc, King. CREST CK. (3): 1, Paul, Dark Crest of fine formation, grand quality feather, an easy win; 2, Brown, nice quality Crest, failing only in frontal; 3, Buchanan, Dark Crest of fine formation, not far behind. HEN (2): 1, Paul, good Dark Crest, broad leafy feather, well centred and radiated; 2, Brown, Dark Crest of great density. CREST, BRED 1911 (5): 1, 3, vhc, Brown, leading with a variegated Dark Crest, of good size and formation, 3rd, fine sized Crest, of nice density; 2, Lindsay, nice size, failing only in density and formation; 4, Paul, grizzle Crest, good size, well formed Crest. C.B. CK. (3): 1, Buchanan, massive frame, grand quality feather, rich in head properties, easy win; 2, Whitton, fine size and dome, well lashed; 3, Brown, good lashing. HEN (3): 1, McCall and Henderson, really good green, nicely cushioned and lashed; 2, McFadyen, very close body feather; 3, Brown, cl., good proportions, fine quality. C.B., BRED 1911.: 1, Paul, an easy win, massive skull, finely cushioned, showing plenty of lash, wide entrance; 2, 3, Lindsay, fine size; 4, Brown. NOR., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (4): 1, Kerr, good size, deep chest, well rounded and clean cut, hot col., close feather; 2, E. McAnally, fine quality and col., grand back and front; 3, J. McAnally, neat head, good quality feather; 4, Gardiner, grand type and quality, some thought should have been higher. BUFF (8): 1, Kerr, fine quality, good head and neck, splendid wing carriage; 2, E. McAnally, splendid type, lovely quality, must have pressed; 3, Gibson, big one, deep frontal, fine col. and finish; 4, Gibson, good type, fails only in finish; vhc, McAnally; hc, Dowell. VARIEG., ETC., YELL. (7): 1, hc, McAnally, hot col., best of quality, very shapely body, grand wing carriage; 2, McCabe, fine type, bold head, well filled neck, in grand condition; 3, Kerr, fine type and substance; 4, Harris, neat type; vhc, McAnally; c, Gibson. BUFF (6): 1, Harris, grand shape, well rounded and finished, in rare bloom; 2, McDonald, bold head, good back and well rounded front, close up; 3, McAnally, nice type, col. and condition; 4, J. McAnally; vhc, Gibson; hc, Howie. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (5): 1, E. McAnally, rare quality bird, neat head and neck, nicely rounded front; 2, Stephen, well up in size and depth of chest, neatly rounded and finished, bold head, some considered might have won; 3, McDonald; 4, Paterson; vhc, Harris. BUFF (7): 1, Gibson, fine size and substance, well rounded head; 2, Heggie, grand model, short and chubby, lovely quality feather, well mealed; 3, Leach and Leckie, good size and shape; 4, Howie, excels in frontal; vhc, Lawrie; hc, McAnally; c, Gardiner. VARIEG., ETC., YELL. (6): 1, Condie, splendid type, neat head, and well balanced wings and tail, in grand condition; 2, McAnally, very shapely, neat frontal, well staged; 3, Gardiner, neat head and neck, sweetly moulded frontal, close up; 4, Henderson, fine type and quality; vhc, Kerr; hc, Cairns. BUFF (6): 1, Gardiner, splendid type, short and cobby, best of wing carriage, nice condition; 2, Dowell, very sweet hen, lovely quality feather, close up; 3, Gibson, correct type, put down in good order; 4, McLaren, follows well; vhc, McAnally; hc, Howie. UNFLIG. YELL. CK. (6): 1, Gibson, neat model, all there for col. and quality, grand wing carriage; 2, Gardiner, bold head and neck, fine frontal; 3, Howie, neatly got up, full of quality; 4, Duncan; vhc, Howie; hc, Gibson. HEN (5): 1, 3, McAnally, a pair of typical hens, full of col. and quality, leader excelling in head and frontal; 2, 4, E. McAnally, 2nd rare type, short and chubby, good head and wings; 4th, good shape; vhc, Traill. BUFF CK. (6): 1, Christie, a grand Norwich, bold head and short cobby body, neatly rounded and finished; 2, Kerr, very shapely, splendid wing carriage, close feather; 3, Henderson, grand frontal, good col., lovely quality, follows well; 4, Blyth, just lacks the quality of leaders; vhc, McAnally; hc, Russell. HEN (9): 1, Gardiner, rare quality hen, neat head and wings, lovely meal; 2, McAnally, fine type and quality, put down in rare order, close up; 3, Gardiner, grand type, excelling in col. and condition; 4, McCue, another good one, grand head and well moulded body, showing signs of wear; vhc, McFadyen; hc, Gibson; c, Blyth. NON-FED YELL. CK. (2): 1, 2, Lawrie, 1st grand variegated, splendid col., lovely quality; 2nd, cl., nice type and condition. BUFF (6): 1, Lawrie, great size and substance, very close feather, wins; 2, Naismith, grand head, front and back well staged; 3, Harris, neat type; 4, Condie, good type, fine quality; vhc, Dowell; hc, Frew. YELL. HEN (2): 1, Traill, nice size and substance, good quality; 2, McCue, follows well. BUFF (6): 1, 4, Kerr, real good pair, one as good as the other; 2, McAnally, very shapely, neat frontal; 3, Naismith, fine type and quality, close up; vhc, Marshall; hc, Frew. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (9): 1, Smart, grand conditioned Goldie, richly tanned and huttoned, pure col. blaze, fine size, very steady; 2, Gardiner, fine size and tanning, in lovely condition, fails only in purity of col.; 3, McCall and Henderson, another grand one, expansive blaze, will still improve; 4, Roughead, just lacks the bloom of leaders; vhc, Spittal; hc, Palmer. BULLFINCH (10): 1, Bald, fine size and shape, marvellous breast col., well defined cap and bars, wins well; 2, Wright, another eye-opener for breast col., just lacks the finish of leader; 3, Robertson, grand cap and bars, fine size; 4, McDonald, grand Bullie; vhc, Venters; hc, Colville; c, Duncan. LINNET (9): 1, hc, Hodge, good size, deep front, fine shade of col., nice pencillings; 2, Nicholson, lighter build, shows well, good col. and pencills; 3, Palmer, in lovely condition; 4, Bald, shows itself to advantage, close up; vhc, c, Wallace. GREENFINCH NON-FED (9): 1, McAnally, bold type, rare col., in lovely bloom; 2, Aikman, grand size and shape, good col., well staged; 3, Bald, bonny Greenie in the pink of condition; 4, Storrar, fine condition; vhc, Smart; hc, Roughead; c, Whitbrook and Allen. FED (8): 1, Nicholson, grand type and col., put down in splendid order; 2, McLean, well up in size, very shapely, close up; 3, Logan, the old veteran, in good form, back a trifle in col.; 4, Goodfellow, very typical, close up; vhc, Russell; hc, Goodfellow; c, Traill. SISKIN (8): 1, Bald, marvel for col. and condition, neatly defined cap and eye markings, fine lacing; 2, Whitbrook and Allen, neat cap and splendid lashing, shows pea well; 3, McLaren, fine condition and markings, just lacks bloom of winner; 4, Spittal, follows well; vhc, Leach and Leckie; hc, Venters; c, Hunter. REDPOLL, ETC. (8): 1, Colville, really good Mealy, plenty of size; 2, Nicol, Twite, good col. and condition; 3, Leach and Leckie, Mealy, well up in size and markings; 4, Marshall; vhc, Arnott; hc, Russell; c, Patterson. BRIT., SMALL HARDBILL (3): 1, Bald, well known Corn Bunting, in lovely condition; 2, Arnott, Snow Bunting, good size and markings; 3, Gardiner, nice hen Bullie. SMALL SOFTBILL (2): 1, Arnott, blackcap, No. 1, absent. LARK OR LARGER (1): 1, Lister, very fair Blackbird. CL., ETC., MULE (4): 1, McNicoll, rare size, bot col., staged in faultless bloom, rich blaze, an easy win; 2, Heggie, another nice Goldie, fine size and condition; 3, Lumsden, well up in size and col., fine blaze, follows well; 4, Adams. DARK CAN. MULE (4): 1, McLaren, Goldfinch-Can. Mule, good col. and condition; 2, Smart, nice conditioned Linnet Mule; 3, Paterson, nice Siskin Mule; 4, Spittal. HYB., A.O.V. (5): 1, Robertson, Linnet-Bullfinch, good size and rich body col., wins; 2, 3, 4, vhc, Williams, 2nd Goldie-Bullie, nice size and col.; 3rd, Goldie-Greenie; 4th, Twife-Greenie. GOLDFINCH, ETC., FOR.: (3): 1, Barclay, real good Goldie, grand blaze, sound in col., richly tanned; 2, Lister, Bullfinch, fine cap and bars, good body col.; 3, Aikman, Bullfinch. A.O.S. FOR. (1): 1, Miss Howie, pair of Cutthroats, in good condition. JUVENILE CLASS (14): 1, 2, Jane Arnott, 1st nice conditioned Linnet of good size and col.; 2nd, Bullie hen; 3, Peter Arnott, cock Bullfinch; 4, Harry Arnott; vhc, F. McAnally; hc, Wm. Haxton; c, John Nicoll.

REDRUTH.

Redrnth F.A. third annual Members' show held Market Hall, Nov. 11th. Entries came up well, considerably over last year's in number and quality was good, especially in the Norwich classes. The nonflighted birds were very good and the winner was reserve for cup. The hen class was good and contained the winner of the cup. Cup for best bird bred 1911, W. Kemp; cup for best bird over year, W. Sherman; special for best bird shown by new member, T. Sherman; Sandiford's medal, G. Ferrel; Mr. C. H. Toy (Truro) judged, and his awards were well received.

The Critique.

NOR. CL. YELL. (8): 1, sp. Kemp, good body, well braced flights and tail, nice level colour; 2, hc, Ferrel, nice quality and colour, good head and neck; 3, vbc, W. Sherman, good size and colour, nice head and neck; r, T. S. Sherman; c, Martin. BUFF (8): 1, sp vhc, Sherman, good type and colour, very nice and tight in feather, sp for best in show; 2, Ferrel, another real good one, nice head and neck; 3, Kemp, good body, nice shaped head and neck; r, Lawry; hc, T. S. Sherman; c, T. Sherman. TIC. YELL. (6): 1, sp Ferrel, marked head and neck, wonderful col., nice type; 2, Kemp, tic. neck, capital head, neck and wings, well moulded; 3, hc, W. Sherman, tic. neck, neat and typical, good colour and quality; r, T. S, Sherman; vhc, Climas. BUFF (7): 1, sp Kemp, tic. head, good body, nice shape bead and neck; 2, T. Sherman, variegated, good type and quality; 3, vhc, Ferrel, tic. neck, nice quality, type and colour; r, Climas; hc, W. Sherman; c, T. S. Sherman. NOR. YELL. UNFLIG. (7): 1, sp 2, Ferrel, grand type and quality, good size and col., 2, fine exhibit, two grand birds; 3, r, T. Sherman, another good one, grand head and neck; vhc, Martin; hc, T. S. Sherman; r, W. Sherman. BUFF (12): 1, sp 3, Ferrel, two clears, excellent quality, short typical bodies, nicely frosted; 2, vhc, T. Sherman, tic. wing, good type and quality; r, Climas; hc, c, T. S. Sherman. HEN (13): 1, sp r, Kemp, very fine cl. yell., nice size and col., good quality, wins cup for best non-flight; 2, Climas, tic. head and rump, buff, nice quality; 3, hc, Ferrel, yell tic. head, good col., nice wings and tail; vhc, T. S, Sherman; c, W. Sherman. NAT. COL. NOR. (7): 1, sp T. Sherman, good quality buff, nice head and neck; 2, hc, Kemp, yell. good size and quality, nice wings and tail; 3, W. Sherman, buff, nice size, col. and quality; vhc, Ferrel; c, Vidick. A.O.V. (8): 1, sp c, T. Sherman, pied tail cinn., grand size and quality; 2, r, Kemp, variegated Scotch, good drive, carries tail well under; 3, Opie, variegated yell Yorks., nice col.; vhc, W. Sherman; hc, Ferril. LARGE BRIT. (3): 1, sp Kemp, Starling, well spangled, grand exhibit in splendid trim; 2, 3, Woolcock, Thrush and Pied Blackbird, nice exhibits. SMALL (7): 1, sp 2, Woolcock, sweet Siskin, good size and colour, grand bib and markings, 2, Bramble, nicely spangled, fine size; 3, r, vhc, Crews, Goldfinch, nice blaze and bars. FOR. LARGE (7): 1, sp 2, 3, res, Smith, grand team, Lemon Crested Cockatoo, leading in grand condition, 2, King Parrot, lovely col. and wing marks, 3, Blue Mountain Lory, splendid col.; vhc, Woolcock. SMALL (10): 1, sp Kemp, Lavender Finch, well marked, good col., in splendid condition; 2, c, Smith, Orange Bishop, well marked, good col., in grand form; 3, Woolcock, yell Budgerigars, splendid condition.

CANNOCK.

Second annual show held Market Hall, Nov. 9th. It must be voted a success. Under the management of Mr. H. W. Briggs, the popular secretary, everything passed off well. Judging over in good time and cards soon up, which was a credit to the committee. Mr. A. J. Gladwin judged.

NOR. BUFF (6): 1, Brotherhood, good body, well braced flights, lovely col., we liked much; 2, Dipple, a shade smaller than winner, good in all points, close up; 3, r, Sheppard, 3rd good head and neck; vhc, Orme. Classes 63, 64, and 65 amalgamated, only nine entries in the three classes; 1, res, vhc, Dipple, 1st good in size, nice feather, short flights and tail, wins well; res, nice cobby bird, short and typical; 2, 3, Brotherhood, little to choose between them, good heads, neck and back, deserved their places. YORKS, BUFF (6): 1, 3, Millincamp, good quality, stands well on perch, rare length, wins well; 3rd, not quite so tight and compact in feather; 2, res, Byron, leader good quality, nice length; res, in fine form, as tight as wax; vhc, Gibbons. YELL. (10): Best class in show both for quantity and quality; 1, 2, Richards, leader good length of body, nice wings and tail; 2nd, another nice bird, fails in colour only to the one above, both were nicely shown; 3, res, Pritchard Bros., some made Nos. 902 and 903 streets in front of them; vhc, Byron. YORKS., HEN (6): 1, 2, Byron, yell. and buff in order named, 1st grand size, lovely head, stands well up on perch; 2nd, a sweet little hen, grand carriage, wings well braced, both well shown; 3, vhc, Millincamp; 3rd, nice length and position, well filled up, mkd. on bead. YORKS., UNFLIG. (5): 1, 3, Byron, grand col., nice stand, well filled back, well shown; 2, res, Millincamp, former grand position, full of nerve, shows for all he is worth; res, another smart bird close up. BRIT. (6): 1, res, Taylor, 1st Starling, would not take perch; res, very fair Goldfinch; 2, Sutton, Goldfinch, in nice bloom; 3, Burdoa Bros., well spangled Thrush, shown in the pink of condition, some thought should have won.

BUCKIE.

Grand Display of Borders.

Buckie 31st annual show held Fisherman's Hall, November 8. The hall is well lighted, and allows plenty of room for a show of this kind. The cage birds were benched down both sides and the end of hall. The exhibits were staged at a nice height, and were well looked after. There was an increase in entries in our section, and the quality was well ahead of that of former years, some grand specimens being staged. The Border Fancies were a grand display. The arrangements were well carried out by the courteous and obliging joint secretaries, Messrs. Melvin and Bunyan, who were ably backed up by a hard working committee, who had everything up to date. Judge, Mr. T. Arnott.

The Critique.

BORD. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (6): 1, sp, Thomson, good body and head, nice col. and quality, fine type, well shown; 2, Hutchison, good col., nice head and neck; 3, Craig, another good one, fine col. and quality; vhc, Cragen; hc, Connachie; c, Stewart and Sons. HEN (6): 1, Thomson, nice, typical hen, grand colour and quality, good head and neck, nice carriage; 2, Hutchison, another nice one, fails only in type to winner; 3, Lambie, nice col. and quality; vhc, sp, Blackie, good head and neck, some thought might have gone up one; hc, Craigen; c, Craig. BUFF CK. (6): 1, sp, Lambie, medal for best Border shown by a member of B.F.C.C., grand typical buff, good head and neck, rare col. and quality, shown in tip-top order; 2, Craig, nice bead and neck, fine wing carriage; 3, Blackie, nice col. and quality, good body; vhc, Connachie; hc, Hendry; c, Stewart. HEN (4): 1, Hutchison, good col. and quality, nice body and type, fine head and neck; 2, Connachie, grand col. and quality, good head and neck, a wee bit thick; 3, Lambie, nice col. and quality, good head and type; vhc, Craig. YELL. VARIEG. (5): 1, sp, Hutchison, grand col. and quality, nice type and carriage, good head and neck; 2, Blackie, good head and neck, nice col. and quality; 3, Craig, grand col. and quality, good head and neck; vhc, Smith; hc, Connachie. BUFF (4): 1, sp, Hutchison, grand typical buff, good col. and quality, nice head and neck, well shown; 2, Blackie, another grand bird, presses winner hard; 3, Connachie, nice col. and quality, good head and neck; vhc, Craig. GREEN OR CINN. (4): 1, sp, Lambie, grand quality green, nice type and col., good head and neck, well shown; 2, 3, Thomson, 2nd green, grand head and neck, nice colour and quality, 3rd another good green, presses hard; vhc, Connachie. NOR. CL., ETC., CK. (10): 1, sp, Morrison, grand bodied buff, rare head and neck, nice col. and quality; 2, Sutherland, yell., grand col. and quality, good head and neck, nice type; 3, Hird, buff, grand col. and quality, rare head and neck, good body; vhc, Strachan, nice typical buff, for 3rd; hc, Craigen; c, Walker. HEN (5): 1, Strachan, grand typical buff, good col. and quality, rare head and neck, nice carriage of wings; 2, Baxter, another grand buff, fails only in head to winner; 3, Grant, yell., nice type and qual., fine col., good head and neck; vhc, Sutherland; hc, Walker. VARIEG. CK. (3): 1, 2, 3, Rosie, 1st yell., grand style and quality, rare head and neck, 2nd buff, grand body, nice col. and quality, 3rd yell., nice col., good head. HEN (1): 1, sp, Allan, good body and size, nice head and neck, in the opinion of many should have been passed as a clear. CREST (3): 1, sp, 2, Craigen, variegated D.C., well made crest, grand body and size, nice quality, 2nd green, nice crest, good col. and quality; 3, R. and R. Webster, grand body and size, nice crest. C.B. (4): 1, sp, R. and R. Webster, grand body and size, good col. and quality; 2, 3, vhc, Craigen, 2nd grand head, col., and quality, plenty of feather, good body and size, 3rd grand body and size. GREEN OR CINN. (1): 1, sp, Hendry, yell. cinn., good head and neck, nice type and quality, well striped. YELL. CL., ETC., CK., COL.-FED (3): 1, Allan, variegated, grand col. and quality, good head and neck, nice type, well shown; 2, Strachan, cl., rare size, head, and neck, good body, nice col. and quality; 3, Hird, cl., nice col. and quality, good head. HEN (4): 1, sp, Strachan, grand typical cl., good col. and quality, fine wings and tail, wins easy; 2, Donaldson, another cl., good head and body, broken in col. a trifle; 3, Fraser, cl., grand body and head, good col. and quantity; pen 2, Allan, empty. BUFF CK. (8): 1, sp, Wattie, cl., grand col. and quality, good body and type; 2, Fraser, another cl., good body and size; 3, Strachan, variegated, good head and neck, nice body and size; vhc, Hendry; hc, Wattie; c, Donaldson. HEN (3): 1, Strachan, variegated, grand type and quality, good head and neck, nice col., well shown; 2, Allan, cl., nice col. and quality, good head; 3, Hendry, another cl., nice type and quality, good col. and body, fails only in head. PAIR CAN. (6): 1, sp, R. and R. Webster, grand pair Crest and C.B., good bodies, size, and quality, well shown; 2, vhc, Stewart and Sons, fair Nor. yell. variegated, and cl. buff, nice size, col., and quality, good bodies and heads; 3, Blackie, pair Borders, fine matched pair, nice type, col., and quality; hc, Junner; c, Barn. A.O.V. (6): 1, sp, hc, Rhind, cl. Yorks., good head and neck, fine reach, nice quality and col.; 2, Rutherford, green Yorks., nice col. and quality, fine head and neck, fails only in size to winner; 3, vhc, Stewart and Sons, cl. Yorks., grand col. and quality, good head and neck; c, Holman. BRIT.: SISKIN, ETC. (7): 1, sp, 2, Clark, Siskin, fine col. and quality, well mkd. good cap, well shown, 2nd Mealy Redpoll, grand size, well mkd., good bib, not quite so well staged; 3, Young, Siskin, nice size and col., well mkd., fails only in bib; vhc, Smith; hc, Morrison; c, Connachie. BULLFINCH (4): 1, sp, Craigen, grand col. and size, well mkd., good cap, well staged; 2, McLennan, another nice one, fails only in size and col. to winner; 3, Clark, grand col. hen, good size and qual., presses hard; vhc, George, another good hen, not much between them. GOLDFINCH (2): 1, Baxter, nice size, grand col. and marking, good blaze, well staged; 2, Morrison, another really nice one. LINNET, ETC. (5): 1, sp, Clark, Linnet, nice size, fine dark col., well mkd., in grand condition; 2, Barron, another Linnet, of fine size, well mkd.; 3, vhc, Grant, 3rd Twite, grand col. and size, well mkd., presses hard; hc, Young. GREENFINCH (5): 1, sp, Miss Ina Sutherland, nice size, and col., well staged; 2, Hird, grand size and col., nice quality, not quite so well shown; 3, hc, Stewart and Sons, fails only in col. to winner; vhc, McLennan. MULE OR HYB., DARK (3): 1, Hendry, Linnet Mule, grand size and quality, well mkd., wins; 2, Craigen, Goldie Mule, nice size and col., well mkd.; 3, Allen, Linnet Mule, fails only in size to winners, good one. LIGHT (1): 1, sp, cup, Hird, variegated Goldie Mule, grand size, col., and quality, mkd. head and wings, winner of cup for best bird in show. BRIT. SOFTBILL: Cancelled. BRIT., A.O.S. (2): 1, sp, Young, Chaffinch, nice col., well mkd., wins; 2, Stewart and Sons, Chaffinch, hen, good one. GOLDFINCH, ETC., FOR. (1): 1, Baxter, Bullie hen, grand size and col., well mkd. A.O.S. (2): 1, sp, Craigen, yell. Budgerigars; 2, Simpson. GIFT (7): 1, vhc, hc, Stewart and Sons; 2, 3, c, Blackie.

Warrington's Sixteenth Show.

Fog delays Exhibits. Cage Birds League to the fore.

Warrington and Dist. Society 16th annual show, held Nov. 11th, in the Kendrick St. School. The society were highly pleased with the response, entries totalling 570. The secretary, Mr. G. M. Nelson, was a hard-working and efficient officer, and along with the stewards, Messrs. W. Weston, Hardy, Harper, Leigh, Barnett, Leech, and Knowles (treasurer), had some difficulty in assisting the judge, Mr. A. Wellings, through the late arrival of some of the exhibits, the delay being caused solely through the fog, which upset the train connections. It was pleasiug to note that classes were kept back so that all entries should come before the judge, and stand their fair chance of competition. Around the room were hung posters advocating that fanciers support Cage Birds League.

The Critique.

YORKS. CL., ETC., YELL. (16): 1, Binns, head and wing mkd., rich col., nice shape and carriage, good position; 2, Brown and Son, mkd. head and wing, good size, fine feather, nice quality, a wee shade flat on skull; 3, bc, Baxter, rather bold head, fine feather, good carriage; 4, Hirst, cl., good front, length, shape and carriage; vhc, Boote; c, Hemmings and Brereton. BUFF (13): 1, Binns, good all-round points; 2, Wright, mkd., a gem, position, feather, and position perfect; 3, Spencer, griz. head, nicely shaped, flights come well down, carriage good; 4, Wilkinson and Woodhead, tail and wing carriage grand; vhc, Knowles; hc, Slater; c, Ridge. HEN, YELL. (15): 1, vhc, Knowles, mkd., good carriage and feather; 2, Hemmings and Brereton, sweet, stylish, slim, good col., very nice cl.; 3, Kearns, saddle mkd., nice round head, slim, very taking; 4, Baxter, evenly proportioned, nice carriage; hc, Binns; c, Wilkinson and Woodhead. BUFF (13): 1, Baxter, cinn. mkd., fine quality feather, nice position; 2, hc, Knowles, grand feather, position, wings and tail, well put down; 3, Brown and Son, eye and wing mkd., stylish, good carriage, very rich feather; 4, Kearns, well merits its place, very typical; vhc, Brooks; c, Spencer. UNFLIG. (16): 1, 2, Slater, 1st yell., mkd., neat head, lovely col., good length, nice carriage, stands well, 2nd wing mkd., clean cut, nice position; 3, Brooks, round head, slight wing mark, slim, fine carriage, good quality feather; 4, Binns, pale, nice, leggy, good position; vhc, Baxter; hc, Boote; c, Dooley. NOVICE, CL., ETC., YELL. (24): 1, Hamilton, eye and wing mkd., plenty of length, nice drawn flights, slim, nice shaped, col. rather weak; 2, Ralphs, typical carriage, stands well; 3, Anderson, good bird; 4, Higham, length, col. and carriage good; vhc, Ellis; hc, Charnock; c, Sutton. BUFF (23): 1, Rigg, cl., head very nicely rounded and well proportioned, nice col., well staged, wing carriage; 2, Glover, cl., very waxy looking, would have done credit to premier position; 3, Gilbert, head, carriage, flights, and style, everything that one could desire; 4, Jones, nice head, body nicely shaped, good carriage; vhc, no name; hc, Stansfield; c, Dalton. YELL. HEN (18): 1, 2, Rigg; 1st topper for length, good head, legs, tail, and flights, nice shape, 2nd bit square on shoulders, otherwise nicely proportioned; 3, Sutton, nicely drawn flights, piped tail, finely feathered; 4, c, Hamilton, mkd., very compact, typical; vhc, Hardy; hc, Jones. HEN, BUFF (20): 1, Anderson, mkd., fine quality feather, nice shaped head, good long tightly drawn flights and tail; 2, Davies, cinn. mkd., plenty of length, true shape, feather very fine, nice length; 3, Hadfield, smaller, all other points up to the mark; 4, Booth, face mkd., rich quality feather, nice flights and tail; vhc, Glover; hc, Hardy; c, Crook. UNFLIG. (27): 1, 3, Jones, 1st mkd., striking qualities, plenty of length, nice position, 3rd wing mkd., slim, good backed bird; 2, Sutton, cl., neat head, carriage and position, fine feather; 4, Green, heavily varieg., lengthy, good col.; vhc, Midgley; hc, no name; c, Garnett. GREENS, YELL. (8): 1, 3, Rowlands; 1st self, grand type, good head and length, nice wings and tail, fine position, 3rd neat head, nice wedge-shape, very leggy; 2, hc, Walker, 2nd foul, very nice carriage, well drawn flights and tail, neat head, grand col.; 4, Hamilton, sound in col., very typical; vhc, McNulty; c, Wright. BUFF (8): 1, vhc, Rowlands, self, nice size, true shape, grand back, sound col.; 2, Walker, foul, nice head, slim, stands well, plenty of style, good legs; 3, McNulty, nice head, good front, correct col. and markings; 4, Walker, foul, nice round head, perfect shape; hc, Metcalfe; c, Crook. HEN (7): 1, 3, Rowlands, 1st yell. self, good length and shape, perfect carriage, nice head, very good col.; 3, self buff, good length, a beauty, full of qualities; 2, hc, Walker, yell. self, beautiful quality feather, fine head and shape; 4, McNulty, yell., self, nice position and shape, slim; vhc, c, Metcalfe. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (9): 1, Raynes, a gem, chubby, bold broad head, well filled neck, plenty of substance, good short flights and tail, well proportioned, extra nice col.; 2, Dent, another grand specimen, full of typical qualities, not quite as strong in colour; 3, Sharples, wing marked, good head, deep chest, good size and shape; 4, Turner, very cobby and compact; vhc, Granger; hc, Jenkins; c, Collins. BUFF (8): 1, Hall, heavily varieg., nicely moulded, round head and bold neck, carriage A1, shown in grand fettle; 2, Leeming Bros., griz. head, extra for type and chubbiness, sets off body well; 3, Procter, cl., good entrance, nice position; 4, Dent., neat and typical, nicely frosted; vbc, Johnson; hc, Raynes; c, Smith. YELL. HEN (12): 1, Entwistle, varieg., col. to perfection, bold head, grand shape, short on leg; 2, vhc, Dyer, slightly mkd on head, tip-topper for shape and carriage; 3, Turner, good entrance to skull, col. and position very nice; 4, Marsh, texture of feather very fine and silky, close drawn together; hc, Barker; c, Hall. BUFF (10): 1, Turner, cl., head, opens broad, good shaped neck, deep-fronted body, fine feather, well drawn together; 2, Thompson, wing marked, excellent shape, nice wing carriage, short body and tail; 3, Leeming Bros., developing in nice frame, showing plenty of fine, silky feather; 4, vhc, Barker, varieg., bold head, nice shape, nice col.; hc, Marsh; c, Smith. DO. UNFLIG. (14): 1, Hall, varieg. buff, lovely col., chubby, flights and tail finish off very typical body; 2, Raynes, yell. wing mkd., head not quite up to perfection, feather, col., position and carriage everything to be proud of; 3, Nelson, very nice feathered clear; 4, Marsh, griz. head, nice body and head; vhc, Turner; hc, Johnson; c, Thompson. NOVICE, YELL. (12): 1, Critchley, very nicely moulded clear, all-round head properties, short on leg, nice rich col.; 2, Lingard, cl., nice size and head, short on leg, fine feather; 3, Bell, mkd, large, good one; 4, Aspinall, nice col., good cobby shape; vhc, Johnson; hc, Jones; c, Walker. BUFF (21): 1, hc, Bracegirdle, good round bold head, deep chest, fine body substance, full of col. and frosting; 2, Critchley, nice head, thick round body, short flights and tail, stands well across perch; 3, Cooper, nice shaped body and wing carriage, deteriorates in head and size; 4, Hobson, plenty of substance, col. and shape; vhc, Hayes; c, Walters. HEN, YELL. (12): 1, Lingard, splendid col., typical, nice jaunty carriage, feathered like wax; 2, Metcalfe, nice head and position, big; 3, Aspinall, mkd., nice exhibit; 4, Parr Bros., down in col. a trifle, chubby, good wings and tail; vhc, Walker; hc, Taylor; c, Fairhurst. BUFF (19): 1, Fildes, wing mkd., bold head, full chest, nice round body, good substance; 2, Hobson, typical, full of good points; 3, Hayward, nice col. and shape, small head; 4, Greenhalgh, nice qualities; vhc, Critchley; hc, Rumsby; c, Woodfine. UNFLIG. (32): 1, Fildes, wing mkd., strong col., head round and bold eye, body comes well across perch, fine feather, flights, and tail short and well placed; 2, Vint, mkd. right flight, nice col. and shape; 3, Metcalfe, yell., varieg., big and bold, bit long sided; 4, Rowbotham, cl. yell., nice size, shape, and col., head points prominent; vhc, Lingard; hc, Critchley; c, Cooper. BORD., YELL., CL., ETC. (12): 1, c, Large, eye and wing mkd., splendid lemon col., shown to perfection, nice qualities; 2, Mrs. Harrison, neat head and shape, very jaunty, fine feather and condition; 3, hc, Thomas, mkd., nice soft lemon col.; 4, Long, neat shape and head; vhc, Bayley; hc, Thomas. BUFF (9): 1, Rea, mkd., nice, taking shape, fine col., feathered like a Java; 2, vhc, Large, not a feather out of place, a real beauty, runs well up; 3, Pitchford, smaller, nice shape; 4, Ridge, mkd., nice feather; hc, Andrews; c, Thomas. YELL. HEN (9): 1, Andrews, eyes and wing mkd., nice col. and shape, neat, jaunty carriage, very compact; 2, Bartlett, cl., very nice shape, col., and size, well staged; 3, Johnson, col. and carriage very taking; 4, hc, Bayley, nice lemon col., neat all-round; vhc, Nelson; c, Large. BUFF (14): 1, Ridge, four-pointed head, col., and shape everything desired, wings nicely drawn on fine body; 2, 3, Nelson, 2nd wing and eye mkd., nice shape and quality of feature, good carriage, 3rd mkd., nicely moulded body, good action and feather, shade long in tail; 4, Bayley, cl., shaped right, nice quality feather; vhc, Mrs. Harrison; hc, Large; c, Rea. GREEN, ETC. (8): 1, 4, vhc, Nelson, 1st green self, very nice and shapely, good ground col., nice markings, 4th foul cinn., good quality feather, nicely moulded; 2, Higgins, cinn., cobby, nice jaunty carriage, finely feathered; 3, hc, Hampson, self green, neat head and body; c, Bayley. A.O.V. (17): 1, 2, Guy, 1st varieg. Crest, nicely rotated, feathered to end of beak, good size, 2nd cl. body, dark crest, better type than first, but smaller; 3, Barrett; 4, c, Entwistle and Butterworth; vhc, Jenkins; hc, Hampson. LIGHT MULE (7): 1, 3, Bond, 1st well-known clear Goldie Canary; 3rd smart Siskin-Canary, almost cl., griz. head; 2, Tams and Son, four-pointed Goldie-Can., splendid col.; 4, Williams, four-pointed Goldie-Can., nice shape and feather; vhc, Metcalfe; hc, Johnson; c, Whiteley. DARK MULE (8): 1, 2, Walsh, 1st Goldie-Can., plenty of size, 2nd another Goldie-Can., very nice shape and col.; 3, Bond, Siskin-Can., good size, col., and shape; 4, Metcalfe, Goldie-Can., yell., nice col. and size; vhc, Robinson; c, Williams. HYB. (7): 1, Bond, Can.-Bullie, very nice shape and col., good size; 2, Lewis, Can.-Bullie, runs well up for col. and shape; 3, H. Walsh, Can.-Bullie; 4, Johnson, Goldie-Bullfinch, grand colours and size; vhc, Sharples; hc, Tams and Son; c, Nelson. BRIT. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (21): 1, Holt, Goldie, a gem, blaze nicely shaped and well coloured, ambers and moons very distinct; 2, Brunskill, Bullfinch, perfect picture, nice shape, bright and dense well cut cap, good shape; 3, Washbourne; 4, Jones, stewards appeared to have made a mistake between 3 and 4, thus no description; vhc, Hampson; hc, Morgan; c, Almond. LINNET (1): 1, Tams and Son, well pencilled, nice chubby size, well balanced, finely finished; 2, Jones, runs well up, fine condition; 3, Whiteley, chubby, nice shape and markings, nicely proportioned, good condition; 4, Morgan, markings very dense; vhc, Weedall; hc, Nelson; c, Whitney and Son. SISKIN, ETC. (18): 1, 2, Almond, 1st Twite, fine size and shape, markings very distinct, very steady; 2, yell. Siskin, nicely capped, good col. and shape, chubby; 3, 4, Morgan, smart Redpoll, showing col. off; vhc, Weedall; hc, Jones; c, Greenwood. A.O.S. HARDBILL (8): 1, Jones, Hawfinch, not one of the largest, but all there, fine and distinct colours, well cut, grand condition; 2, 3, Johnson, Yellowhammer and Corn Bunting, former rich col. and clear markings, latter shown in fine form; 4, Almond, Chaffinch, in very fair order; vhc, Tams and Son; hc, Weedall; c, Mort. SOFTBILL (8): 1, Hemmings and Brereton, Missel Thrush, in rare good form, well spangled, nice size; 2, c, Sharples (R.), Blackcap, shown in very nice condition, steady; 3, Morgan, Thrush, with nice breast; 4, vhc, Mort, Thrush, dark and in good condition; hc, Gilman.

CONSETT.

Consett, Blackhill, and Dis. F.S. held their 18th annual open show, November 11, in their new place, the skating rink. It was with regret we noticed that the room allotted to the cage bird section was too cold, and some of the exhibits (good birds, too) had to be overlooked owing to their being soft in feather, i.e., temporarily out of condition. Taking the show throughout, the principle of keeping expenses down, and not constantly advertising in CAGE BIRDS, thereby bringing the show date vividly before the Fancy, resulted in a smaller entry. The president is G. Ainsworth, Esq., J.P., and the secretarial duties were admirably carried out by Mr. R. R. Walker (Blackhill); but the principal steward in our section was Mr. Thorpe, who deserved every praise, as he is a most thorough and practical fancier, obliging and courteous to all; he was assisted by some of the best in Messrs. Dickinson Bros., Rowell, Forster, Barkas, and Lane. Mr. W. P. Barnes (Grantham) placed the cards, and his awards appeared to give every satisfaction.

The Critique.

YORKS., UNFLIG. 1911 (11): 1, sp., Hedworth, Cl. Buff, grand type and shape, lovely col., straight as a rush, in excellent condition; 2, Murry and Burdon, Cl. Yell., very typical for type and shape, good col. and length; 3, Forster, Cl. Buff, good type and shape, grand even col., little soft when being judged; 4, Reed and Collins, good type, shape, col. and quality of feather, but not yet ready; vhc, Forster hc, Murry and Burdon. NOR., CL., ETC. (8): 1, sp., Robson and March, Buff, rare type, extra shape, good size, good head, full chest, short flights and tail; 2, Barkas, tkd. on nape, lovely col. and shape, good quality of feather, short flights and tail, fails in size; 3, Lane, Cl. Buff, good Nor. properties, for shape and type, but soft in feather, rich, soft col.; 4, Brown and Collingwood, Cl. Buff, a beauty, in best condition, grand head and neck, neat wing carriage, short flights and tail; vhc (no name in catalogue); hc, Stanger and Herdman. HEN (11): 1, Bainbridge, natural col. Yell., beautiful shape and type, grand head and body, short flights and tail, well over perch, short on leg, in nice condition; 2, Barkas, heavily marked Buff, good shape and type, rich col. and level, a shade longer in body; 3, Stanger and Herdman, Buff mkd. head and saddle, nice shape and type, extra nice col. and size; 4, Robson and March, good all round bird for type and shape; vhc, Brown and Collingwood; hc, Goodchild. NOR., UNFLIG. (3): 1, Butler, varieg. Yell., good type, shape and even col., lovely quality feather, short flight and tail, grand size for a Yellow, in nice condition; 2, Robson and March, Clear Buff, one of the best for type and shape, good head, neck and body; 3, Stanger and Herdman, varieg. Yellow, rare shape and type, good quality feather; 4, vhc, Bainbridge, Yellow, grizzle on neck, nice type and shape, lovely quality, feather; hc, Blythe. BORD. FCY., Cl., ETC. (6): This class omitted in catalogue (no names given): 1, Cl. Yell., lovely shape, good type, rich soft col., grand quality feather, fine full point of the head, steady as a rock; 2, varieg. Yell., grand shape and type, extra good quality of feather; grand free action, in spotless condition; 3, Cl. Yell., a wee gem of a Border, grand shape and type, soft, rich, pure col., in lovely condition; 4, varieg. Yell., good shape and type, even col. BRIT. GREENFINCH (9): A good class: 1, Carr, all over a Britisher, col. fed., a gem for shape and type, lovely quality feather, like silk, in faultless condition, well shown; 2, Skeen and Fletcher, natural col., splendid size and shape, good quality, grand sheen, in good condition; 3, Butler, natural col., steady as a rock, good size and shape, lovely col., rich bars; 4, Rowell, similar type and shape, in excellent condition, a shade weak in head; vbc, Adams; hc, Netherington. BROWN, ETC., LINNET (8): 1, Adams, a gem for nut brown col, lovely rich lacing, grand whites, in excellent form; 2, Hunter, another grand bird equal in lacing, shape and type, lovely feather, not quite so rich in col; 3, Boyd, good bird, of fine size and shape, well laced and quality of feather, in grand trim; 4, Forster, extra good size and shape, nice quality feather, in grand condition; vhc, Barkas; hc, Goodchild. REDPOLL, ETC. (12): A good class: 1, Rohson and March, Siskin, col. fed, grand shape and col., good dense cap and bars, rich lacing, in good form; 2, Hunter, Twite, good in type and shape, rich lacing on breast and thigh, a little soft in feather; 3, Barkas, Mealy Redpoll, good size, nice bars, grand quality featber, in good condition; 4, Carr, Siskin, natural col., good dense col. cap and bars, and rich lacing; vhc, no name in catalogue; hc, Spraggon. MEMBERS', NOR., ETC. (10): 1, sp., and members' cup, Blythe, Buff, even marked wings, dark crest, lovely veiny feather, good radiation and droop, in good condition; 2, 3, 4, Dickinson Bros., 2, Green C.B., lovely top piece, well cushioned head, short beak, grand width of skull, fails in substance of body. 3, Green D.C., splendid radiation and droop, well filled centre, 4, Buff marked, good frontal chest, nice droop; vhc, Thorpe; hc, Finningham. YORKS., A.V.: 1, Forster, Cl. Yell., rare length type, shape, and col., good quality feather; 2, Bell., wing marked Yell., equal in length, shape and type, in good order; 3, vhc, Thorpe, Cl. Yell., good size and shape, in excellent condition; 4, Robinson, Cl. Buff, good upstanding bird, nice position; hc, Paul. All other classes cancelled.

METROPOLITAN C.B.A.

One of the most successful shows of the Metropolitan C.B.A. was held Nov. 11, at All Saints' Parochial Hall, Battersea Park. The hall was kindly placed at the disposal of the members by the vicar, the Rev. H. G. Hills, who visited the show several times during the day, and was greatly interested in the birds. At his suggestion a class was added for pet birds, kept by his parishioners. This novel class proved exceedingly popular. Upon each entry form had to be stated the conditions under which the bird was kept, upon what it was fed, and the time it had been in the owner's possession. This proved to be unusually interesting; the majority of the exhibits had been kept from six to eight years, and one to the ripe old age of fifteen years; he was still hearty and well, and responded with a chirp when the judge gave him a commended card. The entries this year were about fifty in excess of those of any previous year, and were in advance of previous years in regard to type and quality. The stylish Yorkshires have always held premier position, but on this occasion the Norwich and Borders were quite as numerous, and there was also a good sprinkling of Britishers. Mr. Tebbs secured special for best bird with a nice Yorkshire yellow; it also secured first and sp. for best in show when quite a baby. The Norwich were the surprise of the show; and Mr. Ward staged a grand buff, which secured first and sp. for best Norwich, followed closely by Mrs. L. Thynne, who also staged some grand Borders. The Borders were a show in themselves, some real good ones of type and quality being staged. The society caters for the wee gems in quite a liberal manner, with the result that they are becoming exceedingly popular. Mr. F. Moore staged a beautiful marked buff, which secured special for best Border. The entries in the novice section equalled the champions in numbers, and ran them very close for merit. The management was in the capable hands of Mr. G. Harwood, the sec., who received valuable assistance from Mr. and Mrs. Thynne, Messrs. Martin, McGregor, Burgess, Gollop, Tebbs, Denham, and others. During the afternoon tea was provided for the visitors, and the usual social gathering, so popular with the members, took place. Mr. H. Norman judged.

The Awards.

NOR. YELL. CK.: 1, Mrs. Thynne; 2, Ward; 3, Burgess; vhc, hc, Luff; c, Martin. BUFF: 1, 2, Ward; 3, Luff; vhc, hc, Martin; c, Burgess. YELL. HEN: 1, 3, Martin; 2, vhc, Ward; hc, Mrs. Thynne; c, Luff. BUFF: 1, 2, Martin; 2, hc, Ward; vhc, Luff; c, Moore. YORKS. YELL. CK.: 1, 2, King; 3, vhc, Tebbs; c, Harwood. BUFF: 1, Harwood; 2, 3, Tebbs; vhc, King; hc, Moore. YELL. HEN: 1, hc, Tebbs; 2, King; 3, Moore; vhc, Harwood. BUFF: 1, vhc, Tebbs; 2, 3, King. BORD. YELL. CK.: 1, c, Moore; 2, Smith; 3, Gallop; vhc, Martin; hc, McGregor. BUFF: 1, vhc, Moore; 2, hc, McGregor; 3, Mrs. Thynne; c, Gallop. YELL. HEN: 1, c, Moore; 2, Smith; 3, Mrs. Thynne; vhc, hc, McGregor. BUFF: 1, Smith; 2, Mrs. McGregor; 3, vhc, Moore; hc, Gallop; c, Mrs. Thyune. NOV. NOR. YELL. CK.: 1, 2, McMillan; 3, Denham. BUFF: 1, Denham; 2, 3, McMillan. YELL. HEN: 1, sp, Denham; 2, 3, McMillan. BUFF: 1, Denham; 2, 3, McMillan. YORKS. YELL. CK.: 1, 2, Clements; 3, Saunders; vhc, Walker. BUFF: 1, Saunders; 2, 3, Clements; vhc, Walker. YELL. HEN: 1, Saunders; 2, Walker. BUFF: 1, sp, Walker; 2, Saunders. BORD. YELL. CK.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Burgess; hc, Denham. BUFF: 1, sp, vhc, Mrs. Denham; 2, 3, hc, Burgess. YELL. HEN: 1, Burgess; 2, Denham. BUFF: 1, 2, Denham. CREST: 1, 2, Mrs. Thynne; 3, vhc, Burgess. BRIT. GOLDIE: 1, sp, Clements; 2, hc, Cross; 3, Hall; vhc, Burgess; c, Best. A.O.S.: 1, Miss Bowles; 2, Cross; 3, hc, Best; vhc, c, Hall. SOFTBILL: 1, Best, HYB.: 1, Miss Bowles; 2, 3, Best.

OLD SHILDON.

Old Shildon Workmen's Club C.B.S. show held Workmen's Club Hall (lent for the occasion), a magnificent place for such a purpose; in fact, one of the best we have ever been in; it is splendidly lighted, cosy and comfortable, and perfectly free from draughts. The staging was almost perfect; every bird could be seen and examined without any trouble. The able and most courteous secretary, Mr. Elwell, was assisted by a large and enthusiastic committee, who spent their time in following one another round attending to the wants and comfort of the exhibits. They had issued a first-class schedule, but we were sorry to see that entries were slightly disappointing in numbers, although some first class exhibits were staged. We hope another year exhibitors will make a note of this show, as they can send their birds with perfect confidence, knowing that they will have every care and attention, and will be in a most comfortable room. Prize money was paid to the exhibitors present. Through lack of entries the following classes had to be cancelled: Crest and Crestbred, A.O.V. Goldfinch and Bullfinch. The members' class contained 40 entries A.V., and a prize for every exhibit, ranging in value from a guinea for first to 14s. for the 40th. Such an array of prizes we have never seen before; cases of cutlery, chairs, clocks, pictures, household goods, etc., Mr. Stanger judged.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL. (6): 1, vhc, H. Wilson, grand cobby shaped bird, rich level col., A1 quality, good head and chest; 2, Butler, good quality, nice shape, level col., good bead and wings; 3, J. Cuthbertson, good col., rich quality, neat head, fine chest; 4, Seeley Bros., good col., nice shape and condition; hc, Burdett. BUFF (9): 1, Burdett, tkd. over beak, thick set, large and shapely, A1 quality and col., rare head, good chest, neat wings and tail; 2, H. Wilson, close up, good size, grand quality, chubby, good shape; 3, Dixon, varieg., rare shape, nice and chubby feather, of nice texture; 4, J. Cuthbertson, good shape, nice quality, good head; vbc, Pickering and Wright; bc, Pybus; c, Rutherford. HEN (4): 1, 2, H. Wilson, yell. leading, neat shape, good size, fine quality feather, 2 buff, cobby shape, grand feather, short full neck, well moulded; 3, Butler, nice col., good shape and size; 4, Pickering and Wright, shapely, nice quality, good head and neck. UNFLIG. (4): 1, Butler, varieg. buff, rare size, good shape and col., close, compact feather; 2, J. Cuthbertson, yell., A1 quality, grand level col., good head; 3, Seeley Bros., neat and typical, good quality feather; 4, Sweating, good quality and size. YORKS. YELL. (8): 1, 2, Bright, slashing big bird leading, grand quality, well drawn, good shape, neat fitting wings, nice tail, 2 lengthy, good quality, well up on leg; 3, 4, G. W. Cuthbertson, grand quality, close fitting feather, well up on leg, good wings, pipe tail, 4 unflig., great length, A1 quality; vhc, Turner; hc, Stevens; c, Simpson. BUFF (9): 1, 3, G. W. Cuthbertson, red hot col. of nice salmon tint, lovely quality, good legs and wings, close in tail, 3 larger, A1 quality, good position; 2, 4, Campling, slashing fine cl., grand quality, rare bloom, good compact, 4 slimmer, nice position; vhc, Stevens; bc, Wigglesworth; c, Bright. HEN (6): 1, 4, Wigglesworth, neat yell., rare quality, well up on leg, good head, close fitting wings; 2, Stevens, lengthy buff, good col., nicely drawn, grand quality; 3, G. W. Cuthbertson, wing mkd. buff, good size, rare quality, good wings; vhc, Pattison; hc, Turner. UNFLIG. (6): 1, 4, Bright, smart yell., fine quality feather, good col., neat head, good position, 4 good size and quality; 2, Wigglesworth, lengthy, rich salmon col., nice legs, good shape and quality; 3, J. Cuthbertson, head and wing mkd. yell., A1 quality, good length and position, shapely; vhc, Elwell; hc, Campling. BORD. (7): 1, 3, Elliot, cl. yell. leading, grand quality, well put down, pinched in neck, 3 cl., neat and natty, nice feather and style; 2, 4, Bowen, green, very shapely, good type, neat head and neck, tight as wax, some preferred to win; vhc, Raine; hc, W. Adams; c, Ogden. CINN. (8): 1, Seeley Bros., yell., rare size, rich col., of a nice tone; 2, Dixon, big shapely buff, A1 quality, nice and close in feather, good even col.; 3, vhc, Robinson, good quality feather, nice col.; 4, Rutherford, nice size, good col. and substance; bc, c, Fenwick. PAIRS (6): 1, Taylor, grand Crest hen, great length of crest, feather of fine quality, good droop and radiation, neat centre, and a real good C.B. cock, good shaped head, plenty of feather; 2, Gowland and Crosby, real good pair of Nor., fine size and shape, well matched; 3, Hugill, pair of crests; 4, hc, A. Widowfield, Crests, nice pair; vhc, Dixon. A.O.V. UNFLIG. (6): 1, 2, Riseborough, Lizards, nice pair cl. caps, lovely col. and condition, well spangled, close together; 3, Hugill, C.B., good size, nice quality feather; 4, Priestly, nice Crest; vhc, Ridley; hc, Wilson. MULE, ETC. (8): Butler, head and wing mkd. Goldie Can., has curious markings, nice blaze, in grand trim; 2, Sokell, Greenfinch-Can., yell., grand tone of col., rare size and quality, tight feather, well shown; 3, Maddison, Dark Goldfinch-Can., large, good col., fine blaze, nicely mkd., in rare form; 4, Sweating, nice Greenfinch-Can., good size and col.; vhc, G. W. Cuthbertson; hc, Graham; c, Pybus; No. 5, Maddison, without a card, noted lightly varieg. Greenfinch Mule, surely easily best bird in class, and in the opinion of many, best bird in show. LINNET (11): 1, Maddison, nice, nutty-brown shade of col., good shape and size, well pencilled; 2, Foster, good shape and size, rich col., nice distinct markings; 3, Parkinson, excellent shape, good col., not quite so distinct in markings; 4, Roe, nice Linnet, sweet shape, good size; vhc, Raine; hc, Davison; c, Taylor. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (12): 1, 2, Foster, Greenfinch, good shape and size, nice rich col., in grand feather, 2 Bramblefinch, nice size, good breast and body col., excellent spangle, rare quality feather; 3, vhc, Parnaby, Greenfinch, grand shape and size, in good condition; 4, Firth, Chaffinch, good size, nice whites, fine markings, very wild; hc, Rutherford; c, Sokell. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, 2, 4, Taylor, good Twite, fine col., well laced, excellent size and shape, 2, Siskin, good col., 4 Twite, nicely marked, good col.; 3, Parnaby bonny Redpoll, nice col. and size, in fine bloom; vhc, Charlton; hc, Robinson; c, Adams. SOFTBILL, SMALL (5): 1, Parnaby, Redwing, large good bird, very steady, well marked, fine col., gets spl. for best bird in show; 2, Foster, large good col. Thrush, nice markings, carried well under; 3, Swann, Thrush, good size and col., distinct markings; 4, Briscoe and Sons, nice Thrush, markings not quite so distinct; vhc, Lawson. A.O.V. (13): 1, Foster, Wryneck, good size and col., well marked, in nice condition; 2, Davidson, very nice Waxwing, in grand condition and col., well waxed, some made an easy 1st; 3, Lawson, good Missel Thrush, steady, well marked; 4, Bowes, large Magpie, looking a bit seedy when we took our notes, vhc, Briscoe and Sons, fine hen Blackcap, in lovely feather, rare size, some considered should have been in money; hc, Johnson. GIFT (10): 1, Orton; 2, Parnaby; 3, vhc, Livesey; hc, Richardson.

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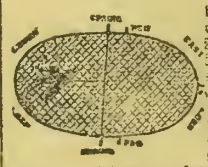
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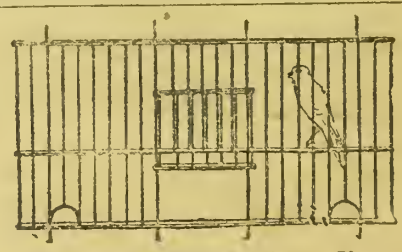
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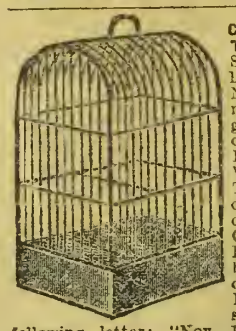
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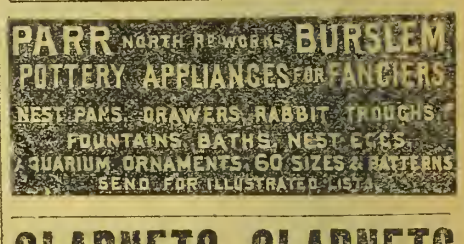
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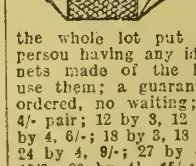
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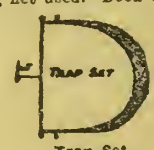
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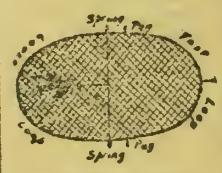


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EXHIBITION British; all my show birds, including recent winners, for sale, with show cages, Goldfinches, Bullfinch, Linnets, Chaffinches, Greenfinch, Yellowhammer, Corn Bunting, etc.; approval: Mays, Kingscliffe, Wansford, Northants.

LINNETS, large redbreasted cock Brown Linnets, 2/6 dozen; picked, well pencilled cocks, nut brown backs, 3/- dozen; hens 1/- dozen; 13 to dozen; any dying in transit replaced: Flanders, Birdcatcher, Scotland-yd., Hollowstone, Nottingbam.

"THE Goldfinch": All about the feeding and management, hand-rearing and sexing, moulting and exhibiting of this noted popular of our British birds, is contained in Nutshell booklet, No. 1, price 2½d., post free from CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet-st., London.

LINNETS, Linnets, guaranteed cocks, 2/- dozen; large selected cocks, on hard seed, 2/6 dozen, 13 to dozen; dead birds replaced; dealers supplied; satisfaction guaranteed: J. Walters, Practical Bird Catcher, 21, Bergass-rd., Thorneywood, Nottingham.

LINNETS; cock brown Linnets, with nut-brown backs and beautiful red breasts, 2/6 dozen; picked, 3/-; plenty in stock; no waiting; picked for showing out of season's catch, 2/- each; sure to win; postcards before birds: Marshall, 1, Platt-st., Nottingham.

C. PRIOR invites everyone requiring any of the British seedeaters, either for present or future exhibition, for keenest competition or smaller shows, to state their wants to bim, enclosing stamps for reply: Hill Farm, Ropley, Hants.

SIBERIAN ben Bullfinches, now booking orders to supply in about 10 days; I am the only importer of the Giant Siberian Hen Bullfinches, order early to secure the picked birds; 5/-, 7/6, 10/6 each; specials 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each: Hollins, Importer, The Zoo, Hull.

"THE CHAFFINCH," by H. J. Fulljames; its proper feeding, caging, and management in captivity, with hints on sexing, hand-rearing, moulting, and exhibiting, is contained in Nutshell booklet No. 13, price 2½d. post free, from CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet-st., London, E.C.

GEM exhibition 1910 Britisb Goldfinch, 4th Barnstaple Great Show, when not ready, now perfect, 21/-; lovely dark Goldfinch-Canary mule, won every time shown, 17/6; each approval; wanted, first-class Chaffinch, to moult winner: Halls, Orchard-terr., Barustaple.

"THE GREENFINCH."—By H. J. Fulljames: its proper feeding, caging, and management in captivity, with hints on sexing, breeding, hand-rearing, moulting, and exhibiting; see Nutshell booklet, No. 15, price 2½d. post free: The Publisher, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet-st., London, E.C.

LINNETS! Linnets! warranted cocks, 2/6 dozen; extra large, old caught, picked cocks, 3/- dozen, 13 to dozen; well on hard seed; trade supplied; any birds dead on arrival replaced: Hunt, Catcher, 13, Pointer's Avenue, off Mayson's Avenue, Marmion-rd., Thorneywood, Nottingham.

"THE BULLFINCH": Its feeding and management in captivity, with hints on sexing, moulting, hand-rearing, breeding, and exhibiting. Also an account of training it to pipe tunes, is contained in the Nutshell Handbook No. 11; price 2½d.: CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet-st., London, E.C.

WHAT offers. Pair Canary-reared Goldfinches, pair hand-reared Linnets, pair large mealy Redpolls, pair Green Budgerigars, fine large birds, one large hen Bullfinch, twice aviary moulted, reliable, has reared Canaries; all outdoor aviary moulted: Lashmar, Bank-st., Ashford, Kent.

GOLDFINCHES, fine big Devonshire, not small Irish birds, three 4/-, six 7/6, 14/- dozen; cock Linnets, three 1/3, six 2/-, 3/6 dozen; Goldfinch Mules 4/-, three 11/-; Goldfinch Mules, used catching and singing contests; 14 days trial: Marsh, Birdcatcher, Percy-st., Bedminster.

WINNING Chaffinch, 20/-; exhibition Siskin, colour fed, unshown, 15/-; cage-moulted Siberian Goldfinch, 15/-; English ditto, 4/-; 5 stock cages, 1/6 each; 5 hardbill show cages, 2/- each; travelling case for 3, 3/-; travelling hamper for 4 cages, 7/6; good condition: Jordan, Hayle, Cornwall.

OVERSTOCKED; must sell; Greenies, 5/-; Linnet, 4/-; Siskin, 10/-; Twite, 10/-; Redpoll, 7/-; Bramble, 4/-; Chaffinch, 2/6; Bullie hen, 2/6; all house-moulted, winners, and some mulers; large muling hen Canaries, 5/6; Norwich cocks, 10/-; see show reports of above: Gentleman, Avonbridge, Stirlingshire.

"HOW birds; for disposal, few grand birds, in faultless condition, can win in keenest possible competition. Also several splendid exhibition Siberian Goldfinches, from 15/-, and few fine field-moulted British Goldfinches, from 7/6. Enclose stamp for list: Weston, 66, Woodsome-rd., London, N.W.

NOTICE to Dealers.—Linnets, Linnets, giant exhibitors, Mule breeders, clean moulted rose-breasted, and brown-back cock Linnets, every bird in full song, only 2/- half doz., 3/6 doz., special picked birds 4/- doz.; hens at 1/-; no hens sent out as cocks: Powers and Russell, 10, Granby-place, Bethnal Green, London, E.

Live Bird Labels Free.

See Page 417.

EXHIBITOR'S giant Scotch selected Finches, picked from hundreds for outstanding size, colour, markings, etc.; Linnet 3/6, Twite 3/6, Bullfinch 4/-, Chaffinch 2/6, Greenfinch 2/6, Tree Sparrow 2/6, Redpoll 2/6, all cocks; approval; special show cages 1/6, travelling cages 3d.: Ross, Bird Specialist, Forres, N.B.

W. WARRALL, 43, Henry-st., Carlton-hill, Carlton-rd., Notts, four Goldfinch Mules, Goldfinch song, sings well, 3/6 each; six large Goldfinches, well buttoned and tanned, large square blaze, make winners, 3/- each; 10 large cock Linnets, Bullfinch type, large heads, well pencilled root of tail, 1/- each; hand-reared cock Larks, full song, 1/6 each; on approval; cash or deposit.

LINNETS! Linnets!! Our Southdown birds are the best songsters in England; grand red-breasted and nut-brown cocks, well on seed, six for 2/6, or 4/- a dozen; hens, 1/- a dozen; cock Chaffinches, 4/- a dozen; large cock Greenfinches, like paint, 1/6 a dozen; all birds are carefully packed for any distance; card before birds; please note the address: C. A. Paine, The Bird Stores, 54, Charlotte-st., Portsmouth.

EXHIBITORS read following: Birds arrived safe, highly pleased with them. Send me three more cock Goldfinches, two cock Bullfinches, two cock Greenfinches.—Mr. Vickers, Shaw, nr. Oldham. Large selected cock Goldfinches, with deep scarlet blaze, 2/-, 2/6, 3/- each; handsome cock Bullfinches, 2/-, 2/6 each; hens, 1/- each; direct from catcher; approval: Morris, 2, Lucas-st., Brinksway, Stockport, Cheshire.

WESTMORLAND for winners; tip-top cock Bullfinches and Goldfinches, can win, 5/6 each; one extra large cock Goldie, perfection, 20/-, fit for Palace; largest and best pencilled cock Linnets in the country, 5/6 each; one a giant, for keenest competition, 7/6; very large cock Redpoll, wonderful colour, winner, 5/6; monster cock Chaffinch, lovely colour, 5/6: Robinson, Bird Specialist, Windermere.

NOTICE to exhibitors and fanciers; I have 4 large cock Linnets, well pencilled, and Norwich type, 2/- each; 4 very large cock Goldfinches and Bullfinches, good colour and fit for show, 3/6 each; hen Bullfinches, 1/6; 3 large Yellowhammers and Greenfinches, good colour and fit for show, 1/6 each; and 2 house-moulted cock Linnets, on full song, 5/- each; approval by: J. Newcombe, 22a, Bamford-st., Stockport

EXHIBITORS, look here; Goldfinch, a beauty, can win anywhere, price 30/-; house-moulted Linnet, very fine one, win any small shows, price 15/-; Greenfinch, just ready, champion, 20/-, very fine field-moulted birds, Goldfinch, 7/6, 10/-; Linnets, 2/6; one 3rd Whitehaven, 5/-; Bullfinch cocks, 5/-, 3/6; hens, very fine ones, 9d., 1/-, 1/6; Siskin, 2/6, 5/-; why buy rubbish; all on three days' approval for cash: Enoch Tams, Church-st., Longton, Staffs.

LINNETS, Linnets, best songsters in England are the Southdown birds. I have the largest and best stock of British birds in the South, and most likely in England. Grand red-breasted cock Linnets, Norwich type, well pencilled, and nicely tanned, 6 for 2/6, or 4/- dozen; also nearly 200 cock Greenfinches, 1/6 dozen; some very handsome cocks, grand size and colour, picked birds, for showing, yellow or buffs, 1/- each; sex and satisfaction guaranteed or money returned; carefully packed, any distance; same address 20 years: G. Smith, Central Bird Stores, Charlotte-st., Portsmouth.

EXHIBITORS: Having more winners than I can conveniently show, have for disposal grand cock Linnet-Bullie hybrid, winner 1st, 70/-; Twite, winner 1st and spl., 25/-; others good enough to win at small shows: large cock Linnet, hybrid breeder, 15/-; one smaller, full song, 10/-; monster Mealy Redpoll, 15/-; another, 7/6; nice cock Goldfinch, 8/6; cock Siskin, ben Linnet, breeders, 10/- the pair; two cock Greenfinch Mules, singing, 4/- each; Greenfinch, father of same, 5/-; all guaranteed perfect health and show condition; what offers for the lot; wires preference: Turner, 5, Hampton-place, Edinburgh.

MARLEY'S L.C.B.A. TEAM.

I have still a few stunners left, including about 40 at the above show; shall be pleased to do business with fanciers this Friday and Saturday: Address Leyton.

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.

Guaranteed cocks: Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Woodlarks, 1/6, 2/6, 12/- doz.; Skylarks, Linnets, Greys, 6d., 1/-, 4/- doz.; Redpolls, 4d., 2/- doz.; Mules, Canaries, 5/-, 48/- doz.; exhibition cock Siskins, 5/-; hybrids, 50/-: Irwins, Aviaries, Lurgan.

BRITISH BIRD EXHIBITORS.

W. Francis (Tooting) has whole of his British winners for sale; on show at the L.C.B.A., open and members' classes. None reserved. Birds that have won at Clapham, Bournemouth, Brighton, Federation, and City and Suburban shows. See reports in "Cage Birds."

LINNETS AND GOLDFINCHES.

Warranted cock Goldfinches, 2/-, 2/6; red-breasted cock Linnets, three 1/3, six 2/3, twelve 4/-; cock Larks, three 1/3, six 2/3, twelve 4/-; Redpoll, Greenfinch Chaffinch, 6d. each, cocks not hens; satisfaction guaranteed or money returned; dealer; give me a trial: Clarke, 78, Whit-lane, Pendleton.

NOTICE TO CATCHERS.

Wanted extra large Greenfinch, must have grand head and body, a real bouncer: Pickles, Stoneyhurst, Morecambe.

GENUINE SIBERIANS.

Fred Lockton, Grantham, now offers for immediate delivery, the real Siberian Goldfinches, guaranteed cocks, at 5/- and 6/- each, or 48/- dozen cash; satisfaction guaranteed.

REAL SIBERIAN

cock Goldfinches, for exhibitors and Mule breeders, not common Russian Goldfinches or Siberian or hens for cocks, every bird in the pink of condition, with deep square cut scarlet blaze, nicely tanned on breast, and beautifully buttoned, 4/6, 5/-, 6/- each; 2, 7/6: Matt Hopkins, Bird Specialist, 11, Flyde-st., Preston, Lancashire.

DON'T BUY SIBERIAN

Goldfinches now, you will be disappointed. Only the small dull-coloured Russians are at present arriving. I am securing Siberians due Nov. 20th, the best that money can buy; monster cocks, coloured like a picture, square blazes, white crescent cheeks, well tanned, white breast, just the kind you want for muling or show, 3/6 and 6/6; order now of Madame Hermann, Naturalist, 43, Scotts-rd., Leyton.

NOTICE TO DEALERS AND EXHIBITORS

Warranted cock German Bullfinches, every bird in show form, 2/- each, or 12/3 a stick of seven; German hen Bullfinches, 1/6 each, 7/9 a stick of seven; German cock Goldfinches, 2/- each, 12/3 a stick of seven; Russian cock Goldfinches, 3/6 and 4/- each, 21/- stick of seven; Russian hens, 1/3 each, 15/4 a stick of 14; giant Russian cock Redpolls, 4/6 each, 28/- a stick of seven; only 20 in stock: J. Powers, 10, Granby-place, Bethnal Green, London, E.

Goldfinches. Bullfinches.

Linnets, etc., real 1911 English cock Goldfinches, in pink of condition, and sex guaranteed, 1/6, 3 4/-, 6 7/-; large specially selected cock Goldfinches, for showing, muling, singing, 2/-, 2/6, 3/-, 4/- each; 3 4/6, 6, 8/-; hens 1/-, 3 2/-; cock Bullfinches, 1/6, 2/-, 3 4/-, 6 7/-; hens, 1/-, 1/6, 3 2/6; 6 4/6; cock Siskins, 2/-, 2/6, 3 5/6; hens 1/-, 3 2/-; large Lancashire cock Linnets, 9d., 3 1/6, 6 2/3, 4/- dozen; Redpolls, 6d. 2/6 doz.; cock Larks, 6d., 3/- doz.; specially selected cock Linnets, for showing, 1/6, 2/-, 2/6 each; British show cages, 1/9, 3 5/-; Linnet call cages, 9d., 3 2/-; contest Linnet cages, 1/3, 3 3/-: Matt Hopkins, Bird Specialist and Cagemaker, 11, Fylde-st., Preston, Lancashire. Sea Rollers.

SIBERIANS. SIBERIANS.

Notice to the disappointed who have been gulled into the Russian muck, that have been advertised lately. I am the only dealer in Great Britain that gets the real Siberians direct. Just arrived, and on view, 500 real giant Siberians, cock Goldfinches, as big as Larks, in handsome condition. Every bird with nice deep cut, square blazes, being nicely tanned, full mooned, and well buttoned, fit for show immediately, at 5/-, 7/6, selected ones 10/6; Siberian cock Bullfinches, as big as Thrushes, 7/6 each; Siberian hen Bullfinches, 7/6 each; Siberian Linnets, as big as Greenfinches, 2/- each; Siberian cock Greenfinches, nice yellow birds, 1/6 each. Those who are desirous of having these great gems should send their orders as early as possible to save delay. 300 testimonials last season from all the leading exhibitors in the British empire: Eucck Power, Direct Importer, 91, Schater-st., Shoreditch, London.

CATCHERS PLEASE NOTE.

BIRDS WANTED

Mr. E. J. Thirsk, 82, Bright Street, Hull, is open for a few really tip-top field-moulted Britishers for moulting into exhibition birds. Will pay a reasonable (but not a fancy) price for perfect specimens. Nothing wanted but first-class stuff. Each bird must excel in size, colour, and head properties. All answers to this advt. will be acknowledged, and if considered suitable would send for birds on 48 hours' approval, and if decided to return, would pay carriage

Fred Allen's Gems Again

Sir,—The Linnet I got from you four weeks ago won 1st prize members' and vhc, Newcastle, 19 entries, 4th Hartlepool, 3rd Blaydon, 4th Ainwick, 22 in class, and 3rd Hull, among 20 house moulted birds. Please send, etc., Mr. Taylor, Newcastle. Sir,—The 1/6 Linnet I got from you won 3rd Clydebank first time shown. Please send, etc., Mr. Grier, Old Kilpatrick. I could fill a page with testimonials. Please give me a trial, you will never regret it. Big, fine cock Linnets, will sing anywhere, 1/-, 1/6 each. Norwich type cock Linnets, well pencilled, grand colour, real giants, show well, 2/- each; one of the best seen, can win anywhere, 3/6. Cock Linnets, taught under my Champion of England, 2/- each, with new contest cage and book of secrets 3/6 lot. Real Giant Siberian cock Goldfinches, with deep square cut blaze, richly tanned and in full song, 4/6, 5/6 each; gems 6/6. Real Peartree cock Goldfinches, will sing anywhere, 2/6, 3/- each; gems, can win, 4/- each. Extra large cock Siskins, grand rich colour, 2/6, 3/-, and 3/6 each. Giant cock Greenfinches, grand colour and shape, 1/- and 1/6; Cock Twite, well pencilled, grand size, stands well, only 1/6; Lesser Redpoll, a gem, 1/6; cock Chaffinch, can win, 1/-; beautiful Yellow Bunting, make a topper, only 1/-; house moulted Linnets, will sing anywhere, 3/6, 5/6, 7/6, 10/6 each. I have a very large cock Siskin Canary Mule, can win, only 10/6; also a giant Goldfinch Canary Mule, grand colour, a gem, can win anywhere, in full song, only 12/6; another, not quite so good in colour, still a gem, 5/6; cock Greenfinch Canary Mule, extra size, 7/6; cock Linnet and hen Canary, sure Mule breeders, 4/- pair; Siberian cock Goldfinch and German hen Bullfinch, sure breeders, 7/6 pair. I give seven days' approval with every bird, cash or deposit with Editor. I only do honest dealing, not one deposit returned, so send to the fountain head and have a bird guaranteed as advertised: Fred Allen, Bird Specialist and Judge, 156, Porter-st., Hull.

Siberians. Giant Siberians. £100 REWARD.

If any dealer, exhibitor, breeder, or bird catcher, or any person connected in or out of the bird business, can prove us to send out common Russian Goldfinches for Siberians, or hens for cocks, or unhealthy birds. Every bird warranted as advertised; sure prize-takers and warranted sure mulers. If not, cash returned. Every bird in grand condition and plumage, with deep square-cut scarlet blaze, nicely tanned on breast, and beautifully buttoned; only 5/-, 6/-, and 7/6 each, or 28/- a stick of seven. Giant Siberian cock Bullfinches, 5/-, 6/-, and 7/6 each, 28/- stick of seven. Siberian hen Bullfinches, 5/6 and 6/6 each, 28/- stick of seven; cash with all orders, or deposit with "Cage Birds." All dealers write for wholesale weekly price list: Powers and Russell, German, Russian, and Siberian Bird Importers, 10, Granby-place, Bethnal Green, London, E.

YOUR PATIENCE

is at last rewarded. I am pleased to inform the many enquirers that I have just received the first consignment for this season of the genuine large Siberian cock Goldfinches. These birds are in magnificent trim and most of them in full free song, price 5/- each, seven for 28/-. Few real exhibition specimens, very large (but not large as Thrushes), with broad skulls, deep, square, expansive blazes, grand moonings and buttons, and fit for keenest competition immediately, 7/6 and 10/- each. Exhibitors please note following few facts. These Goldfinches are the real Siberian birds of which I am the direct importer, and no other dealer in England gets the pick of them but myself. I do not import the ordinary Russian Finches then put them on the market as Siberian and say I have the pick of Europe. If you want a real deck-sweeper let me have your order immediately. Among these birds are a few cage-moulted cocks (probably been used by Siberian catchers), which I have put aside and have for sale at 7/6 each; all on approval as usual, and money refunded in full if perfect satisfaction not given.

W. GORE, The Importer, Gooch-st, B'HAM.

SIBERIAN COCK

Goldfinches, for exhibition or muling, stormers for colour and size, 6/-, 7/6, 10/-; one special, 15/-; hens, 2/- each. Siberian Bullfinch cock, real winner, 10/-; hens, 7/6 each.

ENOCH TAMS,
Church Street, Longton, Staffs.

LARGE WORCESTERSHIRE GOLDFINCHES.

Warranted cock Goldfinches, 1/6, three 4/-, six 7/6, 14/- dozen; specially selected, larger cocks, warranted in song, 2/-, 2/6, 3/- each, three 5/6, six 9/6, 16/- dozen; few special cock Goldfinches, picked from hundreds dozens, for showing, 4/-, 5/- each; hen Goldfinches, 1/-, three 2/6, 7/- dozen; cock Bullfinches, like paint, 1/6, 2/-, 2/6, 3/- each; hen Bullfinches, 1/-, 1/6 each; large stock of Worcestershire cock Linnets, all red-breasted, 8d., three 1/6, six 2/6, 4/- dozen; specially selected giant cock Linnets, in song, 1/-, three 2/-, six 3/6, 5/6 dozen; few steady cock Linnets, finger tame, fit to show at once, also in song, 1/6, 2/-, 2/6 each, three 5/6; all birds sent out on my well-known approval system or receipt of cash, or deposit with Editor, and money returned if not satisfied. Please note last week's advert.; plenty in stock; no waiting; post-card sent before birds: Thomas Hughes, 65, Saltley-rd., Birmingham.

British Exhibitors.

Mr. Hedges, Eastbourne, writes, September 13th: "Send me special selected cock Goldfinch, Linnet, Greenfinch, and hen Bullfinch for enclosed 10/-; Goldfinch I got from you two years ago won six 1sts and specials; the one I had last year won 3rd, but I lost him." Mr. Veitch, Jedburgh, writes: "Send cock Goldfinch, 3/-; two hen Bullfinches, 3/- Glad to say Goldfinch purchased from you won me two 1sts Hawick, 1st and special Kelso, 5th Edinburgh (class 33), 3rd Galashiels, twice 2nd at our show." W. Jones, Altrincham, December 6th. "Send two cock Linnets and two cock Siskins. Am pleased to say I won 2nd and 4th at Altrincham open class with birds purchased from you." Mr. Ewan, Kiru, writes: "Goldfinch arrived safe, and won 1st and special at our show." Mr. Weedall, Winsford, January 30th: "Send another good Bullfinch. Glad to say last two have won 1st and 2nd every time shown. Unfortunately best one just died; other won 4th large class at big Crystal Palace Show." Walter Dyke, Longridge: "Send cock Goldfinch and hen Bullfinch. Glad to say Hybrid which I bred from Goldfinch and Bullfinch purchased from you has won 1st Leeds (Class 19), 2nd Halifax, 1st Leek, 2nd Hamilton, 2nd Hinckley, 1st Portsmouth, etc." I have thousands of Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Linnets weekly, and can pick likely exhibition specimens. Cock Goldfinches and Bullfinches, 3/-, 4/-, 5/- each; cock Linnets, 1/-, 1/6 and 2/-. Cock Greenfinches, Chaffinches, Redpolls, 1/-, 1/6, 2/-. Large hen Bullfinches, for showing, muling, 2/- and 2/6. Cock Siskins, 2/6, 3/-, 4/-. Send for catalogue. Proper Club Show Cages, 2/-, three 5/6. Can give you absolute proof of hundreds of winners I have supplied the last few years at above prices. Established 1879. Telephone 440.

SANDIFORD, Bird Specialist and Judge, PRESTON, LANCS.

REAL *Siberian Goldfinches*

arrived November 23rd., 400 genuine Siberian Goldfinches, not Russians as sold for Siberians, but the genuine thing; prices; cocks guaranteed, 5/6 each; selected cocks with a beautiful bright square blaze, well buttoned, and as big as a Bullfinch, 7/6 and 10/6; trade supplied; see Roller advert: W. Smith, German-house, Tib-st., Manchester. Cash with order or deposit with CAGE BIRDS.

Real Siberian Goldfinches DUE ANY TIME NOW.

Beautiful Scarlet Blazes, full mooned, Bullfinch fronted, price 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, and 10/6 each. Scores fit for immediate exhibition. Have supplied hundreds of winners previous years. Have grand Russian cock Goldfinches, not as big, being sold by others as Siberian note. I have the first pick of the only real Siberians that come to England. Russian cocks, 4/- and 5/- each, two 7/6. Any of above on approval. Order at once. Supplied the following gentlemen with first prize winners: Mr. Murdoch, Girvan; Mr. Williams, Droitwich; Mr. Corlett, Castletown; Mr. Trueman, Whitwell; Mr. McMinn, Castle Douglas; Mr. Colville, Cambletown; Mr. Parker, Denny; Mr. McDerment, Paisley. "Sir,—Send 6 cock Goldfinches; a friend of mine got a Siberian Goldfinch and hen Bullfinch from you; and they bred four Goldfinch-Bullfinch Hybrids, and I bred six Goldfinch Mules and eight Linnet Mules from a Goldfinch and Linnet I got from you."

Siberian cock Bullfinches, 5/- and 6/-; Siberian Siskins, 3/- and 4/-; show cages for any of above, 2/-; three, 6/6. Established 1879.

SANDIFORD, Bird Specialist and Judge, PRESTON, LANCS.

Softbills.

WARRANTED large cock Larks, 2/- dozen: C. Brightwell, Beck-row, Mildenhall, Suffolk.

LARGE cock Larks, on song, 1/- each, finger-tame: C. Brightwell, Beck-row, Mildenhall, Suffolk.

TWO 1910 cock Larks, consistent songsters, sell 2/- each: Taylor, 34, Atkinson-st., Gorton, Manchester.

SNOW Buntings, cocks 4/- dozen, hens, 2/- dozen: R. Cubitt, 4, Cobden-ter., Northgate-st., Great Yarmouth

JACKDAW, hand-reared, very tame pet, chatters, runs about loose, 4/-, bargain: Fry, 35, Dean-crescent, Bedminster.

LARGE upstanding cock Larks, 2/6 dozen, have supplied dealers and fanciers over 30 years: E. Rowe, West-st., Chatteris.

LARKS, Larks, Larks; grand upstanding cock Larks 2/6 dozen: Wright-Bulliver, 75, Lytham-rd., Marshside, Southport.

COCK Thrushes, Blackbirds, Starlings, picked for showing, 1/- each; hen Blackbirds, 6d.: Wright Pen, 108, Shellfield-rd., Southport.

LARKS, Larks; grand cock Larks, clean and healthy, 2/6 dozen; can supply weekly: George Rowe, Bird Catcher, Chatteris.

COCK Thrushes, 3/- half-dozen; selected Thrushes, Blackbirds, 1/- each, on food: William Wright, 54, Shellfield-rd., Marshside, Southport.

HAND-REARED singing cock Thrush, when whistling can be heard distinctly 200 yards, sacrifice 4/-; approval: Miss Paterson, Rifleman, Dunstable.

GENUINE cock Thrushes 2/6, Blackbirds 2/-, Larks 1/6; thoroughly tamed; splendid Epping Forest songsters: Crisp, 11, Grosvenor Park-rd., Walthamstow, Essex.

FOR sale, 1910 Starling, beauty, no better living; suit hairdresser or publican; can be heard any time, £1, worth double: C. Smith, 5, Oldbridge End, Jedburgh.

COCK Stonechat, 3/6; Wrens, 1/- pair; Reed Buntings, 1/6 pair; Larks, Robins, 1/- pair; cock Woodlark, 1/6; list: Miss Rosey, Rosemary House, Eastbourne.

TYPICAL hand-reared cock Lark, moulted out, grand colour, white tail and flights, singing well, tame as Robin, bargain, 12/6: H. Cox, 69, Hope-st., Birmingham.

WANTED, good cock Blackcap Warbler; for disposal, fine cock Pekin Nightingale, 7/6, or part exchange; approval: T. Atkins, 32, Victoria-rd., Widnes, Lancashire.

SPLENDID exhibition Magpie, winner three 1sts and specials, perfect condition, 17/6; two house-moulted Waxwings, show condition, 21/- each: Morris and Adams, 219, Henley-rd., Ilford.

NIGHTINGALES: Two house-moulted 'Gales in song, price 50/- each; also exhibition Thrush, lovely songster, price £2, with show cage: F. Bent, Confectioner, Glasshouse-st., Nottingham.

COCK Blackbirds, Song Thrushes, Yellowhammers, Chaffinches, Linnets, 6d. each, three for 1/3, 5/- dozen; cock Goldfinches, 2/- each, full colour; genuine cock Larks, 2/- dozen: Williams, New-st. Aviaries, Chatteris, Cambs.

EXHIBITION British; all my show birds, including recent winners, for sale, with show cages: Tree Creeper, Wryneck, Yellow Wagtail, Wheatear, Blackbird, Thrush; approval: Mays, Kingscliffe, Wansford, Northants.

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MONSTER feathery Crestbred cock, rare size and quality of feather, only 17/6; massive feathery Crestbred cock, real clinker, only 12/6; monster dark Crested cock, large drooping crest, only 15/-; large heavily feathered dark Crested cock, only 12/6; massive feathery Crestbred hen, rare type and quality of feather, only 10/6; large heavily feathered dark Crested hen, only 15/-; choice dark Crested hen, only 10/6; also several other real good massive feathery Crested and Crestbred cocks and hens, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, and 21/- each; all strong and healthy, cold room bred; palace winning strain; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Cooper, 29, Junction-rd., Norwich.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

Heavily feathered Crests and Crest-breds, warranted to give satisfaction, matched pairs 12/6, 15/-, 20/- upwards; odd cocks and hens. State wants. Show specimens reasonable; approval: H. Amiss, Asbby-st., Norwich.

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Monster exhibition clear Crestbred cock, 1911 bred, marvellous head feather, well browed, immense size, sure winner, only 35/-, cheap at £4; monster exhibition dark Crested cock, 1911 bred, very large, perfectly formed, drooping crest, rare frontal, truly a gem, only 42/-, honestly worth £5; massive feathery variegated Crestbred hen, rare head and neck, smothered in feather, only 21/-, cheap at double; monster dark Crested hen, immense drooping crest, marvellous frontal, only 42/-, dirt cheap at £5 for stock alone; also extra-choice exhibition grizzle Crested hen, immense, perfectly formed, neat drooping crest, sure winner in keen competition, only 45/-, cheap at £5; genuine bargains, all cold room bred; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich.

Greens.

YORKSHIRE Greens, self and foul, prices reasonable; approval: Tabberner, 22, Greta-st., off High Park-st., Liverpool.

YORKSHIRE and Border Greens, can spare few pairs, right type and colour; reasonable; approval: Young, Grosvenor-rd., New Brighton.

YORKSHIRE and Norwich, show or stock birds, best blood in the Fancy; come and inspect them: Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool.

YORKSHIRE Greens, good, healthy, also few heavily marked 1911 birds, hens from 3/-, cocks from 6/-: Quiney, 11, Formans-rd., Sparkhill, Birmingham.

PAIR high-class green Yorkshires, best blood, cold room, accept 20/-, including single breeder; approval, deposit: Leather, Westfield-st., St. Helen's, Lancashire.

ROWLAND'S STRAIN.

The finest winning strain of Green Yorkshires on the show bench. See reports weekly. I have purchased the whole surplus stock of Mr. Rowlands, and offer them for sale at reasonable prices, singles or pairs: Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool.

Lancashires.

CHAMPION large massive Plainheads, 10/6 each; ten days approval: W. Powick, Dewsbury.

HAVE entered few grand young Lancashires for sale, cheap; Royal Horticultural Hall; no better blood living: Green, Loughborough.

A. HORDERN, winner at all the leading shows, has a few Lancashires for sale, prices reasonable; state wants: 8, Fern Cottages, Shaw, near Oldham.

ON sale, a few pairs of Lancashire Canaries, also ticked yellow coppy, 1st at Rochdale, and a few nice clears: R. Barrass, St. Stephen's, Rochdale.

FOR sale, a few young Lancashires, coppy and plainheads, from our well-known winners, including Oldham, Rochdale, Manchester, Nottingham; approval; cheap; stamp reply: Pitton, 69, Garnett-st., Oldham.

Lizards.

CHAMPION Lizards, Gold or Silver, cock or hen, 5/6 each; ten days approval: W. Powick, Dewsbury.

CHAMPION Lizards, same strain as my cup and diploma winners; see show reports; cocks from 10/6, pairs from 15/6; a few 1910 hens cheap: John Dewsnap, 68, Princess-st., Glossop.

Norwich.

BREEDERS' CARD.

E. BAKER, 14, High Street, Cowes, I.W., Breeder and Exhibitor High-class Norwich Plainheads, winner at most big shows. Write for prices.

J. HODDER, Breeder of Champion Norwich, winner of championships; some nice birds cheap; approval: 6, Banner-st., St. Luke's, London, E.C.

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L. J. RICHARDSON, breeder high-class Norwich; 50 birds for sale; see wins Oxford, London Federation and Brighton, etc; bowl winner, etc; single birds from 15/-, pairs from 30/-.—Post Office, 91, Union-rd., Rotherhithe.

PLEASE enter for Llanrwst show; good classification; specialist judge; grand specials; don't forget Dec. 14th: Kershaw, Secretary, Llanrwst.

FIVE 1911 variegated Norwich cocks, good singers, 7/6 each: Dr. Allen, Ambleside.

NORWICH, 5 pair for sale, 10/- a pair, or £2 the lot: Soutar, Nursery House, Brechin.

WATSON, Arbuckle-st., Kilmarnock; a few good typical pairs, some fit to win; approval.

FORTY Norwich Canaries, 5/- to 12/- each: Williamson, Hairdresser, Muir-st., Motherwell.

NORWICH cock Canaries, also cock Goldfinch Mule, from 6/6: Powling, 57, Kemball-st., Ipswich.

GRAND yellow cock and model buff hen, Silk's strain, 25/-: Pickering, 49, Tunstill-st., Burnley.

FOUR grand pairs of Norwich, grand stock birds, 25/- per pair; dirt cheap: Judge Silk, Whitstable.

CHAMPION Norwich, sure winners, cocks 7/6, hens 5/6 each, ten days' approval: W. Powick, Dewsbury.

E. GODLEY has few grand Norwich for disposal, single or pairs, also Cinnamons: Rishton, Blackburn.

TEN prize-bred Norwich, grand birds, cocks 8/6, hens 4/6: J. Lawry, Burncoose, Redruth, Cornwall.

HIGH-class Norwich for sale, cocks from 6/6, hens from 2/6: Burchell, 6a, Durleton-rd., Upper Clapton.

NORWICH, young cocks 5/6 each: T. Binks, 18, G Block, Peabody Dwellings, Farringdon-rd., London, E.C.

HENRY, 52, Sixth Avenue, Bush Hill Park, 13 Norwich cocks, 1911, healthy, good strains, price 6/- each.

J. B. CREIGETON, Morpeth, has a few Norwich Buffs and Yellows for sale, bred off his winning strain.

GOOD Norwich Canaries for sale; cocks from 5/- to 7/6; hens, 2/-: Albert Newton, 39, Gledhill-st., Salford.

BUFF cock, winner, 9/-; yellow hen, winner, 6/-; cock Bullfinch, 1st, 9/-; colour fed: 11, Victoria-st., Bangor.

NOTICE, grand Norwich cocks 3/6, cock and hen 5/6; approval: McKeand, Seabright Villa, Castle Douglas.

EIGHT Norwich Roller hens, 1911, exchange 2 singing cocks, or sell cheap: Housley, 54, Heath-st., Burnley.

BARGAIN, 12 champion hens, unflighted, Iron's strain, 25/- lot: Page, 113, St. Mark's-rd., Bush Hill Park, N.

FIFTY high-class Norwich Canaries, in one lot or separate, from 7/6, 8/6, 10/6 pair: Sparm, Styvichale, Coventry.

FOR sale, beautiful Norwich Canaries (1911), in full song, cocks 7/6, hens 2/6: 13, Wellfield Avenue, Muswell Hill.

NORWICH cocks, from 6/-, hens from 3/-; clean, variegated, green: Shewan, 21, Oakley-pl., Old Kent-rd., London.

SIX Buff Norwich unflighted hens, fit for show, nicely mealy, from 12/6, cash with order: Luxton, Trull, Taunton.

GRAND Norwich cocks, full song, splendid health and feather, 5/- each, hens 2/6 each: Malmprize, Witham, Essex.

PRIZE bred Norwich for sale, young yellow cocks 10/-, 15/-, good pairs 20/-, 30/-: Kemlo, Wellington-place, Montrose.

GRAND Norwich cocks and hens, fed, cocks, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-; hens, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-; approval: Twigg, Spondon, Derbyshire.

FOR sale, one or two pairs really fine Norwich, 12/6, 15/- pair; approval, deposit: Davidson, Bookseller, Montrose.

FEW pairs splendid Norwich from 7/6; also number of hens from 3/-; approval: Melville, 275, Uniongrove, Aberdeen.

FEW Norwich for sale (natural colour), or exchange anything useful: Brown, 19, Portland-rd., Hucknall Torkard.

HENS; few 1910 yellows, 4/-; unflighted cocks from 6/6: Trevallion, 16, Higham-rd., The Avenue, Bruce Grove, Tottenham.

YOUNG Norwich cocks, buff capped, 6/-; ticked yellow, 5/6; a clear buff hen, 3/6: Sleep, 10, Oakfield-terr., Plymouth.

CHAMPION Norwich, grand pairs, matched for breeding, 8/6, 10/6, 15/6; on approval: J. Blackshaw, 3, Bond-st., Coventry.

FEW Norwich for sale, price reasonable, approval; see Brechin and Forfar show reports: A. Pirie, 255, Montrose-st., Brechin.

FINEST strain of Norwich procurable, show and stock birds for sale; approval: Fred Barraclough, 25, Railway-st., Hyde.

HENS: I have about 20 yellow and buff hens to spare, all bred from winners; cheap: J. Wilmot, 17, Sandhurst-rd., Bedford.

NORWICH, ticked yellow cock, promising youngster, only 7/6; deposit; approval: Henry, 16, Hillsboro'-rd., Dulwich, S.E.

SEVERAL young Norwich hens, from prize strain; see Partick Show report, last week: Muir, 80, Eaglesham-st., Glasgow.

SURPLUS stock for sale, 3 buff cocks, 5 buff hens, 2 yellow hens, all bred from winners; cheap to clear: Lawrie, Falkland.

NORWICH, yellow and buff, 1911, cold room bred, single or pairs; approval: Chas. Makins, 18, Palace-green, Berwick-on-Tweed.

CLEAR Buff cock, with ticked yellow hen, from my winning strain, good stock pair, 25/-; bargain: A. Buswell, Lutterworth.

PRIZE bred Norwich Canaries; cocks, in full song, 4/-, 5/- each; hens, same strain, 1/6, 2/- each: Heathcote's Aviaries, Leicester.

THIRTY large, clean, sound Norwich cocks, 5/-; hens, 2/6: fed or natural colour; approval: Exton, 51, Chartley-rd., Leicester.

FIVE good Norwich cock Canaries, together or separate, what offers, no live stock: Leggatt, 6, Southdown-aven., Brighton.

GOOD 1911 Norwich cocks, 6/-, hens 2/6; approval, deposit: Comben, Outfitter, Portland.

NORWICH Metropolitan C.B.A. Cup winner; 20 pairs, show or stock, from 10/-: W. McMillan, 29, Kilmaine-rd., Fulham, S.W.

NORWICH, 5 pairs, colour fed, and cages, sacrifice, 50/-, will separate; approval deposit: Lack, 89, Glenthorne-rd., Hammersmith.

1911 NORWICH ticked yellow cock, clear buff hen, 12/6 the pair; marked buff hen 5/-: Miss Edwards, Lauriston, Reigate-hill, Reigate.

CLEAR yellow Norwich cock, perfect health and condition, 1st prize winner, a good 'un, 30/-: Robinson, 9, Broad-st., Windermere.

GIVING up through ill-health; some really good stock birds for sale; rare quality; price moderate: Barrows, Wardington, Banbury.

GENUINE Norwich; have few left for disposal, no rubbish, prices from 12/6; inspection invited: Harper, 26, Brighton-rd., Stoke Newington.

UNFLIGHTED buff cock 7/6, yellow cock 7/6, ditto 10/6, colour fed; genuine; approval, deposit: Thomas Herbert, Headless Cross, Redditch.

HANDSOME Norwich cocks, grand songsters, 4/-, 4/6; hens, 2/-, 2/6; pairs, 6/-, 6/6; grand value; approval: Hatton, Aylaries, Belper.

UNFLIGHTED yellow variegated cock, clear buff hen, colour-fed, 7/6; Crest hen, 3/-: Kirkby, 6, Kirkwhite-ave., Long Eaton, Derbyshire.

T. H. JONES, 9, Boundary-rd., Carlisle, breeder and exhibitor of high-class Norwich, correct type, grand quality, few pairs reasonable.

TWELVE pairs of grand young Norwich, bred from winners, cold room, 6/- pair; approval: Holmes, Mansfield avenue, Quorn, Loughborough.

GOOD, healthy Norwich hen Canaries, cold room bred, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 9/6, carriage paid: H. Long, Stationmaster, Hellesdon Station, Norwich.

PRIZE BRED Norwich, cocks in full song 4/-, 5/- each; hens, same strain, 1/3, 2/6 each; satisfaction guaranteed: Heathcote's Aviaries, Leicester.

LARGE unflighted Norwich cocks, bulls, 7/6 each, yellows 10/- each; three extra large buff hens, 5/- each: Pigott, 157, Colwyn-rd., Northampton.

BARGAINS; large typical buff hens, 4/6; large matched pairs, 10/6; approval, deposit; colour-fed: Timbrell Bros., Bootmakers, Chipping, Lancs.

BARGAINS in Norwich: Cocks from 5/-, Hens from 2/6, pairs from 7/6, all colour fed; cash or deposit: Cosier, 146, Earlsbrook-rd., Earlswood, Surrey.

WINNING Norwich; H. J. Banbury, Preston-rd., Yeovil, has a grand lot of Norwich, same blood as his winners, from 10/- each; approval, deposit.

YELLOW variegated cock, 10/-; green hen, 5/-; Yellow, dark cap, wings, hen, Buff cock, pair 12/-; others 7/6 pair: J. Miller, Milford, Salisbury, Wilts.

J. CALDERWOOD has a few Norwich to dispose of, winners, and bred from winners, all colours, 10/6 to 40/- each; approval, 34, West Shaw-st., Kilmarnock.

MASSIVE frame buff Norwich cock, father of my Enfield 2nd. winner; sacrifice for, 10/-; worth pounds for stock: Hawkes, 399, Grove-green-rd., Leytonstone.

JUDGE Silk has 20 grand hens, yellows and buffs, unflighted, and 1910 bred, 7/6 each, to clear; will be worth double in breeding season; approval: Whitstable.

GENUINE young Norwich cocks, for singing or stock, warranted clean, healthy, from 4/6; approval: Scott, 31, Keyham-lane, Humberstone, Leicester.

BARGAIN: Few good young Norwich Plainheads for sale, cocks 5/6, hens 2/6, matched pairs 8/-; colour fed; cash or deposit: Willis, 63, Dorothy-rd., Leicester.

CLEAR yellow cock, 1st Clapham, 15/-; cocks by above, 10/-, 7/6, 5/-; hens from 2/6; clear or variegated; state wants: Eaton, Kettering-rd., Rothwell, Kettering.

BARGAIN, three pairs high-class Norwich, cocks in song, cheap at 10/6 pair, accept 8/6 pair, or 12/6 lot; on approval, cash or deposit: E. L. Storey, Crowle, Doncaster.

VARIEGATED yellow Norwich cock, father of the selling class winners, Southend and Enfield, 10/-; valuable stock bird: Hawkes, 399, Grove-green-rd., Leytonstone.

UNFLIGHTED yellow hens, 2 clears, 6/- each; yellow cocks, 8/-; 2 buff cocks, good songsters, 5/- each; healthy birds; approval: Bounds, 50, Melville-st., Northampton.

NORWICH; two large 1911 buff hens, one 1910, extra large yellow hen, 15/- each, £2 for 3; chance for novices: Cattell, Bootmaker, Wingrove-rd., Newcastle-on-Tyne.

MR. E. KEW, 8, Queen-st., Margate, is disposing of his surplus stock, same strain as sold by him yearly at Crystal Palace, cocks 7/6, hens 3/6; typical pairs 10/6.

BUFFS and yellows, matched pairs to breed exhibition birds, £1 pair, good winning strain; birds for immediate show, from £1 each: 12, Brunswick-rd., Leyton, Essex.

NORWICH Canaries for sale, 5 young cocks, 5/- each; 11 hens, cold room, healthy: cash offer for lot; seven days' approval; deposit: Batten (Baker), 11, Arnold-rd., Woking.

W. SCHOFIELD, Saddler, Ipswich, having had a good season, can spare 20 pairs, or singly; bred from winners, Crystal Palace, Norwich, etc., from 10/6 pair; approval.

TWENTY pairs of good Norwich Plainheads, own breeding, from 10/6 a pair, cocks from 7/6, hens from 3/6; satisfaction guaranteed: Schulen, 116, Old Palace-rd., Norwich.

YELLOW variegated cock, 8/6; nice buff hen to match, 10/-; buff variegated hen, 7/6; clear buff hen, 5/-, Thomas's strain; approval: Jolly, P.O., Johnshaven, Montrose.

TWENTY Norwich hens, at working men's prices, mostly unflighted, clears, Harland's and Axe's noted strains, from 2/6 to 7/6 each: Duckett, jun., 91, Sepulchre-gate, Doncaster.

WINNER of several honours last season; yell. Norwich cock, 8/6; also his buff hen, bred several winners, 10/-; worth pounds for stock: Hawkes, 399, Grove-green-rd., Leytontone.

GALLMAN and SON have some good Norwich pairs, 8/-, 10/-, 15/-, 20/-, same strain as winners at Leicester, Nottingham, Tideswell, etc.; see show reports: Potter-st., Melbourne, Derby.

GRAND stout cobby Norwich cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; stout cobby hens, 6/-, 7/-, 8/-; matched pairs, 12/-, 14/-, 16/-, from my winners, cold room; approval willingly: Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

C. B. DANIEL, 69, Derby-lane, Liverpool; all my Norwich for sale; some of the finest stock birds obtainable, from 15/- pair upwards; grand lot of cages; enquiries solicited; approval.

MRS. RICHARDSON-GRIFFITHS has a few 1911 Norwich cocks and hens for sale, Yellows and Buffs, good type; hens 3/6 and 4/6, cocks 7/6 and 10/6; approval, deposit: Oak Cottage, Horsham.

NOTICE. Winner of 26 prizes and Lowestoft Challenge cup. 1910 pairs from 15/-; single cocks from 10/-; hens from 5/-; approval: Mulford, Rose Villa, 61, Southwell-rd., South Lowestoft.

NORWICH, the best of blood, bred from and related to my winners, cocks from 10/6, hens from 6/6; purchase now, good selection; approval: Smith, 172, Prince Consort-rd., Gateshead-on-Tyne.

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EXCEPTIONAL offer. Open class winning unflighted C.F. buff Norwich hen; also yellow; both of exceptional merits; accept 15/- each; approval; see reports: Hawkes, 399, Grove-green-rd., Leytonstone.

BARGAINS! bargains! bargains! yellow cock unflighted, 3rd. Northampton £2; buff hen, £1.; buff hen 3rd. Luton 12/6; pairs 3rd. Bedford 14/-; the Goldfinch 4/6; approval: Gentle, Stanley-st., Bedford.

H. E. HEDGES, 46, Greys-rd., Eastbourne, Breeder and Exhibitor, has few pairs Norwich for sale, from 10/6; odd cocks from 7/6; hens 3/6; two pairs Crests 15/6, 20/- pair; approval; cash or deposit.

J. BESWICK has a few champion bred Norwich for sale, yellows and buff unflighted cocks, and unflighted buff hens; no better blood in the Fancy; prices reasonable; approval; 31, Holly-st., Stockport.

GIVEN away. Enfield selling class winners, 1911 buff Norwich cock; also 1911 yellow hens, 8/6 each; worth treble; approval; see report; will win in open competition: Hawkes, 399, Grove-green-rd., Leytonstone.

100 CANARIES; guaranteed cocks from 5/- each; hens, 2/-; 50 pairs Norwich, winning strain, from 15/- pair; 2nd challenge cup (see Bournemouth Show): Kirby, 207, Ashley-rd., Parkstone, Bournemouth.

SEVERAL good stock Norwich for sale at reasonable prices; winners and related to winners; hens from 4/6, cocks from 10/-; inspection invited; approval, deposit: A. Crawford, 14, Wilson-drive, Glasgow.

BARGAINS to clear. I am overstocked; Norwich cocks 7/6, 10/6, 12/6; hens 2/6, 5/6, 10/6; every one in good health and condition; chance for a novice to get tip-top birds cheap: Sherlock, Liverpool-rd., St. Helens.

GRAND stout cobby buff cock, 12/6; large stout yellow hen, 8/6, pair £1; stout cobby yellow cock, 10/-; grand stout buff hen, 6/6, pair 15/-; Iron's strain; bargains; approval gladly: Miss Stone, The Fleet, Belper.

MISS A. SCOTT, 63, Market-st., Lancaster, has some splendid unflighted birds, related to her winners; moderate prices; good buff cock and large yellow hen, £2; splendid variegated yellow cock and large buff hen, 30/-.

EXCEPTIONALLY fine yellow cinnamon cock, good type and quality, 10/-; one yellow cock, a beauty, 10/-; another not quite so large, 7/6; all singing freely; approval; deposit: A. Williams, Paris-house, Trefriw, North Wales.

COMPULSORY sale through pressure of business; exceptional chubby 1911 C.F., buff Norwich cock, for size, shape and style, real gem; 2nd Class 14 Enfield last Saturday, 20/-; great sacrifice; approval: Hawkes, 399, Grove-green-rd., Leytonstone.

ARE you wanting reliable Norwich? then note these massive cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6; smart hens, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-; correctly matched pairs, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; absolute bargains; worth double; also Crests; approval: R. Hanford, Derby.

MR. HAWKES offers some exceptional bargains in buff and yellow unflighted Norwich, cocks or hens; ready and fit to win in open competition, 7/6 and 10/- each; approval; related to my winners; inspection invited: 399, Grove-green-rd., Leytonstone.

HIGH-class Norwich, several can win; 35 years' breeder, judge of 100 shows; I don't exhibit now, I breed for other fanciers to win; have sold as many winners as anyone in England; approval: T. Billington, Hambleton, Poulton-le-Fylde.

NORWICH, about 30 to dispose of, mostly unflighted, yellow and buff cocks and hens, from 5/- each upwards; also exhibition cock Greenfinch, large, twice H.M., 5/-; also large hen mule off same Greenfinch, 1/-: Hendry, 63, High-st., Fraserburgh.

MONSTER clear unflighted buff cock, 15/-; 1910 buff, 12/6; massive clear yellow cock, 25/-; also unflighted yellow, 10/-; yellow hens, 6/- each, two for 10/-; grand buff hens, 10/-, 7/6, 5/- each; worth double; approval: Moore, Beeroff, Gordon-rd., Nottingham.

C. ROBERTS' noted (Waggoner) strain champion Norwich have size and Bullfinch type required. Buy from the breeder, 23 years' standing, and get the best; show birds from 40/- upwards; stock birds from 12/6.—Stannah Hey, Newton Drive, Blackpool.

1910 large Norwich cocks, grand stock birds, Buff, Green, Clear, Buff and Yellow, variegated, 15/- each, 1911 Norwich cocks, Yellow and Buff, variegated, 10/- to 12/6; 1911 Norwich hens, Buff, Green Clear, Buff and Buff variegated, 5/- to 10/-; approval, deposit: Ramsay, 36, Brechin-rd., Arbroath.

SEE reports of Birmingham, Wolverhampton, West Bromwich, and Coventry shows (only times out) for my wins; six 1sts, five specials, nine 2nds, seven 3rds, four 4ths, etc. Few grand show and stock birds to spare; six pairs at 20/- per pair: J. Eckersley, 51, Francis-rd., Edgbaston, Birmingham.

A FEW grand singing Norwich cocks, direct from same strain as won in open champion Norwich classes, 1909-10-11; a bit small for stock, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6 each; hens 4/-, 5/-, 6/-; on approval; every chance of breeding good ones from them; breeder 30 years: Sandiford, Canary Breeder, Preston, Lancs.

GEORGE MITCHELL'S well-known Norwich Plainheads direct from his winners at Palace, L.C.B.A., Bristol, Plymouth, Exeter, Frome, etc., etc., about 50 for disposal at reasonable prices, mostly 1911, singles or pairs. To avoid disappointment, write or call early; all outdoor bred: Broadway Boot Stores, Topsham, Devon.

WINNERS for sale, large buff cock, cap-marked yellow hen, 1st Norwich, 40/- pair; grand yellow cock, 1st Wishech, large buff hen, he Norwich, 30/- pair; variegated buff cock, 1st Lowestoft, 2nd Norwich, clear yellow hen, 1st Norwich, 30/-; odd birds, winners or bred from winners, cocks from 6/-, hens from 3/-; approval: Dawson, Elyburgate, Beccles.

MONSTER exhibition buff cock, rare type and quality, sure winner, only 21/-, honestly worth £2; also smart, typical yell. cock, grand shape, feathers like silk, can win, only 25/-, cheap at 50/-; also grand yellow hen, full of quality, certain winner, only 17/6, bargain at £2; also very choice buff hen, real model for type and quality, win anywhere, only 15/-, worth double; also few grand yellow and buff cocks and hens for stock or exhibition, rare type and quality, including several winners; genuine bargains; prices reasonable; approval: Warminger, 9, Guernsey-rd., Norwich.

MAGNIFICENT cobby 1911 exhibition buff Norwich cock, real gem, only 12/6; grand stout yellow hen, rare type and quality, only, 8/6; or £1 the pair; also massive yellow cock 1911 bred, grand colour and quality, only 10/6; also monster buff hen, rare size and quality of feather, only 6/6, or 10/- the pair; genuine bargains; approval: Cooper, 29, Junction-rd., Norwich.

NOTICE; Wm. Shaw wishes to inform his customers and others that he has a splendid lot of Norwich of the Bullfinch type; these are very large birds, and nice silky feathered and splendidly coloured, all in show condition, and the cocks in full song; yellow cocks, 12/6, 15/6; buff cocks, 10/6, 12/6; yellow hens, 6/6, 7/6; buff hens, 5/6, 6/6; all on three days approval; cash or deposit: Wm. Shaw, 97, Essex-rd., Islington, London, N.

FRANK F. LAWSON, Breeder and Exhibitor, can spare, fine big tick yellow cock, £3; typical clear buff, rare quality, 25/-; big unflighted, cl. yell., 50/-; shapely unflighted variegated yellow, beautiful quality, 25/-; unflighted buff and yellow hens, grand type excellent quality and colour, from 10/- each; matched pairs, exceptionally cheap, from 12/6 upwards; single birds from 7/6; all champion bred; stamped enquiries solicited; approval: 14, Pugin-st., Carlisle.

W. N. MIDGLEY, CHESHAM HOUSE, WINSLOW.

has a few useful Norwich to spare, at reasonable prices; approval.

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all my own winners, good stock birds for sale, reasonable; approval; stamp: J. Hayhurst, 217, Brunshow-rd., Burnley.

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can spare some grand youngsters from their noted winning strain; inspection invited: 126, Bury New-rd., Bolton, Lancs.

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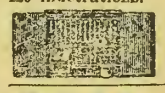
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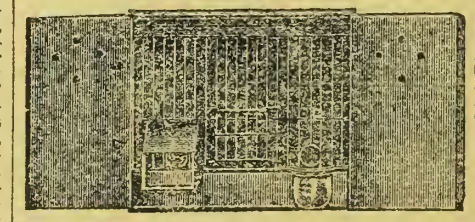
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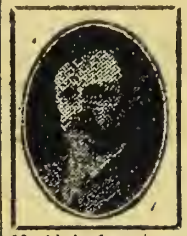
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WANTED, true pair adult Yellow Budgerigars; exchange photographic background: J. Wilde, Victoria-st., Ashton-under-Lyne.

WANTED, Canaries and British birds, fowls, etc.; state lowest prices; or exchange pigeons for same: Deritend Aviary, Birmingham.

WANTED, cash offers for 4 Yorkshire cocks, healthy, also brass cage with young cock; approval: 357, Crookesmoor-rd., Sheffield.

100 HEN Canaries wanted weekly, cheap for cash, stating price and breed: Edward Bruce, 124, Blackfriars-rd., Salford, Manchester.

WANTED, yellow Norwich hens, yellow cinnamon cock, yellow green Border cock; exchange mules: Bell, 21, Beaufoy-rd., Tottenham.

WANTED Canaries or foreigners in exchange for pretty Pom, Yorkshire bitch, 2 Yorkshire pups: Davies, Pawnbroker, Great Bridge.

WANTED, two show cages, for small foreigners, also Diamond Sparrows, Grass Finches: Robertson, 22, Summerfield-terrace, Aberdeen.

WANTED offers cock Greypates; exchange 3 Yorkshire, 3 Norwich 1911 hen Canaries: Kershaw, 20, Baker-place, Crossmyloof, Glasgow.

WANTED to exchange, a yellow Lancashire cock, unflighted, for cock Goldfinches, or offers: Fieldlag, 15, Whitelees-rd., Littleborough.

WANTED Canaries, also appliances, whole stocks bought; must be cheap; particulars, letter only: Brooks, 174, Sydenham-rd., Croydon.

WANTED, any quantity of Goldfinches, Linnets, etc., from catchers only; state price: H. Thomas Hughes, 65, Saltley-rd., Birmingham.

WANTED trunk or large box, suitable for Canada, or birds, exchange pup valued 15/- and little cash: Fenton, Plasterer, Sutton-in-Ashfield.

WANTED offers in good Canaries for "Yorkshire" chicken rearer, 26/-, and new wood beehive, 15/6: Hodgson, Newton House, Northallerton.

WANTED, good cinnamon cock Canary, 1911 (Bullfinch type), exchange Norwich; no rubbish: Appiy, Collins, 112, Pinner-rd., Bushey, Herts.

WANTED, from catcher, one to ten doz. hen Goldfinches, cock Linnets; state lowest price: J. Corcoran, 36, Devonshire-st., Northampton.

WANTED, catchers to note that I give 1/9 pair for Bullies, 2/- Goldfinches, 3/- dozen Linnets: Fox, Bird Stores, 68, Outram-st., Sutton, Notts.

WANTED for export, any quantity of hen Canaries, 1/- each; German, Norwich and Yorkshire, 1/4: Manager, Bird Stores, Kirkgate, Wakefield.

BIRDCATCHERS: Wanted, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Linnets etc.; any quantity weekly; state prices: George Vanner, 6, Redheugh-rd., Gateshead.

CANARIES: Wanted any quantity for cash; or will exchange gramophones or records, any make or title, for them: George Vanner, 6, Redheugh-rd., Gateshead.

WANTED toy Pomeranian, blue, chocolate, or orange; approval; exchange Seifert Rollers; offers: Cox, 22, Wolverhampton-st., Bilston, Staffs.

WANTED, gramophone and records; exchange high-class Yorkshire Canaries; no rubbish wanted or offered: Martin, 11, Marlborough-rd., Shipley.

WANTED, cash offers; 4 pairs high-class Yorkshires, cocks full song, pairs 7/6 upwards; approval, deposit: Hance, King-st., Tring, Herts.

WANTED Dogs, Parrots, Poultry, Birds, Rats, Monkeys, Pigeons, Guinea Pigs, etc.; purchase or exchange other fancy: Barlow's Aviaries, Greenwich.

WANTED Norwich, exchange good wire flight cages, Wright's Poultry Book, Fulton's Pigeon Book, walking-stick airgun: Saunders, Paperhanger, Tiverton.

WANTED, common hen Canaries; give in exchange 2 Black-red Bantam cockerels, or sell 7/6; approval both ways: Eales, Wellington-st., Kettering.

WANTED, good Seifert schoolmaster; will exchange typical clear Yorkshire (cock): mutual approval: Wilkinson, Bootmaker, Peel Green, Manchester.

WANTED good reliable catchers for cock brown Linnets, Bullfinches, Goldfinches, etc.; state lowest price to Halls, Central Bird Stores, Patricroft, Manchester.

WANTED good Roller cock Canary, will give good cinnamon-marked Yorks hen, 1911, and a little cash; approval; yours first: L. Dale, 9, Parliament-st., Sheffield.

WANTED, 7in. clear buff or ticked Yorks. hen, rat rate bird; exchange violin, bow, etc., value 18/6; approval, yours first; letters: "B.," 70, Theobalds-rd., W.C.

WANTED pair Norwich or Goldfinches, give in exchange railwayman's new cloth pilot jacket, never worn, suit workman: Taylor, Lindon-st., Haworth, Yorkshire.

WANTED, Canaries, exchange Singer's treadle sewing machine, 30/-; gent's cycle, wants tyres, 15/-; mutual terms: Gemmell, Confectioner, Dalmellington.

WANTED, weekly supply of Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Canaries, from catcher to catcher, for market: state prices: Gould, Holford-rd., Witton, Birmingham.

WANTED, offers in anything useful, square Parrot cage preferred, for big colour-fed variegated cock Goldfinch Mule, Finch song, approval: 16, Dixon-st., Waterhead, Oldham.

WANTED, a good young yellow Lancashire coppy, in exchange for a good banjo and case, or sell £2; approval; bird first: J. Coman, Norwich-rd., Wymondham, Norfolk.

WANTED, offers in Yorkshires, anything useful; good maiden Whippet, 16 month, 15½ inches, 15½lbs., from winners; sell 25/-; approval: Hicks, 94, Moulsham, Chelmsford.

A HANDSOME pair of Blue Fantail Pigeons for sale, also a pair of their young, three months old, will exchange birds: Hammond, 8, Hayward's-place, Clerkenwell, London, E.C.

WANTED, anything; exchange hen Cordon Bleu, outdoor aviary, two summers, and hen Canary, mother twelve Mules, 2/6 each: Allison, 70, Lancaster-rd., West Norwood.

NOTICE, will give 6/- per pair for Norwich and Yorkshires, colour fed preferred; also wanted, Crests and Scotch Fancy, must be reasonable: McKeand, Hamilton-place, Castle Douglas.

WANTED cash offers for five hen and five cock Canaries; must sell: Pratt, Rose Inn, Long Sutton, Lincs.

WANTED Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Siskins, Linnets, any quantity, state lowest price; owing to increasing business can do with six additional catchers: Haynes, Bird Merchant, Market-place, Bournbrook, Birmingham.

WANTED best offers in cash for Welsh high-coloured Goldie black-leg cock, winner of 1st and special in strong class at Bontnewydd Open Show last week; see reports: Griffiths, Balaclava, Carnarvon.

WANTED, lady's or gent's free-wheel cycle, good condition, or offers; exchange massive Crestbred cock and Crest hen, winners, sell 60/-; pair typical colour-fed Norwich, 20/-; pair Borders, 15/-; approval both ways: Martin, The Registry, Castle-Douglas.

WANTED exhibition Red-headed Gouldian, also exhibition dark Canary-Goldfinch Mule; will exchange high-class Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries, or sell or exchange for anything useful; see reports of winnings; on approval each way: Stephens and Gould, Fanciers, Polgeath, St. Austell, Cornwall.

OWING to ever-increasing business I am open to take the entire catches regularly throughout the season of six to twelve additional Goldfinch and Linnet catchers. Only genuine catchers prepared to act honourably need reply. My bankers are Lloyds Bank, Ltd., Gooch-st. Branch, and I pay 20/- to the £ promptly: W. Gore, 131, Gooch-st., Birmingham.

WANTED FOR EXPORT,

400 Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries, etc., good type; cocks in full song; send prices and full particulars: West of England Bird Exchange Co., 13, Dunraford-st., Stonehouse, Devon.

NATURAL HISTORY

BIRDS stuffed and mounted by practical hands: J. Smith, Bedmondsey-st., Otley.

THREE cases of stuffed British birds, in wooden cases, with glass fronts, the three for 10/-; to be seen at: Mr. Bartlett's, Market-st., Woodstock.

EXOTIC Beetles, 1/-, 1/6 doz.; exotic butterflies, 1/-, 1/6 doz.; giant silkmoths, 9d., 1/- each; catalogue free: Messrs. Davis, Museum Works, Dartford.

SALE or EXCHANGE.

Mainly British.

EXCHANGE 2 pairs Bullfinches for Yorkshire or Norwich cock, sell 6/-; yours first; offers: Burrows, Bath-st., Chard.

NEST Goldfinch Mules, 2 cocks, 2 hens; exchange for 1911 cock Goldfinches: T. Brimmer, Scott-st., Trehertbert, Rhondda.

TWO hand-reared cock Starlings, whistle, sell, exchange gent's silver watch, fowls: Tomson: 42, High-rd., Willesden Green.

COCKS; Linnet, Yellow Bunting, Greenfinch, Chaffinch, Twite, sell 5/-; exchange disc records; offers: G. Frith, Crowle, Lincs.

COCK Greenfinch and hand-reared cock Bullfinch, for cock Yorkshire, cinnamon, or mule: G. Broughton, Gilmorton, Leicestershire.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich Canaries, exchange for scrap brass, copper, zinc, lead, pewter, or anything useful: 61, Havelock-st., Leicester.

NINE cock Goldfinches, 1/6 each; been in aviary months; or exchange for Canaries: Matthews, Hollywood Park, Brinksway, Stockport.

EXCHANGE, 2 H.M. cock Linnets, bred Mules, for large hen Canaries; anything sell 3/6 each: Haynes, Birdcatchers, Selly Oak, Worcestershire.

EXHIBITION cock Bullfinch, house-moulted, winner, 7/6; exchange typical Norwich hens, unflighted; mutual approval: Cawson, Alexandra-st., Goole.

EXCHANGE high-class British Goldfinch, or Linnets, etc., for Canaries or Mules, or anything; state wants: Thomas Hughes, 65, Saltley-rd., Birmingham.

PERFECT cock Goldfinch, H.M., 5/-; cock Greenfinch, H.M., with buff hen, Canary breeder, 5/-; exchange Canaries: Beacon, Chart, Sutton, Maidstone.

BRAND new clapnets, any length, 5½ft., 100 yards rabbit net, 12/-; pair 28 by 1¼ wheels, 5/-; exchange shooting, cycling goods: Nash, Kirby-la., Sleaford.

HYBRID breeders, what offers cash or useful exchange, 2 doz. young, big hen Bullies, 1 doz. big cock Bullies, or separate: Stubbles, Pinkney Green, Maidenhead.

TWO young cock Linnets, in full song, also young hen Bullfinch; exchange lot for Yorkshire hen Canary, or cock Goldfinch: T. Devaney, Briggate, Knaresborough.

ENGLISH cock Goldfinches, 12/- dozen, 6 7/-, 3 4/-; hens, 9d.; 4 Peartree Finches, large, 2/6 each; sell, or exchange Canaries, left-off clothing: Miles, Pumpst., Nottingham.

WANTED offers in anything useful, or other variety of birds, for grand hand-reared colour-fed cock, Hawfinch, and show cage: 16, Dixon-st., Waterhead, Oldham.

HOUSE-moulted cock Linnet, 3/-; cock Chaffinch, 3/-; hen Bullfinch, 2/-; Norwich hen, 3/-; exchange cock Hawfinch: A. Allwood, Wakebridge, nr. Crich, Matlock, Derbyshire.

EXCHANGE British birds for fowls, rabbits, flemish giant, young, or sell; also four Fox-terrier bitch pups, four months old; exchange anything: Casey, 19, Coldham-lane, Cambridge.

ENGLISH Goldfinches, 15/- dozen, 6 7/-; 3 4/-; 6 handsome Peartree Finches, 2/6, 3/-; hens, 1/-; exchange Canaries, left off clothing, stamp reply: Swift, Bootshop, Southwell.

WHAT offers, Norwich cocks or Yorkshire hens, for 3 hen Mules, 3 Green Linnets, 1 cock Bullfinch, and a Yellow Bunting, second prize winner: F. French, Whimhile, Holsworthy.

SIBERIAN Goldfinches, cocks, big handsome birds, exchange Hartz or Border cocks; one extra special monster, 8/6; exchange hot fed Yorkshire cock: Clarke, 82, High-st., Sydenham.

WANTED, offers in house-moulted British Hardbills, cock Goldfinches preferred, for variegated buff colour-fed Norwich cock; approval, or sell 12/6: Hall, 4, Knowsley, Lees, Oldham.

HEALTHY cocks, per dozen, Brown Linnets 3/-, Chaffinches 3/-, Skylarks 2/-, Redpolls 2/6, Greenfinches 1/-; 18 mixed aviary birds, cocks and hens, 1/-; exchange: George Fenn, East End, Isleham, Cambs.

TYPICAL house-moulted Lesser Redpoll, winner, 7/6; 2 others, 1/6 and 2/-; house-moulted cock Mealy 2/6; exchange good Goldfinches or Siskins; approval, deposit: David Hopkins, Donnington-st., Darval, Ayrshire.

NIGHTINGALE, cock, hand-reared, singing, gem, 15/-; two Nightingale cages, new, 4/- each; exchange; wanted Woodlarks, Mules, Canaries, British in song, genuine: Lambert, Beverston, Doris Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

EXHIBITION Chaffinch, grand colour, 4/6; large cock Greenfinch, bred Mules, 3/-; both house-moulted; cock Goldie, 2/-; house-moulted Redpoll, 1/6; or exchange house-moulted Linnets, 1910 birds: Palfreeman, 9, Ash-st., Stockton-on-Tees.

EXHIBITORS; 3 cock Goldfinch mules, fit to win, 2 dark 1 heavily variegated, 12/- each; 3 others, good birds, 6/- each; cocks; exchange some house-moulted cock Goldfinches, Norwich hens; approval anywhere: Thomas, 34, Pwllgwaun-rd., Pentypridd.

NOTICE! Two giant hand-reared clean moulted, full coloured Siberian cock Goldfinches, warranted to make sure mulers and prize takers, 7/6 each; or exchange colour-fed Canaries or Mules: Fowers and Russell, 10, Granby-pl., Bethnal-green-rd., London, E.

SPECIAL NOTICE: I will exchange all kinds of British for show, muling, contest, singing, for any variety of Canaries, Mules and Foreign birds; approval both ways; state wants and stamp for reply to Hollinshead, Cheshire Aviaries, Howard-st., Stockport.

SELL or exchange, 3 pairs of young Bullfinches, aviary moulted, guaranteed healthy; also 2 Redpolls and 2 house-moulted cock Chaffinches, and 1 house-moulted cock Greenfinch, and 2 house-moulted cock Linnets; sell, 20/-; or what offers in Norwich?: N. Langley, Bushey Heath, Herts.

SPLENDID cock Lark, house-moulted, in well-made Lark's cage, with balcony; exchange cock Hawfinch, or sell 7/6; two cock Redpolls, red breast and black bib; exchange cock Snow Bunting, or sell 2/6; Song Thrush, house-moulted, singing, exchange cock Shore Lark, or sell 7/6; Brown Linnet, 2 years old, in song, exchange Snow Bunting and Wheatear, or sell 5/-: Conly, Pershore.

Mainly Canaries.

EXCHANGE Crested cock for 2 Yorkshire hens or 2 Norwich hens: J. Jeffrey, Silverton Crossing, Dumbarton.

NINE hens and 6 large cages, 21/-; exchange, 9 fowls: Woodley, 27, Church-rd., Southgate-rd., Islington.

SELL or exchange four grand Norwich cocks and four hens, all colour fed: Moss, 23, Lancaster-rd., Hitchin.

GIVE 3/- and 1910 cobby Norwich cock for good Roller cock; yours first: Pickaver, 13, Dunster-st., Leicester.

EXCHANGE pair of real Schoolmaster Rollers for saloon rifle, or sell 12/6: W. Cole, 16, Kaye-st., Bradford.

FINE Yorkshire cock and hen Roller, 10/-; or exchange reel and fishing tackle: Smith, 36, Clayton-st., Nelson.

TWO cock Canaries, 1911, and 1 Linnet, exchange for Norwich hen Canaries: Bishop, 58, Menotti-st., London, E.

EXCHANGE 5 Canary hens for 1 doz. cock Linnets, or sell for 5/-; yours first: Roberts, 21, Brook-st., Llanogollen.

EXCHANGE a high-class pair of Norwich Plainheads, for large pair clapnets: Griver Clyne, Moray-st., Wick, N.B.

SALE or exchange, 6 hen Canaries, 9/-; wanted offers in cycle line; stamp reply: A. James, Boreham, Warminster.

TWO buff Yorkshire cocks, 4 Yorkshire show cages and case; exchange for Norwich, fed: Hargreaves, 4, Keith-st., Burnley.

GRAND 1911 cinnamon Yorkshire cock, fit to win, cage and case, £1; or exchauge: Finch, 234, Southwark Park-rd., S.E.

BORDER Canaries, cocks, full song, 5/-, hens 2/-, exchange anything: Binding, 4, Reece-pl., East St., Bedminster, Bristol.

GOOD yellow Norwich cock, two good buff hens, £1 lot; useful exchange: Perry, 19, Gladstone-st., Desboro', Northants.

EXCHANGE 5 hen Canaries, cock Yellowhammer, 2 pairs pigeons, for cycle tyres or good melodeon: Main, Pilmuir, Forres.

TWO good buff Norwich hens, exchange for 2 Yorkshire hens; offers; yours first: 18, Delaware-st., Preston, Lancashire.

COCK Canaries 5/-, cock Goldfinch Mules, 6/-, splendid singers; hen Canaries, 2/-: Wood, Lower Beauvale, Newthorpe, Notts.

1911 MARKED Norwich cock, full song, new hanging cage, sell 10/-, or exchange Yorkshires: Whitlock, 11, Eastgate, Lincoln.

EXCHANGE 10 Yorkshire hens, anything useful for house; or sell £1; approval, yours first: Nettleton, Rudstone, Bridlington.

TWO hen Canaries and 36 in., double breeder, 7/6; exchange fruit or rose trees: Moore, St. Michael's, Magrath-avenue, Cambridge.

EXCHANGE Norwich Canaries for black toy Pom., or Yorkshire bitch; approval both ways: Andrews, 52, Vicarage-lane, Leicester.

EXCHANGE Crest cock and Crestbred hen, for 2 good cock Goldfinches; approval; Goldfinches first: Heskop, West End, Biggar, N.B.

FIFTEEN pairs prize-bred Yorkshires, splendid hargains, 7/6 pair; take £4 10/- lot: M. Cooper, 85, Taylor-st., Batley, Yorkshire.

BEAUTIFUL marble clock and Bronze figure, new 50/-, for Canaries and cages: approval, particulars: Elgar, East Cross-st., Sunderland.

COCK Canaries, 5/-, hens 2/-; 1911 bred; or exchange melodeon or accordeon: J. Bell, 224, Sudhoe Colliery, Spennymoor, Co. Durham.

TWO good Norwich cocks, 7 hens, and cock Goldfinch, 21/-, or exchange Wyandottes: Arnold, 49, Worcester-rd., Manor Park, Essex.

TEN grand hen Yorkshire Canaries, 1911, own breeding, sell 2/- each; exchange anything useful: G. Neale, Freckenham, Soham.

EXCHANGE prize bred Norwich and Borders, for large exhibition Twite or Redpoll; mutual approval: Wilson, Wybrow-terr., Workington.

EXCHANGE Norwich, two cocks, 10/6, 1911, for Roller schoolmaster: Thomas Smith, 6, Railway-terrace, Usworth Colliery, Co. Durham.

FOR sale or exchange, 4 cocks, 4 hens, good typical Norwich cocks, 10/6, hens 4/6. What offers?: Conway, 1, Treot-st., Gainsborough.

EXCHANGE Yorkshires for 12 bore gun, breechloader, Rollers, or exhibition British; yours first: Broadbent, 21, Carlton-rd., Dewsbury.

ONE pair Yorkshires 12/6, one pair Norwich 10/6, exchange 3 Roller cocks, in song; approval, both ways: Piper, Kloodyke, Featherstone.

EXCHANGE two buff Norwich cocks for pair Crests or good yellow P.H. cock or hens: E. Blake, 21, Forest-rd., Cheshunt, Herts.

EXCHANGE pair Scotch Fancies, matched for breeding, for good 1911 yellow Belgian cock; approval: Mitchell, Riverbank-st., Newmilns.

ONE pair Border Fancy, cock Goldfinch, house moulted, 2 single breeders; exchange mandoline, must be good: McOustra, 9, Loscoe-rd., Heanor.

EXCHANGE Canaries, Goldfinches, mules, for gramophone, or anything useful; offers; sell, prices reasonable; approval: Pearce, Crinnis, Par Station.

BUFF Norwich cock, 10/-; cock Greenfinch, 2/-; double breeder, 3/6; single, 2/6; exchange phonograph records; offers: West, Britannia-st., Aylesbury.

HENS, large, self green Norwich, 4/-; marked Sib. Norwich, bred Linnet Mules, 3/6; German, 2/6; or exchange British: Battershy, 42, Chester-st., Accrington.

BEGINNER'S chance: Canaries, young cock and hen, healthy, with double breeder, loose fronts, 7/-; wanted, garden gun: Rowsell, Harefield-rd., Rickmansworth.

FIVE pairs Bullfinches, five hens, Canaries, 2 Norwich 2 Rollers, 1 Yorkshire, sale, or exchange anything useful; approval: A. Davis, 35, Churchst., Ledbury.

MAGNIFICENT Yorkshires, fit for show, from 10/6, or useful exchange; no postcards; seen by appointment: Nicholls, 128, Gloucester-terr., Hyde Park, London.

EXCHANGE 4 cocks, 10 hen Borders, good strain, yellows, buffs, and variegated, all 1911 bred, for green Crestbred hens, 1911; approval: Barrie, West Barns, Dunbar.

PAIR prize-bred Yorkshires, buff, large crested hen, sell £1, or exchange, gentleman's waterproof or lady's tan walking boots, 5yes: R. King, Wyke, Gillingham, Dorset.

EXCHANGE high-class Green Borders, prize strain, 2 cocks, 4 hens, for good Yorkshire Terrier bitch puppy, or sell 30/-; approval: Richardson, 323, Walton-lane, Liverpool.

GRAND Yorkshire cock, two hens, fit for exhibition; 8, Yorkshire show cages and case, accept £2 the lot, or exchange: T. Werdall, 82, High-st., Winsford, Cheshire.

EXCHANGE high-class Norwich or Borders, for silver albert, overcoat, hearth rug, or offers, or sell from 15/- to 50/- per pair; approval: R. Stirling, 22, Sellincourt-rd., Tooting.

TWO clinking pairs of winning Yorkshires, all birds have won open classes, chance of a lifetime, 25/- pair; birds before cash: Clare, 50, Gladstone-st., Pendlebury, Manchester.

EXCHANGE hen Canary, cock Linnet, cock Chaffinch and cages, and camera, for gold ring or watch or chain, or anything useful: G. Collins, Arnis Yard, Haggergate, Whitby, Yorks.

YORKSHIRE, Bailey strain, will exchange one or two pairs for Norwich or small foreign birds; sell, 15/- pair: Thos. Flatleigh, 47, Granville-terr., Binchester, Bishop Auckland.

SCOTCH Fancies: Buff cock, winner two 2nds, yellow hen, one 2nd, £2; yellow cock vhc Cardiff, buff hen, 30/- pair; exchange bed linen or jewellery: Harrington 45, Croft-st., Cardiff.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich yellow cock, also buff hen, 7/6 each (worth double), also large ornamental cage, 5ft. by 4½, splendid condition, 16 holes, 15/-, hargain: Connon, Hatton, Aberdeen.

GENUINE offer, 6 Yorkshire cocks, real good stock, exchange for sewing-machine, offers; no rubbish offered, none accepted; yours first; cocks and hens for sale, reasonable: Brewin, Ray-st., Heanor, Derbyshire.

GRAND pair Norwich, 15/-; give two young; two grand pairs Yorkshires, also two good hens, £1; three 1911 Crests, 15/-; approval, deposit, will separate, what offers: Shipley, 64, Victoria-rd., Long Eaton, Notts.

WILL exchange or sell pair of Crests, Dobson and Sons strain, hen 3rd at Blaydon Show, for buff and yellow-marked Norwich cocks, price of Crests 30/-: your birds first: John Hall Cross, 8, Back-st., Winlaton, Blaydon-on-Tyne.

EXCHANGE two Yorkshire cocks, four hens, also four good Goldfinch Mules, in full song, two new breeding cages, for Edison phonograph and records, or good English concertina, no rubbish: Vine, 19, Martha-st., Portsmouth.

FOUR pairs strong, healthy Canaries, cold-room bred, 7/6 pair; also cock Chaffinch and Greenfinch grand colour, 2/- each; sell lot, 32/-, worth £2; or exchange for Budgerigars or good gramophone: Richards, 158, Fishponds-rd., Bristol.

ST. ANDREASBURG Roller, full song, 8/6; Hartz Roller, full song, 6/6; German cock Bullfinch, 4/6; Germao cock Goldfinch, 4/6; four cock Linnets, 2/- each; cock Goldfinch and hen Canary, 6/-; or exchange anything; approval: Saunders, Greengrocer, Clarence-st., Gravesend.

EXCHANGE six pairs high-class Norwich, natural colour, also h.m. cock Siskin and h.m. cock Goldfinch, for joiner's tools; sell lot, £2 7/-; single pairs 7/-; odd cocks from 5/- to 10/-; hens 2/6 to 10/-; any above on approval; stamp reply: J. Hicklng, Grocer, Heanor, Notts.

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Club Reports.

PENTRE C.B.S.

At a well attended meeting held Nov. 16th, with Mr. F. J. Beese in chair, it was decided to hold a members' show on Boxing Day, and many specials were given for competition at same. Mr. Beese gave an interesting and instructive account of his experience as a Norwich Canary breeder, and Mr Rees gave a good and most amusing address.—G Lingard, Sec.

SITTINGBOURNE C.B.S.

Meeting held Nov. 6, at the George Hotel. Messrs. T. Monday and H. Olive were congratulated on their successes at Chatham Show, Mr. Monday securing premier honours for best Yorks., Mr. Olive gaining highest awards in the class in which he exhibited. The schedule was examined and passed, and final arrangements made for the annual show, which promises to be a success. Mr. C. Cornelius kindly offered a guinea cup for the best Can., Mule, or Hybrid, bred by the exhibitor, who must be a member. This offer was accented amid applause. Mr. Knight was elected a member.—B. Tidy, Sec.

G.P.O. FUR AND F.S.

At the last quarterly meeting it was decided to offer specials to members exhibiting at the annual show of the South Metropolitan F.A., Dec. 7th. Following list of specials was agreed upon: Cage Bird Section: 5s. best Canary; medal, best British. The committee reserve to themselves the right to add to this list should the number of entries warrant such action. The cage birds specials will probably be offered to members competing at the Wandsworth F.A. show, Dec. 6th and 7th. No cage bird classes are provided at the S.M.F.A.'s show. Schedules will be sent to all fully-paid-up members. Rules, etc., will be sent to all applicants. —A. Watson, Hon. Sec.

READING AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held Nov. 8th, Palmer Hall; good attendance. The full details of show on Nov. 29th were gone over and put in order. Several members seemed to think our staging was too low, so it was agreed to have frames made to raise them a foot. Mr White kindly offered to pay for the wood, and Mr. Yates agreed to make the frames. Several more offers of help were received, and it was generally agreed that the members seem to be taking a great deal more interest in this year's show than for some time. This is accounted for in part by the great number of amateur and novice members that have joined this year. The Hon. Sec intimated that schedules are being applied for in good numbers. All we want now is for all those who have applied to make good entries, and then we shall have something to smile about. All members are requested to come to showroom on night previous to show to help put room in order.—W. H. Pyke, Hon. Sec.

ANFIELD, EVERTON, C.B.S.

Meeting, held Sandow Hotel, Oakfield Road, Liverpool, Nov. 6th, Mr. W. Bell (chairman) presiding over an excellent attendance. Several new members were enrolled. Decided, to hold a grand night show on Dec. 4th; birds staged 8 p.m.; judging to commence 8.30 p.m., by Mr. G. Bell, one of the oldest and best-known fanciers in Liverpool. Schedule, 22 classes; 6d. per cage. Send birds; we will classify. It is hoped there will be a good response in numbers in the various classes. Decided, that anyone joining now pays 1/-, and 1/6 at the annual general meeting in Feb., 1912 (namely 2/6 in all; which carries membership till Feb., 1913), enabling those joining to compete in all shows, and enjoy all the advantages of the society. Schedules will be in the hands of members in good time. We can stage 300 birds in this splendid room. Any gentleman not a member, who would like a schedule, should apply to me; and we will join you at this meeting; novices are specially catered for.—R. B. Wright, Hon. Sec., 9, Cannon Road, Cabbage Hall, Anfield

PROVINCIAL ROLLER C.C.

Meeting held November 18th. After the ordinary business a novice members' show was arranged to take place at the Swan Hotel, December 17th, Messrs. Massey and Watsing being appointed judges. Nor our annual show, at the Old Boar's Head Hotel, Manchester, January 19th and 20th, seven classes were arranged. This includes a class for a team of three birds. Considering members had been whipped up, the attendance was disappointing, for there was scarcely as many as usual.—A. Percival, Hon. Sec.

LOCHGELLY C.B.S.

Meeting held Nov. 11th, headquarters, Mr. T. Wildridge presiding. Balance-sheet read over and considered very satisfactory, showing a substantial balance in bank. Slight alteration in Rule 2 of society unanimously approved of. Alteration to Rule 9 was not entertained. Officials appointed: President, Mr. T. Wildridge; vice-president, Mr. M. Duff; Treasurer, Mr. P. McCue; Secretary, Mr. W. Whitford, pro tem; Assistant Secretary, Mr. D. Young; Committee, Messrs. A. Kirk, J. Rachuin, J. McGregor, J. Eachurn, A. Muir, R. Dow, G. Reith, J. Petrie, and J. Adamson; Auditors, Messrs. J. Sneddon and J. Adamson. After passing a vote of thanks to several in connection with the show, meeting closed.—Whitford and Young, Secs.

ATTERCLIFFE AND DIST. C.B.S.

Meeting held Nov. 8th, Horse and Jockey Hotel, Mr. Havenhand presiding. Mr. Browning very kindly gave a washing exhibition to a very good muster of members; it was of a very interesting and instructive nature. Mr. B. explained the details of his particular mode of procedure as he went along; also informed us what not to do when washing a bird. A washing competition was then held for a drying cage kindly given by Mr. Welbon; this was contested for by four of the younger members. Mr. Browning being asked to adjudicate. Mr. J. Ibbertson was declared winner. Business was then expeditiously gone through, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Browning.—W. Richinson, Sec.

DONCASTER C.B.S.

Meeting held November 11th, Victoria Room. There was a record attendance. Mr. Barker presented the society with the "Harry Barker Challenge Cup," and mentioned that in presenting this cup he felt he was paying a tribute to the memory of his dear son whom he lost soon after coming to Doncaster, and who was a true lover of all kinds of dumb animals. Mr. Barker wished the society every success, and expressed the intention of again appearing on the show bench in the near future. Mr. Stocks, in proposing a vote of thanks remarked that in Mr. Barker the society had a true type of a fancier and president. Mr. Townman seconded the vote, which was carried unanimously.—G. Beesoby, Sec.

LEADGATE AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting and second monthly table show, held Church Square Hall, Nov. 4th. After show, Mr. E. Westthorp in chair, schedule was drawn up for Annual Show. Birds and judge nominated for next table show, first Saturday in December; several birds nominated, when the following came out of hat: Yorks. buff, cl., ticked, or var.; Norwich, ditto; Border, ditto; British, A.S.; Yorks., Nor., or Bord., any colour for Walton's special, copper kettle. If 20 entries for special, silver medal for best Border Birds can be transferred for special. All present members' names were put into hat, when Mr. J. A. Turnbull (Leadgate) came out first. He was declared judge for next table show, birds to be staged 6 o'c.—J. A. Turnbull, Sec.

KENT COUNTY C.B.A.

Meeting held Barton Road School, Dover, Nov. 15, Mr. E. C. Rayner in chair. Correspondence (mostly relating to bowl competitions) was read and discussed. Donation of 5s. received from Mr. L. A. Brett (Folkestone) towards cup fund. Monthly cash balance submitted by sec., which was checked and considered satisfactory. Points gained at Dover Show: For Borders: Mrs. Aitken 5, Rev. H. A. Soames 6. Nor.: E. Meades 11, H. E. Taylor 7, F. J. Wickham 5. Yorks.: W. J. Abbott 1, C. Corkett 6, losing 5 points through mistake in nomination, E. C. Rayner 8, the Novice 0. Liz.: Rev. H. A. Soames 5, P. J. Wood 13. Mules: Mrs. Soames 7. Brit.: W. A. Austen 11, L. A. Brett 14, F. J. Wickham 13. Date of next competition Dec. 6th and 7th, Canterbury F.A. Show.—A. Hendry, Hon. Sec.

LOANHEAD AND DIST. C.B.S.

Financial meeting, held Mason's Arms, Nov. 11th, Mr. A. Jardine (President) in chair. A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the chairman for supplying paper for screens at show. Secretary then read balance-sheet, which, he said, was the best in the history of the society; it showed an income of £20 4s. 10d., against an expenditure of £7 0s. 3½d., leaving a balance equal to 11s. per class for prize money; but the committee were in favour of paying 6s. per class, which left a surplus of £6 2s. 3½d., which they thought would be well spent in buying two cups, one for Borders and one for Norwich; this was the unanimous finding of the meeting. Prize money was then paid over. Election of office-bearers resulted in unanimous re-election. Three new members proposed and admitted, namely, Messrs. G. Yule, W. Gillies (25, Clerk Street.), and T. Carmichael.—W. B. Smart, Sec.

BANKFOOT AND DIST. C.B.S.

At a meeting of the management committee, it was decided to hold a whist drive and dance on Jan. 17th, 1912. This is instead of the tea and concert and prize distribution previously arranged for this date. The prize distribution will be held in connection with a dinner and social evening on Jan. 16th. The former will be held at Brayshaw's Assembly Rooms (tickets, 9d. each); whist drive to commence at 7, and dancing to continue until 11 p.m. It is to be hoped all members will do their best to be present at our members' show on Nov. 25th, when supplies of tickets may be had. I understand numerous applications have been made. In addition to our already long list of specials, numerous others have been added, and three of these are to be competed for at this show. A 3s. 6d. special will be given for best average. Several of our members will be enlightened when they know that up to the present a competitor with only five points to his credit, is leading for most points in the vhe, he, c, section, and for which prizes of 10s., 5s., and 2s. 6d. are to be given. At our next meeting, Nov. 28th, a pair class and judging competition will be held; no entry fees; cash prizes and other specials by Messrs. J. Taylor, W. Ketteringham, and J. Smith. Similar competitions in the past have always been successful, and all that remains to make this occasion a huge success is for members to turn up with a few of the best pairs they intend breeding from (remember, no entry fee is charged). Various opinions are sure to be passed. We are likely to pick up valuable information. A hearty welcome given all fanciers and friends.—F. Geider, Sec.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column, a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager. Under the rules of the C.B. Union.

England.

Nov. 24 & 25.—**Doncaster.**—(G. Beesoby, 26, Duke Street.) J.C.B., J.M.
Nov. 24 & 25.—**Great Harwood.**—(W. T. Mattinson, 32, Orchard Street.) H.W.B. and A.W.
Nov. 24 and 25.—**Hinckley.**—(H. Ridgway, Priesthills Road).
Nov. 24, 25, 27.—**L.C.B.A.**—(Mugford and Tyson, 1, Strathearn rd., Wimbledon, S.W.)
Nov. 25.—**Cramlington.**—(J. R. Chestney, Quarry Cottage). A.B., H.S.
Nov. 25 and 27.—**Ilkeston**—(T. Smith, 5, King Street). J.C.B.
Nov. 28.—**Launceston.**—(N. H. Reed.)
Nov. 29.—**Windsor.**—(E. A. Stickland, 36, Alma Rd.).
Nov. 30.—**Grantham.**—(W. E. Allen, 119, Alexandra road.)
*Dec. 1 and 2.—**Lancaster Primrose C.B.A.** (J. Johnson, 45, Perth-st.) W.M., S.M.
Dec. 2 & 4.—**Derby.**—(W. Stevens, 58, Olivier st.). J.R., R.R.
Dec. 5.—**Stratford on-Avon.**—(R. W. Ingram, 15, Scholar's Lane.)
Dec. 5 & 6.—**Tonbridge.**—(P Stonestreet, 102, Hadlow Rd.)
Dec. 7.—**Newport and Dist.** (J. Hammett, 56, Millman-st., Newport, Mon.) J.R.
Dec. 8 & 9.—**Bradford National.**—(H. Hill, 15, Settle Terrace, Thornton Lane, Little Horton).
Dec. 8 and 9.—**Gateshead.**—(A. Holden, 5, Cramer Street.) J. R., J.B.R., J.B., J.F.D.
Dec. 8 & 9.—**Runcorn.**—(T. P. Baxter, 103, Greenaway Rd.). A.W.
Dec. 9.—**Sheffield and Dis. C.B.S.**—(A. Hobson, 66, Langsett Av.). W.A.C., J.C.B.
Dec. 14.—**Frome.**—King and Yeo, 9, Catherine Hill. J.R.
Dec. 15 & 16.—**Blackburn.**—(J. Cook, 6, Charlotte St.).
Dec. 16.—**Yarm, Eaglescliffe.**—(T. Wilson, High Street.) W.M., F.M.
Jan. 6.—**Guisborough Priory.**—(S. H. Lambert, 35, Cleveland St., H.W.B.).
Feb. 2, 3, 5, 6.—**Great National** (Crystal Palace). (J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Ave., Brixton, S.W.)

Scotland.

Nov. 23.—**Lockerbie.**—(H. Davidson, Royal Hotel.) J.F.D.
Nov. 25.—**City of Dundee.**—(A. Miller, 3, Park Ave.) J.Y., W.H., J.See., J.Stn., T.A., R.V.R.
Dec. 2.—**Blairgowrie** (M. Irvine, 17, Brown Street) J.F.D.
Dec. 2.—**Cupar.**—(D. J. Bruce, Mount Pleasant.) W.Tn., W.Gn., A.W.W.
Dec. 2.—**Galston** (A. Frew, 26, Duke Street).
Dec. 2.—**Whitburn.**—(T. Duncan, 9, West Main Street.) J.W.B., J.Bp.
Dec. 9.—**Kilsyth.**—(A. D. Duncan, "Chronicle" office)
Dec. 16.—**Broxburn.**—(W. McLaren, Church Street.) J. McLn., G.Sfc., J.Tn., J.M., J.Sn.
Dec. 30 and Jan. 1, 1912.—**Scottish National** (A. W. Watson 58, Colinton Road, Edinburgh.)
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Jan. 1 & 2.—**Paisley C.A.**—(W. Lambie, 25, Caledonia Street.)
Jan. 2 & 3.—**Glasgow C.B.A.**—(F. Bowman, 5, Parkview, Tollcross.). W.B.M., J.Cg., J.W.B., L.J.A., A.C.
Jan. 6.—**Crieff.**—(Cameron and Watt, Cameron Bdgs.)

Wales.

Nov. 28.—**Llanelly.**—(D. John, 9, Pottery Place). H.N., J.H.R.
Nov. 30.—**Pentrebach.**—(A. E. Brown, 66, Clare St., Merthyr Tydfil.) T.L.C.

Ireland.

Dec. 1 & 2.—**Ulster O.A.**—(R. Trimble, 11, Waring Street, Belfast.) D.B., R.T., G.M.
Dec. 7 & 8.—**Larne.**—(T. Mayne, 55, Barnhill) H.W.B.

ILFORD AND DISTRICT F. & F.S.

Adjourned special general meeting, held White Horse Hotel, Nov. 7th, Mr. E. Oakes in chair. Schedule for annual show drawn up. Mr. G. Gardner was chosen to judge cage birds, etc., section. Entry fee, cage birds, 6d.; selling classes, 6d. Decided, not to have breeding pens on account of the space at hall. Further special prizes promised by members present; the list is now getting quite lengthy. New members elected: Mrs. Fowler (Chadwell Heath); and Messrs. C. E. Small (Ilford), P. R. Barton (Ilford), and F. Fox (Forest Gate). Next general meeting, White Horse Hotel, 8, Nov. 21st. Members joining at once eligible to compete at annual show.—J. H. Priestman, Hon. Sec.

NORTH YORKS. AND SOUTH DURHAM FEDERATION OF C.B.S.

The following are the points gained by the federated societies up to Stockton show. There are two trophies in competition, one for Canaries and one for Mules, British and Foreign. Points to be averaged according to membership:—

	Members.	Points at Middlesbro.	W. Hartlepool Show.	Stockton Show.
Stockton	22	Can. 39, Brit. 72	C. 57, B. 135	C. 59, B. 140
Guisborough	15	„ 48 „ 8	„ 30 „ 8	„ 30 „ 38
Middlesbro	17	„ 71 „ 21	„ 53 „ 5	„ 96 „ 20
Darlington	24	„ 0 „ 9	„ 0 „ 0	„ 0 „ 16
W. Hartlep'l	18	„ 18 „ 2	„ 43 „ 0	„ 15 „ 1
Yarm	15	„ 0 „ 3	„ 0 „ 0	„ 0 „ 6

The fanciers in the above societies would be pleased if a few more societies in the district would join us. The trophies will only be competed for at shows in the Federation. Subs., 1s. each society per year, with a donation (for the first year only) of 10s. to the trophy fund. Subs. and donations may be sent to the treasurer, Mr. E. Woodhead, The Elms, West Hartlepool. Any further particulars or suggestions to make write W. Nicholson, 6, Weardale Place, Stockton-on-Tees.

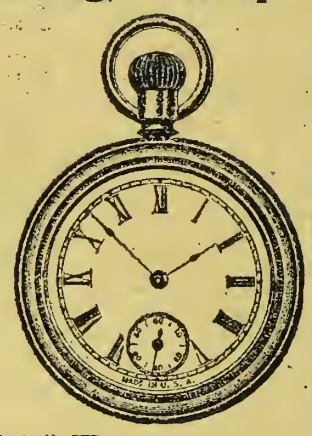
SOUTH BIRMINGHAM O.S.

Meeting held Nov. 8, Sydenham Hotel, Small Heath. Chair, Mr. Willmott, supported by the vice-chairman, Mr. J. Hughes. A good muster of members were present, and many more dropped in after the closing of West Bromwich show. A very heavy agenda was gone through connected with our members' show, Dec. 26th. Stewards: Messrs. Stevenson, Berry, Twist, and J. Hughes, were elected to help the show manager, Mr. J. Wright. List of specials closed at 2, including many choice and valuable gifts, which will be allotted as requested. The chairman makes a special appeal to members to be present at the opening, so as to give our president good support; he also hopes members will take many tickets, which are now on sale, and can be had from the secretary. Mr. Baldwin was proposed a member and accepted; this makes 41 on the books, and it is interesting to note that new members have been made every month since the society was founded. Well done members! A very hearty welcome to those who will send their names for meeting in December, and all joining then will be entitled to show.—J. Sheppard, Sec.

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Under the White Rose.

BRADFORD EAST O.S. had a good members' show last Tuesday week, over 150 birds being staged, and some good ones amongst them. Many of the classes would not have disgraced an open show for either quality or quantity, and they provided the two judges with a stiff evening's work, gaslight judging being rather difficult. This society and Bradford City are going strong on their members' shows, and run pretty close together in regard to the numbers they put down.

WINDHILL Open Show, held Saturday last, did not prove quite the success they deserved, and it will prove a financial loss to the society. Also, what is more, it is one of a succession of failures, sure in time to damp the ardour of even such enthusiastic fanciers as they are at Windhill.

THE schedule of the Cinderella Club Show is now in the hands of fanciers, and it will be seen what all the meetings have been about: and all will agree that such a schedule for such a show requires a lot of arranging. Twelve judges are engaged to officiate, and each will have about seven classes, this being arranged so that the judging will be over in good time for the opening ceremony, which takes place at one o'clock by Mr. Percy Illingworth, M.P., and he has Ald. Davis Wade, J.P., for his chairman; then on the Saturday the opening ceremony will take place at three o'clock, the Lord Mayor of Bradford (Ald. J. B. Moorhouse, J.P.) officiating, the chairman being the ex-Lord Mayor, Councillor Jacob Moser—truly a good backing. The schedule is a most comprehensive one, and caters for more varieties and gives a bigger classification (84) than any show ever attempted before in Bradford or in the West Riding. Any fancier not having received a schedule can have one by applying to the sec., Mr. H. Hill, 15, Settle Terrace, Thornton Lane, Little Horton, Bradford.

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As winter advances, brown and faded are the few leaves that linger on the graceful birches, while the foliage of the oaks and beeches is rapidly being thinned by the autumn gales. Even the hedgerows are thinner; but here and there gay festoons of fiery brambles catch the eye. This season the berry harvest is heavier than usual, and privet, hips and haws, and plump berries of the mountain ash hang in clusters, inviting our visitors from the North to partake of such succulent fare. The woodland birds, who all the summer have found ample shelter in the thickly interlaced branches and underwood of the copse, are now visible to the least observant of wayfarers. During the winter many of our resident birds repair to the woods to seek shelter and food. There it is much warmer than in the open, and nuts, berries and seeds of all kinds are to be found, mostly along the outskirts or a little way inside. The majority of our birds move from place to place according to the season, and may sometimes be found out in the open or buried in the deep shade of the leafy woods. The bright winged Jay is a pretty good example of a woodland bird, he looks upon a wood as his home and fortress, and seldom wanders far from the shelter. In early autumn he will occasionally raid the nearest cornfield, but upon the least suspicion of danger he is back again to his safe retreat. This is as good a time as any to see him in his native haunts. He is now noisy and garrulous, and although wary and suspicious, is not so difficult to approach. The best plan is to pretend not to take notice of him, and he will allow a fairly near view. He is a handsome fellow. It is only during the winter months that one can manage to study the ways of such "hide and seek" birds as the Nuthatch and Tree Creeper and the Woodpeckers. The Finches, different kinds of Tits, and their near relative the Gold Crest, will most likely be met with, particularly in woods containing a few pines and larches.

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ROUND THE SHOWS.

GOOLE.

At this fixture held November 16th, cage birds made but a moderate show, all but two classes being cancelled. The entries have dwindled down to such an extent that the committee will no doubt cut out the section another year. The poor response is doubtless due to the market hall being unsuitable for cage birds at this season of the year. The two classes filled well. Mr. T. J. Ambrose judged. Mr. A. Roberts, the secretary, had everything well in hand.

YORKS. (13): 1, 2, Whildrake, tkd. buff leading, beautiful quality, nice feather and position, 2 loses only in quality, good shape and position; 3, Drake, yellow, nice shape, well on leg, loses only in length; 4, no name; r, Barrett; vhc, Brown, Halliday, latter appeared thick and dull, or might have done better; vhc, Prentice; hc, Halanby. CAN., BRED 1911 (8): 1, Wheldrake, nice upstanding Yorkie; 2, Brown, nice Yorks.; 3, Barrett, Yorks., good length, loses only in shape and position; 4, Baxby, nice Crest; vhc, Halanby; c, Banfield; No. 1 absent.

LEATHERHEAD.

Leatherhead F.A. 17th members' show held 22nd November, in the spacious Victoria Hall. The cage bird section was not over large, as the membership is rather wide spread, and other shows were being held about the same time. The collection consisted of Nor., Yorks., Hybrids and Brit., and a few Foreigners. Mr. Wade staged a couple of good Nor., and Messrs. Edgington and French accounted for the prizes in the Yorks. ck. class. Mr. Dancer showed a very typical buff hen. Mr. Wade staged a lovely Wagtail, which was an easy first, also a good Whydah. The children's class contained two or three very nice pets. Mr. A. C. Otway is secretary and makes a capable show manager. Messrs. Dancer, French, Kingsnorth and Potter represent the cage bird section on the committee. Mr. G. H. Billett judged. NOR.: 1, 2, Wade. YORK., CK.: 1, 3, Edgington; 2, French; hc, Dancer. HEN: 1, Dancer; r, Edgington; hc, French. BRIT.: 1, 2, Wade; 3, Kingsnorth. A.O.V.: 1, 3, hc, Wade. HYB.: 1, Potter; r, Kingsnorth. CHILDREN: 1, Winnie Dancer; 2, Albert Northwood; 3, Nora Moses; vhc, Bert Bullen.

LEITH JUBILEE O.S.

Leith Jubilee O.S. 24th annual club show of Scotch Fancy Canaries held Kinnaird's Hall, Kirkgate, Nov. 4. Entries exceeded those of last year by a big margin. The quality of the birds also showed a great improvement. The exceptionally good season was instrumental towards both results. A new plan for the staging of the birds was adopted with great success, and to all appearance great interest to members of local clubs present. This is a patent of Mr. J. McGregor's, the whole framework being bolted together and therefore easily adjusted without damage. The show was a very great success Mr. D. McEacheron (president) and Mr. J. Sinclair (secretary) had a really fine display of special prizes arranged on either side of their handsome challenge cup, which was suitably presented by Bailie Pennell. Mr. P. Bain was fortunate in not only winning the cup with his buff hen, but in being runner-up with his yellow hen. Judges, Messrs. J. Carlow and W. McAdam.

YELL., CK.: 1, Stavert; 2, Brown; 3, Sinclair. YELL. PIED: 1, Sinclair; 2, Stavert; 3, Hastie. YELL. FOUL: 1, Pennycuick; 2, Sinclair; 3, Farrell. YELL. GREEN: 1, Brown; 2, Robertson. BUFF: 1, 3, Hastie; 2, Farrell. BUFF PIED: 1, 3, Robertson; 2, Crawford. BUFF FOUL: 1, Brown; 2, 3, Pennycuick. BUFF GREEN: 1, Pennycuick; 2, Sinclair; 3, Crawford. YELL. HEN: 1, Bain; 2, Petrie; 3, Brown. YELL. PIED: 1, Sinclair; 2, Farrell; 3, Robertson. YELL. FOUL: 1, Hastie. BUFF HEN: 1, Bain; 2, McEachern; 3, Sinclair. BUFF PIED: 1, Petrie; 2, Stavert; 3, Farrell. BUFF FOUL: 1, Farrell; 2, Hastie; 3, Graham. BUFF GREEN: 1, Hastie; 2, Pennycuick; 3, Robertson. OLD. CK.: 1, Graham; 2, 3, Petrie. HEN: 1, Graham; 2, Stavert; 3, Brown.

SWANLEY.

A very nice show was that of the Swanley F.F.A., which was held on November 22nd. The quality generally was good, whilst Norwich and British were really excellent. Mr. Colyer and his committee had all the arrangements in good order, and although owing to the large pigeon entry the space was somewhat cramped, displayed the cage birds to the best advantage. Mr. C. A. House judged.

The Critique.

NOR. CL. (8): 1, c, Ramsden's spl. Lovegrove and Lovegrove, lovely yell., rare col., shape, and quality; 2, Pittis, neat, close feathered, nice coloured buff; 3, Ellis, rare bodied yell., trifle browy; res, Morris; vhc, Hills; hc, Males. HEN (6): 1, Morris, a topping buff, full of quality, rare shape; 2, Lovegrove and Lovegrove, nice shape and style, not so tight; 3, Ellis, neat, shapely body, finer in head; res, Peck; vhc, Males. TKD. (10): 1, 2, Morris, noted yell. grizzle capped and neck tkd. buff, two beauties for type and col., neat feather; 3, Gunnell, grand shape and style, close up; res, Ellis; vhc, Peck; hc, Jupe; c, Wickham. HEN (3): 1, Morris, cap mkd. yell., just a little beauty; 2, Inglis, varieg. buff, nice shape, close feather; 3, Ellis, varieg, yell, good shape, not so tight. BRED 1911, CLY. (6): 1, Lovegrove and Lovegrove, lovely quality yell., rare shape and col.; 2, Ellis, smart, typical, nicely feathered buff; 3, Morris, good bodied buff, loses in head; res, vhc, Jupe; hc, Hill. HEN (4): 1, Morris, rare shaped buff; 2, Ellis, another grand bodied buff; 3, Pittis, buff, not so tight; res, Lovegrove and Lovegrove. TKD. (3): 1, Ellis, good shaped tkd. headed buff; 2, Peck, nice stylish varieg. buff, loses in col.; 3, Wickham. HEN (3): 1, Lees, bonnie yell., rare shape and col.; 2, Morris, nice shapely varieg. buff; 3, Ellis, loses in tightness of feather, nice shape. LOCAL (3): 1, 2, 3, spl. Peck, nice typical trio of good quality. YORKS CL. (5): 1, Pittis, long stylish, neat feathered yell.; 2, No. 4, no name, neat shapely, close feathered buff; 3, Britton, yell., short, good style and feather; res, Monday; vhc, Mole. TKD. (7): 1, Williams, neat head, good shoulders, wings, and tail, very showy, nice feather; 2, No. 4, no name, very smart, racy, neck tkd. yell.; 3, Olive, nice shape and carriage, not so tight in front; res, Mole; vhc, Pittis; hc, Shiers. BRED 1911 (7): 1, Williams, very neat slim yell., grand wings and tail, full of style; 2, Atkins, nice head, good wings, bit open in tail; 3, Briton, small neat buff; res, Mole; vhc, Dickins; hc, Olive. HEN (6): 1, Beresford, nice, stylish, fine feathered yell.; 2, Atkins, grand shaped buff, shorter; 3, res, Shiers, pretty little yell., not so tight in front; vhc, Mole. TKD. (8): 1, Pilcher, neck tkd. ll., good length and carriage, nice shape; 2, Mole, varieg. buff, close feather, nice wings and tail; 3, Atkins, yell., neat shape, loses in length; res, vhc, Shiers; hc, Dickens. LOCAL (3): 1, 2, 3, Shiers, nice lengthy trio, leader wins Hyde's spl. BORD. (7): 1, 3, res, Shiers, lovely buff and an eye and wing mkd. buff, lovely style, shape and feather; 2, vhc, Wood, very pretty wing tkd. yell., grand style; hc, Cnlham. CREST (2): 1, Arthurs, nice shape and radiation, good droop.; 2, Miss Brown. C.-B. (2): 1, Arthurs, massive, beavily feathered, good shaped green; 2, Miss Brown, clear, plenty of feather, not so massive. NOVICE (7): 1, Beresford, neat Yorkie; 2, Little, useful Nor.; 3, res, Rook; vhc, Colyer; hc, Mrs. Chapple. SELL. (10s.) (4): 1, Mole; 2, Hills; 3, Arthurs. PAIRS (21s.) (3): 1, Hills; 2, Ingles; 3, Peek. GIFT (2): 1, Shiers. BRIT. GOLD (7): 1, Jupe, a beauty, full of colour, rare blaze, bars and buttons; 2, Herbert, lovely col., nice shape, not so fit; 3, Lovett, capital col. and shape, not so large in blaze; res, Wickham; vhc, Marsh; hc, Mortlock; c, Henderson. BULL (7): 1, Hinds, a beauty, rare col., grand shape and feather; 2, Wickham, lovely feather, capital shape, not so rich; 3, Wren, good shape and col., not so steady; res, Marshall; hc, Gunnell; No. 6, Ackland, a grand fine, very soft, GREENFINCH (5): 1, Gunnell, rare shape, size, and col.; 2, Cadman Bros., plenty of size, not so bright; 3, res, vhc, Shiers, not so large, good col and feather. LINNET (7): 1, Jupe, grand col., rare feather, well mkd.; 2, Peck, rich col., nicely mkd., not so large; 3, Webb, nicely mkd., not so rich in col.; res, Smith; vhc, Ackland; hc, Gunnell. REDPOLL, ETC. (4): 1, res, Pankhurst, good shaped, yell. mkd. Mealy; 2, Gunnell, rare shaped, large, well mkd. Siskin; 3, Ackland, another very fine Redpoll. MULE (8): 1, Lees, noted light Linnet; 2, 3, res, Lamb, Linnet-Bullfinch, Canary-Bullie, and varieg. yell., all well known and in good form; vhc, Locke; hc, Smith; c, Gunnell. A.O.V. HARDBILL (6): 1, 3, Cadman Bros., lovely Yellow Bunting and Chaffie, two grand birds, full of col. and well mkd.; 2, Wren, grandly mkd. Chaff, rare chest and head; res, Mortlock; vhc, Monday; hc, Smith. SOFTBILL (4): 1, 2, spl, Levett, noted Chough and Thrush, in lovely fettle; 3, Webb, very fine Missel Thrush. SELL. (10s.) (3): 1, Locke; 2, Webb. FOR. SMALL: 1, Levett, noted Blue Tanager; 2, Beresford, pretty pair of Cordon Bleus. LARGE (2): 1, Levett; 2, Mrs. Rayner.

MAIDENHEAD.

Show held Nov. 1, in the Drill Hall, which is a nice place for a fixture of this kind. Mr. E. A. Bristow, the secretary, had matters well in hand, and the management throughout was tip-top. Mr. G. H. Billett judged.

NOR. CL. (11): 1, Saunders; 2, 3, 4, Lovegrove and Lovegrove; vhc, Lewin; hc, Miss Sawyer, Rice. TKD., ETC. (7): 1, 2, Saunders; 3, Lees; 4, Stroud; hc, Wood. YORKS., CL. (12): 1, sp, best Can., 3, Turner; 2, Stroud; 4, Aris; vhc, Bousfield, Stroud, Mole; hc, Goldsmith. TKD., ETC. (5): 1, Turner; 2, Bonsfield; 3, Goldsmith; 4, Aris; hc, Mole. BRIT. (7): 1, 3, Levett; 2, vhc, hc, Lund; 4, Wood. FOR. (13): 1, 2, 3, Levett; ex 3, French; 4, hc, Cox. ex. 4, vhc, Miss Whittam; vhc, Miss Kyle.

BRIGHTON.

Brighton F.A. show held in the Town Hall, Hove, November 22nd and 23rd. The entry was rather poor, but shortness of entries was made up for in quality, which was grand, especially in Nor. and Yorks. Clashing with several shows in the South no doubt accounts for the entry being small. Mr. Easterling judged, and his awards seemed to please all. Mr. W. J. Donne deserves praise for his able secretarial management, and we hope he will another year be favoured with a larger entry in the cage bird section.

The Critique.

NOR., CL., ETC.: 1, c, Terry, grand shapely cl. buff, rare type and quality; 2, vhc, Ellis, bouncing cl. yell., nice cobby body, good head and neck; 3, Frost, cap marked buff, rare body, just a little weak in head; hc, Miles. VARIEG., ETC.: 1, spl., Terry, grand typical varieg. yell., good type and quality; 2, Miles, wing mkd. buff, good substance, nice type and quality; 3, hc, Ellis, bonny buff, loses just a little in substance; vhc, Miles; c, Frost. NOVICE, NOR.: 1, spl., vhc, Little, bonny cl. yell., rare quality and col.; 2, hc, c, Small, bouncing buff, loses only in quality. YORKS. CL. ETC.: 1, spl., c, Rogers, bonny cl.-buff, teeming with quality, beautiful style; 2, Mrs. Parish, lovely cl. yell., just a little down in col., good length and style; 3, vhc, Frost, neck tkd. yell., beautiful quality, well shown; hc, Brooks. VARIEG., ETC.: 1, spl., cup and 2, Rogers, bonny check-mkd. yell., full of style, beautiful wings and tail, wins well, 2 loses in style only, nice one; 3, vhc, c, Atkins, bonny buff; hc, Britton. NOVICE, YORK.: 1, spl., 3, Skinner, winner nice cl., rare length, fine type and quality, 3 similar in type, crosses wings a bit at times; 2, vhc, Mrs. Chadwick, bonny neck mkd. buff, loses only in length a trifle; hc, Redwood; c, Lapper. CREST OR C.B.: 1, spl., vhc, Gravett, heavily varieg. crest, leading, real Crest, beautiful drop and centre; 2, Gale, wing mkd. dark crest, loses in crest only, rare size. MEMBERS, CAN.: 1, Swaysland, bonny Belg., good shoulders and style; 2, vhc, hc, Rogers, nice cl. yell. Yorkie leading; c, Frost. GOLDFINCH: 1, spl., Buckingham, grand Finch, in tip-top form, rare blaze, nice buttons, well tanned; 3, Cadman Bros., extra large Finch, loses in col. only to winner; vhc, Grunnell; hc, Gibbs; c, Foot. BULLFINCH: 1, spl., Newman, large nice Finch; 2, Cadman Bros., grand Finch, rare cap, nice wing bars, some thought might have won; vhc, Lapper; hc, Tindal, W. Atkinson; c, Fellows. A.O.S. BRIT: 1, spl., 3, Buckingham, winner Bearded Tit, one of the best we have seen for some time, feather like wax, easy win, 3 Redpoll, rare col., beautifully laced, rare bib; 2, Dr. Thwaites, Nightingale, not in the best of form to-day; vhc, c, Grunnell; c, Swaysland. FOR.: 1, spl., Buckingham, pair of Diamond Sparrows, in faultless condition; 2, Dr. Thwaites, pair Pin-tailed Nonparcils, rare col. and condition; 3, Byng Girand, Red-eared Bulbul, in nice condition.

Kindly accept my warmest thanks for the very pleasant surprise I had when I received my CAGE BIRDS, of Oct. 28 by finding depicted on the front cover my unflighted yellow Norwich hen, who won 1st and special in a class of 24 birds at the recent Plymouth Show, where she made her debut. I congratulate your artist on executing such a lifelike production. She is bred from double yellows, and comes from the same nest as the notorious Batheaston winner, who makes his first appearance in his new jacket at Cheltenham Show this week.—F. L. Follwell (Bath).

WREXHAM.

Wrexham and Dist. C.B.S. 5th annual show held Nov. 11th, Assembly Rooms, High Street. It proved a very successful event, both for entries and financially. The exhibits were first-class, and competition was strong. The room is well adapted for the purpose, being central and convenient. The Roller singing contest was a great attraction, and the judge, Mr. T. Ellis Chester had his work cut out in making his awards, which gave entire satisfactinn. Mr. J. Salisbury judged Nor., Yorks, and Brit., his awards giving the same satisfaction. The committee worked together splendidly and thanks are due to the Hon. Sec. (Mr. B. Bennett) for the manner in which he carried out his task. Ramsden's medal was won by Mr. R. Parry, Rhos.

The Awards.

Nor. CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, vhc, F. Bennett; 3, R. Bennett. BUFF: 1, 2, R. Parry; 3, Davies; vhc, Hammond; hc, B. Bennett; c, Bennett. MKD. YELL. 1, Hammond; 2, Sharman. BUFF: 1, 2, B. Bennett; 3, vhc, F. Bennett. YELL. HEN: 1, F. Bennett; 2, R. Parry; 3, vhc, B. Bennett; hc, Sharman. BUFF: 1, B. Bennett; 2, vhc Hammond; 3, Davies; hc, Sharman. YELL. UNFLIG.: 1, Heywood; 2, Pickup. BUFF: 1, B. Bennett; 2, Haywood; 3, Woodfine; vhc, Pickup. HEN: 1, B. Bennett; 2, Sharman; 3, Woodfine. YORKS. YELL. CL., ETC.: 1, 2, 3, Parry; vhc, F. Bennett. BUFF: 1, 3, R. Parry; 2, vhc, F. Bennett. MKD. YELL.: 1, 2, Parry. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Parry; vhc, Cooper; hc, F. Bennett; c, Dunn. BUFF: 1, 2, vhc, Parry; 3, Cooper. YELL. UNFLIG.: 1, 2, Parry; 3, Dunn. BUFF: 1, F. C. Parker; 2, 3, Parry. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Parry; vhc, Parker; hc, Dunn. GOLDFINCH: 1, 3, Parry; 2, Elliott; vhc, Pickup. LINNET: 1, 2, Davies. MULE: 1, Parry; 2, 3, Roberts. ROLLER SINGING ADULT: 1, hc, Roberts; 2, Morris; 3, Evans; vhc, c, Elliott. YOUNG: 1, 3, vhc, Morris; 2, Roberts; hc, Walden.

WOOLSTON (Hants).

Held Nov. 22 and 23, Rechabite Hall. Entries in cage birds came up poorly, although a great increase on last year's. Several classes were cancelled, and others amalgamated. The cage birds had a small room to themselves, and were nicely arranged. Mr. Bowker judged, and appeared to give satisfaction.

NOR. (2): 1, Brown; 2, Tomes, winner best in shape, good exhibits. YORKS. YELL., VARIEG. AND BUFF (4): 1, 2, 3, Etheridge, winner nice cl. buff, shown in a box cage, which spoilt its appearance; 2nd nice quality, loses in length only; 3rd mkd. buff, too stout; vhc, Hurdy. YORKS. (6): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Etheridge, winner thigh ticked yell., nice quality, carries wings badly at times, 2 nice lengthy cl., 3rd smart yell. hen, some thought might have won; r, Levy; hc, Knight. CREST (2): 1, Pride, nice Crest; 2, Tomes, C.-B., some considered should have been wrong classed, nice bird. NOVICE CAN. (9): 1, r, Etheridge, smart Yorks.; 2, Tomes, very good C.B.; 3, Snowden, another nice Yorks.; vhc, Hullum; hc, Daniel; c, Roberts. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (5): 1, Levy, smart all-round Finch; 2, 3, White, rather smaller in blaze, otherwise equal; r, White. BULLFINCH (4): 1, Levy; 2, 3, White, all nice birds, not much between them; r, Welch. LINNET, ETC. (8): 1, 2, White, nice Redpoll leading, 2nd smart Linnet, good col. and pencilling; 3, Levy, another Linnet, a trifle smaller than 2nd, but as good in other respects; r, Knight; vhc, White. A.O.S. (3): 1, Welch, nice Nightingale; 2, Shepperd, hen Crossbill, good one. MULES (7): 1, Smith, Goldfinch Can., well shown; 2, Levy, Linnet Can., some thought might have won, both good; 3, Smith, another nice Goldfinch Can.; r, Toomer. MEMBERS'.—NOR. (6): 1, 3, vhc, Adams; 2, r, Smith; hc, White. YORKS. (8): 1, 2, Levy; 3, hc, Etheridge. COL. FED. (6): 1, 2, 3, r, Adams; vhc, Knight; hc, White. TKD., ETC., COL.-FED (7): 1, 3, Yates; 2, vhc, Adams; hc, Knight. These classes contained many smart birds, which would have done credit to themselves in the open.

PONTARDULAIS.

Third annual show of the Pontardulais P.P. and C.B.S. held Nov. 15th, Public Hall. Our section was staged on the platform, which was quite free from draughts, but the light was rather bad. Judging by the way the show was patronised it is a pity the society cannot find a larger hall, as several times it was almost impossible for one to move. Our section turned up strongly, and some really good birds were staged. The secretary, Mr. L. Idwal Morris, and his assistant, Mr. J. J. Hill, were both very courteous officials, and had everything well in hand. Mr. T. Morris (Garnant) judged.

The Critique.

YORKS. (12): 1, 2, 3, Steer, leader cl. yell., good position, well up on leg; 2nd, cl. buff, neat head and neck, well braced wings, good style and position; 3rd, cl. buff, another good one, nice shape, slimly built; vhc, Harry; hc, Phillips; c, Thomas. NOR. (7): 1, Holborrow, cl. buff, lovely quality feather, good back wings and tail, full head; 2, vhc, Fowler, cl. yell., nice type, good head and neck, well packed wings and tail; 3, hc, c, Mrs. E. Davies, yell., good quality and col., nice type. BORD. FCY. (8): 1, Harris, cl. buff, good well-filled neck and back, nicely carried wings, grand quality; 2, Evans, varieg. yell., close 3rd, good head and neck, nicely braced wings, shown in superb condition; 3, Thomas, cl. yell., very jaunty, nice head and neck, good col. and condition; vhc, hc, c, Morris. A.O.V.: Cancelled. GOLDIE, ETC. (13): A splendid class; some really excellent Bullies being staged; 1, Jones, Swansea winning Bullfinch, good col. and condition, lovely cap and bars; 2, Ray, Goldie, well known, good square blaze, grand tans, bars, and buttons, shown in faultless condition; 3, Holborrow, Cardiff winning Bullie, one of the best type Bullies we have seen this year, grand quality; vhc, Gate; hc, Evans; c, Davies. MULE OR HYB. (5): 1, 2, Davies, light Goldie Mule leading, well known, in first-class condition, latter Goldie-Bullie, good blaze, size, col., and quality; 3, Mrs. E. Davies, heavily varieg. Goldie, good quality and condition, some preferred; hc, Holborrow, Goldie-Greenie, not one of the largest, but a topper for quality and condition; vhc, Thomas. LINNET, ETC.: 1, Jenkins, Linnet, good col., size and condition, some thought should have given way to 2, Poyer, Linnet, grandly laced, good size, shape, col., and condition; 3, Holborrow, Redpoll, nice size, good col., condition, and lacing; vhc, Jones; hc, c, Sampson. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, 2, 3, Ray, grand team, Waxwing leading, feathered to perfection, well staged, wins; 2, 3, Hawfinches, grand col., quality, size, and condition; vhc, c, E. M. Evans; hc, S. Jones. FOR. (5): 1, H. S. Davies, well-known King Parrot, in faultless condition; 2, Hughes, Superb Tanager, Swansea winner, beautiful feather, well shown; 3, Williams, good sized, well condition Grey Parrot; vhc, B. J. Thomas; hc, D. J. Thomas. GIFT; 1, Sampson, nice Border Fancy Canary.

PAISLEY (Combined).

27th annual show of the Scotch Fancy Canary Clubs of Paisley (the Old, the Burgh, and the Tannahill), held Nov. 4th, Co-operative Hall, Causeyside St. The amalgamation prizes were won by Mr. J. Fulton, of the Tannahill Club, 1st; Mr. A. Ferguson, also of the Tannahill Club, 2nd; and Mr. J. Paterson, of the Old Club, 3rd. A large number of the public visited the show during the day. OLD CLUB: Judges, Messrs. J. Smith (Govan) and J. Hannah (Dumfries). Awards:—YELL. CK.: 1, Slater; 2, Siddons; 3, 4, Neil O'Donnell. BUFF: 1, Little; 2, D. Kennedy; 3, O'Donnell; 4, J. Kennedy. YELL. PIED: 1, Little; 2, 3, Moore. BUFF: 1, O'Donnell; 2, J. Struthers; 3, Little; 4, D. Kennedy. FOUL: 1, Paterson; 2, H. Moore; 3, Slater; 4, Little. GREEN: 1, H. Moore; 2, Slater; 3, Struthers. YELL. HENS: 1, 3, O'Donnell; 2, Siddons; 4, H. Moore. BUFF: 1, Siddons; 2, D. Kennedy; 3, Paterson; 4, H. Moore. YELL. PIED: 1, O'Donnell; 2, H. Moore; 3, J. Kennedy; 4, Siddons. BUFF: 1, H. Moore; 2, Little; 3, O'Donnell; 4, Paterson. FOUL: 1, O'Donnell; 2, 4, H. Moore; 3, Slater. GREEN: 1, 2, Little; 3, H. Moore. Club specials.—Best bird, J. Paterson; 2nd and 5th, Neil O'Donnell; 3rd, Slater; 4th, H. Siddons; 6th, J. Struthers; 7th, 8th, and 9th, J. Little; 10th and 11th, H. Moore; 12th, J. Kennedy.

BURGH CLUB:—Judges, Messrs. D. Caldwell (Ballleston) and J. Hunter (Irvine). YELL. CK.: 1, A. Kennedy. BUFF: 1, Smith; 2, Wham; 3, Thomson. YELL. HEN: 1, Price. BUFF: 1, Price; 2, Hair; 3, Thomson; 4, Baird. YELL. PIED CK.: 1, Wham. BUFF: 1, 2, Baird; 3, Wallace. YELL PIED HEN: 1, A. Kennedy; 2, Wallace. BUFF: 1, Hair; 2, J. Smith; 3, Thomson; 4, Baird. FOUL CK.: 1, 3, A. Kennedy. GREEN CK.: 1, Hair; 2, J. Smith. FOUL HEN: 1, Wham. GREEN: 1, Baird; 2, Hair, 3, Alex Baird. Club specials.—Best Bird and 2nd best, R. Price; 3rd, J. Smith; 4th and 6th, J. Hair; 5th and 7th, 8. Wham; 8th A. Kennedy.

TANNAHILL CLUB:—Judges, Messrs. Nisbet (Galston), R. Prentice (Clydebank), J. A. Stewart (Glasgow), and A. Somerville (Neilston). YELL. CK.: 1, W. Neil; 2, A. McDowall; 3, Ferguson; 4, Malcolm. BUFF: 1, Price; 2, 3, Fulton; 4, A. Ferguson. YELL. PIED CK.: 1, Forsyth; 2, Malcolm; 3, Livingstone; 4, Neil. BUFF: 1, Livingstone; 2, McDowall; 3, A. Ferguson; 4, Malcolm. FOUL: 1, A. Ferguson; 2, A. McDonald; 3, J. Moore; 4, J. Kennedy, junr. GREEN: 1, Fleming; 2, Fulton; 3, Neil; 4, McDowall. YELL. HEN: 1, 3, A. Ferguson; 2, Neil; 4, Fleming. BUFF: 1, Neil; 2, Malcolm; 3, McDonald; 4, Hamilton. YELL. PIED: 1, 2, Fulton; 3, Price; 4, Moore. BUFF: 1, 4, Fulton; 2, H. Lowell; 3, Price. FOUL: 1, Malcolm; 2, A. Ferguson; 3, Fleming; 4, J. Kennedy, junr. GREEN: 1, 2, Fulton; 3, J. Kennedy, junr.; 4, R. Neil. Club specials.—Cup winner, J. Fulton; 1, 13, and 14 specials, A. Ferguson; 2, 11, J. Price; 4, 5, 15, W. Neil; 6, 12, J. Malcolm; 7, 16, J. Fleming; 8, 9, 10, J. Fulton; 17, 18, J. Alston; 1st and 2nd novice, J. Alston.

EDINBURGH NORWICH AND M.B.S.

A capital lot of birds were got together at this society's 12th annual show, held November 18th, at the Buccleuch Parish Church Hall. Messrs. R. Martin, H. Bennett, and J. Pendrigh judged, their placings appearing to please all. Mr. Jas. Finnie (Sec. and Treas.) is a magnificent organiser and had everything, as usual, in capital order, assisted by Messrs. J. B. Cooper (Pres.), J. Holmes, J. Stormont, J. Charlton, and J. I. Mackie. The show was visited by a large number of friends and must be pronounced a success in every way.

The Awards.

NOR., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (21): 1, Nor. cup. sp., 2, sp., Smeaton; 3, Craig; 4, 5, sp., 8, Finnie; 6, Carson; 7, Stormont. BUFF (23): 1, 3, Craig; 2, 5, Holmes; 6, Smeaton; 4, Carson; 7, 8, Buglass. GRN., ETC., YELL. (8): 1, 6, Buglass; 2, Carson; 3, Holmes; 4, Smeaton; 5, Watson; 7, Thomson. BUFF (18): 1, 4, medal, Finnie; 2, Buglass; 3, Craig; 5, Smeaton; 6, sp., 8, Thomson; 7, Holmes. CL., ETC. YELL. HEN (13): 1, 8, Smeaton; 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, Craig. BUFF (15): 1, 21, Smeaton; 3, Craig; 4, 5, 6, 8, Holmes; 7, sp., Carson. GREEN, ETC., YELL. (13): 1, 6, 7, Craig; 2, 3, Finnie; 4, Stormont; 5, Thomson; 8, Holmes. BUFF (10): 1, Stormont; 2, Holmes; 3, 4, Thomson; 5, Watson; 6, Charlton. NON-FED HEN (8): 1, Holmes; 2, 5, Henderson; 3, Thomson; 6, Watson. YELL. CK., NOV. (3): 1, 2, Brash; 3, Hilson. BUFF (4): 1, 3, 4, 2 sps., Hilson; 2, Brash. YELL HEN (1): 1, Hilson. BUFF: 1, 2, 5, Brash; 3, 4, 6, Hilson. CREST CK. (6): 1, 2, 3, 2 sps., Cairns; 4, Henderson; 5, 6, Grant. HEN (4): 1, 4, Henderson; 2, 3, Cairns. C.B. CK. (3): 1, Cairns; 2, 3, Henderson. HEN: 1, 4, Henderson; 2, 3, Cairns. CREST, ETC., NOV. (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, Gilan. CINN. HEN: 1, sp., Finnie. NOR. CK., OLD: 1, Stormont; 2, Charlton. HEN: 1, 2, Buglass; 3, Hilson. BREEDING PAIRS: 1, Buglass; 2, Grant. BORD. FCY., CL., ETC. YELL. CK. (23): 1, 3, 5, 8, sp., Andrew; 2, Dods; 4, Easter; 6, 7, sp., Thomson. BUFF (25): 1, 4, sp., Dods; 2, Mackie; 3, Andrew; 4, 8, Welsh; 5, Easter; 6, 7, Windram. GRN., ETC. (15): 1, 4, 5, 2 sps., Buglass; 2, Holmes; 3, Dods; 6, 8, Windram; 7, Mackie. A.O.C. CK. (21): 1, 4, Dods; 2, 3, 6, 8, Andrew; 5, 8, Mackie; 7, Windram. CL., ETC., YELL HEN (23): 1, 6, 8, Andrew; 2, 5, sp., Finnie; 3, 7, Dods; 4, Mackie. BUFF (16): 1, Dods; 2, 3, Andrew; 4, Easter; 5, 8, Macklo; 6, Welsh; 7, Finnie. GRN., ETC. (14): 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Buglass; 6, 7, 8, Mackie. A.O.C. (18): 1, Dods; 2, Mackie; 3, Andrew; 4, 5, 7, sp., Welsh; 6, Finnie; 8, Holmes. YELL., NOV. (11): 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, sp., Watson; 4, 7, 8, Reuton. BUFF (10): 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, and 2 sps., Berry; 3, 7, Renton; 5, Holmes. BORD., CK., OLD (5): 1, Easter; 2, Welsh; 3, Windram; 4, Holmes; 5, Watson. HEN (2): 1, Windram; 2, Welsh. MULE, CL., ETC. (4): 1, Watson; 2, Carson; 3, Grant. A.O.V. MULE: 1, 3 sps., Finnie; 2, sp., Craig; 3, 4, Carson; 5, Watson. OLD (4): 1, Watson; 2, 4, Fraser; 3, Berry. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (7): 1, Wilson; 2, 5, Winter; 3, 4, Watson; 6, Mackie. LINNET: 1, Watson; 2, Mackie; 3, Craig; 4, Stormont; 5, 8, Grant; 6, Fraser; 7, Finnie. GREENFINCH (11): 1, Craig; 2, 8, Finnie; 3, 4, 6, Fraser; 5, 7, Winter. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, 3, Craig; 4, 7, Watson; 5, Frazer; 6, 8, Mackie; 2, Finnie. BULLFINCH HEN (6): 1, 4, Watson; 2, Frazer; 3, Craig; 5, Wilson. CHAFFINCH, ETC. CK. (1[illegible]): 1, Craig; 2, Watson; 3, Grant; 4, 5, Fraser 6, Macki[illegible], 7, Berry; 8, Hilson. A.O.S. BRIT. (12): 1, 2, 7, 2 sps., Mackie; 3, 5, 6, sp., Watson; 4, sp., Finnie; 8, Fraser. FOR., SMALL (2): 1, Stormont; 2, Watson.

We were pleased to see our Manchester, etc., winning Greenfinch illustrated in your issue of Nov. 4. It is a very good picture of him. He has been 1st Sheffield, 1st Stockton-on-Tees, and 2nd in a mixed class at Stoke-on-Trent since. We have been exhibiting since 1878, when I took a 3rd prize at a show held in Carlisle, and again at the Royal Agricultural Show in June, 1878.—H. Tams (Longton).

ENTRIES CLOSED.

Nov. 25.—Windsor.—E. A. Stickland, 36, Alma Road.
Nov. 26.—Halstead (Essex).—Taylor and Sayward, Pretoria Road.
Nov. 25.—Wirksworth.—R. L. Pearson, Cromford Rd.
Nov. 27.—Galston (Ayrshire).—A. Frew, 26, Duke St.
Nov. 27.—Derby.—W. Stevens, 58, Olivier Street.
Nov. 27.—Kingswood (Bristol).—E. Morris, 125, Regent Street.
Nov. 27.—Larne (Ireland).—T. Mayne, 35, Barnhill.
Nov. 27.—Stratford-on-Avon.—R. W. Ingram, 15, Scholars' Lane.
Nov. 27.—Belfast (Ulster O.A.).—R. Trimble, 11, Waring Street, Belfast.
Nov. 27.—Coaltown.—A. Storrar, Coaltown, Wemyss, Fife.
Nov. 27.—Bethesda.—O. Thomas, 9, Station Road.
Nov. 27.—Grimsby Roller.—W. Yardsley, 170, Legsby Avenue.
Nov. 27.—Oakham (Rutland).—T. J. Walker.
Nov. 27.—North London.—R. P. Harper, 26, Brighton Road, Stoke Newington.
Nov. 27.—Cupar.—D. J. Bruce, Mount Pleasant.
Nov. 28.—Llanelly (F.A.).—D. John, 9, Pottery Pl.
Nov. 28.—Whitburn.—T. Duncan, 4, West Main St.
Nov. 28.—Blairgowrie.—M. Irvine, 17, Brown Street.
Nov. 28.—Thurso.—D. Shearer, Sir John Square.
Nov 28.—Lancaster (P.C.B.A.).—J. Johnson, 64, Aberdeen Road.
Nov. 28.—Canterbury.—J. W. Sargeant, 25, St. Peter's Street.
Nov. 28.—Halifax.—J. J. Dunn, 67, Hartley Street.
Nov. 29.—Pembroke.—T. Sinnet.
Nov. 29.—Banstead.—R. Rolls, Banstead House.
Nov. 30.—Matlock.—Oakley and Gratton, Lime Gve.
Nov. 30.—Bradford (National).—H. Hill, 15, Settle Terrace, Bradford.
Nov. 30.—Southampton.—"Homelands," Woodmill Lane, Bitterne.
Dec. 1.—Hounslow.—D. J. Rees, 73, Whitton Road.
Dec. 1.—Newport (Mon.).—J. Hammett, 56, Milman Street.
Dec. 2.—Auchterarder.—J. Dow, jun.
Dec. 2.—Falmouth.—W. J. Medlin, 90, Marlborough Road.
Dec. 2.—Woking.—L. C. B. Hockin, Bath Road.

ENTRIES EXTENDED.

Nov. 27.—Ambleside.—J. M. King, The Green.
Nov. 27.—Pentrebach.—A. E. Brown, 66, Clare St., Merthyr Tydfil.
Nov. 27.—Tunbridge.—P. Stonestreet, 102, Hadlow Rd.
Nov. 25.—Gravesend.—H. Ibbottson, 58, Old Road, West.
Nov. 25.—Launceston.—N. H. Reed.
Nov. 25 (to 11 o'cl.).—Brandon Colliery.—G. Reed, 35, Newcastle Street.
Nov. 26 (1st post).—Sittingbourne.—B. Tidy, 13, High Street.
Dec. 2 (1st post).—Wandsworth.—W. Lightfoot, 86, Heythorpe Street.

PRIZE MONEY PAID.

Darlington; Harrogate, Old Shildon; Stockton-on-Tees; Hull; Warrington; Stoke-on-Trent; Longton; Cowdenbeath C.B.S.; Windhill, Shipley; Hamilton.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Lancaster Primrose (C.B.U., B.F.C.C., E. and W.B.F.C.C.).—Dec. 1 and 2, Central Hall, Gt. John-street.—Judges, Messrs. W. Mundell and S. Mullener. 30 open classes: Nor. 6, Yorks. 2, Bord. 7, Novice Bord. 2, Novice Nor. 1, Novice Yorks. 1, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 2, Mule 2, Brit. 5, Gift 1. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/6. Entris close Nov. 28, to J. Johnson, 64, Aberdeen-road, Lancaster.

Ulster O.A. (Belfast).—Dec. 1 and 2, Clarence Place Hall, May-street, Belfast.—Judges, Messrs. E. Black, R. Taylor and G. Marlin. 57 open classes: Belg. 1, Scot. 12, Crest 4, Nor. 17 (4 Limit £2, and 4 for Novices), Sell. 5, Yorks. 8 (2 for Novices), Mule 2, Brit. 7, For. 1. Prizes, 9/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-, 1/-. Fee, 2/- (except in Mule, Brit., and For. classes—prizes 7/-, 4/-, 3/-, 1/-, card; fee 1/6). Entries close Nov. 27, to R. Trimble, 11, Waring-street, Belfast.

Bradford National—Cinderella Club Show (Y.U., Y.C.C., C.M.Y.C.C., N.G.M.Y.C.C., O.N.P.C., B.F.C., N.B.B. and M.C., Y.C.B.B. and M.C., F.B.C., G.C.A., P.R.C.C., W.R.C.C.).—Dec. 8 and 9, Central Baths' Hall, Morley-street, Bradford.—Judges, Messrs. H. W. Battye, J. Berwick, W. A. Cowgill, H. T. T. Camps, H. J. Chittenden, J. Greaves, R. Halliday, A. Hirst, W. Mundell, W. Massey, J. Patterson, and J. Wilcock. 84 open classes: Yorks. 10, Green-mkd. Yorks. 4, Cinn.-mkd. Yorks. 4, Green Yorks. 4, Novice (open) Yorks. 4, ditto Confined to Y.U. 4, ditto Green-mkd. 2, ditto Cinn.-mkd. 2, Yorks. Sell. 4, Nor 8, Nor. Greens 4, Y.U. Nor. Novice 2, Nor. Sell. 2, Bord. 7, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 8, Mule 3, A.O.V. Sell. 1, For. 6, Roller 2. Prizes, 10/-, 8/-, 4/-, 2/- (all guaranteed), and very many spls. Fee, 1/-. Entries close Nov. 20 to H. Hill, 30, Settle-terrace, Thornton-lane, Little Horton, Bradford.

Kingswood, Bristol.—Dec. 2, Kingswood Hotel.—Judge, Mr. J. Houghton. 29 open classes: Nor. 4, Yorks. 7, A.O.V. 1, Novice Can. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 12, Novice Brit. 1, For. 2. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Nov. 27, to E. Morris, 125, Regent-street.

Woking and Horsell.—Dec. 5, Public Hall, Woking.—Judge, Mr. C. A. House. 13 members' classes. Prizes, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/-. Entries close Dec. 2, to L. C. B. Hockin, "Haroldene," Bath-road, Woking.

Falmouth (C.B.C.).—Dec. 6, Town Hall.—Judge, Mr. T. Pope. 15 open classes (confined to Cornwall): Nor. 5, Yorks. 4, Cinn. 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 2, Sell. 1, and 16 members' classes. Prizes, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-, 1/-. Fee, 1/-. Entries close Dec. 2, to W. J. Medlin, 90, Marlborough-road.

Runcorn.—Dec. 8 and 9, Primitive Schoolroom, Greenway-road.—Judge, Mr. A. Wellings. 33 open classes: Yorks. 10 (4 for Novices), Nor. 10 (4 for Novices), Crest 2, A.O.V. 1, Mule 2, Brit. 5, Sell. 3. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Dec. 4, to T. P. Baxter, 103, Greenway-road.

Wandsworth.—Dec. 6 and 7, Bijou Hall, Spread Eagle Yard, High-street.—Judge, Mr. H. Norman. 39 open classes: Nor. 6, Yorks. 6, Novice Nor. 6, Novice Yorks. 6, Bord. 2, Novice Bord. 1, Crest 2, Brit. 5, Mule 3, For. 1, Sell. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Dec. 2, 1st post (extension to), to W. Lightfoot, 86, Heythorpe St., S.W.

Larne.—Dec. 7 and 8, M'Garel Town Hall. Judge, Mr. H. W. Battye. 40 open classes: Scot 4, Crest 2, Nor. 6, Sell. 3, Yorks 12 (6 for novices), Mule 3, Pairs 1, Brit. 7, Local Can. 2. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/- (except in Yorks, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6; and local, 7/6, 5/-, 2/6); and many specials. Fees, 2/-, except Yorks, 1/6. Ent. close Nov. 27 to T. Mayne, 35, Barnhill, Larne.

Pembroke.—Dec. 6, Market House. Judge, Mr. T. H. Stretch. 9 open classes: Yorks 1, Nor. 1, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 3, Mule 1, Sell. 1, Hyde's 1. Prizes 6/-, 3/-, 1/6. Fee, 1/-. Ent. close Nov. 20, to T. Sinnett.

Oakham (£3 Limit).—Dec. 7, Poultry Hall. Judge, Mr. J. N. Harrison. 6 open classes: Nor. 1, Yorks 1, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 2, Sell. 1. Prizes 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, 1/-. Fee 1/-. Ent. close Nov. 27 to T. J. Walker, Burley Road.

Wirksworth.—Dec. 2, Town Hall. Judge, Mr. J. N. Harrison. 7 open classes: Can. 2, Brit. 2, Mule 1, and 2 Local Can. Classes. Prizes 8/-, 4/-, 2/6. Fee 1/-. Ent. close Nov. 25 to R. L. Pearson, Cromford Road.

Matlock.—Dec. 7, Victoria Hall. Judge, Mr. C. Ward. 10 open classes: Yorks 2, Nor. 2, Brit. 3, For. 1, Mule 1, Sell. 1. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Ent. close Nov. 30 to Oakley and Gratton, Lime Grove.

Banstead.—Dec. 13 and 14, Riding School, North Park, Burgh Heath. Judge, Mr. M. Crust. 4 open classes: Yorks, Nor., Brit. and For. 1 each. Prizes, 5/-, 3/-, 1/6 (guaranteed). Fee 1/-. Entries close Nov. 29 to R. Rolls, Banstead House.

Southampton (12 mile radius).—Dec. 6 and 7, Carlton Drill Hall, Carlton Place. Mr. W. G. Haysom. 36 open classes: Crest 4, Yorks 5, Nor. 4, Brit. 9, Mules 4, For. 3, Sell 2, Novice Nor. 2, A.O.V. 2, Gift 1. Prizes, the entry fees, less 3d. Fee, 1/- Ent close Nov. 30 A. L. Kiddle "Homelands," Woodmill Lane, Bitterne, Southampton.

Cupar.—Dec. 2, Corn Exchange. Judges, Messrs. W. Thornton, G. Hyslop, and A. W. Watson. 52 classes: Scot. 12 (2 Sell.), Nor. 7 (1 Sell.), Crest 5 (1 Sell.), Bord 10 (1 Sell.), Yorks 2, Pairs 1, Brit. 11 (1 Sell.), Mule 2, For. 2. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6 and specials. Fee 1/6. Ent. close Nov. 27 to D. J. Bruce, Mount Pleasant.

Llanelly F.A. (C.B.U.).—Dec. 5, Market Hall. Judge, Mr. D. A 8 Longden 11 open classes: Nor., Yorks, Bord, A.O.V., Sell., Mule, and For. 1 each, Brit. 4. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Ent. close Nov. 28, to D. John, 9, Pottery Place.

Halifax (Y.U., Y.C.C., N.G.M.Y.C.C., O.N.P.C.).—Dec. 1 and 2, Large Assembly Rooms, Saddle Hotel, Market-street.—Judges, Messrs. A. Hirst and A. Wellings. 38 open classes: Yorks. 23 (8 for Novices), Greens 3 (1 for Novices), Nor. 8 (2 for Novices), Brit. 2, Sell. 2. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Nov. 28, to J. J. Dunn, 67, Hartley-street, Battinson-road.

Windsor.—Nov. 29, Royal Albert Institute, Sheet-street.—Judges, Messrs. J. Robson and W. T. Page. 42 open classes: Yorks. 10 (3 for Novices), Nor. 10 (3 for Novices), Bord. 2, A.O.V. 1, Mule 3, Brit. 10, For. 4, Sell. 1, Extra Stock 1. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/6. Entries close (extended to) Nov. 25, to E. A. Stickland, 36, Alma-road.

Sanquhar.—Dec. 9, Public Hall.—Judge, Mr. Allan Chalmers. 17 open classes: Bord. 8, Brit. 7, Mule 1, For. 1. Prizes, 9/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Dec. 4, to S. Laidlaw.

North London (London Fed.).—Dec. 1 and 2, Library Hall, Church-street.—Judges, Messrs. J. Robson and Allen Silver. 89 members' classes: Champ., Amat. and Novice Can. 20 each, Champ., Amat. and Novice Mules 2 each, Brit. 14, For. 5, Sell. 4. Entries close Nov. 27, to R. P. Harper, 26, Brighton-road, Stoke Newington, N.

The Young Naturalist.

*A Brave Starling.

One morning, when going to school, my attention was attracted by a piercing cry, and on looking up I saw a Starling attacking a Hawk to protect her young ones close by. The Starling kept the Hawk at bay for some time. Presently, in the distance, I saw five other Starlings coming to the rescue, and they drove the Hawk away.—Victor Wheeler (aged 13), 17 Lambert Terrace, Gadlys, Aberdare, South Wales.

*A Knowing Canary.

A friend of ours has a young cock Canary which is allowed to fly all over the house. It has been lost and found in many strange places, but the following is the most curious. He had been allowed his liberty, and he went into a cupboard, which was afterwards shut. However, hearing the pots rattle at supper-time, he began to sing, and so relieved the anxiety of his mistress. When the door was opened he came out no worse for his escapade.—R. Inman, 1, Woodville Mount, Hunslet, Leeds.

**A Raven's Instinct.

In a Christian home in Poland great poverty had come, and one day the man was obliged to move out of the house. While he and his family were kneeling in prayer there was a tap on the window. They opened the window, and there was a Raven that the family had fed and trained, and it had in its bill a ring all set with precious stones, which was found to be a ring belonging to the Royal Family. It was taken to the King's residence, and for the honesty of the man in bringing it back he had a house, a garden, and farm given to him. (A cutting from "Good Words.")—Sent by Sam Rogers (age 15 years), 7, Queen Street, Withington, Manchester.

The bird I showed second at Liverpool was not the Manchester winning Goldfinch, writes Mr. A. Holt (Stretford). This bird was sold to Mr. F. E. Herbert, of Hants, for a good sum on the Wednesday following the Manchester Show. Please insert this, as a lot of people think it was the Manchester winner which was beaten at Liverpool.

The judges for Kilsyth Open Show on Dec. 9 are, writes Mr. A. D. Duncan, the sec.:—Mr. A. Walker (Lesmahagow), for Border Fancies; Mr. H. Morcland (Falkirk), for Crests and Plainheads; and Mr. J. Pendrigh (Edinburgh) for British, Mules and foreign birds. We have medals from Border Fancy and Crest Clubs, trophy and medals of Scottish British Bird and Mule Club, for competition. Sixty classes are provided. For Kirkintilloch Show Mr. A. Sloan (Glasgow) is judge. This club provides 51 classes for cage birds, and, like Kilsyth, caters for them alone. Both clubs are running subscription sales.

Members Shows.

Bolton Woods C.B.S.: Held Victoria Hotel November 18, judge, Mr. W. Stables. Principal winners: Messrs. Taylor, Dykes, Atkinson, Shepherd, Hall, Bryant, Pullan, Fretwell, Cooper. Special for best bird, Mr. J. A. Taylor; best novice, Mr. H. Bryant. Leading winners for challenge cup and medals: J. A. Taylor 78 points, W. B. Atkinson 58, and L. Dykes 54 in the professionals; J. Cooper 68, H. Bryant 63, and J. Pullan 53 in novices.—M. Skirrow, Sec.

Bradford East O.S.: Held Nov. 14, Park Chapel Schools, W. Bowling; 156 exhibits faced Messrs. W. A. Cowgill and S. Dean, judges. Most points: Messrs. F. Allen, W. Stables, C. Walker, J. Wroe, W. Turner, Cowell and Calloway, and J. Gregson. Principal winners: Yorks, Messrs. Allen, Northrop, White, Stables, Laycock, Riley Bros., Dinsdale, ditto novice, Messrs. Midgley, North, Cowell and Calloway, Wroe, Fielding, Grayshon, Turner, Rushworth, Rhodes; ditto extra novice, Messrs. Gregson, Coggill, Gornall; selling, Messrs. Farrar, Priestley, Northrop and Midgley.—H. Hill, Sec.

Morley C.B.S.: Held Nov. 18, Sycamore Hotel, Mr. E. Clegg judged. Principal winners: Yorks., champ., Messrs. Pyrah, Brook, Booth; novice ditto, Messrs. Birdsall, Scholes, J. Brook, Rhodes; British, Messrs. Gomersall, Spurr, Harrison, Pyrah, and Owen.—D. Halliday, Sec.

City of Bradford O.S.: Held Flying Dutchman Hotel, Nov. 18. 158 birds; judges, Messrs. H. Sutcliffe and H. S. Naylor. Principal winners: Open Yorks: Messrs. Hellewell, Ludbrooke, Horsfield, Wharton Bros., Birbeck; novice ditto, Messrs. Greenwood, Brown, Hunter, Redshaw, Symes, Simonett, Walter Rhodes, Smith, W. H. Rhodes; open Nor.: Messrs. Plowright, Clark, Inman, Wilcock, novice ditto, Messrs. Simonett, Rae, Hunter, Lythell; British, Messrs. Inman, Farrar; Mules, Mr. Moremont.—J. Rae, Assistant.-Sec.

Halifax O.S.: Held Nov. 18, Plummet Line Hotel. 85 birds faced the judge, Mr. W. Spencer (Hebden Bridge). Principal winners: Mr. F. Townsend in the open section, and Messrs. J. Greenwood and A. Tinkler (who tied) in the novice section.—F. Burdekin, Assist. Sec.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.: Held Nov. 11. Judge, Mr. F. Self. Principal winners: Champion section: Messrs. Hills, Padgett and Son, Swaine, Coates, Taylor, Shoesmith, Parker, Bywater; novice section, Messrs. Foster, Symes, Hodgson, Illingworth, Redshaw, Brown, Pyrah; Nor., Mr. Guffick.

Stocksbridge C.B.S.: Held Nov. 11, National School. Mr. T. Bishop judged. Principal winners: Yorks., Messrs. Sampson, Eyre, Hoyle Bros., Bainbridge, Oates; Nor., Messrs. Hoyle Bros., Bainbridge, Moore, Howe and Senior; Brit., Messrs. Howe and Senior.—G. L. Sampson, Sec.

Singing Contests.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Week-end Linnet contest, held November 19, Prince Albert Inn, when 15 birds entered. Judges: Messrs. E. Wood and W. Dean. 1, 2, J. Chippendale; 3, A. Binns. Also Roller Canary contest, when 10 birds entered. Judges, Messrs. E. Wood and P. Madden. Timekeeper, Mr. C. Lorriman. 1, J. Chippendale; 2, A. Binns; 3, divided between Ridgyard and A. Chadden. Also contest, November 26.—E. Wood, Hon. Sec.

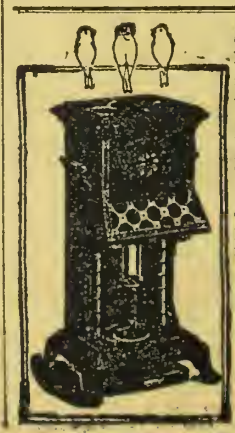
LEEDS.

Weekly Linnet contest for quality, held November 19, old bird house, King's Head, Shannon Street, when 23 of the best birds in Leeds sang. 1, Chadwick, 2, Stead; 3, Bland; 4, Summers. Judges, Messrs, Hardcastle, Naylor, and Jennings.—T. C. Summers, Hon. Sec.

Quality singing contest held Skinners' Arms, Buslingthorpe, Nov. 18th, when 29 birds competed. 1st, Turner; 2nd, Ward; 3rd, Granger. Judges, Messrs. W. Sissons and Hullen. Also Nov. 19th, when we had friends from Morley, Hull, Salford, and Sheffield to hear some of the finest singing birds in Yorkshire. The singing of the winner was beautiful, and when taken off the nail the bird was the talk of the crowded room. 1st, Turner; 2nd, Ward; 3rd, 4th, 5th, shared by Sellars and Richardson. Judges, Messrs. Sissons, Birr, and C. Clayton.—C. Clayton, Hon. Sec.

SALFORD.

Salford Linnet Club contest (open) for time and quality, held Boat House Hotel, Nov. 18, when 34 birds entered from all parts of Lancashire (4 minutes' singing), before a good attendance of visitors. We were disappointed through a late start, and several pairs of birds had to sing in the gaslight, but the judges gave every satisfaction. Quality: 1, Topping; 2, Statham; 3, Leyland. Time: 1, Howcroft, 53; 2, Statham, 47; 3, Hurst, 35. Judges for quality, Messrs. J. Dobson and T. Statham; timekeepers, Messrs. J. Hyde, E. Peet, and J. Peet; birdkeeper, Mr. J. McAllister. Members are requested to attend meeting November 26, to consider management of contests held at headquarters, and a special invitation is extended to members and visitors to attend and verify the statement that was made in regards to the management and drawing of birds, and specially the expenditure of money, after the contest Nov. 18, when a full report will be read for every item to be dealt with. At 7.30 prompt. Linnet and Lark fanciers invited. Contest for club members, Dec. 2 at 2.15 p.m.—B. Wharton, Hon. Sec.



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Nor. 5, Yks. 4, Cinn. 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 1, Sell. 1. Judge T. Pope. Prizes, 6s., 4s., 2s., 1s.; entry 1s. Entries close Dec. 2. W. J. Medlin, 90, Marlborough Road.

GRAVESEND. November 29 & 30. 12 miles radius. Entries accepted Nov. 25.—H. Ibbottson, 58, Old Road West.

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Thursday, Nov. 30th.

Here's Classes for you! 6 Norwich (1 Novice), 4 Yorkshires, 1 A.O.V. Canary, 2 Selling, 1 A.V. Mule or Hybrid, 1 Goldfinch, 1 Bullfinch, 1 Linnet, 1 Redpoll, Siskin, or Twite, 1 A.O.V. Hard., 1 A.V. Soft, not larger and including Lark, 1 A.V. British Hen, 1 A.V. Foreign. Judge, W. Vardy. Please support us. Prize money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and grand specials. Entry 1/8, to W. E. Allen, 119, Alexandra Road.

HALIFAX O.S. 22nd Annual Exhibition of Canaries and British Birds. 38 Classes. Lots of Specials, Prize Money, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/6, 2/-. Saddle Assembly Rooms, Market Street, Halifax, Friday and Saturday, Dec. 1 and 2, 1911. Admission 3d. Judges, A. Hirst and A. Wellings. Schedules, J. J. Dunn, 67, Hartley Street, Battinson Road; F. Burdekin, 20, Tennyson Street, Lee Mount.

Lancaster

P.C.B.A.

December 1st & 2nd,

under Cage Bird Union rules and the patronage of the Border Fancy Club and E. and W. Border Club. 30 open classes. Prize money, 22s. per class and a good special. Schedules ready. Judges, Wm. Mundell and S. Mulliner.

Entries close November 28th.

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East Perthshire Open Show,

2nd December. 25 Classes.

Norwich 4, Borders 4, Crest 1, Crest-bred 1, A.O.V. 1, Mules and Hybrids 2, British 7, Foreign 3, Selling 2. Good specials, gold and silver medals. All open. Prize money, 5/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-. No model cards. Entry fee, 1/6. Judge, J. F. Dewar, Esq. Entries close 28th Nov. Schedules from—M. IRVINE, 17, Brown Street, Blairgowrie.

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SAT., DEC. 2nd.

Cage Bird judge, A. Harris. Schedules from Wm. Cumming, 28, North Road, Forres., N.B.

GALSTON

Ayrshire, December 2nd. 12 classes for Scotch Fancies. Judge, Mr. David Holden, Muirkirk. 7 classes for Borders, 2 classes for Norwich, 4 classes for British Birds. Judge, Mr. James Johnstone, Kilmarnock. Let us have your support.—Alexander Frew, Secy., 26, Duke Street.

KINGSWOOD Bristol, December 2nd. 6 Challenge Cups. Judges: Poultry and Rabbits, G. K. Billett; Pigeons, A. Parsons and W. Austin; Cage Birds, J. Houghton. Entries close November 27th certain. Schedules from E. Merris, 125, Regent Street, Kingswood, Bristol.

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Ulster Ornithological Association.

19th Annual Open Show, Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds. Friday and Saturday, 1st and 2nd Dec., 1911. 57 Classes this year. Liberal prize money, and 62 Specials. (Open to Ireland only). Specialist judges (three) in all sections. Entries close Monday, Nov. 27. For schedules apply ROBT. TRIMBLE, Secretary, 11, Waring Street, Belfast.

CRYSTAL PALACE OF THE WEST.

NEWPORT (MON.)

Tradesmen's Hall, Hill Street, ***Thursday, December 7th.***

40 Classes. 34 Open, 6 Members. 20 Open Specials, One 21/- cash, one 21/- kind, one pair of Sib-bred Canaries, and 17 2/6 Cash. Entrance fee 1/6. Entries close December 1. Judge, J. Robson, Esq. Send for schedule—a real eye-opener.—J. Hammett, 56, Milman Street.

The Great One-day Show SHEFFIELD Dec. 9th.

32nd Annual Open Show. Splendid Classification, and no deliberate making of half classes. Prize Money, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-, and Specials in every Section. Judges, Messrs. J. C. Barnes and W. A. Cowgill. Entry fee 1/6 per cage. Entries close December 4, first post. Schedules of A. HOBSON, 68, Langsett Avenue, Sheffield.

FROME (SOMERSET)

Cage Bird Show, Thursday, December 14. Judge, J. Robson. Schedules will be sent to all last year's exhibitors. Others please apply to KING & YEO, Catherine Hill, Frome.

GRIMSBY Roller Show, December 2nd. Judges, F. Lester, Esq., London, and F. Oldroyd, Esq., Wakefield. 5 Classes. Cups and Specials. Young Birds' Competition takes place at this Show. Entries close Nov. 27. Enter now. Schedules from W. Yardley, 170, Legsby Avenue, Grimsby.

Don't Delay to send for Schedules for

WHITBURN

and Dis. C.B.S. Sixth annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules, Hybrids, British and Foreign Birds. Will be held in the Town Hall on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. 45 Classes. Prize money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Entrance fee 1/6. Judges: Messrs. J. W. Bruce and Wm. Bishop. Entries close Nov. 28th. Schedules to be had from Thomas Duncan, 9, West Main Street, Whitburn, N.B.

CUPAR, FIFE.

December 2nd,

Annual Show, under patronage of Border Fancy Club. Judges, Wm. Thornton, Blackhall, S. Fancies; Gollon Hyslop, Stirling, Borders; A. W. Watson, Edinburgh, Norwich, etc. Note.—As no cats in show are penned on Friday, and all are sent off on Saturday, bird fanciers need have no fear from that source of risk to birds. Schedules—D. J. BRUCE, Mount Pleasant, Cupar.

DERBY

Open Cage-Bird Show. Dec. 2nd and 4th.

Under the patronage of the N.P.C., C.C.C., M.C.Y.C.C., N.B.B., and M.C., and the G.C.A. 16 Norwich, 11 Crest, 10 Yorkshires, 12 Greens, 6 British, 4 Hybrids, 2 Selling, 2 Foreign, and A.O.V. Plenty of Novice Classes. Judges: Mr. J. Robson and Mr. R. Rhodes. Prize money, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-. Entry 1/6.

Entries close Nov. 27.

Schedules from W. Stevens, 58, Olivier St., Derby.

ONE DAY SHOW

Stratford-on-Avon

DECEMBER 5th.

32 Classes. Prize money, 8s., 5s., 3s., 1s. 6d., for entry fee, 1s. 6d. Judge, J. H. Roe, Esq. No amalgamation and full prize money.

Entries close Nov. 27.

Schedules.—R. W. INGRAM, 15, Scholar's Lane, Stratford-on-Avon.

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(ESSEX).

£3 Limit Show, to be held on Wednesday, December 6th. Judge, J. N. Harrison. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, for 1/- entry fee. Plenty of classes and good specials. Challenge Cup and additional Specials for Cage-bird Exhibitors. Entries close November 25th. Schedules, Taylor and Sayward, Pretoria Road.

TONBRIDGE Entries extended to November 27th.

Classes short. Please help. Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cats, Cage Birds.—P. Stonestreet, 102, Hadlow Rd.

HOUNSLOW

Open Show of Cage Birds, etc., Wednesday, Dec. 6. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Entrance 1/6. Judge, Jeffery Jefferies, Esq. 16 Classes. Schedules ready. Entries close December 1.—D. J. Rees, 73, Whitton Road, Hounslow.

WANDSWORTH Fanciers' Soc First Open Show

of Cage Birds, will be held on December 6th and 7th. Judge, Mr. H. Norman. Schedules.—W. Lightfoot, Sec., 86, Heythorp Street, Southfields, S.W.

OAKHAM

Rutland, £3 Limit, Thursday, Dec. 7th. Entry fee 1/-. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, 1/-. Class 42, Norwich Plainhead; Class 43, Yorkshire; Class 44, A.O.V. Canary; Class 45, Goldfinch or Bullfinch; Class 46, A.O.V. British; Class 47, A.V. 10/- Selling. Entries close Nov. 27. Enter from above, or schedules from T. J. Walker, Oakham.

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LARNE

and District C.B.A. Third Annual Show, in McGarel Town Hall, Larne, on

December 7th and 8th.

(Open to Ireland.) Under the patronage of the Yorkshire Cage Bird Society of Ireland. 40 Classes for Cage Birds. 46 Specials. Judge, H. W. Battye. Entries close 27th November. Schedules on application to THOMAS MAYNE, Secretary, 35, Barnhill, Larne.

GATESHEAD

and Dist. C.B.S. 12th Annual Show, Dec. 8th and 9th. 88 Open Classes; 11 Novice Classes. Prominent judges, J. H. Roe, J. Bailey, J. Robson, J. F. Dewar. Splendid hall. Under the patronage of all leading specialist clubs. Schedules from A. Holden, 5, Cramer St., Gateshead-on-Tyne.

BRADFORD

National Cage Bird Show (YORKSHIRE'S CRYSTAL PALACE), Central Bath Hall, Bradford, Dec. 8th and 9th. Under patronage Y.C.C., C.M.Y.C.C., N.C.M.Y.C.C., O.N.P.C., B.F.C., G.C.A., F.B.C., P.R.C.C., N.B.B. and M.C., Y.C.B.B. and M.C. Yorks, 38, Nor. 16, Borders 7, Brit. 7, Hybrids 3, Foreign Birds 6, Rollers 2, A.O.V. 3. Twelve specialist judges. Novices will be provided for. Prize money, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-, and diplomas for each variety. Entry fee, 1/6 per cage. Valuable Specials. Entries close November 30th. Schedules ready November 15th, apply, Secretary, H. Hill, 15, Settle Terrace, Thornton Lane, Bradford.

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BROOMHILL AND DISTRICT

P.P. and C.B. Show will be held on December 9th. Judges, Mr. Inman, Mr. A. Beardsley; Cage Birds, Mr. H. Sealy (Choppington). For schedules apply—W. Smailes, 28, Harteide Terrace, Chevington Drift, Northumberland.

Auchterarder Show

of Cage Birds, will be held on Saturday, December 9th. 38 Classes for Cage Birds. Judge, Mr. James Jeans, Camelon, Falkirk. Entries close December 2. Schedules now ready, from James Dow, jun., Hon. Sec., Gowanbrae, Auchterarder.

KILSYTH

Open Show (Cage Birds Only).

December 9th.

15 Norwich Classes. Judges, H. Moreland, Falkirk. 17 Border Fancy; A. Walker, Lesmahagow. 20 British, Mules, and Foreign; J. Pendrigh, Edinburgh. Under S. Crest, B.F., and S.B.B., and M. Clubs' patronage. Entry fee 1/6. Prize money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, Model cards free.

Entries close December 4th.

to Andrew D. Duncan, Hon. Sec., "Chronicle" Office, Kilsyth.

SANQUHAR 27th Annual Show, December 9th. Leading Open Show in South of Scotland. Judge for Cage Birds, A. Chalmers, Kirkintilloch. Entries close Dec. 4. Schedules from S. LAIDLAW, Sec., Queeneberry Square, Sanquhar.

KEITH Wednesday, December 13, Cage Bird Show. Judge, Alexander Steele, Aberdeen. Entries close Dec. 6. Schedules, Charles Ralley, Sec., 123, Mid Street, Keith.

NARBERTH

24th Annual Show, Dogs, Poultry, Pigeons, Cage Birds, Cats, and Rabbits, December 13, Victoria Hall. Glass covered. Entries close December 6. Dogs, Henry Rees and B. R. Rowe; Poultry, Pigeons, and Rabbits, J. N. Harrison; Cats, Miss Peel, Floyds, Tenby; Cage Birds, J. Morgan Lewis, Haverfordwest. For schedules apply James Owen, Sec., St. James Street.

NANTYMOEL and Dis. F. and F.S. 2nd Annual Show, December 13. Now, you Cage Bird Fanciers, remember the judge, J. H. Payne. Schedules, Williams and Griffiths, 3, Craig Fryn, Nantymoel, By Bridgend.

WOKING

December 15th. Cage Birds, 13 Classes. Judge, Mr. C. A. House. Membership open to 12 miles' radius from Woking Station. Entries close Dec. 2, to L. C. B. Hockin, Bath Road, Woking.

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& Dist. C.B.S. Annual Show, will be held in Public Halls, Broxburn, on Saturday, December 16. Under the patronage of B.F.C.C. and S.B.B. and M.C. 63 Classes. 7 Scotch Fancy (judge, A. Kinnear), 7 Crests, 11 Plainheads (G. Scaife), 2 Yorkshires, 11 Border Fancy (J. Thomson), 5 Mules, 20 British and Foreign (J. Mason and J. Strachan). A grand list of Specials, including Cups and Medals. Prize Money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Entry fee 1/6 each bird. Entries close December 11th. Schedules from W. McLaren, Church Street, Broxburn.

All Cage Bird Fanciers are asked to support the

YARM, EAGLESCLIFF

and Dist. C.B.S. (Federation Show). Third Annual Show on December 16th. Prize money, 8s., 4s., 2s., 1s. (40 classes). Specials in every class. Entries close December 11th. Judges: W. Mundell, Canaries; F. Marwood, British, Foreign, Mules and Hybrids. Schedules from Wilson and Henderson, Secs., High Street, Yarm.

PETERHEAD Cage Birds and Pigeon Association Fourth Annual Open Show and Competition, December 22 and 23. Entries close Dec. 16. Schedules from P. A. Jack, 11, Chapel Street, Peterhead.

THE

NORTH WALES

C.B.S. Open Show of Cage Birds, Boxing-day next, Dec. 26, at Carnarvon. Judge J. W. Bancroft, Sale. Grand Classification, Specials, including Gold and Silver Medals, in each class. Numerous Extra Specials, three £2 2/- Challenge Cups. Prize Money guaranteed. Exhibitors wishing to compete for Cups must join before next Tuesday, Nov. 28th. Membership fee 1/-. Entries close Dec. 16. Schedules from J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 40, William Street, Carnarvon.

CRIEFF C.B. and P.A. Show, Open to Great Britain, Saturday, January 6, 1912, in Porteous Hall, Crieff. Judges: Cage Birds, J. McLay (Kirkintilloch), D. Low (Dundee). Poultry, Wm. Brodie (Banff). Bantams and Fur, John Dewar (Crieff). 62 Classes for Poultry. 62 Classes for Cage Birds. Prize Money, 10/-, 6/-, 3/-, and many valuable Specials. Entries (2/- each) close Tuesday, January 2, 1912. Schedules and entry forms from Cameron and Watt, Secs., Cameron Buildings, Crieff.

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Twitterings.

Will Mr. W. Hammond, of Norton, kindly send us his full address?

Will exhibitors please remember that novice Border classes are provided at Lancaster Show on Dec. 1 and 2? writes Mr. J. Johnson, the hon. sec.

Secretaries and others are asked kindly to notice the address of Mr. A. Colley, who has removed from Moston to 71, Wembury Street, Harpurhey, Manchester.

An error occurs in our schedule, writes Mr. R. W. Ingram, hon. sec. of the Stratford-on-Avon F.S. Class 42 should read "Any Variety Seedeater Hen (British Birds)."

Messrs. Flint and Swarbrick, secs. of the Tideswell C.B. Improvement Society, writes: "Watch stopped at 4h. 30m. 54 3-5s.; nearest competitor, A. Goodwin, signalman, Cromford."

Owing to entries being very short in the Cage Bird Section, we will take entries up to eleven o'clock on day of show, Nov. 25, for cage birds, writes Mr. G. Reed, sec. of the Brandon Colliery C.B.S.

The committee of the Brighton C.B.A wish to thank Cage Birds for the good description and report of their show, which appeared in the issue dated Nov. 11, writes Mr. W. H Gibb, the sec.

I am very pleased to inform you that I have disposed of my two winning Corn Buntings at a good figure, and I trust they will do well for their new owner, writes Mr. J. B. Caunt (Beeston).

Having been appointed sec. to the South Manchester C.B.S., all communications respecting the society must in future be addressed to me, writes Mr. W. Knight, 8, Whalley Street, Gorton, Manchester.

The person holding ticket No. 311 may have the canary and cage given away at our recent show by applying to me, writes Mr. A. Freestone, hon sec., Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S., 79, Clarendon Street, Leicester.

The following note was omitted from our schedule, writes Mr. Wm. Cumming, sec. of the Forres and N.C.O.S.:—"Eight or more entries, full prize-money; less than eight, first prize withheld; less than four, first and second withheld."

I am sorry that owing to pressure of business I had to delay paying out prize-money in connection with our open show until last week-end, but all prize-money has now been paid, writes Mr. A. Walker, sec., Darlington C. and B. B.F.A.

Mr. A. Kinnear (Broxburn) will judge the Scotch Fancy Section at our annual show on Dec. 16, writes Mr. W. McLaren, sec. of the Broxburn C.B.S. Owing to illness, Mr. McLennan has been compelled to give up his appointment.

We have only four entries, and with 42 open classes it looks as if the Royal Windsor Show will not be a royal success, writes Mr. E. A. Stickland, the hon. sec. All fanciers who care to send in their birds will have the thanks of our society.

Thanks for excellent report of our show, which proved a fine success, writes Mr. G. M. Nelson, hon. sec., Warrington and Dis. C.B.S. I have received numerous congratulatory notes, with promises of support another year, which is very gratifying.

I won the members' tankard in the Yorks section at the Bristol F.A. Show (not Mr. Lovell), writes Mr. J. A. Greenslade. I thank you for the many useful hints and articles in Cage Birds and your publications, and wish them continued success.

A big majority of our exhibitors received their prize-money on the show day, writes Mr. J. H. Elwell, sec. of the Old Shildon Workmen's Club C.B.S., and we received many encouraging letters thanking us for the way exhibitors received their birds home.

To encourage entries in the Cage Bird Section at our Halstead (Essex) Show, we are offering a challenge cup, also additional specials, write Messrs. Taylor and Sayward, the hon. secs. We have a big demand for schedules, and hope to receive good support.

Having resigned membership of the Cork and Provincial C.B.S., all future communications respecting the society should be addressed to Mr. M. O'Keeffe, the hon. sec., Mount Eden House, Blarney Street, Cork, writes Mr. S. O'Reilly, late assistant sec.

Our Song Thrush was first prize at Warrington, not a Missel Thrush, write Messrs. Hemmings and Brereton (Over Winsford). He was also first at Sale on the 17th. He has won six firsts and five seconds, and three specials for best British bird in the show. We wish our valuable paper, Cage Birds, every success.

Schedules of Llanwrst Show are now ready, writes Mr. J. Kershaw, the sec. (Watling St.).

We hear that the special for best Norwich at the recent Pontypridd Show was won by Mr. J. Tomkinson (Treorchy).

Members of the Edinburgh and Dis. C.B.S. are reminded that Ramsden's and other coupons must accompany their entries at latest on Nov. 25, writes Mr. J. I. Mackie, the sec. And will members who are desirous of giving a special do so by that date?

Mr. F. J. S. Chatterton is judging cage birds at the annual show of the East Ham F.S. on Dec. 7 at the Harmonic Hall, Plashet Grove, East Ham, E., writes Mr. H. Rutter, the sec. Plenty of specials are offered The last date for receiving entries is Nov. 30.

Owing to the poor number of entries to hand for our open show, Dec. 5 and 6, we have been obliged to extend date for receiving entries until Nov. 27, writes Mr. Percy Stonestreet, sec., Tonbridge F.A. Will fanciers kindly help us to make this show a success?

A meeting will be held at the Smiths' Arms, Catchgate, on Saturday, Nov. 25, 7.30 prompt, writes Mr. J. W. Christon, sec. pro tem., to form a fur and feather (cage birds) society for Annfield Plain. All fanciers interested in either hobby are cordially invited to attend.



All birds were at the station by seven o'clock after our annual show, and I hope everyone who patronised us got his birds home in good time, writes Mr. W. E. Fergusson, sec. of the Harrogate C.B.S. Newcastle and all birds North were despatched at 5.24 from Harrogate.

We have secured the respectable total of 222 entries for our members' show on Nov. 25 at the P.S.A. Rooms, when close on £20 in money and goods will be competed for; all fanciers in the district are invited, writes Mr. J. R. Colville, sec., Ashton-under-Lyne and Dis. O.S.

Schedules for the 32nd open show of the Sheffield C.B.S. on Dec. 9 have been posted to all known exhibitors; if anyone has been overlooked, will they kindly apply to Mr. A. Hobson, 66, Langsett Avenue, Hillsborough, Sheffield? writes Mr. J. Woolhouse, the assist. secretary.

Mr. J. E. Davies, Stockport, writes, Nov. 20: Sir,—After giving your feather beautifier a fair trial, I find it answers to my entire satisfaction, and adds greatly to the beauty of feather.—Note above from our most successful exhibitor in England. Only 4d. box, free. See Sandiford's advertisement.—Advt.

As we have been unfortunate in the matter of getting a hall for a meeting to be held on Nov. 25, the meeting has been cancelled. The members have decided to run the next annual show on Nov. 16, 1912. Will show secretaries please note the date?—John Lawrie, sec. of the Buckhaven and Dis. C.B.S.

Schedules of the Larne and Dis. C.B.A., writes Mr. Thos. Mayne, the sec., have been sent out, and if I have omitted to send to any exhibitor, I will send him one on receipt of a postcard. In the Norwich section Class 5 should read: "Crested Cock or Hen," and Class 6, "Crested Buff Cock or Hen." Also, special No. 31 for best bird in Classes 32 and 33 should be given as presented by Mr. John Ross, Larne, instead of Mr. John Barclay, Belfast; and special No. 38 for best 1st bird in Classes 37 and 38, as presented by Mr. Barclay

We are holding a members' table show Dec. 6 at Headquarters, Diamond Inn, with classes for all cage birds, writes Mr. J. Hall, hon. sec., Eccles C.B.S. Mr. Clowe has kindly consented to judge.

The Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S. are holding their return combined show with the New Cross C.B.S., write Messrs. Meades and Smith, point hon. secs., on Dec. 2, at the Sussex Concert Hall, Maxey Road, Plumstead. We are giving 66 classes. Mr. H. Norman is the judge.

We did not intend extending entries, writes Mr. N. H. Reed, sec. of Launceston Show, Nov. 28, but I am obliged to do so, only 11 entries in 25 open cage bird classes having been received. I will accept to Saturday night. Anyone not having time for labels, send birds to the secretary, who will see them staged right.

The secretary of the Wandsworth Society (Mr. W. Lightfoot) writes to say that by an oversight the date of closing of entries for their open cage bird show was unaccountably omitted from the schedules. The date was Nov. 27, but owing to entries coming in so slowly the date has been extended to first post Saturday, Dec. 2.

The secretary of Llanelly Show, Mr. John, writes that he and his committee will leave nothing undone to make their show a success, and they hope to receive the patronage of the Fancy with a good entry. The birds will be well looked after. (Just has we go to press Mr. John telegraphs, "must extend entries to first post Sunday."—Editor).

Mr. W. J. Medlin, sec. of the Falmouth and Dis. C.B.A., writes: Our show last year proved a failure financially owing to the general election, but it is hoped this year's (on Dec. 6) will receive the support of all Cornish fanciers (to whom the show is confined), and thus enable us to keep the annual event going. The fixture is well-managed, and there are cups to be won outright.

Bird-keepers will be interested to hear that Mr. W. A. Rudd is back again at the premises, 180, Bishopsgate, London (where for many years he was manager), and that they can get all their wants in the bird seed and food line supplied by him. Cleanliness, good value, and courteous treatment are Mr. Rudd's business principles, and on these there is no doubt he will build up a good business.

Since printing our schedule I have received the following specials for our show, to be held on Nov. 25, writes Mr. Duncan Grant, sec. of the Lochore and Glencraig C.B.S.:—Medal, presented by Mr. Lewis Levi for runner-up for D.C.I. Cup; special value 2s 6d., by Cage Birds League, for most points in Scotch Fancy Section; and special by Mr. A. Weston for most points in Crest or C.B. Section.

Owing to lack of entries, the Sittingbourne and Dis. C.B.S. have had to extend their closing date until first post Sunday morning, Nov. 26, writes Mr. B. Tidy, the hon. sec. Send on, and I will enter birds in their proper classes. Only 29 birds in 13 classes! Where are the Kentish fanciers? There is only one other open show that week. A nice comfortable hall is provided, free from draughts, and there is guaranteed prize-money. Help us make our first annual open show a success.

Welsh Judge for Palace Show.

A very good idea of Mr. Roberts, I think, writes Mr. T. Richards, and I for one should be pleased to see a Welsh judge at the Palace Show.

Good News from Newcastle.

Fanciers will be pleased to learn, writes Mr. R. Young (Newcastle-on-Tyne) of the satisfactory progress of our most esteemed sec., Mr. Atkinson, and I am sure every fancier will join with me in wishing him a speedy recovery.

A Fine Worker at Haltwhistle.

I was sorry to see omitted from the report of the Haltwhistle Show the name of my secretarial colleague, Mr. W. Tallantyre, writes Mr. J. Nicholson, joint secretary, Haltwhistle C.B.S. He has been an earnest worker and a good helpmate, and it has been by his endeavours, as well as by those of the rest of the committee (who have been a splendid lot of workers) that our show has proved such a pronounced success.

Business for Advertisers.

In Cage Birds forthcoming Christmas number an interesting and useful item will be a page devoted to Appliances, Bird Foods, Medicines, and everything connected with the Fancy. The letterpress will be written in such a novel and striking way that announcements on this special page will of a certainty bring a heap of business to the advertisers thereon. Rates are 10s. per inch (advertisements will be 1½-column width), and early application should be made for space. Only a few inches are now available. For particulars apply to The Manager, Cage Birds, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

A Word to British Bird Keepers.

Our "Nutshells" Nos. 25 and 26 are now on sale. They deal with the proper feeding and keeping in cages of all the insectivorous British birds, each species being named. Live foods, and the substitutes for live foods, are all dealt with in detail, the proper cages described, full instructions are given for hand-rearing, the methods of breeding mealworms and of collecting ants' eggs are fully set forth; in short, all the information necessary to the bird-keeper may be found in these little vade-mecums. Part I. (No 25) deals with the smaller species, and Part II. (No. 26) with the larger; both are written by Mr. H. J. Fulljames, whose great experience and knowledge of his subject will be well-known to the majority of our readers.

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is now in preparation, and **with the co-operation of our readers IT will be a greater success than any of its predecessors.**

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Breeders, Exhibitors, Judges, and Advertisers generally, do you want something that will bring you business throughout next year for a "mere song"? If so, just supplement the free advantages with an advertisement in the "Annual." Full particulars as to rates can be had of **THE MANAGER, "CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL," 154, FLEET STREET, LONDON, E.C.**

Bathgate and Dist. C.B.S. have appointed Messrs. W. Grewar (Forfar) and J. Watson (Selkirk) to judge the Norwich and Border Fancy sections at their open show on Jan. 20; the other judges being Messrs. J. F. Dewar and W. Bishop (for British and foreign birds), writes Mr. Alexr. Nicol, the sec.

Prize-money won at Hull Show was paid to all successful exhibitors present and the remainder within twenty-four hours of show, writes Mr. Ernest R. Ridley, the sec. The representatives of the railway company were present at the close of the show, and directed the despatch of birds, and every bird was in the hands of the various companies by 6.30, which I think speaks well for the management of Hull.

An Unbeaten Bullfinch.

My Bullfinch, the winner at Hull Show, also won first prize there last year, writes Mr. W. Woods (Pickering). This bird has not been beaten this year; it has won first prizes at the following shows:—Nottingham, Newcastle, Peterborough, Leeds, and Blaydon-on-Tyne.

An Unusual Deadlock.

At the recent show of the City and Suburban A.C.B. a curious situation arose over the awarding of the special and diploma for best bird in the hall. Mr. Mackley brought out the very fine Crest shown by Mr. Lazarus, and Mr. Prior the noted British Goldfinch belonging to Mrs. Weston. There was a protracted discussion, but neither judge would give way, each strongly holding that his particular favourite was entitled to the honour. There being no one present to act as "referee," the diploma had to go unawarded!

Lucky with Cinnamon Borders.

It was a pleasant surprise for me to open my Cage Birds of Nov. 4 and see my Palace winning Cinnamon Border so neatly depicted. It is with regret, however, I have to inform you that only a few days previous to the above appearing I lost this specimen, and am trying to console myself by the fact that I have bred over sixty Cinnamons this season, and I am very hopeful that Palace winners are still in my stock. I have had much good information from Cage Birds. This year I have erected a fine outside birdroom, and although it contains at present over 180 "wee gems," it is in no way over-populated.—W. S. Wilson (Hamilton).

Record at the Horticultural Hall.

It gives us great pleasure, write Messrs. Mugford and Tyson, to be able to inform you that our record of last year has gone to the wall. The entries reach the gratifying figure of 2,249, nearly 250 more than the last show. Since closing, 11 exhibitors made some 37 further entries, which we regret we were compelled to return, as the catalogue was already in print and the cost of alterations would be too expensive to warrant their acceptance. We take this opportunity of expressing our best thanks to all those ladies and gentlemen who have supported us, and trust that those who are not successful with their exhibits will be repaid by a visit to what promises to be probably the best show ever held. Here is an analysis of the entry: Crests 196, Yorks 404; Norwich 312, Cinns. 12, Lancs. 44, Lizards, 44, Dutch Frill and Belgian 20, Borders 142, Rollers 195, Limit Classes 103, Extra Stock 83, Hybrids 135, British 330, Seeds 7, Foreign 172; total 2,249.

(Mr. Mugford informs us that most of the noted present-day exhibition birds will be on view, and that the display of Foreign birds promises to surpass in magnificence any hitherto seen, a large number of unique exhibits having been entered, including a new species of Bird of Paradise, a "Fairy Blue Bird," a clear Yellow Parrakeet, and other gorgeous novelties. No fewer than 20 birds appear in the Albino class.—Ed.)

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

Round the Hardbill Classes.

By T. JOHNSON (Southport):

An Imaginary Conversation between an "Old Hand" and a "Raw Novice."

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Siskin, Redpoll and Twite

"The Siskin is the next on the list. When choosing, get one of good size; the vexed question of nationality doesn't count here. Have a jonque (mealies are of no use), and see that he is well laced on his flanks and has a jet black cap, and, if possible, a bib. You will have to colour feed here, or some judges won't look at your bird. I don't know why for I would sooner see them natural, but when you are in Rome, Jack, you must do as the Romans do.

"The Redpoll is comparatively easy to pick out. Get one good in size and colour and well-laced on his sides, head and back. Look to his wing carriage, as Redpolls have long wings in comparison with the size of the birds, therefore if at all inclined to cross they look bad. Be sure he has 'no breeches.'"

"The Mealy Redpoll is, broadly speaking, a large edition of the Lesser, and my remarks apply to both. See that the bib is good, and avoid 'breeches,' that is, loose feathering at the thighs.

"The Twite is a grand bird, and generally proves his worth at the shows. The remarks anent the Linnet apply to the Twite. He is, or should be, one mass of markings, and see that he is a good colour.

Choosing Bramblefinch and Chaffinch.

"Next come the Brambles. Now! Jack, it is seldom a good Bramblefinch fails to take precedence over a Chaffinch. In choosing a Bramble the first consideration is colour, then size. Get one as big as possible, with a long yet stout body—don't have a short-bodied bird. His tail must be correspondingly long, and well carried. He must have a bold, massive head and a strong beak, to say nothing of a fearless look on his face. Steadiness is a big thing; the bird must face the cage wires. The colour of the breast should be a warm bright chestnut, and the more of it there is, the better. The back of the head, the neck and the back should be nicely laced, something like a Lizard Canary.

"The Chaffinch is a similar bird to the Bramble for shape, so my remarks apply equally to him as regards size and shape. Don't have a short stumpy Norwich-shaped Chaffinch; get a long snaky-looking bird. Breast colour a deep rose; cap a dark slate-blue; bright green in the rump; good white wing bars."

The Any Variety Bunting Class.

"Nothing beats a good Yellowhammer in a variety Bunting class, unless perhaps it be a Meadow Bunting, but Meadow Buntings are too scarce to allow one to pick and choose in this respect. When selecting a Yellowhammer, get a big one, of good colour, with long sleek body and long tail in comparison. Get as much markings on him as possible, which should stand out well and be distinct from the body colour. The head should be broad, large and round, and should show a bold eye. The colour on head and under throat should be a rich yellow, and there should be a greenish black stripe running straight from the beak in the form of a V. Between the V-mark should be as nearly all yellow (clear) as possible.

"The Corn Bunting is a handsome bird and a good exhibit, but somewhat difficult to steady. If you decide on having one, get a big one, with a bold head and eye, and which looks to be one mass of markings. See that his colour is all right."

"The Blackheaded or Reed Bunting is a pretty little bird, but in my experience seldom gets higher up than the cards, so I shouldn't advise you to rely upon one, Jack."

"What do you call this one, Mr. W.?"

"That's a Snow Bunting. Snow Buntings do not seem very popular on the show bench. They should be large, stout, and short; in fact, 'all front.' The under parts should be white, the back laced almost like a Bramble's, the legs and toenails jet black; and there should be a chestnut mark running through the head; also on each side of the shoulders, and each cheek. Some of these birds are the deuce to steady."

The Statuesque Hawfinch.

"Next we come to the Hawfinches. Handsome birds aren't they? Look at this one. He looks as if he were carved from a piece of wax. Nothing will beat a good Hawfinch in a variety class. The Hawfinch, Jack, must be a monster to win, and of an extra good colour as well; and such are not plentiful. Choose one that has a large mahogany-coloured head, lighter in tone on the collar, and carrying a warm colour on a broad chest. There should be good clear markings on the wings. He must stand at the wires like a Grenadier, showing himself off for all he is worth. Of course, you must know that some Hawfinches are like some Bullies—they have seen ships; so it behoves you to keep a look out for any that are not of British manufacture, and lay hold of them, if possible. He must have a broad, deep, well-cut bib."

The Moulting Problem.

"I think, Jack, we have seen pretty near all we are interested in; suppose we have a look at the refreshments?"

"Just as you like, Mr. W."

"Well! here we are, what will you have? And, by-the-bye, you will want a few hints on moulting. Now I always advise moulting the birds in fairly large flights in small companies. Say you put the Goldies, Linnets, Twites and Redpolls together, as these agree pretty well. But of corse you won't overcrowd. Then you might put the Bullies and Greenies in a flight. The stock mixture for the Bullies suits the Greenies. The first lot will do pretty well on all one mixture, while they are together. Of course, you will know what to give the separate species—it is in Cage Birds almost every week.

"In the next flight you might put the Yellowhammers, Chaffinches and Bramblefinches. They live on much the same diet. They will also want colour-feeding; 1 part col. food to six parts of egg and bread. If they won't eat it, take their seed away for an hour or two daily."

"Don't the Goldies and the others in the first lot need colour feed?"

"No! It doesn't improve them. Goldies, Bullies, Linnets, Twites, Redpolls, Greenfinches and Snow Buntings are better without. If you have a couple of Greenies you might colour-feed one of them, as some judges like them colour-fed; only, let it be a jonque (yellow) that you feed."

"Do Hawfinches require colour-feeding?"

"Yes! Personally, I prefer them fed. I think it improves them."

Things to Remember.

"Don't forget the wild seeds, Jack. Get as many as you can lay your hands on. Lay a store in for winter use. For the Bullies, Hawfinches, Greenfinches, in fact any that will eat them, get a supply of privet berries, blackberries, elderberries and hips and haws; and green peas specially for the Hawfinch; also berries from service (mountain ash) trees. The Greenfinch is specially fond of hips, which are the seed-heads of the wild rose or briar. They are full of seed. Humour the birds to take mealworms; they get fond of them in time. During the moult always have a supply of freshly-gathered wild seeds for them whenever you go in the place; they will soon begin to look out for you."

"When the birds are getting pretty nearly through the moult, cage them separately, and teach them to run into show cages. Don't forget a bath every day all through the moult. About a fortnight or so before the first show, handle the birds and talk to them every day. Have a spray. Fill the bottle three parts full with clean rain-water. Next get a teacup, put in a pinch (just a few shreds) of "Lux" or borax; (I prefer "Lux" though), a small teaspoonful of honey, as much butter as will stand on a shilling (don't put the shilling in too, Jack) and a few drops of glycerine. Scald this with boiling rain water (I am assuming your bottles to hold a pint). When it is dissolved, pour into the bottle containing the rain water, and spray the birds thoroughly all over before it goes cold. That should be prepared fresh every morning, as, if it is allowed to go cold, the butter goes in lumps. You will find that mixture put a gloss on them, Jack.

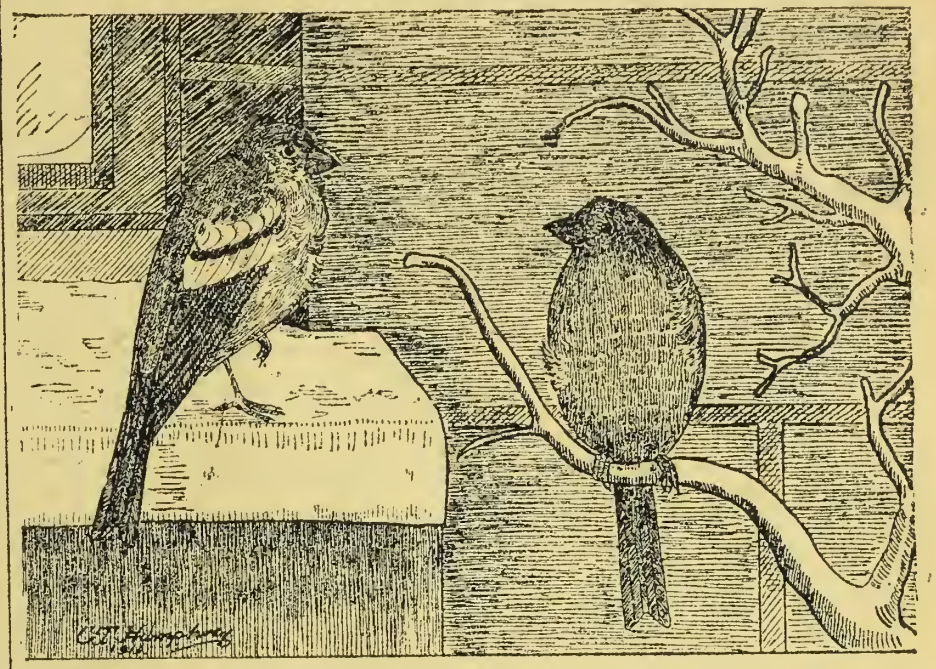
[We presume Mr. Johnson has personally tested and found satisfactory this mixture; it reads oddly.—Editor.]

"Now, is there anything else you would care to ask, Jack, that I haven't explained?"

"No! I don't think there is. And I am very thankful, Mr. W., that you should trouble to tell me all this, and I shall always remember it."

"Don't say more about that, Jack, you know I am very pleased you have decided to join the Fancy; and anything that I can do I will. But there is one thing, Jack: Whenever you, or any others for that matter, are looking over a bird, don't forget to examine him on every point; we are apt sometimes to miss examining his toenails, for instance; many a good bird is spoiled through being one toenail short."

We made our way back to the showroom to look for Peter, and found him in the midst of a rather heated argument with another lover of the "straight 'uns," as to whether the Yorkshires over standard length were eligible for exhibition. My friend was of the opinion that if they were a foot long, and slim at the same time, they were all the better. So he appeared to me to back him up. I said nobody could argue a point fairly and squarely without a table between them. So we adjourned. I am pleased to say the dispute was settled without blows—they agreed to differ!



THE "JOYS" OF FREEDOM.

CHILLY CHAFFINCH (who has been looking through bird-room window): "Dickie, old boy, those fellows in there have a long way the best of it this weather, eh?"

An Enthusiast Discourses Upon the "Wee Gem."

A Paper by Mr. J. Patterson, Chirnside, recently read before the Northern Border and S.F. Club.

(Concluded from page 225).

How to Produce the Ideal Bird.

I will now deal with the breeding of the bird, so as to produce the ideal. In the first place the cage plays a prominent part. Many, I think, spoil their birds by keeping them in box cages. My plan is to have all-wire cages, both for breeding and moulting purposes. Our show cage must be open; so that when our birds are bred, reared and moulted in box cages, it stands to reason they must feel like Jack ashore—somewhat at sea (this sounds Irish). They dash themselves about, and it is next to impossible to keep their flights, tails and general plumage in position. Especially does this apply in the earlier part of the season—until the birds get used to their changed surroundings. Those birds that are bred in open cages are used to seeing about them, and have as much freedom in this respect in the breeding cage as in the open show cage.

The measurements of the cages I use are: 22 inches in length, 13 inches in depth, and 9 inches broad, with all movable fittings, so as to be easily cleaned and sponged out weekly. "Cleanliness is next to Godliness," it is said; I at any rate pin my faith to cleanliness, as when once dirt finds its way on to the feather, it is not easily removed, and to my mind handicaps a bird for nearly all its future career.

The Three Points that Matter.

The three grand essentials you know are: type, colour and quality. Other good points are secondary ones, although they must be bred for likewise. I will now take up these points as they are mentioned. Type means the standard of perfection laid down as per rules. This point, in my humble opinion, is fixed, and is imparted into our stock from the hen's side. Such being the case, we cannot be too careful to have our hens perfect in this respect. Buff hens are invariably better than Yellow hens in the matter of type. They are better in front and back, and therefore more to be trusted for stock purposes; it is advisable to have the largest percentage of your hens Buff if your strain is failing in type, and you wish to make this your strong point.

This will necessitate your double-buffing at times, which I find a great help all through, providing the right stock is chosen. The greatest care must be taken to avoid a strain of birds showing any coarseness or excessive length of feather. Select your cock birds from a strain of rich, level colour, soft and fine in feather texture, a wee bit on the small side; and see that their heads and necks are fine. A good hen to mate with such is one that is up to the standard in everything but size, and of lively, sprightly movement. Watch the result of this cross, and if an improvement is effected, don't lose sight of a cock bird from this strain. Always keep one by you; he will come in handy when either shape, colour or quality is desired.

It is not advisable to double-Buff with birds bred from double-Buffs; if you do you may get their progeny feathery at the thighs and side of wings.

There is, I may say, a way to improve colour by double-yellowing; but here again one has to be careful to mate up birds that are perfect in type. Select a right high-coloured cock—turn the feather back, and see that the colour is carried well down. To this cock pair up what I term a lemon-coloured yellow hen; there are always such hens bred in our stock every year, being very pale in colour, indeed a little higher in colour than a good Buff. It stands to reason that the extra colour added from the hen's side blends well with that of the cock bird, and in most instances is shown in their own progeny. If it is not, depend upon it it will turn out so in the next mating. Double-yellowing I find is also useful in fining down birds that are coarse in heads, necks, thighs, etc. Buff hens bred from such a mating you will find the most useful for this purpose.

Now, for quality; you can get this from both the methods mentioned above. But by pairing a Buff hen from the double-Yellow cross to a nice coloured Buff cock, you run a double chance of reaching your desired goal.

The Advantages of Inbreeding.

Coming next to the matter of inbreeding; this is another valuable help for keeping up a stock. Systematically carried out, this and the other methods are helpful, but it must not be carried to excess, and must only be resorted to when needed and when one finds his birds perfect, or nearly perfect in all points required to make up a good Border. Never inbreed with birds which show an outstanding bad fault, or you will only be intensifying and strengthening the bad fault; on the other hand, when I have say an outstanding hen (for preference with me), I pair her up to her best son from the season's breeding. Should your mating thus be an improvement, then pair the hen next year to strange blood; the son in the same way; and pair up a son of the old hen to a daughter from the inbred cock. This should be all that is required to keep your strain pure unless now and again you pair cousins when their respective strong points and defective points suggest such a mating.

Always bear in mind to pair birds up, whether related or not, so as to balance the good points by any defects in a prospective mate from your inbred strain—one which you have handled for some years, and of which you know the peculiarities thoroughly. One can work wonders this way. I never introduce a bird from the outside of my birdroom unless I see in such a bird something my strain wants building up in, and which is a strong point in the bird before buying. I pay particular attention to the progeny of the bird of strange blood, if it is paired to a bird pretty well inbred, and the most typical at that, and I only keep for stock the birds that come nearest the point I am aiming to acquire. You are by this means more likely to keep the strange blood running well under control; and when any bad cross turns up, you can find the cause of it at once, and act accordingly at the next mating. Remember that, from the breeder's point of view, inbreeding improves the bird by developing the useful points, and suppressing those points which under the circumstances are useless.

In conclusion, let me say that I don't recommend young fanciers to try any of the above crosses until they have had a few years of experience; they should start in the usual way pairing Yellow to Buff, or vice versa, and keep in touch with some breeder to whom they can apply for the suitable bird likely to improve their stock. I have told you now all the principal points you should remember in the breeding of Borders, and as this paper is rather long, I must ask you to excuse me with regard to the next part, viz., staging; besides, this to my mind would be like sending coals to Newcastle, judging from what I have seen of some of your older fanciers; I know they can turn the birds out well, and seeing them at the job would be worth twice as much to you as anything I could pen or explain on paper. In closing, I wish your society every success.

Questions and Answers.

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Birds Dying.

Birds Dying (E.T.S.).—Yes, Canaries certainly can develop contagious or infectious diseases during the moult. Their powers of resistance are naturally below par at this time which renders them even more than usually liable to contract disease. The symptoms point directly to septicaemia, and I would advise you to settle all dount on this point hy having a post-mortem on the next that dies. Get Dr. Clarke's handbook on "Septic Fever," which our manager will send you post free for 7d., and thoroughly digest the advice there given. Meantime keep all the apparently healthy stock as isolated as possible from the rest, and if any hird amongst this lot shows signs of illness, promptly return it, cage and all, to the infected stock to take its chance with them. Cut egg wholly out of the dietary for the rest of the winter, and use in its place a little crushed sponge cake, or plain biscuit, or a scrap of hread scalded in milk occasionally. Keep cages scrupulously clean, and dry and thoroughly disinfect all in which deaths occur. Treatment is practically useless, but you migbt give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a crystal of sulphate of soda, the size of a small pea in the water every second day for a week, and on the alternate days four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid. Give this every alternate week for a time. It might help the birds to win against the hacilli, that is all—cure is out of the question.

Songless and Not Moulting.

W.H.H., Leeds.—(1) Judging by the symptoms shown I have no doubt the cocks which have not recommenced singing either took a chill whilst moulting, from which they have not recovered, or are now exposed to cold draughts or extremes of heat and cold. These causes must he removed as a preparatory step before any other treatment is adopted. See they are kept in a comfortable hut not over-heated place, and as equable as possible. Give a staple of two parts canary to one part summer rape. Every second day for a fortnight give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it and sprinkled with maw seed. On the alternate days give a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, millet and teazle, and a morsel of sweet apple or hananna. In the water give a pinch of Epsom salts for one day, and afterwards the chlorodyne mixture as advised to "Y.C. Query." (2) Keep this bird that has not moulted for two years in a fairly warm place. Feed on the same staple as above. Give the same quantity of crushed sponge cake every second day for a fortnight, but omit the oil and sherry, and dust it over instead with flour of sulphur each time. On the alternate days give a quarter teaspoonful of maw with the hananna. Limit diet to this. In the water give ten drops of syrup of buckthorn for two days, and afterwards 20 drops of whisky, as much chlorate of potash as will cover a threepenny piece, and a few shreds of meadow saffron every second day for a fortnight. If you are expert at the job give the bird a hand wash, using water rather warmer than usual, twice in a week at the commencement of the treatment. If not good at washing, a vapour bath, as described in Part IX. of "Our Canaries," would he helpful, but see the bird does not get a chill after-

A Variety.

Beginner.—(1) For all practical purposes all the terms you name applying to Rollers may be taken as synonymous, and of about equal value. They are not distinct varieties, and cannot even be regarded as distinct strains. (2) I do not suppose colour-feeding if properly carried out would affect the song of Rollers in any way. I have not found it do so in the case of ordinary trained singers to which I have given it. They sang as well and "wore as well" as those that never had any. But I never tried it on high-class contest singers. As a rule Rollers are never colour-fed, and cannot be said to "take" colour well, in my opinion, formed after feeding them experimentally. (3) You are right in the surmise that colour-feeding is only effective during the moult. When the moult is finished colour food has practically no effect as such. (4) A crystal of sulphate of iron about the size of a split pea, or double the size of a hemp seed, dissolved in two tablespoonfuls of water, is about the proper quantity to use for fixing colour at end of moult. (5) It is not the custom to keep all Rollers in closed boxes continually. Highly trained birds intended for contest singing are so kept a goodly portion of the time during the show season only, to prevent them "singing themselves out" too quickly, and ensure them performing well when staged in a contest. Besides this, birds that are getting too loud are put in them for a time, and such as have been singing hard for some time are put in now and again to force them to take a rest, and thus conserve their powers. Many thanks for kind remarks anent "Canary Breeding for Beginners." Glad you find it "just the thing."

Canaries in Flight (H.S.).—It depends entirely upon the size of the flight, which you do not mention, whether you would succeed by turning two cocks and four hens loose in it. According to the popular interpretation of a flight cage, I should say you would not. One cock and two hens would be nearer the mark. See reply to "G. F., Attleboro'," or write again and mention size of flight.

Canaries out of doors (Essex).—Under the circumstances you describe you may quite safely allow the birds to remain out in the shed through the winter. The temperature will doubtless get well below 45 degrees, but you need not let that worry you. Really hardy and normally reared Canaries, such as yours must be, are not such "delicate wrecks" as sometimes described.

Use of Flight Cage (G. F., Attleboro').—You would have a very good chance of success if you turned one cock and two hens into the flight 8ft. long for breeding next season. Put in four nesting places, but do not place them near together. If you intended removing the young to another flight as they get well on to seed you might put in three hens, and still have a fair chance of success. Still, it is always good policy to keep a little below rather than exceed the limit of accommodation.

Not Moulting (G. H. W.).—Treat the bird the same as advised to "W. H. H., Leeds (2)," but try the vapour bath before washing. If she shows no signs of moulting after a fortnight of this treatment, place her for a few days in a room with a temperature of 45 degrees, but be careful to see that this is fairly equable and quite free from draughts. If, as may happen, she falls deeply into moult, almost as soon as returned to a cool room, you may return her to her present place to finish off as soon as she has cast a good portion of her small feathers.

Growing Bald (Grainger).—Keep cage and perches perfectly clean. Allow bird to hathe freely when so disposed, but do not allow any other bird to hathe after her in the same water, nor introduce any other bird into her cage. Give 20 drops of whisky, as much sulphate of soda as will cover a sixpence, and half as much chlorate of potash in the water every second day for a week. Carefully anoint the bare places with Lanocylin three times a week for a month. Well moisten the skin with it, but avoid greasing the feathers, then wipe off and surplus with a pledget of cotton wool.

Great Results (S. Young).—Seventeen young reared hy and from one hen in a single season, and still nesting, is certainly uncommon, but still far from being unprecedented. But it *is* a result which no one "in the know" would really strive to obtain. In practically all cases it means the ruin of the ben for future seasons through exhausted vitality. Your best plan is to separate the pair forthwith, sacrificing any eggs she might have laid in this last attempt, and keep her in a fairly large cage hy herself, and out of hearing, if possihle, or, any way, out of sight, of the cock, until the end of next March, when you may put them together again if still in good health and ready for breeding.

Bald Hen (C. B. L. member).—As long as the hen keeps nicely and apparently well, I don't think you need trouble about the moult. She may complete this process next spring without any forcing. Still you may, if you wish, try the treatment advised to "W. H. H., Leeds (2)" except that instead of the sponge cake you should give a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut, and dust the sulphur on to this. On the whole, I advise you to leave well alone, but give the hread and milk minus the sulphur all the same, until bird gets a little more plump. You probably used the Lanocylin too freely, but even so, it would do no harm beyond disfiguring the plumage. Give the following in the water for a week. In each tablespoonful dissolve a crystal of sulphate of soda, the size of a small pea, a crystal of sulphate of iron half as big, and add six drops of dilute sulphuric acid.

Cured of Wheezing (R. R. T.).—Am very glad to hear you have cured the birds of wheezing with the prescription from the "Canary" nutshell booklet, and was interested to learn that the trouble was not limited to birds which had been colour-fed. This being so, I fail to see why you should lay the trouble on the practice of colour-feeding. Ah me! As if the old dog had not sufficient charges brought against him already. One is almost forced to shed at least one tiny tear over his misdeeds. As a matter of fact it seems quite clear to me that the actual cause is the removal from the room facing south to one facing north. From the way you ask if my advice was meant for a working man away from home all day, I thought I had set you some tedious task, but on referring to the reply I really fail to see why even a man in those circumstances should not be able to carry out the instructions to the letter. And, then, is there no "Mrs." Workingman who might have carried them out? Eh?

A Report (Pit Laddie).—Thanks for report. Am glad to know birds are improving, and not surprised that you have found after all that my surmise as to the causes at work was correct. Continue the same treatment for the cock in alternate weeks for a full two months at least, but you will not, of course, need to repeat the tonic after the first doses you gave at the beginning. You might treat the hens the same as the cock for a fortnight, giving them the same mixture in the water, and the same bread and milk preparation. Also give them about half a teaspoonful of rape—this is the proper quantity—three times a week, and a small teaspoonful of the seed mixture once a week. Do not allow these birds to bathe except in quite mild weather. See if there is anything wrong with the claws of the young bird. If not, give the same bread and milk preparation as already advised for the others for a fortnight, and add 20 drops of chemical food to the water on alternate days. By the way, when writing again, use several sheets of ordinary note-paper, and number them in proper order in preference to one immensely long sheet of paper.

Keeping Sexes Together (J. McG.).—I do not advise you to keep cocks and hens together during the winter, as it is too apt to bring hens into forward breeding condition in the most treacherous part of our early spring weather. The result of this is very often disastrous. I know good fanciers who keep their breeding pairs together all the year rouud, and yet succeed well, but they have a very long experience, and are virtually masters of the circumstances under which they ride the hobby. The average fancier would in all probability fail dismally under such conditions. But even this is different to keeping the sexes together promiscuously. It will he much wiser to keep them in two groups—cocks in one, and hens in another.

A Suitable Mate (Learner).—Assuming you are correctly informed respecting the parentage of your bird and that the male parent had no Cinnamon blood in his veins, the green cock is very fair material for producing variegated birds, to which you have taken a fancy. As a mate for him, get a Clear Buff hen, bred from two Clears, for choice, and if also from two Buffs so much the better, but the parents of the chosen hen must be free from Cinnamon blood. Then you are practically certain to breed some nicely variegated birds, and also some self and broken Greens, of fine quality of plumage. Of course, you must see that the hens suit the cock in shape and type.

A Trio (E.M.).—(1) The Yorkshire cock which you say sprained his leg last summer will be quite suitable for breeding next season. If he is otherwise healthy and agile, the sprain, which should have quite passed off before now, will be no detriment. (2) This bird is clearly full of green blood. If the lighter parts of its plumage are yellow, mate it with a Clear Buff bred from two Clears, or one and one lightly ticked, then you will stand a chance of breeding a fair number of ticked or lightly variegated young from it, and possibly a rich coloured clear or two. If its lighter parts are buff, then use a clear Yellow, bred as above. (3) For winter feeding, see a detailed reply last week, also reply to "H. S. D." this week. You would find "Canary Breeding for Beginners" very useful for full details of this description. Our manager would send it you for 7d., post free.

Wheezes at Night (Y. C. Query).—This hen is probably still in a curable condition, in which case there will be no objection to breeding with her. See that she is kept in a comfortable temperature for a time, quite free from draughts, great variations, or unhealthy fumes. In addition to the ordinary seed diet, give a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut, with three drops of a mixture of equal parts syrup of hypophosphites and syrup of iodide of iron on it, and sprinkled with maw seed. Give this every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days give 20 drops of the following mixture in the water, after having given a preliminary aperient of 10 drops of syrup of buckthorn for one day. Mixture: 2 drams each of glycerine and oxymel of Squills, 1 dram each of Chlorodyne and ipecac. wine, and eight grains of iodide of potassium. Ask your chemist to mix this for you. If bird is not quite well at end of fortuight, omit medicines for a week, and then repeat the above course.

Alarming Behaviour (F. Q.).—(1) The attack this bird had when you brought down his cage was due wholly to severe nervous shock—fright, pure and simple. It is not uncommon for Canaries whose cages are "skied," or hung near the ceiling and rarely unhung, to have these attacks more or less severe when the cages are suddenly brought down, and the birds examined more closely. Sometimes the attack ends in death, which is too sudden to allow of any remedy being applied. When it passes off the bird is practically as well as ever. The remedy is obvious: Keep on more familiar terms with your birds, so that they are not afraid of a human being at close quarters. (2) Put this bird in a comfortable place, of equable temperature, and free from cold draughts or damp. In addition to the usual seed diet, give half-a-teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion, well mixed in it, every second day for a week, and on the alternate days a quarter teaspoonful of maw. In the water give 20 drops of the chlorodyne mixture as advised to "Y.C. Query."

Scotch Fancy not Breeding (H. S. D.).—You ought to get Part *VII.* of "Our Canaries," and read the valuable contribution therein on this subject. Keep the hen in a fairly large cage or aviary not overstocked with perches, so that she will have to use some effort in getting about. Give a staple of plain Canary only, and in addition once a week or so give a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, or egg food; twice a week a rather smaller quantity of mixed seed, as advised for winter treatment in replies last week, and occasionally a morsel of sweet fruit or carrot in lieu of green food. To remove the diarrhoea, give six drops of syrup of rhubarb, and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence in the water for two consecutive days, and afterwards six drops of tincture of gentian, four of dilute sulphuric acid, and two of tincture of opium, daily until looseness is stopped. Keep cage and perches scrupulously clean.

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Feeding a Goldfinch.

J. Thomas.—I have often said that young Goldfinches (or any recently caught birds, for that matter) should have their seed crushed when first caged. I give crushed seed to my own for a considerable time after they have come into my possession. My stock mixture is teazle two parts, canary and linseed one part each. When about to feed I add an equal bulk of cracked hemp and a good proportion (about a quarter of the bulk) of well crushed safflower. These I crack fresh daily. At first I give a supply of niger seed in a separate dish, gradually reducing it, and then leaving it off entirely. The great point is to get really good, sound hemp seed. This is not so easy as many people think; and inferior seed will soon kill Goldfinches, which, of course, feed chiefly on hemp.

About a Woodlark.

W. Robinson.—The "Nutshell" you mention, No. 26, is now on sale. If you want to make your own food, it should be the stock food which I recommend for small insectivorous birds, viz., powdered sweet biscuit six parts, best ants' eggs two parts, dried flies and powdered silkworm pupæ one part each, meat meal half part, by measure. Take the quantity required of this, and mix it just crumbly moist with grated raw carrot, or finely chopped lettuce, watercress, or chickweed (use young leaves only), or cold mashed potato, varying it frequently. Very good insectile mixtures can be bought ready made; see advertisement columns. Osborne biscuits are good; equal parts biscuit and crumbled stale sponge cake, will be even better. It is necessary, of course, to give, in addition, live insect food (flies, spiders, wood-lice, ear-wigs, smooth caterpillars, ants' eggs, etc.) one can obtain, as in season. To the above stock mixture I frequently add, after damping, a teaspoonful or two of preserved egg-flake, or, more generally, part of a hard-boiled fresh egg, finely minced, and occasionally a little finely scraped raw lean mutton or beef. Give a little Canary and maw seed now and again, and a few groats (or some coarse oatmeal).

Thrush Food Again.

Miss Tovey.—I have often given my method of feeding any of the Thrushes cheaply, and at the same time well; it applies equally to Blackbirds. Get a bag of a good brand of puppy meal or dog food (such as "Melox" or Spratts); this costs but about a shilling for 7lbs., so is very economical. Crush about a dessertspoonful; put it in a cup and add just sufficient boiling water to thoroughly soften it; then mix in (dry) sufficient of the packet Thrush food you mention to bring it to the requisite crumbly moist state for feeding to the bird. The finished food does not want to be "sloppy"—a sticky mass—as no bird will relish it in this state. You will soon find out the right quantity to start to prepare for either one bird or three or four. It should be made fresh daily; in hot weather it *must* be. Of course, chopped greenfood, etc., ripe fruit, and the like can be given as usual.

Management of Chaffinch.

Beginner.—There is no need to crack the hempseed, but by all means crack the sunflower seed at first; and give him a mealworm now and again if he will eat it (pin it down to the perch at front of cage). Use the following stock mixture: Canary and teazle, two pints each; summer rape, charlock, and linseed half a pint each. To this a half-pint of sunflower could be added; or give the sunflower in a separate dish, say a heaped-up teaspoonful daily. Wild seed mixture and some good maker's special packet Finch mixture can be occasionally offered for a change, while sunflower heads (gathered from the garden), full of seed, thistle, and hardheads, seeding chickweed, groundsel and shepherd's purse should be freely given as in season. An occasional mealworm, flies, etc., are relished by most Chaffinches and are very good for them. My own birds, too, are very fond of a teaspoonful of insectile mixture (such as I prepare for my small soft-billed birds) now and again. This is specially good during the moult (and especially so if a few live ants' eggs are mixed with it), helping to bring them out in fine condition and "bloom."

A Bullfinch and Its Food.

A. B. Gill.—It is only natural that the bird should pick out all the hemp from the packet mixture; Bullies are passionately fond of it, but get very fat on it. Have you bought the "Nutshell" booklet on this bird? As regards the food when moulting. Bullies should have a free daily supply of all the fruits and berries with colour in them, especially blackberries (in both red and black stages), and privet berries; in addition to these you have straw, rasp, elder, mountain ash (rowan), dew and other berries, black currants, and cherries, etc., to say nothing of the wild seeding plants. I am so frequently recommending, such as ripe plantain, dock, thistles, heather tops (where possible), shepherd's-purse, chickweed, mouse-ear, groundsel tops, etc. Let your bird bathe freely. If your Bullie is lax in this respect, he must be lightly sprayed every day with a fine sprayer (such as barbers use for bay rhum, etc.), which may be bought from most fanciers' specialists advertising in our columns. Never drench the bird. The stock seed mixture should be canary three parts, teazle two parts, linseed and summer rape, one part each, by measure. Sunflower and safflower seeds should be offered fairly liberally, cracked, if necessary. The seed can be run through a seed mill. Don't give hemp; or very little.

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should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4 "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

Superb Tanager.

E. M. K.—Give Dinneford's Magnesia daily, so long as the voidings are not watery loose—one part magnesia, two parts water—in lieu of the ordinary drinking-water. When undue looseness occurs, only give the above once a week, and on other days put about one-third teaspoonful of Byno-phosphates into the daily supply of water. For the fruit portion of its dietary supply banana, grapes, etc., with a little orange as a change, once or twice a week. Continue to give the soft food mixture and live food (insects) as usual. Supply a milk-sop (rather sloppy) say one of the little round glasses (usually supplied with drawing-room cages) full daily; to consist of Nestle's milk, boiling water, crumbled sponge cake, and a little boney. You must guard carefully against a chill, at the same time there must be proper ventilation without draught—the temperature of any ordinary living room will suffice.

Ailing Budgerigar.

Lovebird.—Give the bird two drops of tasteless castor oil from the end of a quill direct to the mouth, and repeat this as necessary to keep the voidings bowels moving freely, but not to keep the voidings watery-loose. Get the following from your chemist: One part each ipecacuanha wine, oxymel of squills, and glycerine, and three parts distilled water; give two drops from the end of a quill daily till relief is given, or report again in about ten days. Diet as already advised; keep in a warmish room, and strictly out of draught. Do not give the Byno-phosphates just at present, wait till the breathing yields to treatment. Budgerigars are not lethargic in the aviary, they are on the wing on and off most of the day. However, your cage should suffice for them, though if it were possible to let them have a fly round the room occasionally it would be better for them. Hang a cocoa-nut husk in the cage for them; they may take an interest in this, and then take more exercise. They should have a leaf of lettuce (inner leaf) two or three times a week.

Blue-fronted Amazon (Kinton Foxe).—So long as you do not give tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, or animal food of any kind, all the other items you name are quite wholesome. You do not fully quote the mixture from the Nutshell booklet, but the following should fully meet the needs of your birds: Two parts each (by measure) canary and white millet, and one part each hemp, maize, oats, dari, paddy rice, and sunflower seeds. Well mix, and keep a supply in the cage. Add a pinch of grit (not sand) to the daily supply of seed, and keep a piece of clean cuttlebone hanging in the cage. A leaf of fresh lettuce or other salad may be given occasionally.

Plants for Aviary (Nature).—I know of several aviaries which contain yew, but I am very doubtful of them, also of the mountain ash; there are so many which are quite safe that I should not include either. Bamboo, laurel, berberis, fir, Austrian pine, privet, hawthorn, rambler rose, any kind of fruit tree, and such climbers as wild clematis, hops, nasturtiums, and herbaceous plants, such as sunflowers, Michaelmas daisies, and such annuals as mignonette, cornflower. I should also include several clumps of dock, mallow, cow parsley. Clumps of ribbon grass, are both ornamental and useful plants

Firefinches, Will They Breed? (Exotic).— (1) Your seed diet is quite sufficient; supply all these, and leave the bird to choose, the variety is good for it. Keep a mixture by you of maw, lettuce, grass, teazle, plantain, mustard, charlock, and clover seeds, and supply a little twice weekly. (2) Yes. (3) Yes; they have been bred on several occasions in captivity in this country. To give foreign species a chance of breeding one pair only should be kept in each breeding cage, but out of the season, the birds you name may be kept altogether in a large flight cage.

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS

should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 2, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

R. C.—Death from congestion of the lungs, following on chill induced by washing.

W. J. Silverthorn.—Enteritis, complicated with dysentery, due to irritant poison.

K. K.—Acute pneumonia.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

A Photograph (A. H. Kirby).—We shall be pleased to find a corner in a future issue for the photograph you have been good enough to send us.

Press Cuttings (A. E. Long; Miss Pringle; E. T.; and Others).—Thanks for the newspaper cuttings sent us, which we will utilise if possible.

A Seed Crusher (L. Widdop).—We will have a drawing made of the machine, and then publish your letter. Thanks for writing us.

Belfast Show (J. E. Adams).—Thanks for the newspaper cutting; we had, however, a report already in type.

The Novice Status (Interested).—The ordinary selling classes are not taken into account when determining the novice status of an exhibitor.

Suggested Change of Name (A Fancier).—If we decide to change our name to "Cage Bird Comic Illustrated" (as you put it), we are, at any rate, assured of a valued contributor in your own sweet self.

Best Route (H. P. R.).—The cheapest (and probably best) way to get to the L.C.B.A. show from Euston is to take a motor-bus for Victoria Station, which passes along the Euston Road. The Hall is not far from Victoria Station.

A Suggestion (H. T. Bishop).—Please don't be apologetic; for we like readers to send us suggestions. We will give yours our best consideration; but, even if found practicable, we cannot do anything in the matter until the show season has passed and we are left with a little leisure.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Bankfoot C.B.S.—Nov. 25, Red Lion Hotel, 2.30. Members' show; judge, Mr. P. Mason. Several specials. Also Nov. 28th, 8. Members' pair class and judging competition; cash prizes; entry free.—F. Gelder.

Bradford National Show Committee.—Nov. 30, Market Tavern, 7.30. To take entries for show, etc.—H. Hill.

Blaydon C.B.S.—Dec. 2, Co-op. Library, 7.30. Members' prize money, etc.—G. Havver.

City of Wakefield O.S.—Nov. 25, Crown and Anchor, 2.30. Members' show.—J. Atkinson.

Cardiff C.B.S.—Nov. 30, Maskell's, 8. Show statement, presentation of cups, payment of members' prize money, etc.—W. Sampson.

Crewe O.S.—Nov. 28, Hightown Institute, 8. Closing of entries.—E. Jaycott.

Dunfermline C.B.S.—Dec. 2, Co-operative Hall, 7.30. Annual general meeting; election of office-bearers and committees.—R. T. Campbell.

Denton C.B.S.—Nov. 27, Headquarters Brotherhood, 8. Show business; all entries to be in by this date; all subs now due.—W. Hopwood.

East Bowling B.F.A.—Nov. 25, St. John's School, 2.45. Meeting and show; important; judge, Mr. J. Hartley.—L. Booth.

Eccles C.B.S.—Dec. 6, Headquarters, Diamond Inn, 7. Members' show, same time. Members kindly bring birds with them.—J. Hall.

Glasgow and Western Counties.—Nov. 25, 122, Ingram St., 6.30. Final arrangements for annual show.—T. Drysdale.

Great Horton O.S.—Nov. 25, Butchers' Arms, 8. Also members' show; birds to be staged 8. Judge, Mr. J. Wilkinson.—J. Holroyd.

Glasgow and West of Scotland N.M.B. and F.C.—Nov. 29, 28, College Hall, Spowtmouth St., 8. Members' annual show business.—F. Taylor.

Gt. Horton (Good Intent) O.S.—Dec. 2, Church Schools. Members kindly note alteration of meeting night.—H. Gornall.

Heywood O.S.—Nov. 28, Rochabite Hall, Pine Street, 7.30. To settle up show business.—A. H. Meadowcroft.

Hebden Bridge C.B.F.A.—Nov. 28, Lello's Dining Rooms, Market Street, 7.30. Table show; 3 classes —2 Yorks. hens, 1 Nor. cock or hen. Judge, Mr. S. B. King.—A. Roberts.

Halifax O.S.—Nov. 25, Plummet Line Hotel, 8. Arrangements for annual show and paying prize money for members' show.—J. J. Dunn.

Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A.—Nov. 28, headquarters, 6. Club show business, classes, judges, etc. Annual general meeting Dec. 2, 8.—A. Dickson.

Lancaster Primrose C.B.A.—Nov. 28, Mr. Capstick's, Nicholas-street, 7.30 sharp. Final arrangements for show.—J. Johnson.

Llanelly C.B.S.—Nov. 25, Greyhound Hotel, 7. Important; last meeting before show; hope members will attend.—D. John.

Littleborough C.B.S.—Nov. 29, Coffee House, 8. Balance-sheet for back-end show.—J. R. Mayers.

Long Eaton C.B.S.—Dec. 2, Council Schools, Lawley Road, 7. Annual general meeting. Report of year's work and election of officers, rules, radius, etc.—G. T. Wall.

Motherwell Nor. Club.—Nov. 25, Y.M.I., Brandon Street, 8.—J. Mair.

Mid-Rhondda C.B.S.—Nov. 30, White Hart Hotel, Tonypandy, 7. General and show business; local fanciers invited to join.—A. H. C. Legg.

Mansfield C.B.F.S.—Nov. 25, Horse and Groom Inn, 7. Election of officers, etc.—S. Hawksley.

Midland Roller C.C.—Nov. 30, Swan and Peacock, 8. Will members kindly bring ticket money?—T. J. Smith.

Manningham C.B.A.—Sunday, Nov. 28, headquarters, 10 a.m. Members' show; judge, Mr. R. Halliday. Any members who have not got Bradford National C.B. Show schedule can have one.—H. Grange.

Morpeth C.B.S.—Nov. 25, Earl Grey, 7.30.—E. Cowling.

New Stevenston C.B.S.—Nov. 27, Masonic Hall, 7.45. Last meeting before show. Entries must be in sec.'s hands.—J. Lamb.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Nov. 28, St. Stephen's Schools, Conran Street, Harpurhey, 8. Amalgamated show. Deputation from Pendleton and Salford O.S. South Manchester C.B.S. invited.—J. Davey.

N.B.B. and M.C.—Nov. 30, Feathers Hotel, Gt. Chapel Street, Westminster, 8.—Plumbridge and Carr.

Northowram C.B.S.—Nov. 25, Yew Tree Inn. Members' show for cocks only; birds staged 8 o'clock. Judge, Mr. J. Robertshaw.—S. Sykes.

Old Shildon Workmen's Club C.B.S.—Sunday, Nov. 26, Old Shildon Workmen's Club, 7. Balance-sheet to be read; election of officers, etc.—J. H. Elwell.

Oldham C.B.S.—Nov. 28, Textile Dining Rooms, 8. General, and draw business.—J. Cope.

Partick C.B.C.—Dec. 1, Trades Hall, Anderson Street, 8. Nomination of office-bearers, distribution of specials, etc.—W. Priest.

Paisley, Tannahill O.S.—Dec. 2, Lockie's, 2, St. James Street, 7.30. Election of judges, admission of new members, etc.—J. Stewart.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—Nov. 27, Irwell Castle, Lower Broughton, 8. Important; entries may be brought in; also arranging "smoker."—J. Critchley.

Pudsey, Stanningley C.B.S.—Nov. 24, Fleece Hotel, 8. Members' show Nov. 25th. Birds to be staged 6.45, judging at 7; judge, Mr. W. A. Cowgill. Entries Friday night 8 to 10.30.—H. Raistrick.

Pentre C.B.S.—Dec. 2, Jones' Cafe, 7.30. General; all should attend.—G. Lingard.

Queensbury C.B.S.—Nov. 25, Granby Hotel. Members' show. Birds staged not later than 8 o'clock; judge, Mr. M. Skirrow. Next meeting Dec. 7, 8 o'clock.—A. Hartley.

Rochdale O.C.—Nov. 27, Club Rooms, 8. Open show matters.—R. Blincoe.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—Nov. 29, Temperance Club, 8. Committee meeting.—E. Hartley.

Rotherham C.B.S.—Nov. 25, College Inn, 8. Annual contributions due, and entries for annual show.—B. Bailey.

Selston F.S.—Nov. 28, Johns Schools, 7.—C. H. Bacon.

Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A.—Nov. 27, Red Lion Hotel, 8. Receive ticket money and pay members' prize money.—J. Pitchford.

Sale C.B.S.—Nov. 27, Volunteer Hotel, 8. Lecture by Mr. S. Harrison.—A. Royle.

Sandy Lane C.B.A.—Nov. 28, Victoria Hotel, 8. Open show business.—Ratcliffe and Shaw.

South Manchester C.B.S.—Nov. 30, Jolly Carter, 8.30. Important.—W. Knight.

Shipley O.S.—Nov. 28, Prince of Wales. Judging competition, neutral; judge, Mr. H. Sutcliffe. Birds staged 7.30.—A. Tillotson.

Seaham Harbour C.B.B.A.—Nov. 25, Station Hotel, 7. Election of officers, etc.—H. Dobson.

Warrington C.B.S.—Nov. 30, headquarters. Dinner and balance-sheet; members' prize money.—G. M. Nelson.

West Fife C.B. League.—Dec. 2, Masonic Arms, Cowdenbeath, 6.—W. Duff.

Wishaw O.S.—Nov. 25, Watson's Hall, 7.30. Arrangements for open show. Fanciers invited.—J. Watson.

Walthamstow F.A.—Nov. 30, Trinity Schoolroom, West Avenue. Annual members' show.—H. C. Cooper.

ST. HELENS (Recreation).

The St. Helens Recreation F.A. usual members' show held Nov. 18th, Dining Rooms attached to Messrs. Pilkington's works. As only employees of Messrs. Pilkington are allowed to exhibit, we were quite surprised to see such a nice lot of birds staged, both for numbers and quality. We are informed that the society has a good financial basis. It would be a grand idea to run a small open show or put open classes on; it would pay, and would be reminiscent of the great shows St. Helens used to run. The society possess an efficient lot of fanciers, who all pulled together to make the show a success. Special note must be made of Messrs. Shufflebotham (the hon. sec.) and Little, who worked well in harness, having the cards up as soon as each class was judged. Messrs. Pilkington are patrons of the society, which means plenty of specials. Mr. Sam Woods, who is only a novice we hear, had quite a day out, his yellow Nor. cock bird taking special for best in show, best Nor. novice, best Nor., and best novice—quite a record for a new beginner. Best other than Canary went to Mr. Abbott's noted Thrush; best Hardbill, Messrs. Helen and Ashall; best Yorks., Mr. Little; best Yorks. novice, A. Little. Mr. J. W. Metcalfe judged, and his awards gave entire satisfaction.

The Critique.

NOR., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (6): 1, spl best bird in show, Sam Woods, a real knockout for Nor. properties, bold head and neck, clean cut away; 2, vhc, Hesketh, two very nice birds, not quite the substance of winner; 3, Grice, should make a good stock bird; hc, Stott; c, Rimmer. BUFF (7): 1, Enever, noble head and neck, put down in rare order; 2, vhc, Helen and Ashall, variegs., good front, short compact wings and tail; 3, Grice, rare substance, all front; hc, Rimmer; c, Lloyd. HEN (5): 1, 2, Helen and Ashall, two bonny ladies, short wings and tails, little to choose between them; 3, Rimmer, rare head and front; vhc, Grice; hc, Lloyd. UNFLIG. (6): 1, Grice, rare type and quality, neat head and neck; 2, c, Helen and Ashall, more substance, silky feather; 3, Hesketh, grand shape, all front; vhc, Barrow; hc, Lowe. NOR. GREEN CK. (4): 1, 3, Sam Woods, some considered a hen, if so a remarkably good one, and if so, and she tightened up, would make a capital mate for your winning yell., Sam; 3rd, a trifle on the long side, nice tone of col.; 2, Helen and Ashall, big bird, grand col. and condition; vhc, Enever. HEN (5): 1, 3, Enever, two dainty girls, rare good quality and condition; 2, Helen and Ashall, bold head and neck, splendid col., wing carriage kept her back; vhc, Rimmer. NOR., NAT. COL. (5): 1, vhc, Enever, wing mkd., short, cobby, good head; 2, Barrow, topping bird, silky feather, alter the perches, my boy; 3, Grice, nice size and condition, a bit weak in head; hc, Rimmer. YORKS. YELL. CK. (2): 1, spl best Yorks., Little, straight as a rush, grand carriage; 2, Grise, neat wing carriage. BUFF CK. (2): 1, Little, right stamp; 2, Grice, absent. HEN (4): 1, 3, Little, two sweet ladies, winner rare type and quality; 3rd, plenty of leg, opened tail a bit; 2, Grice, foul green, nice pencilling and col.; vhc, Enever. UNFLIG. (5): 1, 3, Little, straight as a gun-barrel, good top end; 3rd, very shooty; 2, A. Little, a gem of a buff; vhc, hc, Enever. NAT. COL. (2): 1, Grice, Yorks. Green, very neat and straight; 2, Enever, very racey, nice quality. A.O.V. (6): 1, 2, Hesketh, leader D.C., grand radiation, beautiful droop; 2nd, C.B., immense skull and lashings, abundance of feather; 3, Hill, D.C., not quite the size of winner, very neat; vhc, Helen and Ashall; hc, Enever; c, Ashcroft. MULE OR HYB. (4): 1, vhc, Helen and Ashall, two bonny Siskin Mules; 2, Abbott, neat Goldie Mule; 3, Lowe, rare lump of a Greenie Mule. BRIT. GOLDIE (4): 1, vhc, Helen and Ashall, winner neat throughout; 2, Grice, condition only kept him back; 3, Sparks, rare blaze and tanning. LINNET (9): 1, Helen and Ashall, a charming little chap, pencilled to perfection, which carried him through; 2, Little, another good one, larger, but its work not quite so well defined; 3, vhc, Leather, rare size and condition; hc, c, Grice. SISKIN, ETC. (9): 1, vhc, Little, topping Siskin, large cap and bib; 2, 3, Helen and Ashall, two good 'Polls, in nice order; hc, Enever; c, Abbott. BRAMBLE, ETC. (9): 1, Helen and Ashall, stormer, rare Jonque Greenie; 2, hc, Grice, Chaffie, nice whites; 3, Lloyd, good spangled Bramble; vhc, Rimmer; c, Leather. A.O.S. HARDBILL (2): 1, 2, Lloyd, put down in form. BLACKBIRD, ETC.: 1, spl best British, Abbott, real good Thrush; 2, Lloyd, Starling, should make a good one; 3, Grice, rare sized Thrush; vhc, hc, Lloyd. A.O.S. SOFTBILL: 1, Grice, Grey Wagtail, good one; 2, Rimmer, nice Lark.

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Colour Changes in British Birds

Sir,—I should like to ask whether any fanciers have ever had the blaze of their Goldfinches moult white? I have one this year moulted snow-white; last year it had a scarlet blaze. Also, I saw one going as black as a crow all over, except the wing flights, which were perfectly white. Fed on the ordinary Finch mixture. Could any reader explain the cause? I have also a Blackbird which is coming whiter every moult; he is now about nine years old.

W. J. Salmon.

An Apology to Mr. Allan Chalmers (Kirkintilloch).

Sir,—Some little time ago I made a statement with regard to your honour as a fancier, and on investigating same I find I have misconstrued your name for that of another party. I am truly sorry for the incident, and I hereby beg to withdraw the statement made and humbly apologise to you for same. The statement, I can assure you, was made without any spleen or malice towards you, and you can rest assured that I will be more diplomatic in future. I trust you will accept this apology in the spirit in which it is given.

J. H. Adam.

Glasgow.

[We have been requested by Mr. Adam to publish the above in our columns.—Editor.]

Yorkshire Union Water Tins.

Should the Tins Have Been Changed?

Sir,—I have found out, by the courtesy of Mr. J. Holroyd, of Great Horton, that I was disqualified at Manningham Show not, as was said on the slip of paper inserted in my box on being returned from that show, for "showing with wrong water tins." My tins were of the proper sort, only they had been blackened, which made them that they were not uniform—a very simple thing, I think. I always thought the Yorkshire Union was a union of friendship as well as to protect the birdkeeping hobby. I do think that if there had been any friendly feeling towards outside exhibitors—strangers, like myself—someone would have put me on two tins of the proper sort and not have let me be disqualified for so simple a matter. Anyhow, as I have remarked in one of my previous letters, I am not a disappointed novice, but one who, when put right on the water-tin subject, won two firsts and a special at Windhill Show on November 18 with the only two birds I sent to that show.

W. E. Fergusson.

The Chortle of an Anti-colourfoodite.

Sir,—Allow me to thank Mr. Weston and Mr. St. John for the sporting manner in which they read my letter, especially considering the great liberty I took in making sporting allusions in conjunction with their honoured names. I feel it my duty, Mr. Editor, to make a humble apology to Mr. Weston in particular. I should have known better than mention Mr. Weston's name in connection with the depraved environment of the racecourse (an environment which, to my everlasting disgrace, I am very partial to), as doubtless Mrs. Weston carefully peruses every line of Cage Birds, and I should not like her to think that her husband was disporting himself upon Newmarket's classic heath when most likely (as can be gathered from his personal characteristics so charmingly made public in his letter) he was attending the local "Band of Hope" or assisting the curate to wash watercress for the "toothless widows' tea-fight"; therefore permit me to apologise most humbly and sincerely. Mr. Pye evidently thinks I am fast approaching that state mentally when I should be carefully looked after—well, that may be. No doubt the idea that White Canaries should be "white fed" with some artificial stuff appears to Mr. Pye to emanate from the brain of a lunatic; well, I intended it should appear in that manner, because personally I am certain that all who favour colour-feeding, especially the colour-feeding of British birds, are more or less lunatics. I have nothing to say against the mental state of such men as Mr. W. Andrews, who, after forty years' experience, writes and states that he *knows* colour-feeding is harmful, but he has to colour-feed (and therefore injure) his birds to enable him successfully to compete for prizes under what I consider to be standards and conditions brought into fashion by "ignorants," if not imbeciles. Whatever one may think of Mr. Andrews, he is evidently not untruthful, and he shrinks from the meanest form of all hypocrisy, viz., that of laying to one's self to stifle and subdue the workings of one's own conscience. Again, in the article by Mr. W. Charleson, I find the statement: "As regards colour-feeding, this is a thing of which I am not in favour, but we have to do it if we want to stand much chance." Such statements as these prove to me that amongst "thinking fanciers" there is a good deal of animosity with regard to colour-feeding, but at present they are not strong enough to combat ignorance. Mr. St. John thinks colour-feeding has no harmful effect and welcomes scientific research. I also welcome scientific research, and I am equally confident as to what the verdict will be. How often do your writers, in answering queries, advise fanciers not to give too much of this or that seed? Why do they do this? Because in their opinion too much of the seed in question does harm; and yet seeds of various kinds are the natural food of seed-eaters. If it is necessary, then, to warn fanciers against natural food, how much more necessary it is to warn them against unnatural food. Let any fancier attempt to breed from "hot colour fed" birds and from ordinary German birds that have not been fed, and he will soon realise which have the soundest constitutions. In my opinion, most of the breeding troubles, such as non-sitting, non-feeding, sweating, etc., are due to inbred constitutional weaknesses caused fundamentally by colour-feeding. How many fanciers to-day are using "Borders" as foster-parents for young bred from colour-fed parents? To put it in a nutshell, there is nothing at all in a colour-fed bird; it is only dyed by an internal process, and will have to be dyed again at each successive moult. Our judges are not awarding prizes to the best birds; they are selecting (to a certain degree, of course) birds that have been successfully dyed by an expert dyer with the highest quality dye. It is the dye and the dyer that are gaining the prizes, not the birds. "A Lover of Birds" asks me, Why is a show Greenie bronze? I don't know. Let him ask the idiots who make them bronze and the fools who award them prizes. By the way, his ("A Lover of Birds") description of colour-fed birds as being like "badly coloured" plates is extremely apt. In conclusion, permit me to thank "Arcadian" for coming to my rescue. He realised the spirit in which my letter was written, and no doubt also realises that the best manner of treating ignorance is with ridicule. I shall no doubt, by means of this letter, bring a hornets' nest about my ears, but I do not fear; my shoulders are broad, and I can stand any amount of "heckling," and as the long winter evenings are now upon us, how can we fanciers better use our spare time than in the discussion of this vital question? I have not brought in the artistic side of the question, but as no doubt there are among your readers many of an artistic temperament, may I state that to me the "colour-fed" sections of the modern bird show are an artistic horror, an avicultural nightmare?

H. Moore.

P.S.—I see Miss (or is it Mrs.?) Clay states that her Canaries stand in the snow and sing. Surely a little "cayenne" would warm their little hearts and help them to withstand the cold much better. Why not try it? Would Miss Clay mind informing me just how many of her birds are suffering from asthma and how many hens she loses through egg-binding?

Sir,—The letters published in your valuable paper in reply to my letter which appeared on October 21 issue show what a diversity of opinion prevails about colour-feeding. I should like to ask Mr. H. Moore where I have said that my birds suffered from liver complaint? Mr. M., you have let your imagination run riot. My room contains 75 per cent. of colour-fed birds (and I have a few), and I venture to say Mr. Moore cannot boast of a much larger percentage, although he claims to be such a great advocate of colour-feeding. I am sorry no expert on diseases of birds has thought it worth while to publish his views and experience on the matter. I was hoping Mr. Yates would give us the benefit of his experience on "Does colour-feeding cause liver complaint?"

Interested.

An Explanation from Alnwick.

Sir,—While thanking the exhibitors who supported us in our annual show last week, I must ask them to be lenient if their birds did not arrive home in good time. The committee did their best, but owing to the festivities at Alnwick Castle the traffic at the station was very congested, special trains having been run for the convenience of the guests (numbering some 900) coming from a distance. These unfortunately arrived at the time when the birds were to be despatched, hence the delay.

R. Forster, hon. sec.

Budgerigars which Talk.

Sir,—Having read about talking Budgerigars, I should like to say I had the pleasure of hearing and seeing one a few weeks ago, the property of Mrs. Grudgfield, a local resident. This one is a cock bird and a show specimen. He talks all day long, and says, amongst other things: "Mother's pretty, pretty boy," "Mother's darling Budgie boy," "Kiss poor mother," "Pretty dear," "Pretty Pollie," "Kiss Marie," "Come on, be quick, kiss me," "Mother's pretty pet," "Mother's little boy," "Kiss Jack," "Pretty doggie," "Mother's pretty darling duck, ain't ye?" He talks very distinctly and plays with two marbles, which he pushes along on his sand tray, chattering the while. He also has a cotton reel fixed to his cage wire which he works treadmill fashion. This bird was also bought from Mr. James, who also bred Miss Sandell's one, as stated last week. Mr. James can now trace six Budgerigars bred and sold by him which talk. In each case the bird was sold singly and quite young. He still has the parents of these talkers and hopes to breed more from them. Mr. James has also bred this season just on 100 Linnet Mules, having had exceptional luck with them.

Will H. Gibb.

Hon. Sec., Brighton C.B.A.

Canary Farming in the Open Air.

Sir,—I was very interested in the letter under the above heading, and wondered if the writer would kindly give her method of feeding in the breeding season. I am well up in the details of management in indoor rooms, but am thinking of breeding outdoors. I thank Miss Clay in anticipation

A. Blaxall.

Alleged Colour-fed Borders at Stirling Show.

Ought the Cages to be Marked?

Sir,—Being a visitor at Stirling Show, I was surprised to hear that the judge had been putting aside Borders for being colour-fed. This was all the talk at the show. I had a look round, and I was astonished that I could not find anything to show where a bird had been disqualified. I think that this way of disqualifying birds should be put a stop to. If the judge is of the opinion that a bird has been colour-fed, he should put a disqualified ticket on its cage, for the benefit of both exhibitors and visitors.

Interested Exhibitor.

A Plea for Natural Colour Classes.

Sir,—Will you please allow me space to ask secretaries why they do not always have a natural colour class at their shows? I am sure they would be well patronised, both in Norwich and Yorkshire classes. It is no hidden fact that, besides myself, there are a great many good sound fanciers who do not care to colour-feed, apart from the expense it entails. I should also like to ask club committees who have not yet made out their schedules just to try one class in Norwich and one in Yorkshires, as I am acquainted with many who do not colour-feed, so therefore do not stage any of their birds. It is very disheartening when we have real typical birds to know we have not a ghost of a chance among the colour-fed ones.

Arthur Athey.

Extraordinary Mishap at Stoke-on-Trent Show.

Non-attendance of the Judge.

Sir,—As no doubt your representative will make you aware, we were placed in a most awkward predicament through Mr. Wellings, the appointed judge, failing to fulfil his engagement, and as this is a matter which concerns those fanciers who exhibited at our show as well as ourselves, I should be obliged if you will allow me to ask Mr. Wellings for an explanation of his conduct. Mr. Wellings was perfectly aware of the date of the show; I have his answer accepting the appointment. The fixture has been advertised in your columns for months, and the week previous to the show I sent him a schedule, while on Tuesday, the 14th, I wrote informing him we had received a good entry (400), and would have everything ready for him to start judging at 10 a.m. We were able to do this, and at the time mentioned the first two classes were up ready for him to go over. As he did not turn up, we concluded he had missed his train. We met the next available train—11.46—but no Wellings; so back to the show room, where we held a consultation and decided to get someone to assist him should he turn up later. Myself and the chairman went to Etruria Station, where Mr. F. Bate is in the signal box, and obtained his consent to come as soon as possible, as his time was not up until 2 p.m. We went on to Newcastle to get his relief man to take him off earlier if possible. This was done, and Mr. Bate was able to get to the show room just before 2 p.m., and immediately got to work on the classes which ought to have been judged four hours previously. Mr. Henry Tams came into the room later, and we induced him to judge the members' and open novice classes, and some of the open classes in which he was not exhibiting. Of course, they were not able to finish without the aid of artificial light, and every credit must be given to these gentlemen for doing their best under most trying conditions. Just after judging was completed, the following letter was delivered to me:—"15, Salisbury Street, Prescot, Nov. 14 (post-mark Nov. 16). Dear Sir,—Mr. Wellings hopes to be with you on Friday, although he has met with a nasty accident, being thrown out of the trap. Will arrive at 9.18. Please have a good steward on.—I am, yours respectfully, E. Bibby; from Mr. Wellings." On the back of the envelope was written the words: "Be with you Friday." Apparently the person who wrote this letter was not clear as to which day Mr. Wellings should come to Stoke, but there is no doubt that Mr. Wellings knew perfectly well. There was a gentleman present at Stoke Show whom he told at Liverpool Show that he was judging at Stoke on the 16th, and I, with many others, cannot accept this trap accident tale from this person Bibby without further proof. If Mr. Wellings was sufficiently recovered from an accident as to come to Stoke on the Friday he was able to let us know that he could not come on the Thursday—the day on which the show was held. A most extraordinary feature of the affair is that I have received no further communication from Mr. Wellings, although I sent a telegram, on receipt of his letter, telling him the show was over, no use coming. I have written at some length on this matter, because it is only fair to my committee that exhibitors at Stoke Show should know that what happened was no fault of ours, and that we did the best we possibly could under the circumstances.

J. Pitchford.

Sec., Stoke, C.B.A.

Sir,—Mr. Wellings, having met with a serious accident on Nov. 14, was unable to fulfil his engagement at Stoke; also, his birds were absent from Prestou Show. Whilst out with the trap, the wheels skidded in the tram line, and he was thrown out, alighting on his head and shoulder. He was conveyed home, and was attended to by Dr. Bert Green. It was found the shoulder was seriously injured, but I am pleased to say he is on the way to recovery and hopes to be able to fulfil his engagements again now. Please publish this, as it may relieve some disappointed exhibitors at Stoke; as we have heard that there was great disappointment.

E. Bibby.

Is it Cruel to Keep Birds in Cages?

Sir,—Noting a letter in the current issue of Cage Birds from Mr. A. T. Suthren re the age of a couple of Blackbirds, I might state that some years ago my wife had a pair of wild-caught Thrushes which were turned fifteen years of age when they died. She also possessed a tame Sparrow (saved from a cat), which followed her about the house. My Yellowhammer, a Canary, and two young Greenfinches will bathe on the living-room table and feed from the hand. My children play with them on the rug in front of the fire, and they go back quite satisfied to their cages. Where's the cruelty, I wonder?

B. Pain.

Borders at Liverpool Show.

Sir,—Respecting the supposed to be colour-fed Borders at Liverpool Show, Mr. A. Wellings has not replied to my enquiries, so I would like him to know, and the readers of Cage Birds, that those birds were at Manchester Show under Mr. S. Hadwin as judge. They have also been out this last week-end—some to Preston under either Mr. Houlton or Mr. Rae as judge, and some to Sale under Mr. Cowgill. This latter gentleman, when my wife asked him whether in his opinion they showed any signs of colour-feed, replied that they would not be such a beautiful level colour right through if they had had any colour feed. I would also like the other two judges' opinions upon them at Manchester and Preston Shows.

Walter Bayley.

What Causes Short Entries?

Our Correspondent's Remedy is a Reduction of the Entry Fee.

Sir,—In glancing through your most interesting paper, Cage Birds, this week, I am very forcibly struck by the numerous secretaries who are lamenting the smallness of entries for their forthcoming shows. Now some of them even go so far as to suggest that exhibitors are losing some of their enthusiasm. Well, I may be hopelessly wrong, but I am going to suggest that perhaps these secretaries and members of the various show committees have (at least in my humble opinion) not yet grasped the reason why entries are—"falling-off," shall we say? I am of the candid opinion that the entrance fees are the chief cause of this apparent lack of enthusiasm, and, if I may suggest it, I should say 1s. per bird and, as an inducement for exhibitors, four birds for 3s. would be ample to charge. I daresay that my suggestions will be criticised by many older fanciers, as I am quite a novice at this most delightful hobby. I assure you, sir, it is not very often I run the risk of allowing myself to be set us as being of an interfering disposition, but at all cost I am going to run it this time, and, as to results—well, wait and see. Now, sir, there are, to my knowledge, hundreds of bird fanciers in South Wales who have probably (from the show point of view) never been heard of, yet at the same time have such birds that I feel sure would be "eye-openers" for a good many, and these beautiful creatures are never given the chance to "gather in" honours justly due to them! Why? Unfortunately, because their owners have not the means at their disposal to show to the bird-loving community of large the fruits of their labours. I was speaking only the other day to a very old fancier, and asked him if he anticipated exhibiting this year. The reply I got was as follows: "No, Mr. Morgan, it doesn't pay us poor chaps. It is all right for those who have plenty, because, by the time you pay 1s. 6d. per bird and carriage both ways, even if you are successful, there isn't much left, and if you are not—well, it means a lot to us." Now, this, I think, is a very forcible argument in favour of my contention. I venture to suggest that then, and not till then, will we see our secretaries coming up with smiling faces and remarking at the increase of entries at their shows. I go further, and without fear of contradiction say that the status of the Fancy will be raised to almost a state of perfection—all will be eligible to exhibit. I am not voicing my own personal grievance, but that of my less fortunate brother fanciers.

Ivor M. Morgan.

Hints on the Catching of Robins.

Sir,—In reply to "Yorkshire" on the catching of Robins, I may say I have always found them the easiest of any birds to catch. The old brick trap and a few bits of bread on a cold morning work wonders. Another good old method is the sieve set up with a stick and a few yards of string. The Robin hops boldly under, a sharp pull on the string, and he is yours. Personally I always liberate them straight away. Can any of your readers give me a hint or two as to the catching of Chaffinches? I find them very shy and difficult to get at.

JOHN CARTER.

The Fancy in Manchester and District.

Sir,—Is it true that at a recent members' show at one of the Manchester societies certain members came the night before the show, criticised other people's birds, and next morning brought their own birds? They are not worthy of the name of sportsmen. I am very pleased that Ardwick and Dist. have passed a rule that a show committee take all members' birds and stage them, the members not to handle them till after the show is open. They also have passed a rule (in accord with Mr. Downing) that any member showing in British classes, should they win firsts, still retain their place in the Novice Section with Canaries; and so it should be, for many a one has kept British and never a Canary. Now, novices, since the ball has been set rolling, why don't you all buck up and keep kicking it along? Surely you do not want one or two to fight all your battles for you? I believe Mr. Downing's letter, also mine, at a show last week caused a small "storm in a tea-cup."

A. E. LONG.

A Plea for a "Bit of Fat."

Sir,—Now that the winter is approaching, may I, as a great lover of birds, urge upon your readers to remember that little scraps of fat and table leavings placed regularly in the garden will draw many wild birds, and lead them to frequent the place. I always do this, as well as placing a large dish of water during dry weather, and my old garden is the haunt of Robins, Chaffinches, and, best loved of all, Tits of two or three kinds; while Robins, Blackbirds, and Thrushes rear young year after year. To avoid cats, the food can be placed upon a wooden board fixed upon a strong wooden centre leg with a pointed end driven into the ground. I have some fifty or sixty birds living in a large aviary in the same garden, and these seem also to draw the wild birds. My Canaries are some of the finest, and live outdoors all the year round, often waiting in winter to drink and bathe until I break ice, and flocking about me and settling on head and shoulders. I must add that I have taken every copy of your excellent paper for about five or six years.

A. LESTER MILLER.

Is Artificial Colouring of Birds Encouraged or Otherwise?

Sir,—I have visited some half-dozen cage bird shows within the last half-dozen weeks, and I am simply disgusted at the state of some of the exhibits, which seem to have been through the artist's hands previous to being staged on the show bench. Now I consider that show officials or clubs, who are responsible for the rules of their clubs could do much to help to decrease this unsportsmanlike habit by keeping the protest fee a little lower than some of them do. Just fancy one society, paying prize-money 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d., has a protest deposit of 5s., and another society, just paying a very little more than half of that prize-money, has a protest deposit of £1. Surely this club is expecting fanciers to visit their show with a lot of money to throw away—or, in other words, they do not want any bother with protests. Now, as far as I can see, this painting, as I may term it, is increasing instead of decreasing, and until something is done with the offenders, either one way or another, I look for entries decreasing also. I hope to hear the views of someone with a more able pen.

LANARKSHIRE NOVICE.

Gale and Oil Lamp Cause a Sad Loss.

Sir,—It is my misfortune to have to add my name to that already too long list of fanciers who have lost their birds by accident. My bird room is situated in my garden, and is heated by a system of hot-water pipes, the heat being generated by an oil stove. Being well aware of the dangerous nature of oil lamps in any form, I had it in an iron-cased box outside my bird room. However, during the gale we had here on Wednesday night, in spite of all precautions, my shed took fire, and although the damage done to the building was not great, I have lost the whole of my Norwich and British, both soft and hard bills, nearly forty in all, many entered at forthcoming shows and every one a pal. That to me is the hardest part of all, for although perhaps in time I shall be able to replace the birds, I shall have to wait a long time before I can cultivate the same confidence and affection in fresh birds that those I have lost always showed to me. Will secretaries kindly note that I shall have no birds to show this season? Schedules have a nasty way of reminding one of what might have been.

Sideup. K. BAKER.

The Norwich Plainhead Club and the Derby Show.

Sir,—Will intending exhibitors at Derby Show kindly note that the Natural Colour classes are as follows:—Class 10, Natural Colour Cocks A.V.; Class 10a, Natural Colour Hens, A.V.; and kindly enter accordingly?

JNO. HOPKINS, hon. sec.

New Cage Bird Society for Colinton and Currie Parish.

Sir,—A public meeting was held in the Drill Hall, Juniper Green, on Nov. 18, Parish Councillor A. Bigbie in the chair, when it was proposed to form the above society, and the following committee were appointed:—President, Parish Councillor Mr. Begbie; secretary, Mr. Jas. Napier, Stuart's Buildings, Juniper Green; treasurer, Mr. James P. Rodger; committee, Messrs. H. Dickson, A. Davidson, J. Michie, J. Johnstone, and D. Campbell. Over twenty members were enrolled after the meeting. The membership fee was fixed at 3s. per year, and the society confined to the parishes of Colinton and Currie. The next meeting will be in the Drill Hall, Juniper Green, on Saturday, Dec. 2, at 8 p.m., when we hope to enrol a large number of new members.

JAMES NAPIER.

Bradford National Cage Bird Show.

A Great Charity Event Anticipated.

Sir,—Schedules for the great Bradford National Show should now be in the hands of all the Specialist Club members whose patronage has been obtained. Schedules have been sent to the different secretaries of affiliated Y.U. societies, so that members have nothing to do but just apply to the secretary of their own society and ask for a schedule. The reason for this method is not far to seek. The schedule requires 1d. postage, and it was felt that secretaries would willingly lend a hand in distributing these. All members of the Union should note that the entries close on Thursday, Nov. 30. Remember the huge classification for Yorkshire and all other varieties, and, above all, send on the required entries and make the show one which will ever be a source of gratification to Yorkshiremen to look back upon. Once and for all let it be established as the Crystal Palace Show of Yorkshire. A word to exhibitors will not be out of place. I would draw your attention to the names of officials constituting the various committees, with one object, namely, that of giving you confidence to enter the best specimens you possess, in the knowledge that men of great experience will be waiting to receive at the stations those birds coming by rail, others to stage them, and above all a railway committee consisting of exhibiting fanciers, who are fully alive to all their responsibilities in despatching the birds back to their owners in good time and good condition. The hall in which the show will be held is superb, embracing all the essential points required to give comfort to exhibits and exhibitors, with all the latest improvements as regards heating and ventilation. This perfect hall has only been secured after tremendous difficulty, and at enormous expense. It is within three minutes' walk of all the central stations in Bradford, and is just in the centre of the city itself. In addition to this, everybody who desires to partake of refreshments—dinner, luncheon, or tea—can do so at the show, and at a price which cannot be eclipsed outside. The catering is in the hands of one of the best firms in the city. Arrangements have been made with the railway companies for cheap excursions to be run on the Saturday, and special facilities to visitors desirous of spending a few hours at the show will be published in next week's CAGE BIRDS. The list of special prizes is a very large and gratifying one. Exhibitors will note with satisfaction that none of the judges have more than eight classes to judge, thereby ensuring exhibitors that their exhibits will not be "rushed" in the least. The whole of the committees have worked like Trojans, have put their heart and soul into everything, with the sole object of making the show a magnificent success. It remains with the exhibitors now to put on the finishing-touch. Beautiful diplomas have been purchased by the committee. May the show be a glorious success, and, above all, may the committeemen who have worked together so nobly and well have the satisfaction of handing a substantial sum of money to the Cinderella Fund for Poor Children, a desire which has permeated their minds throughout the five months that the show has been on the tapis. The committee will meet at the Market Tavern, Godwin St., Bradford, on Thursday, Nov. 30, at 7.30 p.m. to 11 p.m. to take entries. Yorkshiremen are expected to do their duty.

H. HILL, secretary.

Several letters unavoidably held over.

When I sent up an advt. for house-moulted British I had not my "CAGE BIRDS" with me to see price of advts. I had no idea advts. were so cheap, as I expected *one* insertion only instead of which I got *three*. I have had 307 replies, from which I have picked 19 birds. As far as possible, I have replied to all those from whom I got replies, but if any have been overlooked I trust they will excuse me under the circumstances. Many thanks for your attention, and if I wish to replenish my stock at any time, I shall certainly not hesitate to repeat my advt. in "C.B."—R. G. Clubbs (Glasgow).

CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE

Grimsby's Generosity to League Members: Dalton's Whole-hearted Support: A Good Cause at Bradford.

NOTES BY THE SECRETARY.

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Our Week's Membership List.

Our list for this week is not only representative of Great Britain, but includes the names of two members from South Africa, and I am sure that all members will join with me in welcoming to our LEAGUE these fanciers from across the seas. Below is the list.

Messrs. Mallatratt, Mansfield; Forster, Sting, Alnwick; Chestney, Cramlington; Lashbrook, Sidmouth; Cole, Holywood; Coates, Spennymoor; Yeo, Exeter; Burdett, Clements, Nottingham; Blackbourn, Acton; Francis, Tooting; Wackett, Holbeach; Perrett, West Hendon; Reed, Brandon Colliery; Bousfield, Bournemouth; Evans, Hindhead; Cubley, Long Sutton; Luker, Wynberg, S. Africa; Easton, Johannesburg, S. Africa; Brown, Dalmellington; Webb, Wandsworth; Polleys, Barking; Garner, Southend; Bremner, Rodger, Angus, Alloa; Beaton, Kincardine; Alton, Kimberley; Lukey, Park, Falshaw, Ferguson, Phizacklea, Dalton.

More Hon. Secs.

I have again the pleasure of announcing additions as below to our list of local Honorary Secretaries.

Rugby, Mr. B. Pain, 13, William Street.
Wandsworth, Mr. Walter T. Webb, 38, Sudlow Road, Wandsworth, S.W.

Further Preference to League Members.

At the following shows, in addition to those named in last week's issue, members of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE will be admitted at a reduced charge, if wearing their badges or producing their membership receipt. The reductions are the same as announced last week, namely, threepence in the shilling admission charge, or twopence in the cases of sixpenny admission fees.

Many of the shows the reductions at which were announced in last week's issue are for future dates, and members and readers should please refer to that list as well as to the list below.

Dec. 1-2—LANCASTER PRIMROSE, Central Hall, Great John Street.
ULSTER O.S., Clarence Place Hall, May Street, Belfast.
Dec. 2—FORRES AND NORTHERN O.A., Mechanics' Institute, Forres.
KINGSWOOD, BRISTOL, Kingswood Hotel.
CLITHEROE.
PLUMSTEAD.
Dec. 6—FALMOUTH, Town Hall.
Dec. 6-7—WANDSWORTH, Bijou Hall, Spread Eagle Yard, High Street.
Dec. 8—HETTON-LE-HOLE.
BUSH HILL PARK.
1912.
Jan. 6—GUISBOROUGH.

Grimsby Goes One Better.

Not content with making a reduction similar to that made by the many societies already named, the Secretary of Grimsby and Cleethorpes R.C.C. writes: "At our meeting on Saturday the Committee decided to admit CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE members, if wearing a badge or producing a membership receipt, FREE OF ANY CHARGE." Here is a chance for Grimsby fanciers to familiarise themselves with the charming song of the "living musical boxes" known as Roller Canaries, and those who do not already know of the extraordinary qualities of the song of these wonderful little birds may look forward to something in the nature of a revelation. The show is to be held at the Adult School, Albert Street, Grimsby, on Dec. 1-2, and CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE members should make a note of the address and date.

A Good Cause.

The Secretary of BRADFORD NATIONAL, Mr. H. Hill, writes explaining that the whole of the profits of the show are to be handed over to the Cinderella Fund for poor children. In these circumstances I am sure that members of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE would not wish for any reduction, and I hope that every LEAGUE member in Bradford will attend this show, at the Central Baths, Morley Street, Bradford, and support so good a cause. In conveying the information, Mr. Hill says "Your idea is a good one, and I can see much all round benefit to be derived in pursuing such a course." That many other secretaries and committees are of the same opinion is evident from the length of the lists I have had the pleasure of publishing last week and this, and I hope I shall be able in due course to announce a similar arrangement with many of the shows which are yet to be held.

Dalton C.B.A. Nearly All in the League.

In forwarding the five names of Dalton members, which are included in the above list, Mr. Houldsworth, the Hon. Sec., writes:—"There are only about three members of our Society yet to join the LEAGUE, and I think I shall be able to get them in before long." It is to support such as this that CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE owes the progress to which it has made in the first few month of its existence, and the Dalton C.B.A. has reason to be congratulated upon its whole-heartedness in the cause which we all have so much at heart.

Posters for the Shows.

In response to the suggestions of several members, neat posters have been prepared conveying an invitation to visitors to shows to join CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE and assist to protect our hobby. Many Secretaries have already expressed their wish to have these posters for display at their exhibitions, and I shall be glad to forward copies to any applying for them. I hope, therefore, that all Secretaries will take advantage of the offer now made, and apply for the Posters forthwith.

Handbills for the Shows.

Many applications have been received from Hon. Secs. of Societies for a supply of our handbills for distribution, and parcels have been despatched to all applicants. A number will be sent gratis and post free to the Secretary of any forthcoming show who may write me for them, stating the number he will require. The name of the society will in each case be printed at the foot of the handbills sent. A copy of the bill was printed in our issue of Nov. 4.

OUR LEAGUE SEALS.

These pretty seals are printed in gold and colours in exact fascimile of our Badges, and are an ornament to envelopes, notepaper, postcards, billheads, etc. All members should use them; price eightpence per hundred, post free. Smaller quantities at the hundred rate, but with one penny extra for postage.

OUR FREE BOOKLETS.

I have still some of each of the sixpenny pamphlets on British Bird Culture and on Canary and Hybrid Culture, and, as long as they last, one of either will be sent gratis to all new members applying for a copy at the time of joining. Old members who have not yet had a copy may receive one on sending a penny stamp for postage. Only one copy of either book can be sent, and when the stock in hand is exhausted, I may not be able to get a fresh supply, so applications (with membership fee) should be sent to me without delay.

SUBSCRIPTION AND BADGES.

The subscription to CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE is one shilling annually, and the badges sixpence or one shilling. The sixpenny badges are in three forms: (1) a button for coat lapel, (2) a pendant for watch chain, (3) a brooch for lapel, cycling cap, or for lady's wear. The badges of one shilling each are mounted in 9-carat rolled-gold, and are in two forms only: (1) a pendant for watch chain, (2) a brooch for a lady or for cycling cap or coat lapel. Members should distinctly state which form they prefer.

JUNIOR BRANCH.

The annual subscription to the JUNIOR BRANCH, for members under fourteen years of age at the date of joining, is sixpence. Price of badges as above.

PATRONS.

Ladies or gentlemen who are in sympathy with the objects of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE may give practical expression to that sympathy by becoming PATRONS of the LEAGUE, and either making a lump sum donation to its funds or subscribing an annual amount of a guinea or upwards. One-half of such donation or subscription may be allotted to any individual object of the LEAGUE.

VICE-PRESIDENTS.

The qualification for Vice-Presidentship is an annual subscription of not less than half a guinea, and one-half of this subscription may be allotted to either the Literature Fund, the Defence Fund, or towards the purchase of special prizes to be given at any show nominated by the subscriber. Failing any such special allocation, the subscription will be devoted to the development and progressive work of the LEAGUE, to advertising its objects and promoting its ideals.

HENRY J. FULLJAMES,
Secretary, CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE.
154, FLEET STREET, LONDON, E.C.

Allow me to thank the officials of the Y.B.C.S. of Ireland for their prompt payment of prize money, writes Mr. C. J. Faith (Co. Down). I may also say that I was fortunate to win special for best Norwich (cock) and special for best hen.

We have been notified of the following corrections of show reports Southend and S.C.O.S. awards in several classes, Mr. Bunning (not Bunney), and in the novice Yorks yell. hen class, 2nd, Mr. E. W. Rogers (not Skinner); Y.C.B.S. of Ireland, 1st and 2nd prizes in Buff Hen Nor. class, Mr. C. J. Faith (not 1, Faith, and 2, Forrest); Pontypridd, vhc in Unflighted Nor., Mr. A. Hotchkis (not Hammett); Edinburgh Western O.S., Scot. Fcy. Yell. Hen class, 1 and 3 spls, Bowman, first being runner-up for cup (not 1 and 2, Dodd); Bournemouth, Nor. Buff, 1st prize, Mr. W. Morris (not Cutler), and 2nd prize, Mr. F. L. Follwell; Blaydon-on-Tyne, 1st prize in Scotch Fancy, Mr. Archie Steel (not A. Scott).

COWDENBEATH.

A Good and Well-managed Exhibition.

Cowdenbeath C.B.S. first annual open show held 18th Nov., in the Masonic Hall, which is well suited for a cage bird show, being one of the best for light that we have seen. The show proved a great success. Scots Fancies were an exceptional lot for quality, some grand ones being staged. There was a fine display of Crests and Norwich, which took up a large part of the hall. Borders and Yorkshires, too, were a very fine display, and came in for much attention, while the Hybrids and British birds came up well in numbers, and were certainly a great attraction to the show. The hall, in the afternoon, was packed to the utmost, which was very gratifying to the office-bearers. Mr. J. R. Reid makes a right good secretary in every way. He was well supported by the president (Mr. Mitchell), the vice-president (Mr. Simpson), and a hard-working committee. Judges for Scots, Mr. Low; for Nor., Mr. Adams; for Borders and Yorks., Mr. McKenzie was engaged, but we were very sorry to learn that he could not come owing to a family bereavement, but they got a good substitute; for Hybrids and British, Mr. Goodfellow. The judges all got through in good time, and gave every satisfaction. Mr. Black won cup for best in show with a grand Scots yell. cock; Mr. C. Smith was runner-up with a varieg. yell. Norwich Plainhead; Mr. Arnott won the B.F.C. medal; and Messrs. Simpson and Baxter cup for most points over show.

The Critique.

SCOT., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (8): 1, spl, cup, Black, a slasher, rare drive and action, fine stylish bird, winning all the way; 2, Cook, fine cut out in shape, good droop; 3, 5, Stenhouse, leader another nice up-set bird, plenty of substance; 4, Archibald, well shaped, good head and neck; 6, Allan; 7, Veitch. HEN (6): 1, Black, another of his cracks, grand shoulder and reach, wins well; 2, Cook, plenty of top end, nice head and neck; 3, Stenhouse, good size, nicely drawn; 4, Allan, pressing hard; 5, Anderson; 6, Veitch. BUFF CK. (6): 1, Black, again leading with another of the same strain; 2, Cook, rare reach, sweet head, good shape; 3, 4, Thomson, much admired; 5, Kilgour; 6, Sneddon. HEN (5): 1, 3, Watson, leader grand type, well set up, good droop; 3rd, not quite so good in droop, otherwise equal; 2, Henderson, nice head, fine circle; 4th, McGregor; 5, Sneddon. PIED, ETC., CK. (2): 1, Black; 2, Anderson, pair of very fine models. HEN (4): 1, Gibson, grand substance, rare shape, good head, wins; 2, Black, another good one, well placed; 3, Watson, grand exhibit; 4, Cook, good one for droop and action. BUFF CK. (6): 1, Black, another of the Glasgow dons; 2, Veitch, right good up-set bird, fine action; 3, 4, Cook, pair of good ones; 5, Aitchison; 6, Simpson and Baxter. HEN (11): A grand class, the judge had no easy task here; 1, Henderson, a winner all the way, good size, drive and reach; 2, 5, Laing, leader grand quality, nice drooping shape; 3, Gibson, similar to winner, good one; 4, Black, not quite so good in action; 6, Stenhouse; 7, Veitch. BORD., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (9): 1, B.F.C. medal, Arnott, a gem for action and condition, pressed hard by 2, Patterson, shown to perfection, good one; 3, Craig, nice type, close feather; 4, Smith Bros., nice quality and well staged; 5, Muir; 6, Miller and Alcorn; 7, Thomson. HEN (6): 1, Patterson, shown in fine condition, smooth in feather and rare shade of col.; 2, Arnott, close up, well put down, nice swagger, tight as wax; 3, Craig, good one, close up on leaders; 4, Brunton, well put down, worth its place; 5, Bennet; 6, Jamieson, BUFF CK. (8): 1, Arnott, grand type, fine smooth feather, winning; 2, Patterson, a beauty, grand swagger, in fine condition; 3, Bennet, good type, shown in lovely order; 4, 6, Smith Bros., leader nice one, very attractive; 5, Craig; 7, Baird. HEN (9): 1, Bennet, one of his beauties, shown to prefection, hard to beat; 2, Paterson, one of the same stamp, close up, a beauty; 3, Craig, well staged, sweet in style and coat; 4, Arnott, typical, very active; 5, Holmes; 6, Muir; 7, Smith Bros. EVEN MARK (3): 1, Anderson, nicely mkd., good style; 2, Campbell, well placed; 3, Malcolm, again good. UNEVEN MARK, YELL. (3): 1, Anderson, good type, close in feather, well staged, well worth its place; 2, Paterson, sweet exhibit, fine condition, pressing leader hard; 3, Johnston, close up, smart close feathered; 4, Bennet, well put down, come up on others; 5, Stevenson; 6, Jamieson; 7, Stirling. BUFF (5): 1, Patterson, leading for type and quality, nice head, rounded back, close and compact; 2, Bennet, nicely rounded, well cut out, silky feather; 3, Kilgour, well worth its place, staged in A1 order; 4, Jamieson, pressing hard; 5, Stevenson. GREEN, ETC. (6): 1, 4, Lambie, wins for type and quality; 2, Nelson, smart exhibit, very tight in feather; 3, Thomson, close on others, well placed; 5, Jamieson; 6, Johnston. YORKS., CL., ETC. (11): 1, 3, Cargill, 1st good position, fine feather, good wing carriage and head; 2, Cochrane, good head and neck, close feather, very typical; 4, Dr. Syson, some thought might have gone up, a good one; 5, Crerar; 6, Heggie; 7, Leishman. HEN (5): 1, Dr. Syson, fine position, smooth feather, well staged; 2, Crerar, fine length, nice quality feather; 3, Cochrane, good head and neck, well tapered, close up; 4, Cargill, another of the same stamp; 5, Clayton. BUFF CK. (9): 1, Leishman, fine length, good position, smooth feather; 2, Cargill, pressing winner hard, good one; 3, Cochrane, nice size, not quite so close in breast as winner; 4, Park; 5, Hamilton; 6, Clayton; 7, Crerar, a good class. HEN: 1, Cochrane, nice round head, well filled in back, fine position; 2, Heggie, very close on winner, grand condition; 3, 6, Crerar, 3rd nice one for style and quality of feather; 4, Park, good all over; 5, Cargill. VARIEG. (6): 1, 6, Heggie, leader good all-rounder, worth its place; 2, 5, Reid, 2nd very stylish, in grand feather; 3, Grant, good length and style; 4, Crerar. CREST CK. (10): 1, 3, Paul, leader good all round, great crest, fine wing carriage and centre; 3rd, not quite so dense, but well up in all other respects; 2, 5, Veitch, splendid crest, good shape and size; 4, 6, Burt, close up, fine long feather; 7, Kemp. HEN (9): 1, 4, Sharp, dense crest, well lashed, wins; 2, 3, Paul, pair of right good ones, 2nd has it for substance and feather; 5, Veitch; 6, 7, Crerar. C.B. CK. (11): 1, 5, Paul, leader wins well, good substance and length of feather; 2, Herschel, rare entrance, well lashed, good one; 3, 7, Sharp, close up, good all round; 4, 6, Buchanan, well worth their places; 5, Paul. HEN (5): 1, Paul, fine quality, good entrance, well placed; 2, McCall and Henderson, nice all round; 3, Veitch, close up on leaders; 4, Simpson and Baxter; 5, Burt. CREST, 1911 (11): A good class; 1, Brown, rare entrance, fine quality; 2, 4, Veitch, pair of right good ones; 3, Miller and Alcorn, close up on winner; 4, Simpson and Baxter, another very promising bird; 5, Lindsay; 6, Paul; 7, Blyth. C.B. (12): 1, 7, Veitch, leader dense feather, good wing carriage; 2, 4, Paul, close on winner in every respect, pair of good ones; 3, Lindsay, fine substance, well lashed; 5, Crerar; 6, Sharp; another fine class. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (6): 1, Spence, good type and quality, hot col., chubby build; 2, Miller and Alcorn, nice round head and breast, fine quality; 3, Keir, good type and quality, nice tone of col.; 4, Lumsden, good one, well placed; 5, Murray; 6, Simpson and Baxter. HEN (6): 1, Lumsden, good head, bold front, lovely col.; 2, M'Donald, nice one for type and quality, in good condition; 3, Wildridge, similar to winner, not quite so close in feather; 4, 6, Simpson, another nice one for type; 5, Lister. BUFF CK. (12): A good class, with some "crackers" staged; 1, Lumsden, bold shape, good round head, fine close wing and tail; 2, Grewar, grand head, breast and back, must have pressed; 3, Smith, one of the real stamp, good one, worth its place; 4, Murray, nice style, close feather; 5, Lister; 6, Kerr; 7, Dunsire and Young. HEN (8): 1, Skinner, good size, deep chest, well rounded, clean cut; 2, Mitchell, fine quality, grand back and front; 3, M. Conville, good model, nice size and quality; 4, Ramsay, good head, neck, and wing carriage; 5, Grewar; 6, Watson; 7, Fleming. VARIEG CK. (11): 1, Smith, grand one, hot col., good neck, bold round chest and back, runner up for best in show; 2, Fleming, fine type, good head, well filled neck; 3, Ramsey, close up on others. 4, M. Donald, well balanced wings and tail; 5, Langan; 6, Wildridge; 7, Spence. HEN (13): 1, 7, Dickson, hot col., best of quality, very shapely; 2, Kirk, fine shape, well rounded and finished, in rare bloom; 3, Fleming, bold head, good back, well rounded frontal; 4, Spence, nice for quality, close up; 5, Miller and Alcorn; 6, Lister. UNFLIG. CK. (16) another grand class: 1, Ramsay, nice model, all there for col. and quality; 2, 3, Miller and Alcorn, 2 short and chubby, good head and wings, 3 similar, not quite so bold; 4, Philip, nice one for style and condition; 5, Kirk; 6, Henderson; 7, McQue. HEN (16): 1, Grewar, a topper for size and style; 2, Dickson, good head, chest and back; 4, Corrigan, nice all-round one; 5, McQue; 6, Miller and Alcorn; 7, McLeod; a very hot class this, and hard to sort out. NON-FED CK. (12): 1, Duff, nice style, sweet feather and condition; 2, Skinner, presses winner hard, good one; 3, Dickson, nice type, wings and back; 4, Grewar, fine quality feather, worth its place; 5, Pratt; 6, Wildridge; 7, Lawrie. HEN (6): 1, Kerr, fine type and quality, well put down; 2, Wildridge, fails just a trifle in shape to leader, otherwise equal; 3, McLagan, bold frontal, in good condition; 4, Barr, good head, back and wings; 5, Duff; 6, Murray. COM. CAN. (15): 1, Allen; 2, 3, Bell; 4, Beveridge; 5, Ritchie; 6, Arnott; 7, Haxton. GIFT (9): 1, Lumsden; 2, Dall; 3, 4, 7, Simpson and Baxter; 6, Anderson. LIGHT CAN. MULE (6): 1, Heggie, 4-pointed buff Goldie, good size and shape, shown in good trim, wins; 2, Purvis, buff Greenie, slightly marked on shoulder and back, shown in the best possible order, bred by a young lad, his first attempt; 3, Jamieson, buff Goldie, larger, but a trifle rough in feather to leaders, 4 McLaren, nice heavy mkd. yell. Goldie; 5, Bell; 6, Lindsay. DARK (12) a strong class: 1, McQuiston, yell. Goldie, grand col., smooth in coat, well staged; 2, 6, Ford, 2 buff Greenie, very large, good shape and col.; 3, Allen, yell. Siskin, big browed bird; 4, McLaren, another jonque Goldie, smaller than first a trifle; 5, Banker; 7, Paterson. HYB. (excluding Bullfinch) (6): 1, Jamieson, Goldie-Greenie, good one, rare size and style, staged in the best possible condition, grand col., wins with a bit to spare; 2, McQuiston, well-known Redpoll-Goldie, blaze not quite up yet; 3, Miller and Alcorn, Goldie-Linnet, nice size and condition; 4, Wright, Siskin-Redpoll, good for size; 5, McKinna; 6, Stenhouse. HYB., BULLFINCH (2): 1, McLennan, Goldie-Bullie, the hybrid of the season without a doubt, large, well-shaped markings, well defined, right shade of col., 2 another Goldie-Bullie, although a long way behind leader it is a good one, fine shape, well marked. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (11): 1, Bowman, a perfect beauty, rich scarlet blaze, well tanned, fine cut cheeks, good black, very stylish; 2, Mackie, same shade of col. as winner, but just a little smaller, as good in other respects; 3, McCall and Henderson, same stamp and size as winner, in perfect condition, little to choose between these three, but we think them correctly placed; 4, Towns, another good Finch; 5, Palmer; 6, Campbell; 7, Sykes; a very hot class. BULLFINCH, BRIT. (12): 1, Mackie, grand type and quality, very rich in col., wins; 2, McQuiston, nice type, lovely cap, not quite so tight, looked a little soft; 3, Reid, good for col., well shaped, nice cap; 4, Simmilee; 5, Morton; 6, Colville; 8, Bell. GREENFINCH (12): 1, Anderson, buff, bold, well set up Finch, good col., well staged; 2, McGregor and Boyd, another fine type of Finch, good head, neck and shoulders; 3, Bird, little to draw between this and leaders; 4, McQuiston, not quite so large nor chubby, but good otherwise; 5, Cairns; 7, Thomson; 6, Adamson; a fine lot. GREENFINCH, NON-FED (8): 1, Martin, big browed bird, grand col., well put down; 2, Minnell, fails to winner only in col., a good Finch; 3, McGregor and Boyd, another of same stamp, well staged; 5, Morton; 6, Mathieson; 7, Ritchie. LINNET: 1, 4, McArdle and Stewart, well-known winner; 2, Tucker, very fine type and col., steady; 3, 5, McQuiston, best col. of the lot, but not quite so tight as winners; 6, Kennows; a fine class. LINNET, F.-M. (11): 1, Hodge, champion for size and markings, a good col.; 2, Morton, little to draw, another scorcher; 3, Mason, bonny Linnet, nice shade of col.; 4, McQuiston; 5, Kennoway; 7, Towns. SISKIN (10): 1, Morton, hot col., dense cap, well-known winner; 2, McLaren, good in col., not quite so good in cap; 3, Duncan, nice col. and lacing, fine cap; 4, Bell, good all-round; 5, Mason; 6, McGregor and Boyd; 7, Leitch and Leckie. MEALY 'POLL, ETC. (11): 1, McQuiston, nice col. and markings; 2, Laing, large 'Poll, well put down; 3, nice col., good Twite; 4, Adamson, good all-round 'Poll; 5, Morton; 6, Colville; 7, Miller and Alcorn. LESSER 'POLL (13): 1, 6, Morton, grand col. and finish, well put down, wins; 2, Lumsden, lovely little 'Poll, same col., in fine condition; 3, Adamson, fine smooth coat, nicely mkd., worth its place; 4, Caithness, good 'Poll, sweet head; 5, Palmer; 7, McKinna; a splendid class. CHAFFIE, ETC. (10): 1, Reid, best going, large grand markings and col., steady; 2, McQuiston, smaller, but good otherwise; 3, Sykes, Chaffie, nice col. and condition; 4, Watson, Chaffie, fails in col. only; 5, Strachan; 6, Whiteford; 7, Moyes. BUNTING (4): 1, McQuiston, well-known Corn; 2, Rankine, yell., large, nicely mkd.; 3, Cairns, yell., nice col., in good condition, steady; 4, McLay. HARDBILL, A.O.S.: 1, Sykes, fine Hawfinch. HEN BRIT. (10): 1, Miller, Corn Bunting, in grand order, steady; 2, McQuiston, Linnet, good one; 3, Binnell, Bullie, good cap and col.; 4, Cunningham, 'Poll, nice head and bib; 5, McLaren; 6, Steel; 7, McLaren. SOFTBILL, SMALL (3): 1, Cordery; 2, Anderson; 3, Russell. LARGE (3): 1, 2, Anderson, Waxwing, good one, well shown, 2 Missel Thrush, a pair of beauties; 3, Torby, Lark. FOR., GOLDIE (5): 1, Miller and Alcorn, good Goldie; 2, Stewart, Bullie, fine size and col.; 3, Hogg, nice Goldie, not quite finished yet, good one; 4, Simpson and Baxter. FOR., SMALL (2): 1, 2, Simpson and Baxter. LARGE (3): 1, 2, 3, Simpson and Baxter.

CITY & SUBURBAN.

Sixteenth annual show held Nov. 17 and 18 in the fine hall of the Church Institute, Paddington, W. There was an excellent entry of 405 birds, and it is no exaggeration to say that the quality in all sections would be difficult to surpass, many noted metropolitan fanciers putting down splendid teams in competition for the Society's magnificent cups, challenge shield and other specials, which made a brave display in the hall and drew much admiration from the visitors. Unfortunately the weather was simply vile, heavy rain falling the greater part of the time, and this naturally militated against the "gate" being up to its usual standard. On the Saturday, though, a goodly crowd braved the elements. Mr. A. W. Curtis, as show manager, had everything in admirable order and the smoothness with which the show worked bore excellent testimony to his ability and the care he had lavished upon every detail. He is a real good fancier, of whom any society may be proud. The stewards, Messrs. H. W. Dickinson, A. W. Hart, F. Knight, E. C. Offord, W. Page, W. Prance, W. Pooley, W. Shepheld, and Thynne, must also be highly complimented upon the work they did so cheerfully and well, while Mr. W. G. Sanders, the very capable staging steward, and Mr. J. Chard, deserve special mention. Mr. V. Wynn, the popular late secretary, also did some good work in a quiet way. Several respected lady bird-lovers, Mrs. Maher, Mrs. Thynne, and Mrs. Weston, with Miss Lethbridge, earned the gratitude of everyone by the splendid manner in which they looked after the catering department. The chief special winners were: Challenge shield and Yorks. cup, J. P. Lloyd; Nor. bowl, F. Lathlieff; Coronation cup, F. Knight; Prince and Lassie cups and best Can. in show, A. Lazarus; best lady's Can., Mrs. Thynne; Mayfair, Harris and Wyse cups, and best lady's bird, best Hyb. and Brit., Mrs. Weston; best For., Hon. Mrs. Bourke; two Insectiv. cups, F. J. Evans; cup best Linnet, C. Botting; best amat. Can., H. W. Dickinson; best Novice, F. Lathlieff; Nov. points cup, Brit. E. C. Offord; the Weston points cup, W. Page. The judges were Messrs. J. Mackley (Can.), and C. Prior (the remainder) and we heard no grumbling concerning their decisions. We were pleased to learn that the membership roll, high as it is at present, continues to increase in fine style.

Mr. J. Mackley's Classes.

NOR. YELL. (CHAMP) (4): 1, 3, Curtis, wing, head and neck mkd., fine shape, good head, high quality, 3rd smaller, but typical, A1 quality; 2, Harper, grand typical specimen, well across perch, lovely head, neck and shoulders; vhc, Martin. BUFF (7): 1, sp, Harper, bonny chubby variegated bird, rare body and depth of chest, nice quality; 2, e, Curtis, big bird, shapely, good col. and quality; 3, hc, Lethbridge, very chubby, grand type, lovely shaped head, very fine quality, close up; vhc, Harper. HEN (9): 1, e, Curtis, nice type, good head, well rounded front, capital feather; 2, Martin, similar, hardly so stout, good head and back, tight feather; 3, vhc, Lethbridge, wee shade longer, capital back and wings, neat tail; hc, Mrs. Thynne. YELL. AMAT. (5): 1, A. W. Hunt, shapely, good size, nice head, good bold front, grand quality; 2, 3, T. Hart, 2nd smaller but lovely quality, sound col., neat head, capital col., 3rd shapely, good width of shoulder, neat head, sound col. and quality; vhc, he, Knight. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Knight, 1st bonny bird, grand size, nice head, good shoulders and back, well rounded, A1 wings, 2nd another good one, very high quality, capital col., nice head; 3, e, T. Hart, a shade small but neat type and A1 quality; vhc, hc, A. W. Hart. HEN (6): 1, 2, vhc, Knight, cap mkd. bird of nice size, capital head, neat type, 2nd chubby, good head, paler in col., good wings; 3, hc, T. Hart, nice headed bird, well rounded front, lovely feather. HEN (4): 1, Jeffries, variegated bird, nice head, a shade long in body, but lovely col. and quality; 2, Fuller, hot one, grand type, good head, close up; 3, vhc, Warwick, smaller but A1 shape, capital wings and tail. BUFF (NOVICE) (17): 1, 3 spls, 2, e, Lathlieff, lovely chubby bird, short all over, grand head and neck, well filled back and front, neat wings and tail, deserved its honours, 2nd a shade longer, good head, hot col., nice quality; 3, Fuller, smaller but good type, nice head, lovely feather; vhc, he, Elgar. HEN (11): 1, Cobb, very short specimen, beautifully rounded, nice head, back and wings, good carriage; 2, Wakefield, similar, hardly so hot in col., but grand quality; 3, Kelly, hot one, must have pressed, very shapely, sweet head; vhc, Fuller; hc, Jeffries. CREST (8): 1, 2, vhc, Lazarus, 1st green of good size, heavy crest with good frontal, nice centre and droop, 2nd big bird, neat crest, not quite so heavy in front, but nice shape; 3, Shepherd, variegated bird, similar crest, good centre and droop. NOR. PURCHASED: 1, Mrs. Thynne, bonny yell., very shapely, neat head, hot col. CI. .BODY (2): 1, 2, Dickinson, 1st cl. body, dark, neat crest, nice droop, lovely quality, 2nd grizzled crest of nice size, neat shape, big hodied bird. A.O.V. (5): 1, 3, Pickard, capital green, of fine size, nice shape crest, good front, capital vein; 2, vhc, hc, Dickenson, wing mkd., dark, of good size, good front, capital quality feather; 3, smaller, neat shapely crest. C.-B. (10): 1, spl, 2, hc, Lazarus, 1st fine bold bird, rare size, good broad skull, well lashed, 2nd bonny size and shape, grand skull and lashing, A1 quality; 3, Shephard, big bird, fine head, well lashed, grand feather; vhc, e, Mrs. Thynne. A.V. (AMAT.) (5): 1, 2, vhc, Dickinson, 1st green bird, nice size, neat, nicely domed head, shapely, 2nd variegated, shapely head, lovely quality; 3, hc, Pickard, clear, a wee shade small but good shaped skull. YORKS YELL. (2): 1, Ayers, capital position, nice length and type, shapely grand feather; 2, Armstrong, mkd. bird, fine length, good wings and tail, neat head. HEN: 1, Ayers, capital length, well tapered, neat head, nice shoulder, A1 feather; 2, Armstrong, grand type and position, nicely rounded, A1 quality. YELL. (AMAT.) (9): 1, e, Monger, grand type and quality, nice head and shoulders, A1 wings and tail, real quality; 2, 3, vhc, Tebbs, 2nd racy, rare length, good head, hot col., nicely rounded, 3rd grand length and style, well up in shoulder; he, King. BUFF (6): 1, vhc, he, Tebbs, rare length, fine wings, well rounded throughout, grand col. and quality; 2, 3, Monger, 2nd lovely quality, not quite so long, neat head, good wings; 3rd very smart and straight, nicely rounded, A1 feather; e, King. HEN (10): 1, hc, Tebbs, neck mkd., grand size, well braced wings, good head; 2, 3, King, 2nd neat type, lovely quality, good wings and tail, 3rd nice length, slim build, good bit of shoulder, A1 quality; vhc, e, Knight. YELL. (NOVICE) (15): 1, 4, spls, 3, hc, Lloyd, smart and typical, nicely drawn, good sound col. and condition; 2, Crockett, smart racy bird, grand length, neat head, good shoulders and wings; vhc, Rumble, grand position and length, very straight c, Fletcher. BUFF (8): 1, Lloyd, good length, nice position, good back and wings, neat tail, A1 condition; 2, Saunders, big bold bird, grand length, neat head, well up on leg; 3, Bamber, capital position, nice straight back, well braced wings vhc, Rolls; hc, Vale c, Crockett. HEN (NOVICE) (14): 1, 3, Scudden, good position and style, capital shoulders, neat wings and tail, A1 quality 2, vhc, Lloyd, a shade stouter but nicely drawn, A1 head, well up on leg; hc, Fletcher, smaller, neat type, lovely quality; c, Sanders. NON-FED: 1, Armstrong, neat slim type, good head, capital shoulders, nice wings. YORKS (PURCHASED): 1, 2, Rumble, 1st rare length and style, very straight, good head, well up on leg, 2nd grand position, bonny shoulders, smart bird. BUFF BORD. (CHAMP): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Mrs. Thynne, a trio of typical birds, of grand quality, we liked 2nd immensely very stylish and racy. HEN: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Mrs. Thynne, another set of typical birds, wing and eye mkd. bird leading, all a credit to their owner. NOVICE, YELL. (9): 1, 2, vhc, Sayers, wing and eye mkd., lovely type and style, well proportioned, we liked, 2nd hardly such nice wings, good front, lovely quality; 3, Durrant, cl., good size, nice easy carriage, neat head and wings; he, Mrs. Parry; c, Bradley. BUFF (8): 1, Sayer, real smart bird, lovely quality, grand type, well shown; 2, vhc, Bradley, hardly so neat or well shown, though good typical specimen; 3, c, Durrant, nice quality, in good fettle; hc, Miss Maher. HENS (9): 1, 3, Sayer, neat yell. leading, shapely, nice head and wings; 2, hc, Mrs. Parry, smart buff, well filled, neat tail; vhc, c, Mrs. Maher. BORD. PURCHASED: 1, 2, Sayer, 1st full size buff, shapely, good head, 2nd yell. of capital type, nice position. A.O.V. (CHAMP).: 1, 2, Curtis, two good Nor. greens, capital size and shape. A.V. (NOR.): 1, Warwick, good size cinn., sound col., very shapely; 2, Sayer, nice green Border, very neat and rich.

Mr. C. Prior's Classes.

HYB. LIGHT: 1, Lingley, pretty lightly variegated Goldie-Can., lovely condition. DARK (12): The best class we have seen here: 1, sp, hc, Mrs. G. E. Weston, leader very promising young jonque Lin.-Can.; 2, Thrower, bonny big buff Gold.-Can., fine face and col.; 3, Lingley, very good buff Lin.-Can., extra rich in col., fine shape, close up; vhc, Copeland; c, Kelly. GOLDFINCH, A.N. (7): 1, five sps, including best Brit., 3, Mrs. Weston, the well-known Britisher leading, in grand fettle, 3rd big Siberian, in A1 condition; 2, N.B.B. and M.C. medal, Clements, also British, and a grand Finch, big rich blaze, splendid tan and markings, hard luck to run up against such a hot bird as the leader; vhc, Francis, Sib., wonderful big blaze, just loses in condition. BULLFINCH (8): 1, sp, vhc, Weston, housemoulted, fine size, type, and col.; 2, Francis, good sized Sib., nice cap and breast, fine condition; 3, he, Harris, very hot-coloured F.M. bird leading, beautiful cap, back, and bars; c, Mrs. Stevens. GREENFINCH (6): 1, Harris, col.-fed, magnificent quality, grand size and shape, a real clipper; 2, Francis, non-fed, extra big and bold, good quality, bit nervous; 3, vhc, Offord, fine field-moulted bird, big, steady, lovely tone of col.; he, Botting; c, Weston. LINNET (10): 1, vhc, Botting, well-known winner leading, cobby, bold, rich col., full of work; 2, hc, Weston, leader very big, fine col. and condition; 3, Harris, grand size, shape, and col., wonderfully well pencilled, trifle loose in feather; c, Francis. CHAFFINCH (4): 1, 3, Francis, two beauties, leader lovely col., markings, and bloom; 2, Botting, close up, fine, big, stylish, rich coloured bird; c, Clark. BRAMBIE (5): 1, sp, Weston, very big jonque, excels in col. and markings; 2, hc, Botting, another grand bird for size, col., and spangling, the Federation show winner; 3, vhc, Francis, two more well-known birds, rare good size and markings. SISKIN (5): 1, sp, hc, Francis, very nice non-fed, fine col., well mkd., just a trace of bib; 2, Botting, fed, big and shapely, grandly mkd., no bib; 3, Grahame, fine fed bird, splendid size and shape, trifle gone in head feather; vhc, Harris. REDPOLL (8): 1, Weston, big, bold, finely mkd. Mealy; 2, Page, lovely Lesser, fine size and shape, good bib and lacing; 3, Botting, Lesser, another grand all-round bird; vhc, c, Francis; hc, Grahame. TWITE (6): 1, Page, hard to find fault with, big and bold, hot, sound col., grandly mkd.; 2, Harris, another very big fine bird, full of work, if in better bloom might have turned the tables; 3, he, Francis, in charming condition, shines like silk, finely mkd., good style and shape, trifle smaller; vhc, Grahame. A.O.S. FINCH (6): 1, sp, Harris, the Palace winning Hawfinch, very big and bold, grandly mkd., splendid bird; 2, Weston, also all there for size and markings, better col. than winner, bit unsteady; 3, Francis, the Wimbledon winner, first-class bird all over, close on leaders' heels; vhc, Grahame; he, Mrs. Maher, very nice House Sparrow; c, Sayer. YELLOWHAMMER (5): 1, 2, Botting, two real good non-fed birds, great size, very well mkd., all over; 3, Grahame, rich col (fed), big and stylish, excellent markings, we liked for at least second place; vhc, Francis. A.O.S. BUNTING (3): 1, Weston, extra big and good Corn; 2, Grahame, really splendid Cirl, lovely col. and markings; 3, Botting, big Lapland, nice condition, in winter plumage. HEN BULLIE (3): 1, Parrington, rare, big, and good Siberian; 2, 3, Weston, Brit. and Siberian. A.O.S. FINCH, HEN (6): 1, Weston, exceptionally well mkd. Hawfinch, big and shapely; 2, Page, one of the best Linnets for col. and size we have seen, very nicely pencilled; 3, Botting, first-class Siskin, grand size, shape, col., and markings; vhc, he, Francis; c, Grahame. BUNTING HEN (5): 1, sp, 3, Weston, leader lovely Corn, 3rd equally good Snow; 2, Harris, gem of a Yellow, exceptionally rich col., very steady, in grand fettle; vhc, Botting; "w.e.," Francis, a Reed, has won a lot in previous seasons as a hen, but now coming into male plumage! SMALL INSECTIV. (5): 1, sp, vhc, Evans, very beautiful Dartford Warbler, and a grand Skylark, in lovely condition; 2, 3, Hon. Mrs. Bourke, charming Nightingale, leading, and another Dartford Warbler, both in the best possible condition, latter just beaten in col.; hc, Miss Shepherd. LARGE: 1, Shepherd, fine Song Thrush, beautifully mkd., in the pink of condition. ALBINO, ETC.: 1, 2, Weston, very good Black Redpoll, first we have seen, beautiful condition, and pied Greenfinch. FOR. SEEDEATER (4): 1, Weston, exceptionally nice Red-headed Gouldian; 2, Mrs. Parry, wild Canary, in very good condition; 3, Brambridge, pretty Seria Finch, sweet songster; vhc, Parrington. INSECTIV. (6): 1, three sps, vhc, Hon. Mrs. Bourke, leader very beautiful Purple Sugar Bird, charmingly staged, latter nice Necklace Tanager; 2, Weston, rare Spotted Emerald Tanager, perfect condition; 3, hc, Shepherd, Hill Mynah, grand specimen, highly amused the visitors by his mimicry; c, Mrs. Maher. BRIT. LIMIT CLASSES: GOLDFINCH (9): 1, sp, Copeland; 2, Styles; 3, hc, Page; vhc, Offord; c, Thrower. BULLFINCH (4): 1, Styles; 2, vhc, Thrower. GREEN (4): 1, Offord; 2, Parrington; 3, vhc, Page. LINNET (8): 1, c, Page; 2, Parrington; 3, vhc, Offord; he, Thower. SISKIN, ETC. (10): 1, 3, Offord; 2, hc, Page; vhc, Parrington; c, Thrower. A.O.S. FINCH (5): 1, sp, 2, hc, Page; 3, vhc, Offord. HEN (3): 1, Parrington; 2, Page. INSECTIV. (7): 1, 3 sps, Evans, 2, vhc, Francis; 3, hc, Page; c, Bradley. GIFT: 1, 2, hc Wynn; 3, vhc, Weston.

WOODSIDE (Aberdeen).

Annual show of the Woodside O.S. held Burgh Hall, 18th. Entries showed a falling off compared with previous years, but a number of excellent exhibits were forward.. The feature of the exhibition was the capital display of Norwich. President is Mr. P. Stewart; Vice-President, Mr. Strachan; and Secretary, Mr. A. Thomson. These gentlemen had everything in perfect order, and are to be congratulated on their arrangements. The birds were nicely staged, at a convenieut height. Mr. Allan Marr was appointed to judge Nor., but he had to "cry off" at the last minute. His place was ably filled by Mr. W. Grewar (Forfar), who got through his work in a creditable manner, seeing that this was his first outing. Mr. W. Mitchell (Perth) took the remaining classes. Special for best unflig. Nor. was gained by Mr. Sandison; Mr. W. Allison, Hydes', also Sandiford's medal; Mr. A. Steele, Ramsden medal; special for most points in Small Brit., Mr. F. A. Watt. We are sorry to hear that Mr. A. Thomson is about to resign his post aa secretary. He has done a great amount of good for the Fancy and has worked hard for this particular society.

The Critique.

YELL. CK. (9): 1, Sandison, good size and col., will make a nice stock bird; 2, Ewen and Anderson, good head and neck, grand front, fails only in col.; 3, Craighead, red hot col.; 4, Yeats; 5, Will; 6, Sandison. HEN (9): 1, Kerr, very sweet, teeming with quality, good col., nicely staged; 2, Thomson, another grand hen, plenty of substance, A1 condition; 3, Will, nice chubby bird, lovely wing carriage, best of feather; 4, A. Thomson; 5, Ewen and Anderson; 6, A. Steele. BUFF CK. (8): 1, Ironside, right good one, well up in size, typical, lovely plumage; 2, Rae, excellent quality and col.; 3, Craighead, grand substance, good col.; 4, Forbes; 5, Forsyth; 6, A. Steele. HEN (6): Milne, nice, short cobby one, well balanced, teeming with quality; 2, Will, not quite so typical as winner; 3, A. Thomson, well up in size, nice even col., good ben; 4, Allison; 5, Yeats; 6, Forsyth. YELL., VARIEG. CK. (6): 1, Dunn, good col., a little open in feather; 2, Allison, varieg., good head and neck, short and thick set, some preferred; 3, Rae, good size and quality; 4, A. Thomson; 5, Dressel; 6, A. Steele. HEN (4): 1, A. Steele, tkd. on both eyes and wings, very sweet exhibit, typical, short and cobby; 2, Craighead, varieg., rare head and neck, A1 col. and condition; 3, Forsyth, cap and wing mkd., good type and quality; 4, A. Thomson. BUFF CK. (10): 1, Cummings, plenty of size; 2, Will, cap and saddle mkd., good type and quality; 3, A. Steele, some thought might have gone up, better in type and quality; 4, Milne; 5, A. Thomson; 6, Ironside. HEN (8): 1, Milne, nice varieg., very sweet in quality, typical, well turned out; 2, Ironsides, larger, but fails a trifle in quality; 3, A. Thomson, another good one; 4, Greig; 5, Sandison; 6, A. Steele. NAT. COL. BUFF CK. (4): 1, Ewen and Anderson, rare quality feather, good size; 2, Dressell, much the same build; 3, Wood, fails in type only to winner, good one; 4, Steven. HEN (5): 1, A. Steele, a bird of true Nor. properties, easy win; 2, Cummings, open in trifle in feather, good exhibit; 3, Taylor nice quality; 4, Simpson; 5, Wood. UNFLIG. CK. (16): 1, Sandison, varieg., lovely type, excellent quality, rich col., good head, very cobby, wins; 2, Ironside, wing mark, not at all a bad one; 3, A. Steele, best of col. and condition; 4, 5, Thomson; 6, Taylor. HEN (16): 1, 4, Will, rare good hen, boxy feather, fine head, well filled in neck and rich in col., grand type; 2, McKenzie, good size and quality; 3, Rae, plenty of substance, full of quality, fine head and neck; 5, Thomson; c, Milne. BUFF CK. (14): 1, Strachan, rich col., teeming with quality, very typical, good wings and tail; 2, Will, also of good size and quality; 3, Kerr, very sweet exhibit, boxy feather, rich col., teeming with quality, cobbily built; 4, A. Steele; 5, Ewen and Anderson; 6, Rae. HEN (14): 1, Taylor, a cl., full of quality, grand wings and tail; 2, Allison, a dark varieg., good size, nice even col., best of quality, well carried wings and tail; 3, Milne, nice short cobby exhibit, teeming with quality; 4, Will; 5, Yeats; 6, Dunn. CL., ETC., YELL. CK., NAT. COL. (7): 1, Allan, in the pink of condition, rare quality feather, good size, wings and tail, carried to perfection; 2, A. Steele, also good one, not much to choose between this and next; 3, Rae, full of quality, good head and neck; 4, 5, Dressell; 6, Dunn. BUFF CK. (5): 1, Sandison, good size and quality; 2, 5, Silver, 2 wins for quality, good substance and condition; 3, Dressell, good head, clean on breast, nicely rounded, A1 quality; 4, Steven. HEN (6): 1, J. Strachan, a gem, plenty of substance, nice boxy feather, lovely head and neck, full of quality, wins; 2, Sandison, true to type, well turned out; 3, Dressell, nice one, fails only in size; 4, Stewart and Milne; 6, Thomson. VARIEG. YELL. (3): 1, Dressel, wins, well up in size and quality; 2, Sandison, not quite finished yet; 2, McKenzie, lovely col. and quality. HEN (5): 1, Sandison, full of quality, and in rare condition; 2, Simpson, another good one, good head, nicely rounded front, well staged; 3, A. Steele, very stylish, short, and cobby; 4, Wood; 5, Dressell. BORD. FCY (5): 1, 3, Fairweather, both of good position, free mover, well rounded, good carriage, 3 not quite so well finished; 2, Steven, lovely shape, fine head, nice front, very fine col.; 4, 5, Johnston. BUFF (6): 1, 3, Johnston, two good exhibits, 1 round as a marble, good headed bird, extra good front and wing carriage, 3 just lacks the finish of winner; 2, 4, Fairweather, 2 good one, fine head, nice front, a rare positlon, well staged, 4 a wee shade longer; 5, Rae; 6, Steven. GREEN, ETC. (7): 1, 5, Dressell, 1 good size, and one of the right col., good head and neck; 2, Taylor and Young, good size and col.; 3, Rae, best of type, well up in size, A1 col.; 4, A. Steele. HEN (3): 1, Park, typical, good quality; 2, Allan, fine texture of feather, good col. and condition; 3, Rae, in best of trim. YELL. CINN CK.: 1, Ewen and Anderson. HEN: 1, Rae. BUFF: 1, Rae. UNFLIG. (3): 1, 2, Rae, both well up in size, grand level col.: 3, Cummings, not quite so large as those in front. CAN. A.O.V.: 1, A. Thomson. NOVICE CK. (8): 1, Reid, rare good type and col., nicely staged; 2, 5, Taylor and Young. 2 excels in type, good head and neck, fine silky feather, well turned out; 3, Ironside, real good one; 4, Fairweather. HEN (7): 1, McKenzie, fine type, nice Bullfinch body, and staged in fine condition; 2, Fairweather, not much behind, rare col. and quality; 3, Taylor and Young, true Nor. type; 4, 5, 6, Robertson. MULE (4): 1, Watt, Goldie-Can., in the pink of plumage and condition, just on the small side; 2, Rae, Siskin Mule, good size and col.; 3, Thomson, looks like a hen, nice bird; 4, Johnston. GOLDFINCH (4): 1, Stewart and Milne, good size, well shown; 2, Allison, English, good col., nice blaze, well cut, in A1 condition; 3, 4, Watt, both good blaze, nicely mkd., pure in whites, in best of trim. BULLFINCH (6): 1, Allison, good size and col; 2, Clark, not quite so rich in col.; 3, Johnston, grand type and col; 4, 5, Watt, many considered the two best Bullies in class; 6, Simpson. LINNET (6): 1, Stewart and Milne, very soft when we were taking notes; 2, Johnston, grandly mkd., nice col. and feather; 3, 5, Mitchell and Greig, both of good shape, showing nice whites; 4, Watt; 6, Johnston. SISKIN (9): 1, Allison, grand size, well laced on both sides, shown in lovely order; 2, Stewart and Milne, close up, rich col. and markings; 3, Watt, not quite so well built, good col., nice cap and bib; 4, Mitchell and Greig; 5, Breslin; 6, Dunn. BRIT. (5): 1, Allison, Bramblefinch, good condition, fails just a little in cap, very steady; 2, Ewen and Anderson, in the pink of condition; 3, Breslin, also in good order, nicely staged; 4, Smith; 5, Simpson. FOR.: 1, Smith, Australian Parrot, looking quite happy. GIFT (4): 1, Strachan; 2, Thomson; 3, Johnston; 4, McPherson.

PENZANCE.

Penzance and Dist. F.A. Show, held Corn Exchange, Nov. 10 and 11. The hall, kindly lent by the Mayor (Howell Mabbett, Esq.), is a magnificent place for such a purpose, having plenty of light all round; it is also cosy and comfortable, and perfectly free from draughts. The staging was in every way perfect, and every bird could be seen without any trouble. We were sorry to see Crest and Cinn. classes cancelled. Where are the birds? There are plenty in Cornwall. Mules and Hybrids were a very hot lot, especially the Light Class, and in this section was found the best bird in show, Mr. F. Collins's well-known six-point Goldie Mule ("Sunbeam"). British birds, too, were a splendid lot, and were a hard task to judge; two sets of winners could easily have been picked out. The committee, Messrs. Gendall (chairman), Carne, Batten, Treganowan, Williams, Watkins, Warren, Phillips, and Sampson, are all good fanciers, and worked ungrudgingly in the interests of this fixture. The Hon. Secretary, Mr. W. C. Boddinar, is a hard worker; he is also a capital director, and is courteous and obliging. Under his guidance the Penzance Show will progress by leaps and bounds. Mr. W. G. Poole (Stratford-on-Avou) judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction. We also noticed prominently displayed posters of the CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE, while Mr. F. Collins, the Camborne and District Hon. Secretary of the League, was busy distributing the League leaflets. Gold medal for most points was won by Messrs. Rowe and Richards; special, value 10s. 6d. (given by Messrs. Fry and Sons) for 2nd points, Mr. F. Collins.

The Critique.

NOR., CL., ETC. (9): 1, Pascoe, cl., grand type and feather, good col.; 2, Fox, nice type and feather, neatly braced wings and tail; 3, Spillman, grand type, nice short wings and tail; 4, Stephens and Gaved, very neat wings and tail, good head and neck; vhc, Hill; hc, Redwood; c, Andrew. BUFF (10): 1, spl, Andrew, good type and feather, neat wings and tail; 2, 3, Stephens and Gaved, very chubby, good heads and neck, well mealed, good col.; 4, Ferrell, grand type and col., beautiful quality, nice wings and tail; vhc, Wotton; hc, Collins; c, Rowe and Richards. VARIEG. (8): 1, Pascoe, ticked eye, neck, and rump, good head and neck, nicely balanced wings, very chubby, yell.; 2, Cook and Sons, buff, tkd. head, grand type and feather, lovely meal, close up; 3, Fox, yell. tkd. head, good bold chest, nice wings and tail; 4, Sherman, varieg. buff, very chubby, well-carried wings; vhc, Wotton; hc, Ferrill; c, Redwood. UNFLIG. (9): 1, spl, Spillman, a topper, rare shape, well-carried wings, grand head and neck, lovely col.; 2, vhc, Andrew, mkd. tail, good col. and shape nice head and neck; 3, Fox, yell., good flights and tail, nice colour and quality; 4, Farrell, yell., grand type and quality, lovely head and neck; hc, Redwood; c, Wotton. NOR. HEN (10): 1, spl, Yell., tkd. head, grand size and shape, rare head and front, good carriage and col.; 2, 3, Spillman, buff, tkd. neck, lovely meal, rare shape, well-carried wings, tkd neck and wing, equal to 2nd, two lovely hens; 4, Kemp, yell., sweet damsel, beautiful quality, nice wings and tail; vhc, Pascoe; hc, Collins; c, Redwood. YORKS, CL., ETC., Yell. (10): 1, spl, Wills, good col., neat head and neck, well-balanced wings; 2, Stephens and Gaved, splendid type and quality, nicely carried wings, and tail; 3, Andrew, close up, good head and neck, lovely feather and quality; 4, c, Boundy, straight as a gun barrel, nice-fitting wings; vhc, Brooks; hc, Thomas. BUFF (12): 1, Thomas, good type and quality, lovely meal, nice straight back and tail; 2, Wills, nice type, good length, lovely wing carriage; 3, Rowe and Richards, good type, well drawn, tight as wax; 4, Stephens and Gaved, good length, nice head; vhc, hc, Veal; c, Fox. VARIEG. (9): 1, Rowe and Richards, buff, grand feather and quality, neat head, well up on leg, marked wing; 2, No name, varieg. yell., lovely feather and style, nice flights and tail; 3, Thomas, yell., marked head and wing, good position, nice llights and tail; 4, vhc, Fox, yell. head and wing marked slim built; hc, Brooks; c, Batten. NONFLIG. (15): 1, spl, Mitchell, rare length, straight and stylish, grand feather and quality, nice pipe tail, cl. yell.; 2, Oatey, slim built, nice style and stand, good feather, well-packed flights, cl. yell.; 3, Thomas, cl. buff, nice position, grand type and quality; 4, Allen, cl. yell., good head and neck; vhc, Nicholls; hc, Symons; c, Veal. YORKS, HEN (9): 1, spl, hc, Thomas, tkd. wing yell., grand length, well up on leg, good back; 2, Angwin, tkd. wing, buff lovely shape and position nicely-carried wings; 3, Rowe and Richards, cl. buff, lovely feather, good length, well mealed; 4, Stephens and Gaved, cl. yell., straight as a rush, neat wings and tail; vhc, Wheel and Prowse; c, Allen. LIGHT MULE OR HYB. (8): 1, spl. spl., 2, 3, vhc, hc, Collins; leader six-point Goldie-Can., in rare order, lovely blaze, well-marked wings eyes, and tail, wins special for best in show; 2nd, Greenfinch-Can., lightly varieg., grand size, shape, and feather, good col.; 3rd, varieg. Linnet-Can., nicely marked, good quality feather; 4, Rowe and Richards, Goldie-Greenie, nice blaze, fine size, good wings, nice tone throughout; c, Stephens and Gaved. DARK (11): 1, hc, Rowe and Richards, Jonque Goldie, dense blaze, lovely col., in tip-top form; 2, 3, 4, Collins, Jonque Linnet-Can., grand size, lovely col. and quality; 3rd, Jonque Greenie, lovely size, well marked, good col.; 4, Redpoll, yelh., good size and shape, well marked, good lacing on thighs; vhc, Jordon; c, Wheel and Prowse. GOLDFINCH (12): 1, apl, 3, Polkinghorn, good shape blaze, nice tans, bars, and buttons, good feather, very steady; 3rd, neat, not quite so good in blaze; 2, 4, hc, Rowe and Richards, grand shapely Finch, good square blaze, lovely tanning, fine bars and buttons; 4th, very tight in feather, grand back and wing bars; vhc, c, Stephens and Gaved. BULLFINCH (11): 1, Rowe and Richards, f.m., lovely cap, well cut, nice short wings, and tail, good breast col.; 2, Lugg, hen, grand size and condition, lovely marked wings; 3, 4, Jordon, h.m., a topper for size, nice col., good cap and bars; 4th, good col., nice cap and wings; vhc, Wilmot; hc, Dale; c, White. BRIT. A.O.S. (15): 1, Rosser and Son, Wryneck, shown in tip-top form, well marked; 2, Stephens and Gaved, Hawfinch, nice size, grand bib and col.; 3, vhc, Rowe and Richards, nicely marked Yellow Bunting; 4, Tyler, Siskin, nicely laced cap, well-marked sides; cx. 4, Bazely, Hawfinch, good size, nice bib; hc, c, Collins, Yellow Wagtail, nicely marked, good col., very steady. The best class of British seen in Cornwall for a long time; every bird fit to win. FOR. (11): 1, spl, Gaved, King Parrot, well marked, in lovely form; 2, Kemp, Lavender Finch, lovely exhibit, in perfect plumage; 3, hc, c, Mitchell, White Javas, lovely col., staged in fine form; 4, Miss Richards; vhc, Philp. LOCAL CLASSES: These were a very fine lot, and included many capable of appropriating honours against the champions, especially the Norwich. In the British Bird Class was a lovely Magpie, well marked, and in fine form. NOR. (11): 1, 2, D. Williams; 3, vhc, hc, White; 4, Carne; c, Treglown. BRED 1911 (10): 1, spl, 3, Williams; 2, hc, White; 4, Carne; vhc, Phillips; c, Curnow. NAT. COL. (8): 1, spl, Williams; 2, Carne; 3, hc, White; 4, c, Batten; vhc, Datson. YORKS (8): 1, spl, 2, Batten; 3, Wheel and Prowse; 4, vhc, Fox, hc, Uren; c, Mitchell. BRED 1911 (8): 1, Batten; 2, 3, Mitchell; 4, Batten; hc, Crowle; c, Uren. NAT. COL. (8): 1, 3, Mitchell; 2, 4, Fox; vhc, c, Batten; hc, Uren. MULE (9): 1, spl, 3, Fox; 2, Caddy; 4, Curnow; vhc, Millett; hc, Bounden; c, Carne. GOLDIE, ETC. (10): 1, Secombe; 2, Rowe; 3, Phillips; 4, Mitchell; vhc, Carne; hc, Rooks. HARDBILL (8): 1, 3, Mitchell; 2, Fox; 4, Warren; vhc, Millett. A.O.S. (6): 1, Pengelly; 2, Hill; 3, Richards; 4, Warren.

CAMBUSLANG.

Annual show held 4th Nov., Free Gardeners' Hall, an ideal place for a show of the kind, being well lighted and free from draughts. Mr. Brownlie (president), and Mr. McCulloch (sec.) were well supported by a hard working committee, who, one and all, were courteous and obliging, and had everything in apple-pie order. Mr. H. P. Hutchison (Barrhead) made the awards, and his decisions were well received. This society has just emerged from a trying season, through loss of members and a bad breeding season, but with a stout heart set to a steep hill they mean to surmount their little difficulties as only true and trusty fanciers can by binding themselves hard and fast one to another. Although the number of exhibits was down a bit this year, the quality in most cases was of a high standard, and the show undoubtedly a success.

The Critique.

YOUNG NOR.: 1, spl, Lindsay, neat and typical cl. buff, fine head, well balanced wings, nice quality feather. OLD CK.: 1, spl, Proudfoot, cl. buff, fine wings, good feather, well staged; 2, Haddow, fine head and neck; 3, Proudfoot, good nat. col., fine head and wing, carriage, well cut away behind; 4, Lindsay, good quality cl. yell., fine head and style. OLD HEN: 1, Haddow, tick buff, some thought lucky, being a bit long in barrel for a buff; 2, Proudfoot, small, but neat and typical cl. yell., well placed; 3, Lindsay, varieg. buff, fine size and substance, neat head, wings and tail; 4, Allan, fine size. YOUNG CREST OR C.B.: 1, 2, S. Lindsay, leader green crest, nice headpiece, fine radiation and droop, will be a good one when finished; 2, C.B., nice feather. YOUNG CL., Etc., BORD.: 1, sp, Pearce, very sweet, typical, neat head, well filled in neck, well braced wings, pipe tail; 2, S. Lindsay, very nice one. Hen: 1, J. Lindsay, sl. buff, nice style, good carriage; 2, 3, Brownlie, leader cl. yell., grand type and quality, best of feather, 3rd good feather, neat wings and tail; 4, Pearce, quite a nice one all over. A.O.V. BORD.: 1, Brownlie, fine level col., yell. varieg., neatly marked wings, nice type; 2, spl, 3, 4, Cougans, leader fine buff cinn., finely pencilled, grand quality feather, neat and typical spec., worth its place, 3rd varieg. buff, nicely staged; 4, another buff cinn. OLD BORD. CK.: 1, Pearce, real good one, tight and boxey in feather, sweet and typical; 2, 3, Brownlie, cl. yell. of fine quality feather, well staged, 3rd varieg. cinn. mkd., nice one; 4, Cougans, nice quality cl., might perhaps have gone up a peg. OLD HEN: 1, 2, Pearce, leader cl. buff, good feather, 2nd cl. yell., good quality and type, neat carriage of wings and tail; 3, Cougans, finely pencilled yell. green, good quality feather; 4, Brownlie, nice cl. yell. YOUNG DARK MULE: 1, spl, and cup, Pearce, dark buff Goldie Mule, shows cross well, put down in faultless condition; 2, 3, spl, Brownlie, 2nd quite as big as winner, but not up to col. yet, 3rd fine Jonque, in good trim; 4, Haddow, another Jonque of fine quality. YOUNG VAR. MULE: A fine class: 1, 3, Lindsay, leader fine sized yell., good deep col. and quality, in the opinion of many ought to have captured cup, a creditable one, 3rd nice buff, put down in spanking fine condition, well placed; 2, 4, Haddow, 2nd another real good Jonque, following hard on leader, 4th yet another nice one, well put down. GOLDFINCH: 1, spl, Haddow, grand little fellow, in fine col., rare square cut blaze, good whites and tanning, very stylish and steady, wins well; 2, S. Lindsay, another good one, well up in col. and markings; 3, Cougans, unsteady, rare depth of blaze, col.; 4, Proudfoot, steady, good one throughout. BULLIE HEN: 1, spl, Proudfoot, real tip top one, fine expansive deep jet cap and neat wing bars; 2, McCulloch, another topper for quality and staging; 3, Cougans, larger than 2nd, but not in the same faultless condition; 4, Haddow, quite a good exhibit. LINNET: 1, spl, 3, Haddow, 1st finely pencilled, steady spec., good nutty col. and fine whites, 3rd yet another good one, well staged; 2, Lindsay, another very good one, put down in fine trim, nicely pencilled, must have pressed hard; 4, Cougans, nice one. GREENFINCH: 1, 4, Proudfoot, 1st real good one, fine bold upstanding fellow, in the best of condition, well fed; 2, McCulloch, another good one for size and condition; 3, Lindsay, quite a fair one, but beaten here. LESSER REDPOLL: 1, spl, Brownlie, good size, finely pencilled h.m. exhibit, wins; 2, and 3, Haddow, leader really good field-moulted one, fine col. and markings, good bib, well placed, 3rd another well staged one; 4, Cougans, nice one, well staged. MEALY 'POLL, ETC.: 1, Brownlie, nice sized, steady, well pencilled, good exhibit, staged to perfection; 2, 3, McCulloch, leader nice Siskin, good col., fine dark cap and bib, 3rd another 'poll of nice size and condition; 4, Cougans, quite a nice Twite. MULING OR HYB. HEN: 1, McCulloch, tip-top Greenie hen, put down in faultless condition; 2, S. Lindsay, good one; 3, Proudfoot, not one of the largest, but every feather in its place, condition A1. A.O.V. SMALL BRIT.: 1, spl, Haddow, fine Yellowhammer, in rare trim, steady well shown, fine head markings, good body col; 2, 3, Cougans, two grand exhibits, leader fine steady, good coloured Chaffic, in rare bloom, 3rd rare good Bullie cock, fine dark well defined cap; 4, McCulloch, Yellowhammer. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, spl, 3, S. Lindsay, 1st nice green Crest, good top-piece, fine droop and radiation, well staged, easy win, 3rd another good Crest, rather lighter in build; 2, Allan, good Scots. Fancy, fine top end, nice reach and length of side. An interesting feature of the show is the duty of handing over the cup for best bird to the successful competitor, who, in this case, happened to be a young fancier in his first year. In the absence of the president, Mr. R. H. Livingstone was asked to hand over the cup. Mr. Livingstone wished the young fancier every success.

HARROGATE.

An Undeserved Poor Entry.

Harrogate C.B.S. 8th annual show, held Nov. 18th. The Society was again able to secure the Carlton Room, a magnificent place for a cage-bird show, with plenty of light, free from all draughts, and capable of being kept at a nice even temperature. Twenty classes were provided, which, we regret to say, filled badly, the response being only 232 entries. The open section in particular was poorly supported, and half prize-money had to be the order of the day. The novices were well provided for, and they responded well, both in quality and number of the exhibits. We might say here that the Society is going to hold an open show early in the New Year for novices only, and if they provide a good classification and advertise it well, we have no doubt but that success will result. The Sec., Mr. W. E. Fergusson, is new to his position, but he is all that could be desired, and he had everything in first-class order. This able fancier is a "Cage Bird League" man himself, also the majority of the members, and they did not forget to push its interests, for posters were placed everywhere. The birds were got upon their way home by 7 o'clock. The committee are a lot of good, hard-working fanciers, and the show manager, Mr. Gill, was always business-like and on the alert. Committee, Mr. Beilby, chairman, Mr. Walker, vice-chairman, and Messrs. Head, Lealman, Ireland, Houseman, and Gill, went about the packing in the evening in fine style—in fact, everything went like clockwork. We are very sorry so good a lot of fanciers were not better patronised by exhibitors. Mr. L. C. Casey won sp. for best hen in the open classes. Mr. Ramsden's eruct was won by Mr. S. Morley; Mr. G. Ireland won the Barnwell Trophy; Mr. Walker sp. for best yell. hen; Mr. Beilby, best buff hen; Mr. Ireland, best unflig.; Mr. Gill, best old bird; Mr. Thomas, most points in show. Mr. J. Bailey (Bradford) judged. His awards seemed to give general satisfaction, and he got through his work in good time. We hope there may not be any balance on the wrong side.

The Critique.

YORKS. CL. or TKD. YELL. (8): 1, Hall, wing tick, hot col., splendid size and shape, stands on a pair of good legs, straight as a gun; 2, Thomas, nice Yorkie, good quality and position, excellent length and col.; 3, Long, bigger bird, good one, but a little loose in feather; 4, Hutter; vhc, Morrison; hc, Stobart; c, Barrett. BUFF (6): 1, Wilkinson Bros., good win, tkd. head, splendid quality and col., grand length, straight as a line, good legs, a beauty; 2, Thomas, another topper, stands like a guardsman, nicely cut away, shade shorter than leader; 3, Morrison, good size and position, fine type, loses little in feather; 4, Hutter; vhc, Stobart; hc, Wrigglesworth. UNEVENLY MKD. (7): 1, hc, Thomas, uneven green mkd. yell., capital size, A1 position, steady as a rock, beauty; 2, Whitwham, green mkd., true Yorkie for style and position, quality all there, trifle shorter than leader; 3, Crawhall, mkd. buff, head and wings, grand exhibit, straight as a line, good in colour and quality, a little open in front; 4, Brown and Son; vhc, Long. UNFLIF. (14): 1, Crawhall, buff, very shooty, plenty of nerve, good length of flights, A1 col. and quality, good win; 2, Long, yell., nice one for size, shape and position, not quite so good in wing carriage; 3, Dewhurst, tkd. buff, rare length, grand position, well cut away, steady, many thought could have gone up one; 4, Whitwham; vhc, Wilkinson Bros.; hc, Hutler; c, Hall. YELL. HEN (11): 1, Casey, real topper, if a hen, excellent col., magnificent length, style and position, stands out alone; 2, Hall, very nice hen indeed, but fails in length and colour to winner; 3, Dewhirst, seemed a grand bird, but very wild; 4, Thomas; vhc, Iloyes; hc, Fawcett; c, Stobart. BUFF HEN (14): 1, Casey, capital hen, lovely quality, A1 position, well cut away, stands on good legs; 2, Thomas, nice size and shape, full of quality, good one; 3, c, Tyman, very nice all round, but unsteady; 4, Whitwam; vhc, Hall; hc, Long. NOVICE. YELL. YORKS (16): 1, Gill, real good bird, capital size, position and quality, well put down; 2, c, Head, A1 quality, position all there, trifle shorter than leader; 3, 4, Bushby, mkd. head, eye and wing, nice size and position, typical and neat; vhc, Morley; hc, Craven. BUFF (11): 1, Shepherd, capital exhibit, good win, nice level col., fine length, stands on good legs, nicely cut away, best of wings; 2, Fowle, well put down, shape, position and style all there, perhaps a trifle shorter; 3, Fergusson, head, eye and wing mkd., wonderful length and shape, nice quality, has a habit of crossing wings; 4, Pearson; vhc, Hayworth; hc, c, Ireland. UNFLIG. YELL. (15): 1, Fowle, green mkd., good bird, capital size, position and quality, stands like a guardsman; 2, Ireland, the York winner, grizzle back, good length, fine position, steady as a rock, showing a little frill; 3, Beilby, wing ticked, very nice one for shape and position, not the size of leaders; 4, O'Reilly; vhc, Leng; hc, Craven; c, Moore. UNFLIG. BUFF (12): 1, Shepherd, good length, finely drawn, stands like a soldier, in the pink of condition; 2, Fowle another grand young one, splendid quality and position; 3, Moore, fine shape and position, very steady, just shows few loose feathers on breast; 4, Leng; vhc, Cockhill; he, Gill; c, Robinson. YELL. HEN (18): 1, Craven, cheek tkd., well drawn, good size and position, A1 quality, steady, well staged; 2, Morley, fine size, position, and quality; 3, Curtis 2, Morley, fine size, position, and quality; 3, Curtis neck mkd., size and type all there, but wants steadying; 4, Walker; vhc, Ireland; hc, Cockhill; c, Moore. BUFF HEN (25): rattling class for quality and quantity; 1, Greenwood, lovely damsel, in fine form, true Yorkie for shape, quality and position smooth as marble; 2, Heyworth, capital size and quality, looking soft when I saw her; 3, Beilby, the York winner, in fine trim, beauty for position and quality, staged in perfect order; 4, Craven; vhc, Bushby; hc, Morley; c, Pearson. NORWICH (15): 1, hc, Thomas, fine bird, neat head, short flights, capital col., very cobby; 2, Hall, capital head, good deep chest, nice back and flights, short tail, very cobby, good second; 3, 4, Jeffries and Husband, capital size, rare substance, good head, back and wings; vhc, Fleetham; c, Palmer. SELL. 15/-: 1, Gill; 2, Walker; 3, Palmer; 4, Brown; vhc, Barrett; hc Ireland; c, Greenwood. SELL. 12/6: 1, Bielby; 2, O'Reilly; 3, Gill; 4, Curtis; vhc, Lealman; hc, Hollins; c, Robinson. GIFT.: 1, Hewson; 2, Bielby; 3, Fergusson; 4, Gill; vhc, Fleetham; hc, Walker; c, Head. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (6): 1, Duxbury, Goldie, good blaze, bars and buttons, lacks bloom; 2, Hartley, Bullie, fair size, good hood and bib, nice type; 3, Humphreys, good Goldie, not quite the colour of blaze of winner; 4, Bousfield; vhc, hc, Wilson. LINNET, ETC. (6): 1, 2, 4, vhc, Wilson, capital team of grand birds, each put down in the pink of condition; 3, Duxbury, Linnet, very steady, well pencilled, good col. SOFTBILLS (6): 1, 4, Bousfield, Wagtail leading, shown to perfection, steady as a rock, real beauty; 2, 3, vhc, Wilson, 2nd Wheatear, in fine trim, steady, good 2nd; 3rd, grand Nightingale, rather soft; hc, Mackwell.

AVONBRIDGE.

The Points Cup Won Outright.

Avonbridge O.S. 18th annual show held November 13th, in the Public School. The place is well adapted for such an exhibition, each section of the show having a hall to itself. The cage bird section had the centre hall, which is well lighted on both sides, with plenty of room for visitors to examine the different classes comfortably. The management was in the able hands of Messrs. Peter Gentleman and Robert Binnie, who were backed up by a few hard-working stewards, headed by their President, Vice-President, and Treasurer (Messrs. M. Steel, D. Lamond and R. Dunsmore). The entries all over were good, and the quality the best. The British bird and mule sections turned out well, 151 exhibits being staged. The Borders came next with 144 entries. The Norwich section was a little down on former years. In the Border Fancy section we were sorry to see a case of exhibits from Liverpool arrived too late for judging; however, they received the kind attention of the officials in charge. Mr. R. Gentleman won the handsome silver cup outright for most points over show, having won same twice in succession. A handsome special for second most points was won by Mr. J. Nicholson, who had a splendid team of Britishers on view, which were good winners in their respective classes. Mr. H. Wilson (Bannockburn) judged Nor. and Borders, and Mr. W. Sharp (Bathgate) Mules and British birds; and their awards left little room for grumbling.

The Critique.

NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, sp, Chalmers, well up in substance, good col. and shape; 2, Burnett, nice col. and quality, not quite the shape of winners. HEN (2): 1, sp, Burnett, grand bird, full of quality; 2, no name. BUFF CK. (2): 1, sp, Stuart and Dalling, grand big bodied bird, in the best of condition; 2, no name, another good bird, close up; 3, Gentleman. HEN (3): 1, Patterson, grand big bird, requires a wash, when it will look a topper; 2, sp, Gentleman, nice green, in the best of condition; 3, Burnett, well placed. NON-FED CK. (5): 1, Reid, splendid type and quality, easy win; 2, 4, 5, Gentleman, all well placed; 3, Scobbie, follows well. HEN (3): 1, Baird, large buff, in the pink of condition; 2, Reid, good one for type and quality; 3, Gentleman, another good one, well placed. CREST (4): 1, Gentleman, nice crest, easy win here; 2, Binnie, good crest, not quite so well laid as winners; 3, Cairns, well up in size and substance; 4, Campbell. C.B. (4): 1, Gentleman; 2, Binnie; 3, Cairns; 4, Campbell, all very nice birds, well shown. BORD. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (10): 1, Murray, sweet little model for type, quality, and col., clear win; 2, Cairns, nice stamp, in the best of condition; 3, Gentleman, typical specimen, a little rough in feather to-day; 4, 5, Hamilton; 6, Connor; 7, Blackie. HEN (12): 1, Shields, perfect little gem, full of life and action, put down in grand order; 2, Duncan, grand stamp of Border, just lacks the finish of winners; 3, Chalmers, unsteady, good bird; 4, Murray; 5, Blackie; 6, Dunsmore; 7, Gentleman. BUFF CK. (11): 1, no name, splendid model for type, full of quality; 2, 3, 4, Shields, 2nd neat shaped Border, not quite so stylish as winner, 3rd on a par with 2nd, equally good; 5, Blackie; 6, Conner; 7, Peters. HEN (7): 1, 3, Gentleman, 1st grand bird, fine action, full of quality, neat head, 3rd another good Border; 2, Peters, another good one, presses hard; 4, Dunsmore; 5, 7, Shields. SELF., ETC., YELL. GREEN CK. (13): 1, 3, 5, 7, Gentleman, grand team of Borders, all in the pink of condition; 2, Thomson, full of quality, nice type and col., well placed; 4, Johnston; 6, Wilson. HEN (10): 1, Forrest, model for type and quality, well shown; 2, 4, Thomson, fine type and col., presses winner; 5, 7, Gentleman, good type, well worth its place; 6, Johnston; 8, Shields. BUFF CK. (14): 1, Wilson, excellent shape, full of col. and quality, wins; 2, 5, Gentleman, nice one all through; 3, 6, 7, Thomson, a good exhibit, inclined to crouch at times; 4, Jamieson. HEN (12): 1, sp, 5, Thomson, nice moulded hen, shows wealth of col., in perfect condition; 2, Blackie, close up, neat head, beautiful shaped body, wee shade restless; 3, Gentleman, grand col., nice wings and tail; 4, McGuillan; 6, Johnston; 7, Shields. YELL. CINN. (8): 1, Grant, fine position and type, nice even col., faultless condition; 2, Forrest, another good one, falls only in condition; 3, 7, Gentleman, sweet wee Border; 4, Jamieson; 5, 6, Wilson. BUFF (8): 1, sp, Jamieson, fine shape, nice even col., level tone all through; 2, Blackie, another fine shaped Border, just lacks the tone of col. of winner; 3, 4, Gentleman, good shape, nice even col., very steady; 5, Grant; 6, Wilson; 7, Hamilton. A.O.V. CK. (11): 1, 2, 3, 5, Gentleman, a splendid team of variety Borders, all well placed; 4, Reid; 6, Peters; 7, Shields. HEN (9): 1, sp, 5, Gentleman, splendid shaped Border, nicely moulded, in lovely order; 2, 4, Fairfoul, neat Border, good wing and tail; 3, Dunsmore, many thought as good as any in class; 6, Shields; 7, Chalmers. DARK CAN. MULE (6): 1, sp, Nicolson, Greenie-Mule, in the pink of condition, easy win; 2, Steven, lovely Goldie-Mule, nice blaze, feathers damaged just a little on chest; 3, Strachen, Linnet-Mule; 4, Gentleman; 5, Braid; 6, Hill. BRIT. GOLDIE (5): 1, sp, Gardner, nice conditioned Goldie, grand blaze, nice size, good moons and bars, nice tan, wins; 2, Robertson, almost as good as 1st, but smaller a trifle in blaze; 3, Nicolson, splendid shaped Goldie, will be a good one when finished; 4, Hoyle; 5, Hunter. BULLFINCH, BRIT. (4): 1, sp, Stuart and Dalling, grand bold bird, dense cap, rich back and breast col., in splendid condition; 2, no name, nice Bullie; 3, Cooper; 4, Gentleman. BULLIE HEN (9): A grand class: 1, Nicolson, good size, fine cap and bib, extra sound in col., quality, and condition, very steady, shows well; 2, Bald, another grand hen, in good condition, well put down; 3, Nicol, another grand Finch, similar in build, nice one; 4, sp, Liddle, sweet Bullie, falls in size only to winners; 5, 7, Gentleman; 6, Lamond. SISKIN (6): 1, sp, Nicolson, large bird, rare col., nice cap, finely laced, easy win; 2, 3, Gentleman, another good bird; 4, Hoyle; 5, Brown; 6, Steven. LINNET, HOUSE-MOULTED (6): 1, sp, Bald, well-known winner, still in the pink of condition; 2, Storrie, all there for size and markings, crouchy on perch at times; 3, Bell, not quite so good as leaders; 4, Robertson; 5, Cooper; 6, Gentleman. FIELD-MOULTED (12): 1, Nicolson, grand upstanding Linnet, lovely quality, good markings, shows whites well; 2, Lambie, a different shade of col., well worth its place; 3, Bald, another big winner, but beaten here to-day; 4, 6, Gentleman; 5, Brown. LARGER REDPOLL, ETC. (13): 1, sp, Braid, very large Mealy Redpoll, tight as a bottle, good winner; 2, Gentleman, lovely conditioned Twite in perfect condition; 3, Reid, Mealy Redpoll, nice bib, fails only in lacing to winner; 4, Haldane, nice Twite, in splendid feather, cage rather small; 5, Boslem; 6, Burnett; 7, Shields. LESSER POLL (HOUSE-MOULTED) (3): 1, 7, Gentleman, well-known winner, looking as well as ever; 2, Flood, nice little Poll, a wee shade smaller than winner, but all there for quality; 3, Lambie, again a charming little fellow, full of action; 4, Bell; 5, Shields; 6, Showler and Son. FIELD-MOULTED (2): 1, Gentleman, large, well conditioned bird, extra steady, nice bib, wins; 2, Baird, another good Poll, but rather unsteady; 3, Stewart, a little smaller, but rare quality of feather and finish; 4, McGillivray Bros.; 5, Bell; 6, Haldane; 7, Allan. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (5): 1, sp, Nicolson, large, upstanding Bramble, shows himself to perfection; 2, Strachen, Chaffie, large bird, dull in col. somewhat; 3, Gentleman, Bramblefinch, falls only in size and col. to winner; 4, Stuart and Dalling; 5, Cooper. GREENFINCH, FED (5): 1, sp, Nicolson, well-known winner, in the pink of condition; 2, Stuart and Dalling, could be shown to better advantage; 3, 4, Gentleman, nice Finch, not quite so well up in colour as winner; 5, Hoyle. NON-FED (5): 1, sp, Nicolson, large bouncing bird, staged to perfection; 2, 3, Gentleman, falls only in size to winner, grand Finch; 4, Laing; 5, Flood. FIELD-MOULTED (11): 1, sp, Nicolson, still another grand bouncing yellow, easy win; 2, Gentleman, a wee shade smaller than winner; 3, Bald, nice grass Greenfinch, but a wee bit unsteady; 4, Duncan; 5, Steven; 6, Lambie; 7, Nicol. GREENFINCH, HEN (6): 1, sp, Liddle, nice even coloured hen, in the pink of condition; 2, Laing, one of the largest Greenfinches we have ever seen, but has an inflamed eye; 3, 5, 6, Gentleman; 4, Showler and Son. BUNTING (7): 1, Bald, well-known winning Corn Bunting, staged in perfect order; 2, 4, Stuart and Dalling, 2nd nice Yellowhammer, good, nicely staged; 3, Gentleman, large Corn Bunting, not quite the quality of winner; 5, W. P. Campbell; 6, McLean; 7, Wardrope. HEN, BRIT. (7): 1, sp, Robertson, Waxwing, put down in rare order, easy win here; 2, Steven, Bramblefinch, in the pink of condition, nicely staged; 3, Gentleman, Hawfinch, well placed; 4, Laing, nice Yellowhammer; 5, Stratchen; 6, Boslem. BRIT. HARDBILL A.O.S. (3): All Hawfinches: 1, sp, Robertson, nicely shaped Finch, grand bib, put down in perfect order; 2, Gentleman, not quite so shapely as winners, but well worth 2nd; 3, Stuart and Dalling, rough in feather to-day, nice Hawfinch all through. FOR. GOLDIE, ETC. (4): 1, sp, Nicolson, grand Goldie, deep crimson face, richly tanned, grand buttons, well staged; 2, Stuart and Dalling, hot coloured Bullie, unfortunately, has a wart on beak; 3, Steven, another grand Goldfinch, not quite so nicely tanned as winner; 4, Bald, another grand sized Goldie, but out of condition to-day.

GOVANHILL.

Sixth annual show of the Govanhill and Dis. O.A. Tennant; vice-president, Mr. J. McMichael; sec. and treasurer, Mr. C. Watson. Entries were a shade up compared with last year, and the quality quite up to the standard. Sec. Watson, who knows his business, had all the arrangements well in hand. Judges: Messrs. R. Wright (Greenock), W. Webster (Greenock), and R. Price (Barrhead), whose duties as judges were well received. There was a large turnout of visitors and breeders, and the show was a big success in every way, both for "gate" and entries. The best bird in hall was Mr. W. Wilson's buff cock, which wins cup and gold medal; runner up, silver medal, Mr. J. Vernall. The club is making very steady progress, and is very popular in the district. The officials are all well known breeders, and are fully determined to make their association a big success. Ex Councillor Dr. Garey, J.P., presented the prizes. He said afterwards that the most important part of the programme to his mind was that the members and friends thought they might in some way recognise Secretary Watson's work on behalf of the association. He had much pleasure therefore in handing over a purse, well filled, on behalf of the members and friends of the association. Mr. Watson suitably acknowledged the gift.

The Critique.

YELL. CK., CL., ETC. (11): 1, spl, 3, Wilson, first cl., fine size and top end, 3rd not quite the size of 2nd; 2, Keary, nice size, good top end, fine reach and droop, nice length of side, very neat; 4, Vernall; 5, Hunt; 6, McMahore; 7, Milroy. BUFF (13): 1, spl, 2, spl, Wilson, 1st cup winner, nice size and deep through, good top end, very nervy, wins, 2nd fine size, grand length of side, falls in style only to 1st; 3, McMahon, nice size and top end, neat pose, tail nicely to spar; 4, Vernall; 5, spl, 6, spl, Keary; 7, spl, Crawford. YELL. PIED, ETC. CK. (12): 1, 5, Wilson, 1st nice size and length of side, neat pose, and tail nicely in to spar; 2, 4, Vernall, 2nd better in top end than winner, falls in style only, nice ready mover, 4th nice position and drive; 3, McWilliams, fine size, good worker, neat pose, presses on 2nd; 6, Keary; 7, Hunt. BUFF (13): 1, Lyle, very typical, grand reach, neat head, fine positioned bird; 2, Wilson, better size, tail nicely in to spar, grand top end, good depth through; 3, 5, 6, Hunt, 3rd nice size and length of side, good top end; 4, Campbell, nice size; 7, Vernall. YELL. HEN, CL., ETC. (15): 1, 2, spl, Watson, beat second hen, first plenty of size, fine top, good reach and droop, 2nd falls in size only to winner, very neat; 3, 4, spl, Keary, 3rd cl., nicely braced up, fine size and reach, good pose, 4th another good bird, not much between them; 5, spl, Hunt; 6, Watson; 7, Harvey. BUFF (13): 1, Lyle, nice length of wing and side, good top end and depth through, in grand condition; 2, 3, 7, spl, Wilson, 2nd fine size and top end, good depth through, 3rd fine mover, hard up, very stylish; 4, 6, Vernall, 4th nice size. YELL. PIED, ETC. (6): 1, spl, 3, 6, Wilson, nice size and top, fine depth through, 3rd good pose, shade short in neck; 2, 5, Vernall, 2nd fine size, neat position, good worker, tail nicely in to perch, in grand condition; 4, Hunt, plenty of size. BUFF (9): 1, spl, 4, Vernall, runner up and best opposite six, 1st nice size and top, very typical, wins, 4th a wee shade plain; 2, 3, Wilson, both very neat, plenty of style, 2nd fine type, better reach and droop than 3rd; 5, Keary; 6, Tennant; 7, Lyle. OLD BIRDS, CK. (8): 1, Watson; 2, Tennent; 3, Crawford; 4, 5, Milroy. HEN (10): 1, Wilson; 2, 3, Milroy; 4, Crawford; 5, Tennant; 6, Watson; 7, Hayman. AMAT., CK.: 1, spl, Crawford, buff ck.; 2, spl, Campbell, buff pied ck.; 3, spl, 4, spl, Milroy, yell. ck. and yell. pied ck. HEN: 1, 2, Cowie; 3, Milroy.

BRIGHTON.

The following are the winners of specials offered at Brighton C.B.A. Show, extra to those published in report: Most points in show, H. T. Gibb; Trower's medal, J. E. Gravett; N.B.B. and M.C. medal, F. J. Evans; Hyde's special, J. E. Gravett; Sandiford's medal, W. Ellis; most points Yorks. (members), H. T. Gibb; Nor., H. T. Gibb; best Brit. in Show (members), H. Akehurst; best novice Yorks. (members), E. F. Brooks; best Cl. Yell., Yorks. (members), Rev. T. W. Miller; best unflig. Yorks. (members), H. T. Gibb; best Linnet (members), A. Goble; 2nd, H. T. Gibb; best Goldfinch, H. Akehurst; Bullfinch, Cadman Bros.; Dark Mule, Cadman Bros.; Greenfinch, Cadman Bros.; Redpoll, etc., R. Sharp.—Will H. Gibb, Hon. Sec.

VALE OF LEVEN.

Cage birds, we are pleased to announce, have revived here. On 18th Nov. the first annual show was held in the Public Hall, Alexandria. The hall is admirably adapted for a cage bird show. We were delighted to see our friend, Mr. A. H. McLean, at the helm; a better man could not be wished for as secretary. He received his training in Glasgow, having been several times on the working committee of the City of Glasgow O.A. He was supported by an energetic committee, and everything was well arranged. Entries were 250, and the quality was exceptionally good. The show was, in fact, a big success. The hall was packed with visitors. Judges: Messrs. Connolly and Wright, whose awards appeared to please the majority.

The Critique.

YOUNG BIRDS.—NOR. YELL. (4): 1, no name, grand shape, nice col., close feather, neat wings and tail; 2, 3, Davidson, 2nd nice shape, substantial body, good col.; 4, Hannah, good stamp. HEN (1): 1, Todd, good shape and col., extra nice quality, will be heard of again. BUFF CK. (7): 1, 2, Campbell, 1st lovely shape, grand substance, close feather, neat wings and tail, 2nd nice shape and col., nice feather; 3, Todd, good quality; 4, Liles, follows closely; 5, 6, Davidson; 7, Hannah. HEN (2): 1, Todd, splendid shape, fine feathers and col., well built; 2, McLean, typical, excellent shape, feather, and col. C.-B.: 1, Gibb, splendid lash, fine entrance, plenty of feather, good substance. BORD CL. ETC., YELL. (6): 1 Nicholson, grand shape, finely rounded, good head and wing carriage, excellent bloom; 2, Campbell, nice type, jaunty, good body and wings; 3, 4, Buchanan, a splendid pair, nice size and shape; 5, Gilles; 6, Thorn. BUFF (5): 1, Campbell, rare bloom, nicely rounded, good head and carriage of wings; 2, 3, Buchanan, grand pair, good shape and carriage, splendid feather; 4, Ritchie, nice quality and make; 5, Thorn. YELL. VARIEG., ETC. (3): 1, Gillies, well marked, neat head, sound body, wins easily; 2, Campbell, nice type and col., neat head and wings,; 3, Thorn, good stamp. BUFF (2): 1, Campbell, in grand condition, nicely marked, and rounded, good wings; 2, Thorn, neat head and taper. SCOT. YELL. CK. (1): 1, McAdam, erect, decided reach, grand top, body, and wings. HEN (4): 1, 3, McAdam, well up, decided drive, good top, body and wing, rare action; 4th similar in type; 2, Bell, hard up, good wings and body; 4, Thorn, nice type. BUFF CK. (4): 1, McAdam, erect, fine reach, good body and wings; 2, 3, Taylor, a grand pair, good type and quality; 4, Thorn, nice stamp. HEN (4): 1, 2, Nicholson, a good pair, similar in style, erect, nice reach, body and wings; 3, 4, Thorn, both well up, head forward, good wings and body. YORKS (3): 1, 3, McGaven, 1st fine length, good wing carriage and feather, grand bloom, 3rd not quite so good in feather, nice Yorks.; 2, Cameron, grand quality feather, good shape and style. A.O.V. (3): 1, 2, 3, McLean, grand quality and style. MULE (1, Campbell, nice, good all round Mule. HYB. (3): 1, 2, 3, Naylor, a cock and two hen Greenie-Bullie Hybrids, 1st very neat indeed. OLD BIRDS.—NOR. YELL. CK. (7): 1, Todd, grand size, exceptionally rich col., good substance and quality; 2, McNail, nice size, grand deep chest, full of substance; 3, Todd, nice size, good substance, well built; 4, McLean; 5, Barr; 6, Lilas; 7, Ritchie. HEN (7): 1, Davidson, grand shape, beautiful feather, wins easily; 2, Todd, follows closely; 3, Lindsay, good style and substance; 4, Lilas; 5, Campbell; 6, McEwan; 7, Barr. BUFF CK (7): 1, Campbell, grand size, close feather, typical; 2, 3, Davidson, a grand pair, full of style and quality; 4, Campbell; 5, Todd; 6, Gibb; 7, McEwan. HEN (7): 1, Todd, grand size, nice deep chest, full of substance and quality; 2, Lilas, fine size and shape, good feather; 3, 4, Campbell, nice all round Norwich. CREST: 1, Gibb, well lashed, good body and substance, large drooping crest; 2, 3, Ritchie, superior pair, good quality throughout, dense feather; 4, McLean; 5, Lindsay; 6, Cameron. C.-B. (3): 1, Ritchie, fine back, plenty of feather; 2, Gibb, good entrance and skull; 3, McLean, good all-round qualities. SCOTCH YELL. CK. (5): 1, Nicholson, erect, fine reach, neat hind and neck, good top; 2, McAdam, erect, decided drive, good top, body and wings; 3, Taylor, fine style, typical; 4, 5, Thom. HEN (6): 1, 2, McAdam, rare quality, erect, fine reach, plenty of shoulder, good body and wings; 3, Lindsay, good all over; 4, 5, McLean; 6, Nicholson. BUFF CK. (5): 1, 2, McAdam, erect, nice droop, good top, body and wings, 1st decidedly the best; 3, 5, McLean, 3rd grand stamp, nice droop, good body and wings; 4, McAdam. HEN (4): 1, 2, 3, McAdam, erect, neat in head, good body and wing properties; 4, McLean. YORKS CK. (5): 1, Lilas, grand length, good wing carriage and bloom; 2, McGregor, grand quality, well staged; 3, McCall, neat body and wings; 4, Cameron; 5, Kinloch. HEN (6): 1, Lindsay, rare stamp, stylish, grand condition; 2, Lilas, well staged, nice bloom; 3, Goode, lovely quality; 4, Lilas; 5, McCall; 6, Kinloch. A.O.V. (11): 1, McEwan, wins, typical bird; 2, McKirdy, good quality. MULE OR HYB. (5): 1, Hannah, nice sized variegated. Can.-Mule; 2, A. H. McLean, lovely Redpoll-Greenie, shows both parents well, some thought might have been 1st; 3, McEwan, good Mule, in lovely feather; 4, 5, McCafferty. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (5): 2, Lilas, grand blaze, nicely tanned and mooned; 3, McLean, another beauty; 4, Kinloch; 5, Gillies. BULLFINCH (6): 1, Campbell, lovely cap, grand feather and shape; 2, Lindsay, falls in size only, otherwise good; 3, Lees, good quality; 4, Strachan; 5, Bigg; 6, Kerr. LINNET (2): 1, Thom, well laced, grand shape and feather; 2, Lindsay, good quality. GREENFINCH (6): 1, Todd, grand size and style, lovely condition; 2, Lindsay, smaller but typical; 4, Campbell; 5, McCafferty; 6, Ritchie. REDPOLL, ETC. (5): 1, Todd, lovely Redpoll, beautiful feather and markings; 2, McLean, charming Siskin in the pink of condition; 3, Strachan, good quality; 4, Lindsay; 5, Gillas. HEN HARDBILL (5): 1, Todd, lovely feather and condition; 2, McLean, a beauty; 3, McKirdy; 4, McNab; 5, McLean. A.O.S. HARDBILL (6): 1, 2, Gillas, lovely feather, good quality; 3, 4, McLean, another excellent pair; 5, Gillas; 6, Clemson. FOR. GOLDFINCH (6): 1, 2, McEwan, nice size, well-cut blaze, nicely tanned and evenly mooned; 2, Campbell, fair size, good blaze, nice tannings; 3, Taylor, Goldie, good all over; 4, Todd; 5, Scuthon; 6, McLeary. A.O.S. (4): 1, 2, Lees; 3, Gibb; 4, Lees. Mr. McLean had 75 points and won the prize for most points.

BLYTH.

Blyth C.B.S. 5th annual show held Mission Hall, Goschen Street, November 11th, The Hall, is an ideal one, being large and free from draughts, and kept at a nice even temperature all day. Entries came up well; especially the Borders, some nice ones having to stand cardless. Judging was got over in good time, and the show was well patronised. In Mr. Rowell the society have an ideal secretary—one whose place it would be hard to fill; they also possess a lot of good honest fanciers as a committee. Mr. R. S. Bewick, Newcastle, and A. Hay, Berwick, judged, and their awards seemed to give general satisfaction. One little incident we had to note was a Yell. Yorks. taking spl. for best young Yorks in show; when judging for cup for best young bird in show we found the cup on a Buff Yorkie, already beaten for best Yorkie spl by the Yell.

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YORKS. CL. YELL. (9): 1, spl, C. Taylor, takes cup for best in show, nice type and condition, hot col., wins well; 2, (no name), similar, fails only in col.; 3, Young, not quite ready, yet good one; vhc, and hc, Rowell and Younger. TKD. ETC. (14): 1, two spls., Richardson, very typical, tkd. right eye, rare length, well put down, takes spl. for best Yorkie; 2, Turnbull neck tick, neat head and wings, close up; 3, Fraser, thigh tick, best of wings, rare pipe tail, nice level col., vhc, Dixon, hc, C. Taylor. BUFF CL. (14): 1, spl, and hc, Frazer, neat head, grand wings, wonderful length; 2, and c, Turnbull, hot col., close in feather, grand back end; 3, Richardson, not quite so nicely drawn as winners, good one, vhc, Long. TKD., ETC. (13): 1, spl., Long, neat tkd., very typical; 2, and c, Taylor, left side of neck tkd., best of head and wings, presses hard; 3, Rowell and Younger, head and wings marked, hot level colour, we liked, vhc and hc, Young. CREST (4): 1, spl., W. Marshall, green crest, nice formation, lovely body; 2, Rowell and Younger, nice Buff body, dk. crest; 3, and vhc, T. Marshall. C.B. (6): 1, spl and c, T. Marshall, Buff, varg., nice broad skull, grand length of feather; 2, and hc, W. Marshall, not quite so heavy mkd., good bird; 3, Gray, eye mkd, Buff, vhc, Rowell and Younger. CIN. YELL. (7): 1, spl, Richardson, Nor. Cinn., hot col., best of type, wins well; 2, Griffiths, Nor. Cin., grand type, beaten only in col.; 3, and hc, and c, Hodgetts, vhc, French. BUFF (4): 1, two spls., Richardson, Nor. Cin., lovely type, rare hot col., we liked very much, takes spl. for 3rd best in show; 2, French, another good one, beaten only in col.; 3, Douglas, not quite so shapely, good one, vhc, Griffiths. A.O.V. (9): 1, spl., Hodgetts, foul tail Cin., grand chest, correct stamp; 2, French, similar, not ready quite, good one; 3, and c, Rowell and Younger, fout Cin. Border, neat one, close up, vhc, Douglas, hc, (no name). MULE (7): 1, spl., Young, large dk. Linnet-Can., hot col., well staged; 2, vhc, Allison, similar, if anything a trifle smaller than winner; 3, Long, neat Goldie-Can, hc, Dawson, c, Hodgetts. LINNET (10): 1, and spl, Richardson, nice one, grand col.; 2, Soulsby, beautifully pencilled; 3, Dawson, some preferred, very large, well pencilled, steady; vhc, Long; hc, and c, Rowell and Younger. NOVICE CREST OR NOR. (9): 1, spl and 2, Hodgetts, Yell. and Buff Nor., both very shapely, well staged; 3, vhc, Elliott, Buff Nor., beaten only in col., good one; hc, Fawcett; c, Wheatley. YORKS. OR BORD. (16): 1, spl., 2, Wheatly, neat pair, well put down for a novice; 3, Frazer; vhc, Hodgets; hc, Fawcett; c, Cain. CREST, ETC., OLD (5): 1, two spls., 2, 3, W. Marshall, grand team of Crests, champion leading, needs no comment; vhc, F. Marshall; hc, Rowell and Younger. HEN (4): 1, spl., 3, vhc, W. Marshall, again leading with novice Crest, premier honours, well staged; 2, T. Marshall. YORKS. (7): 1, spl., 2, Rowell and Younger, neat pair, grand length, little to choose between them; 3, hc, T. Marshall, fails only in type and staging, good bird; vhc, Long; c, W. Marshall. HEN (7): 1, spl., W. Marshall, cl. Yell. correct length, rare wings; 2, Taylor, cl. Buff, close up; 3, W. Marshall, Buff varg., neat one; vhc, Long; hc, Rowell and Younger; c, T. Marshall. NOR. YELL. CL. (3): 1, three spls., Griffiths, topper for col., type and quality, stands like a soldier, some preferred for cup, runner up for same takes spl. for best Nor.; 2, C, Richardson, neat one, beaten here, good exhibit; 3, hc, Turnbull, grand second, a little soft when judged; vhc, French. MKD. (7): 1, spl., 2, Richardson, rare pair, little to choose between them; R. Enge, tick and head marked; 3, Taylor, wing tkd., hot col., neat head, beaten a trifle behind; vhc, Young; hc, Hodgetts; c, T. Marshall. BUFF CL. (10): 1, spl., 2, Richardson, leading with hot col. one, grand chest, best of wings; 2, a little soft to-day, or would probably have won; 3, hc, French, close up; vhc, Hodgetts; c, Taylor. MKD. (14): 1, spl., Scott heavy, varg., neat head, rare body; 2, Hodgetts, similar in col., close up; 3, hc, Richardson, another good one; vhc, spl, Taylor; c, French. BORD. CL. YELL. (23): 1, spl. Younger, rare type, grand head, nicely moulded body, wins; 2, Hudspith, beaten only in chest, good one; 3, Young, neat Bord., gay and jaunty, well put down; vhc, French; hc, W. Marshall. MKD. (17): 1, two spls., W. Marshall, even mkd., neat type, best of wings and tail, grand balanced markings, takes spl. for fourth best bird in show; 2, Turnbull, Cin. mkd., rare type, perfect model, scarcely ready in eyes; 3, vhc, spl., Hudspith, neat pair, like wax; hc, Younger; c, French. CL. BUFF (21): A class of toppers; 1, spl., 2, Hudspith, neat pair, well matched, rare bodies, little to choose between them; 2, fails just a little in col.; 3, Young, wants washing in face; vhc, Younger; hc, Soulsby; c, French. MKD. (13): 1, spl, Young, right wing mkd., lovely moulded head, well balanced wings; 2, French, eye tick, neat shape, rare wings and tail, close up; 3, vhc, Hudspith, grizzle back, a topper; hc, T. Marshall; c, Younger. BRIT. (11): 1, spl., 3, French Mealy 'Poll and Greenie, 'Poll nicely laced, rare feather, steady, grand size, Greenie a monster, not a feather out of place; 2, hc, Dawson, Goldie leading, grand blaze, nice moons, well staged; vhc, Douglas; c, Allison. GIFT (9): 1, spl., Younger; 2, French; 3, Dixon; vhc, W. Marshall; hc Rowell and Younger; c, Allison. NOR. OLD (8): 1, spl. (no name), grand cl. Yell. Nor.; 2, French, similar bird, fails only in condition; 3, Wheatley, similar again, good one; vhc, T. Marshall; hc, Allison; c, Hodgetts. HEN (7): 1, spl. (no name), cl. Buff hen, a model, grand bullie body, well carried wings; 2, Rowell and Younger varg. Buff, falls only in chest to winner, good one; 3, vhc, Scott, eye and left wing mkd. Yell., close up; hc, Allison; c, T. Marshall. BORD. (5): 1, spl. (no name), Yell, grizzle back, jaunty little fellow, in rare condition; 2, W. Marshall, nice cl. Yell, falls only in feather; 3, vhc, Allison cl. Buff, neat head, nicely carried wings. HEN (5): 1, spl., W. Marshall, even marked Buff, rare markings, wins well; 2, Hudspith, cl. Yell, correct type, not quite so well filled in behind; 3, W. Marshall, cl. Buff, rare type, grand carriage; vhc, hc, Rowell and Younger.

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A GLORIOUS ENTRY.

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Hull C.B.S. 17th annual show held Nov. 17 and 18. The new Corn Exchange, Market Place, in which the exhibits were admirably staged, is very spacious, splendidly lighted (top and side), lofty and well ventilated, and absolutely void of draughts. There was an excellent classification and capital prize money, which was guaranteed. The response was an entry of over 780 birds, thus creating a record, topping last year's total by a matter of 40 exhibits. Norwich as usual made a nice collection. Some really remarkable exhibits were on view. Yorkshires were truly very choice. The open novice Nor. and Yorks. classes, £3 limit, contained many bargains; one could easily have selected from among them a nice team, fit for any company. Mules and British birds were a remarkably fine lot, worth many a mile's journey to inspect. The buff Greenie-Can. (Martin and Archer) is a knock-out; also the Linnet-Bullie (Todd and Son). Foreign birds added tone to the festival. Members' classes contained some "cream," and appeared to us far better than last year's. The chairman, Mr. G. W. Oliver, is a worker and not a shirker; the amount of effort he puts forth on behalf of his society, one cannot over-estimate. Mr. F. H. Stamford acts as understudy, and in case of necessity would be quite capable of "filling the chair" in a praiseworthy manner. The hon. treas., Mr. F. S. Howe, is a true fancier, and the committee consist of Messrs. Bray, Frith, Brumby, A. Clayton, Longhorn, Parkes, Precious, Prentice, Potter, H. Sowden, and Stones. With such a list of well-known and willing workers, can one wonder at the excellent management? Mr. E. Ridley, the hon. sec., is always on the go, and keeps top side of his duties; he is extremely courteous and obliging, and the Hull society are highly favoured in being able to command the services of such an enthusiastic and genuine secretary. The stewards (who did really good work in a most practical manner) were Messrs. Potter, Prentice (Brit. Section), and Oliff and Mason (Can. Section). General helpers: Messrs. Howe, Stamford, Stones, Murray, Precious, and Frith. We sadly missed the familiar and jovial face of Mr. Jesse Calam. Little did we think at the last show that on the next occasion Hull would be minus such a personage. Special winners: Silver cup, for best current year bird (members), Mr. Mason; silver cup (Nov.), members' best unflig., Mr. A. Clayton; Ramsden's (open), E. R. Ridley; Ramsden's (members), F. F. Potter; Sandiford's, A. Humphries; best 1911 (members' yell. Nor.), G. Harland; buff, T. H. Mason; yell. hen, T. H. Mason; buff, G. Harland. Other specials: Messrs. C. W. Ware, H. Frith, T. H. Mason, A. Clayton, F. H. Stamford, J. Precious, L. Hope, W. E. Sowden, B. P. Stone, and H. Frith, Bray. The opening ceremony was performed by T. R. Ferens, M.P., in a very appropriate and encouraging speech, after which he was the recipient of a very handsome brass cage and Norwich Canary, presented by the society. Mr. W. T. Pepper, show manager, controlled affairs in wonderful style, and much of the success of the show is certainly due to his untiring exertions. The show-room was tastefully decorated with plants, which lent a pleasing effect. Seats were provided for visitors, and appeared to be fully appreciated. Everything went off smoothly and well, and we heard of no hitch whatever. Staging was A1, and all the birds could be seen at a glance. Judges: Messrs. J. Robson (Canaries), and J. Maddison (Brit. Mules and For.).

The Canary Classes.

CREST OR C.B. (2): 1, Edwards, buff, cl. body, grey crest, rare substance and shape, wealth of rich quality feather, crest large dense, round as a hoop, delightful droop; 2, 3, Fletcher, buff, almost green C.B., heaps of feather, well up in size, capital width and rise of skull, nice browing, 3rd buff mkd. wings D.C., good size and shape, crest of fine radiation. NOR. CL. YELL. (10): 1, Mason, very warmly fed cl., wonderful substance and shape, rattling fine feather and carriage, bonny; 2, 4, Thomas, hot. cl., true shape, A1 quality, not quite the size of winner, yet grand, 4th tkd left thigh, which showed rather prominently, many considered should have been in class 4; 3, Greenwood and Pickles, very shapely cl., rich col. and quality, crosses wings, which tells against it; vhc, Heap; hc, Harland. BUFF (15): 1, Johnson, grandly moulded cl., well up in size, full of quality and col., jaunty carriage, clean cut away; 2, Mason, teeming with quality, lovely col. and frosting, not quite so thick through; 3, Humphries, good shape and carriage, well across perch, not quite so good in col.; 4, Harland, tkd. right eye, should have been in class 4, nice shape, col., and quality; vhc, McMillan; hc, Smith; c, Thomas. TKD. (12): 1, Humphries, yell., mkd. wings and head, lovely shape and quality, rattling good tone of col., fine substance and carriage; 2, c, Johnson, buff, lightly variegd., smooth as wax, A1 col., one of the best; 3, Thomas, buff, mkd. wings, neck, and eye, red hot, full of quality, grand shape and carriage; 4, hc, Harland, yell., mkd. wings and eyes, rattling shape and size, good carriage; vhc, Mennard. HEN (14): 1, Dormer, yell., mkd. wings and eyes, ablaze with col, magnificent shape and quality, wonderful substance, moves gracefully; 2, 4, Thomas, with a brace of meritorious exhibits, former model of a cl. buff, feathered to perfection, A1 col., neatly frosted, 4th capitally fed cl. yell., rare substance, good neck and chest; 3, Pickering and Wright, cl. buff, true type, well clothed, nice size, beaten a wee shade in col.; vhc, Mason; hc, Smith; c, Harland. YELL. 1911 (23): A fine class: 1, Humphries, red-hot cl., round as a ball, smooth as a bottle, lovely carriage, with another good moult will be "one of the nuts"; 2, Hunter, mkd. wing, ablaze with col., more substance, capitally clothed; 3, Peters, red-hot cl., lovely quality, rare substance, not quite so full in head and neck; 4, Greenwood and Pickles, cl., richly feathered, paler in col. a trifle; vhc, Shaw; hc, Heap; c, Thomas. BUFF (21): 1, Thomas, mkd. tail, ablaze with col., tight as a Java, fine head, neck, and chest, lovely carriage, clean cut away; 2, 3, Pickering and Wright, a choice brace, former mkd. neck, capital feather and col., well up in substance, grand shape and carriage, 3rd red-hot cl., lovely feather, more substance, neat wing carriage, not far behind; 4, Elliott, mkd. head, grand shape, well up in size, richly clothed; vhc, Mason; hc, Shaw; c, Greenwood and Pickles. UNFLIG. HEN (25): A rare class: 1, Mason, cl., yell., beautiful quality and col., delightful shape, nice size and carriage, dainty; 2, Thomas, buff, mkd. wing and eye, cobby, and of exquisite quality and col., well up in substance, full of action; 3, Atkinson, cl., buff, tight as a Java, sweetly moulded, not quite so large; 4, Greenwood and Pickles, cl., yell., teeming with quality, good type, nice carriage, might be a little better in col.; vhc, Elliott; hc, Heap; c, Harland. YORKS. YELL. (16): 1, Beaumont, cl., magnificent feather, straight as a rush, lovely back and wing carriage, fine length, well up on leg; 2, Chew, cl., of capital quality and col., stands like a guardsman, rare length, clever legs, must have pressed; 3, Ogden Bros., red-hot cl., wonderful length, straight up, well clothed, bit wild when handled; 4, Chittenden, very lengthy cl., slim and upstanding, A1 quality; vhc, Allen; hc, McDade; c, Prentice. BUFF (10): 1, Campling, cl., smooth as a bottle, straight as a pencil, lovely col., and mealing, rare back and wing carriage; 2, Ogden Bros., cl., capital position and quality, lengthy and leggy, full of swagger, bit thicker waisted; 3, Chittenden, mkd. eye, stands well, tight as a Java, good length of wing, pipe tail; 4, Blackburn and Mitchell, rattling fed cl., beautiful feather, very lengthy; vhc, Chew; hc, Stamford; c, Precious. UNEVEN (11): 1, Ogden Bros., buff, mkd. wing and head, marvellous length, perfect position, feathered to perfection, delightful wing carriage; 2, vhc, Towers, buff, cinn. mkd wings, eyes, and head, erect, fine length, magnificent quality and col.; 3, Simeson, yell., mkd. wings and eyes, A1 quality, lovely back, well filled, neat wings and tail, well worth its place; 4, Allen, yell., mkd. wings and head, red hot, full of quality, stylish, nice length; hc, Chittenden; c, Stone. HEN (23): A grand class; 1, 2, Wilkinson and Elliott, cl. yell. and cl. buff, respectively, both of wonderful length, straight as gun barrels, tight as Javas, clever legs; 3, Shackleton, yell., mkd. wing and neck, unbeatable for quality, shone like a mirror, if anything a bit thin in neck; 4, Blackburn and Mitchell, cl. buff, rich salmon tinged col., nice feather; vhc, Bainbridge; hc, Allen; c, Walker. UNFLIG. YELL. (16): 1, Walker, mkd. wing and neck, stands like a guardsman, rare length, grand back and wing carriage, very promising; 2, Wheldrake, mkd. head and neck, lengthy and upstanding, teeming with quality and col., clever legs; 3, Shackleton, mkd. wing and eye, wedge shaped, slim and of A1 position, has a tendency to cross wings, which holds it back; 4, Allen, very lengthy cl., capital feather and col., lovely back, flights, and tail; vhc, Stone; hc, Bingham; c, Pressey. BUFF (27): A rare class: 1, Wilkinson and Elliott, mkd. eye, extraordinary quality, richly frosted, wonderful position and length, showing nice thighs; 2, Precious, mkd. head, upstanding and of capital feather, very lengthy, well filled back, neat wings and tail; 3, Allen, mkd. wings, smooth as marble, grand back and wings, lengthy; 4, Wheldrake, finely drawn cl., wonderful length, superb quality, best of backs, some preferred for 2nd; vhc, Ogden Bros.; hc, McDade; c, Taylor. HEN (30): 1, 4, Allen, cl. buff, superb col. and feather, straight as a rush, fine length, well on leg, 4th yell., mkd. wing, lovely feather and col., lengthy, good back, would not get up; 2, Wilkinson and Elliott, cl. buff, capital position and length, good back, flights, and tail; 3, Shackleton, cl. buff, well clothed, straight up, nice length; vhc, Precious; hc, Simeson; c, Chew. YELL. BORD. (13): 1, Smart, cl., beautiful quality, model for shape, lovely expression of head, clock-like action; 2, Harrison, cl., paler in col., true type, clothed to perfection, very close up; 3, Thomas, mkd. wings and eyes, A1 quality and col., moves gracefully, wee bit long, shows for all it is worth; 4, hc, Brown, mkd. wings and eyes, lovely shape, smooth as a bottle, well deserving position; vhc, Hornby and Cooper; c, Tollotson. BUFF (12): 1, Smart, mkd. neck, not a feather misplaced, delightful shape and carriage, free in action, full of style; 2, 4, Thomas, with a brace of very neat exhibits, 2nd mkd. back, head, and neck, A1 quality and col., shapely, nice style, close up, 4th mkd. eye, superior feather, lovel col., shapely; 3, Brown, mkd. wing, unbeatable for type, tight as a Java, A1 quality, very stylish hen; vhc, Tyler; hc, Harrison; c, Hornby and Cooper. A.O.V. (5): 1, 3, Dormer, brace of beautifully fed cinns., yell. and buff, both of great size, lovely depth of col., grand shape; 2, Dixon, yell. green Nor., well up in substance, capital shape and qual., rich bronze col., very bonny; 4, Hunter, yell. cinn., nice feather, size; vhc, Webster. GIFT (6): 1, Stone; 2, Parkes; 3, Barwick; 4, vhc, hc, Oliver. OPEN NOVICE.—YELL. NOR. (11): 1, 4, Way, cl., cobby, nice substance and quality, clean cut away; 4th, mkd. wing, red-hot, A1 shape, capital feather, a bit leggy; 2, Davison, very shapely cl., smooth as wax, not quite the size of winner; 3, Pawson, cl., good type and col., nice size, behind a shade in type; vhc, Tate; hc, McKay; c, Atkinson. BUFF (13): 1, Way, thick-set cl., full of quality, jaunty carriage, with a little more col., would do well in open; 2, Pawson, cl., more col., and also larger, A1 shape, lovely carriage, no one could have grumbled had this won; 3, Dawson, cl., red-hot, sweetly carried flights, neatly frosted; 4, McKay, mkd. head, warmly fed, rattling fine feather and frosting, good substance; vhc, Watson; hc, Peters; c, Tate. HEN (10): 1, Douse, cl. yell., ablaze with colour, delightful shape, quality, and carriage, very promising; 2, Peters, cl. yell., more depth of front, A1 quality, good col., not quite so neatly tucked up behind; 3, Hallett, cl. buff, cobby and of capital feather, well up in substance, richly frosted; 4, Ames, variegd. buff, short and thick set, well feathered, nice col.; vhc, Potter; hc, Pawson; c, Holden. YELL. YORKS. (12): 1, Clayton, mkd. wing, magnificent col. and quality, straight as a gun-barrel, rare length, clever legs, Sheffield winner; 2, Frith, mkd. head, very lengthy, slim and upstanding, good col.; 3, Girling, mkd. wing, A1 quality and col., plenty of length, fails in position would not get up; 4, Sampson, mkd. head, straight up, lengthy and leggy, well clothed; vhc, Martin; hc, Ireland; c, Craven. BUFF (14): 1, Sampson, mkd. wing, lovely salmon-tinged col., boxey feather, lengthy, capital position, very choice; 2, Martin, cl., stands well, delightful quality, lengthy and leggy, beaten in col. only; 3, Clayton, very stylish cl., stands like a soldier, best of backs, flights, and tail; 4, Moffatt, richly fed cl., straight up, well clothed, a bit thick waisted; vhc, Hall; hc, Parkes; c, Frith. HEN (16): 1, Craven, cl. yell., magnificent feather and col., grand position and length, long-sided, lovely wing carriage; 2, Moffatt, yell., mkd. head, rare quality and length, straight as a pencil, when handled pulls a bit thin in neck; 3, Sampson, yell., thigh tick, straight as a rush, warmly fed, smooth as a bottle, might perhaps have gone up one; 4, c, Ware, cl. buff, full of style, tight as a Java, A1 position; vhc, Martin; hc, Ware; absent, Martin (No. 4). MEMBERS' YELL. NOR. (11): 1, E. R. Ridley; 2, hc, Bray; 3, McKay; 4, Briggs; vhc, Potter; c, Hogg. BUFF (21): A good class; 1, vhc, Bray; 2, Douse; 3, Oliver; 4, Briggs; hc, McKay; c, Ridley. HEN (25): 1, 4, Bray; 2, Ridley; 3, Calvard; vhc, Douse. BRED 1911 (24): 1, c, Hope; 2, 4, Briggs; 3, Hogg; vhc, Ridley; hc, Longhorn. YELL. YORKS. (15): 1, Potter; 2, Frith; 3, R. M. Clayton; 4, Frith; vhc, A. Clayton; hc, W. E. Sowden; c, H. Sowden. BUFF (14): 1, vhc, Clayton; 2, Ware; 3, hc, Potter; 4, Howe; c, Frith. HEN (22): 1, Clayton; 2, vhc, Frith; 3, Howe; 4, Sowden; hc, Potter; c, Fox. UNFLIG (27): A grand class; 1, 2, Ware; 3, Clayton; 4, Frith; vhc, Lightfoot; hc, Howe; c, Sowden. EVEN, ETC. (6): 1, 4, Sowden; 3, vhc, Potter; 2, Lightfoot; hc, Briggs. NOVICE NOR. (13): 1, 2, Hope; 3, hc, Jackson; 4, Beckett; vhc, Clark; c, Sutton. YORKS. (15): 1, hc, Sowden, full of character; 2, Lambert; 3, Heseltine; 4, Brown; vhc, Kemp; c, Murray.

The Remaining Classes.

MULES (OPEN), CL., ETC.: Cancelled. UNEVEN (9): 1, 2, Martin and Archer, a brace of stormers, former Buff Greenie-Can., slightly grizzled around neck, magnificent all through, rightly christened "Nonpareil"; 2nd, buff Goldie-Can., mkd. wing, eyes, and root of tail, rare size and shape, teeming with quality; 3, Edwards, buff, Goldie-Can., four-pointed, tight as a drum, superb quality; 4, Todd and Son, buff variegd., Goldie-Can., sweet shape, not a feather misplaced; vhc, Davison; hc, Tate; c, Ramshaw. DARK (10): 1, Martin and Archer, magnificently fed yell., Linnet-Can., sbone like satin, wonderful shape and quality, delightfully staged; 2, Edwards, buff, Redpoll-Can., well up in size, capital feather and col., shapely, beautifully mkd.; 3, Monkman, buff, Linnet-Can., slashing fine feather and shape, nice col., worth its place; 4, Stamford, yell., Goldie-Can., well clothed, rattling fine shape, A1 col.; vhc, Dixon; hc, England; c, Green. A.O.V. (8): 1, Dr. M. A. Wilson, Canary-Bullie, superb feather, magnificent col. and shape, well up in size, praiseworthily staged; 2, Nicholson and Son, yell., Siskin-Can., fine substance and shape, delightful col., feather and pencilling; 3, Wildsmith, yell., Greenie-Can., A1 col. and shape, superior quality, with a little more size would be a stormer; 4, MacDougall, buff, Twite-Can., rich col., capital quality, shows parentage distinctly; vhc, Myers; hc, Taylor; c, Edwards. HYB. (8): 1, Todd and Son, Linnet-Bullie, clinking foul, shape and substance, lovely feather and col., grand carriage, one of the best; 2, c, Dr. M. A. Wilson, very smartly moulded Goldie-Bullie, rattling fine face, magnificent col. and quality, well up in size; 3, Martin and Archer, Goldie-Bullie, shapely and of excellent quality, rare size and condition, beaten slightly in col.; 4, Edwards, buff, Goldie-Redpoll, A1 quality, shape and col., good size; vhc, Martin and Archer; hc, Holden. BRIT. GOLDIE (23): A wonderful class, two sets of winners could easily have been selected; 1, 3, Nicholson and Son, a brace of beauties, 1st rare shape and size, blaze massive, and rich in col., well cut, grand body col., neat hars and buttons; 3rd, shapely, nice quality and size, good face and bars; 2, Lane, larger and bigger in blaze than winner, magnificent quality, down somewhat to-day or undoubtedly would have conquered; 4, Stamp, superb col. and quality, face neatness itself; vhc, Bruce; hc, Jones; c, Precious. BULLIE (14): 1, 2, Woods, couple of "right 'uns," true Britishers, both of grand shape, rich quality, lovely breast col., large, dense, and well polished caps, winner wee bit the more substance; 3, Jones, shapely and well up in size, good cap and breast col., hardly ready; 4, Stamp, good shape, size and quality, neat head; vhc, Lee; hc, Ramsden; c, Martin and Archer. LINNET (20): Many cardless birds capable of winning at majority of shows; 1, Martin and Archer, wonderful substance, rattling fine shape, magnificent col., delightfully pencilled, clear and distinct, one of the best we have seen for many a day; 2, Jones, full of quality and of grand col. and shape, steady as a top, finely mkd.; 3, c, Taylor, well up in size, A1 quality, distinct and profuse in pencilling; 4, Robinson, good substance and shape, neatly mkd., rather dull in col.; vhc, Chapman; hc, Moffatt. CHAFFIE, ETC. (16): Rare lot; 1, Nicholson and Son, Chaffie, lovely feather, col., and markings, rattling fine substance, in absolutely best possible trim; 2, 3, Lane, Bramble and Chaffie respectively, both of a meritorious order; 2nd, full of col. and quality, profusely tkd., shows to perfection; 3rd, not quite so rich in col. as winner, otherwise equal; 4, Inman, Bramble, shapely and of nice quality, shown in a delightful manner, worth its place; vhc, Sadler; hc, Foster; c, Thirsk. GREENIE (8): 1, Lee, a bouncer, slashing col. and quality, finely moulded, lovely carriage, a real eye-opener; 2, England, shapely, A1 quality, far from a bad one, put down well; 3, Stamp, teeming with quality and col., grand shape, extremely smart; 4, Riley, good size and quality, tight as a Java; vhc, Cartwright, jun.; hc, Perkins; c, Ramshaw. REDPOLL, ETC. (21): A grand collection; 1, Nicholson and Son, Lesser Redpoll, hot in col., shining like polished marble, sweetly moulded, delightfully mkd.; 2, Taylor, Twite, rattling col. and feather, shapely, capital size, neatly pencilled; 3, Inman, Siskin, full of col., rattling fine quality, size, and shape; 4, McKay, Mealy Redpoll, fine size and shape, superior col. and feather; vhc, Walker; hc, MacDougall; c, Cockerill. A.O.S. (10): 1, Nicholson and Son, superb Corn Bunting, rare shape and substance, lovely quality and col., well mkd.; 2, vhc, Martin and Archer, a gem of a Crossbill, in delightful bloom, staged in a masterly fashion; 3, Medley, Hawfinch, rare shape and substance, capital col., when taking notes appeared very rough on head; 4, Inman, Yellow Bunting, lovely shape, wonderful substance and col., capital head character, a treat to observe; hc, Lane; c, Taylor. HEN (13): 1, c, Foster, Bullie, sweet shape, A1 quality, good size, very bonny; 2, Lane, Bramble, shapely and of good substance, capital col., neatly mkd., close up; 3, Taylor, Greenie, good in feather, nice col. and shape, tight as wax, well worth its place; 4, Precious, Goldie, good quality and col., shapely, neat face, bars and buttons; vhc, MacDougall; hc, Hunt. THRUSH, LARK, AND SOFTBILL classes cancelled. FOR. SEED (14): 1, Chadwick, Paradise Whydah, in lovely condition, and benched in a very attractive form; 2, vhc, hc, Suddaby, the local expert putting down a fine team, Parson Finches; 3, c, Young, Ruficauda Finch, looking a picture and greatly admired; 4, Crawston, pair well clothed Black-headed Gouldians, treat to observe. A.O.S. (6): 1, Reeks, with a magnificent Pennant Red-rumped Hybrid, in absolutely best possible condition; 2, 4, hc, Suddaby, fine trio, Crimson-wing and Leadbeater, both bewitching, and shown for all they were worth; 3, vhc, Hollins, Redrump, in neat form, one we liked. SOFT (6): 1, 3, Nicholson and Son, Glossy Starling and Sugar Bird, both looking well, grandly staged; 4, Young, Brazilian Military Starling, many thought this should have won on account of its rarity, certainly a stranger to us; 2, vhc, Suddaby, Crested Troupial, in nice order.

AMBLE.

Amble and Dist. C.B.S. 4th annual show held in the Church Schoole Nov. 11th, entry being much larger than last year. Nor. were the chief attraction. Mr. W. Smailes won Mr. Sandiford's medal for best colour-fed bird; Mr. J. P. Whittle, Mr. W. Lidgate's special for best unflighted Nor.; Mr. W. Lidgate, Mr. H. Gair's medal for most points in Yorkshire classes; Mr. J. Aston, Mr. G. H. Smith's special for best border. Messrs. Lightly Bros. took special for best Brit. Mr. A. Brown (Gateshead) made the awards, and gave every satisfaction. The secretary, J. T. Crackett, had everything well in hand.

NOR. CK., YELL. (14): 1, spl, spl, Smailes and Son; 2, Anderson; 3, vhc, Morgan; hc, Whittle; c, Hume. BUFF (16): 1, spl, Whittle; 2, hc, Inglis; 3, Richardson; vhc, Geggie Bros.; c, Penrose. HEN, YELL. (12): 1, 3, Whittle; 2, Inglis; vhc, Lidgate; hc, Anderson; c, Badmin. BUFF (14): 1, spl, Anderson; 2, Lightly Bros.; 3, Morgan; vhc, Hume; ho, Whittle; c, Crackett. UNFLIG. CK., YELL. (11): 1, spl, 2, Whittle; 3, Penrose; vhc, Richardson; hc, Badmin; c, Anderson. BUFF (10): 1, spl, Smailes and Son; 2, Penrose; 3, Lidgate; vhc, Anderson; hc, Geggie Bros.; c, Richardson. HEN, YELL. (11): 1, spl, Morgan; 2, Penrose; 3, Richardson; vhc, Anderson; hc, Inglis; c, Hume. BUFF (12): 1, Richardson; 2, Lidgate; 3, Penrose; vhc, Whittle; hc, Morgan; c, Smailes and Son. VAR. (11): 1, spl, Geggie Bros.; 2, Penrose; 3, Inglis; vhc, Lidgate; hc, Richardson; c, Crackett. YORKS. CK. (5): 1, 2, Lidgate; 3, vhc, hc, Dixon. HEN (3): 1, Lightly Bros.; 2, 3, Lidgate. UNFLIG. (5): 1, 2, Lidgate; 3, hc, Lightly Bros.; vhc, Dixon. BORD. CK. YELL. (5): 1, Aston; 2, Glass; 3, Lidgate. BUFF (5): 1, Hume; 2, Lidgate; 3, vhc, hc, Glass. HEN, YELL. (5): 1, 3, Aston; 2, Hume; vhc, Glass. BUFF (7): 1, spl, vhc, Aston; 2, Inglis; 3, Lidgate. A.O.V. (6): 1, hc, Smailes and Son; 2, 3, Richardson; vhc, Lightly Bros.; c, Darling. MULE OR HYB. (5): 1, 2, 3, Robson; vhc, hc, Lightly Bros. LINNET (8): 1, c, Glass; 2, Aston; 3, hc, Robson; vhc, Smailes and Son. BRIT. (8): 1, spl, Lightly Bros.; 2, Aston; 3, Morgan; vhc, Smailes and Son; hc, c, Glass. NOVICE, A.V. (5): 1, Badmin; 2, Glass; 3, vhc, hc, Dixon. GIFT (9): 1, Glass; 2, Whittle; 3, Lightly Bros.; vhc, Lidgate, hc, Inglis, c, Badmin.

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BUCKHAVEN.

Fourth annual show held November 18th, in the Free Gardeners' Hall. This venue is perfection, the light being splendid, and the hall free from draughts. The entry this year beat all previous ones, there being 150 more than last year, which is a record for this society. The management is in the capable hands of well-known fanciers, which no doubt helped greatly to make the show a success. The secretary, Mr. Lawrie (who is a great Foreign Bird enthusiast) deserves to be complimented upon the way he carried through his onerous duties, but he was ably supported by Mr. Henderson, the President, and Mr. Reilly, the assistant secretary. The B.F.C.C. medal was won by Mr. J. Craig with a very typical buff cock, and the B.F.C.C. novice medal by Messrs. J. and A. Duncan. Medal for best Nor. was captured by Mr. W. R. Dunn, with a yellow cock, which for type and colour would be hard to beat. The splendid silver cup for most points was won by the President. Judges: Border Fancy, Mr. Gollan Hislop: Nor., Mr. J. McLay; and Brit., Mr. A. Cochrane. CAGE BIRDS' LEAGUE bills and leaflets were well displayed, and we hope that good results will follow in a big increase of membership.

The Critique.

BORD. FCY., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (11): 1, Henderson, lovely type, well rounded front and head, fine level col.; 2, Spence, similar stamp, well braced wings, good 2nd; 3, McCrae, chubby, capital wing and tail carriage; 4, spl, Webster; 5, Peel; 6, Grubb. HEN (8): 1, Young, sweet one, gem for shape and style, wins; 2, Craig, grand head and front, well drawn; 3, Henderson, foul on rump, nice stamp, not the finish; 4, 6, Spence; 5, Smart. BUFF (14): 1, spl., B.F.C.C. medal, Craig, little beauty, grand one for shape, hot col., nice bloom; 2, spl., Duncan, follows closely, well laid on wings, neat pipe tail; 3, 4, Spence, wing mkd., capital col. and condition; 5, Smart; 6, Lyall. HEN (13): 1, Craig, nice type, neat head and front; 2, Williamson, nice type, should have given way to 3, Duncan, grand shape, true Border all over, could have won; 4, spl., Grubb; 5, Peel; 6, Spence, many could not follow the judge in this class. UNEVEN YELL. CK. (11): 1, spl., Young, eye and wing mkd., sweet head and neck, put down in fine bloom; 2, Craig, wing mkd., extra good in head, rare style; 3, Yule, eye and wing mkd., all there for type and quality, close up; 4, Todd; 5, Halliday; 6, Webster. HEN (8): 1, Young, grand frontal, well filled back, capital wings and tail; 2, Webster, nearly even, fine quality feather, in neat order; 3, Yule, wing mkd., neat one, fine weight, grand back and wings; 4, Haygard; 5, Kennedy; 6, Spence. BUFF CK. (5): 1, spl., Spence, eye and wing mkd., shade long in wing, nice quality feather and col.; 2, Peel, rare stamp, neatly moulded, fine style and taper; 3, Henderson, very stylish, well drawn; 4, Watt; 5, Duncan. HEN (8): 1, Henderson, lovely type and quality, neat markings, nice position; 2, Yule, cap and wing mkd., very neat and sweet, well drawn; 3, Smith, good feather and style, A1 type; 4, McCrae; 5, Lyall; 6, Duncan. NOVICE, BORD. CK. (9): 1, Fotheringham, typical yell. leading, neat head and frontal, nice wing and tail; 2, 4, Henderson, second a buff, good one for shape and style, neatly drawn; 3, 6, Duncan, capital type, fine wing carriage, well placed; 5, Laird. HEN (10): 1, 3, Henderson, leader eye and wing mkd. buff, grandly tapered, fine bloom, 3 good in type; 2, Fotheringham, nice stamp, sweet and well drawn, good second; 4, Dryburgh; 5, Henderson; 6, Fotheringham. MEMBERS' (6): 1, Spence; 2, Dryburgh; 3, spl., Williamson; 4, 6, Brown; 5, Malcolm. CREST CK. (4): 1, McClement, good one, fine top piece, nicely radiated; 2, Brown, wing mkd. dark crest, nice centre; 3, Black, nice sized crest, leafy feather; 4, Findlay. HEN (3): 1, Wyse, wing mkd d.c., very radiated crest, good frontal; 2, Brown, nice dropping crest, very neat; 4, Findlay, wing mkd. dark crest, of good size, neat droop and formation. C.B. CK. (4): 1, Wyse, leader grand size, immense skull, grand lashed, abundance of body feather; 2, Brown, rare size, fine broad skull; 3, Cowie, grand substance, well lashed; 4, Black. HEN (2): 1, McClement, finely cushioned, nice wide skull, plenty of body feather; 2, Wyse, grand skull, good substance. NOR., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (6): 1, spl. and medal, Dunn, grand one, capital head and front, rare substance, not col., wins; 2, Adamson, neat shape, chubby, clean cut; 3, spl., Saunders, longer drawn, a shade thin in front, all there for col. and quality; 4, Howie; 5, Gibson; 6, Lawrie and Welsh. HEN (4): 1, Stephen, good head, neck and chest, fine wings and tail; 2, McCabe, fine substance, well rounded frontal, neat head, capital col.; 3, Dempster, grand size, rare head and neck, good wing; 4, Miller and Vass. BUFF (8): 1, Gibson, nice shape and substance, neat head and front, finely mealed; 2, McAnally, nice quality feather and condition; 3, Stephen, fine stamp, capital wings, well placed; 4, McClement; 5, Howie; 6, Logan. HEN (2): 1, Gibson, nice shape, col. and feather, fine chubby body; 2, spl., Hunter, grizzle on neck, neat and typical. YELL. VARIEG. (4): 1, Dunn, lovely variegd., hot col., very shapely, A1 condition; 2, McCabe, bouncer for size, neat frontal, good second; 3, Brown, neck and wing mkd., nice quality bird; 4, spl., Harris. BUFF (7): 1, Dunn, grand size, fine substance, good wing carriage; 2, Gibson, rare front, good head and neck, well up in size; 3, Traill, gem for shape and style, good third; 4, spl., Matheson; 5, Howie; 6, Harris. UNFLIG. CK. (9): 1, spl., Adamson, grizzle on head, splendid substance, nice short flights and tail; 2, Christie, bonny clear, good head and front, nice chubby shape; 3, Logan, heavy variegd., A1 col. and condition; 4, Wishart; 5, Dempster; 6, Skinner. HEN (8): 1, Boag, grand hen, rare head and neck, lovely wing carriage; 2, Adamson, nice variegd., capital front and neck, well placed; 3, Logan, good stamp, shown in fine bloom; 4, McClement; 5, Dempster; 6, Traill. PH. YELL., NON-FED (8): 1, Adamson, leader rare one for type and quality, well rounded on front, good wing; 2, Thomson, a shade longer in body, nice col. and condition; 3, Skinner, nearly green, capital col., shows too much browing; 4, Lawrie; 5, Dempster; 6, G. Lawrie. HEN (2): 1, Lawrie, very neat head and front, nice substance; 2, Boag, eye wing mkd. BUFF (5): 1, Harris, good head and wing carriage, well filled back, fine mealing; 2, Lawrie, grand size and shape, fine uat. col., good second; 3, Thomson, green, weak in front, nice back and wing carriage; 4, 6, Lawrie; 5, Robertson. HEN (6): 1, McAnally, a shade narrow in head, good front and back, well braced wings; 2, Lawrie, head and wing mkd., fine substance; 3, Thomson, on the long side, nice col. and quality; 4, Thomson; 5, Lawrie; 6, Venters. NOVICE (8): 1, 2, 3, 5, Thomson, buff, capital head and front, rare substance, well shown, 2 green, good stamp, nice tone of col., 3 lovely variegd., nice size and shape; 4, 6, R. Thomson. MEMBERS (8): 1, 4, Thomson; 2, 3, R. Thomson; 5, Peters; 6, Hunter and Roughhead. YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (5): 1, Reilly, yell., nice position and style, well up on legs; 2, Clelland, good cl., taking style, capital wings, neat head and tail; 3, Christie, wing mkd., slim, well filled back, good shoulders; 4, Paterson; 5, Syson. HEN: Cancelled. CL., ETC., BUFF CK (3): 1, Syson, grand one, fine substance, long and slim, well up on leg; 2, Christie, grand feathers and col., nicely packed wings, good second; 3, Wright, made on correct lines, taking exhibit. HEN (2): 1, Clelland, capital type, takes grand position, needs a wash; 2, Reilly, looks a good one, but wants soap taken off feather. A.O. COL. (3): 1, Syson, yell. variegd., grand one for type, well braced wings and tail; 2, Reilly, lovely variegd., neat head and neck, nice position; 3, Paterson, grand position and feather, well rounded body. UNFLIG. (2): 1, 2, Reilly, fine brace, first grand feather and col., neat head, correct positions, 2 neck mkd., nice length, gets well up on perch, good back and wing carriage. MEMBERS (5): 1, 2, 3, 4, Richit; 5, Reilly. A.O.V. CAN (6): 1, Watson, capital cinn. leading, nicely staged; 2, 4, Henderson, 2 Silver Liz., nice spangling; 3, Findlay; 5, Harris. COM. CAN. (6): 1, 2, 4, Lawrie and Welsh; 3, Peters; 5, 6, Duncan. GIFT (8): 1, Peters; 2, Brown; 3, no name; 4, Duncan; 5, Lawrie, Welsh; 6, Henderson. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (11): 1, Smart, Kirkcaldy winner big Britisher, fine big blaze, grandly tanned, shows just a little too much white on collar for our liking; 2, Craft, nice crimson blaze, of good size, well tanned chest, good moons and bars; 3, Turner, capital bars and button, right good Finch; 4, Hunter and Roughhead; 5, Brown; 6, Dunn. BULLFINCH (12): 1, Bald, bouncer for size and shape, grand cap and wing bars, lovely breast col.; 2, Wright, another clinker; 3, Robertson, good cap, nice back and breast, grand condition; 4, Jamieson; 5, Craft; 6, Venters. GREENFINCH, FED (6): 1, Stuart and Laking, nice shape and substance, capital col.; 2, Logan, grand front, noble head, A1 col. and condition; 3, Russell, fine head and front, neat wing bars, fine polish; 4, Paton; 5, Simpson; 6, Bald. GREENFINCH, NON-FED (16): 1, Allan, grandly shaped, wins on col.; 2, Dunn, darker tone of col., lovely shape and condition; 3, Bald, similar size and shape to 3, neat feather; 4, Lawrie; 5, Storrar; 6, Thomson. LINNET, H.M. (9): 1, Palmer, grand size and shape, fine body col., rare markings; 2, Thomson, darker in col., but shows plenty of work; 3, Brown, good shape and col., fails only in breast markings; 4, Barclay; 5, Turner; 6, Leach and Leckie. LINNET, F.M. (15): 1, Sykes, grand one for col. and markings, soft when we were taking notes; 2, Couper, nice tone of col., neat markings, nice open in front; 3, Allan, good shape and markings, worth its place; 4, Leach and Leckie; 5, Turner; 6, Watson. SISKIN (12) a capital class: 1, Bell, well-known winner, often described, shown to perfection; 2, Bald, another neat one, good as a twin brother, very much alike; 3, Graham, good nat. col., nice head and wing bars, well laced; 4, Whitbrook and Allan; 5, Barclay; 6, Venters. LESSER REDPOLL (2): 1, Bell, about the best Lesser out, fine tone of col., laced to perfection; 2, Turner, as good in col., fails only in markings; 3, Coventry, capital little 'Poll, A1 condition. MEALY REDPOLL, ETC. (12): 1, Muir and Herman, fine Twite leading, rare size and col., splendid markings; 2, Leach and Leckie, lovely mealy 'Poll, rare one for size and lacings; 3, Turner, fine Twite, all there for col. and condition; 4, Braid; 5, Peters; 6, Lyburgh. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (8): 1, 6, Sykes, leader very fine Bramble, grand one for size, col. and markings, well known; 2, Lister, good coloured Chaffie, fine head, showing grand whites; 3, Watson, nice Bramble; 4, Stuart and Dalling; 5, Peters, LARK, ETC. (3): 1, Nicol, fine coloured Hammer, very neat head markings, steady; 2, Lawson, Wheatear, shown in fine order; 3, Whitbrook, lovely col. and conditions, nice markings. LARGER (3): 1, Bisset, fine big Missel leading, grandly spangled, in the pink; 2, Lister, capital Blackbird, neat amber beak, A1 condition; 3, Peters, nice Thrush, good marking. HEN SOFTBILL (2): 1, Leach and Leckie, Grey Wagtail, shown in faultless condition; 2, Bisset, Thrush, good size and col. HEN HARDBILL (6): 1, Wilson, good coloured Hammer, in nice bloom; 2, Turner, Bullie hen, good cap, neat breast col.; 3, Nicol, hen Goldie, well tanned, neat wing bars; 4, Callan; 5, Watson; 6, Peters. LIGHT MULE OR HYB. (7): 1, 3, Jamieson, buff Goldie mule, well-known face, shown in the pink; 2, Bell Go'die-Bullie cross, not a big one, nice flush, face well placed; 3, Watson, nice yell. Linnet mule; 4, Turner; 5, Jamieson; 6, Lawson. DARK MULE (9): 1, 2, Turner, Goldie mule, fine size and col. Mark-linch, winner, 2 fine sized Linnet mule, capital col.; 3, 5, Jamieson, nice Greenie mule, in good condition; 4, Watson; 6, Bell. MEMBERS (12): 1, 5, 6, Peters; 2, Storrar; 3, 4, Lawrie and Welsh. FOR. GOLDFINCH (2): 1, Barclay, fine square cut blaze, of good dimensions, grandly tanned; 2, Lawrie and Welsh, fair size, very backward in face. BULLFINCH: 1, Turner, leader a monster, grand cap and wing bars, capital breast col.; 2, Laidlaw, hen Bullie, good one for size and col.; 3, Lister, nice sized Bullie, in good condition. SMALL (7): 1, 2, 6, Lawrie and Welsh; 3, Storrar; 4, Bell; 5, Howie. MEMBERS (9): 1, Storrar; 2, Peters; 3, 4, 5, 6, Lawrie and Welsh.

HEYWOOD.

Heywood and Dis. O.S. fifth annual show held Rechabite Hall, Nov. 11th, and was in every way a great success. The high quality of the birds staged reflects great credit on the members. Mr. A. Hirst (Accrington) who judged must have had a fairly busy time in getting through what proved a record entry. The attendance was good, and we were pleased to see friends from Bury and Rochdale present. The race for the cup and special (Fry's) was rather exciting; Messrs. Barlow, Wilson and Lees, ticing with 21 points each; Mr. Barlow just gaining the verdict by the nearest fraction of prize money over Mr. Wilson. Messrs. Wilson and Barlow also tied for most points throughout show with 63 points. The secretarial duties were very efficiently performed by Messrs. Meadowcroft and Barlow, assisted by Mr. R. Schofield (Treasurer).

YORKS. CL. YELL. (6): 1, Lees, 2, Meadowcroft, 3, Barlow, 4, Marsden. BUFF (6): 1, spl, 3, Barlow, 2, Howarth, 4, Marsden. TKD. ETC., YELL (11): 1, spl., Barlow, 2, 4, Howarth, 3, Dewhurst. BUFF (8): 1, spl., 4, Barlow, 2, Howarth, 3, Waddington. HEN (17): 1, Pragnell, 2, Howarth, 3, Marsden, 4, Barlow. NOR. CL. YELL (6): 1, 4, Lees, 2, Wilson; 3, Dewhurst. BUFF (8): 1, spl., 4, Lees; 2, Perry; 3, Wilson. TKD. ETC., YELL (5) 1, 3, Waddington; 2, 4, Wilson. BUFF (8): 1, spl., Wilson; 2, Waddington; 3, Barlow; 4, Greenhalgh. HEN (9): 1, Waddington; 2, sp, Lees; 3, Wilson; 4, Moscrop. NOVICE. CAN.: 1, sp, Noonan; 2, Moscrop; 3, Smith; 4, Horrocks. PAIR (9): 1, sp, Wilson; 2, Barlow; 3, Meadowcroft; 4, Howarth. MULE OR HYB. (8): 1, Wilson; 2, sp, 3, 4, McMurdo. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, sp, Mc Murdo; 2, Waddington; 3, Barlow; 4, Horrocks. LINNET (4): 1, sp, 3, Mc Murdo; 2, 4, Perry. A.O.S. HARDBILL (10): 1, Perry; 2, Horrocks; 3, Mc Murdo; 4, Barlow.—J. Perry (President.)

QUARRY BANK (Staffs).

First annual show held Nov. 15th, Victoria Road Schools. Mr. Hingley judged.

NOR.: 1, Capewell. BRIT.: 1, 3, Capewell, nice waxwing, leading followed by a very good Yellow Hammer; 2, Shaw, very nice Bullfinch.

SALE.

Sale and Dist. C.B.S. 5th annual open show, held Nov. 17th and 18th, at the Social Club. It is a great pity some arrangements cannot be made to avoid clashing of show dates. Preston being held on same date made a very decided difference to the number of entries here, especially in the Open Norwich classes, which were all cancelled. A special feature was the very fine team of Foreigners exhibited by Mr. J. M. Walsh. Amongst the visitors to the show we noticed Messrs. Hobson (secretary of Sheffield C.B.S.), J. Critchley (Sec. of Pendleton and Salford), J. Davey (Sec. of North Manchester) and Mrs. Davey, J. M. Walsh and Mrs. Walsh, Messrs. Brunskill, T. Harrison, W. Bayley, C. Blackshaw, J. Critchley, G. Lythgoe, W. Broughton, J. Slater, F. Washbourne, Field Bros., W. Fildes, A. G. Davis, and many other well-known fanciers. Mr. A. Royle, the secretary, had everything in good order, and he was ably assisted by the chairman, Mr. G. Dunkley, Mr. C. Wood, assistant secretary and treasurer, and Messrs. G. Alcock, T. Critchley, and J. Lee, who all worked like Trojans to make the show work smoothly. The railway birds were got off in good style, which is worthy of note. Messrs. T. Critchley and A. Holt acted as stewards to the judge, Mr. W. A. Cowgill (Bradford), whose placing of the cards met with general approval. Mr. J. M. Walsh won the champion cup for the second time; and Mr. C. Wood, the member's cup, also for 2nd time; Sandiford's medal, Mr. Joe Critchley. Mr. G. Dunkley was the winner for best Canary (members) and Mr. Gray for best British. This society is very fortunate in having such a good president in Phillip Smith, Esq., who is interesting himself in its welfare.

The Critique.

YORKS., YELL., CLEAR, ETC. (3): 1, Hemmings and Brereton, cl., magnificent length, fine sweep, nice shape, good colour throughout; 2, Broughton, cl., beautiful quality, sweet head, nicely moulded; 3, Slater, very similar, beautiful shape and position, nice shape; 4, Atkinson, just a wee shade smaller, nice head and neck; vhc, Durnford; hc, Wagstaff; c, Barker. BUFF (11): 1, Barlow, clear, lovely colour throughout, grand quality, beautifully moulded, tail well packed; 2, 3, Broughton; 2nd clear, very similar, nicely drawn, stylish; 3rd clear, one we liked, rattling sweep, grand quality, magnificent col., grand position; 4, Baxter, nice quality and type; vhc, Slater; hc, Wilbert; c, Atkinson. HEN, YELL. (6): 1, Broughton, cl., magnificent head and neck, beautiful front, fine sweep; 2, Spencer, ticked, nicely drawn, good sound colour throughout; 3, Hemmings and Brereton, fails just slightly in wing carriage, plenty of swank, well on leg; 4, Durnford, sweet head and neck; vhc, hc, Knowles; UNFLIG., CL., ETC. (9): 1, spl., Broughton, cl. yellow, a gem, spanking fine size, magnificent col., well up on leg, grand sweep and length of flight; 2, Slater, yet another real good one, very similar, hard to part, congratulations to our two Wilmslow fanciers on producing such fine youngsters; 3, vhc, Barlow, cl. buff, hard lines to meet two such good yellows, grand length, nice shoulders; 4th, Wagstaff, splendid colour, beautiful quality, nice position; hc, Baxter; c, Atkinson. BORD., YELL. CL., ETC. (3): 1, 3, Bayley, ticked lovely col., sweet shape, jaunty; 3, clear, very similar; 2, Blackshaw, clear, very similar, very jaunty, neat head, nice feather and condition; 4, Johnson, jaunty; vhc, Long; hc, Jackson; c, Royle; No. 8, a real good one, cardless. BUFF. (6): 1, 2, Bayley, clear, beautiful shape, lovely quality, marvellous col.; 2, ticked on head, rare col., beautiful quality, lovely carriage; 3, vhc, Royle, var., nice shape, sweet head and neck; 4, hc, Johnson, clear, nice type, well moulded. HENS, YELL. (5): 1, 3, Bayley, clear, magnificent col., lovely type, very jaunty, sweet little lady, well staged; 3, another sweet little lady, sweet head and neck, nice wing carriage; 2, Blackshaw, ticked head and wings, beautiful col., grand shape, takes perches well, sweet head; 4, Royle, hardly as jaunty, grand wing carriage; vhc, Jackson. BUFF (6): 1, 3, Bayley, clear, beautifully moulded, sweet head and neck, 3, clear, rather stouter than winner, nice on leg, in grand condition; 2, Mrs. T. Harrison, variegd., beautiful type, boxy feather, jaunty, grand head and wing carriage; 4, Long, ticked, shorter, nice feather and condition; vhc, Royle; hc, Jackson. GREENS, SELF., ETC. (5): 1, Greenwell, self yellow, grand col., beautiful pencillings, nice type; 2, 3, Bayley, Foul, grand type, nice condition; 3, grand coloured buff, sweet shape, nice moulded; 4, Vernon, another grand col., beautiful quality, nice drive; vhc, Fildes. HENS (8), a good class: 1, 4, Vernon, self yellow, grand type, splendid markings, nice level col. throughout, sweet little lady; 4, self buff, another good one beautifully moulded, grand col.; 2, hc, Greenwell, self buff, very nice shape, nice level col., sweet head, nice carriage; 3, c, Bayley, self yellow, beautiful type, lovely quality, very jaunty; vhc, Mrs. Fildes. CINN., SELF, ETC. (5): 1, Blackshaw, yellow, grand type, beautiful col., nicely laced, good one; 2, Mrs. Fildes, yellow, another beauty, sweet shape, lovely type, champion col.; 3, 4, vhc, Royle, 3, Foul very similar in type, hardly as good in quality, nice type; 4, very similar again, nice shape, good type. OPEN AMATEUR OR NOVICE, YORKS., YELL., CL., ETC. (14): 1, Jones, grand sweep and well drawn, sweet head, magnificent col.; 2, Radford, very similar, beautiful position, plenty of swank; 3, Potts, magnificent col., just a shade flat on head, nice position, good condition; 4, Barlow, good level col., nice length; vhc, Dalton; hc, Hobson; c, Livsey. BUFF (11): 1, Barlow, slasher, grand back and shoulders, good col., nice sweep, good position; 2, vhc, Bain, beautifully drawn, well on leg, nice head; 3, Jones, very similar, loses in quality slightly, nice col.; 4, Dalton, ticked, smaller, sweet shape; hc, Potts; c, Jackson. HENS, CL., ETC. (9): 1, Hadfield, sweet shape, lovely back and neck, well drawn, buff; 2, Barlow, buff, another good one, lovely col., grand position, well up on leg; 3, Tivsey, variegd. buff, good carriage, nice length; 4, Bain, yellow, a wee shade open, should improve wonderfully; vhc, c, Jones; hc, Potts. NOR., YELL., CL., ETC. (8): 1, Jas. Critchley, big slashing yell, good head and neck, beautiful wing carriage, very short (claimed at catalogue price); 2, Thompson, hardly so bulky, still a good one, grand col., nice front, good head and neck; 3, Fildes, not quite so good in head, a shade longer, good sound col.; 4, vhc, Leighton, 4th grizzle head, slashing col.; hc, c, Kirk. BUFF (8): 1, Smith, good one, grand chest, fine head and neck, magnificent col., very nice quality; 2, Hobson, not far behind, not quite so good in quality, very nice condition; 3, Fletcher, grand head, good front; 4, C. Harrison, smaller, nice col. and quality; vhc, Fildes; hc, Jas. Critchley; c, Kirk. HENS (14): 1, Davis, slashing yellow, grand size, very cobby, plenty of head and front; 2, Hobson, very similar, another good one, rather hard to part, good in head and chest, takes perches well; 3, Smith, very nice head and neck, good quality and col.; 4, Chaloner and Rowland, a shade longer, nice level col., sweet shape; vhc, Jas. Critchley; hc, H. Thompson; c, Kenney, a really good class. UNFLIG. CL., ETC. (15): 1, Thompson, yell, grand head, good front, spanking shape and beautiful col.; 2, Booth, very similar, only a wee shade weaker in head, otherwise equal; 3, Fildes, grand head, nice level col.; 4, hc, Dunkley, grand col., nice size and shape; vhc, Kirk; c, Jas. Critchley. GOLDFINCH (6): 1, Holt, real good one, grand blaze, beautifully mooned, magnificent tanning, lovely col.; 2, Metcalfe, another good one, nice square blaze, grand yellow flights, nicely buttoned; 3, Walsh, not quite so good in col., nice condition; 4, Whitney and Sons, wee shade open front; vhc, Brade; hc, Washbourne. GREENFINCH (4): 1, Walsh, marvellous col. and condition, shines like glass, grand yell.; 2, 4, Metcalfe, 2nd not far behind; 4, we liked, plenty of size, grand stamp, magnificent condition; 3, Brade, a wee shade smaller, very nice exhibit, well staged. BRAMBLEFINCH, ETC. (8): 1, Brunskill, Bullfinch, a real gem, grand cap, magnificent breast, like fire, nice size, shines like glass; 2, Washbourne, Bullfinch, not quite so good in col., very steady, champion cap; 3, T. Critchley, Bullfinch, very similar to second, sweet shape, good size; 4, White, Bullfinch, put down very nicely, just a wee shade weaker in col., in grand condition; vhc, hc, Walsh; c, Taylor. BROWN LINNET (10): 1, Alcock, real good one, grandly laced, beautiful front, magnificent col., steady as a rock; 2, 4, Walsh, 2nd hardly so good in pencillings, but in magnificent condition; 4, nice size; 3, hc, Brade, wee shade open in front, nice neat exhibit, good col., vhc, Whitney and Son; c, Meadowcroft and Hyde. REDPOLL, ETC. (7): 1, 2, Walsh, Siskin, nicely laced, grand col. and condition; 2, Mealy Redpoll, big one, grandly laced, in the pink of condition; 3, 4, Metcalfe 1st Siskin, nice size, well laced; 4, Mealy Redpoll, in grand condition, shines like a glass; vhc, Hemmings and Brereton; hc, Wagstaff; c, Alcock. A.O.S. HARDBILL, ETC. (6): 1, 4, vhc, hc, Walsh, Yellow Hammer, rare size, very steady, grandly marked, magnificent head; 4, Snow Bunting, nice condition; 2, 3, Lloyd; 2, Snow Bunting, rare size, grand condition; 3, Hawfinch, fair size and bib. SOFTBILL (6): 1, Hemmings and Brereton, Thrush, magnificent exhibit, fit for any competition, grand marked, very fine condition, big one, put down to perfection; 2, 3, 4, vhc, Walsh; 2, Hoopoe, good one, in splendid condition, grandly marked, nicely staged; 3, Yellow Wagtail, very nice exhibit, in nice condition; 4, Chough, in faultless condition; hc, Smarey. LIGHT MULE (3): 1, 3, Walsh, magnificent col., nice size; 3, non-fed, nice condition; 2, Lewis, fine size and shape. DARK (5): 1, Brunskill, Greenfinch Can., yellow, a slasher, grand col., shines like glass; 2, 3, 4, Walsh, Goldfich Can. good size, nice col.; 3, Linnet Can., smaller, but very neat, nicely marked; 4, Greenfinch Can., buff, beautifully mealed, nice shape; vhc, Blackburn. HYB. (4): 1, 2, S, Walsh, Greenfinch Bullfinch, grand size, marvellous col., in lovely condition; 2, Linnet Bullfinch, another very nice exhibit, in grand condition, nice type; 3, Redpoll Goldfinch, sweet exhibit, beautiful gloss, nicely put down; 4, Metcalfe. LARGE FOR. (6): 1, 3, 4, vhc, hc, Walsh, Australian Wood Swallow, in magnificent condition, put down A1, grand col., lovely exhibit; 3, Green Cardinal, in the pink of condition; 4, Black Cheeked Love Bird, in faultless condition, and staged to the acme of perfection; 2, Smarey, Jay, real good specimen, lovely plumage, like paint, in grand condition. SMALL (6): 1, 3, 4, vhc, hc, Walsh, Black Cheeked Tanager, in the very best of condition, grand col., nice size; 3, pair of Black-headed Gouldians, magnificent quality, shines like a looking-glass; 4, Maroon Tanager, in faultless condition; 2, Peaty, Queen Whydah, in full col., grand tail. MEMBERS' SECTION, YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Robinson. BUFF: 1, Robinson. HEN: 1, Robinson. NOR., CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, Whalley. BUFF (3): 1, Dunkley; 2, 3, Whalley. HEN (5): 1, 4, vhc, Dunkley; 2, 3, Whalley. UNFLIG. (4): 1, Dunkley; 2, 3, Whalley; 4, Morgan. BORD., GREENS, SELF, ETC. (7): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, Wood. CINN. (7): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, c, Wood. GOLDFINCH (3): 1, Morgan; 2, Whalley; 3, Alcock. GREENFINCH (3): 1, 2, Morgan; 3, Whalley. BRAMBLEFINCH, ETC. (1): 1, Morgan. BROWN LINNET (8): 1, Morgan; 2, 3, Alcock; 4, hc, Gray; vhc, Whalley; c, Dunkley. REDPOLL, LESSER (5): 1, Morgan; 2, vhc, Alcock; 3, Whalley; 4, Holt. REDPOLL, MEALY, ETC. (5): 1, Alcock; 2, 4, vhc, Morgan; 3, Whalley. SOFTBILL (3): 1, Gray; 2, Morgan; 3 Holt. FOR. (3): 1, 2, 3, Morgan. LIGHT MULE OR HYBRID: 1, E. Morgan. DARK (3): 1, 3, 4, vhc, Whalley; 2, Morgan.

WALSALL.

Walsall C.B.S., first show, held Nov. 11th, at the White Hart Hotel, Caldmore. The event was confined to members with the exception of the Canary classes, which, on account of the society having as yet so few Canary fanciers were thrown open to the members of the Wolverhampton society, several members of which availed themselves of the opportunity of winning the specials offered and at the same time increasing the interest to visitors by staging a few recent winners in all-England competition; besides firing the enthusiasm of our fancier friends at Walsall to go in for breeding exhibition Canaries. Judging was in the very capable hands of Mr. J. A. Tonks (Wednesbury), his awards being very well received. The support extended by the general public was splendid, for the show room was crowded the whole of the evening, and the very enthusiastic secretary, Mr. F. Price, was very busy signing up new members.

The Critique.

NOR. CK.: 1, 2, 3, Weaver, all three yellows, in nice order. HEN: 1, Gibbons, yell., good size, fine shape and col.; 2, 3, Willoughby, massive cinn., marked, all front, very taking, 3 clear buff, another big one, well carried wings, good quality. UNFLI.: 1, Weaver, yell., nice shape, medium size, grand col. and quality; 2, Willoughby, yell., good size, nice quality, splendid shape; 3, Willoughby, cl., buff, similar. YORKS. CK.: 1, Gibbons, yell., good length and position, nice wings and col.; 2, 3, Hall, two very creditable exhibits, well trained, in grand condition. HEN: 1, 2, Gibbons, lovely quality, buff leading, plenty of length of body, 2 yell., straight and neat; 3, Hall, buff, full of good points. YORKS. 1911.: 1, Hall, very fine yell., good head, well up on legs; 2, Hall, buff, nice stamp; 3, Gibbons, another good buff. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Weaver, Self green Nor., lovely col. and quality. NOVICE NOR.: 1, Thomas, cl. buff, nice type, neat head; 2, Hinton, buff marked; 3, Spencer, yell. marked, nat. col. MULE.: 1, Wilson, very nice light variegd. Goldie, in good order; 2, Price, Greenie, big bird, should make a really good one; 3, Spencer, dark Goldie, good body col., in nice condition. GOLDFINCH.: 1, Platt; 2, Price, both good Finches, little between them; 3, Thomas, good col., nice blaze. GREENFINCH.: 1, Gibbons; 2, Price; 3, Thomas, all nice birds. LINNET.: 1, Platt, real good exhibit; 2, Gibbon, field-moulted, well laced, steady. REDPOLL ETC.: 1, Price, pretty Siskin; 2, Gibbons, grand Lesser, lovely col., good bird; 3, Lines, Mealy Redpoll. A.O.V.: 1, Thomas, large Chaffie; 2, Lines, Bullie; 3, Thomas. FOR.: 1, Price, Siberian Goldie; 2, Hampson, White Javas; 3, Hampson, Cardinals

Kilmarnock's Flourishing Young Society

Holds a Good All-Round Show: A Hard Tussle for the Silver Rose Bowl: Excellent Management.

That flourishing young Society, the Kilmarnock O.C.B.S., held their 5th annual show, Nov. 15th, in the Art Gallery Halls, London-road. The Halls are simply perfection from a fancier's standpoint, being capitally lit for showing on the exhibits to advantage, and the heating regulated to the required degree. Scotch Fancies did not turn up in great numbers, several classes having to be cancelled through lack of entries, but the quality was really good. Mr. Hunter again secures the Scotch Fancy Cup for best young bird, with a cock bred from the hen that won the same distinction for him last year, and a rattling good young bird he is. Another win for him, and Mr. Hunter becomes absolute owner of the Cup. We were pleased to hear that Mr. Findlay, of Darvel (a name to be conjured with in the Scotch Fancy world a number of years gone by) is again taking up his old hobby, and we wish him every success. The Crest Club held their club show here, and their usual numerous specials were competed for. In point of merit this section was a good bit ahead of anything we have seen for a very long time, but here, again, the classes were small numerically. Mr. Chalmers must have had not a little difficulty in arriving at his awards, as in some cases the birds were hard to separate. Plainheads were also good, and though smaller classes than we would have liked, some grand birds from a very wide radius were on exhibition. Yorks. had a fair classification, and here we were pleased to note that all classes were full, so that no half prize money has to be chronicled in this section. Borders were a hot lot, although not numerous, and were excellently handled by Bailie Lambie. The Mule, British and Foreign Bird section brought out some stormers, and were a big attraction. There was a grand tussle for the silver rose bowl for the best young bird in the show bred by exhibitor. The competition lay between four grand birds, viz., Crest, Plainhead, Green Border, and 6-pointed yellow Goldie Mule; the blue riband went ultimately to Mr. Dale's Goldie Mule. Taken all over the show was a success, thanks mainly to the untiring energies of their worthy secretary. Than Mr. Guthrie there is no better general that we know; in fact, he is just the right man in the right place. He had the best of assistance from the President, Mr. Cram, and from Vice-presidents Messrs. Watson, Muir, and Adamson. The Committeemen are all good fanciers, some of them right at the top in their various sections, and exhibitors will appreciate what that means when they place their entries under their care. Amongst these we noticed such well-known experts as Messrs. Smellie, Noble, Calderwood, Willison, McCaw, Train, Johnstone, Jamieson, Hutchison, Candlish, Strathcarn. The judging was in the capable hands of Messrs. W. Webster and W. Edgar, Scotch Fancies; Mr. A. Chalmers, Crests; Mr. G. Mitchell, Plainheads; Mr. J. B. Paterson, Yorks.; Bailie Lambie, Borders; and Mr. Bald, British and For.; and the awards of each met with general approval.

The Critique.

SCOT. FCY. CL. YELL. CK. (4): 1, W. Gray, young bird, grand size, extra well set back, displaying shoulders and chest to advantage, nice drive, tight feather, tail well under; 2, Ralston, nice shoulders and drive, tail swept nicely under perches, neat shaped; 3, 4, Hannay, 3rd good pose, nice reach and drive, grand body, 4th grand size, extra fine shoulders. BUFF (6): 1, McElwain, grand size and shoulders, good drive, clean front, splendid depth throughout, hard up, well set, good bird; 2, Hannay, fair size, nice drive, clean front, grand worker; 3, Findlay, loose front, decided drive, fine pose; 4, Gray, nice shoulders and tail, neat shape; vhc, Byers; he, McClure. YELL. and BUFF HENS: Cancelled. YELL. PIED CK. (4): 1, Hunter, grand pose, good drive, nice shoulders, an easy 1st; 2, Findlay, fine size, good style, nice reach and drive; 3, Thom, fine body, wings and tail, a grand mover; 4, McElwain, nice reach and drive. HEN (8): 1, Stewart, young bird, neat, plenty of style, grand pose, in lovely feather, wins easily; 2, McElwain, another young one, erect, nice style, body and wings, tail sweeps nicely under, good reach; 3, 4, Hainey, 3rd, erect, fine body and wings, lovely shoulders, good mover, shown in grand bloom; 4th, nice size, rare good action; vhc, Findlay; he, Kilpatrick; c, Craig. BUFF. CK. (5): 1, cup, sp, 2, Hunter, typical all over, nice size, good depth through, great nerve, grand handler, wins easily; 2nd, nice drive, good shoulders, erect; 3, Craig, another good bird, hard up, well set; 4, Stewart, nice clean fronted bird; vhc, Hardie. HEN (6): 1, sp, Stewart, neat hen, plenty of style, grand pose, in lovely feather, rare good actioned bird; 2, Lawson, erect, nice style; 3, Gray, neat, stylish young bird, plenty of action, should improve; 4, sp, Findlay, fine body and wings, nicely swept under; vhc, Burgess; he, Hunter; c, Ralston. DARK. ETC., CK. (5): 1, 2, Hannah, 1st, nice size and style, neat head, good shoulders, tail takes nice sweep under perch; 2nd, very close on 1st, scarcely the weight of winner, neat head and good shoulders; 3rd, Stewart, good reach, nice shoulders; 4, Burgess, nice drive, clean front; vhc, Allan. HEN (6): 1, hc, Hunter, grand size and shoulders, erect, good pose, nice typical bird, well under, wins easily; 2, Cobb, nice reach and body; 3, Kilpatrick, nice drive, body and tail, good shoulders, a grand handler; 4, Thom, very nice typical bird; vhc, Hill. CREST (6): 1, sp, Mackie, dark crest, cl. body and ticked wing, good one, fine all round, top piece good length, coming well down all round, very nicely groomed, staged in grand order; 2, sp, Howie, dark crest, dense head, great length of feather and plenty of it; 3, sp, Cram, buff var., looking a little soft when we were taking notes, plenty length of feather, coming nicely down all round, well groomed, nice body; 4, Young, var. buff, very nice one, well staged; vhc, McNaughton; he, Adamson. HEN (7): 1, sp, Adamson, self green, good one, best shaped top piece, very nicely groomed, good length of feather, wins; 2nd, McLay, a lovely green with white tail, rare fronted bird, nice feather, plenty of length, coming nicely down all round; 3, Smart, var. green, good crest, fine length of feather, well centred, staged in lovely bloom; 4, Howie, self green, grand length of feather in front; vhc, Cram; he, McNaughton; c, Summerhill. CL. GREY, ETC. (5): 1, Noble, grizz. Crest of good size, grand radiation of droop, fine centre, well formed, good substance of body; 2, Veitch, another grizz. Crest, clear body, very nice crest, good size and formation, close up; 3, sp, Adamson, grizz. Crest, crest very neat, good substance of body, well centred, plenty of feather; 4, Sneddon, rare grizz. Crest, grand length feather; vhc, McNaughton. C.B. CK. (6): 1, sp, also Hyde's sp, Noble, self green, splendid skull, carrying abundance of feather, and well lashed, grand entrance, plenty of substance of body; 2, sp, Young, a monster var., again fine skull and entrance, heaps of feather, good 2nd; 3, sp, McLay, var., good head, does not carry quite so much feather as leader; 4, Brown, foul green, very fine feather, well lashed; vhc, Veitch; he, McNaughton. HEN (6): 1, Veitch, var. green, plenty of size, massive skull, good cushion and lash; 2, Watson, green var., plenty of feather, good substance of body; 3, Noble, neck and wing mkd., good type and size, plenty of feather, a good 3rd; 4, McLay, self green, grand substance, good head, good width of skull; vhc, sp, Cram; he, Tweedie. ¹⁄₂ (5): 1, sp, Noble, self green with white tail, nice top piece, fine length of feather, grand size, wins; 2, Adamson, foul green, grand length of feather in crest, good head gear, well groomed; 3, McLay, cl. body and dark crest, nicely centred crest, grand length of feather, rare good fronted bird; 4, Watson, var., good length of feather; vhc, Feeney. ¹⁄₂ (6): 1, Young, very nice cushioned headed one, in grand order; 2, McLay, green with white tail, better in entrance, but fails a trifle in lashing to winner, good body; 3, sp, Noble, var., grand lash, very good in entrance; 4, Thomson, good in lash; vhc, sp, Summerbill; hc, Adamson. YOUNG CREST CK. (6): 1, sp, 2, Mackie, 1st, var., good top piece, grand size, very fine length of feather, nice and heavy, exceedingly well groomed, coming well down all round, in nice trim; 2nd, another good headed one, grand depth of feather, nicely drooped, in lovely condition; 3, Noble, cap mkd., good headgear, rare length of feather, exceedingly well groomed; 4, vhc, Adamson, self green, well groomed, good head; he, Feency. HEN (bred by exhibitor) (10): 1, sp, Tweedie, good headed one, very nice headpiece, rare fronted bird, grand length of feather, good shape, wins; 2, Noble, almost self green, good shaped top piece, very nicely groomed, grand length of feather; 3, sp, Adamson, crest and wing mkd., good droop and entrance, very nice crest, good size and formation, close up; 4, Thomson, var., crest well centred, very neat; vhc, Young; he, Mackie; c, Watson. C.B. CK. (bred by exhibitor) (8): 1, sp, Mackie, good var., very nice entrance, well lashed, good body, staged to perfection; 2, sp, Thomson, yell. ticked one wing, fine substance throughout, nicely lashed; 3, Veitch, green with white tail, good headgear, rare length of feather, well groomed; 4, sp, Adamson, nice length of feather, fine substance throughout; vhc, he, sp, Noble; c, Summerfield. HEN (6): 1, sp, Young, good headed one, very fine entrance and lash, grand cushioned bird, well groomed, wins; 2, Summerfield, var., another good headed one, grand length of feather, nice droop, finely centred; 3, Noble, neck ticked, nice cushioned headed bird, good headgear, staged in lovely bloom; 4, McLay, grizz. wings and tail, good length of feather; vhc, Howie; he, Tweedie. NOR. CL. ETC. YELL. CK. (7): 1, sp, Gardner, cl. yell., rattling good bird, sound body, fine close wings, lovely head and front; 2, sp, 3, Watson, lovely hot clear, fine silky feather, rare head, grand size, must have pressed winner; 3rd, grand feather and style hardly the type of leaders, fine head and short feather; 4, sp, Martin, grizz. cap., another grand one; vhc, Barron; hc, Candlish; c, Mapwell. HEN (7): 1, Smeaton, cl., a stormer, blaze of colour, wonderful size, magnificent shape, best of quality, wins; 2, Martin another hot col. one, rare good head, grand size and fine quality; 3, Muir, shapely hen, sweet head, well balanced wings, staged in bonny bloom; 4, Taylor, fine type, quality, hot col.; vhc, Barron; hc, c, Watson. BUFF (4): 1, Jeffrey, neck marked, sweetly moulded front, clean cut under, short and compact wings and tail; 2, Grewar, wing marked, good quality bird, grand wing carriage; 3, Devoy, clear, grand head, neck and front, well up in size and col.; 4, McKay, fine type and quality. HEN (6): 1, sp, Smeaton, rare quality, fine wings and tail, neatly rounded and well packed body; 2, Muir, clear, well up in size and substance, fine expansive chest, well filled in neck and chest, nice head, closely packed wings and tail; 3, he, Watson, splendid quality of feather, fine even col., must have pressed leaders; 4, sp, Devoy, nice size and substance, fine head and splendid wing carriage. VAR. YELL., ETC. (5): 1, McLaggans, var. green, perfect model, nice domed skull, good short wings and tail, chest broad and deep, wins; 2, Dowie, var. green, grand type, sweet head and neck; 3, Devoy, almost even marked, bonny bird, wide expansion of front, lovely wing carriage; 4, Muir, nice size and substance; vhc, Calderwood, good one, soft when we were taking notes. HEN (7): 1, Harris, slightly var. green, grand headed bird, hot col., fine quality of feather; 2, Maxwell, green var., rare stamp, short and chubby, grand wings and tail; 3, Watson, grizz. neck, fine size and substance, grand head and shapely body, staged in bonny bloom; 4 (no name), foul green of grand quality; 5, (no name); he, Muir; c, Jeffrey. BUFF, ETC., CK. (6): 1, Smeaton, cap and wing marked, of rare quality, fine head and wings, grand substance of body; 2, Barron, head and neck marked, well up in size, neat head, fine neck and closely packed wings; 3, Calderwood, lovely buff, shapely head, well balanced wings, short and chubby, shown in rare bloom; 4, Watson, neck and wing marked, very typical; No. 3 absent (Watson); vhc, Devoy. HEN (9): 1, Watson, green var., well up in size, nicely moulded head, grand depth of chest, short and compact wings and tail, a lovely exhibit; 2, sp, Martin, very shapely, grand back and wings; 3, Gardner, cap and wing marked, fine quality; 4, Young, green var., splendid wings and lovely quality; vhc, Grewar; he, Muir; c, Candlish. UNFLIG. YELL. CK. (7): 1, sp, Harris, clear, splendid type of a youngster, grand head, deep chest, short flights, hot colour; 2, Maxwell, clear, another good one, close up, fine size, neatly moulded, bold head, closely packed flights and tail; 3, Martin, clear, another gem, hard to divide; 4, Muir, fine size, correct type, short and chubby; vhc, Devoy; he, Gardner; c, McCall. BUFF COCK ANY COL. (7): 1, 2, Martin, var. green, grand model, well up in size, fine bold head and neck, rare back, feathered like boxwood; 2nd, clear, another beauty, full of Nor. properties, short and chubby, lovely quality feather; 3, Taylor, not far behind leaders, bold head, deep chest; 4, McCall, fine quality; vhc, Kelly; he, sp, Jones; c, Davidson. HEN (13): 1, Grewar, splendid type of a cl. Nor., very neat head and neck, rare frontal, carries wings to perfection, splendid col.; 2, Harris, very stylish, short and chubby, neat head, splendid wings; 3, Calderwood, splendid cl., grand stamp of a youngster, good head, deep chest, short flights, real good one, pressing for higher honours; 4, Candlish, var., very taking little lady, neat head and neck; vhc, Barron; he, Smeaton; c, Nicholson. BUFF HEN, UNFLIG. (7): 1, Gardner, true Nor. type, neatly rounded head, very nice front, finely tapered, grand back and wings; 2, Martin, another gem, fine size, grand skull, deep chest, very short flights, lovely quality, hard to separate; 3, Taylor, grand substance of body, neat and compact wings and tail; 4, Barron, all there for type and quality; vhc, Donaghy; he, McKay; No. 2, absent. NON-FED CK. (11): 1, 2, Martin, 1st, cap marked buff, nice size, very typical, good sound nat. col.; 2nd, a cl. yell., very compact, nicely rounded, finished off beautifully; 3, Grewar, almost self green, nice size, and very shapely, bold head; 4, Naismith, cl. buff, nice size, lovely quality, good wing carriage; vhc, Guthrie; hc, Smeaton; c, McClure. HEN (8): 1, sp, Martin, clear yell., grand stamp, deep chest and well rounded, clean cut under, bold head, lovely flights and tail; 2, Smeaton, green var., nice size and grand headpiece, best of wing carriage, very shapely front; 3, McFadzean, buff grizz. neck, nice size, very typical, neat head; 4, Calderwood, var. yell., nicely rounded head, lovely wings; vhc, Morton; he, Naismith; c, Kelly. NOVICE CK. (9): 1, sp, McCall, buff grizz. neck, rare quality and col., bold head, nicely rounded front, grand size; 2, Devoy, clear yellow, very hot colour, nice size and quality; 3, H. Muir, cap marked yellow, very neat and typical, round head, sweetly moulded; 4, sp, R. Muir, cl. yell., fine size and depth of chest; vhc, Picken; he, Paling; c, Logan. HEN (7): 1, Paling, clear buff, fine type, neat frontal, well packed wings, grand size; 2, Picken, clear yellow, fine bold head, splendid depth of chest; 3, McHarg, yellow neck marked, fine quality, neat head and wings; 4, McFadzean, buff, very neat and typical, sweet head and neck; vhc, R. Muir; he, H. Muir; c, McLaggans. YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (8): 1, sp, Walsh, yellow ticked, grand typed one, lovely taper, neat wings and tail, lovely level col., wins easily; 2, Cirvan, cl., similar make all over, well up in colour, fails only in chest finish; 3, McLellan, clear, very hot, nice type and shape, plenty of length; 4, he, Douglas; 4th, ticked, lovely shape and type, good colour; vhc, McRobbie; c, Syson. BUFF (9): 1, Martin, clear, one of the best for shape and type, grand compact feather, rare stand, a beautiful exhibit in good form; 2, Walsh, ticked, good type, neat and compact feather, good carriage and nice position; 3, McRobbie, ticked, rare type and shape, good colour and quality of feather; 4, Douglas, lovely shape, good colour; vhc, Syson; he, McLellan; c, Hunter. HEN (10): 1, McLellan, ticked, a good model of a ben, lovely shape and type, stands to perfection, good colour and quality, very neat and compact carriage; 2, Douglas, clear, good type and shape, rare length, good quality and colour; 3, Syson, ticked, in grand form, nice type and shape, best of colour; 4, Webster, clear, fine type and shape, good colour and quality; vhc, Heggie; hc, Hunter; c, McRobbie. VAR. (8): 1, Martin, yellow, one of the best for shape and type, excellent stand, well drawn, in tip-top form; 2, Webster, buff, lovely shape and type, good colour and quality of feather; 3, Walsh, yell., nicely balanced, well carried wings and tail, shown in lovely bloom; 4, Crighton, almost self green, all there for type and finish; vhc, Heggie; hc, Hunter; c, Syson. UNFLIG. CK. (9): 1, Martin, clear yell., rare stamp and shape, extra good quality of feather, rare colour, fine length, neat quality and carriage; 2 (no name), clear, nice size, good colour and feather, showing just a little frill; 3, McLellan, good cl. yell., grand bird, nice shape and size, well worth its place; 4, sp, Sanderson, clear, good shape and size, plenty of length; vhc, Syson; hc, Girvan; c, McRobbie. HEN (10): 1, Martin, ticked yellow, grand model of a hen lovely shape and type, rare stand, neat and compact carried wings; 2, Syson, clear buff, lovely shape and type, grand quality of feather; 3, Cirvan, clear yellow, in grand form, nice type and shape, best of colour, staged in lovely bloom; 4, Simpson, clear, good type, neat and compact feather; vhc, Cochrane; hc, Sanderson; c, Crighton. BORD. FCY. CL. ETC., YELL. CK. (9): 1, 4, Mossie, well known face now, winner of many firsts this season, looking as fresh as ever, good head and bold eye, lovely mould, very sound col.; 2, Clark, nice rounded head, sound warm colour; 3, Broadfoot, fine head, back and tail; vhc, Lawson; he, Hume; c, Allan. HEN (10): 1, Bennet, good head, back and wings, graceful carriage; 2, Arnott, similar type, finely carried head, close packed tail; 3, Smellie, grizz. neck marked, fine head, back and wings, nice piped tail, might have been higher up; 4, Richardson, one of his old stamp, neat head; vhc, Crosbie; hc, Kirkhope; c, Mossie. BUFF CK. (10): 1, B.F.C.C. medal, Bennet, clear, a beauty for style and colour, neat round head, finely carried wings and tail, well filled in back; 2, Richardson, similar make, good head, back and wings, warm level col.; 3, Willison, grand head, body and tail, fine front; 4, Lawson, nicely tapered body, neat exhibit; vhc, Nairn; he, Laidlaw; c, Jones. HEN (14): 1, Cunningham, ticked neck, very stylish, neat head and neck, and well placed wings; 2, Arnott, cap marked, a gem for feather and finish, shorter in flights and tail, very close; 3, Bennet, also grand type, well laid wings, finely drawn front; 4, sp, Mossie, another typical hen, well drawn, lovely carried wings; vhc, Clark; hc, Richardson; c, Laidlaw. VAR. YELL., CK. (5): 1, Montgomery, almost even Cinn. marked, lovely size, grand close feather, wings and tail well carried; 2, Robertson, eye marked, just fails in brightness of boom to winner; 3, Ceddes, eye and wing marked, true Border type; 4, Richardson, ticked on both eyes, grand feather; vhc, Kirkhope. HEN: Cancelled. BUFF (6): 1, Arnott, cap and wing marked, good style and make, close feather; 2, Findlay, almost even marked, grand quality and shape, a gem for type, close as a Java, pressing winner; 3, Kirkhope, var., again a grand one, feathered like silk; 4, Allan, 3-pointed, best of head and wing carriage; vhc (no name); hc, Hume. HEN (6): 1, sp, Geddes, neck and wing marked, lovely bright feather, very close, finely tapered body; 2, Bennet, grizz. head, grand quality and shape, a gem for type; 3, Montgomery, Cinn. mkd., grand feather, sound colour, typical body; 4, Thomson; vhc, Smellie; be, Richardson. GREEN, ETC. (10): 1, vhc, c, Richardson, 1st, a well shaped body, sound grass colour, a good green; 2, Young, Cinn., close feather and warm colour, very typical body; 3, Johnstone, green, very sound colour, distinct pencilling; 4, Forrest, level colour and pencilling; hc, Findlay. A.O.V. (4): 1, 3, White, 1st, a Belgian, staged in lovely bloom; 3rd, Dutch Frill, very unique and interesting exhibit in this district; 2, McLay, self yell. Cinn., of grand type and lovely hot col., in sound condition, a good 2nd; 4, Cram, Lancashire Coppy, shown in tip-top form. LIGHT MULE (5): 1, McNicol, the now well known 6-pointed yellow Goldfinch-Can.; 2, Crosbie, 4-pointed buff Goldie-Can., grand size, and in A1 order, well staged; 3, Dale, 6-pointed yellow baby Goldfinch-Can., wins howl for best young bird in show, will be a good one with a moult; 4, Wyper, var. yellow Goldfinch-Can.; vhc, Turnbull. DARK (7): 1, sp, McQuiston, well-known large buff Greenfinch-Can., staged in lovely bloom; 2, Johnstone, lovely Siskin Mule, grand size and colour, showing pareutage well; 3, Buchanan, Twite, grand size and markings, showing cross well; 4, McCaw, nat. col. buff Siskin, grand size and markings; vhc, Bowat; he, Webster; c, Wyper. DARK GOLDFINCH AND LINNET MULE: Cancelled. HYB. (4): 1, Nicholson, Canary-Bullie, grand colour, dense lacing on back, lovely bars, shown in masterly fashion; 2, McFarlane, Goldie-Bullie, dense colour, rare face polish; 3, Sneddon, another Goldie-Bullie, larger size, but very rough, could do with a wash; 4, Mills, Linnet-Bullfinch, nice red in breast, a very taking exhibit. GOLDFINCH, BRIT. (12): 1, McRobbie, dense face, in A1 bloom, lovely nut-brown chest, deep flights, blaze not yet in full colour; 2, Conkie, nice one, fine shape, good in colours, grand dense blaze of good rose colour, real good one; 3, McCluskie, stylish Finch, good markings; 4, McFadzean, grand shape, good markings; vhc, McNeillie; hc, Crosbie; c, Milloy. GOLDFINCH, FOR. (7): 1, A. Howie, marvellous dense blaze, fine size and well cut, beautiful finish, bonny faced bird; 2, 3, Gutbrie, 2nd, a nice exhibit, close up for size and body colours; 3rd, stylish and in grand trim, well put down; 4, Graham, fine size, getting up in colour; vhc, Stevenson; he, McGavin; c, Morton. BULLFINCH, BRIT. (9): 1, sp, McQuiston, well-known winner, often described, still in grand bloom; 2, Geddes, F.M., grand bloom, fine cap, well up in breast colour, nice size, dense throughout; 3, Holmes, rare breast colour, dense, and well carried down, nice bars, typical Britisher; 4, Dale, F.M., very steady, grand size and breast colour; vhc, Kelly; he, Dunsmuir; c, Gutbrie. LINNETS (10): 1, 2, McQuiston, his two now well-known winners; 3, Crosbie, all there for markings, nice tone of colour; 4, McCaw, fine size, and plenty of breast work; vhc, Stevenson; hc, McCaw; c, McGillivray Bros. GREENFINCH (9): 1, Dale, a good one, well up in size, grandly fed, lovely tone of colour, a gem for quality of feather; 2, Allan, grand shape, lovely wing flights, noble head and front; 3, Morton, grand fronted, bold in head, good wings; 4, sp, McQuiston, nice hot coloured one, well up in size; vhc, McGavin; he, Laing; c, Geddes. SISKIN, ETC. (7): 1, Quinn, large sized mealy, rare head, grand facing, nice bib; 2, 3, McQuiston, Twite and Mealy 'Poll, former nice size, well laced, good quality of feather; 'Poll beaten in size, grand light silvery colour, nice lacing, good head and enormous bib; 4, Ireland, Twite, fair size and breast work; vhc, Crosbie; he, Holmes; c, Brown. LESSER REDPOLL (6): 1, McQuiston, nice all-round 'Poll, well laced, good cap and bib, grand quality of feather, very steady; 2, McGillivray Bros., grand bib and cap, fine colour throughout, well put down; 3, Palfrey, sweet 'Poll, rare bib, lovely cap; 4, Hopkins, neat all round, well up in cap and bib; vhc, McCaw; he, Turnbull. HEN (9): 1, Morrison, Meadow Pipit, shown in tip-top bloom, staged in lovely fashion; 2, McQuiston, Corn Bunting, grand size, lovely breast colour, steady as a rock; 3, Dunsmuir, Bullfinch, grand size, lovely cap, now in first class order; 4, Allan, Greenfineh, grand size, lovely head, nice tone of colour; vhc, Brown; hc, Turnbull; c, Spencer. BRIT. HARD. (4): 1, sp, McQuiston, well known Corn Bunting; 2, Erskine, Hawfinch, grand size, lovely markings, nice breast colour, very steady; 3, Morrison, Hawfinch, denser colour, but markings not so well defined; 4, Brown, Yellow-hammer, good head markings, wants several flight feathers. SMALL SOFTBILL and LARGE BRIT.: Cancelled. REDPOLL, F.M. (6): 1, Hopkins, Stonehouse and Darvel winner, wins easy, grand size, lovely colour and markings; 2, Frew, a nice 'Poll, but smaller, lacks breast work of winner; 3, McGillivray Bros., small Mealy with crimson breast, a very nice exhibit, rather wild to-day; 4, McQuiston; vhc, McCallum; hc, Quinn. FOR. Cancelled. SMALL (4): 1, Webster, the new well-known Black-faced Love Bird, in excellent bloom, wins easily; 2nd, Allan, Red Couldian Finch, shown in lovely bloom, as tight as wax, a taking exhibit; 3 (no name), pair Yellow Budgerigars, grand size, lovely markings; 4 (no name), Java Sparrows. CIFT (1): Candlish.

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ALNWICK.

Open show in connection with the Alnwick and Dist. H.S. held Town Hall Nov. 4. Six classes were provided for cage birds, and they averaged over 12 per class. Messrs. Atkinson and Seely took special for best hird. Borders were a nice lot, but some of them were just a wee bit soft; yet the judge managed to spot prominent winners. In Mr. T. Ternent the society possesses a hard-working secretary; and an able committee was doing justice to the cage bird section. Mr. A. Dippie (Morpeth) judged. The show was well patronised.

NOR. CK. (12): 1, spl, and spl for best bird, vhc, Atkinson and Seely, cl., yell., topper for shape, grand level col., nice head and chest; 2, 4, Dixon, buff and var. yell., buff of rare size, nice type; 3, Smailes, cl. yell., a wee shade slack in feather, otherwise good; hc, Hay; c, Foster and Heslop. HEN (11): 1, spl, 2, c, Dixon, grand team, leading with a cl. buff, lovely type, rare body; 2nd, yell., similar in type, rich in feather; 3, Miller, cl. buff, hot col., very shapely, not quite so smooth in feather; 4, hc, Smailes, var. buff, nice hen, likely-looking lady for stock; vhc, Nesbit and Wright. BORD. CK. (12): 1, spl, 2, 3, Purvis, grand team, led by a yell. ticked, gay and jaunty, lovely position, best of head and wings, 2nd cl. buff, very stylish, 3rd buff marked, correct type, looking a little soft to-day; 4, Miller, cl. buff, good one for type and colour; vhc, Atkinson and Seeley; hc, Smailes; c, Leightly. HEN (10): 1, spl, vhc, Aston, yell., rare quality, fine jaunty style, shapely chest, feathers fitting like gloves; 2, 4, Purvis, 2nd cl. buff, neat head and wings, rare pipe tail; 3, Atkinson and Seeley, Buff, correct type, nice carriage, if anything a little too wild; hc, c, Cairns. YORKS (10): 1, spl, Atkinson and Seeley, yell. unflg., hot col., lovely wings and carriage, looks like Morpeth winner; 2, vhc, c, Cairns, nice team, leading with a fine lengthy buff, beaten only in quality; 3, Leightly, yell., very stylish; 4, hc, Moffitt, leading with a yell. ticked, stands like a soldier. A.O.V. (19, a real good class): 1, spl, 3, Atkinson and Seeley, Light Mule leading, staged in the pink, the Morpeth winner looking better than ever; 3rd, Linnet, rare size, dense col., distinct pencilling, well staged, very steady; 2, Hay, monster Bullie, 1st at Berwick week before, showing a little feather at thigh to-day; 4, Ternent, Thrush, nice exhibit; vhc, Straughan; hc, Dixon; c, Swann

BLACKWOOD, N.B.

Eighth annual show of the Blackwood (N.B.) O.A. held 13th Nov., Southfield Hall and St. John's School. Office Bearers: President, Mr. A. Brown; vice-president, Mr. T. Jackson; treasurer, Mr. W. Johnstone; secretary, Mr. James Hamilton; committee, Messrs. J. Tate, J. Chalmers, John Hamilton, G. Sommerville, A. Clayton, J. Thomson, Jas. Jackson, S. Pate, W. Steele, R. Sandilands, D. Davidson, W. Jackson, G. Good, D. Hamey, and J. McCold, in the cage bird section. The classes numbered 32. Scotch Fancies and Borders were well to the front, some excellent birds being staged. Norwich and British were a creditable turn out. The entries throughout were quite up to last year's, and of nice even quality. In the Scotch Fancy Section a handsome silver cup, presented by Arthur Kirk, Esq., for best young bird bred by exhibitor, was won by Mr. Allerdice (Wishaw), closely followed by Mr. T. Jackson, as runner up. In the Border section, silver cup and medals were won by Mr. J. Paterson, who was also runner up in this section. Mr. Smith judged the Scotch Fancies, Mr. Gilchrist Borders, and Mr. Pettigrew Norwich and British, and their awards seemed to give general satisfaction. Mr. Hamilton, who makes an admirable secretary, had every arrangement made for both the comfort of exhibits and visitors.

The Critique.

SCOT. FCY. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (8): 1, spl., Allerdice, cup winner, Glasgow City winner, great size and top end, fine reach, looking well; 2, 4, spl., Burnside, grand droop, fine length of side, nice and deep through; 4, good stamp; 3, spl., Jas. Jackson, nice and hard up, good reach and droop, fine pose, good bird; 5, 6, T. Jackson. BUFF (10): 1, spl., Allerdice, nice size, hard up, tail well under, fine length of wing, and top end; 2, W. Park, grand style and pose; 3, 4, T. Jackson, all right for style, nice leader and droop, neat head; 5, L. Jackson; 6, J. Jackson. GREEN, ETC., YELL. CK. (3): 1, T. Jackson, runner up for cup, nice typical bird, neat head, grand reach and droop, tail nicely under span; 2, J. Jackson, very close on first, good type, staged in rare condition; 3, L. Jackson, grand mover, fine top end, nice and deep through. BUFF (4): 1, Allerdice, nicely set up, fine depth through, nice length of side, good reach and droop, neat head and fine for size, Glasgow winner; 2, spl., Burnside, senr., fine size and reach, good top end, not quite the size; 3, Jas. Burnside, nice and deep through, fine size; 4, Ramage, good body and length of side. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (7): 1, spl., L. Jackson, nice typical hen all over, in grand condition; 2, Park, nice top end, good depth through, very close on winner; 3, 4, Jno. Burnside, nice mover, shade shorter in reach; 4, very nice bird all through; 5, Ramage; 6, T. Jackson. BUFF (8): 1, 6, Jno. Burnside, grand position and drive, fine length of wing, tail comes well under; 2, Hunter, another good bird, runs winner very close; 3, Miller, plenty of nerve and style, good bird; 4, spl., T. Jackson, plenty of style; 5, Jas. Jackson. GREEN, ETC., YELL. (4): 1, 4, Jno. Burnside, first grand type; 2, J. Burnside, junr., all right for size; 2, grand reach, neat head, good mover; 3, very close. BUFF (5): 1, Jno. Burnside, really nice hen, grand mover, fine size, wins easy; 2, spl., T. Jackson, another good type, fine size, nice and deep through, good top end; 3, 5, spl., Park, third nice type, splendid reach and droop, fine length of side; 4, L. Jackson, plenty of style, grand mover, good bird. BORD. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (9): 1, spl., spl., Paterson, cup and silver medal winner, very neat model, nice rich colour, jaunty, fine feather, very close; 2, Thomson, another really good one; 6, 3 spl., Scott, third nice border feather, like wax, grand mover; 4, spl., Brown, barely the feather of those in front, but very neat; 5, Walker. BUFF (11): 1, spl., Brown, grand shape and finish, very close in feather, nice carriage, wins; 2, Paterson, another neat model, splendid carriage; 3, Walker, nice type and quality; 4, Kelly, very nice border; 5, Wilson; 6, Smith. VAR. YELL. (10): 1, Haddon, very neat, lovely finish, sweet head, grand carriage, very jaunty; 2, Scott, nice markings, grand quality, barely as good borders; 3, 4, A. Walker, third very jaunty, nice close feather, neat carriage; 5, Kell; 6, Jas. Walker. BUFF (8): 1, Thomson, a real model all over, grand feather, nice carriage, very jaunty; 2, spl., Paterson, very little between them, first a shade easier in feather, but very close; 3, 5, A. Walker, third grand type; 4, Steel, very fine border, nice feather, fails in style to those in front; 6, Scott. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (8): 1, spl., Paterson, nice shapely border, good quality and colour, nicely staged; 2, Brown, another good one, nice quality feather; 3, R. Thomson, very smart border, grand shape and quality; 4, A. Walker, very neat and jaunty, nice close feather, might have done better; 5, Smith; 6, Scott. BUFF (8): 1, Paterson, sweet moulded clear hen, plenty of action, nice model, grand feather; 2, Wilson, another good one, hard up on first; 3, 4, Walker, third very neat border, shows well, grand feather; 4, fair border; 5, A. Brown; 6, Jas. Walker. EVEN MARK (4): 1, Haddon, nicely marked yellow, a real beauty, wins well; 2, A. Walker, a nice evenly marked buff, runs winner very close; 3, R. Thomson, very neat buff, grand feather, nice carriage; 4, Kelly, good all-round border, very jaunty. GREEN, ETC. (13): 1, 2, spl., J. Thomson, first grand mover, very typical, neat and very close in feather; 2, very similar; 3, spl., Paterson, rare colour and quality, full value for it; 4, 5, spl., Smith; 6, Johnstone. COM. CAN. (12): 1, spl., Brown; 2, Davidson; 3, 5, Sandilands; 4, 6, Brownlie and Son. CREST (5): 1, 4, Wright, body nice dark crest, of good shape, dence and nice; 2, 3, McGinnis; 2, clear, similar to first, but not quite so good in frontal; 5, Hannup; 6, Cringles. C.B. (5): 1, McGinnis, cl. buff, extra good quality, wins well; 2, 3, J. Wright, good quality; 2, rare body, good skull; 3, fails only in feather; 4, Cringles, grand size and finish; 5, Thomson. YELL. NOR. (6): 1, Buchanan, nice shape and size, grand quality and col., easy winner; 2, Scobbie, nice shape, even col.; 3, Johnstone, nice body and shape, good col.; 4, 5, Mathieson; 4, very massive; 6, R. Steel. BUFF (3): 1, 2, spl., Mathieson, first nice shape, very chubby, grand thick-set body; 2, short and thick-set, rare quality, very close on first; 3, Allerdice, fine shape, nice quality and size. YELL. HEN (6): 1, spl., Steel, grand shape and quality of feather, nice bold head; 2, 3, Mathieson; 2 not quite so rich in colour, but nice chubby shape; 3, nice shape, good quality; 4, Cuthbertson, nice shape and substance; 5, Allerdice; 6, Cook. BUFF (8): 1, 2, 3, Scobbie, 1, sweetly moulded of all-round merit, a gem for type; 3, good shape, nice deep chest; 2, Buchanan, a gem for beauty, col. and shape; 4, Johnstone, very massive; 5, Steel, 6, Cuthbertson. MULE OR HYBD. (9): 1, Mitchell, Redpoll Goldie, nice face and breast colour, in lovely condition; 2, Scobbie, Goldie Can., nice rich colour, showing a fine blending of both birds; 3, Wilson, Greenie Can., lovely tone of colour, in grand condition, Greenie body; 4, Allan, Goldie Can., nice blending of colour. BULLIE, BRIT. (9): 1, Williamson, nice size, grand col., good cap, close feather; 2, Wyper, good cap and colour, very steady; 3, McGregor, nice Bullie; 4, Somerville, grand col.; 5, 6, Shankland. GOLDIE, BRIT. (6): 1, 5, spl., Hiller, 1st nice blaze, well mounted and buttoned, in grand condition, very steady; 2, Molley, a wee shade larger than first; 3, Clark, a shade smaller than first and second; 4, McGregor; 6, Garrett. GREENIE (9): 1, spl., J. G. Wright, large, good col., in grand condition, very steady; 2, Brownlie and Son, a shade smaller, but quite as good for col.; 3, Allan, very close in feather; 4, 6, McLean; 4, steady, and in nice feather; 5, Johnstone. LINNET, GREY (6): 1, Cook, grand size, very steady, well pencilled, lovely rich col. and condition; 2, McLean, good markings, in fine condition, not quite so good in colour; 3, Clark, a shade smaller, nicely pencilled, in rare condition; 4, 6, Williamson; 4th grand size, good markings; 5, J. S. Wright. REDPOLL, ETC. (9): 1, 4, Wyper, Siskin; 4, Redpoll, grand Siskin, in rare condition, very steady, well shown, Redpoll steady, rich col.; 2, Young, Redpoll, in grand condition, very nice rich col.; 5, 3, Bruce, Twite, lovely markings, nice size; 6, Brownlie and Sons. BRIT., A.O.S., SMALL: 1, spl., Sorbie, Yellow Wagtail, grand col., shown in lovely condition, grand exhibit; 2, J. S. Wright, Hawfinch, grand specimen, staged in the pink of condition; 3, Molley, Bramblefinch in lovely feather, steady as a rock; 4, 6, Morrison, Yellowhammers, in the very pink of condition, lovely rich colouring; 5, Bryson.

PRESTON.

Preston O.S. annual open show, held Nov. 17 and 18, in the St. Wilfred's Rooms, Corporation Street. The room is not what could be called ideal, but it is entirely free from the cold winds, is well lighted by electricity, and has a rare good light for judging. The Society save about £5 by moving from the old show room, and this is a great factor to be reckoned with. The staging is admirable; each exhibit could be seen without exertion. The Norwich were ranged round the room, and the open cages were staged in the centre—a good idea this. The Greens had a room to themselves with the light striking right on them; this is a tip for other societies, as Green Canaries require plenty of light to show to advantage. Some societies put the Greens in any corner, and this has been resented by the Green men more than once. The schedule was cut down considerably this year, owing to the financial loss on some of the classes that Preston have kept going for so long. Entries were only slightly less than last year's, so the show should pay for itself. The attendance was really good on the Friday, and sales were above the average. Being in the midst of the Norwich breeders, no wonder there was such keen competition amongst the chubby ones. The unlighted classes contained some glorious exhibits; almost the size of the adult birds. The unlighted hen class was an eye opener, but many of the exhibits were put out as cocks. The amateurs turned up in force; some of the exhibits would have held their ground with the champions. The Yorks were quite a failure in point of numbers. Preston being so well served by the railways, we did expect to see a larger number of Yorks; however, the quality made up for the small number. There was a grand list of specials. Mr. Fowler won best members' Yellow; Mr. Barton sp. for best Buff; Sandiford's, Mr. Issot; medal for hottest fed, Miss Scott. A slight mistake occurred in the Foul Buff Nor. Green class, the numbers being slightly mixed. Mr. Abbot was credited with first prize, but this should go to Mr. Harding, an enthusiast from Wellingboro', who has, we hear, just purchased the whole of Mr. Deacon's Norwich Greens. Mr. Leeming, the secretary, had everything in order. His untiring efforts to please everybody are a great credit to the society. Mr. P. Waring had charge of the show room, and every bird came under his eyes. We noticed that all were well fed and watered. The above had great help-mates in Messrs. Marsh, Cooper, Pike Bros., and T. H. Dent. Mr. Houlton judged Borders, Yorks., and Nor. Greens, Hybrids, Brit., and foreign birds, and Mr. J. H. Roe the remainder. Borders were very good, and some excellent quality was seen. Greens, both Yorks and Nor., were really fine, and the classes filled remarkably.

Mr. Roe's Classes.

NOR. YELL. CL., ETC. (6): 1, Trengove and Son, fine big one, and glorious feather with it, noble head and neck, clean cut off, put down in A1 condition; 2, Bixter, not quite so good in head properties, rare back, neat wings; 3, Dueston, splendid shape, shows nice clean front, short and compact; 4, Fowler, holds its own for type, but smaller, a trifle; vhc, Dr. McConaghey; hc, Dent. BUFF (8): 1, Hayhurst, excellent type, all front mealed to perfection, grand bull neck, bold eye; 2, Seed, glorious quality, deep chest, fine Bullfinch type, short wings and tail, well up; 3, P. Davies, grand substance, nice texture of feather, bold head and neck; 4, Leeming Bros., neat exhibit, shows wealth of meal, very compact; vhc, Johnson; hc, Dent; c, Moss. TKD., ETC., YELL. (7): 1, 2, J. E. Davies, 1st variegated, all front, splendid head and neck, often described, 2nd variegated, stormer for substance and quality of feather, only just beaten in type; 3, Seed, cap and wing mkd., topping order, grand carriage of wings and tail; 4, Dent, variegated, noble head and cheeks, clean cut away; vhc, Sandiford; hc, Bixter; c, Leeming Bros. BUFF (8): 1, Leeming Bros., grizzle cap., correct type, well over perch, short wings, neatly carried tail; 2, Roberts, neck and wing mkd., wonderfully mealed, broad back, head well fitted to body, well placed; 3, Leonard, wing mkd., red-hot col., shows up well, boat shape, bold eye, neat tail; 4, Seed, variegated, broad skull, bull neck, close up; vhc, Anderton; hc, Sutton; c, Issott. UNFLIG. YELL. (20): 1, 2, J. E. Davies, 1st cl., excellent shape, bold front, well carried wings, a knockout for substance, what will he be next year? 2nd cap and wing mkd., glorious quality of feather, broad front and back, in rare order; 3, Bixter, cl., again of ample proportion, well dressed; 4, Aitchison, cl., fine head and neck, very compact; vhc, Cook; hc, J. and J. Hopkins; c, Thompson. BUFF (23): A stormy lot: 1, J. E. Davies, cl., excellent shape, frosted all over, eye placed in centre of head, free from brow; 2, Bixter, eye and wing mkd., shows grand depth of col., broad head, thick neck, well braced wings; 3, Seed, cl., excellent feather, boat shape, neat head and neck, moves freely; 4, Braybrook, cl., topping type and quality, all front; vhc, Leeming Bros.; hc, Anderton; c, Sutton. YELL. HEN (10): 1, 2, Sam Cook, 1st cl., magnificent type, very stylish and short in wings and tail, should do some good, 2nd cl., grand col., fed to perfection, neat front, bold eye, compact in wing carriage, not quite the substance of winner; 3, Cunliffe, cl., shows feather of extra texture, A1 type, well up; 4, Allen, in topping order, noble head and neck, broad chest and body; vhc, Marsh; hc, c, Anderton. BUFF (12): 1, Trengove and Son, cl., round as a ball, extraordinary wing, short flights and tail, well mealed, wins well; 2, Cunliffe, cl., fine shape, splendid quality, close carried wings, tail well fitted to body; 3, 4, Allen, variegated, put down in rare trim, close compact feather, 4th cl., boat shape, exquisite feather, good head and neck; vhc, Burrows; hc, Cleminson; c, Barker. UNFLIG. HEN (25): A hot lot indeed: 1, 3, Anderton, 1st yell., mkd. on rump, grand shaped body, close feather, broad back and chest, 3rd cl. buff, a stormer for quality, bonny shape, in fact a real good damsel; 2, 4, Marsh, 2nd cl. yell., better head, and neck, but fails a trifle in quality to above, neatly carried wings, 4th variegated yell., nice body, will improve; vhc, Fulton; hc, Leeming Bros.; c, J. and J. Hopkins. CK., NAT. COL. (16): 1, J. E. Davies, variegated buff, grand head and neck properties, tremendous body; 2, Aitchison, cl. yell., topping feather, good head for a yellow, well braced wings, condition keeps it back; 3, 4, J. and J. Hopkins, 3rd grizzle neck, big head and well moulded body, 4th variegated buff, all front, neat wings and tail; vhc, hc, Anderson; c, Knowles. HEN (14): 1, hc, Barker, buff, bonny lassie, neat and well balanced throughout, should do some duty yet; 2, Sam Cook, variegated yell., grand fronted lady, shows excellent feather, clean behind; 3, Pike, foul yell. green, real good one, close compact wings and tail, should hold its own in the green class; 4, Allen, variegated buff, neat bird; vhc, Terrall; c, Mattinson. YORKS. YELL.: 1, 2, Douglas, 1st cl., long, racy, straight as a rush, well drawn wings, tapered body, 2nd cl., good top end, wedge shape, pipe tail, wings carried well; 3, Whitaker, cl., round as a bottle, plenty of leg, very swanky; 4, Mitchell, cl., lovely head, straight as an arrow; vhc, Alston; hc, Durston; c, Mitchell. BUFF: 1, Durston, eyes and wings, glorious type and quality, stands on a good pair of legs, wins easily; 2, Linaker, cl. buff, again of nice boxy feather, shows a bit of nerve, droops tail a little; 3, Coffey and Son, four-pointed, not quite so good in type as above, lovely feather and condition; 4, vhc, Alston, cl. buff, well mealed, topping type; vhc, Douglas; c, Shaw. AMAT. NOR. YELL. CL., ETC. (13): 1, Asinall, cl., bouncing good 'un, close feather, red hot, bold head and neck, wins; 2, Lingard, cl., good head and neck, short wings and tail, lovely quality feather; 3, Metcalf, cl., a topper for type and condition, rare col., good carriage; 4, Burton, cl., bold head and neck, crossed wings when we were taking notes; vhc, Darlington; hc, Nelson; c, Davies. BUFF (15): 1, Heaton, cap mkd., clean cut, rare quality, all front, not the biggest, but an out-and-out good one; 2, Barton, cl. buff, on the long side, compared to winner, nice bird; 3, Cooper, smaller, rare type and quality, grand front, very compact, nice wing and tail carriage; 4, Irving, variegated, big one, magnificent quality; vhc, Smith; hc, Hitchen; c, Wilson. UNFLIG. YELL. (16): 1, Hindman and Hindle, cl. yell., silky feather, rare good head and neck, bold front, should make up well; 2, Lingard, cl. yell., magnificent quality, shone like satin, neat wings, runs winner very close; 3, Vint, mkd. tail, storming head and neck, glorious feather, staged to order; 4, Gerrard, wing mkd., grand bird; vhc, Strather; hc, Hill. BUFF (16): 1, Lingard, a stormer for type and quality, excellent feather, broad front and back, clean cut; 2, Vint, cl., only loses in quality to winner, a bouncer for size, fine head and cheeks; 3, Wilson, cl., boxy feather, well mealed, short wings and tail; 4, Nickson, cl., good one for type and quality; vhc, Cooper; hc, Davies; c, Knowles. YELL. HEN (15): 1, vhc, Lingard, a stormer of a yell. lady, well clothed, glorious texture, round as a drum; 2, Heaton, again a nice damsel, shows true Nor. type, all in front of perch; 3, Metcalfe, pinched in head to above, else just as good; 4, Hitchen, grizzle cap, bonny miss for type; hc, Aspinall; c, Fielding. BUFF (25): Extraordinary grand lot, containing two sets of winners; 1, 2, Robinson, 1st cl., a knock-out for type and quality, mealed all over, 2nd variegated buff, rare col., bonny shape, short compact wings, tail well rooted; 3, Davies, cl. buff, thick neck, head, and body, all one piece, runs above very close; 4, Fielding, topping quality, put down in fine form; vhc, Barton, real, good 'un.; hc, Gerrard; c, Lingard.

Mr. Houlton's Classes.

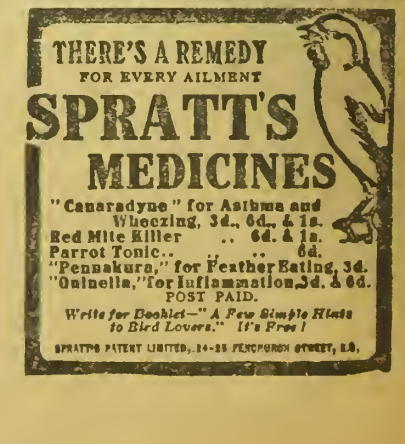
BORD. YELL. (12): A very grand set all through: 1, Bayley, grand variegated, most typical, in fine feather, well-known champion, in his best form; 2, vhc, Thomas, cl., very smart, gay and jaunty, lovely smooth surface all over, grand carriage, tight condition; 3, Lloyd, very smart, tight feathered bird, tick on head and wing, splendid quality, very neat carriage, in grand condition; 4, Gilleade, gives way a little in condition, fine neat shape; hc, Hudson; c, Lloyd. BUFF (15): A lovely lot: 1, Davies, good sound col., nice neat shape, not too large, very jaunty, in A1 condition, eye and wing marked; 2, Hudson, cl., very silky feather, well filled in all over, close fitting wings, neat tail, medium size, A1 carriage; 3, Thomas, faint eye marks and wing marked, grand carriage, rare quality, a little bit soft; 4, Ridge, nice marked bird, gay and jaunty carriage, just short of tightness when we saw it; vhc, Bayley; hc, Lea; c, Burrows. GREEN, YORKS, YELL., SELF (18): A really fine lot: 1, 3, McDermott, very deep, level col., finely drawn, clean and neat type, good black points and markings, in sound condition, 3rd, well up; 2, Atherton, a beauty, also for sound level col. and type, splendid style, carriage and condition; 4, Wardle, bouncer, grand deep col., fine dark points; vhc, Nimmo; hc, McNulty; c, Wardale. BUFF (18): 1, vhc, Rowland, grand pair, former best all round bloom and condition, lovely deep undercolour, well mealed, nice soft tone throughout; 2, Wardle, very like first in all respects and runs very close up; 3, Nimmo, very neat, lovely soft tone, deep and level in col., grand type; 4, Atherton, runs very hard on 3rd, much the same in col, type and condition; hc, Nimmo, c, McNulty. FOUL YEL. (10): 1, Atherton, splendid level sound col., rare type, fine style, good carriage and condition; 2, Rowland, very long, typical bird, bit larger in head, fine dark points and markings, in nice condition; 3, Hickson, grand type, fine carriage, in good condition; 4, Nimmo, similar stamp, showing good col., type all there; vhc, Hellewell; hc, Nimmo; c, Benson. BUFF: (16): Very stiff lot: 1, McDermott, regular swell of a Buff, very smooth and silky feather, grand col., under a nice, soft, mealy bloom, fine type, good carriage; 2, McNulty, very like leader, in best of condition; 3, Rowlands, right up in col. and type, similar to leaders all through; 4, Mockridge, equally sweet in col., and well up in type; vhc, hc, Atherton; c, Young. NOR., GREEN, SELF YELL. (8): 1, 3, Lawson, pair of real typical Nor., level col., good deep markings, fine feather; 2, Walker, good Nor. head, hardly the body of leader, fine col., in nice condition; 4, Harding, fine head, nice col., in tight condition; vhc, Jenkins; hc, Harding; c, Marsh. BUFF (8): 1, c, Lawson, very cobby type, strong col., sound throughout; 2, Pyke, fine head, just gives way a wee bit in body, rare col and condition; 3, hc, Harding, capital col., fine head, beaten a little in body only; 4, Jenkins, grand cobby bird, full of bloom; vhc, Walker. FOUL YELL. (15): A very hot class and no mistake: 1, Harding, grand dense level col., very chubby type, good markings, nice condition; 2, Walker, foul throat, real good col., nice model well feathered, in fine condition; 3, Dorman, very sound in col., strong bird, good shape; 4, Handley, much like third, well up in size and real Nor. type; vhc, hc, Bloor, shade smaller, rare col.; c, Sutton. BUFF (13): 1, Abbott, very good size, thick set type, grand feather and bloom, well mealed, on a sound col., in rare tight feather and condition; 2, Harding, upstanding, good body shape, nice sound col.; 3, Harding, foul nape, paler bloom, sound feather, size, type and condition; 4, Barker, foul throat, grand thick set body, sound col., well mealed, fine bird when up in position; vhc, Walker; hc, Lawson; c, Nelson. A.O.V. (14): A good class: 1, 3, Guy, very fine Dark Crest, and a nearly green C.B., both really good birds, which well merit their positions; 2, Deacon, capital Buff Cinn., lovely col. and type, in splendid feather, rare size; 4, Kelly, fine big Buff Scotch Fancy, thick through, circles well, good reach, gets well under; vhc, Dormer, very smart Yell. Cinn.; hc, Lightbown; c, Wiles. DK. CAN. MULE (11): 1, 3, Bond, well-known grand Can.-Bullfinch leading, in splendid condition, 3, smart, well-marked, good col. Yell. Siskin Can., splendid col. and bloom; 2, Pickles, very pretty Yell. Linnet-Can., in A1 feather, col. and condition; 4, vhc, Marsh, big Yell., Goldie-Can., grand col., and a nice Buff Grecnie-Can., good feather and condition; hc, Taylor; c, Durston. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, Jones, stoutest, richest tan, good moons and bars, nice blaze, not very deep col. yet, will improve; 2, Alexander, grand deep col. blaze, clean cut, fails in body shape only to 1st; 3, Bond and Son, also very bright, clean cut blaze, nice tan, moons and bars; 4, Clarke; vhc, Summers. LINNET: 1, Hurst, good cobby bird, lovely col. and markings, very fine size; 2, Jones, fine head, nice cone body, good col. and markings, smaller; 3, Kilner and Sons, very clear, distinct markings, grand polish all over; 4, Tams and Son, fine head and wings, beaten in brightness to-day; vhc, Tams and Son; hc, Douglas; c, Whalley. GREENFINCH: 1, Tams and Son, best all round bird to-day, grand col., shape, size, and condition; 2, Hurst, pale Buff, rare size, grand body, A1 feather and condition; 3, Summers, rare thick-set type, fine feather and condition; 4, Jones, better col., smaller, fine shape and condition; vhc, Ridge, just like 3rd; hc, Brade; c, Bond and Sons. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Jones, fine mealy Redpoll, in grand order, well moulted; 2, Kilner and Sons, pretty Siskin, in grand trim; 3, Almond, nice Twite, well marked, medium size, good feather and condition; 4, Brade; vhc, Pickles; hc, c, England. A.O.S. HARDBILL (13): 1, Jones, very pretty Hawfinch, not too big, but grand col. and bloom; 2, 3, Johnson, really grand Yell. Bunting, and a well-marked Corn Bunting, both in fine form; 4, vhc, Hexter, very large, well spangled Bramble, and a capital Bullfinch, both in very good condition; hc, Durston, smaller, but nice Hawfinch; c, Houson, another very good Bullfinch. SOFTBILLS: 1, 2, Durston, a grand Warbler, and an extra fine Missel Thrush, both in lovely condition; 3, vhc, Sharples, pair of Blackcap Warblers, former the larger, both a bit fiery and nervous; 4, Robinson, big, rather heavy spotted Song Thrush, in nice feather and condition; Nos. 4 and 5, absent. SMALL FOR.: 1, Sharples, really superb Black-headed Gouldian, pins perfect, tight condition; 2, vhc, Baxby, lovely pair of Zebras, a very nice pair of Short-tail Combassous, both in fine form; 3, 4, hc Beaty, pretty team in grand order.

BLACKWOOD, Concluded.

QUEEN'S PARK (London).

Seventh annual show held Nov. 11, Emmanuel Hall, Harrow Road. Entries were slightly below the previous year's, the Norwich and British sections being answerable for nearly the whole of the deficit. As usual, the Yorks. novices were in the majority. The exhibits were a very level lot, and quality grand. The novices' exhibits were beyond the usual for quality. Mr. J. Robson judged. The stewards were Messrs. C. Pattison, Hawes, Lawrence, and Lewis, all fanciers; they were very painstaking in looking after the exhibits and their wants. The weather was very bad, which accounts for the falling off in the "gate" money, the amount taken being only half that of the previous year. Mr. J. C. Birch (the sec.) is deserving of great praise for his painstaking and successful efforts on behalf of the show.

NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. CHAMP.: 1, 3, hc, c, Battison; 2, vhc, Lethbridge. BUFF: 1, vhc, Battison; 2, hc, Lethbridge; 3, Roberts. A.O.V. CK.: 1, Battison; 2, Lethbridge. UNFLIG.: 1, sp, 3, cup, Lethbridge; 2, Eaton; vhc, sp, Battison; c, Roberts. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, sp, 3, Battison; 2, Lethbridge; vhc, Eaton. BUFF: 1, Roberts; 2, Battison; 3, Eaton; vhc, Lethbridge. NOVICE CL., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, Clark. BUFF: 1, Bown; 2, Clark; 3, Lethbridge; vhc, Warwick. A.O.V. CK.: 1, sp, Bown; 2, Lethbridge; 3, sp, Warwick. UNFLIG.: 1, Clark; 2, vhc, hc, Smith; 3, Warwick; c, Lethbridge. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, 3. Clark; 2, Bown. CHAMP. YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, Hawes; 2, Ayres; 3, Rogers. BUFF: 1, sp, Hawes; 2, Rogers. A.O.V. CK.: 1, Hawes; 2, Rogers. UNFLIG.: 1, Hawes; 2, Ayres. CL., ETC., YELL., HEN: 1, Ayres; 2, Hawes; 3, Rogers. A.O.V. HEN: 1, Rogers; 2, Ayres. AMAT. A.O.V. CK.: 1, Menhennet. NOV. YORKS. CL., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, c, Lawrence; 2, 3, Lloyd; vhc, Birch; hc, Couch. BUFF: 1, sp, cup, hc, Lawrence; 2, Lloyd; 3, Harrie; vhc, Lowe; c, Birch. A.O.V. CK.: 1, 3, Herring; 2, Couch; vhc, Birch. UNFLIG.: 1, Herring; 2, Lawrence; 3, sp, Lloyd; 3, Hannaford; hc, Lowe; c, Smith. CL., ETC., HEN: 1, vhc, Lloyd; 2, 3, Lawrence; hc, Ray; c, Harris. A.O.V. HEN: 1, Birch; 2, 3, Lawrence; vhc, Lowe; hc, Herring. PURCHASE: 1, Smith; 2, Couch. CAN. HYB. LT.: 1, sp, Smith; 2, 3, Ray. DK.: 1, Harris; 2, Birch. GOLDFINCH: 1, sp, Lowe; 2, Battison; 3, Clark; vhc, Birch. GREENFINCH: 1, Birch; 2, vhc, Battison; 3, Lowe. LINNET: 1, Birch; 2, 3, Clark; vhc, Battison. SISKIN: 1, Roberts. CHAFFIE: 1, Clark; 2, Lowe; 3, Birch.



Stoke-on-Trent C.B.S. First Show a Success

HALL ACCOMMODATION SEVERELY TAXED.

Splendid Entry; Judge fails to appear; Two well-known fanciers step into the breach.

The first annual exhibition of the above society took place on November 16th, in the large Assembly Room of the Red Lion Hotel, which was severely taxed to comfortably accommodate the splendid entry of about 400 exhibits, a good response to the nice classification that was provided. The birds were well staged, and all was ready for an early start for judging, but alas! no judge was there to officiate on them. Mr. A. Wellings had been engaged, but did not put in an appearance. This very naturally gave rise to much concern and anxiety on the part of the officials and committee, who waited until the morning was well nigh spent. Eventually the services of Mr. F. Bate (Stoke), and Mr. H. Tams (Longton) were requisitioned, and a start was made shortly before two o'clock. But for this unfortunate incident, everything passed off well, and the committee have every reason to congratulate themselves upon the great success of their first venture.

The Norwich were considered the finest collection of the "chubby 'uns" ever seen in the Potteries. They were certainly a very choice lot indeed, consequently competition was very keen. The special for best bird in this section was awarded to Mr. Hall's very fine Buff. Yorks also were a fine collection, hardly so numerous as the Norwich, but not one whit behind in quality, this being one of the shows held under the patronage of the Midland Counties Y.C.C. for the champion trophy. We should have been pleased to see entries from a few more of this club's members (only three competed). Come, ye M.C.Y.C.C.-ites, surely you are not going to simply look on and reduce the race for the championship to the two leading exhibitors? Special for best Yorks was won by Mr. Victor Williams, with his unevenly marked Yell., a charming bird, shown in the best possible condition. Three classes were scheduled for Mules, but the one for A.O.V. Mule was cancelled—the only class in the show, by the way. The winner in the light class was a lovely Greenie-Can., just lightly marked on cheeks and wing, a new face for Messrs. Tams and Son. The British section was exceptionally fine from a quality point. Several exceptionally good Goldies—quite outstanding birds—were on view. Linnets were also a grand lot. Special for best Hardbill was won by Mr. Brotherhood's well-known Bramble.

For the management we have nothing but the highest praise—a grand body of willing workers, who put their whole energy into the show. "Success" was their motto, and right well did they carry the work through. They had every reason to feel elated over their initial venture, and everything worked out as smooth as the proverbial mill-pond. They were very fortunate in the way of "specials," some lovely "tit-bits" being among the fine collection, notably the framed oil painting for most points in the open classes, a charming picture, the envy of many exhibitors. Some big teams were sent, evidently with a view to securing this valuable prize, which was eventually won by Mr. Victor Williams, with a grand total of ninety-eight points. The water colour for second most points was secured by Messrs. Tams and Son, while another water-colour for third fell to Mr. W. Vardy's lot. Sandiford's medal was won by Mr. Roberts; Hyde's spl. by Mr. Salt; spl. most points by member, Messrs. Pitchford and Stocker; ditto with one variety, Mr. Davis. Mr. J. Pitchford held the secretarial reins, and we consider the society is exceptionally well favoured in having the services of such an experienced and practical fancier at their disposal. Mr. Pitchford carried out his duties in first-rate style. Mr. Henry Tams judged open novice, members, foreign and Softhill British, Mr. Fred Bate taking the remainder, and they did right well under trying circumstances.

The Critique.

NOR., YELL, CL., ETC. (15): 1, Bowyer, good size and shape, nice head and col. well cleaned out, good carriage, plenty of substance; 2, c, Vardy, nice size, good quality and col., fine shape; 3, vhc, Victor Williams, unflighted, grand type, nice size and col., well cut away, very promising; 4, Mason, good size and col., bit longer in barrel; hc, Worthington. BUFF (16): 1, Hall, nice size, good head, best of quality, beautifully mealed, takes spl. best Nor.; 2, c, Williams, grand size and shape, rare col. and quality, shown in nice trim; 3, Bowyer, very good size and shape, excellent feather, nice short tail, fails wing carriage; 4, vhc, Vardy, grand col. and shape, good quality and carriage; hc, McConaghy, MARKED (10): 1, Williams, uneven Yell., splendid size and shape, rare substance, Redpoll col., grand quality, carries a little too much behind perch; 2, Rathbone, uneven Yell., nice size and substance, well cleaned out, good type and condition; 3, Vardy, uneven Buff, grand type and quality, rare head, short full neck, grand carriage, short tail, a model for shape, Nottingham, etc., winner, we thought just about the best Norwich in show; 4, Yates, cap mkd. Buff, good size, shape, col. and feather; vhc, Guest; hc, Vardy; c, Hall. HEN, YELL. (14): 1, Bowyer, Clear, lovely type and feather, grand head and chest, nicely cut away behind, good carriage and quality; 2, Whetstone, uneven mkd., very nice type, short, and compact, nice col and quality, beaten wing carriage; 3, 4, vhc, Vardy, nice type, paler in col., good in head, quality and condition, 4, very good type, unfigted, grand head, col. and quality, we liked; hc, Hall; c, Worthington. BUFF (13): 1, Yates, ticked head, medium size, nice type and qnality, good col., beautifully mealed, good head; 2, 3, Hall, good type and quality, fine bird, but bare over right eye, 3rd, uneven mkd., good size and quality, well cut away, nice short tail; 4, Willoughby, Clear, nice size and shape; vhc, c, Williams, uneven mkd., lovely type and quality, Tunstall, etc., winner, we liked; hc, McConaghy. UNFLIG. YELL. (13): 1, Guest, mkd. right wing, good size, lovely type, col. and quality, rare head and chest, well cut away; 2, vhc, Rathbone, cap mkd., rare good size, grand col. and quality, perhaps hardly so cobby as 1st, yet close up; 3, Roberts, Clear, fair size and shape, very warro in col., rare quality, nice short tail; 4, Guest, grand Clear, rare head and type; hc, McConaghy; c, Royeroft. BUFF (11): 1, Vardy, cap mkd., grand size and type, good head, heaps of substance, well cleaned out, nice quality, good one; 2, Hall, uneven mkd., not quite the size of 1st, but lovely type, col. and quality, short wings and tail, in rare bloom; 3, Whetstone, Clear, lovely type, grand quality, short and compact, well carried wings and tail, rare condition; 4, V. Williams, Cl., very nice type, col. and quality; vhc, Mason; hc, Whetstone; c, Springall. YORKS., YELL., CL., AND TK. (11): 1, 4, Lea, grand length and shape, well drawn, good head and back, neat waist, good position; 2, Hawley, very warm col., good shape, length and carriage, bit unsteady; 3, Andrews, rare length, bit stouter in build, good head, well filled back, nice style; vhc, hc, Williams; c, Pygott. BUFF (7): 1, hc, V. Williams, Cl., rare length, good type and position, nice back, clean at waist, well carried wings and tail, fine style; 2, Pygott, thigh tick, graud length, rare col., neat head, good back and flights, nice style and condition; 3, Dykes, very nice length, grand head, good waist, very stylish, best of condition, close up; 4, Hawley, very lengthy, unflighted, should do well later; vhc, Andrews; c, G. Lawton. UNEVEN, ETC. (7): 1, 2, V. Williams, uneven Yell., splendid length, red hot col., nice head, well filled back, very shooty, tip-top condition, takes spl. best Yorks., 2nd, wing tick Buff, unflighted, grand length, very good shape; 3, Baxter, Cinn. mkd. Yell., grand length, nice wedge shape, good style and position; 4, Dykes, fine length, style and shape, tight as a drum; vhc, c, Raybould; hc, Mountain. HEN, YELL. (9): 1, V. Williams, Cl., unflighted, nice length, very smart and stylish, rattling type, lively col. and quality, grand one; 2, Dykes, Cl., sweet shape, nice length, good head, back flights and tail, stylish; 3, G. Lawton, very nice length, grand shape and style, bit thin in neck, rare position and quality; 4, Baxter, well drawn, nice shape; vhc, Andrews; hc, Robinson; c, Raybould. BUFF (10): 1, Baxter, Cinn. mkd., grand length, sweet head, nicely filled back, neat waist, rare position; 2, 4, Hawley, Cl., rare length, good col. and quality, nicely cleaned out at waist; 3, Mountain, lengthy Cl., nice style and shape, good round head, rare quality, loses on breast; vhc, Dykes; hc, Andrews; c, V. Williams. UNFLIG. YELL. (7): 1, Slater, uneven, rare length and shape, neat head, well filled back, nice waist, shows nice bit of thigh; 2, G. Lawton, very stylish, thigh tick, straight as a dart, good col. and quality; 3, Slater, wing tick, well drawn, nice wing and tail carriage, good back, stands well; 4, hc, V. Williams, uneven, grand length; vhc, Andrews; c, Lea. BUFF (10): 1, vhc, V. Williams, well-known, head tkd., splendid length and type, grand col. and quality, head round as a marble, lovely position; 2, Baxter, ticked back of head, nice long-sided bird, good head and back, neat waist, rare pose and feather; 3, Dykes, Cl., rare length, good head, style and shape; 4, Rayhould, cap marked, grand length, shape and quality; hc, Hawley; c, Robinson. A.O.V. CAN. (7): 1, Guy, Buff, dark Crest, rattling size, body, crest of rare width and length, neat centre, splendid droop, nice veiny feather, well radiated; 2, Tams and Son, ticked Buff Border, sweet shape, nice jaunty carriage, good quality; 3, Guy, heavily variegated Green Crest, grand length and droop, veiny feather, of nice width, well filled centre, grand bird, quite equal to winner; 4, Weaver, green Nor., good size, shape, col. and feather; vhc, c, Vardy; hc, Mountain. LIGHT CAN. MULE (7): 1, hc, Tams and Son, Buff Greenie-Can., mkd. cheeks and wing, splendid specimen, grand size and shape, shows cross well, lovely quality and col.; 2, c, Vardy, six-point Gold.-Can., very smart, nice size and quality; 3, 4, Bond, well-known Cl. Buff Gold.-Can., rattling size, nice flush, grand feather, not so youthful as he used to be; 4th, four-pointed Yell. Gold.-Can., nice one; vhc, Pitchford and Stocker. DARK (11): 1, Bond, Greenie-Can. Yell., rattling size and shape, shows parentage well, in splendid fettle; 2, Pitchford and Stocker, Cinn.-Linnet, good polish, nice size, grand col., bit unsteady; 3, hc, Tams and Son, Siskin-Can., good size and shape, in rattling fettle; 4, Pitchford and Stocker, Gold.-Can., grand size, rare flush, lovely col. and feather; vhc, Elks; c, Toplass. BRIT GOLD. (10): 1, Tams and Son, great size, very rich in body col., nice square cut, blaze of good col., rare wings, good shape and polish; 2, hc, Pitchford and Stocker, topper for size and shape, splendid blaze of rare brilliancy, shade deeper than 1st, excellent tanning, very steady, in splendid order, we liked for 1st, two really grand exhibits; 3, 4, Davis, another very fine Finch, good size body, hardly so full in face, square cut, nice col., good moons; 4, very nice Finch, grand depth of blaze, very steady; vhc, Elston; c, Dean. BULLFINCH (5): 1, Pitchford and Stocker, grand size and shape, beautiful breast col., well cut cap, coming well down, very distinct bars, good back col., nice order; 2, Bate, we could not find; 3, Davis, splendid size and shape, hardly so good in breast col., nice cap; 4, Elston, very nice size, good breast; vhc, Beecroft. LINNET (10): 1, Tams and Son, fine size and shape, lovely depth of body col., well pencilled, carried well through, good whites, in rare fettle, grand one; 2, vhc, Pitchford and Stocker, grand size, hardly so shapely, nicely pencilled, excellent colour and condition; 3, Tams and Son, rattling size and shape, not so nicely ticked on throat, good breast lacing and col.; 4, Davis, bit smaller, but grand col and lacing; hc, Bate. SISKIN, ETC. (5): 1, Bowyer, mealy Redpoll, great size, well defined bib, beautifully ticked, in rattling good condition; 2, Tams and Son, Siskin, nat. col., good size and shape, nicely laced cap, good thigh ticking, showing bib; 3, Pitchford and Stocker, grand Twite, splendidly marked, nice col. and condition; 4, Wood, very nice Lesser Redpoll; vhc, Elston. A.O.V. HARD. (7): 1, Brotherhood, well-known champion Bramble, in superb condition, takes spl. for best Hardbill; 2, 3, Tams and Son, Greenfinch, immense size, rattling good col., best of wings, Manchester, etc., winner, 3rd, good Yell. Bunting, nice size and markings, in good order; 4, Davis, Greenfinch, nice one too; vhc, Davis; hc, Dean; c, Beecroft. SOFTBILL (5): 1, 2, Williams, the champion Chough, quite unbeatable, 2nd equally well-known Magpie, two charming birds, in magnificent condition; 3, 4, Levett, good Chough, not the size of winner, fine legs and bill, in nice order, 4th, very fine Stonechat, nicely shown; vhc, Taylor. FOR. (5): 1, 2, Levett, Blue Tanager, in splendid condition, 2nd, Brazilian Hangnest, two lovely exhibits, most beautifully shown, a credit to their owner; 3, Pitchford and Stocker, another good Blue Tanager, not quite the col. of 1st; 4, Williams, very good Hill Mynah, in grand fettle; vhc, Kyle. SELL., 20s. (20): 1, Garton; 2, Ford; 3, McConaghy; 4, Baxter; vhc, Vardy; hc, Pitchford and Stocker; c, Johnson. NOV. YELL., NOR. (11): Nice lot: 1, James, wing marked, grand type and quality, nice col.; 2, 3, Bowers, very shapely Cl., good head and front, 3rd, another good Cl., very nice type; 4, Clay; vhc, Mills Bros.; hc, Elston; c, George. BUFF (11): 1, Wilkinson, Cl., nice type, col. and quality, good size, grand condition; 2, 4, George, bonny Cl., very nice shape, col. and quality, close up; 3, hc, Clay, cap marked, nice type, short in tail, well cut; c, James. HENS (14): 1, Bennison, lovely Cl. Yell., very nice shape, col. and feather; 2, Bowers, cheek mkd. Buff, good head, type and quality, nice one; 3, Hudson, very shapely Yell., grand chest, we liked; 4, Parr Bros.; vhc, Bridgwood; hc, Clay; c, Williamson. UNFLIG. (15): 1, Bowers, good big Yell., fine car. and quality, nice head; 2, 4, Bonsall, shapely Cl. Buff, nicely cut away, good quality; 3, Holland, ticked Yell., good size and shape; vhc, Wilkinson; hc, Hampton; c, James. YORKS., YELL (5): 1, Holland, Cl., grand length and shape, nice style; 2, Harley, good length, neat; 3, Walker, mkd. eyes and wings, rare length and shape; 4, Swetnam; vhc, Jones. BUFF (6): 1, Evans, nice lengthy Cl., good head and back; 2, Holland, grand length, very warm col., nice quality; 3, Glover, rare good col., nice back and tail, nice position, stylish; 4, Walton; vhc, J. W. Lawton. HEN (12): 1, Holland, lengthy Cl. Buff, good head, nice shape, full of quality; 2, Walker, Cl. Yell., good length and type; 3, Glover, nice long sided Buff; 4, Perrins; vhc, Evans; hc, Hall; c, Holmes. UNFLIG. (12): 1, Hall, very nice Cl. Yell., grand length and shape, all there for position and quality; 2, J. W. Lawton, Yell., nice length, shapely; 3, Glover, Cl. Buff, good one for shape and style; 4, Walker; vhc, Holmes; hc, Elks; c, Jones. MEMBERS, NOR., YELL. (1): 1, Butters. BUFF (3): 1, Pitchford and Stocker; 2, Bayshaw; 3, Roberts. HENS (4): 1, 2, Pitchford and Stocker; 3, Bagshaw; 4, George. UNFLIG. (4): 1, Roberts; 2, Bowers; 3, Butters; 4, Pitchford and Stocker. YORKS., YELL. (4): 1, McMurtric; 2, 3, Hawley; 4, Salt. BUFF (3): 1, Hawley; 2, Leadbeater; 3, Salt. HEN (12): 1, vhc, Walker; 2, Hawley; 3, Walton; 4, McMurtrie; hc, Holland; c, Alcock. UNFLIG. (10): 1, hc, Walker; 2, 4, Salt; 3, c, Walton; vhc, Hawley. A.O.V. CAN .OR MULE (4): 1, Leadbeater; 2, 3, 4, Butters. BRIT. GOLD. (2): 1, Leadbeater. LINNET (4): 1, Leadbeater; 2, Walton; 3, Pitchford and Stocker; vhc, Wood. A.O.V. (3): 1, 2, 3, Leadbeater.

CROOK (Original) (Co. Durham).

Seventh annual show, held November 18th, Mechanics' Hall. Although the society is a mixed one, the cage bird section have a hall specially allocated to themselves. This place is in every way suitable for the holding of a cage bird show, being roomy and well lighted, free from draughts, with a good light at night. Entries were on about an average with last year, totalling 250 in 26 classes, compared with 300 in 32 classes last year. The secretary is Mr. John Horner, but as his duties take him more into the other sections of the show, the work of looking after the cage birds, and doing the clerical work in connection therewith, fell upon the willing shoulders of Mr. J. Siddle (of Messrs. Siddle and Dawson), and right well did he carry out his duties. Courteous, tactful, and most obliging, he also appears to have a full grasp of his duties, and consequently everything went off in tip-top style, without the slightest hitch, judging being completed and the cards up in smart time. Mr. Siddle was ably assisted by other well-known fanciers, Messrs. Joe Cuthbertson, Walt. Brown, M. Dawson, and one or two others, whose names we do not know, all doing their best to make the show a success. We were sorry to hear that Mr. Fred. Brown, who acted as secretary of the cage bird section last year is in indifferent health; we wish him a speedy and complete recovery. In the members' section Mr. Joe Cuthbertson won special for best bird, with a very nice Buff Nor., also the members' cup for the third time, it now becoming his own property. At the conclusion of the show the birds were packed and dispatched home in good time, and we noticed Mr. W. Rutherford, of West Roddymoor, working very hard packing and getting the birds away. We are pleased to record a grand attendance of visitors, the hall being packed during the afternoon and evening, and we hope the expectations of the committee in regard to the finances will be fully realised. Mr. H. W. Battye judged.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL. (17): 1, Joe Cuthbertson, grand shape, fine size, red hot col, nice quality, good head, neck and chest, fails just a little in wing carriage; 2, Stanger and Herdman, not quite so full in chest as leader, nice size, neat head and neck, well carried wings, fine quality; 3, Wilson, best shaped bird in class, grand deep full chest, rare head and neck, grand wings and tail; 4, Freeman, red hot col, like fire, neat head and neck; vhc, c, Thomas; hc, Burdett. BUFF (17): 1, vhc, Freeman, Cl., a monster, thick head, a bit browed, rare full neck and chest, grand col; 2, Joe Cuthbertson, not quite so massive as winner, fine shape, close boxey feather, neat head and neck, grand carriage, better quality than leader; 3, Simpson, tkd. back of head, nice shape, good col., neat head, full neck and chest; 4, Robson and March, Cl., plenty of size, nice shape and col.; hc, Wilson; c, Dawson. HEN (16): 1, Bell, Cl. Yell., rare size, red hot col., nice front, well carried wings and tail; 2, 3, Wilson, Cl. Buff leading, grand shape, nice size, beautiful head and neck, deep chest, clean under, many preferred for 1st, 3rd, Cl. Yell., grand size, fine shape, nice head and neck, grand quality, some thought should have been 2nd; 4, vhc, Wake, a trifle longer in barrel, nice size and col., good quality; hc, Stanger and Herdman; c, Adams. UNFLIG. (15): 1, Burdett, Cl. Buff, nice size, fine shape, neat head and neck, grand col. and quality, well carried flights; 2, Freeman, Cl. Yell., hot col., very shapely, nice head, neck and chest, grand quality, gets wings over a little; 3, Robson and March, Cl. Buff, grand size, good col., deep full chest, nice wings and tail; 4, Seely Bros., Buff, grizzled back, nice size and shape, scarcely so bold in head; vhc, Summers; hc, Stanger and Herdman; c, Thomas. YORKS., YELL. (6): 1, W. Brown, grizzle, on side of neck, grand length, fine position, well drawn, nice col. and quality, neat head, wings and tail; 2, Atkinson, Cl., slimly built, well tapered, good col. and quality, grand wings and tail; 3, Forster, Cl., fine length and position, neat head, good shoulders and waist, neat carriage; 4, Tindale, very slimly built Cl., neat narrow shoulders, gets well up; vhc, Cuthbertson; hc, Charlton. BUFF (8): 1, Cuthbertson, variegated, fine length, beautiful position, gets well up on grand legs, straight as a rush; 2, Tindale, Cl., better col. than 1st, but scarcely so finely drawn, nice length, good position, neat head, grand wings and tail; 3, Johnson, Cl., grand length, nice position, neat head and neck, good shoulders and waist; 4, Atkinson, Cl., nice length, neat head and neck, well tapered, nicely rounded back; vhc, Charlton; hc, Wigglesworth; c, Forster. HEN (11): 1, 2, Cuthbertson, two beauties, Cl. Buff leading, grandly drawn, very slim and stylish, gets well up on fine legs, neat head and neck, 2nd, Cl. Yell., not quite so tight in feather as leader, neat shoulders, well tapered body, nice length, neat head, wings and tail; 3, Tindale, Cl. Buff, grand length and position, neat narrow shoulders, grandly carried wings and tail; 4, Seely Bros., Cl. Buff, shorter than leaders, very slim, well rounded back, good quality, trifle unsteady; vhc, Stevens; hc, Wigglesworth; c, Johnson. UNFLIG. (7): 1, 2, Atkinson, Cl. Yell., leading, fine length and position, gets well up, grand col., neat round head, well rounded back, beautifully carried flights, 2nd, Yell., wing and neck mkd., good length and position, very erect, well tapered, loses to leader in col.; 3, Cuthbertson, Buff mkd. neck, check and wing, very slim and upstanding, fine quality, well drawn; 4, Tindale, Cl. Yell., red hot col., fine length, slimly built, nice position; vhc, c, Wigglesworth; hc, Forster. CREST OR C.B. (4): 1, J. Taylor, variog. C.B., very massive, wonderful skull, good rise and width, graud lash, carries an abundance of feather; 2, Gibson, foul green crest, crest of good size and shape, neat droop and centre, a trifle rough at back; 3, Routledge, foul green C.B., not quite so massive in skull as leader, nice rise, carries a good flow of feather behind poll; 4, Simpson, Cl. body grizzle crest, very neat shape, nice size A.O.V. (3): 1, Summers, good four-pointed Buff Norwich, nice size and shape, neat head and chest, nice col., clean cut under; 2, Seely Bros., very shapely Yell. Cinn., nice size, good level col., nice polish, neat head and neck; 3, vhc, Todd and Son, Linnet-Bullie, nice size, good shape and col.; Carr and Son, Cl. Buff Bord., nice shape, well rounded body, neat head and neck, good carriage; hc, Simpson; c, Lanc. GIFT (3): 1, Macgregor; 2, Barwick, No. 2 absent. OPEN NOVICE (7): 1, Johnson, Cl. Buff Yorkie, fine length and position, well rounded back, well tapered, grand wings and tail, close boxey feather; 2, Ridley, Buff Yorkie, grizzle on right shoulder, grand length, very erect, neat head and neck, well braced wings and tail; 3, Musgrave, Cl. Buff Norwich, good size and shape, nice col. and quality, a trifle weak in head; 4, Lane, variog. Yorkie Buff, good length and position, well drawn; vhc, Hinchcliffe-Turner; hc, Simpson; c, Burn and Collingwood. GOLDIE (6): 1, Mays and Alinson, a gem for col. and polish, large expansive blaze, rich and deep in col., nice shape, beautifully tanued; 2, Calam, good rich col. blaze, puro in tone, fine shape, nice wings, beaten only in richness of tanning; 3, Wildsmith, another grand Goldie, fine big blaze, very pure in col., appears to be a trifle dull in col. compared to leaders; 4, Curry, smaller blaze, nice shape; vhc, Cadcleugh; hc, Carr and Son. BULLIE (11): 1, Curry, grand size, fine shape, grand rich body col., grand shape cap, of good dense col., nice back and wings; 2, vhc, Hogg, grand size, good shape, nice breast col., dense col. cap, just lacks polish of leader; 3, Milburn, another good one for size and shape, nice back and wings, neat shaped cap; 4, Mays and Alinson, nice size and shape, good col., not quite steady; hc, Calam; c, Dawson. GREENFINCH (10): 1, Milburn, topper for size, nice shape, rich col., shows any amount of yell in wings, nice head and neck; 2, Carr and Son, a wee shade smaller, neat shape, rare col., grand wings and tail, in splendid condition and polish; 3, Sokell, perhaps a shade darker in col. than leaders, yet level all through, fine shape, medium size, graud head and neck; 4, Barton Bros., nice shape, fine col. and condition, a trifle smaller; vhc, Forster; hc, Robinson; c, Macgregor. SISKIN, ETC. (12): 1, Milburn, mealy Redpoll, grand size and shape, beautifully laced, good bib, grand feather and condition; 2, Robson and March, Siskin, nice size and col., good cap, well laced; 3, Raine, another mealy, not quite so large as leader, nice shape, grand pencilling, well laced; 4, Wiggins and Harrison, Twite, nice size and col., well pencilled; vhc, Wildsmith; hc, Carr and Son; c, Todd and Son. LINNET (14): 1, hc, Boyd, a topper for size, fine big bold bird, cobby shape, nice col., grandly pencilled, very steady; 2, Todd and Son, not quite so large as winner, fine shape, good col. and polish, well pencilled, in nice condition; 3, Adams, another nice Linnet, sweetly pencilled, shows plenty of whites, nice col.; 4, Mays and Alinson, smaller, very neat shape, nice pencilling; vhc, Wildsmith, grand little Linnet, a trifle unsteady as yet, should make out well; c, Hanson. A.O.S. BRIT. (11): 1, Boyd, Clough, grand condition, fine legs and beak, rich col., shines like satin, wins well; 2, Forster, Wryneck, small, nice feather, hardly ready as yet; 3, vhc, Bricoe, Blackcap, nice size, good feather, not quite up to show form yet; 4, Carr and Son, Yellowhammer, nice size and col., fair markings, good condition; hc, c, Dent. FOR. (5): 1, 4, Mackenzie, Lory leading, grand feather and condition; 2, vhc, Christie and Son; 2, Plum-headed Parrakeet, grand(condition, shown in fine form; 3, Siddle and Dawson, Bloodwing, grand feather, nice condition. MEMBERS' NOR. (3): 1, Cuthbertson; 2, 3, W. Brown. YORKS. (3): 1, 2, 3, W. Brown. CREST OR C.B. (6): 1, Cutbbertson; 2, W. Brown; 3, 4, vhc, Siddle and Dawson; hc, W. Brown. BRIT. (4): 1, Cuthbertson; 2, 3, W. Brown; 4, Siddle and Dawson.

ENFIELD.

Enfield F.A. 13th annual show, held Drill Hall, Nov. 18th, in very unpropitious weather. Special for best in show was awarded to Mr. Shepherd's beautiful variegated crest, Mr. Tickner taking the special for best bird bred by a member. We noticed several exhibits passed in the non-fed classes, one being exceptionally 'ot. There was a larger entry than at any previous show. The birds were well staged, and every attention bestowed on them by the secretaries, Messrs. Ebben and Dartnall, who had all the arrangements well in hand. Mr. A. E. Enfield judged.

The Critique.

YORKS. COL.-FED. (6): 1, 2, Clay; winner yell., long sided bird, neat head, good wiugs and tail; 2nd, stylish, var. yell.; 3, Hawkes, long straight yell., fails just a little in wing carriage; res, Page. NON-FED (7): 1, sp, 3, hc, Scxby, winner capital length and shape, lovely col. very flue in feather; 2, res, Jauncey, nice length, good col., not so fine in feather; vhc, Hawkes. NOR. COL.-FED (14): 1, sp. best own breeding, 3, res, Tichner, winner yell., beautiful bird, graud head, very level in col., good size, well shown; 3rd, var. yell., nice type, tight as wax; 2, Hawkes, a bonny buff, marked on head, lovely type, silky feather, close up; vhc, Page, Porter, Jauncey; hc, Porter, Terry. NON-FED (13): 1, 2, vhc, Hayes, both same type, grand shaped birds, nice heads, good chests, 2nd fails only in size; 3, res, vhc, Sexby, 3rd, lovely level col. yell., nice size and shape; vhc, Jauncey, Terry. CREST (4): 1, sp. best in show, 2, Shepherd, var., large, well radiated crest, lovely feather; 2nd, not quite so much front; 3, withheld. C.B. (6): 1, 3, Shepherd, winner, beautiful var., large head, exceptional brows, well shown, easy win; 3rd, smaller head, good size and feather; 2, Irving, fine head, nice length and quality of feather. PAIRS (4): 1, res, Hawkes, nice pair of Yorks. leading; 2, Irving, Crest and C.B., well matched pair; 3, Porter stylish pair of Nor. FINCH (7): 1, sp, D. Williams, Goldfinch, nice bright blaze, good chest and hars; 2, B. D. Williams, rich col., nicely feathered Greenie; 3, Briars, Bullfinch, large cap, lovely colour. A.O.S. BRIT. (7): 1, Briars, well marked, good col. Siskin; 2, Hawkes, nicely marked Yellowhammer; 3, Jauncey, very nice Bramble, splendid col., steady; res, Parish, well pencilled Linnet; vhc, Roskelly. FOR. (7): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Briars, very rich col. well shown Weaver 1st; 2nd, nice Green Singing Finch; 3rd, Lavender Finch, in rare form. GIFT: 1, 2, Hawkes.

KILMARNOCK C.B.F.C.

The 37th annual exhibition of Kilmarnock C.B.F.C. was held in the Co-operative Hall, Nov. 4, and was a success. Entries numbered 320, all of rare quality. Mr. Munro, the hon. pres., gave a very handsome gold medal for most points over the show, which was won by Mr. W. G. Muir for having secured the leading awards in the Norwich section, he having gained 21 prizes with 22 exhibits, viz., five firsts, five seconds, five thirds, four fourths, and two fifths, also two specials. Mr. Muir is to be congratulated on his success. The cup winners were: Scotch Fancy, Mr. J. Allan; Crest., Mr. J. Noble; Norwich, Mr. W. G. Muir; Bord., Mr. W. Crosbie; Mule, Mr. R. Dale; Brit. and For., Mr. W. Crosbie; for best bird in show, Mr. T. McCall. The secretarial duties were admirably carried out by Mr. R. McCaw, and he was assisted by a splendid committee. The show was well patronised by fanciers and the public. Judges: Mr. J. McLay (Kirkintilloch), for Norwich; Mr. W. Mossie (Annbank), for Border Fancy; and for Mules, British, and Foreign, Mr. Gavin Alston.

The Critique.

SCOT. FCY. CL., ETC.: 1, Allan, erect posture, decided reach, neat head, long neck, grand top, body, and wing; 2, Blair, neat typical model. HEN: 1, Blair, hard up, fine droop, nice top and body; 2, Allan, smart and typical, rare action. PIED, ETC.: 1, Allan, hard up, sweet head and neck, good style, wins easily; 2, Templeton, fine style. HEN: 1, 3, Allan, 1st erect, determined reach, neat head, good top and body, 3rd good stamp; 2, Templeton, well up, head down, nice top and body. CREST: 1, 2, Adamson, 1st shapely crest, good droop, splendid frontal, in lovely condition, 2nd good size, nice droop; 3, 4, 5, 6, Noble, 3rd grand body and shapely crest. HEN: 1, 4, 6, Adamson, 1st grand body, crest, nice shape and size, fine feather and droop; 2, 3, 5, Noble, 2nd beautiful shaped crest, nice feather and droop, 3rd good all over exhibit. C.B.: 1, 3, 4, Noble, 1st splendid size, shapely head, douse feather, 3rd good head, fine texture; 2, 5, 6, Adamson, 2nd grand wealth of long, dense, leafy feather, good shape; 4, Noble. HEN: 1, 3, 5, 6, Noble, 1st good size, fine head, feather, very dense, nice length, 3rd shapely head, dense and excellent quality; 2, 4, Adamson, 2nd splendid head, feather, nice length. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, 4, Muir, 1st very cobby, nice head and neck, well packed wings and tail, lovely feather and col.; 2, McFadzean, good shape and size, fine head and neck, rare col. and quality; 3, Guthrie, nice size, lovely feather; 5, Johnstone; 6, Jones. HEN: 1, 2, 3, 5, Muir, 1st grand size, fine shape, good head and feather, beautiful condition, 2nd good shape, nice head and neck, grand feather, 3rd nice shape and quality, neat head, fine wings and tail. VARIEG. YELL.: 1, 5, Muir, nice size and shape, good wing and tail, well braced; 2, 4, McCall, 2nd fine shape, good head and neck; 3, Watson, lovely feather, good caste; 6, Guthrie. HEN: 1, 4, Muir, 1st grand shape, fine head and neck, excellent quality; 2, Candlish, nice quality, good head and neck; 3, Guthrie, nice all over; 5, Watson; 6, McFadzean. BUFF CK.: 1, McCall, fine size and substance, good head and neck, excellent quality; 2, Jones, a beauty, lovely condition; 3, Muir, good quality and shapely; 4, Candlish; 5, McFadzean; 6, Brown. HEN: 1, Candlish, splendid size and shape, excellent quality; 2, Muir, wins position easily, good shape and lustre of feather; 3, Jones, fine style; 3, McCall; 5, McFadzean; 6, Jones. VARIEG. BUFF CK.: 1, 3, 4, Muir, 1st grand size and shape, full of quality, 3rd good stamp; 2, Guthrie, fine size and shape; 5, Candlish; 6, Jones. HEN: 1, 2, Guthrie, grand size, splendid shape and col.; 2, 3, Muir, a pair of beauties, nice size and shape; 5, Watson; 6, Jones. NON-FED CK.: 1, Watson, good caste, fine head and neck, splendid quality; 2, 4, Muir, 2nd nice quality, well staged; 3, Johnstone, good stamp; 5, Brown. HEN: 1, McFadzean, good size and shape; 2, 3, Muir, fine quality and feather; 4, Watson; 5, Guthrie; 6, Garven. CINN., ETC.: 1, Watson, fine style, good condition. BORD. CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, Crosbie, 1st capital type, neat head, free neck, jaunty in carriage, beautiful condition, 2nd similar in type; 3, Smillie, fair carriage, jaunty, wins position easily; 4, Jones; 5, 6, Willison. HEN: 1, Crosbie, lovely feather, fully of quality, jaunty in carriage; 3, Robertson, good all over; 4, Smillie, 5, Ferguson; 6, Willison. VARIEG. YELL. CK.: 1, J. Green, good type and quality, nice feather and jaunty in carriage; 2,, Robertson, jaunty, tight in feather, prime condition; 3, Willison, rare stamp and quality; r, Crosbie. HEN: 1, Crosbie, good quality, jaunty, and excellent wing carriage; 2, Willison, follows closely up, splendid quality; 3, Ferguson, fine type; r, Smillie. CL., ETC., BUFF CK.: 1, 2, Crosbie, a lovely pair, full of quality, jaunty, nice carriage; 3, 5, Smillie, 3 fine size, tight as wax in feather, good head and body; 4, Willison; 6, Jones. HEN: 1, Smillie, lovely caste, jaunty, rare wing carriage; 2, 3, Jones, a grand pair, full of quality; 4, 5, Jones; 6, Crosbie. VARIEG. BUFF CK.: 1, Smillie, good type, feather, lovely condition; 2, Garven, jaunty, splendid carriage; 3, Crosbie, good quality. HEN: 1, J. Cros, fine type, full of quality, jaunty and splendid carriage, wings; 2, Jones, good type; 3, 5, Ferguson, 3 good stamp; 4, Smillie; 6, Crosbie. CINN., ETC.: 1, Cree, good quality. HEN: 1, Willison, smart and jaunty; 2, Garven, nice style; 3, Crosbie; 4, Cree; 5, Ferguson.. LIGHT MULE: 1, 2, 3, Dale, grand trio, splendid type and quality. DARK GOLDFINCH MULE: 1, 2, Dale, grand size, rare quality, lovely feather; 3, Crosbie, good quality and style. DARK LINNET: 1, Crosbie, in good condition, fine quality; 2, Dunsmuir, fine quality. GOLDFINCH (BRIT.): 1, Crosbie, fine blaze, well tanned, nicely buttoned, A1 condition; 2, Crosbie, fails in blaze only, very good otherwise; 3, Hardie, good quality; 4, Stevenson; 5, Brown; 6, Bowie. BULLFINCH (BRIT.): 1, Dunsmuir, lovely cap and feather, nice bars; 2, Hardie, good size and quality; 3, Dale, fine type, good size and quality; 4, Reid; 5, Bowie. LINNET: 1, (no name), a beauty, full of quality; 2, McCaw, well staged; 3, Stevenson; 4, Crosbie; 5, Candlish; 6, Fisher. GREENFINCH, NON-FED: 1, 5, Hardie, 1 big, bouncing exhibit, full of style; 2, Train, another beauty; 3, McCaw, good quality; 4, Brown; 6, Hutchinson. COL. FED: 1, Dale; 2, Crosbie; 3, McCaw. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Crosbie; 2, Ferguson; 3, Brown; 4, 5, Dunsmuir; 6, Stevenson. BRIT.: 1, Dunsmuir; 2, Bowie; 3, Stevenson; 4, McGaw. SOFTBILL: 1, Howal. BULLFINCH HEN, BRIT.: 1, Dunsmuir; 2, Bowie; 3, Stevenson; 4, Crosbie; 5, McFadzeon; 6, Dale. A.O.S. BRIT. HEN: 1, Dale; 2, 4, Crosbie; 3, Brown; 5, McCaw; 6, Fisher. FOR. GOLDFINCH: 1, Stevenson, a beauty; 2, Jamieson. FOR. BIRDS: 1, Jamieson; 2, Mackie. NOVICE SCOT.: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, McCall. BORD.: 1, 3, Robertson; 2, 4, 5, Garven; 6, Paton. GIFT: 1, Dale; 2, Smillie; 3, Brown; 4, Jones; 5, Candlish; 6, Robertson.

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TIDESWELL.

Annual show of the Tideswell C.B. Improvement Soc., held Nov. 18th. The Bagshaw Hall, in which the exhibits were housed, is light, spacious, void of draughts, and altogether a most suitable venue for such a function. Our visit to this historical Derbyshire hamlet, with its quaintly built houses, its noted church erected by the Romans, its delightful dales and Switzerland-like hills, impressed us greatly, and fanciers should not only send their entries here, but visit the place, when they would be amply repaid. The President is S. Bagshaw, Esq., and the Treasurers Messrs. W. Millward and T. Fox—a trio of genuine workers. The Committee are a band of most excellent fanciers, who work hand in hand, doing their utmost to ensure success. Mr. W. S. Flint, the chairman, controls in fine style, assisted in no mean manner by Mr. T. A. Lomas, who proves an able understudy. The worthy Secs., Messrs. A. Flint and W. S. Swarbrick, know to a nicety how to manage an open fixture. They are extremely courteous and obliging, and "Tidsey" is lucky in possessing a couple such as these, to drive straight and sure. Nor. and Yorks. made a nice collection, but we are sorry to say they were not very numerous. Far better response should have been in evidence. There need be no fear of sending your most valuable specimens here; the birds are looked after in an up-to-date fashion, and are well cared for. Crests and C.B.'s were good; also the Mules, British and Foreign. We were agreeably surprised to see the quality put down by the local fanciers. Some birds of fine substance and shape, with magnificent feather and colour were staged. Competition was exceedingly keen, congratulations were very free. The members are truly the most jovial and enthusiastic lot we have had the pleasure of spending a short time with. Staging was carried out in a very neat fashion, and every bird could be seen at a glance. The management throughout was superb. Mr. A. Hirst judged, and his awards were promptly affixed to the cages by that old and respected fancier, Mr. E. L. Payne, who has officiated in this capacity, with every credit, for many years past. Specials: Points, Messrs. Admitt and Driver. Sheppersen, Robertshaw, Cockeram, Moore, Tams and Sons, Gaunt, and Baxby; Ramsden's cruet, Mr. J. H. Longstone; local medal for best unflig. yell. Nor., F. Millward; best buff, A. Flint; best yell. Yorks., T. A. Lomas; buff, A. Flint; best bred by a member, F. Millward; points, Nor., W. Millward; Yorks., T. A. Lomas; Novice, Messrs. J. Slack and W. Hartle, tie; Brit., W. S. Swarbrick.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL. (8): 1, c, Holmes, mkd. wing and neck, red hot, rare substance, grand shape and carriage, clean cut away; 2, T. Fox, mkd. wing, lovely feather and col., slashing body, neat wings and tail, very choice, must have pressed; 3, Rathbone, mkd. both wings and head, capital feather and col., nice size; vhc, Admitt and Driver; he, Dipple. BUFF (7): 1, Admitt and Driver, ch., magnificent shape, grand col. and quality, richly mealed, a bouncer; 2, Fox, ch., very shapely and of good feather, hardly so bold fronted, and beaten a little in depth of colour, yet a charmer; 3, Holmes, var., well clothed, cobby in build, A1 quality, neatly frosted. UNFLIG. YELL. (7): 1, Rathbone, mkd. head, slashing feather, bonny col., fine substance and shape, well across perch, very promising; 2, Admitt and Driver, ch., shapely and of good col., wel' up in size, clock-like action, just beaten in closeness of feather; 3, Field Bros., mkd. eye and neck, rich col. and feather, shapely, a shade longer in build; vhc, Wilson and Howarth; he, Baker; c, Hemmings. BUFF (4): 1, Wilson and Howarth, mkd. wings, lovely col., richly frosted, beautiful feather, nice substance and shape, moves well; 2, Dipple, ch., even brighter col., slashing quality, sweet shape, beaten in size only, staged in the pink; 3, Admitt and Driver, ch., best shape in class, rare size and carriage, capital feather, not quite the col.; vhc, Hemmings. YELL. HEN (6): 1, Field Bros., ch., round as a ball, beautiful feather, rare substance, capital carriage, we liked; 2, Dipple, ch., better colour, very shapely, A1 quality, shows nicely, not quite so much timber; 3, Holmes, var., magnificent feather, rare shape and col., well cut up behind; vhc, Shepperson; he, Admitt and Driver. BUFF (6): 1, he, Holmes, mkd. wings and head, rattling shape and size, superior feather, good col., neatly frosted, clean sweep; 2, Admitt and Driver, mkd. wings, neck and eye, well up in substance, capital feather, colour and meal, jaunty carriage; 3, Rathbone, ch., beautiful quality and col., sweetly moulded, richly frosted, neat; vhc, Fox; c, Baker. UNFLIG. HEN (9): 1, Dipple, yell mkd. wing and eye, smooth as a bottle, delightful shape, good size and carriage, quite a charmer; 2, c, Admitt and Driver, ch. yell., good colour and substance, very shapely, well across perch, very close up; 3, Greaves, buff var., magnificent feather, richly frosted, lovely shaped body, neat in head expression; vhc, Rathbone; he, Holmes. NOVICE YELL. NOR.: Cancelled. BUFF (6): 1, Dallman and Sons, ch., feathered to perfection, lovely col. and frosting, beautiful carriage; 2, Dean, mkd. wing and eyes, delightful col., quality and mealing, sweetly moulded, clean sweep; 3, vhc, Shepperson, mkd. neck, more size, capital col. and quality, nice head and neck; he, Garnett; c, Roe. YELL. YORKS. (6): 1, 3, Robertshaw, with a brace of very stylish exhibits, former mkd. neck, grand col. and quality, straight as a gun barrel, rare length, lovely back and wing carriage; 3rd, ch., well clothed, lengthy and upstanding, full of character, clever legs, well worth its place; 2, Barber, ch., upstanding and of capital col. and quality, neat and narrow, showing grand thighs; vhc, Ogden Bros., mkd. wings and eyes, very soft at judging time, has the appearance of being good when in condition; he, Vernon; c, Watson. BUFF (5): 1, Kearns, wing mkd., stands like a guardsman, tight as a Java, magnificent quality and col., clever legs, lengthy; 2, vhc, Ogden Bros., ch., straight as a pencil, delightfully clothed, rich col., not far behind; 3, Wilson and Howarth, ch., smooth as wax, A1 col., nice position, not quite the length, but fine style; he, Robertshaw, fine length, slim, we liked, really too proud to show off to perfection. UNFLIG. YELL. (5): 1, Robertshaw, ch., slashing quality, straight as a pencil, lengthy, A1 back flights and tail; 2, Wilson and Howarth, mkd. wing and cheek, rare col. and feather, nice back and flights, clever legs; 3, Ogden Bros., ch., hot col., rattling stand, full of nerve; vhc, Butler; he, Vernon. BUFF (5): 1, Ogden Bros., mkd. wing, head and eye, beautiful salmon tinged col., delightful quality, rare length, shown for all he is worth; 2, Kearns, mkd. neck and head, lengthy and upstanding, not a feather out of place; 3, Vernon, ch., rattling quality, very lengthy, clever legs, crosses wings, which holds it back; 4, Wilson and Howarth; he, Barber. YELL. and BUFF and UNFLIG. HENS: Cancelled. NOVICE YELL. YORKS: (5): 1, Lomas, mkd. head, rattling fine quality and col., slim and lengthy, capital position, beautiful back, flights and tail; 2, Miss Constance Allen, ch., good feather and colour, nice length, not quite so neat in position as winner, yet we liked; 3, Cockeram, ch., slashing fine col. and quality, nice stand, good back and wings; vhc, Watson; he, Roe. BUFF (4): 1, 2, 3, Cockeram, with a nice team, ch., straight as a rush, tight as a Java, rattling fine position; 2, mkd. wing and cheek, more lengthy, good stand; 3, ch., good in feather, lengthy, does not get up enough for present-day requirements; vhc, Miss C. Allen. CREST (6) A fine class: 1, Evans, buff var. D.C., heaps of grand quality feather, rare size, crest large and thickly packed, delightful droop and centre; 2, Moore, buff, mkd wings D.C., capital quality, plenty of feather shapely crest, veiny and fine radiation, not so dense, good droop; 3, Evans, buff var. D.C., nice substance and quality, crest round as a hoop, neat droop and centre; vhc, Barker; he, Memmott; c, Admitt and Driver. C.B. (6) A grand class: 1, Barker, heavy mkd., heaps of rich quality feather, well up in substance, capital width and rise of skull, grandly lashed; 2, Moore, buff, heavy var., shapely and of good feather, broad in skull, but hardly so dense, nicely browed; 3, Admitt and Driver, ch. yell., abundance of rich quality feather; vhc, Evans; he, Memmott; c, Evans. BORDER and A.O.V.: Cancelled. GIFT (15): 1, Longstone; 2, Millward; 3, Bradbury; vhc, W. S. Flint; he, S. Flint; c, Slater. MULE (7): 1, 2, Tams and Sons, with a magnificent trio, leader buff Greenie-Can., mkd. wing and neck, magnificent size, shape and col., delightful carriage; 2nd, Lin.-Bullie, fine shape and substance, rattling quality and col., showing parentage distinctly, in the pink, a topper; 3, vhc, Hayter, grandly fed Greenie-Bullie, very shapely, excelling in quality; he, Wilson and Howarth; c, Pickford. FINCH (8): 1, 2, Poole, lovely Hawfinch of good shape, size and colour leading, capital bib, staged in masterly fashion; 2nd, Siskin, delightful shape, rare size, rich col., beautifully pencilled; 3, Oven, Goldie, nice size and shape, good coloured blaze, neat bars and buttons, well shown; vhc, Tams and Sons, very grand Yellow Bunting; he, Gaunt; c, Lomas. HEN (7): 1, 2, Gaunt, Siskin and Greenie respectively, former good size, very shapely, prettily marked, latter well up in substance, capital quality and shape, shows for all she is worth; 3, vhc, Swarbrick, good conditioned Bullie, A1. col., grand shape, lovely cap; he, Oven; c, Lomas. LARK, ETC. and A.O.S.: Cancelled. Classes 31 and 32 amalgamated. FOR. (7): 1, 2, vhc, Baxby, well known Crimson Wing in delightful bloom, taking the highest honour, closely followed by a pair of Blue Mountain Lories, also in full dress, a treat to observe; vhc, Whydah, not in the best of feather on head and neck, or would have been higher up; 3, Turner, Parrot in capital order, shown in fine style; he, Rev. B. Butler; c, Chapman. MEMBERS' CLASSES. YELL. NOR. (9): 1, F. Millward; 2, vhc, A. Flint; 3, W. Millward; he, Fox. BUFF (6): 1, Longstone; 2, A. Flint; 3, vhc, he, Millward; c, W. G. Flint. YELL. HEN (8): 1, 3, c, W. Millward; 2, A. Flint; vhc, W. S. Flint; he, Longstone. BUFF (8): 1, 2, Fox; 3, W. Millward; vhc, he, Longstone; c, A. Flint. YORKS. YELL. (5): 1, 2, vhc, Lomas; 3, Vernon; he, A. Flint. BUFF (8): 1, Robinson; 2, c, Lomas; 3, vhc, A. Flint; he, Vernon. YELL. HEN (8): 1, Vernon; 2, vhc, A. Flint; 3, Lomas; he, Robinson. BUFF (8): 1, vhc, Lomas; 2, Robinson; 3, c, A. Flint; he, Bradbury. BRIT. (6): 1, 2, c, Swarbrick; 3, Lomas; vhc, he, Beaven. MULE (5): 1, 2, 3, Swarbrick; vhc, Beaven; he, Hood. NOVICE NOR. (5): 1, vhc, Slack; 2, Beaven; 3, he, Daniels. YORKS. (8): 1, c, Hudson; 2, Bramwell; 3, Townsend; vhc, he, Hartle.

WINDHILL.

Windhill, Shipley O.S. annual exhibition held in the Carnegie Library Hall, Nov. 18th. Entries did not come up very well, only amounting to 371 in the 26 classes provided, which means a financial loss. The Carnegie Hall is one of the best places it is possible to have for a show and would hold a large number of birds; it has splendid light and all conveniences. This year the secretary staged the birds somewhat differently to other times, having them in tiers all round the room, thus leaving plenty of room for the visitors in the centre. Mr. J. Cook, the secretary, had matters well in hand, and prize money was paid out during the afternoon to the winners present, a fact that speaks well for his attention to his secretarial duties. In his general work he was ably assisted by Messrs. M. Broadley, P. Gunn, W. B. Atkinson, Spencer, Garnett, Taylor and others as stewards. Mr. John Broadley, the veteran judge officiated, his awards giving general satisfaction.

The Critique.

CL. YELL YORKS. (11): 1, sp, Briggs, slim, nice type, rare col. and qual.; 2, Bailey, rattling fine length, grand shape, splendid wings and tail, good qual.; 3, Ogden Bros., very erect in position, grand type, nice qual.; 4, Shackleton, good shape and position, rare qual.; vhc, Dykes; he, Morrison; c, Sutcliffe and Son. BUFF (9): 1, sp, Ogden Bros., grand shape and position, marvellous qual., very compact; 2, Shaw Bros., nice type, straight as a rush, plenty of leg, smart feather; 3, Dykes, great length, good shape, nice round back, well up; 4, Chippendale, extra shape, grand wings; vhc, Wright and Son; he, Shepherd; c, Wilson. TKD. YELL. (12): 1, sp, Burdekin Bros., nice lengthy and straight bird, grand qual., neat wings, smart; 2, Cruise, tic check, rattling fine length, grand shape, lovely wings and tail, nice qual.; 3, Dyson, full of col., good qual, nice type; 4, Thomas, typical and stylish, grand head; vhc, Towers; he, Bailey; c, Elsegood. BUFF (8): 1, sp, Taylor, tic neck, rattling fine shape and position, very leggy, extra nice qual, shows well; 2, Elsegood, good length and shape, neat head, nice feather; 3, Morrison, extra fine shape and position, good back; 4, Wright and Son, very nervy, plenty of shoulder, lovely qual.; vhc, Ogden Bros.; he Shaw Bros.; c, Dyson. UNFLIG. YELL. (15): 1, sp, grand type, style, leggy, rattling fine col. and qual.; 2, Chipendale, very lengthy, wonderful wings and tail, nice shape, good qual.; 3, Dykes, another long one, good shape and style, shows for all it is worth; 4, Towers, nice shape, good head and back, smart qual.; vhc, Reed; he, Wright and Son; c, Broadley. BUFF (17): 1, sp, Towers, grand shape and position, best out for qual., rattling fine col., wonderful back, in grand order; 2, Ogden Bros., neat and typical, very leggy, nice qual; 3, Dykes, tic check, grand shape and style, extra smart feather; 4, Sutcliffe and Son, good size and shape; vhc, Whitley; he, Wilcock; c, Bailey. CL. ETC., YELL HEN (10): 1, Broadley, good shape, straight, nice back and col.; 2, Bailey, nice shape, extra good position, fine shoulders, lovely qual.; 3, 4, sp, Chippendale; grand length, lovely head, neck and back; 4th tic wing, rare length, good type, lovely feather; vhc, Thomas; he, Dyson; c, Shepherd. BUFF (12): 1, 2, sp, Ogden Bros., leader tic wing, great size, rattling fine shape, nice position, a marvel for qual., smooth as glass; 2, slimmer, rare shape and position, stands cleverly, nice qual.; 3, Brown and Son, grand shape and style, rare qual., good back; 4, Chippendale, good size, shapely, well on legs; vhc, Elsegood; he, Briggs; c, Sutcliffe and Son. CIN. TIC ETC. (6): 1, 2, sp, Bailey, noted yell. leading, grand length and style, full of col. and qual, 2, buff, another good one, nice type and position, rich qual.; 3, 4, Ogden Bros., yell and buff, yell not col., nice type and style, neat buff, nice length, good shape, shows well; vhc, Brown and Son; he, Burdekin Bros. HEN (9): 1, Thomas, yell, grand type and position, nice size, well filled throughout, lovely qual.; 2, 3, sp, Towers, 2, buff, plenty of size, nice shape, brimful of qual; 3, yell, very slim, stands very erect; 4, Ogden Bros., grand feather, slim and neat, very leggy; vhc, Deighton; he, Mason; c, Priestly. GREEN MKD. YELL. (17): 1, sp, Casey, slashing length, grand back, wings and tail, nice qual.; 2, Dykes, extra nice shape and style, good qual.; 3, Shackleton; 4, ptd., nice type and style, good qual.; 4, Sutcliffe and Son; 4ptd., slim, good shape, nice position, full of qual.; vhc, Bailey; he, Morrison; c, Brown and Son. BUFF (11): 1, sp, Stebbings, nice shape and position, good back, wings and tail, rare qual.; 2, Ogden Bros., splendid shape, very stylish, feathered to perfection; 3, Dykes, lovely type and style, nice qual.; 4, Priestly, slim, rattling good position, nice feather; vhc, Morrison; he, Sutcliffe and Son; c, Chippendale. YELL. HEN (14): 1, sp, Sutcliffe and Son, mkd wings and cheeks, rare type and style, very leggy, lovely qual, a gem; 2, Shackleton, good shape, well cut away, nice qual.; 3, Thornton and Bower, nice length, good shape, rattling fine col. and qual, looking well; 4, Ogden Bros., good size and shape, nice feather, flights badly damaged; vhc, Stobart; he, Taylor; c, Dykes. BUFF (14): 1, sp, Towers, mkd. wing and head, great length, grand shape and position, lovely qual.; 2, Priestley, slim, neat type, nice position, good feather and col.; 3, Townsend; 4, ptd., nice length, nice shape and position, grand head and neck, lovely qual.; 4, Dykes, 3, ptd., good shape and style, leggy, lovely qual.; vhc, Sutcliffe and Son; he, Thornton and Bower, c, Priestley. NOVICE (confined to members of the Yorks. Union) CL. ETC., YELL. YORKS. (25): 1, sp, Long, slim, nice length, good shape, rare long flights and tail, nice qual.; 2, Huddleston, good shape, fine position, lovely col.; 3, Mountain, nice shape, good shoulders, long flights and tail, smart feather; 4, Midgley, nice type, good position, rare head and back; vhc, Boulton; he, Ellis; c, Rushworth. BUFF (28): 1, sp, Atkinson, slim, neat shape, good head and back, grand qual.; 2, Hirst, tic neck rare shape, well up in position, nice feather; 3, Wade, good length and shape, leggy, nice head; 4, Saville, rattling fine qual, and col., nice shape, vhc, Swaine; he, Northrop; c, Fowle. YELL. HEN (17): 1, sp, Clark, lengthy, plenty of leg, moderate qual; 2, Tyas, tic wing, neat type and style, rare qual., good wing carriage; 3, Powell, grand shape, good head and back nice feather; 4 Sutcliffe tic head correct type, very stylish, smart feather; vhc, Pearson; vhc, Cooper; c, Hylton. BUFF (16): 1, sp, Atkinson, grand size and shape, fine position, good col. and qual.; 2, Powell, good type, leggy, lovely head and back; 3, Sunderland, tic cheek, extra nice qual, shows well; 4, Rushworth, nice type and style, well up in position; vhc, Watson; he, Firth; c, Rhodes. GREEN MKD. (20): 1, sp, Denby, 4 ptd. yell., grand length, plenty of side, nice shape, rattling fine wings and tail; 2, Ellis, buff, mkd. wings, eyes and head, grand type, fine position, extra good qual., compact all through; 3, Moore, 4 ptd. yell, nice type, good back; 4, Towler and Hargreaves, buff, good position, nice col.; vhc, Shaw; he, Packer; c, Tyas. HEN (6): 1, sp, Shaw, yell., slim and good type, rare qual. and col.; 2, Moore, buff, grand shape, very leggy, nice close feather; 3, Smith, buff, grand length and shape, nice round back; 4, Cooper, buff, neat and typical, good qual.; vhc, Mountain; he, Bloomfield. CIN. TIC ETC.(14): 1, sp, Fergusson, good big buff, nice shape and style, rare qual.; 2, Grayshon, yell., slim, extra typical, well cut away, nice back, lovely feather; 3, Boulton, buff, grand shape, very clean made, smart feather; 4, Saville, nice size, very leggy, rare shape; vhc, Moore; he, Shaw; c, Simonett. HEN (12): 1, Ferguson, yell., good shape, leggy, nice col. and qual.; 2, vhc, sp, Grayshon, yell., neat type, stylish, rattling fine col. and qual; 3, Simonett, good size, nice shape, lovely qual., buff; 4, Atkinson, yell, nice shape, shows well; he, Jowett; c, Lewis. NOR. CK. (11): 1, Simonett, vgtd. buff, marvellous size, massive chest, good head, splendid qual. and col.; 2, 4, sp, Birbeck, buff, good sub. and shape, nice qual and col.; 4, yell., nice size, good head, fine feather and col.; 3, Rhodes, yell, nice cobby build, good col. and qual.; vhc, Pearson; he, Lord; c, Clegg. HEN (11): 1, vhc, sp, Roe, yell., good size, cobby, rare col. and qual; 2, he, Simonett, tic, yell., grand size and shape, good chest, nice qual. and col.; 3, Rhodes, buff vgtd, good big one, nice shape, Birbeck, yell., mod. sub., nice shape; c, Lord.

FALKIRK O.S.

Confined show held in the Union Hall, Grahamston, Nov. 4th. There were 256 entries. Judges, Messrs. Thornton (Edinburgh) and Ward (Glasgow) for Scotch Fancies; M. Craig (Glasgow), other classes. Their awards gave satisfaction. Mr. Maxwell won the Scotch Fancy cup with a yellow-green hen, and was runner-up with a buff pied cock; Mr. Buchan won the Norwich cup with a buff Plainhead hen, and Mr. Wright was runner-up with a Crest cock.

YELL. CK. (9): 1, 2, Muirhead; 3, 4, 6, 7, J. D. Maxwell; 5, Niven. BUFF (9): 1, Carlaw; 2, 3, P. Maxwell; 4, 6, 7, J. D. Maxwell; 5, Muirhead. FOUL CK. (5): 1, J. D. Maxwell; 2, 4, P. Maxwell; 3, Muirhead; 5, Simpson. YELL. PIED CK. (6): 1, 2, 3, 6, J. D. Maxwell; 4, Stirling; 5, Muirhead. BUFF (12): 1, 2, 4, J. D. Maxwell; 5, Hamilton; 6, Stirling; 7, Miller. GREEN CK. (12): 1, 2, 4, 5, J. D. Maxwell; 3, P. Maxwell; 6, 7, Niven. YELL. HEN (8): 1, J. D. Maxwell; 2, Morrison; 3, 4, P. Maxwell; 5, Duncan. BUFF (14): 1, 4, 7, J. D. Maxwell; 2, 3, 5, 6, P. Maxwell. FOUL (13): 1, 2, 3, 4, J. D. Maxwell; 5, P. Maxwell; 6, 7, Simpson. YELL. PIED (5): 1, 3, 5, J. D. Maxwell; 4, Dougall; 2, Niven. BUFF (5): 1, 5, J. D. Maxwell; 2, Strathearn; 3, Hamilton; 4, Niven; 6, Stirling; 7, Miller. GREEN (11): 1, 2, J. D. Maxwell; 3, Simpson; 5, W. Reid; 6, 7, P. Maxwell. OLD PAIRS (11): 1, 3, Simpson; 2, Strathearn; 4, Muirhead; 5, Hamilton; 6, Carlaw; 7, Stirling. NOR. YELL. CK. (13): 1, 3, R. Reid; 2, 6, Paterson; 5, 7, Merriman; 4, Davie. BUFF (13): 1, Morrison; 2, 3, 4, 6, R. Reid; 5, Paterson; 7, Buchan. YELL. HEN (12): 1, Merriman; 2, Paterson; 3, Buchan; 4, Kirk; 5, 7, Davie; 6, R. Reid. BUFF (9): 1, Buchan; 2, R. Reid; 3, Davie; 4, 5, Merrimau; 6, Kirk. HEN (3): 1, Paterson; 2, Wright; 3, Merriman. C.B. CK. (6): 1, 5, Merriman; 2, 3, Wright; 4, M'Dougall. OLD PAIRS NOR. (11): 1, 2, Buchan; 3, R. Reid; 4, Wright; 5, Paterson; 6, 7, Hutton. CREST PAIRS (5): 1, 4, M'Dougall; 2, Paterson; 3, 5, Wright. BORD. FCY. YELL. CK. (7): 1, 4, Buchan; 2, R. Reid; 3, M'Dougall; 5, 6, Merriman. BUFF (8): 1, 2, 7, M'Dougall; 3, W. Reid; 4, Merriman; 5, R. Reid; 6, Buchan. YELL. HEN (9): 1, 6, M'Dougall; 2, 5, Buchan; 3, Merriman; 4, W. Reid; 7, Simpson. BUFF (11): 1, Merriman; 2, 3, M'Dougall; 3, 6, W. Reid; 5, Hutton; 7, R. Reid. OLD PAIRS (6): 1, 4, Buchan; 2, 3, M'Dougall; 5, Stirling; 6, Hutton. MULE OR HYB. (7): 1, 2, 3, 5, Prattis; 4, 6, Reid. LINNET, ETC. (7): 1, 3, Paterson; 2, R. Reid; 4, Buchan; 5, Craig. A.O.S. SMALL (9): 1, 3, Paterson; 2, Hutton; 4, R. Reid; 5, Buchan; 6, Muirhead; 7, W. Reid.—W. Niven.

GALASHIELS.

FIFTY-FIRST ANNUAL SHOW.

The 51st "Crystal Palace show of the Borders," held November 15th, and taken all over the entries were well up to former years. Scotch Fancies as usual opened the programme, but although allotted classes for every variety the entry was anything but a satisfactory one, some of the classes having to be cancelled. A well-known breeder judged, and if the executive cut the classes down in favour of better paying varieties, fanciers will have only themselves to blame, as show committees cannot year after year run classes at a loss for any section of the Fancy. The birds on the whole were good, although we have seen better outstanding specimens. The clears were keenly contested, some good ones being out, while the variegs. and green were also good. We were sorry to hear that Mr. Noble's buff cock bird died shortly after arrival. Mr. W. Rodgers (Colliuton) judged, and his awards were well received. Borders were strong in numbers, and extra good in quality, and the judge had a difficult task to separate the winners, the verdict in many cases being a mere toss up or a win on condition. Mr. J. Young (Allanton) judged, and his awards were of a satisfactory nature. Norwich, Mules and British birds were the feature of the show—strong classes in numbers and extra good in quality, and the task of judging here was a rather difficult one owing to the many varieties included. However, the judge, Mr. J. W. Nicholson (Carlisle), who made his maiden venture, seemed to be at home, and his awards on the whole were well received. Mr. C. Lugton again had the secretarial reins in hand, and as usual had everything in apple-pie order, being ably assisted by Mr. J. Brown, the worthy treasurer, and backed up by an enthusiastic committee. The Hall is an ideal one for a show; it is free from draughts and well lighted, while the crowd of visitors indicated that the gala had come to stay for a few more years.

The Critique.

SCOT. FCY., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (6): 1, Park, good shape, nice top end, rare shoulder and side, grand quality feather, very nice, pressed by 2, vhc, hc, c, Steele, leader raking fine bird, lengthy, plenty of top end, scarcely so thick across, but good otherwise; 3, Hope, smaller a wee shade, but good shape and fine style. HEN (11): 1, Craig, taken all over a good one, sweet style, nice top end and reach, good in side, snaky in appearance, in fine order; 2, J. Pringle, sweet shape, fine reach, grand drive, very stylish, scarcely so strong across; 3, Steele, lengthy, well packed, a shade duller in action, but good side, and very nice quality feather; vhc, Hope; hc, Patterson; c, J. Pringle. BUFF CK. (7): 1, cup, Hope, grand depth, nice side and top end, a little thickness in neck spoils its snaky appearance, good quality, well put down; 2, Winter, longer a little in side, good reach; 3, Steele, well up in size, good in action, must have pressed winner; vhc, J. Priugle; hc, Park; c, Lees. HEN (10): 1, Hope, good shape, nice size, stylish, very nicely drawn, good mover, well up in top, sweet quality; 2, Craig, a shade plainer, but grand depth, good reach, stylish action; 3, c, Melrose, fails just a little in size, but good quality and very nice action; vhc, Crosbie; hc, Park. YELL. PIED CK.: Cancelled. HEN (6): 1, J. Pringle, in good form, sweet shape, grand action, lovely top end and reach, shows to perfection; 2, vhc, Crosbie, nice weight, plenty of go, scarcely so reachy as winner, in good order; 3, c, Park, well up in size, grand depth, beaten a wee shade in length; vhc, Farrell. BUFF CK. (6): 1, Hope, again to the front, nice shape, well up in size, good top end, nice depth, well shown; 2, J. Pringle, very stylish, fails just a little in depth, but good length and free in action, sweet all round; 3, Winter, stylish, plenty of top end, good depth, well put down; vhc, Park; hc, Crosbie; c, Lees. HEN: Cancelled. GREEN, ETC., CK.: Cancelled. HEN (4): 1, Patterson, good all round, plenty of it, grand top end and reach, fine action; 2, J. Pringle, well up in size, grand action, a wee shade thinner across; 3, Lees, fine size, scarcely so well up on top end, good head and side; vhc, Melrose. BELG. (5): 1, Hope, strong made buff, good droop and shoulder, grand size; 2, Park, also a buff, not quite so massive, but very stylish, grand droop, well up on legs; 3, Lees, sweet yell., fails a wee bit in size, but very stylish, taking one, well put down; vhc, Henderson; hc, Noble. BORD., CL. YELL. CK. (15): 1, B.F.C. medal, Halliday, in grand bloom, not a feather out of place, fine head and weight, well drawn, lovely taper, shown to perfection; 2, Denholm, good stamp, narrow in front, but good wing carriage, and very neatly put down; 3, Cormack, sweet shape, well rounded, good wing carriage; vhc, Smith Bros.; hc, c, Blackhall. HEN (15): 1, Gilchrist, sweet one all round, very stylish, good head and taper, grand wing carriage, fine feather and finish; 2, Halliday, good head and front, lower on perches, but rare quality feather; 3, Mather, good all-round exhibit, sweet size and shape, grand quality, well worth place; vhc, Service; hc, Patterson; c, G. Bennet. BUFF CK. (17): 1, 3, Tait, good one, grand weight, very stylish, lovely front and wings, a gem for quality, well put down, a hot one, for shape, lovely head and front; 2, G. Bennet, good shape, fine quality feather, grand weight, lovely wings and taper, well put down; vhc, Halliday; hc, H. Bennet; c, Smith Bros. HEN (13): 1, Cormack, grand bloom, fine head, rare taper, lovely wings, shown to perfection, well put down, grand front, very stylish; 2, Halliday, plainer a trifle than winner, good bird, but some thought should have given way to 3, Patterson, another good one, fine size, grand quality feather, lovely head and wing carriage; vhc, Brockie; hc, McKenzie; c, Denholm. EVEN MKD. (6): 1, Watson, buff, in rare bloom, warm col., lovely eye and wing markings, wins on condition; 2, 3, G. Bennet, nice yell., good eye and wing marks, very soft, 3 a nice buff, good type and quality; vhc, McVittie; hc, Gilchrist, good buff, grand eye and wing markings, must surely have been overlooked. UNEVEN MKD. YELL. (8): 1, Smart, a beauty for finish, grand head and body, well drawn, nicely balanced, all over a good one; 2, Brown, a shade stronger, extra good in feather; 3, Noble, sweet type, good style; vhc, G. Bennet; hc, Skeldon; c, Lothian. BUFF (11): 1, G. Bennet, fine monld, grand feather, well balanced in wings, good front, hotly followed by 2, Smart, real tip-top exhibit, rare body and head, extra good in taper; 3, Jamieson, sweet shape, grand head and front, well worth its place; vhc, Patterson; hc, Alexander; c, Watson. GREEN OR CINN. (5): 1, 2, Murray, two Greens, leader the best in finish, 2 good pencilling and ground col., both in good trim and good in type; 3, H. Bennet, ycll. cinn., nice tone and markings, a shade on the large side, grand feather and finish; vhc, Dick; hc, Jamieson. FOUL (11): 1, Patterson, wins, a hot one, lovely type, staged in perfect order; 2, G. Bennet, another warm one, rare feather, as tight as wax, good front and head; 3, Tait, good stamp, fails in finish only to winners, grand weight, rare head and taper; vhc, Jarvie; hc, Blackie; c, H. Bennet. NOR.. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (13); 1, Lawson, good stamp, plenty of size, good head and wing carriage, a wee shade loose in front; 2, Blackhall, good stamp, plenty of size, grand head and wing carriage, nice quality feather, well placed; 3, Vound, nice feather and finish, good wings and col.; vhc, Mather; hc, c, Cameron, hc good one, grand quality. HEN (9): 1, cup, vhc, c, Cameron, outstanding in class, Glasgow winner, massive, well built hen, staged to perfection; 2, Lawson, nice type, good wing carriage; 3, Perrit, sweet exhibit, well up in bloom, nice head; hc, Logan. BUFF CK. (11): 1, Perrit, good stamp, nice quality feather, well up in size, good front and wing carriage; 2, cup, Lugton, good all-round, plenty of weight, a weel shade longer in feather, nicely burnished, worth its place; 3, c, Cameron, good one, nice quality, well balanced, nicely drawn; vhc, Pound; hc, Lawson. HEN (14): 1, Lawson, nice type, good shape, in fine order, well balanced wings, good taper, neatly got up; 2, 3, c, Cameron, a good team, 2 feathered like wax, grand body and wings, rare front, 3 beaten a wee shade in finish; vhc, Reid; hc, Steele. A.O.V.: Cancelled. LIGHT MULE, ETC. (5): 1, Ford, good variog, Goldie, grand face and col., in tip-top order, well put down, wins; 2, Jamieson, nice bird, grand size, not quite so good in feather and finish; 3, Blackhall, old noted winner, looking as well as ever, beaten in markings and finish only; all variegs. Goldies; vhc, Jameson; hc, McVittie. DARK MULE (14): 1, Gilchrist, "Border King," grand dark Goldie, in full bloom, streets ahead of anything in class, well staged; 2, Jamieson, nice sweet Linnet, well up in size, good quality feather, grand bloom, nicely marked; 3, Scott, nice Greenie, good size and markings, well up in size, nice col., well shown; vhc, Young; hc, Patterson; c, McVittie. BRIT. GREENFINCH (13): 1, Holmes, in good order, nice face, well buttoned, a shade smoky in body col., but good quality throughout; 2, Jamieson, fine Finch, nice cut cheeks, good body col., well up in face, good all round; 3, Beattie, sweet shape, grand quality feather, well up in face; vhc, Hardie; hc, Patterson; c, Wilson. LINNET, ETC. (18): 1, Wilson, good all round, finely pencilled, grand head and front, rare shape, in lovely bloom, good flights, well staged; 2, c, Holmes, good Siskin, nice cap, well up in col., a wee shade small; 3, Robson, Twite, a shade light in body, but good size, nicely mkd., good all-round exhibit; 3, Pringle, nice Lesser Redpoll, sweet size, nicely pencilled, good stamp; vhc, Hughes; hc, Whiteford. GREENFINCH, ETC. (12): 1, Finnie, nice Chaffie, good whites, grand body col., rare head and quality, a wee shade on the small side, put down in grand bloom; 2, Bell, good Yell.-Greenie, well up in size, grand col., in tip-top order; 3, Currie, Bramble, a little dull in col., but well mkd.; vhc, Laidlaw; hc, Messer; c, Lees Bros. A.O.S. HARDBILL (15): 1, Wilson, a clinking Bullie, a gem for shape and col., grand head and bib, rare wing bars; 2, Ford, nice steady Corn Bunting, well up in size, nicely mkd., well staged; 3, Affleck, good Hawfinch, rare cap and bib, nice tone of col., in rattling good order; vhc, c, Borthwick; hc, Laidlaw. SOFTBILL: Cancelled. GOLDFINCH, FOR. (4): 1, 3, Pringle, leader noted winner, in grand bloom, streets ahead, lovely head, grand body, in fine bloom, 3 good one, scarcely ready yet; 2, Wilson, nice bird, large blaze, good cut nap and front; vhc, Tait. FOR. A.O.S. (10) a grand class: 1, hc, c, Bell, good Rosella Parrakeet; 2, Ford, sweet Crimson Finch, in fine bloom; 3, Bruce, nice Red-headed Gouldian, all in fine order; vhc, Ballantyne.

COVENTRY O.S.

Coventry O.S. 35th annual open show, held headquarters, the Sydenham Palace, Ford-st., Nov. 18th. The room is noted by fanciers in the district as being one of the best in the kingdom. The entry was a good one, and the quality of the exhibits far ahead of that of previous years. The British birds made a grand display. No doubt this was due to the show having the British Bird and Mule Club's patronage, many of the best birds in the country putting in an appearance. The total number of entries was 410. Competition was keen, which made no light task for the judge. There were 39 classes, all of which stood. The Nor. section made a fine display, but we were sorry to see the Yorks. poor in numbers. In the Crest and Crestbred section were some noted winners. Mr. J. Robson judged. The management was in the capable hands of Mr. A. J. Barrett, the popular secretary, who is to be congratulated on his business methods.

The Critique.

CL. YELL. NOR. (7): 1, Broadhurst, nice short thick-set bird, good head and neck, well carried wings, even col.; 2, Mitchell, good col., nice wiug carriage, a trifle long; 3, Silver, splendid quality, nice even col., good wing carriage, close up; vhc, Eckersley; hc, Gilbert; c, Davies. BUFF (14): 1, spl., vhc, Eckersley, grand type, lovely soft silky feather, nice short wings and tail, good head and neck, full of bloom, wins well, looks like the Leicester winner in fresh hands; 2, Judd, good type, nice wing carriage, fails only in col. to winner; 3, Silver, another very typical specimen, lovely col. and quality, good head and neck, crosses wings at times; hc, Corrall; c, Broadhurst. TKD., ETC. (16): 1, and Ramsden's special, Judd, variog., nice short thick-set, good head and neck, well carried wings, red hot in col.; 2, Bott, marked wings, eye and head, good type, nice even col., good head and neck, well carried wings; 3, Neale, a trifle smaller, but of lovely quality and col., nice tight-fitting wings; vhc, Guest; hc, Edwards; c, Broadhurst. BUFF (11): 1, Hathaway, marked one wing and head, large bird, good col., good head and neck, nice wing carriage; 2, Griffin, marked wings and head, not quite the col. of winner, but good quality; 3, Corall, similar in markings to 2nd, fails just slightly in col., otherwise equal; vhc, Broadhurst; hc, Garfield; c, Hall, some thought very unlucky. YELL. HEN (18): 1, Wright, ch. good thick-set bird, nice even col., grand wing carriage; 2, Freestone, cl., lovely quality, good col., nice short wings, good head and neck; 3, Broadhurst, ticked wing, grizzle tail, very typical, good head and neck, must have pressed winner hard; vhc, Jeyes; hc, Hall; c, Eckersley. BUFF (19): 1, Davis, good thick set bird, good head and neck, nice short wings and tail; 2, hc, Eckersley, lovely quality and col; nice neat wings and tail, a wee bit pinched in head; 3, Elliott, a gem for style and quality, lovely col, a trifle small compared with winners; vhc, Judd; c, Bott. UNFLIG. YELL. (22): 1, Judd, cl. yell., lovely col. and quality, nice wing carriage; 2, Eckersley, ticked on head, thicker set bird, lovely col and quality, good head and neck; 3, Corrall, cl, nice thick set bird, good colour and quality, fine head and neck; vhc, hc, Hulse; c, Guest. BUFF (12): 1, Bott, large, good colour and quality, wins on size; 2, vhc, Eckersley, lovely col and quality, good head and neck, nice short wings and tail, a bit wild or must have won; 3, Elliott, variog., good type and quality, nice wing carriage; hc, Hulse; c, Emery. NAT. COL. (9): 1, Judd, ticked Buff, good type col. and quality; 2, Growdridge and Son, lovely quality, nice wing carriage, good head and neck, close up; 3, c, Orton, very typical hen, nice wing carriage, short tail; vhc, Hathaway; hc, Gilbert. CREST. (9): 1, 2, Evans, leader green, nice dense crest, good veiny feather, lovely droop, wins, followed by a foul Green very similar to leader; 3, Barker, another very similar, nice veiny feather, good droop, not quite so massive; vhc, Peters; hc, c, Peace. C. B. (7): 1, 3, Gilbert, two variog. birds, yellow and buff, both of wonderful texture of feather, well lashed; 2, Barker, variog., large, well lashed, abundance of feather; vhc, Peace; hc, Smith; c, Evans. CURRENT YEAR CREST OR C. B. (11): 1, Smith, variog., massive dark crest, wonderful bird of lovely formation of crest, nice droop, grand centre; 2, Groves, green C. B., lovely silky feather, nice head; 3, vhc, hc, Peters, grizzle Crest, nice neat crest; c, Evins. CINN. (13): 1, Nason, large Jonque, good col and quality, nice feather; 2, Barker, Buff, more stylish but not quite so large, good colour and quality, nice wing carriage; 3, Tyler, Jonque, good head and neck, nice wing carriage, typical specimen; vhc, Silver; hc, Gilbert; c, Southon. YORKS. CL. ETC. CK. (7): 1, Dykes, marked yellow, grand quality, nice even colour, well drawn, wins well; 2, Green, Cl Buff, nice length, good wings and tail, very stylish; 3, Fancourt, lovely col and quality, not quite so long; vhc, Harrison; hc, Richards; c, Spann. HEN (6): 1, Dykes, Cl Yell., nice silky feather, well fitting wings and tail, beautifully shown; 2, Harris, another Yell., nice feather, very neat exhibit; 3, Lawrance, Buff, very stylish hen, fails only in col; vhc, Harrison; hc, Green; c, Spann. UNFLIG. (7): 1, Dicker, Cl Buff, lovely col and quality, very stylish, well drawn; 2, Dimmock, Yell., nice col and quality; 3, Harris, larger, wing marked and thd. head; vhc, Dykes; hc, Harrison; c, Green. A.O.V. (11): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Green, grand team, 1 and 2 yell. coppy, Leicester winner leading, of great substance, far ahead of 2, smaller but neat, followed by a gold spangled Lizard, good col. and cap, well spangled; hc, c, Symonds. MULES LIGHT—GOLDFINCH AND CAN. (7): 1, Gilbert, Cl. Goldfinch and Can., good size, lovely col. and quality, wins; 2, 3, c, Lawranec, clear and wing marked respectively, leader nice stylish bird. 3 very similar, wing marked; vhc, hc, Andrews. 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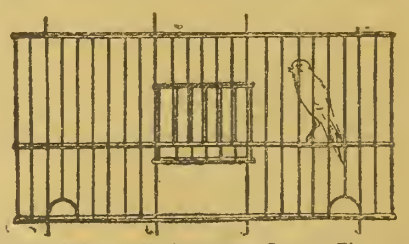
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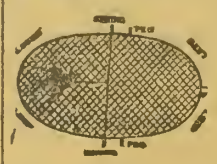
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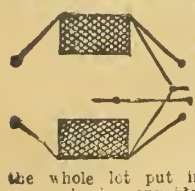
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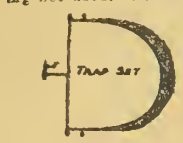
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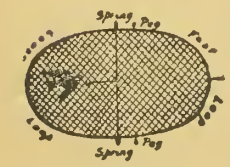
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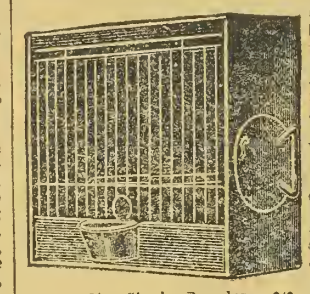
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LINNETS, Linnets, Linnets; Larks, Larks, Larks; warranted cock Linnets, 3/6 dozen; hen Linnets, 1/6 dozen; warranted cock Larks, 3/6 dozen; cock Greenfinches, 1/6 dozen; cock Chaffinches, 4/- dozen; good two year old Linnet-Mule, 8/-; used to bird-catching; six two year old Linnets, 3/ each; or 15/- the six; Norwich cock Canaries, in full song, 5/- each; the old firm: John Boxall, 5, Lavender-st., Brighton.

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100 HIGH-CLASS Borders for immediate disposal, exhibition or stock; state wants: Mackie, Georgie, P.O., Edinburgh.

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LARGE heavy dark Crest cock, broad skull, even mark Crestbred hen, £3 10/-, very large Crest bred cock, even marked Crest hen, crest over beak, £3 10/-; variegated large Cresthred cock, yellow Lancashire hen, 40/-; splendid stock birds, approval, deposit: Thos. Walsh, 15, Union-st., Glossop.

G. F. ADAMSON, 23, West Netherton-st., Kilmarnock, has for sale the following, all 1911 birds, bred from his well-known winning strain, and includes some winners in young bird classes; few matched pairs, 40/-, 60/-, 80/-; Crest cocks, 25/- to 40/-; Crest-bred cocks, 20/- to 40/-; no odd hens; approval.

LARGE Green Crested cock, 50/-; Green Crested hen, 4th., Sheffield, £3; grand Clear Buff Crestbred hen, £3; 1910 breeders; few grand variegated Crestbred cocks 1911, good head feather from 25/- to 40/- each; these birds are from same strain as our winners the last few years; have sold several that are winning now; three days approval to known fanciers: Walter Radley and Son, Paradise-sq., Skelmanthorpe, nr., Huddersfield.

HIGH Class Crests, very large clear buff Crest-bred cock, can win in best company, green Crested hen, crest end of beak, £6 pair; large variegated dark Crested cock, crest end of beak, and a grand Crestbred hen, £5 pair; very reasonable. Large clear buff grey Crested cock, good crest, can win local show, good green Cresthred hen, pair £3; all 1911; and many others, all on approval; best blood in the world: T. Billington, Hambleton, Poulton-le-Fylde.

CHAMPION pair, correctly matched, high-class Crests, large and very heavily feathered, rare type and quality of feather, certain to breed winners in champion classes, only 50/-, honestly worth £10 for stock alone; rare chance for beginner; also few choice massive feathery Crested and Crestbred cocks and hens for stock or exhibition, from 10/6 to £5 each, Barnett's Palace winning strain, the best blood in the Fancy. Many noted winners supplied by me last season, all cold room bred; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Warminger, 23 Guernsey-rd., Norwich.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

Heavily feathered Crests and Crest-breds, warranted to give satisfaction, matched pairs 12/6, 15/-, 20/- upwards; odd cocks and hens. State wants. Show specimens reasonable; approval: H. Amiss, Ashby-st., Norwich.

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A clergyman has a few pairs of Crests and C.B.'s to sell, from Barnett's birds; extraordinary bargains; properly matched pairs from 25/-; approval, deposit: Box A1, "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet-st., London, E.C.

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CHAMPION CRESTS AND CRESTBREDS

MASSIVE feathery clear Crestbred hen, 1911 bred, rare size and quality of feather, 10/6; monster variegated Crestbred hen, marvellous head feather, 15/-; large variegated Crestbred hen, 7/6; monster clear Crestbred cock, 1911 bred, immense size, simply smothered in feather, 21/-; massive feathery variegated Crestbred cock, turnover to end of beak, 17/6; large variegated Crestbred cock, 10/6; monster clear body dark Crested hen, very large neat drooping crest, 30/-; massive variegated dark Crested hen, immense crest, rare frontal, 25/-; large dark Crested hen, lovely neat crest, 15/-; dark Crested hen, 7/6; monster dark Crested cock, immense drooping crest, 30/-; massive feathery dark Crested cock, large neat drooping crest, 17/6; large dark Crested cock, nice neat crest, 10/6; many of the above are winners and can soon win their cost; all are prefectly healthy and cold-room bred; Palace winning strain; satisfaction guaranteed; approval cash or deposit: Cooper, 29, Junction-rd., Norwich.

CINNAMON CRESTS.—Breeder, William Tatman, 111 Midland Road, Wellingborough. Few birds for sale

Greens.

GIVING up Fancy; 2 Yorkshire cocks, foul yellow Green, buff Green, 6/6 each: Eastoe, 88, York-rd., Southend-on-Sea.

FIRST class show birds in Yorkshire, Norwich and Border Greens, approval three days; stamp: 7, Thompson-st., Birkenhead.

YELLOW and buff 1911 Yorkshire Green cocks, also yellow Green hens, cheap; approval willingly: Gibson, Vernon-avenue, Nottingham.

YORKSHIRE and Norwich, show or stock birds, best blood in the Fancy; come and inspect them: Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool.

NORWICH Green Canaries.—For sale, a few sound healthy Norwich green cocks, yellows and buffs, 10/- each; approval, deposit: Jos. Pyke, 105, Church-st., Preston.

NOT having sold my Yorkshire Greens in one lot, I am now selling pairs or singles, self or fouls; inspection invited: H. Hughes, 6, Argyle-st. South, Birkenhead.

FOUR pairs only, matched for breeding, large, typical, and sound coloured Norwich Greens, £1 per pair to clear; approval: Allsopp, 40, Beda-rd., Canton, Cardiff.

YORKSHIRE green and marked hens, from 4/-; also 3 or 4 pairs greens from 15/-; good colour and quality, winner Newcastle, Liverpool, Preston; approval willingly: Hickson, 56, Lock-rd., Broadheath.

Lancashires.

CHAMPION large massive Plainheads, 10/6 each; ten days approval: W. Powick, Dewsbury.

SALE two monster young buff coppy hens from my noted winners, 21/- each: Nadin, 18, Royds-st., Rochdale.

LANCASHIRE buff Coppy, yellow Coppy, and buff Plainhead, hens, 9/- each; on approval: J. Day, Fornham-rd., Bury St. Edmunds.

TWO buff Plainhead hens, 3 buff Plainhead cocks, 1 buff coppy hen; Lee and Garner's strains; also rack, 24 cages. Particulars, Posthwaite, 24, Canal-st., Macclesfield.

IF you want genuine Lancashires I have a few fine young birds cheap, only want seeing: Write or call, approval, stamp: J. Mills, 81, Smithy Bridge, near Rochdale.

GIVING up Lancashires; yellow coppy cock, 17/6; buff plainhead cock, 8/6; buff coppy hen, 8/0; buff plain hen, 9/6; 1911 birds; yellow plainhead cock, 15/6; buff plainhead hen, 13/6; stamp; deposit: Laycock, 16, John-st., Bunkers Hill, Colne, Lancashire.

Lizards.

CHAMPION Lizards, Gold or Silver, cock or hen, 5/6 each; ten days approval: W. Powick, Dewsbury.

PAIR silvers, cock clear capped 1910 birds, 9/6; letters only: 15, Wallis-st., Prestwich, Manchester.

I can now spare a few good Lizards, same strain as my winners: Hector Oliver, Hadfield-st., Glossop.

LIZARDS, splendid Golden hens, 1911 bred, healthy, 5/- each, three 12/-: Scott, 34, Dudley-rd., Ilford, Essex.

GRAND matched pairs, from 12/6; odd cocks and hens, Golds and Silvers; approval: Holt, 75, Osborne-st., Rochdale.

MUST clear, Gold and Silver cocks and one hen, Rochdale winner, also 2nd this season, sell £1 2/6 the three; approval: Bennell, Bootmaker, North-st., Lynn.

CHAMPION Lizards, same strain as my cup and diploma winners at all leading shows; see L.C.B.A. reports this week; warranted all my own breeding; pairs from 15/6; inspection invited; stamp: John Dewsnap, 68, Princess-st., Glossop.

Norwich.

BREEDERS' CARD.

E. BAKER, 14, High Street, Cowes, I.W., Breeder and Exhibitor High-class Norwich Plainheads, winner at most big shows. Write for prices.

J. HODDER, Breeder of Champion Norwich, winner of championships; some nice birds cheap; approval: 6, Banner-st., St. Luke's, London, E.C.

MORE, 62, Drive, Gt. Yarmouth, good Norwich Plainheads for sale, own breeding, related many this year's prize winners.

W. READ, Chellowdene, York-road, Guildford, breeder and exhibitor of high-class Norwich; surplus stock only for sale; over 100 to select from; seen any time; from 15/6 pair; approval.

L. J. RICHARDSON, breeder high-class Norwich; 50 birds for sale; see wins Oxford, London Federation and Brighton, etc; bowl winner, etc; single birds from 15/-, pairs from 30/-.—Post Office, 91, Union-rd., Rotherhithe.

TWO good buff cocks, 1 yellow, 10/- each: Marsh, 1, Nicholson-st., Rochdale.

WATSON, Arbuckle-st., Kilmarnock; a few good typical pairs, some fit to win; approval.

12/6 TWO pair 1911 colour-fed Norwich, Hodder's strain: 34, Heysham-rd., Shirley, Southampton.

GRAND pair of Norwich, yellow cock, buff hen, 15/-; others cheap: Webb, 22, Frederic-st., Luton.

CHAMPION Norwich, sure winners, cocks 7/6, hens 5/6 each, ten days' approval: W. Powick, Dewsbury.

E. GODLEY has few grand Norwich for disposal, single or pairs, also Cinnamons: Rishton, Blackburn.

BARGAIN; 4 yellow and 7 buff hens, 3 buff cocks, singing, cold room, 35/- lot: Shire, Postman, Taunton.

TWO pairs Norwich 7/6 a pair; 2 feeding hens 5/-; young cocks 6/-: John Starling, Barney Guist, Norfolk.

BIG buff cock; smart yellow hen; smart yellow cock; big buff hen, 12/6 pair: Eddy, Bellvue-terrace, Penzance.

THIRTY Norwich prize bred, all colours, several matched pairs, cheap; approval: Todd, Caldarvan, Balloch.

A FEW typical pairs, some fit to win; also four large green 1911 hens; approval: Flemons, Northampton.

TWENTY prize-bred Norwich hens, 2/- to 7s.; cocks, 4/- to 10-: T. Memory, 1, Granby Houses, Dane-st., Leicester.

NORWICH for sale, few 1910 and 1911 birds, Yellow and Buffs (natural colour): Silver, 33, Lilybank Place, Aberdeen.

YOUNG Norwich, 1 cock, 5/-; 4 hens, 2/- each; strong, healthy birds: Neeves, 2, Tollingham-villas, Rye, Sussex.

GRAND Norwich, 4 cocks, 4 hens, 7/6 each, or 12/6 pair, or useful exchange: Meek, The Vicarage, Hunstanton.

FORTY Norwich Canaries, mostly 1911, colour-fed, from 9/- pair: Sutton, 1, Wellesley-avenue, Middlesbrough-st., Hull.

WILLIAM PHIPPS has got some good Norwich and Yorkshires for sale, all on approval: 16, Mill Flat, Isleworth.

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PRIZE bred Norwich for sale, young yellow cocks 10/-, 15/-, good pairs 20/-, 30/-: Kemlo, Wellington-place, Montrose.

TWO good Clear Buff hens, 4/- each; exchange good marked Buff; approval: Ford, Hospital Lodge, Burton-on-Trent.

A FEW good Norwich Buff cocks and hens for sale: John Gallacher, 4, Mauldslie-st., Crossgates, Bellshill, Lanarkshire.

PRIZE bred Norwich cock, 1911 Buff, 7/6, same nest won firsts and specials; exchange anything: Hutton, Baker, Holbeach.

BARGAIN; two good 1911 Norwich cocks, colour-fed and cold-room bred; to clear, 6/6 pair: Little, Rydalmount, Colwyn Bay.

SIX young yellow cocks, clears and marked, songsters, 5/- each, or offers for the lot: Reader, 18, Violet-st., Derby.

LARGE unflighted Norwich buff cock, 6/-; yellow and buff hens, 3/-; approval, anywhere: Smith, 102, Russel-st., Northampton.

CHAMPION Norwich, grand pairs, matched for breeding, 8/6, 10/6, 15/6; on approval: J. Blackshaw, 3, Bond-st., Coventry.

FEW Norwich for sale, price reasonable, approval; see Brechin and Forfar show reports: A. Pirie, 255, Montrose-st., Brechin.

GOOD stock cocks, 10/-; hens, 3/-; Goldfinch-Canary cocks, 5/-; seen by appointment: Barker, 123, King's-avenue, Clapham, S.W.

SEVERAL nice Buff Norwich cocks, from 5/- each, hens from 2/6: Wright, Bootmaker, Terrington St. Clement, King's Lynn.

FINEST strain of Norwich procurable, show and stock birds for sale; approval: Fred Barraclough, 25, Railway-st., Hyde.

NORWICH, yellow and buff, 1911, cold room bred, single or pairs; approval: Chas. Makins, 18, Palace-green, Berwick-on-Tweed.

A FEW surplus single or pairs from winner; cheap to clear; appointment; Ward, 21, Warwick-st., Pimlico, nr., Victoria-station.

PRIZE bred Norwich Canaries; cocks, in full song, 4/-, 5/- each; hens, same strain, 1/6, 2/- each: Heathcote's Aviaries, Leicester.

FEW good Yellow and Buff Norwich cocks, from 15/-; Yellow and Buff hens, 10/-, and upwards: Kelly, Dean-rd., Kilbirnie.

NORWICH cocks, two yellow variegated, 5/- each; self yellow green, 7/6; beauties; cash or deposit: Jempson, Ewhurst, Sussex.

NORWICH Metropolitan C.B.A. Cup winner; 20 pairs, show or stock, from 10/-: W. McMillan, 29, Kilmaine-rd., Fulham, S.W.

NOTICE.—Grand lot Norwich, many winners, prices low; easy payments taken; approval: McKeand, Seabright Villa, Castle-Douglas.

MISS EDWARDS, Lauriston, Reigate Hill, Reigate, has some grand young Norwich to part with cheap, inspection invited; approval.

NORWICH, 5 pairs, colour fed, and cages, sacrifice, 50/-, will separate; approval deposit: Lack, 89, Glenthorne-rd., Hammersmith.

TWO splendid stock pairs, 20/- each; or exchange two unflighted hens, Yellow and Buff: Wilson, 68, Marischal-st., Peterhead, N.B.

GIVING up through ill-health; some really good stock birds for sale; rare quality; price moderate: Barrows, Wardington, Banbury.

TWO pairs choice large Norwich Plainheads, 25/-, 30/-; matched to produce winners; approval; deposit: Davidson, Bookseller, Montrose.

UNFLIGHTED buff cock, short, thick-set, perfect shape, splendid quality, 15/-; approval: George Notley, 3, King's-place, Bedford.

GOOD Norwich, see wins Carlisle, Crook, Cheltenham; large yellow cock, buff unflighted hen, 25/-: Bell, 35, Clementina-ter., Carlisle.

GENUINE Norwich; have few left for disposal, no rubbish, prices from 12/6; inspection invited: Harper, 26, Brighton-rd., Stoke Newington.

NORWICH Plainhead, 2 pairs, good shaped, 1911 bred, 10/6 or £1 per pair, worth double: H. Attwood, 59, Okehampton-rd., Exeter.

NORWICH Rollers, cocks, 6/6 each; green and variegated hens, green, 2/6 each: C. H. Pickett, Romford Common, Romford, Essex.

MONSTER buff cocks, grand stock birds, fine heads, etc., 1910 and 1911; prices from 10/- to 20/-; approval: Judge, Silk, Whitstable.

W. BURDETT has a few good stock birds for sale, cocks, and hens, from 10/- to 30/-; approval: 120, Todd-st., Wingate, Co. Durham.

NORWICH prize bred cocks, from 7s. 6d., hens from 4/-; pairs 10/-: J. Kirk, 21, Daresbury-st., Esmond-rd., Cheetham Hill, Manchester.

NORWICH breeding cages, well made, removable fronts, 1/9 each, cheapest obtainable: Walmsley, 16, St. Ann's Well-rd., Nottingham.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich, cocks in full song 4/-, 5/- each; hens, same strain, 1/9, 2/6 each; satisfaction guaranteed: Heathcote's Aviaries, Leicester.

LARGE unflighted Norwich cocks, buffs, 7/6 each, yellows 10/- each; three extra large buff hens, 5/- each: Pigott, 157, Colwyn-rd., Northampton.

PRIZE bred Norwich Canaries, Sandiford's strain, 12/6, 15/6 pair, with double compartment breeding cages; approval: Holah, Foggathorpe, Selby.

WINNING Norwich; H. J. Banbury, Preston-rd., Yeovil, has a grand lot of Norwich, same blood as his winners, from 10/- each; approval, deposit.

ABOUT 30 Norwich for disposal, cocks and hens, all colours, bred from high-class stock, 1910-1911 birds; cheap to clear: Yeats, Linthorpe, Fraserburgh.

MASSIVE green cock, unflighted, a right sort for producing size and colour in young stock, 25/-; exchange: Robinson, 9, Broad-st., Windermere.

HAVE still about six pairs to part with from 25/- upwards; approval; see Ayr report this week: Maxwell, 40, Stewartville-st., Partick, Glasgow.

WANTED, two clear Yellow Norwich hens; also two yellow hens either green or very heavily variegated: Ramsden, 11, Josephine-avenue, Brixton, London.

NORWICH cocks, 6/6; hens, 3/6 each; dark cock Linnet Mule, 15/-; wanted Yellow Norwich cock and hen: Stephenson, Grocer, Broughton, Cockermouth.

1910 Yellow cock, Norwich, winner several prizes, bargain, 17/6; ditto, buff variegated hen, rare type, good feeder, 10/6: G. Stratton, Webheath, Redditch.

GOOD Norwich in clears and ticked; good colour, cold-room bred and kept from 7/6 pair; cocks, 6/6; hens, 3/-, 3/6: Chambers, 62, Green-lane, Whitwick.

J. CALDERWOOD has a few Norwich to dispose of, winners, and bred from winners, all colours, 10/6 to 40/- each; approval, 34, West Shaw-st., Kilmarnock.

WINNING Norwich from 7/6, cocks or hens; see report Wisbech, Peterborough, Lynn, Stamford, etc.; approval: Handley, Lynn-rd., Walsoken, Wisbech.

WHAT offers for 20 Norwich cocks, 4 Goldfinch Mules, 3 Siskin Mules, cocks, 3 hens, 2 cock Linnets, all fine birds: Phillips, 32, Inchmery-rd., Catford.

NORWICH for sale, yellow variegated cock, buff, and buff variegated cocks, yellow and yellow variegated hens; cheap, approval: Taylor, 113, High-st., Brechin.

TYPICAL unflighted colour-fed yellow hen, sister to limit class winner at L.C.B.A. last Saturday, 7/6, great sacrifice: Hawkes, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

MRS. Richardson-Griffiths has two yellow hens 5/-, cocks, two yellow and two buff cocks 10/6 and 7/6 each; all 1911; approval; deposit: Oak Cottage, Horsham.

SINGING Norwich cocks, from 3/- to 5/- each; large Buff Cinnamon cock, 6/-; also a few good hens, from 1/6 to 3/- each: Smart, 35, Culloden-rd., Arbroath.

MARTIN COOK, neither giving up nor going abroad, but must reduce stock real good Norwich pairs, 15/- up; single birds, 5/- upwards: 30, Purbeck-rd., Bournemouth.

NORWICH; I have a few for sale, bred as my winners, Northampton, Leicester, Coventry, 6 firsts and specials, from 10/- upwards: G. Bott, Holyoake, Long Buckby.

NORWICH, same blood as my winners, from 10/- to £5; would exchange few for trap, rugs, lamps, harness; anything useful: R. Willoughby, Decorator, Wolverhampton.

MR. E. KEW, 8, Queen-st., Margate, is disposing of his surplus stock, same strain as sold by him yearly at Crystal Palace; cocks 7/6, hens 3/6, typical pairs 10/6.

W. SCHOFIELD, Saddler, Ipswich, having had a good season, can spare 20 pairs, or singly; bred from winners, Crystal Palace, Norwich, etc., from 15/6 pair; approval.

LOOK; George Bolton, 105, Blackman-lane, Leeds, 30 years breeder; has 60 Norwich Canaries for sale; Plainheads, cocks, 5/-; hens, 2/6, 7/- pair; Crested cocks, 6/-; hens, 3/-.

E. STEED has some good yellow and buff hens to part with, 7/6, 10/-; also a few grand pairs, 15/-, 20/-; see report L.C.B.A., show; cash or deposit: 62, Summerfield-st., Lee, Kent.

TYPICAL Norwich cocks, singing nicely, satisfaction guaranteed, clean, healthy, from 4/6; matched pairs from 6/6; approval: Scott, 31, Keyham-lane, Humberstone, Leicester.

GREAT sacrifice, open class winning, colour-fed, unflighted colour-fed Yellow Norwich cock, of exceptional merits, 10/-; approval: Hawkes, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

SEVERAL fine buff hens, unflighted and 1910 bred, 6/6 each for quick sale, same strain as winners which I have sold at most leading shows; approval: Judge, Silk, Whitstable.

SIXTEEN good Norwich hens, Silks strain, yellows and buffs, unflighted, and 1910, 5/- each; also matched pairs from 12/-; approval: Rolington, Canterbury-rd., Whitstable.

JNO. ALLEN has some big stock birds for disposal from the best, own breeding from 10/6 each; no odd hens; must be cleared; room wanted; approval: 4, Bonsall-st., Mere-rd., Leicester.

GREAT sacrifice to effect immediate clearance, at 5/- each, 15 buff and yellow Norwich hens of exceptional merit, all related to my winners: Hawkes, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

FROM outside aviaries, 50 Norwich Canaries, just as bred, mostly cocks, the best offer takes the lot; also 2 good Goldfinches, Mules, cocks: Davis, 17, Adcroft-st., Trowbridge, Wilts.

I HAVE a few good Norwich to spare, bred from the actual winners, cocks, 7/6, 8/6, and 10/6; matched pairs, for breeding, 10/6, 12/6, and 15/-: J. Hadley, 39, Waveley-rd., Coventry.

G. B. DANIEL, 69, Derby-lane, Liverpool; all my Norwich for sale; some of the finest stock birds obtainable, from 15/- pair upwards; grand lot of cages; enquiries solicited; approval.

PAIR Norwich, both winners, 12/6; Linnet, winner, 7/6, with show cage; also several double breeders and show cages, cheap; or exchange; approval: Thompson, 37, Winsover-rd., Spalding.

NORWICH, the best of blood, bred from and related to my winners, cocks from 10/6, hens from 6/6; purchase now, good selection; approval: Smith, 172, Prince Consort-rd., Gateshead-on-Tyne.

MR. DENHAM winner four 1sts., Metropolitan show; has some Norwich and Borders from 7/6; single and pairs related to winners; seen by appointment; and approval: Stables, 20, Woodboro-rd., Putney.

D. CHAMBERS, 39, Bannerman-st., Kilbowie, having bought the stock of James Hart, challenge cup winner, Clydebank, have some nice unflighted Clear Yellows and Buffs, from 10/-; approval, deposit.

J. BESWICK has a few champion bred Norwich for sale, yellows and buff unflighted cocks, and unflighted buff hens; no better blood in the Fancy; prices reasonable; approval: 31, Holly-st., Stockport.

G. C. KING, 14, Ashby-st., Norwich, breeder of high-class Norwich, can still supply massive pairs from 10/6, odd cocks from 7/6, hens from 3/6, related to my winners at Norwich; satisfaction guaranteed.

SEVERAL good stock Norwich for sale at reasonable prices; winners and related to winners; hens from 7/6, cocks from 10/-; inspection invited; approval, deposit: A. Crawford, 14, Wilton-drive, Glasgow.

SHOW and stock birds; for wins see Clapham, Wimbledon, Dulwich and Peckham, South London reports; low prices; every bird for sale; inspection invited: Crawford, 217, Rotherhithe New-road, London, S.E.

THREE champion Buff exhibition, 1910, Norwich hens, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-; unflighted cocks and hens from 7/6, bred from Palace, Clapham L.C.B.A., etc.; winner's approval: Lohr, Confectioner, Carmarthen.

CHAMPION Norwich: T. H. Mason has a few unflighted Norwich for disposal, same strain as winners at Newcastle, Middlesbrough, York, Sheffield, Hull; stamp reply: 11, Victoria-sq., Ella-st., Hull.

CLEAR Yellow cock, 1910, Buff hen, 1911, 25/-; Ticked Buff cock, Clear Yellow hen, 1910, 25/-; large birds, unfed, cold bred; appointment on Saturday afternoon: Clarke, 27, Standard-rd., Bounslow.

BARGAINS to clear. I am overstocked; Norwich cocks 7/6, 10/6, 12/6; hens 2/6, 5/6, 10/6; every one in good health and condition; chance for a novice to get tip-top birds cheap: Sherlock, Liverpool-rd., St. Helens.

TWENTY good Norwich for disposal, related my winning Yellow cock, Highgate and Hampstead report, grand col., cocks 8/6, hens 4/6; pairs 12/6; inspection; approval: Knight, 46, Spencer-rd., Kentish Town, N.W.

EXCHANGE, good cinnamon Norwich cock for good yellow Norwich cock, also good yellow Yorkshire hen for yellow Norwich hen; your birds first; 3 days' approval each way: P. Hart, 4, Chapel-st., Leigh, Lancs.

TYPICAL unflighted Norwich variegated buff cock, good head, neck colour, 20/-; several others, variegated yellow and buff from 15/-; yellow variegated large hen, 1910, grand stamp, 20/-: Messrs. Mitchell, Cowdenbeath.

GRAND cobby buff ticked cock, 15/-; worth 20/-; also buff, father of above; vhc Clapham, 2nd Lewes, 21/-; Silver Lizard hen, nice type, nearly clear cap, 5/6; few Norwich hens, reasonable: Small, 67, Western-rd., Brighton.

UNFLIGHTED Yellow cock, 15/6; ditto Buff cock, 12/6, vhc; Clear Yellow hen, 12/6, ditto, 7/-; ticked Yellow hen, 10/-; 2 Buff hens, 4/- each; Buff cock, good, 10/6; approval: John Smedley, Nottingham-rd., Gilt Brook, Notts.

LARGE clear buff hen, good stock bird, 15/6; cap-marked buff hen, 10/-; clear buff hen, unfed, 10/-; typical birds, healthy; approval before payment; Watson's strain: Cuthbertson, 11, Townhead-st., Stonehouse, Lanarkshire.

ARE you wanting reliable Norwich? then note these massive cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6; smart hens, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-; correctly matched pairs, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; absolute bargains; worth double; also Crests; approval: R. Hanford, Derby.

CANARIES, for early breeding, mostly March birds, fine, healthy, cobby Norwich Canaries, 20 cocks, and 20 hens, giving up Fancy; will sell the lot, with cages and aviaries, etc., cheap: Apply, G. Lewis, "Claremont," Gloucester-rd., Kingston Hill.

GRAND unflighted buff Norwich cock, winner first only time shown, 15/-; exchange two large unflighted yellow hens, also about £4 10/- worth Field Williams Cattle Oil; exchange piano, gent's bicycle preferred: N. Cooper, Long Buckby, Rugby.

COMPULSORY sale through pressure of business, exceptionally large headed, short, thick set, massive frame colour fed unflighted buff Norwich hen, accept 20/-, worth treble for stock: deposit, approval: Hawkes, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

TWO lovely unflighted buff hens, short flights and tails, splendid feather; accept 7/6 each, worth double; buff cock, unflighted, lovely type and quality, 15/6, commended Stockton; cheap at double: Apply, A. Fletcher, Sedgefield, Co. Durham.

FOR sale, 30 Norwich Canaries, best strain, with 7 Goldfinch-Canary Mules as bred this season; also handsome 3 domes aviary, mahogany frame, with several breeding cages, all complete; lot to be sold cheap as owner is ordered abroad: Delahunty, Artillery Barracks, Gt. Yarmouth.

GEORGE WELLER has some large, healthy 1910 and 1911 Norwich Canaries for disposal, cold-room bred, cocks in full song, 7/6 and 8/6, hens 3/- and 3/6; pairs for breeding, 10/-; 7 days' approval; travelling cages 3d. extra: Sherfield-English, Romsey, Hants.

EIGHT good Norwich; 3 cocks, 5 hens; contains the best blood in the Fancy; a grand start for novice; giving up the Fancy after 25 years practical experience; colour-fed; some can win; want to sell in one lot; inspection invited: Mather, 25, Moss Bank-rd., Widnes.

ALEX. M. GARDINER, winner of the Scottish Plainhead Club President's prize, 1910, also winner of numerous gold and silver medals, and winner at all the leading shows; birds for show or stock; prices from 15/-; pairs from 30/-: New Buildings, Newtongrange, Midlothian.

C. ROBERTS' noted (Waggoner) strain; champion Norwich have size and Bullfinch type required; buy from the breeder, 23 years' standing, and get the best. Show birds from 40/- upwards; stock pairs from 30/-; single birds from 12/6; approval: Stannah Hey, Newton Drive, Blackpool.

MR. SILK, Emsworth, Hants, has a fine massive variegated Yellow cock, won special for best Norwich last week, £3, worth £5, grand unflighted yellow, 1st prize, same show, £2 10s., very large bird; grand capped and flighted Buff cock, 2nd prize, 30/-; several others equally good, with about nine lovely Buff hens, all on approval.

NORWICH, ten pairs of good birds to sell, 12/6 pair, properly matched, some of this season's not half value, owing to removal shortly, Vardy's strain, good unflighted yellow, good head, neck, size and colour, a good one, unflighted hen, 3rd at Tideswell; see report: Percival Greaves, Shirland, Alfreton, Derbyshire.

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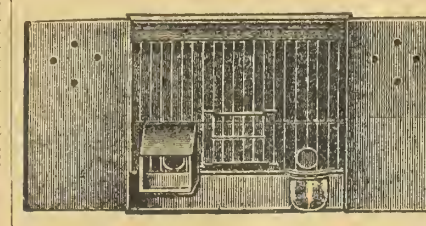
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W. Gore, The Importer, Gooch-st, B'ham.

Scotch Fancies.

SCOTCH Fancies, some good young birds; prices reasonable: Orr, 129, Petershill-rd., Glasgow.

TWENTY Scotch Fancies for sale, all kinds, cheap to clear: Thomas Healey, 55, Flemington-by-Cambusbang.

FOR sale, Scotch Fancies, good stock birds, large size, moderate prices: J. B. Kerr, 9, Myrtle-ter., Edinburgh.

BUFF Scotch Fancy cock, £1, or exchange for yellow or green hen; approval: Reid, 19, Drumdryen-st., Edinburgh.

FOR sale; good birds; working men's prices, also grand feeders: James G. Millar, Cleansing Dept., Helen-st., Govan.

SCOTCH Fancies, two young buff cocks, several one year bred, all cheap: Turnbull, 97, Westmoreland-st., Crosshill, Glasgow.

SCOTCH Fancies, cocks and hens, all colours, young birds, price reasonable; seen any time: Smith, Main-st., Shamannan.

SCOTCH Fancies, cocks and hens, all colours, young birds, prices reasonable: Vernall, 234, Allison-st., Govanhill, Glasgow.

TWENTY young birds, no yellow cocks, eight yellow hens, from my noted strain: McIlwain, Mount Florida School, Glasgow.

YELLOW cock, buff hen, £1 10s. pair; also three pair good Borders, 6/- pair; approval, deposit: John Wilkinson, Easter-st., Duns.

PAIR Scotch Fancies, young yellow cock, year-bred buff hen, good birds, £2, genuine bargain, grand chance for beginner: A. Newbigging, Currie-st., Duns.

WINNING yellow Scotch Fancy 1910 cock, with show cage complete, 30/-; approval, deposit, win A.O.V. class: Cook, 30, Purbeck-rd., Bournemouth. See Norwich.

SCOTCH FANCIES: Four buff green hens, also second crosses, buff piebald, 2 cocks, 2 hens, 1 yellow piebald hen: Robt. Neil, 111, Cross Arthurlie-st., Barrhead.

NOTICE.—Grand lot Scotch Fancies, many winners at leading shows; prices reasonable; easy payments taken, approval: McKeand, Seabright Villa, Castle-Douglas.

TWELVE Scotch Fancies for sale, buff pied, yellow pied and greens; grand stuff; prices from 20/- to 35/- each: Pringle, 64, Cambridge dr., North Kelvinside, Glasgow.

SCOTCH Fancies, buff piebald hen, 60/-; yellow-green hen, 60/-; yellow-green cock, 40/-; buff piebald cock 40/-; all young; approval: James McGregor, 36, Queen-st., Tenyport.

SCOTCH Fancies, buff hen, several cocks, including fowl buff, 4th City of Glasgow; clear buff, 4th City of Glasgow; 84/- each; others from 40/-: Jas. Ward, 618, Old Edinburgh-rd., Glasgow.

SCOTCH Fancies, one yellow green hen, one yellow pied hen; one buff pied hen, 1911; also few cocks, 1910; reasonable; seen any day after 3 o'clock: James Main, 4, Mitchell-st., Langloan, Coatbridge.

Yorkshires.

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GRAND pair Yorkshires, Buff cock, Yellow hen, 15/-; others cheap: Webb, 22, Frederick-st., Luton.

A FEW well-bred Yorkshires, from the best blood, 7/6 upwards; approval: H. J. Banbury, Prestou-rd., Yeovil.

SMART typical Yorkshires, cock, 6/-, 7/-; hens, 3/-, 4/-: Polain, 40, Royston-st., Bonner-st., Victoria-pk., London.

CHAMPION Yorkshires, sure winners, cocks 7/6, hens 5/6 each; ten days' approval: W. Powick, Dewsbury.

FEW nice Yorkshires still left, cocks and hens, 5/- to £1 each; all own breeding: Hastings, Arch-st., Hartlepool.

J. DARLINGTON, 9, Osborne-rd., Birkenhead, has about 20 high-class Yorkshires for sale; really good; state wants.

GRAND Yorkshire cocks, 6/- each, hens 2/6 each, 8/- pair; healthy and cold room: Hicks, Station, Boroughbridge.

EXHIBITORS. Ticked Yellow cock, splendid col., winner a gem, 25/-, worth double: Robinson, 9, Broad-st., Windermere.

BARGAIN, pair prize bred Yorkshires, with five compartment breeding cage, 10/- the lot: Miller, Craven-st., Barnoldswick

YORKSHIRE Greens, singles or pairs, for sale, reasonable (see L.C.B.A. report): Geoff Benson, 7, Sandheys-rd., Liscard, Cheshire.

PRIZE-BRED Yorkshires, lovely quality, standard lenth (and some over), from 7/6: Miss M. Walker, 56, Queen's-rd., Wimbledon.

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YORKSHIRE Canaries, grand songsters and stock birds, own breeding, 5/- each, must reduce stock: Cotton, Draper, Northallerton.

CHAMPION strain Yorkshires, splendid length and type; cocks, 8/6; hens, 5/- upwards: 65, St. Quintin's-avenue, North Kensington.

YORKSHIRES, own breeding, from my winners, grand long stock birds, sell cheap; approval: T. Barfe, Pateley Bridge, Yorkshire.

GRAND Yorkshires, cocks 7/6, hens 5/- upwards, pairs very reasonable; lot cheap; approval, deposit; O'Reilly, Nunthorpe-avenue, York.

WHAT offers for 22 good racy Yorkshires, cocks and hens as bred; Bailey's and Shackleton's strains; must be sold: E. Vose, Irthlingborough.

CHOICE Yorkshires for sale, from 10/- each; best blood only; state wants; enquiries answered: Rev. C. Sales, 48, Hanover-place, Canterbury.

WE have few buffs, yellows, clear, and marked cocks, related to winners, Exeter, Plymouth, Hayle, 7/6 upwards: Fox, Albert-st., Penzance.

HIGH-class Yorkshires, clears and cinnamon marked, cocks 5/6 upwards, hens 3/- upwards; approval: Pullan, 25, Willow-st., Bradford.

GRAND upstanding Yorkshires, feathers like silk, matched pairs from 12/6; also few spare cocks: C. Raper, 6, Bright-st., Liverpool-st., Salford.

NOTICE.—Grand lot high-class Yorkshires, many winners, prices low; easy payments taken; approval: McKeand, Seabright Villa, Castle-Douglas.

TWO pairs of Yorkshires and one odd one, beautiful birds, 25/- to clear; approval, deposit: Box A2, "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet-st., London, E.C.

PRIZE bred Yorkshires, cocks, 7/6, 10/6; hens from 5/-, grand type, length and quality: Yates, St. Catherine's-rd., Bitterne Park, Southampton.

FIFTY Yorkshires, exhibition and stock birds for sale; pairs from 12/6; seven days' approval; cards sent: Carpenter, 79, Landells-rd., East Dulwich.

SIXTY unflighted Yorkshires, in all colours; cocks 5/- to 8/-; matched pairs from 7/6; nicely colour-fed; approval, deposit: Foxon, Boot Dealer, Hinckley.

YORKSHIRES, absolute clearance. 30 birds, winners Birmingham, Wolverhampton, etc.; particulars on application: Kidner, Greenwood-rd., Acocks Green.

FREE before ordering; send a post-card for my illustrated list of Canaries; all birds on seven days approval at my risk: Miss Storey, Crowle, Doncaster.

COME and inspect my noted Yorkshires, at home all day. West Derby or Green Lane tram: Metcalfe, Yorkshire Aviaries, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool.

YORKSHIRES; two clear yellow cocks, 1910-11, 7/6 each; two ticked yellow cocks, 1910-11, 6/6 each; 25/- lot; approval; deposit: Dearden, 18, Mount-st., Rochdale.

A FEW grand 1911 Yorkshires to clear, reasonable, all related to my winners at London Federation, Shield and Challenge Cup, City and Suburban, two 1sts, one 3rd, and Award of Merit, L.C.B.A. Open; see show reports: Lloyd, 84, Chichele-rd., Cricklewood, N.W.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, a few good birds for disposal, prices reasonable, seen any time by appointment: Atkinson, 124, Stamford-st., Old Trafford.

GRAND unflighted Buff cock, 10/6, also unrelated Yellow hen, 6/6; pair 15/6; satisfaction guaranteed; cold room; healthy: Clegg, 178, Bentley-rd., Doncaster.

WINNER of 2 firsts, 2 seconds, typical Yellow, unflighted Yorkshire cock, accept 15/-, great sacrifice; approval: Hawkes, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

YORKSHIRES from our winning strain, cocks 6/-, hens 4/- upwards; inspection invited; approval, deposit: Myers and Lumb, 76, Cloughlane, Mixenden, Halifax.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, in all marks, single or matched pairs, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 18/-, 21/-; seven days' approval: Ernest Cheshire, 26, Crawford-st., Bradford.

FOR sale, 2 long Buff Yorkshire cocks, and 1 Yellow, 1910 bred and 4 Yellow hens, fed 1911, 15/- the lot, the room wanted: G. Moor, 4, Alma-rd., Millfield, Peterboro.

FOR sale, Clear and Green variegated Yorkshire cock Canaries, Cinnamon bred, 1911, from 7/6, good strain; cold room: 49, Banstead Grove, Roundhay-rd., Leeds.

MR. HAWKES offers few Buff and Yellow Yorkshire hens, of exceptional merits, and related to his winners at 5/- each; approval: Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

FOR sale, 16 pairs good Yorkshires, 10/- pair, or 1 cock and 2 hens, 12/6; cold room bred; must be sold, room wanted: Mosey, 31, Harold-st., Burley Fields, Leeds.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires from 6/-; pairs 12/6 upwards; this season's winners; resonable; own breeding; approval; stamp reply: Jones, 21, Worcester-rd., Walthamstow.

A BARGAIN in a lifetime in Yorkshires; 14 pair for sale, single or in one lot, inspection invited; stamp, reply: Harry Jennings, 3, Anne-st., Great Horton, Bradford.

TWENTY Yorkshire hens from 5/-, from my winners; true type, excellent quality; see notes Brighton, Luton, Swanley: Williams, 170, Wood-st., Walthamstow.

GOOD Yorkshires cheap, typical cocks from 7/6; and a few typical buff hens, feathers like wax; reasonable; note winnings of recent shows: Penton, 1, Commercial-st., E.

LONG slim Yorkshire cocks, 5/6, 7/6, 10/6; racy hens, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6; correctly matched pairs, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; absolute bargains; worth double; approval: R. Hanford, Derby.

GIVING up; high-class colour-fed Yorkshires for sale, splendid length and quality; cock 6/-; hens 3/-; pairs 8/-; satisfaction guaranteed; cold-room bred: Frank Child, 25, Brook-st., Skipton.

A FEW good Yorkshire Canaries for sale, related to my winners at Carlisle, Cleator Moor, and Whitehaven; cocks from 7/6, hens 3/- upwards: T. Brown, Ivy Cottage, Foxhouses, Whitehaven.

ALL our stock of class Yorkshires for sale; see report West Bromwich, Wolverhampton; cocks, 7/- upwards; hens, 4/- upwards; all on approval: Weekes Bros., 20, Cross Guns-st., Kates Hill, Dudley.

VARIEGATED Yorkshire cock, 1910, drawing-room cage, 8/6; pair good Yorkshires, 8/6; two 1911 Norwich hens, 4/-, two Border hens, 1911, 4/-: Kendrick, Coachman, Monument Hill, Weybridge.

YORKSHIRES, a few good birds to part with cheap; cocks from 10/6, hens from 6/6; right stuff for a novice to start with; feathered like wax; approval: G. T. Gill, 18, Albany-rd., Harrogate.

CLASS Yorkshires, 16 cocks, 18 hens, mostly 1911 colour-fed; some fit show; offers lot; pairs from 8/-; exchange any for long buff quarter Belgian hen; deposit; stamp: J. Paterson, 84, Prescot-st., Darlington.

HIGH class Yorkshires, all bred from my winners, and many fit to win, cold room, healthy; seen any evening; cocks 7/6, hens 5/-; approval, deposit: A. Radford, 114, Second-avenue, Trafford Park, Manchester.

NOVICES, buy from the breeder and exhibitor; unflighted Yorkshires, yellow or buff, ready for show bench, win anywhere, 10/- to 15/- each; approval, deposit: Joseph Wright, St. Annes-rd., Southport.

YORKSHIRES, some good stock and show birds, related to my winners at Lochgelly, Glasgow, Ayr, Kilmarnock, Lochore, etc.; seen any time; inspection invited: Charles Martin, 19, McIntosh-st., Dennistown, Glasgow.

YORKSHIRE best blood obtainable, colour-fed cocks, 5/- upwards; hens, 3/- upwards; pairs properly mated for breeding winners, 7/6 upwards; full of quality; carriage paid; approval: Edgar King, Fairfield, Hebden-bridge, Yorkshire.

EXCEPTIONAL offer, must go at a great sacrifice, few Buff and Yellow Yorkshire cocks, real gems for style, type and length, and fit for any open competition, 7/6 and 10/- each; approval: Hawkes, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

H. WILLS, Fireman's Cottage, Wadebridge, has now for sale some of his well-known winning Yorkshires; two buff cocks, 1910, £1 each; also yellows, buffs, cinnamon mark, greens; cocks 15/-, hens 10/- up; 1911; approval.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, best blood procurable, splendid length type and quality cocks, from 5s., hens from 3/-; grand matched pairs, 8/- upwards; approval; satisfaction guaranteed: Greenwood, Colne-rd., Crosshills, Keighley.

ATKINS, Raleigh-rd., Basingstoke. Forty Yorkshires, grand length, style and feather, Yellow or Buff, from 7/6, several fit for show, reasonable; exchange cloth, anything useful for house; winner most southern shows; approval.

HAVING selected my stock birds I have a few grand slim Yorkshires to dispose of, cocks from 5/-; hens, 2/6 upwards; pairs 7/6 upwards; also a few grand Norwich from 4/-, cocks; hens, 2/6 upwards: Arnold Hatton, The Fleet, Belper.

JUDSON'S high-class Yorkshires, colour fed, splendid type and quality, carriage paid, approval: cocks 5/- upwards, hens 3/- upwards; also yellow ticked cock, winner 2nd, 20/-; buff cock, 1st, 15/-: Tobacconist, Market-st., Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire.

SPLENDID heavily marked Buff cock, a winner, good wing marked Yellow hen, a grand pair, 15/-, worth £1 10/-; grand up standing and Clear Yellow cock, good long Buff hen, 12/6 pair, worth £1; approval: Crowson, 846, Meadow-lane, Nottingham.

CHAMPION Yorkshires, for show or stock, cocks for stock, from 10/- upwards, hens for stock from 7/6 upwards; all colours, show specimens, according to merit; such stock seldom offered; approval, deposit: Willie Watnough, Ruswarp, near Whitby.

ENFIELD, 1st and 3rd, winning pair, colour fed, unflighted Yorkshires, exceptional length, type and style, real gems, fit for classical show and win in keenest competition, accept 27/6; must sacrifice on account of pressure of business: Hawkes, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

HIGH-class Yorkshires for stock or exhibition, splendid length, type and quality, cocks from 5/6; nice racy hens from 4/6; matched unrelated pairs, 10/- upwards; colour-fed, in grand condition; approval; satisfaction guaranteed; H. Morley, 19, St. Margaret's-rd., Great Horton, Bradford.

GRAND yellow Yorkshire cock, with two buff hens, 16/- nice buff cock, with yellow hen, 8/6; approval: Hy. Jackson, Station-rd., Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield.

TEN young Yorkshires for sale, from 6/- each; also some house-moulted British; fit for show, some winners; some good Greypates, caged August, must clear some owing to alterations; also about 4 stone of honey in glass jars at 7d. per pound; exchange good Crest; approval, deposit, stamp reply: J. Fysh, Swaffham, Norfolk.

CHAMPION Yorkshires, either for stock or exhibition, now ready; stock birds from 6/6; pairs, properly matched, 12/6 upwards; show specimens, according to merit; fanciers will save time and money by placing their wants with reliable breeder; exhibitor of 26 years standing; satisfaction certain; approval 4 days: Frank Stevens, Great Ayton, Yorkshire.

BARGAINS. — Winner 1st Bedford, Luton, 2nd Coventry, Oxford, yellow Yorkshire cock, 1911 bred, 35/-; sister from same nest, buff, 6/-; buff cock, Ic Luton, 12/6; fed Greenfinch, res. Bedford, Muler, 1910 bred, 5/-; good Norwich buff, dark tail hen, 1910, 8/-; clear buff hen, 1910, 6/-; good case, with two Yorkshire show cages, 4/-; approval, deposit: Dimmock, Hairdresser, Leighton Buzzard.

CHANCE for novices; am parting with my winning Yorkshires; see reports Longton in "Cage Birds," Oct. 14th; open novice buff cock, 1st, 20/-; buff cock, 2nd, 18/-; yellow-ticked cock, 2nd, 18/-; unflighted buff, 1st, 25/-, 3rd 18/-; can be seen any time; approval; cash or deposit: S. Pygott, 6, Chamberlain-st., Shelton, Stoke-on-Trent (late of Hanley).

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has few grand Yorkshires, splendid type, show or stock birds, cocks 10/-, 15/-, upwards, hens 7/6, 10/-, upwards; satisfaction, or money returned; approval: Nelley, Honley, Huddersfield.

YORKSHIRES WON THIS WEEK.

Variegated yell., 14/6; marked buff, 14/6; clear yell., 15/6; clear yell., 30/-; cards sent: Goodwin, 136, Warham-st., Kennington.

BATTYE'S STRAIN DIRECT.

Extra long ticked buff cock, 15/-; clear yellow cock, 15/-; uneven marked buff hen, 7/6; clear yellow hen, 10/-; Battye's strain direct; approval: Trueman, 15, Fort Royal Hill, Worcester.

WINNERS THIS SEASON.

Two buff cocks, 1st and 2nd Bristol cage bird show, November 25th, 35/- and 25/- respectively; marked buff cock, natural colour, 1st same show, 17/6; buff hen, 2nd Abertillery, 25/-; other grand exhibition and stock birds, cheap: Lovell, 40, Raleigh-rd., Southville, Bristol.

H. H. TOWERS.

Yorkshires now ready; good feather, length, and in the pink of condition; watch show results; birds fit to win at reasonable prices; a few matched pairs from 12/6 upwards. Write at once and avail yourself of a splendid opportunity. All on approval and satisfaction guaranteed; cash or deposit; 8, Colne-rd., Glusburn, nr. Keighley.

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W. E. KEARNS.

has high-class Yorkshires to sell for stock purposes at prices from 6/- to 30/-. He is not prepared to sell any of his exhibition birds, but the above are bred from them and will make excellent stock birds; approval; cash or deposit: Carr House, Rawtenstall, Lancashire.

OGDEN BROS.

Have a few winners to spare, also matched pairs to breed winners, from 15/6; watch show reports, and write for them straight off the show bench; inspection invited: Dudley Hill, Bradford.

WALSH'S CHAMPION YORKS.

SOME real toppers for sale, for show or stock purposes; hens, real gems from 5/-; cocks from 6/-; all colours; satisfaction guaranteed, or money returned: 12, Angel-st., Baildon, Yorks.

P. RORKE, FULHAM.

has 80 Yorkshires for sale, from his well-known winning strain. I have made a speciality of marked or variegated birds, and have a number for disposal; birds to win in keenest competition; inspection invited; prices reasonable: 50, Ringmer-avenue, Munster-rd., Fulham.

WHITE CANARIES.

I have not got, but I have 40 prize and prize-bred Yorkshires that I must sacrifice owing to change of business; leaving Fancy entirely, cocks, 7/6, hens 2/6 upwards. I won 9 cards, including two specials at Manchester; Broughton's and Ambler's strain; purchasers write:—"Alexandria.—Won 1st, special, and 2nd with birds bought from you." "Doncaster.—Well pleased with bird; can sell for double." 5 racks, 45 cages, 12 show cages, cases, accessories: J. Lucas, 11, Bedford Avenue, Whalley Range, Manchester.

THE YORKSHIRE BREEDERS' SOCIETY.

The above society has been formed to supply Yorkshire Canaries direct from the breeders to fanciers, instead of allowing dealers to show and sell them as their own strains. Particulars as to how each bird has been bred will be given, and as we hold some of the best pedigree strains living, purchasers can rely on getting the very best blood obtainable. We can supply breeding sets (cock and 2 hens) at 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, per set; pairs, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, upwards; cocks, 6/-, and hens 4/-; also exhibition birds at reasonable prices. Travelling cages 3d. extra. Terms cash with order or deposit system: state wants to "Secretary," 40, Springcliffe, Manningham, Bradford, Yorkshire.

'YORKSHIRES'

"More Winners This Week."



With 14 entries last week my wins were 6 firsts, 2 specials, 2 seconds, 1 fourth, etc. See reports of Ilkeston, Stamford, and Brighouse in this issue. My customers are also winning. Read following from 17, Queen Street, Stirling: "Birds arrived in good condition. The hen won 1st and special, and cock 2nd. The pair I had from you last season also won 1st and 2nd. Thanking you for honest dealings.—J. Crawford to L. Dykes." Another from High Lane, Hayle, Cornwall, 26/11/11: "Just a line to inform you I am well pleased with the bird I purchased recently. He won 2nd at Penzance last week. Shall recommend you to all I know who want good Yorkshires.—P. Oatey to L. Dykes." Scores similar received recently and filed for inspection at any time. Best strain in the Fancy. See show reports all through season. Blood is bound to tell, and if you want something to do well for you, I can supply you with same blood as above winners. Very choice lot still for disposal; and every bird cold-room bred. Long, stylish Yorkshire Cocks, for stock, at **6/-, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-** each. Smart typical Hens at **4/-, 6/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6** each. Pairs selected to breed the best at **10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-** per pair upwards. Birds that cannot be purchased at double the prices later on.

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1911. Nov.—5, Benfield Road, Meersbrook. Bird arrived safely. I am very pleased with it. Thanking you for your attention.—R. Lane to W. Rudd.

QUITE WORTH DOUBLE.

1911. Nov.—Scientific Hall, Amlwch. Glad to tell you that I received the bird safe, and it's coming on wonderfully. I think it quite worth double the price.—R. M. Looms to W. Rudd.

1911. Nov.—24, Crovil, Gardenstown, Banff. Birds received to-day in splendid condition. Am very pleased with them. Quite exceeded my expectations.—W. Johnston to W. Rudd.

1911. Nov.—12, Dungar Terrace, Kingstown, Co. Dubliu. The Bullfinch arrived safely Saturday morning. It is healthy and in good condition and gives every satisfaction.—D. E. Humphrey to W. Rudd.

OBTAINED WHAT, ETC.

1911. Nov.—24, Alice Street, Neath. I received birds safe and in excellent condition, and I am glad that I dealt with you, because by doing so I obtained what is not often got—complete satisfaction.—J. Cox to W. Rudd.

1911. Nov.—Rothley Grange, Leicester. Java Sparrow arrived yesterday safe and looking well. It was beautifully packed.—J. Robinson to W. Rudd.

1911. Nov.—62a, Eastgate Street, Stalford. I received the bird quite safe. Am pleased with it. It commenced singing on the day of arrival. —W. Godwin to W. Rudd.

1911. Nov.—Woodside, Arbeadie, Beauchery. Bird arrived all safe. It is a beauty. He is singing grand. I may need another one from you shortly. I am sure to recommend you to others. —R. Douald to W. Rudd.

EVERYTHING SATISFACTORY.

1911. Nov.—Bury St. Edmunds. Many thanks. Birds and everything arrived quite safely and most satisfactory.—G. M'Cullum to W. Rudd.

1911. Nov.—136, Southwark Park Road, Bermondsey, London. Received the Canary quite safe and highly pleased with it. I shall not forget to recommend to others. The bird had not been in the house an hour before it sang.—R. Beard to W. Rudd.

1911. Nov.—90, Limpsfield Road, Brightside, Sheffield. Bird arrived safe. Am pleased with it. Very lively bird.—W. Oakden to W. Rudd.

THEY WON'T BELIEVE ME.

1911. Nov.—18, Summer Road, Harrow. Last August twelvemonth I bought from you a Norwich cock Canary. I paid 7/6 for it. I have been meaning to write to you for some time to tell you that I am absolutely delighted with the bird. I would not sell it for its weight in gold. It sings so well. When I tell people the price I paid for it they won't believe me.—E. Short to W. Rudd.

1911. Nov.—2, Grauville Terrace, Halsemere Avenue, West Ealing. The Canaries arrived safe and well. I am very pleased with them. I am sure you have matched them properly.—T. Knight to W. Rudd.

1911. Nov.—115, Perth Road, Barking. Bird arrived safe. Thanking you, as it has turned out quite satisfactory. Singing beautifully.—Mr. Baldwin to W. Rudd.

EVERY SATISFACTION.

1911. Nov.—Farrholmes, Derwent. The Crestbred hen arrived on Saturday, and has given great satisfaction.—J. Evans to W. Rudd.

1911. Nov.—3, Norwich Street, Wisbech. I received birds safe and sound, and with which I am very pleased. I hope to give you another order before long.—L. Courts to W. Rudd.

1911. Nov.—6, Mathew Street, Glyncorrwg. Bird arrived safe. It is singing beautifully.—J. Hern to W. Rudd.

SHAPE, SIZE, GOOD VALUE FOR MONEY.

1911. Nov.—39, Stevenage Road, East Ham, London. Birds to hand and seem a nice shape and size. Good value for money.—E. Foakes to W. Rudd.

1911. Nov.—Inniskeen, Co. Monaghan. Thanks for bird. It arrived in splendid condition and I am highly pleased with it. As Mr. Graham ordered both birds and did the corespondence, I think the least I might do now to let you know I got it all right, and should I be able in future to secure any orders for you, I will only be too happy to do so.—C. Jameson to W. Rudd.

1911. Nov.—Treorchy. Received bird safe in good condition. I cannot praise it sufficiently. It's a beauty.—W. Davies to W. Rudd.

FAR BETTER, ETC.

1911. Nov.—25, Waterloo Road, Wellington, Somerset. Birds arrived safe and I am quite pleased with them. They are far better than I expected for such a low price. I shall be pleased to deal with you any time I require anything in the bird line.—W. H. Thorne to W. Rudd.

1911. Nov.—17, Victoria Street, Westminster, London. Mule arrived safe and sound this morning. He is a little beauty. With thanks.—C. Corry to W. Rudd.

NO ONE COULD WISH, ETC.

1911. Nov.—31, Longfellow Street, Lodge Lane, Liverpool. I received the bird quite safe in splendid condition, and I am more than satisfied with it. No one could wish for better value for money.—B. Hearn to W. Rudd.

1911. Nov.—The Asylum, Downpatrick. The hen Canary arrived in very good conditiou. I am so pleased with her that I am sending you a P.O. for 3/9 for another hen.—J. Cotter to W. Rudd.

VERY HIGHLY PLEASED.

1911. Nov.—3, Hilltown, Dundee. Birds arrived quite safe and in splendid condition, and I am very highly pleased with them both. Shall be very pleased to send to you again.—C. T. Puffitt to W. Rudd.

1911. Nov.—51, Marina, St. Leonards-on-Sea. The Bullfinch arrived safely this morning and I am very pleased with it.—S. Jones to W. Rudd.

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1911. Nov.—3, Old London Road, Penrith. I am pleased to tell you that the Hartz Roller you sent me nearly two years ago is a splendid bird and singing well.—W. Bartou to W. Rudd.

1911. Nov.—2, Grafton Street, Chorley. The bird arrived Saturday. I must say it is a splendid songster and is very satisfactory. Should I want any more I will send to you again and will recommend you to my friends.—H. Lewis to W. Rudd.

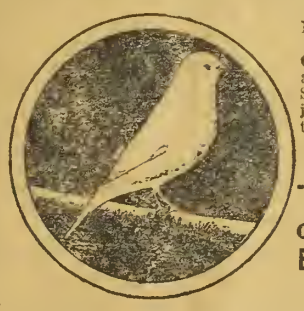
1911. Nov.—22, Luton Road, Chatham. Thank you much for the careful way in which you sent the two hen Canaries, which have arrived safely. I am quite satisfied with them.—H. Parham to W. Rudd.

DON'T WISH FOR A BETTER.

1911. Nov.—Overstrand Hotel, Cromer. The Seifert cock I had from you has given every satisfaction. A better bird I could not wish for. —H. Dyball to W. Rudd.

1911. Nov.—6, Mains Street, Lockerbie. Yellow Yorkshire hen arrived all safe and I am well pleased with it. You will always have my future orders.—W. Chambers to W. Rudd.

1911. Nov.—Coston Rectory, Melton Mowbray. The Roller Canary you sent me has got through his moult well and is again delighting us with his beautiful song, which is much admired by all who hear it.—Mrs. Hughes to W. Rudd.



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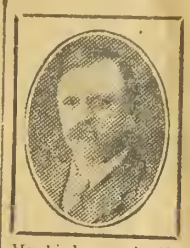
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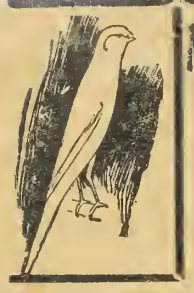
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1911 COCK Goldfinch Mule, full song, day and gaslight, Goldfinch note, 10/6, week's approval, cash or deposit: Parry, Arncliffe-terrace, Bexhill.

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FOUR cock Goldfinch Mules, 16/-, deposit; white-legged cock Goldfinch, father of above, 6/-; exchange cock Canary: Warboise, Knox-rd., Wellingboro'.

EXHIBITOR'S Dark Linnet Mules, cocks, pure Linnet song, 8/-, 10/-; bargains; cock Goldfinches wanted: Edmonds, 79, Singlewell-rd., Gravesend.

LINNET, Goldfinch, Siskin and Greenfinch Canary Mules, cocks in full song, 7/6, 10/- and 12/6 each; hens 1/6; approval: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn.

LARGE 1911 Buff Greenfinch Mule, 3rd prize Rochdale, 12/6; four Goldfinch Mules, 3 Buff, 1 Yellow, colour-fed, can win, 8/6, 6/6, 5/-; Linnet Mule, 5/-; approval: Walsh, 38, Lydia-st., Accrington.

TWO grand 1911 tame hand-reared hen Bullfinches, sure mulers, 3/6 each; house-moulted, grand size cock Goldfinch, singing, 6/6 lowest; deposit: A. Tompkins, Macworthgreen, Finedon, Northamptonshire.

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COCK Siskin (Russian) Greenfinch hen, cock Goldfinch, Bullfinch hen (Russian), 2 pairs cock Goldfinches and Greenfinch hens, all house-moulted, and already paired; what offers in cash or exchange?: Victoria Hotel, Penygroes.

SELL 2 1911 Goldfinch Mules, 1 h.m. cock Goldfinch, parent of Mules, 2 clear buff hen Canaries, 1911, 1 young cock Bullfinch, grand bird, 15/6 lot; also massive var. yellow Norwich cock, 1911, 10/6: G. Fulcher, Attleboro', Norfolk.

GREENIE Bullie Hybrid hens, extra large, 20/-; Linnet, 1st, special Ormskirk last week, 20/-; Siskin, 3rd, 5/-; Hawfinch 20/-, Yellow Bunting, 2nd, 7/6, all house moulted, or offers Hybrids, Light Mules: Johnson, 33, Wigan-rd., Ormskirk.

TWO Cumberland house moulted Linnets, muling sort, grand young hens to match, 6/6 pair, variegated hen Finch Mule, 1/6, dark ditto 1/-; bargains; exchange dark raincoat, fit 5ft. 9ins. or 10ins., approval, stamp: Aikens, Ellenborough, Maryport.

SPLENDID young light cock Goldfinch Canary Mule, in song, pure Goldfinch notes, warranted, price 12/6; also two-year-old house-moulted cock Goldfinch, over moult, and in full song, steady as a rock; father of above fit for immediate show, 12/6: Ellis, Boot Manufacturer, Welshpool.

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WANTED Yellow Norwich cock; exchange two yellow hens; sell, 12/6: Gunton, 221, St. Albans-rd., Watford.

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LARGE 1911 Crestbred hen; exchange Klito hand camera and all accessories; bird first: Jamieson, 32, Little Ealing-lane, W.

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WANTED large pair stock Norwich; exchange Busson organette, 3 Octaves, value £3: 1, Park-cottages, Cave-st., Hull.

WANTED, good make gramophone, Monarch preferred, will give cash and Canaries: Gibson, 21, Fountain Brow, Kendal.

WANTED offers in Canaries for Scotch blankets; sell 25/-; lever watch 30/-: MacDougall, 134, James-st., Bridgeton, Glasgow.

WANTED, for cash, Canaries and hen Mules; state lowest price, etc.: Trask, Chesham House, Deptford Broadway, London, S.E.

OFFERS wanted for 40 good quality Norwich Canaries and 7 double breeding cages: W. Cayless, 237, Uppingham-rd., Leicester.

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SIBERIAN Goldfinch wanted, H.M., in exchange for two Norwich hen Canaries; letters only: Gough, 71, St. Clement's, Oxford.

WANTED house-moulted cock Goldfinch or Lark; exchange pair Skipper pictures, unframed: Finch, 234, Southwark-pk-rd., S.E.

WANTED, pair Cockatiels, also Crests; exchange hand camera, books, overcoat: Box W., CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet-st., London, E.C.

WANTED, Exhibition yellow Siskin, must be first-class, or Twite, for exhibition Yorkshire: Lane, 15, Aberdeen-terrace, Bradford.

WANTED, Norwich show cages, safety razor, anything useful; exchange good cock Mule: Brown, 3, Weldon-st., Hunslet, Leeds.

WANTED buff Norwich, typical hen (1911), in exchange for yellow cock, winner 1st prizes: M. Scholes, Woodcote, Ottery St. Mary.

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WANTED Norwich Plainhead cock; exchange Airedale Irish dog, three months, will make demon; sell, 12/6: Hewitt, Newton, Alfreton.

GOOD cock Siskin and other good British, exchange cock Bullfinches; 2 good Silver Fawn does, 5/- each: Pearce, 3, Temple End, Wycombe.

WANTED, small screw-cutting lathe and accessories, would give good exchange in Canaries: N. Berry, Shelley, near Huddersfield.

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WANTED, Yorkshire Canaries; exchange 5½ dozen Edison, Columbia records, good as new, sell 5/- dozen: Wise, Boot Maker, Keswick.

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WANTED, any quantity of Goldfinches, Linnets, etc., from catchers only; state price: H. Thomas Hughes, 65, Saltley-rd., Birmingham.

WANTED, lady's or gent's cycle, good condition, exchange new aviaries, cages, or Canaries: Martin, Cage Manufacturer, Castle Douglas.

WANTED Budgerigars; exchange Irish Terrier dog, 2 years, tramps' enemy, children's pet: Offers, Sanderson's Boot Stores, Ince, Wigan.

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OFFERS wanted good Yorkshires for two cock Goldfinch Mules and parents of same, or sell 15/-: Grover, Cokeham, Sompting, Worthing.

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WANTED, large, steady Hawfinch, must be good; exchange high-class Norwich or Yorkshires, exhibition or stock: Potter, Thoresby-st., Hull.

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WANTED, perfect specimens cock Fire Finch, hen Cordon Bleu, Green Avadavats, Pintail Nonpareil: Robertson, 22, Summerfield-terrace, Aberdeen.

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WANTED, Goldfinches, Linnets, Siskins, Bullfinches, Mules, Canaries; send lowest cash prices; stamp reply: Adams, 18, Kilbowie-gardens, Clydebank.

WANTED, Budgerigars, exhibition Linnet or Greenfinch, others, exchange 1910 stock Norwich cock (Baker's), cages: Gunning, Shinrone, King's Co.

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WANTED, talking Parrot, exchange exhibition Yorkshire cocks and cages, what offers; stamp reply, no dealers: Brewer, Carr-st., Birstall, Leeds.

WANTED, Norwich Plainheads, yellow, for exhibition, price reasonable, state particulars, approval, deposit: Evernden, 65, King Edward-rd., Maidstone.

WANTED: Large Norwich cock, good head, exchange 3-octave Busson accordeon, cost £3, sell £1, little cash, good bird: 39, Ossington-st., Bayswater.

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WANTED, Canaries, Mules, Goldfinches, prompt cash; or exchange good laying Iowls, fancy pigeons and rabbits: Simmonds, 64, Stean-st., Haggerston, London.

WANTED two good large house-moulted cock Goldfinches; exchange good typical Yorkshire cock: Polain, 40, Royston-st., Bonner-st., Victoria Park, London.

WANTED pair Norwich or Goldfinches, give in exchange railwayman's new cloth pilot jacket, never worn, suit workman: Taylor, Lindon-st., Haworth, Yorkshire.

WANTED, winning Goldfinch Linnet, exchange buff winning Yorkshire cock, or sell 30/-, approval; no rubbish wanted: Coulson, 163, Albert-st., Millom, Cumberland.

WANTED, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Siskins, Linnets, hen Canaries, any amount; please state price: Haynes, Bird Merchant, Market-place, Bournbrook, Birmingham.

WANTED, two pairs high-class Norwich, exchange "Singers" treadle sewing machine, perfect condition, £3/5s.: Offers; Manager, "Singers" Shop, South Wigston.

WANTED offers, Yorkshire or Norwich cocks for two new Rattan Partridge canes, all silver handles; also new razors, hollow ground, ready for use: Wear, Hairdresser, Retford.

WANTED yellow Norwich cock and two buff hens, colour-fed, or offers, approval, exchange trousers, guaranteed to measure, value 14/-: Frank Sutcliffe, 24, Windsor-st., Hebden Bridge.

WANTED, breeding pair Yorkshire and Norwich Canaries, good price for best combined points, i.e., size, shape, style, feather and colour; approval: Manor House, Walton-on-Thames.

WANTED good exhibition Bullfinch and show cage, in exchange for gent's silver English lever watch, in thorough going order; cost £3; or sell 21/-; approval willingly: Sayles, 11, Kyme-st., York.

WANTED offers, cash or exchange, for 9 pairs of splendid Yorkshires, including pair of self greens; lot or separate, approval; watches preferred, gold or silver: Binns, 28, Lustre-st., Keighley.

WANTED, Rudd's perfection double breeder and matched pair good Yorkshires; in exchange for splendid Yorkshire bitch, three years, full pedigree or sell 25/-: Hinchliffe, Grocer, Stanley, Wakefield.

WANTED aviary, birds, gramophone; in exchange for modern machine shop, electrical installation, case, eight volumes, cost 75/- by Caxton Co.; never been opened; or offer: Martin, Southdowns, Fareham.

HIGH class Norwich or Yorks., exchange raspberry canes, 4/- 100, five working homers, 10/-, unring; also flat-coated jet black Retriever pup, 4 months, 30/-, approval: Graham, 35, West-st., Faversham, Kent.

WANTED Canaries, will give 6/- per pair for good colour-fed Norwich or Yorkshires, 10/- per pair for good Crests, also wanted 10 pairs Scotch Fancy, reasonable: McKeand, Hamilton-place, Castle, Douglas.

WANTED from catchers, large full-coloured cock Goldfinches, well on seed, will buy if cheap for cash or exchange coloured Norwich cocks from 7/6 upwards; approval: Thomas Herbert, Headleas Cross Redditch.

WANTED, cock Canaries, Fowls, 1911 birds, draperies, groceries, phonograph records, good condition; anything useful; exchange fruit trees, climbing roses, raspberry canes, tulip and narcissus bulbs: Longbottom, Wisbech.

WANTED FOR EXPORT,

400 Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries, etc., good type; cocks in full song; send prices and full particulars: West of England Bird Exchange Co., 13, Durnford-st., Stonehouse, Devon.

NATURAL HISTORY

BIRD and animal preserving done cheaply by practical hands; latest improvements: F. Livermore, Windley, Derby.

TWO handsome cases stuffed birds, 15/- pair; case butterflies, moths, 3/-; cabinet of eggs, 7/6: A. P., 36, Branksome-rd., Brixton, London.

BIRDS, animals, preserved and mounted, Canary size 1/6, workmanship guaranteed, taxidermy all branches, moderate charges: Salt, taxidermist, Lynn.

BIRD-STUFFING and mounting illustrated 1/-, animal ditto 1/6, preservative powder 8d., postage 2d.; illustrated catalogue artificial eyes, taxidermist's requisites, stuffed birds, etc., free: Messrs. Davis, Museum Works, Dartford.

SALE or EXCHANGE.

Mainly British.

EXCHANGE, 2 pairs Hawfinches for Golden Pheasant, cock, or sell 12/-: Jas. Pate, Crossford-by-Carluke.

MULING cock Greenfinches, from my cold room, 1/- each, or exchange anything: F. T., 176, Sumner-rd., Peckham, S.E.

WILL exchange Bullfinches for Norwich or Yorkshire 1911 cocks, or sell 2/6 pair: P. Smith, Upper Wanboro', Swindon.

SIX cock Chaffinches 4/-; exchange Canaries, British or Foreign; banjo 6/-, exchange Mule: Pearce, 231, Cathedral-rd., Cardiff.

GRAND 1911 cock Song Thrush, steady, singing pure wild note, 10/-; deposit: Haynes, Harcourt-st., Raunds, Northamptonshire.

RACING Homers, Owls, Rollers, Dragoons, splendid birds, sell or exchange British Birds: Hales, 17, Lismore-rd., London, N.W.

SPLENDID Light Variegated Goldie mule and show cage, accept £1, or exchange: T. Weedall, Greengrocer, Winsford, Cheshire.

GREENFINCHES, Canary-reared, 2 cocks, 1 hen, fine birds; what offers, Foreigners preferred: Neeves, Tillingham Villas, Rye, Sussex.

GOLDFINCH cock Canary hen, bred Mules, three-compartment Linnet cage, loose fronts; exchange Roller cock: Dodd, see Miscellaneous.

EXHIBITION H.M. cock Bullfinch, cock Yorks., 5/6; pair stock Yorkshires, 8/-; hen Norwich 2/-, exchange exhibition Hawfinch: Hartley, Harcourt-st., York.

EXCHANGE 5 beautiful cock Bullfinches, caged months, for cock Goldfinch Mule, Goldfinch song: Guy, 66, Prince-st., Madeley, Salop.

EXHIBITORS: Cocks, Chaffinches, Bramblefinches, 2/- each; Linnet, singer, 2/-; or exchange hen Canaries: Hunt, 3, Fletcher-st., Stockport.

BRAMBLEFINCHES, 1/6 pair; show birds, 2/6 pair; exchange two show cocks for two hen Canaries: Fenwick, 35, Seymour-st., Nottingham.

GRAND cock nest-moulted Hawfinch, exchange large house-moulted cock Linnets or British: F. Clark, Harold House, Waltham Cross.

EXCHANGE good Yellow cock Siskin, house-moulted, for 1911 cock Canary, Border preferred: Grant, Cherry Cottage, Hilton, Inverness.

GOOD Canary-reared Linnet, 1911, and h.-m. Goldfinch, sell 5/-; or exchange for 1911 clear yellow Norwich hen: J. Brown, Brassington, Derbyshire.

LARGE Siberian cock Goldfinch, good blaze and colour, well buttoned, sell 6/6, or exchange anything: Saunders, 2½, Clarence-st., Gravesend.

EXCHANGE prize strain working homers for exhibition Goldfinches, Hawfinch, or other Britishers, yours first, offers: Charles Lewis, Highbridge.

WHAT offers for large upstanding Linnet Mule, pure Linnet note, 1911 hird, 10/6; exchange anything useful: Middleton, Ordsall, Retford, Notts.

EXCHANGE high-class British Goldfinch, or Linnets, etc., for Canaries or Mules, or anything; state wants: Thomas Hughes, 65, Saltley-rd., Birmingham.

EXCHANGE two Goldie Mules, two Linnet Mules, 2 Siskin Mules, 1 Greenfinch Mules, for overcoat or anything useful: Jas. Stirling, Polton-rd., Lasswade.

EXCHANGE Black-headed Bunting, Chaffinch, Twite, and Redpoll, all house-moulted, for good Siberian Goldfinch: Morris, Sunnyside, Camelon, Falkirk.

WELL-coloured Yellow Bunting, 2/6; 3 Chaffinches, 3/6; 2 Greenfinches, 2/6; exchange exhibition Bullfinch, cock, healthy: Gunton, 221, St. Alban's-rd., Watford.

LARGE Greenfinch Canary Mule, colour-fed, 3rd Vale of Leven show (see last week's report), sell 15/-, or exchange Siberian Goldfinch: McEwan, Union St., Bonhill, Dumbartonshire.

GRAND cock Goldfinch and hen Bullfinch, sure Mule breeders, 5/-; two splendid cock Bullfinches, 1/3 each; exchange young Yorkshire hens: John W. Devaney, Briggate, Knaresborough.

WILL exchange a cock Goldfinch, three times house-moulted, for a pair of Canaries, Norwich, Yorkshires, or Rollers; cock must be singing: Joseph Gallier, 13, Fiery Field Gate, Broseley, Salop.

EXHIBITORS please note, I have two grand Goldies, very large birds, extra colour and markings, exchange Goldie Mule for catching, must have Finch notes, Mule first: Waldron, Leintwardine.

WANTED Corn Bunting, Cirl, Lapland, and Snow Buntings, outstanding in size and colour, to moult out, cash; or exchange winning British: Stewart Grahame, 60, Wyndham-rd., Camberwell, London.

MONSTER Siberian Goldfinch, two of the best out of 400, can win anywhere, 12/6 each; house moulted Siberian, breeder, 20/-, approval, deposit willingly: W. Lloyd, 4, Pott-st., Pendlebury, near Manchester.

EXCHANGE dark Goldfinch cock and show cage, also three times house moulted cock Bullfinch, show cage, four-compartment cage, 4 Redpolls; what offers: F. Weedall, 281, High-st., Winsford, Cheshire.

LINNETS! Linnets! Larks! Larks!—H. Dawson, West Street, Chatteris, the old reliable firm for quality, 21 years one address; genuine cock Larks, 2/6 dozen; cock Linnets, 4/6; trade and fancy supplied.

SHROPSHIRE Bullies for size, colour; cocks, 1/6, 2/-, 2/6; hens, 1/-, 1/6; extra giants, 2/-; acclimatised cock Saffron; exchange hen Budgerigar, pair Indian clubs; exchange two cold-bred Roller hens; approval: Davies, 23, Stafford-rd., Newport, Salop.

NOTICE! Two giant hand-reared clean moulted, full coloured Siberian cock Goldfinches, warranted to make sure mulers and prize takers, 7/6 each; or exchange colour-fed Canaries or Mules: Powers and Russell, 10, Granby-pl., Bethnal-green-rd., London, E.

SPECIAL notice.—I will exchange all kinds of British for show, muling, contest, singing, for any variety of Canaries, Mules, and Foreign birds; approval both ways; state wants and stamp for reply to: Hollinshead, Cheshire Aviaries, Howard-st., Stockport.

EXCHANGE Chaffinch, 4th Boness, strong class; grand Greenfinch, fed, vhc. at Cowdenheath, 12 in class; also good Yellowhammer, for 3 yellow Norwich 1911 hens; no rubbish; yours first: Robert Cairns, Rosebank, Threemiletown, by Linlithgow, Scotland.

EXHIBITORS, large steady cock Greenie, champion colour, winner, grand coloured cock Bullie, win anywhere, sell £1, or exchange, will give little cash for large exhibition cock Hawfinch or Waxwing: J. W. Borthwick, Kidgate, Earlston, Berwickshire.

GRAND large Norwich 1910 yellow cock, 25/-, good buff hen 15/-, eye-ticked buff cock, 1911 bird, 25/-; clear buff hen, 15/-; pure noted Linnet Mule, 10/-, new fishing rod and lines, 7/-, all genuine; exchange any above for good exhibition British hardbills or hybrids; approval: A. Weedall, 110, High-st., Winsford, Cheshire.

BARGAINS; pure 1911 Seifert Roller Schoolmaster, none better, 15/-; hand-reared Skylark, finger-tame, sing anywhere, contest bird, gem, 20/-; good gramophone records, new; Brown Linnet, moulted, fierce singer, 3/6; wanted Linnet Mules, Goldfinch Mules, wild notes only; exchange: Lambert, "Beverston," Doris-rd., Sparkhill, Birmingham.

EXCHANGE large Greenfinch cock, and good Goldfinch cock, warranted both bred Mules, for young robust cock Norwich for stock; or would exchange pair of dark Linnet Mules, the cock a splendid singer, for Norwich stock bird, would pay a little cash to balance the value of extra good bird; approval: J. Lucas, The Moat Cottage, Mark Beech, Cowden, Kent.

Mainly Canaries.

TWO cocks, 5 hen Canaries, exchange for gramophone and records: W. H., 15, Radlix-rd., Leyton.

SELL or exchange, 4 pairs of Norwich, 3 Yorkshires, 7/6 pair: Hawkes, Grove-green, Lcytonstone.

THREE cock and 6 hen Canaries, feeders; what offers?: Little, 70, Hamilton-rd., East Finchley, N.

12 pair grand Canaries, cold room bred, 7/6 per pair; exchange: Martin Measures, 79, Mill-st., Crewe.

PAIR of Norwich Canaries for sale, 10/-, or exchange anything useful: F. Fowler, Dolphin Hotel, Chard.

EXCHANGE Borders, 1 cock, 4 hens, for Siberian cock Goldfinch: James Ballantyne, 77, High-st., Peebles.

EXCHANGE, 5 Yorkshires, 1 Norwich hen, for 3 Yorkshire or Norwich cocks: Woar, Hairdresser, Retford.

PAIR of high-class Lizards, well spangled; exchange Borders or Seifert Rollers: Gillespie, 61, Wellington-st., Grimsby.

PAIR Yorkshires, yellow var. cock, and buff hen 15/-, or offers; exchange; approval: Clark, 44, Queen st., Peterhead.

EXCHANGE, pair prize bred Norwich for British or Roller cock; sell 10/-; offers: Fairey, 45, Colenso st., West Hartlepool.

COCK Canaries 5/-, cock Goldfinch Mules, 6/-, splendid singers; hen Canaries, 2/-: Wood, Lower Beauvale, Newthorpe, Notts.

EXCHANGE Clear Buff Norwich cock, 2nd Bacup 1911, for large Yellow hen; offers invited: Bennett, Tauntain Terrace, Bacup.

EXCHANGE Norwich Canaries for chocolate Toy Pom. or Yorkshire Terrier: Sutton, 1, Wellesley aven., Middleburg-st., Hull.

WILL exchange good pair green Borders for house-moulted Siberian Goldfinch: J. Begbie, 20, Oakbank place, Winchburgh, Scotland.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich Canaries, exchange for scrap brass, copper, zinc, lead, pewter, or anything useful: 61, Havelock-st., Leicester.

GRAND typical Borders, even marked, bred 1911 sell, exchange for Goldies, Hawfinches, Siskins: Robt. Dyer, Haysform, Peebles.

FIFTEEN pairs prize-bred Yorkshires, splendid bargains, 7/6 pair; take £4 10/- lot: M. Cooper 85, Taylor-st., Batley, Yorkshire.

EXCHANGE Norwich buff cinnamon cock, 1911, value 12/6, Dorniar's strain, for yellow cinnamon cock: Hope, 18, New Stock-st., Paisley.

WILL exchange a large buff Norwich cock for a yellow Yorkshire, 7in. long, or sell 15/-; yours first: H. Lucking, Stortford-rd., Great Dunmow, Essex.

SELL or exchange 4 cocks, 8 hens, Canaries, for eiderdown, anything useful: Baldwin, 108, Melton-rd., Wellingboro'.

GOOD-bred buff Norwich hen, 2/6, or exchange for variegated Yorkshire: Langridge, 13, Chapel-grove, Addlestone, Surrey.

EXCHANGE 2 Yorkshire cocks for good Hawfinch or 2 Roller cocks; approval: William Taylor, 35, Platt-st., Hednesford.

EXCHANGE Roller Canary, singing for cock Goldfinch or Linnet that has bred Mules: Robson, Exeter-st., West Hartlepool.

EXCHANGE cock, three hens, buff Norwich, for pair clear yellow Norwich; yours first: Lawrence, Woodville-place, Caterham.

EXCHANGE Yorks. for clarionet, E or B flat, or sell cocks, 5/-; hens, 3/6; Harris and Dykes strain, Jones, West Haddon, Rugby.

EXCHANGE anything; 4 cocks, 5 hens, Canaries breeding cage, requisites; giving up: Wombwell, 40 Norfolk-place, Boston, Lincs.

TWO Yorkshire cocks, 1911, 1 green, 1 yellow, 12/-; exchange cloth for door curtains, anything useful: Holt, Rochdale-rd., Britannia.

EXCHANGE two Norwich cocks, 2 large Bullies, 5 Linnets, house-moulted Redpoll, for unflighted yellow cock: H. Pinnell, Warminster.

EXCHANGE 3 hen Canaries and 3-compartment breeding cage, for 2 Roller cocks: Howarth, Hallfold, Whitworth nr. Rochdale.

THREE good Norwich hens, will sell 10/6; or exchange for clear yellow Norwich cock, 1911: J. Brown, Brassington, Derbyshire.

PAIR of good Lizards, hen vhc. this month, 12/6, or exchange small Yorkshire Terrier dog: J. Holloway, Derby-rd., Marchay, Derby.

ELEVEN hens, 4 cocks, Canaries, 1911; best offer; exchange cock Goldfinch and hen Bullfinch for part: Hicks, 44, Prospect-place, Doncaster.

TWELVE pairs prize bred 1911 Yorkshires, 6/6 pair; worth double; exchange; approval: Teare, Cabinet Maker, Drury-terrace, Douglas, Man.

ROLLER cock, cock Linnet, bred Mules, Yellow Norwich cock, what offers? good phonograph records: Robinson, Aldgate, Ketton, Stamford.

EXCHANGE prize bred Norwich cocks or hens, from 7/6; exchange bolts, etc.; approval: C. Handley, Carpenter, Walsoken, Wisbech.

EXCHANGE Crest cock, Crestbred cock, young, men's shirts, ladies' boots, 3's, anything; stamp reply: Gardiner, Teindhill-green, Duns.

EXCHANGE good lengthy pair Yorkshires, unflighted, for pair Norwich, large, or sell 15/-; approval: Foote, 8, Tanyard, Shaftesbury.

THREE pairs of good Norwich, 7/6 pair, or exchange gent's boots or anything useful; approval: J. Holloway, Derby-rd., Marehay, Derby.

OFFERS for 2 yellows, 2 buffs (cocks), 7 buff hens, Yorkies, or exchange anything useful; yours first: Larman, Orchard-rd., Walsworth, Hitchin.

EXCHANGE Yorkshire Terrier bitch, for foreign, Black-faced Lovebirds preferred, or good Norwich hens: 4, Kenyon-st., Gorton, Manchester.

EXCHANGE, good clear buff Yorkshire cock, for clear or ticked yell. Yorkshire, or sell 30/-; mutual approval: Hickson, 56, Lock-rd., Broadheath.

PAIR Yorkshire Canaries, 6/6 pair; Bullfinches 2/6 pair; Chaffinches, 1/6 pair; Twites, 1/6; exchange disc records, cycle covers: G. Frith, Crowle, Lincs.

SELL or exchange Canaries, 7/6; hens, 2/-; for anything useful; giving up; approval; stamp; offers invited: Simms, Hancock-st., Rusholme, Manchester.

CINNAMON Yorkshire cock, show cage and case, £1; exchange silvery Toy Yorkshire dog; no rubbish wanted or given: Finch, 234, Southwark Park-rd., S.E.

SMART green Borders, 7/6 pair, fit for showing; exchange for house-moulted Bullfinch, Goldfinch, or anything useful: A. Fletcher, Sedgefield, Co. Durham.

GUARANTEED breeders: 4 Borders and breeding cage, 15/-; 2 buff Yorkshire hens, breeding cage, 8/6; Lucas, 11, Bedford-aven., Whalley Range, Manchester.

FOUR grand Yellow and Buff-marked Norwich cocks, 4/6 each; hens 2/-; pairs, 6/-; approval; offers, stamp: Bridgeford, 27, Newcomen-rd., Wellingborough.

SCHOOLMASTER green Canary, cock Greenfinch, of good type, in exchange for overcoat and little cash, value 21/-; coat first: Parsons, Hinton, Martock, Somerset.

BORDERS; pair clears, pair greens; exchange the two pair for pair Norwich; also two good Border hens for Norwich hen: Dunn, 42½, Poplar-st., Hirst, Northumberland.

BRITISH wanted, will exchange good Norwich or Borders; pair of Norwich for Hawfinch or Hill Siberian Goldie, yours first: Woodhouse, 93, North-st., Grangeworth.

GIVING up Fancy. Crested Canary, 15/-; Scotch Fancy 25/-; Yorkshire 7/6; exchange to value, marble clock, gramophone, fowls, 58a, Cheetham Hill, Manchester.

YORKSHIRES, Norwich, Borders, Dutch Frills, Muling Siskin, his Mules, show Bramblefinch, Bullfinch, Thrush; offers: Miss Gertrude Smith, 114, Myrtle-st., Liverpool.

EXCHANGE clear buff Yorkshire cock, 1st special Egst Ham, for good yellow Yorkshire hen; no rubbish offered, none wanted; yours first: Smith, 183, Upton-lane, Forest Gate, E.

GRAND typical Buff (1910) Yorkshire (cock), also 1 Yellow (1911) Yorkshire (cock), accept 15/- the two, or would exchange for good Roller Schoolmaster; mutual approval: Wilkinson, Bootmaker, Peel Green, Manchester.

CHAMPION Norwich cock, sell or exchange, for Hawfinch; also pair Silver Lizards; sell or exchange for any other variety Canaries: H. Coleman, 15, Castle View, Clitheroe, Lancs.

TWO large 1911 Yorkshire cocks, from winners, 10/- each, or exchange 2 good Rollers, cocks, anything; 1 buff Yorkshire, winner, 12/6; approval: Livsey, Square-rd., Walsden, Todmorden.

TWO good Norwich cocks, 1911 birds, 6/- each, or exchange for 2 good buff Norwich hens, 1911, cold-room bred; approval both ways: write, C. Stubbs, Cyprus Cottages, Alstone, Cheltenham.

TWO buff Yorkshire hens, two buff Norwich hens, h.-m. cock Linnet and hen Canary, lot 15/6; or exchange good exhibition Finches or offers; approval; yours first: Eames, Princess-st., Wombwell.

FOR sale or exchange, 17 German Canaries (1911), also cages; 1 pair prize Pile Game Bantams; also Collie dog, pedigree; poultry preferred: Nelson Wright, 32, Lady Pit-lane, Beeston-hill, Leeds.

THREE large hen Canaries, good feeders, variegated Yellows, 2/- each; or exchange for Yellow Norwich hen or Siskins, Budgerigars, or good Parrot's cage; offers: A. Rennie, 8, High-st., Prestonpans.

EXCHANGE pair Yorkshires, good cock Bullfinch, cock Linnet, and 2 hens, for good cock Hawfinch or good-coloured Magpie, or other offers British birds, etc.: Godfrey Lomas, Town Head, Tideswell.

FEW singing Norwich cocks, good dark yellow cock Goldfinch Mules, all 1911 fed, 4/- each; young buff Goldfinch Mules, as bred, 1/6 each; approval, deposit: Dickens, 34, Vernon-st., Northampton.

FOUR 1911 Roller cocks, full song, 2, 10/- and 12/6 each, cold-room bred, Palace, Wakefield, B.R.C.C. Cup winning strain, hens 5/-, all B.R.C.C. rung; exchange: Harper, 2, Cooper-st., Bilston, Staffs.

OVERSTOCKED: Few really good pairs Norwich, Yorkshires, and cinnamons for disposal, also 2 Crested hens, 10/6 pair, or exchange good set pony harness: Snowdon, Frances-st., Thornaby-on-Tees.

ROLLERS, Walton Randall strain, cocks 7/6, hens 3/6; 12-compartment and 6-compartmeut cages; exchange gramophone records, hand sewing machine, etc.; deposit: Purchase, 3, Bellevue-pl., Plymouth.

BURCHELL, The Limes, Powke Lane, Blackheath, Staffs, has 10 healthy pure-bred Glucke Roller Canary hens, 3/- each, or £1 lot; bargain; few Glucke cocks from 15/- upwards; exchange table poultry to value.

WILL exchange a good Crest hen, value 35/-, for a clear yellow Plainhead hen; will exchange 2 clear buff Yorkshire cocks, 17/6, for a yellow Yorks hen; no rubbish; yours first: Reid, 7, Woodland-pl., Cowdenbeath.

SIX pairs Yorkshire Canaries, cold-room bred, good strain, variegated and marked, 10/6 per pair; or exchange English concertina or violin and bow or blankets; yours first: William Todd, 4, Oddfellows-st., Egremont, Cumberland.

COMMON Canaries; yellow variegated cock, 1910 bred, fine singer and breeder; exchange yellow Norwich hen; buff variegated cock, 1911 bred, full song; exchange Siberian or big Russian cock Goldfinch; mutual approval: James Pollock, 57, Church-st., Larkhall, Lanarkshire.

PAIR Norwich, 40/- pair; Yorkshires, 35/-; massive green Crest-bred cock, winner, 40/-; yellow Belgian cock, 30/-; monster cock Greenfinch, Mule winner, 35/-; light Goldfinch Mule, 15/-; parents of Mule, 25/-; exchange jewellery, Crest hens, or offers: Russon, Oxford-st., Dudley.

JOSEPH MADDOCKS, Cowley Manor Gardens, Cheltenham, has Goldfinch-Canary Mules, good Canary songsters, Yorkshire hens, 7/6 each; also Albino Sparrow, white with dark saddle, head marked, 40/-; or offers wanted Schoolmaster Rollers, good Crest-bred hens; mutual approval.

Mainly Foreign.

EXCHANGE grand Airedale bitch, 5½ months, for Canaries, or sell 15/-; or offers invited: Coward, 40, Peter-st., Blackburn.

GRAND Cockatoo and cage, whistler, sell 15/-, or exchange worth £1: W. Radage, 31, Edward-st., East Kirkby, Notts.

EXCHANGE two pairs Budgerigars, 7/6 a pair for breeding cages; good condition: Rose, 225, Moss Lane East, Manchester.

COCK Virginian Nightingale, show condition; exchange British Goldfinch or Linnet, must be fit to win, sell £1: Laidlaw, Damside, Hawick.

EXCHANGE nice pair Green Budgerigars for young Norwich cock; wanted acclimatised hen Cutthroat: Floyd, 130, Haydons Park-rd., Wimbledon.

WINNERS; true pair Red-crested Cardinals, 15/-; Nuthatch and special show cage, 12/6; exchange; offers: Morrison, North Johnstone, Renfrewshire.

TALKING blue-fronted Amazon, worth £5, sell £2, or part exchange superior accordeon, or Roller songsters; yours first: McCartley, 16, Tyler-st., Cardiff.

EXCHANGE a beautiful Cockatoo, very tame and amusing, and cage, for phonograph and records, concertina, or melodion: Thorne, Somerset-st., Abertillery, Mon.

LOVELY Red-breasted Cardinal, in full song, with splendid cage, 12/6; Lark's cage, almost new, 3/6; exchange lot for pair of good Norwich; yours first; no rubbish: Ferguson, 588, Duke-st., Glasgow.

PARRAKEET, in splendid round cage, in exchange for Canaries, any breed, Crests preferred, also 14 ft. x 5 ft. net, complete; exchange house-moulted Goldfinch or Linnets: Taylor, 1, Melbourn-st., Melton Mowbray.

EXCHANGE for 12 cock Canaries, grand Amazon Parrot, cost £4, or Indian Parrot, finger tame, cost £3; both fine talkers; three Red-headed Lovebirds, first and special prize, winners value £3/3/-; yours first; honest dealing only: Mrs. Rose, 290, Commercial-rd., Portsmouth.

FOUR cock Zebra Finches, 3/- each; exchange small foreign, 1 pair and 1 cock Green Budgerigars; exchange pair Yellow, all living in outside cold aviary; 50in. enamelled phono horn, equal new; exchange Red-crested Cardinal hen, or pair White Javas; offers invited: Wardill Market Place, Bridlington.

Miscellaneous.

PURE bred Buff Rock, 1911, cockerel, grand bird, 6/-; or offer: Candler, Littlebury, Essex.

NEW dartboard for sale, 6/-, wired both sides, or exchange: Kennewell, 18, Elms-rd., Worksop.

EXCHANGE aviary, all wire, 3ft. high, dome top, for good pair Norwich: Pollinger, 33, Elliott-rd., Brixton.

EXCHANGE good violin, value 25/-, for 2 pairs large Norwich or Yorkshires: Britchfield, West-st., Aylesbury.

PRIZE Black Minorca cockerel, 2 years old, good stock bird, 7/6: Linstead, 32, Brown's Road, Surbiton Hill, Surrey.

SIXTEEN zonophone 10in. records, 15/-; also disc gramophone, eight records, 12/6; cash offers: Criddleford, Honiton.

TWO pairs valuable flying homers, 10/-; what offer in Canaries, or small foreigners: Sam Adams, 100, Cobwell-rd., Retford.

PERSIAN prize cats, Tom and Queen, also basket, sell 35/-, or exchange rollers; offers: Dodd, 81, Devonshire-st., Sunderland.

EXCHANGE pair oil paintings, in gilt frames, for British, foreign, or Canaries; sell 6/-: Houghton, Draper, Ely, Cambs.

FULL-size single bedstead, 7/6, cost 15/-, exchange Canaries, poultry; offers anything: A. B., 54, Pedro-st., Clapton, London.

SALE, first 10 parts of "Our Canaries," 4/-; also big H.M. Goldfinch, 4/6, or offers: Percival, 43, Woodfield-rd., Ellesmere Port.

PAIR 1910 Golden Pheasants, perfect, 30/-; pair 1911 ditto, 20/-; exchange Black-cheek Lovebirds: Phair, Alresford, Hants.

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Singing Contests.

LEEDS.

Weekly Linnet singing contest, held Old Bird House, King's Head, Shannon Street, Nov. 26, when 38 of the best picked birds in Leeds sang. 1st and 2nd divided between T. Stead and Wigfield 3rd and 4th, Butler. Judges, Messrs. S. Hardcastle, A. Jennings, Walt. Naylor. Notice.—A Canary contest at above house Dec. 3rd, when three good prizes will be given, according to the number of birds. First pair to be on nail at 7.45 prompt.—T. C. Summers, Hon. Sec.

Quality singing contest, held Skinners Arms, Nov. 25th, when 19 birds sang. 1st, Turner; 2nd, Sellars; 3rd, Ward. Judges, Messrs. Sissons, Hullen, and Clayton. Also Nov. 26th, grand contest. 33 birds (best in Yorks.). There was a crowded house when the first 2 birds faced the judges. We had the finest sing ever heard. The two champions met and the round of singing was like German Rollers singing. Messrs. Ward and Turner had several offers for their birds, but they refused. 1, Ward; 2, Turner; 3, Sellars. Judges, Messrs. Biss, Hullam. On Dec. 3rd an open match for Canaries at 8.—C. Clayton, hon. sec.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Week-end contest for Linnets held Nov. 26th, Prince Albert Inn, 15 birds entered for quality singing only. Judges, Messrs. E. Wood and J. Smith. 1st, C. Lorriman; 2nd, J. Chippendale; 3rd, P. Madden. Also a Roller Canary contest, when 10 birds entered. Judges, Messrs. J. Smith and P. Maddon. Timekeeper, Mr. E. Wood. 1st, Stubbs; 2nd, Tuke; 3rd, Chippendale.—E. Wood, hon. sec.

LEIGH.

Delegates' meeting held as arranged, Boat House Hotel, Nov. 18th. Following delegates present: Blackburn, represented by Messrs. Dobson and Topping; Wigan by Messrs. J. Ashurst and another; Leigh by Messrs. J. McAllister and J. W. Jones; Salford by Messrs. B. Warton and J. Green; Tyldesley by Messrs. J. Kennedy. Whole of the business of previous meetings gone through, and one alteration made, i.e., the timing of birds. It was decided to do away with waggers on the walls and to introduce tappers in time of singing. The other rules, etc., I will give in next report. Am pleased to say I now hold the guarantee money for the following clubs: Blackburn, Wigan, Leigh, Salford and Tyldesley. Also decided, to hold another delegates' meeting at Tyldesley after the contest, Dec. 9th, when I shall read out rules in full, as drawn up by the delegates. Globe Inn Linnet Club will hold a contest, Dec. 2nd, Globe Inn, Bradshawgate, for members only, singing to commence at 2 o'c.—J. M. Allister, hon. sec.

SALFORD.

Meeting held Boat House Hotel, Nov. 26th. Chairman Mr. H. Cootes, all being pleased to see him after his serious illness. Delegates Messrs. Wharton and Cain gave their report of the business done on behalf of the club under the affiliations, and they give great praise to the officials of it in getting every club to have the support of all the best Linnet fanciers in Lancashire to further singing contests. Decided, to extend contest on Dec. 2nd to all club members and any fancier in Manchester and Salford and the surrounding districts; this will give the novices a chance of competing. First prize, copper kettle; 2nd prize, pair of ornaments; 3rd prize, given by Mr. Cootes; 4th prize by Mr. Pearson—for time singing only. First pair up 2 o'c. We hope to see Linnet fanciers wishing to join. Secretary will be glad to give information to anyone who will write him at 40, Vernon-st., Gorton.—B. Wharton, hon. sec.

TYLDESLEY.

An open-to-all-England Linnet contest, Dec. 9, at the Union Arms, Tyldesley, for time and quality, when we hope to see many of our old friends from far and near; all welcome.—J. Harrison, Sec.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Gateshead (E. and W.B.F.C.C., N.L.C., N.B. and S.F.C., F.B.C., N.B.B. and M.C., B.F.C.C., N.C.N. and C.P.C., N.B.B.M. and F.B.C., C.C.C., N.Y.C.C., N.C.C., C.C.C.).—Dec. 8 and 9. Burt Terr., Drill Hall, Bensham Road. Judges, Messrs. J. H. Roe, J. Robson, J. Bailey, and J. F. Dewar. 89 open classes: Nor. 10, Nor. Novice 2, Cinn. Nor. 4, Crest 9, Crest Novice 2, Scot. 3, Yorks. 8, Yorks. Novice 2, Bord. 9, Bord Novice 2, Liz. 2, Pairs 1, Mule 5, Mule Novice 1, Brit. 12, Brit. Novice 2, For. 5, Sell. 10; and 38 members' classes. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 3s., 2s., and heaps of specials. Fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Dec. 4, to A. Holden, 5, Cramer Street.

Auchterarder.—Dec. 9. Aytoun Hall. Judge, Mr. J. Jeans. 33 open classes: Nor. 8, Bord. 6, Crest 4, Brit. 10, Sell. 2, Mule 2, For. 1, and 4 local classes. Prizes, 9s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Dec. 2, to J. Dow, jun.

Frome C.B. Show (E. and W.B.F.C.C., B.R.C.C.).—Dec. 14. Temperance Hall. Judge, Mr. J. Robson. 40 open classes: Crest 2, Nor. 6 (1 for novices), Yorks, 7 (2 for novices), Nat. Col. 1, Lancs. 2, Bord. 6 (1 for novices), Rollers 5, Mule 3, Brit. 6, For. 2. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee 1s. 6d. Ent. close Dec. 7, to King and Yeo, Catherine Hill.

Keith.—Dec. 13. Longmore Hall. Judge, Mr. A. Steele. 31 open classes: Pair 1, Nor. 12, Crest 2, Bord. 1, A.O.V. 2, Mule 1, Brit. 9, Sell. 3. Prizes, 8s, 4s., 2s. Fee 1s. 6d. Ent. close Dec. 4, to C. Ralley, 123, Mid Street.

Nantymoel (C.B.U.).—Dec. 13. Workmen's Hall. Judge, Mr. J. H. Payne. 15 classes: Crest 1, Nor. 4, Yorks. 2, Bord. 2, Mule 1, Brit. 3, For. 1, Sell. 1. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee, 1s. 6d. Ent. close Dec. 6, to Williams and Griffiths, 3, Craigfryn, Nantymoel.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

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England.

*Dec. 1 and 2.—**Lancaster Primrose C.B.A.** (J. Johnson, 45, Perth-st.) W.M., S.M.
Dec. 2 & 4.—**Derby.**—(W. Stevens, 58, Olivier-st.). J.R., R.R.
Dec. 5.—**Stratford-on-Avon.**—(R. W. Ingram, 15, Scholar's Lane.)
Dec. 5 & 6.—**Tonbridge.**—(P Stonestreet, 102, Hadlow Rd.)
Dec. 7.—**Newport and Dist.** (J. Hammett, 56, Milman-st., Newport, Mon.) J.R.
Dec. 8 & 9.—**Bradford National.**—(H. Hill, 15, Settle Terrace, Thornton Lane, Little Horton).
Dec. 8 and 9.—**Gateshead.**—(A. Holden, 5, Cramer Street.) J. R., J.H.R., J.B., J.F.D.
Dec. 8 & 9.—**Runcorn.**—(T. P. Baxter, 103, Greenaway Rd.). A.W.
Dec. 9.—**Sheffield and Dis. C.B.S.**—(A. Hobson, 66, Langsett Av.). W.A.C., J.C.B.
Dec. 14.—**Frome.**—King and Yeo, 9, Catherine Hill. J.R.
Dec. 15 & 16.—**Blackburn.**—(J. Cook, 6, Charlotte St.).
Dec. 16.—**Yarm, Eaglescliffe.**—(T. Wilson, High Street.) W.M., F.M.
Jan. 6.—**Guisbrough Priory.**—(S. H. Lambert, 35, Cleveland St., H.W.B.).
Feb. 2, 3, 5, 6.—**Great National** (Crystal Palace). (J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Ave., Brixton, S.W.)

Scotland.

Dec. 2.—**Blairgowrie** (M. Irvine, 17, Brown Street) J.F.D.
Dec. 2.—**Cupar.**—(D. J. Bruce, Mount Pleasant.) W.Tn., W.Gn., A.W.W.
Dec. 2.—**Galston** (A. Frew, 26, Duke Street).
Dec. 2.—**Whitburn.**—(T. Duncan, 9, West Main Street.) J.W.B., J.Bp.
Dec. 9.—**Kilsyth.**—(A. D. Duncan, "Chronicle" office)
Dec. 16.—**Broxburn.**—(W. McLaren, Church Street.) J. McLn., G.Sfe., J.Tn., J.M., J.Sn.
Dec. 30 and Jan. 1, 1912.—**Scottish National** (A. W. Watson 58, Colinton Road, Edinburgh.)
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Jan. 1 & 2.—**Paisley O.A.**—(W. Lambie, 25, Caledonia Street.)
Jan. 2 & 3.—**Glasgow C.B.A.**—(F. Bowman, 5, Parkview, Tollcross.). W.B.M., J.Cg., J.W.B., L.J.A., A.C.
Jan. 6.—**Crieff.**—(Cameron and Watt, Cameron Bdgs.)

Ireland.

Dec. 1 & 2.—**Ulster O.A.**—(R. Trimble, 11, Waring Street, Belfast.) D.B., R.T., G.M.
Dec. 7 & 8.—**Larne.**—(T. Mayne, 35, Barnhill) H.W.B.

Inverurie.—Dec. 9, Drill Hall. Judge: Mr. F. Garden. 17 open classes: Nor. 8, Bord. 2, Green 1, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 1, Brit. 4. Prizes 5/-, 2/6, 1/6, 1/-. Fee 1/- Ent. close Dec. 2. to A. Mackie, 2, Chelsea Place.

Hounslow.—Dec. 6, Public Baths. Judge, Mr. J. Jefferies. 16 open classes: Nor. 5, Yorks 4, Mule 2, Brit. 2, Sell 3. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Ent. close Dec. 1 to D. J. Rees, 73, Whitton Road.

Broomhill.—Dec. 9, Central Hall. Judge, Mr. H. Scely. 8 classes: Nor. 4, Bord 2, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 1. Prizes 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee 1/-. Ent. close Dec. 2 to W. Smailes, 28, Hartside Terr., Cbevington Drift, Acklington, Northumberland.

Caithness.—Dec. 13 and 14, Temperance Hall, Wick. Judge, Mr. D. Shearer. 33 open classes: Scot. 2, Nor. 4, Crest 6, Yorks 2, Bord. 2, Col. Fed. A.V. 1, Cinn. 1, Common 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 5, For. 1, Sell. 3, Novice A.V. 2, Gift 1. Prizes 6/-, 3/-, 2/-. Fee 1/-. Ent. close Dec. 2 to W. Corner, Ironmonger.

Louth.—Dec. 13 and 14, Artillery Drill Hall. Judge, Mr. T. H. Furness. 2 open classes (confined to Lincolnshire): Can. 1, A.O.V. 1. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/-. Ent. close Dec. 5 to W. Sowerby, 15, St. Michael's Road, Louth, Lincs.

Watford.—Dec. 12, Clarendon Hall. Judge, Mr. G. Gardner. 18 open classes: Nor. 3, Yorks 3, Mule 1, Sell. 2, Brit. 6, For. 3. Prizes 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee 1/6. Ent. close Dec. 2 to C. A. Edwards, "Flowerdene," Field Road, Oxhey, Watford.

Rawtenstall.—Dec. 9, Theatre Market. Judge, Mr. S. R. Compston. 9 members' classes. Ent. close Dec. 4 to H. Kershaw, 12, South Street, Newchurch, near Manchester.

North Wales C.B.S.—Dec. 26, Assembly Rooms, Market Street, Carnarvon. Judge, Mr. J. W. Bancroft. 23 open classes: Nor. 2, Yorks 4, Bord. 2, A.V. Nat. Col. 1, Mule 2, Brit. 7, For. 1, Sell. 2, Novice Can. 1, Novice Brit. 1. Prizes 6/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee 1/-. Ent. close Dec. 16 to J. W. Jones, 40, William Street, Carnarvon.

Newport, Mon.—Dec. 7, Tradesmen's Hall, Hill St. Judge, Mr. J. Robson. 31 open classes: Nor. 7, Yorks 7, Crest 2, Bord. 2, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 8, Mule 2, For. 2. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Ent. close Dec. 1 to J. Hammett, 56, Milman Street.

Llanrwst.—Dec. 14, Concert Hall. Judge, Mr. J. H. Payne. 15 open classes: Nor. 3, Yorks 3, A.O.V. 1, Brit. Hard 4, Mule 1, Soft or For. 1, Sell. 1, Hyde's 1. Prizes 7/-, 3/6, 1/6. Fee 1/3. Ent. close Dec. 7 to J. Kershaw, Watling Street, Llanrwst.

Rochester (open to Kent).—Dec. 13, Strood Hall, High Street, Strood. Judge, Mr. J. Freer. 14 open classes: Nor. 3, Yorks 3, Mule 1, Brit. 6, Sell. 1. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/9. Ent. close Dec. 9 to W. Hurdman, 28, Horsley Road, Rochester.

Kilsyth (S.Y.C.C., S.C.C., B.F.C.C., S.B.B. and M.C.).—Dec. 9, Drill Hall. Judges, Messrs. H. Moreland, A. Walker, J. Pendrigh. 53 open classes: Crest 6, Nor. 8, Bord. 13, Common 1, A.O.V. 1, Gift 1, Sell. 3, Mule 4, Brit. 14, For. 2. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Ent. close Dec. 4 to A. D. Duncan, "Chronicle" Office.

Edinburgh Open.—Dec. 8 and 9, Buccleuch Hall. Buccleuch St. Judges, Messrs. D. Caldwell, W. Rodgers, J. D. Maxwell, J. Keary, and T. Browne. 24 open classes: Scot. 16, Pairs 1, Sell 4, Belg. 3. Prizes, 12/-, 9/-, 6/-, 3/-. 2/-, and spls. Fee, 2/-. Ent. close Dec. 2, to J. R. Meikle, 51, Lothian Rd., Edinburgh.

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Club Reports.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Meeting held Nov. 17, Mr. Farrer in chair. Agreed to admit members of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE to our open show, at a reduced rate. Subs. were received from Messrs. Grimshaw and Hunt towards our show, and I shall be pleased to acknowledge further subscriptions and specials. Will members please put their best efforts forward in this direction? At next meeting schedule will be finally considered before being placed in the printer's hands.—J. Jeffrey, Hon. Sec.

EDINBURGH AND DIST. C.B.S.

Meeting held 21st Nov., president Mr. Charleton presiding over a capital attendance. Stewards for first annual show appointed, namely, Messrs. Thomson, Bankier, Porteous, McNiven, and G. Mackie. Messrs. W. Whitefield and Easter appointed auditors. Decided to have prize cards published by the Leith Printing Co. Mr. G. Brown offered to present special cards gratuitously, the offer being accepted with great acclamation. Thereafter Mr. A. W. Watson presented Mr. G. Mackie with a gold medal, being the most successful competitor in the novice section of recent monthly show.—J. I. Mackie, Sec.

STOKE-ON-TRENT C.B.A.

Meeting held Nov. 27th, capital attendance. Prize money (over £7) and specials distributed amongst members. Further arrangements made for club show and cup competition at Newcastle, Dec. 26th. Mr. F. J. Weaver (Wolverhampton) was elected judge. A nice lot of special prizes were promised, and three additional classes provided, making 23 altogether. The attitude of Mr. Wellings re failure to fulfil judging engagement at the open show was warmly commented on, and the secretary was instructed to try to obtain an explanation through the Fancy Press. Mr. R. Smith was elected a member of the society.—J. Pitchford, Hon. Sec.

NORTHERN YORKS C.C.

Meeting and table show held November 15th, Mr. F. C. Crawhall presiding. Mr. J. Curry (one of our Vice-Presidents) kindly proposed to give a travelling case and 4 show cages, same to be sold at our next meeting, money so raised to go to club funds. The Chairman gave his lecture on the staging of the birds. This was listened to with great attention, the lecturer going into every little detail in connection with his subject. Mr. T. B. Tomlinson judged. Messrs. Crawhall and Tomlinson were heartily thanked for their services. Decided, to hold next table show, December 13th, Mr. J. Shepher judge.—R. Tindale, Hon. Sec.

EDINBURGH OPEN O.A.

Schedules for our show on 8th and 9th Dec., have been sent out. Fanciers overlooked should please make application without delay. Or send us entries and we will classify. Closing date Dec. 2nd. Scotch Fancy classes number twenty-one, four of which are selling. Belgian classes number three (under patronage of U.K.B.C.A.). Splendid list of special prizes, both open and members. Membership, 2/6, including free admission to show and members' specials. Will those gentlemen who have kindly presented prizes, cash or value, forward by the 8th December, so that we can hand over to winners at show. The committee extend a very cordial invitation to fanciers to visit our exhibition.—J. R. Meikle, Sec., 51, Lothian Rd.

GLOSSOP, HADFIELD C.B.S.

Meeting held at Mr. A. Deakins', 59, Hague Street, Glossop, November 20th. The President, Mr. W. Lawton, occupied the chair, and there was a fairly good attendance. Considerable steps were taken in making our show, December 16th, a gigantic success. Mr. Handel Olhouse (Glossop) was elected a member. Mr. J. W. Ramsden (London) has generously granted a silver-plated jam jar and spoon as a special in exchange for coupons that our members have handed in to me. Members please note this special is for the best fed bird colour-fed solely on Ramsden's pure pepper. Competitors must write Ramsden's against each competing entry. Also decided to have a dinner at the rooms after show. All members and members' wives and sweethearts invited. Intending participators must give in their names at next meeting, Dec. 5th, and at the same time deposit money.—E. Thompson, Sec.

BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT.

Result of Inter-Club Competition.

The following is the result of the inter-club cup competition between the City of Birmingham C.B.S., West Bromwich C.B.S., and Wolverhampton C.B.S. (20 highest awards by each society at each of the three shows only counted):—

Show.	City of Birmingham C.B.S.	West Brom. wich C.B.S.	Wolverhampton C.B.S.
Birmingham ...	123	73½	59
Wolverhampton	105	73½	89
West Bromwich	102	95	94
	330 points.	244 points.	242 points.

Most points for winners (and cup holder). J. A. Eckersley, Esq. (president), runner-up, P. V. Williams, Esq. Wolverhampton Society's gold medal and Mr. Weaver's novice medal, Mr. J. Gibbons (Wolverhampton secretary).—J. H de Maillet, competition Secretary.

BIRKENHEAD C.F.A.

Meeting held headquarters 21st Nov., with a good attendance. Mr. Burns (chairman) made a few remarks on what the society could do if all members would put their shoulders to the wheel. Mr. Young, who was to give the washing demonstration, found everything quite ready when he arrived. Before commencing, he explained what was required in the way of materials and water, the water in Cheshire districts being very hard. When you start to wash the bird, he said, get them through it as quickly as possible. The lecture was appreciated by all. In connection with the washing competition, Mr. Bird tried his hand; he has a very useful way, but is a little bit heavy handed; when he had nearly finished the bird got away, so it had to go through the tub again. Mr. G. Martin said it was getting late, and he would get the bird through as soon as possible. After the birds were dry, we called upon Mr. Caine to tell us which was the best washed bird (he had not seen them washed). His awards met with general approval: Mr. Morton 1, Mr. Bird 2. Old bird show, December 9th, is to be held at the Co-op Hall. Our friends who have seen it say it is one of the best halls. Our chairman, Mr. Burns, hopes we will give the judge something to do, as he is a local judge, and well-known to all in Liverpool. Mr. Jones proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Young.—A. E. Lloyd, Sec.

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

J. C. BARNES, 113, Northfield Road, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Long, practical experience. Terms moderate.

T. BENNETT, Glendare House, Lidget Green, Bradford. Judge of Cage Birds. Long and practical experience.

J. W. BRUCE, Coldstream. Judge of all varieties of cage birds; Border and British Bird specialist. Terms moderate.

H. J. CHITTENDEN, 103, Bolton Hall-rd., Bolton Woods, Bradford, judge of cage birds, life experience. Terms moderate.

F. COLLINS, 60, Unlon-st., Camborne. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Life experience.

W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington, Bradford. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Practical experience. Terms moderate.

GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road, London, N.W. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.

J. HARTLEY, Victoria-st., Micklethwaite, Bingley (late of Bradford). Judge of Cage Birds. Specialist Yorkshire and Norwich.

C. A. HOUSE, 82, Upper Walthamstow Road, Walthamstow. Judge of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds.

W. R. MILES, The Aviaries, Chichester. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Life experience.

W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Manningham, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

J. W. METCALFE, The Yorkshire Aviaries, 68, Brunswick Road, Liverpool. Judge of Cage Birds. Specialist Yorkshire and Norwich.

H. NORMAN, The Eyrie, Salisbury Road, Carshalton, Surrey. All varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist Hybrids and British Birds.

W. POWICK, Orchard, Saviletown, Dewsbury. Judge of all varieties of cage birds, 30 years' practical experience.

J. PATTERSON, Chirnside. Judge of Cage Birds; all varieties. Wide practical experience. Specialist Border Fancy Judge.

J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.

C. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Life experience.

WALTER SWAYSLAND, 47, Queens-rd., Brighton. Judge all varieties of cage birds. Life experience.

HENRY TAMS, Orchard Place, Longton, Staffs. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Twenty-five years Breeder and Exhibitor.

S. TICKELL, 22, Honey Street, Bodmin. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds; specialist Norwich, Cinn. & Liz. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

W. VARDY, The Aviaries, Hucknall Huthwaite, Notts. Judge of all varieties; specialist in Norwich Plainheads. Life experience. Terms moderate.

J. WALSH, Bird Specialist, Blackburn. Judge of cage birds, practical experience, specialist; British Foreign, Mules, and Hybrids. Terms moderate.

G. WILSON, 14, Frizington Road, Frizington, Cumberland, Judges of Cage Birds, 25 years' practical experience; specialist British and Mules. Terms moderate.

A. WOOLLARD, Sprowston, Norwich. Judge of Canaries and Mules, Specialist in Norwich Plainheads, Crests, and Crestbreds, Cinnamons, and Mules.

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SHEFFIELD O.S.

Annual Members' Show, Foresters' Hall, Trippet Lane, December 2nd. Yorks 15 classes, Norwich 15, Crests 6, British 9, Foreign 4. Open 1 to 9 p.m. **Admission 3d.**

Stratford-on-Avon

One Day Show, December 5th. 32 Classes Cage Birds and only nineteen entries received. Must extend to Sunday's post. Send entries. We will classify and send labels per return. **Full Prize Money. No Amalgamation. Four Money Prizes and Specials for Entry Fee, 1/6.—R. Ingram, Secretary, Scholar's Lane, Stratford-on-Avon.**

OAKHAM

Rutland, £3 Limit, Thursday, Dec. 7th. Entry fee **1/-. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, 1/-.** Class 42, Norwich Plainhead; Class 43, Yorkshire; Class 44, A.O.V. Canary; Class 45, Goldfinch or Bullfinch; Class 46, A.O.V. British; Class 47, A.V. 10/- Selling. **Entries extended to Monday, Dec. 4th. Enter from above to T. J. Walker, Oakham.**

LARNE

and District C.B.A. Third Annual Show, in McGarel Town Hall, Larne, on

December 7th and 8th.

(Open to Ireland.) Under the patronage of the Yorkshire Cage Bird Society of Ireland. **40 Classes for Cage Birds. 46 Specials.** Judge, H. W. Battye. **Entries close 27th November.** Schedules on application to **THOMAS MAYNE, Secretary, 35, Barnhill, Larne.**

THE CRYSTAL PALACE OF THE WEST

NEWPORT

(MON.)

Tradesmen's Hall, Hill Street. Thursday, December 7th. Now Fanciers this is the last appeal. Bound to extend entries until first post Dec. 4th. Note our grand open Specials. A real eye opener. Send for Schedules at once.—J. Hammett, 56, Milman Street, Newport, Mon.

GATESHEAD Palace of the North.

Great Annual Show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds. Splendid Classification. Liberal prize money and Specials in Galore. Diplomas for each section. Well-known Judges and **under the patronage of all leading specialist clubs. Entries close Dec. 4th.** Anyone not receiving schedule please send on and we will classify.—**A. Holden,** Secretary, **5, Cramer Street, Gateshead-on-Tyne.**

SHEFFIELD Dec. 9th.

NOTE CLASSIFICATION. Classes 1-7 Yorkshires. 8-11 Yorkshire Novice. 12-16 Norwich. 17-19 Novice Norwich. 20-21 Crests. 22-24 Mules, etc. 25-31 British. 32-33 Foreign. 34-35 Selling. 36 Gift. 37 Extra Stock. No deliberate making of half-classes. Prize money—10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-. Specials in each section. Judges, J. C. Barnes and W. A. Cowgill. Entry fee 1/6 per cage. **Entries close Dec. 4th first post.** Schedules of **A. Hobson, 6, Langsett Avenue, Sheffield.**

CAGE BIRD SHOW

FROME Thursday, December 14.

Judge: J. Robson, Esq. **Novice classes in all varieties.** In addition to Specials in Schedule the **British Roller Club** are giving their **Silver and Bronze Medals** for **Old Bird Class. Ditto for 1911 for Young Birds** (rung). **Splendid classification.** Good Specials. **First-class judge. Prize money same day to visitors. Ornamental Souvenir Prize Cards. Entries close Thursday, December 7th.** Schedules from **King and Yeo, Catherine Hill, Frome.**

HOUNSLOW Wednesday, December 6th.

Cage Birds, Etc. Judge: Jeffery Jefferies, Esq. Entry, 1/6 for **10/-, 5/-,** and **2/6. Entries very short. Will accept Saturday.—D. J. Rees, 73, Whitton Road, Hounslow.**

KEITH Wednesday, December 13, Cage Bird Show.

Judge, Alexander Steele, Aberdeen. **Entriee close Dec. 6.** Schedules, **Charles Railey, Sec., 123, Mid Street, Keith.**

BRADFORD

National Cage Bird Show (**Yorkshire's Crystal Palace**). **December 8th and 9th. Entries extended to first post Monday, December 4th. Yorks. 38, Nov. 16, Borders 7, Brit 7, Hybrids 3, Foreign Birds 6, Rollers 2, A.O.V. 3.** Twelve Specialist Judges. **Prize money—10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-** and Diplomas for each variety. Entry fee, 1/6. Send entries on and I will classify.—**H. Hill, 15, Settle Terrace, Thornton Lane, Bradford.**

WOKING

December 15th. Cage Birds, 13 Classes. Judge, Mr. C. A. House. Membership open to **12 miles' radius from Woking Station. Entries close Dec. 2,** to **L. C. B. Hockin, Bath Road, Woking.**

ABERDEEN

O.S. **56th Annual Show, Dec. 15th and 16th,** in the **Music Hall. 72 classes. Good prize money and numerous specials. 20/- for most points in Wild Bird section.** Judges: Messrs. James Sandison, Allan Chalmers and Alex. Cochrane. **Entries close first post 11th December.** Schedules now ready.—**J. Bryson, 8, Broomhill Road, Aberdeen.**

RUNCORN

Fri. & Sat., Dec. 8 & 9

First Annual **Open Show. 40 classes.** Judge, A. Wellings, Esq. **Prize money, 10s., 5s., 3s., 2s., and paid same day. Numerous cash specials. An ideal showroom.** Please help us. **Entries close Dec. 4th.** Schedules from **T. P. Baxter, 103, Greenway Road, Runcorn.**

Auchterarder Show

of Cage Birds, will be held on **Saturday, December 9th. 38 Classes for Cage Birds.** Judge, Mr. James Jeans, Camelon, Falkirk. **Entries close December 2.** Schedules now ready, from **James Dow, jun., Hon. Sec., Gowanbrae, Auchterarder.**

BROOMHILL AND DISTRICT

P.P. and C.B. Show will be held on **December 9th.** Judges, Mr. Inman, Mr. A. Beardsley; **Cage Birds, Mr. H. Seely (Choppington).** For schedules apply—**W. Smailes, 28, Hartside Terrace, Chevington Drift, Northumberland.**

KILSYTH

Open Show (Cage Birds Only).

December 9th.

15 Norwich Classes. Judges, H. Moreland, Falkirk. **17 Border Fancy;** A. Walker, Lesmahagow. **20 British, Mules, and Foreign;** J. Pendrigh, Edinburgh. Under S. Crest, B.F., and S.B.B., and M. Clubs' patronage. Entry fee **1/6. Prize money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Model cards free.**

Entries close December 4th.

to **Andrew D. Duncan, Hon. Sec., "Chronicle" Office, Kilsyth.**

SANQUHAR 27th Annual Show December 9th.

Leading Open Show in South of Scotland. Judge for Cage Birds, A. Chalmers, Kirkintilloch. **Entries close Dec. 4.** Schedules from **S. LAIDLAW, Sec., Queensberry Square, Sanquhar.**

ROCHESTER

Annual Show, Dec. 13th. Open to Kent. **Cage Bird judge,** Mr. J. Freer, Greenhithe. **Entries close Dec. 9th.** Schedules.—**W. Hurdman, 28, Horsley Road.**

NARBERTH

(Pembs), 24th Annual Show Dogs, **Poultry, Pigeons, Cage Birds,** Cats and Rabbits, **December 13th, Victoria Hall** (Glass Covered). **Entries close Dec. 6th.** Judges: Dogs, Henry Rees and B. R. Rowe; Poultry, Pigeons, and Rabbits, J. N. Harrison; Cats, Miss Peel Floyd, Tenby. **Cage Birds,** J. Morgan-Lewis, Haverfordwest. For schedules, apply **James Owen, Sec., St. James Street.**

BLACKBURN

15th Annual **Open Show** of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds. Under Foreign Bird Club patronage. **Friday and Saturday, Dec. 15th and 16th.** Splendid classification. **60 classes. Prize money guaranteed—12/-, 6/-, 3/-, 1/6.** Entry fee, 1/6. **Grand List of Specials,** including **several cups and rosebowls.** Judges: Messrs. Metcalfe and Walsh. **Entries close Dec. 11th,** 1911. Schedules sent to all last year's exhibitors. Others please apply to **J. Cook,** Secretary, **6, Charlotte Street, Blackburn.**

ANNAN

Still to the Front. The Third Annual **Open Show** of the Annandale **Cage Bird** Fanciers' Association will be held in the Good Templars' Hall, Lady Street, on Saturday **December 16th, 1911. Good classification. Lots of Specials.** Judges: D. Holden, Esq., Muirkirk, and J. H. Adam, Esq., Glasgow. **Prize money: 10/-, 5/-, 2/6.** Entry fees—Members 1/3, Non-members 1/6. Schedule from **J. Campbell,** Hon. Sec., **Newbie Place, Scotts Street, Annan.**

BOWHILL. Dec. 16. Under the

patronage of the F. and K. N.P.C. Judge: S.F., For and Brit., P. Pettigrew, Glasgow; Nor. and B.F., A. Thomson, Aberdeen. **46 classes. Entries close Dec. 9th to A. Spence, jun., 3, Alexander Place, Jamphlars, Cardenden, Fife.**

HERE WE ARE AGAIN.

BROXBURN

& Dist. C.B.S. Annual Show, will be held in **Public Halls, Broxburn,** on **Saturday, December 16.** Under the patronage of B.F.C.C. and S.B.B. and M.C. **63 Classes. 7 Scotch Fancy** (judge, A. Kinnear), **7 Crests, 11 Plainheads** (G. Scaife), **2 Yorkshires, 11 Border Fancy** (J. Thomson), **5 Mules, 20 British and Foreign** (J. Mason and J. Strachan). **A grand list of Specials, including Cups and Medals. Prize Money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6.** Entry fee **1/6** each bird. **Entries close December 11th.** Schedules from **W. McLaren, Church Street, Broxburn.**

FELINFOEL

DECEMBER 16th.

Grand Classification. Prize money—10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Entry fee—1/6. Judge: Payne, Gloucester. **Prize money guaranteed. Entries close Dec. 9th, 1911.**—Schedules from **T. J. Davies, Park View, Felinfoel, Llanelly, Carm.**

All Cage Bird Fanciers are asked to support the

YARM, EAGLESCLIFF

and Dist. C.B.S. (Federation Show). Third Annual Show on **December 16th. Prize money, 8s., 4s., 2s., 1s.** (40 classes). **Specials in every class. Entries close December 11th.** Judges: W. Mundell, Canaries; F. Marwood, British, Foreign, Mules and Hybrids. Schedules from **Wilson and Henderson, Secs., High Street, Yarm.**

PETERHEAD

Cage Birds and Pigeon Association Fourth Annual Open Show and Competition, **December 22 and 23. Entries close Dec. 16.** Schedules from **P. A. Jack, 11, Chapel Street, Peterhead.**

PELTON FELL & District C.B.S.

Annual Show on **Saturday, December 23rd. 18 Open Classes. Prize money—10/-, 5/-, 2/6 and Specials,** at 1/6 per entry. Judges, J. Riseborough and T. Marwood. Schedules from **Wm. Forster, Grange Terrace, Pelton Fell, S.O., Co. Durham.**

SWANAGE

DECEMBER 28th.

14 Classes. 7/6, 4/-, 2/-. Entry fee, 1/6. Judge: Mr. W. O. Brooke. **Special room for exhibits which can be heated if required. Entries close December 16th Rev. E. Thwaites, Swanage, Dorset.**

CRIEFF

C.B. and P.A. Show, **Open to Great Britain, Saturday, January 6, 1912,** in **Porteous Hall, Crieff.** Judges: **Cage Birds,** J. McLay (Kirkintilloch), D. Low (Dundee). Poultry, Wm. Brodie (Banff). Bantams and Fur, John Dewar (Crieff). **62 Classes** for Poultry. **62 Classes for Cage Birds. Prize Money, 10/-, 6/-, 3/-,** and **many valuable Specials. Entries** (2/- each) close **Tuesday, January 2, 1912.** Schedules and entry forms from **Cameron and Watt, Secs., Cameron Buildings, Crieff.**

KILMARNOCK

60th Annual Show of **Cage Birds, etc., 1st and 2nd Jan., 1912.** Schedules ready after **7th December.—J. Blane, Sec., 10, Hill Street, Kilmarnock.**

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ENTRIES CLOSED.

Dec. 2.—**Auchterarder.**—J. Dow, jun.
Dec. 2.—**Falmouth.**—W. J. Medlin, 90, Marlborough Road.
Dec. 2.—**Woking.**—L. C. B. Hockin, Bath Road.
Dec. 2.—**Inverurie.**—A. Mackie, 2, Chelsea Place.
Dec. 2.—**Broomhill.**—W. Smailes, 28, Hartside Terr., Chevington Drift.
Dec. 2.—**Caithness.**—W. Corner, Ironmonger.
Dec. 2.—**Watford.**—C. A. Edwards, "Flowerdene," Field Road.
Dec. 4.—**Runcorn.**—T. P. Baxter, 103, Greenway Rd.
Dec. 4.—**Kilsyth.**—A. D. Duncan, "Chronicle" Office.
Dec. 4.—**Sanquhar.**—S. Laidlaw, Queensberry Square.
Dec. 4.—**Sheffield.**—A. Hobson, 66, Langsett Avenue.
Dec. 4.—**Gateshead.**—A. Holden, 5, Cramer Street.
Dec. 5.—**Louth.**—W. Sowerby, 15, St. Michael's Road.
Dec. 6.—**Keith.**—C. Railey, 123, Mid Street.
Dec. 6.—**Narberth.**—J. Owen, St. James' Street.
Dec. 7.—**Frome.**—King and Yeo, Catherine Hill.
Dec. 7.—**Llanrwst.**—J. Kershaw, Watling Street.
Dec. 9.—**Felinfoel.**—T. J. Davies, Park View, Felinfoel, Llanelly.
Dec. 9.—**Rochester.**—W. Hurdman, 28, Horsley Rd.
Dec. 9.—**Bowhill.**—A. Spence, jun., 3, Alexander Pl., Cardenden, Fife.

ENTRIES EXTENDED.

Dec. 2 (1st post).—**Wandsworth.**—W. Lightfoot, 86, Heythorpe Street.
Dec. 3.—**Stratford-on-Avon.**—R. W. Ingram, 15, Scholars' Lane.
Dec. 4.—**Oakham (Rutland).**—T. J. Walker.
Dec. 4.—**Hounslow.**—D. J. Rees, 73, Whitton Road.
Dec. 4.—**Larne.**—T. Mayne, 35, Barnhill.
Dec. 4.—**Newport (Mon.).**—J. Hammett, 56, Milman St
Dec. 4.—**Bradford.**—H. Hill, 15, Settle Terrace, Thornton Lane.

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FALKIRK (Good Intent) C.B.A.

Last monthly meeting for the season held Oddfellows' Hall, November 25th, Mr. J. Muir presiding. The evening was taken up by arranging specials; and finally settling matters for annual show. General meeting, Dec. 23rd.—W. Clubb, Sec.

OLDHAM AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Table show of Norwich Canaries at our next meeting, Dec. 12; also a class for Mules and Hybrids, and Mr. Thomas Young has kindly consented to judge the same. There will, too, be a class for Norwich hens, any colour. After judging there will be a debate on the varieties shown. I am hoping to have a good entry, also a good number of visitors. I was extremely sorry we had such a poor turn up at our Lancs. and Lizard show, when Messrs. Steeple and Fitton carried off the specials without competition, which I think speaks badly for those keeping the variety. So Norwich fanciers take the hint and turn up with your entries.—Jas. Cope, Hon. Sec.

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Twitterings.

We hear that Mr. J. Kershaw is to judge at the first show of the Denbigh Society on December 14th.

At Frome Show, we are told, a very dainty souvenir prize card is to be given to the winners at the show.

The annual open show of the Coventry O.S. will be held on Nov. 16, 1912, writes Mr. A. J. Barratt, the hon. sec.

We hear that the eleven classes provided for cage birds at Denbigh Show on Dec. 19 are to be judged by Mr. J. Kershaw (Llanwrst).

Entries are extremely short, and it is very near closing time, write Messrs. C. W. Oakley and C. Gratton, hon. secs., Matlock F.S.

Narberth Show is being held under Cage Bird Union rules, and it is hoped bird fanciers will patronise us, writes Mr. Jas. Owen, the sec.

I think your posters are a great attraction in advertising a show and a credit to Mr. Norman, your artist, writes Mr. A. W. Bacon, sec., Redhill C.B.S.

A mistake occurs in Ilkeston catalogue, writes Mr. J. Baker (Melbourne). Class 10, Norwich Novice, reads John Barker, 1st and 2nd; it should read John Baker.

Kindly note my change of address, writes Mr. H. Ferris, from 24, Ravensdon Street, Kennington Park Road, to 7, Frederick Crescent, Vassall Road, North Brixton, London.

We have decided on Nov. 3 and 5, 1912, for our annual open show, writes Mr. A. Freestone, sec. of the Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S. Will other secretaries please note to avoid clashing?

Kindly note my change of address, writes Mr. C. W. Law, sec. of the London and Provincial O.S., from Highgate to Brimley House, Woodhouse Road, North Finchley.

Entries for our show, Dec. 7 and 8, will be received up to first post Monday morning (Dec. 4), but I cannot possibly receive them any later, writes Mr. Thos. Mayne, sec., Larne and Dis. C.B.A.

Many thanks for the bird plates you sent me. I got second prize with my fancy dress. I cut the birds all out, and put them flying all over the dress, and very pretty they looked.—Mrs. S. Durose (Uttoxeter).

Fanciers wishing to see one of the best confined shows in Scotland, visit Shettleston and District Cage Bird Society's fourth annual show on Saturday, Dec. 9th, in Hill Street Hall; admisison 3d.—(Advt.)

At the annual meeting of the Cork and Provincial C.B.S, I was elected hon. sec., writes Mr. J. Cottrell, 2, Ann's Ville, Friars Walk, Cork. The show, which was previously fixed for Dec. 6 and 7, was postponed to Feb. 14 and 15, 1912.

Owing to the illness of the secretary, the Newcastle C.B.S. meeting is postponed until Dec. 14, writes Mr. R. Tindale, the hon. assist. sec. I am pleased to state that Mr. Atkinson is still improving, although not yet able to leave his room.

I have taken CAGE BIRDS since I started bird-keeping twelve months ago, and must say it is a splendid one. From it I have gained a great amount of knowledge about the breeding and feeding of birds.—L. A. Cornes (Folkestone).

Mr. W. H. Mugford, sec. of the London C.B.A., writes: Prize cards not having come to hand from the printers, will be sent with prize money. Those who were not in the money will receive same as soon as I can possibly engross their names on them.

At the recent Lowestoft C.B.S. show Mr. Rackham, the popular secretary, was, we hear, successful in winning outright the challenge cup presented to the society by Mrs. R. Leach in 1907. Having won it three times in succession, it now becomes his own property.

We only learned after schedule had been posted to fanciers that Mr. R. Taylor (Preston) would not be able to judge at our show on Dec. 1, writes Mr. R. Trimble, sec. of the Ulster O.A. We, however, secured the services of Mr. J. W. Metcalfe (Liverpool).

Mr. C. A. O'Reilly, the well-known Dublin breeder and exhibitor, not only won first and special prize for best Yorkshire in show, at the Dublin P. and C.B.A. Show, but also the much coveted Drummond Challenge Cup, which Mr. O'Reilly has now won outright, becoming his own property.

We had a dance after the recent show, writes Mr. J. R. Chestney, hon. sec., Cramlington C.B.S., to augment the funds, and this was fairly well attended. It was our first open show, and we consider everything went off satisfactorily. We will in all probability have additional open classes next year.

Crystal Palace Show, Feb. 2 to 6. Record classification. Many new classes, including classes for Appliances, Cages, Decorated Cages, Novice Borders, three classes for Rollers, etc., etc. The Committee of the L. and P.O.S. have decided to accept entries from their members at the reduced fee of 1s. 6d.—(Advt.)

Metropolitan bird-lovers should not overlook the annual show in North London held this Friday and Saturday, Dec. 1 and 2, in the Library, Church Street, Stoke Newington. We hear there is an excellent entry. Electric trams from all parts of London, and motor buses on the Stamford Hill route, pass the hall.

An important monthly meeting will be held at the Mechanics' Institute, Stratford, E., on Dec. 8, at 8 p.m., writes Mr. W. G. Rogers, hon. sec. of the Great Eastern Railway F. and F.S. Final arrangements for annual show, Jan. 16, will be made. I shall be glad to receive all unpaid subs., also some more specials.

I am judging on Dec. 2 the Crewe Society's members' show, writes Mr. Chas. Houlton, and a night show of the Widnes Society on Thursday promoted to try and resuscitate the society; also the Ardwick, etc., Society's members' show on Dec. 9; the Liverpool (Amalgamated) on Dec. 16; and Hatto Heath, St. Helens, on Jan. 20.

Exhibitors should not overlook Sheffield and Dist. C.B.S. Show on Dec. 9 with its grand classification, excellent prize-money, and many cash specials. We hear that Mr. J. C. Barnes, one of the judges-elect, is presenting two silver medals for novices (Yorks and Nor.). Now, novices, send on your entries, and provide him with as hard a task as possible.

At Ilkeston Show last Saturday Mr. J. C Barnes (Sheffield), the judge, declared the exhibition to be the best he had ever seen at this Midland town. For the last six or seven years Mr. B. has visited the show (placing the cards on five occasions). Truly it was a grand show and excellently managed; a better worked and smoother running affair we have seldom seen.

It was a surprise for me to find my clear body dark-crested hen depicted on the front page of CAGE BIRDS of Nov. 25. Allow me to thank you for same. I might say I bred the bird myself. She has been shown ten times, and has taken first each time, also the W.C.O.S. Cup last year. I should also like to thank the local Crest fanciers who have helped me in the past.—Harry Coath (Plymouth).

We regret that we have to dispose of practically the whole of our stock, but it is unavoidable, writes Mr. J. Hopkins, of Messrs. J. and J. Hopkins, the well-known Norwich exhibitors, of Bolton. We hope to resume again in full force in the course of a year or two. I am resigning from the secretaryship of the Norwich Plainhead Club after Blackburn Show, at which show I understand my successor is to be appointed.

Thanks for splendid report of our All-England Show, writes Mr. T. Bishop, sec. of the Sheffield O.S. Our members were delighted. I am pleased to report a net profit of £10 on the show after an expenditure of £111. Our Nest Feather Show was a success, and the All-England Show was a success, so we are looking forward to the Dec. 2 show doing the hat trick and finishing the first year of the society successfully from a financial standpoint.

A small but very important error has crept into the report of the South Birmingham O.S., writes Mr. J. Sheppard, the hon. sec. The report states that the list of specials closed at two; this should read twenty-two. We have had two more presented, making twenty-four up to time of writing. We shall welcome any fancier at the meeting at Sydenham Hotel, Small Heath, on Dec. 13, as several have handed their names in for nomination. The schedule is now ready, and a very attractive programme it is.

Please accept our best thanks for the splendid report of Cowdenbeath Show, writes Mr. J. R. Reid, the sec. We have had a good many letters from exhibitors, and I beg to thank them all for the kind things they have said. My Committee assure Mr. P. McKenzie, Kelso, (who was prevented from judging at our show owing to a bereavement) of our sympathy in his loss. We also beg to thank Mr. J. Hutcheson, Dysart, who officiated in his stead on very short notice, and so helped us out of a difficulty. We hope that exhibitors will overlook any of our shortcomings, as we are confident that with the experience we have gained at our first attempt we will do better in another year. The magnificent entry of over 600 undoubtedly was justification for our action in breaking away from the Poultry Society and catering for Cage Birds only. We wish CAGE BIRDS further success.

We have been notified of the following corrections to show reports:—Wimbledon, winner of Whittome Cup for best unflighted Norwich, Mr. H. Dixon (not runner-up for same), who was also runner-up for Warley's Cup for best unflighted Canary; High Blantyre, best bird in hall, Mr. J. Wilson (not Mr. W. Wilson); Darlington, 4, vhc, in Nor. Cl. Yell. Ck. class, Mr. J. Barnes (not Freeman), who won he and c; also in hen, 1st prize, Mr. J. Barnes (not Baines); Peterborough, 2nd prize in Yellow hen and hc in Classes 8 and 11, Mr. Fennell (not Hennell); Bontnewydd, 1st prize, Greypate class, R. E. Griffith; Govanhill in the yellow hens, 1st, 2nd, spl, Mr. W. Wilson (not Watson); Blackwood, 3rd in Redpoll, etc., class, Mr. G. Haldane (not Bruce); Bournemouth, 1st in the clear buff Norwich class, Mr. Morris and 2nd Mr. Folwell (not 1, Cutler and 2, Morris; an error in catalogue).

Allow me to thank all who helped us by sending entries to our show, writes Mr. J. P. Leeming, sec., Preston O.S. All birds were in the railway companies' hands by seven o'clock, and I trust they arrived home safely. Winners of members' specials; Best bird, Messrs. Treugove and Son; the P.O.S. Cup, Mr. H. F. Marsh, the C. Blackhurst cup, Messrs. Leeming Bros.; Novice Cup for best unflighted and spl. for best buff cock, Mr. T. Barton.

The November issue of "Bird Notes," the journal of the Foreign Bird Club, is especially interesting. The frontispiece is a charming coloured plate by Mr. Goodchild of the Crimson-banded Whydah, and Mr. Page contributes an article on the bird and its equally rare relative the Jackson's or Drooping-tailed Whydah. Mr. Page also continues his account of his visits to the aviaries of Dr. Amsler and Mr. Brooke, and other articles include "Aviary Notes," by the Hon. Mary C. Hawke; "The Breeding of Green Cardinals," by Mr. Gerald E. Rattigan; and of Hybrids between the Pennant and Rosella Parrakeets, by Mr. J. Sumner Marriner; "The Brown-necked Parrot," by Mr. J. H. Newman; "Bird-life through the Camera," by Mr. H. Willford, etc.

OBITUARY.

Mr. JAMES BALSHAW (Harpurhey).

It is with the deepest regret, writes Mr. J. Davey, hon. sec. of the North Manchester C.B.S., that I have to announce the death of Mr. Jas. Balshaw, who passed away on Nov. 21 after a painful illness, aged 55 years. He was one of the founders of our society, for which, as president, he worked very hard to make it a success. He always had a kind word or a smile for all he knew, and he was ever ready to help the novices with his experience. He was also a past member of the Manchester and N.C. O.S. and a past officer in the Waverley Lodge of the R.A.O.B., whose members attended the funeral and performed the last rites of their Order. He was interred at Bradford Cemetery on Nov. 25. I am sure all fanciers will join us in offering their sympathy to the relatives of the deceased gentleman.

A Correction.

In our account of the sales at the L.C.B.A. Show we mention that Mr. Maxwell's Melba Finches were claimed at £7 15s.; this should have read Violet-eared Waxbills.

The Duke of Richmond Wins.

At the recent show at Chichester (reported in this issue) the Duke of Richmond exhibited some Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries, and it is pleasing to note that his Grace succeeded in coming out at the head of the class in each variety.

Golden Eagle in Pembrokeshire.

A golden Eagle has been seen at Crigran, in the beautiful valley of Cemaes, Pembrokeshire (about two miles from the place where I reported to you some three years ago one had been shot), writes Mr. D. J. Thomas. It is to be hoped that this one will not share the same fate.

A Laudable Ambition.

Whilst at Doncaster Show we gleaned that friend Bescoby, the indefatigable sec., had fully made up his mind not to relinquish his efforts until this world-famed racing centre became a power in the land as regards an up-to-date bird show. He is in earnest, and surrounded as he is by so many excellent fanciers, a great achievement is bound to follow. He has our hearty good wishes.

Chance for Novices at Sheffield.

Members' entry fee for the Sheffield C.B.S. Open Show on Dec. 9 is 1s. each cage, writes Mr. J. Woolhouse, the assist. sec., and all members visiting the show will receive a catalogue free. We are anticipating a good entry, and as we are giving novice exhibitors seven classes (four Yorks and three Norwich), we trust they will encourage the management.

Looking Ahead.

It was decided at our last meeting, writes Mr. J. H. Elwell, sec., Old Shildon Workmen's Club C.B.S., that we have our next show on our old date (the same since the commencement of our society), Nov. 9 and 10, 1912. The balance sheet was read, and gave great satisfaction to all, leaving a balance of £10 on the show; so fanciers look out for a good schedule for next year and give us your support.

A Tame Canary.

The caretaker of the Eastwood W.M.C. and Institute is the possessor of perhaps the tamest Canary in Yorkshire, says the "Rotherham Express." The bird flies about the club, alights, and sits comfortably on the members' shoulders, heads or hands, and even occasionally takes to outdoor exercise, always returning home at dusk. The bird is only 1911 bred. When placed in a cage the songster refuses to eat, and sulks until taken out again. Needless to say, the club members are extremely proud of their feathered novelty.

I had over 80 replies from my last advt. in "Cage Birds."—J. A. Robinson (Windermere).

I am pleased to say I had too many application in reply to my advertisement in "Cage Birds" to be able to answer all by post.—J. Wright (Birmingham).

I did exceedingly well last time I advertised in "Cage Birds." I had orders from North of Scotland, and South of England, which shows your paper is well circulated. I also testify as to their being good class customers, which is what we want.—F. Cockerill.

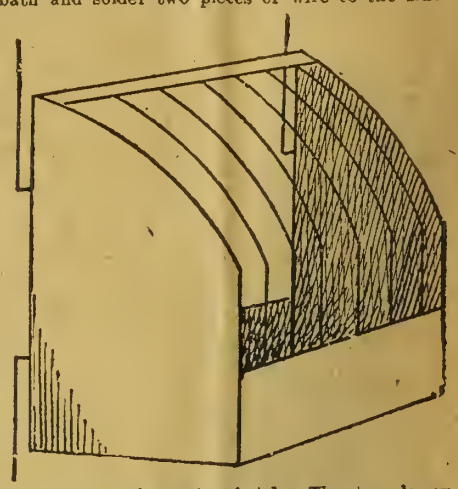
Illustrated Ideas

No. 552.

To Fix a Bath to a Cage.

Sent by Mr. J. Henderson, 186, Camp hel Buildings, Westminster Bridge Road, S E

I enclose a sketch of a simple device that I have in use and find acts admirably. It is impossible with this to knock the bath off the cage by its accidentally coming into contact with the bottom or side. Get an ordinary bath and solder two pieces of wire to the side



of same, as shown in sketch. The two lower ones are the ordinary wires which are on the bath when bought, made so as to fix bath on cage. Push the top wires up first (that is, those which you have had to solder on); then lower the bath into position.—J. Henderson.

No Need to Despair.

"They gave a White Canary first over a beautiful Cinnamon Crest at the Crystal Palace," remarked an old breeder of the latter variety, "and I gave up the Cinnamon Crests after that." The White Canaries are to have a special class this year at the Palace, so our friend must reconsider his decision. Pity the Cinnamon Crest class had to be cancelled at the L.C.B.A.

Veterans at the L.C.B.A.

We should like to have listened at that little meeting between those veterans of the Crest Fancy, Messrs. T. J. King and G. E. Russell. No doubt they talked of the old days when Tom (of Cheltenham) bought of George (of Brierley Hill) a Crest hen that bred three winners in one nest! Aye, and bought her for about sixty shillings. They were fine Crests in those days, too. What must the merits of the winning Young Crest at the L.C.B.A. have been to provoke T. J. K. to say: "This is the best young Crest I ever saw, and I've given it the special for best Crest in show"?

Pleasingly Decorated Cages.

It was pleasing to see the unending array of cages relieved in places by tasteful decoration of the interiors of some of the temporary homes of the exhibits. Something of the sort has been at times done in the past, but nothing has ever approached the exquisite tastefulness of the decoration of the cage of the Hon. Mrs. Bourke's sweet little Purple Sugar Bird, 2nd prize in its class. A spray of real orchids of pale chrome yellow formed all the decoration, but the delightful contrast between the colour of these flowers and the deep blue iridescent plumage of the bird was the admiration of every one. The roomy cage in which M. Pauwels exhibited his grand pair of Wall-creepers was covered at back and ends with a simulation of a stone-wall—a most appropriate furnishing indeed. A nice little hen Bearded Reedling, shown by Miss Shepherd, had its cage partially filled by a spray of autumn leaves, and Mr. Askew's Little Owl was exhibited in a cage tastefully lined with virgin cork and ivy leaves. We hope this is only a foretaste of what is to come in the class specially provided at the Palace for appropriately decorated cages.

A Fight for Albinos.

An interesting reference is made in the "Pall Mall Gazette" to the much-talked-of Yellow Ring-necked Parrakeet exhibited by Mr. A. Ezra. It points out the fact that a similar freak-coloured Ring-neck was at the Zoo some twenty years ago, and accounts for their rarity as follows:—

"The natives of India are keen Parrot-fanciers, and snap up these yellow varieties at high prices, just as our bird-fanciers here do with white Blackbirds. A case is known in which there used to be quite a fight among the local natives to secure the young of a pair of green Parrakeets in the Patna district, which bred year after year in the same tree, and always raised a yellow brood. No doubt these remarkable parents have long since been gathered to their ancestry, for yellow Parrakeets have been unobtainable in India for years past. One curious thing about such varieties is that if they have pink eyes—as the specimen now under discussion has—the yellow colour will be permanent, but if the eyes have the normal black pupil, the plumage will often display a disconcerting tendency to revert to the original green of the parent stock when its wearer undergoes a moult."

A MAGNIFICENT DISPLAY OF BIRDS AT THE HORTICULTURAL HALL.

Special Descriptive Account and Critique.

The L.C.B.A. Smashes its own Record; Splendid Show in all Departments; Sensational Hybrid on View; Gorgeous Feast of Tropical Birds.

The 23rd annual show of the London Cage Bird Association, held Nov. 24, 25 and 27, in the Horticultural Hall, proved in practically every respect a magnificent success. The entry was a record, being 2,262, against 2,014 last year, an increase of 248. This, almost needless to say, is the prime essential which goes to the making of a success; and, above all, the extra entries received were in sections which have been so lamentably weak at L.C.B.A. shows of recent years, viz., the seedeating and insectivorous British birds, and, in a lesser degree, the Hybrids. The increase in the entry is all the more satisfactory when one considers that no cage classes were provided this year, the entries in this section therefore being lost to the Society.

Progression and Retrogression.

Very few classes had to be cancelled. The Norwich Greens and the Belgians had the unenviable distinction of being the worst supported sections in the hall—24 birds in four classes, and 13 in three classes respectively. Even the Lizards managed to average over seven per class, and the Lancashires over ten! No London Fancies were entered, and only four Dutch Frills were on view. The Frills had a class for "birds bred in England," but only one entry was received for it. There seems quite a "slump" in what may be termed the "outside varieties" of the Canary family. The Cinnamons also mustered poorly; still, only two classes were scheduled for them. The Crests were good, while the Yorkshire, Norwich, and Roller classes were just splendid. We noticed that the open novice classes received enthusiastic support, and paid their way—not 'arf. The Borders were a little disappointing; we expected to see more of these now very popular birds. The Hybrid and British and foreign bird sections were magnificent so far as quality went, and excellently well supported, though the unusually extended classification made it difficult to get a "paying" entry. The selling, price limit and stock classes had wonderful entries, and the rule allowing the removal of birds from these at time of purchase was much appreciated.

The huge array of birds was very nicely displayed around the hall, and this handsome and spacious structure looked charming to a degree, especially when thronged with bird-lovers intent on inspecting the feathered beauties disporting themselves behind the prize-cards. The Horticultural Hall, as we have had occasion to remark before, is quite an ideal place for a bird-show—in size, in light, and in comfort, it is absolutely prefection. We were sorry to hear that the attendance on the opening day and the early part of Saturday was not quite as good as usual. The daily papers, working overtime to prove either (a) that the Insurance Bill is the one thing capble of transforming earth into Heaven, or (b) that the Insurance Bill is the sure thing to drive us to—well, emigrate, have not given the usual prominent notices to the show, we were told, and this, of course is likely to have adversely affected the attendance of the general public. On the Saturday evening, however, the place, capacious though it is, was just about packed. My word! *what* a crowd. On the closing day (Monday) the weather took an unfortunate turn, snow, sleet, and rain being unpleasantly in evidence. We trust, however, that the financial report will be found to be favourable.

Broad Shoulders Wanted and Found.

The brunt of the managerial work again fell upon the shoulders of Messrs. Mugford and Tyson, and the past experience of these two gentlemen in the art of running successful bird shows stood them in good stead, the excellence and thoroughness of the arrangements bearing eloquent testimony to their skilled and practised methods. Naturally they were both looking a trifle fagged at the close, though working on with unabated vigour. The many hours they sacrificed to the interests of the show—especially Mr. Mugford, upon whom fell the bulk of the preliminary clerical work—can only be vaguely guessed at, but no doubt the magnificent exhibition that resulted would be thought ample compensation by both of them. Mr. R. L. Crisp (the President) than whom there can be no more popular gentleman connected with our hobby, lent valuable aid, though not feeling quite up to "show form," as be expressed it. Mr. Crisp is the personification of courtesy, and his geniality and good nature are greatly appreciated by the many fanciers brought into contact with him in his official capacity. The chairman of committee, Mr T. Miller, also got through a deal of excellent work. The L.C.B.A. is very fortunate indeed in its leading quartette of officials.

The members and committee answered the "call to arms" in force, and worked cheerfully and well at the heavy task of receiving and despatching the exhibits. The hall was cleared in splendid fashion, methodically, quickly, and without a hitch. Amongst those lending a hand we noticed Messrs. F. Boxall, H. W. Dickinson, F. J. Evans, J. Franz, Hathaway, Horton, F. Knight, C. F. Mitchell, T. Miller, F. W. Owen, T. C. Pickard, H. Peverall, R. J. Pretty, W. A. Shepherd, F. Smith, H. Smith, J. Turner, Wallington, and J. W. Wright. Mr. and Mrs. Thynne, and several young fanciers, including two of Mr. Tyson's sons, Master Wright and Master Pickard, also gave appreciated assistance.

Enriching the Coffers.

A considerable sum of money flowed into the sales office, and though no birds were claimed at what may be termed sensational prices, we were informed that the total would no doubt prove up to that of previous years, and reach well over £200. Many well-known personages in society made purchases, Lady Faudel-Phillips (late Lady Mayoress) succumbing to the charms of a Superb Tanager, amongst others. A large number of the foreign birds were claimed at prices ranging from £2 to £7 15s., the latter sum being paid for Mr. Maxwell's Melba Finches. There was a good demand for Crests and Crest-breds, Mr. Franz's winning C.B. finding a new owner at £7 10s., and Mr. T. Taylor's commended Crest at the same figure. Mr. Mugford also lost both Crests and C.B.'s at from £5 to £10. Mr. Randall's winning Roller Canary in the champion class was claimed at £10, and Miss Reeves' sensational Greenfinch-Chaffinch Hybrid at £10 10s. An unnoticed Yorkshire shown by Mr. Rennie was claimed at £6 6s. Many other Canaries also changed ownership at good figures. Amongst the British claimed we noticed: Hawfinch (£3), Greenfinch (£2), Lesser Redpoll (32s. 6d.), and Linnet (50s.). There was quite a rush of buyers on the Monday evening towards the close of the show.

Amongst the stall-holders we noticed Messrs. Trower and Co., Messrs. W. A. Rudd and Co., and Messrs. Hyde and Co., each of these firms having splendid displays of high-class seeds, foods, and other specialities for which they are famous. The King Anti-Redmite Perch Co. also had an interesting exhibit of this very useful little article, and Mr. Dawson, "the Chelsea Naturalist," a fine show of birds, cages, etc. Business was brisk, we heard, with all the stall-holders. Mr. Dawson took over £30 from two customers, including £20 for a talking Grey Parrot. CAGE BIRDS' stall was in its usual position, and our practical books, coloured plates, etc., were in great demand, the very useful and cheap "Nutshell" series of booklets dealing with almost all kinds of birds being greatly appreciated.

Two Important Departments.

The birds were fed upon seeds and food supplied by Messrs. Trower and Co., and that old and skilful fancier, Mr. J. Dewhurst, had charge of the feeding department. The condition of the birds at the close of the show bore testimony to the excellence of the attention and the food they received. In the Foreign section, those two well-known enthusiasts, Messrs. T. Miller and S. M. Townsend gave the birds unremitting attention.

During judging the light was very bright and good, and the conditions altogether favourable, though some of the birds seemed to be temporarily affected by the chill in the air, a cold snap of weather having suddenly descended upon the metropolis. The gentlemen to undertake the onerous duties of determining the various winners were Messrs. H. D. Astley (Foreign), S. L. Cocks (Brit. Insectiv.), M. Jacquemin, F. A. Lester, J. Lyon, and C. Roehl (Rollers), E. J. Lamb (Hybrids), D. A. S. Longden (Brit. Seedeaters), P. Mason (Yorks), W. Vardy (Nor.), T. J. King (Crests), and J. Robson (Various Canaries). Their awards on the whole seemed popular, though, as is only to be expected in such a vast show, a few expressions of dissent at some of the placings were heard.

The "Money-bags" of Canarydom.

The Crests and Crestbreds do not seem to vary much in numbers from year to year, and on the present occasion may be said to have been up to the average in this respect and a little above the average in quality. With such noted breeders patronising the fixture as Messrs. Bale, Evins Bros., Bewick, Taylor, Tyson, Greenwood and Burson, Franz, Shearman, Lazarus and Brotherton, birds representative of the best in Crestdom to-day were bound to be found on the benches. The Horticultural Hall Show, too, generally supplies us with at least one sensational bird, and this turned up in the young Crest exhibited by Messrs. Greenwood and Burson. Of superlative excellence in all points and with a really marvellous headpiece, this bird was the cynosure of all eyes, its fortunate owners coming in for the congratulations of everyone interested in the section. We heard that offers in the region of £40 were being mooted by one or two who had a fancy for seeing the youngster gracing their own bird-rooms. The class for Cinnamon Crest or C.B. had to be cancelled, only two entries being made therein. Mr. T. J. King, that old and respected breeder, judged the section, and with just one or two exceptions his awards seemed well approved.

A Word to the Wise!

The entry in open champion Norwich Plainheads totalled 89 in 7 classes; not a bad muster this. The weakest classes were those for marked or variegated birds—a most regrettable illustration, we think, of the unwise policy which has been pursued for some years past of neglecting to encourage these birds when entered in general competition in Norwich Plainhead classes. For what is to be done without them in the breeding room; and if, by reason of discouragement, they are not bred to pitch of show perfection in point of type, quality, and colour, is not their value as stock birds greatly depreciated? Depend upon it, the idea that heavily variegated, etc., Norwich must necessarily be coarse and long in feather, from an exhibition point of view, and consequently kept in the stock room, is absurd and suicidal. The constant cry for "clear and lightly ticked" does not pay in the long run. So far as we saw, there was nothing of a really sensational character staged. Yellows were, as a rule, well on a level, in point of general merit, with the buffs. Perhaps the most noticeable were the winning yellows of Messrs. T. Irons and J. Banbury, the clear buff of Mr. E. Baker's, the team sent up from Devonport by Mr. W. Collings, and Mr. A. Keech's yellow hens. We are getting better heads, but there seemed quite a number of otherwise good birds to be seen with loose thigh and rump feathers, and showing an inclination to squareness behind the legs. We heard it said that much of this looseness at the thighs is due to the dry weather experienced during the moult.

The open novice classes were a little disappointing, we thought, as to quality, and this, after allowing as wide a margin as comparison with the champions demands. The task of judging was consequently heavier. Some very nice and taking birds were to be found here and there, but, truth to tell, there was nothing to really startle one in this section beyond the large entry of 126 in six classes—an average of 21 per class. This is splendid, and speaks well for the enthusiasm of the novice breeders of Norwich Plainheads.

Praise for the Yorkshires.

We hardly know how to praise sufficiently the breeders of the "long and slim 'uns" (mostly southern men) for the grand display of the variety. We believe we shall not be overstating the facts when we say that it was the best collection ever seen in the Metropolis. Within the last few years there has been without doubt a great advance in certain points which were particularly weak in the southern Yorkshires, and birds possessing these points to perfection were plentiful at the Horticultural hall, we might almost say, "common." We refer particularly to length and head qualities. In dealing with the collection Mr. Mason had a most difficult task, and some just praise must be given him for the way in which he handled them. In the morning when the judging took place the birds were rather "down," and a bit open in feather, but as the hall warmed during the day they were seen at their best, and yet in spite of this, very few holes could be picked in his awards. The classes generally were very well filled, the highest being the unflighted, which totalled 26 charmers. In this class, Mr. H. H. Towers' Clear Buff secured the leading honour. Behind him were several birds that could give him a few points as regards length and cleanness of run, but he was so beautifully packed and rounded and put down in such lovely condition that we think he deserved his position. The same exhibitor repeated his last year's performance by winning in the marked hen class, with his noted Cinnamon mark. In the Clear Yellow cock class, there was nothing to beat Mr. R. L. Crisp's bird. It was a most difficult matter to find fault with him—truly a Yorkie all over. He won several specials. There was a good deal of excitement just previous to the show as to who would lead on points for the S.Y.C.C.'s big special. Messrs. Easterling and Carson and Messrs. Hawes Bros. were running close, but one of the fine birds put down by Messrs. Easterling and Carson failed to catch the judge's eye, consequently Messrs. Hawes Bros. romped home with wins in every class but the unflighted. Their birds certainly looked grand, and were evidently "trained to the hour." Other well-known fanciers who managed to get in the money were Messrs. Rorke, Allen, Cook, Phipps and Huxley, Richards, and Brown and Son.

The open novice Yorkshire classes had a good entry—108 in six classes. The quality here was very level, and some most stylish birds were to be found doing battle. There were few, if any, cases which would justify the remark, "This bird is first and the rest are nowhere." In this section, by an oversight, the judge unfortunately put into the prizes a clear yellow in the class for cinnamon or green-marked birds.

Fountains of Colour.

Coming to the Yorkshire Greens, we had here a feast of symmetry and colour. Fortunately the light was good while these were being judged, consequently colour played a very important part in the decisions, but the type all through was so good that in many cases richness and soundness of colour turned the scales. We particularly noticed that the majority of the birds were selfs, and that very few foul marked birds were in the money. The lovely Buff put down by Mr. T. Rowlands was a real gem. The Yellows were grand, very bright and rich in colour, and there was a similarity in the shade all through, which is seldom seen. Evidently breeders are giving great attention to this attractive variety. The principal winners were Messrs. Benson, McDermott, Nimmo, McNulty, Hughes and Handley, etc.

The Norwich Green classes did not fill so well; somehow these birds do not appear to be so popular with breeders as the other varieties of Greens. The birds were decidedly green, but they give one the impression that after all they are only dark variegated birds of the Norwich type. Among them were certainly some lovely specimens, the Yellows in particular appealing to all lovers of colour. In these classes Mr. L. Harding, of Wellingboro, made no mistake. He had winners in every class, and left very little to be divided between Messrs. Lawson, Walker and Barker. Four exhibitors filled these classes between them.

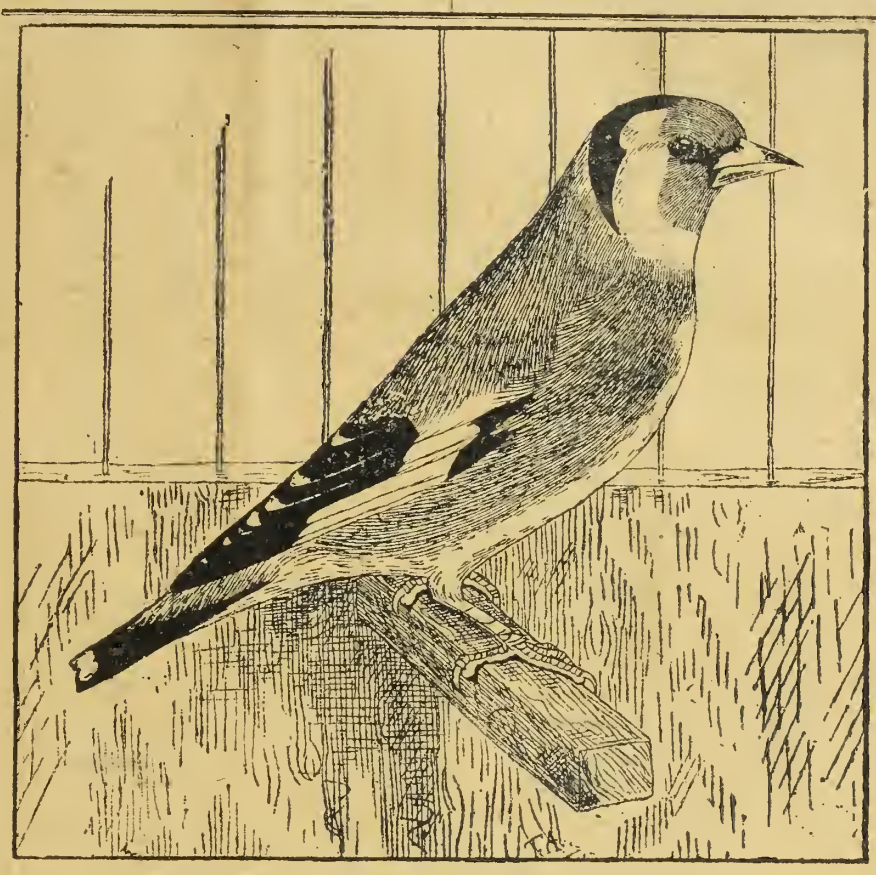
Lost, Stolen or Strayed?

Where, oh! where, were the Cinnamons? A dozen in two classes is not very flattering to the admirers of these one time favourites. For certain reasons, which we need not go into, they have not advanced in popularity, particularly in the south. Among the dozen were a few good birds as regard colour and quality of feather, but the majority lacked the substance we generally look for in high-class birds of the variety. Mr. Nason's Yellow cock was undoubtedly a good specimen, and Mr. Pope, the popular Western Counties O.S. secretary, staged a lovely hen, quite a youngster, that should do some good later on.

Among the two thousand odd exhibits one almost required a pair of opera glasses to find the big Dutch Frills! Two classes cancelled, and only four exhibits in the one left standing! Yet the variety gave much promise and hope for the future some two or three years ago. Truly we are a conservative race. The winner, staged by Mr. G. W. Maisey, stood out from his fellows, and is certainly a fine specimen.

Something out of the Ordinary.

On the other hand, the giants of the Canary tribe, the Lancashires, made quite an imposing array. There were four classes provided, and these filled very well, and attracted a good deal of attention from the fanciers who knew anything about them—their commanding appearance stamps them at once as something uncommon in the Canary tribe. The winning Yellow coppy, exhibited by Mr. Fitton, was a grand bold bird, with a good top, but we thought Mr. F. J. Green's bird was quite as good in coppy, and commanded a greater length of side and wing



MR. OTTO PUCK'S SIBERIAN GOLDFINCH.
Fourth Prize in the Continental Class at the Horticultural Hall.

The Plainheads were a lovely lot, grand in outline, size and appearance. In these classes Messrs. Nason (Yellow), and Vickery (Buff) staged the winners; they were both closely pressed by two beauties owned by Mr. Fitton.

The Lizards were a fine collection for quality, although attracting little notice from the fanciers down south. As a matter of fact, far more interest was taken in these spangled beauties by the ordinary visitors than by the followers of the Canary cult. There is certainly no decadence in the beauty of these charmers; the spangling in the majority of the exhibits was about perfection, while the winners excelled in body work and soundness of colouring. Some of the Golds were delightful specimens, perfect rows of "work" following each other so evenly that they are almost mathematically correct. Mr. Dewsnap won in clear caps in both Gold and Silvers, and no fault could be found with either. The two classes for Lizards of any age were not a success, only seven exhibits turning up.

There were three nice little classes of Belgians, the one for young birds securing the majority of the entries, and among these birds were certainly some promising specimens. The winner was a beauty, belonging to Mr. Horrill, of Barnstaple, the town that furnished the major portion of the exhibits. Other exhibitors were Messrs. Baker, Hunt, Barrett and Walmsley.

The "Wee Gems" in the South.

The Border classes filled only fairly well. We were glad to see that the Cinnamon and evenly-marked classes had their share of entries. That old even-marked breeder, Mr. Geo. Meekley, of Carlisle, won hands down with a delightful Yellow, very even in markings, and of good type, although a shade fine in neck. Such specimens require some getting, and deserve all the prizes they win. A grand Yellow sent by Mr. R. H. Sampson was a good first in his class. He is typical and beautifully rounded—no angles anywhere. This class contained other very fine specimens, although many of them were evidently young birds, and therefore somewhat lacking in size and fullness. The Buffs were a grand collection, and several previous winners were unplaced, including Mr. McGuffie's lovely bird, 1st Swansea; but the winner belonging to Mr. D. Jenkins was a topper, and rightly placed. The same exhibitor won in Yellow hens, with a sweet lady that has been at the front before this season. The Buff hens, we thought, were not up to usual standard. The variegated class was quite a disappointment, this, as a rule, containing several toppers. One of the best birds in the show was undoubtedly the grand Cinnamon put down by Mr. R. Christer, of Wallsend-on-Tyne; for type and quality he could easily hold his own with the Clears, and he has the most delightful even tone of Cinnamon colour imaginable. The Greens were also good, the winners being staged by Mr. J. Johnson, of Wallsend-on-Tyne, and Mrs. McGregor, of London, two good birds. The novice classes were distinctly good, although many of the exhibits were somewhat too cobby

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Catching up with Germany.

The Roller section was one of the great successes of the show, averaging 28 birds in the seven classes provided, the novice class for young birds, with 55 entries, being the largest in the hall. It was the club show of the British Roller C.C., and a magnificent list of special prizes had been got together for the occasion. The birds were very comfortably housed in an annexe to the large hall, and the display aroused great interest amongst the visitors, most of whom were both surprised at and pleased with the song of the little choristers in the houses with the folding doors—it is "so delightfully different," we heard one lady remark. The birds were admirably cared for by a special band of stewards, prominent amongst them being Messrs. Fisher, Randall, Schulter, Slade, Gloeckner, Rochl, Mooney, Neugebauer, Veen, Pope, Williams, and Dr. Read, with Mr. Norris, the popular and hardworking sec. of the B.R.C.C. The song continues to progress towards technical perfection, the tours and purity of delivery of the champion birds (bred and trained in England, mark you) being considered by competent listeners equal to those of the majority of the best Rollers to be found in Germany, while the novice birds, too, were excellent in these respects. The judges had a hard task.

Many Good : One Superlative.

The Hybrid section contrasted happily, both in regard to the number and quality of the exhibits, with the display of last year. Each class contained its "champions" and the great majority secured a really fine total of exhibits. Magnificent teams were sent by Messrs. Martin and Archer, and Mr. A. H. Shellam, while Miss Reeves and Messrs. Lawrence, McQuiston, Pearce, Pope, Andrews, Davies and Ramsden also staged some notable examples of the hybrid-breeder's art. To Miss Reeves, however, fell the chief honours, this lady exhibiting an absolute novelty, a Greenfinch-Chaffinch hybrid, the first of its kind, it is safe to say, to see light of day. Its genuineness cannot be questioned; it is plainly evidenced in the plumage and build of the bird. As was only to be expected, this Hybrid attracted an extraordinary amount of attention; further, it was claimed at catalogue price, £10 10s. We hope Miss Reeves may succeed in showing us further unique hybrids; she certainly has been splendidly successful in the past. A bird which gave rise to difference of opinion was a lightly marked Linnet Mule, which a number of old fanciers seemed to think simply a rare-feathered Linnet; the judge, however, placed it third in its class. Mr. G. E. Weston also placed on view (not, of course, for competition) his "three-quarter" Mule (said to have been bred from cock Goldfinch and hen Goldie Mule) and this naturally aroused discussion. Most of the views expressed were favourable to the bird, its appearance certainly fully bearing out its claim; even the doubters had to admit that it was a rare puzzle, and showing more Goldfinch characteristics by far than any Goldie-Can. Mule yet seen. The judge of this section, Mr. E. J. Lamb, was making his debut, and his awards were very well received indeed.

Our Native Birds Good & Interesting

The British bird section had on the whole a fine entry, a very welcome improvement on the last show. The extended classification certainly merits the support of keepers of our native birds. It was the club show of the National British Bird and Mule Club, but we have not heard the result of the points competitions at the time of penning these lines. In the Hardbill section the outstanding bird was the Goldfinch exhibited by Mr. A. P. Hurst, a real bonny Finch at all points. There were grand birds, however, in all the classes. The Bullfinches were easily the best we have seen so far this season, and the Greenfinches and Siskins were well above the average. Mr. Longden's awards seemed to be received with favour; we heard very little criticism concerning his placings. Mr. Cocks, who judged the Softbills, also was happy in his selections, adverse comments upon them being few and far between. Perhaps the feature of this section was the class of albino and rare-feathered birds, no fewer than 22 "freaks" being entered therein, including six lovely examples from the aviaries of Mr. W. R. Temple. The Hon. Mrs. Bourke achieved a notable feat, winning first with a cock Dartford Warbler in its class, and first with a hen in the class for representatives of the gentler sex. Both are lovely birds and were beautifully staged. The class for Continental birds was extremely interesting, the winners, a true pair of Wall Creepers, most artistically staged by Mons. Pauwels, being (to the writer at least) the finest and most attractive exhibits in the whole section. Mr. Maxwell's Red-breasted Flycatcher came in a good second. The class for Hawks, Owls, etc., contained only three entries, and we venture to think might very well be dropped. The Novice classes drew a pretty good entry, though that for Softbills had to be cancelled.

The Gorgeous Foreigners.

In this section the show was certainly an all-round success. Most of the classes were well filled, while the number of rare species, many quite new to the show bench, was abnormal. One of these, a dainty little creature in palish-blue and black, one of the rarest birds, if not the rarest, in the show, had to be content with hc! We do not think it yet possesses a popular name, and it is by no means easy to give it one, but from comparison with the well-known Blue Sugarbird, Palish-blue Sugarbird would about suit this species. We believe Mr. Townsend's fine exhibit to be the first living specimen to reach this country. One feature the writer was pleased to note was the fact that the entries in the Common Seedeater class were a record for many years, and most of the exhibits were in finest condition. The Parrot and Parrakeet classes were certainly down in point of numbers, but the entrants were mostly uncommon species. Messrs. Pauwels, Maxwell, Townsend, and Ezra, and the Hon. Mrs. Bourke and Mrs. K. Leslie Miller all had good teams of rare and exquisitely feathered gems, well staged and in finest trim. The management of the show was all that could be desired, and thoroughly deserved the record success it achieved. The writer was able to greet birdy acquaintances from the far North as well as the extreme South of the British Isles, besides making the acquaintance of many new ones, including fellow-members of more than one foreign natural history society. The universal remark was that the Foreign Bird Section was a record, and brought together one of the finest and rarest lots of foreign birds ever exhibited. Mr. H. D. Astley, F.Z.S., judged. His task was a heavy one indeed, and there was some murmuring at the awards in one or two classes. The L.C.B.A. are to be congratulated on the success which rewarded their efforts; also the exhibitors on the rarity and grand condition in which their birds were staged.

CRESTS AND CRESTBREDS.

Judge, Mr. T. J. King.

BUFF CREST CK. (13): 1, Tyson, tail and wing mkd., good bird for substance, very thick-set throughout, excellent quality feather, crest of huge size, well built up, but not quite pleasing in formation, little twisted; 2, Greenwood and Burson, lightly varieg., another fine bodied bird, crest beautifully neat and well finished, beaten only in expanse, good leafy texture; 3, Lazarus, cl. body, well-known winner, in new hands, real bonny bird, big, round crest, very neat and well drooped, close up; 4, Evins Bros., smart, finely built bird, carrying a well-radiated good-sized headpiece, little out at centre, splendid quality feather; vhc, hc, Day; c, Sadd; we noted two birds, No. 7, Bale, and No. 13, Taylor, which it was hard to understand being left out. HEN (11): 1, vhc, Evins Bros., "Dusky Queen," fitting name for as fine a hen as we have seen for some time, almost green, with an immense headpiece, built up of broad, well-ribbed feather, correct at centre, very evenly radiated, lovely droop and finish, she wins well; 2, Franz, also a wonderfully good hen, big and well-clothed body, topped by a very large and neat crest, correct and well finished at all points, quality of feather absolutely A1; 3, Shearman, nice big crest, distinguished by an exceptionally good frontal and rare good texture of feather, excellent body substance; 4, Lazarus, green, the City and Suburban winner, little short of body substance, but magnificent feather texture and a large beautifully rounded and drooped crest, pressed 3rd hard; hc, Jonas; c, Taylor, good one, soon claimed at £7 10s. BUFF, C.B. CK., GREEN OR FOUL (15): 1, Franz, good at all points, rare thick-set body, tremendous skull, good rise and lashing, excellent broad feather and heaps of it, also quickly claimed at £7 10s.; 2, Evins Bros., hardly so bold in head formation, but equal at all other points, magnificent texture of feather, splendid body and skull; 3, Tyson, remarkable width of head, grand entrance and dome, apparently carries a wealth of feather, bonny, big built bird; 4, Slade, fine substance, grand bold rising head, nice texture of feather, inclined to be horned at back; vhc, Taylor, very good; hc, Mrs. Haysom; c, Hesketh; abs., Gale (2). A.O.V. BUFF (9): 1, Bale, very fine varieg., grand body, wealth of feather of A1 quality, grand head for entrance and rise, well browed, inclined to be pinched at the back; 2, Evins Bros., lightly varieg., splendid body, feather of the right kind, and plenty of it, bold, wide, correct shaped skull, nice bird; 3, Bewick, light varieg., grandly domed head, very prominent lashing, well over beak, real good body, plenty of feather everywhere, close up; 4, vhc, Taylor, two noble-looking birds, 4th has a lovely head; hc, Harrison; c, Franz, clinking fine bird very low down. BUFF HEN (10): We are afraid the judge went a little astray here, the general opinion being that the 3rd bird won comfortably, while the 1st should have been placed third: 1, 2, vhc, Tyson, magnificent trio, excelling in all the points of high-class Crestbreds, wonderful body substance, exceptionally bold in head and carrying any amount of feather, we preferred the 2nd as being the best in quality; 3, Bewick, the celebrated "Duchess," absolutely ideal, nothing better can very well be imagined, extra large and thick-set in frame, with marvellously wide, bold skull, grand dome and lashing, while in colour and texture of plumage this "high-born lady" was easily superior to any of her rivals; 4, Evins Bros., not the huge size of the leading trio, but very meritorious all-round, excelling in profusion and quality of feather; hc, Hesketh; c, Taylor, lovely clear. YELL. CREST (9): 1, Taylor, champion grizzle crest, exceptionally large and thickly built for a yellow, beautiful radiation and droop, grand body; 2, Evins Bros., very fine wing and tail mkd. hen, good sized crest, lovely veiny feather, little weak at one side; 3, 4, Howard, both good all-round birds, hardly so expansive in crest; vhc, Shearman; hc, Sadd; c, Mrs. Litchfield; abs., Bewick. YELL. C.-B. (8): 1, Gilbert, real fine bird, rare substance and quality, bold, well-lashed head, profusely feathered, trifle horned; 2, 4, Brotherton, clinking good one, splendid substance and shape, bonny skull for width and rise, carries heaps of feather, 4th very smart, loses a little in feather; 3, Evins Bros., not equal in skull, though with quite a good head, nice bold body, lot of excellent qual. feather; vhc, Hesketh; hc, Lazarus, this bird looked value for a higher card; c, Slade. YOUNG BUFF CREST (10): 1, several spls, Greenwood and Burson, undoubtedly the gem of the collection, the best youngster we have seen for many a long while, the envy of everybody, varieg. dark crest, rare substance and shape of body, clothed with very leafy feather and topped by a crest that is an eye-opener for size and neatness, not a feather awry, thickly packed, beautifully drooped, radiated from a perfect centre and well finished at the edge, deserving of all its honours; 2, Taylor, lightly varieg., apparently a hen and a grand one, too, fine frame, exceptionally large and neat crest, magnificent texture of feather, excels in frontal and droop; 3, Evins Bros., cl. body, dk., really splendid quality, fine expansive crest, inclined to twist a little, should make up into a grand bird; 4, vhc, Gale, two nice youngsters, beaten in size and shape of headpiece, but birds well above the average in merit; hc, Shearman; c, Law. YOUNG BUFF C.-B. (9): 1, 3, Taylor, leader very feathery, clear, magnificent body and head, well cushioned and lashed, wealth of feather everywhere, 3rd very fine big varieg., grand skull; 2, Day, really nice lightly varieg., splendid body, wide, well-domed head, grand feather properties; 4, Brotherton, pressed hard, lovely head, the correct texture of feather and plenty of it, fine bold body; vhc, hc, Shearman; c, Turner; No. 1, Evins Bros., looked a good bird. NOVICE CREST (15): 1, Wallace, wing mkd., dk crest beautiful all-round bird, has substance and qual. and fine expansive crest, very neat and well-drooped; 2, Wharam, also a bulky bird of excellent quality, quite equal in size of crest, nice leafy feather, but few pens still at centre; 3, hc, Pickard, leader grizzle, very nice and neat, fine expansive headpiece, staged in grand form, very close up; 4, Shepherd, another grizzle, practically equal to those above it, an excellent quartette; vhc, White; c, Twigg; abs., Campbell. C.-B. (13): 1, 4, White, very fine cl. yell. leading, excels in quality, splendid body and a grand dome skull, well clothed, 4th varieg., good in all properties; 2, Shepherd, magnificent varieg., rare wide skull, well cushioned and lashed, texture of feather A1, bonny bird; 3, vhc, Pickard, two splendid exhibits, leader almost green, wonderful feather properties and substance; hc, Twigg; c, Miss Hewat. LIMIT CREST, £3 17): 1, Harrison; 2, Hesketh; 3, Evins Bros.; 4, Taylor. C.-B. (13): 1, Taylor; 2, Evins Bros.; 3, Tyson; 4, Marshall; abs., Harrison.

THE YORKSHIRE CLASSES.

Judge : Mr. F. Mason.

YORKS., CL., CK. (19): 1, Crisp, slim type, takes position well, lovely head, very straight and smart, good wings and tail; 2, 3, hc, Hawes Bros., 2, a shade heavier in build, but typical, splendid back and wings, very hot col., grand quality feather; 3, another neat one, not over large, but perfect type, sweet head, shoulders, wings and tail, tip-top quality; 4, Easterling and Carson, smart, good size, nice wings and tail; vhc, Rorke; c, Cook. BUFF (13): 1, Knight, grand specimen, wonderful length and quality, nice clean cut bird, perfect wings; 2, 3, 4, Hawes Bros., 2, neat specimen, shapely, good head and shoulders, hardly so nicely finished in front as winner, 3, a shade stout, but wonderful quality, very clean run, capital shoulder, 4, a gem, for col. and quality, grand position, neat head; vhc, Slade; hc, Easterling and Carson; c, Allen. MKD. CK. (17): 1, 2, c, Hawes Bros., wing and eye-mkd., wonderful length, very neat head, clean cut, well balanced, on good legs, 2, neat yell., grand position, nice head, good shoulders, perfect wings and tail; 3, Brown and Son, hardly so large, but wonderful type, slim, yet showing nice bit of shoulder; 4, vhc, Towers, Buff Cinn. mkd., rare quality, a gem for type and style; hc, Whitwham. YELL. HEN (16): 1, 2, 4, Hawes Bros., 1, slim and cleanly cut, good head, nice bit of shoulder, good, well braced wings, neat tail, 2, slim, neat specimen, grand quality, beautifully rounded back and front, 4, smart upstanding bird of grand quality and lovely type; 3, Green, fine position, rare length, not quite so neat in wings as winner; vhc, Crisp; hc, Easterling. BUFF (23): 1, 4, Hawes Bros., neat specimen, good length, nice head and neck, good back, grand quality, 4, neat, upstanding specimen, lovely back, wings and tail; 2, Rorke, shapely, neat type, capital shoulders and back, well balanced, grand quality and col.; 3, vhc, Easterling and Carson, wonderful quality, grand wings and tail, good head and shoulders, a wee bit stout to leaders; hc, Brown and Son; c, Allen. MKD. (16): 1, vhc, Towers, smart and upstanding, grand shoulders, very clean cut and smart, perfect wings; 2, Allen, another Cinn. marked, perfect quality, rare length and style, lovely head, beautifully staged; 3, 4, Hawes Bros., 3, wing and neck mkd. Yell., grand shape, A1 position, very clean run to a good tail, 4, bigger, not quite so neat, good position, grand quality; hc, Rorke; c, Rennie. UNFLIG. (26): 1, Towers, grand lengthy Buff leading, lovely type, clean cut, stands well on good legs; 2, Cook, long, nice clean run, good shoulders, fine position, grand col. and quality; 3, Lockett, wing mkd. Yell., good size, capital shoulders, well filled back, neat in wing, hot col.; 4, vhc, Allen, lovely Buff, typical, stands well; hc, c, Whitwham. No. 11 and 12, Parrott, we liked well. OPEN NOVICE CL. OR TKD. YELL. (21): 1, Lloyd, splendid feather, level col., neat head, well proportioned, good whip and nice behind leg; 2, Matthews, cin. tick, trifle more neck than leader, shows itself for all it is worth, lovely quality; 3, Shepherd, full of fire, grand carriage, not quite so well on leg as leaders; 4, Bamber, travels well, nice bit of swagger, fine type, grand feather; vhc, Hutton, well folded wings, close tail, moves well; hc, Wright, rare length, good style; c, Pinnell. BUFF (15): 1, Shepherd, beautiful feather, rare style, grand taper, wings well carried, real nice one; 2, Skinner, scarcely so long as leader, but grand action, full of go, beauty for qual.; 3, Tebb, we liked much, stands up like a guardsman, fine length, plenty behind leg, but crosses its wings at tips on occasions; 4, Glanville, slimmer in build, but hardly the finish of those above it, nice position; vhc, Hunt, very good all round; hc, Salter, all qual. again; c, Styles. CIN. OR GREEN MKD. (9): 1, Bush, yell., grand position, capped, and marked on one wing, well cleaned off at thighs, neat head and nice neck, good one; 2, Tebb, nearly green jonque, slashing bird for fire, as these sort usually are, lovely qual.; 3, Phipps' and Huxley, sweet yell., marked neck, beautiful feather, good behind perch; 4, Richards, a stylish little cl. yell., evidently in the wrong class; vhc, Potton, vgtd., nice length and stand; hc Skinner, raking capped yell., nice on the leg, good feather; c, Bennett. HENS YELL. (18): 1, Shepherd, stylish young lady, very nice length, quality and nerve; 2, Hunt, also a grand hen, stands up well, nicely proportioned; 3, Lloyd, another beauty, very similar bird to 2nd, little to choose; 4, Richards, vgtd., good length and pose; vhc, Bennett, heavily vgtd., full of excellent qualities; hc, Carpenter, neat, good pose; c, Atkinson, pretty clear. BUFF (13): 1, Matthews, cin., vgtd., most beautiful feather, grand length and style, well proportioned, really good one; 2, Fletcher, clear, grand action, fine head and neck, lovely quality; 3, 4, Skinner, fine action, gets well up on the leg, rare qual., nice hen; 4, clear, another very fine hen; vhc, Thomas, very sweet, nice wing carriage; hc, Atkinson, good clear; c, Cundy. UNFLIG. (30): 1, Lloyd, yell. rattling style, clean moulded, braces its wings closely, neat head and neck, good tail; 2, Shepherd, smart buff, good length, nervy, nice wing carriage, clean at waist; 3, Atkinson, buff flatters in col, good legs, nice feather and action; 4, Bush, yell., has a habit of getting across the perch, otherwise very nice bird; vhc, Bennett, good length and feather; hc, Tebb, we liked for style, etc.; c, Reynolds. YORKS, GREENS, YELL. (11): 1, McDermott, grand long specimen, good position, very fine wings, rare depth of col., pencilled to perfection; 2, c, Rowlands, fine position, good head and shoulders, nice and clean cut, well up on legs, sound rich col.; 3, Benson, grand even col., nice shoulder, neat tail, good wing carriage; 4, hc, Nimmo, slim, good straight bird, very rich col.; vhc, McNulty. BUFF (13): 1, Rowlands, rare length and type, beautifully rounded, neat head and shoulders, grand quality and col.; 2, McNulty, smaller but A1 type, good shoulders, nice head and neck, good wings and tail; 3, Davie, large, grand col. bird, A1 position, slim type, good head, stands well; 4, McDermott, foul tail, typical, good head and shoulders, rich col.; vhc, hc, Young; c, Nimmo. YELL. HEN (14): 1, Benson, rare length and type, neat carriage, good wings, handles well, rich, deep level col., carried right through; 2, Rowlands, another beauty for depth and richness of col., grand position, good wings and tail; 3, Hughes, smaller, but equally as rich in col., neat head, nice back and wings; 4, Handley, neat, good position, lovely shade of col.; vhc hc, Nimmo; c, McNulty. BUFF (12): 1, Handley, long, upstanding bird, on good legs, beautifully rounded fine head, shoulders and back, perfect wings and tail, nice tone of col.; 2, 4, Rowlands, 2, foul tail, grand position, neat and typical, lovely head, shade richer in col. than winner; 4, neat nice size and type, good position and quality; 3, Benson, another well-rounded specimen, very sound col., lovely quality; vhc, Nimmo; hc, Davie; c, Le Rossignol.

THE OPEN NORWICH CLASSES.

Judge, Mr. W. Vardy.

NOR. CL. YELL. (14): 1, Irons, very full chest, grand head, short flights and tail, perhaps a little loose at rump, but a gem, grand rich col., and qual.; 2, Gill and Pethick, lovely qual. and col. nice head, cut a trifle square at rump, fine substance; 3, 4, Baker, latter best type, but scarcely enough substance, rich level col.; 3, magnificent qual., grand head and chest, just a wee bit long in flights.; vhc, Richardson, carries itself grandly, bonny type; hc, Col. Routh, rich col., good qual.; c, Rippon. BUFF (19): 1, Collings, full rich under col., just a little pinched over beak, grand chest, nicely covered wings, well frosted, very pretty exhibit; 2, Baker, chubbier and shorter in body, flights and tail than winner, beautifully mealed feather, very clean at rump and thighs, very close on winner's heels; 3, Harding, another grand qual. bird, splendidly frosted, showing a sharp and pleasing contrast to the under colour, bold chest, good head, close as wax in feather; 4, Middleton, full of quality, nice substance, good shape, trifle flat in col.; vhc, Gill and Pethick, lovely feather, hardly so bold at chest as leaders; hc, Irons; c, Law, full of qual., right good one. MKD., ETC., YELL. (8): 1, Baker, var., lovely feather, close as wax and shining like glass, really beautiful specimen of the variety; 2, Ellis, heavily var., lovely depth of colour, the right sort of feather, would be a gold mine amongst some typical buff hens; 3, vhc, Gill and Pethick, grizzled on both wings, thick set, rich col., grand head, but a bit free in feather; 4, Litchfield and Sons, full of col., hardly stout enough at chest, and yet really excellent type; hc, Shore, grizzled wings, beautiful qual., level col.; c, Keech, grand type of bird. BUFF (5): and we have seen much better classes of this variety; 1, Collings, good shape, nice head and wing carriage, lovely under colour, beautifully gauged, very fine bird; 2, Baker, lovely tone of feather, splendid under col., but has a nasty habit of showing fight to one through the cage wires, which prevents its true worth being properly appraised; 3, Gill and Pethick, bonny shape, lovely head and chest, hardly the quality of leaders, yet beautifully frosted; 4, Cleaves, rich col., grand qual., wee bit long in barrel, nice head; vhc, Pigg, splendid feather, good chest, beautifully finished, but little weak in head; hc Shore; c, Keech. HENS, YELL. (10): 1, 4, Keech, two bonny hens, the leader, varieg.; 4, clean, winner has the best head of the two, both lovely in qual., the winner being as close feathered as a Java, both good in shape, the winner excelling in that respect; 2, Baker, grand typical clear, richer even in quality than winner, though fails just a trifle in head; 3, Ellis, nice body, head and neck, full of quality, level with colour; vhc, Collings, lovely col., full of qual., has a slightly damaged tail, which probably kept her back; hc, Gill and Pethick, grand front and carriage, scarcely so deep in colour; c, Dr. McConaghey, rich qual., nice col., vgtd. BUFF (16): 1, Ellis, vgtd., close as wax in feather, rich in under colour, nicely mealed, short close fitting wings and tail, very shapely and stylish; 2, Collings, vgtd., grand chubby body, gets well across the perch, level back, wide bold chest, grand head, short flights and tail, pressed hard, a hen that needs some setting back anywhere; 3, Wilson, another beautiful hen for shape, most delightfully silky feather, bold chest and neck, good one; 4, Schneider, grand texture of feather, nice shape of body, bit smaller in head and neck; vhc, Keech, lovely frosting, feather like silk, neat shape; hc, McConaghey, good variegated, close feather, nice colour; c, Rippon, full front, close as wax, we liked very much. UNFLIG. (17): 1, Banbury, truly grand yell., of the loveliest qual., fed to perfection, magnificently full wing covering, bold chubby body, clean at rump, short wings and tail, fine head, should make a topper; 2, Dr. McConaghey, yell., hardly such a good shape as winner, but rare qual. and substance, neat head, beautifully neat sweet hen; 3, Collings, lovely buff, marked on side of neck, we liked all round as well as 1st, equally as good body characteristics (buff against yell.) splendid head, neck, flights and tail, full of quality; extra 3, Keech, lovely buff, with the best of quality, bonny shape, grandly carried flights and short tail; 4, Godfrey, yell. ticked on wing, rich level col, neat head, not quite the substance of the leaders, but a grand one; vhc, Baker, heavily vgtd, buff, good shape and qual.; hc, Gill and Pethick, bold chest, lovely qual.; c, Richardson. OPEN NOVICE NOR. CL. OR TKD. YELL. (17): 1, Davis, good in col., full chest and neck, nice head, excellent qual. of feather; 2, Fuller, also good in build, nice in qual., col. well up and level; 3, Steed, grand in col., rare qual., but trifle long in flights, nice one; 4, F. Knight, fine chested bird, soft silky feather, neat head; vhc, Tomsett, good in qual., and col.; hc, Alpe, rare qual.; c, Gamage, good head and chest, stands up from the perch a little too much. BUFF (19): 1, F. Knight, fine qual. of feather, with good under colour, very stout chest, neat head, short flights and tail, good one; 2, Steed, feather sits closely and well, nice under col., bold head, generally typical; 3, Parr, bird with good wings and tail, soft and silky in feather, neat head nice col.; 4, George, very similar, hard to separate; vhc, Wicksham, another well built bird of good qual.; hc, Davis, neat shape, grand under col., but a little stilty; c, Lathlieff, MKD. ETC., YELL. (8): 1, Bales, vgtd., very neat and not thin, as some often are, fine head, nice tone of col.; 2, Kenyon, heavily vgtd., dense col., silky feather, nice type; 3, Steed, bold front, lovely feather, level back, good one; 4, Alpe, grand col., vgtd., nice body shape, rare qual. of feather; vhc, Bartram, vgtd., good in qual. and col., trifle free in feather; hc, Ebbage; c, Cheal. BUFF (10): 1, George, got its position by reason of finish, a cobby bird, bold, rare qual., as was also 2, Steed, to which the same remarks apply, equal at all points; 3, Mitchell, bold in front, short in body, good qual., bit loose behind legs; 4, Bales, lovely close fitting feather, neat head, good neck; vhc, Gamage, very neat bird, nice shape and col.; hc, Cheal, lovely buff green, bonny type, the right shade of col. for breeding; c, Ebbage, nice all through. HENS (35): 1, Ebbage, buff, good bird, large stout chest, but in feather seemed rather harsh; 2, Steed, vgtd. yell. neat and nice in feather, short wings and tail, good col.; 3, Lohr, buff, plenty of chest, good qual.; c, 4, Byne, very neat, lovely feather, bonny little hen; vhc, Hatter, grand feather, nice shape, we liked as well as some of the leaders; hc, Johnson,

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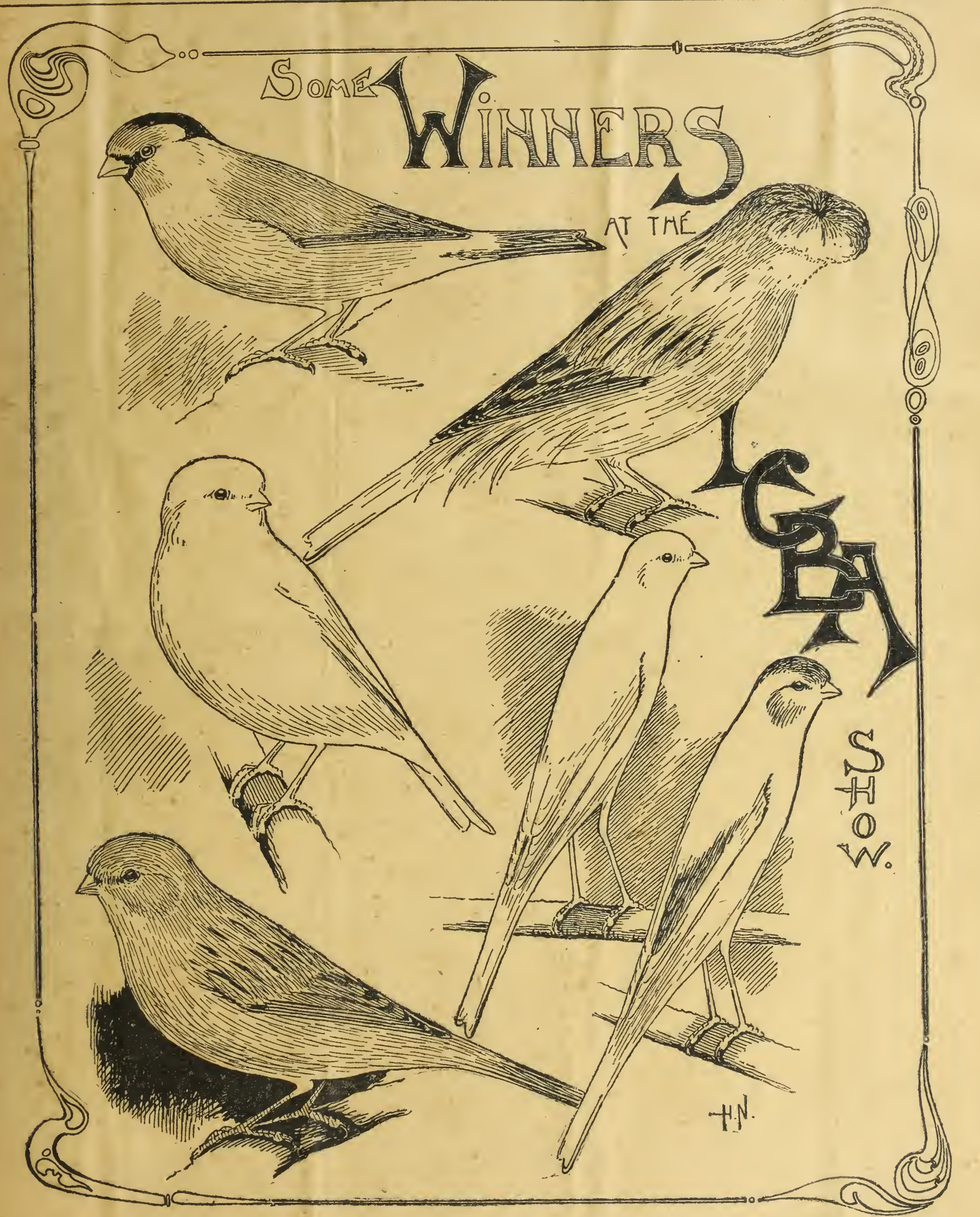
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yell., grand qual., bonny type, nice col., bold neat head, might have gone up higher, in fact we could not quite follow the awards in this class in some cases. UNFLIGT. (37): 1, Wickham, yell., very rich col., neat in shape, lovely qual., the feather literally glinting, pretty bird; 2, 3, Lathlieff, both buffs, fine models, good qual., grand head and necks, little to choose; 4, Steed, capped bird, lovely qual., rare chest and col., nice back and wing carriage; vhc, Beauland, good quality and col.; hc, Campbell, good shape, c, Tichmer. GREEN YELL (7): 1, 4, vhc, Harding, first rate type, good size, nice head and back, grand sound rich col., carried right through, 4,. bold Nor. type, good head, very level in col.; 2, c, Lawson, hardly so thick set as winner, but nice front, more level in col.; 3, hc, Walker, foul marked, good type, lovely quality feather. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Harding, 1; big, bold bird, grand size and typo, nice full head and neck, capital col. and quality, 2, close up, similar type and size, a shade richer in col, capital quality; 3, hc, Walker, thick set, typical specimen, nice size, good head, beaten only in col.; 4, vhc, Lawson, neat foul mkd. bird, good head, grand front. YELL. HEN (4): 1, Lawson, fine bold lady, foul mkd., grand size and quality, bold head and front, very rich col.; 2, 4, Harding, 2, not quite so stoutly built, but good, very rich in col., A1 quality, 4, good size bird, lovely rich grass green, carried right through, we liked immensely; 3, Barker, smaller, but grand col. and type, capital wings and tail. BUFF (7): 1, 3, hc, Harding, 1, grand sized foul tailed bird, good head, nice short neck, well rounded front, very rich col., 3, bold specimen, foul tail, well rounded body, hardly so rich in col. as winners; 2, Barker, very chubby, good front, even col., lovely quality feather; 4, c, Walker, better col., but hardly so large, good Nor. type; vhc, Lawson.

THE BORDER FANCIES.

Judge, Mr. J. Robson.

BORD. YELL CK. (15): 1, Sampson, a little topper for style and carriage, perfection in shape, nice neat head, grand colour; 2, Roberts, bigger, holder, hardly so shapely as winner, but of grand quality, rare mover; 3, hc, Thomas, another beauty for shape, very jaunty and free, well rounded front, good wings; 4, Pearson, bot col., shapely, jaunty, must have pressed; vhc, Ayre; c, Wilson. HEN (14): 1, Jenkins, a beauty for style and quality, nicely rounded, well filled for a hen, sweet head, good wings, rare feather; 2, Ayre, neat good headed bird, looked a bit seedy when we were taking notes; 3, Pearson, lovely, shapely little lady, neat head, well filled back, good wings; 4, McGuffie, neat spec., hardly so well furnished, but good quality; vbc, Sampson; hc, Nelson. BUFF CK. (14): 1, Jenkins, fine bold spec., beautifully rounded, lovely head and wings, very tight in feather; 2, Ayres, nicely rounded, shapely, full of go, neat wings and tail; 3, Mrs. Thynne, good one for size and shape, travels well, grand wings, in very fine fettle; 4, Dodge, nice spec., neat head, good back, neat tail; vhc, Mc Guffie; hc. Roberts; c, Thomas. HEN (13): 1, Sampson, very smart bird, good position, typical, nice head, neat, well braced wings, grand quality; 2, Ayres, good shapely bird, lovely quality, grand position, capital wings and tail; 3, Roberts, lovely spec., very neat and jaunty, grand, well braced wings, rare quality feather; 4, Simpson, nice size and shape, lovely wings, neat head; vhc, Jenkins; hc, McGuffie; c, Thomas. EVENS (7): 1, Meekley, nice shapely bird, neat head, jaunty, good quality, bold, well balanced markings; 2, Wilson, lovely little yell., neat type, capital eye marks, good spec.; 3, Nelson, nice shapely buff, rare quality, good eyes; 4, McVittie, nice Clnn. mk., shapely, well balanced markings; vhc, Stovin; hc, Mrs. Maher. VAR. (16): 1, Ford, lovely 4-pointed bird, grand type, neat head, nicely rounded body, graud quality; 2, Ayre, grand condition, well shown; 3, vhc, Thomas, lightly mkd., slim type, not quite so shapely as winners; 4, Meekley, good quality buff, well rounded, neat wings; hc, Pearson; c, Wilson. CINN. (6): 1, Cbrister, fine typical spec., nice size, neat head, well filled back, good wing, sound rich col.; 2, Roberts, another shapely spec., nicely rounded, not quite so sound in col. as winner; 3, Ayres, smaller but neat, good head, grand wings, nice tone of col., fine quality; 4, Owen, var. spec., very neat, good wings and feather; vhc, Morgan; hc, Mrs. Thynne. YELL. GREEN (14): 1, Johnson, capital shapely bird, nice front, good wings, neat tail, grand rich col. and quality; 2, 3, McQuillan, smart spec., good front and back, a wee bit weak in neck, rich deep col.; 3rd, nice shapely spec., good carriage, neat wings, lovely rich col., A1 quality; 4, Johnson, bonny bird, we liked immensely, very shapely and stylish; vhc, c, Fildes; hc, Stovim. BUFF (6): 1, Mrs. McGregor, fine quality, lovely typical spec., good sound col., capital quality, nicely pencilled; 2, Johnson, a shade bolder, fine style, neat head and wings, capital col.; 3, Walker, very typical, rare quality, nicely pencilled, good one; 4, Mrs. Fildes, lovely bead and wing, well filled back; vhc, Christer; hc, Johnson. YELL. HEN (7): 1, 2, Johnson; 1st, grand col. spec., beautifully pencilled, neat head and wings, capital tail, bonny; 2nd, neat typical bird, lovely head, good, well braced wing, neat tail, grand col.; 3, Fildes, smart, good position, well rounded, nice rich col., well pencilled; 4, Ellwood, lovely col. and style, grand wings; vhc, Mrs. McGregor; hc, Williams; c, Walker. BUFF (5): 1, 2, Johnson; 1st, bonny shapely bird, rare quality, nicely rounded, good head and neck, nicely braced wings, capital col., 2nd, neat jaunty spec., not quite so rich in col.; 3, vbc., McQuillan, fine bold bird, lovely type, good head and wings, in very fine condition; 4, Walker, neater type, very jaunty, sound col. NOVICE YELL. (11): 1, 2, Sayer, 1st, nice neat spec., very typical, good head and neck, nice wings; 2nd, holder, rather full head and neck, but capital quality; 3, Burton Bros., typical 4-pointed, good head and wings, nicely drawn; 4, Ellwood, slim type, neat head, good quality; vhc, Plank; hc, Hay; c, Lathbury. BUFF (19): 1, 2, Stevens; 1st, neat, slim type, very fine quality and col., moves well; 2, another good one, capital type, jaunty, well rounded, good quality; 3, 4, Blair; 3rd, neat spec., good wings and tail, capital feather; 4th, nice bold bird, lovely quality, good head and wings; vbc, Latbbury; hc, Day; c, Burton Bros.

THE OTHER CANARY CLASSES.

Judge : Mr. J. Robson.

LANCS. COPPY, YELL. (11): 1, Fitton, bold bird, good spreadiug Coppy, stands well; 2, hc, Green, must have pressed, longer in side and flights, grand quality; 3, Hardy, another big one, very shapely, well proportioned, stands well; 4, Hordern, good size and shape, grand quality, not quite so good in frontal as winners; vhc, Collinge; c, Young. BUFF (9): 1, 2, Hardy, 1st, sbapely, good size, nice length of side, neat coppy, on a good head; 2nd, again a good one; 3, Hordern, fine bold bird, well filled, good length coppy, not quite so well formed as winner; 4, Naden, grand shape and length, stands well, good wings and tail, capital headpiece; vhc, Fitton; hc, Boxall; c, Tburling. P.H. YELL. (13): 1, Naden, grand, fine, bold, shapely bird, well formed head, good full neck and shoulders, grand quality; 2, hc, Fitton, another beauty, rare length, grand head, nice length of wings, stands well; 3, Hordern, bold, good head and neck, grand wings; full of quality; 4, vhc, Collinge, shapely, fine length, good head, well filled shoulders; c, Green. BUFF (11): 1, Vickery, rare size and length, capital head, grand body, lovely quality; 2, 3, Fitton; 2, another big one, wonderful length, rare head and neck, stands well; 3, hardly so big, but very shapely, grand head, fine length of side; 4, hc, Green, good head, wonderful length of body, good wings; c, Collinge. LIZ. CL. CAP GOLD 10): 1, 4, Dewsnap; 1, neat col., spec., shapely, rather full cap, lovely spangling, plenty of body work; 4, very shapely, good cap, plenty of work throughout; 2, hc, Hamer, another shapely bird, quite as good in spangling and body work; 3, Barnes, grand col., a shade smaller, but neat shape, nice dark regular spangling; vhc, Oliver; hc, Hardy. B.C. (9): 1, Oliver, a beauty for size and shape, most perfect back work, and a nice bit on body, very sound in col.; 2, hc, Barnes, patchy cap bird, good size and shape, very dense, rich work, very sound in col.; 3, Hamer, good size and shape, perfect back work, hot col.; 4, vhc, Dewsnap, smaller, sound col., spec., full of work, lovely quality feather; hc, Rukin. SILVER C.C. (10): 1, 2, Dewsnap, 1, grand size and shape, rather full cap, good col., plenty of frosting and quality, grand spangling; 2, nice size, lovely shape, good cap, fails only in spangling one side; 3, 4, vhc, Hamer, 3, nice spec., full of nice work, all through, very shapely, very sound col., we liked; 4, another nice spec., packed with work, neat shapely cap; hc, Barnes; c, Oliver. B.C. (8): 1, 2, Dewsnap, 1, lovely spec., good size, grand shape, perfect spangling, good bit of quality; 2, another real good one, lovely back work, not quite so good on body, very sound in col.; 3, Oliver, nice shapely spec., plenty of work, not quite so rich in col., nice quality; 4, Hamer, smaller, full of work, nice quality, beaten in col.; vhc, hc, Barnes; c, Hardy. GOLD, ANY AGE (4): 1, Hamer, fine bold bird, lovely shape, very sound in col., good backwork; 2, Dewsnap, good shape and size, full of work on back, sound col., fails a wee bit on body; 3, Rukin, nice one all through. SILVER (3): 1, Dewsnap, bold, shapely bird, neat cap, full of work both back and front, beautifully frosted; 2, Rukin, not quite so large and shapely, but good in spangling and col., nice shaped cap; 3, Barnes, another good one, neat cap, good bold spangling, sound col. DUTCH FRILL CK. (4): 1, Maisey, fine length, shapely, good head, lovely mantle and frill, capital cl.; 2, 4, Minty; 2, var., nice size, not quite so big as winner, full of feather; 4, a good yell., grand frill, fails a wee bit in mantle; 3, Brooks, nice size, frill nearly as good as winner's. BELG., YELL. (3): 1, Horrill, grand position, good depth, A1 shoulders, full of nerve, splendid reach; 2, 3, Walmsley; 2, fine big spec., quick in position, grand reach, rare depth of shoulders; 3, grand length, wonderful reach, not quite such depth of body as winners. BUFF: 1, 2, Horrill, 1, nice size and quality, good shoulders, wonderful reach, grand spec.; 2, biggest bird in class, rare length and depth, not quite the reach of winner; 3, Barrett, a shade small, but grand shape and style; good shoulders and depth. YOUNG BIRD (7): 1, 2, Horrill, 1, fine size and shape, well up in shoulder, neat head, good reach; 2, another good one, grand shoulders, nice head and reach; 3, vhc, Baker, neat spec., not quite so big as winners, not so deep, but fine shoulders and reach; 4, hc, Hunt, rare length and size, fine shoulders, comes to position quickly; c, Walmsley. CINNAMON, CK. (7): 1, hc, Nason, good size, capital Nor. type, nicely proportioned, nice wings, lovely Cinny col. throughout; 2, 4, Roberts, 2, a shade longer in build, grand sound col, 4, big bold Buff, rare size, good head; 3, Oldaker, close up, quite as typical and good in col., hut not quite so much substance; vhc, Clark; c, Pope. HEN (5): 1, Pope, big, bold Buff, rare Nor. type, lovely head, stout body, good wings, capital rich Cinny col.; 2, 4, Bevan, 2, stout cobby bird, good Nor. body, not quite so good in head, but capital col, 4, good cobby type, lovely condition; 3, vhc, Roberts, similar, lovely tone of col., very high quality, must have pressed.

THE ROLLER CLASSES.

Judges : Messrs. M. Jacquemin, F. A. Lester, J. Lyon and C. Roehl.

CHAMP. YOUNG BIRDS (48): 1, Randall, holl. roll 13, bass roll 8, schockel 5, Glucke 8, flute 5, water roll 5, water Glucke 10, bell tour 2, bell roll 2, general effect 7, 2 off for hard aufzug, and 2 sharp flute, total 61 points; 2, Dr. Read, holl. roll 10, holl. bell 4, bass roll 8, schoc. 9, flute 6, water Glucke 5, hell tour 3, bell roll 3, gen. effect 8, 2 off for sharp flute, total 54 points; 3, Randall, holl. roll 10, holl. bell 3, bass roll 8, schoc. 6, flute 4, water Glucke 6, deep bubbling water tour 3, bell roll 3, gen. effect 7, total 50 points; 4, Randall, holl. roll 10, bass roll 8, schoc. 4, Glucke 5, flute 3, water roll 3, water Glucke 8, bell tour 1, bell roll 3, gen. effect 7, 1 off hard aufzug, 2 sharp flute, and 2 schoc., total 47 points; 5, Dr. Read, 46 points; vhc, Willows, 45 points; vhc, Randall (2), 46 and 43 points; vhc, Neugebauer, 42 points; hc, Willows, 39 points; hc, Williams, 40 points; hc, Randall, 41 points; c, Foulds, 34 points; c, Williams (2) 38 and 34 points; c, Randall (2), 38 and 34 points. NOVICE YOUNG BIRDS (55): 1, Stolle, holl. roll 5, bass roll 5, schoc. 7, Glucke 7, flute 4, water Glucke 5, bell tour 2, bell roll 4, gen. effect 8, total 47 points; 2, Groves, holl. roll 9, holl. bell 5, bass roll 5, schoc. 6, flute 5, bell tour 3, bell roll 3, gen. effect 9, total 45; 3, Bird, holl. roll 9, bass roll 7, schoc. 6, flute 4, water Glucke 6, bell roll 3, gen. effect 9, total 44 points; 4, Bird, holl. roll 8, bass roll 5, schoc. 6, flute 4, water Glucke 4, D.B.W.T. 5, bell roll 4, gen. effect 8, 2 off schoc., total 42 points; 5, Twigg total 40 points; vhc, Brown, 37 points; vhc, Veen, 38 points; vhc, Smalley (2) 38 and 36 points; hc, Bird (2); 35 points each; hc, Ives, 35 points; hc Gloeckner, 34 points; c, King, 33 points; c, Twigg, 33 points; c, Evans 33 points; c, Grainger and Harper 32 points; c, Best, 32 points; c, Veen, 32 points; c, Smalley 32 points. ADIA. YOUNG BIRDS (19): 1, Turner, holl. roll 12; holl. bell 6, bass roll 6, schoc. 7, flute 6, gen. effect 5, total 42 points; 2, Neugebauer, holl. roll 9, holl. bell 3, bass roll 3, schoc. 4, water Glucke 9, D.B.W.T. 4, bell roll 2, gen. effect 6, total 40 points; 3, Harper, holl. roll 8, holl. bell 3, bass roll 5, schoc. 4, flute 3, water roll 4, water Glucke 5, D.B.W.T. 1, bell tour 2, gen. effect 5, total 40 points; 4, Neugebauer, holl. roll 9, holl. bell 3, bass roll 3, schoc. 6, flute 5, water Glucke 4, D.B.W.T. 2, gen. effect 4, 1 off hard aufzug, total 35 points; 5, Veen, total 32 points; vhc, Turner, total 32 points; hc, Harper, total 30 points; c, Smalley, total 28 points. CHAMP. (14): 1, Randall, holl. roll 12, holl. bell 4, bass roll 6, schoc 6, Glucke 8, flute 5, water Glucke 7, D.B.W.T. 5, bell roll 1, gen. effect 8, total 62 points; 2, Willows, holl. roll 10, holl. bell 6, bass roll 8, schoc. 7, flute 5, water Glucke 9, D.B.W.T. 4, gen. effect 7, 1 off sharp flute, 1 off hard schwirre, total 54 points; 3, Randall, holl. roll 11, holl. bell 3, bass roll 5, schoc. 6, flute 5, water Glucke 5, D.B.W.T. 5, bell roll 3,gen. effect 7, total 50 points; 4, Willows, holl. roll 9, holl. bell 3, bass roll 9, schoc. 6, flute 5, water Glucke 8, D.B.W.T. 4, hell roll 1, gen. effect 6, 1 off hard aufzug, total 50 points; 5, Whittlestone, total 48 points; vhc, hc, Dr. Read, totals 43 and 42 points; c, Whittlestone, total 40 points. AMA. (18): 1, Humphries, holl. roll 11, holl. bell 4, bass roll 6, schoc. 6, flute 4, water Glucke 7, D.B.W.T. 5, gen. effect 6, 1 off hard aufzug, 1 off sharp flute, total 47 points; 2, Turner, holl. roll 12, holl. bell 4, bass roll 3, schoc. 6, flute 5, water roll 2, water Glucke 7, D.B.W.T. 3, gen. effect 6, 2 off schoc., total 45 points; 3, Humphes, holl. roll 9, holl. bell 4, bass roll 7, schoc. 6, flute 2, water Glucke 7, D.B.W.T. 2, gen. effect 7, total 44 points; 4, Blackmore, holl. roll 11, holl. bell 4, bass roll 5, schoc. 5, flute 2, water Glucke 6, D.B.W.T. 3, bell roll 1, gen. effect 6, total 43 points; 5, Williams, 41 points; vhc, Neugebauer, 39 points; hc, Ward, 39 points; c, Harper, 39 points. NOVICE (30): 1, Ives, holl. roll 14, holl. bell 4, schoc. 8, flute 7 bell tour 2, D.B.W.T. 2, gen. effect 8, 3 off sharp flute, total 42 points; 2, Buffin holl. roll 11, bass roll 3, schoc 4, flute 5, water roll 2, water Glucke 6, D.B.W.T. 5, bell tour 1, gen. effect 4, 2 off hard aufzug, 1 off sharp flute, total 38 points; 3, Frith, holl. roll 12, holl. bell 3, bass roll 8, schoc. 5, flute 3, bell tour 1, gen. effect 4, total 36 points; 4, Hirst, holl. roll 10, bass roll 6, schoc. 5, flute 4, water Glucke 6, D.B.W.T. 4, gen. effect 3, 1 off sharp bell tour, 1 off schoc. total 36 points; 5, Rhodes, total 36 points; vhc, Veen, total 36 points; vhc, Rhodes, total 35 points; hc, Fritn, total 30 points; hc, Slade (2), 31 points each; c, Rhodes, total 28 points; c, Smalley, total 28 points.

THE MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Judge : Mr. E. J. Lamb.

CLEAR, ETC. (5): 1, Martin and Archer, the well-known clear Linnet, a gem, without any doubt, staged in beautiful form; 2, Lawrence, apparently a clear Goldie-Can., splendid bird for col. and quality, in grand bloom, good size and shape; 3, Shellam, cl. Greenie, bonny big bird, rare quality of feather, in nice form; 4, Gilbert, also apparently a clear Goldie-Can., shade smaller than 2nd, about equal in all other points, good Mule; vhc, Middleton. VARIEG. GOLDIE-CAN. (16): 1, Pearce, "Prince Charlie," exceptionally big and good jonque, almost 6-pointed, moulted into grand col. and condition, will take stopping; 2, Martin and Archer, the noted unevenmkd., in lovely order, was 1st at the last Palace show, with the winner here, then in poor condition, second to it; 3, Miss Joseph, very hot col. jonque, 3-pointed, loses in size, but a most attractive and good exhibit; 4, Botting, lightly variег. jonque, larger and better in shape, beaten in col. and polish, very promising bird; vhc, McVittie; hc, Smith; c, Lawson. A.O.V. VARIEG. (4): 1, Martin and Archer, Greenie-Can., grizzled on neck, another exceptionally nice exhibit, also in the pink of condition; 2, Tams and Son, neck mkd. Greenie-Can., very good bird, just a trifle smaller; 3, Pitchford and Stocker, entered as a lightly variег. Lin.-Can., gave rise to a deal of controversy, many holding it to he a colour-fed freak-feathered Linnet and not a Mule, It would be interesting to hear how it was bred; 4, Lawson, fairly good variег. Lin.-Can., very nice condition. DARK GOLDIE (21): 1, Shellam, magnificent jonque, ablaze with col. and shining like plate-glass, good size and shape, hot one in every respect, will take some beating; 2, 3, 4, Martin and Archer, leader also a jonque, perhaps the higger and shapelier bird of the two, but well dusted for colour and polish, 3rd and 4th two very fine buffs, massive and shapely, good blazes; vhc, McLaren; hc, Ramsden; c, Best. DK. LINNET (18): 1, Shellam, another topper for col. and quality, absolutely red-hot, plumage like silk, very big and stylish, another hard nut to crack; 2, 4, Pope, two very massive, fine coloured birds, in beautiful condition; we rather preferred the 4th to its stable companion, will do some winning; 3, Pickles, also a very attractive Mule, rare depth of col., but not quite so clean and rich in tone, good size and style; vhc, Lawrence, we liked, very bonny buff, great size; hc, Bell; c, Ramsden; abs., McQuiston. A.O.V. DK. (26): 1, McQuiston, one of the best buff Greenies we have seen, beautiful shape and style, lovely head, marvel for colour and sheen, wins hands down; 2, c, Andrews, remarkably large Redpoll-Can., bred from a Mealy Poll, good shape, non-fed, excellent quality, and nice and tight in feather; 3, Miss Bousfield, beautifully rich, clean-coloured jonque Siskin, in grand condition, markings and size both excellent; 4, Buckingham, Redpoll (bred from Lesser), we take to be the well-known winner, looking in fine fettle; vhc, Brunskill; hc, Smith; abs., Pickles; some fine birds had to stand cardless, notably Nos. 16 (Coffey) and 21 (Davies), grand Greenie-Cans., also 9 (Nicholson and Son), splendid Sisk.-Can., not hot enough in col. BULLF. HYB. (9): 1, Shellam, Canary-Bullie, exceedingly good in size, shape and markings, marvellously fiery col., plumage like silk, a champion exhibit; 2, Davies, Gold.-Bull., another lovely exhibit from Wales, grand size and shape, splendid flush of col.; 3, Lawrence, also Can.-Bull., if anything a trifle larger than the winner, grand markings, but takes a back seat when it comes to col.; 4, Pearce, hen Redpoll-Bull., very well built, nice condition, but surely lucky in this company; vhc, Grainger Bros.,; hc, c, Martin and Archer, two excellent exhibits. A.O.V. HYB. (13): 1, spl., Miss Reeves, the sensation of the section, bred from Greenfinch cock and Chaffinch hen, shows the parentage plainly, very attractive, steady as possible, lovely condition, truly a triumph for its owner, soon found a new home at catalogue price, £10 10s.; 2, McQuiston, most charming Goldie-Redpoll, beauty for col. and condition, fine example of cross; 3, Ramsden, gem of a Greenfinch-Redpoll, about the best we have seen for col. and quality, very shapely and stylish, in lovely form; 4, Vale; sombre-col'd., hut rare Twite-Greenfinch, in very nice condition; vhc, Coffey, nice Bramble-Chaffinch; hc, Botting, really fine Sisk.-Redpoll; c, Martin and Archer, grand Sisk.-Greenfinch, but lost a flight or two. PAIRS (17): 1, 4, Cooper, leaders cock Yellowhammer and hen Bramblefinch, two real nice birds, very steady, well staged, 4th Goldie-Greenie, fine couple; 2, c, Page, Greenie-Bullie, rattling good pair, splendidly matched, had rather hard lines, wa thought; 3, hc, Askew, bonny rich col., ck. Goldie and a fine hen Siskin leading, condition A1; vhc, Gunnell; abs., Andrews; No. 1, Hayter, and No. 9, Caunt, "wrong class," both the hen Bullies being too large, in the judge's opinion.

THE BRITISH BIRDS.

Judge, Mr. D. A. S. Longden.

GOLDFINCH (19): 1, spl, Hurst, getting well known now, wins again here quite comfortably, grand stamp of bird, large, beautifully polished, steady as a rock, huge expanse of blaze, well cnt, rich in col., although a trifle too dark, splendidly marked all over; 2, Prior, beaten in polish of feather, but should improve, fine stamp of Finch, with a lovely square-cut face, rich and pure in col., grand buttons and moons, these two held the same positions at Wimbledon; 3, Tams and Son, big, upstanding bird, well mkd. all over, nicely tanued, good-sized blaze, but not yet up in col. and polish; 4, Pitchford and Stocker, equal to the winner in condition, splendid col. and markings, nice-sized, clean-cut blaze, we preferred for 3rd; vhc, Herbert, good Finch, not yet ready; hc, Routh; c, Heal; abs., Blackett. Some grand birds failed to get placed owing to their backward condition. BULLFINCH (19): 1, McQuiston, very beautiful bird, trifle narrow in cap, but faultless in other respects, extremely rich and even on breast, lovely back and bars, sleek as a Sunday "topper," and very steady; 2, Williams, fine, thick-set bird, the correct type, lovely cap, back and bars, not a feather out of place, but well beaten in breast col., although good and level in this respect; 3, Sharp, another gem, perhaps a shade small, but in quality and silkiness of plumage he can almost give the winner a few points, while his breast is equally rich, must have pressed hard; 4, Woods, the noted winner (Nottingham, Hull, etc.), and very close up here, splendid cap, shape, style and col., about perfect, four grand birds; vhc, Wark; hc, Brunskill; c, Hinds; "wrong class," Jones, jun., much too big to pass muster in a class for Britishers. SISKIN (21): 1, Casemore, regular little swell, fine size and col (natural), delightful shape and carriage, nice bib, exceptionally good flank lacing, wins; 2, Grahame, good, big, colour-fed bird, shows some bib, very shapely, well mkd. all over, tight and sleek in plumage; 3, Maxwell, very large, nat. col., splendid shape, stylish, in fine condition, well mkd., but no bib; 4, Francis, sweet non-fed, very good shape and style, in lovely condition; vhc, Miss Bousfield; hc, Heal; c, Barley; No. 21, Sharp, soft in condition, but looked a good one; No. 16, Andrews, grand bird, we liked for a place; No. 6, Bell, one of the most remarkable Siskins we ever saw, huge, very black bib, very black cap, and very yellow body col. LINNET (21): 1, vhc, McQuiston, leader big, stylish, upstanding bird, good in head and whites, fine sound col., very well pencilled, nice condition, though a little harsh in feather near the neck; 2, Gay, paler in col. and somewhat smaller, but more distinct in pencilling and carrying a lovely bloom, steady as a top, fine shape and style; 3, Marley, splendid size, shape and pencilling, better in polish and tightness of feather than either of the leaders, rich nutty col., very good bird, shade open at breast, grand wings; 4, Sharp, rare size and shape, lovely head, profusion of small but distinct pencilling, good col., close up, claimed at £2 10s.; hc, Francis; c, Brighty. GREENFINCH (24): 1, 4, Francis, bonny big thick-set non-fed bird, grand chest and head, lovely tone of col., soon claimed at £2, 4th also a real nice Greenie; 2, Harris, gem for quality and condition, hot fed, shines like silk, fine size and shape, close up, good wings and tail; 3, Tams and Son, very fine bold bird, nicely fed, grand head and chest, splendid condition, not far behind; vhc, Lawrence, equal to any for size, shape and col., but nervous and had broken wing flights; hc, Cadman Bros., fine bird, trifle dark in col.; c, Ford, grand class; No. 5, looking somewhat soft. CHAFFINCH (11): 1, vhc, hc, Marley, three clinking good birds, leader excels in colour and markings, fine head and chest, very tight and glossy in plumage; 2, Francis, also a fine fellow, almost equal in colour and polish, lovely shape, size and style, splendid markings; 3, Cadman Bros., very thick-set and shapely, beautifully tight in feather, nice col., will improve yet, not quite so forward as leaders; 4, Lawrence, very rich tone of col., grand wings, splendid head and chest, pressed hard, but a little short of polish; c, Hurst, grand Chaffic, very low down. TWITE OR MEALY REDPOLL (16): 1, Marley, good sized Twite, lovely col. and polish, full of work all over, very stylish; 2, McQuiston, big bold Mealy, grand shape, nice bib, bit deficient in flank lacing, very fine condition; 3, Harris, best Twite in class for size and shape, grandly marked, but well beaten for bloom and tightness of feather; 4, Bancroft, another rattling good Mealy, loses only a little in bib, very nice condition; vhc, c, Francis; hc, Hayter; absent, Bell. REDPOLL, LESSER (17): 1, c, Marley, h.m., excels in size and in width of skull, wonderful head, lovely col. and condition, well laced, but none too good in bib; 2, Jeffreys, h.m., smaller, but a gem at all points, splendid bib and lacing, very rich colour, we were inclined to prefer for first, very near thing; 3, Pickles, f.m., hot col., grandly pencilled, nice bib, in splendid condition, excellent size, shape and style; 4, Miss Bousfield, h.m., very sound in col., excels in lacing, fair bib, lovely shape and condition; vhc, Nicholson and Son, splendid type and markings; hc, Walsh; "wrong class," Keymer Bros., too much like a small Mealy. HAWFINCH (10): 1, Harris, last year's Palace winner, grand bird at all points, excels in col. and qual., coming into fine form; 2, c, Francis, big, bold bird, lovely condition, fine bib and wings, claimed at £3; 3, Hurst, very bold and thick-set, grand head, not up in bloom yet, should do well later on; 4, Grahame, close up, fine polish and col., well marked; vhc, hc, Marley. BRAMBLEFINCH (10): 1, 3, Marley, we could not see eye-to-eye with the judge over this award, the winner is admittedly a good bird for size and shape, but got first place on account of the density of its hood and colour generally, the explanation being, we venture to think, that it has never moulted this autumn, we preferred the 3rd bird, a bonny bold, shapely Bramble, very clean cut markings, well spangled, rich col.; 2, Bancroft, fine stylish bird, beautifully mkd., good size and col., carries a lovely sheen; 4, vhc, Francis, two good ones, leader excels in spangling and lacing, splendid shape and size; hc, Lawrence, another real bonny bird; c, Botting. BUNTINGS (7): 1, McQuiston, topping Cornbunting, splendid markings, very good carriage, beautifully polished plumage, will improve a little in col., as steady as could be desired; 2, 3, Graname, grand pair, "nd beautifully marked Yellowbunting, rich yellow cap and throat, fed to a nicety, good back markings, well defined head marks; 3rd fine Cirl Bunting, good cheek and throat markings, fine silky plumage; both well staged; 4, Botting, Lapland Bunting, freshly caught, in nice feather, rather restless; vhc, Nicholson and Son, another fine Cornbunting; hc, Cadman; No. 3, Morlock (Cirl), marked "absent" in catalogue, got mixed up in another class. CROSSBILL. TITS, ETC. (6): Class which gave plenty of scope for an interesting variety of birds. 1, Frostick, capital

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CANARY VARIATIONS.

An article written round the Coloured Plate (by Mr. H. Norman) which accompanies this Double Number.

By CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

The Editor has asked me to make a few comments upon the charming coloured plate presented with to-day's issue of CAGE BIRDS. Looking backward over past special issues one cannot fail to realise the great difficulty of always keeping a little, even though it be but one short step in advance of the best that has been done in the past. But earnest endeavour surmounts all obstacles, and it will be conceded by one and all that this latest addition to CAGE BIRDS' picture gallery is not merely a little step, but a big stride in advance of all previous efforts.

It was surely a happy thought to select these three breeds—the Lancashire, the Scotch Fancy, and the Lizard—as representative examples of the variation of type which is to be found in the race of domesticated Canaries, for each possesses unique qualities, and is a distinct variation.

The Lancashire Canary.

Taking each variety separately we have first the massive and lordly Lancashire, which is truly the giant of the Canary tribe, being, as a breed, the largest Canary we possess. As its name implies it is at home in the county Palatine. How, when, or whence it came there is nothing now to show, but there can be very little room for doubt that it originated from the old Dutch Canary, of which several varieties existed on the Continent.

The noble, commanding appearance of the ideal specimen has been well depicted by Mr. Norman on this plate. Great length, not less than 8ins. over all; large and massive body, abundance of feather; long, well-carried wings; stout, strong legs, with a bold upstanding position, are essential characteristics of the breed. It occurs in Plainhead and Crested varieties, but in this breed the Crest is termed a "Coppy." Describing the two varieties in the pages of "Our Canaries," Mr. Barker Clegg, one of its oldest exponents says: "The Coppy should have abundance of nice frontal, flowing forward in 'horseshoe' fashion, lying well down with beautiful radiation and shape; grand upstanding birds, on pairs of strong legs, with a majestic carriage, and the feather as close on the body as a moleskin. The Plainheads show to perfection their gigantic properties, equal, and at times surpassing the Coppy."

The horseshoe shape of the crest is well shown on the plate, and in this particular the bird differs materially from the Norwich Crest, which radiates evenly all round.

In the same work—Part XI., page 243—comparing the birds of to-day with those of former years, Mr. J. Garner says: "There were some grand birds in the old days, just as there are now, and I have some magnificent stuffed specimens as good as the present-day birds. But upon the whole they are better to-day in head, neck, coppy, and substance."

Double-buffing is largely resorted to in this breed to keep up size, substance, and feather, but must not be carried too far. On this point Mr. E. Lowe writes in "Our Canaries": "My experience in double-buffing has been most successful. . . . My plan is to keep the best young cock bird, either Coppy or Plainhead, from this pairing, and pair back to a Yellow Coppy or Plainhead, as the case may be." By this method, he tells us he has bred three yellow cocks in one nest, one of which was a great winner, and the father of the Yellow Plainhead cock that won the diploma at the Palace in 1909.

The Lancashire has been used extensively in crossing to build up old or help to make new varieties. It has helped to make the Yorkshire, and to its influence we owe the chief beauty, size, and lovely headgear of the modern Crest and Crest-bred.

The Scotch Fancy.

Another grand typical specimen of its breed is the Scotch Fancy shown in the top right-hand corner of the plate. This modern development of the old-time "Glasgow Don," or "bird o' circle" as it was often termed, is still, in a living sense, Scotland's pride, and always seems as much an emblem of the land "ayand the Tweed" as the kilt and the bagpipe. It is a bird of position, the pose depicted by the artist showing the bird as it should appear when "in position" in its show cage. When placed in the show cage, and requested, so to speak, to get in position, it will, when properly trained, at once take to the perch, and will be seen to get a good businesslike grip of the spar, brace itself for action, as it were, then the tail is brought forward, reaching well under the perch, the shoulders elevated, and the head dropped below the line of the top of the shoulders, and thrust outwards to the fullest possible extent of its neck, the beak pointing forward, as though the bird were endeavouring to reach something beyond the tip of its beak. Over all is a sense of nervous tremor and excitement, as though the bird was consciously striving to do its very best.

Large size is a valuable asset in a Scotch Fancy, but must always play a secondary part to the more essential points, as shape, nerve, action, and reach. Mr. R. G. Joliffe, in "Our Canaries," says: "Ordinary specimens should measure from 6ins. to 7½ins. or even 8ins. in length . . . . but few may be found to exceed 7ins., which may be accepted as the average size." Mr. W. McClure, who has bred the bird from the days of the "Don" type, writes in the same place: "The Belgian was introduced to give more prominence to the shoulder and droop of the head . . . . and has given the Scotch Fancy more top, ... but at the expense of size and length of body, and the birds are more tapered, or pear-shaped, now than in the old days."

Unfortunately, space will not permit me to quote more extensively from the work in question by leading breeders, but I must add one more extract from the notes of that veteran breeder, Mr. R. Findlay: "In mating Scotch Fancies get a cock with prominent shoulders, long neck, and small head, with a tendency to keep the head well down; if he does not keep his head below the line of the top of his shoulders when you handle the cage, do not mate him. . . . Beware of thin-chested, thick-necked birds, with stiff back and tail—better not have them. This type can ruin a good stock for years to come."

The Lizard Canary.

In the lower right-hand corner of the plate is shown a sweet specimen of the lovely bespangled Lizard. In size and substance it is almost the antithesis of its neighbour on the opposite corner—the Lancashire—being one of the smallest, but not quite the smallest, breeds we have. Curiously enough it also enjoys the greatest measure of popularity in and around the cotton weaving districts of Lancashire and neighbourhood. It is another of our old breeds which still remain with us, being contemporaneous with the London Fancy in its early days, and traceable almost, if not quite, to the dawn of the Canary Fancy in England.

Mr. Levi Butterworth, in some interesting reminiscences, contributed to the pages of "Our Canaries," tells us that his grandfather, who would now have been considerably over a hundred years old, used to breed these birds in his young days, when they were known only as "Mooned 'uns," the black spotted markings we now term "spangling" being known in those early days as "mooning."

The Lizard is a one-year show bird, in this respect, and in the curious change from nestling to show plumage it possesses points in common with the London Fancy. The beautiful spangling on its plumage only appears at the first moult, and deteriorates more or less at the second and each succeeding moult, so that a bird in its nestling plumage is not a show bird at all, and after the second moult it is very rarely able to compete with the least chance of success against full-plumaged show birds. It therefore follows that in this breed there are no "old stagers" to carry off the premier honours year after year.

Spangling and ground colour are the most essential features, being allotted 30 to 15 points respectively, or a total of 45 points out of a possible 100. The cap or thumb-nail patch of light colour on the crown, comes next in importance, with 10 points value, the same value being given to the wings and tail and to size.

The whole top of the head within this well-defined boundary of the cap should be perfectly free from the least speck of colour in a clear capped bird. If only a single coloured feather occurs on this space, or any irregularity of outline allowing dark colour to intrude upon it, the specimen will be a broken capped bird.

The ground colour must be a rich, deep, and pure golden yellow, or mealy buff, though in this breed the terms yellow and buff are supplanted by the words gold and silver respectively. It should also be as free as possible from mossiness or cloudiness, which may cause the "work," or spangling, to lose its distinct character and appear to merge gradually into the ground colour. This would be a most serious blemish, as the spangles should at all times stand out boldly, showing a well-defined and clean-cut outline.

The ideal form of spangling is shown on the plate. On the upper surface it should begin with very small spots near the base of the skull, just below the back of the cap, and run down the neck and over the back in well-defined lines, or rows, each spangle gradually increasing in size as the rows approach the centre of the back. The lacing on the breast must also be clearly defined, and as profuse as possible, extending down the breast, sides, and waist, and on to the thighs.

I can give only one more brief quotation from the pages of "Our Canaries," and I choose an extract from the pen of that erstwhile most successful exhibitor of Lizards, Mr. F. W. Baker. But every lover of the breed should get Part XII. of that work for the mass of information it contains from all the best known breeders. Mr. Baker writes: "In selecting stock for breeding purposes choose the largest and broadest backed birds, for without width of body, it is impossible to get a sufficient quantity of those beautiful rows of spangles thereon; whilst only birds with a good ground colour, and nice bright black wings; tail and spangling, should be selected. Whatever you do, avoid birds with a 'grizzled,' or grey wing and tail, and a dull muddy spangle. I would much rather breed from a bird with a white feather or two in the wing or tail—the remainder being black—than the above.

"If you want to breed good Lizards you must use an abundance of broken-capped stock birds; otherwise you will obtain a superabundance of over-capped, bald-faced, and pied winged and tailed birds, which will prove worse than a pest in your aviaries."



THE SENSATIONAL GREENFINCH-CHAFFINCH HYBRID.

Drawn by] [*H. Goodchild.*

First and Diploma at the L.C.B.A. Show. Bred and exhibited by Miss Janette Reeves (Wateringbury).

OUR LATEST HYBRID.

A brief account of the Greenfinch-Chaffinch bred by Miss Reeves.

One of the most notable birds in the recent Horticultural Hall Show, and certainly the chief object of interest to the many bird-keepers who engage in the more-or-less difficult art of hybrid-breeding, was the example of the Greenfinch-Chaffinch cross exhibited by Miss Janette Reeves, awarded first prize in its class, also the diploma for best, and the special for rarest, hybrid in the hall.

The first public appearance of this bird had been eagerly anticipated by the many fanciers aware of its existence, and little knots of enthusiasts congregated round its cage practically from the opening to the close of the exhibition. Personally I did not meet with a single knowledgeable person who expressed doubts as to the authenticity of the bird. At the same time, I must say that I heard of one fancier (or was it two?), who seemed undecided whether to accept this specimen as really being bred from a cock Greenfinch and a hen Chaffinch.

My own impression (evidently shared by the judge) is that the bird carries ample evidence in its appearance, markings, and colouration to confirm its parentage, even without taking into account the statement of its breeder.

Mr. Goodchild's drawing gives one an exact idea of the bird's shape and outward characteristics, apart, of course, from colour. The exceptionally thickened (swollen), yet pointed, beak is just what one would expect to find in the offspring of Greenfinch-Chaffinch parents; the legs are thickened, too; these comparisons being made from the Chaffinch point of view. The markings of the wings are a combination of those peculiar to the bird's two parents, the "whites" of the Chaffinch being, as one would expect, very prominent, but of a pale yellow tone of colour. In fact, this pale yellow is prominent in various parts of the body (near the eyes, on the throat and belly, and at the edge of wing and tail feathers). On the upper breast the red of the Chaffinch is distinctly to be seen; and the wings and back are suffused with green, this colour being especially strong on the rump.

It is a most attractive bird in shape and manner, being as tame as the proverbial kitten. In colouring it cannot be termed brilliant, but undoubtedly will improve in this respect (in common with other Hybrids) at its next moult—no, sir, I am *not* suggesting that it should be colour-fed.

To sum up: It is my deliberate opinion that this bird is what it is claimed to be, a hybrid between Greenfinch and Chaffinch. It seems a little startling, true. But Miss Reeves has most original methods of her own in dealing with the problems of hybrid breeding, and in our next issue I will try to give readers a brief account of them. A few seasons ago, in company with several fellow-members of the N.B.B. and M.C., I had the pleasure of visiting Miss Reeves' home and seeing in their nestling plumage the Bramblefinch-Chaffinch Hybrids she had then bred. I have had this Greenfinch-Chaffinch Hybrid in my possession since the L.C.B.A. Show, and my first impressions are more than confirmed. I well remember the story of the South Sea Islander who claimed to have white blood in his veins because certain of his forefathers dined off roast missionary; but there is no need to tell double-meaning tales of this kind in connection with the bird under notice. Miss Reeves is to be heartily congratulated on her latest success.

G. E. WESTON.

Young Herons.

The nestling Heron is a curious little creature covered with greyish down, having long, erect, ashy-grey plumes upon the head. In due course, feathers follow this down, but the bird has to moult again before acquiring the adult plumage.

A Rook Puts Out Matches.

Some years ago we possessed a Rook, writes a contributor to a northern contemporary, and one of the wonderful things about it was the way it had of putting out lighted matches. By chance one of us threw a lighted match on the floor, and we were surprised to see the Rook run over and raise the match with his beak, and put it under his wing, and, when it was out, let it drop to the floor. We used to, after this, throw lighted matches down to the floor, and, to our amusement, we would see him put them out. If we continued it any length of time he always used to put the matches out.

Questions and Answers.

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Birds Flying Loose.

New Beginner.—You should be able to get the best results both in number and quality from a room of the size you name by fitting it up with rack and breeding cages, and keeping the birds together in pairs during the breeding season in the manner usually adopted. This, of course, would naturally entail much more attention, and some expense in putting in the fittings, but you would be able to run a much larger stock of birds. To keep them flying loose you could start the season with three cocks and twelve hens, and hang up in various positions, not too near each other, from fifteen to twenty nesting sites. The floor should be covered an inch in depth with clean gritty sand—clean river sand, sea sand, or builder's sand, with a little of a more gritty kind mixed with it are suitable—or sawdust may be used instead, and the sand supplied in one or two shallow boxes. A variety of perches and twiggy boughs should be fixed up around the place. For full details of fitting up such a room, however, get the early parts of "Our Canaries," which treats the matter thoroughly. "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (see inset advert) also deals with the subject. It would be advisable to fit up a room at once and turn hens in for the winter, providing you first overcome the dampness you mention. It is very important to remove this, as it is most inimical to the welfare of any birds you put in the room. Apart from this the room is quite suitable for your purpose. If the damp exists in the structure of the walls I believe you could obtain a particular kind of wall covering to render it ineffectual. It would also be wise to have the leads properly examined. Otherwise it may possibly arise through insufficient ventilation when the remedy is obvious. Whatever the cause it should be removed, and you might do worse than get the advice of a builder on the spot as to the cause and remedy of the dampness.

Keeping Sexes Together (H. S.).—By keeping the hens together in the flight cage, and the cocks separately in each compartment of the double-breeder you are doing quite right, and I certainly do not advise you to turn the cocks into the flight for the sake of the extra exercise they would get. Keep them as you are now doing until time to prepare for mating next spring. This course must have naturally suggested itself from my last reply, I trust.

Sample of Sand (Sand).—The sand is totally unfit for use in bird cages, quite apart from its having been used in a foundry, which doubtless greatly increases its objectionable qualities, even if it does not render it very risky or dangerous. It is considerably too fine and powdery to be of any real service to the birds and seems to hold a tenacious black dust which would quickly make the birds appear disreputable objects.

Will He Sing? (F. H. L.).—Yes, if the Roller is really a cock he will evolve a tolerably decent type of song, similar to the song of any ordinary untrained Canary, even though he never has the privilege of hearing a "schoolmaster," but it goes, as a matter of course, that a tutor would be most advantageous. If the bird got through his moult fairly early he should really have been in good song by this time. Get the Nutshell booklet on the "Roller," and see if you are treating him correctly.

Sore Feet (L. Z. S.).—You should have said in what way the sore footedness seems to affect the general health. It is more likely to be the reverse of this. Still, try the following treatment for a fortnight, and if not better then, write again, and give full particulars of the symptoms. Every third day bathe the legs and feet in a warm solution of horacic acid—small teaspoonful of the acid in a tea saucerful of warm water. Whilst bathing carefully remove all dirt and filth, and also any scale that may become quite loose, and make feet as clean as possible. Then dry them, and anoint freely with zinc ointment, again gently wiping off all superfluous grease before releasing bird. In the drinking water give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and ten drops of lemon juice every second day for a week, and in the next week six drops of tincture of gentian and four of dilute sulphuric acid every second day.

Sneezing Yorkshires (Cymro).—You do not say whether the shed is heated or not. If it is, you must be careful to see that it is not overheated at one time, and correspondingly cold at another; also that it is free from fumes. If none of these causes exist, and the place keeps fairly equable, I should say the bird gets little chills on the journeys to and from shows, or, possibly, may be affected now and again by spending a day and night or two in a show room that is much above the temperature to which it is generally accustomed. In this case the only reasonable course would be to bring it indoors and keep it in a cosy, though not necessarily very warm place, as long as the show season lasts. Give 20 drops of whisky, six of glycerine, and two of eucalyptus oil in the water, well shaken together, two days in every three for a week. This should remove the effects, but the most important point is to discover and remove the cause.

Limit of Cold (Maconachy).—I really should not care to dogmatise about what "ought to be" the limit of cold room, by which I take it you mean the lowest degree it should be allowed to reach, for Crests in winter. There are so many opinions and different strains vary greatly owing to their "bringing up." But this I do say, that about 45 degrees is a very suitable temperature for any variety of Canary, including Crests. My own Crests are kept in a room indoors in which no form of artificial heat is ever used, and which probably gets well below 40 degrees—perhaps occasionally nearer 30—and they thrive very well indeed, and are singularly free from wheeziness; at least, all that are of my own breeding. But, candidly, you must not expect all Crests to flourish under such conditions, neither do I think it wise to try how much cold they will bear, unless you know their breeding. To be on the safe side, keep as near the above-named temperature as possible.

Disposing of Stock (T. W.).—The most profitable way depends to some extent upon the quality of birds bred, but chiefly on your own business capacity. To sell them first hand, singly, or in pairs or trios, is undoubtedly the most profitable to the vendor, and the highest of all profits must accrue by working up a connection to sell to local fanciers. This is not really difficult in many places when the stock consist of purely singing birds. In this case the hens should be disposed of as early as possible, at a cheap rate—say from 1s. to 1s. 6d. each—and the cocks as opportunities offer as soon as they are in stout song. If the stock is pure bred fancy breeds, you need to make some reputation as a breeder by exhibiting successfully from time to time, or you could enter birds at moderate prices either in selling or open classes, so that visitors to the shows might claim them. In this way you would be making a reputation for yourself, opening up a market for your stock, and selling birds at reasonable paying prices, all at the same time. Of course, you cannot overlook the fact that by keeping a small advertisement in our columns, or a breeder's card in the ANNUAL you will help yourself immensely in opening a market for your stock.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

A Goldfinch (A. Harris).—Have you tried moving the bird into a warm room, if at present in an unheated one; or from warm to cold, as the case may be? Give the Goldie a course of the medicine advised W. T. Blair in this issue. He will be alright for muling with next year if he makes a good recovery.

A Mating Matter (No Nom-de-plume).—You should withdraw the wired slide on two days a week, and let the couple run together. The mixed seed will not hurt the cock Canary. If the hen Bullie is inclined to act roughly towards the Canary, don't separate them again until this antagonistic feeling has worn off, which may take 3 or 4 days. Your cage is a very nice size, but personally I prefer one wired at the front only.

Sexing of British Birds (Britishers).—Practically all of CAGE BIRDS books dealing with British birds will give you advice upon sexing. I do not know of any work which deals solely with the latter subject, nor of one giving coloured plates of the cocks and hens, unless it be works costing many sovereigns. The ordinary ornithological works, however, are not very helpful; the majority, for instance, say that the cock and hen Goldfinch are "alike in plumage." But fanciers know of certain sexual differences, though, of course, they are but trifling, taking the birds as a whole.

A Wild Mule (Untamable).—It does not injure a bird to cut its flight feathers; it spoils its appearance, of course. Young Mules are always more or less wild and reckless; some steady down at their first moult, but many do not sober down until their second moult. Keep the bird in a moderate sized box cage in a room wherein people are constantly moving about. A change for a day or so now and then in a show cage would assist.

The Case of a Linnet (W. T. Blair).—I am afraid you have let things drag on for rather too long a time. Give the bird plenty of maw seed; while a mixture of equal parts thistle, dandelion, white lettuce and gold of pleasure would be helpful (a teaspoonful daily). This is in addition to its ordinary seed. Get half-an-ounce of crystals of citrate of iron and quinine from a chemist and dissolve as much as will just cover a threepenny bit in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water. Give fresh daily, and in a glass or earthenware vessel. Keep this up for at least 10 to 12 days.

Condition of Song Thrushes (Lax).—The usual cause of the condition you mention is the absence of facilities for bathing. Show Thrushes should be kept in large cages, which will hold a big dish filled with water; or a large bath should be hung upon the cage door. Birds which can bathe ad libitum are never slack in feather, providing their general health is good. Try a course of the citrate of iron and quinine crystals as advised W. T. Blair this week, only use three table-spoonfuls of water instead of two. I should not give too many earthworms or mealworms; the cockroaches are all right.

Blackbird and Goldfinches (No Nom-de-plume).—I advise you to get the "Nutshell" booklet dealing with the Blackbird (post free 2½d. from CAGE BIRDS) which will give you much fuller advice upon feeding and management than I could possibly do in this column. With regard to the three Goldfinches it seems odd that they should be "in very good condition" (as you say) on arrival, yet all die the next day. What on earth did you do to cause them to take their departure so hurriedly?

A Skylark (Wire).—Your method of feeding seems to be good. I have no doubt the trouble dates from the moult, apt to be a trying time for any bird. Get from a good chemist a small quantity of combined extract of malt and hypophosphites and well mix a small teaspoonful into the Lark's daily supply of soft food. Keep this up for at least a fortnight, and I think you will find a great improvement in its general condition. I am assuming that its surroundings are clean, and that it is not being pestered by bird-lice.

About a Blackcap (American).—(1) The amount of food is alright. Give a mild dose of sulphate of soda now and again, every 10 days or so—as much as will, when crushed, just cover a sixpence, dissolved in three tablespoonfuls of drinking water, leaving it on the cage one day. (2) No harm in bathing, providing he does not get soaked on cold, damp days, and then hang around in a wet condition. He can't get much of a wetting in the drinker, I presume. (3) How long has he been caged? If house-moulted he ought to be singing ere this. (4) The bath is the thing to tighten up a bird's feathers. The Black-cap usually appears to be carrying his wings a little loosely; that is to say, he does not keep them tightly braced to his back like a blue-blooded prize-winning Norwich Canary.

Woodlarks (Lark Bill).—You do not tell me how you are feeding your Skylarks, but if you are using a good quality stock-food, there will be no need to give your Woodlarks anything different. They like young green shoots (such as rape seedlings), plenty of live insects of all kinds when obtainable, likewise gentles and live ants' eggs, and a little seed now and again, such as canary and maw, and coarse oatmeal. They do well in an ordinary Lark cage, preferably of the "runner" type, as large as possible. Put one perch in it, from back to front, and about five-eighths of an inch wide (not less). Pleased to know you think CAGE BIRDS such a grand paper.

A Greenfinch (Miss Williams).—I am a wee bit surprised that you should find it necessary to ask whether a hen Greenfinch is of any use as a mule or hybrid breeder, for I have so often stated that she is the best (easiest) to deal with of all the hen Finches, and many other writers have said the same thing. I certainly think, however, that if Greenfinch-Canary Mules are desired the plan to obtain the highest class birds is to mate a good cock Greenfe with a good yellow Norwich type ben Canary. You will find very full information upon the feeding and management of the Greenfinch in the "Nutshell" booklet published by CAGE BIRDS (post free, 2½d.). Write for a copy; you will be pleased with it.

Cuckoos (Mrs. Sarjeant).—I am deeply grieved to hear of the unfortunate accident which has robbed you of your finest young Cuckoo. You must not take it too much to heart, however. It is not humanly possible to foresee and provide against such happenings, and no shadow of blame attaches to yourself. I should not continue to give egg after

CANARY QUERISTS,

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping (1/1); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Coge Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

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should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding' (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4 "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

the birds have grown up; or not regularly in any considerable quantity. It is not necessary to do so. I should regularly give a mild dose of sulphate of soda, say once a week. I find the majority of insectivorous birds, large and small, benefited by it. By-the-way, I am sure you have nothing to "complain" about in respect to the keeping of Cuckoos, for I know that the majority of people who have tried them have never had half the success you yourself manage to command. Shall be pleased to hear of your muling schemes in due course.

Bearded Tits and Hawfinches (R.J.C.).—Bearded Reedlings are not difficult birds to keep. An excellent article, by Mr. Morris, dealing with their management appeared some few weeks ago in CAGE BIRDS. Did you not read it? Diet; A good quality insectile mixture prepared in the usual way; add a good dash of maw seed every other day, and medium oatmeal once a week; some live-food, according to season. A good cage for a pair would be a box pattern one about 24in. long by 16 high by 11 wide (not less). A pair will be found much more interesting than one bird. An adult Hawfinch will do well if given equal parts Finch mixture and white sunflower. They like a mealworm or two now and again, and most of them relish a little soft food (prepared insectile food), and green food occasionally. They are fond of berries, such as hawthorn, privet, and mountain ash.

A Trio (Beginner).—(1) The bird laws of Dorset are not known to me. Send three stamps to Messrs. Wyman, Ltd., printers, Fetter Lane, London, E.C., and ask them to send you a copy of the Wild Birds Protection Act of 1880 and a copy of the latest by-law for Dorset. Then you will be able to see for yourself what birds can be caught and what are protected. (2) How can you breed Bullfinches for show? I'm afraid I don't quite know. Anyway, I think you will find it much more easy to buy your winners from the bird-shops. Are you under the impression that it is easy to breed and rear Bullfinches in a cage? There's nothing like trying, of course, and you would be well advised to pair a rich-breasted cock, possessing a thick neck, wide chest, and broad head, with a hen excelling in the same points and of a brownish (not grey) tone of body colour—both British, of course, and good in size. (3) It is not a good time of the year to stock an aviary. You would be well advised to wait until the spring is approaching. You can mix the Finches together, providing you put in true pairs and no odd (i.e., unmated) birds. The question of "fighting" depends a good deal on the size of the aviary and the number of birds you put into it; you give me no information on these points.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

A Feather Puller.

Naked.—Am afraid you have applied too late, and that the habit has become too pronounced. While the bird is in this state, of course, it should be kept in a room which has a fire at least during the day, and put a cover round the sides of the cage only at night. Spray the bird twice weekly with chilled quassia solution, using a "mist" sprayer for the purpose. Keep its bowels moving freely (voidings must not be watery-loose) by occasional doses of Dinneford's Magnesia—one teaspoonful to two tablespoonfuls of water. The movement of the bowels must regulate the frequency of the doses. When not giving the magnesia, put one teaspoonful of Bynophosphates into the daily supply of drinking water. A few hours after using the sprayer, rub a little of Spratt's "Pennakura" over the bare areas. Diet, in addition to the seed mixture, supply daily ripe fruit, nuts, and plain biscuit, and keep a piece of clean cuttlebone hanging in the cage. Seed mixture: Get one pint each Canary and white millet seeds, and quarter pint each hemp, sunflower, maize, wheat, oats, and paddy rice, and one gill grit (not sand). Mix well together and keep a supply in the cage. Of course, you can procure any quantity you choose, so that above proportion is observed. Treat as above for a month, then report progress.

Madagascar Weaver (H. W. B.)—The principal dietary should be canary and white millet, also spray millet. In addition, supply green food (lettuce at this season); a little apple is a good substitute if the bird will take it; a pinch of Foreign Bird Mixture may be given twice a week, and two or three meal-worms daily. Grit, cuttlebone and water for drinking and bathing must be regularly supplied. The cage should be large enough for the bird to get reasonable exercise.

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS

should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

Zebra Finches Dying (L. Z. S.).—When a succession of deaths occur like this, a body should be sent in for post mortem examination (see rules), as it would certainly appear that some infectious complaint had got among your stock—if not, I presume pneumonia has been responsible. In an all glass aviary the fluctuation of temperature is very great, and the recent sharp changes might easily work much mischief. I should advise you to screw boards to the sash-bars of roof (inside), protecting the ends so that birds cannot get between boards and glass—cover at least half the roof up so—this will be better for the birds both summer and winter. Your dietary is ample; be sure and send the next body for P.M. examination. It is well to scour out such aviaries with some dilute disinfectant (Jeyes' is good and safe), both before and at the end of the breeding season.

Is it a Festive? (Nemo.).—No, it certainly is not. From your description your bird is the very uncommon Green-cheeked Amazon, though a much better name would be Crimson, or Red-crowned Amazon. This species, of which I have not seen a specimen for many years, is nevertheless well-known, though not often obtainable. It is a Columbian species, and should be a very handsome bird. Value depends largely upon condition and ability to find a purchaser who desires uncommon species. If in fair condition, good feather, etc., say 80s. to 100s., though it is not always easy to find purchasers for costly species.

Foods, etc. (F. A. B.).—(1) There is often a list of foods in our advert. pages; look back through a few issues, but if you cannot find what you want, send me a stamped addressed envelope per Editor. (2) I cannot tell you from this measurement, but if you ascertain the floor area of your aviary and allow one square foot for each bird, the size of a Norwich Canary (you can keep two birds the size of a Waxbill in same space), you will not go far wrong. Avadavats (common and Green), Orange-cheeked, Golden-breasted, and St. Helena Waxbills; Bib, Zebra, Spice, Green Singing, Grey Singing, and Ruficauda Finches, also Cordon Bleus, would give you a handsome and interesting series of birds. (3) I consider the space too circumscribed to mix the species of Green. (4) Unless the area of aviary is very large, the Shama should be caged separately.

Bishops, etc. (Fredu).—Bishops (Weavers) are continually building, but it is very seldom they get any "forrader." An odd male in a roomy cage will cover the front wires and perches with fruits of his industry, but even in large aviaries, only occasionally do they lay, or rear their young. Unless there are eggs already in the nest, I should drive the birds in at night, and it is very doubtful indeed if young could now be reared even if hatched during such weather as recently. As regards the Cordon Bleus, I should certainly separate the sexes, keeping the hens together in one cage and the cocks in another, if possible in separate rooms, where they will neither see nor hear each other.

Crossing Cutthroat and Canary (A. L. Corner).—It is not an impossible cross, but certainly a very improbable one, get a small Norwich or Hartz hen if you wish to make the attempt, and use a double-breeding cage with the partitions removed. But you may keep them together more than one season before an attempt is made or you might succeed the first season. Why not try two foreign birds,

say, Zebra Finch and Silverhill, or Spice Finch and Bengalese, or Bronze and Magpie Mannikin, or Grey and Green Singing Finches, or Cutthroat and Red-headed Finch. The Grey and Green Singing Finches, Alario Finch, and the St. Helena Seed-eater, have all been successfully crossed with the Canary. Put the birds together as soon as it is convenient, and do not examine too closely into their domestic arrangements.

Grey Parrot (T. Williams).—You have done quite right in stopping the milk dieting. For one day put into the drinking water (the quantity you mention) three drops of tincture of opium and repeat this after an interval of two days. Follow this by putting half-a-teaspoonful of Parrish's Chemical Food into the drinking water (usual quantity), and continue this for some time, say for a month, then let me know the result, but if there should be any signs of constipation, give three drops of tasteless castor oil at once, repeating the dose, if necessary, with one day intervals till proper relief is given. Diet as advised in our previous reply, but crush some cuttlebone to the size of hemp seed and mix a little with the daily supply of seed, also, keep a piece of clean cuttlebone continually in the cage.

Budgerigars (Anxious).—The Nutshell booklet is quite clear; it goes without saying that one does not commence breeding operations in the winter, neither should one attempt to induce them to breed at this season. When making a start, spring is the time, but they often take some months to settle down, and often do not start till quite late in the year. Budgerigars are not Canaries: they breed more freely in a small crowd; they do not need pairing; the custom is to put in an equal number of each sex and leave them to mate. Leave your birds as they are. You can leave in the husk, and sooner or later they will go to nest for you. As to diet and treatment, follow the directions in the Nutshell. If you have a spare room, cover the walls with branches, put in 3 pairs, and leave them to themselves; they breed nearly all the year round once they make a start.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 2, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

Kings Lynn and Leath O.S. Shows (No Name, and Interested).—We have reports in type, which will be published at the earliest possible moment. Pressure upon our space at this season of the year is very severe indeed. We must naturally give preference to the reports of those shows which patrouise our advertisement columns.

Newspaper Cuttings (E. Edwards, S. W. Hobbs, W. H. S., C. H., M. H., and others).—Accept our best thanks for the newspaper cuttings you have been good enough to send us.

Canary Keeping (F. B.).—We shall hope to publish your interesting letter in our next issue.

Mahogany Stain; and a Stain on our Character (Kay).—We agree with the old proverb that "The shoemaker should stick to his last." We do not believe in recommending something which we have never tried; and our knowledge of the painting trade in general, and mahogany stains in particular, is nil. We are puzzled why you should object to our correspondence columns being thrown open for the purpose of one fancier lending a helping hand to another. We are afraid we do not see eye to eye with you; and while we respect your motives in writing us, you must please allow us to have our own opinions concerning the management of CAGE BIRDS. We only wish we possessed half the knowledge you seem to expect of us.

The Young Naturalist.

*A Goldfinch Deceived.

We have a Goldfinch. It is so tame that when my mother wants to clean the cage out she lets the bird fly about the sitting room. It will settle on the clock, and when it sees its reflection in the looking-glass it will peck at the glass as if trying to fight its reflection. My father will put a saucer on the table, and the bird will wash itself in it. It is a very amusing bird, and will perch on my mother's head.—Ralph Weale (aged 12 years), 21, Gold Croft, Yeovil.

*Linnet Returns Home.

About three months ago father bought a Canary-reared Linnet from a friend who lives about a quarter of a mile away, and as he was cleaning the cage out one morning about a fortnight ago it flew out and he failed to catch it. The next morning he was surprised to hear his friend say that he had caught it against the window outside trying to get back to the room where it was reared.—Sent by Stella Evans (aged 12), Pentre Cottage, Llanfyllin, Oswestry.

**Bullie's Preference.

As a friend of mine at Haywards Heath was trying to catch some Bullfinches he heard one calling in a wood close by, and on pulling his brace bird up he found it was his own Bullfinch; it had got loose and flown into the wood. He tried to catch it, but as he went to catch hold of it it kept flying further into the wood; so he gave it up for a bad job, left his nets, and went home to get his dinner. On his return, to his surprise his hen Bullfinch was on its stick again enjoying its food. So my friend pulled his nets over and caught it again.—Sent by Agnes Hook (age 12), Dairy Farm, Lindfield Sussex.

In the Courts.

TROUBLE OVER A MULE AT DUBLIN.

At Dublin, on Nov. 24, before Mr. Macinerney, William J. Birso summoned Patrick Mulcahy for the uulawful detention of a Greenfinch-Canary Mule. Mr. Kelly appeared for complainant, and Mr. Smith for defendant.

Mr. Kelly said the plaintiff was a gentleman who took an interest in birds, and the defendant, in addition to being a birdfancier, was a champion pugilist, who had appeared in many battles in Dublin, including one with the celebrated "Coffee Cooler." Both were interested in an exhibition held Nov. 2 and 3 under the auspices of the Cage Bird Society of Ireland. It was the rule of the exhibitiou that the birds had to be entered at a price which visitors to the show were entitled to purchase the birds. The complainant had this bird, which he had bought for three guineas, entered, and by some mistake the sale price set opposite this particular bird was the sum of 12s. 6d. On the morning of Nov. 2 a gentleman named Mr. Dawson came along, and thought he would be gettiug a bargain if he bought the bird. The secretary of the exhibition explained to him that the price opposite the bird was a mistake, aud Mr. Dawsou was a sufficient sportsman not to insist on the completion of the bargain. Later on in the day Mr. Birse came into the show, and there was a conversation between him and Mr. Holley (secretary). Mr. Birse, as a result, bought in his own bird, and put up a notice on the cage with the word "Sold." On the evening of Nov. 3 Mr. Mulcahy came in, accompanied by a number of friends, and sought the secretary, Mr. Holley, and said to him, "I am going to buy that bird," and iuisisted upon getting the bird for the 12s. 6d. Mr. Holley said to him, "You cannot buy that bird, as it is sold, and there is an announcement over the cage that the bird is sold." Mr. Mulcahy, backed up by the other men to a large extent, frightened Mr. Holley, and they said, "We must have it," and they suggested that there had not been a genuine transfer of the bird from the exhibition the previous evening. Mr. Mulcahy's attitude became menacing towards Mr. Holley, who, uo doubt, was frightened by this pugilist, aud afraid of personal violeuce, allowed him to take the bird. Mr. Mulcahy said that he would give back the bird to Mr. Birse, but that he wanted to give him a good "cooling." Mr. Mulcahy subsequently met Mr. Holley, and he said to him: "I am going to exhibit the bird at Dundalk Show, and then I will return it to Mr. Birse. At the Dundalk Show Mr. Mulcahy put ou a reserve price of £50, and he had uot yet returned the bird to Mr. Birse.

Mr. Holley bore out the statemeut by Mr. Kelly as to the transaction by Mr. Dawson and Mr. Mulcahy and himself. Mr. Birse bought in his own bird from witness, offeriug £1, for which witness had not change. A label marked "Sold" was then put over the bird. Subsequently Mulcahy went to witness and iusisted on putting down a deposit for the bird. There were some other men with Mulcahy, aud they assumed a threatening attitude. Mulcahy said he would like to give Birse a "cooling." Fearing a disturbance at the show, he allowed him to take the bird.

Mr. Birse stated he bought the bird with a Canary from a Mr. Tighe, of Sligo, in April, 1910, for £3 5s., but the other bird was worth nothing.

Mr. Smith: My friend Mr. Kelly mentioned about a coloured boxer; my client never had boxing gloves on in his life.—Mr. Kelly: I am told now it was his brother who fought the "Coffee Cooler." (Laughter).

Patrick Mulcahy (defendant) stated that he never said a word about giving Birse a "cooling." There was no label marked "Sold" on the cage when he bought the bird. The bird was worth only 12s. 6d.—Mr. Kelly: Would you sell it now for 12s. 6d. —I would.

Mr. Macinerney: Very well; I'll give an order that you return the bird. The real owner gets it back, no matter what the value. I'll give an order against defendant also for £1 costs.—"Dublin Evening Mail."

LARKHALL C.B.A.

Third annual social, held Miners' Hall, Nov. 18, and was a great success. Over 30 members and friends sat down to an excellent repast. Mr. Rundell (president) occupied the chair, and in a few well-chosen remarks complimented the society on the success of the late show, and also of the present gathering. After the cups and special prizes had been handed over to the various winners, a large and varied programme was gone through. This was ably sustained by Mr. and Master Hyslop, Master Berry, Mr. G. Pollock, Mr. McIntyre, and Mr. Hamilton. The usual votes of thanks and the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" brought to a close one of the best meetings in the history of the society.

LONDON AND COUNTIES A.C.B.

Meeting, held Nov. 18, "Earl Cathcart", Osnaburgh Street, N.W., Mr. H. J. Pearce presiding over a fair attendance, to hear Mr. Gardner's lecture. We were disappointed, as a communication had been received stating he was unavoidably prevented from attending. Four new members were elected, and specials won at autumn show distributed to the winners present. A balance sheet of the show was presented, showing a profit of 2s. 9d., which was considered very satisfactory. The show of pairs matched for breeding was fixed for January 20, and Mr. G. Gardner elected judge. Mr. H. Bell promised a paper in the Norwich Plainhead, at next meeting, and Mr. E. Pretty at some future meeting on the bird room medicine chest.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Ashton-under-Lyne O.S.—Dec. 5, P.S.A. Rooms, 7.30. Smoking concert and presentation of prizes. Long programme. Fanciers and friends invited.—J. R. Colville.

Altrincham C.B.S.—Dec. 4, Victoria Cafe, 8. Table show. Judges, Messrs. A. Jackson, J. Critchley, C. C. Blackshaw, and M. Deau.—C. C. Blackshaw.

Ardwick C.B.S.—Dec. 5, Onward Hall, 8. Final arrangements for show. Please note two extra classes, one for Greenfinches, one for Chaffinch and Bramble-finch.—J. Spencer.

Barnsley C.B.S.—Dec. 2, Clarence Hotel, 7.30. Arrangements for members' show.—F. C. Sims.

Bolton C.B.S.—Dec. 4, Joiners' Arms, Deansgate, S. O.B. show, and election of officers for 1912.—P. Brierley.

Bradford East O.S.—Dec. 5, Park Chapel Schools, 8. Balance-sheet for last members' show, etc. Sub-committee for tea and concert at 7.30.—H. Hill.

Barrington C.B.S.—Dec. 2, Social Club, 7. To arrange for Dec. 23 show; bills and entry forms ready.—T. Griffiths.

Brighouse C.B.S.—Dec. 7, Rouud House Inn, 8. Balance-sheet for winter show.—F. Mitchell.

City and County of Perth O.S.—Dec. 4, Laidlaw's Temperance Hotel, Leonard Street, 8. Balance-sheet, etc.—J. Kerr.

City of Birmingham C.B.S.—Dec. 6, Crown Hotel, 8.30. Nominations of officers for 1912. Table show. —S. Mole.

Chester-le-Street C.B.S.—Dec. 2, Butchers' Arms, 7. Washing exhibition; all welcome.—J. Hedley.

Choppington C.B.S.—Dec. 2, Railway Hotel, 7. Final arrangements for annual show.—G. H. Scely.

Clitheroe C.B.S.—Dec. 4, Bennett's, Moor Lane, 8. Election of officers, etc.—J. Southworth.

Chester C.B.F.A.—Dec. 5, Nag's Head Cocoa House, 8.30. Important show business. Members please bring Ramsden's and other coupons.—J. Swindley.

Coventry O.S.—Dec. 6, Sydenham Palace, 8.30. Settlement of annual show payments.—A. J. Barratt.

Cheltenham C.B.S.—Dec. 6, Sydney Arms Hotel, 8. Smoking concert.—A. S. Treasure.

City of Bradford O.S.—Dec. 2, "Flying Dutchman," 8. Open show arrangements. Prize money for members' show.—F. Rhodes.

Collnton and Currie O.S.—Dec. 2, Drill Hall, Juniper Green, 8. Drawing up rules.—J. Napier.

Clapham C.B.A.—Dec. 4, Landor Hotel, 8.30. Very important general business. Final meeting of year.—A. L. Priest.

Dewsbury C.B.S.—Dec. 2, Saville Hotel, 7.30. Show business.—S. Shaw.

Darlington C.B.S.—Dec. 6, Labour Hall, 8. Members' prizes to be paid.—H. Todd.

Dalton C.B.A.—Dec. 9, Quinlan's Rooms. Members' show.—F. Houldsworth.

Edinburgh N.C. and M.B.S.—Dec. 7, 142, High Street, 8. Annual meeting; reports, payment of prize money, election of office-bearers, etc.—J. Finnie.

Edinburgh Eastern O.S.—Dec. 4, Free Gardeners' Hall, Abbey Mount, 8. Election of office-bearers, payment of prize money, balance-sheet, and enrolment of new members.—D. D. Horne.

Eccles C.B.S.—Dec. 6, Diamond Inn, 7. Members' show, same time novice judging competition.—J. Hall.

Eccleshill C.B.A.—Dec. 2, Fountain Inn, 8. General. —W. Nettleton.

Edinburgh Western O.S.—Dec. 7, Riego Street Hall, 8. New members invited.—R. Lile.

Glossop, Hadfield C.B.S.—Dec. 5, 59, Hague Street, Glossop, 8. General show business, etc.—E. Thompson.

Glasgow West End C.B.C.—Dec. 8, Co-op. Hall, St. George's Cross, 8. Report of show business, etc., also distribution of special prizes.—W. Proudfoot.

Gt. Horton (Good Intent) O.S.—Dec. 2, Church Schools, Southfield Lane. Members' show; judge, Mr. J. Thomas (Halifax). Birds staged 7.30. Meeting during show.—H. Gornall.

Greenock, Port Glasgow, etc., O.S.—Dec. 6, Co-operative Halls, P.G., 7.30. Arranging show; enrolment of members.—J. Forrester.

Grimsby O.S.—Annual meteing, Dec. 7. Slatter's Rooms, 8. Election of officers; allotting specials for members' half-day show.—Towl Bros.

Hetton-le-Hole C.B.S.—Dec. 2, Crowu Inn, 7. All entries to be in for annual show; all accounts to be squared, etc.—A. J. Notley.

Hartlepools C.B.S.—Dec. 6, Y.M.C.A., Whitley Street, 8. Judging competition; adjudicator, Mr. B. Evans.—E. Woodhead.

Hyson Green (Nottingham) C.B.S.—Dec. 5, Cricket Players' Hotel, 8. Entry night for show.—W. Cottingham.

Leyton C.B.A.—Dec. 2, Grange Park Hall, Leyton, 2.30. Annual show; judge, Mr. C. A. House.—Forse and Son.

Leeds C.B.S.—Dec. 2, Lockhart's, Briggate, 7.30. Nomination of officers for 1912; kindly bring Ramsden's coupons.—W. A. Wilson.

Longton C.B.S.—Dec. 5, Castle Inn, 8. Special.—Hallam and Lovatt.

L. and P.O.S.—Dec. 7, Leysian Hall, 8. Annual general meeting.—C. W. Law.

London and Counties A.C.B.—Dec. 9, Earl Cathcart, Osnaburgh Street, N.W., 7.45. "The Norwich Plainhead," Mr. H. Bell.—R. J. Pretty.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—Dec. 6, Railway Hotel, 8. Boxing Day show, etc. Will all members who have not paid up their subs. kindly do so?—J. E. Hudson.

Leith O.S.—Dec. 9, Liberal Club, Hope Street, 7. Balance-sheet, payment of prize money, new members enrolled, election of office-bearers.—G. Brown.

Leadgate C.B.S.—Dec. 2, Church Square Hall, 6. Table show birds to be staged by 6 o'clock; usual meeting after show.—J. A. Turnbull.

Leigh C.B.S.—Dec. 6, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Auditing books, etc.—R. Charleson.

Lowestoft C.B.S.—Dec. 4, Fox and Hounds, 8.30. Clearing up show accounts, pay out prize money, specials, etc.—J. Rackham.

Leeds Roller C.C.—Dec. 2, 55, Briggate, 7.30.—H. L. Davis.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—Dec. 5, White Swan, 8.30. Yellow hens, buff, old birds, green or broken green hen, ditto novice.—A. Freestone.

Manningham C.B.A.—Dec. 2, headquarters, 8. Show report; nominations of officers for 1912.—H. Grange.

Morley C.B.S.—Dec. 2, Sycamore Hotel, 7.30. Business important.—D. Holliday.

Manchester and N.C.O.S.—Dec. 4, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Jan. show business and arrangements for social.—H. Boothman.

New Cross C.B.S.—Dec. 7, headquarters, People's Hall, Tanners' Hill, Deptford, 8. Show report. Bird washing competition for silver medal. Please bring some birds.—Barton and Barton.

Newcastle C.B.S.—Meeting postponed until Dec. 14. —R. Tindale.

Nottingham and Notts O.S.—Dec. 6, Mechanics' Hall, 8. Important.—G. E. Wilkinson.

Northern Border and S.F.C.—Dec. 4, 65, Grainger Street, 8. Mr. Johnston's lecture on "The Green Border." All fanciers welcome.—J. N. F. Scott.

Oxford C.B.S.—Dec. 7, St. Peter-le-Bailey Hall, 8. Report and balance-sheet of open show.—A. F. Fifield.

Ormskirk C.B.S.—Dec. 4, Church House, 8. Prize money, etc.—T. H. Tiffen.

Preston O.S.—Dec. 7, Tokio Cafe, 8. Prize money paid; show report. Please bring all ticket money.—J. P. Leeming.

Pudsey, Stanningley C.B.S.—Dec. 4, Fleece Hotel, 8. Washing exhibition by Mr. J. Kinder; payment of prize money, etc.—H. Raistrick.

Portobello C.B.S.—Dec. 5, Masonic Hall, 8. Balance-sheet, election office-bearers for ensuing year. Motions must be brought forward at this meeting for any alterations of rules.—J. Bell.

Queen's Park C.B.A.—Dec. 7, Emmanuel Hall, Harrow Road, W., 8. Table show and judging competition.—J. C. Birch.

Redhill C.B.S.—Dec. 5, Mutton's Hotel, 8. Paying out prize money. Will members let me have money for tickets before the night?—A. W. Bacon.

Rochdale O.C.—Dec. 4, Club Rooms, 8.30. Committee meeting and back-end show.—R. Blincoe.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—Dec. 6, Temperance Club, Toad Lane, 8. General meeting; please bring ticket money.—E. Hartley.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—Dec. 4, Commercial Hotel, 8. Arrangements for Christmas show.—J. H. Lewis.

Sheffield O.S.—Dec. 5, Rose and Crown Hotel, 8. Open show balance-sheet and report; election of officials for 1912. Please bring all show tickets.—T. Bishop.

Sittingbourne C.B.S.—Dec. 4, headquarters, George Hotel, High Street, 8.30. Distribution of prizes of annual show and show report, etc.—B. Tidy.

Sunderland C.B.A.—Dec. 9, Fawcett St. Cafe, 7.30. Final consideration of schedule.—J. Jeffrey.

Stocksbridge C.B.S.—Dec. 16, headquarters. Members' O.B. show. Judge, Mr. Richmond. Birds staged 2.30. Please note change of date.—G. L. Sampson.

Sheriffhill F. and F.S.—Dec. 2, St. John's Mission Rooms, 6.30. Election of officers for 1912, also altering rules, etc. Don't forget 6.30, not 7.30 as usual. —W. H. Stockton.

Stockton-on-Tees C.B.S.—Dec. 7, Leeds Hotel, 8. Important.—J. W. Lowes.

Stonehouse C.B. and F.H.S.—Dec. 9, Public Hall, 7. To consider whether we continue our society or drop it altogether. Fanciers interested requested to attend.—W. Melvin.

Sowerby Bridge C.B.S.—Dec. 9. Wharfe Hotel. Annual members' show. Judge, Mr. W. Mundell (Bradford).—Sutcliffe and Walker.

Sowerby Bridge C.B.S.—Dec. 7, Wharfe Hotel, 8. General meeting. Final arrangements and allotments of specials for annual show.—Sutcliffe and Walker.

Shipley O.S.—Dec. 5, Prince of Wales, 8.—A. Tillotson.

Vale of Leven C.B.C.—Dec. 5, School Room, Alexandria, 8. Annual meeting; election of office-bearers, etc.—A. H. McLean.

Windhill and Shipley O.S.—Dec. 2, Blue Bell Hotel, 8. Balance-sheet for winter show; nomination of officers for 1912; subs. now due, etc.—J. Cook.

West Bromwich C.B.S.—Dec. 5, headquarters, 8. Final arrangements for table show.—W. G. Andrews.

Walsall C.B.S.—Dec. 4, White Hart Hotel, Caldmore, 8. Balance-sheet of members' show and Roller singing exhibition by contest birds. Fanciers invited. —F. Price.

Wimbledon C.B.S.—Dec. 4, 6, The Broadway, 8. Report of annual show. Judging competition British; final judge, Mr. J. Dewhurst.—H. Smith.

Wolverhampton C.B.S.—Dec. 7, Duke of York Hotel, 8. Balance-sheet open show; bills and schedule of district members' show; Walsall members invited.—J. Gibbons.

West Stanley C.B.S.—Dec. 2, Stanley Inn, 7.30. Monthly meeting and table show.—W. Elliott.

Wibsey C.B.S.—Dec. 2, Horse and Groom Inn, 8. Members' show, birds staged 7. Judge, Mr. E. B. Denton.—H. C. Crossley.

Wallasey C.B.S.—Dec. 7, headquarters, 8. Night show of Can. and Brit. See syllabus for classification. Judges, Messrs. Hadwin and Mallinson.—W. Mallinson.

GREEN CANARY ASSOCIATION.

Meeting held Nov. 23rd, Oldham Hall, Liverpool, Mr. F. Handley in chair. Mr. L. F. Harding (Wellingborough) was nominated for membership. The old show business was attended to, and the following arrangements made, subject to confirmation: Date, January 13th; place, Caledonian Schools; judges, Messrs. A. G. Davis and J. W. Bancroft; liberal classification; specials to be allotted by committee. Table show of Green Nor. held, but only ten birds were staged, and in the absence of Mr. J. Walker, the judge, Mr. Handley kindly placed the cards. Dec. 28th, table show of Green Borders.—Geo. Green, Hon. Sec.

METROPOLITAN C.B.A.

Meeting held All Saints Parochial Hall, Battersea Park, November 18th. A report of the annual show was read showing a balance on the right side. A good "gate" had helped much towards this. The winners in the cup competitions for the year were also announced as follows: Champion section, Mr. Moore, 40 points; Mr. King (runner-up), 37. Novice section, Mr. McMillan, 39; Mr. J. W. Burgess (runner-up), 36. Ladies' section, Mrs. Denham, 30; Mrs. L. M. Thynne, 26 (case of silver spoons. British section, Mr. Hall, 25; Mr. Best (runner-up), 24. Trowers' medal, Mr. J. Smith. 10s. 6d. most points in novice Border sections for the year, Mr. J. W. Burgess. Decided to have a lecture on Dec. 16th, and the cups, etc., be given away.—G. Harwood, Hon. Sec.

DUNFERMLINE AND DIST. C.B.S.

Third annual "smoker" held November 15th proved a decided success. Mr. J. Rankine (President) presided, and read over the financial statement of the last show, disclosing a balance of over £5. The chairman in a neat speech handed over the cup and rose bowls to Messrs. Howie, McCarey and Campbell, who each suitably replied. A capital musical programme was well sustained by the various members, while gramophone selections were rendered by Mr. Doreuncus. The much respected member, Mr. W. Rolland, gave a detailed account of the Fancy in Dunfermline for over 30 years back. Votes of thanks were proposed by Mr. McLaren and the secretary. The singing of "Auld Lang Syne" concluded a very enjoyable night.—R. T. Campbell. Sec.

Correspondence.

Is it a Sale or Borrowing?

Sir,—I was at a meeting when this question arose: A man buys birds on the condition that after the show season is over he sells the birds back to the man whom he had bought them from. Will some of your readers tell me if this is borrowing birds or not, and would it be allowed by any union or society?

E. STEAD, hon. sec.

Skipton C.B.S.

A New Cage Birds Society for South County Dublin.

Sir,—Fanciers in Ireland will be pleased to learn that at a meeting held at Glasthule, Kingstown, on Nov. 12, it was decided to form a Cage Bird Association. A large number of fanciers have already sent in their names. All information can be obtained on application to me.

D. SMYTH, hon. sec.

21. Eden Terrace, Kingstown, Ireland.

Extra Classes at the 1912 Crystal Palace Show.

Sir,—Since writing you with reference to the classification at the above show, the following classes have been added to the list:—Roller: Champion Young Bird; ditto Novice Young Bird; ditto Any Age; Foul Cinnamons; Hybrid, 30s. limit class; Appliances; Border Fancy: Novice, Buff A.V.; ditto Yellow A.V. It is too late to consider engaging a Welsh judge, as the judges were elected at the last meeting of the L. and P.O.S. Committee.

J. W. RAMSDEN, Show Manager.

White Canaries Freely Bred in New Zealand.

Sir,—At the end of last seasou I wrote telling you I had reared nine pure white Canaries. I will send you a photo of these nine birds (taken in one cage), and also a photo of four of them, clear oocks, which took first prize for cage of four birds at our Wellington (N.Z.) Show. It may interest your readers to learn that I am having a very successful start this season, as I have already 28 young white Canaries (reared from the nine I bred last year), all very healthy and doing well, 13 of them having left the nest. All these are bred in an outdoor aviary, and as the season is only just starting, aud the weather has been exceptionally cold, wet, and windy, I am glad to see that they are a strong and hardy strain. I think I may quite claim to have established the type, as the white heus mated to white cocks breed true to colour, the young being all white, without a coloured one amongst them. I have had five such nests from them already. Some of the young have grey ticks (or wing marks), but I have many which are quite clear. My total white birds, young and old, number 37. I shall hope to write to you at the end of the season telling you my results for the year.

(MRS.) MAUD S. MARTIN.

[We shall be most pleased to hear further from our correspondent.—Editor.]

The Chortle of an Anti-colourfoodite.

Sir,—Having read the interesting, if not quite to the point, letters on the above subject in your valuable weekly, may I, with your permission, state a few facts from my own experience? On looking up my breeding card for 1910, I find that I reared 69 youngsters from eight hens and four cocks. This season (1911) I have reared 85 young from twelve heus and six cocks. The parents of these youngsters were all colour-fed. In season 1910 I took three rounds from five hens and two rounds from three hens. This last season I took three rounds from five heus and two rounds from seven hens. Each hen has brought her own young up from hatching till ready to leave the nest, without the aid of the cock bird. I never had a heu egg-bound, nor lost one from auy other cause during the last two breeding seasons, notwithstanding that all my birds are kept the year round in an outside bird-room, without any heat whatever. Your correspondent, Mr. Moore, seems to forget that feeders are mostly used by breeders of such birds as the Laucashire, Crest, Belgian, and Scots Fancy, birds that are not supposed to be colour-fed. I for one hope we shall have this colour-feeding question thrashed out once and for all, without so much unnecessary sarcasm, but with facts.

S. ENGLAND.

A Novel Proposal.

Sir,—It is with the greatest interest that I have read the letters written by Mr. Harris on the colour-feeding question. Now I also can lay claim to being a novice, as far as successful exhibiting comes in, and have been one for two years or more now. I can generally get amongst the money, but, alas! that long-sought-for first has not yet arrived, and does not seem to me to ever be any nearer, and I have often been tempted to give my hobby up. Now what do I blame as the reason for my non-success? Simply this: the birds are not colour-fed, and what I get from the critics is this "Fine bird; he ought to be fed though," "He would be great if he were fed," "You should feed him." I have a Goldie Mule which has been out twice and got two thirds, and the judge at one show distinctly told me that had he been fed he would have won. I always understood that a bird had to be put down clean and in its natural condition. Now is a Bird in its natural colour when it has been dyed into something else? Why are Bronze Greenfinches winning? Is a Green a Bronze? Now, Mr. Editor, I would offer a suggestion, and I offer it in all seriousness: that secretaries take a vote of all exhibitors at their shows as to whether they are in favour of colour-feeding or not. This can easily be done by exhibitors stating on the back of entry forms whether they are in favour of it or not; and if show promoters stand by the decision of their exhibitors I am certain there will be no colour-fed classes in twelve months time. I have not yet come into contact with one single person who has replied in the affirmative to my question: "Are you in favour of colour-feeding?" Their replies are: "Certainly not," but they all finish up with: "We have to do it to do any good." All have sad stories to relate of the grand birds they have lost through it. Ask Mr. St. John, Mr. Weston, and all the other experts which is the best food for their pets, colour food or natural? How would all these colour-foodists like to be put on it themselves for a month or so? In conclusion, let me say: Stop the colour-feeding and increase your entries. I also thank Mr. Moore for the way in which he has taken this matter up. I hope other fanciers will take the matter up, and not let it drop this time. Let's have it thrashed out. Which is it to be, showing your birds dyed into distortionate colours, or shown in their beautiful natural colours?

GEORGE WIGGINS.

The Mishap at Stoke-on-Trent Show.

Sir,—I do not know if Mr. Wellings expects us to be satisfied with the letter from Mr. E. Bibby published in your last issue; if so, he is much mistaken. Apparently his policy is to say as little as possible, but there is much about the affair that has yet to be explained. I would like Mr. Wellings to give an answer to the following: If an accident prevented him from comiug to judge at Stoke on the 16th, why were we not advised of it, so that we could engage someone else? Nine people out of ten would have wired or written us to that effect; instead of this, all we get is a letter posted on the day of the show, saying he will come the next day. Surely Mr. Wellings would know that it was no earthly use coming on Friday to judge at a one-day show held on the Thursday. And why the request to have a good steward on? The failure of Mr. Wellings to fulfil his engagement has resulted in a financial loss to us, in addition to trouble and disappointment. We had to turn lots of visitors away in the afternoon, as we could not have the hall crowded while judging was on; catalogues were late, and had to be sold at a reduced price through having no awards printed in. We did not sell a single bird, visitors not having the opportunity of looking over the exhibits as they otherwise would have done. I hope Mr. Wellings will give an explanation, if he thinks it advisable; otherwise fanciers will have their own opinions about the whole affair.

J. PITCHFORD.

Sir,—I notice a letter from Mr. E. Bibby informing readers that Mr. A. Wellings was unable to fulfil his engagement at Stoke owing to an accident on Nov. 14, and the writer further says "his birds were absent from Preston Show," meaning, I presume, Mr. A. Wellings' Starling and Thrush. Now, I feel positive I saw them at Preston Show on Saturday afternoon, Nov. 18, in Class 31 (A.V. Insectivorous), Nos. 4 and 5, cardless. I remarked to another fancier about them being so far down, seeing that the same birds were at Manchester on Oct. 18 standing 2nd Thrush and vhc Starling. Perhaps Mr. Wellings sent these two birds along to Preston without informing Mr. Bibby that he had done so. When birds entered for competition iu a show are not sent, their cage numbers are generally marked "absent" in the catalogue; but these birds are not so marked in Preston catalogue.

JOHN ENGLAND.

Budgerigars which Talk.

Sir,—Having read with interest in CAGE BIRDS of the last two weeks' issues about talking Budgerigars, I would like to say I have bred many that have made first-class talkers. There is one now in Isleworth that I bred last summer, and it says over twenty words most distinctly. It could be heard by anyone communicating with me. What is wanted is a young cock bird (I find cocks make the best talkers) and a suitable cage; and if auyone wants amusement, just hang up a cotton reel iu the cage, and if possible fix a small piece of looking glass on the cage, and the bird's antics will quite reward anyone taking the trouble.

J. SAPSFORD.

Sir,—I have a fine Budgerigar which I bought of Mr. James. The bird's favourite spot is a looking-glass. When I open the cage he will fly to the looking-glass. Then he will look in and say, "Pretty little Joey!" and lots of other things which I have taught him, and he is admired by everybody.

F. BUTCHER.

The £4 4s. Cup at Stamford Show.

Sir,—I enclose copy of a letter received from Mr. Smith, the winner of our cup, and should be obliged if you will find room for same if possible.

A. HARRISON, hon. sec.

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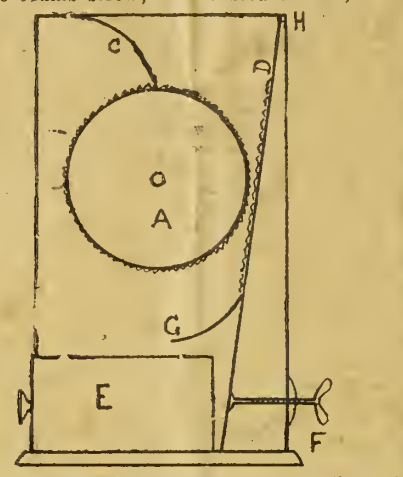
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SIR,—The cup arrived safely this morning. Really, I am at a loss to express my pleasure on opening the case to find such a very fine cup. As a rule the advertised value and the real value are different altogther, but with your special one is astounded at the good value. Please accept my very best thanks and make a note of me for a special when making up your next schedule.

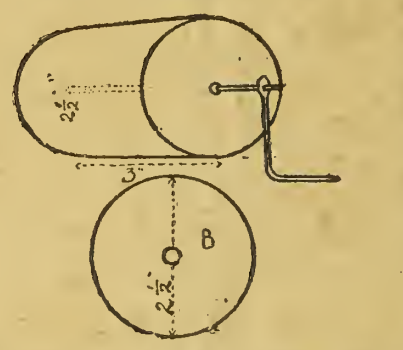
A. J. SMITH.

A Substantial Adjustable Seed Crusher.

Sir,—In reply to "Querist" re seed crusher, the one I am sending a sketch of I made myself, and have had it in use every day for the last seven years. "A" is the roller covered with puuched tin all over. "B" is a piece of tin with a piece of brass tubing soldered on for the spindle to go through; "C" is a piece of bent tin; "D" an adjustable board moved by the thumb screw; "E" a seed drawer; "F"



Two Sections: Upper the mill, lower the roller and handle.



a thumb screw for the adjustable board; "G" a piece of tin bent to shape to shoot the seed into the drawer; and "H" a small hinge. The handle screws on to the spindle. The adjustable board has a piece of punched tin on it so as to face the roller. I hope this will be found to answer the purpose.

W. MILLER.

Judging Foreign Birds at the L.C.B.A. Show.

Sir,—Perhaps I might be permitted to say that I found my task of judging, in some classes, even harder than last year. When one has such birds as Raggi's Bird of Paradise (by-the bye, the g's are soft, and not pronounced as in the word rag!), a Fairy Blue Bird [Irene turcosa], an Indian Kingfisher, a Coppersmith Barbet, a Loo-Choo, and a Japanese Redbreast, etc., etc., in one class; one can, so long as each bird is in good condition, only be guided by one's individual taste and liking. One exhibitor, when I had finished, said: "Would you give the preference to an old crow?" pointing to what is, after all, a superb specimen of Raggi's Paradise Bird. The Paradise Birds are allied to the Crow family, but I could not, for instance, pass over the beautiful Blue Jays, which I took to be Cyonocitta diademata, although they, too, are allied to the same genus. But perhaps the above remark was a joking one! As a matter of fact, the bird I would have taken before all others was Mrs. Miller's superb Japanese Redbreast [Erithacus Akahige]. It appealed to me strongly, and was, moreover, in magnificent condition and beautifully exhibited. As to the special prizes, it was absolutely impossible to properly give the award to the rarest bird in the show. It was a matter to some extent of individual opinion. Mr. Townsend's Blue Dacnis, the Fairy Blue Bird, the Paradise Bird, the Amethyst-rumped Sau Bird, the Indian Kingfisher, the Blue Crowned Jays, the Japanese Redbreast, and also the Loo-Choo Robins, etc., are all what might be called rare birds; and it was nearly a case of tossing for the award! I think everyone must have been struck by Mrs. Bourke's Purple Sugar-Bird, whose beauty was enhanced by sprays of clear yellow orchids within the cage, carrying on the colour of the tiny bird's legs, an extremely artistic effect! Let me conclude by assuring several exhibitors that I should like to have awarded prizes to many birds which had to be labelled v.h.c., but which deserved more important affixes, and so to have pleased everyone, which I am well aware I must have failed to do!

HUBERT D. ASTLEY, F.Z.S., M.B.O.U., M.F.B.C., etc.

The Bradford National Cage Bird Show.

Railway Facilities.

Sir,—The L. and Y., Midland, and G.N. Railways have decided to run all their ordinary cheap Saturday excursions to Bradford for the above show, from all the principal centres in Yorkshire, Lancashire, and the North. Visitors who intend spending a few hours at the show will thus be enabled to do so at a reduced rate. With regard to cheap excursions from London, we have been unable to obtain any concession, and I am afraid that unless we were in a position to guarantee a specified number who would travel from London to the show that we are helpless to do anything in the matter. To all who intend visiting the show, which promises to be a magnificent affair, may I offer, on behalf of the committee, a hearty invitation. This is the Yorkshiremen's first attempt at a National Show, and I feel sure that fanciers outside the county will respond to the appeal, which has already been made in various forms, and give them that whole-hearted support which this venture certainly deserves. We are extending the closing of entries until Monday morning, Dec. 4, first post, and hope that fanciers will send on their entries at once, and the same will be classified by us. Exhibits from a distance will, if the exhibitors wish it, be taken care of by various members of the committee over the week-end, and returned by the first trains on the Monday morning.

H. HILL, secretary.

Colour-fed or Non-colour-fed?

A Border Fancy Problem.

Sir,—In reply to Mr. W. Bayley, kindly allow me to say through your columns that I judged Borders at Preston, and did not find any occasion to leave out any exhibit on account of being colour-fed. I know there is room for controversy with regard to what is strictly meant as being "colour-fed." I have heard much difference of opinion expressed on the subject, and whilst some think a Border is colour-fed if given anything whatever beyond plain seeds, others declare that "colour-feeding" means the use of any prepared colour foods—including hot cayenne—placed on the market, which may be bought and used; and others are ready to allow that any plants or flower-heads given in the natural form, just as it is grown, such as nasturtium flowers, marigolds, dandelion heads, thistles, various hardheads, etc., do not constitute "colour-feeding." I realise, of course, that there is very fine material for discussion in this.

CHAS. HOULTON.

Sir,—Mr. W. Bayley asks for the opinion of those who had previously judged his birds this year. I judged them at Manchester, and also saw them at Liverpool, and in my opinion there was not the slightest suspicion of colour food about any of them. Certainly some of the birds were very rich and deep in colour, but the colour was quite natural aud perfectly consistent with the idea of colour breeding, especially where a good percentage of dark blood is used. Further, I think it is impossible for anyone to colour-feed, even in a slight degree, and retain the tone of colour seen in a natural coloured specimen. Neither yellows nor buffs are naturally red in tone, and I have yet to see the colour food which does not give a reddish tinge to the birds fed on it, whether they be yellows or buffs.

S. HADWIN.

Sir,—It seems to take a great deal to convince Mr. Bayley over his Borders. I thought the remarks in your paper would have been quite enough to satisfy him. The talk of the show was that the Borders were "ablaze with colour." What more does Mr. Bayley want? It was not my opinion only; but the opinion of the general Fancy. In the same report it mentioned remarks that were made at Manchester Show on the colour of the Borders. These remarks did not come from me; neither did I pen the remarks at Liverpool Show. So Mr. Bayley gets the opinion of other fanciers as well as me! With respect to Mr. Bayley asking the opinion of other judges, neither the other judges nor I will know if they have had the same birds under them that were left out at Liverpool. No matter what answer he gets from other judges, it will not alter my opinion, and I do not think it will alter the opinion of those that made the remarks at Liverpool. Those who exhibit Borders will not stand losing their chance through Borders that are "ablaze with colour." Now, Mr. Bayley, you have got the opinion of others at Liverpool and Manchester; so be content.

A. WELLINGS.

P.S.—Please mention that I will answer about the mishap at Stoke next week, as I can use my hand a little now.

[Our reporter's remarks did not refer to Mr. Bayley's birds in particular; they concerned the colour question as a whole.—Editor.]

L.C.B.A. Show Novice Protests.

Sir,—Kindly make it known that we much regret it is impossible to act on anonymous protests, and that if our anonymous correspondent (he or she) will write in a proper manner and produce proof (a catalogue with awards of the show will suffice) the matter will be brought forward and dealt with.

Mugford and Tyson, Show Managers.

A New Society for Aintree and Fazakerley and District.

Sir,—A meeting of local fanciers interested in cage birds, poultry, pigeons, etc., has been arranged for Dec. 11, at 8 p.m., in the Church Hall, Long Lane, Fazakerley, when the Vicar (the Rev. T. H. Senior) will preside. Any fancier within a radius of ten miles is heartily invited to attend and give the scheme a great send-off; or, if desirous of joining and unable to attend, please send name to mo at 58, Loug Lane, Fazakerley, Liverpool.

J. Anderson.

Is the Stonehouse C.B. and F.H.S. to be Allowed to Die?

Sir,—Owing to some of our members going out of the Fancy and others leaving the district, I am afraid we will be unable to continue our society unless we are able to get a few good working members. A meeting to consider the question will be held in the anteroom of the Public Hall on Dec. 9 at 7 p.m. All fanciers around the district are earnestly requested to attend. Our membership is open to a ten-mile radius. Any fancier wishing for information regarding our society may have same by applying to me. Members expelled from other societies need not apply.

William Melvin, assist. sec.

45, Camnethan Street, Stonehouse, Lanarkshire.

Uniform Show Cages for Border Fancies.

Dissatisfaction at Fife Shows.

Sir,—Will you allow me space in your valuable paper to express my views on the above, as there is a great deal of dissatisfaction caused at some of the Fife shows. I think if the uniform cage was adopted it would do away with a great deal of this grumbling, and young fanciers like myself would take a greater interest in the hobby. I may state that last year at Kirkcaldy Show I was having a conversation with a gentleman who has judged two or three shows in this district, and he could tell me all the owners of the exhibits without the assistance of a catalogue while the judge was giving the awards. I asked him how he knew. The reply was: "Oh, I know the cages they show in." I may also draw attention to the dissatisfaction of some of the exhibitors at Dysart Show through birds with "channel" (gravel) in the bottoms of their cages. "Good awards" was the cry of some of the spectators, but, being a spectator myself, and also an exhibitor, I may state that I thought the birds mentioned were in their right places. Still, I think this system should be stopped. If it is to be channel, sawdust, or roughts, let it be one thing only. The same happens with spars, fountains, and seed boxes. I would suggest where the B.F.C.C. patronage is given the committees of shows should have power to disqualify all exhibits unless shown in a uniform cage. I see the annual general meeting of the Club is to be held at Carlisle on Jan. 1, 1912. I hope some of the fanciers will give this system support.

Justice.

The Return of Exhibits from the Recent Crook Show.

Sir,—Owing to pressure of business I do not exhibit much, but when I do so I like to receive something like fair treatment. On Nov. 13 I sent two entries to the secretary, Crook Original Society, with the following proviso attached: "These entries are sent subject to the birds being returned to the Middlesbrough Station by the train arriving not later than 9.17 p.m. on the day of show." I sent messenger to meet this train; birds did not arrive. Only one more train, due ten minutes after midnight. Consequently, after closing of business, I had to trudge through the wet two miles there and back to the station (a very disagreeable thing for a woman to have to do). The birds did not arrive even then, and as there is no connection by rail on a Sunday morning between Crook and Middlesbrough, I gave the birds up, not expecting them until Monday. But some other fanciers who had birds at the above show went on the Sunday morning on the off chance that the birds might have arrived. They had done so. One of the gentlemen acted the Good Samaritan, paid carriage for my birds, and brought them to my residence (for which kind act I heartily thank the gentleman). Otherwise the birds would have laid closed up in the travelling case till about noon on the Monday. The condition they would have been in by that time will be easily imagined by those who have any knowledge of Canaries. I have reason to know that the birds, instead of arriving at Middlesbrough by the 9.17 p.m. train, were not delivered to the station at Crook till 9 p.m. the day of show. I take it the receiving of labels, etc., by me constitutes a contract; therefore why did not the secretary fulfil his part of same, or else not have accepted the entries? Small wonder entries fall short when such treatment is meted out to fanciers. It is not pleasant to pay entry fees and railway charges, and then receive your birds home more dead than alive, hours beyond their proper time.

(Mrs.) M. Hinchcliffe-Turner.

A Plea for Non-colour-fed Classes.

Sir,—Personally, I do not care for colour-feeding, and there are hundreds of other fanciers who are in the same boat. Why do not the people who object to colour-feeding support shows who give natural colour classes? If they did, societies would be pleased to put them on. Last year we (Frome) put on two classes; yet neither of them was half filled. This year we are giving it a final trial. Who will help?

C. I. Young.

The Carriage of Live Birds.

A Protest Against the 50 per cent. Special Charge.

Sir,—When the railway companies made the above increase there appeared many indignant letters from various fanciers. Apparently the writers have given up hope, for there is now an ominous silence. Who are the responsible persons to take up this matter? Cannot Cage Birds League approach the railway companies on the subject? I feel sure every fancier resents the added charge, yet no proper steps are being taken to obtain the much-desired reduction. In my opinion the railway companies would obtain double the traffic if they returned to the old rate, for many exchanges of small value are now avoided owing to the heavy carriage incurred. I am a railway servant myself, but from personal experience I fail to see why the 50 per cent. increase should have been made at all. Being a railway servant I prefer not to disclose my name and address, but I trust my letter will be read by some responsible fancier, who will make an effort to get the railway companies to reduce their charges. It is out of all reason and grossly unfair to a working-man fancier—or a fancier of means, for the matter of that—to charge 6d. for a box containing a live bird, whereas you can send a large crate of pigeons for the same sum. I am surprised the large dealers have not made an effort to obtain a reduction, for it must make a good bit of difference to them in a year. We are fast approaching the end of this year, and I should much like to see the old rate in operation for the year 1912.

Carriage Key.

[We are in complete sympathy with our correspondent's object, but apparently he is unaware of the fact that the Cage Bird Union moved in the matter two or three years ago (in conjunction with societies devoted to other live-stock hobbies), but without obtaining any concession from the railway companies. The Loudon Federation of C.B.S. has also at quite recent date issued petition forms for signature (also invoking the aid of other cage bird societies), presenting the petition at the headquarters of the railways, but without the desired result. We believe the companies are unwilling to reduce the rate either for ordinary parcels or for show hampers, so far as small live birds are concerned.—Editor.]

Wild-Bird Life.

Wild Birds Coming South.

During the winter months we have more birds around the homestead than in summer. Wild birds must have food and warmth, and it is for that the Fieldfares and Redwings migrate from the frozen North, the Wildfowl come down to the open waters of the southern rivers and marshes, and the Blackbirds and Thrushes forsake the wooded hills and seek the shelter of our gardens and orchards. Migration is purely natural, and acts for the general preservation of the species. It is not confined to bird life alone. In America and Africa there are periodical movements of wild animals, the Laplander and reindeer migrate together, all in search of food and more genial conditions. Modern observations have failed to upset the original and simple theory that food and warmth are the prime factors that cause this annual movement. And so the Blackbirds, Thrushes, Finches, and Robins seek the shelter and warmth of our gardens during the most trying period of the year. The hard plumage of the Starling appears to make him almost impervious to cold. 'Tis true, he seeks the lower meadows and marshes, but the house and garden have no attractions for him until the snow lies thickly upon his usual haunts. Although the plumage is hard and glossy, the Starling has an underlying covering of almost downy texture, and is much more warmly clad than one would imagine at first sight. In the writer's garden the Blackbirds are particularly numerous—and quarrelsome. This is a trait in the Blackbird's character not so conspicuous in the Thrushes. As winter really sets in we get as regularly as possible big flocks of Thrushes which have probably journeyed from the North. These have just arrived, and numbers of them crowd the garden and adjoining meadowland. Among them are a few Redwings. One of these ventured upon the lawn, and when perched on the fence appeared at first like a huge Robin, so bright was the ruddy patch on the side. Fieldfares are plentiful in the open, but do not come so near the house as the other Thrushes.

CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE

Something the League will *NOT* do: A Misconception Dispelled: Membership Steadily Increasing.

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Our Week's Membership List.

Our current week's list includes the names of the following ladies and gentlemen. I am sure that members will be especially pleased to see amongst us my old friend, Mr. Thos. Heath, the well-known judge, an old-time manager of Crystal Palace shows, and for many years quite at the head of breeders and exhibitors of Champion Crest Canaries.

Mrs. Giddy, Highgate; Miss Kendal, Tavistock Square; Messrs Pass, Hucknall; Winton, Dundee; Bailey, Parkgate; Roberts, Carnarvon; Dawson, Chelsea; Alton, Sutton; T. Heath, Beckenham; Rudd, Bishopsgate; Puck, Chingford; Thrower, Westminster; Wilcox, Strange, King's Cross; Barnett, Thornley; Maggs, Hambrook; Hudson, Willesden; Bibb, Camden Town; C. Heath, Dartford; Miller, Bowburn; Pain, Rugby; Johnson, Southport; Reeve, St. John's Wood; Eley, Mumbles; MacKuarry, Oban; Bamsey, Derby; Croshy, Scunthorpe; Dowling, Bradford; Adams, Long Acre; Radley, Holyhead; etc.

Addition to Hon. Sec. List.

This week I have to announce a further addition, as under.

Southend-on-Sea, Mr. P. T. Garner, 102, Baxter Avenue.

Further Preference to League Members.

At the following shows, in addition to those in our previous lists, members of Cage Birds League will be admitted at a reduced charge, if wearing their badges or producing their membership receipt. — The reductions are the same as announced last week, namely, threepence in the shilling admission charge, or twopence in the cases of sixpenny admission fees.

Many of the shows the reductions at which were announced in former lists are for future dates, and members and readers should please refer to those lists as well as to the one below.

Dec. 9.—SHEFFIELD C.B.S., Montgomery Hall.
Dec. 9.—DALTON-IN-FURNESS.
Dec. 16.—FELINFOEL.
Dec. 23.—HEBDEN BRIDGE.
Dec. 23.—PELTON FELL.
Dec. 26.—NORTH WALES C.B.S. Assembly Rooms, Market Street, Carnarvon.
1912.
Jan. 12-13.—SUNDERLAND.

Admission Free to Our Members.

Following the example of Grimsby, the Committee of the following shows will welcome Cage Birds League members free of charge.

Dec. 2.—ROTHERHAM. Mail-Coach Inn, Wellgate.
Dec. 9.—SHETTLESTON.

A Misconception Dispelled.

Some little time since I published the fact that in an interview I had with a north country reader, I gathered that there was in existence an idea that Cage Birds League had the ambition to become a governing body, and that as soon as it had enrolled a sufficient number of members it would endeavour to make its presence felt by establishing rules and regulations for the governance of the Cage-bird Fancy in general. I was at the time able to disabuse the mind of the gentleman in question, and, through him, that of the society he represented; but I find, to my regret, that the erroneous idea named still exists in some degree. I should like, therefore, to call the attention not only of the members of the League, but of every reader of our organ, Cage Birds, to the following extract from our "Summary of the Aims and Objects of Cage Birds League":—

It should be very clearly understood that this League will in no sense aspire to be a governing or controlling body, and will not interfere or conflict with any club or society at present in existence. Its sole idea will be to work in the best interests of bird-keeping and of those who make bird-keeping their hobby.

The objects of the League may briefly be defined as follows:—

(1) To form a bond of good fellowship and union between bird-keepers all over the world.

(2) To inculcate the principles by which birds suited to captivity may be kept under humane and proper conditions.

(3) To act as a League of Defence and Protection.

Nothing in the above-quoted extract would seem to be capable of being misunderstood, and I hope its republication here will dispel once for all any idea that Cage Birds League has any ambition to do other than that which it set out to do. In the three objects named there is a field of work which is sufficiently wide for all our efforts. In all these directions Cage Birds League has already made very substantial progress, and there will be no ceasing of its endeavours to attain its ideals. The universal support of bird-keepers in general, whether members of societies or not, is essential to its continued well-being, and it is for this reason that I am anxious to disperse any misunderstanding.

Our List of Local Hon. Secs. and "Cage Birds" Annual.

Mr. W. J. Grant, local hon. sec. for Taunton, writes: "As I take it that a full list of hon. secs. of the League will appear in Cage Birds Annual for 1912, I would like to suggest that all willing to act as such should send in their names at once, in order to assist publication. From this list fanciers could consolidate their interests in their particular districts, and could join in correspondence or enquiry in any local matter." I am glad to say that I shall be able to arrange for this being given, and shall be glad to include in the list the names of any gentlemen willing to act for districts not yet represented. Names should be sent in at once, as the Annual is already in course of production.

POSTERS FOR THE SHOWS.

In response to the suggestions of several members, neat posters have been prepared conveying an invitation to visitors to shows to join Cage Birds League and assist to protect our hobby. I shall be glad to forward copies to anyone applying for them. I hope, therefore, that all secretaries will take advantage of the offer now made, and apply for the posters forthwith.

HANDBILLS FOR THE SHOWS.

Many applications have been received from Hon. Secs. of Societies for a supply of our handbills for distribution, and parcels have been despatched to all applicants. A number will be sent gratis and post free to the Secretary of any forthcoming show who may write me for them, stating the number he will require. The name of the society will in each case be printed at the foot of the handbills sent. A copy of the bill was printed in our issue of Nov. 4.

OUR LEAGUE SEALS.

These pretty seals are printed in gold and colours in exact fascimile of our Badges, and are an ornament to envelopes, notepaper, postcards, billheads, etc. All members should use them; price eightpence per hundred, post free. Smaller quantities at the hundred rate, but with one penny extra for postage.

OUR FREE BOOKLETS.

I have still some of each of the sixpenny pamphlets on British Bird Culturo and on Canary and Hybrid Culture, and, as long as they last, one of either will be sent gratis to all new members applying for a copy at the time of joining. Old members who have not yet had a copy may receive one on sending a penny stamp for postage. Only one copy of either book can be sent, and when the stock in hand is exhausted, I may not be able to get a fresh supply, so applications (with membership fee) should be sent to me without delay.

SUBSCRIPTION AND BADGES.

The subscription to Cage Birds League is one shilling annually, and the badges sixpence or one shilling. The sixpenny badges are in three forms: (1) a button for coat lapel, (2) a pendant for watch chain, (3) a brooch for lapel, cycling cap, or for lady's wear. The badges at one shilling each are mounted in 9-carat rolled-gold, and are in two forms only: (1) a pendant for watch chain, (2) a brooch for a lady or for cycling cap or coat lapel. Members should distinctly state which form they prefer.

JUNIOR BRANCH.

The annual subscription to the Junior Branch, for members under fourteen years of age at the date of joining, is sixpence. Price of badges as above.

VICE-PRESIDENTS.

The qualification for Vice-Presidentship is an annual subscription of not less than half a guinea, and one-half of this subscription may be allotted to either the Literature Fund, the Defence Fund, or towards the purchase of special prizes to be given at any show nominated by the subscriber. Failing any such special allocation, the subscription will be devoted to the development and progressive work of the League, to advertising its objects and promoting its ideals.

PATRONS.

Ladies or gentlemen who are in sympathy with the objects of Cage Birds League may give practical expression to that sympathy by becoming Patrons of the League, and either making a lump sum donation to its funds or subscribing an annual amount of a guinea or upwards. One-half of such donation or subscription may be allotted to any individual object of the League.

Henry J. Fulljames,
Secretary, Cage Birds League.
154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

STRATFORD & E. LONDON F.S.

Well-attended meeting held Nov. 24, Mr. T. Threlford (vice-president) in chair. Prizes won at late Y.S. show presented. Mr. Threlford spoke of his long connection with the soc., having been general sec. in 1896. He was pleased to hear the society was again on the road to prosperity under the secretaryship of Mr. Maxey, who was himself a very old member. Mr. T. then kindly gave a donation to the funds, and said if a whist drive was promoted he would give some prizes. Several specials for the annual show were promised, and the hon. sec. will be glad to have other promises. Secretary mentioned there was a small balance on the right side from the Y.S. show, and he would be glad to receive cash for tickets still outstanding, so that a full statement of accounts could be rendered at the next committee meeting. New members proposed: Messrs. R. D. Steward (Vancouver), W. Harris (Leytonstone), Terril (Maryland Point).—W. Maxey, hon. sec.

Living Jewels at the Recent L.B.C.A. Show.

By. WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

(*See Frontispiece this Week.*)

Perhaps I had better preface these remarks by stating that there were many other notabilities among the Foreign birds at the L.C.B.A. show equally striking with those which are the subject of these notes, but some of them have already received notice in CAGE BIRDS, and when one realises that all the following are new to the show bench this season, it will be seen that only a small representative selection can be made on this occasion. Count Raggi's Bird of Paradise, Jackson's Whydah, Black and Yellow Grosbeak, Palish-Blue Sugar-bird, Indian Yellow-cheeked Hill-Tit, Long-crested Mexican Jays, Indian Redstart, Orange-crested Fruit-Pigeons, Japanese Robin, Dusky Thrush, Coppersmith Barbet, Blue-throated Flycatcher, Indian Kingfisher, Fairy Blue Bird, Indian White-eye (?)

Count Raggi's Bird of Paradise.

Of living aviculturists Mr. E. J. Brook undoubtedly possesses the finest collection (private or public) of Birds of Paradise in this country, while Mons. Pauwels enjoys that distinction on the Continent. I believe. Birds of Paradise do not require great heat, but must have plenty of fresh air, and caution must be exercised in the matter of associating them with other birds. For instance, Raggi's Bird of Paradise (*Paradisea raggiana*) in Mr. Brook's aviaries would not agree with his mate, and, after a battle royal, died from the effects of a blow she gave him. They are almost omnivorous as to diet, being both insectivorous and frugivorous, and also do not disdain any mouse or small bird they can capture.

The specimen described in these notes was the centre of attraction at the show, and the subject of many notices in the daily Press; it was in perfect condition, and full breeding plumage. Its form and the ordinary placement of its adornments and plumes are well shown in Mr. Goodchild's characteristic drawing on our front page; but when the male is displaying to his mate these are brought forward and spread out; the wings also are spread, and a tremulous movement of the whole plumage takes place, the bird appearing a bundle of nerves.

The female lacks the adornment of the male, and is quite plain in comparison. Birds of Paradise are really gaudily-dressed Crows, some of them being gorgeous indeed, and are natives of New Guinea and surrounding countries.

It is difficult to describe briefly the plumage of this or any other bird of Paradise, but if those of my readers who were unable to visit the show and see the bird will read these sketchy notes, with Mr. Goodchild's drawing before them, they will have a good general idea of this grand bird. The head and neck are buffish-straw colour (the plumage is very light with a velvety texture); forehead, ear-coverts, cheeks, and throat glistening metallic green; chin black with a greenish sheen; entire back and wings deep ruddy chestnut-brown, the lesser coverts being edged with buffish-straw colour, and the shafts of the quills bright reddish; tail rich ruddy-brown, the shafts of the two central feathers, extending thread-like, nearly 20 inches in length; the under-surface is ruddy-brown, paler in centre of abdomen, with a small shield of rich velvety purple-brown in the fore-neck and chest; the flank feathers are elongated into two large tufts of plumes, 12 or more inches long, and of a rich crimson brown hue, becoming whitish-brown at the tips; bill pale grey with a pearly sheen; feet ruddy brown; iris yellow. Mons. Pauwel's fine specimen was very steady and not at all abashed by the fixed gaze of the crowd of admiring onlookers mostly near its roomy cage. Words fail one adequately to describe these regal birds, and Mons. Pauwels is to be congratulated on the perfect condition and vigour of his fine specimen. It was deservedly first in its class.

Fairy Blue Bird.

While I am of opinion that Mons. Pauwel's exquisitely beautiful specimen of the Fairy Blue Bird (*Irena turcosa*) is *turcosa*, a definite pronouncement is very difficult without a close comparison, as several of the species are only to be distinguished by *the shade or tint of the* blue areas. A reference to the illustration will indicate the elegant form of this bird, while when one sees it disporting in a roomy flight this feature is much enhanced, and though a fairly large bird (8½ inches over all), its elegant form and glowing, glistening plumage make its popular name most appropriate and descriptive.

The upper surface of the adult male is a rich purplish-cobalt blue, glistening in the light with a turquoise-like sheen; quill and tail feathers rich velvety-black; lores, cheek above the eyes, sides of face, neck, and whole of under surface deep black; under-tail coverts, purplish-cobalt; bill and feet black. The eye is very striking, the iris being ruby-red, and even this colour designation does not fully indicate its glowing brilliance.

Here again excellence of plumage and vigorous health aided to exemplify the glorious beauty of the bird, which, owing to keen competition, only took third and special, having to give way to the Bird of Paradise and a very rare Japanese Robin. Like the preceding species, this is its first appearance on an English bench. Diet: Insectile mixture, fruit and live insects. It is a native of Java.

Yellow-cheeked Hill-Tit.

All Tits make charming pets, either as cage or aviary birds, and this Indian species (the Yellow-cheeked Hill Tit—*Machlolopus xanthogenys*), exhibited by Mr. Tinniswood Miller, is an exceptionally attractive one, and, save that the yellow areas are of a lighter hue, a good sketchy description will be to describe it simply as a miniature Green Cardinal. It is one of the huge consignment collected and brought over by Mr. W. Frost in the early part of the summer of this year. Most of the Tits do well on a diet of seed, soft food, live insects, nuts, and fruit. Their antics are very interesting and amusing, even within the compass of a cage, but much more so in a roomy natural aviary; their fearless and confiding nature soon accommodates itself to the conditions of captivity, and the birds soon become familiar with their owners and roam about their person when permitted to do so. This species is new to the show bench this season, and Mr. Miller's specimen was in faultless condition.

Lutino Ring-necked Parrakeet.

This is the first colour variety of this species I have seen, and it was one of the rarest birds in the show. It is a true Lutino (*Palaeornis torquatus, var. luteus*), having pink eyes, and is not merely a temporary phase likely to revert to normal plumage at the next moult; it is a young male, and after the moult its neck will probably be adorned by the ring common to the species; the entire plumage is clear yellow, with the merest suspicion of green on base of quill and tail feathers. All colour varieties are interesting, and it is to be hoped that when adult a mate will be found for it, and its progeny carefully paired over the course of a year or two. The beautiful Blue Budgerigar is the result of careful selection painstakingly persisted in; why not some similar result with this species?

The bill and feet were of the normal colour of young birds of this species. Mr. Ezra is to be congratulated on the acquisition of such a rarity, and it is to be hoped it will live to moult into adult plumage and to reproduce its kind, though it is very possible that the majority, if not all of these, would be of normal plumage.

Blue-throated Flycatcher.

All the Flycatchers are interesting and fascinating birds, under whatever conditions they are kept—cage, room, or aviary. Moreover, they are not unduly difficult to keep, thriving on a good insectile mixture, and live insects. All the members of the group are of graceful form, with beautiful and iridescent plumage. The Blue-throated (*Cyornis rubeculoides*) is certainly not one of the least beautiful of its genus; while it has all the fascinating demeanour of the English Robin—fearless, confiding, and self-assertive. This, combined with lovely plumage, soon endears them to all bird-lovers.

The male Blue-throated Flycatcher has the upper parts dark blue, with forehead and eye streak of glistening blue; the under parts are ferruginous, merging into whitish at the vent. Total length, 5¾ inches.

It breeds in the Himalayas, and, according to Oates, the nest is constructed of moss and lichens, and placed in a hole in a tree, bank, or rock.

This specimen was staged by Mr. C. T. Maxwell in his usual faultless manner, the plumage being very tight and silken. Its vigour was also very apparent. It is a delightful species for anyone desirous of obtaining a beautiful, confiding and engaging pet bird. When contributing notes of notable birds at week-end shows, I always feel the need of apologising for their sketchy nature, but, as they must of necessity be written against time, this is unavoidable, also occasional slight errors of nomenclature.

ROUND THE SHOWS.

LLANELLY.

Seventh annual show of Llanelly C.B.S., held Nov. 28th, Market Hall. The Llanelly fanciers are a very enthusiastic lot, and did everything in their power for the comfort of the exhibits, which were staged in tiers at just the correct height to be easily seen; and the hall being large and splendidly lighted, having a glass roof and side windows, it was indeed a pleasure to be able to examine the exhibits. The chairman, Mr. T. Jenkins, and vice-chairman, Mr. W. H. Reynolds, were ably assisted by a hard working committee in Messrs. T. J. Gregory, W. Jones, H. Evans, W. J. Harry, T. J. Gregory, senr., D. R. Jones, Wm. Bowen, Danl. Davies, H. Gregory, Ben Evans, Sam Jones, E. H. Williams, D. J. Thomas, Sam Lewis, T. Bennett, and T. Williams. The show manager, Mr. T. J. Gregory, was here, there, and everywhere, and to his untiring energy no little of the success of the show was due. The secretarial duties were very ably carried out by Mr. Danl. John. Llanelly are indeed lucky to have such a courteous official for secretary. He is a hard worker, and nothing seems too much trouble for him. Unfortunately entries did not come up as well as was expected, owing the very generous classification offered, and if exhibitors will not respond when the chance is offered, then they have only themselves to blame if classes are cut out another year. Mr. J. H. Roe judged Canaries, and Mr. H. Norman the British and Mules. The British birds as usual were a good collection, for the local fanciers are keen upon this section. Linnets were undoubtedly the pick of the show, both in numbers and merit, two really good classes being on view.

The Canary Classes.

NOR. CL. YELL. (7): 1, r, Davies, blaze of col., good round head, nice type and quality, wins; 2, Portman, grand col., good head and neck, nice short flights and tail, not quite the substance of winner; 3, Thomas, another good one, nice type and quality, loses only in entrance to head to leaders; 4, Whetton, good quality and type, not quite so rich col.; vhc, Chedgey; hc, E. Davies. BUFF (4): 1, Whetton, grand size, shape, and quality, nice short flights and tail; 2, Thomas, well mealed, good head, nice round chest, short wings and tail; 3, Davies, good size, lovely meal and quality, very neat head; 4, Jeremy, very compact, good head and neck. VAR. (6): 1, Thomas, variegated, yell., good head and neck, nice bold chest, neat wings and tail; 2, 3, W. Davies, former griz mkd. yell., grand head, neck, good bold front, latter variegated, buff, grand type and quality, lovely meal, good head and neck, neat wings and tail; 4, Lees, griz. mkd. yell., grand col. and quality; r, Crowley; vhc, Mortimer. HEN (6): 1, Thomas, eye and wing mkd. yell., good head and neck, grand col. and quality; 2, Follwell, cl. yell., beautiful quality, good entrance to head, lovely type; 3, Muscott, eye and wing mkd. buff, lovely meal and quality, nice round chest, well shown; 4, Chedgey, cl. buff, beautiful shape and quality; r, W. Davies; vhc, Crowley. UNFLIG. (4): 1, spl, best Nor., Follwell, cl. yell., real topper, grand head and neck, lovely short flights and tail, a blaze of colour; 2, Jeremy, cl. yell., grand col. and quality, good type, neat wings and tail; 3, 4, W. Davies, former variegated, buff, good size and col., lovely meal, crosses wings badly at times, latter cl. yellow, a blaze of col., good head and neck. NON-FED (4): 1, Jeremy, yell., very cobby, nice head and neck, neat wings and tail, good col. and quality; 2, Pope, cl. buff, grand size, good head and neck, nicely packed wings and tail; 3, Clement, variegated, buff, nice size and shape, good wings and tail, loses entrance to leaders; 4, W. P. Jones, cl. buff, good size and shape. NOR. GREEN, YELL., and BUFF: Cancelled. YORKS. CL., YELL. (14): 1, 4, Thomas, good length, nicely packed wings, well up on leg, latter very nervy, well filled back, good legs, nice quality and col.; 2, 3, Mock, two real good ones, grand quality and col., nicely moulded, stand like soldiers; r, Mortimer; vhc, Brown; hc, Smith; c, Weeks. BUFF (10): 1, Steer, good length, lovely quality, well up on leg; 2, Mock, really topping exhibit, grand quality, good straight back, nice head and neck; 3, James and Wells, another good one, well up on leg, grand type and quality; 4, Gregory, good head, neck, nice straight back; r, hc, Smith; vhc, Weeks, Cook. BAR. (8): 1, Thomas, variegated, yell., a wonder for col., good head and neck, could do with more length; 2, Smith, variegated, buff, very nervy, nice straight back, well up on leg; 3, Morgan and Wilcox, griz. mkd. yell., grand type and quality, good straight back, well up on leg, nice head and neck; 4, Mock, good position, nice wings and tail, beautiful quality; vhc, Baker; hc, F. Williams; c, Steer. HEN (18): 1, Smith, yell., grand type and quality, neat head and neck, well up on leg, nice wings and tail; 2, 3, E. H. Williams, cl. yell., very nervy, nice straight back, well filled neck, good col, latter another cl., close up, good col. and quality, very neat; 4, Steer, cl., yell., best length in class, good head and neck, nice type and quality; r, Brown; vhc, Lohr; hc, Weeks; c, Thomas. UNFLIG. (14): 1, Gregory, wing mkd. yell., grand length and colour, good head and neck, nice wings and tail; 2, Weeks, cl. buff, close up, good straight back, nicely carried wings, well up on leg; 3, hc, Mock, wing mkd. yell., very nervy, grand type and quality, good back wings and tail, stands like a soldier; 4, Portman, cl., yell., another topper, grand position, nicely packed, wings very neat; r, Thomas; vhc, Morgan and Wilcox; c, T. Williams. NON-FED (7): 1, 3, c, E. H. Williams, good team, leader variegated, yell. of good length, very neat wings, well filled head and neck; 3, yell., cinna variegated, beautiful quality, good type, well up on leg; 2, East, griz. mkd., yell., good type and quality, nice length, correct position; r, hc, T. Williams. YORKS., GREENS: Cancelled. BD. FCY., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (7): 1, vhc, Sampson, cl. yell., topper, very jaunty, nicely moulded, good col. and qual.; 2, Jenkins, another cl., close up, grand shape, quality, and condition; 3, 4, Mrs. Harry, charming couple of clears, lovely quality, good shape; r, J. Richards; hc, Evans. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (6): 1, 4, Sampson, former td., very neat exhibit, lovely condition and shape, latter variegated, good col. and quality, very shapely; 2, r, Jenkins, cl., lovely type and quality, nicely balanced wings and tail; 3, E. M. Evans, another good one, lovely quality and nice col., shape, and condition; vhc, Mrs. Harry. BUFF (8): 1, 3, Mrs. Harry, a couple of gems, both clears, very jaunty, nice shape and condition, feathered like wax; 2, r, Jenkins, another topper, grand col. and quality, well filled neck, nicely moulded; 4, hc, Sampson, cl., grand type and quality, nice shape; vhc, c, E. M. Evans. HEN (11): 1, Jenkins, a gem, grand head, nice full neck, very neat wings and tail, staged to perfection; 2, Peppercll, cl., beautiful type and quality, nicely carried wings, good condition; 3, E. M. Evans, another good one, close up, well filled neck, neat wings and tail, in tip-top order; 4, Mrs. Harry, a couple of good ones, grand quality and condition; vhc, Richards; hc, c, Sampson. VAR. (12): 1, c, Mrs. Harry, variegated buff, grand type and quality, nicely packed wings, good col. and condition, well shown; 2, vhc, Sampson, variegated yell., a little gem, grand col. and quality, good head, neck, nicely balanced, wings, and tail; 3, D. Williams, eye and wing mkd. buff, very neat exhibit, grand feather, lovely type; 4, E. M. Evans, variegated, yell., good col., quality, and condition; r, Smith; hc, Harry Evans. GREEN OR CINN. (5): 1, spl, Richards, yell. green, grand col., type, and quality, nicely carried wings; 2, 4, Hocking, a pair of gems, former yell. cinn., beautiful shape, lovely quality, shown to perfection, latter yell. green, nice col. and quality, good type; 3, D. Williams, another good green, lovely type, col., and quality, well shown; r, Sampson. EVEN MKD. (4): 1, 3, 4, Mrs. Harry, trio of very neat exhibits, two yells. leading, of grand type, col., and quality, latter buff, good head and neck, nice wings and tail, nice quality and condition; 2, Sampson, yell., lovely col. and quality, extra well mkd. A.O.V.: Cancelled. LOCAL NOR. (10): 1, spl, D. R. Jones, griz. mkd. yell., good head and neck, very cobby, a blaze of col.; 2, E. H. Williams, cl., buff, good type and quality, neat head and neck, nicely balanced wings; 3, 4, Roger, tkd. yell., good type and quality, nice wings and tail, latter cl. yell., not quite the substance of leaders; r, S. Lewis; vhc, hc, c, Sam Jones. YORKS. LOCAL (12): 1, cup, 2 spls, E. H. Williams, cl. buff, good head and neck, nice straight back, well up on leg, very neat; 2, c, Mrs. Harry, cl. yell., lovely col. and condition, very nervy, well up on leg; 3, Bennett, griz. mkd. yell., lovely col. and quality, good straight back, nice length; 4, Williams, cl. yell., close up, neat wings and tail, good length, type, and quality; r, T. Williams; vhc, H. Evans; hc, W. Jones.

The Remaining Classes.

BRIT. GOLDFINCH (14): 1, 4, c, Richards, not over large, but nice blaze, both top and bottom, good rich col., 4, another big one, good rich blaze, grand quality; 2, Jeffreys, good bird, perhaps a wee bit better on points, and richer in tanning, but crosses wings at times; 3, res., Evans, fine big, bold bird, good blaze, nicely defined, capital wings; vhc, Evans and Thomas; hc, Reynolds. FIELD-MOULTED (16): 1, Morgan, nice size, very steady, good blaze, lovely quality feather, capital wings, Cardiff and Swansea winner; 2, Lewis, very shapely, A1 wings, a wee bit weak at throat; 3, Jeffreys, another beauty for size and richness of blaze, has a nasty habit of crouching; 4, vhc, Ford, good bird, nice blaze, capital wings; hc, Gregory; c, Hennesy. BULLFINCH CK. (7): 1, Holbrow, grand house-moulted specimen, lovely shape and size, nice full neck, good cap and wings; 2, 3, Gregory, 2, good bird, close up, beaten only in polish, field-moulted, 3, good in size and shape, nice cap, good back and wings; 4, Ford, another big Bullie, fine shape; vhc, Mitchell; hc, Vaughan. HENS (10): 1, Holbrow, a beauty for size and shape, good cap, grand deep rich col., fine wings; 2, no name, good size and shape, nice col. and carriage; 3, Evans, sweet bird, nice cap, good back and wings; 4, Jeffreys, good size, very shapely, capital col. and wings; res., hc, Ford; vhc, Bowen; c, Gregory. LINNETS (16): 1, Marley, a beauty for size, chesty, well up in pencilling and grand col.; 2, Poyer, a shade better in shape, quite as big, very dense, rich pencilling and plenty of it; 3, 4, Jenkins, 3, similar to first, nice quality, good markings, 4, another beauty, fine bold bird, good pencilling; res., Davis; vhc, Ford; hc, Jones; c, Nicholas. FIELD-MOULTED (19): 1, Bancroft, real stormer, grand size, very shapely, nice full head, neck and body, perfect in pencilling; 2, Gregory, another beauty, very shapely, well up in markings, capital col.; 3, Jones, good bold bird, shapely, lovely back and wings, nicely pencilled; 4, Davies, rare size and quality, full of work; res., Holbrow; vhc, Sullivan; hc, Jeffreys; c, Phipps and Co. GREENFINCH (5): 1, Poole, lovely bird, very shapely, nicely proportioned, good rich deep col., plenty of yellow; 2, Marley, bigger, but not quite the shape of winner, fine col. for a Buff; 3, Jeffreys, another Buff, very shapely, good size, rare quality; 4, Hennesey, good Yell., nice rich col., beaten only in size; res., Bowen. BRAMBLE, ETC. (6): 1, res., Marley, topping Chaffie, rare size and shape, lovely tone of col., shows himself well; 2, Ford, lovely Bramble, close up, good size, very shapely, grand bit of breast col.; 3, 4, Bancroft, 3, another good Chaffie, rather deeper in col, lovely quality, 4, Bramble, excellent size and shape, good breast, rich in spangling; vhc, Jeffreys. BUNTING (6): 1, Edwards, capital size and shape, well up in marking, good rich back, grand depth of yell.; 2, Ford, quite as big and as well spangled, not quite so rich in col.; 3, Evans, good one, nice head, good on breast and back, capital col.; 4, Jeffreys, big, bold head, nice size, shapely; vhc, Hawkes; hc, Dodly. REDPOLL, ETC. (15): 1, Evans, lovely little Siskin, grand size and shape, nice bib, grand in pencilling; 2, Jeffreys, topping field-moulted Lesser, very shapely, nice flush of col., excels in pencilling; 3, vhc, T. Evans, another good Siskin, very dense in marking, grand col.; 4, hc, Bancroft, another good exhibit, fine size and shape; res, Nicholas; c, Holbrow. BLACKBIRD, ETC.: 1, Longden, grand Thrush, lovely size and shape, nice dense spotting, very fine condition; 2, Clissold, good Blackbird, grand size, rare depth of col., grand quality; 3, Hughes, quite as big, much better shape, but hardly the depth of col.; 4, res., Price, another nice Thrush, very shapely; vhc, Rouse. HENS (8): 1, Marley, fine bold Hawfinch, grand size, nice tone of col., good bib, in fine condition; 2, Bancroft, grand Bramble, pressing, lovely size and shape, A1 spangling and col.; 3, Holbrow, lovely Siskin, good size, very shapely, in A1 condition; 4, Nicholas, fine bold Yellow Bunting, full of work; res., Jeffreys; vhc, Jenkins; hc, Jones; c, Mrs. Harvey. HYB.: DARK GOLDIE (7): 1, Longden, a beauty for size and shape, full of col. and quality, nice depth of markings; 2, Jeffreys, good size, nice, shapely bird, grand quality; 3, vhc, Thomas, another good, bold and very shapely, grand back and wings; 4, Edwards, good shape, nice bit of col; hc, Portman. A.O.V.: 1, Longden, capital two-pointed Linnet Can., very shapely, grand quality, nice size; 2, Lewis, big, variegated Goldfinch, grand col. and quality of feather, stands well; 3, Thomas, another variegated Gold, not quite so clear as winner, but very good specimen; 4, Gibbons, fine dark Linnet, nice size; vhc, Edwards. LOCAL: MULE (8): 1, Jenkins, good, lightly marked Goldfinch, fine style, shapely, and in fine condition; 2, Jones, nice shapely bird, fine size, col. and quality; 3, Rogers, another good one, grand size, nice wings; 4, Thomas, good size and shape, stands well; vhc, Lewis, hc, Gregory; c, Stone. BRIT. (18): 1, 4, res., Evans, 1, fine big Goldie leading, nice blaze, good tanning, A1 wings, in very fine condition, 4, good Goldie, fine col., blaze, capital shape and condition; 2, Reynolds, good Bullie, grand size and shape, nice col. and quality; 3, Jones, another good bird, fine size, stands well, A1 condition; vhc, Bowen; c, Davies.

READING.

Tenth annual show of the Reading and Dis. C.B.S., held Nov. 29th, in the Palmer Hall, a large and well adapted room for a bird show, being quite free from draughts. The quality all round was excellent, some tiptop exhibits being put down. We were particularly pleased to see how strong the novice classes were, a very healthy sign in any society; not only were the classes well filled, but they had quality as well. All the exhibits had the best attention from a good body of keen fanciers. Mr. J. Brooker is the chairman of a good sound committee, including Messrs. Vince, Yates, Fraser, Styles, Dearlove, Tremlett, Laurence, Smith, Maisey, Albury, Cox and Allen. Mr. W. H. Pyke discharged the secretarial duties in a most capable manner, and we think the Society are fortunate in having such an efficient, painstaking and courteous official. The awards were made by Mr. J. H. Payne.

The Critique.

OPEN CLASSES: NOR. CL. YELL. (6): 1, 2, Lovegrove and Lovegrove, lovely col. and full of quality, good head and back and neat tail, 2, good col., a trifle better in shape of body than winner, but not quite so tight in feather; 3, hc, Kilby, neck tkd., good col., full head and neck, nice back and chest; vhc, c, Lewin. BUFF (4): 1, 3, Lovegrove and Lovegrove, good shape, well up in size, nice back and chest, good wings and tail, 3, nice shaped hen, good flights and tail, neat head, nice feather; 2, vhc, Dearlove, good shape, deep, nicely rounded chest, nice feather. YORKS., YELL. (11): 1, Newell, straight as a gun-barrel, grand col. and quality, nice flights and tail, clean waist capital head; 2, hc, Johnson, Cinnamon marked, grand feather, good position, long flights, neatly folded tail; 3, c, Hawes Bros., good length of side, well up on leg, neat tail; vhc, Dykes. BUFF (9): 1, Dykes, slim built, stands well on a clever pair of legs, grand feather and col., nice back, wings and tail; 2, Newell, variegated, stands well, nice quality of feather, good flights; 3, c, Olding, wing ticked, nice feather and position, well drawn out, neat round head; vhc, hc, Hawes Bros. CRESTS, A.O.V. AMAL. (5): 1, Maisey, Dutch Frill, rare size and shape, good frill and mantle; 2, Swaysland, Buff Belgian, plenty of shoulder, straight back, gets head well down; 3, Fifield, wing marked, D.C., nice circular crest, good droop; hc, c, Castle. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (9): 1, Herbert, expansive square cut blaze, of good colour, grand tanning on chest, nice bars and buttons; 2, Levett, good col. blaze, capital bars and buttons, not quite so tight in feather; 3, Poole, nice shape, capital wing bars and buttons, good blaze, which will improve a lot yet; vhc, Prior; hc, Wren; c, Brown. LINNET (4): 1, 2, Prior, nice brace for feather and pencilling, neat shape, close together; 3, Brown, nicely pencilled, not quite so sound on chest; vhc, Hinds. A.O.S. HARDBILL (7): 1, Poole, Hawfinch, grand feather and markings, capital bib, good shape, very steady; 2, Hinds, Bullfinch, splendid breast col., dense cap of good dimensions and cut; 3, c, Wren, Yell. Siskin, nice cap, good size, feather and col.; vhc, Brown; hc, Little. SOFTBILL (4): 1, spl., 2, Levett, Cornish Chough, beautiful sheen, good size, nice coloured bill and legs, in rare order, 2, grandly marked and beautifully feathered Wheatear, very steady, in rare fettle; 3, vhc, Mrs. Scrunshaw, good col., well cut Magpie. CHAMPION MEMBERS' CLASSES: NOR. YELL. (3): 1, 2, Dearlove, nice shape and colour, deep chest and full neck, 2, nice feather, good back, not quite so cobby; 3, Gough. BUFF (11): 1, Brooker, nice shape, grand colour and quality, nice round chest, well packed flights; 2, Read, beautiful feather and quality, nice head and back, short well packed flights and tail; 3, vhc, Dearlove, marked wings and cheeks, nice shape, feather and quality; hc, c, Yates. HEN (9): 1, vhc, Lewin, ticked neck yell., romping size and shape, nice feather and quality, capital wings and tail; 2, 3, c, Dearlove, neck and wing mkd. yell., good shape and size, well up in col.; 3, neck ticked buff, nice shape, good head, back and tail; hc, Yates. UNFLIG. YELL. (11): 1, 3, Lawrence, grand colour and quality, nice head, neck and back; 3, cap marked, nice colour and quality, good shape, capital head; 2, vhc, spl. hc, c, Dearlove, marked head and wings, beautiful feather, a shade weak in head. BUFF (9): 1, hc, c, Dearlove, good shape lovely feather and quality, neat wings and tail, grand back; 2, Lawrence, good head and neck, nice colour, a bit wild or, we think, would have won; 3, vhc, Read, saddle and cap mkd., nice head and neck, good shape. YORKS (4): 1, 2, Maisey, yell., straight as a pencil, good feather and quality; 2, Cinnamon mkd., nice stand, good feather; 3, hc, Pike, buff, ticked on head, nice position. HEN (4): 1, 2, 3, Maisey, grand feather buff, nice position; 2, heavy marked buff, good length of side; 3, slim built cl. yell., nice stand; vhc, Pike. UNFLIG. (4): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Maisey, slim built yell., well on leg, good col. and feather; 2, buff, mkd. wings and eyes, nice feather, stands well; 3, long-sided wing mkd. yell. CREST (4): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Pike, variegated, dense well-filled crest, leafy feather, and nice dip; 2, wing marked, nice droop; 3, neat grizzle crest. C.B. (5): 1, 3, vhc, Pike, good length of head feather, turns well back; 3, pied tail green, nice length of feather on back skull; 2, Fifield, cl., good shaped skull and wide entrance, nice quality. A.O.V. CAN. (2): 1, Yates, nice yell. green Norwich, capital shape and feather. MULES (8): 1, Gough, yellow dark Goldfinch Canary, nice colour, feather and sheen, good face; 2, Tremlett, Twite Canary, nice feather, shape and markings; 3, c, Smith, good feathered buff Goldfinch; vhc, Yates; hc, Church. GOLDFINCH (10): 1, 3, Acton, good blaze, bars and buttons, nicely tanned on chest; 3, nice feather, tanning and bars; 2, Wilkinson, Mies, nice blaze, good colour, nice buttons; vhc, Gough; c, Maisey. BULLFINCH (1): 1, Albury. LINNET (8): 1, Viner, well pencilled and good colour; 2, Prunner; 3, Pike. A.O.S. SMALL BRIT. (7): 1, 2, Acton, Nightingale, grand feather, good shape and colour, very steady; 2, good coloured and feathered Redstart; 3, vhc, hc, Pike, Bearded Tits, good colour and feather. A.O.S. LARGE BRIT. (1): 1, Church, good size and shape, grandly spotted. AMAT. NOR. YELL. (3): 1, 2, 3, Sheppard, nice team, well up in col., good shape. BUFF (8): 1, 3, Priest, good shaped variegated, nice feather, wings, and tail, 3rd good shape, neck tkd.; 2, hc, Sheppard, unflighted, good shape, clean cut, nice wings and tail; vhc, Pyke; c, Trewin. HEN (7): 1, 2, 3, Sheppard, capital shaped clear buff, good feather, nicely mealed, short wings and tail, 2nd good shaped buff, nice chest and back, 3rd nice quality yell., good shape; vhc, Pyke; hc, Goldsmith; c, Davison. NAT. COL. (2): 1, 2, Sheppard, variegated buff, good shape and feather, nice round chest, 2nd yell., good shape, nice wings and tail. YORKS. YELL. (10): 1, Hills, cl., nice position, good col., neat pipe tail, well packed flights; 2, Avis, nice feather, well on leg, and stands well; 3, Ward, variegated, well on leg, good stand and style; vhc, no name; hc, c, Tremlett. BUFF (5): 1, Tremlett, slim built, good position and feather; 2, Hills, hot col., neat tail, and well up; 3, vhc, Davidson, nice back, good length, HEN (11): 1, Goldsmith, buff, good length of leg, grand feather and position, neat head; 2, vhc, hc, Tremlett, nice feathered yell., good stand; 3, Avis, buff, nice length, good wings and tail; c, Ward. NAT. COL. (2): 1, Goldsmith, nice feathered foul mkd. yell., good stand; 2, Smith. NOVICE CLASSES: NOR. (15): 1, 3, hc, May, good shaped buff, nice colour and quality, 3rd good shaped buff, neat tail and wings; 2, Holdaway, nice shaped and good feathered yell.; vhc, Avis; c, Hayward. YORKS. (14): 1, vhc, Ward, hot. col. variegated yell., nice position, slim built, neat wings and tail; 2, hc, Avis, nice feathered cl. yell. hen, good back, wings, and tail; 3, Hondin, green, nice colour and position; c, Church. PARROT, ETC. (3): 1, 3, Cox, Lemon-crested Cockatoo, leading, grand condition; 3, Military Macaw, not quite fit yet; 2, Acton, nice feathered and good coloured Amazon PARAKEETS (4): 1, Acton, grand feathered and rich coloured Java Parakeets; 2, 3, vhc, Cox, nice coloured Golden-crowned Conure, 3rd nice pair of Madagascar Love Birds. A.O.S. FOR. (4): 1, 2, Cox, grand feathered Hill Mynah, 2nd long-tailed glossy Starling, in good order, nice sheen; 3, vhc, Acton, Virginian Cardinal. SMALL (12): 1, hc, Cox, nice coloured Pintail Wydah; 2, Pyke; 3, White, Javas, grand size and shape, pure coloured and clean; 3, vhc, c, Acton, nice pair of Cuban Finches in good feather.

HOLYWOOD (Ireland).

Second annual show, held in the Town Hall, Nov. 24 and 25. The room was an ideal one, being lighted all round, and free from draughts. The birds were beautifully staged, and were well looked after. The working committee, consisting of Messrs. Pinter, Malcolm, J. Dunwoody, jun., John Dunwoody, Devlin, Hamilton, Patly, and the Hon. Sec., Mr. F. Cole. The Nor. were a real fine lot. Yorks, too, were a well represented lot. Specials and cup winners: Cup for best Nor. or Yorks., Mr. Lavery; cup for best Yorks., Mr. Dunwoody; members' cup, Mr. Pattey; specials were also awarded to Messrs. Jansey, Lavery, OReilly, Gillen, Leacock, Dunwoody, Ryan, Power, O'Hara, Barclay, Malcolm, Cole, and Tansey. Mr. W. Mundell (Bradford) placed the cards.

The Critique.

CREST (1): 1, Leacock, Green, good centre and drop, plenty of body feather. C.B. (3): 1, Leacock, Green hen, rare skull, plenty of body feather; 2, Creighton, variegated cock, good head, massive body; 3, Mills, variegated, smaller a trifle than winner. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (5): 1, cup and sp., Lavery, unflighted, good head and neck, grand wings, full of quality, rich level col., very short and chubby; 2, vhc, Thompson; 2, good head and breast, boxy feather, grand wings and tail; 3, hc, Houston, tick on head, a blaze of col. and quality, nice wing, very cobby. BUFF (5): 1, 2, Thompson, rich level col., boxy, feather round head, well filled neck, clean on breast, nicely benched, 2, not quite so rich in col. as 1st, but very typical and full of quality; 3, McClurg, tick on eye, unflig., full of quality, grand wing carriage, neat head; vhc, Lavery; hc, Montgomery. YELL. HEN (4): 1, Thompson, pale col., tick on head, unflighted, boxy feather, nice type; 2, Gilmore, rich col., full of quality, grand wings, short tail; 3, Carson, tick on head, pale colour, full of quality, very short and chubby; vhc, Houston. BUFF (9): 1, Carson, good head and neck, clean on breast, lovely quality, level col., a gem; 2, 3, Gilmore, grizzled tail, rich colour, full of quality, good head and neck, 3, tick head, boxy feather, grand wings and tail, very cobby; vhc, hc, Connell; c, Thompson. VARIEG. CK. (5): 1, Houston, neck and wing a blaze of col.; boxy feather, grand head and neck; 2, Gilmore, variegated, lovely col., magnificent quality, nice round head, good neck and breast, perfect wings, carriage; 3, Lavery, neck and wing boxy feather, rich col., good head, short and chubby; vhc, Thompson, eye, neck and wing rich col.; hc, McClurg. VARIEG. (6): 1, Lavery, eye, neck and wing, rich col., lovely quality, good head, clean on breast, a good one; 2, hc, Finley, neck and wing, pale col., boxy feather, neat round head, very cobby; 3, Thompson, rich col., boxy feather, true to type; vhc, Carleton; c, Gilmore. YORK., CINN. MARK CK. (4): 1, Tansey, buff eye and wing, nice col., boxy feather, neat head, good wing carriage, piped tail, rare position; 2, Fleming, jun., variegated. Yell., full of quality, neat head, rich col., very lame, one claw crushed; 3, O'Reilly, eye and wing, pale col., neat head, grand wings and tail; vhc, hc, Montgomery. YELL. CK. (6): 1, Davies, grand position, long flights, piped tail, good head, grand quality, rare length; 2, O'Reilly, a blaze of col., boxy feather, unflighted, grand wings and tail, neat head; 3, Tansey, rich col., grand position, wings and tail, splendid quality; vhc, Gillier; hc, Fleming, jun.; c, Carleton. HEN (11): 1, O'Reilly, pale col., boxy feather, well placed wings, piped tail, very typical; 2, Gillens, grand head and neck, piped tail, lovely wings and full of quality; 3, Devins, pale col., boxy feather, good head; vhc, Birse, pale col., position AI; hc, Fleming, jun.; c, McNeilly. BUFF CK. (6): 1, Devius, rare length, boxy feather, grand wings and tail, position AI; 2, 3, Tansey, a trifle smaller than winner, full of quality, grand position, neat head, 3, full of quality, nice type, good wings and tail; vhc, c, O'Reilly; hc, Fleming. HEN (5): 1, Devins, unflig., rare position, grand wings, piped tail, full of quality; 2, Tansey, rich colour, small, grand position, neat tail; 3, Birse, even colour, boxy feather and position; vhc, McDonnell; hc, Fleming, jun. TICK, ETC., CK. (9): 1, Gillen, cap, eye and wing, yellow, well up on leg, rich colour, grand flights, piped tail; 2, Devins, wing tick unflig. yellow, lovely quality, nice type; 3, Fleming, jun., wing marked buff, boxy feather, rich colour, very stylish; vhc, McNeilly; hc, Tansey; c, McDonnell. HENS: 1, Fleming, jun., grizzled wings, yellow, teeming with quality, neat head, grand wings and tail, position, AI, 2, Gillen, buff variegated, boxy feather, fine position, good wings and tail; 3, Devins, pale colour yellow, good quality, neat head, cleaner breast; vhc, McDonnell; hc, O'Reilly; c, Montgomery. NOVICE CLASSES—YELL. CK. (8): 1, T. Dunwoody; 2, Ryan; 3, E. Dunwoody; vhc, Power; hc, Jamieson; c, Holly. HEN (6): 1, hc, Holley; 2, Jamison; 3, Lattimore; vhc, Goskin; c, Dunlop. BUFF (4): 1, 2, E. Dunwoody; 3, Gaskin; vhc, Lattimore. HEN (6): 1, Power; 2, Ryan; 3, vhc, Holley; hc, Dunlop; c, Lattimore. TICK, ETC. CK. (6): 1, Power; 2, 3, E. Dunwoody; vhc, Ryan; hc, Holley; c, Jamieson. HEN: 1, Ryan; 2, E. Dunwoody; 3, hc, Holley; vhc, Lattimore; c, Power. CAN. MULE (2): 1, Stewart, variegated, full of quality, well shown; 2, Palmer, variegated, nice type. DARK CAN. MULE (11): 1, O'Hara, Goldie-Can., grand size, rich colour, wins well; 2, hc, Alexandra; 2, Linnet-Can., rich colour, fine size; 3, Absolom, Siskin-Can., nicely marked, in the pink of condition; vhc, McCaldin; c, Alexandra. HYB. (1): 1, Alexandra, Goldie Bullie. BRIT. GOLDIE (2): 1, Harclay, "Pride of Erin," lovely square blaze, grand bars and buttons, in fine condition, nice size; 2, Creighton, nice bars and buttons, not quite so large as winner. LINNET (4): 1, 2, Barclay, rare size, nicely pencilled, nutty brown, very steady; 2, nicely pencilled, rich colour; 3, vhc, Harris. BULLIE, ETC. (9): 1, Barclay, Chaffinch in rare condition, nicely marked, very steady; 2, O'Hara, good Redpoll, rich colour, very steady, and shown in the pink of condition; 3, vhc, Carlton, 3rd Bullie, rare cap and bars, rich colour; vhc, Alexandra; c, Cahoon. MEMBERS—SCOT. (1): 1, Patty, jun. NOR. CK. (4): 1, cup, and spl, Patty, jun.; 2, spl, and 3, spl, Dunwoody; vhc and spl, Malcolm. HENS (3): 1, 2, Cole; 3, Malcolm. TICK. CK. (4): 1, 2, Cole; 3, Malcolm; vhc, Caughley. HEN (2): 1, Malcolm; 2, Patty, jun. YORKS CK. (14): 1, spl, 2, T. Dunwoody; 3, hc, and c, Malcolm; vhc, Hunter. HEN (11): 1, vhc, Malcolm; 2, 3, hc, T. Dunwoody; c, Patty, jun. VARIEG. CK. (6): 1, cup, 3, vhc, Dunwoody; 2, spl, hc, and c, Malcolm; vhc, Hunter. HEN (11): 1, vhc, Patty, jun. ROLLERS (3): 1, Mrs. Bruce; 2, 3, Hunter. GOLDIE (2): 1, 2, Patty, jun. LINNET (1): 1, Hamilton. BULLIE, ETC. (1): 1, spl, Cole. A.O.V. CAN. (5): 1, vhc, Cole; 2, Cowan; 3, Hanna; hc, Delvin. FOR. (3): 1, 2, Mrs. Bruce; 3, Caughley.

WINDSOR.

Windsor C.B. Soc. held their 3rd annual show, Albert Institute, Nov. 29th. Entries were fairly good, although not so many as there should be considering the fine classification. The quality was alright, many Yorkies being quite high class, and some real good Nor. were staged. The members' birds showed up well, and some really high-class birds were staged in both the Canary and British bird sections. The show was packed with visitors, and a good "gate" should assist the society. In Mr. E. A. Stackland they have a first-class secretary, who has everything in grand working order. He was ably assisted by Messrs. Turner, Hutson, May, Baker, and Simms. Mr. J. Robson judged Canaries and British, and Mr. Wesley T. Page, the foreign birds.

The Critique.

YORKS. YELL. CK.: 1, 3, Cripps, 1st grand length, neat head, good length of wing, capital position, 3rd fine slashing spec., good shoulders, rare quality; 2, Bullen, smart, lengthy spec., good shoulders, capital wings; vhc, Taylor; hc, Alford. BUFF: 1, Turner, nice length, neat head and neck, clean cut, well up on leg, nice quality; 2, Alford, smarter, clean cut, capital shoulders, A1 wings and tail, must have pressed; 3, Holliday, very neat and smart, beautifully rounded; vhc, Taylor; hc, Whittome. A.O.V. CK. (1): 1, Jefferies, fine size and length, good back wings and tail. YELL HEN (6): 1, Bousfield, slim built bird of nice length and quality; 2, Taylor, long, smart spec., good clean head, capital shoulders; 3, Holliday, smart, neat wing carriage, lovely quality, well staged; vhc, Turner; hc, c, Jefferies. BUFF (8): 1, Bousfield, long raking bird, neat head, well rounded, nice clean run to a good tail; 2, Bullen, nice clean spec., good head, capital wings, nicely cut; 3, hc, Atkins, another neat one, well up in shoulders, good head and back; vhc, Knight; c, Jefferies. A.O.V. (2): 1, Taylor, wing and head mkd., typical upstanding, rare length, nice head; 2, Whittome, very smart, straight and typical, clean cut, good quality. UNFLIG (4): 1, Holliday, lovely spec., perfect Yorkie, stands well, nice bit of shoulder, wings and tail perfect; 2, Knight, heavier in build, still good quality and capital head; 3, no name, grand position, neat head, well up on leg, good wings; vhc, Bullen. NOVICE CK. (6): 1, Hawkes, fine long yell., typical, neat shoulders, grand length of wings, neat tail; 2, Lunbert, a wee shade bolder, well filled back, good wings, stands well; 3, Craven, very fine buff, good length, nice shoulders, clean cut; vhc, hc, Holt; c, Eaton. UNFLIG (7): 1, Craven, very smart yell., slim type, neat head, good wings, capital quality; 2, Lunbert, lovely buff, good position, well rounded, nice clean run; 3, Frisby, good yell., lovely back and wings, not so good in front; vhc, Peckham; hc, Hawkes; c, Wilkins. NOR. YELL. CK. (6): 1, Kilby, head and neck ticked bird, nice chubby spec., good short wing and tail, fine quality; 2, Inglis, neat spec., a wee shade long in body, but good in head; 3, vhc, Battison, big, bold bird, good type, not quite the quality of winner; hc, Lovegrove; c, Temple. BUFF (6): 1, Kilby, nice quality bird, a bit long in barrel, neat head; 2, Battison, chubbier spec., neat head, good shoulders, nice wings; 3, Mrs. Thynne, nice typical spec., lovely quality, good bold front, nice head; vhc, Lovegrove; hc, Inglis; c, Bowler. A.O.V. (2): 1, Kilby, nearly green, lovely spec., very short and bulky, grand head, nice short wings and tail; 2, Mrs. Thynne, yell., lovely type, good shoulder, nice front, good quality. YELL HENS (2): 1, Mrs. Jones, fine size, nice head and quality; 2, Lovegrove, quite as good on points, but not quite the col. of winner. BUFF (6): 1, Lovegrove, typical specimen, well rounded, good back and wings, lovely silky feather; 2, Battison, fine, typical short bodied bird, good full front, capital head, well rounded; 3, Fleetwood, rare body, a shade weak in head, lovely quality; vhc, Mrs. Thynne; hc, Temple; c, Mrs. Jones. A.O.V. HENS (1): 1, Inglis, chubby, thick-set specimen, real Nor. type, nice short wings and tail. UNFLIG. (5): 1, Lovegrove, grand bird, very typical, sweet head, well filled neck and shoulders, grand front; 2, Lees, nice specimen, grand col., good back, wings and tail, stands well; 3, Fellows, short, neat bird, good head, nice neck and width of shoulders; vhc, Kilby; hc, Mrs. Jones. NOVICE: NOR. CK. (15): 1, 3, Tyrrell, 1, grand head and neck, good wings and tail, lovely quality and col, 3, neck ticked, grand stamp, well rounded, good front; 2, Hawkes, chubby specimen, well rounded, nice quality, a wee bit weak in head to winners; vhc, Meager; hc, Mrs. Jones. HENS (2): 1, Jones, nice quality, good head and shoulders, short legs and tail; 2, Hawkes, variegated, fine quality, nice front. UNFLIG.: 1, 2, Tyrrell, Yell. leading, chubby, hot col., nice head, minus some flights, which spoils the carriage, 2, good buff and bold front, nice quality; 3, Fleetwood, Yell., wing and eye mark, good quality; vhc, Meager; hc, Hawkes; c, Mrs. Jones. BORD. CK. (8): 1, 3, Wood, 1, neat jaunty specimen, very shapely, well rounded, fine quality, 3, very smart specimen, lovely quality, travels well; 2, Dodge, another neat one, good head nice free neck, capital wings and tail; vhc, Drew; hc, Mrs. Thynne; c, Unwin. HENS (5): 1, Mrs. Thynne, smart, nice carriage, good head and wings, lovely quality; 2, Pope, another neat one, a wee shade longer in body, grand wings; 3, hc, Wood, smart jaunty bird, neat head, beautifully rounded; vhc, Drew. CREST (2): 1, Mrs. Thynne, well known Cinnamon marked, in very fine condition, well staged; 2, Young, very fine, bold Dutch Frill, shapely, lovely feather. HYB. LIGHT (3): 1, Pearce, lovely four-pointed Goldie, grand size and shape, hot col. and lovely quality; 2, Lees, wing marked Linnet, lovely specimen, a wee shade open in feather; 3, Alford, neat Buff four-pointed Goldie, lovely neat specimen. DK. (5): 1, Lamb, good Canary Bullie, capital size and shape, and of good col., nice dense wings; 2, Cadman, big Goldie-Can., rare size, shapely, grand col. and well marked; 3, Lees, fine Green, big, bold bird, deep rich col.; vhc, Alford; hc, Pearce. A.O.V. (6): 1, 2, Lamb, 1, Linnet Bullie, good size, shapely, fine touch of col., good wings, 2, bold Goodie Bullie, grand size, good shape, very fine blaze; 3, Pearce wonderfully nice Redpoll Bullie, capital size, shapely A1 marking; vhc, c, Adamson; hc, Fellowes. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (9): 1, Cadman, nice bird, with a good face, of rich bright col., shapely, good tanning, 2 Bowler, must have pressed, lovely blaze of good shape and size, grand well buttoned wing, fine condition; 3, Hireson, another good one, capital specimen, well up; vhc, Alford; hc, Cambers; c, Munday. BULLFINCH (8): 1, Bousfield, grand bird, very rich col., shapely, fine size, nice silvery back, good cap; 2, Lund, very close up, equally good in points, but hardly so nicely staged; 3, Hireson, good shapely spec.; vhc, Elliott; hc, Bowler; c, Fellows. LINNET (8): 1, Bowler, good bird, nicely marked, nice size, capital col.; 2, Burrows, bigger and bolder, grandly marked, fine tone of col., a bit wild; 3, Tyson, nice shapely bird, well pencilled, good col.; vhc, Hireson; hc, Dyson; c, Drye. GREENFINCH (4): 1, Cadman, grand bold bird, fine size, very shapely, good splash of yell., huge quality; 2, Tyson, another beauty, grand shape, good bold front, A1 wings; 3, Hireson, smaller, but excellent quality, shapely; vhc, Lund. CHAFFINCH (4): 1, Cadman, fine bold Chaffie, grand size, good cap and wings, deep rich col.; 2, Cambers, bigger and bolder, equally good in col., shows himself well, must have pressed; 3, Morris, smaller, good col. and condition, capital wings; vhc, Lund. SISKIN, ETC. (4): 1, Burrows, bonny Lesser Redpoll, nice size and shape, good quality; 2, Hireson, another good Redpoll, capital condition and markings; 3, Pearce; vhc, Tyson. A.O.S. (4): 1, vhc, Cadman, real good Yell. Bunting, not over large, but lovely head and grand spangling; 2, Bowler, fine Hawfinch, good size and col.; 3, Hireson, another good Hawfinch. SOFTBILLS, LARGE (2): 1, Bowler, grand bold Jay, pure col. and marking, AI condition; 2, Solley, nice Skylark. SMALL: 1, Lund, nice Gale, good size, shapely, AI col. PIED, ETC.: 1, Temple, lovely team of Albinos, a grand Robin leading, followed by one of the largest Blackbirds we have ever seen; 3, a really good Sparrow. FOR.: 1, 2, 3, Ansler, capital team of small birds, a good pair of Zebras first, Golden Breasted second, and Avadavats third; 39, Temple, lovely Golden-fronted Fruitsucker, A1 col. and quality. MEMBERS—YORKS YELL. CK. (12): 1, 2, hc, Montgomery; 3, Turner; vhc, Hutson; hc, Clark. HENS (6): 1, 2, Montgomery; 3, Simms; vhc, Turner; hc, Baldwin; c, Clark. BUFF CK. (6): 1, hc, Montgomery; 2, Frisby; 3, Baker; vhc, Turner; c, Hutson. HEN (6): 1, Turner; 2, 3, Montgomery; vhc, hc, Simms; c, Drye. A.O.V.: 1, Simms 2, King; 3, Wright. UNFLIG. (5): 1, King; 2, hc, Hutson; 3, Drye; vhc, Baldwin. TK. (5): 1, 3, Montgomery; 2, Frisby; vhc, Turner; hc, King; c, Hutson. NOR. YELL.: 1, Simms; 2, Griffin; HENS: 1, Simms; 2, Moutgomery; 3, Griffin; vhc, Baldwin. 1511: 1, Simms; 2, Griffin. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Baker; 3, vhc, Wright. BRIT.—GOLD (5): 1, Montgomery; 2, Wright; 3, Drye; vhc, Griffin; hc, Wilkins. BULL. (5): 1, Griffin; 2, May; 3, Montgomery; vhc, Watkins; hc, Lund. HARDBILL (9): 1, vhc, Lund; 2, 3, Montgomery; hc, Sims; c, Owen. SOFT (3): 1, 2, 3, Lund. LARGE (5): 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Lund. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Montgomery; 3, Turner; vhc, Miss Whitlaw; hc, Baker. FOR.: 1, Temple; 2, 3, Ainslee; vhc, Owen; hc, c, Miss Whitlaw.

EPSOM.

The number of cage birds at the Epsom F.S. annual show, held Nov. 29, was not over large, as this show clashed with several others. This show is always well managed, having a few good cage bird men on the committee who look after the interests of this section. Mr. Brassey makes a very obliging sec., and is well supported by his committee. Special for best bird went to Mr. G. W. Saunders' grand unflig. buff Nor., first in the unflighted class at the recent Horticultural Hall Show. Mr. E. J. Lamb was runner-up with a nice Linnet Bullie Mr. H. Norman judged.

The Critique.

YELL. YORKS (6): 1, Mrs. Ballard, neck ticked yell., fine length, stands well, good head and shoulders, rare length of wing; 2, 3, Stroud, 2 hotter col., good length and shoulders, neat wings, not quite so good in neck and head as winner; 3, lovely col. and quality, good head, capital shoulder; vhc, Britton; hc, Wheeler; c, Alford. BUFF (6): 1, Mrs. Ballard, a beauty for length and position, neat head and neck, capital back and wings, good tail; 2, vhc, Miss Hall, quite as good in shape and carriage, lovely quality feather; 3, Wheeler, cap mkd., rare length, lovely quality, good back and tail; hc, c, Stroud. MEMBERS—YELL. YORKS (6): 1, 2, hc, Truelove, 1 fine and long, good wings, AI quality, 2 wing marked, grand length; 3, vhc, Soper, smart cl., nice type and quality; c, Lock. BUFF (7): 1, hc, Soper, smart shapely bird, nicely rounded; 2, Miss Hall, lovely quality Cinn. mkd.; 3, vhc, Truelove, head mkd., shapely, good feather; c, Dancer. NOR. YELL. (5): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Saunders, 1 typical cobby spec., hot col., nice head; 2, very short, nicely rounded, real quality; 3, capital type, good col. and feather; hc, Wade. BUFF (6): 1, 2, 3, hc, Saunders, 1 head mk., a real good one, the Horticultural Hall winner; 2, another good one, open winner at Brighton; 3, nicely rounded, neat head; vhc, Wade; c, Lock. HYB.: 1, 2, vhc, Lamb, capital Linnet-Bullie, nice size and col.; 2, good mkd. Goldie-Can., lovely quality; 3, Gowan. NOVICE: 1, 3, vhc, hc, Skilton; 2, Lork. LINNET: 1, 3, Britton; 2, Saunders; vhc, c, Wheeler; hc, Dancer.

GRAVESEND.

Annual show, open to a radius of twelve miles, held Nov. 29 and 30, in the large room at the Bat and Ball Cricket Ground. The entry was a poor one, most of the classes unfortunately being cancelled. Mr. Billett judged.

NOR. (18): 1, 2, vhc, hc, Stewart, winner nice type and condition, good level col., nice feather, 2nd marked head and wing; hc, nice level col., good chest, lovely quality, wo niked; 3, res, Barcham, 3rd typ. Nor., nice level col., tight as wax; vhc, hc, Taylor. YORKS (4): 1, withheld; 2, Burnett, long and slim, stands well; 3, Taylor, not quite so long, very nice and straight; res, Webb; vhc, Edmonds. MULE (5): 1, Edmonds, nice Goldfinch-Canary, easy win; 2, Stewart, Greenfinch-Can., nice feather, well shown; 3, withheld; 4, Hasler, nice Goldfinch-Can.; vhc, Ducie.

I have sold all my feeders and several Scots Fancies after two insertions in your widely read paper, CAGE BIRDS. I was more than surprised at the number of enquiries I had from all over the country, asking for birds on approval. Although I did not feel inclined to send Scots Fancies as far as Ireland and England on approval, yet I felt pleased to see that the Scots Fancy is kept and bred over a much larger area than some would have me believe.—J. Wood (Glasgow).

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Nuthatch, well shown, good size, clear blue back and good white throat, which shows off the reddish breast, in grand order; 2, Rattigan, sweet pair of Long-tailed Tits, perfect in feather, very prettily marked, interesting exhibit; 3, Lawrence, nice Crossbill, very steady, cage-moulted bird, showing the yellow plumage instead of red, as in the wild state, good size; 4, Taylor, charming Crested Tit, rare visitor in the South, exceptionally well marked at throat, fine crest; vhc, Tams, cock House Sparrow, rare size, very tame, in perfect feather, evidently living on the "fat of the land" suits this gentleman; No. 1, Taylor, absent.

Judge, Mr. S. L. Cocks.

BLACKBIRD (10): A double set of winners might well have been found here: 1, vhc, Marley, topping Blackie, wonderful size, very lustrous plumage, jet black, with a rich crocus bill and eye cere, shows himself to perfection, wins well; vhc, very stylish, tame as one could wish; 2, Hawksby, a good specimen, hardly as shapely as winner, and a trifle smaller, rich orange bill, good eye cere; 3, hc, Blackett, 3, very shapely, shows well, little to choose between this and 2nd, paler in bill, nicely staged, latter sound coloured; c, Maxwell, in good feather. STARLING (7): 1, Lean and Son, large, lustrous bird, well spotted, lovely sheen throughout, stands up straight on perches; 2, Laidlow, another well spotted bird, stands well up, lustrous green and purple feathering; 3, Collins, rare big bird, beautiful purple sheen on breast, well spotted from throat downwards, we liked much; 4, hc, Lott, both very heavily spotted all over, 4th, rare size, in first class order; vhc, Alton and Thompson, large, well spangled bird; c, Marley, one of the purple variety, very showy. SKYLARK (6): 1, F. Walsh, rare chested bird, well mkd., good bold carriage, capital tone of col., in fine fettle, nicely staged; 2, 4, Lott, not much to choose between these two, both large birds, standing well up, but both lose a trifle in col. to 1st; 3, Evans, very steady Lark, but loses all round to leaders, behind in markings and not quite so large; vhc, hc, Blackett, both promising specimens, smaller and paler in col. WOODLARK, ETC. (10): A very good class, containing two Rock Pipits, birds seldom exhibited: 1, hc, Frostick, 1, topping Tree Pipit, rich col. and dense pencillings, lovely throat mks., well staged, latter very tame cage-moulted Shore Lark; 2, 3, vhc, c, Lott, 2, capital Shore Lark, good col. for cage-moulted specimen, nice size, tight as wax, 3rd well marked Meadow Pipit, splendid order, rare size, vhc, good Rock Pipit, a larger species than the Meadow Pipit, and more heavily marked, giving it a much darker appearance; c, Wood Lark, nice eye-mark, well pencilled breast; 4, Dewhurst, Rock Pipit, dense markings, good size, a trifle unsteady; No. 6, Askew, best coloured Shore Lark in class. NIGHTINGALE (8): 1, hc, Hon. Mrs. Bourke, 1, grand 'Gale, an old winner, rare col. and size, and as tame as could possibly be, beautifully staged, a real gem; hc, another capital 'Gale, in perfect condition; 2, Puck, lovely Blaekcap, tight as possible in feather, good size, fine silky texture of feather, very steady; 3, Jackson, another bonny 'Gale, good size, in faultless condition, not such good carriage as 1st, probably younger; 4, Maxwell, Blackcap, very nice cap, more of a bluish tint of plumage than 2nd, good size, shown in the usual high condition; vhc, Vale, nice 'Gale, good col., in perfect feather; c, Frostick, Blackcap, in perfect feather, rather restless. SMALL INSECTIV. (WRYNECK, ETC.) (10): A very interesting variety class, containing no less than three Dartford Warblers (a species unknown to the show bench a few seasons ago), Waxwings, Wryneck, and Black Redstart, now competing with them; 1, Hon. Mrs. Bourke, again successful with a capital Dartford Warbler, apparently a younger bird than 3rd, very perky, but not so tight in feather, very promising bird, we heard it remarked; 2, Miss Bousfield, Waxwing, a real gem, full of condition, rich yellow and red tips to flights, beautiful silky plumage, shown to perfection; 3, Frostick, Dartford Warbler, faultlessly shown, very tight in feather and colours better defined than winner, but appears to be a shade smaller owing no doubt to its condition; 4, Maxwell, Wryneck, rich colours, well defined, well laced and marked on breast, good size, looking a little "soft" we thought; vhc, Evans, again a Dartford Warbler, a bird of the year we should say, has secured many prizes; hc, Francis, well shown Waxwing, again in tip-top condition and feather; c, Taylor, Black Redstart, very good specimen, but fond of the cage bottom. Class 155, marked cancelled in catalogue, but contained a very interesting Lesser Spotted Woodpecker, with a 1st on its cage, belonging to Mr. John Frostick, seemed to attract plenty of attention. CHOUGH, ETC. (9): A well mixed class, represented by the four usual species: 1, McQuiston, Chough heads class, a fine specimen, with a lovely glossy black plumage, legs and beak a shade paler in depth of colour than some; 2, Mrs. Lawrence, champion Magpie, very clear in whites, good head, fine long tail, plenty of the greenish, shown in faultless feather; 3, Bowler, rich coloured Jay, good size, clear blue wings and good shaped head, carries plenty of bloom; 4, vhc, Askew, 4, one of the best Jackdaws we have seen for a long time, shines like ebony, a real topper, latter nice Magpie, not far behind 2nd in perfect feather; hc, Dewhurst, Jay, very tame. A.O.S., SMALL INSECTIV. (5): Here again was a well mixed class, "Bobbie" competing with the Willow and Sedge Warblers: 1, Maxwell, Sedge Warbler, nice size and col., well defined eye mark, very sleek in feather, well shown; 2, Maggs, Willow Warbler, as tight as wax, perfect feather, a good rich green back; 3, Puck, grand Greater Whitethroat, rare size, splendid feather, very sprightly, a topper, in the pink of condition; 4, Mrs. Frostick, Bonny Robin, very large, rich col. (colour fed we heard), would be hard to beat by his own species; vhc, Taylor, capital Redstart, rich throat and breast, nicely frosted, good white crescent on forehead. A.S. HENS (except Song Thrush) (16): An unusual occurrence to find two Dartford Warblers in competition with Finches: 1, Hon. Mrs. Bourke, a gem of a Dartford Warbler, in perfect condition and feather, very sprightly little lady, seemed quite happy in her roomy cage, to the casual observer there is little distinction between the male and female of this species; 2, Ford, Corn Bunting, exceedingly tame, wanted to fight us when we attempted to make her move, good size, nicely marked throat; 3, Dewhurst, Greater Spotted Woodpecker, in fine fettle, appeared quite content in its cork-lined cage, was hammering the cork as we took notes; 4, Marley, Siskin, good size, nicely marked on flanks, capital wing bars, a rich col. for its sex; vhc, Castree, Ring Ousel, in perfect feather, rather unsuitably staged, the perches being too far apart, the hen of this species is seldom seen on the bench; hc, Loader, bonny Bullie, grand ebony cap, good flights and snow white rump. A1 condition; c, Cadman Bros., very steady Snow Bunting; No. 6, Miss Smith, grand Chaffinch, we liked; No. 7, Martin and Archer, Dartford Warbler, seems to have injured her left foot; absent, Andrews, Nos. 15 and 16. PIED ALBINO ETC. (22): A wonderful collection, the like of which we do not remember seeing before in such numbers, no less than 19 out of the 22 entries facing the judge. Robins, Blackbirds, Linnets, Starling, Bullies, Chaffinch, and Sparrows competing: 1, P. Walsh, with a grand Silver Starling, shows spangling at tips of the feathers and looks very pretty, an old winner; 2, Pinnell, cock Bullfinch (catalogued as a Blackbird), pure white, with a delicate pink tint on the cheeks and breast, beak flesh colour, in perfect feather (some thought a dark blue colour for the cage would shew it off to better advantage than green); 3, Longlands, beautiful Albino Blackbird, with the normal coloured orange bill, large bird, very steady; 4, vhc, hc, Temple, 4, pretty Robin, white, with a delicate reddish tint on the forehead, cheeks and breast, in good feather, except tail slightly frayed; vhc, Albino Sparrow, exceptionally tame, in perfect order, hc, Albino Blackbird, yellow bill; c, Smith, pretty Cinn.-Linnet, shows pencillings as in a normal coloured bird. A number of very interesting freaks were on view, particularly No. 21, cock Chaffinch, heavily mottled with creamy white on head, breast wing, and tail coverts, while the back was a rich yellow, would have proved a puzzle if exhibited in the Hybrid class by mistake; No. 17, a cock Bullfinch, with red breast, but delicate pink and white cap and white in flights. A.S. EUROPEAN BIRDS (not in N.B.B. and M.C. list) (8): This class provided quite the attraction in the section, in M. Pauwels' lovely pair of Wall Creepers, the last exhibited was a single specimen exhibited some years ago by Mr. Maxwell; 1, hc, M. Pauwels, 1, grand pair of Wallcreepers, shown to perfection, in a large cage, with imitation rockwork at the back, plumage of the male ash grey, with rich crimson wing coverts, long curved bill, hen same col., but less brilliant, hc, described as a "Sunfinch," very similar to a large Snow Bunting, head greyish, and under parts grey, probably a "Snowfinch"; 2, Maxwell, Redbreasted Flycatcher, unique exhibit, and a very dainty little fellow, ashy brown, with the upper breast orange red and under parts white; 3, Dewhurst, Rosy Pastor, a member of the Starling family, seemed weak in the legs; 4, Puck, topping Russian Goldfinch, in tip-top order, rich blaze, nicely mooned, good tanning; vhc, c, Martin and Archer, vhc, another rare bird, a two-barred Crossbill, housemoulted no doubt, as it shows the orange instead of red colouring, c, very fine Ortolan Bunting, rare size; No. 3, Icterine Warbler, similar to the Willow Warbler, but much larger. HAWKS, OWLS, etc. (3): This is another new class at this show, and only contained three entries. If well filled, would prove an attraction, as few people can see these birds at close quarters: 1, Shepherd, Kestrel Hawk, in perfect feather, seemed quite at home, was enjoying a piece of beef which it held in its talons; 2, Wilson, Tawny Owl, who sat as still as a rock and blinked, a rare large cage bird, with doubtless a large appetite; 3, Askew, Little Owl, who "snapped" as we took our notes, tastily shown in a cork and ivy lined cage, very clean in plumage, an interesting bird. OPEN NOVICE GOLDFINCH OR BULLFINCH (15): 1, Clements, Goldfinch, very typical specimen, good square blaze, splendid wing bars and moons, well tanned; 2, Butler, Goldie, another beauty, not quite such a square under blaze, and more lightly tanned in breast, good rich hack and wing bars; 3, Wade, nice Bullie, good black cap, fine blue back and clear wing bars, very steady for a field-moulted bird, correct type; 4, May, Goldie, we liked very much, well up in col., capital buttons and moons, nicely tanned, as good a colour as any in class; vhc, Cooper, capital Bullie, splendid cap, rich breast col., good clear back; hc, Maitland, another stylish Bullie, good cobby bird; c, Raby, useful Goldie. LINNET, SISKIN, TWITE, OR REDPOLL (15): 1, Hedley, stylish Linnet, good rich col., fine back markings, rather indistinct pencillings on breast and throat markings, in good condition; 2, Raby, nat. col. Siskin, very fair col., well mkd., nice cap and wing bars, hardly a trace of bib; 3, hc, Sadler, 3rd, rich col. Twite, good pencilling, fair size, shows whites in flights very well, hc, a Linnet, in good feather; 4, Copeland, Linnet, too small for keen competition, nicely pencilled, carries plenty of bloom; vhc, Oliver, bonny Siskin, nice col., very distinct thigh pencillings; c, Woodcock, Lesser Redpoll, in good order. A.O.S. FINCH, ETC. (5): 1, Simants, nice Reed Bunting, in good feather; 2, Hedley, very fair Bramble, good head, well spangled, nice rich breast col.; 3, Miss Bowles, Chaffinch, shows whites well, good bold chest, a little unsteady; 4, Smyth, really good Greenie for col.; No. 4, absent (Hatter).

THE FOREIGN BIRDS.

Judge, Mr. H. D. Astley.

BUDGERIGARS, LOVEBIRDS, ETC. (6). The feature of this class was Mr. Townsend's veteran Blue-crowned Hanging Parrot; this was a marvel of colour, and its tight and silken plumage unsurpassable: 1 spl, Townsend, Blue-crowned Hanging Parrot; 2, Meadows, an excellent pair of Black-cheeked Lovebirds; 3, Mackenzie, another good pair of B.C. Lovebirds; 4, vhc, Edmunds, pairs of Yellow and Green Budgerigars. A.S. PARRAKEETS (9). Some of the exhibits, in the writer's opinion, were somewhat hardly treated, especially a very rare yellow variety (lutino) of the Ring-necked Parrakeet, a young bird, and also very beautiful; it certainly merited a higher position. Another uncommon exhibit was Mr. William's uncommon Blue-crowned Conure and also Mr. Cooper's Rock Grass Parrakeet: 1, Edmunds, Brown's Parrakeet, nice and tight; 2, vhc, C. T. Maxwell, good Elegant Grass Parrakeet, very tight plumage, but was minus a claw; and a perfect pair of White-winged Parrakeets; 3, S. Williams, jun., very uncommon Blue-crowned Conure, this bird was evidently very dissatisfied both with judge and public; 4, R. Pauwels, very uncommon Uvean Parrakeet, very rich colour; vhc, Mrs. K. Leslie Miller, perfect Blue-bonnet Parrakeet, rich colour, plumage very tight and silken; vhc, C. Cooper, Rock Grass Parrakeet, rare, hardly treated. LORIES AND LORIKEETS (2). It was most disappointing that the first response to a special class for the Brush-tongued Parrots was so small. The Association's enterprise deserved a different result. This, the writer feels assured, is a class that will fill well if it is maintained; 1, R. Pauwels, Brown-throated Lorikeets, a beautiful and rare exhibit, these enjoyed a few hours of liberty in the spacious hall, but were fortunately recaptured; 2, Mackenzie, fine Ceram or Yellow-backed Lory, a blaze of colour. PARROTS, COCKATOOS, ETC. (5). Out of this small entry four of the exhibits were rare and all in good condition. Mrs. Miller had out two exceptionally fine exhibits, a perfect Hawk-headed Parrakeet, our choice for first, and a very uncommon Ash-fronted Amazon Parrot (*C. ochroptera*), our choice for second; the Rev. C. H. Raynor's rare Everett's Parrot and veterna Meyer's Parrot following, but with such birds to deal with, the judge's position is not an enviable one; and in such company Mr. Ditchfield's lovely B.F. Amazon was distinctly lucky, we thought, to carry off third prize: 1, 2, Rev. G. H. Raynor's Everett's and Meyer's Parrots; 4, vhc, Mrs. K. Leslie Miller, rare Ashy-fronted Amazon and equally uncommon Hawk-headed Parrot; 3, J. Ditchfield, Blue-fronted Amazon, in beautiful condition. WAXBILLS, ETC. (23). One was pleased to see such a grand entry and meet so many of the beautiful but freely imported species. In the writer's opinion it is a mistake to award vhc, hc, and c cards in such numbers; we opine that if the birds in exceptional condition had been singled out for the distinction, exhibitors generally would have been better pleased, for where practically everyone gets a card there is no distinction! 1, 3, and c, R. J. Watts, lovely pairs of Green Avadavats and Gold-breasted Waxbills, in perfect feather and col., and a good Cordon Bleu: 2, Beresford, Cordon Bleu, in good feather and col., but a trifle lucky; 4, Mortlock, good pair Orange-cheeked Waxbills; vhc, Rev. J. Paterson, perfect Green Avadavat; S. Beaty, good Combassou; Miss Smyth, Madagascar Weaver; C. H. Row, excellent pair Golden-breasted Waxbills; F. Howe, very fine Golden-breasted Waxbills and perfect Orange-cheeked Waxbills, gems; and C. T. Maxwell; Rev. J. Paterson, one of the most perfect pairs of Tricolour Mannikins we have seen; G. W. Leavers, very good pair Ribbon Finches; C. G. S. Woodcock, Grey Java Sparrows; F. Howe, White-headed Mannikins and St. Helena Waxbill, perfect condition; A. C. Young, Cutthroats; J. Dewhurst, Cordon Bleu; R. J. Watts, Cordon Bleu; Col. Routh, Zebra Finches. WAXBILLS, FINCHES, ETC. (12). This class contained such beautiful Seed-eaters as Violet-eared Waxbills, Melba Finches (? probably two species), Crimson Finch, and Blue-breasted Waxbills, all of which have been decidedly difficult to obtain of recent years. 1, 2, spl, vhc, C. T. Maxwell, Violet-eared Waxbills, very rich colour, plumage very tight and silky, and an equally good pair of Blue-breasted Waxbills; 2, 3, F. Howe, very fine Melba Finch, markings sharply defined and colour very rich, and lovely Crimson Finch, grand colour; 4, c, Col. J. Routh, Violet-eared Waxbills and Melba Finches, both pairs a little soft, and Waxbills not through moult; vhc, J. C. W. Meadows, nice Aurora Finch; hc, S. Beaty, good Firefinch; c, Miss St. A. Wait, Blue-breasted Waxbill; and L. M. Wade, Magpie Mannikin. GRASSFINCHES, WEAVERS, ETC. (17). The feature of this class was Mr. Maxwell's Jackson's Whydah, which has only once previously appeared on the show-bench, and two pairs of Australian Fire-tailed Finches, a species known to aviculturists for many years, but for some years, till quite recently, has been unobtainable: 1, W. R. Temple, grand pair of Fire-tailed Finches, without a flaw, lovely colour and distinct markings; 2, C. H. Row, another good pair of Fire-tails, very little behind the first prize winners; 3, 4, and hc, C. T. Maxwell, Jackson's Whydah (might have been higher) —rare and interesting exhibit; good Tri-coloured Parrot Finch, and richly coloured Painted Finch—a grand trio; vhc, Miss Bousfield, Diamond Sparrow; C. H. Row, Red-headed Gouldian Finch; F. Howe, Parrot Finch, one of the best we have seen; J. Mackenzie, Black-headed Gouldian Finch; J. M. Walsh, Scaly-crowned Finch, very uncommon, flawless; R. J. Watts, Diamond Finches; hc, S. Beaty, perfect pair of Red-headed Finches, rich colour, markings very clear; A. G. Kyle, Long-tailed Grassfinches; A. C. Young, grand pair Ruficauda Finches; Col. Routh, best pairs of Ruficauda and Masked Finches we have seen; c, Dr. Hetley, Diamond Finch. GROSBEAKS, TRUE FINCHES, ETC. (14). The chastely beautiful Rainbow Bunting appeared once more, as beautiful as ever, and though on the opening day it was looking a hit "off colour," it soon improved and showed its perfect condition. A good and richly coloured pair of the hetter known Nonpareil Buntings were exhibited by Dr. Hetley, and Mr. Maxwell exhibited an uncommon Colombian Siskin, which carried off premier honours, and the rare Black-cheeked Cardinal: 1, spl, and 3, C. T. Maxwell, Colombian Siskin, in exquisite condition, rich black above and golden-yellow below, and Black-cheeked Cardinal, very rare, in beautiful feather; 2, Mrs. K. Leslie Miller, Rainbow Bunting, a superh gem, which retains the beautiful natural colour of its rainbow-hued garment in captivity; 4, J. M. Walsh, Green Cardinal, rich colour, very tight and steady; vhc, Dr. Hetley, grand pair of Nonpareil Buntings, very rich colour, perfect; hc, Rev. J. Paterson, Green Singing Finch; B. C. Brears, lovely Lavender Finch; c, H. T. Gibbs, good Pintail Nonpareil; W. Andrews, Green Singing Finch. TANAGERS (5). Rather a disappointing entry, surely a class for the freely Imported Tanagers should command a better entry than this! The enterprise of the management must meet with a better response than this if it is to be maintained: 1, W. T. Rogers, Blue Tanager, perfect in every way—there are several sub-species of the Blue Tanager, of which the above is probably sub-species *leucoptera*; 2, R. J. Watts, Superb Tanager, very rich colour; 3, C. T. Maxwell, another beautiful Superb Tanager; 4, J. M. Walsh, yet another Superb —all three being exceptionally richly coloured birds, varying about as placed. A.O.S. TANAGERS (10). This class, while containing nothing really new, included many rare and uncommon gems of the beautiful family Tanagridae. A beautiful and rare Gold and Green Tanager (*Calliste flava*) was shown by Mr. S. M. Townsend in exquisite condition; while Mrs. Miller staged a lovely Emeral-spotted Tanager—the gem of the class—the principal colouration is bright green, washed in parts with golden yellow and regularly spotted with black; the centre of the body below is whitish, merging into the green sides of body. Another rarity, which appeared last season, was Lady Pilkington's unique Blue and Black Tanager (*Tanagrella cyanomelaeno*), whose name aptly describes its iridescent hues of plumage; this, and a lovely Festive Tanager, staged hy Mr. C. T. Maxwell were the pick of the class. Mr. Maxwell also staged the uncommon Pretre's Tanager: 1, S. M. Townsend, Gold and Green Tanager, perfect, very tight and steady; 2, vhc, and c, C. T. Maxwell Pretre's, Maroon and Festive Tanagers, a grand trio; 3 and vhc, Lady Pilkington, All Green, and Blue and Black Tanager, the latter rare but not tight in plumage; 4, Mrs. K. Leslie Miller, Emerald-spotted Tanager, a perfect picture, our choice for 2nd, very hardly treated; vhc, J. M. Walsh, Black-throated Tanager (*C. thoracia*), should have been higher; vhc, Lady Pilkington, Blue and Black Tanager, very rare, rather loose in feather; hc, Hon. Mrs. Bourke, good pair Necklace Tanagers; Miss V. Bromwich, Archbishop Tanager. SUGAR BIRDS, ETC. (16). This class alone was worth a long journey to see, and undoubtedly Mr. Ezra's exquisite Amethyst-rumped Sunbird was the most noticeable. But the most rare was Mr. S. M. Townsend's Palish-blue Sugar Bird, a first appearance, and we believe the first living specimen of its kind to reach this country. It is smaller than the well-known Blue, and at first we took it to be *coerulicolor*, but without comparing it with skins we do not care to make a definite pronouncement; it is either *Daenis nigriceps* or *angelica*; its small size causes us to take it to be *angelica*. It was hard luck on Mr. S. M. Townsend that it should have been overlooked by the judge. Another rare exhibit was Miss Clare's rare Indian White-eye, an nvinry bred specimen, in perfect condition, but not fully mature plumage. We were pleased to see once more, after a lapse of some years, the lovely African White-eye. A feature of the class was the exquisite staging of the Hon. Mrs. Bourke's Purple Sugarbird, the cage being garnished with yellow orchids, a most suitable setting, constituting a lovely picture: 1 and two spls, A. Ezra, Amethyst-rumped Sunbird, a tiny feathered exquisite, whose colours vary through every shade of lilac, purple, and green, according to the angle at which the light strikes it—not a feather out of place, deserves its position; 2, vhc, and hc, Hon. Mrs. Bourke, richly coloured Purple Sugarbird, grandly staged; Purple Sunbird, not quite in full colour; and Blue Sugarbird, looking a wee bit soft; 3, vhc (3), hc, and c, C. T. Maxwell, Purple Sunbird, very tight, but out of colour; Purple Sugarbird, a gem; Banana Quit, rare and perfect; Rufous-throated Sugarbird, grand colour! African White-eyes, nice pair, but will look better a little later, and a good Blue-winged Fruitsucker—a grand sextet; 4, vhc, and hc, S. M. Townsend, the veteran Yellow-winged Sugarbird, its equal has certainly never been staged; Jerdon's Bulhul, lovely and rare, and a lovely Palish-blue Sugarbird, a dainty gem in a glistening garment of bright blue and black; hc, W. T. Rogers, Gold-fronted Fruitsucker; c, Miss Clare, Indian White-eye, rare and perfect, not well staged; G. Rattigan, Blue-winged Fruitsucker. PEKIN ROBINS, JAYS, ETC. (8). The notable exhibit in this class was Mons. Pauwels' lovely and unique Long-crested Mexican Jays (*Cyanocitto coronata*)—beautiful indeed, the general colour is blue, iridescent in parts, with two white eye-streaks and two white streaks extending from base of upper mandible to centre of crown, the crest is long and pendulous; the other exhibits were all well-known species: 1 and spl, R. Pauwels, Long-crested Mexican Jays, in perfect condition, plumage very tight and silky; 2, O. Puck, grand Shama; 3, W. A. Shepherd, Hill Mynah in superb condition; 4, C. Cushney, good Purple Starling; vhc, D. Gollan, nice Pekin Robin. A nice pair of Lesser Hill Mynahs (very talkative) also competed. A.O.S. (24). Columns might easily be occupied in describing the rarities in this grand class, Mons. Pauwels' Count Raggi's Bird of Paradise was a grand sight and one of the attractions of the show, as also was his exquisite Fairy Blue-bird, both figured and noticed elsewhere; Mrs. K. L. Miller's exquisite team of Japanese Robin (*Erithacus akahige*) and Loo-choo Robin (*E. komodori*), and pair of Verditer Flycatchers, were all rare and exquisitely beautiful. Mr. A. Ezra also exhibited the Loo-choo and Japanese Robins; the former was seen on the bench last year, but the Japanese Robin is quite new, and closely resembles the English Robin, but the red is not so bright and the underside of body is a darker grey; Miss V. Bromwich also exhibited an uncommon Hauswell's Hangnest. Mr. Maxwell also had out a fine team, Blue-throated Flycatcher, Ruby-throat, Coppersmith Barbet and Trogan; Mr. Townsend staged a lovely Indian Kingfisher (*Halcyon symrnensis*), its plumage being a lovely contrast of mahogany-brown, pure white and richest blue; 1, spl, and 3, R. Pauwels, Count Raggi's Bird of Paradise, in full colour and exquisite condition; and Fairy Blue Bird (*Irena turcosa*), a marvel of beauty in its shining garment of black and blue; 2, and vhc, Mrs. K. Leslie Miller, 2nd Japanese Robin, Loo-choo Robin, very fine, richer colour than the bird exhibited in 1910; and a grand pair of Verditer Flycatchers, a grand team; 4, hc, and spl (2), C. T. Maxwell, Coppersmith Barbet, an interesting and unique exhibit which strikes one at first as being all face, as not only is the head large for the bird, but all the bird's colouration is confined to the head, Ruby-throat, and a Blue-throated Flycatcher, an exquisite and rare species; vhc, A. Ezra, Japanese and Loo-choo Robins; T. Miller, lovely and unique Yellow-cheeked Hill Tit; Miss V. Bromwich, Blue-bearded Jays; J. M. Walsh, White-eye-browed Wood Swallow; S. M. Townsend, a unique Indian Kingfisher; hc, W. T. Rogers, Dusky Thrush (*T. leucomelas*), very uncommon; Miss V. Bromwich, Hauswell's Hanguest; Mrs. J. Frostick, White-crested Jay Thrush; c, Miss L. Clare, Silver-eared Mesia. A good specimen of the common Indian Redstart also competed. FOR. HYB. (3): Mons. Pauwells, gathered premier honours with his interesting Pleske-Azure Tit hybrid (*Parus pleskei x P. cyanus*); it is a wild hybrid, and is pale blue above and white below, variegated with typical darker facial, back, and wing markings. Mr. G. J. Troughton took second and third prizes with two Zebra Finch and Silverbill Hybrids; these were described as Zebra Waxbill and Silverbill in catalogue, but the parentage of the Zehra Finch is unmistakable, and will be even clearer after they have moulted out. PAIRS FOR HYB. BREEDING (5): 1 and 3, C. T. Maxwell, Silver-eared Mesia and Blue-winged Siva; Firefinch and Vinaceous Firefinch; 2, W. R. Temple, Fire-tailed Finch and Sydney Waxbill; vhc, Rev. J. Paterson, Black-headed Nun and Chestnut-breasted Finch.

THE MEMBERS' CLASSES.

As was to be expected, the members' sections contained some remarkably good birds. Mr. Knight (Cambridge) put down a lovely unflighted Yorks which played havoc in the special list.

CHAMP. CREST: 1, Broad; 2, Franz; 3, Mrs. Galloway; 4, Mrs. Thynne; vhc, Mrs. Litchfield; hc, Shepherd. C.B.: 1, Tyson; 2, Broad; 3, hc, Shepherd; 4, Mrs. Thynne; vhc, Mrs. Litchfield; c, Turner. 1911: 1, 2, Tyson; 3, Franz; vhc, Shepherd; hc, c, Broad. AMAT. CREST: 1, 2, 3, Pickard. C.B.: 1, Pickard. 1911: 1, Pickard. NOVICE. CREST: 1, 2, vhc, Mugford; 3, Wallington. C.B.: 1, 4, vhc, Mugford; 2, Wallace; 3, Wallington. 1911: 1, 2, 4, vhc, hc, c, Mugford; 3, Wallace. CHAMP. YORKS. YELL. CK.: 1, Hawes Bros.; 2, Cook; 3, Whittome; 4, Crisp; vhc, Easterling; hc, French; c, Jones. BUFF: 1, Knight; 2, Rennie; 3, Crisp; 4, Ayres; vhc, Hawes; hc, French. MKD.: 1, 4, Jones; 2, Penton; 3, Miss Bousfield; vhc, Crisp; hc, Mrs. Owen; c, Easterling. YELL. HEN: 1, Rennie; 2, French; 3, hc, Ayres; vhc, Smith; c, Knight. BUFF: 1, Rennie; 2, French; 3, Penton; 4, Jones; vhc, Hawes; hc, Easterling and Carson; c, Ayres. 1911: 1, 4, Knight; 2, Jones; 3, hc, Easterling and Carson; c, Cook; vhc, Hawes. AMAT. CK.: 1, Smith. HEN: 1, Smith. 1911: 1, 3, Smith; 2, Teesdale. NOVICE CK.: 1, Neal. HEN: 1, Neal. 1911: 1, Neal. NOR. CHAMP. YELL. CK.: 1, Harper; 2, Godfrey; 3, Baker; 4, Mrs. Thynne; vhc, Richardson; hc, Ward; c, Howard. BUFF: 1, Godfrey; 2, Baker; 3, Harper; 4, Ward; vhc, Howard; hc, Thynne; c, Ward. AMAT.: 1, 2, Hart. HEN: 1, Teesdale; 2, 3, Hart. 1911: 1, 3, 4, Hart; 2, Teesdale. NOVICE CK.: 1, Thursby; 2, 3, Mitchell. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Thursby; 4, Mitchell. 1911: 1, 3, Thursby; 2, 4, Mitchell. HYB.: 1, 2, Pope; 3, 4, Dewhurst. GOLDIE: 1, Francis; 2, 3, Offord. BULLIE: 1, Francis; 2, Offord; 3, Marley. LINNET: 1, 2, 3, c, Marley; 4, Offord; vhc, hc, Tyson. SISKIN: 1, 3, Francis; 2, vhc; hc, Offord; 4, Tyson; c, Marley. A.O.S. FINCH, ETC.: 1, Dewhurst; 2, Tyson; 3, vhc, Marley; 4, c, Offord; hc, Francis. INSECTIV.: 1, 4, vhc, Dewhurst; 2, Francis, 3, Shepherd. A.O.V.: 1, 3, Marley; 2, Dewhurst; 4, Shepherd. FOR.: 1, Pauwels; 2, 3, Dewhurst. INSECTIV.: 1, 2, Pauwels; 3, 4, vhc, Dewhurst; hc, Mrs. Maher; c, Miller

DUNDEE.

A Good and Well-Conducted Show.

City of Dundee and Dist. C.B.S. annual open show, held in the Gymnasium Hall, Ward Road, Nov. 25th. The hall is a splendid one for the purpose, being well lighted on every side. The exhibits were staged right round, and were well protected from draughts by a screen, there being plenty of room for visitors in the centre to view the birds with comfort. The Society is blessed with a first-class executive, the President, Mr. Herschell, being present, while the genial vice-president, Mr. D. Low, was at everyone's command, and did much to make the show a success from an exhibitor's point of view. The Hon. Sec. (Mr. Alex. Miller) is a grand worker, and had all his arrangements made in good time, and his ability made him an ideal show manager. There was a good attendance of fanciers, and several sales took place. The entry was down a bit on last year, 469 birds being staged, but though fewer the quality in every section was of the best, many big winners being forward, and competition was keen. Crests, though not strong in numbers, were a grand show, the Scottish Crest Club medal going to Mr. Veitch with his grand C.B. hen, and the Crest Members' Cup to Mr. Cairns, with a nice young Crest. Norwich, also small in number, were a first class lot, the Scottish P.C. medal being won by Mr. G. Mitchell, while the medal for cocks was also won by Mr. Mitchell. Mr. Hope won the members' cup for best Scotch Fancy cock, and Mr. Henderson the cup for hens. Cup for best Brit., Mr. A. R. Towns, with a dandy Redstart; Hyde's, Mr. D. Low. Judges, for Crests and C.B., Mr. J. Young (Rutherglen); Nor., Mr. W. Hampton (Brechin); Scotch Fancies, Messrs. J. Stenhouse (Kelty) and J. Strachan (Arbroath); Borders, Mr. T. Arnott (Kirkcaldy); Mules and British, Mr. R. V. Raine (Cathcart); and their decisions were well received.

The Critique.

CREST CK. (7): 1, sp, Howie, grand big body, good crest, fine feather; 2, Mackie, grand substance, well centred crest, in fine condition; 3, sp, Paul, green, good size, fine crest, nicely centred; 4, Veitch; 5, Whitton; 6, McNaughton. HEN (8): 1, 2, Sharp, 1st, green, well formed crest, long feather, grand condition; 2nd, another good one, grand crest; 3, 4, Paul, nice D.C., great size, well centred, in grand condition; 5, McNaughton; 6, Cairns. C.B. CK. (9): 1, 3, sp., 1st var, big one, grand wide skull, good entrance, well lashed; 3rd, buff var., good size, bold skull, long feather; 2, Herschell, grand big body, fine entrance, not so good in skull; 4, Cairns; 5, McNaughton; 6, Paul. HEN (4): 1, sp, medal, Veitch, buff varieg., well feathered, great substance, well lashed skull, wide entrance; 2, Paul, large body, fine rich feather, well browed; 3, Mackie, well feathered, good substance, grand entrance; 4, McDonald. BRED 1911 CREST (9): 1, sp, Gray, good one, long veiny feather, nice skull, fine crest; 2, cup, Cairns, fine size and substance, well feathered crest of good formation, presses; 3, Mackie, grand size and substance; 4, Herschell; 5, Veitch; 6, Whitton. C.B. (10): 1, sp, Mackie, grand substance, well lashed, nice long feather; 2, Fox, nice varieg., good substance, well lashed; 3, Veitch, good green, grand bold head, well lashed, good substance; 4, 5, Herschell; 6, Cairns. NOR. CL. ETC. YELL. CK. (8): 1, Bishop, grand size and shape, nice col. and substance, good wing carriage; 2, Mitchell, nice colour, good size and substance, fine head; 3, sp., Spence, good type and quality, rare colour; 4, Gardiner; 5, Kydd; 6, Rodger. BUFF (4): 1, sp, Harris, grand size and quality, nice head, good type, wins; 2, Mitchell, fine size and substance, good colour; 3, Lumsden, smaller, fine type and quality, nice wings, close feather; 4, Kerr. YELLOW VARIEG. CK. (4): 1, Clark, good exhibit; 2, Black, nice colour and quality; 3, Mc Kenzie, nice close feather; 4, Kerr. BUFF (7): 1, Smeaton, grand type and quality, nice shape, well mealed, good one; 2, Spence, nice type and quality, good head and wings; 3, Bishop, fine size and substance, nice head; 4, Rodger; 5, Harris; 6, Logan. CL. ETC. YELL. HEN (12): 1, Boath, sweet quality, good size and substance, fine feathered, wins; 2, Smeaton, another nice one, good substance, grand size and colour; 3, Kerr, nice quality, good size and substance; 4, Martin; 5, Grewar; 6, Stephen. BUFF (6): 1, sp, S.P.C. medal best hen, Mitchell, grand hen, lovely type and quality, good size, beautifully mealed; 2, Smeaton, fine type and quality, stands well on perch, well up; 3, Skinner, good one for size, fine col.; 4, Kydd; 5, Hendry; 6, Muckart. YELL. VAR. (4): 1, sp, Harris, a dandy hen, rare size and substance, grand col. and quality; 2, Pirie, green, grand type and col., clean cut, worth its place; 3, Logan, smaller, fine type, good feather; 4, Morton. BUFF (7): 1, Burnett, good head, fine size and quality, rare col.; 2, Smeaton, good size and type; 3, sp, Grewar, good one, nice size and substance; 4, Gardiner, 5, Kydd; 6, Douglas. UNFLIG. CK. (14): 1, sp, Smeaton, grand exhibit, rare type and quality, fine col., good size, well staged; 2, Harris, another dandy, just slightly open on neck, caught napping to-day; 3, sp, S.P.C. medal best cock, Mitchell, good one, fine quality, nice type; 4, Grewar; 5, Chalmers; 6, Adamson. HEN (10): 1, Harris, nice one, yellow var., in grand fettle, rare type and quality, fine wings and tail; 2, Martin, good size and substance, nice head, lovely quality; 3, Grewar, good size, nice quality, well staged; 4, Boath; 5, Taylor; 6, Logan. NON-FED CK. (8): 1, Mitchell, good green, fine size, good head and front; 2, Rodger, nice clear, fine front, close feather; 3, Skinner, green, good one, capital size and substance, well up; 4, Adamson; 5, Skinner; 6, Grewar. HEN (7): 1, Martin, good type, fine size, good front; 2, Smeaton, fine size and substance, good head and front; 3, Kerr, nice one, good type and quality; 4, Mitchell; 5, Grewar; SCOT. FY., YELL. CK. (11): 1, cup, Hope, fine size, rare position, good drive; 2, Allan, good length of side, nice droop; 3, McGregor, good top end, fine size; 4, Ramsay; 5, Keill; 6, Howie. YELL. PIED., ETC., CK. (10): 1, sp., Hydes, low, large, rare length of side, good drive, nice quality; 2, Black, nice droop, lovely quality; 3, sp., 5, Rodger, nice style, fine size, good drive; 4, Berwick; 6, McMillan. BUFF (9): 1, Allan, fine model, good size and substance; 2, Hope, rare droop, fine size and substance; 3, Rodger, fine head, good side, nice action; 4, Black; a little beauty, in shining conditon, good head and 1, Hope, very typical, good shoulders, nice droop, good drive; 2, Black, nice size, good action, stylish, grand back; 3, Melville, another nice one, close up; 4, Allan; 5, Henderson; 6, Thoms. CL. YELL. HEN (4): 1, Allan, fine set up, good action, rare top end; 2, Keill, grand depth of chest, rare action, good position; 3, Mitchell, good quality; 4, McNaughton. YELL. PIED. ETC. (8): 1, Rodger, stylish, good top end, well set up; 2, Keill, good size and position, capital reach; 3, 4, Black, good head and shoulders, fine position; 5, Blair; 6, Steven. CL., ETC., BUFF (12): 1, Low, grand size and quality, rare reach, easy action, well filled in; 2, sp., 5, Watson, good position, nice action; 3, sp., Hope, good one, rare drive, capital size; 4, Henderson; 6, Rodger. BUFF, PIED.: 1, sp., cup, Henderson, grand size, good head, nice thickness, rare quality; 2, Low, another good one, fine quality and size, nice action, rare drive; 3, 5, McGregor, decided drive, good head and shoulders; 4, Allan; 6, Curtis. BORD., CL., YELL. CK. (13): 1, sp., Hutchison, nice type and quality, fine head, grand condition; 2, McKenzie, good head and wings, a trifle too much cut away below; 3, Craig, dandy exhibit, in shining condition, rare wing carriage, some thought ought to have gone up; 4, Patterson; 5, Lambie; 6, Crabb and Finlayson. BUFF (13): 1, H. Bennet, perfect model, feather like wax, perfect wing carriage, nice tail, in faultless condition; 2, Patterson, grand condition, rare col. and quality of feather, fine wing carriage; 3, sp., McKenzie, another good one, grand size, very close feather, jaunty carriage; 4, Hutchison; 5, Lambie; 6, Peters. YELL. HEN (15): 1, Patterson, a little beauty, in shining condition, good head and neck, rare wings and tail, wins; 2, Hutchison, another gem, well up in size, very stylish carriage, good colour; 3, sp., Peters, good size, in faultless order; 4, Lyall; 5, Lumsden; 6, McKenzie. BUFF (14): 1, McKenzie, grand size, good style, fine wings and tail, in nice order; 2, Bennet, very sweet wee lady, tight in feather, good head and wings; 3, Peters, very typical, like wax, well up; 4, Dods; 5, Hutchison; 6, Lumsden. A.O.C. CK. (10): 1, Lambie, well-known Green, rare type and quality, good one all over; 2, 5, H. Bennet, another Green, one of the best, in grand order; 3, Craig, nice eye and wing marked, grand wings and tail, well put down, close up; 4, Patterson; 6, Martin. HEN (10): 1, Henderson, a beauty, nicely varieg., grand head and wings, rare smart one; 2, 6, Lumsden, good uneven, fine size, in good condition; 3, Patterson, rare stylish hen, in faultless condition; 4, Bennet; 5, Dods. LIGHT MULE OR HYB. (3): 1, sp., Mrs. McLennan, Goldie-Bullie, great size and substance, nice blaze, shows parentage well; 2, Nicoll, Linnet-Bullie, nice one, fine shape, good head, in grand order; 3, Seddon, Goldie-Bullie, in grand order. DARK (9): 1, Brown, one of the best Linnet Mules going, good size, rich colour, in the pink of condition; 2, Bogie, Buff Goldie, lovely feather, long slim body, fails only in head; 3, Watson, good Siskin, fine size, nice quality, well staged; 4, Grewar; 5, Roy; 6, Nicoll. GOLDFINCH (BRIT.) (15): 1, G. G. Henderson, grand size, fine blaze, well tanned, fine cut cheeks, in splendid order; 2, McArdle and Stewart, smaller than winner, nice square blaze, good head, nice tanning; 3, McGillivray Bros., good Finch, capital face, nicely mooned, well put down; 4, Hillier; 5, Cranna. BULLIE (11): 1, sp, McDonald, grand size, good cap, fine back and chest; 2, Nicoll, nice one, in grand condition, lovely bead and wing bars, richer col.; 3, Colville, another nice one, grand cap, rich col.; 4, Wright; 5, Cranna; 6, Stewart and Dalling. GREENFINCH (10): 1, Law, good shape and size, bold bead, fine col.; 2, McMillian, another fine Finch, nice col., good head and wings; 3, Finnie, grand Greenie, in excellent fettle; 4, Stewart and Dalling; 5, Mason; 6, Logan. LINNET (11): 1, sp., 3, McArdle and Stewart, pair of beauties, still winning, put down in really grand order; 2, McMaster, fine Linnet, well pencilled, rich col.; 4, Hendrie; 5, Henderson; 6, McPherson. FIELD-MOULTED (20): A grand class: 1, Hodge, very bonny, rich colour, nicely pencilled, very steady, wins; 2, Mason, good Finch, nice col. and size, in fine order; 3, sp., Cooper, good head and wings, nice col., well staged; 4, Fox; 5, Barrie; 6, Morton. SISKIN (9): 1, Morton, grand col. and condition, fine size, nice lacing, good cap; 2, Mason, nice col. and lacing, good head and eye markings; 3, Jeffrey and Stevenson, good size and col., nice cap and bib, well laced; 4, Law; 5, Donelly; 6, Henderson. REDPOLL, ETC. (17): 1, Dickie and Smith, mealy Poll, grand size, fine col. and markings; 2, Morton, bonny Twite, good sound col., nicely marked in shining condition; 3, Scotland, another good one, smaller a trifle, but in grand order; 4, Muir and Henwan; 5, Black; 6, Barrie. A.O.S. FINCH (13): 1, Stewart and Dalling, good Yellowhammer, good size, nicely marked, some thought might have changed places with 2, Reid, Bramble, one of the best out, great size, beautifully spangled, grand wings; 3, Watson, good bird, fine size, lovely col., well staged; 4, Finnie; 5, Law; 6, Henderson. SMALL BRIT.: 1, sp., cup for best in Brit., A. R. Towns, Redstart, in magnificent order, grand col., and size perfect plumage

EASTFIELD SIDE
(Sutton-in-Ashfield).

Fifth annual show, held Mason's Arms, November 4th. There were 36 classes, and some very fine specimens shown. There was a good deal of healthy rivalry in the competition for the numerous specials. Judge, Mr. L. Barker (Notts.). Mr. R. Nuttall, the secretary had everything well in hand.

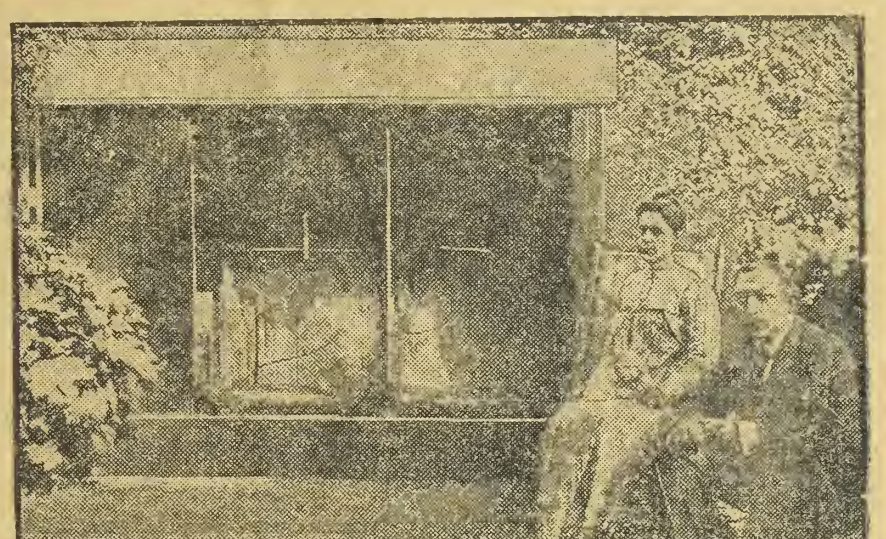
NOR., CL., YELL.: 1, vhc, Vardy; 2, Vaughan; 3, Barwise. BUFF: 1, 2, Vardy; 3, Hawksley; vhc, Smedley; hc, Marshall. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, Vardy; 2, Snedley; 3, Beacroft. BUFF: 1, 3, hc, Vardy; 2, c, Smedley; vhc, Butler and Barlow. HEAVILY MKD., ETC.: 1, 3, Vardy; 2, Smedley; vhc, Beacroft. YELL. HEN: 1, Smedley; 2, 3, Vardy; vhc, 3, Hawksley; hc, Caunt and Keeling; c, Marshall. BUFF: 1, Vardy; 3, c, Hawksley; vhc, Smedley; hc, Butler and Barlow. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, Vardy; 2, G. Beecroft; 3, Butler and Barlow; vhc, J. Beecroft; hc, Barwise. BUFF: 1, hc, Vardy; 2, Smedley; 3, Hawksley; vhc, Beecroft; c, Butler and Barlow. STOCK PAIRS: 1, 2, vhc, Vardy; 3, Hawksley; hc, Truman. NOR. NAT. COL.: 1, 2, Smedley; 3, Butler; vhc, Shore. CREST. YELL.: M. Norwood. BUFF: 1, Bowers; 2, J. Norwood; 3, M. Norwood; vhc, Davis. BUFF HEN: 1, 2, M. Norwood; 3, Shaw and Booth; vhc, Bowers; hc, Nuttall Bros. YELL. C.B. CK.: 1, G. Norwood; 2, 3, E. Wilson. BUFF: 1, M. Norwood; 2, Davis; 3, hc, Shaw and Booth; vhc, Nuttall Bros. HEN: 1, Norwood; 2, Wilson; 3, vhc, Nuttall Bros. UNFLIG, CREST: 1, J. Norwood; 2, M. Norwood; 3, Hanley; vhc, Nuttall Bros.; hc, Davis. C.B.: 1, vhc, Shaw and Booth; 2, Bowers; 3, Davis; hc, G. Norwood. STOCK PAIRS: 1, Shaw and Booth. YORKS.: 1, hc, Hymas; 2, 3, Truman; vhc, Burdett; c, Athey. BORD. FCY.: 1, 2, vhc, Naylor; 3, Lowe; hc, J. H. Naylor. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Haymas, Goldie Bullie; 2, 3, Vardy, Goldie Canaries; vhc, Burdall. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, Butler, Chaffinch; 2, Sparks, Bramblefinch; 3, Lowe, Goldfinch; vhc, Beacroft; hc, c, Athey. SOFTBILL: 1, W. Baker, Magpie; 2, Ward, Blackcap; 3, W. H. Baker, Starling; vhc, W. Battler, Starling. GIFT 1, Handley; 2, Norwood; 3, Hall Bros.; vhc, Connah; hc, Nuttall Bros.; c, Count and Keeling. MEMBERS' NOR. CK. (29): 1, Leam; 2, Connah; 3, Strange; vhc, Waldreu. BUFF: 1, Caunt and Keeling; 2, Strange; 3, Connah; vhc, Waldren; hc, Hall Bros. HEN: 1, c, Caunt and Keeling; 2, 3, Waldren; vhc, hc, Strange. UNFLI.: 1, hc, Connah; 2, c, Caunt and Keeling; 3, vhc, Burton. NAT. COL. NOR.: 1, Hall Bros.; 2, 3, J. W. Burton; vhc, Wright; hc, Wooley; c, Connah. CREST: 1, Handley. C.B.: 1, 2, Handley. CAN.: (open to anyone who has never exhibited before): 1, Owen; 2, Holmes.

DUBLIN.

Eleventh annual show of the Dublin C.B., etc., Association, held in the Concert Rooms, Rotunda, Nov. 22nd and 23rd. The entries, when one considers that this show was clashing with another fixture which had the patronage of the specialist clubs, was very good; especially may this be said of the Yorks, and the quality generally was far better than we expected. The birds were very nicely staged and all the exhibits were carefully attended to by the hard-working and courteous secretary, Mr. Gibson, and a willing band of workers on the committee. The hall is beautifully lighted, well ventilated, and free from draughts. It is to be regretted the Irish shows cannot be arranged so as not to clash, as this kind of thing only tends to shortness of entries. Mr. Cowgill (Bradford) placed the cards, and we heard no grumbling.

The Critique.

SCOT. FCY. CK. (1): 1, Kelly, buff varieg., nice size, good drive, handles well. HEN (1): 1, Kelly, buff varieg., handles well, full of nerve. CREST (4): 1, Cargill, varieg., good round crest, plenty of feather; 2, 3, Birse, varieg., good droop, length and radiation; 2, cl. buff, dark crest, good width of skull. C.-B. (5): 1, 2, Birse, splendid size and shape, good cushioned skull, well lashed, 2nd fails only in size; 3, vhc, Cargill; hc, Farrell. NOR. CK. (5): 1, Fox, yell., nice size, good type, well cut away, short tail, good carriage; 2, Birse, buff, big bouncing bird, good body, broad full head, must have pressed; 3, Meehan, good size, col. and quality, nice head; vhc, Devines; hc, Flyn. HEN (1): 1, Devins, yell. mkd. head, rattling fine type, col. and qual., good head. YORKS CL. YELL. CK. (8): 1, O'Reilly, grand length, racy, long-sided bird, well up on leg, neat waist, good back and tail, grand quality; 2, Mulligan, fine length and style, well drawn, neat head, good carriage; 3, Devins, grand shape, good head and tail, neat carriage; vhc, Carroll; hc, Shaw; c, King. HEN (5): 1, O'Reilly, splendid length, nice and slim, sweet head, best of shape; 2, Devins, good head and back, grand quality, a shade stronger in build, nice length, good head and back; 3, Birse, grand well shaped bird, well up on leg; vhc, Mulligan; hc, King. BUFF CK. (6): 1, Birse, fine length and shape, grand quality, full of nerve; 2, Devins, neat head, grand quality, well shaped; 3, Mulligan, good head, rare colour, lovely quality; vhc, Show; hc, O'Reilly; c, Farrell. HEN (3): 1, Devins, grand length and style, head sound as a marble, feather like wax, well filled back; 2, Birse, splendid length, best of shape and carriage; 3, Mulligan, well packed wings, good back, lovely legs. YORKS CINN., ETC. CL. (2): 1, Mulligan, yellow eye and wing mkd., grand shape and quality; 2, Show, good length buff, heavily mkd., nice shape. HEN (1): 1, King, yell. mkd., head and wings, nice quality. YORKS, A.O.C. CK. (5): 1, Birse, yel, good length, shape and style, well packed wings and back; 2, King, buff mkd., head and wings, sweetly moulded; 3, Devins, buff tk. over eye, grand quality throughout; vhc, Carroll; hc, Dowling. HEN (5): 1, Mulligan, buff tkd., grand length, style and quality, well up on leg; 2, Birse, buff tkd. on head, good quality; 3, Devins, buff tkd. on neck, grand shape and quality; vhc, King. YORKS NON-FED CK. (8): 1, 3, vhc, Sholedice, huffs, grand quality of feather, good length and stylish; 2, Goligher, yell., good length, well up on leg, nice head; hc, c, Farrell. HEN (8): 1, 2, 3, Sholedice, all nice length, shape and style, good all-round trio; vhc, Hyland; hc, Farrell; c, Goligher. NOVICE YORKS CL. YELL. CK. (5): 1, Ryan, good length of side, well braced wings and tail; 2, Hyland, good shape and quality, handles well; 3, Briggs, nice quality of feather, well up on leg; vhc, Bannon; hc, Mullen. BUFF CK. (7): 1, hc, Bannon, nice shape, quality and style A1; 2, Ryan, very stylish, good head and back; 3, vhc, c, Briggs, typical, nice quality. YELL. HEN (3): 1, Ryan, very sweetly moulded, A1 quality and length; 2, Mullen, good shape, nice style; 3, Bannon, good quality throughout. BUFF (4): 1, vhc, Bannon, very shapely, well up on leg; 2, Mullen, good head and back; 3, Ryan, grand length, well up on leg. A.O.C. CK. (9): 1, 2, 3, Ryan, 3 very sweetly moulded birds, very good length, nicely cut away, smart appearance; vhc, Bannon; hc, Mullen; c, Briggs. HEN (4): 1, Hyland, good length, nice style, A1 quality; 2, vhc, Bannon, good shape, well braced wings and tail; 3, Mullen, sweet head, well filled back and neck. GOLDFINCH, ETC. MULE, CL., ETC. (2): 1, 2, Wall, both buff, lightly mkd., grand quality. DARK (1): 1, Furley, nice size and colour Goldie-Canary. A.O.V. MULE OR HYB. (6): 1, 2, hc, Pollock, Goldie-Linnet, Goldie-Greenie, beautiful shape and col.; 3, vhc, c, Wall, Greenie-Linnet, nice shape and quality. GOLDFINCH (6): 1, Heaslip, grand size and shape, very rich in tanning, rare width of face, good depth of blaze, fine bare; 2, Wall, equal in size, good body colour, rich bars, good buttons; 3, Magee, splendid size and shape, not quite so rich; vhc, c, Dohbin; hc, Furley. BULLFINCH CK. (2): 1, 2, Wall, good size and shape, A1 quality. HEN (4): 1, 2, 3, Wall, grand col., good size; vhc, Furley. LINNET (8): 1, 3, vhc, Wall, fine size and shape, good body col., splendid tail; 2, Carolan, good in body col., nice pencilling; hc, Dohbin; c, Furley. LINNET, ETC. (1): 1, Briggs, Goldie, good size, very fair col. REDPOLL, ETC. (6): 1, vhc, hc, Wall, Twite, good size, nice body col., grand polish; 2, Furley, Siskin, good size, nicely laced cap, good wings, very rich; 3, Walsh, Siskin, good cap and rich in col., fine form; c, Carolan. SKYLARK (8): 1, 3, hc, Wall, good size and shape, grand quality; 2, Swaine, good size, A1 form; vhc, Carolan; c, Cole. BLACKBIRD, ETC. (3): 1, 2, Mulcahy, Thrush and Blackbird, grand shape and polish; 3, Cole, Blackbird, nice shape, good quality. A.O.S. BRIT. HARDBILL (not classed) (4): 1, 2, 3, Wall, Greenie, Hawfinch, and Bramble, all A1 form. A.O.S. SOFTBILL (2): 1, 2, Mulcahy, Chough and Magpie, A1 form. PARROT, ETC.: 1, Wall, Green Parrot, A1 form.



TWO WELL-KNOWN BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIRD ENTHUSIASTS.

Mr. and Mrs. John Frostick, of Balham, with, in the background, one of their garden aviaries.

LEIGH (Lancs).

Members' show held Nov. 18, Assembly Room, Railway Hotel—just a nice room for such a show. There were just over 100 entries, and amongst these were to be seen some excellent Norwich. Yorkshires were also very stylish, especially the winning cl. yell., which secured special for best bird in show. Crests included several very good birds. Eybrids, too, were good, and the British bird class brought together a good class of 14. Mr. Charleson, the hon. sec., had the show in hand, and carried out his duties in a prompt manner. Some good specials, in addition to cash prizes, were competed for, and caused keen competition. The open Linnet class was a capital one, and most of the birds were shown in hop cages, as the class was made up largely of birds belonging to the Linnet Singing Clubs around this district. The birds were in very ripe condition, singing all the afternoon, and for all they were worth. Quite a large number of fanciers were in attendance. Mr. Chas. Houlton judged, and his awards were very well received.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL. (5): 1, Taylor, cl., fine size, grand head, rare col. and condition; 2, vhc, Ordish, rather smaller, very smart type and condition; 3, Carter. BUFF (6): 1, Lomas, cl., grand body; 2, 3, Ordish, good pair for type, in fine condition; vhc, Taylor; hc, Bailey and Son; c, Gaskell Bros. HEN (12): 1, hc, Dawson, very fine, nat. col. buff, grand type, lovely bloom, A1 feather; 2, Lomas, tckd. head yell., very smart type, A1 quality and condition; 3, Carter, fine cl. buff; vhc, Taylor; c, Gaskell Bros. YORKS. YELL. (6): 1, sp, best bird in show, 3, Charnock, leader a gem all through, tight as a Java to-day, 3rd grand back and carriage, beaten in breast feather only; 2, hc, Hulme, grand length, well up on leg, fine carriage; vhc, c, Hill. BUFF (7): 1, vhc, Charnock, tck. neck, grand length, type, stand, quality, and condition; 2, c, Hulme, cl., very close up in all points; 3, Taylor, nice cl.; hc, Charleson. HEN (6): 1, Charleson, tkd. on head, very grand yell., lovely clean cut type, well up, rare carriage and stand; 2, vhc, Hulme, nice length, good position, neat carriage; 3, hc, Charnock, well up to 2nd in all points; c, Hill. CREST (6): 1, 3, vhc, Lomas, leader wing mkd. D.C., nice shape Crest, good droop, well centred, well filled all round, nice frontal; 3, Grey, Crest, well filled, nice length; 2, Taylor, wing mkd. D.C., not quite so large Crest as 1st, good droop; hc, c, Taylor. C.B. (6): 1, 3, hc, Lomas, leader very good cl., fine domed head, with wealth of feather; 2, vhc, c, Taylor, green, finely raised, good length, feather, and entrance. MULE (11): 1, Nice class: 1, Taylor, 5-point buff Goldie-Can., small, very good feather; 2, Lomas, bonny dark yell. Goldie-Can., rare col. and condition; 3, Parr, big stout, pale buff, dark Linnet-Can., in grand feather; vhc, hc, c, Gaskell Bros. OPEN LINNET CLASS (16): A well conditioned lot all through: 1, Harrison, grand size, shape, col., markings, glossy condition; 2, Everett, a shade smaller, grand all else; 3, Banks, equal to 2nd practically, in fine condition; vhc, Gostling; hc, Roughly; c, Brown. BRIT. (14): 1, Gostling, very neat Goldfinch, in best all-round condition; 2, Gaskell Bros., very good Chaffinch; 3, Carter, very nice conditioned Linnet; vhc, Carter; hc, Taylor; c, Hill. GIFT (7): 1, Taylor; 2, Ordish; 3, Charnock; vhc, Bailey and Son; hc, Lomas; c, Hampson. Best bird in show, Charnock, yell. Yorks.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

LAUNCESTON.

A very nice collection of birds were gathered in the Meat Market on Nov. 28th, and the quality also was good. Six classes were provided for the locals, which contained 66 exhibits, and a capital lot they were, making quite the best even seen at this fixture. Mr. Reed made a most able and courteous secretary, and he was well backed up by his committee, thus all the arrangements were carried out in good form. Mr. C. A. House judged.

YORKS., YELL. (8): 1, sp., Fulford, nice slim, stylish fellow, good head, wings and tail; 2, 3, Boundy, nice feather and carriage, not quite so slim; res., Bowden; vhc, Boustield; hc, Wills; ab., Found, Stephens and Gaved. NOR. YELL. (8): 1, 3, Lewis, nice col. and quality, good shape; 2, Tottle, very stout, chubby bird, pale in col.; res., Edwards; vbc, Bailey; absent, Spillman; wrong class, Bailey, tkd. on wing; Edwards, a clear body, grey crest. HEN (5): 1, sp., Bennett, tkd. neck, a little gem rare quality and shape; 2, Bailey, nice shape, feather and style; hc, Tripe; c, Hooper; absent, Spillman. PAIRS (9): 1, sp., Hobbs, capital crests; 2, Bailey, neat Nor.; 3, Mitchell, Nor; res., Tripe; the others absent. MULE, CAN., DK (11): 1, 2, Collins, well-known Redpoll and Linnet mules, in rare form; 3, Rowe and Richards, nice shape, jonque Goldie, needs col.; res., Lovett; vbc, Cottle Bros.; bc, Bonney; c, Hawkyard; Nos. 9, 10, Edwards, Greenie-Bullie, and Goldie-Bullie, in wrong class. BRIT., GOLD. (10): 1, res., Polkinghorne, rare face and cheeks, lovely body and feather; 2, Hamilton-Jones, grand col. and markings, but not so large; 3, Edwards, nice col. and style, not so tight in feather; vhc, Rescorla; hc, Rowe, Richards; c, Cooper. BULL. (13): 1, Rowe and Richards, fine large cap, grand breast and back; 2, Lugg, most handsome hen, grandly marked; 3, res., Jordan, nice shape and feather, not so rich in breast col.; vhc, Gregory; bc, Wilmot; c, Amy. FOR. (8): 1, Stephens and Gaved, capital King Parrakeet; 2, Way, large well marked Budgerigar; 3, vbc, Snell, neat little pair of Waxbills; res., Philip. BRIT., SMALL (13): 1, sp., sp. best in show, Rosser and Son, very nicely feathered Wryneck; 2, Lovett, charming Blackcap; 3, Collins, nice yell, Wagtail; res., Staddon; vhc, Rowe and Richards; c, Lugg. SELL, 20s. (12): 1, Bowden; 2, Reynolds; 3, Rowe and Richards; res., Bailey; vhc, Mitchell; bc, Tottle; c, Scantlebury and Quiller. 10s. (8): 1, Hoskin; 2, Fulford; 3, Hoblyn; res., Bailey; vbc, Pawley; hc, Mitchell; c, Bousfield. LOCAL, YELL. (7): 1, sp., Adams and Drew; 2, Rattenbury; 3, res., hc, Hoblyn; vhc, Hillman; c, Miss V. Routley. BUFF (12): 1, 2, res., Hoblyn; 3, Avery and Son; vbc, hc, Sargent Bros.; c, Pincombe. NON-FLIG. (10): 1, Way; 2, hc, Hoblyn; 3, res., Rattenbury; vbc, Avery and Son; c, Pincombe. MULE (16): 1, sp., Jasper; 2, hc, c, Way; 3, Avery and Son; res., Miss V. Routley. BRIT., GOLD (11): 1, res., Hocking; 2, c, Way; 3, hc, Sargent Bros.; vhc, Baker. A.O.V. (11): 1, sp., res., vhc, Way; 2, Carter; 3, Adams and Drew; hc, c, Avery and Son.

HIGHGATE AND HAMPSTEAD, C.B.S.

Annual show held Nov. 10th and 11th in Spencer Hall. Three hundred and fifty entries is a splendid total to muster by a society which has only been four years in existence. It is astonishing what grand results may spring from small beginnings; and societies grow and flourish when there is capable guidance and unity amongst the members. It would seem the Highgate and Hampstead Society is singularly fortunate in this respect. Mr. C. W. Law, who fills the secretarial chair is one of the best. It is quite true that Mr. Law found the foundations "well and truly laid," but he is a gentleman of tact, ability and enthusiasm, and he has built wisely and well. As secretary, too, of the L and P.O.S., Mr. Law has the advantage of wide experience, which he uses to the full on behalf of both societies. The society has also amongst its officers men of the widest and longest experience. Mr. G. Gardner is its chairman of committee, while on the membership roll are such names to conjure with as Messrs. W. Shakespeare, J. Oldaker, G. E. Weston, etc. The committee are all excellent workers and ungrudgingly give their support. The cups and specials are both handsome, numerous and judiciously arranged in competition. The President's cup was won by Mr. H. F. Jones' slashing variegated buff Yorks. cock. The award was a popular one. Mr. C. W. Law won the shield with a very nice typical buff Norwich. The British, although nice, did not strike us as quite equal to those of former years. The arrangements were first rate, the staging as convenient as the space would allow, and the tasteful arrangement of pot plants (by Mr. Knight) added colour and cheerfulness to the whole. The attendance of fanciers was very large, and would probably have been more so, but for the dreadfully wet night on Saturday. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged, and had a really hard five hours' work in a treacherous light. But as stewards these old hands, Messrs. J. Oldaker, W. Shakespeare, and Walmsley, helped greatly. Winners of specials: President's cup, H. T. Jones; Points cup, Lovegrove and Lovegrove; Challenge Shield and silver plated teapot, C. W. Law; teapot, Hyde and Jones; British bird points special, Amat. and Nov. section, Mrs. Giddy; other specials: Messrs. Kent, J. Jones, Appleby, Johnson, Street, Law, Wills, A. Knight, Clarke and Locke, Wakefield, Bush, Hyde, Byne, Lovegrove and Lovegrove, Mound, Tatten, Shakespeare, Bell, W. Knigbt, W. Gilbert, Cowie and Elton, A. W. Hardiman, W. Armstrong, W. Day, Mrs. Giddy, Mrs. Wood, G. Street, W. G Byne, and W. H. Wills.

The Critique.

CHAMP., NOR, CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, 3, Lovegrove and Lovegrove, three beautiful quality birds, very warm in col., leader thick set bonny fellow, rare head and neck, made a brave show for the shield, but was beaten owing to somewhat faulty wing carriage; vhc, Law; hc, Dunn; c, Sparke. BUFF: 1, shield, etc., Law, lovely flow, neat, well cleaned head and beak, fine texture of feather, nice under-col., takes his perches with confidence, and carries tail behind; 2, 3, hc, Lovegrove and Lovegrove, good trio, richly fed, fine texture, bold birds, 2nd the tightest packing, 3rd big one; vhc, Bell; c, Sparke. VARIEG. YELL.: 1, Bell, lovely quality, typical; 2, 3, Lovegrove and Lovegrove, hotter col., good quality; vhc, Sparke. BUFF: 1, 3, vhc, Lovegrove and Lovegrove, winner nice quality and shape, very nice one; 2, Bell, grand type, nice quality feather, well across perch; bc, Sparke. HENS, CL., ETC.: 1, 2, vhc, hc, c, Lovegrove and Lovegrove, team that any breeder might covet, full of the necessary Nor. characteristics; 3, Bell, just split the ring with a very smart hen of grand type and quality. VARIEG: 1, Dann, variegated yell., nice one for shape and quality, good in all respects; 2, Lovegrove, buff. YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Jones, warm team, winner grand length, pose and quality, well up on leg, plenty behind, 2 "swift 'un," all there, 3 also nice, not quite the character of the other two; hc, c, Armstrong. BUFF: 1, 2, Jones, leader grand length and wing carriage, soft close feather, nice at head and neck, 2 not so racy, but very little less so; 3, Armstrong, very nice. VARIEG. YELL.: 1, Jones, finely drawn, stands well up, racy, grand back, rump and tail; 2, Armstrong, good one. BUFF: 1, cup, 2, Jones, leader beautiful bird, fine length, wings, tail, neck and head, of uniform proportions, 2 nice; 3, Armstrong, similar. HEN CL., ETC.: 1, 2, Jones, a yellow and buff, both stylish Yorkies; 3, Armstrong, very nervy. VARIEG.: 1, Jones, yell., good length, finely drawn, nice leg; 2, 3, Armstrong, two very smart hens, well after the leader, one a cinn. variegated. BORD., YELL.: 1, Dann, neat little bird, gay and jaunty. BUFF: 1, Dann, grand bird. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Shakespeare, couple of very pretty Lizards, leader having splendid work in back, and remarkably sound in ground col. and on tips; 3, Armstrong, an upstanding green Yorkie. MULES AND HYB.: 1, 2, Bell, Greenie-Can. leading. AMAT. SECTION; here the competition was not so extended, only three exhibitors competing. Mr. Hyde put down some rattling fine Nor., as did also Messrs. Cowie and Elton and Mr. W. Knight. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Hyde. BUFF: 1, Cowie and Elton; 2, 3, Hyde. VARIEG. YELL.: 1, 2, Hyde. BUFF: 1, Hyde. HEN CL., ETC.: 1, Knigbt. VARIEG.: 1, Cowie and Elton. YORKS.: All entries and consequently all prizes to Mr. W. Knight. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, W. Knight. NOVICE SECTION: NOR. CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, A. Knight, nice shape and quality, good head, well over perch; 2, Johnson, again level and nice all through, close race; 3, Williams, another neat bird; vhc, Kent; hc, Wills; c, Walmsley. BUFF: 1, Clarke and Locke, fine type, nice wings and bead; 2, Williams, lovely quality, rich col.; 3, Wills, nice feather, neat shape; vhc, Wakefield; hc, Walmsley; c, A. Knight. VARIEG. YELL.: 1, 2, Byne, both rare quality and col., former excelling in type; 3, Knight, fine quality. BUFF: 1, Wakefield, variegated, plenty of col. under, nicely mealed; 2, Trigger, good type, nice feather; 3, Wakefield, good quality; vhc, Wills; bc, A. Knight; c, Day. HEN CL., ETC.: 1, Johnson, yell., lovely feather, fine head and neck, short wings and tail; 2, Wakefield, buff, very beautiful feather, grand shape of body; 3, vhc, Byne, former compact and shapely, beautiful glossy buff, nicest of under-col.; hc, A. Knight; c, Johnson, about the best class of Nor. in show. VARIEG.: 1, vhc, Johnson, winner short wings and tail, good head and neck; 2, Walmsley, variegated yell., rare shape and feather; 3, Wakefield, buff, very level and nice; vhc, Johnson; hc, A. Knight; c, Radford. YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Gilbert, straight as a pencil, goes up like a good one; 2, 3, hc, Bush, both winners rattling style, nice pose and feather; vhc, Cooper; c, Rawlinson. BUFF: 1, Kent, a clinker, grand style, well on leg, plenty behind; 2, Bush, another sweet bird, rare feather; 3, Hardiman, stylish; vhc, Rolls; hc, Fisher; c, Carrington. VARIEG. YELL.: 1, Gilbert, plenty of nerve, rare length, beautiful feather; 2, Busb, neat, but not so nervy as winner; 3, Kent, very pretty; vhc, Johnstone; hc, Newcombe; c, Ward. BUFF: 1, Milsom, wins in type and style; 2, Bush, good length; 3, vbc, Newcombe. HEN CL., ETC.: 1, Bush, buff, lovely feather, good style; 2, Kent, another buff, very sweet hen; 3, Bush, yell., very pretty; vhc, c, Gilbert; hc, Rolls. VARIEG.: 1, Hardiman, buff, stands well up, nice behind; 2, Milsom, nice style; 3, Winter, neat. CRESTS: 1, Jones, rare bodied variegated, good droop, sides and frontal; 2, 3, Gill; vhc, Appleby; hc, Mrs. Wood; c, Ward. C.B.: 1, Appleby, heavily variegated, good width of skull; 2, vhc, Gill, former very good; 3, Jones, good body; hc, Mrs. Wood; c, Ward. BORD., two nice classes: YELL. CL., ETC.: 1, Kent, very jaunty sweet head, close, good wing carriage; 2, Trigger, close up; 3, Miss E. Liman, variegated, very pretty; vhc, Walmsley; hc, Jones. BUFF: 1, Kent, a little gem, full of character; 2, Hardiman, almost equal; 3, Trigger; vhc, hc, Walmsley. A.O.V.: 1, Clark and Lock, very pure col. yell. cinn.; 2, Williams, ditto, good size and shape; 3, vhc, Milsom; hc, Byne. MULE OR HYB.: 1, King, dark jonque Linnet-Can., rich col.; 2, Wakefield, good sized buff, dark Goldie-Can.; 3, Winter, nice Greenie-Can.; vhc, hc, Mrs. Giddy; c, Wakefield. NAT. COL. CAN.: 1, Johnson, Nor., nice shape and quality. PURCHASE CLASS: 1, Byne, nice Nor. Phd. BRIT. CHAMP., BLACKBIRD, ETC.: 1, Armstrong, very well-marked rich col. Thrush. AMAT. AND NOVICE: GOLDIE: 1, Day, wide, clean cut blaze, nice whites, good bars and buttons, rich chestnut, spoilt somewhat by colour-feeding; 2, Radford, very similar in build, nice wide and deep blaze; 3, vhc, hc, Mrs. Giddy, three large and light coloured Finches; c, Kent. BULLIE: 1, Mrs. Giddy, large, rich col., fine cap and back col. GREENIE: 1, Mrs. Giddy, very large, grand head, short and thickset; 2, Kent, lovely feather, grand col.; 3, Tatten, nice size; vhc, Street; hc, Johnson; c, Mrs. Giddy. LINNET: 1, Johnson, rare shape and size, nicely mkd.; 2, 3, Mound, close feathered, nice col. and marking; vhc, Clarke and Locke; hc, c, Mrs. Giddy. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Street, well marked Twite; 2, vhc, Mound, bonny little Redpoll; 3, Tatten, nicely marked and good col. Siskin; hc, Cowie and Elton; c, Mrs. Giddy. CHAFFINCH: 1, Street, beautiful Brambling, not yet at its best; 2, Tatten, lustrous Chaffinch; 3, Mrs. Giddy, another good Chaffinch; vhc, Ward; hc, Clarke and Locke. BUNTING: 1, Tatten; 2, Radford, both yellow Buntings, former the larger, lovely col. HENS: 1, vhc, Tatten, leader lovely hen Bullie; 2, Ward, beautiful hen Chaffinch; 3, Mrs. Giddy, hen Bullie; hc, Mound; c, Street. FOR., 15s.: 1, 3, Kent, beautiful Indigo Bird, pretty Orange-cheeked Waxbills; 2, Street, sweet Orange-cheek.

GLASGOW (West End).

Glasgow West End C.B.A. 2nd annual show held November 18th, Co-operative Hall, St. George's Cross. Whether it was the good weather or the success of the venture we do not know, but on looking around it was not difficult to see there was ample room for a smile of satisfaction, as the hall, although comfortable, was (owing to the large increase in entries) much too small for the large crowd. The committeemen, who are all well-known fanciers, are to be congratulated on their success. The secretary (the popular Mr. W. Proudfoot) hits the mark every time, and has every detail well arranged; and his civility and jovial nature seem to weld the members into a block of harmonious fanciersbip. Judges: Messrs. Sloan (Glasgow), J. F. Dewar and L. T. Arrigbi (Edinburgh) and as grumbling was conspicuous by its absence, we may take it their awards were well received.

The Critique.

YOUNG BIRDS: CREST: 1, Young, massive body, plenty of feather, fine droop and radiation, nice youngster; 2, Thomson, good size, tight feather, just lacks the top of winner. C.B.: 1, Young, large body, covered with abundance of good feather, grand at entrance, fine lash, well put down; 2, Freckleton, nice one, in lovely order. NOR., CL., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, Miller, large, cobby, deep and even in col., fine head, good wing carriage; 2, Campbell, very good one, fine type, good quality; 3, Henderson, good shape, not quite so hot in col.; 4, Henderson, nice one, well up in size and col. BUFF: 1, spl., rose bowl, 2, Houston, 1 grand size and type, fine quality feather, hold bead and eye, neat wing carriage, 2 another good one, just lacks size of leader, but nice type, fine head and feather; 3, Miller, fine type, a shade smaller; 4, Campbell, nice one for type. YELL., VARIEG., ETC.: 1, Miller, not a monster, but good in type, fine quality feather; 2, 3, Crawford, 2 well up in size, might be staged to better advantage, 3 nice size and type, bad been washing. BUFF: 1, 3, Houston, fine size, good quality feather, stout, cobby body; 3 quite as good for size, but longer in body a trifle, well placed; 2, 4, Hardie, 2 just a shade smaller than winner, but good type and quality, 4 small, but typical. CL., ETC., YELL HEN: 1, spl., 3, Houston, leader really good one, well filled in, short and cobby body, good head, neat wing carriage, 3 good quality, well placed; 2, Hardie, hotter in col., but a trifle smaller than leader, good 2nd. BUFF: 1, 2, Houston, 1 lovely feather, good quality, migbt be just a trifle better in head points, nicely staged, 2 fine type and quality, must bave pressed; 3, Wilson, nice type, fine feather, put down in the pink of condition; 4, Campbell, fine type and quality feather, grand head. YELL., VARIEG., ETC.: 1, 2, Houston, another good one, fine hot even col., nice type and quality, 2 well up to leader in size and quality, but a trifle more open in feather; 3, 4, Crawford, 3 good quality feather, like glass, 4th fine for size. BUFF: 1, Houston, grand one for type and quality, grand feather, short and cobby in body, wins well; 2, Hardie, another good one for type and quality; 3, Miller, nice one for quality and build, running bard for 2nd place; 4, Crawford, a good one, but weighed out here. NON-FED: 1, Brown, short and cobby in build, nice quality feather, fine bold head, looked a trifle soft when we saw it; 2, Taylor, nice one for type, scarcely finished, and a bit unsteady yet; 3, Hardie, nice sweet head and full eye, just a trifle unsteady when handling; 4, Smith, fine size, good head. NOVICE: 1, two spls., 2, 3, Crawford, winner lovely quality feather, short and thick-set body, looks like a lady, and a sweet one, in spanking fine order, 2 another good one, of lovely quality, well up to leader in every point, must bave made a bid to win, 3 well up in size and col., had been washing when we took our notes; 4, Taylor, good one for size and quality. BORD., CL., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, Proudfoot, lovely quality feather, best of col., tight and typical; 2, Lunn, good one for type and quality, fine head, well filled in at neck; 3, Henderson, another real good one, well up to leader in every respect; 4, Brown, good cheek-mkd., nice type, falls only in neck. HEN: 1, Miller, real good one, fine shape, boxy feather, neat in carriage, and well laid down; 2, Henderson, very good for type and feather; 3, Lunn, fine one for shape and quality, inclined to be a bit faulty in tail; 4, Symington, very good, well staged, wins 4th with credit. BUFF CK.: 1, Miller, real good, boxy feather, neat, well carried wings and tail, staged in the form that tells; 2, Symington, real good, typical little fellow, put down equally well; 3, Lunn, another good one, following hard on; 4, Proudfoot, again a creditable exhibit, worth its place. HEN: 1, spl., Proudfoot, a clinking little lady for type and quality, a Border all over; 2, Lunn, another little beauty, not much to separate the two; 3, Miller, another marvel for type and feather, clean cut, smooth as a bottle; 4th Wilson, good one, but just fails in wing carriage. EVEN MARK: 1, Brown, nice quality, fine wing carriage, neatly folded tail; 2, 3, Miller, leader grand one for quality, lovely even wings and tail, must have been a close run for premier award, 3 fine quality feather. UNEVEN, ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, Symington, leader fine type and quality, neat and sweet made, looked just a trifle soft, 2 neat in wing carriage, sweet head; 3, Miller, neat head and neck, good wings, fine tail, inclined to open a little in breast feather; 4, Henderson. BUFF: 1, spl., 2, Symington, 1 real taking little fellow, fine close boxy feather, just like glass, 2 good quality and style, fails just a trifle in wing carriage; 3, 4, Miller, leader real nice one for shape and quality, put down in capital trim, must have been a tight run for position beyond, 4 fine exhibit not much behind. NOVICE: 1, Ccruer, quite a nice one, well put down; 2, J. Campbell, good bird. YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, Pinnock, fine long slim gentleman, of the right type, grand quality, wins; 2, Hendry, fine length, good quality feather. BUFF: 1, 3, Wilson, fine, long, well drawn, neatly tapered chap, beautiful quality feather, neat top end, 3 fine length of side, good size and quality, wings not just so neatly balanced as those in front; 2, Pinnock, real good exhibit, capital shape and feather; 4, Henderson, fine length and good carriage. HEN: 1, 2, spl., cup, grand quality and length of feather, clean and typical throughout, tight as a drum; 2, Pinnock, again good quality, nice boxy feather, well cut away. VARIEG., GREEN, ETC.: 1, 2, Pinnock, good one, finely moulded, tight and waxy in appearance, 2 another good one, not far behind, put down in the pink of condition. A.O.V.: 1, spl., Taylor, broken green, in nice order, well staged; 2, 3, 4, Kinniburgh. LIGHT MULE OR HYB.: 1, cup, Henderson, real good Goldie-Bullie, showing cross well, fine blaze and col., nice size and markings, wins, in rare form; 2, Wilson, nice exhibit, looks like a Linnet-Bullie hen, in capital condition. DARK CAN. MULE: 1, 3, Henderson, two fine Siskin crosses, leader lovely jonque col., condition perfection, fine size, steady, 3 not quite so hot in col., but well up in size and condition, shows cross well; 2, Seath, 2 dark Goldie, nice size, good condition, unsteady, 4 another nice Goldie cross. OLD BIRDS, CREST: 1, spl., Hamilton, nice size, fine quality, of broad leafy feather, nice top piece, well laid down; 2, Thomson, more massive in body, finely spread top, plenty of feather of the right quality; 3, no name, fine massive grizzle, heaps of feather, well laid on top, finely radiated, well placed; 4, Whyte, nice size and good condition. C.B.: 1, 2, Stewart, fine large body green leads, close in feather, nice cushion head, well groomed, 2 well up on heels of leader, not much to divide them; 3, Proudfoot, close feathered green, good size, well placed; 4, Freckleton, well up for size, has not quite the good entrance of others. NOR. CL., ETC. CK.: 1, spl, Campbell, rare depth of lovely even colour, grand size and quality, fine broad head and good type; 2, Miller, another good one for size and quality, just fails to winner in head; 3, Gibb, real nice one for type and quality; 4, Crawford, all there for shape and quality. VAR. CK.: 1, Houston, lovely hot even shade of col., nice quality, put down in the best of condition; 2, 3, Miller, leader a topper for type and quality, fine head and neck, short and cobby body, 3rd red hot one for col., staged nicely; 4, Crawford. HEN, CL., ETC.: 1, 4, Hardie, leader fine stylish cobby exhibit, good size and quality, nice head and neck, 4th nice size, good quality; 2, 3, D. Campbell, nice good quality feather, sweet type. VARIEG.: 1, Henderson, a clinker, full of substance and quality, short and thick-set, capital head and neck, a Nor. all over; 2, 4, Miller, leader very nice for type and quality, staged in fine style, 4th quite a good one, not yet finished; 3, Crawford, all there for size and type. NOR. FED.: 1, Henderson, fine size and substance, nicely balanced winge, neat tail, feather of fine silky texture, well laid on; 2, Hardie, well up in Nor. properties but outweighed here; 3, D. Campbell, yell. of nice size and quality; 4, Prentice, good one, worth its position. BORD. CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, spl, and B.F.C. medal, Miller, real model in every respect, feather as smooth as glass, true type; 2, Lunn, another really nice one, not quite so sweetly filled in at throat; 3, Symington, fine quality, inclined to open at front; 4, Conner, quite a good one, but beaten here. BUFF: 1, 3, 4, Proudfoot, leader real good one, well put down, fine head, wings and tail, right shape for a Border, 3rd one of the right stamp, seeking hard for greater honour, 4th good quality, fine feather; 2, Symington, real good one in every way, not much to choose between. A.O.V. YELL.: 1, Lunn, real good grassy green col., good type, fine feather, neat head, well carried wings. BUFF: 1, Miller, fine quality cinn. mark, grand feather, well carried wings, good type; 2, Lunn, buff green, sweet head, nice neck, good body and wing carriage. YORKS CL., ETC. CK.: 1, spl, Hendry, real good lengtby, fine quality exhibit, well tapered away, neatly carried wings; 2, Gibb, real good quality, fine feather, stylish pose, nicely drawn; 3, Hendry, fine size and quality feather, good shape, inclined to open a trifle at breast; 4, Wilson, nice quality. HEN: 1, Gibb, fine, tight, typical, boxy in feather, sweet head, lovely even col., takes perch well, easy win; 2, Pinnock, another good one; 3, Hendry, fine boxy quality feather, nice style, well set. A.O.C.: 1, Pinnock, fine length of side, neat, well set wings, pipe tail, good one. SCOT.: 1, 2, 3, all from same loft, Phillips, leader larger and better in drive than other two. A.O.V.: 1, Wilson, white Can., put down in nice style; 2, 3, Hamilton, both cinns., leader fine yell., grand quality feather, nicely pencilled, good Nor. type, well filled in, cobby body, 3rd also good one, fine even cinn. col.; 2, 4, Henderson, nice Lancs., put down in the pink of condition. LIGHT MULE OR HYB.: 1, Gibbs, fine size Goldie-Greenie, in rare feather, well marked and steady, nicely staged. DARK: 1, Henderson, fine jonque, Greenie cross, nice size and feather, in rare trim; 2, Taylor, Linnet-Can., in A1 condition, steady, well staged. BRIT. GOLDIE: 1, 3, Henderson, leader fine expansive deep col., square-cut blaze, fine tans and whites, regular little beauty, 3rd fine square blaze, cf. and neat in marks; 2, Taylor, another grand faced one, not quite so pure in col. and markings; 4, Prentice. BRIT. BULLIE: 1, Taylor, real good one, fine size, nicely staged, fine deep in col., large, well-set dark jet expansive cap, steady; 2, Bibby, well up in col., unsteady, with time may improve. LINNET: 1, Dunlop, very nice one, fine size, well polished feather, nicely pencilled, wins well; 2, Henderson, very good H.M. specimen, nicely marked, good col., in fine trim; 3, Young, another nice one for size and col., pressed leaders; 4, Adams, grand size, good col. SISKIN: 1, Henderson, a little beauty, well defined cap and markings, in faultless condition; 2, Wilson, good size, not quite the col. of leader. MEALY 'POLL, ETC.: 1, Dunlop, clinking Twite, in A1 condition, grand col., steady, well shown; 2, Henderson, nice sized Twite, good feather, not just the same depth of col., good one; 3, Wilson, yet another nice Twite, fails only in pencilling; 4, Taylor, Mealy 'Poll, well up in size and col. LESSER REDPOLL: 1, Dunlop, real good one, fine col., nicely pencilled, neat bib, deep crimson brow, steady, well put down; 2, Leath, another nice one, not quite so large as winner; 3, Gibb, good one; 4, Taylor, deserves position. GREENFINCH: 1, Henderson, massive H.M. exhibit, in fine trim, deep olive colour in body and plenty of rich yellow on wings; 2, Taylor, another real good one, very steady; 3, Bibby, smaller, but in good condition; 4, Pinnock, similar to 3rd. CHAFFINCH: 1, Henderson, fine, large, bold, upstanding, steady specimen, grand col.; 2, 3, Adams, leader good one in spanking fine condition, just beaten in size, 3rd good one, little to choose between the two; 4, Dunlop, well up in size and col. BRAMBLEFINCH: 1, 3, Henderson, leader fine large steady, well marked exhibit, in fine bloom, looked just a trifle soft when we took notes, 3rd good, well up to leaders in size and col.; 2, Taylor, quite a good one all over, neat and well defined in spangling and depth of col; 4, Gibb. YELL. BUNTING: 1, Gibb, fine size, grand condition, well defined in head markings, nice and steady; 2, Henderson, good size and condition; 3, Bibby, looks an old stager, still doing battle, but time does tell; 4, Pinnock, good one. A.O.V. BUNT. 1, 2, Henderson, Ortolan and Corn respectively, for size, condition, steadiness, and clearly defined markings they are beauties; 3, Taylor, very sweet specimen of the Cirl put down in faultless bloom. BULLIE HEN: 1, 2, Proudfoot, leader real good one, in perfect trim, polished like silk, sound in col., deep jet, nice fitting cap, 2 not far behind in size, col., just a trifle short in condition of feather; 3, Taylor, quite a nice one for size; 4, Leath, good one, well up in quality, worth its position. HYB. BREEDING HEN: 1, Taylor, grand Bramble, fine size and col., steady as a rock; 2, Loan, fine Greenie, as steady as a rock and without fault; 3, D. Taylor, real nice Chaffie, grand quality, lovely feather, in nice condition; 4, Dunlop, nice Chaffie. LARK, ETC.: 1, spl, cup best in show, 2, 3, Taylor, 1st and 2nd gems, Black Redstart leading and Redstart following, only one word needed for both these lovely exhibits, "Perfection," 3rd fine specimen Crested Tit, in topping condition, seemed quite at home; 4, Wilson, beautiful Wagtail, staged without fault. LARGE BRIT.: 1, Taylor, champion Waxwing, in lovely bloom, feathered like glass, steady as a rock; 2, Henderson, rare good Hawfinch, fine size, perfect col., well defined markings. BLACKBIRD, ETC.: 1, Adams, clinking Blackie, staged in rare condition, with his amber beak and his coat of jet he did look a beauty; 2, Loan, Thrush, fine and steady and in good condition; 3, Adams, another fine Blackie, in good condition; 4, Henderson, yet another of the same. FOR. GOLDIE, ETC.: 1, Miller, fine large upstanding bird, large, deep, clean-cut square blaze, pure tans and whites, nicely staged, steady; 2, Young, not far behind leader. LARGE, FOR.: 1, Proudfoot, lovely King Parrot in rare feather and in spotless condition; 2, Wilson, Toucan, looking well, came in for a bit of inspection; 3, Henderson, Blue-faced Parrot, in good condition.

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LUDLOW.

Fifth annual show of the Ludlow C.B.S. held Nov. 23rd, in the Town Hall, a splendid place for a bird show, being roomy, well lighted, and free from draughts. The exhibits were nicely staged round the room, and were thoroughly well cared for by a committee of genuine fanciers, of whom Mr. E. H. Wood is the chairman. The quality all through was excellent, and the entry in advance of last year. We were pleased to see a great improvement in the quality of the members' classes. Mr. Dyke's team of Yorks. did not arrive until the whole of the judging was nearly completed. Mr. W. T. Woof makes an admirable secretary, being methodical, courteous, and obliging, and he received valuable assistance from the assistant secretary, Mr. P. H. Oakes, who has held the reins in former years. The awards were made by Mr. J. H. Payne.

The Critique.

CREST OR C.B. (6): 1, 3, Groves, nearly green C.B., grand dome shaped skull, good entrance and a wealth of head feather, 3rd mkd. wings D.C., nice drop and radiation, neat centre, good back crest; 2, hc, Edwards, griz. Crest, nice frontal and back crest, well radiated, nice droop; vhc, Fiefield. NOR. CL. (8): 1, vhc, P. V. Williams, clear buff, grand shape, lovely feather and quality, nice head and neck, deep chest; 2, Cleaves, good shaped yellow, rattling fine col. and quality, well packed flights and tail; 3, Jones, buff, rattling shape, good col. and quality, wings and tail; hc, Guest; c, Portman. TKD., ETC. (9): 1, P. V. Williams, yell. varieg., deep rich col., nice chest, short flights and tail, good back; 2, Edwards, wing tkd. yell., beautiful feather, nice shape, neat tail, well packed flights; 3, hc, Guest, mkd. eyes and right wing, lovely feather, nice shape, not quite so full in neck; vhc, Lees; c, Jones. HEN (9): 1, P. V. Williams, huff, mkd. head and wings, lovely quality of feather and well mealed, good shape, nice head and neck; 2, hc, Collier, buff, saddle and eye mkd., grand shape, tight feather, not quite in bloom of 1st; 3, Bennett, cl. yell., nice shape and feather, good back, wings, and tail; vhc, Tedstone; c, Jones. UNFLIG. (13): 1, 2, Collier, cl. yell., grand col., beautiful feather, nice shape, neat head, wings, and tail, looks like West Bromwich winner, two good shaped buff, lovely feather, nice head and neck, good colour; 3, Morris, yell., lovely colour, nice shape, short flights and tail, not quite so tight in feather as winner; vhc, Guest; hc, Jones; c, P. V. Williams. YORKS. YELL., CL., ETC. (10): 1, Newlll, wonderful col. and quality of feather, stands like a guardsman, well drawn out, well packed flights; 2, Ogden Bros., good length of side, nice colour and quality, well on leg, neat round head; 3, Parfitt, nice position, well on leg, good flights and pipe tail, nice feather; 4, Andrews, nice length and position; vhc, c, Thomas; hc, P. V. Williams. BUFF (6): 1, Ogden Bros., good col. and feather, nice position, good back and wings, neat head and tail; 2, Thomas, slim built, thigh tick, good flights, tail and stand; 3, P. V. Williams, slim built, neat tail and wings, good feather; 4, Andrews, check ticked, nice position, good back and flights; vhc, Parfit. MKD., ETC. (7): 1, 4, P. V. Williams, left wing and head tkd., stands well, good colour and feather, 4th mkd. head, eyes and wings, nice col., good back, wings and tail, yell.; 2, Thomas, yell., mkd. wings, grand col., good position, nice flights, back and tail; 3, no name, varieg. buff, nice length of side, good feather, a shade strong at shoulders; vhc, Ogden Bros.; hc, Parfitt; c, no name. UNFLIG. (12): 1, Ogden Bros., yell., good length, stands well up, grand boxy feather, flights, and tail well packed, nice head; 2, 3, P. V. Williams, hot col. buff, tkd. on head, nice position and feather, stands well, nice long flights, pipe tail, 3rd mkd. wings, eyes, and shoulder, lovely colour and feather, neat tail, well packed flights, yell.; 4, Lawton, thigh tkd. yell., nice feather and position; vhc, Cook; hc, Parfitt; c, Portman. HEN, YELL. (9): 1, 4, Newell, varieg., tight as boxwood, straight as a dart, nice head, back, and wings, 4th varieg., nice position and feather, good back; 2, Thomas, slim built cl., well on leg, nice feather and position, good flights and tail; 3, Andrews, cl., stands well and straight, good feather; vhc, Lawton; hc, Brown; c, P. V. Williams. BUFF (9): 1, Brown, wing tkd., lovely feather, stands well, good back, nice flights and pipe tail; 2, Cook, cl., grand feather, stands well, good back, nice flights and pipe tail; 2, Cook, cl., grand feather, slim built, nice position, neat round head; 3, Ogden Bros., wing tkd., grand feather and col., nice position, good wings and tail, a bit soiled; 4, vhc, P. V. Williams, cl., nice feather, flights, and tail. MULE OR HYB. (8): 1, Edwards, Greenfinch-Bullfinch, grand feather and colour, nice cap and bars, good shape; 2, vhc, Tame and Son, grand feathered Linnet-Bullfinch, nice shape, size, and colour; 3, Lees, 4-pointed buff Goldfinch Can., nice size and shape, good col. and markings; vhc, W. Williams. BRIT. GOLDIE, ETC. (9): 1, 2, no name, rich coloured, square cut blaze, lovely feather, tanning and huttons, very steady, in the pink, 2nd nice blaze and bars, good back and collar; 3, Worrall, Bullfinch, good cap, feather, and wing bars, nice breast col.; vhc, Williams (G.); hc, Bridges; c, Dawson. SISKIN, ETC. (5): 1, Poole, Mealy Redpoll, grand feather and flank markings, grand hib, good size, shape, and col.; 2, Manning, Lesser Redpoll, well up in colour, good col., flank marks and bib; 3, vhc, hc, Edwards, Siskin, splendid feather, nicely laced cap, good shape. LARGE (6): 1, 2, 3, P. V. Williams, a really grand team, about the best Waxwing we ever saw leading, magnificent feather, rare size, shape, and cheek, exquisite wing tippings, a knock-out, 2nd grand Cornish Chough, good size, grand feather, nice bill and legs; 3, Magpie, beautifully cut, grand feather and sheen, and very steady; vhc, Poole; hc, Edwards; c, Lloyd. MEMBERS' CLASSES.—NOR. (11): 1, cup, 3, Woof, cl., yell., nice shape, good col. 3 buff, mkd. eyes, splendid feather; 2, hc, Groom, cl., huff, good col. and quality, nice back; vhc, c, Worrall. YORKS. (12): 1, Creacey, huff, good length, nice col. and feather; 2, c, Hughes, long sided yell., nice col.; 3, vhc, Ackrill, nice feathered huff hen; hc, Tomkins. MULE OR HYB. (5): 1, Groom, Goldfinch, Bullfinch, nice shape and feather; 2, no name, 4-pointed Goldfinch Canary, nice feather; 3, hc, Oakes, good feathered Goldfinch Can.; vhc, Hughes. BRIT. GOLDIE, ETC. (12): 1, Hughes, Bullfinch, good shape and feather, nice col., cap, and bars; 2, 3, vhc, Groom, Goldfinch, nice huttons and bars, 3rd grand feathered Bullfinch, nice cap and bars; hc, Tomkins; c, Miss Ingram. A.O.S. BRIT. (3): 1, Groom, Chaffinch, good col., feather, and shell, very steady; 2, Hughes, Greenfinch, grand feather, good col. and wing bars; 3, Gittens, good feathered huff Siskin, nice cap and markings.

INVERURIE.

Inverurie C.B.S. 1st annual open show held Chelsea Hall, 25th November. Office hearers: President, Mr. J. C. Dressel; Treasurer, Mr. J. Walker; Secretary, Mr. J. Simpson; Committee, Messrs. A. Kelman, J. McKenzie, R. Philip, J. Shoolbraid, W. Tough, H. Troup, and J. Watt. The classes numbered 29. Some very fine Norwich were forwarded from Aberdeen. The entries throughout were quite up to the expectations of the committee, who should feel quite satisfied at the fine turnout, seeing this is their first venture. They will require a larger hall next year. The President presented the society with a handsome silver cup for best unflig. Nor. in show, which was won by Mr. W. Rae with a sweet buff Nor. cock. Mr. A. Shearer won Hyde's special for best bird in novice classes with a yellow cock. Mr. Ironside won the silver plate in Old Bird section with a grand buff cock; Mr. J. Dressel won nat. col. points special; Sandiford's medal went to Mr. W. Allison with a hot fed yell. varieg. Mr. J. Simpson makes an ideal secretary, who is well backed up by the Treasurer, Mr. Walker; they did all in their power for the welfare of the exhibits. Mr. Sandison judged.

The Critique.

YELL. NOR. CK.: 1, Ironside, nice chubby yell., good size and col. HEN: 1, Thomson, grand hen, plenty of substance and col; 2, Dressel, nice quality, fails just a little in head. BUFF CK. (4): 1, Ironside, lovely type, plenty of substance, rare good col., wins; 2, Rae, another good one, teeming with quality, A1 col.; 3, Shoolbraid, typical exhibit, good col., nice wings and tail; 4, Walker, rare quality, well turned out. HEN (3): 1, Thomson, a gem, short chubby hen, lovely short feather and quality, well placed wings and tail; 2, Dressel, not quite so large, grand type and col.; 3, Reid, pinched in head, fine silky feather, good wing and carriage. YELL. VARIEG. CK. (3): 1, Allison, varieg., good head and neck, nice short cobby one, red-hot col.; 2, Rae, typical exhibit, rich in col., tip-top condition; 3, Dressel, very chubby, well staged. HEN (3): 1, 2, Thomson, both of lovely type, in best of feather, rare good col., not much between them; 3, Watt, stylish hen, not quite so chubby as winner. BUFF CK. (4): 1, Ironside, wing mark, excellent quality, lovely mealed, staged to perfection; 2, 3, Dressel, 2nd cap and wing mkd., typical, rare head and neck, well carried wings and tail, 3rd varieg., fails a little in quality only to 2nd, good type and col.; 4, Reid, lovely quality feather and condition. HEN: 1, Ironside, nice chubby hen, capital size and quality, in the pink of condition. UNFLIG. YELL. (3): 1, Ironside, not a bad one, best of quality, nice and cobby; 2, 3, Thomson, 2nd excels in type, rare col, 3rd rather wild, will look better later on, wants a bit of handling. HENS (3): 1, 2, Thomson, both cl. hens, lovely type and quality, rich col., A1 condition; 3, Dressel, pale in col., good type and quality. BUFF CK. (6): 1, cup, Rae, nice short, chubby bird, teeming with quality, best of col. and condition; 2, 4, Thomson, 2nd varieg., good size and col.; 3, 6, Dressel, 3rd cl., nice silky feather, well staged; 5, Watt. HENS (5): 1, 2, Thomson, two grand exhibits in the pink of health, true Nor. properties; 3, Allison, also good one, nice boxy feather; 4, Mackie; 5, Dressel. NAT. COL. YELL. CK. (3): 1, Wood, lovely quality and col., good size and condition; 2, Dressel, cl., good shape, rich col. and quality; 3, Craigen, had wing carriage. HEN (4): 1, 2, 4, Dressel, almost a clean sweep, 1st excels in type and quality; 3, Mackie, cl. hen, good shape and best of quality. BUFF CK. (3): 1, Mackie, well up in size, fine boxy feather and good wing carriage; 2, 3, Dressel, 2nd best of head, grand substance, nice level col. HENS (4): 1, 4, Dressel, 1st wins for type and best of quality; 2, Thomson, another grand hen, must have pressed winner, good size and quality; 3, McKenzie, crosses wings a little, otherwise good. VARIEG. YELL. CK. (5): 1, 4, Dressel, the best of type, well up in size, lovely quality and col.; 2, McKenzie, not quite so typical, good col and quality; 3, Walker, nice size and condition; 5, Gould. HENS (4): 1, 2, 4, Dressel, 1st ticked on neck, very sweet quality, good type, grand head and neck; 2nd another nice one; 3, Simpson, fine size, teeming with quality. BUFF VARIEG. CK. (6): 1, Simpson, mkd. cap and wing, neat and typical, fine head, well balanced wings; 2, 3, Dressel, well up in size and condition; 4, 6, Wood; 5, Kelman. HENS (5): 1, Mackie, fine size and substance, good col.; 2, Simpson, close up; 3, McKenzie; 4, Dressel; 5, Wood. BORD. FCY. YELL. (4): 1, 2, Craigen, well rounded, good carriage; 3, 4, Maitland, 3rd excels in type, lovely wings and tail. BUFF (3): 1, Bain, good position, free mover, in tip-top condition; 2, 3, Maitland, 2nd excels in head and neck, best of quality, very stylish. CREST (2): 1, 2, Craigen, 1st green, good size and droop, 2nd also well up in size, good front. C.-B.: 1, 2, 3, Craigen; 4, Bain. GREENS (3): 1, Ironside, lovely grass-green col., best of quality and condition; 2, 3, Dressel, both of good size and col. HEN: 1, Gould, good stock hen. CINN.: 1, Craigen; 2, Kelman. UNFLIG.: 1, Rae, grand size and col. A.V. (3): 1, Thomson, nicely mkd., good size and col.; 2, Dressel, not quite so well marked; 3, Craigen:. NOVICE CLASS (10): 1, 2, Shearer, two smart exhibits, cl. yell., good size, teeming with quality and col.; 3, Watt, not a bad one; 4, Philip; 5, Tough; 6, Milne. HENS (4): 1, 3, Shearer, 1st best of type and condition; 2, Watt, grand fronted hen, well up in size and col.; 4, Tough. MULE (4): 1, 2, Shoolbraid, both Siskin-Can., good col., fine size and markings; 3, Craigen, Redpoll-Can.; 4, Hill. GOLDFINCH: 1, Hill, good size and col. BULLFINCH (9): 1, 4, 5, Craigen, 1st lovely cap, well cut, good breast col. and bars; 2, McKenzie, well up in size, good col., fine marked wings; 3, Dressel, lovely col., good condition; 6, Bain. LINNET (5): 1, 2, Mitchell and Greig, both very steady, finely pencilled, put down in good condition; 3, Dressel, good size and col.; 4, Simpson; 5, Shearer. BRIT. SMALL (5): 1, 2, Breslin, 1st nice Siskin, lovely col. and markings, 2nd Greenfinch, nice col. and size; 3, 4, Stewart, both Siskins, very steady; 5, Gall. FOR. (3): 1, Craigen, grand Yellow Budgerigar, in rare plumage; 2, Wilson, Green Lovebird in the pink of condition; 3, Simpson.

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UDDINGSTON.

Uddingston and Dis. C.B., etc., Society's open show, held Public Halls, Nov. 25th. President, Mr. T. Prentice; vice-presidents, Messrs. Anderson and H. Donnan; treasurer, Mr. J. Shepherd; secretary, Mr. A. W. Forrester; committee, Messrs. Campbell, Nisbet, Taylor, Cosgrove, McCaskill, Williamson, Wilson, Black, and Mrs. Macintosh. The public halls are situated near the railway station, and are therefore very convenient. The cage birds were located in two of the lesser halls, which were well lighted and quite free from draughts, but rather small for the purposes. There was a large turn-out of fanciers and visitors, and in the cage bird section it required some skill to move about at times. Might we suggest that the show next year be held in two portions, giving our section a separate date? Secretary Forrester and his able committee of workers had all arrangements made for a successful show, and the "gate" must have proved a good one. Cage birds were a little down in numbers on last year, but quality was quite up to the average. Nor. and Borders were a grand lot, and the British came well, some very good birds being staged. Mr. W. Campbell was convener of the cage bird section; he is a most energetic and obliging official, and worked hard to make the show a success. Silver cup and gold medal for most points will no douht fall to Messrs. Campbell and Easton, the runners-up being Messrs. Nisbet and Taylor, or perhaps Mr. Shepherd. Hyde's, Mr. J. Shepherd. Owing to a business appointment, the association have lost the valued services of their old secretary, Mr. Kilpatrick, who has left the district. Of a genial and most obliging nature, his services will he much missed. President Prentice gave handsome money specials for best birds in each section, an act highly appreciated. Judges: Scot. Fcys., Yorks., and Bord., Mr. G. Smart (Carmyle); Nor., Mr. W. G. Muir (Kilmarnock); Brit. and For., Mr. R. Bald (Bathgate). Very little grumbling was heard as to their placings.

The Critique.

SCOT. FCY. CK. (4): 1, sp, 3, Watson, buff, 1st sweet head, nice reach and droop, good top end, 3rd nice model; 2, 4, McCaskill, good buff pied cock, not quite so massive as first, 4th not quite the substance of winners, otherwise excellent. HEN (4): 1, 2, Watson, 1st nice reach and droop, very fair thickness through and size, 2nd a shade smaller, nice one; 3, 4, McCaskill, 3rd cl. buff, some preferred for 2nd place, 4th buff pied hen, nice hird. YORKS. CK. (4): 1, spl, Bowman, yell. cock, rare length, good head and wings, nicely carried; 2, Nisbet and Taylor, buff, a shade longer, nice head and back; 3, Moir, yellow, grand shape and pose, good wings and tail; 4, Liles, very lengthy, nice quality. BORD., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (8): 1, Wilson, cl. yell., nice feather, smart little models, very jaunty, wins well; 2, Pollock, cl., very neat, lovely head and wing carriage, very stylish; 3, we were unable to find; 4, Walker, neat model, looking well to-day; hc, Frazer; c, Graham. HEN (5): 1, Buchanan, cl., nice action and wing carriage, grand feather; 2, Walker, lovely cl., of excellent merit, little between 1st and 2nd; 3, Davidson, cl., very smart little Border, staged in nice condition; 4, Frazer, another nice cl., not quite sheen of those in front; vhc, Wilson and Frazer. BUFF CK. (6): 1, Walker, cl., nice slender build, in rare condition, very jaunty, wins; 2, Campbell, cl. buff, good all-round Border, fails a shade in feather to 1st; 3, Buchanan, head tkd., nice quick action and tight feather, full value for third place; 4, Haddon, not quite so good in feather; vhc, Wilson and Bowman. HEN (10): 1, spl, Lappin, cl., buff hen of all-round merit, quite worth her place; 2, J. Campbell, cl. of very fair merit, sweet head, nice action and feather; 3, vhc, Walker, 3rd cl., very neatly built, in nice feather; 4, Wilson, cl. huff, very jaunty; hc, Reid; c, Wilson and Bowman. UNEV. MARK, ETC. (7): 1, spl, Walker, mkd. bird, nice shape and size, very close in feather, in fine condition; 2, Reid, wing mkd., very quick action, neat wing carriage; 3, Campbell, nicely marked, an all-round good type; 4, Lappin, not quite sheen of those in front, very fine otherwise; vhc, Wilson and Bowman; hc, Houston; c, Graham. GREEN, ETC. (4): 1, Wilson, Green, nice model, very ready, nice tight feather, wins; 2, Davidson, marked bird of nice all-round merit, follows winner close; 3, Lappin, mkd., nice length and action, in lovely feather. MEMBERS' A.C. (7): 1, spl, 2, 3, Shepherd, 1st cl. buff and second tkd. yell., both very nice of very even quality, 3rd cl. buff, very stylish; hc, 4, c, McCaskill, 4th cl. buff, nice shape; vhc, Wilson and Bowman. CREST (6): 1, Burnett, huff Dark Crest, nice, full, and large; 2, Wright and Wyper, Crest, dark, good size; 3, McInnes, Dark Crest, good bird, in fine feather; 4, vhc, Watson, yell. Crested, good all-round. C.B. (6): 1, spl, McInnes, cl. yell., nice broad, high formed skull, nice broad feather, wins; 2, 3, Watson, both green, 2nd fine rich col., not quite substance of first, 3rd nice domed head; 4, Thomson, nicely lashed, staged in fine condition; vhc, Wright and Wyper; hc, Burnett. CREST OR C.-B., MEMBERS' (8): 1, 2, 3, 4, hc, c, Shepherd, first four huff greens, an excellent lot, well placed, all in the pink of condition; vhc, McKay. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (8): 1, Morrison, rare size and shape, good col., tight feather, wins well; 2, Barron, cl., good shape, nice substance and feather; 3, Shearer, nice shape and build, grand close feather; 4, Jeffrey, tick, nice shape, very close in feather; vhc, Scuhhie; hc, Frazer; c, Nisbet and Taylor. HEN (8): 1, Morrison, grand rich colour, good shape and feather, fine lines; 2, Cairns, clear, not quite so hold in head as first, but rich colour and condition; 3, Semple, cl., nice rich col, fine shape, in good condition; 4, Rosemont, neat and typical; vhc, Ross, hc, Shearer; c, Nisbet and Taylor. BUFF CK. (9): 1, spl, Cairns, cl. buff, nice typical exhibit, staged in the pink of condition; 2, Barron, cl. buff, grand quality and build, barely so bold in head as first; 3, Wilson, cl., good shape and colour, a shade loose at waist; 4, Braidwood, tkd. on head, nice shape and quality; vhc, Jeffrey; hc, Devoy; c, Watson. HEN (12): 1, Rosemont, cl., grand size and shape, close feather, nice quality, well placed, wins; 2, Morrison, cl., nice thick-set hen, not quite so rich in colour, but nice finish; 3, Armour, another cl. buff, on similar lines to 2nd, very little between them; 4, Shearer, nice bird, tkd. on head; vhc, Campbell and Easton; hc, Cairns; c, Liles. VAR., ETC. CK. (13): 1, spl, McLaggan, var. yell., typical grand feather, very close and compact, grand head wins; 2, Martin, varieg. yell., a trifle thin to 1st, fails in substance only; 3, Barron, varieg. yell., Glasgow winner, some preferred for 2nd place, full value for it; 4, Braidwood, varieg. yellow, a shade thin to those in front; vhc, Liddell; hc, Levoy; c, Cairns. HEN (5): 1, vhc, Wilson, 1st varieg. hen, grand size, shape, and quality; 2, Barron, huff ditto, nice size and shape, shown in rare condition; 3, Cairns, yellow varieg. hen, good size, shape, and quality; 4, Campbell and Easton, good substance and neat shape. NON-FED CK. (9): 1, Naismith, cl., non-fed cock, feather like satin, grand substance; 2, 3, Campbell and Easton, 2nd a green, built on similar lines to first, scarcely the size, 3rd yell., nice all-round quality, not quite so massivo in build; 4, Rosemont, typical, fails a wee shade in size; vhc, Hunter; hc, Shepherd; c, Morrison. HEN (11): 1, spl, 4, Shepherd, winner of Hyde's, grand substance and feather, 4th a shade plain; 2, Campbell and Easton, neat and typical, very close in feather, nice condition; 3, Naismith, an all-round good bird, in rare condition; vhc, Hunter; hc, Nisbet and Taylor; c, Rosemond. MEMBERS' NOR. (8): 1, spl, 2, 3, Campbell and Easton, 1st very typical, grand shape and colour, wins, 2nd scarcely so rich in col., hut quite as good in substance as 1st, 3rd fails only in size, varieg. buff ck.; hc, 4, Mackay, all there for col. and type; spl. vhc, Nisbet and Taylor; c, Yonng. MULE, LT., ETC. (4): 1, Watson, varieg. Goldfinch Can., in grand condition, nice and evenly mkd.; 2, Lindsay, Goldfinch-Can., very similar to first, markings barely so well defined. DARK (11): 1, Nicholson, Greenie-Bullie, good shape and size, in rare condition; 2, Edwards, Goldie Mule, a lightly mkd. Mule, in fine condition; 3, Wilson, Greenie Mule, in rare feather and condition, nicely staged; vhc, Whiteford; hc, Johnstone; c, Watson. HYB. (4): 1, spl, Edwards, Canary-Bully, good body col., in rare condition; 2, McFarlane, Goldie-Bullie, grand size and rich markings; 3, 4, Campbell and Easton, 3rd Greenfinch-Bullie, nice size and condition, 4th Goldfinch-Siskin, good shape and col., in rare condition. BRIT. GOLDIE (10): 1, spl, Alexander, rare size, rich clear cut blaze of grand col. and sheen, good body colour and moons; 2, Liles, scarcely the size of 1st, but just as rich in face and body col., good bars and moons; 3, Kerr and Goup, blaze barely so large as those in front, but rich in col., nice sheen; 4, McGregor, in spotless condition; vhc, Reid; hc, McNaught; c, Molloy. BULLIE CK. (8): 1, Williamson, grand type, nice size and shape, lovely cap and breast colour, in the pink of condition, a gem; 2, Wright and Wyper, grand shape, good bold cap, rich breast colour, not quite the rich tone all over as winner; 3, Cougan, all right for shape, cap, and colour; 4, Watson and Millan, lovely shape and cap; vhc, Crone; hc, McGregor; c, Mrs. Allinson. HEN (10): 1, Nicholson, not the largest, but for shape and colour would he hard to beat; 2, Steel, good shape, splendid col. and condition, does not show quite as well as 1st; 3, Kergan, quick, nice hen, in lovely feather and condition; 4, W. and J. Linton, shapely and in spotless condition; vhc, Arnott; hc, Lindsay; c, Shand and Ormiston. LINNET, H.M. (11): 1, spl, Pringle, large and shapely, good col., nicely laced; 2, McLean, not quite the shape of 1st, but grand lacing and col.; 3, C. and G. Dunlop, nice size and shape, good markings, wee shade duller in colour; 4, Dan McFarlane, good shape; vhc, Watson; hc, Muir; c, Arnott. F.M. (8): 1, Watson, grand size and colour, well laced and even markings, in rare condition; 2, Kerr and Goup, very steady, rich col. and lacing; 3, Nicholson, nicely laced, grand shape, steady as a rock, good rich colour; 4, Davidson, fails only in size a shade, equally good for lacing and colour as winners; vhc, Crone; hc, c, Williamson. MEALY REDPOLL, ETC. (4): 1, Laing, Mealy Redpoll, in lovely feather, good colour and lacing, in the pink of condition; 2, Dunlop, Twite, very nice hird, rich even colour, in rare condition; 3, Quinn, Mealy Redpoll, nicely laced, good shape and col.; 4, Marlin (unable to find); vhc, Mullan. LESSER (14): 1, Davidson, in lovely feather and colour, nicely laced, well staged, wins well; 2, Brownlie and Son, nice size and colour, very close in feather, shows well; 3, Shand and Ormiston, good col. and feather, in the pink of condition; 4, C. and G. Dunlop, a shade plain in markings, good otherwise; vhc, Pringle; hc, Reid; c, Campbell and Easton. GREENIE (9): 1, Nicolson, nice rich colour, grand typical shape, in splendid feather; 2, Allan, another good one, harely the sheen of 1st; 3, McLean, good shape and col.; 4, Brownlie and Son, all right for size and colour; vhc, Mitchell; hc, Wright; c, Dan McFarlane. CHAFFIE, ETC. (8): 1, Duncan, Bramblefinch, grand size and shape, fine bold head, nice markings and colour, good one; 2, Allan, Chaffinch, shapely, nice rich col. and markings; 3, Muir, Bramblefinch, very fair size, barely so rich in markings, in grand condition; 4, Watson, Bramblefinch, nice dark rich markings, good wings; vhc, Cook; hc, C. and G. Dunlop; c, Kerr. SISKIN (8): 1, C. and G. Dunlop, nice cap, colour, and lacing; 2, Duncan, nicer hib than 1st, but not quite the size; 3, Nicolson, not quite so rich in colour, grand bih, good size; 4, Cook, in good feather; vhc, Wright and Wyper; hc, Bruce; c, Whiteford. BUNTING (5): 1, spl, Marlin, Yellowhammer, in fine condition, well known winner; 2, Watson, Yellowhammer, grand size, rich col. and markings, in lovely condition; 3, Edwards, Yellowhammer, another good one for colour and markings; 4, Brownlie and Son, another Yellowhammer. A.O.S. SOFTBILL (4): 1, spl, Bell, Redstart, neat little exhibit in perfect feather; 2, Sorhie, Yellow Wagtail, Blackwood winner, and a perfect specimen in every way, hard lines to-day; 3, Quinn, Redwing, in lovely condition, rich tone of colour and markings. HEN (6): 1, spl, Kerr and Goup, lovely Jay, in superb condition, nice rich colour, wins well; 2, Laing, Greenfinch, grand size and condition, rich polish on feather; 3, Allan, Greenfinch, another good Finch, not quite the size of 2nd; 4, Cook, Siskin, richly mkd. Siskin, in the best of condition; vhc, Campbell and Easton; hc, McLean. MEMBERS' BRIT. (6): 1, vhc, Nisbet and Taylor, 1st Bullfinch, lovely cap, grand shape, rich breast col.; 2, 3, 4, Campbell and Easton, 2nd Yellowhammer, lovely rich colouring and markings, splendid size, 3rd Mealy Redpoll, a little beauty, in prime condition; 4, grey Linnet, nice type; hc, Young. FOR. GOLDIE, ETC. (5): 1, spl, Pringle, Goldfinch, grand Finch, good size, rich polished blaze, of a nice warm col., well marked body; 2, Johnstone, Goldfinch, rich, well defined markings, in fine condition; 3, Nicolson, Goldfinch, splendid size, a wee shade dull in colour to those in front; 4, Watson, Bullfinch, grand Bullie, nicely marked, good size, would have made a good 3rd. FOR., MEMBERS' (7): 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Nisbet and Taylor, let a pair of superb Rice Birds, very steady; 2, pair of Javas, in the pink of condition; 3, Budgerigars, feather and condition.

WOOLWICH.

The few classes provided were poorly supported by the members at the 38th annual show of the Woolwich F.S., held Nov. 24th and 25th. The Concert Hall of the Sussex Arms is not an ideal place for a show, and it was very crowded, the room being too small. Mr. G. W. Boyce, the sec., had all the arrangements well in hand. Mr. Enfield judged.

CREST OR C.-B.: Cup, 1, 2, 3, r, Harris, 1st nice Crest, fine size and shape, nice formation, 2nd wing mkd. D.C., nice size and shape, good droop, 3rd nice skull, heavy in feather; vhc, Hussey (2). NOR.: 1, sp, Harris, bonny yell., mkd. wings, nice quality, level in col.; 2, 3, r, Worth, 2nd yell., good type and quality, 3rd nice varieg., tight as wax.

STAMFORD.

Stamford F.A.'s 4th open show, held at the Corn Exchange, a splendid place for a show of this kind. The show was opened by his Worship the Mayor of Stamford (Councillor J. B. Corby), who said he was proud to open such a show. He was, he said, a great believer in bird-keeping. He was pleased, he added, to note the splendid entry. The society had received 305 entries. This year the show was thrown open, and some really fine specimens put in an appearance. Yorks. and Nor. were the special feature. Mules and Hybrids were also good, and the British a really capital collection. The Society had gone in for a very good scheme in the way of a cup, and anyone could compete for this by paying 2s. 6d. at time of entry, which brought in a lot of money. The cup (value £4 4s.) was won by Mr. A. J. Smith with a grand young Crest. We learn that the bird was purchased at Cheltenham for £25. Being only young, it has a splendid future before it. Mr. Harrison is a very capable secretary and discharged his duties in a praise-worthy manner. Mr. Ludlow (treasurer) was very busy with the pens, and with a good band of committeemen everything went off well. The show was quite a success, and we hope the finances will prove so, too. Mr. J. Rohson judged.

The Critique.

NOR. CL. ETC., YELL. (3): 1, Bielby, cl., nice type, quality and feather; 2, Irons, better col., tails only in wing carriage and feather; 3, Moore, smaller, but nice size. BUFF (7): 1, Johnson, grand buff, rare size and shape, good head and neck; 2, 3, Irons, former grand quality cl. buff, nice col., just a trifle hrowy, latter ticked buff., nice type, a trifle narrow in head; res, Lahraham, typical buff; vhc, Brown; hc, Grimes; c, Woods. EVEN MKD., ETC. (7): 1, sp, Keech and Son, massive var. yell, grand shape, type and col., nice head and neck; 2, Johnston, very typical var. buff, nice shape, neat wings and tail, just fails in col. a wee bit; 3, Bonnel, another var. yell., good type and shape; res, Bond, large and nice var. yell; vhc, hc, Moore; c, Grimes, CL. ETC. HEN (14): 1, Pedder, grand size, quality, neat wings and tail; 2, 3, Handley and Sons, former very chubby var. buff, latter neat, good quality cl. yell.; res, Keech and Sons; vhc, Bennel; hc, Bazeley; c, Hulse. UNFLIG. YELL., BRED 1911 (11): 1, Howe, truly grand quality cl. yell, lovely type and col.; 2, Irons, another grand cl. yell., splendid size and col., not quite so typical as winner; 3, Hall, again a chubby yell., good type and col., a wee shade longer; res, Woods, yell., fails only in head col.; vhc, Bielby; hc, Pedder; c, Brown. BUFF: 1, sp. best Nor., vhc, Keech and Sons, winner grand buff, very typical, rare shape, neat wings and tail; 2, res, Irons, 2nd, ticked buff, neat shape and col., not quite so chubby as winner; res, grand quality buff; vhc, Moore; c, Holder. YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL. (7): 1, Ogden Bros., grand cl. yell., lovely quality and feather, splendid length, nice straight back, neat wings and tail; 2, Harrison, yell., nice length and col., not quite the quality of winner; 3, Beaumont and Cockhill, ticked, nice style and length; res, Mole, neat typical yell.; vhc, Brown; hc, Ballard; c, Hymas. BUFF (10): 1, Ogden Bros., grand type, nice length, neat wings and tail, fine feather, cl. buff; 2, Harrison, very neat buff, nice type and quality, not quite so long as winner; 3, res, Taylor, very typical ticked buff, nice style, not quite so slim; res, stylish buff; vhc, Hymas; hc, Dykes; c, Ballard. EVEN MKD., ETC., (7): 1, Dykes, grand quality var. yell., nice length, neat wings and tail; 2, Ogden Bros., grand length, nice wings and tail, not just the quality, var. buff; 3, vhc, Taylor, very typical, nice length; res, Mole, neat var. yell.; hc, Harrison; c, Hymas. CL., ETC., HEN (12): 1, Dykes, very typical cl. yell., nice length and quality; 2, 3, Taylor; 2nd, grand var. yell., nice style and quality; 3rd, grizzle cap yell., nice length, just lacks the feather of leaders; res, Mole, nice quality var. yell.; vhc, Beaumont and Cockhill; hc, c, Harris. UNFLIG., BRED 1911 (15): 1, sp. best Yorks., 3, Ogden Bros., winner grand quality cl. yell., nice length, fine hack, wings and tail; 3rd, another cl. yell., splendid length and col.; 2, Dykes, real good cl. yell., lovely style and col., a wee shade stronger in build; res, vhc, Taylor, grand quality yell.; hc, Mole; c, Harris. CREST OR C.B. (9): 1, 2, cup best bird in show, Smith, winner massive var. Crest, grand leafy crest, good size, well over heak, nicely drooped; 2nd, nice var. green C.B., good skull and feather; 3, Radly, nearly a green Crest, plenty of body feather; res, vhc, Gilbert, res, good skulled C.B., nicely hrowed; vhc, c, Tatman. NOVICE NOR (£3 Limit) (11): 1, DaRman and Sons, very hot typical cl. yell.; 2, Handley and Sons, another nice quality cl. yell.; 3, Daseley, very typical neat feathered var, buff; res, Brown; vhc, Harper; hc, Bielby; c, Beanland. YORKS. (£3) NOVICE (7): 1, Beaumont and Cockhill, very stylish, good col. yell.; 2, Harrison, nice length and style; 3, Sindell; res, Wright; vhc, Harrison; hc, Twynham. MULE OR HYB. (20) one of the finest collections we have seen for some time, there being no less than 8 Goldfinch-Bullfinch Hybrids, a hard lot to judge: 1, Lawrence, Can.-Bullfinch, exceptionally good one, splendid size and col., true Bullfinch head and beak; 2, 3, Longden, 2nd really beautiful Can.-Linnet, cl. with the exception of marks on wings, true Linnet character; 3rd, another topper, Can.-Goldfinch, cl. but for a few ticks on head, nice blaze and beak; res, Meek, grand Goldfinch-Bullfinch, splendid col., could win at many shows; vhc, Jeffery, Linnet-Bullfinch; hc, Adamson; c, Hymas. GOLDFINCH (17): 1, Lawrence, very stylish and steady, grand square-cut, rich col. baze, nice wings and breast; 2, Jeffery, very rich in col., nice blaze, hardly so clear as winner; 3, Andrews, another nice Finch, good col., nice blaze; res, Wilson, neat, good col., nice buttons; vhc, Brooks; hc, Mayes; c, Brotherhood; a very good class. BULLFINCH (16, including some very good Bullies): 1, 2, Belcher, winner grand shape and col., nice cap and bars; 2nd, a wee shade smaller, grand cap, nice type and col., both very steady; 3, Tupholme, another nice Bullie, fine size and col., very good cap, tight in feather, try a different cage, Mr. T.; res, Baseley, nice breast col. and cap; vhc, Wilson; hc, Bonse; c, Andrews. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (7): 1, Brotherhood, 1911 Palace winning Bramblefinch, lovery col. and size, well spangled; 2, Wilson, another nice Bramhle, not quite so rich in col. as winner; 3, res, Mays; 3rd, very nice Chaffinch, good size and col.; res, nice col. Greenfinch; vhc, Woodhouse; hc, Andrews; c, Swanson. LINNET, ETC. (7): 1, Jeffery, very neat Redpoll, nice bih and cap; 2, Andrews, good col. Siskin; 3, vhc, Mays, Linnet, very nicely pencilled; res, Gilbert, Siskin; hc, Fysh; c, Lockton. A.O.S. SMALL (6): 1, 3, Mays, winner good Golden-crested Wren, well shown; 3rd, a grand Tree-creeper; 2, Mackwell and Booth; res, vhc, Dr. Wilson, Nightingale. LARGE (6): 1, Dr. Wilson, Waxwing, in really lovely pumage, well put down; 2, Johnstone, a beautifully mottled Thrush; 3, Mays, lovely rich coloured Blackbird; res, Basely, nice Hawfinch; vhc, Lawrance; hc, Labraham. HARDBILL HEN (7): 1, Jeffery, good Siskin, splendidly shown; 2, Baker, grand Bullfinch, good 2nd; 3, vhc, Andrews; 3rd, nice Yellowhammer, worth his position; res, Belcher; hc, Fysh. FOR. SMALL (4): 1, Baseby, lovely Siberian Bullfinch; wins well, and put down well; 2, Popple, magnificent Paradise Whydah; 3, Holmes, lovely pair of Bndgerigars; res, Woods, good Zebra Finch. LARGE: 1, Davies, good King Parrot, very attractive; 2, Edinborough, nice Rosella Parrot, an old winner; 3, Bell, good Grey Parrot, well shown; res, Howe; vhc, Downing.

NEWARK.

Newark and Dis. C.B.S. annual show, held in the Public Hall, Barnby Gate, November 23rd. This is the first show the Society has been able to hold outside their headquarters. The hall selected was an excellent place for the occasion, and was beautifully decorated with flowers, etc. The young secretary, Mr. W. Lidgett, carried his arrangements out in grand fashion, with the support of a fine committee, all of whom did their best to make things bright and cheerful. They are quite worthy of better support from exhibitors generally. Mr. W. Brotherton (Rotherham) judged, and gave every satisfaction.

NOR., CL.: 1, 2, sp., Wells, splendid thick-set body, good wings and head, 2, close up; 3, Lamb, another good exhibit; 4, Smith; vhc, Meachain; hc, Fitchett. TKD., ETC.: 1, sp., Lamh, good substance of chest, nicely across perch, grand feather, well shown; 2, Stray, short, chubby body, good wing carriage, close on heels of winner; 3, A. Wells, nice head and feather, a little shy at time of judging; 4, Taylor; vhc, A. Wells; hc, Sheppard. HEN: 1, sp., vhc, and sp. for best bird in show, A. Wells, real gem, delightful feather, perfect head, wings and body, stands as still as a rock; 2, Lamb, another very good hen, nice head and chest; 3, Smith, grand head and col.; 4, hc, Toynber; c, Stray. HEN (NOT FED): 1, sp., Lidgett, good body and feather; 2, Wells, good head and feather; 3, Smith, similar to others; 4, Sheppard. CK. (NOT FED): 1, sp., 2, Smith; 3, Sheppard; 4, Fitchett. A.O.V.: 1, sp., Fitchett, very nice York., well up on good pair of legs, grand feather; 2, Burficler, Lizard, would have been better not fed; 3, vhc, hc Simpson; 4, Spinks. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, sp., Martin, Goldfinch, good blaze and markings; 2, Fitchett; 3, vhc, Lamb; 4, Mrs. Pink; hc, Simpson; c, Burbridge. MULE OR HYB.: 1, sp., Mackender, lovely Mule, almost Cl., good blaze, second best bird in show; 2, Lamb; 3, 4, vhc, hc, Toynher. FOR., LARGE: 1, 3, 4, sp., Lidgett; 2, Mrs. Pinks. SMALL: 1, sp., 4, Burbridge; 2, 3, Lidgett. A.V.C. (owner not to have taken a prize at any show): 1, sp., Tiffin; 2, Lidgett; 3, Douhleday; 4, Martin; vhc, hc, Hill. NOR., A.C.: 1, 2, 3, Holmes, winner red hot marked Yell., grand type and quality, 2, much larger, beautifully frosted, would have won only drops side feathers a hit, 3, another nice exhibit; 4, Stray; vhc, Lamb. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, vhc, sp., Sheppard; 2, Martin; 3, 4, Simpson; hc, Holmes; c, Green.

HINCKLEY.

Hinckley F. and F.S. 18th exhibition, held Nov. 24 and 25, in the Drill Hall. We are sorry to say our section was not one of the most successful, the entries not being up to expectations. This show used to be very strong for the Leicester and Coventry fanciers, who on this occasion were conspicuous by their absence. We were pleased to see the "gate" was a good one, as at times the hall was packed, which no douht was due to the secretary (Mr. H. Ridgway), and his hard working committee, which consisted of Messrs. A. Pickering, A. W. Jennings, J. Peel, H. Towers, A. Spencer, J. Baggotts, H. J. Tansey, W. Woodward, C. Ward, A. Wardle, D. McNaughton, Richard Hill. Mr. J. A. Tyler (Leicester) judged Canaries, and Mr. W. Judd (Leicester) British, foreign and Mules.

The Critique.

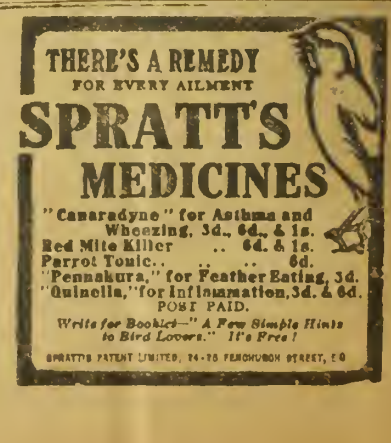
NOR., NAT. COL. (4): 1, Helghton, Buff grizzle on head, nice type and quality, good tight fitting wings and tail; 2, 3, Growdridge, leader marked wings and eyes, large, followed hy Clear Buff, smaller hnt of nice type and quality, must have pressed winner close; res., Suffolk. CL., ETC., YELL. (5): 1, Gilbert, large, good col. and quality, nice wing carriage; 2, Growdridge, hardly so large, good quality, nice even col., crosses wings a trifle at times; 3, Dipple, a trifle longer than winner, but of good colour and quality; res., Jennings; vhc, Mill Bros. BUFF (8): 1, c, Dipple, ticked on head, good type, grand col., nice quality, in the pink of condition; 2, Jennings, Cl. Bnff, good type and quality, nice even col.; 3, Williams, Cl. Buff, good quality; res., Adam; vhc, Labraham; hc, Growridge. HEN (13): 1, Dipple, Yell., tkd. eye, nice quality and col., pretty hen; 2, res., Bailey, Cl. Buff, very stylish hen, good type, good head and neck, nice even wings, short tail; 3, Growdridge, unflig. Yell., lovely col. and quality, good wings and tail, there would not have heen much the matter had it changed places with first; vhc, Mill Bros.; hc, c, Jennings. UNFLIG. YELL.: Cancelled. BUFF (8): 1, res., Dodd, Clear Bnff, good quality, fine head and neck, nice wing carriage, some preferred same owners res., bird, a very typical one, grand col. and quality; 2, Dipple, wonderful col. bird, grand quality, hard to distinguish from a Yellow; 3, Moore, good type, nice col. and quality; vhc, Heighton; hc, Bailey; c, Growdridge. YORKS. (5): 1, 2, Edwards, leader good lengthy bird, followed by ticked Yellow, a trifle on small side, but better in quality and feather; 3, James, tick wing, good colour, nice quality, well carried wings; res., Richards; vhc, Walker. A.O.V. CAN. (6): 1, 2, res., Adams, leader Cl. Border, nice col. and quality, well carried wings, in fine condition, followed by Yell. coppy, nice feather, good stock bird; 3, Tyler, Green Bord., good col. and condition; vhc, Holden; hc, Labraham. MULE (8): 1, Gilbert, Buff tkd., on wing, smart bird, good col. and condition; 2, Williams, dark Greenfinch and Can., nice size; 3 hc, Lawrance, large Buff, variegated hand wings; vhc, Bennett; c, Palmer. BRIT. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (11): 1, 2, Davies, Bullfinch and Goldfinch respectively large, good cap, in nice condition, followed by Goldfinch, good blaze, nice deep chestnut, good bars and buttons; 3, Orme, Goldfinch, nice size, wild; vhc, Geary; hc, Towers; c, Pilgrim. LINNET (12): 1, 2, Davis, both rich in col., well laced, very steady winner, a shade the larger; 3, res., Orme, nicely marked, in good condition; vhc, Towers; hc, Wileman; c, Pilgrim. GREENFINCH, ETC. (6): 1, 2, Howe, 1, Greenfinch, good size, nice rich col., good size, nice rich col., good quality, very steady, in fine condition, 2, Yellow Siskin, good colour, nicely laced, pretty exhibit; 3, Towers, Lesser Redpoll, good col. and condition; res., Brookes. A.O.S. BRIT. FINCH, ETC. (excluding Hawfinch) (4): 1, Towers, Chaffinch, good size, nice col. and condition; 2, res., Lawrance, Yellow Bunting, nicely marked; 3, Tyler, Bramblefinch, in nice condition, very steady. A.O.S. BRIT. (4): 1, Lawrance, Hawfinch, good col. and condition, nice hih, wins well; 2, T. R. Towers, Nightingale, in fine condition, very steady; 3, Tyler, Hawfinch, very steady. FOR. (5): 1, Pickering, Grey Parrot, in nice feather; 2, Gilbert, Crimson-faced Parrakeet, in nice feather, minus tail; 3, res., Griffiths, Virginian Nightingale, in good condition; vhc, Towers.

ILKESTON.

Eleventh annual exhibition, held Nov. 25 and 27. The Victoria Hall, as on many past occasions, was utilised for the purpose; it is light, spacious, and void of draughts. There was a capital classification, with quite a galaxy of points, specials, good prize money, and extra specials, while no classes were to be cancelled or amalgamated, and prize money was guaranteed. The response to this liberality was a capital entry of 361, being 70 more than on the last occasion. The quality was admitted on all hands to be far in excess of many past years. Mr. A. Somerfield once again scored with his Yell. Greenie-Can., this hird winning its thirty-fifth first prize. The members benched some right good birds, capable of "doing the necessary" in the open, given the opportunity. The president is Mr. T. H. Richardson; vice-presidents, Messrs. W. Wright, A. Sisson, and R. Whitehead, a trio of capital supporters. The committee is comprised of many well-known and well tried fanciers, viz., Messrs. Hunt and Brentnall, Booth, Henshaw, Shaw, Cliff, Eaton, Gregory, Shaw, Martin, Thompson, Martin, Smith and Keightley. All worked with a will, and deserve many compliments for their exertions. The chairman, Mr. H. Hunt, controls in fine style, and Mr. E. Beardsley acts as a very capahle understudy. Treasurer, Mr. M. Marriott, is the right man in the right place. Last, but hy no means least, is the worthy secretary, Mr. Thos. Smith, whom it is always a pleasure to meet. T. S. is most courteous and obliging, and the manner in which he does everything shows he is capable of conquering all difficulties. Staging was of a very neat order, and prize cards were promptly displayed. Judging commenced early, and the show opened hy 2 p.m.; when we left, a goodly number of visitors were present. A well arranged stall, displaying various utensils, show and breeding cages, etc., met one's gaze as they entered the hall, and Mr. T. Smith appeared to be doing a roaring trade. The judge was Mr. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield), and his awards were well received.

The Critique.

CL. YELL. NOR. (6): 1, Fox and Bird, lovely shape and feather, well up in substance, grand carriage, clean cut away, one of the best; 2, Walton and Noakes, red hot, fine shape and size, not quite the quality, yet one we liked; 3, Vardy, capital col. and quality, very shapely, nice jaunty carriage; vhc, Hathaway; hc, Wilcox and Son; c, Hunt. BUFF (11): 1, Vardy, tight as a Java, rattling fine colour and frosting, unheatahle for shape, clean sweep; 2, vhc, Hnnt, red hot, fine bold head and neck, deep chest, A1 quality, longer in barrel; 3, Fox and Bird, well up in size, capital feather and colour, neat head and neck, good carriage, worth its place; 4, c, Smith, rare substance, A1 quality and col., shapely, good one; hc, Wilcox and Son. MKD. (8): 1, Rathbone, yell, marked, wings and head, slashing shape and feather, good col. and carriage, tight as a drum; 2, Adnitt and Driver, buff, marked wing, short and thick set, well clothed rich colour and mealing, not far away; 3, Hathaway, Yell., mkd. wings and head, ahlaze, wonderful substance, fine head, neck and chest; 4, Prince, Yellow, mkd. wings and head, beautifully clothed, rich even colour, true shape, sweet specimen; vhc, Walton and Noakes; hc, Vardy; c, Martin. HEN (8): 1, 4, Adnitt and Driver, with a nice hrace, former, Buff, mkd. wings and head, short and thick set, capital feather and frosting, nice size, 4, Yell., ticked eye, warmly fed, well up in substance, good head and neck, nice quality; 2, 3, Vardy, fine substance and shape, good carriage, capital feather and meal, 3, mkd. wiugs and eyes, smooth as wax, very shapely, jaunty, good col., not far away; vhc, Fox and Bird; hc, Ball and Son; c, Smith. UNFLIG. YELL. (10): 1, Rathbone, mkd. head, ahlaze with col., teeming with quality, lovely symmetry, rare size; 2, Adnitt and Driver, very cobby Cl., A1 colour and feather, fine head and neck, when chest is more fully developed, will he a heauty; 3, Prince, magnificent feather and col., true type, moves finely, very smart; 4, Tow, mkd. hack red hot, well clothed, neat head and neck, very promising; vhc, Vardy; hc, Walton and Noakes; c, Bagnall. BUFF (10): 1, 4, Adnitt and Driver, with a charming couple, winner of slashing fine shape, colour and quality, richly frosted, grand substance and carriage, a heauty, 4, red hot Cl., covered with neat mealing, very shapely; 2, vhc, Vardy, splendidly clothed Cl., of grand outline, moves gracefully, tight as a bottle, just beaten in substance; 3, Peherdy, Cl., ablaze, and of A1 quality, true type, clean cut away, again inclined to be on small side, well worth its place; hc, Walton and Noakes; c, Martin. NAT. COL. (12): 1, Adnitt and Driver, yell., marked head, superior feather, fine shape and size, not a feather wrong; 2, 3, Wilcox and Son, model of a Cl. Buff, smooth as glass, nice size, moves well, neatly frosted, clean under, 3, shapely, Cl. Buff, good size and quality, very close up; 4, Fox and Bird, Buff, marked head, a bouncer, lovely head and neck, well feathered, nice meal; vhc, Smith; c, Williamson. NOR., NOVICE (13): 1, 2, Baker, brace of very stylish specimens, Yell. marked head, warmly fed, grandly feathered, fine shape and substance, 2, Cl. Buff, grand shape, colour and quality, nice size and carriage, very promising unflig.; 3, Kirkby, Cl. Buff, superior shape, good size; 4, hc, Murfin, cobby, Cl. Buff, neat col. and mealing, far from a bad one; vhc, Gibson; c, Miss E. Scattergood. CREST (9): 1, Barker, Bnff, almost Green, D.C., wealth of rich quality feather, rare snhstance, crest large and of beautiful radiation, thickly packed; 2, 4, hc, Colledge, meritorious quartette, Buff marked wings, D.C., heaps of superb feather, grand size, crest as round as a hoop, capital droop and centre, 4, Buff, marked wings, D.C., abundance of feather, crest veiny, neat shape and size; 3, vhc, Radley, Buff Green, pied tail, D.C., capital size and quality, crest of fine radiation, droop and centre. C.B. (9): 1, 2, Barker, couple of "knock-outs," former huff-mkd. wings and head, wonderful substance, abundance of feather, skull wide and well lashed, grand turn over of head feather, 2, Buff, variag., massive in build, wealth of superh feather, rare width and rise of skull, ran winner a tight race; 3, hc, Colledge, Buff, variegated, very shapely, A1 quality, not so profuse in head feather, good width and rise; 4, Brown, Buff, almost Green, pied tail, A1 quality, rare substance of body; vhc, C. and H. Twine; c, Radley. YORKS., YELL. (30): 1, Taylor, mkd. wings and eyes, red hot, magnificent quality, straight as a rush, well on leg; 2, Dykes, very lengthy Cl., straight as a gun barrel, full of style, grand back and wing carriage; 3, Hawley, warmly fed Cl. Yell., wonderful length, nice position, not nervy enough; 4, White, mkd. wings and eyes, smooth as wax, upstanding on clever legs, good col.; vhc, Barber; hc, Green; c, Ridal. BUFF (8): 1, Dykes, mkd. wing and head, full of true characteristics, great length and of rattling position, delightful feather, rare back and wing carriage; 2, 4, Taylor, mkd. neck, stands like a guardsman, slim and lengthy, capital col. and quality, 4, mkd. wings and head, A1 quality and col., neat mealing, good position; 3, Ridal, mkd. head, feathered to perfection, good position, full of colour, neatly frosted; vhc, Mountain; hc, Elkins; c, Barton. HEN (17): A fine lot: 1, Dykes, Yell., mkd. wing and head, smooth as glass, shone like satin, delightful position and length; 2, 3, vhc, Taylor, with a honny trio of damsels, Cl. Buff, straight as a pencil, tight as a drum, nice col. and frosting, lengthy, 3, Yell., mkd. wings, head and tail, well clothed, capital colour and stand, neat and narrow; 4, Mason, Buff Cinn. mkd. wings and eyes, straight up, tight as a Java; hc, Hawley; c, White. UNFLIG. (13): 1, Dykes, with a topping Cl. Yell., slashing feather, rich col., straight as a gun barrel, well filled hack, perfect wing carriage; 2, Taylor, Yell., mkd. neck, rare length and position, superb quality and col., well on leg; 3, Pass, Yell., marked wings and head, grand feather and col., stands finely, not quite so lengthy; 4, Ridal, Yell., Cinn. mkd., clinking quality and col., grand position, well on leg; vhc, White; hc, Mountain; c, Elkins. NOV. (12): 1, 3, Wood, Yell., capital col. and feather, nice stand, lengthy and well on leg, 3, Yell., well clothed, straight as a pencil, good hack and wing carriage; 2, 4, Cockerham, Yell., good length and position, nice quality, leggy, worth its place, 4, full of style, good quality and col.; vhc, Eaton; c, Kew. A.O.V. (6): 1, Hathaway, Yell. Green Nor., very fine feather, rare substance and shape, lovely bronze col., clean cut away; 2, 4, Brown, with a smart pair of Borders, both Cl. Buffs., smooth as glass, very shapely and full of action, former a shade best quality; 3, Ball and Son, Buff Green Nor. P.H., cobby, and of good feather and col., in the pink; vhc, Martin. LIGHT MULE, ETC. (4): 1, Tams and Son, with their noted Lin.-Bullie, truly magnificent, often described a topper; 2, Martin, Buff, Goldie-Greenie, mkd. wings and head, shapely, nice quality; 3, Watson, Siskin Redpoll, nice size and shape, good col and markings; 4, Caunt, Linnie-Bullie, good shape, nice quality. DARK (15): 1, 3, Somerfield, his well known Yell.-Greenie-Can., leading, often commented on, 3, Buff, Linnet-Can., well feathered, rich col., nice size and shape, capital markings; 2, Hayter, Can.-Bullie, ablaze, with colour, rare quality, nice shape; 4, he, Robinson, Goldie-Can., very shapely, lovely quality and col.; vhc, Booth; c, Smith; No. 7, Harrison, absent. GOLDIE (10): 1, Goode, fine shape and size, rare feather, grand large square cut blaze of capital colour, neat hars and huttons, well benched; 2, Brooks, shapely, nice col. and quality, well cut blaze, rich texture, not far away; 3, Wagg, neat shape, good quality and col., blaze of nice tone, not quite so large, nice bars and huttons; 4, Caunt, shapely, good feather, not quite so good in blaze; vhc, Williamson; hc, Bunn; c, Sanders; No. 1, Almond and No. 7, Kew, absent. BULLIE (11): 1, Goode, model for shape, rare size, magnificent cap, well polished, lovely breast col., tight as wax, gem.; 2, Raven, very shapely and of grand col. and quality, fine head points, lovely breast; 3, Hexter, wonderful substance, fine shape, well clothed; 4, Smith, shapely and of nice size, good quality, we liked; vhc, Bunn; hc, Walsh; c, Ride. GREENIE (14): 1, 2, Walsh, both "right sorts," marvellous col. and quality, grand shape and size, not a feather misplaced, staged by a master hand; 3, Tams and Son, very shapely, full of colour, smooth as a bottle; 4, Hurst, good size, quality, and colour, not quite so shapely, put down in fine style; vhc, Henshaw; hc, Martin; c, Smith; one of the very best classes we have seen for many a day: all the birds staged in an up-to-date style. LINNET (13): 1, Raven, rattling fine shape and size, delightful colour and quality, beautifully pencilled, clear and distinct, steady as a rock; 2, 4, Walsh, shade more substance than 1st, equal in shape and feather, capital colour; 4, shapely, good feather and colour, not so profuse in pencilling; 3, Tams and Son, we venture to say equal to 2nd in all respects, shown for all it was worth; vhc, Caunt; hc, Goode; c, Henshaw; No. 12, Hurst, absent. SISKIN (7): 1, Almond, stashing fine colour, good shape and size, lovely markings, dense and neatly cut cap; 2, Poole, shapely, capital size and quality, finely marked, good cap; 3, c, Smith, A1 quality and colour, nice shape, size, and markings, very pleasing; 4, Hurst, good in colour, shape, quality, and marks; vhc, Tams and Son; hc, Raven. TWITE, ETC. (20): Rare class, and easily two sets of winners could have been selected; merit right through exceedingly even. 1, c, Raven, magnificent mealy Redpoll, wonderful size and shape, splendid colour and feather; 2, Goode, with a beautiful Twite, rich quality and colour, well up in size, rare shape and carriage, delightfully marked; 3, Hexter, Lesser Redpoll, lovely colour and quality, prettily pencilled, good head points, smooth as wax; 4, Pitchford and Stocker, Twite, excelling in quality shapely nice size and carriage; vhc, Walsh; hc, Wagg; c, Raven. BRAMBLE ETC. (10): 1, 2, Raven, Chaff and Bramble, both of exceptional merit, massive in build, rich col., shown in fine fettle; 3, Walsh, Chaffie, shapely, capital size, quality, and carriage, beaten slightly by winner in colour; 4, Hexter, Bramble, sweetly moulded, good feather and markings; vhc, Hayter; hc, Smith; c, Bunn. A.O.S. BRIT. (12): 1, Raven, Waxwing, in absolutely finest possible trim, a living picture, found hosts of friends; 2, 4, he, Wagg, Ring Ousel and Redstart, both in full bloom, put down in rattling fine fashion; 3, Poole, Hawfinch, fine size and shape, magnificent colour, grand bib, well cut, not a feather wrong; vhc, Bunn; c, Leatherland. FOR. (6): 1, 2, Baxby, King, and a very fine pair of Alexandrine Parrakeets, all in lovely bloom, staged in a wonderful manner; 3, he, Allsebrook, African grey Parrot in perfect feather, really one of the best we have seen for some time; 4, Babbington, Amazon in good order; vhc, Oakes. FOR. (8): 1, vhc, Saywell, Blue-shouldered Tanager in capital feather; 2, Raven, 'Neckface' Tanager, bit down, or might have won, hard lines; 3, Cottingham, Orange Bishop, in good form, nicely shown; 4, Miss E. Scattergood, well clothed Cut-throat, very pleasing; hc, Carrier; c, Fletcher. Gift (7): 1, Smith; 2, Prince; 3, 4, Martin (C. H.); vhc, Sittdown; hc, J. W. Martin. MEMBERS—NOR., UN. YELL. (9): 1, Prince; 2, 3, C. H. Martin; 4, Sittdown; vhc, Smith; hc, Marriott; c, J. W. Martin. YORKS AND A.O.V.: No entries. BRIT. (11): 1, 4, c, J. W. Martin; 2, 3, vhc, Smith; hc, Henshaw.



INVERNESS.

A Rare Good Entry.

Inverness C.B.S. 31st annual show, held Nov. 22nd. The society were again fortunate in securing the Drill Hall, a magnificent place for a cage bird show, lighted from the roof, lofty, and free from draught. One great feature of the show was the splendid display of aviaries, some containing 30 to 40 birds all in the pink of health and plumage. The birds were nicely staged at a convenient height. The entries were far above those of last year. The joint secretaries are Mr. Urquhart and Mr. T. Sutherland, and two better workers it would be hard to find; they had everything in first-class order. Special for best Nor., Mr. J. Hutchinson; best Yorks., Mr. J. Duncan; best Border, Mr. J. Connachie; spl., for best Brit., Messrs. Anderson Bros.; most points, Mr. F. Stanford. Borders were a high class lot, some travelling from as far as Newtyle and Brechin. Mr. J. Lyon judged and his awards gave entire satisfaction.

The Critique.

YORKS. CK. (12): 1, Rhind, hot col., splendid size and shape, stands on good legs, straight as a pencil, nice quality, good wings and tail; 2, Duncan, nice Yorkie, good quality and position, fine length, well put down; 3, 5, MacDougall, good length and position, inclined to frill a little, rare wings and tail; 4, McPhail; 6, Chisholm. HEN (6): 1, MacDougall, grand hen, A1 position, a beauty; 2, Duncan, nice style and quality, steady as a rock, grand wings and tail; 3, McPhail, good position, teeming with quality, good col., and condition; 4, c, Chisholm; 5, Junor. BORD. FCY. YELL. CK. (11): a rare god class, 1, Fairweather, a gem, rich col., teeming with quality, good carriage, free mover; 2, Craig, another grand Bord., very little between; 3, 4, Connachie, true to type, fine silky feather, well rounded, neat wings and tail; 5, MacDonald; 6, Urquhart. HEN (8): 1, Blackie, true Bord., tight and boxy in feather, sweet, typical; 2, Craig, well turned out, tight as wax, fine quality feather, rare carried wings and tail, good second; 3, MacLeod Bros., nice one; 4, Smith; 5, Connachie; 6, Craigen. BUFF (9): 1, Craig, a gem for type, quality etc., perfect Border; 2, Blackie, sweet and typical, rich in col., compact wings and tail; 3, 4, Connachie, two nice exhibits; 5, Smith; 6 Brnce. HENS (11): 1, Fairweather, sweet little model for type, quality, col., cl., win; 2, Craig, nice stamp, in the best of condition, true Border, full of life and action; 3, 5, Connachie, a just lacks finish of winner otherwise equal; 4, Blackie; 6, MacLean. BUFF VARIEG. (6): 1, Blackie, perfect little gem, full of go, rich in col., and quality; 2, 3, Fairweather, 2 best of quality; 4, Craig, slightly soft when we were taking notes; 5, Smith; 6, Todd and Son. CK. (5): 1, Craig, topper, nicely moulded, rich col., fine action, wings and tail perfect; 2, Blackie, another good Border; 3, Connachie; 4, MacLean; 5, Falconer. GREEN.: 1, Connachie, nice col., good type, fine silky feather. EVEN MARKS (3): 1, Blackie, best of markings, nice col., and condition; 2, Connachie, full of quality, not quite so even in markings; 3, George, another good Bord. NOR. BRED 1911. (12): 1, Milne, true to type, best of quality, well turned out out, wins; 2, 3, Stanford, two good exhibits, grand shape, teeming with quality and col.; 4, Lumsden; 5, Fraser; 6, Hendry. CREST. CK. (9): 1, Mackie, rare substance and shape, crest large and dense, rouud as a hoop, delightful droop, wins easily; 2, 4, Craigen, 2 fine size, not quite so good in finish; 3, Todd, nicely rounded crest, good size and droop, grand substance; 5, Smitb; 6, MacKenzie. HEN. (6): 1, Mackie, good top piece, grand size, good length of feather, nicely drooped, in lovely condition; 2, 3, Smith, two good exbibits, but beaten to-day, 2 excels in front, good shaped crest, fine length; 4, Todd; 5, MacNaughton; 6, Ross. C.B. CK. (10): 1, hc, Smith, 1 good headed one, very fine entrance, nicely lasted, grand cushioned bird, well groomed; 2, Mackie, another good headed one, grand length of feather, staged in perfect order; 3, Todd, well up in size, great length of feather, well turned out; 4, Ross; 6, McKenzie. HEN. (7): 1, Mackie, very nice entrance, well lashed, good body, fine substance; 2, 5, 6, Smitb, 2 fine substance throughout, well up in size and condition; 3, Todd, not a bad one, good head, grand length of feather; 4, MacKenzie. CREST OR C.B. 1911.: 1, 2, Mackie, two stormers; 3, c, Smith; 4, Todd; 5, Craigen. NOR. UNFED. YELL. (7): 1, Baxter, a gem, rich in col., lovely quality and condition, good model; 2, 3, MacDonald, 2 wins in type, nicely rounded front, grand size and quality, 3 good col., and condition; 4, Shearer; 5, Stanford; 6, Walker. BUFF CK. (6): 1, Stanford, lovely head and neck, good bird, fine close wings and tail; 2, 3, 4, Fraser, 2 best of quality, grand size; 5, Shearer; 6, MacKenzie. BUFF HENS (3): 1, Lumsden, grand stamp, good qual., best of wing carriage; 2, Baxter, fine size, very typical; 3, Fraser, good exhibit, crosses wings at times. VAR. (9): 1, MacDonald, mkd. wings, rare size, beautiful col., and qnality; 2, 4, Stanford, 2 best for quality, well packed body, good head and neck; 3, Fraser; 5, Murray; 6, MacMillan. YORK. CK. FED (3): 1, 2, MacDougall, 1 grand typed one, lovely taper, neat wings and tail, red-hot col., 2 inclined to open a little, good col., and shape; 3, Duncan. HEN.: 1, MacDougall, rare length, grand compact feather, a beautiful exhibit, in good form. NOR. YELL. (4): 1, Hutchison, well up in size and col., a true Norwich; 2, Stanford, pale in colonr, good type and quality; 3, Donaldson, extra good quality, A1 type. BUFF. (4): 1, 4, Hutchison, 1 very typical, grand col., good head and neck, nicely carried wings and tail; 2, Stanford, good shape and quality, good second; 3, Duncan, nice quality. HEN (6): 1, Milne, rare type, full of go, rich col., and quality, wins; 2, Hutchison, cl., sweet quality, good size, a little out of condition when we were taking notes; 3, 4, Stanford, 3 well up in size and qnality; 5, Morgantl; 6, MacMillan. VARIEG. CK. (10): 1, Milne, a beauty for style and col., in tip-top form; 2, Stanford, grand level col., nice head and chest, good wings and tail; 3, Reid, fails only a little in head, otherwise good; 4, Wattie; 5, Donaldson; 6, Morgantl. MULE LIGHT (10): 1, 2, Hendry, 1 Linnet Mule, nice size and col., 2 Goldie Mule, grand col.; 3, Stanford, fine size; 4, Craigen, nice Siskin Mule; 5, Duff; 6, Douglas. MULE A.O.V.: 1, Watt, Goldie Can., in nice condition; 2, Junor. GOLDFINCH (15): a rare good class, 1, Cumming, a gem, marvellous dense blaze, fine size, well cut, beautiful finish, lovely wings and tail; 2, Baxter, a shade larger, good face, not quite so rich in col., still a nice Finch; 3, Watt, also good one, fine body col., and condition; 4, Ross, well up in size and col., nice square cut blaze, rich body col.; 5, MacLennan, steady, nicely staged; 6, MacMillan. BULLFINCH (11): 1, Anderson Bros., well up in size, rare cap, grand breast col., A.1., bars, in tip-top form; 2, Craigen, good size, very steady, rich in col.; 3, Baxter, typical Britisher, well formed cap, dense in col., lovely wings, in good order; 4, Watt, very steady; 5, MacLennan; 6, Junor. HENS (5): 1, Donaldson, good size, nice and steady; 2, 3, MacLennan, 2 not quite so large, still a nice hen; 4, Junor. SISKIN UNFED. (10): 1, Connachie, a gem, good size, nice cap, lovely breast col., nicely marked wings, wins; 2, MacDonald, another good one; 3, Milne, well up for size; 4, MacDougall; 5, Moir; 6, Chisholm. FED (8): 1, Sykes, red-hot col., lovely cap and bar, good size and condition; 2, Watt, not much to choose between them, a nice Siskin, very steady; 3, hc, Smith; 4, MacDougall; 6, Anderson Bros. LINNET (9): 1, Watt, good size and col., well staged; 2, Duncan, not quite so rich in body col.; 3, Sykes, very steady, good size and col,. nicely pencilled; 4, Junor; 5, Campbell; 6, Fraser. REDPOLL (7): 1, c, Smith, 1 best of size and col., good poll; 2, Main, not quite so large, rich col., A.1., condition; 3, MacDougall, good size; 4, Ross; 5, Innes. GREENFINCH (7): 1, 4, Anderson Bros., 1 good one, well up in size, grandly fed, lovely tone of col., a gem for quality of feather; 2, Duncan, good size and type; 3, MacKenzie, good fronted bird; 5, Ross; 6, Anderson. A.O.S. BRIT. (3): 1, Sykes, Hawfinch, good one, nicely staged; 2, 3, Anderson. SMALL BRIT. (3): 1, Watt, lovely Bramblefinch in grand condition; 2, Cumming; 3, Ross. HEN BRIT. (3): 1, Anderson Bros.; 2, MacKenzie; 3, MacDougall. PARROTS ETC. (5): 1, Graham, lovely Hill Parrot, in grand feather; 2, Findlayson, same species, not quite so large; 3, Owens, Amazon, in nice feather, splendid talker, quite happy; 4, Craigen, Yellow Budgerigars, in the best of feather, A.1., col.; 5, Fraser. GIFT.: 1, 2, Stanford; 3, 4, Smith; 5, MacMillan. GIFT BRIT. (9): 1, Junor; 2, Smith; 3, Duncan; 4, J. Anderson; 5, Anderson Bros.; 6, MacLennan.

LOCKERBIE, N.B.

A very successful show, and an encouraging one for a first venture, was that of the Lockerbie F.S., which was held in the Town Hall on Nov. 23rd. A good entry was obtained, and some remarkably fine birds were staged, especially in the Borders, which were about as good as one could wish to see. The Border Challenge Cup was won by Mr. J. Clark, with a sweet little yellow hen. The Norwich men evidently did not like the 2/- entry fee, and all the classes were cancelled. The exhibits were nicely staged in a room by themselves, and were well attended to by the committee, who were most earnest in the discharge of their duties. Mr. H. Davidson made a most tactful, courteous, and energetic secretary, and things moved smoothly and well. Mr. J. F. Dewar judged, and grumbling was conspicuous by its absence.

The Critique.

SCOTS (7): 1, vhc, Jardine, nice yell., rare drive, grand shoulders and tail; 2, hc, Hannay, smart, good actioned yell., nice top end; 3, 4, Edgar, nice variog. yell., not quite so smart. HEN (7): 1, 2, vhc, Edgar, good pied buffs, splendid shape and style, nice shoulders; 3, 4, Jardine, neat, well made yell., grand style; hc, c, Hannay. BORDER YELL. (14): 1, Mrs. Davidson, rare shape, neat head, capital wings and tail, full of style; 2, Bennett, grand shape and quality, hard up; 3, Bryce, very tight in feather, nicely drawn; 4, Davidson; vhc, Kirkhope; hc, Kerr; c, Watt. HEN (12): 1, two sps., cup, Clark, a bonny thing, rare shape and style, splendid wings and tail; 2, Binie, very neatly feathered, not quite so smart; 3, Davidson, lovely shape and feather, nice carriage; 4, Campbell; vhc, Watt; hc, Kerr; c, Studholm. BUFF (15): 1, Bennet, a topper, hardly a fault; 2, Watt, sleek and slim, with rare style; 3, Binnie, a bonny thing, full of quality; 4, Davidson; vhc, Coulthard; hc, Phillips; c, Kerr. HEN (13): 1, Laidlaw, rare quality, and shape, very smart handler; 2, Boswell and Burrell, neat and notty as can be; 3, Davidson, grand quality and style, lovely shape; 4, Henderson; vhc, Watt; hc, Bennet; c, Gardiner. FOUL (15): 1, Binnie, very silky feathered, saddle mkd. ycll., rare style; 2, Davidson, tkd. headed yell., nice neat shape, lovcly feather; 3, Mrs. Davidson, clinking good buff, rare style; 4, Kirkhope; vhc, Campbell; hc, Armstrong; c, Bennet. VARIEG. YELL. (8): 1, Kirkhope, very slim, well drawn eye and wing mkd., grand style; 2, Clark, charming three-pointed, splendid shape and feather; 3, Calderwood, another very pretty eye and wlug mkd.; 4, Davidson; vhc, Stewart; hc, Studholm; c, Cubby. BUFF (12): 1 and local sp., Davidson, grand shaped three-pointed, lovely feather, nice carriage, neat wings; 2, Ellwood, lovely quality three-pointed, not quite so erect; 3, Boswell and Burrell, eye and wing mkd., very snapely, not quite so silky in feather; 4, Gardiner; vhc, Jamieson; hc, Kerr; c, Campbell. GREEN (13): 1, Kerr, lovely shapé, feather and style, grandly balanced; 2, Wilson, very neat, smart, slim, stylish; 3, Davidson, good wings, nice shape and style, all yell.; 4, Murray; vhc, Kerr; hc, Pennington; c, Cubby. CINN. (14): 1, 2, Murray, two slim, smartly feathered, stylish yells.; 3, Coulthard, grand shaped good coloured stylish buff; 4, Wilson; vhc, Jamieson; hc, Boswell and Burrell; c, Smith. SELL 10/- (8): 1, Johnstone; 2, c, Gardiner; 3, Jamieson; 4, Varrie: vhc, Pennington; hc, Davidson. GOLD. (16): 1, Murray, fine big rich blaze, neat colour, good cheeks, capital body and feather; 2, M'Naught and Gannory, not quite so large in blaze, rare col. and feather; 3, M'Kinnell, plenty of size, good checks, not so rich in body; 4, Bell; vhc, Steel; hc, Watt; c, Doyle. BULL. (8): 1, M'Naught and Gannory, wonderful col. and markings, rare shape and size; 2, Laidlaw, clinking Russian hen, rare feather; 3, Smith, not so large, but lovely col. and shape; 4, Graham; vhc, Donaldson; 6, Burnie; c, M'Kinnell. GIFT (9): 1, 2, Davidson; 3, Edgar; 4, 5, 6, Studholm.

BELFAST O.S.

Belfast O.A. 46th annual show held Nov. 4, in the Clarence Place, Minor Hall. The show was a marked success. The number of birds was much larger than last year, and quality was well up to the standard. The silver cup for best Scotch Fancy was won by Mr. R. Trimble with a grand buff cock of good size, fine depth, through chest, good drive, and nice position. He was much admired by fanciers and public alike. The awards seemed to give entire satisfaction. In the Belgian and Scotch Fancy Sections Mr. Rock (Belfast) placed the cards, while Mr. Gray (Belfast) acted in the Nor. section.

BEL. CK.: 1, M'Connell; 2, Hamilton; 3, 4, Neill. HEN: 1, 3, M'Connell; 2, Neill; 4, Tedford. SCOT. FCY., YELL. CK.: 1, Mallagh; 2, Ronaldson. BUFF: 1, cup, Trimble; 2, Mallagh; 3, Hamilton; 4, Tedford. YELL. PIED CK.: 1, 3, Neill; 2, Hamilton; 4, Ronaldson. BUFF: 1, Hamilton; 2, Mallagh; 3, Trimble; 4, Neill. FOUL CK.: 1, 3, Hamilton; 2, Trimble; 4, Ronaldson. GREEN CK.: 1, Neill; 2, 4, Trimble; 3, Ronaldson. YELL. HEN.: 1, Mallagh; 2, Hamiltou; 3, 4, M'Connell. BUFF: 1, Mallagh; 2, 3, Trimble; 4, M'Clurg. YELL. PIED HEN: 1, 4, Hamilton; 2, Trimble; 3, Ronaldson. BUFF: 1, 4, Hamilton; 2, Ronaldson; 3, M'Connell. FOUL HEN: 1, 2, Hamilton; 3, Mallagh; 4, Neill. GREEN: 1, Neill; 2, Trimble. NOR. YELL. CK.: 1, 2, Neill; 3, 4, M'Clurg. BUFF: 1, 3, Neill; 2, 4, M'Clurg. BUFF: 1, 2, M'Clurg; 3, 4, Neill. VARIEG.: 1, Neill; 3, M'Clurg; 3, 4, Trimble.

CRAMLINGTON.

A Record Class of Borders.

Cramlington C.B.S. 3rd annual show, held Nov. 25th, in the Co-operative Hall. The two previous shows have been confined to members, but on this occasion the committee decided to run an open show, and it proved to be an unqualified success in every respect. Thirteen open classes were provided and these brought forth the grand entry of 294, an average of nearly 23 per class, which, together with 148 entries in the members' classes, made up a grand total of 442 entries, and the management have every reason to feel proud of their great achievement. Borders made a really wonderful display, and we should think the entry here will take some beating. Just fancy, 136 Borders in 3 classes, 44 yellow cocks, 33 buff cocks, and, just think of it, 59 Border hens! Is this entry of 59 in one class not a record? We think it is. Morpeth had a class of 52 birds a few weeks ago, and we remember a few years ago that Accrington had a class of 53. In consideration of the great entry in the hen class, the committee wisely decided to separate the yellows from the buffs, and make two classes, and this gave great satisfaction to the exhibitors. Mr. H. Bennet won premier honours in both cases, and as he also won firsts in both the cock classes, he thus took four 1sts in 3 classes. The hall is one of the finest we have yet seen, large and comfortable, with any amount of light, both natural and artificial. The President is Dr. Forsyth, with F. W. Bodger, Esq., as Vice-president, while the genial and hard-working chairman, Mr. S. Wilson, heads a grand committee, composed of Messrs. W. Allan, C. Ellison, J. H. Hutchings, J. Ducker, W. Thurston, B. Miller, H. Skillings, E. Mackie, G. W. Scott, and Mr. T. Wilson, assistant secretary. In Mr. J. R. Chestney we found a most able and efficient secretary, with a thorough knowledge of his duties, and the manner in which he gets through his work is a credit both to himself and the society, while his kindly courteous manner, together with his willingness to oblige everyone, makes him most popular with everybody. The principal special prize winners were: Best bird in show, Mr. J. Maddison (with a lovely clear Goldie-Mule); best Border, also most points in Borders, Mr. H. Bennet; best Brit., W. Johnson; most points in show, Mr. E. Cowling; Yorks., Mr. T. C. Crawhall; best novice in open classes, shown by a member, Mr. B. Lukey; best bird in members' classes, Mr. J. Ducker; best Brit. in members', Mr. T. D. Wilson; best Mule or Hyb., Mr. B. Lukey; best Bord. in members', Mr. M. Forster. We are pleased to record a splendid attendance, and we were assured by the chairman that the show cannot be otherwise than a financial success. The judges were Messrs. A. Brown and H. Seely.

Mr. Seely's Classes.

NOR. YELL (17): 1, 4, Cowling, leader well-known eye tick, lovely shape, grand feather, looking better to-day than we have ever seen him; 4th, equally well-known var., again grand shape, shade faulty in wing, which kept him out of 2nd place; 2, McKay, cl., good size, red hot. col., nice head and neck, good carriage; 3, Richardson, another cl., nice size, good col., full neck; vhc, Dixon; hc, Marshall; c, Snowdon. BUFF (22): 1, 2, Cowling, leader cl., medium size, grand shape and col., fine boxy feather of good quality, neat round head, clean cut; 2nd, var., nice size, good shape and col., full chest, shade pinched in head; 3, Lee, fine size, scarcely so well filled in back as leaders, good col., neat head and neck; 4, Snowdon, cl., grand size and shape, good col., full head and neck; vhc, Cowling; hc, French; c, Dodds. HEN (14): 1, Richardson, bnff, Newcastle winner, fine size, grand shape, neat head and neck, deep full chest, fine carriage; 2, Ducker, saddle mkd. buff, fine size, not quite so well filled on back as leader, nice shape, good col. and quality; 3, c, Cowling, var. yell., nice size and col., fine feather of grand quality, nice col.; 4, Skillings, cl. yell., nice size, good col.; vhc, Lowther; hc, Colpitts. YORKS. YELL. (19): 1, Wigglesworth, well known cl., red hot col., fine length, good position, neat head, fine shoulders, well braced wings and tail; 2, Simeson, var., grand length, slimly built, beautifully drawn, stands well up on fine legs, grand wings and tail, beaten in col. only; 3, Ellwood, cl., fine length and position, well drawn, nice col. and quality, appears to drop tail a little to-day; 4, Parker, cl., nice length, neat head, good col., stands well; vhc, c, Atkinson; hc, Douglas. BUFF (18): 1, 3, Crawhall, leader grand length, fine position, neat head and neck, grandly drawn, well braced wings and tail, good col.; 3rd, grizzle head, fine long, upstanding bird, very erect, neat head, wings and tail, a trifle open in feather; 2, Ellwood, plenty of length, well rounded shoulders, neat head, wings and tail; 4, Johnson, wing marked, a shade heavier build, good length and position; vhc, Atkinson; hc, Simeson; c, Long. MULE OR HYB. (11): 1, sp, 2, 3, Maddison, a trio of gems, all well-known winners, leader, cl. Goldie-Can. Mule, fine size, nice shape, nice flush on face and wings, takes special for best bird; 2nd, lightly mkd. Linnet-Can. Mule, nice size and shape, good condition, looking better than when we last saw him; 3rd, dark yell. Goldie-Can. Mule, Derwent Valley winner, grand size, shape and col.; 4, Lukey, another dark Goldie-Can. Mule, nice size and shape; vhc, Floyd; hc, Hancox; c, Miller. BRIT. SMALL (8): 1, c, Johnson, Lark, not a big one, but grand condition and feather, well mkd.; 2, Maddison, Linnet, grand size and shape, rich nut-brown col., grandly pencilled, clear and distinct, steady as a rock; 3, Floyd, Goldie, grand size, col. all clear and distinct, good big blaze, fine shape, nice wings and tail; 4, hc, Boyd, Bramhle, medinm size, good shape, fine col. and spangle; vhc, Leshe. A.O.V. CAN. (14): 1, 3, Marshall, leader var. D.C., well-known winner, great expanse of crest, very dense, good formation and droop; 3rd, foul tail green Crest, nice shapely crest, very neat, densely feathered, lacks size of winner; 2, Griffiths, slashing big buff Cinn., nice shape and level col., nice head and neck; 4, Stubbs, buff green Nord., nice shape, neat head and neck, good col.; vhc, hc, Ellwood; c, Richardson. MEMBERS' YOUNG BIRDS, NOR. YELL. (4): 1, 2, Clarke, leader cap mkd., nice shape and size, good col. and quality; 2nd, cl., hotter col. than 1st., but loses a bit in substance; 3, Warren, fine shape, good col., nice chest; 4, Allen, longer, good col., nice size. BUFF (10): 1, Clarke, tkd., grand size, fine shape, hot col., nice quality; 2, Elkson, nice shape, col. and quality, close np; 3, Dncker, fine size, grand col.; 4, Allen, good size, nice shape; vhc, Lukey; hc, Skillings; c, Mackie. HEN (10): 1, Allan, mkd. left wing, fine shape, good size, grand col., full head and neck; 2, vhc, Clarke, cl. yell. leading, nice size, clean cut away, good quality; 3, Lukey, shapely cl. buff; 4, Ducker, cl. buff, nice size, good carriage, neat wings and tail; hc, Ellison. MULE, ETC. (1): 1, Lukey. BRIT. (3): 1, T. D. Wilson, Bramhle, nice col. and shape, sleek plumage, well spangled; 2, Harbottle, field moulted Lesser Redpoll, grand col., nice size and condition, good bib and lacing, abs., Hardy. OLD BIRDS, NOR. CK. (11): 1, 6, Ducker, leader cl. yell., plenty of substance, grand chest, nice head and neck, rich col., take special for best bird in members'; 2, Allan, cl. buff, fine shape nice size and col., rare head and neck; 3, Dodds, we could not find; vhc, Clarke; hc, Warren; c, Scott. HEN (9): 1, Ducker, saddle mkd. buff, nice size, shade hollow on back, full head and neck; 2, 3, Clarke, 2nd, lightly var. yell., nice size and shape, red hot col., grand wings and tail; 3rd, we could not find, this also applies to 4, T. D. Wilson; vhc, Mackie; hc, Skillings. A.O.V. (8): 1, Clarke, yell. Cinn., fout tail, nice shape, grand col., nice head and neck; 2, Hardy, foul green Border, sweet shape, neat wings and tail, fine carriage; 3, 4, hc, Hart, 3rd, yell. Cinn., grand col. and polish, loses in size only to leader; 4th, yell. Cinn., Bord., nice shape; vhc, Ellison; c, Chestney.

Mr. Brown's Classes

BORD. YELL. CK. (44): 1, Bennet, model, grand shape, sweetly moulded, well rounded, beautifully filled in, sweet head, grand col. and quality; 2, 3, Armstrong, two gems, leader grand col., beautiful shape, close boxy feather, fitting like a glove, clean cut, grand wings and tail; 3rd, again grand col. and quality, scarcely so well filled in behind neck, fine jaunty carriage, well braced wings and tail; 4th, Marshall, grand col., sweetly rounded, grand back, wings and tail; vhc, Purvis; hc, Achinson; c, Ellwood. BUFF (33): 1, Bennet, gem for shape, feather like wax, grand col., sweet head and neck, beautifully rounded, clean cut, smooth as a bottle; 2, French, grand shape, rich col. and quality, grand head and neck, well filled in, not quite so perfect in wings as leader; 3, Nicholson, nice shape, grand col., sweet head and neck, grand carriage, not quite so well finished behind as leaders; 4, Espie, fine shapely cl., sweetly moulded, close, tight fitting feather, smooth as a bottle; vhc, hc, Smart; c, Purvis. HEN (59): really a wonderful class, divided into two. YELL.: 1, Bennet, charming lady, beautiful shape, rich col., grand quality, fine boxy feather, sweet round head; 2, Marshall, another charming lady, grandly rounded body, sweet head and neck, free, jaunty carriage; 3, hc, Ellwood, beautiful shape, takes perches grandly, good col. and quality, sweet head, clean under; 4, Nicholson, grand one for shape, well rounded, grand head and neck, free jaunty carriage; vhc, Aston; c, Espie. BUFF: 1, Bennet, fine shape, grand carriage, well rounded, neat head, grand back, wings and tail; 2, Atchison, beautiful shape, grand quality, feather like wax, tight as boxwood, neat head, beautiful wings and tail, sweet round head, some thought might have won; 3, Smart, another fine lady, a model for shape, well rounded back, sweet head and neck, good col. and quality; 4, Smart, a trifle heavier in build, but again grand shape, free, jaunty movement; vhc, Scott; hc, T. D Wilson; c, Nicholson. YORKS. HEN (19): 1, Marshall, cl. yell., fine length, straight as a rush, finely drawn, neat head, good shoulders, well rounded, nice col., quality; 2, Thurston, cl. yell., trifle shorter, grand col., quality, slimly built, nicely tapered, well braced wings and tail; 3, Dixon, cl. buff, fine lengthy bird of good position, gets well up on good legs, well rounded back; 4, Atkinson, yell., finely drawn, well up on legs, good length, grand wings and tail; vhc, Wigglesworth; hc, Simeson; c, Crawhall. MEMBERS' YOUNG BIRDS., BORD. YELL. (14): 1, 3, Hart, leader nice shape and col., neat head, back, and wings, grand carriage; 3rd, wing mkd., good col., nicely rounded body, scarcely so neat on head; 2, Forster, fine shape, good wing carriage, neat head, beaten just a little in col.; 4th, grand col., nice shape; vhc, Gaskill; hc, Harbottle; c, T. Wilson. BUFF (8): 1, vhc, Scott, var., grand shape and quality, neat head, wings and tail; 2, T. D. Wilson, cl., not quite so neat in head as leader, but fine shape, good col.; 3, Forster, cl., nice shape, good quality, neat head and wings, loses in col.; 4, Gaskill, grizzled back of neck, neat shape, good feather; hc, c, Chestuey. HEN (19): 1, Ellison, cl. buff, model for shape, fine close feather of good texture, good head and neck, neat wings and tail; 2, 4, Hart, cl. yell. leading, similar shape to winner; 4, cl. buff, fine shape, lovely col., good wings and tail; 3, S. Wilson, two-pointed, close boxy feather, nice shape, not quite so well finished under; vhc, Scott; hc, Harbottle; c, Gaskill. YORKS. YELL. (10): 1, Hutchins, fine length and position, nice col. and quality; 2, 4, hc, Moore (W.), leader nice length, gets well up; 4th, stouter, nice position, good col. and quality; 3, vhc, Thurston, good length, well drawu, not quite so tight in feather; c, D. Moore. BUFF (5): 1, 4, Moore; 2, 3, Hutchins; vhc, Warren. HEN (8): 1, W Moore, cl. buff, fine length and position, grand wings and tail, neat head, good col.; 2, 4, Thurston, cl. yell., long slim bird, grand col.; 4th, we could not find; 3, vhc, hc, Hutchins; c, D. Moore. OLD BIRDS, YORKS. CK. (7): 1, Warren, cl. buff, grand col., fine length, very erect, beautiful wings and tail; 2, vhc, Thurston, tkd. side of neck, similar shape and carriage as leader, just beaten in col.; 3, W. Moore, we could not find; same remark applies to 4, Hutchins; hc, D. Moore. HEN (8): 1, 3, c, Thurston, leader cl. buff, nice length and position, neatly drawn, nice head and neck, good quality; 3rd, cl. yell., grand quality, well drawn; 2, W. Moore, cl. yell., fine length, nice position, good quality, a shade flat on head; 4, vhc, D. Moore, cl. yell., good length and position, loses in col. only; hc, Hutchins. BORD. CK. (5): 1, S. Wilson; 2, Chestney; 3, Gaskill; 4, T. D. Wilson; vhc, Hardy. HEN (9): 1, 2, Forster, grizzle side of check, fine shape, grand quality, neat head; 2nd, cl. yell., grand col., fine shape and quality; 3, T. D. Wilson, cl. buff, nice shape, good quality, neat head; 4, Hart, nice shape, good carriage; hc, Hardy.

LITTLEBOROUGH C.B.S.

Thirty-eighth annual back-end show held November 18th. Parish Church Schoolroom, Victoria-street. Mr. B. Barrass (Rochdale) judged. There was very keen competition for specials for most points. Winners: J. R. Crossley, 73 points, 1st; H. Woodhead, 52, 2nd; J. R. Mayers, 40, 3rd. Mr. Mayers won special for best bird, and Mr. Crossley for hottest fed.

LANCS. COPPY, CL., ETC. (3): 1, Crossley; 2, 3, Mills. P.H. (6): 1, Woodhead; 2, hc, Mills; 3, Fielden; 4, vhc, Webster. LANCS., A.O.V., 1913 BRED (1): 1, Woodhead. YELL. YORKS. (2): 1, Sutcliffe; 2, Crossley. BUFF (3): 1, 2, Crossley; 3, Sutcliffe. YORKS., NON-FED.: 1, 3, Kershaw; 2, vhc, Webster; 4, Sutcliffe; hc, Mayers. YORKS. HEN (1): 1, Crossley. YELL. YORKS., UNFLIG.: 1, spl, Crossley; 2, Sutcliffe. BUFF: 1, 2, Crossley. HEN, NON-FED, A.O.V.: 1, Crossley; 2, Webster. BUFF NOR.: 1, B. Kershaw. A.O.V 1911: 1, 2, Mayers; 3, Sutcliffe. NOR., A.O.V., NON-FED: 1, Woodhead. CREST: 1, 2, Mayers; 3, Hollows. C.B.: 1, spl, 3, Mayers; 2, Hollows; 4, vhc, Fielden; hc, Crossley. BRIT.: 1, 2, 3, hc, Woodhead; 4, Fielden; vhc, Sutcliffe. A.O.V.: 1, Hollows; 2, Woodhead.—J. B. Mayers, Sec

GREAT HARWOOD.

Great Harwood C.B.S. held their annual open show Nov. 24 and 25, in the Assembly Rooms. The judges had an excellent light, but it was a bit dark when we were taking notes, otherwise the room is an ideal one. The management is of the best. At the head of affairs is Mr. Alb. Bentley (Hon. Sec.), who has everything as regards running a show at his fingers' ends. He is admirably backed up by Mr. Moore (Show Manager), Mr. J. Lambert (Chairman), the Assist. Sec. (Mr. Waddington), and a grand lot of workers in Messrs. Aspinal, Trengove, sen., Smalley, and Godley. Norwich were a grand lot. There was a slight reversal of the winners of previous shows, but condition seemed to be a great feature. We were sorry to hear that Messrs. Trengove and Sons' yellow cock (1st and spl. for best bird at Preston) was very ill at home. The amateurs came out strong; in fact, quite as good in quality as the champions, and twice as strong in numbers. Yorks made a nice show and were well staged. This being a Cinnamon Club show, and in the hot-bed of the Cinnamon Fancy, we were prepared for some warm stuff in the Cinnamon section, and we were not disappointed. The introduction of the foul class brought out some nice birds which otherwise would have been left at home. Novice Cinnamons did not come up to expectations—only sixteen in two classes. But quality was well represented. British were a bonny lot and included some well-known winners. Mr. W. Dormer won Sandiford's special and Mr. Godley spl. for most entries. We were pleased to see Mr. A. Wellings out again; although he had his arm in a sling he got through his duties as judge in good time. Mr. Battye judged Nor. and Yorks, Mr. Wellings Cinnamons and British; and their awards gave entire satisfaction.

The Critique.

NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (7): 1, J. E. Davies, rare size, exceptionally good head and neck, well carried wings and tail, wins nicely; 2, Raynes, again good substance, built on proper Norwich lines, takes perches well; 3, Vardy, fine broad back, grand head and neck, well balanced; 4, Durston, all there for type and quality; vhc, Hayhurst; hc, Mercer; No. 3, Trengove and Sons, Preston winner, absent. BUFF (12): 1, Leonard, not a big one but extra good type everywhere in proportion; 2, hc, Hayhurst, more substance, rounded to perfection, grand head and neck, runs winner close; 3, Vardy, wonderfully mealed, broad back, full neck and head; 4, Raynes, neat and well balanced, rare order; vhc, J. and J. Hopkins; c, Sam Cook. TKD., ETC. YELL. (5): 1, J. E. Davies, noted variegated, stands the strain well, looks just as well as ever; 2, James Evans, cap mkd. and wings, topper for type and quality; 3, Mathieson, cap mkd., short wings and tail, extra good quality feather; 4, vhc, T. Seed, cap and wing mkd., bold head and neck, fine type; vhc, Wrigley. BUFF (8): 1, James Evans, mkd. entrance, topper for style, all front, eye in centre of head, silky feather; 2, 3, Vardy, 2nd mkd. eyes, short and compact, splendid carriage of wing, well up, 3rd variegated, fed to perfection, nicely mealed, short wings and tail; 4, Roberts, variegated, all front, takes perches freely; vhc, T. Seed; hc, Anderton; c, Dormer. UNFLIG. YELL. (8): 1, J. E. Davies, on its own, still unbeaten, a bonny youngster, how proud its owner must be; 2, Dormer, variegated, again a grand exhibit, shows true Norwich properties; 3, Norman, clear stormer for size and quality; 4, T. Seed, clear, well placed; vhc, J. and J. Hopkins; hc, Marsh. BUFF (10): 1, J. E. Davies, clear, almost perfect shape, magnificent feather; 2, Vardy, grizzle cap, shows splendid quality, mealed all over, grand head and neck; 3, Wrigley, lightly variegated, topping order, sound head, rare neck; 4, Raynes, clear, clean-cut, very compact; vhc, Trengove and Son; hc, Seed; c, Dent. YELL. HEN (14): 1, F. Cunliffe, clear, bonny lady, glorious silky feather, broad head and back; 2, 4, Sam Cook, 2nd cl., all in front of perch, nice size, short in wings and tail, near thing indeed, 4th cl., well up, almost as good as above; 3, Allen, cl., bold head, well moulded chest, grand carriage; vhc, Dormer; hc, Marsh; c, Leonard. BUFF (8): 1, Cunliffe, clear, a glorious damsel, clean-cut as a cameo; 2, 4, Allen, 2nd cl. but loose in feather when we were taking notes, otherwise good, 4th variegated, slightly pinched in head, nice quality feather; 3, Granger, cl. small, but possessing rare Nor. properties; vhc, Dormer; hc, Trengove; c, Evans. HEN (15): 1, Vardy, yell., shows herself off well, all front, well balanced; 2, Dormer, variegated, yell., grand col. and size; 3, Mattinson, neck mkd., topping order, short wings and tail, takes perches well; 4, Dent, cl. buff, nice silky feather, well shown; vhc, Wrigley; hc, Allen; c, Marsh. NAT. COL. CK. (10): 1, vhc, Anderton, variegated, yell., stormer for size, head properties and condition; 2, 3, J. and J. Hopkins, 2nd variegated, buff, hardly so good in head, but a good bird all the same, 3rd neck mkd. yell., correct type, broad head and bull neck; 4, Vardy, cl. buff, lovely cheeks and wing carriage; hc, Minnitt; c, Aspden. HEN (10): 1, Vardy, cl. yell., glorious quality, well balanced wing carriage; 2, Mattinson, foul buff green, very small, neat type, short behind; 3, Allen, variegated, buff, bull neck, broad head, well in front of perches; 4, J. Pike, neck mkd. buff, shows good broad shoulders, clean cut away; vhc, W. Pike; hc, Sam Cook; c, Dr. McConaghey. AMAT. YELL. CK. (17): 1, Lingard, cl., absolutely correct head and neck, wins well; 2, Grey, variegated, yell., red hot, like a blaze of fire, close feather; 3, Edmundson, cl. broad back and fine wings, just fails in head to above; 4, Dan McNally, variegated, all front, grand head; vhc, Johnson; hc, Hitchen; c, Bell. BUFF (18): 1, Johnson, cl., well mealed, close carried wings and tail; 2, c, Whitaker, cl., near thing indeed, beaten only in general condition; 3, Grey, cl., stout wings and tail, fair head and neck, deep chest; 4, Hitchen, variegated, red-hot, all front; vhc, Fowler; hc, Fielding. UNFLIG. (23): A rare strong class: 1, Bell, cl. yell., rare substance, well in front of perch, silky feather; 2, Johnson, rump mkd. buff, thick neck very good chest properties; 3, Smalley, cl. yell., grand youngster, grand type and quality; 4, Cooper, cl. yell., good quality; vhc, Lingard; hc, Edmundson; c, Huggins. YELL. HEN (16): 1, Lingard, cl. yell., charming lady, silky feather, close carried wings, a good win; 2, Aspinall, variegated, all front neat head, storming quality, in rare order; 3, Whittaker, cl., shapely damsel, broad back and shoulders, good carriage; 4, Grey, cl., bouncing size, silky feather; vhc, we could not find; hc, Fielding; c, Hitchen. BUFF (21): hard lot to separate: 1, Whittaker, cl., shows wealth of meal, short and compact, clean cut away behind; 2, Fielding, variegated, rare col., good head and bull neck, good stock hen; 3, Lingard, cl., charming quality, carries herself well, clean cut, well up; 4, Grey, cl., exquisite feather; vhc, Roberts; hc, Aspinall; c, Davis. YORKS. CL. YELL. (11): 1, 8, Binns, cap and wing mkd., straight as a rush, well tapered away, pipe tail, 3rd cl. round head, neat wing carriage; 2, Harrison, mkd. eyes and wings, good top end, topping type, shows just a bit of breed; 4, A. Hirst, cl., rare type and quality; vhc, Priestley; hc, Wagstaff; c, Hearns. BUFF (13): 1, Harrison, cl., round as a bottle, boxy feather, put down in form; 2, A. Hirst, cl., charming feather, good shoulders, neat wings and tail; 3, Binns, grizzle wing, good head, well fitted to shoulders; 4, Brown and Sons, cl., silky feather and rare good type; vhc, Faulkner; hc, Cafferty and Sons; c, Brooks. HENS (17): 1, Leonard, wing mkd. yell., straight as an arrow, plenty of daylight, wins; 2, Harrison, cl. buff, boxy feather, grand wings, shows plenty of leg; 3, Spencer, neck mkd. yell., full of nerve, fair good top end, pipe tail; 4, Wharton, cl. buff, wee gem; vhc, Kearns; hc, A. Hirst; c, Brooks. CINN. TKD. (3): 1, 4, Priestley, 1st wings and cap mkd., plenty of nice silky feather, round shoulders; 2, vhc, A. Hirst, cap and wings mkd., like a gun barrel, well tapered, a near thing; 3, hc, Brown and Sons, cap and wings not quite style of above, rare quality and length; c, Bell. NOVICES YORKS (7): 1, c, Wharton, cl. yell., round as a pencil, just as straight, shows nice leg properties; 2, Pomfret, cap mkd. buff, all quality and style, long sided; 3, vhc, Sharples, clear buff, boxy feather, round shoulders; 4, hc, Haydock, cl. yell., stormer for type. CINN. YELL. (10): 1, 2, Dormer, 1st not a big one, rare Norwich type, extraordinary col., easy winner of Sandiford's spl, 2nd a bit longer, rare tone of col., good head and neck; 3, vbc, Godley, good bold head and neck, nice copper col.; 4, c, Mrs. Deacon, topping shade of col., good Nor. type; hc, Bentley. BUFF (8) 1, 4, Dormer, 1st monster, extra good col., well mkd., 4th great size, fails only in col. to above; 2, c, Godley, just as good in substance but fails a trifle in col., well put down; 3, Heyes, rare bronze col., but longer behind, well pencilled down sides; vhc, Mrs. Deacon; hc, Bentley; c, Godley. UNFLIG. (14): 1, 3, 4, Dormer, 1st yell., very level colour to vent, good size for a youngster, 3rd buff, a stormer for size and quality, good head and neck, 4th buff, again nice col.; 2, vhc, hc, Godley, yell., grand colour of fine copper shade, fed to perfection; c, Hales. HENS (12): 1, Mrs. Deacon, noted yell., looks as well as ever, extra fine tone of col., in good condition; 2, Heyes, buff, real good hen, round body, good carriage; 3, 4, Godley, 3rd yell., good shade of col., level througbout, all front, 4th buff, fine shape, well laced to vent; vhc, hc, Dormer; c, Hales. FOUL CINN. (8): 1, Hartup, buff, big one, would not stop on perches; 2, Heys, buff, neat, a bit dull in col. to above, good otherwise; 3, vhc, Dormer, yell., grand col., good type of a Nor.; 4, hc, Godley, rare lump, and a grand colour for a buff, some thought should have won; c, Hales. NOV. CINN. YELL. (8): 1, vhc, Hales, real good head and neck, level copper col. throughout, shown to perfection; 2, Smalley, smaller but equal in colour, put down in nice form; 3, Mrs. Tweddle, again exceptional good col., nice Nor. type; 4, Norman, rare head and neck, broad back; hc, c, Proctor. BUFF (8): 1, 2, 3, Proctor, rare team, grand head and neck, good shade of col.; 2nd beaten only in col., otherwise better; 3rd broad boat shape, not quite sufficient colour, grand otherwise; 4, hc, Hales, in topping order, shows nice col.; vhc, Mrs. Tweddle; c, Norman; No. 8, Norman, abs. A.O.V. (8): 1, 4, H. Walsh, 1st Goldfinch Mule, Dark, rare size and col., put down in fine order, 4th Greenie-Bullie, fine col.; 2, J. Walsh, ditto, lightly variegated, good substance, shone like satin; 3, vhc, Roberts, foul buff green Nor., not a big one, good col; hc, Durston; c, Fielding; No. 3, Bell, wrong class. BRIT GOLDFINCH (6): 1, J. M. Walsh, large square-cut face, nice white and bars; 2, Brade, not quite so good in blaze, but better buttoned; 3, 4, Almond, 3rd richly tanned, deep crimson face, good size, 4th neat blaze, bars and buttons; vhc, Nicholson. LINNET (8): 1, Kilner and Son, cone shape, richly pencilled, splendid col.; 2, Brade, nutty brown, well up in size, beaten only on pencilling; 3, J. M. Walsh, big lump, neat ticking, shows nice back col.; 4, Lloyd, better col. than above; vhc, Durston; hc, Holden; c, Nicholson. SISKIN, ETC, (8): 1, 4, J. M. Walsh, 1st Siskin, charming cap, well laced, put down in good order, 4th mealy Redpoll, tremendous size; 2, vhc, hc, c, Almond, Twite, beautiful veiny pencilling, grand ground colour; 3, Kilner and Son, Siskin, fair good cap and marking, not quite size of winner; No. 2, J. M. Walsh, abs. A.O.S. HARDBILL: 1, 3, J. M. Walsh, 1st Hawfinch, topping size of bib, fine col. right through, 3rd Yellow Bunting, well marked, V-shape; 2, Riley, Bullie, well-cut cap, nice slate blue, deep crimson chest; 4, Durston, Greenfinch, good one, hard lines to meet above; vhc, c, Lloyd; hc, Brown. SOFTBILL: 1, 3, vhc, J. M. Walsh, 1st Chough, looks as well as ever, quite cheeky to-day, 3rd Redstart, in excellent feather, glorious col.; 2, J. Walsh, Yellow Wagtail, in fine condition, moves very well; 4, Durston, Lesser Whitethroat, looked a bit down when we were taking notes; No. 5, Snarey, abs. FOR.: 1, 2, 3, 4, J. M. Walsh, usual team, usual grand order, 1st Australian Cardinals, shown in fine trim, lovely tone of colour, 2nd Shama, in just his usual form, singing grand, 3rd Black-throated Tanager, down when we were taking notes, 4th Maroon Tanager, excellent col. and feather; No. 5, Snarey, abs. GIFT: 1, Aspinall; 2, R. E. Worthington; 3, Gooley; 4, Practor.

BARNET.

£5 limit show (open to a radius of 8 miles), held Nov. 25th, Town Hall. It is much the best show yet held by the Barnet F. and F.S., many of the classes being well filled and quality well represented. The cage birds had a room to themselves, and the chairman, Mr. Jackaman, staged them himself in a masterly manner. Mr. Chandler made an ideal secretary. Mr. A. E. Enfield judged.

NOR. (11): Cup, 1, Hills, grand size, beautiful shape, nice col.; 2, 3, r, Bell, 2nd lovely quality, level col., yell., 3rd nice variegated, very typical; vhc, Hills; hc, Drage (2). YORKS. (12): 1, 3, Green, winner grand length and style, good feather, 3rd very smart and typical; 2, Clay, very slim and stylish; r, Clay; vhc, Drage, Green; hc, Parker. NAT. COL. (6): 1, Kerr, lovely quality, tight as wax; 2, members' spl, Bell, typical Nor., nice silky feather; 3, Parker, very slim Yorkie, stands well; r, Drage; vhc, Bates. LINNET (13): 1, spl, Parish, large, grand feather and markings; 2, Drage, right stamp, nicely pencilled; 3, Gardener, another beauty; r, Tolman; vhc, Nott; Laidlow, Bates; hc, Tinsley. GOLDFINCH (8): 1, spl, Curd, best blaze, nice size, good moons and bars; 2, Nott, well up in all points except blaze; 3, Drage; vhc, Hunt. BULLFINCH (9): 1, Pendleton, fine hold bird, broad cap, good breast; 2, Nott, rich back and breast col.; 3, Turner, very good cap and breast col; vhc, Nott, Parker, Gladwin, Hooney. GREENFINCH (5): 1, 2, Gardener, rare col., fine tight feather, 2nd not quite so large as winner, 3, Nott, lovely plumage and condition; vhc, Drage. MULE (7): 1, Gardener, Greenfinch-Can., nice plumage and condition; 2, Drage, same variety, not so good in colour; 3, Turner, Goldie-Can.; vhc, Nott. THRUSH (3): 3, Griffiths; vhc, Gillam. BRIT. (5): 1, Hooney, Siskin, nice feather, well put down; 2, Curd, well moulted Redpoll, in rare form; 3, Howe, nice Mealy Redpoll; vhc, Parish, Burden.

DONCASTER.

Doncaster C.B.S. annual show held November 24th and 25th. The Co-operative Hall, in which the exhibits were staged, is very spacious, lofty, and well ventilated, beautifully lighted, and in close proximity to the station. The schedule was a capital one, with good prize money and hosts of specials; the response was upwards of 400 birds, with many "cracks" amongst them. Yorks. and Nor. made a capital display, and were greatly admired. Many fell in love with the Clear Yellow Yorks. hen (Wilkinson and Elliott), this dainty damsel priding herself on winning 1st Leeds, 1st Manchester and 1st Great Horton this season. Mules and Hybrids contained an eye opener or two, Mr. R. Bond standing in with a lovely Can.-Bullie; and Dr. M. A. Wilson placed on view a most delightful Goldie-Bullie possessing a slashing fine blaze. British birds captivated; the section right through was superb, one of the best collections we have seen of late. Foreigners added tone to the function with their gorgeous dress. Mr. F. Barker makes a capital President. Mr. T. Truman occupies the chair and controls affairs judiciously. The treasurer is Mr. A. Raynes, a true fancier, who has the club's interests at heart. The secretary, Mr. G. Bescoby, works admirably; he is most courteous and obliging, and if perseverance and energy will place this noted show on the highest pedestal in Canarydom, G. B. is the man to bring this about. With such a practical committee as Doncaster possesses, and able to command such a fine hall, the society should in the near future be one of the best in the country. The stewards who officiated in fine style were Messrs. Truman, Hunt, Blanchon, Saxton, Baxby and Stocks. All deserve many compliments for the promptness displayed in affixing prize labels, setting cages in order, feeding and watering, etc. Fanciers need not fear trusting their most valued gems in the hands of such men. Staging had been well thought out, tier-like, and every bird could be seen at a glance. There was ample room between the aisles for a comfortable inspection of birds, and chairs by the score to hand. Judges, Messrs. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield), Canaries, and J. Maddison (Newcastle), Brit. and For. Their awards were well received.

Mr. Barnes' Classes.

CL. YELL. YORK. (7): 1, Morrison, superior quality and col., rare length, fine position, lovely back wings and tail, clever legs, full of style; 2, Wilkinson and Elliott, even more length and of better col., nice feather, does not get up so characteristically, yet we liked; 3, Prentice, slim and upstanding, beautifully clothed, plenty of swagger, one of the best; vhc, Thomas; hc, Truman; c, Broadley and Son. BUFF (6): 1, Thomas, wonderful length, smooth as a bottle, straight as a gun barrel, clever legs; 2, Hall, richer col., stands like a guardsman, well filled back, neat wing carriage; 3, Morrison, full of style, A1 quality and colour, good head expression, worth its place; vhc, hc, Camplin; c, Wilkinson Bros. MKD. (10): 1, Wilkinson Bros., buff, grizzled head, shone like polished marble, very lengthy, grand position, fine sides; 2, hc, Morrison, yell. mkd. wings and checks, richly clothed and of capital col., straight as a pencil, frill on front, or might have won; 3, Wilkinson and Elliott, yell., mkd. wing, teeming with col. and quality, wonderful length, stands nicely; vbc, Walker; c, Charlesworth. YELL. HEN (7): 1, Wilkinson and Elliott, magnificent feather and col., delightful symmetry, rare length, stylish; 2, Dr. W. Craig, superb quality, rare position and length, lovely back and wing carriage, exceedingly promising; 3, Broadley and Son, warmly fed, superior quality, stands well, capital back flights and tail, a wee bit rough around thighs to-day; vhc, Shaw Bros.; hc, Crawhall; c, Wilkinson Bros. BUFF (4): 1, hc, Wilkinson and Elliott, rich salmon tinged colour, feathered like glass, very lengthy, A1 position, good legs; 2, Thomas, lengthy and of capital quality and col., good back and wing carriage; 3, Walker, tight as a Java, good position, not quite so lengthy, very pleasing otherwise; vhc, Hall; hc, Bielby. MKD. (11): 1, Walker, yell., grizzled root of tail, slim and erect, fine quality and length, grand sides; 2, Spencer, Buff-Cinn heavy mkd., straight as a gun-barrel, smooth as a bottle, capital back and wing carriage; 3, Hall, yell., mkd. wings and eyes, shone like a mirror, not quite the position of above; vhc, Edmondson and Son; hc, Wilkinson and Elliott; c, Dr. W. Craig. YELL., UNFLIG. (15): 1, Thomas, mkd. wing, hot as a stove, straight as a rush, beautifully feathered, rare length, full of style; 2, Edmondson and Son, mkd. wings, a shade more lengthy, nice quality, good back and wing carriage; 3, Wilkinson Bros., lovely feathered, warm fed col., true type, nervy; vhc, Walker; hc, Wheldrake; c, Hall. BUFF (18) (rare class): 1, Wilkinson and Elliott, mkd. eye, wonderful quality and col., slashing fine position and length, best of backs, neat wings and pipe tail; 2, Crawhall, very lengthy cl. of slashing quality and position, fine back, sides and wing carriage; 3, Wilkinson Bros., mkd. head, very stylish and of grand stand, smooth as a bottle; vhc, Clark; hc, Morrison; c, Wheldrake. NOVICE, YELL. (14): 1, Bushby, c'., of rare length, quality and col., fine back flights and tail, would not disgrace open competition; 2, Race, mkd. wing, teeming with quality, upstanding, nice length, clever legs, not far away; 3, Martin, cl., good feather, col. and position, neat wings and tail, good on leg; vhc, Burdett; hc, Sampson; c, O'Reilly. BUFF (11): 1, Martin, cl., magnificent feather, grand position and length, well filled back, shows thighs nicely; 2, Atherton, warmly clothed cl. of capital symmetry, lengthy and leggy; 3, Blanchon, cl., smooth as wax, true type, full of style, shorter; vhc, Tomlinson; hc, Race; c, Bryant. HEN (12): 1, Bryant, Buff, cinn. mkd. wings and head, straight as a pencil, lengthy and well on leg, tight as a Java; 2, Bartle, mkd. head, slim and upstanding, good quality and length, nice back and wing carriage, close up; 3, Oates, Buff, mkd. wing, stands like a guardsman, A1 quality, nice length, worth its place; vhc, Stocks; hc, Miss R. Newman; c, Bushby. UNFLIG. (18), good class: 1, Martin, cl., magnificent feather and col., lengthy and of capital position, grand sided, good one; 2, Seargill, cl., rich salmon tinged col., straight up, nice length, not quite so compact in feather; 3, Hall, mkd. cheek, boxy feather, full of character; vhc, Sampson; hc, Hallows; c, Bushby. YELL. NOR. (8): 1, Turner, mkd. head, ablaze and of rattling shape and quality, rare size, jaunty carriage, charmer; 2, Eyre, red-hot col., fine substance and quality, capital head and neck, longer in barrel, still a beauty; 3, Leech, warmly fed col., A1 quality, nice head, neck and chest, wings and tail; vhc, Fox; hc, c, Waters; No. 1, Blackburn, w.c., a cl. Buff. BUFF (12): 1, Woolhouse, mkd. wing and eye, short and thick set, grandly feathered, rich col., well up in substance, bonny; 2, Hobson, cl., even hotter, magnificent feather, richly frosted, true type, nice size and carriage, pressed hard for premier honours; 3, Eyre, cl., rare substance, A1 quality and col., good front; vhc, Pickering and Wright; hc, Waters; c, Turner. YELL. HEN (10): 1, Leech, mkd. cheek, cobby and of superb quality and col., good size, capital carriage, clean cut away; 2, Turner, cl., warmer in col. and more substance, not quite so chubby; 3, Waters, mkd. eye, tight as a drum, rattling fine col., good size; vhc, Havenhand; hc, Hinchliffe; c, Mennard. BUFF (7): 1, Pickering and Wright, cl., slashing quality and col., fine shapely damsel, wonderful size, carries herself daintily; 2, no name, cl., smooth as a bottle, good col., grand shaped body, hardly so bold in bead and neck; 3, Turner, cl., a bouncer, shapely and of nice feather, col. and carriage; vhc, Mennard; hc, Fox; c, Eyre. NOVICE, NOR. (10): 1, Thorpe, cl. yell., full of col., teeming with quality, grand shape, nice size; 2, hc, Jeffries and Husband, richly fed cl. buff, tight as a Java, shapely, nice substance, not far behind; 3, Hoyle, cl. yell., ablaze with col., capital feather, nice carriage; vhc, c, Smedley. HEN (4): 1, Thorpe, cl., wonderful substance, fine shape and quality, good col., neat carriage, wins; 2, Ridley, mkd. eye, smooth as a mirror, shapely, capital col., neatly frosted, very promising, unflighted; 3, Smedley, warmly fed. cl. yell., well up in size, good head and neck; vbc, Spittlebouse. A.O.V. (12): 1, 2, Radley, brace of toppers, former buff mkd. wings, d.c., abundance of rich quality feather, crest of an immense size, thickly packed, round as a crown, delightful droop. 2, Green, c.b., with a wealth of grand feather, wonderful substance, great width, rise of skull; 3, vhc, Guy, buff, mkd. back d.c., heaps of feather, crest of nice size and radiation, capital droop and centre, very close up indeed; hc, Thompson; c, Moore. HEN (7): 1, Guy, buff, almost green d.c., plenty of feather, fine substance, crest large and thickly packed, lovely vein, delightful droop and centre; 2, 3, Radley, buff green, pied tail c.b., marvellous size, shapely, fine cushioned skull of rare width and turn over of feather, 3 buff, almost green d.c., pied tail, good substance and quality, crest well up in size, not quite so evenly radiated as winner; vhc, Thompson; hc, J. and A. Hulmes; c, Hartup. MEMBERS', YELL. YORKS. (9): 1, Truman; 2, c, Clegg; 3, Stocks; vhc, Tonkinson; hc, Spittlebouse. BUFF (8): 1, Blanchon; 2, hc, Stocks; 3, c, Truman; vhc, Rayner. YELL. HEN (6): 1, vhc, Stocks; 2, Hunt; 3, hc, Truman; c, Blanchon. BUFF (9): 1, Blanchon; 2, Stocks; 3, Spittlebouse; vhc, hc, Truman; s, Raynes. YELL. UNFLIG. (6): 1, Stocks; 2, 3, Blanchon; vbc, Spittlebouse; hc, Hunt; c, Truman. BUFF (12): 1, hc, Stocks; 2, Raynes; 3, c, Blanchon; vhc, Hunt. NOR. (2): 1, 2, Truman. HEN (6): 1, 2, vhc, Truman; 3, hc, Flint; c, Spittlebouse. UNFLIG. (3): 1, 2, Flint; 3, Truman. A.O.V. (2): 1, 2, Baxby. HEN (3): 1, 2, 3, Baxby. UNFLIG. (8): 1, 2, Baxby; 3, c, Truman; vbc, Stocks; hc, Hunt. GIFT (7): 1, Baxby; 2, Stocks; 3, Bescoby; vhc, Blanchon; hc, Hunt; c, Truman.

Mr. Maddison's Classes.

MULE (15) a rare class: 1, 2, vbc, Bond, with a grand team, his noted Can.-Bullie leading, closely followed by a most lovely Buff Siskin-Can., mkd. head and neck, both of great merit, staged in a masterly fashion; 3, Martin and Archer, cl. buff Gold-Can., nice feather and shape, pale col., a little moulty on face, which held it back; hc, Carr; c, Williams. HYB. (4): 1, Dr. M. A. Wilson, a gem of a Gold-Bullie, shapely, well up in size, capital quality, rich face, grand body col.; 2, Walsh, Greenie-Bullie, full of quality, rattling fine col., one of the smartest; 3, Bond, moderate Gold-Bulie, in nice order; vhc, Chester. GOLDIE (15): 1, Wildsmith, good size and shape, A1 quality and col., large square cut blaze, bright, neat bars and buttons; 2, vhc, Nicholson and Son, shapely, good size, fine blaze, richly clothed, distinct in bars and buttons, very close up; 3, Blanchon, neat shape, A1 quality, good face and bars, worth its place; hc, Lane; c, Walsh. BULLIE (18): 1, Lee, fine substance and shape, lovely breast col., large, dense, richly polished cap, not a feather out of place; 2, Curry, shade larger, sweetly moulded, neat cap, just beaten in tightness of feather and col.; 3, Ramsden, shapely and of capital quality and col., nice head points; vhc, Dr. M. A. Wilson; hc, Jones. GREENIE (13): 1, Lee, magnificent shape, substance and col., in absolutely highest possible condition, a treat to observe; 2, Nicholson and Son, well up in size A1 quality, rich col. and carriage, close on heels of winner; 3, vhc, Brade, sweet shape, good feather, tight as wax, neatness itself; 3, Taylor. LINNET, CAGE MOULTED (10): 1, 3, Jones, brace of beauties, 1 fine shape and size, magnificent col., delightfully pencilled, in full bloom, 3 not quite so large, rich quality, very shapely, clear and distinct in markings, good enough to win at most shows; 2, Brade, grand shape, substance, col. and quality, one of the best, and finely staged; vhc, Chapman; hc, Curry; c, Walsh. F.M. (10): 1, Bald, capital shape, lovely col. and quality, good markings, steady, a beauty; 2, Taylor, again one of very great merit, equal to 1st, finding many friends, in the pink; 3, Smith, shapely, rattling fine quality, beautifully pencilled; vhc, Nicholson; hc, Lee; c, Forster. LINNET, NOVICE: Cancelled. SISKIN, ETC. (15): 1, Taylor, Twite, good shape and substance, slashing tone of col., well clothed, prettily marked, a picture; 2, J. and C. Scott, Siskin, full of colour, teeming with quality, grand shape, neatly pencilled, good cap; 3, Dr. M. A. Wilson, Mealy Redpoll, grand quality and colour, good size and shape, well marked, vhc, Brade; hc, Caunt; c, Truman. HARDBILL (10): 1, Wilcock, Hawfinch, fine size and shape, delightful col., and condition, neat bib, shown for all it was worth; 2, Nicholson and Son, Chaffinch, of good size, rare shape, grand colour, light as a drum, must have pressed; 3, Inman, Yell. Bunting, smartly moulded, good in size, rich colour, capital head character; vhc, Lane; hc, Jones; c, Lane. SOFTBILL (6): 1, Nicholson and Son, Tree Creeper, in magnificent order, put down in most praiseworthy manner; 2, Jackson, Whitethroat, in absolutely best possible form, steady as a top, staged well; 3, vbc, Milne, with a very fine Wheatear, benched in masterly fashion, well worth its place; hc, Bescoby; c, Simmons. HEN (12): 1, Nicholson and Son, Yellow Wagtail, looking fit to fight for a wager, charming to the extreme; 2, Lane, Corn Bunting, in her best dress of grand colour, pretty moons, a gem; 3, Forster, large and well shaped Bullie, not a feather wrong, beauty; vhc, Shorney; hc, Lane; c, Martin and Archer. FOR. SMALL (8): 1, Nicholson and Son, pair Parson Finches, in nice trim and delightfully shown; 2, 3, Hollins, Tanagers and Red-rumped Parrakeet, in the order named, all in tip-top condition; vhc, Nicholson and Son; hc, c, Baxby. LARGE (5): 1, Boulter, pair of lovely Parrakeets, in full dress, greatly admired; 2, Nicholson and Son, Glossy Starling, shone like a mirror; 3, vhc, Baxby, magnificent Crimson-wing, no one could have grumbled had this won; hc, Simpson. GOLDIE, ETC. (13): 1, hc, Lee; 2, Blanchon; 3, Bescoby; vhc, Pogmore; c, Truman. LINNET (10): 1, 2, Pogmore; 3, vhc, Lee; hc, Tonkinson; c, Wade. GREENIE ETC., (9): 1, 3, vhc, Lee; 2, Pogmore; hc, Bescoby; c, Truman. HARDBILL (1): 1, Lee. SOFTBILL (2): 1, 2, Bescoby. FOR. (2): 1, 2, Truman. MULE (5): 1, Blanchon; 2, Tonkinson; 3, Spittlebouse; vhc, hc, Wright.

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LOCHORE & GLENCRAIG (N.B.).

Annual show held November 25th, and taken all over was well up to former years. We would like to have seen more entries, but there was a large number of shows held in Scotland the same day. Scotch Fancies proved a failure, and we are afraid we have seen the last of the grand classification allotted here to the King of the Fancy. Mr. Kean, the well-known breeder, was to judge, but the committee cancelled his engagement, and the few birds staged were carefully selected by a local visitor, the worthy Secretary of the Kelty Association (Mr. A. Dickson), and he soon picked out the winners. In this variety notwithstanding was found the winner of the cup for best bird in show, a yell. cock shown by Mr. Stenhouse. It was closely run by Mr. J. W. Bruce's well-known Tbrush, "Border Queen." Nor. and Yorks were good, some nice ones being out. Some of the Yorks. classes were extra good for numbers and quality. Mr. A. Chalmers judged these, and his awards left little to be commented on Borders were a sweet lot, some bot ones being out. The medal winner was a sweet yell., well shown by Mr. Arnott. Mr. J. Thomson, of Green fame, judged these, and his awards were popular. British birds and Mules were good, well-known winners having to take a back seat. Mr. G. Marlin judged these, and his awards left little room for adverse comments. Owiug to a slight misunderstanding with the carting contractor, the judging was a little delayed, but all got through in good time. Mr. Grant, the able sec., had everything in apple-pie order, and was ably assisted by the worthy President and by Mr. Peel. The show was well patronised by local fanciers, and we heard that Kelty has won the trophy for the West Fife Cage Bird League.

The Critique.

CL., ETC., YELL. SCOT CK.: 1, cup, best bird in show, Stenbouse, good one, fine top end and reach, grand side and drive, well staged. HEN (1): 1, Stenhouse, nice all-round, fine weight and stylish. BUFF CK. (1): 1, Wilkie, nice size, good shape, sweet top end and reach, in rattling fine order. HEN: Cancelled. PIED, ETC. CK. (1): 1, Wilkie, nice shape, good depth across. HEN (1): 1, Stenhouse, sweet size and stylish, good weight throughout. BUFF CK.: Cancelled. HEN (2): 1, Wilkie, nice length, good size and shape, grand depth, in full bloom; 2, Stenbouse, close up, good stamp and finish. BORD., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (6): 1, B.C.C. medal, Arnott, good all over, fine weight, grand head and wing carriage, sweetly drawn, in full bloom; 2, Rowe, longer in body, good head and wing carriage; 3, Cunningham, beaten in type only, good front; vhc, Brunton; hc, Muir; c, Dodds. HEN (6): 1, J. Bennett, good stamp, inclined to be a wee shade plain, bnt grand featber and finish; 2, H. Bennet, better taper, grandly finished, good front and head; 3, Paterson, sweet type, staged in grand bloom; vhc, Brunton; hc, Arnott; c, Dodds. BUFF CK. (7): 1, H. Bennet, in good trim, nicely balanced in weight, well drawn, rare front and taper; 2, Gilchrist, sweet shape, good all round, paler in col. but well tapered, good wing carriage; 3, Patterson, close up, real good one, rare position, splendid wing carriage; vhc, J. Bennet; hc, Bickerstaff; c, Arnott. BUFF HLN (9): 1, H. Bennet, sweet foul in lovely order, well rounded in body, grand bead, lovely featber; 2, Gilchrist, also a foul, feathered like wax, well drawn, A1 position and bead; 3, Bruce, boxy featber, like marble, good position; vhc, J. Bennet; hc, Smart; c, Hutchison. EVEN MKD. (1): 1, Veitch, nice type, good wing marks, a shade heavy on one eye, a buff. UNEV. YELL. (8): 1, H. Bennet, well rounded in body, slightly thin in neck, but good head, heavy var.; 2, Paterson, good stamp, well drawn, A1 wing carriage; 3, Jule, good all-round exhibit, fine weight, grandly rounded, sbown in lovely order; vhc, Hutchison; hc, Brown; c, Arnott. BUFF (5): 1, Gilchrist, lovely feathered, grand sbape and head, well drawn, stylish; 2, H. Bennet, grand body, well rounded, sweetly drawn, beaten in head only; 3, Hutchison, noted winner, in nice order, fails just a little in bloom, good stamp; vhc, Kilgour; hc, Peel. GREEN, YELL. (4): 1, Bickerstaff, nice sbape, grand type, nicely laced, in grand trim; 2, Lambie, sweet, better lacing on back, pure lu colour, good type and finish; 3, 4, Gentleman, good pure back lacing, good type. BUFF (6): 1, Rowe, good one, well laced, very distinct, grand type and quality, wins; 2, Bickerstaff, good type, grand quality feather; 3, Bennet, beaten only in col., good type and quality; vhc, Gentleman; hc, Lambie; c, Paterson. CINN. (2): 1, Lambie, sweet yell., lovely pencilling, grand type, in fine bloom; 2, Gentleman, sweet buff in grand trim, well laced, good sbape. CREST CK. (1): 1, Veitch, good one, fine head, plenty of size and substance. HEN (3): 1, McGregor, good, grand frontal, well down at side, in full bloom, well staged; 2, Veitch, close up, a shade better on side, beaten a bit in frontal, well laid on top-piece; 3, Muir, good size, a cl.. C.-B. CK. (3): 1, Veitch, cl., grand skull, A1 lash, lovely entrance, a slasher, in full bloom; 2, McGregor, green, fails only in length of lash, good entrance, nice size; 3, Allan, good length of featber. HEN (1): 1, McCall and Henderson, grand lady, plenty of feather, bold entrance, good body, nice one. CL., ETC., YELL. YORKS CK. (8): 1, Heggie, lengthy, finely drawn, good wing carriage, rare side, in nice bloom; 2, McRobbie, in lovely order, grandly balanced, shade sborter than winner ,but good front and taper; 3, Reekie, good bead and wing carriage, sweet exhibit; vhc, Reilly; hc, Welland; c, Girvan. BUFF (6): 1, McRobbie, good one, nice length, grand quality feather, tigbt as wax, well drawn, stylish; 2, McLennan, close up, good stamp, grand head, fine wing carriage, sweetly staged; 3, Leishman, fails a wee sbade in length, good stamp and finish; vhc, Heggie; hc, King; c, Sanderson. HEN (6): 1, Webster, buff, good stamp, fine length, good head and wings, in nice order; 2, Heggie, close up, sweet made yell., good front and head; 3, McRobbie, sweet all round, good head and front, .A1 quality feather, nicely drawn, lovely balanced carriage; vbc, Girvan; hc, McLennan; c, Reekie. VARIEG. (14): 1, McLellan, varieg. yell., lengthy, slim, well drawn, good head and carriage, in good order, very stylish all-round exhibit; 2, Heggie, sweet shape and finish, good head and stylish varieg. yell.; 3, Martin, beaten in finish only, lengthy, good bead and wings, nicely drawn; vhc, hc, Webster; c, McRobbie. A.O.V. YORKS (5): 1, Sanderson, buff, nice stamp, good front, neat head and wings, in fine order; 2, McRobbie, also bnff, good quality feather, well drawn, some preferred; 3, Paterson, varieg. yell., sweet shape, slim, staged in extra good order, neat all round; vhc, Reid; hc, Rankine. HEN: Cancelled. CK. BRED 1911 (Confined to S.Y.C.C.) (9): 1, Sanderson, good yell., very slim got np, well drawn, nice length, extra good in head, well staged; 2, Girvan, sweet bnff, nice length, good quality feather, well balanced; 3, McRobbie, grand feathered bnff, nicely drawn, good bead and wings; vhc, McLelland; hc, Webster; c, Martin. HEN (5): 1, Girvan, good made yell., nice head and front, well drawn; 2, vhc, Crichton, also yell., good one; 3, Martin, good stamp, well put down. NOR. CL., ETC. YELL. CK. (3): 1, Dunn, wins, grand size and shape, lovely colour, staged in extra fine order, good one; 2, Rodger, shade longer in feather but good size, nice front. HEN (3): 1, Wildridge, largest, nice one, well rounded, good head and front, A1 feather and finish; 2, McDonald, fails just a little in front, good head, neat wing carriage, in fine order; 3, Kerr, beaten in feather only, nice size, good sbape and mould. BUFF CK. (6): 1, Thomson, good one, fine stamp, grand quality feather, plenty of front, well finished; 2, Burt, strong made, nice bead and wing carriage, fails in shape only to winner; 3, Burt, good shape and body, not quite so well finished as winners; vhc, no name; hc, Young; No. 1, Grewar, good-looking bird, very soft when we were taking notes. HEN (2): 1, Gibson, good one, nice size, rare quality feather, shown in good order; 2, Ramsay, sweet shape, good quality, well finished. YELL. VARIEG. CK. (3): 1, Langan, nice size, good shape and quality, well finished off, good all-round; 2, Ramsay, close up, good head and front, nicely finished; 3, Dunn, good quality feather, nice body and colour. HENS (2): 1, Burt, sweet shape, good size, nice quality feather; 2, Kirk, nice shape, good stamp, close up. BUFF CK. (5): 1, Gibson, good stamp, nice head and front, fine level wing carriage, well up in size; 2, Dunn, close up, hot one for finish, nice bead and front; 3, Wildridge, good quality feather; vhc, McDonald; hc, Kerr. HENS (4): 1, Dickson, grand all over, sweet hen, fine head, good body and wing carriage, in lovely order; 2, Gibson, a shade rough in feather, good head, nice balanced wings; 3, Love, nice type, good body; vhc, Wildridge. UNFLIG. CK. (10): 1, Ramsay, nice yell. variegs., good body and head, fine quality feather, stylish, well made bird; 2, Perrit, cl. buff, well moulded, warm in col., good front, nice head and wing carriage; 3, Duff, buff variegs., a little stronger in front, but neat head and well balanced all round. HEN (10): 1, Dickson, heavy buff variegs., good body and wing carriage, lovely quality feather; 2, Wildridge, nice yell., fails just a little in front, good head, nice balanced wing carriage; 3, Ramsay, good stamp, heavy buff varieg., rare head, grand short flights, tight as wax, good one; vhc, McLeod; hc, Dunn; c, Perrit. NON-FED CK. (5): 1, Kirk, nice strong buff varieg., bold front, good head and wings; 2, Duff, green varieg., good quality feather, nice size, well balanced; 3, Wildridge, varieg. yell., sweet size, well balanced in wings, good all-round; vhc, Tbomson; hc, Harkins. HEN (5): 1, Duff, good yell., well up in size, nice quality feather, good in head properties; 2, Wildridge, green, good one, nice size, in lovely order, well staged; 3, Langan, buff, nicely feathered, good front; vhc, Kerr; hc, Grant. CINN.: Cancelled. BRIT GOLDFINCH (7): 1, Mackie, wine, good one, fine square blaze, well cut cheeks, good tannings, steady, in fine order; 2, Brown, sweet face, well up in body tannings, nicely buttoned, in grand trim; 3, Bell, beaten only in quality of feather, good stamp all round; vhc, McCall and Henderson; passed, No. 1, Smart, for being of alleged foreign persuasion, winner at Kirkcaldy and Buckhaven. BULLFINCH (5): 1, McLaren, not a large one but good quality feather, deep and pure in body col., grand cap and bib; 2, Mackie, larger, grand type, rare cap and bib, good quality throughout; 3, Black and Lumsden, nice size and shape, good all-round; vhc, Harkins; No. 2, McCulloch, passed, an alleged foreigner. GREENFINCH COL.-FED. (3): 1, McLean, wins, grand Grecnie, rare size, in tip-top order, well fed buff; 2, Chaplin, fails in size a trifle, but good type and quality; 3, Adamson, sweet coloured. NON-FED (9): 1, Logan, good all-round yell., bold head, nice flights, in good trim; 2, Dunn, grand order, lovely shape, fine col, a wee shade narrow in head; 3, Black and Lumsden, nice tone of col., well put down; vbc, Martin; hc, McLean; c, Dods. LINNET (9): 1, Bell, in good trim, nicely laced, grandly laced in front, good whites, steady; 2, Palmer, a shade lighter in ground colour, well pencilled, neat flights; 3, McCulloch, nice stamp, a shade soft when we were taking notes, well pencilled; vhc, Thomson; hc, Reid; c, Haxton. SISKIN, ETC. (4): 1, Reid, nice Mealy, well up in size and beautifully laced, pure in colour; 2, 4, Johnston, good Mealy, close up, fails just a little in size; 3, Beil, Lesser, good size, well laced, worth its place. BRAMBLE, ETC. (4): 1, Dunn, nice Chaffie, in full bloom, rare cap and whites, in grand trim, well shown; 2, Gentleman, Bramble, nice size well marked, steady; 3, Lister, Chaffie, nicely staged. HARDBILL (2): 1, 2, Johnston, 2nd good hen, Bullfinches, leader best in cap, size and col. BUNTINGS: Cancelled. SOFTBILL SMALL (1): 1, Cordery, nice Grey Wagtail, well up in size and col., well staged. LARGE (2): 1, Bruce, Song Thrush, "Border Queen," in full bloom, real topper, well shown, runner-up for cup for best bird; 2, Bisset, well-known Missel Thrush, good size, well marked, nicely staged. DARK CAN. MULE (5): 1, Gilchrist, well-known Dark Goldie, "Border King," a blaze of colour, rare size and finish, a clear win; 2, Forster, nice Linnet, well up in size and col., nicely marked; 3, Dunn, good all round Siskin, dense cap, well laced, fine tone of col; vhc, Bell; hc, Allan. LIGHT, ETC. (2): 1, Purnis, Scotch sensation of the year, a sweet var. yell. Greenie, lightly marked, unflig., well up in size, showing cross distinctly, bred by a young fancier, first attempt, we heard he has a nest-mate even lighter; 2, Grant, sweet varieg. Goldie, nice size and quality of feather. HYB. (2): 1, Bell, Goldie-Bullie, rare shade of col., tight as wax, fails just a little in size; 2, McLean, Redpoll-Siskin, nice quality feather, well up in size, sweet. COMMON CAN. (4): 1, Johnston; 2, McGregor; 3, Leishman; vhc, Allan. GIFT (5): 1, Johnston; 2, Pecl; 3, Young; vhc, Grant; hc, Leishman. FOR. GOLDFINCH (3): 1, Howie, par excellence, grand face, tanings and bloom, A1 size, a real gem; 2, Clelland, good all-round, very nice face, fine cut cheeks; 3, Black and Lumsden, good all-round one. BULLFINCH (3): 1, Lester, good stamp, fine size, grand cap and bib, A1 quality feather, sweet exhibit; 2, Stewart, close up, good one, fine size and quality, beaten in finish only; 3, Clelland, nice cap. FOR. A.O.S. (4): 1, Bruce, Red-headed Gouldian, in full bloom, well put down; 2, Webster, sweet Black-faced Lovebird, in grand trim; 3, Young, Australian Long-tailed Parrot, in faultless order; vhc, Grant.

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BRIGHOUSE.

Brighouse and Dis. C.B.S. annual open show held Nov. 25, Oddfellows' Hall. Mr. H. W. Battye judged. Entries came up poorly, the 33 classes only attracting 366 birds. This society has had many vicissitudes, but this year they were put to it in more ways than one. During the last year or so the membership has gone down considerably, until at the present time the society do not total more than 7 or 8, and such a number is quite inadequate to run a show. Mr. F. Mitchell (Sec.) is a rare worker, and deserves every support. Messrs. Dearden (pres.), Hargreaves (vice), Kaye (treas.), Tattersall, Naylor, and Saunders, worked hard, doing all they could between their hours of business. An unfortunate occurrence was the finding of one of the birds of Messrs. Ogden Bros. dead in the case upon unpacking; and four birds were inadvertently left in cases, and were not found until the close of the show. During the afternoon a good number of fanciers put in an appearance, and it is hoped that, with the assistance of a decent "gate," the society will pull through again.

The Critique.

CL. YELL. YORKS. (10): 1, 3, Shackleton, leader lengthy, good shape, well drawn out, rattling fine back, wings, and tail, nice quality, 3rd not quite as long, good col. and quality, not looking well; 2, Ogden Bros., grand shape and position, nice bit of shoulder, lovely feather; 4, c, Bailey, great length, very long flights and tail; vhc, Dyson; hc, Hill. BUFF (14): 1, Ogden Bros., a beauty, rare shape, fine position, feathered to perfection, lovely col.; 2, Bailey, rattling fine length, good shape, nice style, close feather; 3, Radley, nice length and shape, good quality and col.; 4, Chippendale, grand cut, shows well; vhc, Hill; hc, Shaw Bros.; c, Dykes. TICK YELL. (15): 1, Helliwell, tkd. neck, grand wedge shape, leggy and stylish, nice col. and quality; 2, Cruise, tkd. check, great length, good shape, lovely wings and tail; 3, Dyson, good type and style, rattling fine col. and quality; 4, hc, Ogden Bros., tkd. neck, nice type, leggy; vhc, Burdekin Bros.; c, Radley. BUFF (10): 1, Shackleton, nice length and shape, good back and wings, neat head, lovely quality; 2, Radley, good wedge shape, nice shoulder, fine position; 3, Taylor, neat type and stylish, half of the tail feathers not at full length; 4, Ogden Bros., grand shape, well cut away; vhc, Elsegood; hc, Dyson; c, Bailey. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (13): 1, Ogden Bros., splendid length and shape, grand bead and back; 2, Whitaker, nice type, straight, good wing carriage, smart feather; 3, Townsend, tkd. head, good shape, nicely cut away, close feather; 4, Shackleton, good size, nice shape; vhc, Taylor; hc, Mitchell; c, Casey. BUFF (19): 1, ho, Ogden Bros., tkd. wing and head, rattling fine type, shows well, plenty of leg; 2, Thornton and Bower, nice shape, well filled all through, not a feather out of place; 3, Peel, good shape, nice head, fine round back; 4, Chippendale, neat shoulders, well up in position; vhc, Shackleton; c, Radley. EVEN, ETC., YELL. CK. (16): 1, Bailey, grand type, very stylish, brimful of col. and quality; 2, Shackleton, 4-pointed, good length, nice shape, grand quality feather; 3, Sutcliffe and Son, 4-pointed, slim and grand type, full of quality; 4, Townsend, mkd. wings, eyes, and breast, nice type, showy; vhc, Thornton and Bower; hc, Dykes; c, Brown and Son. BUFF (14): 1, Peel, grizzled wing and eye, good shoulder, shapely, nice quality; 2, vhc, Ogden Bros., mkd. wings, cheeks, and head, grand shape and quality, leggy; 3, Stebbinge, grand length, good shape and position; 4, Dykes, mkd. wings, eyes, and breast, splendid quality, nice shape; hc, Priestley; c, Shackleton. YELL. HEN (8): 1, Thornton and Bower, 4-pointed, grand shape, lovely position, perfect quality, good col.; 2, 4, Sutcliffe and Son, 2nd good 4-pointed, lovely shape and style, feather like wax, 4th nicely mkd., neat type, stylish; 3, Priestley, mkd. wings and head, nice shape; vhc, Shackleton; hc, Ogden Bros.; c, Dinsdale. BUFF (12): 1, Dykes, mkd. wings and eye, grand shape and position, good bead, perfect quality; 2, 4, Thornton and Bower, nice shape, well up at shoulder, 4th rattling fine length and shape; 3, Towers, mkd. wing, eyes, and head, good size, extra well up; vhc, Brown and Son; hc, Priestley; c, Townsend. CINN. TKD., ETC., YELL. (7): 1, Towers, great length, good shape, leggy, nice quality; 2, Bailey, 3-pointed, extra quality and col., nice shape, good style; 3, Ogden Bros., red-hot col., good quality, rattling fine type and style; 4, Brown and Son, rare shape, well up in position; vhc, Bentley; hc, Sutcliffe and Son; c, Cooper. BUFF (11): 1, Bailey, good size and shape, nice head and back, grand quality; 2, Cooper, great length, good shape, grand back, rattling fine quality; 3, Towers, good size and shape, fine position; 4, Casey, nice shape, good quality; vhc, Ogden Bros.; hc, Brown and Son; c, Burdekin Bros. YELL. HEN (8): 1, Brown and Son, mkd. wings, eyes, and bead, nice type and style, good quality, very clean made; 2, Towers, grand shape and position, well filled all through, grand quality; 3, Ogden Bros., slim, good shape, head, and back, lovely feather; 4, hc, Thomas, grand shape, rare feather; vhc, Metcalfe; c, Shaw Bros. BUFF (7): 1, Priestley, good length and shape, nice quality; 2, Towers, good shape and position, extra nice quality; 3, Ogden Bros., plenty of size, rare quality, nice shape; 4, Cooper, good type and style; vhc, Brown and Son; hc, Helliwell; c, Hardaker. CL., ETC., YELL. NOR. (8): 1, 3, Thomas, leader good size and substance, fine head, good quality and col., 3rd very cobby, short and compact, rare col.; 2, Greenwood and Pickles, good head, nice quality and col.; 4, hc, Hall, good head and col., nice feather; vhc, Jackson. BUFF: Cancelled. UNFLIG. (13): 1, 2, 3, Thomas, good trio, leader foul tail, grand shape, lovely quality and col., 2nd varieg., good substance, nice shape, rare quality and col., 3rd rattling fine chest, good col. and quality; 4, Greenwood and Pickles, tkd. head, grand size and shape, good head: vhc, Jackson; hc, c, Heap. HEN, YELL. AND BUFF: Both void. UNFLIG. HEN (11): 1, Greenwood and Pickles, yell., neat cobby shape, rattling fine quality and col., nice head; 2, 3, Thomas, both buffs, 2nd extra size, well filled at top end, 3rd another good one, cobby, nice feather; 4, vhc, hc, c, Heap, buff, nice cobby shape, good quality. YORKS. UNION NOVICE (Limit £5): CL., ETC., YELL. YORKS. (18): 1, Midgley, good length, straight, shapely, nice position, rare quality; 2, Smith, nice shoulder, well cut away, stylish, good feather; 3, Jebson, slim, straight as a rush, lovely quality; 4, Ellis, breedy, very good style; vhc, Sutcliffe; hc, Hirst; c, Morley. BUFF (28): 1, Midgley, smart type, very leggy, good head and back, close feathered; 2, Dyson and Shaw, good shape, nice shoulders, fine quality; 3, Lewis, good length and shape; 4, Pearson, fine shape and position; vhc, Fowle; hc, Savile; c, Pell. UNEVEN MKD. (11): 1, Fowle, foul yell., good shape, nicely cut away, good quality and col.; 2, Fergusson, buff, good size, nice shape, lovely quality; 3, c, Tideswell, buff, neat type, very close feather; 4, Tyas, buff, foul, grand type, shows well; vhc, Moore; hc, Ellis. HEN (7): 1, Smith, buff, mkd. wings and head, nice length, grand shape, leggy, lovely quality; 2, Tideswell, yell., good body shape, leggy, stylish, nice quality; 3, Moore, buff, 4-pointed, good shape and position, grand quality; 4, Greenwood, yell., nice feather; vhc, Hargreaves; Nos. 4 and 5, Clark, we missed. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (16): 1, Brooke and Oldfield, slim, extra nice shape and position, shows well; 2, Pearson, good size and shape, nice back, smart feather; 3, Cooper, long, raking hen, fine position; 4, Morley, nice size and shape, leggy; vhc, Helliwell; hc, Sutcliffe; c, Tyas. BUFF (13): 1, Greenwood, great length, fine position, feathered to perfection, lovely shape; 2, Rhodes, smaller, smart type and position, grand quality and col.; 3, Hutchinson, neat type and style, grand feather; 4, Barron, nice shape, well up in position; vhc, Barnes; hc, Pearson; c, Jepson. CINN. TKD., ETC., CK. (10): 1, Simonett, yell., mkd. eyes, wings, and head, slim, good shape and style, rare quality; 2, vhc, Grayshon, buff, good size and shape, nice feather; 3, Lewis, yell., good shape and style, rattling fine wings and tail; 4, Savile, buff, good shape, well up in position; hc, Fountain; c, Moore. HEN (12): 1, Cox, 4-pointed yell., rare shape, nice position, extra good quality; 2, Fergusson, buff, plenty of size, nice shape and position; 3, Jowett, yell., mkd. wings, eyes, and neck, very neat type; 4, vhc, Grayshon, buff, nice length, good shape; hc, Fountain; c, Lewis. NOR. CK. (14): 1, F. Rhodes, yell., great size, good sub., nice quality and col.; 2, c, Birbeck, buff, big bird, good substance and bead, nice col.; 3, R. Rhodes, buff, grand col. and quality, nice shape; 4, Roe, varieg. yell., good size and shape, rattling fine col.; vbc, Simonett; hc, Clegg. HEN (13): 1, vhc, Birbeck, yell., good, compact shape, nice substance, rare quality, 2, F. Rhodes, varieg. buff, good body shape, penty of widtb, nice feather; 3, Lord, yell., nice size, very good top end; 4, Watson, varieg. buff, nice shape and sub.; hc, Clegg; c, Simonett.

BRANDON COLLIERY
(Co. Durham).

Fifth annual show, held Nov. 25th, in the Temperance Hall, a very suitable place for the purpose. Entries came up well, totalling 60 in the six classes for cage birds. British birds were the best, the Linnet class especially being a stormer, some grand birds being staged. Special for best in show went to Mr. H. Wilson, with his noted winning clear yellow Nor., Mr. R. W. Boyd taking special for 2nd best, with a grand Chough, a well-known winner, staged in the pink. The society possess an excellent secretary in Mr. G. Reed, the well-known Linnet-singing judge, and he had everything in grand order, and judging was completed and cards up in good time. He was ably assisted by several hard-working fanciers, and consequently everything went off without the slightest hitch. Prize money and specials were paid out to the successful exhibitors present at the show. The show was well attended, and everything points to its being a financial success. Mr. W. Rutherford (West Roddymoor) judged, and appeared to give every satisfaction.

The Critique.

NOR. (10): 1, 2, 4, Wilson, leader well known yell., grand size, rare cobby shape, thick bead and neck, takes special for best bird in show; 2nd, another fine yell., very neat and typical; 4th, cl. buff, nice size, good shape and col.; 3, vhc, Robson and March, cl. buff, nice bird, soft when judged; hc, Briggs. YORKS. (11): 1, 3, vhc, Priestman, leaders both cl. yellows, nice stylish birds, good length and position, fine col. and quality; 2, 4, Walt. Brown, 2nd. cl. yell., nice length, fine position, neat head, wings and tail, not a great deal to choose between it and winner; 4th, best bird in class, also cl. yell., grand one, could do with a wash; hc, Sanders and Son; c, Walt. Brown. LINNET (16): a good class; 1, vhc, Boyd, grand size, fine shape, rare col. and pencilling, very profuse and distinct, wins; we presume to be Crook winner; 2, hc, Wilson and Adams, good one for pencilling, nice col., fine whites; 3, Davidson, plenty of size, fine col., nice pencilling, not quite so profuse as winner, very steady; c, Hutchinson and Sanders. GOLDIE, ETC. (8): 1, Tomlinson, Goldie, nice size and shape, rich col. blaze, nice body col., well tanned, good wings; 2, Boyd, very fine Bullie, nice size and shape, good breast col.; 3, Hutchinson and Sanders, Goldie, nice blaze, well tanned, good wings, loses in size only to leader; vhc, Bainbridge; hc, Mills. SISKIN, ETC. (6): 1, Robson and Marsb, Siskin, nice size and col., neat shape, cap, well laced, nice bib; 2, Parker, neat Lesser Redpoll, nice col. and marking; 3, Boyd; 4, Turner; vhc, Mills; hc, Bainbridge. A.O.V. (8): 1, Boyd, well known Chough, grand col., put down in tip-top condition, takes special for second best bird in show; 2, Swann and Paranaby, nice Waxwing, good feather, nice condition; 3, hc, Watson, nice wing mkd. D.C., fine shape, good droop and centre; 4, Bainbridge, Greenfinch Mule, nice size and col.; vhc, Mills, Goldie Mule; c, Rowlandson, neat yellow Border.

SOUTH HEIGHAM.

South Heigham C.B.A. annual show, held Nov. 13, York Tavern. Messrs. J. Mackley and J. Carleton judged.

AMAT. CL. YELL. NOR.: 1, 3, George; 2, A. E. Smith; 4, vhc, Pattingale; hc, Eagleton; c, Phillips. BUFF: 1, George; 2, A. J. Smith; 3, E. A. Smith; 4, hc, Pattingale; vhc, c, Sheldrake. TKD. CK. YELL.: 1, Martin; 2, E. A. Smith; 3, A. J. Smith; 4, Barker; vbc, Phillips; hc, Palmer. BUFF: 1, George; 2, Kerrison; 3, E. A. Smith; 4, Eagleton; vhc, c, Sheldrake; hc, Heazle. CL. YELL. HEN: 1, King; 2, Pattingale; 3, Eagleton; 4, Sheldrake; vbc, E. A. Smith; hc, George; c, Barker. BUFF: 1, George; 2, King; 3, Hardingham; 4, Martin; vbc, Pattingale; hc, Eagleton; c, E. A. Smith. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, Martin; 2, Pattingale; 3, vbc, Kerrison; 4, Nichols; hc, Sheldrake; c, A. J. Smith. BUFF: 1, E. A. Smith; 2, George; 3, Kerrison; 4, A. J. Smith; vbc, Heazle; hc, Pattingale. YELL (NON-FED): 1, 4, Sheldrake; 2, Pill; 3, c, Bunn; vhc (ben) Nichols; hc, Addison. BUFF: 1, Nichols; 2, Pill; 3, Bunn; 4, George; vhc, hc, Lincoln; c, Eagleton. PAIRS: 1, Page; 2, Pattingale; 3, c, Martin; 4, Sheldrake; vhc, hc, E. A. Smith. YELL CREST: 1, 4, Pill; 2, Potter; 3, Page. CL. BODIED BUFF: 1, 2, Potter. VARIEG. BUFF: 1, Potter; 2, 4, Page; 3, Hawkins; vhc, A. J. Smith. HENS: 1, Page; 2, Potter; 3, Pill. C.B. YELL: 1, Page; 2, Pill; 3, Potter. BUFF: 1, Nichols; 2, c, Kerrison; 3, A. J. Smith; 4, Page; vhc, Pill; hc, Palmer. BUFF: 1, 2, Page; 3, Pill; 4, A. J. Smith; vhc, Potter. PAIRS: 1, Page; 2, hc, Pill; 3, vhc, Potter; 4, Hawkins. NOVICES' YELL. NOR. COCKS: 1, Addison; 2, King; 3, Palmer; 4, Mallett; vhc, Hawkins; hc, Heazle; c, Secker. BUFF: 1, Addison; 2, 4, Heazle; 3, King; vhc, c, Mallett; hc, Lincoln. YELL. HEN: 1, hc, King; 2, Heazle; 3, Secker; 4, Buxton; vbc, High; c, Mallett. BUFF: 1, Hawkins; 2, Lincoln; 3, vhc, Secker; 4, hc, Addison; c, Mallet. CREST: 1, Hawkins; 2, Palmer. Special for best bird in show, A. E. Smith; Sandiford's medal, Phillips; best yell. Nor. in novices, W. G. Addison; Ramsden's, J. E. Nichols.

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BUILDER'S [illegible] 9ft. high, sell 8/6, or exchange anything [illegible] Highland, 6/6, 11, Ogle St., Somerton.

HAND lock-stitch sewing machine, [illegible], exchange Canaries; perfect condition: Thornton, 14, Rendle-st., Notting Hill, London.

TWO pair short flyers, will breed fast young ones; exchange for pair clap-nets or cage birds: W. P., 37, Meudip-rd., Battersea.

LARGE doll house, make splendid present; particulars, stamp, 25/-; bargain, offers: Brooks, 127, Balls Pond-rd., Dalston, London.

EXCHANGE Cassell's Popular Educator, unbound, 82 parts, for 1 Crested cock, 1911 bird: E. E. Parker, 114, Tarring-rd., Worthing.

PEDIGREE Wire Fox Terrier dog, 4 months, exchange 3 singing cock Canaries; approval: 201, Chester-rd., Hulme, Manchester.

CATCHER'S carrying box, with five small cages; exchange two Yorkshire show cages: George Rodger, 81, Shrine-place, Broxburn.

WANTED offers, Yorkshires or Norwich cocks, for two Yorkshire show cages and case, used once: W. [illegible], Hairdresser, Retford.

TWO double-barrel guns (muzzle), equal to new, very valuable; exchange anything useful: Victoria Hotel, Penygroes, N. Wales.

GRAND pair of Silver Sebright Bantams, both winners, accept £1, or exchange: T. Weedall, 82, High-st., Winsford, Cheshire.

GLAZIER'S diamond, value 15/-, new condition, exchange Canaries, Mules, or offers: Biddle, 27, Wharton-st., Lloyd-sq., W.C.

WILL exchange two Aberdeen terrier puppies, 3 months old, for high-class Norwich: George Harris, Oadsall, near Wolverhampton.

PATHE reproducer, new, six breeding cages, wire fronts, exchange hen Canaries: Williams, 315, Newman-rd., Wincobank, Sheffield.

EXCHANGE 16ft. Greenheart fishing rod, 2 top pieces, for good mule hens; birds first: Duncan Campbell, 5, Comrie-st., Crieff.

EDISON gem, new condition, C. reproducer, 36 records, large and small trumpets, stand, 30/-: Nelson, 163, Globe-rd., Stepney.

PAIR 28in. Hiln. cycle tyres, new, cost 19/-; ladies' cycle, good condition, £1 5s., exchange anything: Hughes, Windmill-st., Gravesend.

BULL terrier dog, pedigree, 18 months, sell 35/-, or exchange exhibition British hardbills, value 42/-: Plumner, 15, Friars Walk, Lewes.

FOWLS, 8, mostly Minorcas, near laying, also Airedale bitch, good guard, clean; exchange Canaries, cages, etc.: 57, Lime-st., Sheffield.

EXCHANGE single breeder and 2 pairs Yorkshires; stand camera wanted; what offers: A. Starks, 15, Cambridge-rd., Horsham, Sussex.

EDISON home phonograph, and 38 records and recorder, in good condition, 55/- cash, or exchange: J. Todd, Poplars, Crowle, Doncaster.

EXCHANGE five Buff Orpington pullets for a good matched pair of Roller Canaries; approval both ways: V. Ward, Church-st., Lutterworth.

FOX Terrier Whippet, cross bitch, 2 years old, for 2 pairs Yorkshires or Norwich Canaries: Mitchell, Frodingham-rd., Scunthorpe, Lincs.

EXCHANGE tandem, New Departure, good order, for singing Canaries, good dog; offers: Huggins, 86, Clapton-st., Hulme, Manchester.

BLACK and tan toy puppy (bitch), sell 15/-, or exchange Canaries, Rollers preferred: Drury, 30, Heatherton-terr., Church End, Finchley.

MEERSCHAUM pipe, new, 7/6; exchange Canaries or gramophone records; useful offers considered: Harris, 98, Nursery-rd., Lozells, Birmingham.

EXCHANGE auto-harp, in good condition, for pair of Canaries, Yorkshire or Norwich: Fred Jones, 13, Blaenogwy, Old Houses, Nantymoel.

MONSTER bale of gentleman's thick warm underclothing, new condition, 7/6; approval: (Dept. 3), 24, Craven-terr., Carlton Hill, Leeds.

EXCHANGE Homing pigeons, grand bred birds, for yellow Norwich cocks or hens: Stephenson, Scott Hill, Great Broughton, Cockermouth.

SELL 12/-, or exchange for cockerels to kill, double breeding cage, Norwich show cage and 3 Norwich hens: T. Dawes, Somercotes, Alfreton.

STUFFED decoy Linnets 1/-, cock Linnet, singing 1/-, glazier's diamond, by Morrell, London, 11/6; genuine: Swain, 6, Wenlock-st., Luton.

GENT'S roller skates, 400 different foreign stamps, motor goggles; exchange Canaries or Lovebirds, value 8/-: Jack, Woodnutt, Fareham.

OWING to loss, child's push-chair, good as new, cost £1 3s. 6d., will exchange birds or sell, 15/- cash: Mrs. Smith, 60, Windmill-st., Gravesend.

BEAUTIFUL 5-bottled E.P. flower tubed cruet, new, 12/6, for songsters; approval: Algar, 14, Howick-st., Monkwearmouth, Sunderland.

SELL, a Lurcher bitch, 15/-, or exchange for 3 dos. cock Linnets or Chaffinches: Sam Amess, 3, Collinwood-st., North Shields, Northumberland.

BARGAIN, exchange Sandow's developers, new, value 10/6, for pair breeding green Budgerigars: Apply, Paul Wilkins, Fenton Place, Porthcawl.

HAND lock-stitch sewing machine, perfect worker, new condition, 30/-, cost £4; exchange Canaries or mules: Finch, 421, Portobello-rd., Kensington.

WILL exchange Irish Pit Game for Canaries, Yorkshire or Irish Terrier; any test allowed; approval: R. Moore, Banford, Gilford, Co. Down, Ireland.

WHAT offer, giant parcels second-hand wearing apparel, 3/6 parcels, suit working people, purchasers satisfied: George, The Wharf, Exeter-st., Derby.

WHAT offers in Yorkshires or Norwich for lady's or gent's cycle, free wheel, back-pedling brake, or sell 30/-: C. Cox, 56, Adeline-st., Splott, Cardiff.

EXCHANGE black spaniel dog, 5 months old, will carry anything, for Yorkshire show cages or birds: Jack Barker, 1, Dale Terrace, Lingdale, Boosbeck.

WILL exchange Fox Terrier dog, 18 months, even marked head, for Canaries, or sell £1: approval, deposit: W. Robinson, 1, South West-st., Blackburn.

THREE Roller roll-or clutter cages, 3 back cages, 1 Finch show cage, 1 low front Lark cage; exchange 3 cock Goldfinches: W. [illegible], Heanor, Derbyshire.

WILL give £1 each for [illegible] British for single or double barrel breech-loaders 12 bore preferred: Warburton, Coach and Horses, [illegible] place, Winsford, Cheshire.

FAIR [illegible] Lockfast blade, ivorine handle, exchange for [illegible] Canary or Mule, or three hen Canaries: R. [illegible], 15, Bellefield-st., Sheffield.

VIOLIN, in case, fine tone, good instrument; exchange for pair Norwich Canaries, or twelve hens, 1911, [illegible]: [illegible], Perth-st., West Hartlepool.

GENT.'S [illegible] gold snake ring, diamond head, engraved [illegible]; exchange Goldfinches or bullfinches: W. [illegible], 9, Lococ-rd., Heanor, Notts.

EXCHANGE [illegible], in case, for Norwich or York[illegible] Canaries, sell £5: Lucas, Almaster., Newport-rd., [illegible], nr. Wolverton, Bucks.

WILL exchange [illegible] silk blouses, cream or white, [illegible], for Canaries and other cage birds; offers: Barney, 14, [illegible]-rd., Kingsland, London.

EXCHANGE aviary, nearly new, 8ft. by 8ft., and 3 cocks, 2 hens Canaries; gramaphone wanted, or anything useful: Wells, Sutton, Bonnington, Loughborough.

SELL 9/-, or cockerels to kill, or useful exchange, 30 round glass drinkers, and 4-compartment breeding cage, joiner made: T. Dawes, Somercotes, near Alfreton.

FOUR champion Flying Tipplers, sell 10/-, or exchange British Hardbills, Softbills, or Budgerigars; approval; offers: Jno. Clayton, 56, Quarry-rd., Mountain Ash.

SELL for 25/-, 8 volumes of "Modern Cyclopædia," unsoiled, or exchange for good pair of exhibition Norwich Canaries: J. Hayes, Station-rd., Pilsley, Chesterfield.

PAIR clapnets, 10 yards long, 6ft. poles, 15/-; house-moulted cock Goldfinch, 6/-; exchange Canaries; offers, yours first: Corley, 54, Benskin-rd., Watford.

QUARTER-PLATE hand camera, and accessories, hold 12 plates when loaded, sell 25/- or exchange Canaries, Goldfinches, or fowls: Watson, Haromo, Nawton, Yorks.

EXCHANGE pair of Scotch Grey Bantams, cock and hen; McCrae's prize strain, for exhibition British Goldie, must be good: McEwan, Union-st., Bonhill, Dumbartonshire.

TO sell, or exchange for Yorkshires or Crest, 4 pedigree Dalmatian puppies, 2 dogs and 2 bitches; or sell for 50/-; R. E. Astley, Paddock, Kirkburton, nr. Huddersfield.

GOOD single-barrel breech loading collector's gun, 410 bore, 25/-; exchange Foul Yellow-green Norwich hens; approval; must be big: Crook, 61, Henshaw-st., Stretford.

SELL or exchange, Crystal Palace aviary, dome top, value 10/6; also full size movable bat, can be fitted with waste pipe: G. Brighton, All Saint's-rd., Newmarket, Cambs.

YORKSHIRE toy dog puppy, 12 weeks, good coat and tan, 11b., off toy parents, 15/-; exchange Canaries, anything useful: Richard Brown, Stanley Pit, Crook, Durham.

WHAT offers for nice Dutch buck rabbit, Belgian hare preferred; yours first: Lowe, 31, Town End, Middleton-in-Teesdale.

PAIR prize-bred Yorkshires, 15/-; yellow hen, 2/6; buff Norwich hen, [illegible], 5/-; Atlas organette, 13 metal tunes, 10/-; approval; exchange: Burgess, Eastover, Bridgwater.

ENGLISH concertina, new, 20/-; quarter-plate stand camera, tripod, double dark slide, 5/-; bargains; would exchange to value, £2: Boncher, High-st., Gornal Wood, Dudley.

GUITAR zither, lovely tone, new condition, easily learnt, cost 47/6, grand table instrument. What offers? Yorkshire terrier preferred: Davison, Clinton, Beeston, Nottingham.

HIGH-class trout rod, 7/6; 2 perch roach rods, lines, bait can, 10/-; lady's revolver, ebony butt, 100 ball cartridges, 8/6; exchange anything: Harvey, 6, Trinity-st., West Bromwich.

EXCHANGE, 6 long distance homers for cock Goldfinches; what offers in Norwich hens and Goldie Mules for South American talking green Parrakeet: Trew, 74, Grosvenor-rd., Leyton.

A GENT.'S bicycle for sale, 24in. frame, free-wheel and back peddling brake, in good running order, price 22/6, or exchange for Canaries, etc: A. Leatherland, Carlton Hill, near Pottin.

EXCELLENT concert flute, by Carte, with case, 18/-; exchange gramaphone, English concertina, or Canaries; wanted all metal collapsible aviary: Bethell, 61, Edgware-rd., London.

GRAND pair cab lamps, used twice, £1 cash, or exchange for 1911 Buff Yorkshire hen to 25/-; will give balance in cash for extra good bird: Derrick, Pontefract-rd., Normanton, Yorks.

WHAT offers per pair, gent's roller skates, only used once, cost 18/6; pair ladies', bit soiled, 5/-; exchange Linnet or Goldfinch mules, Finch note: Smith, 5, North-st., Folkestone, Kent.

EXCHANGE, a good treadle sewing machine, in good working order, for a 1910 Crest-bred hen, or will give a pair of Norwich P.H.'s, colour-fed, for same: Watson, Cherry Tree Lane, North Walsham.

SELL or exchange, miniature billiard table, with accessories, 6ft. 4in. by 3ft. 4in., £3, or Norwich and breeding cages to value; a real bargain; offers: Doig, 516, Baltic-st., Bridgeton, Glasgow.

EXCHANGE, Edison Gem phonograph, with brass horn stand and 66 records, for talking Grey Parrot, or will sell lot for £2: E. Butland, Bankrupt Stock Buyer, 118, Butler-st., Oldham-rd., Manchester.

WHAT offers for 3 pairs Yorkshires, 12/6 pair; Yorkshire Terrier, 3 months, well bred, dog; wanted yellow Norwich hens or Cinnamons, Crests, or Scotch Fancies: F. Marsay, Lingdale, Boosbeck, Yorks.

EDISON home phonograph, nearly new, perfect condition, cost £7 10s. last March; accept £1 cash and two good pairs of Norwich or Yorkshires; offers, approval: Rolington, Canterbury-rd., Whitstable.

AIR gun, extra powerful, cost 45/-, sell 11/6, bargain; ½-plate stand camera (stereoscopic), 3 dark slides, various utensils for same £1; particulars stamp: Clark, Hummersknott, Arbor Vale, Bsough.

BIG greyhound brindle dog, 2½ years' guarantee, good courser and very fast, sell £1 10s., or exchange for whippet, or offers in birds, anything: Talmage, 80, Madeline, Pontygwaith, Tylorstown, S. Wales.

SIX pair Bullfinches, 2/6 pair; green Roller hen, Tweeds, Roehl's, pure strain, 7/-; good rifle, .3 bore, 10/-; Fox Terrier dog pup, 5/-; exchange anything useful: Stubbes, Pinkney Green, Maidenhead.

LLOYDS International Library: 20 volumes in case, well bound, clean, in good condition, cost £10; sell for £3; take part exchange Canaries; anything useful: F. Chapman, High-st., Sawston, Cambs.

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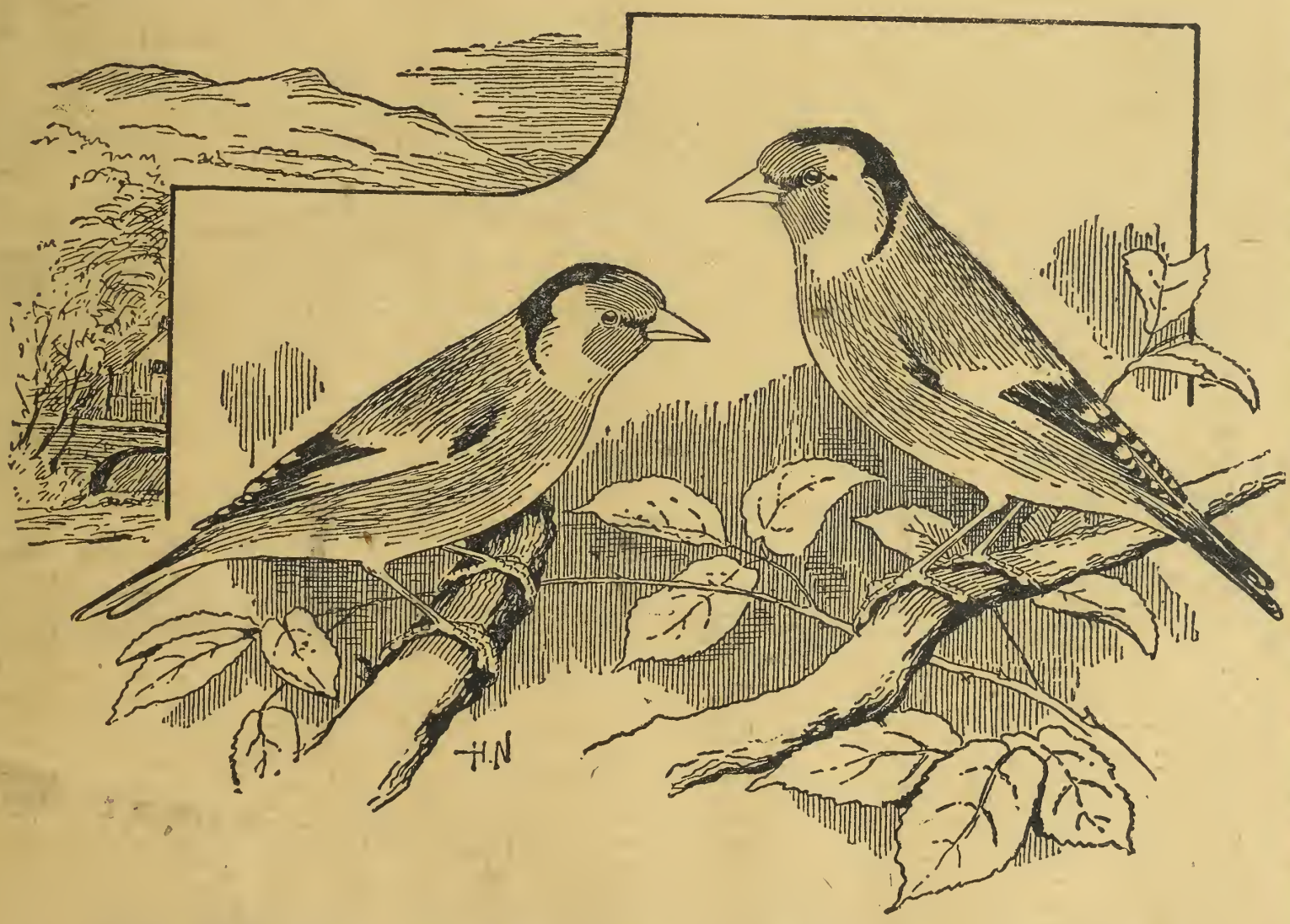
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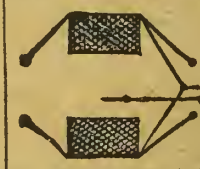
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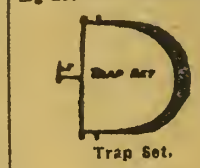
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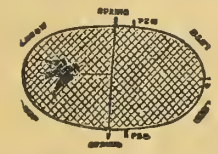
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Warranted cock Goldfinches, 1/6, three 4/-, six 7/6, 14/- dozen; specially selected, larger cocks, warranted in song, 2/-, 2/6, 3/- each, three 5/6, six 9/6, 16/- dozen; few special cock Goldfinches, picked from hundreds dozens, for showing, 4/-, 5/- each; hen Goldfinches, 1/-, three 2/6, 7/- dozen; cock Bullfinches, like paint, 1/6, 2/-, 2/6, 3/- each; hen Bullfinches, 1/-, 1/6 each; large stock of Worcestershire cock Linnets, all red-breasted, 8d., three 1/6, six 2/6, 4/- dozen; specially selected giant cock Linnets, in song, 1/-, three 2/-, six 3/6, 5/6 dozen; few steady cock Linnets, finger tame, fit to show at once, also in song, 1/6, 2/-, 2/6 each, three 5/6; all birds sent out on my well-known approval system or receipt of cosh, or deposit with Editor, and money returned if not satisfied; plenty in stock; no waiting; post-card sent before birds: Thomas Hughes, 65, Saltley-rd., Birmingham.

Before You Purchase

a Siberian Goldfinch, kindly read below. I claim to hold the largest stock of genuine Siberian cock Goldfinches (not hens) in England to-day. These birds come direct to me, and no man in England gets the pick of them but myself, and to prove this I offer £10 to any dealer in England who can prove he has had pick of my birds, either before or since they came into my possession. Regular readers will have noticed that while others were saying they expected Siberians at any moment, I actually had mine on the market, and some of them in customers' hands before they were expected to arrive. I have a really magnificent stock of the genuine Siberian cock Goldfinches, every bird in full song, price 5/- each, seven for 28/-; selected birds, very large, with good broad skulls, deep square blaze, good tannings and moonings, well buttoned and correct wing carriage, and polished like a new silk hat, 7/6 and 10/- each. Among the birds are a few cage-moulted cocks, price 7/6 each; one cock, with peculiar blue blaze instead of red, highest offer accepted; several very nice peathroated cocks, 7/6 each, and one very handsome square blazed, straight cut, Cheveral cock, 10/-; if others get the pick of the birds as they pretend, how it is they do not get the Cheverals, etc.? All will be sent on week's approval at my risk; cash or deposit system as usual, and money refunded if every satisfaction not given. For the information of other dealers, I may say the next lot of Siberians reach me on Dec. 15th or 16th; they will now know when to expect them.

W. GORE, Sib. Importer, Gooch-st, B'HAM.

British Exhibitors.

Mr. Hedges, Eastbourne, writes, September 13th: "Send me special selected cock Goldfinch, Linnet, Greenfinch, and hen Bullfinch for enclosed 10/-; Goldfinch I got from you two years ago won six 1sts and specials; the one I had last year won 3rd, but I lost him." Mr. Veitch, Jedburgh, writes: "Send cock Goldfinch, 3/-; two hen Bullfinches, 3/- Glad to say Goldfinch purchased from you won me two 1sts Hawick, 1st and special Kelso, 5th Edinburgh (class 33), 3rd Galashiels, twice 2nd at our show." W. Jones, Altrincham, December 6th. "Send two cock Linnets and two cock Siskins. Am pleased to say I won 2nd and 4th at Altrincham open class with birds purchased from you." Mr. Ewan, Kirn, writes: "Goldfinch arrived safe, and won 1st and special at our show." Mr. Weedall, Winsford, January 30th: "Send another good Bullfinch. Glad to say last two have won 1st and 2nd every time shown. Unfortunately best one just died; other won 4th large class at big Crystal Palace Show." Walter Dyke, Longridge: "Send cock Goldfinch and hen Bullfinch. Glad to say Hybrid which I bred from Goldfinch and Bullfinch purchased from you has won 1st Leeds (Class 19), 2nd Halifax, 1st Leek, 2nd Hamilton, 2nd Hinckley, 1st Portsmouth, etc." I have thousands of Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Linnets weekly, and can pick likely exhibition specimens. Cock Goldfinches and Bullfinches, 3/-, 4/-, 5/- each; cock Linnets, 1/-, 1/6 and 2/-. Cock Greenfinches, Chaffinches, Redpolls, 1/-, 1/6, 2/-. Large hen Bullfinches, for showing, Muling, 2/- and 2/6. Cock Siskins, 2/6, 3/-, 4/-. Send for catalogue. Proper Club Show Cages, 2/-, three 5/6. Can give you absolute proof of hundreds of winners I have supplied the last few years at above prices. Established 1879. Telephone 440.

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BEE-EATER (Merops apiaster), £4: Miss Rosey, Rosemary House, Eastbourne.

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FINE selected cock Snow Buntings, 2/-, hens 1/-, 2/9 pair: Broxup, Naturalist, Burnley.

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GOOD young Border cocks, bred from prize winners, 4/- and 5/- each, approval: Gibson, 21, Fountainbrow, Kendal.

BORDERS for sale, prize strain, see wins, Perth, Forfar, Woodside, and Inverness: A. D. Fairweather, Belmont-st., Newtyle.

BORDERS from cup and medal winners, pairs 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, odd cocks 5/-, hens 2/6: Johnston, 105, Brighton-place, Aberdeen.

CHOICE selection of greens, cinnamons, and clears, single or pairs; prices reasonable; state wants: Grant, Lodge-st., Haddington.

SOME good clear yellow and buff cocks and hens, prices very reasonable; approval: Robert Lawson, Millbrae, Maxwelltown, Dumfries.

CHAMPION winning Borders, clears, marks, greens, cinnamons, matched pairs, see latest wins; reasonable; stamp: Craig, High-st., Brechin.

FIVE variegated Border hens, 1911 bred, 8/9; or exchange for good yellow or buff 1910 cock: T. Neville, junr., 30, Castle-st., Luton, Beds.

WINNING Borders, even buff cock, uneven yellow hen, 25/-; yellow cock and buff foul hen, 20/-; others cheap: Brown, Gainslaw-hill, Berwick.

CHAMPION Borders for sale: a few mated pairs to part with yet; odd cocks and hens, yellows; prices reasonable: Allan Peters, Randolph-st., Buckhaven.

BEGINNERS, grand opportunity; three classical Borders, one Cinnamon, breeding cage, 12/6 lot: Wilson, 11, Bedford-avenue, Manley Park, Manchester.

W. BAYLEY has for sale a few of his well-known winning Borders, clears, marks, and greens, prices reasonable and on approval: Fire Station, Altrincham.

TWO bonnie cinnamon marked buff hens, almost even, if well mated likely to reproduce something good, 7/6 each; appro.: Moore, 6, Preston-st., Whitehaven.

SMART Borders, same as my 1st and 3rd Clapham, etc., bred from leading winning strains, splendid birds, cheap, to clear: Gollop, 87, Manor-st., Clapham, S.W.

BORDERS for sale, exhibition strain; clears, marks, greens, also special selected stock pairs from 10/- per pair up to 20/- per pair: Robt. Scott, New Traws, Lesmahagow.

PRIZE Borders, clears, marks, self cinnamons, smart pairs from 10/-, related to my Palace winners; see reports Newcastle, Carlisle, Swansea, L.C.B.A.; stock cocks from 4/6: approval: Roberts, Gwyddfor, Penygroes, Carnarvonshire.

CHAMPION Borders of my winning strain, cup, medal, Lochgelly; cup, medal, Kelty; medal, Darvel; have some winners for sale; yellow hen, big winner last time out, 1st and special Lochore; buff uneven cock, 1st Galashiels, 25/-, and several others; state wants; stamp, deposit: G. Bennet, Bowmont Villa, Kelso.

RELINQUISHING 140 Borders; best strains in the Fancy of Cinnamons, Greens, clears, and marks; winners everywhere; Palace, National, City, etc.; see show reports; will entertain offers for all in one lot, pairs, or single birds; your chance to secure the best at a low price; stamp reply: Walter S. Wilson, "Glendyne," Hamilton.

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and their production are fully described in "The Border Fancy Canary," which also defines the standard. You will find fullest hints in our "Nutshell" booklet No. 23, concerning the keeping of your birds in health and song. Post free, 2½d., from the Publisher, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet-st., London, E.C.

Cinnamons.

DO you want Cinnamons? Send for my detailed list: Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

LARGE exhibition yellow cinnamon Norwich cock, 1911, 10/6 cash, or deposit: Bingham, West-st., Long Sutton, Lincs.

CINNAMONS, yellows, and buffs, cocks and hens, from winners, from 10/- each; approval: E. L. A. Crow, Lowestoft.

DECLINING fancy. Whole of my show and stock birds (25 of them), one lot or singly: T. J. King, Ingogo, Cheltenham.

THREE nice buff Cinnamon cocks, 7/- each, or 18/- the lot: Wright, Bootmaker, Terrington-st., Clement, King's Lynn.

CINNAMONS of the Norwich type, winners, and several very good young unshown buff and yellow: J. Sharman, Chemist, Great Yarmouth.

TWO large buff, 2 Cinnamon Green cocks, Godley and Dorner's strain, 6/-, 7/6 each; ditto, hens, 5/-, 6/6, stock birds and splendid feeders; approval; must clear: E. G. Mitchell, Dereham.

CINNAMON CRESTS.—Breeder, William Tatman, 111, Midland Road, Wellingborough. Few birds for sale.

Crests and Crestbreds.

BREEDER'S CARD.

WILLIAM TATMAN, 11, Midland Road, Wellingborough, has for disposal few good Crests and Crest-breds, yellows and buffs, cocks and hens.

CRESTS and Crest-breds for sale, very moderate price: H., 485, Old Kent Road.

J. DARLINGTON, 9, Osborne-rd., Birkenhead, has some fine Crests and Crestbreds for sale, all nicely over moult.

SIX Norwich 1911 Crested cocks, make good stock birds, cheap to clear: Carter, Bow-road, Wateringbury, Kent.

THREE good variegated Crestbred hens, 7/6 each; also two Crested cocks, 7/6 each: Fifield, 6, Buckingham-st., Oxford.

HIGH-CLASS Crests and Crest-breds; no rubbish; 50/- to £10 per pair; approval: Fletcher, 216, Wilford-rd., Nottingham.

A FEW Crests and Crestbreds for sale, Barnett and Noble's strain; approval: James Heraebell, 61, Watson-st., Dundee.

CREST and Crest-bred, and few pairs for sale, cheap to clear: Boulter, 32, Palmerston-rd., West Hampstead, London.

CRESTS and Crest-breds, few pairs or single for sale, price reasonable; deposit: H. Mais, 63, Northumberland-st., Nottingham.

CRESTS and Crest-breds for sale, Barnet's and Taylor's strain, 15/-, 20/-, 25/- pair: Richardson, 8, York-st., Church, near Accrington.

HAVING had a remarkable breeding season, I have ten pairs of Crests, also several single birds for sale: J. Brotherton, 17, Park-st., Bolton.

FOR sale, eight Crest-breds and four Crests, good birds, of a good strain. How much for the lot?: Richard Burns, Beltonford, Dunbar.

THREE Crest-bred cocks, 3 Crest-bred hens, 10/- each, bred from my cup winners; approval: Bennett, 46, Wenlock-st., Luton, Beds.

CHAMPION Crests, few for sale, as good as any in England, reasonable; approval; deposit: T. Billington, Hambleton, Poulton-le-Fylde.

NOTICE.—Grand lot Crests and Crest-breds, many winners, prices low; easy payments taken; approval: McKeand, Seabright Villa, Castle-Douglas.

LARGE, dark Crest buff cock, even marked wings, winner, £2 10/-, worth double; approval; part exchange: Robinson, Bird Specialist, Windermere.

MASSIVE 1910 green Crest, winner, £2 10/-; also three Crested cocks, 1911, fine stock birds, 7/6 each; approval willingly: A. Quiller, Castle-st., Liskeard, Cornwall.

SYMONS BROS., 1, Brisbane terrace, Liskeard, Cornwall, have few Crest and Crest-breds for sale, good stock birds, from our winning strain, reasonable; approval.

MASSIVE green Crested cock, 1910, £4; several 1911 Crested cocks, £5; Grissel hen, large bird, 1910, £2; variegated dark Crested hen, £5, 1911: Horsley, Butcher, Norwich.

T. GILBERT can spare a few good Crest and Crest-breds, chiefly cocks, with feather on head, coming to end of beak, from 10/- to 40/-; approval: 37, Craven-st., Coventry.

CRESTS and Crestbreds, best blood, can spare a few pairs and cocks, from 60/- and 30/-; state price prepared to give; stamp: Rev. G. W. Joyce, Wellington, Somerset.

DERBY Show, six firsts, six seconds, four thirds, cup, etc., grand Crests or Crest-breds, cheap; no better blood obtainable; reasonable; approval: Colledge, Kilburn, Derby.

E. L. A. CROW, Lowestoft, has 3 pairs 1910, 1911 birds, 20/- pair; a few feathery Crest-bred cocks from 10/-; approval; all own breeding from my winners at the principal shows.

A LISTER, 106, Rectory Road, Gateshead, has still left a large stock of Crested cocks, and hens, also Crestbreds, from 10/- each, grand quality; pairs from 20/-; approval, any distance.

BREEDER of Crests for 30 years having bred scores of winners and won hundreds of prizes; have some nice young birds for sale, prices to suit everybody, on approval: G. Williams, 50, Lower Union-st., Torquay.

HARRY DAVIS, 6, Myrtle-avenue, Birridge-road, Nottingham, has ten pairs of high-class Crests and Crest-breds, no better, price 15/- to £5; no reasonable offer refused to anyone taking the lot; letters answered.

T. J. King, Ingogo, Cheltenham, not wishing to exhibit this season, has several grand show Crests, big winners, for disposal; also about 100 stock birds. His stock can be viewed and a selection made by appointment.

CREST and Crest-bred winning Canaries of the best blood, to be sold cheap, being now very much overcrowded; please state wants and price to save unnecessary correspondence: J. Shearman, Chemist, Great Yarmouth.

OWNER going abroad wishes to dispose of all his Crests and Crest-breds, show and stock, no better blood obtainable; approval willingly; green Crested cock, 1st Derby, 25/-; plenty other besides: W. Mellor, Holbrooke, near Derby.

VERY large variegated Crest cock, over beak end, 50/-; clear buff Crest-bred cock, nest brother to 2nd winner at the late L.B.C.A. Show; see reports; several other grand Crest and Crest-breds cheap; approval: Day, 15, Everilda-st., London, N.

HAVING had a successful breeding time, I must reduce my stock of Crest and Crest-bred, no better blood can be bought at double price; pairs from 15/-, single birds from 7/6, on approval; deposit with Editor: Tetin, 124, Chestnut-ave., Forest Gate, Essex.

CLEAR Crest cock and variegated Crest-bred hen, 17/6; variegated Crest-bred cock to a neat grey crested hen, 20/-; large buff cock Plainhead to variegated crested hen, 20/-; a few of other varieties, own breeding: Lilley, 30, Elmfield-rd., Balham, London.

HIGH-class Crests, and Crest-breds, large, heavy feathered, 1911 birds, cocks and hens, 10/- upwards, bred from winners, few young feeding hens 2/6 each, cocks 3/6 each, cold-room bred; all on approval; deposit: F. Jones, Arden-cottage, Castle Bromwich, nr. Birmingham.

C. ROBERTS, leading breeder, exhibitor, and exporter. Champion large feathery Crests and Crest-breds, can spare show birds from £3 10/-; stock pairs matched to breed winners, from 30/-; single birds from 12/6; state your wants; approval: Stannah Hey, Newton-drive, Blackpool.

THREE pairs left, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-; Crestbred cocks, 7/6, 10/-, 15/-, 20/-; Crested cock, highly commended Plymouth, £3, absolutely same blood as winners Plymouth, Nottingham, L.C.B.A., Derby (see reports), honestly worth double the prices asked; approval with pleasure: Tyson, 169, Sloan-st., London, S.W.

MR. A. J. SMITH, the breeder of high-class Crests and Crested-bred, who has spared no expense in making his strain one of the best, has a few choice birds for disposal that he can thoroughly recommend, at reasonable prices. Variegated Crested-bred hen, fine turnover, 50/-; yellow green Crested-bred hen, 63/-; saddle and wing marked buff Crested-bred hen, 1911, grand turnover, 63/-; buff slightly ticked Crested-bred hen, 1911, grand quality and shape, £5; buff wing marked Crested-bred hen, 1911, very large, grand stock bird, 80/-; foul green Crested-bred hen, winner in best company, wonderful turnover, shape, and quality, extra, £5; dark cap wing marked buff Crested-bred cock, 1911, plenty of size, very good turnover, will make a winner, £4: St. Ives, Chester-rd., Erdington, Birmingham.

BARNETT'S STRAIN DIRECT

A clergyman has a few pairs of Crests and C.B.'s to sell, from Barnett's birds; extraordinary bargains; properly matched pairs from 25/-; approval, deposit: Box A1, "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet-st., London, E.C.

AN EXCEPTIONALLY FINE COLLECTION

of Crests and Crested-breds; they will be all found rare bargains; a recent and important purchase (particulars can be given) gives an opportunity for high-class birds of this variety such as seldom occurs. Crested cocks, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-, 60/-; Crested hens, 5/-, 6/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, to 60/-; Crest-bred cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-; Crested-bred hens, 4/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, upwards; clear, 8/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-; Green, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-; pairs matched for Crest Breeding, one Crested and one Crested-bred, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-, 60/-, 80/-: W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

Greens.

YORKSHIRE Greens; three pairs for sale, related to my winners: A. Mockridge, 16, June-rd., Tue Brook, Liverpool.

TYPICAL Norwich foul greens, cocks or hens, including some winners; to clear, cheap: Miles, St. Andrews, Norwich.

FIRST class show birds in Yorkshire, Norwich and Border Greens, approval three days; stamp: 7, Thompson-st., Birkenhead.

YORKSHIRE Greens, singles or pairs, for sale, reasonable (see L.C.B.A. report): Geoff Benson, 7, Sandheys-rd., Liscard, Cheshire.

SEVERAL good Yorkshires for disposal, single or pairs; also 40 clears; offers, stamp: Grocer, 97, Upper Warwick-st., Liverpool.

YELLOW 1911 Yorkshire green cocks, also few good buff Norwich cocks, cheap; approval willingly: Gibson, Vernon-avenue, Nottingham.

YORKSHIRE and Norwich, show or stock birds, best blood in the Fancy; come and inspect them: Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool.

NOT having sold my Yorkshire Greens in one lot, I am now selling pairs or singles, self or foule; inspection invited: H. Hughes, 6, Argyle-st. South, Birkenhead.

YORKSHIRE green and marked hens, from 4/-; also 3 or 4 pairs greens from 15/-; good colour and quality, winner Newcastle, Liverpool, Preston; approval willingly: Hickson, 56, Lock-rd., Broadheath.

5 POUNDS

is all I am asking for eight of the best Norwich Greens to be found in London; sent on approval; deposit with Editor: A. W. Curtis, 8, Fabian-rd., Fulham.

ROWLAND'S STRAIN.

The finest winning strain of Green Yorkshires on the show bench. See reports weekly. I have purchased the whole surplus stock of Mr. Rowland's, and offer them for sale at reasonable prices, singles or pairs: Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool.

Lancashires.

CHAMPION large massive Plainheads, 10/6 each; ten days approval: W. Powick, Dewsbury.

A FEW good Lancashires on sale, prices very moderate: Bracegirdle, 185, Hurdsfield, Macclesfield.

IF you want genuine Lancashires I have a few fine young birds cheap, only want seeing: Write or call, approval, stamp: J. Mills, 81, Smithy Bridge, near Rochdale.

MASSIVE ticked yellow Lancashire Plainhead, 2nd Rochdale, 45/-; several grand young buff coppy cocks from 15/6; buff Plainhead cock, 15/6; no better blood living; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Inspector Green, Loughborough.

Lizards.

DO you want Lizards? Send for my detailed list.—Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

GRAND matched pairs, from 12/6; odd cocks and hens, Golds and Silvers; approval: Holt, 75, Osborne-st., Rochdale.

GRAND matched pairs from 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, odd cocks 7/6, hens 5/6; cold-room colour-fed; Mr. Oliver and Mr. Dewsnap strain: W. Carter, Butcher, 160, Burnley-rd., Todmorden, Yorkshire.

Norwich.

BREEDERS' CARD.

E. BAKER, 14, High Street, Cowes, I.W., Breeder and Exhibitor High-class Norwich Plainheads, winner at most big shows. Write for prices.

J. HODDER, Breeder of Champion Norwich, winner of championships; some nice birds cheap; approval: 6, Banner-st., St. Luke's, London, E.C.

MORE, 62, Drive, Gt. Yarmouth, good Norwich Plainheads for sale, own breeding, related many this year's prize winners.

W. READ, Chellowdene, York-road, Guildford, breeder and exhibitor of high-class Norwich; surplus stock only for sale; over 100 to select from; seen any time; from 15/6 pair; approval.

L. J. RICHARDSON, breeder high-class Norwich; 50 birds for sale; see wins Oxford, London Federation and Brighton, etc; bowl winner, etc; single birds from 15/-, pairs from 30/-.—Post Office, 91, Union-rd., Rothernithe.

DO you want Norwich Plainheads? Send for my detailed list: Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

FEW good Norwich for sale, cold room bred, cocks 4/6, hens 2/-: Martin, 34, Oban-st., Leicester.

PROCTOR, 80, Oswald-st., Blackburn, has some good Norwich for sale, single or pairs; state wants.

CHAMPION Norwich, sure winners, cocks 7/6, hens 5/6 each, ten days' approval: W. Powick, Dewsbury.

WINNERS, and bred from winners, very cheap to clear; approval, stamp: Cable, St. James-rd., Forfar.

E. GODLEY has few grand Norwich for disposal, single or pairs, also Cinnamons: Rishton, Blackburn.

SEVEN large, high-class Norwich Canaries, 30/- to clear; approval: W. J. Clarke, 62, Abingdon-rd., Oxford.

HENRY, 52, Sixth Avenue, Bush Hill Park, 13 Norwich cocks, 1911, good strain, large, healthy, 6s. each.

THREE pairs of good Norwich, 15/- pair; 3 odd cocks, 6/- each: Holmes, Fletcher-st., Heanor, nr. Notts.

GRAND Norwich stock or songsters, cocks, 5/-, 7/6; hens, 2/6 and 3/6 each: Hudson, Matlock-rd., Belper.

THIRTY Norwich prize bred, all colours, several matched pairs, cheap; approval: Todd, Caldarvan, Balloch.

TWENTY prize-bred Norwich hens, 2/- to 7s.; cocks, 4/- to 10/-: T. Memory, 1, Granby Houses, Dane-st., Leicester.

PAIR Canaries, Norwich, 12/6, 2/6 deposit, 1/- weekly, birds sent on first payment: Dobson, Slater-st., High Wycombe.

FOUR unflighted buff cocks, grand type and quality, can win, 20/- each; approval: Devoy, 23, George-st., Stranraer.

CANARIES; young Norwich, home bred, 5/- each before Christmas; singing well: R. B., 14, Hillmarton-rd., N.

ON sale, a few high-class Norwich, pairs from 15/- to 25/-, cheap: Bracegirdle, 185, Hurdsfield, Macclesfield.

G. SMITH, Field-st., Shepshed, Loughboro', can spare few good Norwich, from winners; cocks, 5/-; hens, 2/6 each.

WILLIAM PHIPPS has got some good Norwich and Yorkshires for sale, all on approval: 16, Mill Plat, Isleworth.

BEAUTIFUL 1911 variegated and other hen Canaries, 1/9 each; cock, 7/6: Mrs. Morris, Moat House, Brentwood, Essex.

BIG, bouncing pair of Norwich, sell 12/6; approval; worth 30/-; great bargain: J. Spilsbury, Station-rd., Winsford, Cheshire.

WANTED, two large Norwich yellow hens, must have good heads, be cheap; approval: Davis, 99, Station-rd., Bexhill.

CHAMPION Norwich, grand pairs, matched for breeding, 8/6, 10/6, 15/6; on approval: J. Blackshaw, 3, Bond-st., Coventry.

HIGH-class Norwich, pairs, 10/6; hens, 4/6; coloured; approval, deposit: Timbrell Bros., Bootmakers, Chipping, Lancashire.

FINEST strain of Norwich procurable, show and stock birds for sale; approval: Fred Barraclough, 25, Railway-st., Hyde.

A FEW surplus single or pairs from winner; cheap to clear; appointment; Ward, 21, Warwick-st., Pimlico, nr., Victoria-station.

PRIZE bred Norwich Canaries; cocks, in full song, 4/-, 5/- each; hens, same strain, 1/6, 2/- each: Heathcote's Aviaries, Leicester.

TYPICAL Norwich for sale, excellent stock birds, Yellows, Buffs and variegs, cold-room bred: Cooper, Station Buildings, Lenzie.

FEW good Yellow and Buff Norwich cocks, from 15/-; Yellow and Buff hens, 10/-, and upwards: Kelly, Dean-rd., Kilbirnie.

HENS, 30 large young healthy Norwich hens, outdoor aviary; buffs, 2/6; yellows, 3/6; deposit: Exton, 31, Chartley-rd., Leicester.

TYPICAL Norwich cocks, full song, 6/6, 7/6; hens 3/-, 4/- each; 7 days' approval: Poore, 43, Guildford-rd., Green-lane, Ilford.

NORWICH Metropolitan C.B.A. Cup winner; 20 pairs, show or stock, from 10/-: W. McMillan, 29, Kilmaine-rd., Fulham, S.W.

I HAVE ten good Norwich hens left, Silk's strain, sacrifice 4/6 each; see last week's advt.: Rolington, Canterbury-rd., Whitstable.

NOTICE.—Grand lot Norwich, many winners, prices low; easy payments taken; approval: McKeand, Seabright Villa, Castle-Douglas.

MISS EDWARDS, Lauriston, Reigate Hill, Reigate, has some grand young Norwich to part with cheap, inspection invited; approval.

TWO splendid pairs unflighted Norwich, prizebred, only 12/6 pair, bargains; approval: Ford, Hospital-lodge, Burton-on-Trent.

GOOD buff Norwich cocks, fed, from 7/6 to 15/-; see wins Carlisle, Crook, Cheltenham: Bell, 35, Clementina-terr., Carlisle.

UNFLIGHTED Norwich, good birds, cocks and hens, yellow and buff, stamp reply: James Mathieson, Whamond-st., Motherwell.

GIVING up through ill-health; some really good stock birds for sale; rare quality; price moderate: Barrows, Wardington, Banbury.

ONE dozen Norwich cocks, yellows and buffs, reliable strain, from 7/6; or offers for the lot: Broadhurst, 59, James-st., Macclesfield.

A FEW good Norwich for sale, cocks 5/6 and 6/6; hens 3/-; approval, cash or deposit: B. Minsball, Claypit Terrace, Whitchurch, Salop.

BARGAINS; giving up; large Norwich hens, 2/6 each; yellows and buffs; approval, deposit: John Seed, Draper, Chipping, Lancashire.

T. H. JONES, 9, Boundary-terrace, Carlisle, breeder and exhibitor of high-class Norwich, correct type, grand quality, few pairs reasonable.

W. BURDETT has a few good stock birds for sale, cocks, and hens, from 10/- to 30/-; approval: 120, Todd-st., Wingate, Co. Durham.

THREE buff cocks, one clear yellow cock, large stock birds, 10/- each; good hens from 6/-; approval: Myles, 4, Queen-st., Arbroath.

PRIZE bred, some winners, clear, variegated, greens, singles or pairs, from 15/- to 25/-; cold-room, deposit: Spriggs, Hairdresser, Stamford.

NORWICH prize bred cocks, from 7s. 6d., hens from 4/-; pairs 10/-: J. Kirk, 21, Daresbury-st., Esmond-rd., Cheetham Hill, Manchester.

EXTRAORDINARY large ticked yellow cock, special best Norwich, Shepshed, see report, 15/-; great bargain: Watson, Hall Croft, Shepshed.

GARDINER'S strain, winner of the Scottish Plainhead Club president's prize, prices from 15/-, pairs 20/-: New-bldgs., Newtongrange, Midlothian.

WANTED, large typical yellow Norwich cock and yellow hen; exchange winning Borders to value; no rubbish wanted: Craig, High-st., Brechin.

SLASHING yellow cock, winner, buff hen, large birds, 70/-; approval, deposit, genuine offer: Sadler, 33, Preston-avenue, Highams Park, Chingford.

GOOD stock pair, cheap, 17s. 6d., Yellow cock, 14/-; Yellow hens, 7/- each, few Buffs at 3/-; see report: Newark: Wells, Nelson-rd., Balderton, Newark.

ABOUT 30 Norwich for disposal, cocks and hens, all colours, bred from high-class stock, 1910-1911 birds; cheap to clear: Yeats, Linthorpe, Fraserburgh.

LARGE Norwich stock birds, colour fed; cocks, 7/-; hens, 4/-; pairs, 10/- each; any worth double; approval: Moore, Beer-off, Gordon-rd., Nottingham.

SPLENDID pair of Norwich Canaries, yellow and buff, very large birds, only 8/6; deposit: J. W. Adams, Great Bircham, King's Lynn, Norfolk.

HIGH-class Norwich for sale, cocks from 10/6, also several Borders from 5/-; see North London report: Burchell, 6a, Duriston-rd., Upper Clapton.

CHAMPION Norwich, few grand birds for sale, Bullfinch type, large heads, fine silky feather, approval: T. Billington, Hambleton, Poulton-le-Fylde.

GOOD Norwich cocks, 5/-; 4 joiner made breeding cages, punch bar fronts, fitted complete, used once, 2/6 each: Woodcock, 31, Denstone-rd., Nottingham.

HAVE good Norwich cocks, 7/6 to 25/-; hens from 4/- to 20/-; pairs from 10/- to 40/-; see show reports: Groom, Longnor Hall, Longnor, Shrewsbury.

LARGE 1910 yellow Norwich cock, colour-fed, Bowyer direct, 10/6; also 3 yellow hens, 2/6 each; approval: Eccles, Chapel-st., Rhosymedre, Ruabon.

PRIZE bred Norwich, only a few left, good cocks, with grand heads, from 10/-, also double breeding and flight cages: Spinner, 23, Leslie Park-rd., Croydon.

BUFF and yellow marked Norwich cocks and hens, mostly unflighted, 6/- to 8/-; cash or deposit: J. Ternent, 13, Hartley-st. Seaton Delaval,, Northumberland.

J. CALDERWOOD has a few Norwich to dispose of, winners, and bred from winners, all colours, 10/6 to 40/- each; approval, 34, West Shaw-st., Kilmarnock.

EXCEPTIONAL bargain; C.F. yellow Norwich cock, winner of 1st in 20/- selling class last week, accept 10/-, worth treble: Hawkes, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

NORWICH for sale, yellow variegated cock, buff, and buff variegated cocks, yellow and yellow variegated hens; cheap, approval: Taylor, 113, High-st., Brechin.

TWENTY fine buff hens, unflighted, 10/- each, for quick sale, all related to my winners; see report of Scottish shows; approval: Devoy, 23, George-st., Stranraer.

VARIEG. Unflighted Norwich cock, full neck, nice size, would make splendid stock bird, real bargain, at 7s., colour fed: White, Seed Stores, Park-street, East Cowes.

BEAUTIFUL clean cut hens, short wings and tails, good heads, from 5/-; cocks from 7/6; approval, deposit; stamp reply: F. Tesseyman, Church Hill, Camp-rd., Leeds.

CAN spare a very good yellow cock, also buff and one cinnamon wing marked, 12/6 each; also perfect yellow and buff hen, 5/6 each: Allen, Albert-st., Wednesbury.

A LARGE yellow Norwich cock, good stock bird, 8/6; ticked yellow unflighted cock, 6/6; H.M. cock Goldfinch, 2nd East Reading, 7/6: J. Brooker, 67, Orts-rd., Reading.

LOT of Norwich from 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 pair; breeding cages, 2/-, all wire, to clear: McNair, 157, George-st., Paisley.

TYPICAL Norwich from 10/6, see North London show report; also few Borders from 6/6; inspection invited: Jeffries, 31, Brighton-rd., Stoke Newington.

W. SCHOFIELD, Saddler, Ipswich, having had a good season, can spare 20 pairs, or singly, bred from winners, Crystal Palace, Norwich, etc., from 15/6 pair; approval.

TYPICAL Norwich cocks, singing nicely, satisfaction guaranteed, clean, healthy, from 4/6; matched pairs from 6/6; approval: Scott, 31, Keyham-lane, Humberstone, Leicester.

VARIEGATED buff cock, 1911, 15/-; clear buff cock, 1911, 12/-; clear buff hen, 1910, 12/-; grand colour and quality, cheap; approval, cash or deposit: A. Stacey, 30, Hudson-st., Nottingham.

GREAT sacrifice; must effect immediate clearance; several yellow and buff C.F. Norwich hens, bred from and related to winners at 5/-; approval: Hawkes, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

EXHIBITORS. Fine clear Yellow cock (1911), first prize winner, £2; typical four-pointed hen, 1911, also a winner, 25/-; both fit for Palace; approval: Robinson, 9, Broad-st., Windermere.

PRIZE bred Norwich Canaries, cocks, warranted in full song, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6 each; hens, same strain, 2/-, 3/-, 4/- each; satisfaction guaranteed: Fred Johnson, 22, Goswell-st., Leicester.

G. B. DANIEL, 69, Derby-lane, Liverpool; all my Norwich for sale; some of the finest stock birds obtainable, from 15/- pair upwards; grand lot of cages; enquiries solicited; approval.

TWENTY-FIVE pairs Norwich Plainhead Canaries, my own breeding this year; the lot 5/6 pair; odd pairs, 6/6; cocks, 5/-; hens, 2/6; no fake; approval: Mark Bennett, Broughton Astley, Leicester.

FATHER of winning buff hen, Leicester, 13 in class (open), was purchased from me; think set buff cocks, good size and quality, 15/- each; approval: George Notley, 3, King's-pl., Bedford.

YELLOW and buff cocks and hens, winners and bred from winners; see Glasgow West End report last week; Borders, all colours; inspection invited evenings: Miller, 3, Stephen-ter., Anniesland, Glasgow.

H. E. HEDGES, 46, Greys-rd., Eastbourne; prize bred Norwich cocks, clears, yellows, or buffs, variegated, from 7/6 each; hens, ditto, from 3/6; pairs from 10/6; approval, cash or deposit; stamp reply.

HIGH-class Norwich, winning strains, a few good stock and show birds for sale; also show cages, good as new, some good feeding cross-bred hens; approval, deposit: J. Logan, 23, High-st., Dysart, Fife.

NORWICH, clear yellow cock, 20/-; marked yellow, 20/-; marked buff, 15/-; marked yellow hen, 12/6; several others at reasonable prices, can win in good company; approval willingly: E. Powell, Park Hill, Tredegar.

BARGAINS to clear. I am overstocked; Norwich cocks 7/6, 10/6, 12/6; hens 2/6, 5/6, 10/6; every one in good health and condition; chance for a novice to get tip-top birds cheap: Sherlock, Liverpool-rd., St. Helens.

UNFLIGHTED buff cocks, 10/- to 25/-, yellow cocks, 7/6 to 15/-; some of them winners; 1910 clean yellow cock, 20/-; 1910 clean buff cock, winner 3rd last week, 25/-; see reports; approval: James Brown, Jeweller, Catrine.

QUICK sale; 2 buff hens, 2/6 each; 2 yellow hens, 3/6 each; 2 yellow cocks, 6/- each; all unflighted, colour-fed; large buff cock, 2nd Ashton-under-Lyne, 25th November, 12/-, lot 33/-; letters only: Reynolds, 8, Netherhey-st., Oldham.

TWENTY-TWO pairs of Norwich Plainheads, good birds, colour-fed, also 1 pair of Bullfinches, 1 pair of Goldfinches, H.M. Goldfinch, first at Lynn, Bullfinch, second. What offers?: Hately, Jesmond-house, Queen's-ave., King's Lynn.

MONSTER 1911 exhibition buff cock, rare type and quality, grand colour and immense size, sure winner, make champion stock bird, only 21/-, honestly worth £2, genuine bargain; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich.

ONE good clear yellow cock, 10/6; 1 big variegated buff cock, 20/-; 3 good clear buff hens, 5/- each; 1 small cinnamon marked buff hen, 4/-; 2 good feeders, 2/- each; cash or deposit: F. Stott, 41, Mills-st., Freehold, Rochdale, Lancs.

MR. HAWKES offers any of his winning Norwich at 30/- each, also few buffs and yellows, bred from and related to his winners; cocks, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; hens, 5/-, 7/6, 10/-, 15/- each; approval; see reports: 390, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

CANARIES, for early breeding, mostly March birds, fine, healthy, cobby Norwich Canaries, 20 cocks, and 20 hens, giving up Fancy; will sell the lot, with cages and aviaries, etc., cheap: Apply, G. Lewis, "Claremont," Gloucester-rd., Kingston Hill.

NORWICH, giving up Fancy; rare stock birds; large typical buff and yellow hens, 4/6 and 5/-; worth double; large stock cocks, 7/6 to 10/-; particulars free; cages very cheap; everything on approval: Hoyle and Son, Grocer, Chipping, Lancashire.

MASSIVE exhibition yellow cock, large head and neck, rare type and quality, grand colour and substance, sure winner, make champion stock bird, only 21/-, recently cost £2; genuine bargain; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich.

GIVING up Fancy; chance for beginners; seven cocks, seven hens, good Norwich, mostly Sandison's strain, three double breeders, two three-compartment, four show cages and case, all utensils, £5; or would separate: Dyer, Maud, Aberdeenshire.

OWING to business, must reduce my stock of Canaries; for winnings see report of Watford Show in this week's issue; buff unflighted cock, 2nd, 10/-; yellow hen, 1st, 15/-; ticked buff, 1st, 15/-; Buckingham, 211, St. Albans-rd., Watford, Herts.

FRANK F. LAWSON has still a large stock of well-bred birds to sell, cheap; can supply beginners with matched pairs, fit to breed winners, from 15/- per pair; single birds from 7/6; no better strain in the Fancy; stamped inquiries solicited: 14, Pugin-st., Carlisle.

GEORGE CLARK, Butcher, Basingstoke, offers bargains in prize-bred Norwich, really good, large, typical birds, healthy, and cold-room bred; I can sell pairs at 15/-, worth 25/-; cocks, 7/6 to 20/-; hens, 5/- to 7/6; colour fed; few large Cinnamons at same prices; all on approval.

FOR sale, pair of good large Norwich Canaries for breeding, 8/- pair; also good green Crest cock and good green Crestbred hen, 8/- pair; or exchange hen Mules; also wanted for cash, hen Mules and Canaries: Merrington, Bird Specialist, 40, Besson-st., New Cross Gate, London, S.E.

NOTICE; Wm. Shaw wishes to inform his customers and others that he has a splendid lot of Norwich of the Bullfinch type; these are very large birds, and nice silky feathered and splendidly coloured, all in show condition, and the cocks in full song; yellow cocks, 12/6, 15/6; buff cocks, 10/6, 12/6; yellow hens, 6/6, 7/6; buff hens, 5/6, 6/6; all on three days approval; cash or deposit: Wm. Shaw, 97, Essex rd., Islington, London, N.

C. ROBERTS' noted (Waggoner) strain; champion Norwich have size and Bullfinch type required; buy from the breeder, 23 years' standing, and get the best. Show birds from 40/- upwards; stock pairs from 30/-; single birds from 12/6; approval: Stannah Hey, Newton Drive, Blackpool.

CHANCE of a lifetime. Best blood in the Fancy. Owing to removal of business, I am compelled to dispose of nearly all my valuable stock, winning at Norwich, Walthamstow, Diss, Yarmouth, Lowestoft, etc.; cocks 8/-, hens 4/-; pairs 11/-; genuine offer: Kirk, Furnisher, Lowestoft.

CHAMPION pair correctly matched high-class exhibition Norwich Plainheads, rare size, type, colour, and quality, winners and certain to breed winners in keenest competition, only 25/-, honestly worth £3 for stock alone, rare chance for beginner, genuine bargain; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich.

CHAMPION Norwich, few real good colour-fed exhibition Norwich Plainheads, yellows and buffs, now ready for immediate exhibition, rare size, type, colour, and quality, including many winners, cocks 10/6 to £3, hens 5/6 to 20/- each, all cold-room bred; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich.

MR. SILK, Emsworth, Hants, has a fine massive variegated Yellow cock, won special for best Norwich last week, £3, worth £5, grand unflighted yellow, 1st prize, same show, £2 10s., very large bird; grand capped and flighted Buff cock, 2nd prize, 30/-; several others equally good, with about nine lovely Buff hens, all on approval.

SEE reports of Birmingham, Wolverhampton, West Bromwich and Coventry shows (only times out) for my wins. Fine large yellow cock to spare, £2; two grand stock buff, 30/- each; large unflighted buff hen, superb quality, 30/-; variegated yellow hen, perfect type, 30/-: J. Eckersley, 51, Francis-rd., Edghaston, Birmingham.

W. ORDISH has for disposal one 1910 clear buff Norwich cock, grand stock bird, 15/-; one unflighted varieg. buff cock, 12/6; and one unflighted yellow cock, 12/6; winning strain, see reports Bolton, Liverpool, Leigh; on approval and guaranteed cold-room bred, or would exchange for two good unflighted yellow hens: 31, Irvine-st., Leigh, Lancashire.

LARGE buff cinnamon cock, foul tail, vbc L.C.B.S., selling, 51 entries, 20/-; typical clear yellow Norwich cock, grand bird, 30/-, a winner; large unflighted yellow cock, stout and good feather, 30/-; ticked yellow unflighted cock, brother to above, 20/-; warranted genuine bargains, and on approval with pleasure: J. Nason, Foresters Arms, Northampton.

CHAMPION Norwich, monster exhibition yellow cock, rare size, type, and quality, sure winner, make champion stock bird, only 21/-, honestly worth £2, massive exhibition buff cock, large head and full neck, immense body, rare type and quality of feather, only 15/-, recently cost £2; also grand yellow hen, rare size and substance, nice type and quality, only 12/6, cheap at 25/-; also very choice buff hen, real model for type and quality, feathered like silk, only 10/6, honestly worth double, also few grand yellow and buff cocks and hens, for stock or exhibition, rare type and quality, immense size and grand colour, cocks from 8/6 to 40/- each, hens from 4/6 to 25/- each, genuine bargains, all cold-room bred; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Cooper, 29, Junction-rd., Norwich.

J. TRENGOVE & SON.

A few birds for sale; approval; stamp: 7, High-st., Rishton, near Blackburn.

NORWICH; I BREED,

all my own winners, good stock birds for sale, reasonable; approval; stamp: J. Hayhurst, 217, Brunshow-rd., Burnley.

WINNING NORWICH.

Grand 1911 Clear Yellow cock, 1st, special, Luton, grand colour and quality, 30/-: Litchfield, Tennyson-rd., Luton.

GIVEN AWAY.

Grand Norwich Canaries, mostly fed, bred from winners, from 6/6 to 12/- pair; odd birds cheap; trade supplied: Broxup, 24, Pendle-st., Burnley.

A. SCOTT, SCOTT'S HOTEL, LANCASTER

has some grand pairs for disposal from 25/- upwards; also a few unflighted cocks and hens, rare type and quality, in perfect condition, cold-room bred; satisfaction guaranteed.

HIGH-CLASS NORWICH.

Having had good breeding season (112), also good share of prizes (43), have some good birds for sale; prices reasonable; approval, stamp: Trout, Ivy-rd., Northampton.

CRYSTAL PALACE NORWICH.

Several lovely cobby buff cocks and hens, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- to 30/- each; and a few typical pairs at low prices; these birds are excellent type and quality, and grand value; approval: J. Hodder, 6, Banner-st., St. Luke's, London, E.C.

CHAMPION NORWICH.

G. Thomas has some good birds for sale, single or pairs, single birds from 10/6, pairs from 20/-; all own breeding, and related to my winners at Federation, Dulwich, and Peckham, South West London, etc.: 79, Larcom-st., Walworth, London.

EXCHANGE.

In order to reduce stock Norwich, will clear 6 pairs at 15/- pair, or exchange 3 pairs for large buff cock or buff hen, 3 pairs for large yellow cock or hen, or the lot for winning pair Grecns; no rubbish wanted; yours first: Nichols, 34, Beaconsfield-rd., St. Margaret's, Twickenham.

R. P. HARPER

with 13 exhibits secured 5 firsts, 5 seconds, 2 thirds, 1 fourth, specials, best and second best Norwich in show at North London; see report present issue. Must reduce stock, including winners, owing to removal, prices from 12/6. Inspection invited: Harper, 26, Brighton-rd., Stoke Newington.

TYPICAL NORWICH.

This is the comment on my birds wherever shown: "In the money every time out." Over 50 choice birds, bred from stock costing me pounds, all to be sold, none reserved; selected matched pairs, 25/- upwards; singles 10/-, 15/-; satisfaction guaranteed: S. E. Brumhill, Westree-villa, Charles-st., Maidstone.

SPECIAL NORWICH.

Large, clean, healthy, typical Norwich, in all colours, cocks 4/9, 5/3, 6/3; some grand large hens at 1/9, 2/3, 3/-; matched pairs bred from winners; read the following from scores received weekly: 13, Curcen-st., Calton, Glasgow, Nov. 23, 1911—Mr. Lee, in answer to yours, I am well pleased with the pair of birds you sent me, they give every satisfaction; send me the following 1 extra, good pair of Crests, 12/-, etc.—M. Dinwoodie; terms cash or deposit on 7 days' approval:

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What I profess is not to attempt to cut the price to that which wastrels of no distinct breed whatever are sold at, as Norwich, but I invite you to test my quality by purchasing direct with any others advertised at similar prices.

Norwich Cocks, 5/-, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6. Hens, 2/6, and 3/9 each; 3 hens for 5/6; pairs, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6. For Crests, Scotch Fancies, and other varieties, please send for free current Price List. **Note.—Some real good cocks, with plenty of size and substance, fed, and for show, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; hens, with size and substance, to match, 4/6, 5/6, 7/6. Worth treble; guaranteed.** Cages in all cases 3d. extra.

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NORWICH.

My entire stock of Canaries for disposal; 15 years' pure strain; selling at less than half their value; splendid chance for anyone wanting grand strain; offers. Also flight cages: Snowball, 13, Croft-ave., Sunderland.

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RICHARD ANDERTON,

BREEZE HILL, CADLEY, PRESTON, LANCS.,

wishes to sell the following Norwich to reduce the variegated blood in his strain. They are all of good type, mostly related to the Newcastle, Liverpool, Preston and Great Harwood winners this season, and they present an opportunity to any in need of colour producers. Every bird is guaranteed correct as advertised in colour, age and pedigree, and will be sent on approval to known fanciers. An exchange for a good clear yellow cock will be entertained. (1) Unflighted marked yellow cock, son of my ticked buff cock, winner of 1st Liverpool this season and 1sts at Stockton, Crook, and Gateshead last year, 30/-; (2) unflighted marked buff cock, nest brother, larger, 42/-; (3) unflighted heavy marked buff cock, by same cock, but from different hens, 25/-; (4) unflighted clear buff cock, big fine youngster, father won 1st Preston 1909, 35/-; (5) unflighted marked buff cock, same nest as above, 30/-; (6) unflighted marked buff cock, same again, later nest and smaller, 15/-; (7) unflighted marked buff cock, well bred, large but rather free in feather, 15/-; (8) unflighted heavy marked buff cock, natural colour, double yellow bred, 12/6; (9) clear buff cock, bred 1910, father won 1st Rochdale, 1909, 20/-; (10) clear yellow hen 1910, bred by Mr. Trengove, Rishton, 15/-; (11) marked yellow hen 1910, bred by Leeming Bros., Preston, 15/-; (12) clear buff hen, patchy colour, sister to No. 9, 8/6; (13) unflighted marked buff hen, sister to No. 7, 8/6; (14) two unflighted clear buff hens, cobby but small, 15/- each.

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14 days' trial our risk. Splendid Types. Cocks 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, and 10/- each. Hens, 2/6, 3/6, and 5/-. Well-matched pairs, 7/6, 10/6, and 15/- per pair. Cages and all appliances, cheapest and best in Kingdom. Catalogue free. Patronised by Royalty, Experts, and Judges.—**Northern Aviaries, Ormskirk Road, Preston.**

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The "Davies" strain. A chance to new beginners. Pure Bred Birds, all from my own stock, bred in my own rooms. **Can be seen at any time by appointment. Prices reasonable. See show reports. Stamp for reply.—J. E. Davies, 200, Higher Brinksway, Stockport.**

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The very best yet offered to the Fancy at anything near my prices. The following can win at best of shows, and are worth more money for stock purposes alone. They comprise the following, viz., 1910 bred, large clear yellow cock, good head, chest, and feather, price 30/-; ticked yellow cock, not one of the biggest, but has a grand chest, head, wings, and tail, only 21/-; great bargain, 1911 bred, storming clear yellow cock, ideal show specimen, grand head, chest, marvel right through, price £3 10s.; monster marked yellow cock, topper, the kind most judges like to see, only £3; massive hot fed clear buff cock, real model, gem all over, 50/-; marked buff cock, £2 2/-; clear buff cock, 1910 bred, real big, bonny bird, good tight feather, condition, best out for stock, dirt cheap, 21/-; by far and away the best clear yellow hen I ever saw, 1911 bred, perfect Norwich, immense head, size, and substance, combined with best of wings and tail, knockout, lowest for her is £4; clinking 1911 bred marked yellow hen, can win any large show, price £2 5s.; 1910 bred large clear yellow hen, mother of several big winners, cheap indeed at 30/-; ticked yellow hen, 15/-; clear buff hen, I gave £3 for last season, accept £1 for her; marked buff hen, 15/-; slashing buff hen, clear, 1911 bred, lovely head and neck, immense size and substance, one of the best living at present time, only 50/-; also good large pairs, for beginners, at 15/- to 50/- per pair. Apply early, and get the very cream of them. I defy any breeder or exhibitor to sell birds like the above for the money; first orders get any of them. I never show myself; that is why I can afford to sell the best. The following are a few names of the breeders and exhibitors who have purchased Norwich Plainheads from me during this last few seasons: Messrs. Brown, Taylor, Isom, Davidson, Birch, Sharpe, Evans, Jones (two different fanciers), Tallett, Bennett, Frail, Aitken, Weir, Ordish, Gibbs, Hills, Scholes, Bielby, Henderson, Hutchison, Goodland, Smith, Kilby, Hay, Ure, and countless others. Now, fanciers, please send me your orders, and you will want more. Two hundred testimonials filed for inspection. Address: George Cubley, Lutton Gowts, Long Sutton, Lincs.

Pure Norwich



A few grand ones ready direct from our noted strains and Mr. Midgley's noted Crystal Palace strain this last few years. Not exhibiting this season can offer some of the best blood in the Fancy. Won year 1902 38 1sts, etc., 1903 50 1sts, gold medal International Show, also N.P.C. Challenge Cup, 1904 42 1sts, also N.P.C. Challenge Cup, second year in succession, 1906 38 1sts, etc., 1907 33 1sts, etc., 1909 30 1sts, etc. What more proof? All in best and keenest competition. Have some grand yellow cocks and hens, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-, each. Buff cocks and hens, 3/-, 8/-, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-, 20/- each; any on approval with pleasure; send for catalogue of winning testimonials. Breeders 30 years.

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Have some grand stock pairs, to clear, the sort to breed champions. They have size, shape, and quality, and, above all, the pedigree and blood tells. Prices from 20/- to 50/-, single birds from 10/6 upwards. Few grand show birds, reasonable. Prices on application. All on approval. This strain stands alone: Judge Silk, Whitstable.

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TWO good Green Roller hens for sale, 4/- each; Norris breed: Miss Richardson, 20, Bigby-st., Brigg.

ENGLISH bred cold-room Seifert Roller cocks, 6/- each, singing: J. Thomas, 19, Albert-st., Canton, Cardiff.

ST. Andreasburg Rollers, in full song, cold room, 5/6, 6/6, hens 1/6; approval: Hitch, 65, Stafford-st., Walsall.

CANARIES, sweet singing, 1911, Rollers, 5 cocks, 7/6 each; 6 hens, 2/- each: Goodall, 85, Oxford-st., Reading.

HIGH class Rollers, in full song, cocks 10/6, 15/- upwards, hens 5/-: Best, 5, Alma-place, Beckett-st., Leeds.

SEIFERT Roller cocks, full song, 6/-, 7/6, Seifert hens 2/6; deposit: Shaw, 29, Graiseley Row, Wolverhampton.

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MUST be sold; 7 songsters and 8 hen Canaries, genuine birds, 25/- lot, or separately: Peters, 16a, Grand-parade, Highgate, N.

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HIGH CLASS Rollers; having a few young 1911 B.R.C.C. rung cocks and hens, from cup winner at Provincial Champion Class 1911, at reasonable prices: Hanbury, 13, Railway-terrace, Llanelly.

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ENGLISH bred Seifert Rollers, cold-room bred, perfectly trained birds, with wonderful length and variety of song, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/- each; hens, 1/6, 2/6, 5/- each; approval: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn.

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TWO 1911 cold room bred German cock Roller Canaries, now coming into full song, daylight or gaslight, sex guaranteed, price 3/6 each; birds on seven days' approval willingly: Miss E. Bristoll, 66, Necbells Park-rd., Birmingham.

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CANARIES, 2 pure Hummel Roller Schoolmasters, last year's birds, now in full rolling song, day and gaslight, with extra deep roll and hollow bass roll; bell, harp, and gong notes, silvery trills, etc., accept 6/6 each, cost double; week's approval on receipt of p.o.: Tom Clews, Ada Road, off Cape Hill, near Birmingham.

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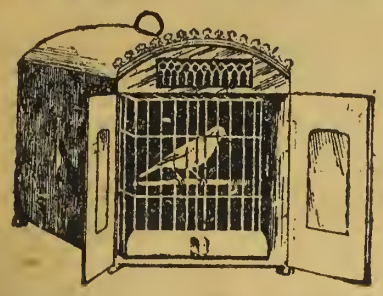
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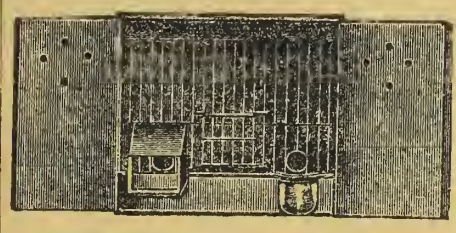
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FOR sale, Scotch Fancies, good stock birds, large size, moderate prices: J. B. Kerr, 9, Myrtle-ter., Edinburgh.

BUFF Scotch Fancy cock, £1, or exchange for yellow or green hen; approval: Reid, 19, Drumdryen-st., Edinburgh.

SCOTCH Fancies, two young buff cocks, several one year bred, all cheap: Turnbull, 97, Westmoreland-st., Crosshill, Glasgow.

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TWO pairs Buff pied, cock Yellow, pied hen, 1910, Yellow cock, 1910, Buff pied hen, young Buff foul hen, young; approval: James Burnside, Newtown, Lesmahagow.

NOTICE.—Grand lot Scotch Fancies, many winners at leading shows; prices reasonable; easy payments taken, approval: McKeand, Seabright Villa, Castle-Douglas.

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SCOTCH Fancies for sale, two first cross buff and pied cocks, one buff pied cock, prize winner, two first cross buff hens, all first-class birds, reasonable: W. Grahame, 1, Hermitage-terr., Leith.

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PRESENT day winner of 3 firsts, typical yellow Yorkshire cock, latest win 1st Windsor last week; accept 21/-; great sacrifice: Hawkes, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

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GRAND high-class Yorkshires, cocks 7/6, hens 4/6 upwards; pairs, very reasonable, lot cheap; approval, deposit; exchange anything useful: Sam Morley, Park Gate, Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield.

THE old Yorkshire breeder can spare some good quality pairs, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 a pair; single cocks, 4/6, 6/6, 8/6, 10/6; hens, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-; approval: Berry, Coal Merchant, Ingrow, Keighley.

HIGH-class Yorkshires, splendid length, type, and quality, cocks from 5/-, hens from 3/-; matched pairs 8/- upwards; approval; satisfaction guaranteed: Greenwood, Colne-rd., Crosshill, Keighley.

TWO Yorkshires, as bred, buff and variegated, house-moulted, cock Bramble, beauty, exchange lot for good house-moulted cock Goldfinch, or sell 7/6: E. Barker, Armoury-cottage, Bongate, Helmsley.

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YORKSHIRES, best blood obtainable, colour-fed, cocks 5/- upwards, hens 3/- upwards; pairs, properly mated for breeding winners, 7/6 upwards, full of quality; carriage paid; approval: Edgar King, Fairfield, Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire.

EXCEPTIONAL offer, must go at a great sacrifice, few yellow and buff Yorkshire cocks, real gems for length, style and type, equal to my present-day winners; 7/6 and 10/- each; approval; see reports, Hawkes, 390, Grove Green, Leytonstone.

I HAVE a few good Yorkshires for sale, unflighted, buff cock, 1st, 12/-; cinnamon marked buff hen, 2nd, 10/-, both Ashton-u.-Lyne, Nov. 25; 4 yellow and buff hens, 6/- each; 2 pairs, 15/-: Wm. Foxall, Oaken Clough, Waterloo, Ashton-u.-Lyne.

CHAMPION Yorkshires, for show or stock, cocks for stock, from 10/- upwards, hens for stock from 7/6 upwards; all colours, show specimens, according to merit; such stock seldom offered; approval, deposit: Willie Watnough, Ruswarp, near Whitby.

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WANTED, exhibition Goldfinch-Redpoll Hybrid: E. J. Lamb, "Alverstone," New Malden, Surrey.

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SIX cock Goldfinch-Canary mules, singing, 5/- each. What offer for lot?: Clark, 4, Judville-pl., Brackley.

GRAND cock Linnet Mule, sell 7/6 cash, or exchange good cock Canary: Harris, 45, Radford-rd., Nottingham.

LINNET mule, 2nd Watford, 17/6; see report in this week's issue: Buckingham, 211, St. Albans-rd., Watford.

SPLENDID large 1911 cock Goldfinch Canary Mule, in song, 6/6, approval: W. J. Clarke, 62, Abingdon-rd., Oxford.

COCK Linnet mules 5/6, another yellow, coloured, 7/-, both singing: Miss L. Morris, 24, High-st., Bridgwater.

GRAND cock Linnet Mule, Linnet song, 6/-; parents 5/-; Goldfinch Mule, Goldie notes, 7/6: H. Hunt, 25, Swinegate, Grantham.

TWO house-moulted cock Goldfinches, 7/6 each, one sib hen, 5/-; no exchange: J. W., Receiving Home, Warren-rd., Guildford.

HEN Goldfinch mules, three 1910, perfect health and feather, 3/-; or will exchange: Close, 33, Chesterfield-rd., Blackpool.

IN-bred Lancashire hens for mule breeding, 7/6 each, p.o. or deposit: W. Sanger, 6, Ellerhayes-villas, Hele, Collompton.

GRAND yellow Greenfinch Mule, 1st Shepshed, see report, with parents of same lot, 10/6; warranted genuine: Watson, see Norwich.

GOLDFINCH-Bullfinch hen, extra large bird, in fine condition, shows parentage well, 7/6: James, Windmill-ter., Brighton.

LARGE Sib, light muling strain, years inbred, cocks 7/-, hens 5/-; seven days' approval: Ernest Cheshire, 26, Crawford-st., Bradford.

GRAND lot Goldie-Can. and Linnet-Can. mules, from 7/6, or exchange one for good H.M. Goldie or Siskin: Hanniug, Albert-rd., Jarrow.

LARGE pink-eyed Sib-bred hens, sure light Mule breeders, 5/6 each; cocks, full song, 7/6 each; ten days' approval: W. Powick, Dewsbury.

SPLENDID H.M. cock Goldfinch, proved muler, 7/6; large dark Goldfinch mule, full song, 6/-; approval: Banbury, Somerford-Booths, Congleton.

COCKS: Goldfinch, Linnet, Chaffinch, Mule breeders, also three hen Canaries and breeding cages; what offer for lot, or separate: Inkpen, Queen-st., Gravesend.

LINNET, Goldfinch, Siskin and Greenfinch Canary Mules, cocks in full song, 7/6, 10/- and 12/6 each; hens 1/6; approval: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn.

EXHIBITION Goldfinch mule, even marked, splendid singer, in perfect condition, 12/6; exchange Canaries: James, 7, Percy-st., West-end, Oswaldtwistle.

SPLENDID 1910 cock Goldfinch mule, variegated, exhibition bird, Finch notes, 8/6; approval; muling hens 2/6 each: Meyrick's Aviaries, Knighton, Radnorshire.

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THREE grand cock Goldfinch-Canary mules, large birds, Finch notes, 7/6 each; two very large hen Canaries, for muling, 4/- each; approval: Allen, Albert-st., Wednesbury.

I HAVE a few selected Sept. caught Linnets, to moult out show birds, good size, colour, and pencilling, being overstocked will take 1/6 each: James, Windmill-terr., Brighton.

HANDSOME Cheveral cock Goldfinch, clean cut, ½-inch wide, white rings round head, well on song, sacrifice £1; approval, cash or deposit: James, Windmill-terr., Brighton.

GOLDFINCH-Greenfinch Hybrid cock, sure winner for Christmas shows, grand bird, perfect condition, good songster, price 15/-, including cage: Tucker, 64, Clarke-rd., Northampton.

HOUSE-moulted Goldfinch, Linnet, Greenfinch, Siskin, Redpoll, some winners amongst them, all have bred mules, 2/6 to 12/6; dark buff Goldfinch mule, 4/6: Furtey, 29, St. Bridget's-ave., Dublin.

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1911 Goldfinch-Norwich cock Mules, Yellows, 7/- each; one three-parts light breast, light ring round neck, four outside flights in each wing, yellow and buff tail, Goldfinch song, 10/-; approval: Bryant, 4, Wilson Grove, Garston, Liverpool.

WHITE-legged Goldfinch, 4th Peterborough, 10/-; another, vhc, Lowestoft, 7/6; proved mulers, coloured Siskin, well laced, 5/-; large Sib hens, buff, 3/6; yellows 5/-; or exchange any above for cock mules; approval: Brown, Waterloo-rd., Norwich.

TO exhibitors. Splendid cock Goldie-Bullie hybrid, winner first Longton, third Leek, price £3 10/-; also Linnet-Bullie Hybrids, cock, in grand show condition, £2; either bird cheap at double; cash or deposit: Wm. Bowyer, Gladstone-st., Leek.

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LARGE British hen Bullfinch, good colour, aviary moulted, suit hybrid breeder, 3/-: Forse, 31, Thornhill-road, Leyton, Essex.

EXCHANGE Goldfinch mule, singing, and H.M. Chaffinch, for pair outdoor Budgerigars: Kemp, Croft-st., Gt. Harwood.

SPLENDID cock Goldie, fit to win, and show cage, accept £1, or would exchange: T. Weedall, 84, High-st., Winsford, Cheshire.

WHAT offers, 5 house-moulted cock Bramble-finches, 1 only time shown first, good: Holland, Victoria-st., Huddersfield.

H.M. Twite, Mealy Redpoll, Crested Cardinal, all cocks; exchange finger-tame Budgerigars: Strachan, 10, Victoria-st., Dumbarton.

WHAT offers, Norwich or other birds, for Bullfinch cock, winner, good colour; stamp reply: Horrocks, 23, Rochdale Lane, Heywood.

EXCHANGE cock Goldfinch Mule, Goldfinch song, for a good Roller cock in song; your's first: Cummings, 4, Stannery-st., Keunington.

EIGHT large hen Bullfinches, exchange for a double breeding cage fitted, or Norwich hens: W. Smith, Leadenham, near Lincoln.

HOUSE-moulted Linnet bred mules 5/-, cock Bullfinch two hens 3/6; exchange Goldfinches, Canaries: Spencer, 41, Bolehill, Wicksworth.

H.M. Redpoll, winner 2nd. 4/-; cock Linnet, moult winner, 2/-; exchange exhibition Greenfinch: Gunton, 221, St. Albans-rd., Watford.

BRAMBLEFINCHES, 1/6 pair; show birds, 2/6 pair; exchange two show cocks for two hen Canaries: Fenwick, 35, Seymour-st., Nottingham.

EXCHANGE three Chaffinches, three Greenfinches, two Yellow Buntings, value 7/6; anything useful: Gunton, 221, St. Albans-rd., Watford.

COCKS, Skylark, Yellowhammer, Linnet, Chaffinch, Greenfinch; sell 5/-, or exchange cycle cover, disc records; offers: G. Frith, Crowle, Lincs.

EXCHANGE thrice house-moulted cock Redpoll for a twice house-moulted hen Bullie, through moult: Brown, 22, Alma-rd., Weymouth.

EXCHANGE exhibition cock Linnet, for large English cock Goldfinch, or Muling hen; approval: Williamson, Sommerville Court, North Berwick.

LINNET, Chaffinch, Yellowhammer, Greenfinch cocks, 2/- each; exchange dise records, 28-1¼ cycle covers: Ernest Whiteley, Crowle, Doncaster.

DARK exhibition Linnet mule, £1; pretty Goldfinch mule, 12/6; Goldfinch song (both), or offers; letters only: H. Atkins, 47, Dalton-st., St. Albans.

EXCHANGE high-class British Goldfinch, or Linnets, etc., for Canaries or Mules, or anything: state wants: Thomas Hughes, 65, Saltley-rd., Birmingham.

COCK Redpoll Mule, in song, smart bird, sell 7/6; hen Goldie, laid eggs in cage, and cock Redpoll, 5/-, sure breeder: exchange: Still, 8, Queen-st., Gravesend.

EXHIBITION H.M. cock Bullfinch, commended York, 5/6; pair stock Yorkshires, 8/-; hen Norwich 2/-, exchange exhibition Hawfiuch: Hartley, Harcourt-st., York.

COCK Bullfinches, 3/-, hens 1/6; Cock Goldfinches 3/6; house-moulted Greenfinch, winner 2nd and 3rd, 10/-: Morrison, 7, Stone-lane, Millfield, Peterborough.

GOOD H.M. Twite, 3rd only time shown, and H.M. Bramhie, 2nd, 5th only times out, exchange for good Hawfinch, or sell 7/6 and 10/-: Haldane, North-st., Bathgate.

EXCHANGE cock Greenfinch mule and 2 Linnet-Greenie hybrids, as bred, for Siberian cock Goldfinch; must be a big bird: Clarke, 9, Eastfield-rd., Peterborough.

EXCHANGE 4 good white prize-bred Fantail pigeons, for three good cock Bullfinches; mutual approval both ways: J. Thomson, Ava-lodge, Berwick-on-Tweed.

FIVE hen Bullfinches, one cock, all genuine; exchange large buff Norwich cock, 1911, Bullfinch type, or good yellow Yorkshire cock; approval both ways; yours first: Hook, Dairy Farm, Lindfield, Sussex.

TWO cock Goldies 3/6 each; two cock brown Linnets 2/6 each: also one pair of Bullfinches, 3/6, all fine birds, will make mulers; or exchange for Canaries: Simpson, 36, Lancashire-hill, Stockport.

FIFTY Giant Siberian cock Goldfinches in grand condition, with nice deep cut square blazes, and in full song, at 6/6 each, or exchange for cock Goldfinch Mules in full song: Enoch Power, 91, Selater-st., Shoreditch, London.

EXHIBITORS! four Canary-reared cock Linnets; two Norwich; one each Blackbird, Thrush, and Nuthatch: show cages, new; exchange Borders, Greens, Cinnamons, preferred, offers: Wm. Livingstone, 7, Hunter's-lane, Whitburn, Linlithgowshire.

NOTICE! Two giant hand-reared clean moulted, full coloured Siberian cock Goldfinches, warranted to make sure mulers and prize takers, 7/6 each; or exchange colour-fed Canaries: Powers and Russell, 10, Granby-pl., Bethnal-green-rd., London, E.

SPECIAL notice.—I will exchange all kinds of British for show, muling, contest, singing, for any variety of Canaries, Mules, and Foreign birds; approval both ways; state wants and stamp for reply to: Hollinshead, Cheshire Aviaries, Howard-st., Stockport.

HEALTHY cocks, per doz., Linnets 3/-, Chaffinches 5/-, Yellowhammers 3/-, Skylarks 2/-, Greenfinches 1/-, Blue Tits, Oxeye Tits, Robins, 1/- pair; Greenfinches, Chaffinches, Twites, Yellow Buntings, Reed Buntings, Skylarks, 6d., pair 1/-; mixed aviary birds 1/-; exchange: George Fenn, End Isleham, Cambs.

GENUINE bargain; sale or exchange, house moulted Bramblefinch, Chaffinch, 2 Mealy Redpolls, Yellow Bunting, hand-reared Thrush, clear yellow Norwich hen; all ready for exhibition; also field-moulted Goldfinch, good blaze and tannings, grand Bullfinch, will make winners; cinnamon Norwich hen; exchange Pathe or talking machine and records, Pathe preferred; machine first; particulars, stamp reply: Smith, 180, High-st., Chatham.

Mainly Canaries.

EXCHANGE pair prize-bred Borders for good singing Roller: McGhee, Dregborn, Ayrshire.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich; exchange for phonograph and records: Spriggs, Hairdresser, Stamford.

FEW Norwich for sale, natural colour, or exchange anything useful: Green, Beaconsfield-terr., Street, Somerset.

GREEN Leipzig Roller cock, value 13/-, to exchange British Goldfineh or offers British: Haigh, 53, Roundhay-rd., Leeds.

EXCHANGE three hen Canaries for yellow Yorkshire hen, 7 in. long, sell 6/6; hen first: Tolley, Old Windsor, Berks.

EXCHANGE Canaries for gas dies or cutters or vice, other tools, offers: Hammond, 22, Rossington-st., Upper Clapton.

GRAND Seifert Rollers; 3 cocks in full rolling song, and 4 hens; exchange Brown Leghorns: Pearson, West-st., Quarry Bank.

ONE pair of Norwich, for Yorkshire hen, buff or ticked; approval; or sell 25/-: George Rodger, 31, Shrine-pl., Broxburn.

WHAT offers in poultry for 3 Roller cocks and 3 hens, full song, 1911 birds: 35, Green-lane, Lye.

QUALITY Yorkshires in exchange for bath chair, linoleum, carpets, anything good, useful: G. Stocks, 44, Bentley-rd., Doncaster.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich Canaries, exchange for scrap brass, copper, zinc, lead, pewter, or anything useful: 61, Havelock-st., Leicester.

COCK Canary 5/-, and two hens 5/-; exchange clear thick young Norwich cock for stock: Collins, 112, Pinner-rd., Bushey, Herts.

THREE pairs 1911 Norwich Canaries, 10/- pair; two cock Goldfinches, 2/6 each; exchange anything: Royce, Oundle-rd., Peterborough.

EXCHANGE Norwich buff cinnamon cock, 1911, value 12/6, Dormar's strain, for yellow cinnamon cock: Hope, 18, New Stock-st., Paisley.

FOR sale or exchange, Silk's strain Norwiches, for Lancashire Plainheads; approval both ways: Wm. Thomson, 102a, Calder-st., Motherwell.

EXCHANGE two young cocks and six hen Canaries, sewing machine wanted. Offers.: H. Marsball, Sutton Bonnington, nr. Loughborough.

GOOD singing cocks, Canaries 6/-, or exchange for toy pom or collie, or anything useful; approval: Richards, Bedmore-rd., Lye, Stourbridge.

THREE Yorkshire cocks, sell 5/- each; offers; exchange Goldfinches, Siskins, nets, 6ft. poles; approval: P. Watson, Codnor, Derbyshire.

CREST hens, also Border hens for sale, from 5/- each; exchange, wanted auto-harp and Crest-bred hen: J. Young, 43, Market-st., Haddington

EXCHANGE magnificent buff Yorkshire cock Canary with double breeding cage for fret machine, or sell, 15/-: Mayhew, Langrish, near Petersfield, Hants.

EXCHANGE green Yorkshire cock and pair green Borders for a good buff Yorkshire or Norwich cock, yours first: Robins, 318a, Kennington-rd., London.

SIX hen Canaries, 2 Redpolls, 2 Linnet Greenfinch Hybrids, sex unknown, outdoor aviary, 12/6 lot: Smith, 80, Hewitt Avenue, Wood Green, London, N.

EXCHANGE good Norwich-Canaries for pair of blankets; sell cocks, 6/6, hens from 3/6; mutual approval: Raymond, 77, Edward-rd., Penge, London.

SELL or exchange Canaries, 7/6; hens, 2/-; for anything useful; giving up; approval; stamp; offers invited: Simms, Hancock-st., Rusholme, Manchester.

ONE Roller cock, 1911, one pair tame Greenfinches, exchange unframed pictures, or anything useful; or sell 11/-: Tanner, The Picture Shop, Cainscross, Glos.

BUFF York hen, 1910, buff variegated Nor. hen, 1911, 4/- each; cycle cover, 28 x 1¾, wired, new; exchange songsters: Bingham, Brumley House, Long Sutton.

SIX 1911 hen Canaries, house moulted Linnet, ditto Mealy Redpoll mulers; sell 16/-, or exchange catcher's outfit: E. Sadler, Bottom Cliff-rd., Sheringham, Norfolk.

SIX cocks, 6 hens, 1911. 1 hen 1909, Borders, 2 cocks, 1 hen Norwich, 1 common hen, sell 42/- the lot; take part exchange cloth: Lawrie, Roslin Mills, Midlothian.

NORWICH, Palace winning strain, large Buff cock and Yellow hen, 15/- each; grand Buff hen, 10/-; or useful exchange: Mallinson, 31, Copley-avenue, Pyenest, Halifax.

PAIR Green Seifert Rollers, 10/6; eight Yorkshire-Norwich Roller and Mule hens, 10/6; two Linnet Mule cocks, 6/6 each; offers exchange: Freeman, 23, Mawson-rd., Cambridge.

CHAMPION-BRED Yorkshires, most noted strains, from 10/6, or useful exchange; no postcards; seen by appointment only: Nicholls, 128, Gloucester-ter., Hyde Park, London.

EXCHANGE, good pair Yorkshires, 1910, cold room, healthy, for large 1911 Norwich cock, or two big Buff hens, or offers; yours first: Hussey, Baker, High-st., Kington, Herefordshire.

WILL give three healthy 1911 hens, bred from specially good feeders, for one high-class clear buff Norwich hen or yellow Yorkshire cock: Pennal, Totteridge, High Wycombe, Bucks.

LOOK! 20 pairs high-class Yorkshires for sale, cocks from 7/6 to 25/-; hens 6/- to 20/-; or will exchange anything useful, drapery preferred; approval: Smith, Stanley-rd., Ingrow, Keighley.

FOUR pairs Norwich, 7/6 pair; cock Twite, house-moulted, 3/-; house-moulted Goldfinch, 3/-; pair Bullfinches, 3/-; exchange gent's eyele, anything useful: Stubbs, 23b, Well-st., Winsford, Cheshire.

TWO Roller cocks, in song, 3 hens, unrelated, 26/-; or exchange for Norwich Plainheads, 1 cock and 2 hens, matched for breeding; must be 1911 bred; approval; yours first: Hampson, Priory, Wrexham.

TWO grand pairs Norwich, two grand pairs Yorkshire Canaries, 12/6 per pair; prize-bred Border hen, 3/-; also cinnamon hen 3/6; exchange talking Parrot, Toy Pom. bitch, or offers: Sheldon, Builder, Tideswell.

EXCHANGE two pairs clear yellow Norwich Canaries, one pair green Norwich, four splendid cock Goldfinches, and one cock Bullfinch, for a good gramophone and records: S. Wood, 61, Spencer-st., Stantonbury, Bucks.

EXCHANGE, high-class Norwich and breeders, for serge suit, lady's serge costume, lady's long coat, dress or engagement rings, anything useful, no rubbish, or sell 15/- to 50/- per pair; approval: Hendle, 442, Garratt Lane, London.

EXCHANGE the following for Cinnamon, Borders or Yorkshires: pair rubber fishing boots, cost 36/-, pair lady's, ditto gent's steel ice skates, 1 razor, cost 5/6, (1) 7/6; all as new; offers; no rubbish: Wiseman, 29, Radnor-rd., Cardiff.

EXCHANGE two pairs Canaries from outdoor aviary for two pairs Budgerigars (Greens), also cock Goldfinch, cock Chaffinch, 2 Redpolls, all moulted, for pair Border Fancy: Hill, 224, Old-rd., West End, Brampton, Chesterfield, Derbyshire.

PAIR high-class Norwich, cost 50/-, sell £1; Yorks. cock and two hens, Ogden's, cost 30/-, sell 17/6; Siberian Goldfinch, 6/6; Goldie Mule, winner, 7/6; Border cock, 6/-; exchange part for pair of good stock Norwich; yours first: Grant, 146, Waverley-st., Lochore, Lochgelly.

Mainly Foreign.

FOR sale, eleven foreign mixed birds, 15/-, or exchange one pair of cockatiels: P. Couzens, 59, Burns-rd., Willesden.

ACCLIMATISED Finches, sell £2 15s., or exchange anything useful; also home-made aviary: Casste, 23, Park-rd., Colliers Wood, Merton.

YELLOW Budgerigars, cash or exchange, new hoots, 10-inch gramophone records: offers: approval: F. Crisp, 132, Cambridge-rd., Mile End, London.

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NORTH LONDON C.B.A.

Members of the North London C.B.A. held their 9th annual show on Dec. 1st and 2nd in the Library Hall, Stoke Newington. The hall is beautifully adapted for a show, as the light is quite good both by day and night. The birds are staged upon tiers running the length of the hall, and these being covered with dark green baize show up the exhibits to perfection. There was as usual a capital entry, the numbers being equally divided between Nor., Yorks., and Brit., with a nice sprinkling of Borders and Foreign birds. The Norwich were really good high-class birds. Mr. R. P. Harper won the special with a lovely clear yell., a bird of grand size and type. Yorks. were an interesting lot, and included some real toppers. Messrs. Green's and W. H. Cook's birds were real good ones. The amateurs and novices made a brave display, some of the winners being quite high-class, the cup winner in the former section proving to be Mr. W. Lacey's lovely unflighted yell. Yorks. The novice section was a good one, Mr. W. H. Burchell staging a grand unflighted buff Nor., which secured special for best bird. The Yorks. also contained some well-filled classes. The British birds were well worth a visit to see. Mr. A. J. A. Marley staged well-known winners, and secured the special. The management of the show was in the capable hands of Mr. R. P. Harper, the popular secretary. He has now been several years with the society, and knows how everything should be arranged to make the venture successful. His committee consists of the following well-known fanciers, Messrs. Bell, Ayling, Penton, Cook, Lacey, Cawthorne, Mortlock, and Castell, with Mr. G. Mortlock as chairman. Mr. J. Robson judged Canaries, and Mr. A. Silver Hybrids and British.

The Awards.

CHAMP. NOR., CL. YELL.: 1, 2, Harper; 3, Bell. BUFF: 1, 2, Harper; 3, Bell. VARIEG.: 1, 3, Harper; 2, vhc, Bell. YELL. HENS: 1, 3, Harper; 2, Bell. BUFF: 1, 2, Harper; 3, Bell. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, 3, Cooper; 2, Harper; r, Bell. BUFF: 1, 3, Cooper; 2, r, Harper; vhc, Bell. YORKS. YELL.: 1, 3, Cook; 2, Franks; r, Penton; vhc, Green. BUFF: 1, Green; 2, Penton. VARIEG.: 1, 3, Penton; 2, Franks; vhc, Green. YELL. HEN: 1, Cook; 2, Green. BUFF: 1, Green; 2, Cook; 3, r, Penton. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, Green; 2, r, Cook; 2, vhc, Franks; hc, Penton. BUFF: 1, Green; 2, 3, Penton. BORD.: 1, 3, Mrs. Harper; 2, Williams. UNFLIG.: 1, 3, r, Mrs. Harper; 2, Williams. HYB.: 1, 2, r, Mortlock; 3, vhc, Harper; hc, Bell. A.V.: 1, Mortlock; 2, Bell. AMAT., NOR. YELL.: 1, Jeffries; 2, Jackson; 3, Cawthorne. BUFF: 1, 3, Jackson; 2, Jeffries; r, Cawthorne. VARIEG.: 1, Cawthorne; 2, 3, Jeffries; r, Jackson. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Cawthorne; r, Jeffries; vhc, Richer. BUFF: 1, 3, Jeffries; 2, Cawthorne. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, Jeffries; 2, Cawthorne. BUFF: 1, vhc, Cawthorne; 2, 3, r, Jeffries; hc, Richer. YORKS., YELL.: 1, Parks; 2, Lacey. YELL. HEN: 1, Parks; 2, 3, Lacey. BUFF: 1, Lacey; 2, 3, Parkes. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, Lacey. BUFF: 1, 3, Parks; 2, Lacey. BORD.: 1, Miss Jeffries. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, r, vhc, Jeffries. CREST AND C.B.: 1, Richer. 1911: 1, 2, Richer. NOVICE, YELL. NOR.: 1, Ayling; 2, Alderman. BUFF: 1, Burchell; 2, Austin; 3, Trevallion; r, Ayling. VARIEG.: 1, 2, 3, Ayling. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Ayling. BUFF: 1, Burchell; 2, Ayling; 3, Trevallion; r, c, Austin; vhc, Sadler; hc, Hammond. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, Ayling; 2, Austin. BUFF: 1, Burchell; 2, Ayling; 3, vhc, Trevallion; r, Austin; hc, Lane; c, Breeze. YORKS., YELL.: 1, Pears; 2, r, Castell; 3, Rowson; vhc, Rolfe; c, Neighbour. YORKS., BUFF: 1, Salter; 2, Pears; 3, r, c, Rolfe; vhc, Rowson; hc, Neighbour. VARIEG.: 1, Castell; 2, Rolfe; 3, vhc, Rolfe; hc, Mrs. Salter; r Rowson. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Rolfe; 3, vhc, Pears; hc, Neighbour; r, Castell. BUFF: 1, Pears; 2, Neighbour; 3, Range; r, hc, Rolfe; vhc, Castell. UNFLIG. (7): 1, Neighbour; 2, Salter; 3, Pears; r, hc, c, Rolfe; vhc, Castell. BUFF: 1, r, Rolfe; 2, 3, Salter. BORD.: 1, 2, Burchell; 3, London; r, Bell. UNFLIG.: 1, Bell; 2, 3, Burchell; r, London. HYB.: 1, 2, Copeland; 3, r, Bell; vhc, Sadler. BRIT. GOLDIE: 1, Mortlock; 2, r, Williams; 3, Marley; vhc, Sadler. BULLIE: 1, Marley; 2, Sadler; 3, Williams. GREEN: 1, Marley; 2, Williams; 3, Hammond; r, Mortlock. LINNET: 1, Marley; 2, Sadler; 3, r, Copeland; vhc, Mortlock; c, Williams. REDPOLL: 1, Marley; 2, Sadler; 3, Bell; r, Harper. SISKIN: 1, Mortlock; 2, Marley; 3, Sadler. TWITE: 1, Sadler; 2, Marley. CHAFFIE: 1, Marley; 2, Hammond. BRAMBLE: 1, Marley. A.O.S.: 1, Mortlock; 2, Marley. A.O.S. HARD: 1, Marley. HEN: 1, Marley; 2, Mortlock; 3, Bell; r, Hammond. SOFTBILL: 1, 3, Williams; 2, Hammond. LARGE: 1, 3, Marley; 2, Harper. FOR., SMALL SEED-EATER: 1, 3, r, Williams; 2, Mortlock. LARGE: 1, Bell; 2, Haslam. SOFTBILL: 1, Williams. FOR., SELL.: 1, 2, r, hc, Williams; 3, vhc, c, Bell. NOR.: 1, 2, Jackson; 3, r, Trevallion. YORKS.: 1, 3, vhc, Green; 2, hc, Castell; r, Salter. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, Mortlock. PAIRS: 1, 2, Parks; 3, Franks.

BOWBURN C.B.S.

First annual show, held Nov. 25th, at Mr. Toulson's Wheat Sheaf Inn, when the eight classes provided brought about 66 entries, which made up into a nice little show. The exhibition was opened by the manager of Bowburn Colliery, who congratulated the society upon the success which seemed to crown their efforts, and he was highly delighted with the splendid specimens present. In Mr. R. Lofthouse the Society have a good and energetic secretary, who was very obliging to every one. The committee also deserve great praise for the manner in which everything was carried out. Mr. A. J. Notley (Hetton-le-Hole) judged.

MEMBERS' CLASS, CAN. A.V. (14): 1, sp., Loft-house (Yell. Nor.); 2, Bainbridge (Dark Crest); 3, 7, Freeman, 3, (variec. Buff Nor.); 4, J. T. Laing; 5, Longstaff; 6, Coates; 8, Atkinson; 9, Bailes; 10, Moor; 11, Toulson; 12, Miller; 13, Heppie; 14, Hodgson. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (10): 1, sp., best bird in show Miller; 2, Lister; 3, J. Miller; 4, Roddam; vhc, Bainbridge; hc, Longstaff. HEN (4): 1, Longstaff; 2, Lister; 3, Moor; 4, Huggins. BUFF, CK. (9): 1, Miller; 2, Fleetham; 3, Roddam; 4, Toulson; vhc, Huggins; hc, Longstaff. HEN (6): 1, Moor; 2, 3, Miller; 4, Roddam; vhc, Heppie; hc, Longstaff. A.O.V. CAN. (8): 1, Longstaff; 2, Freeman; 3, Toulson; 4, Bainbridge, vhc, Fleetham, hc, Harrison. BROWN LIN. (6): 1, Lister; 2, Freeman; 3, Harrison; 4, Routledge; vhc, McEwan. A.O.S. BRIT. (10): 1, Miller, Song Thrush; 2, McEwan, Bullfinch; 3, Harrison, Goldfinch; 4, Yell. Siskin.

COALTOWN OF WEMYSS

Second annual show held in the Victoria Hall on Dec. 2nd. The hall is very comfortable for a bird show; but slightly on the small side, and the light not quite so good as we would wish. We learned, however, that the society are likely to get Wemyss Hall next year; if they succeed it will be well worth exhibitors' while sending out more entries, as the management of this society deserves to be encouraged. They are all genuine fanciers here, and know how to handle and take care of the birds under their charge. The Scotch Fancy and Crest classes had to be cancelled through lack of entries, but we were pleased to see that the other sections came up well. The Nor. were numerous and good. and Mr. Holmes had his work cut out to judge them. Borders and Yorks. also turned up well, and Mr. Spence handled them in his usual good style. Mules and British birds came up splendidly, and were a great attraction. Mr. Goodfellow judged, and must have had some very close runs, competition being very keen. As far as we could hear all three judges gave every satisfaction. Mr. Storrar, the secretary, is one of the most obliging secretaries we could desire to see, and well deserves the support he got. He was well backed up by the president, Mr. Nicol, the assistant secretary, Mr. Murray, and a grand working committee that ought to get special mention, as we never saw judges better attended to. Taking the show all over it was a great success, the entries being a good bit up on last year's, even although the Scots. Fancy classes were cancelled.

The Critique.

NOR., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (4): 1, McAnally, cl. yell., right good one, fine type, nice level col., easy win; 2, Steele, fails just a little in type only; 3, Nicol, good all-round, nice head and breast; 4, Lister, close up. HEN (8): 1, McCabe, large, good head, nice bold chest, fine col. and wing carriage; 2, 7, Steele, just fails a trifle in head, as good otherwise; 3, Lambie, smaller, good type and feather; 4, Adamson; 5, Hunter; 6, Lister. BUFF CK. (9): 1, Gibson, grand type, nice head, chest and back, close compact feather; 2, McAnally, good one; 3, Blyth, nice one, well worth its place; 4, Hazzard; 5, Steele; 6, Harris; 7, Heggie; a good class. HEN (3): 1, 3, Steele, rare type and quality, well placed; 2, Gibson, a right good one, requires a little grooming to win. YELL. VARIEG. (9): 1, Adamson, good shape and col.; 2, McAnally, shape similar to leader, good Nor.; 3, McKinnon, well put down, worth its place; 4, 6, Steele; 7, Harris. BUFF (6): 1, Adamson, nice bold type, in good condition; 2, Logan, runs winner hard; 3, Gibson, close up; 4, Russell; 5, Steele; 6, Bell. UNFLIG. CK. (14): A right stroug class; 1, Christie, fine size, good head and chest; 2, Thomson, good one for type; 3, Finnie, fine chest, back, and wing carriage; 4, Adamson; 5, Ramsay; 6, Dempster; 7, Steele. HEN (14): 1, Adamson, yell., nice all round, wins well; 2, Thomson, cl. yell., rare quality leather, well staged; 3, Boag, good head, fails only in wing carriage; 4, Ramsay; 5, Steele; 6, Logan; 7, Dempster. NON-FED CK. (5): 1, r, Thomson, cl. yell., shown in the pink of condition; 2, Adamson, cl. yell., a trifle smaller than leader, good quality; 3, Blyth, variег., good all over, well placed. HEN (7): 1, r, Thomson, varieg. buff, another good all-rounder; 2, Boag, eye and wing mkd. yell., well placed; 3, Dempster, good cl. yell.; 4, McAnally; 5, Ventner; 6, Peters; 7, Heggie. BORD., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (8): 1, Hutchison, nice and typical, sweet silky coat, rare swagger; 2, McCrae, grand type and quality; 3, Henderson, another little beauty, close up on others; 4, Williamson; 5, Dryburgh; 6, Webster. HEN (6): 1, Hutchison, good breast and back, nice soft feather; 2, Dods, very sweet tone of col., good style and condition; 3, 6, Henderson, leader put down in the best of trim; 4, Coveutry; 5, Gentleman. BUFF CK. (6): 1, H. Bennet, one of his well-known winners again leading; 2, 3, Henderson, leader has it for type, a pair of good ones; 4, Hazzard; 5, Arnott; 6, Thomson. HEN (11): 1, Gentleman, good head, fine rounded body, in A1 condition; 2, Hutchison, close up, nice back and tail; 3, Bennet, must have pressed hard; 4, Peters; 5, Henderson; 6, Yule. UNEVEN, ETC., YELL. CK. (2): 1, Morris, a little beauty for type and quality; 2, Yule, put down in grand order, a good one. HEN (4): 1, Allanton, fine type and quality, nice col.; 2, Yule, another good one, well shown; 3, Hutchison, close up, nice style; 4, Bennet. BUFF CK. (9): 1, Arnott, fine head, breast and wings, good tail; 2, Young, nice round head, close feather, a little beauty; 3, Hutchison, nice close feather, good type; 4, 5, Henderson; 6, Ross. HEN (8): 1, 6, Henderson, nice typical bird, in grand condition, well put down; 2, Rae, nice sweet head, fine wing carriage; 3, Yule, nice tight feather, worth its place; 4, Young; 5, Dods. EVEN MKD. (2): 1, Webster; 2, Yule, a pair of real beauties. GREEN, ETC. (4): 1, Peters, nice level col., good shape; 2, 4, Lambie, finely blended col., good condition; 3, Dods, close on leader. YORKS. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (10): 1, McRobbie, nice round head and neck, good breast, well set on legs; 2, Clelland, fine position, sweet head, soft feather; 3, Reekie, nice length, good position, grand col.; 4, Cargill; 5, Christie; 6, McDougall a good class. HEN (3): 1, McRobbie, nice length, fine rounded body; 2, Aitkenhead, similar to leader; 3, Cargill. BUFF CK. (6): 1, 2, McRobbie, a pair of right good ones; 3, Cargill, nice head and shoulder, good style; 4, McDougall; 5, Christie; 6, Reekie. HEN (4): 1, Reilly, good size, position, and col.; 2, Reekie, very close up; 3, Nicol, good all-round. VARIEG. (4): 1, 2, Reid, 1st nice length, fine type and quality; 2nd, good head and neck, well set up on legs; 3, Cargill, very fine style, in A1 condition; 4, McRobbie. COMMON CAN. (13): A grand class; 1, Anderson; 2, 3, J. and A. Duncan; 4, Weir; 5, Ventera; 6, Peters. LIGHT MULE OR HYB. (6): 1, 3, 4, 6, Williamson, leader Goldie-Bullie, all there for col. and markings, in splendid condition; 3rd, Linnet-Greenie, nice size and shape; 2, Nicol, a smart Redpoll-Greenie, small, but a real beauty for col. and markings. DARK (15): A very hot class; 1, 5, Furness, leader slashing fine Jonque Linnet, big bouncing bird, good col. and markings, wins; 2, Watson, very sweet yell. Siskin, well shown, good col.; 3, Bogie, Jonque Goldie, fine size and col., crosses wings a bit; 4, Storrar, good Siskin, well put down; 6, Nicol. LINNET (15): 1, Palmer, nice style, in splendid condition, sweet tone of col.; 2, Ventner, good condition and markings, fails just a trifle in col.; 3, Hodge, field-moulted bird, large, chubby, good col., looking a little soft; 4, Nicol, large and well pencilled; 5, Reid; 6, Nicol and Smart; this was a grand lot, some beauties had to stand down. GOLDFINCH, BRIT. (11): 1, Smart, very typical, nice size, beautiful plumage, markings very distinct and pure in col.; 2, Bowman and Adie, quite as good in size and markings, col. not quite so pure as leaders, Cowdenbeath winner; 3, Hunter and Roughead, smaller a trifle, but all there for col. and trim; 4, Turner; 5, McRobbie; 6, Smith; all good Finches. BULLFINCH, BRIT. (13): 1, Mackie, Cowdenbeath winner, looking as fit as ever; 2, Wright, field-moulted, not quite so large but teeming with buff, fine type, grand col., rich and level all through, nice head, good carriage; 3, Young, yell., again nice type, neat head, good wing and tail, nice level col.; he, Kirkpatrick; c McQuillan. YORKS. YELL. CK. (6): 1, withheld; 2, Gray and Gilholme, fine length and position, gets well up, well drawn, neat bead and neck, well rounded back, well braced wings and tail; 3, Rutherford and Bright, scarcely so neat at waist, good col. and quality, fine length, nice position, neat head; vhc, he, Bell, Johuson, Thompson. BUFF (5): 1, withheld; 2, Kent, cl., grand length, gets well up on fine legs, well drawn, good col. and quality, well rounded back, neat head; 3, Grainger, nearly even mkd., nice length, and position, finely tapered, neat head, well braced wings and tail; vhc, Johnson; he, Gray and Gilholme; c, Johnson. YELL. HEN (6): 1, withheld; 2, Grainger, cinn. tkd. on wing, good length, straight up on legs, well drawn, grand quality, neat head; 3, Johnson, a wee bit shorter, cl., slimly built, finely drawn, nice round head, nice col. and quality; vhc, Rutherford and Bright; he, Marshall; c, Kent. BUFF (5): 1, withheld; 2, Gray and Gilholme, cl., grand one for length and position, good quality, neat head, nicely rounded back; 3, Seely Bros., a wee shade heavier at shoulders, neat head and neck, nice length, well tapered, well braced wings and tail; vhc, Johnson; he, Marshall; c, D. E. Kent. A.O.V. CAN (6): 1, withheld; 2, 3, Marshall, leader variег. D.C., grand size, fine big crest of good shape, grand radiation and droop, neat centre, takes special for best bird, 3rd variег. C.B., grand one all over, good broad skull, plentifully clothed, broad variег. feather; vhc, Seely Bros., yell.; he, Young; c, Crouchman. LINNET (11): 1, 2, vhc, Maddison, two beauties leading, both grand size and shape, grandly pencilled, clear and distinct, rich col., fine whites, not much to choose between either, if anything, leader has a slight pull in polish; 3, Tomlinson, again grand size and shape, well pencilled, clear and distinct, very steady; he, Boyd; c, Curry, GOLDIE, ETC. (12): 1, Curry, Bullie, fine size and shape, rich breast col., level all through, nice shape, cap of dense col., fine back and wing bars; 2, vhc, Tomlinson, Goldie, good size, fine shape, good rich col. blaze, well tanned; 3, Elliot, Bullie, a wee shade larger, nice shape, good level col., back, nice cap and bars, loses in breast col. only; he, Bainbridge; c, Boyd. SISKIN, ETC. (3): 1, 2, withheld; 3, Rowell, Mealy Redpoll, not a big one, in grand condition, and wins on it; vhc, Robson and March, Siskin, nice size, good col. and lacing, not looking so well as we have seen him; he, Elliot, Siskin, nice nat. col. MULE, ETC. (4): 1, withheld; 2, 3, vhc, Maddison, grand team, all well-known winners, leader cl. Goldie Mule, takes special for best bird, deserves it too, 3rd lightly mkd. Linnet Mule, nice size, grand condition; vhc, dark yell. Goldie Mule, grand size; he, Hancock. FOR. cancelled. NOVICE MEMBERS' (8): 1, c, Archbold; 2, 3, Hunter; vhc, he, Lacelles. MEMBERS' NOR. YELL. (4): 1, Crow, cl., good shape and col., nice head and neck; 2, Archbold, tkd. back of head, neat shape, nice head; 3, Kirkpatrick, nice size; vhc, Lacelles. BUFF (4): 1, Lacelles, nice shape, neat head, neck, and chest; 2, 3, Crow, good size and shape, 3rd nice shape; vhc, Moat. UNFLIG. YELL. (6): 1, 2, varieg., Archbold, nice type, medium size; 2, cl., hot col., good quality; 3, Crow, tkd. head, nice shape and size; vhc, Kirkpatrick; he, Tornent; c, Mundle. BUFF (6): 1, he, Kirkpatrick, head tkd., nice size and shape; 2, 3, Archbold, 2nd cl., nice shape, 3rd cl., longer, nice bird; vhc, Tornent. YELL HEN. (2): 1, 2, Archbold, two nice birds, good shape, leader winning on col. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Kirkpatrick, nice type, neat head and chest, 2nd larger and better col.; 3, vhc, Archbold, nice size and shape. BORD. BUFF. (4): 1, Hunter Bros.; 2, 3, Moat; vhc, Archbold. BORD. GREEN (4): 1, 2, Kirkpatrick; 3, Hunter Bros.; vhc, Moat. YORKS. YELL. (3): 1, Kirkpatrick; 2, Lacelles; 3, Jewitt. BUFF (3): 1, 2, Lacelles; 3, Jewitt. YELL. HEN (2): 1, Jewitt; 3, Kirkpatrick. BUFF (3): 1, 3, Lacelles; 2, Jewitt. A.O.V. CAN. (1): 1, Tornent. SISKIN, ETC. (4): 1, 3, Hunter Bros.; 2, Maudle; vhc, Archbold. MULE, ETC. (5): 1, Jewitt; 2, Hunter Bros.; 3, he, Kirkpatrick; vhc, Maudle.

BACKWORTH (Northumb.)

Third annual open show held Dec. 2, in the Backworth Institute Hall. The cage birds were staged on the platform at the end of the hall, which was rather small for the good entry received. We think the committee would be well advised to have the cage-bird section in a separate room another year. Entries came up well, totalling 211 in 20 classes, an increase on last year's. The quality of the exhibits was very good, the Norwich being the pick, and in this section several well-known winners were staged. In the Mule and Hybrid class, however, was found the winner of the silver cup for best bird, the honour going to Mr. J. Maddison with his noted clear Goldfinch Mule. The special of 30lbs. of canary seed for best bird, opposite sex to cup winner, went to Mr. Wm. Marshall, with his well-known variег. Dark Crest, and it would be a difficult matter to find two better birds in their respective classes. The secretary, Mr. T. Hunter, had charge of all the show, and the arrangements were capitally carried out; and although he has a great deal to do in looking after so many sections, we always found him cheerful, and most obliging, with all the details of his secretarial duties at his finger's ends. The assistant secretary, Mr. H. Elliot, acted as his deputy in the cage-bird section, and this gentleman carried out his duties in a most creditable manner, everything passing off without the slightest hitch. He was ably assisted by a fine body of workers, all keen upon doing their best to make the show a success. The show was well attended, and we noticed many well-known fanciers present. Mr. T. Dixon (Bedlington) judged.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL. CK. (8): 1, 2, Cowling, leader well known, eye tkd., grand shape, hot col., tight fitting feather, 2nd variег., well rounded body, grand front, nice col. and quality, a shade faulty in wing, yet good; 3, Butler, mkd. back of head, plenty of size, hot col., grand feather; vhc, Richardson; he, Dobinson; c, McDonald. BUFF (6): 1, withheld; 2, he, Cowling, variег., fine size, good shape, nice neck and chest; 3, Robson and March, cl., not quite so cobby, rare size, hot col., nice head and neck; vhc, Hall; c, Dobinson. YELL. UNFLIG. (8): 1, Dobinson, cl., medium size and shape, bold, broad front, grand col., fine quality, nice wings and tail; 2, Butler, variег., a wee shade, larger than winner, grand type, better head and neck than leader, deep full chest; 3, Bainbridge, a trifle longer, good col. neat head and neck, full chest; vhc, Hall; he, Cross; c, Cowling. BUFF (10): 1, Rowell, cl., medium size, grand shape, neat head and neck, good full chest, nice col. and quality; 2, Butler, variег., larger than winner, thick head and neck, grand chest, nice col. and quality, grand carriage; 3, Richardson, cl., medium size, good col., neat head and front, loses a wee bit in wing carriage; vhc, Cowling; he, Hall; c, Hall. YELL. HEN (10): 1, 2, Rowell, both clears, leader grand size and shape, fine full front, bold head and neck, grand col., fine quality, 2nd not quite the same body substance of leader, nice col. and quality, full head and neck, good wing carriage; 3, Bainbridge, nat. col. cl., grand shape, deep round full chest, fine carriage; vhc, Dobinson; he, Cowling; c, Seely Bros. BUFF (6): 1, withheld; 2, Butler, fine size and shape, grand col. and quality, neat head and neck, deep chest, close boxy feather; 3, Richardson, good one for shape and size, neat head and neck, nice chest, good col.; vhc, Rowell; he, Gentle. BORD. YELL. (13): 1, 3, Smart, clears, leader topper for shape, sweet, well rounded body, nice head and neck, grand rich col., good quality, 3rd tkd. neck, sweet shape, well filled in, good col., clean cut; 2, Young, cl., good one all over, nice front, neat round head, grand wing and tail carriage; vhc, Brown; he, Wilson; c, Peart. BUFF (12): 1, he, Smart, a model for shape, grand head, back, and wings, rich col., close boxy feather, grand carriage; 2, Little, fine, shapely, bird, sweet jaunty movement, neat head, good wings and tail, rich col; 3, Wilson, another good one for shape, nice col. and quality, good wing and tail carriage; vhc, Hunter Bros.; c, Peart. BORD. GREEN (11): 1, vhc, Little, leader yell., grand type, rich level col., good quality, grandly polished, neat head, wings, and tail, 2, Gillingder, col., a good one; 3, Smith, fails in breast col. only, in grand condition; 4, 6, Bowman and Adie; 5, Chambers; a very strong class. GREENFINCH, FED (6): 1, Anderson, big, bouncing, well cut out Finch, grand col. and condition; 2, Finnie, quite as large, fails only in col.; 3, Logan, good col. and style; 4, McAnally; 5, Russell; 6, Reid. NON-FED (15): 1, Black and Lumsden, very large, grand shape, nice soft feather; 2, McLarne, good head, nice broad chest and back; 3, Storrar, another very fine one, dense col., very steady; 4, Bowman and Adie; 5, Kinnell; 6, Martin; we think the Cowdenbeath winner, a bit out of condition to-day; this was one of the best classes. SISKIN (6): 1, Whitbrook and Allan, hot col., dense cap; 2, McLeran, good col. and eye lacing, well placed; 3, Spittal, nice size and col., good lacing; 4, Nicol, close up on leaders; 5, Bell; 6, Black and Lumsden. LESSER REDPOLL (8): 1, Turner, one of the best we have seen out, magnificent col.; 2, Adamson, good 'Poll, nice bib; 3, Russell, another good one, close up; 4, Spittal; 5, Thomson; 6, Mackie. MEALY REDPOLL, ETC. (9): 1, Nicol, good Twite, teeming with col., well laced, wins; 2, Reid, large 'Poll, good chest, nicely staged; 3, Russell, Twite, good col., fails only in size; 4, Mackie; 5, Turner; 6, Duncan. HEN, BRIT. (9): 1, Millar, lovely Corn Bunting, shown in best possible condition, nice col. and markings; 2, McLeran, Bullie, grand cap, dense col., fine feather; 3, Storrar, Stirling, lovely spangled breast, shining like satin; 4, Duncan; 5, Whitbrook and Allan; 6, Chambers. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (8): 1, Reid, Bramble, well known and often described; 2, Smith, Chaffinch, good col. and condition; 3, Gentleman, Bramble, not quite so large as leader, but good col. and markings; 4, Whitbrook and Allan 5, Watson; 6, Haldane. SMALL BRIT. (2): 1, Storrar, Great Tit, grand bonnet, fine col., a wee bit unsteady; No. 1, Yell. Bunting, w.c. LARGE (4): 1, Andrewson, Waxwing, a beauty, very large and in perfect feather, steady as a rock; 2, Bisset, Missel Thrush, very large, grand ground col. and markings; 3, Lister, lovely Blackbird, shown in splendid order, steady; 4, Andrewson, another very fine Missel, had a broken tail. A.O.S. BRIT. (6): 1, 3, Whitbrook and Allan, 1st Yell. Bunting, large, rich ground col., lovely head and breast markings; 3rd, another Yell. Bunting, not quite so large, but all there in other respects; 2, J. G. Wright, Hawfinch, a trifle small but very steady, good col., cap and bill; 4, Smith; 5, Finnie; 6, Nicol and Smart. GOLDFINCH, ETC., FOR. (6): 1, Turner, large Siberian Bullie, grand cap, lovely back and bars, fine round chest, shining with brilliant col., a stormer; 2, P. Wright, Russian Goldie, good blaze, nice and steady; 3, Lister, good Bullie, not quite so large, but good in col.; 4th, Goldie, large one, fails only in blaze. SMALL. FOR. (2): 1, Robertson; 2, Peters. LARGE: Cancelled. BORD. FCY. NOVICE (3): 1, 2, G. Fotheringham; 3, Ross. NOR. (5): 1, Hunter and Roughead; 2, 3, Thomson; 4, 5, Nicols and Smart,

FORRES.

Forres and Northern O.A. 25th annual show, held Dec. 2nd, in the large hall of the Mechanics' Institute. The hall is well adapted for a show of the kind, being well lighted, and free from draughts. The cage birds were staged at one side of the hall. The exhibits were well looked after, and staged at a nice height for one to see them easily. Entries totalled 380 altogether, an increase on last year's. Our section remained about the same as last year, and the quality was as good as in former years. Mr. W. Cumming, the energetic secretary, had all the arrangements well in hand, and must he complimented on the success of his labours. He was ably assisted by a band of willing workers, and everything went off well. Specials were won as follows: Silver medal for best Nor., Mr. Garden; second best, Mr. Stanford; silver medal for most points in cage birds, Mr. Garden; Hyde's, Mr. J. Watson, jun.; silver medal for best Brit., Mr. Main; ditto (local), Mr. Main; second best, Brit., Mr. Main; members' specials., handsome picture (presented by CAGE BIRDS for best bird), Mr. Maclean; special for best Nor., Mr. Maclean; best col. fed bird, Mr. Maclean; most points in Nor. (local), Mr. Maclean. The awards were made by Mr. A. Harris.

The Critique.

NOR., PAIR BRED 1911 (1): 1, cup, Garden, nice balanced pair of Plainheads Cl. Yell., and Buff, good col. and quality, nice heads and type, well shown. NOR. 1911 (9): 1, sp, Fraser, Yell. variег., good col. and quality, nice head and neck, good type, in tip-top order; 2, 3, Stanford, 2, Yellow variег., rich nat. col., good quality and size, rare head, 3, Buff variег., nice size, good col. and quality, rather slim; vhc, Lumsden, another good variег.; he, c, Macleau CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (6): 1, sp., Colin Ross, jun., fine col., quality and type, nice head and neck; 2, Millar, fine rich col., good head and body, fails only in wings and tail; 3, Garden, grand bodied Yell., nice type, col. and quality; vhc, Fraser; he, Walker; No. 1, Maclean, standing cardless, grand Yell. ck., good in all points, but not in bloom yet. BUFF (7): 1, Campbell, good size, col. and quality; 2, he, Stanford, grand bodied Buff, good head and neck, nice col and quality, presses hard; 3, Morrison, another good Buff, close up, shown in good condition; vhc, Millar; c, Colin Ross, jun. YELL. HEN (4): 1, sp., 2, Macleunan, grizzle cap, rich col. Yell., good size, nice head and neck, 2, another grizzle capped one, good body and col.; 3, Millar, fine rich col.; vhc, Campbell. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Garden, nice typical Buff, good col. and, quality, 2, rare bodied bird, good size, head and neck, fine col. and quality, well staged; 3, Millar, another nice hen, fails only in wings; vhc, Lumsden; he, Maclean; c, Walker. GREEN, ETC. CK. (5): 1, sp., J. A. Watson, Yell. variег, fine col. and quality, good size body, head and neck, well shown, wins; 2, Campbell, variег., good head and neck, nice col. and quality; 3, Stanford, Yell., nice variег., nice size, good col. and quality, fine head and neck; vhc, he, Maclean, former another nice Yell. variег. HEN (1): 1, Colin Ross, jun., Green, nice col., good head and neck. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. COL. FED. (3): 1, Garden, grand quality and size, good head and neck, well staged; 2, Hutchison, fine rich col., good type and quality, fine head and neck; 3, Maclean, another grand Yell. all over, but fails a trifle in size to winners. BUFF (1): 1, sp., Lumsden, good head nnd neck, rare size and body, nice type, col. and quality, shown in nice bloom. YELL. HEN (5): 1, sp., Maclean, best members' col. fed bird in show, grand col. and quality, good head and neck, sweet exhibit; 2, Donaldson, another good one, rare size; 3, Fraser, good col. and quality, nice head and neck; vhc, Bird; he, Mrs. A. Watson. BUFF (6): 1, 2 sps., 2, best Buff P.H. in show, Stanford, nice type, col. and quality, good head and neck, fine size, well shown; 2, Grant, good body and size, nice head and neck, fails only in wing carriage; 3, Maclean, sweet little exhibit, rare colour and quality, nice type; vhc, Garden; he, Hutchison. GREEN, ETC. CK. (7): 1, 2 sps., best Plainhead, in show, Garden, grand bodied Buff variег., rare size, colour and quality, good head and neck; 2, Reid, another grand Buff, variег., presses hard; 3, J. Watson, jun., winner of Hyde's special, Buff, variег., sweet exhibit; vhc, Lumsden; he, c, Maclean. HEN (2): 1, Stanford, Buff, variег., good size, col. and quality, good head, nice type, rare wing carriage, well put down, 2, Yell., nice head and wing, good col. and quality, close up; 3, vhc, D. T. Maclean, 3, nice exhibit, fails only in quality to winners. BORD., A.O.V. (2): 1, Connachie, Buff ticked, nice type, col. and quality; 2, Blackie, Green, grand col. and quality, good head. MULE OR HYB. (2): 1, sp., Stanford, Goldie Mule, nice size, col. and quality, well marked dark Mule, shown in tip-top order; 2, Duncan, Linnet Mule, grand size and col., good head and neck, presses hard. BRIT.: MEALY REDPOLL (5): 1, 2 sps., second best Brit. in show, Main, grand size, col. and quality, nice bib; 2, Smith, the Inverness winner, nice size, col. and quality, fine, distinct bib, nice clear markings, some preferred for first; 3, Colin Ross, jun., another nice mealy, fails only in size and bib to winners; vhc, he, J. G. Maclean. LESSER (5): 1, Bowie, nice col. and size, good bib, beautifully pencilled, well staged; 2, Smith, another good one, not quite so well marked; 3, Walker; vhc, Clarke; he, J. G. Maclean. SISKIN (5): 1, sp., Connachie, Inverness winner, good size, col. and quality, nice bib and cap, well marked, staged to perfection, our choice for best Brit. bird; 2, Moir, nice dark cap and bib, well laced, good col.; 3, Macdonald, nice col. and size, good cap; vhc, Smith; he, Campbell. LINNET, ETC. (7): 1, 3 sps., best Brit. in show, Main, Linnet, good size, nice col. and markings, well staged; 2, he, Campbell, another Linnet, rare size, well pencilled; 3, Grant, Twite, good size, rare col. and markings, fine whites, rather unsettled, otherwise might have changed place a bit; vhc, Duncan; c, Watson. BULLFINCH CK. (9): 1, Craigen, rare size, fine breast col., nice quality, good cap and bars, in rare bloom; 2, Anderson Bros., another grand coloured one, not quite so well shaped; 3, Campbell, grand little Bullie, rare col. and quality, good cap and bars; vhc, Watson; c, Bowie. HEN (7): 1, sp., Angus, nice size and col., good cap and bars, nicely staged; 2, Colin Ross, jun., sweet taking hen, fails only in col.; 3, Donaldson, grand size and col., good headpiece and bars, not looking quite so well as usual; vhc, Campbell; he, Clarke; c, Matheson. GREENFINCH (5): 1, sp., Anderson Bros., fine rich col. Greenie, good size, well marked and well staged; 2, Maclean, rare sized hen, good col. and markings, presses hard; 3, Duncan, another large bodied bird, well marked, would have been better if col. fed; vhc, Ross; he, Campbell. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (3): 1, Campbell, good col. Bramble-finch, fine size, well marked, in nice bloom, steady; 2, Clarke, Chaffinch, good size and col., nicely marked, fine white bars; 3, Mackay, nice Bramblefinch. A.O.S. SMALL (4): 1, Walker, Goldie, fine col. and size, well marked, nice blaze, well put down; 2, Grant, Yellowhammer, rare size and col., well marked, good headpiece, presses winner hard; 3, Cumming, Bearded Tit, good col., nicely marked; vhc, Colin Ross, jun. LARGE (2): 1, Watson, Missel Thrush, rare size, good col., well marked on breast, staged to perfection; 2, Angus, Blackbird, good col., nice beak and eye. FOR. (1): 1, so., Macpherson.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

England.

Dec. 8 & 9.—**Bradford National.**—(H. Hill, 15, Settle Terrace, Thornton Lane, Little Horton).
Dec. 8 and 9.—**Gateshead.**—(A. Holden, 5, Cramer Street.) J. R., J.H., J.B., J.F.D.
Dec. 8 & 9.—**Runcorn.**—(T. P. Baxter, 103, Greenaway Rd.). A.W.
Dec. 9.—**Sheffield and Dis. C.B.S.**—(A. Hobson, 64, Langsett Av.). W.A.C., J.C.B.
Dec. 14.—**Frome.**—King and Yeo, 9, Catherine Hill, J.R.
Dec. 15 & 16.—**Blackburn.**—(J. Cook, 6, Charlotte St.).
Dec. 16.—**Yarm, Eaglescliffe.**—(T. Wilson, High Street.) W.M., F.M.

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Jan. 6.—**Guisbrough Priory.**—(S. H. Lambert, 25, Cleveland St., H.W.B.).
Feb. 2, 3, 5, 6.—**Great National** (Crystal Palace). (J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Ave., Brixton, S.W.)
Nov. 30.—**Coventry Godiva.**—(R. Symonds, 29, Melbourne Rd., Earlsdon).

Scotland.

Dec. 9.—**Kilsyth.**—(A. D. Duncan, "Chronicle" office)
Dec. 16.—**Broxburn.**—(W. McLaren, Church Street.) J. McLn., G.Sfe., J.Tn., J.M., J.Sn.
Dec. 30 and Jan. 1, 1912.—**Scottish National** (A. W. Watson 58, Colinton Road, Edinburgh.)

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Jan. 1 & 2.—**Paisley O.A.**—(W. Lambie, 25, Caledonia Street.)
Jan. 2 & 3.—**Glasgow C.B.A.**—(F. Bowman, 5, Parkview, Tollcross.). W.B.M., J.Cg., J.W.B., L.J.A., A.C.
Jan. 6.—**Crieff.**—(Cameron and Watt, Cameron Bdgs.)

Ireland.

Dec. 7 & 8.—**Larne.**—(T. Mayne, 35, Barnhill) H.W.B.

Club Reports.

PAISLEY, TANNAHILL O.S.

Meeting held Lockie's, 2, St. James' St., Mr. R. Neil presiding. Mr. T. Hamilton gave report of amalgamation meetings with surplus for same, which was passed. Judges were next nominated for our next annual show, also one new member was made. A few songs by various members were sung.—J. Stewart.

COLLINGTON AND CURRIE PARISHES O.S.

Meeting held Drill Hall, Juniper Green, Dec. 2, Councillor Begbie in chair. Mr. J. Michie was appointed Vice-president. Rules were drawn up. Secretary instructed to have same printed, and supply each member with a copy free. Three new members were admitted, namely, Messrs. A. Fleming, J. Calder, and H. Napier (all of Juniper Green). A fair number of members were present.—James Napier, Sec,

KELTY AND BLAIRADAM C.B.A.

Annual meeting held December 2nd, Mr. J. Stenhouse (President) in chair. Balance-sheet read and passed. It showed a grand balance on the right side. We are in the fortunate position of having a good banking account, and it says much for our committee that we increase it as the years go by. Agreed to elect the whole of the office bearers for ensuing year; also to advertise our show as formerly in the "Guarantee column" of CAGE BIRDS. Next annual open show October 19th, 1912; and agreed to try and engage the large new Gothenburgh Hall. —A Dickson, Sec.

SHIPLEY O.S.

Second members' judging competition held headquarters Nov. 27th. These competitions are of a very interesting character, and should be a means of bringing out the qualities of members as judges. After the competition members and friends were entertained to supper by the landlord (Mr. W. Smith) in commemoration of his birthday. The repast finished, the rest of the evening was given over to music under the capable direction of Messrs. H. Martin, J. Robinson, L. Crossland. Prize winners: Messrs. H. Hudson, H. Martin, W. Battye, H. Long, H. Bradshaw, L. Crossland. Mr. H. Martin won two specials—best cock and best hen. Mr. H. Sutcliffe acted as neutral judge.—A. Tillotson, Sec.

WOLVERHAMPTON C.B.S.

Meeting held November 16th, Duke of York Hotel, Mr. F. J. Weaer presided over a good attendance. Prize-money and specials were paid out, and ticket money received. Mr. R. Willoughby won Messrs. Fry and Son's spl. for most points; Mr. J. Gibbons second; Mr. F. J. Weaver third. Mr. F. J. Weaver won Sandiford's medal for hottest fed bird; Mr Willoughby, Hyde's; Mr. J. Gibbons Trowers, and gold medal for most points at the three shows (Birmingham, West Bromwich, and Wolverhampton). We have again engaged Mr. Robson to judge our open show for 1912 (Nov. 1 and 2). After business, a lengthy chat on the amalgamation of Cage Bird Societies in the Midlands ensued. We think this the best suggestion ever brought forward.—J. Gibbons, Sec.

SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD, &c., C.B.S

Fifth annual supper held December 2nd, at Mason's Arms, Eastfield Side, when about 50 members and their wives sat down to a grand spread laid by Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Bradbury; and full justice was done to the good things put before them. The room looked splendid with its numerous decorations; whilst on a table at one end was a fine array of special prizes to be distributed to members. After supper we had a good night's entertainment, the secretary having secured the services of Mr. J. Carlen (piano) and Mr. A. Tearson, a good comedian, who made things go merrily along. Mr. J. W. Burton was in the chair. Mrs. Bradbury presented the specials. For most points gained by members throughout year: 1, W. Vardy; 2, Nuttall Bros.; 3, J. Suedley; 4, T. Hawksley; 5, C. Connah; 6, Caunt and Keeling; 7, M. Norwood; 8, J. W. Burton; 9, Hall Bros.; 10, J. Norwood; 11, H. Handley; 12, Shaw and Booth; 13, J. L. Wright; 14th, C. Waldrom; 15, W. Strange; 16th, G. Norwood; 17, W. Bentley; 18, W. Osborne; 19, S. Woolley; 20, J. Leam; 21, W. Owen; 22, G. Marshall. Mr. A. Wright got himself up as a goliwogg or a lollipop, or something like that and sang "It's me," and "You've got a long way to go." A hearty vote of thanks to the host and hostess, given with musical honours, and the singing of the National Anthem brought a merry evening to a close.—R. Nuttall, Sec.

WIMBLEDON C.B.S.

Meeting held Mr. Johnston's Rooms, Dec. 4, presided over by Mr. W. H. Stoakley. Mr. H. Smith (Sec.) was able, with business-like promptness, to furnish an estimate of the result of the show held in November, which was in every way satisfactory. A lady and gentleman were elected members, and six others were nominated. Cups won at show and points prize presented. Cup for best unflig. Can., Mrs. M. M. Owen, and that for best unflig. Nor. to Mr. H. Dixon. Chairman said he had won his own guinea points prize with 83 points, but he had no intention of taking it, and had therefore divided it in halves, one prize would go to Messrs. Easterling and Carson, 70 points, and the other to Mrs. L. M. Thynne, 69. Report of show then presented, showing that in spite of many adverse conditions it was well supported. No complaints had been received as to birds being sent home wrong, and this was especially noteworthy considering that, though there were nearly 150 more birds than last year, there were fewer helpers. The estimated accounts showed the expenses to be £82 19s. 6d., while receipts were £85 14s. 6d., leaving an estimated balance of about £3. Judging competition of British birds took place, 20 members taking part, Mr. Dewhurst kindly acting as final judge. Result: Mr. G. W. Saunders, 35 points; Mr. Soper, 14; Mrs. E. Mullis, 11; Mr. W. A. Truelove and Mr. G. Griffiths 9 each; Mr. F. Whiting, 7; Mrs. Thynne, 6; Mr. C. R. Taylor, 4; Mrs. Griffiths and Mr. E. Gibbs, 3 each; Mrs. Owen and Mr. H. Veen 2 each; Mr. E. W. Bell, 1; and Messrs. F. W. Owen, E. J. Whittome, J. Carson, H. Dixon, A. H. Dyke, G. W. Baker, and L. G. Owen, nil. A vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Dewhurst by acclamation. It was decided, after some little discussion, that the Society resign its membership of the London Federation of C.B.S. Secretary announced that 13 essays on the show had been received from Boy Scouts who were competing for prizes, and these had been duly scheduled. Decided that "Questions and Answers" should be the subject for meeting on second Monday in the month in consequence of New Year's Day falling on the ordinary meeting night.—H. Smith, Sec.

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WEST STANLEY C.B.S.

Meeting held December 2nd, Mr. M. Butler chairman. Result of table show: BORD., YELL.: 1, 3, Goodchild; 2, Hunter. YORKS., BUFF: 1, Goodchild; 2, 3, Burdon. GREENFINCH: 1, Boyle; 2, Robson; 3, Goodchild. During the evening a long discussion took place regarding members buying birds from so-called dealers; in some cases they had to get legal advice before they got their birds; others had to be threatened by the Chief of Police for their town. Some 16 names were given, and it was decided to keep a record of them. If other societies would take this matter up it would prevent many young fanciers being "done." Many names that were mentioned have not a two-compartment cage, let alone an aviary. It would be a good thing if all intending buyers would insist on the deposit system; the out-lay is only a few pence, and to get into touch with reliable dealers this is acknowledged to be the surest way.—W. Elliott, Sec.

Singing Contests.

LEEDS.

Weekly Linnet contest for quality held Old Bird House, King's Head, Shannon-street, Dec. 3rd, when 27 picked birds of Leeds sang. 1st, T. Stead; 2nd, A. Richardson; 3rd, Stead; 4th, Butler. Judges, Messrs. Wall Naylor and J. Thompson.—T. C. Summers, Hon. Sec.

Quality singing contest, held Skinners' Arms, Buslingthorpe Lane, 19 birds sang. 1, Chippingdale; 2, Turner; 3, Richardson. Judges, Messrs. Butler, Clayton and Hullen. Also a grand contest on Dec. 3rd, when 33 birds sang. The singing was perfect. 1, 2, shared by Sellars and Turner; 3, Ward. Judges, Messrs. Biss, Sissons, Reed. Also Canary contest took place, when 12 good birds also sang. 1, Binner; 2, Ward; 3, Blackburn. Judges, Messrs. Sissons and Biss. A Canary match will take place Dec. 10th, open to all, at 8 o'clock.—C. Clayton, Hon. Sec.

SALFORD.

Contest for time, held Boat House Hotel, Dec. 2nd, for members and Manchester and Dist. fanciers; 14 birds entered. Good singing was done. We agreed to have four minutes singing owing to the bad light. Winners: 1, J. Green, copper kettle; 2, W. Cain, pair of vases; 3, J. Gedson, Gorton (Lr. Seed): 4, A. Marshall, glass aviary. Timekeepers, Messrs. A. Parker, W. Cain and J. Green; birdkeeper, Mr. B. Wharton. The match between J. Cresswell and B. Wharton resulted in the former winning with his quality bird, and a special card was awarded. After the contest a very enjoyable evening was spent. After the meeting on Dec. 10, a gashlight contest among the members at 7.30 prompt; we want all the members to join in it. Next contest Dec. 16, 2 p.m.; novices will be given every encouragement. Two new members were made. Any of our members going to the Tyldesley contest are assured of a hearty welcome.—B. Wharton, Hon. Sec.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Week-end Linnet contest held Prince Albert Inn, December 3rd, when 14 birds sang. Judges, Messrs. J. Smith and J. Clarke; time-keeper, Mr. E. Wood. 1, A. Binns; 2, James Chippendale; 3, John Chippendale. Also Canary contest, December 3rd., when 19 birds entered. Judges, Messrs. J. Smith and P. Madden; time-keeper, Mr. E. Wood. 1, 2, J. Chippendale; 3, W. Juke.—E. Wood, Hon. Sec.

Members Shows.

Sheriffhill F. & F.S.: Held Nov. 18, St. John's Mission Hall. Judge, Mr. J. Shepherd. Spl. for best bird, Mr. T. Bewick; best Nor., Mr. G. Bambridge, who also won silver watch for most points; spl. for best Brit., Mr. T. W. Appleby. Principal winners:—Nor., Messrs. Bambridge, Wilson; Yorks., Messrs. Burrell, Owens, Smith, Witherley; Bord., Mr. Wilson; Crests, Mr. Bewick; pairs, Messrs. Bambridge and Bewick; For., Mr. Stockton; Brit., Messrs. Witherley, Stockton, Appleby, Bewick, and Smith.—J. Shepherd.

Shipley O.S.: Held Nov. 18, Prince of Wales. 152 birds faced Mr. H. Hudson, judge. Points to date:—Champ. J. A. Taylor 65, H. Martin 57, L. Crossland 54, Brown and Son 46, H. Long 41, H. Hudson 36; novices, H. Robinson 40, J. Holmes 30, J. W. Gait 24, T. Cooper 21, C. Merral 20, Leighton and Genice 17. Principal winners: Yorks., Messrs. Taylor, Crossland, Martin, Brown and Son, Johnson, Towers, Fieldhouse, Grange, Battye; novices, Messrs. Robinson, Holmes, Cooper, Gait, Excell.—A. Tillotson, Sec.

Northowram C.B.S: Held Nov. 23. Mr. J. Robertshaw judged. Principal winners: Messrs. Gelder, Crowther, Hanson, Tasker, Sykes.—S. Sykes, Sec.

Green C.A.: Show of Green Nor., held Oldham Hall, Liverpool, Nov. 23. Mr. Handley judged (in place of Mr. J. Walker, absent). Principal winners: Messrs. Metcalfe, Bratherton.—Geo. Green, Hon. Sec.

Harrogate C.B.S.: Held Nov. 25. Mr. Robinson (Otley) judged; over 60 birds staged. Principal winners: Messrs. Gill, Lealman, Head, Walker, Hollins; novices, Messrs. Blackburn and Fleetham.—W. E. Ferguson, Hon. Sec.

Great Horton O.S.: Held Nov. 29, at headquarters. 89 birds staged. Mr. J. Wilkinson, Principal winners: Champ. Yorks., Messrs. Ormonroyd, Myers, and Lumb, Gaunt, Lister, F. Self, Hainsworth, Marley, Shackleton, C. H. Self, and Hudson.—J. Holroyd, Hon. Sec.

Keighley C.B.S.: Held Nov. 18, Black Horse Hotel. 70 birds staged. Judge, Mr. W. A. Cowgill. Principal season spl. winners: S. Smith 14, H. Spencer 11, J. Middleton 11, in the open; A. Naylor 15, E. Ackroyd 15, N. Jeffrey 14. Principal winners: Messrs. Miles, Smith, Middleton, Mitchell, Spencer, Sawley; novices, Messrs. Ackroyd, Naylor, Bower, Jeffrey.—J. Binns, Sec.

Darlington C.B.S.: Held Nov. 25, Labour Hall. Mr. T. Wright. Principal winners: Yorks., Messrs. Paterson, Underwood; Nor., Messrs. Crossling, Kearton, Todd and Son, Cornor; A.O.V., Messrs. Todd and Son; Brit., Messrs. Burton Bros., Forster, Todd and Son, Gregory.—H. Todd, Sec.

Bankfoot C.B.S.: Held Nov. 25, Red Lion Hotel. 68 birds staged, the best of the season. Spl. 3/6, and spl. for best cock, by C. Bastow; best hen (said to be the best in show; sold to a visitor), B. Wilman. First six for yearly spls.: B. Wilman 72, C. Baston 66, J. Crowther 51, F. Gelder 46, J. Lawson 44, Taylor Bros. and W. North 34. Mr. F. Self judged. Principal winners: Messrs. Lawson, Bastow, Hudson, Myers and Lightowler, Kershaw, Wilman, Mitchell, Taylor Bros., Gelder.

Skipton C.B.S.: Held Nov. 25, Frindley Society's Hall. 130 birds staged. Mr. R. Halliday, judge. Mr. Miller won cup for best bird bred by a member; Mr. Gates, Sandiford's medal. Principal winners:—Yorks., Messrs. Miller, Green, Hudson and Son, Riley, Anderson, Linford, Greenwood, Beck, Gates, Bradley, Holmes, Cartwright.—E. Stead, Hon. Sec.

Yorkshire C.C.: Held Nov. 15. Judge, Mr. T. B. Tomlinson. Principal winners: Champ., Messrs. Crawhall, Tindale, F. Johnson; novice, Messrs. Cattell, H. Johnson, Mirley.—R. Tindale, Hon. Sec.

Bradford West C.B.A.: Held Nov. 22, "Shoulder of Mutton," Girlington. Judge, Mr. H. Sutcliffe; 84 birds staged. Most points:—Champ., W. Crastree 28, F. Murgatroyd 12, G. Wellock 9, Cowgill and Son 8; novice, A. Bennett 24, F. Smith 22, G. R. Bennett 17, C. Craven 15, T. Tidewell 15.—F. Western, Sec.

Pudsey, Stanningley C.B.S.: Held Nov. 25, Fleece Hotel. 115 birds staged. Mr. W. A. Cowgill. Most points for cups and specials: W. Richmond 38, Marsh 36, Butler Bros. 27, Bracewell 24, Oddy and Galloway 25, Benson 20, Ackroyd 13, Pawson 13, Maltby 10, Towler and Hargreaves 13. Total points this season: Richmond 146, Oddy and Galloway 114, Marsh 83, Butler Bros. 60, Towler and Hargreaves 60, Bracewell 39, Maltby 31, Benson 27, Ackroyd 27, Pawson 26. Principal winners: Yorks., Messrs. Richmond, Bracewell, Butler Bros., Oddy and Galloway, Marsh, Towler and Hargreaves, Maltby, Ackroyd; Nor., Messrs. Richmond, Pawson, Benson, Marsh, Maltby.—H. Raistrick, Sec.

City of Wakefield O.S.: Held Nov. 25th, Crown and Anchor Hotel. Judge, Mr. F. Allen. Principal winners: Messrs. Taylor, Slack, Holroyd, C. and C. T. Parkes, Atkinson, Hill, Daniells, Talbot and Isherwood.—J. Atkinson, Sec.

Abersychan C.B.S.: Held Dec. 2. Judge, Mr. J. Hilman (Abertillery). Principal winners: Nor., Messrs. Couch, Amphlett, Ashman; Yorks., Messrs. Cooper, Ashman, Evans; Crests, Mr. Sweeting; British, Messrs. Ashman and Downs.—F. Sweeting, Sec.

Chesterfield C.B.S.: Held Nov. 25. Messrs. Holmes and Wilson judged. Forty-two birds were staged. Another show is to be held Jan. 6, when new members are invited to join. Principal winners: Yorks, Messrs. Barber, Lanckham; Norwich, Messrs. Wilson, Jepson, Naylor; Borders, Mr. Naylor; Brit., Messrs. Lewis, Booker, Brailsford, Jepson, Lanckham; Foreign, Mr. Naylor; Mules, Messrs. Brailsford, Naylor.—T. Booker, Sec.

Great Horton Good Intent O.S.: Held Dec. 2, Church Schools, Southfield Lane, where 60 birds faced Mr. H. J. Chittenden, the judge. Most points throughout year, H. Hill, 69; A. Holden, 63; D. Bartle, 52; H. Hodson, 50; C. Walker, 45; A. Morley, 34; J. T. Brook, 21; H. Chubb, 21. Winners of extra specials for three starred birds at each show, A. Holden, C. Walker, A. Morley, H. Hodson, D. Bartle. Principal winners: Yorks, Messrs. Walker, Bartle, Holden, Worsnap, Chubb, Hodson, Hill; British, Messrs. Gornall, Schofield.—Hy. Gornall, Sec.

Wibsey C.B.S.: Held Dec. 2, Horse and Groom Inn. Mr. E. B. Denton judged; 98 birds staged. Most points: Cl. and Tkd., D. Sutcliffe, 24; W. Mann, 22; Bairstow and Chapman, 14; J. Nicholls, 13; F. Hanson, 11; Green Mkd., D. Sutcliffe, 23; C. Bastow, 18; Jonas Crowther, 9; B. Wilman, 8; J. Nicholls, 7; Cinn. Mkd., W. Mann, 17; D. Thornton, 12; W. Hillas, 8; Cup Competition, W. Mann, 18; D. Sutcliffe, 13; Jonas Crowther, 8; J. Nicholls, 5. Principal winners: Messrs. Mann, Crossley, Sutcliffe, Bastow, Nicholls, Thornton, Wilman, Hillas, Bairstow and Chapman, Ellerton.—H. C. Crossley, Sec.

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Where are the Fanciers' Entries. Must extend closing date until Monday, first post. Classification as follows: 1 Crest; 1 C.B., 6 Norwich, 7 Yorkshire, 1 Natural Colour, 2 Lancashire, 6 Border, 2 Roller, 2 Selling, 1 A.O.V., 3 Mule, 1 Hybrid, 6 British, 2 Foreign. Good Specials. Novice Classes in all Sections. Hon. Secs., King and Yeo, 9, Catherine Hill, Frome.

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Cage Bird Society Tenth Annual Show, on Saturday, 30th Dec., 1911, and 1st January, 1912, in Corn Exchange, Grass Market, Edinburgh. Schedules ready 12th Dec., from the Secretary, A. W. Watson, 58, Colinton Road, Edinburgh.

FELINFOEL

5th Annual Show, on December 16th. Grand classifications. Judge, J. H. Payne, Esq., Gloucester. Earnest appeal to fanciers for support. Entries very short, must extend till December 13th, 1911. Schedules from T. J. Davies, Parkview, Felinfoel, Llanelly (Carm.).

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Cage Bird Show, Dec. 16th. Judge, J. A. Tonks. Entries close Dec. 12th. Schedules.—Alf. Blakemore, Old Barrel Hotel, Wednesbury.

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PETERHEAD Cage Birds and Pigeon Association Fourth Annual Open Show and Competition, December 22 and 23. Entries close Dec. 16. Schedules from P. A. Jack, 11, Chapel Street, Peterhead.

PELTON FELL & District C.B.S. Annual Show on Saturday, December 23rd. 18 Open Classes. Prize money—10/-, 5/-, 2/6 and Specials, at 1/6 per entry. Judges, J. Riseborough and F. Marwood. Schedules from Wm. Forster, Grange Terrace, Pelton Fell, S.O., Co. Durham.

ELGIN C.B.A. 2nd Annual Show, Dec. 25th. 40 Classes. Judge, Mr. Andrew Miller, Glasgow. Entries close Dec. 18th. Schedules from Sec., A. W. Douglas, Bishopmill, Elgin.

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NORTH WALES

C.B.S. Open Show of Cage Birds, Boxing-day next Dec. 26, at Carnarvon. Judge, J. W. Bancroft, Sale. Grand Classification, Specials, including Gold and Silver Medals, in each class. Numerous Extra Specials, three £2 2/- Challenge Cups. Prize Money guaranteed. Entries close Dec. 16. Schedules from J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 40, William Street, Carnarvon.

TRURO

(Confined to Cornwall) Show of Cage Birds, Poultry, Pigeons, and Fur, Boxing Day, December 26th. Good classification. Low entry fees. Judge, Mr. E. White. Entries close December 18th. Schedules now ready from Charles H. Toy, General Secretary, 20, Prospect Place.

HIGH WYCOMBE Show, Dec. 27th (open to 20 mile radius), Poultry, Pigeons, Cage Birds, Rabbits. Judges, J. N. Harrison and Geo. Gardner. Entries close Dec. 16th. Schedules.—S. C. Pearce, 3, Temple End, High Wycombe, Bucks.

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Jan. 2nd and 3rd.

74 Classes. Prizes, 15/-, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-. Schedules.—F. Bowman, 5, Parkview Gardens, Tollcross, Glasgow.

CRIEFF C.B. and P.A. Show, Open to Great Britain, Saturday, January 6, 1912, in Porteous Hall, Crieff. Judges: Cage Birds, J. McLay (Kirkintilloch), D. Low (Dundee). Poultry, Wm. Brodie (Banff). Bantams and Fur, John Dewar (Crieff). 62 Classes for Poultry. 62 Classes for Cage Birds. Prize Money, 10/-, 6/-, 3/-, and many valuable Specials. Entries (2/- each) close Tuesday, January 2, 1912. Schedules and entry forms from Cameron and Watt, Secs., Cameron Buildings, Crieff.

NOTICE.

GUISBROUGH

Priory (Federation Show) Fourth Annual Show of Canaries, Mules, Hybrids, British and Foreign Birds, will be held 6th Jan. 26 Classes. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, 1/-. Entry fee, 1/-. Judge, H. W. Battye, Esq. Cup for best bird in Canary, Mule, or Hybrid Classes. Numerous Specials. Entries close Dec. 30th. Schedules from S. H. Lambert, 35, Cleveland Street, Guisbrough (Yorks).

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Twitterings.

Mr. J. Kershaw, A.R.S.I., is, we are informed, judging at the Llandudno Members' Show on Dec. 9.

Glorious opportunity for exhibitors! Blackburn Show, Dec. 15 and 16. See large advert.—Advt.

Palace Cage Bird Show, Feb. 2 to 6, 1912. Record Classificatiou. Novices specially catered for.—Advt.

Your coloured plate of last week is splendid—a masterpiece, writes Mr. J. Robinson (Hebburn Colliery).

Please accept my best thanks for such a splendid report in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. H. Smith, sec. of the Wimbledon and Dist. C.B.S. Show.

When Mr. J. Watts, who wrote us a letter from Greenwich, dated Nov. 24, sends us his correct address his communication will receive attentiou.

Will secretaries kindly note, in order to avoid clashing, that Sheffield O.S. have fixed their open show for Nov. 1 and 2, 1912? writes Mr. T. Bishop, the sec.

Your report and critique of the L.C.B.A. Show are perfection, and reflect great credit upon the able staff of CAGE BIRDS.—H. E. Parrott (Weybridge).

Our annual show will be held on Dec. 9 in the Avenue Hall, Main Avenue, Bush Hill Park, writes Mr. H. G. Mercer, hon. sec. of the Bush Hill Park Society.

Kindly note my change of address from Hett Hills to 18, Grange Terrace, Pelton Fell, S.O., Co., Durham, writes Mr. W. Forster, sec. of the Pelton Fell and Dis. C.B.S.

At time of writing not a singlo eutry has been received for Llanrwst Show, writes the sec., Mr. J. Kershaw, A.R.S.I.; entries will be accepted bearing Saturday's postmark.

Mr. A. C. Brotherhood (Salop) has, we learn, beeu engaged to judge the cage bird section of the Manx Canine, etc., Association's Show, to be held at Douglas on Boxing Day.

Schedules are now ready for our open show at Pelton Fell on Dec. 23, writes Mr. Wm. Forster, the sec. Artistic prize cards, quite seasonable for the time of year, will be used.

Allow me to thank you for the splendid report given of our show in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. Duncan Grant, hon. sec. of the Lochore and Glencraig C.B.S.

At a meeting held on Dec. 2 it was decided, writes Mr. Geo. Havver, sec. of the Blaydon-on-Tyne C.B.S., to pay members' prize-money in full, and to hold another annual show next year.

Alnwick Cage Bird Society.—Winning numbers of draw: 1063, 375, 388, 1170, 1140, 1423, 384, 987, 206, 1335, 1096, 783, 79, 1962, 243, 1417, 925, 1719, 607, 1156.—R. Forster, hon. sec. —Advt.

Many thanks for the grand report of our annual show in CAGE BIRDS. All our members are delighted with it. We wish CAGE BIRDS every success.—Thos. Smith, hon. secretary of Ilkeston C.B.S.

I was very pleased to see that the Greenfinch-Chaffinch Hybrid had been produced, writes Mr. W. Jeffrey (Edinburgh). I was sure it would come, and Miss Reeves is to be congratulated on her success.

We are asked to request the British and foreign bird exhibitors who have received letters from Mr. J. M. Walsh not to forget the Blackburn Show on Dec. 15 and 16. All birds will have every attention and care.

Allow me to express my pleasure at receiving the prettiest plate ever issued by CAGE BIRDS—the one presented with "C.B." of Dec. 2. It is a treat both for gardeners and bird fanciers alike.—F. Purser (Leicester).

We regret to note that the name of the winner of 1st, 3rd, and special prizes in the Crest-bred cock class at Dundee Show was omitted in our report; Mr. R. Whitton (of Broughty Ferry) secured these honours.

Exhibitors should not overlook our Blackburn Show on Dec. 15 and 16, with its grand classification (sixty classes), writes Mr. J. Cook, sec., excellent prize money, and specials for every class, including cups, rose bowls, medals, etc. We have good novice classes, too.

We have been notified of the following corrections to show reports:—Windsor, 1st in the Buff Yorks. hens, Mr. J. A. Taylor (not Bousfield); Great Harwood, 2nd in Yorks Yell. and Buff hen classes, and 1st in Buffs, Mr. C. Morrison (not Harrisou); Newark, in class for exhibitors who had not won at previous shows, Mr. Padgett (not Mr. W. Lidgett); Holywood introduction, Mr. J. Patty, jun., winner of 1st and spl, 2 cups, and gold medal, also 2 seconds; Windsor, 1st in Novice Nor. hens, Mr. A. L. Hawkes (not Jones).

Will members who are competing for the Society Cup, the Ure Cup, and specials please note that full points will count only in classes with six entries or over, writes Mr. W. McLaren, sec. of the Broxburn and Dis. C.B.S. In classes with five entries or under, points will be reduced according to number of entries.

We are holding a table show of British birds at our meeting on Dec. 13, classification as follows, writes Mr. James Sloan, sec., Ayr and Dis. C.B.C.:—Goldfinch or Bullfinch; Linnet, Siskin, Redpoll, or Twite; and Any Other Species British. Mr. Kelly has kindly consented to judge, and I trust members will give him a good entry.

The Edmonton F.A. are holding their eighth annual show of cage birds, etc. (for members only) at the Town Hall, Lower Edmonton, on Dec. 14, when it is hoped there will be a good attendance of fanciers and friends. The show opens at two o'clock, and there is likely to be a capital display of cage birds in the twenty-one classes provided.

All birds must be staged before eight o'clock on Dec. 14 at our table show, writes Mr. W. Richinson, sec., Attercliffe and Dis. C.B.S. All prize-money and specials due will he distrihuted along with the points specials at same meeting. Contributions and ticket moneys are due on that night, and we shall also elect officers for the ensuing year.

The meeting arranged for Dec. 6 is unavoidably postponed till Dec. 13, when I hope all members will attend and "cash up" for tickets and anything else they may have, writes Mr. G. E. Wilkinson, hon. sec. of the Nottingham and Notts O.S. If not able to attend, please send particulars and cash to me by post by end of this week and oblige.

OBITUARY.

It is with the deepest regret that I have to inform you of the death late on Saturday night of Mrs. Jeff Walsh, wife of our esteemed member, writes Mr. J. Cook, sec. of the Blackburn and Dis. C.B.S. It is all the more painful owing to its suddenness, as only so late as Tuesday last she gave us a piece of black silk to be won at our coming show, and was apparently then in her usual good health. Being of a quiet and unassuming nature, she won the esteem of all who knew her. Our sympathy goes out to Mr. Walsh and his family, who have lost a good wife and mother.

I am pleased to say that entries for the open show of the Sheffield C.B.S. are 100 in advance of last year, writes Mr. J. Woolhouse, the assist. sec.

On account of our open show date being close to the Coventry O.S. open show date, we have decided to alter ours to Nov. 30, 1912, writes Mr. R. Symonds, hon. sec., Coventry Godiva C.B.S.

No one was more proud than "your humble" when, on getting my CAGE BIRDS on Friday last, I saw my 1st prize Yorkshire depicted amongst the wiuners at the L.C.B.A. Show I must say I owe most of my success to your splendid paper, which I always look forward to every week I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.—E T. Bush (Tottenham).

Owing to an error in the Frome Show schedule the Hybrid class was omitted, write Messrs. King and Yeo, the secs. Our Mule aud Hyhrid classes should read: "Class 30, Mule, clear, ticked, or lightly variegated," "Class 31, Mule, heavily variegated," "Class 32, Dark Mule, any variety except Canary-Bullfinch," "Class 32a, Hyhrid, any variety, including Canary-Bullfinch."

Mr. B. C. Smith, show manager and reporter to the East Ham C.B.S., writes: We are holding a general meeting on Dec. 14 at headquarters for the distribution of cups, prize money, diplomas, etc., gained by members at the annual show, at which Mr. H. Norman judged. The society also take this opportunity of thanking the Fancy Press and all other interested fanciers for the support given them throughout the year. Mr. J. H. Priestman, the popular secretary of Ilford F. and F.S., and Mr. C. Gibbs have been appointed auditors. Mr. F. Fox, the secretary, will be pleased to receive from members any outstanding ticket money, etc., as the books will shortly close for the year.

I must congratulate you upon the grand report of the L.C.B.A. Great Show, writes Mr. A. H. C. Legg, hon. sec. Mid-Rhondda and Dis. C.B.S. I found one thing standing out very clearly, and that was that you gave the report without fear or favour. Novice bird fanciers thinking of exhibiting should read the reports in CAGE BIRDS and see how the birds are spoken of. They will then know what is wanted for the show bench. The Coloured Plate that accompanied the issue was really very beautiful. Birds and flowers appeal to me very much, and both looked very fine here. I heartily congratulate Mr. H. Norman upon this, and I am not afraid to say that Mr. Norman is the very best bird artist in the Fancy.

Bradford National Show.

The entries for the above show have reached the magnificent total of 1,112 in all sections, which looks very encouragiug indeed, writes Mr. H. Hill, the sec.

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In your report of Epsom Show my bird, which was first and winner of cup for best bird, was credited with being the first unflighted at the Horticultural Hall, but in justice to the owner of that bird, I am writing to say my bird was not at that show, but was first at Wimbledon (unflighted Buff), the week before, writes Mr. G. W. Saunders (Sutton).

The principal feature of the December number of the "Avicultural Magazine" is an interesting series of "Notes on Some Fijian Birds in Captivity," by Mr. Philip H. Barr, M.A. The article is embellished hy a heautiful coloured drawing of the Fijian Parrot Finch by Mr. Goodchild, and contains a full account of the catching, importation, and suhsequent keeping of twenty-one examples of the species. Other articles include "A Red Tanager," by Miss K. Curry, "Notes on the British and Foreign Classes at the L.C.B.A. Show," by Mr. Bonhote, "The Keeping of Quails in Captivity," by Mr. Seth Smith.

Stormy Petrel at Brighton.

A Stormy Petrel was caught inland near here on Nov. 27, writes Mr. Walter Swaysland (Brighton).

Another Record at Gateshead.

"A record show, over 1,500 entries," telegraphs Mr. Holden, the Gateshead secretary, just as we go to press. We hope there may be record crowds of visitors to see this grand collection of birds.

A Flightless Bird.

The Penguins are closely related to the Great Auk, a now extinct bird. The Penguins have long bodies and short wings, and are therefore flightless. Their plumage is not, as in other birds, in tracts, but covers the whole body; it consists of small scalelike feathers. They inhabit desolate islands in the Antarctic regions, and havo been found as far south as navigators have penetrated.

Get your Money, please!

Will winners at Lowestoft F.S. Show get their cheques cashed without further delay, writes Mr. E. L. A. Crow, the sec, as I am wanting to get the show business settled up? I do not know if there is anything peculiar or interesting about our cheques, but I notice some of our friends are inclined to hang on to them a very long time before producing them at the bank for payment. I hope this gentle reminder will have the desired effect.

Lending a Helping Hand.

I regret to say that financially our show was a failure, writes Mr. H. Davidson, sec. of Lockerbie C.B.A.; hut through the kindness of a few local fanciers and others returniug a certain amount of their prize-money, we hope to be able to settle the few remaining accounts and trust at least to be able to start clear for next show. Next year we will close earlier at night to allow fanciers to get trains to suit themselves, and we trust that any inconvenience caused through our rules will he rectified another year. We pride ourselves upon adhering to our rules.

Brown Paper and String!

At Pentrebach Show all exhibits were handed to the railway company hefore nine o'clock the same evening, writes Mr. A. E. Brown, the sec. I may say that this was partly due to the good and willing stewards. On Dec. 2 I sent out all prize money. As I am secretary to the Welsh Cage Bird Club, I must say it was very gratifying to me to see such a number of the members put in an appearance at our show. The members of the society have all expressed their delight at the presence of our President (Mrs. R. F. Hankey). I should like to draw attention to a numher of exhibitors who sent their birds to our show packed in brown paper, and also without water tins, as I think that travelling cases and water tins are within the reach of all.

A Quick Clearance.

At Backworth Show, writes Mr. H. Elliott, the assist. sec., the room was emptied of spectators at 5 p.m., and those who had come for their birds were told at the door that if they would oblige us by staying outside we would soon have the birds unpenned and packed. We were told we would be all night (there were some 800 entries)! However, we have a committee of about twelve, and each memher brought an exhibitor into the hall, had his birds packed, and saw him outside. Afterwards we packed the remaining birds, and finished at 6.10 p.m., being one hour and ten minutes packing 800 birds! Further, all the pens were taken down and packed, the benches taken down and outside, and the floor all swept and ready to commence a dance at 7.15. It took us but two hours and fifteen minutes to completely clear the hall! Surely this is satisfactory, and shows what can be done at Backworth.

Kindly thank all who replied to my advt. in "Cage Birds." I had replies from all parts, and could answer only those who sent a stamp.—Geo. Street (Crouch End, N.).

I had a host of answers to my advt. in "Cage Birds," but no one sent a stamp for reply, so I could not afford to reply to all.—H. C. Ainge (Melton Mowbray).

Kindly thank all who wrote to me for birds which I advertised in "Cage Birds" of November 25th. I could not write to all of them. I wish "Cage Birds" every success.—C. Pearce (Par Station).

This week I am shipping some valuable Canaries to Montreal, Canada, per s.s. "Hesperian." Also some to Liege, Belgium. These orders through my advt. in "Cage Birds," writes Mr. J. Taylor, **the well-known dealer, of Frizinghall, Bradford.**

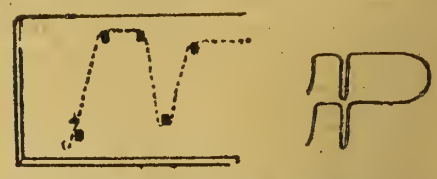
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Wire Holders for Bird Bottles.

Sent by Mr. H. Renouf, 11, Beresford St., S. Helier, Jersey.

These may easily be made at home in the following manner:—Procure a small, hard wood board about one inch thick; drive in six nails in position as shown in diagram. Nip off the heads, leaving about ¼in. of nail above the board. Then cut lengths of wire (16 or 18g.) 10½in. for ordinary bottles, and bend each end



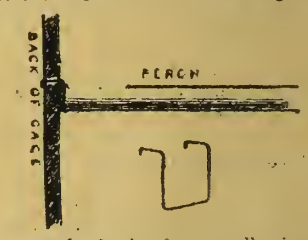
around the nails, starting at X, as shown by the dotted line. This done, finish off by shaping for round or square bottle, whichever you have in use. These holders may be used inside as well as out. The illustration shows the actual position of nails.—H. Renouf.

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Fixing Perches in Box Cages.

Sent by Mr. H. White, Buxton, Derbyshire.

Take a piece of stiff wire; bend it round sides of perch; then pierce the back of cage and place the two ends of wire through. Bend



these over at the back of cage, allowing about ½in. to hang over the inside of cage; this is to rest perch on. I think this will prove handy for removing perches for cleaning.—H. White.

Best Bird at Uddingston.

We regret that our report of Uddingston Show omitted to mention that the grand variegated yellow cock which secured first and special for Mr. G. E. McLaggan also won the special for best bird in the hall.

In Canada.

We note that the National Cage Bird Society of Toronto (Canada), at the annual show being held this week-end (Dec. 8 and 9) offer a remarkably comprehensive classification. There are no fewer than ninety-eight classes, and practically all varieties of Canaries are well catered for, while Mules, certain British birds (Goldfinch, Bullfinch, Linnet, and Redpoll), and Parrots and Parrakeets find places in the schedule.

Support Wanted at Market Weighton

I have persuaded our committee to try four open cage bird classes and cancel the members' classes, writes Mr. D. Consitt, sec., Market Weighton F.S., allowing the members to exhibit at reduced fees. The prize money will be 8s., 4s., 2s., 1s., for 1s. entry fee. The exhibits will be in capable cage bird fanciers' hands, and all prize-money will be paid in three days. We shall advertise full classification with you on Dec. 15, and I trust fanciers will help me all they can.

A Youthful "Old-timer."

At Derby Show, writes our representative, I had the pleasuro of meetiug that well-known and highly esteemed old-time judge, Mr. Jos. Bexson. I am extremely pleased to say that good health prevails with him. Laughs and jokes were much in evidence; "Jovial Joe" delights in such, and can still "crack 'em" with the best. He was keenly scrutinising the various exhibits, bobbing about in his well-nigh inimitable style, and exclaiming to whoever approached, "Ah! grand bird! grand bird!" in the old-time familiar manner.

Wagon-loads of Canaries.

A subdued chirping emanated from a hundred wooden boxes which porters were handling with care at the Halifax Old Station on Nov. 29, says the "Manchester Dispatch," the proceedings causing a large crowd of spectators to gather. A colossal consignment of Canaries to the United States, over two thousand of the tiny birds, of many varieties, including Yorkshires, Norwich, and Border Fancies, not forgetting Lizards and Lancashires, was being got away. Mr. Joe Thomas, of Ambler Thorn, was the consignee. In each of the hundred wooden cages an average of twenty birds was housed. Altogether they occupied four luggage trucks, and attached to the 11.30 train for Liverpool left to join the "Baltic" for their long trip. Mr. Thomas is going to America with the birds, and expects to be kept busy feeding them. Mr. Thomas has already forwarded consignments of Canaries to New Zealand, Canada, India, South Africa, France, and Belgium, but this is by far his biggest exportation.

A Londoner and His Norwich Plainhead Canaries.

An interesting paper upon this widely popular breed.

By T. D. Jackson (West Green).

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I do not use any heat in my bird-room; neither do I think it necessary, especially where good roomy cages are used. My own cages are of the two-compartment pattern, these being, in my opinion, a lot better than the single breeders, for they have all the advantages of single breeding cages, whereas the latter does not possess half the advantages of the two-compartment breeder. One advantage is that there is no need to put one's hand inside the cage to separate the birds when that is found to be necessary, as is the case with the single breeder. Again, about the time the young birds are leaving the nest the back of the cage where the nest has hung, often becomes very fouled with their droppings; that dirt should be all cleaned away before the hen is allowed to go to nest again; now, all that would be necessary with a two-compartment cage would be to insert the sliding partition, keeping the birds, old and young, in the one compartment, while the other was being scraped, etc., without flurrying the birds unnecessarily.

The lower part of my own partitions is wired to enable the birds to feed each other; also to enable the old birds to feed the young ones when it has been found necessary to part them, but I have also a smaller slide that covers the wired part and makes it a blank partition. Whatever cage you favour, allow the birds plenty of room.

Getting the Birds Ready.

Towards the end of February you can start in real earnest to get the birds into breeding condition, having, of course, previously got the room, cages, utensils, etc., thoroughly clean and in order. If the birds have been flying together in flights, they should now be separated and placed in their respective cages with the blank slide between them. They should now have a little egg-food each, with a little maw seed and rape, also a little niger seed; the niger for the hens especially, as it has a tendency to prevent egg binding. I continue this treatment until I pair the birds up, which I do generally about the third week in March, provided they are in full breeding condition. I satisfy myself on that point by blowing up the feathers at the vent. If the vent of the cock is very prominent then I know the bird is in breeding condition. The mere fact of a cock singing is no criterion of its being in breeding condition. The action of a hen is generally very reliable; she becomes very restless, hopping from perch to perch, flapping her wings and calling to the cock continually; and if the feathers at the vent are blown up, it will be seen that the vent is very full and extended. When the birds are like that you may rest assured they are ready to be paired up.

Covering the Cage Floors.

With regard to the covering for the cage bottoms, I much prefer saw-dust to sand. Pitch pine saw-dust has a tendency to keep down the red-mite; it also gives off a very pleasant odour, and absorbs the birds' droppings quickly; and in addition there is not that rasping sound when the scraper is used for cleaning purposes that there is when sand is spread on the cage bottom; when, too, a young bird is dragged out of the nest, as sometimes happens, it will live much longer when lying on sawdust than when lying on sand. Of course, grit is necessary, and I give it in small tins which I hang on the middle cross-bar of the cage front. In that position the grit does not become fouled, as is the case when placed on the cage floor.

About four days before I allow the birds to fly together I remove the small slide previously mentioned; they are then able to feed, and become acquainted with each other, which reduces to a minimum any chances of their quarrelling when they are allowed to fly together.

When they have been together for about a week the nest-pan and a little building material may be given them; if the latter is given before, it only gets strewn about the cage and wasted. Occasionally you may have a hen that evinces a desire to build her nest anywhere but where you want her to; their favourite place is generally on the cage bottom in front of the seed box. Such a hen, usually a young one, must, of course, be humoured, for it is useless your trying to make a hen build where she does not want to. In such cases I make a nest box, or, I should say, four sides of a box, for I do not put a bottom on it; on the top edge I tack a piece of cloth so that the hen can build in it. In each of the four bottom corners I drive a nail to raise the box about half inch from the cage floor; this allows a current of air to pass under the nest.

As the hen lays her eggs they should be removed and placed in a partitioned box, the compartments of which should be numbered to correspond with the numbers that should be on the cages. On the evening when the third egg is laid they should be returned to the nest; then if they are fertile they should hatch in about fourteen days. After the first few days of incubation the hen may have the bath, especially if the weather is at all dry.

While the hen is sitting I give plain canary seed only, with a little egg food once a week. On the evening before the young are due to hatch I give a little egg food, German rape and hemp, increasing the quantity as the young birds get older.

I might say that if the cock is docile and behaves himself I always allow him to remain with the hen, for if he will feed the young ones it will be of great benefit to them, as the future of a young bird depends greatly upon the feeding it gets during the first three weeks of its existence. For green food there is nothing I like better than seedling rape, or chickweed. Watercress is undoubtedly very good when one can rely upon getting it fresh and from proper watercress beds, which is not always the case, at least, that is my experience.

When the Hen Plucks the Young.

If all goes well, and the youngsters are being fed alright, they will be leaving the nest when about three weeks old, when a sharp look-out must be kept in case the hen plucks them; should she do so they must be separated by means of the wire partition, when the old birds will continue to feed them. But do not have a perch running along-side the partition, or the hen will still be able to pluck them. If the wire partition is about 2½ inches from the cage floor it will be quite low enough to enable the youngsters to be fed, but the hen will be unable to pluck them.

When the youngsters begin to get about they should have a little egg food, a little soaked German rape and a little cracked hemp seed (not crushed, as it turns rancid too quickly). These I give in small deep china pots. By so doing they are not so easily thrown about the cage. At this time the cage bottom must be kept scrupulously clean; the dirt should be scraped out each evening to avoid the young birds picking up any stale food. At this period, too, a little milk sop is very good for the young birds, say about twice a week, in fact it is very good at all times where birds are a little ran down in condition. There is no need to give the egg-food on the days when you give the sop. When the young birds are easily able to remove the husks from the canary seed (which they will do when about six weeks old) the egg food should be gradually reduced, both in quantity and quality; also the hemp and rape. When the youngsters are well on seed they should be transferred to as large a flight as you can give them, for if there is the making of big birds in them, the exercise they will get in such flight cage will bring it out.

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My Three Favourite Finches.

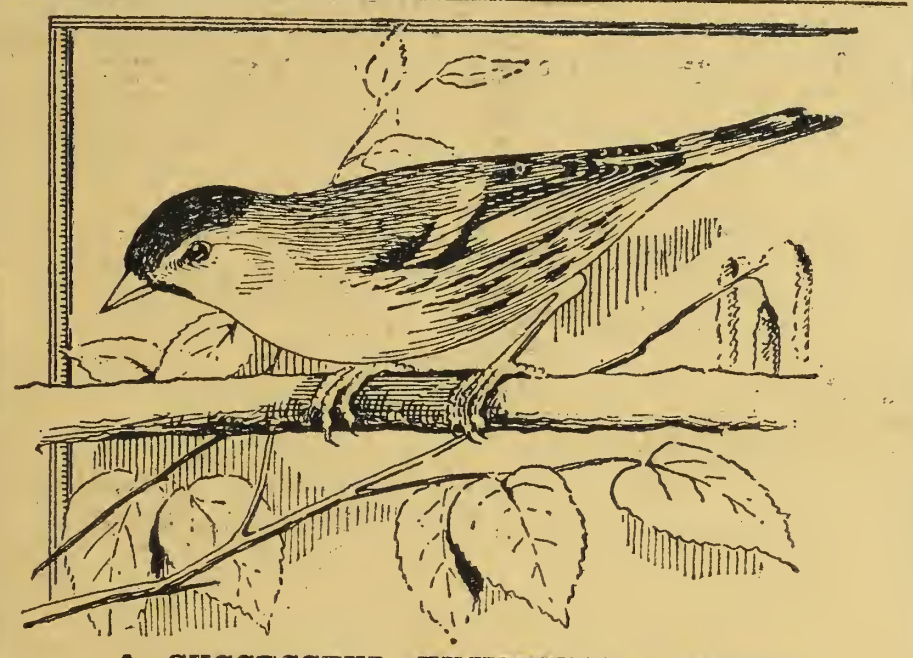
By L. GIBBS (Edmonton).

How I have succeeded with the Goldfinch, Bullfinch and Chaffinch.

The Goldfinch.

The Goldfinch is one of our most beautiful birds. Perhaps most fanciers would put this Finch first of all our Finches on account of its song and its usefulness to hybrid breeders. Let us have a look first of all at his natural life. Like the Linnet, the Goldfinch is to be found on waste lands, especially where thistles abound. He is very wary, so if you would see him busily opening the thistle-heads you must be quiet, and quietness is all that is required.

About the beginning of May breeding operations are commenced. The nest is usually placed on the branch of an elm tree, or an apple- or pear-tree. The nest is as well made as the Chaffinch's, and is composed of moss and roots, thickly lined with the down of the thistle and a few hairs. Four or five eggs are laid of a very pale green colour, spotted with purple and brown markings.



A SUCCESSFUL EXHIBITION SISKIN.

Winner of many prizes, including 1st at the Horticultural Hall, for Mr. H. W. Casemore (Canterbury).

In the Greypate State.

The young birds are called Greypates until their first muult, when they attain their adult plumage. Both cocks and hens are very much alike dressed in their first suit, but the cock birds are usually the larger and bolder looking birds. The colour of a Greypate is greyish brown on the head and back, the wing and tail feathers being of a darker hue, with yellow bars about the centre of the wings as in the case of adult Goldies. As soon as they have moulted their nestling plumage they look practically different birds; their backs assume a beautiful chestnut colour and they have a jet black cap; a beautiful red face also appears, called the blaze. The yellow wing marking is all that remains to show that they are still the same Goldies.

Cock birds are easily distinguished from the hens by the blaze, which should come well back behind the eyes and form practically a right angle on the side of the face. They have a fiercer look than hens, and are altogether superior in colour and carriage.

Now for a peep into the Goldie's domestic life. A Greypate, or first yearling, is the best to procure, as the older ones are usually very sulky or wild. Put him into a cage about twelve inches long by 6ins. wide and 9ins. high; he will not then be able to dash about. His food must be soaked seeds and plenty of thistle heads, docks, etc.

Give the Goldie plenty of wild seeds and a little canary seed until he becomes accustomed to his new home. When he settles down a bit his food may be changed slightly, but not too suddenly. As a stock mixture give the following: Equal parts of teazel and linseed with just a sprinkling of canary. Give a small teaspoonful of hemp seed daily and a couple of thistle heads and plaintain stalks.

The bird should have a daily feed of wild seeds, also a fruit maggot occasionally, which greatly helps to keep his plumage in condition. A little greenstuff, such as watercress, seeding chickweed or groundsel should be given daily; and a bath once a week on bright days should keep him in sound condition. If he gets a little out of sorts, increase the thistle, etc., and he will invariably come right. If the bird should be an old one he will take much more steadying, and a too sudden change of diet will affect him more than it will a young one.

Follow out the above, and not many Goldies should go under. On the contrary they should live long to cheer us with their song. Give plenty of sand on the cage bottom and supply clean water every morning. In winter when green food is scarce a little ripe apple or banana can be substituted, but be careful not to give too much, or diarrhœa will set in. In the event of your bird getting diarrhœa keep him warm, and feed him on egg and bread, to which a little powdered chalk has been added.

The Bullfinch.

The Bullfinch is the most docile of all our native Finches. Almost tropical in colour I wonder he has escaped the eyes of his captors so long. He does not belong to the general run of Finches, as his food and general appearance are unlike those of any of our other Finches. Take, for instance, his beak, and compare it with that of the Goldfinch. It is as different as chalk is from cheese. While the other Finches, too, exist chiefly on wild seeds, the Bullfinch finds his daily bread in all kinds of berries and fruit, and in the buds of trees. I do not say that the Bullie does not eat seeds, for any one who has kept one will know his fondness for hemp seed.

Taking a look at his wild life we find he is not a bird of the hedgerows. If you would see him in his sylvan haunts look in the thickest of woods where there are plenty of blackthorn or sloe bushes. About the beginning of May it commences to build, usually choosing a blackthorn bush. The nest is built upon a platform of sticks, and is composed of moss and roots, lined with hair and wool. Four or five eggs are laid of a bluish ground colour and spotted at the larger end with dark spots. The young are fed upon the buds of the whitethorn, blackthorn, etc, and receive a goodly number of insects.

Handrearing Bullies.

With regard to the cage life of Mr. Bullie; although many people prefer Siberian birds to ours on account of their size, I like the Britishers best. These, if taken young and hand-reared, are much tamer than Siberian birds. Just a word or two about handrearing, so that you may try it yourselves. The birds should be fed with a quill every two hours on the following: The yolk of an egg boiled for ten minutes and mixed with three Osborne biscuits; keep this dry, or it will turn sour. Boil a piece of bread in half milk and half water with just a little sugar to taste. Mix just enough of this with the egg and biscuit for one feed, and make it fresh every day. As soon as the young begin to pick up for themselves give a little crushed hemp, rape and canary seed for them to pick at. When a Bullie can be got to feed itself a more docile pet cannot be found.

If you wish your Bullies to be pipers, a little training will be necessary, as they have no natural song of their own. As soon as they begin to pick up, procure a tin whistle, and begin by playing the first few notes of the tune they are to learn. As soon as they acquire the first few notes, play some more; and so on. Patience and perseverance are required for this, but you will be well rewarded if you have a little of each. Some very fine pipers are imported every year from Germany, birds that have been trained by organs, but they command rather high prices.

Sexing and Feeding.

The cocks are easily distinguished from the hens by the colour; they have crimson breasts and jet black caps. Hens lack the breast-colouring, being more of a slaty chocolate colour. The hens are in as great demand as the cocks, for it is with these that in nearly all cases Bullfinch hybrids are produced. The cock birds seem not able freely to fertilise the eggs, which is why I think they are not true Finches. Should a fancier succeed in getting eggs from his Bullfinch hen they should be placed under a sitting Canary, as the Bullfinch will not rear its young in confinement.

As I have said, Bullies require a different kind of food to that of our other Finches, and in confinement should be fed thus: As a stock mixture, give the following: Canary 3 parts, teazel 3 parts, rape and linseed 1 part each, and a little hemp, maw, niger, thistle and dandelion seed occasionally as tit-bits. Buds of fruit trees, whitethorn, etc., in the spring, and all kinds of fruit and berries when in season, such as rowan or ash, privet and blackberries. I like blackberries on account of the coloured juice they contain; this greatly helps the breast colour.

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Questions and Answers.

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Queries will be answered under the following conditions:—

(1)—*All questions must be clearly written in ink (or typewritten) on one side of paper, and must conclude with either the correct name of querist, or a pseudonym, or initials.*

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Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** British Birds, Mule and Hybrids—**G. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., &c., Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc., of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his questions for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Price of Crests.

Chough.—(1) Am afraid your ideas of the value of high-class Crests likely to produce exhibition birds are rather too moderate. A really good exhibition Crest will readily fetch anything from, say, £10 up to £25. Is it likely you will get a pair which the breeder knows is likely to produce such birds for £2 or £3 the pair? It is, of course, quite possible to get nice moderate Crests at the price you name, which may get "in the cards" at local events, or which may be built up in a few years into a fairly good strain, but to take a place amongst high-class birds at once you will probably have to treble your proposed purchase price. Start with birds at the price you name, if you must do so, but be prepared to breed up for a few years before exhibiting, and to do this you cannot do better than provide yourself with "Our Canaries." Many of the best Crests are very poor feeders, so you should keep a few good feeding pairs on hand to take over the hatching and feeding of the young Crests when necessary. (2) Unless you have very good reason to believe the deformity of this hen's feet was inherited, there is no reason why you should not breed with her. Personally, I don't believe it was inherited. Give perches varying from the ordinary size down to the thickness of a lead pencil. This will keep all the muscles in play, and the feet will get quite strong.

Roller Out of Condition.

M. K. B.—Age has probably something to do with the bird's condition. If the cage hangs near the glass of window by all means move it to a bright position within the room, as it is almost impossible to avoid draughts and extremes of heat and cold in such a position. Also look closely at its eyes to see if either has a milky iris. If this is so the bird is blind with cataract on that side, and this would largely account for its peculiar carriage of the head. Treat generally as follows for a month: Staple diet, a mixture of two parts canary to one part summer rape. Every second day for a week give a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it and sprinkled with equal parts of maw and gold of pleasure seed. On the alternate days give a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, and teazle, and a morsel of banana. After the first week give the sponge cake twice a week only, the mixed seed on two other days, and a morsel of banana, apple, or green stuff on each remaining day. In the drinking water add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom salts every second day for a week, and in the next week four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day. You might also bathe the feet and legs for a few minutes in very warm water, and gently remove any coarse scale that becomes quite loose in the bathing.

Best Food for Hen (W. J. L.).—Unquestionably a good real Sib-bred hen is the very best with which to try for a light Mule. That is, a hen which has been bred in-and-in for a number of generations—the more the better in a general way—until practically all trace of the green blood has disappeared. If there is a dash of cinnamon blood in the strain, so much the better. A large bird of the Norwich or Yorkshire type is preferable, but as a rule such birds run rather small. Genuine Sib-bred hens of this description are not very easy to get hold of. You next ask if it is "possible" to mate a hen Goldfinch with a cock Canary, and say you "have known it to be done." Surely this puts the "possibility" quite beyond question. I see no reason why such a pair should not mate in a breeding cage by selecting a suitable hen in high breeding condition, and preferably a hand-reared one, but it would be advisable to remove the eggs and place them under a hen Canary to hatch and rear, instead of trusting the Finch with this part of the programme.

That Milky Spot (G. H. O.).—I am sorry to tell you that the bird's condition is absolutely hopeless. That small white spot in the centre of each eye is the hall-mark of cataract, and the bird is in consequence hopelessly blind. Nothing you can do will be of any avail. Of course, the bird may be perfectly healthy in a general way, and will find its way about, and its food and water, quite readily. Indeed, many such afflicted birds quickly become exceedingly clever in finding their way about and taking care of Number One.

Canaries in Aviary (Hudson).—It depends upon the size and position—whether in or out of doors—whether it would be well to put in two or three hens to one cock. I presume you mean with an object of breeding. Unless the aviary is really of large size you must not expect much success in breeding in a mixed collection of Canaries, British and Foreign birds. Without plenty of elbow room, and a fair amount of cover to ensure privacy of nesting sites, the most usual result is to make a hash of things generally. See Part III. of "Our Canaries" for information on breeding in aviaries.

Seeds and Song (F. H. C.).—(1) I see nothing at all wrong with the seeds sent to suggest they might be the cause of death of the bird. They are all small and of second-rate quality, but still quite sweet and sound, and I should say perfectly safe for feeding birds upon. The mixture also is not bad, though it precludes the birds having any wholesome change. For this reason I never advise these elaborate mixtures as a general diet. The bird probably died from general congestion, though only a post-mortem could have revealed the fact with any certainty. (2) Treat the Norwich cock the same as advised to "No Nom-de-plume," for two or three weeks, when he will probably open out better.

Shaking Body (Doubtful).—You should first make yourself sure that you are feeding correctly, and that all your foods are sweet and sound. To do this, look through these replies in previous issues, or get the Nutshell booklet on "The Canary." Add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence to the drinking water every second day for a week, and in the second week give four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day.

Moisture from Beak (Hock).—I suspect this bird is kept in a cold damp position and probably also exposed to great fluctuations of temperature. You must first of all remove all such causes and keep the bird in a comfortable and equable place, not necessarily very warm. Keep cage and perches as clean as possible, and feed the bird for a month the same as advised to "M.K.B." Also give the same aperient as advised in reply referred to daily for three days, and afterwards add to the water six drops each of tincture of gentian and dilute sulphuric acid, and three of tincture of opium, every second day for a week.

Norwich Coughing (No Nom-de-plume).—Here, again, the draught fiend has been at work. Treatment without removal of causes is perfectly useless, therefore your first step must be to see that the bird is kept in a comfortable place, as equable as possible, though not necessarily very warm, and quite free from cold draughts, or the fumes of burning lights. Having done this, give a staple diet of three parts canary to one part summer rape, and otherwise feed for a month the same as advised to "M.K.B." In the drinking water give also the same aperient for two consecutive days, and afterwards 20 drops of whisky, five each of oxymel of squills and ipecacuanha wine, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, every second day for a fortnight if necessary. You may, of course, drop it earlier if bird is quite well.

Torn Mandible (H. G. H.).—Yes, you are doing quite right to feed on soft food the bird which has torn its mandible so that it cannot crack seed. As a staple give crumbs of stale household bread and sponge cake, and as soon as the mandible gains a little strength, add first a little soaked rape, wiped dry, and prepared fresh daily, then a little crushed dry biscuit, and this, with a little egg food occasionally, will keep it going very well until it can again crack seed. Whether the mandible will quite recover depends solely upon the extent and position of the damage. If the bird can now feed on soft food, I should say it has a very good chance of recovery.

Right Class (Novice).—I have no schedule of the show in question by me, and am therefore assuming that you give the correct wording of Classes 1 and 2, and that there was no other class that included even-marked Norwich. In this case the first prize bird in Class 10 was certainly in its proper class. The bird you describe was an even-marked Norwich, and what is termed a four-pointed bird. Being even-marked it was not eligible to compete in a class for "clear ticked, or variegated" birds, unless the schedule made it clear that even-marked birds were included. See Part XIV. of "Our Canaries," for definition of markings.

Drowsy, and Shelling Seed (R. Traill).—Put all the birds that are shelling the seed (I presume, by the way, that they do so and leave the kernel) on a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape, as a staple. Every second day give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, or its equivalent in bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar, and about a quarter teaspoonful of maw. On the alternating days give a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, and teazel, and a morsel of banana or watercress. In the drinking water give six drops syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts every second day for a week, as will cover a sixpence. In the following week give four drops each tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day. At the end of the fortnight you may return to ordinary treatment, but omit all linseed. Treat the hen the same as above, except that in the second week, instead of the above tonic, dissolve a dram of ammoniated citrate of iron and quinine in an ounce of sherry, add a teaspoonful of glycerine; and give 20 drops of this in the water every second day. The seed sent is perfectly sound and good.

Two Rollers (W. W.).—(1) I rather suspect the supposed young cock will turn out a "wrong 'un." If he does not open out in another six weeks at latest, my advice is to put him "among the girls." Give a staple diet of two parts canary to one part rape. Every second day give half a teaspoonful of egg-food, or sponge cake crumbs, sprinkled with equal parts maw and gold of pleasure seed, and on the alternate days a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, millet, and teazel. Feed thus for two or three weeks. (2) Keep the hen in a cosy temperature, but do not overheat her. See she is quite free from draughts, damp, or great fluctuations of temperature, and see she is free from insect pests. Give same staple as above. For a fortnight give a small teaspoonful of sponge cake lightly dusted with flowers of sulphur, and sprinkled with maw; and on the alternate days add to the drinking water 20 drops of whisky and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a threepenny piece, and give a pinch of the mixed seed as above. At the end of the fortnight stop the above, and if feathers have ceased dropping, give the tonic advised to "R. Traill."

Converting Cupboard into Cages (L. G. S.).—You give no measurements either of room or cupboard, so I am somewhat at a loss. As regards the damp, see reply to "New Beginner" last week, which applies in the main to your case. Any success you may meet with at the beginning will prove but transient so long as the room is badly affected by damp; hence the need for getting rid of it at the start. As a wall covering, Hall's Distemper is far better than paper. If the room gets overheated in summer it should be an easy matter to increase the ventilation sufficient to cope with passing needs, but much depends upon the size and structure, of which I know nothing. I do not quite like your idea of utilising the cupboard. Suppose you do as you suggest, and put wire doors on the cupboard, how are you going to gain access to each compartment separately for cleaning, etc.? A much better plan is to remove the wood doors and to utilise the shelves to hold single or double-breeding cages, the same as you would use a cage rack.

CANARY QUERISTS.

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping (1/1); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

A Question of Song (Goldie).—Siberian and Russian Goldfinches most certainly sing, many of them quite as well, if not better (louder, at any rate) than English Goldies. Possibly the bird you have is a hen.

Identity of Bird (M.A.B.).—The portions of plumage you send me once adorned the body of a Snow Bunting—a hen, I should think. This species is very common this winter; like the Mealy Redpoll was last winter.

A Mealworm Matter (T.P.).—You can begin to utilise the box as soon as the worms grow to a suitable size. Don't deplete the stock too much; if you do, put a few more worms into the box next spring. Keep it in a warm place; not a cold room.

Colours for Show Cages (Cambria).—The outsides in all cases should be black. The regulation tint for Norwich is "Hedge Sparrow blue"; personally I prefer a slightly warmer tint, and for Cinnamons a sky blue. The wires should be black for all kinds of Canaries. Goldfinch and Linnet, inside and wires a very dark sage green; some exhibitors like to use sky-blue for Linnets, but personally I think the green decidedly the best.

An Aviary Question (W. Watson).—Kindly note the reply to "Novice" this week, the opening remarks in which apply equally to your own case. It is impossible to really help you in so large a matter in these query columns. Shall be pleased to advise upon any particular points you may wish to raise.

A Seed Sample (W. W. Goldfinches).—I do not see anything in the seed you send that could account for the death of your Goldfinches. As a matter of fact, I have a high opinion of this particular packet mixture, and not infrequently buy it myself for use as a change. I should not think of giving it regularly to newly-caught Goldies, however; these need different treatment, and you will be well advised to stick to the procedure outlined in the "Nutshell" booklet.

Knapweed Seed (Cobweb).—I don't quite understand your letter. What were you under the impression the seed of the knapweed resembled? The sample of seed is the seed of the knapweed (or hardhead) right enough, and a very good sample, too. No wonder your Goldies like it. I wish I had a pound or two of it in my own bird-room. The knapweed may be described as a kind of "small thistle"; it is closely related to the thistles, according to the classification of plants.

The Case of a Chaffinch (L.D.).—Follow the advice given in the latter part of the answer to "E.R.C." this week. Old age very likely has something to do with the trouble. Your menu does not seem to be a very varied one. It is like a human being living on bread and cheese year in year out! Surely you vary it now and again; also give a little green food?

To Breed or Not to Breed (Hudson).—I can't say, of course, whether your particular Siberian Goldie will be "fit for breeding next season"—he may, for instance, have left this "vale of tears" (and unfertile eggs)—but I can say this, that there is no reason why a black-legged (i.e., not house-moulted) Goldfinch should not breed Mules next summer. I have very frequently been successful with black-legged Finches, when steady and got into breeding condition.

A Quintette (Adventurer).—A very good nom-de-plume for a would-be Hybrid breeder. (1) A Twite-Canary is of value if very large and good in colour. Any of the following would be valuable Hybrids:—Twite-Bullie, Goldie, Siskin, or Greenfinch. The first-named has never been produced, but is certainly a possibility. (2) Let the cock Canary and hen Bullie run together until the spring. (3) I did not know that I advised mating cock Bullie to hen Canary, unless by way of experiment (I haven't the issue you mention handy when writing these lines), for the reverse method of mating is the one I favour and always adopt. It may be that the cock Bullie to hen Canary mating has been successful, but I cannot call to mind any really well-authenticated case. (4) I should think your prize-winning Siskin ought to make a fine bird for mating purposes. I would sooner mate him with a hen Goldie or Redpoll than a hen Linnet. Don't bother about "Canary-reared Linnets," anyway, they are the biggest frauds, as regards tameness and usefulness, in the whole of bird-dom. Which is saying things! (5) It is best to get a hen steady, or reasonably so, before trying to utilise her for breeding in a cage. I think the Chaffinch-Canary cross one of the best you could adventure upon.

A Hybrid Couple (Green-bull).—Mate a steady, lusty cock Greenfinch to a steady, healthy hen Bullfinch. Hen Bullies will usually make a bit of a nest, though they vary very much in this respect; many of them lay their eggs in the nest-box, but many drop them on the cage-floor. The latter should be very thickly covered with coarse-cut sawdust, or malt-culm, or other suitable material. The eggs should be removed as laid and put under hen Canaries. It is not by any means absolutely essential that the British birds should be house-moulted. You certainly ought to read a book dealing with hybrid-breeding; it would help you very much and be always useful for reference.

Skylark and Blackbird (E.R.C.).—I do not advise you to keep the Skylark. Give it its liberty. The growths and places you describe are due to organisms of septic origin, and are practically incurable. Disinfect the cage and perches well before introducing another bird into it. With regard to the Blackbird, wash the head and neck with warm water to which a little good disinfectant has been added (Izal or Jeyes'). Afterwards anoint the place every day with a little boracic ointment, rubbing gently the way the feathers should lie. This will soon restore the part to a normal state.

British Hardbills (Amateur).—Yours is a very tall query, and I should have to write a small book to answer it. I couldn't possibly give here the method of feeding every kind of British hardbill and how to treat them when fresh caught. Mr. Norman's "British Bird Manual" is the book you want; or the series of "Nutshell" booklets dealing with the various Finches. You will find all this valuable information therein. I certainly strongly advise you to cage up all the newly-caught birds for at least a fortnight before turning them into the aviary, and to see that the food and water vessels in the aviary are placed in an easily accessible, prominent position. The Buntings can certainly be kept with the other Finches, and make a pleasing variety.

The Yellowhammer's "Full Dress" (S.S.).—The Yellowhammer is certainly better in colour after its second moult; in fact, I have always found this bird improve even after that for a year or so. The three-year-old bird carries more yellow in its plumage, and is freer from dark markings on throat, cheeks, etc. Of course, the wild Yellowhammers have a winter and summer plumage, the former being much more dingy-looking than the latter, the feathers being edged with brown, which disappears in the spring, leaving exposed the golden yellow underneath. Young cocks resemble the hens until they moult; and the hens are very brownish in appearance at all times, showing very little yellow in their dress, though some old hens are good in this respect. You want to choose a very big bird, as good in colour as possible, and with a bold head, showing distinct (heavy) signs of the V-shaped crown marking and horse-shoe shaped cheek marks. Then put him on one side until you see how he looks after he has "cleared up" (as fanciers term it) in colour at the approach of the breeding season.

The Fasting of Owls (An Old Subscriber).—I have had no personal experience of the fasting of owls, but I have read that they will go without food for what seem long periods. Have you tried them with live mice? I should think they would prove irresistible to any sane-minded Tawny Owl. And the same remark applies in the case of live Sparrows. I should imagine that you will find the birds suddenly make up their minds to feast and be merry, and then have a regular gorge. The Tawny Owl, especially when hand-reared, evinces considerable affection towards its owner, but whether separation would induce suicidal tendencies, culminating in deliberate starvation, I must respectfully decline to discuss—the question, frankly speaking, is beyond me.

A Garden Aviary (Novice).—It really is not possible to describe the fitting up of an aviary in the brief space allowed for these answers. Special articles on the subject have been published by CAGE BIRDS, and a back number containing one could no doubt be obtained; while in Mr. Norman's book upon aviaries (published by CAGE BIRDS) the subject is exhaustively dealt with, and the fittings both illustrated and described. You could keep in the place either Canaries, British or Foreign birds, or a judicious mixture of the three kinds. If you put in hen Canaries (say 8 or 9) and two or three hen Bullfinches, with 18 to 20 cock British birds, you would have a nice collection, and as your place is spacious, ought to get a few Mules. You could put in 3 or 4 Goldfinches (British and Siberian), 3 or 4 Linnets, and make up the remainder from the small Finches (Redpolls, Twite, Siskin, Greenfinch, Chaffinch, Bramblefinch, Reed, Snow, Cirl and Yellow Buntings being some of the attractive and suitable species).

BRITISH BIRD & HYBRID QUERISTS

should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4 "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

Occupants of Birdroom.

W. A. S.—There is always a risk in associating Finch-like birds with Parrakeets, but the species you name are all well able to look after themselves, and I do not think you need trouble. Cockatiels are quite harmless, but the mischievousness of Budgerigars and Lovebirds sometimes means a broken leg or damaged wing for members of the Finch tribe housed with them. The seven pairs you name will not be too numerous, but I should not add more than at the most 1 pair, say Blue-winged Lovebirds (Passerine Parrakeets), as the young, if you have any luck, will soon increase numbers. There ought never to be more than 30 birds in the room, and you must get rid of the young as they are able to fend for themselves, so as to keep within this margin. Floor of room

should be covered either with lino or sheet zinc to prevent sand or excreta getting under the boards, and it should be periodically scoured with water containing Jeyes Fluid or some similar disinfectant.

Amazon Parrot.

Miss Hendry.—Bathe or spray (you can use either a mop camel hair brush or "mist" sprayer) the nostrils with diluted glyco-thymoline, and keep its bowels moving freely with an occasional dose of Dinneford's Magnesia—one part magnesia, two parts water, to be given in lieu of the ordinary drinking water; the condition of the voidings, which must not be watery-loose, must regulate the frequency of the doses. When not giving the magnesia, put Byno-phosphates into the drinking water—one teaspoonful to two tablespoonfuls of water. This should be sufficient for a day's supply. Diet: Seed mixture canary, millet, oats, hemp, dari, maize, paddy rice and sunflower seeds, in about equal parts, also ripe fruit, nuts, plain biscuit and a little boiled maize two or three times a week. Grit (a pinch in the daily supply of seed), and cuttlebone, must be regularly supplied. I am of the opinion the loss of feathers is the ordinary moult, but as a precaution spray it occasionally with quassia solution. Keep it where it will get fresh air, but strictly out of draught.

What Parrot, etc.

Miss Bull.—It is a Blue-fronted Amazon. The various items of the seed mixture regularly advised in this column can be procured from any of our advertisers or your local corn chandler. Get a quart or pint each of the respective kinds as the case may be; well mix and you will find it cheap and wholesome. In addition to seed, supply ripe fruit, green food, nuts, plain biscuit, and occasionally a little boiled maize, but the latter only keeps fresh one day. Keep clean cuttlebone hanging in the cage, and

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should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½): Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

add a pinch of grit (not sand) to the daily supply of seed. Once a week put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia into the drinking water, and on other days the same quantity of Byno-phosphates (get both from your chemist). I opine the loss of plumage is the moult, and time will remedy this. Spray once a week (use a "mist" sprayer) with quassia solution. Keep where it will get fresh air, but keep strictly out of draught.

African Weaver Bird (L.N.).—(1) The African Weaver Birds are legion, but the treatment of all is very similar. They are very shy breeders in captivity, even in aviaries, and I know no instance of their doing so in a cage. In a London aviary, young of the Red-billed Weaver have been fully reared this year. They adapt themselves to our summer, that is in such few instances as young have been reared. (2) Add to your dietary spray millet, green food, and an occasional mealworm, spider, or other insect.

Brass Cages (W. Thomas).—The objection to brass cages in the formation of verdegris (this appears as a green sediment in corners and crevices). If you keep it well cleaned and do not allow it to form, no harm will accrue from the brass bands. As regards the food hoppers, it is far better to cut the bottom out of these and get china vessels to fit them, retaining only a narrow ledge at bottom of metal hopper to support the china vessel. This is much the more hygienic method. Just a word of warning. Verdegris is poison. It is merely a case with brass adornments of careful cleaning and seeing that it is not allowed to form in stray corners. The water vessels would need to be kept under strict observation, as damp encourages the formation.

Pekin Robin ("Leiothrix").—Do not give seed at present; confine its dietary to milk sop, ripe fruit liberally (banana, apple, etc.), soft food and live insects (mealworms, spiders, etc.). Cover the cage bottom with mould and let the bird have a fly round room occasionally, but there must be a fire-guard. Give three or four doses of Dinneford's Magnesia, with an interval of two days between each.—one teaspoonful of magnesia in two tablespoonfuls of water will be ample. Give this in lieu of the ordinary drinking water. Take water away overnight and supply the prepared water first thing in the morning. Get a box of honey and borax from your chemist and put a little on the swelling daily; use a camel hair brush and well cleanse same after use.

Cutthroats (Leslie).—There is no reason why the young Cutthroats should not be reared; only this morning I heard young of this species shouting for food, in the shelter attached to my garden aviary, and judging by the noise, lusty youngsters too. If young are hatched, supply millet sprays, and also keep a saucer of dry ants' "eggs" standing in the aviary, also supply green food. At this season a leaf of lettuce is the best, it must be fresh, and it will be best to cut the centre stem from the leaf and not to supply the stem, only the thin green portion of the leaf.

Foreign Songsters (H. R. Young).—The matter of cost limits your choice materially. The Serins among cheap foreigners are the best songsters, and the Siskins also are above the average, but then, as you say, in confined quarters they are pugnacious I do not think you would find the Grey Singing Finch too pugnacious for you. The Orange-cheeked and St. Helena Waxbills have a sweet little lay. The African Silverbill also has a pretty soft rippling sort of song, and are very inoffensive. I am rather doubtful about the Cutthroats in such small quarters, they are well able to take care of themselves in almost any company, and some pairs turn out really murderous in confined quarters. Zebra Finches would breed and would be safe with the other birds, and he, in spite of his "penny-trumpet sort of song," is a pretty little chap, and of fairly interesting demeanour.

POST MORTEMS.

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R. D. Tucker.—The Goldie I find died of pneumonia following on congestion of the lungs, probably induced by cold.

John Allen.—Congestion of liver associated with enteritis, the result of irritant poisons.

B.W.—Pleurisy and pneumonia succeeding a cold. All the membranes were in a catarrhal condition, and the cold must have existed some time, for the nasal passages and sinuses of the head were full of thick mucous. I have conformed with your wish re burial of remains.

GENERAL.

Answered by The Editor.

Bowburn Show (A. J. Notley).—Thanks for your kindness.

A Letter (John Kay).—Once again, thanks; and many more pleasant Sunday evenings to you.

Specimen Copy (E. L. A. Crow).—Have had a specimen copy forwarded. Many thanks.

A Hinge (J. Wright).—We hardly understand how the hinge you describe is intended to work. Will you explain this?

Mealworm Breeding (Halifax).—In "Nutshell" booklet No. 26 (post free 2½d.) you will find details of the breeding of mealworms; also other live foods for insectivorous birds.

The Mishap at Stoke-on-Trent Show (Exhibitor No. 1).—We appreciate your motive in writing, but we do not care to publish letters on this topic written over a nom-de-plume.

Novices at Southend (Nosey Parker).—We are afraid you have but a poor appreciation of the law of libel if you think we can publish with impunity such a letter as that you send us. Why did you not make sure of your ground and then lodge a protest with the officials of Southend show?

Staining (McFarlane or McLean).—We must please refer you to the first sentence of our reply to "Nosey Parker." Further, one of the chief persons mentioned in your letter completely denies (upon enquiry) your version of the affair.

Method of Feeding (Thos. Scott).—The most economical method of feeding aviary birds is to supply the principal seeds (say, canary, hemp, summer rape, teazle and sunflower) in separate dishes, or hoppers of the "self-supplying" type. A mixture of other seeds can be supplied in another dish, and varied with wild seeds, etc., on different days. If all the seeds are mixed together, and supplied in one dish, considerable waste ensues, the birds scattering a lot of seed on the floor searching for their favourite king—generally hemp.

Wild-Bird Life.

Increase of Small Birds.

While we are doubtless losing many of our larger birds, such as the Ravens, Kites, Eagles, Choughs, etc., there is to all appearances a corresponding increase in the smaller birds that frequent the hedgerows and copse. One has only to take a ramble at this time of the year along country lanes or footpaths leading across stubble and meadow land to be convinced that the flocks of Sparrows, Linnets, Greenbirds, and Starlings are considerably larger than they were a few years ago. The enclosure of waste ground and the watchful care of the farmer to ward off trespassers, allows the majority of our smaller birds to nest in comparative security, and although during the summer months (when cover is plentiful) we hardly notice how many birds are really around us, we get them at this time of the year gathered together, so that they come under the eye at once, and we then note how huge the flocks are, and how the gatherings are much more frequent than formerly. Our smaller Finches, etc., do not migrate to the same extent as the Warblers, although many home-bred birds are carried across the "waste of waters" by the autumn flittings; consequently their ranks are not thinned upon the long journey southwards; having to contend only with the few predatory birds now left to us, and with the chances of starvation during a severe winter. Although the Warblers have probably increased very little in number, we have still, as far as we know, lost no known species. We have still the Nightingale ("the King of Songsters") that Spencer loved; the "Throstle" with his note so true that sang to Shakespeare in the woods on the banks of the Avon, the sober Whitethroat and fluttering Flycatcher, and many others equally graceful and charming. We have almost obliterated the Hawks and Owls, and possibly in time to come this will be accomplished. Nature very rarely suffers any species to be "wiped out." It is only when man comes upon the scene that the balance is disturbed, and when one wanders abroad and sees the thousands of small birds crowding each other on the stubble and meadow land it appears as though Nature has determined to retaliate by multiplying unduly the smaller Finches and Sparrows. Even the Blackbirds and Thrushes are unusually plentiful. These, like the Starlings, are not sought for for food purposes, and so are therefore thriving amazingly.

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Ayr C.B.C.—Dec. 13, Academy Hall, 7.30. Distribution of schedules for club show. Table show of Brit.—J. Sloan.

Attercliffe C.B.S.—Dec. 14. Horse and Jockey Hotel, 8. Table show for points' specials; all contributions and ticket money due.—W. Richinson.

Annfield Plain C.B.S.—Dec. 12. J. Lumley's, Stanhope Inn, 7.30. Final arrangement of classes for show.—T. Robinson.

British Roller C.C.—Dec. 12, Royal Mail, Noble Street, St. Martins-le-Grand, 8. Important.—J. W. Norris.

Bradford West C.B.A.—Meeting postponed until Dec. 16 owing to National Show. Members please note.—F. Western.

Bolton Roller C.S.—December 12, Joiners' Arms Hotel, Bolton, 8. Open show business.—W. Massey.

Bury C.B.S.—Dec. 12, Y.M.C.A., 8. Settling up show business; all duplicates for prize draw must be in certain.—H. Jameson.

Barnoldswick C.B.S.—Dec. 11, Elmer Wine Stores, 7.30. Important.—J. Wilson.

Brighton C.B.A.—Dec. 13, headquarters, 8. Committee. General, etc.—W. H. Gibb.

Birmingham South O.S.—Dec. 13, Sydenham Hotel, 8.30. Final arrangements for show; all those ready with entries bring same. Ballot; ten new names for membership.—J. Sheppard.

Bramley O.S.—Dec. 11, Old Unicorn Hotel, 8. Nomination of officers, etc. Members' show Dec. 16. Birds staged 2; judge, Mr. R. Halliday. Entries Friday night 8 to 10.30.—W. Maltby.

Bingley O.S.—Dec. 12, Co-op. Rooms, 7.30. Important.—A. Livesey.

Crewe O.S.—Dec. 12, Hightown Institute, 8. Payment of prize money, etc.—E. Jaycott.

Cardiff C.B.S.—Dec. 14, Maskell's, 8. Table show of Yorks. and judging competition. Arrangements for members' pair show; appointment of judges and date of open show.—W. Sampson.

Consett and Dis. P.S.—Dec. 9, Masonic Hall, 7.30. Committee.—R. R. Walker.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—Dec. 11, 59, Paddington Street, 8.15. Paying out prize money. Judging competition in Crests; judge, Mr. J. Turner.—A. W. Curtis.

Cowdenbeath C.B.S.—Dec. 13, Arcade Hotel, 7. Appointing of auditors; settling up show business.—J. R. Reid.

Doncaster C.B.S.—Dec. 9, Victoria Rooms, 7.30. To pay members' prize money and specials, and arrange members' shows.—G. Bescoby.

Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.—Dec. 13, The George Hotel, 8. Special business.—A. Walker.

East Ham C.B.S.—Dec. 14, Hartley Avenue Schools, Wakefield Street, 8. Distribution of annual show prize money, cups, specials, etc. Members are asked to settle for tickets by this date.—B. C. Smith.

Glasgow and West of Scotland N.M.B. and F.C.—22nd annual club show will be held on Friday and Saturday, 8th and 9th Dec., in Crown Halls, 98, Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow. Friday, 2 p.m. till 10 p.m.; Saturday open all day. Admission 6d.—F. Taylor, Secretary.—(Advt.)

Glossop, Hadfield C.B.S.—Dec. 12, 59, Hague Street, Glossop, 8. Entries for annual show Dec. 16. No entries will be accepted after this meeting.—E. Thompson.

Hyde C.B.S.—Dec. 11, St. George's School, 8. Important. Dinner at Wellington Hotel, Dec. 16th, 7 p.m.—T. Allsop.

Houghton-le-Spring C.B.S.—Sunday, Dec. 10, White Lion Hotel, 6.30. Final; for arrangements for annual show entries must be in; cannot be accepted after above date.—R. H. Dixon.

Guisbro' Priory C.B.S.—Dec. 16, Wear's Rooms, 7.30. Open show arrangements, etc.—S. H. Lambert.

Hebden Bridge and Calder Valley O.S.—Dec. 14, Nutclough Tavern, 8. Final arrangements for O.B. show.—A. Pickles.

Ilford F. and F.S.—Dec. 15 and 16, Scrafton Hall. Annual show (members').—J. H. Priestman.

Keighley C.B.S.—Dec. 12, Black Horse Hotel, 7.30. Selecting stewards for show.—J. Binns.

Kent County C.B.A.—Dec. 13, Barton Road School, Dover, 7.30. Appoint auditors; and general.—A. Hendry.

Leyton C.B.A.—Dec. 11, Grange Park Hall, Leyton, 8. Payment of prize money and specials, also distribution of cups.—Forse and Son.

Liverpool B.B.A.—Dec. 14, Oldham Hall, 8. Novice washing competition. Handsome special providing seven competitors. Guy's soap only to be used; washing to start 8.15.—F. Eccleston.

Leicester C.B.S.—Dec. 13, headquarters, 8.15. Entries for members' show; medals and specials for all sections. Date of show Dec. 16th, 2 o'clock till 10.—W. R. Adams.

Mid-Rhondda C.B.S.—Dec. 14, White Hart Hotel, Tonypandy, 7. General business; selecting stewards, etc., for show.—A. H. C. Legg.

Musselburgh O.S.—Dec. 16, Gray Horse, 7. General meeting; balance-sheet, etc.—W. Nisbet.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Dec. 12, St. Stephen's Schools, Conran Street, Harpurhey, 8. Report of deputation re amalgamated show; appointment of three members as committee.—J. Davey.

Northern Yorks. C.C.—Dec. 13, 65, Grainger Street, 8. Meeting and table show; usual classes; judge, Mr. J. Shepherd.—R. Tindale.

Oldham C.B.S.—Dec. 12, Textile Dining Rooms, 8. Table show Nor., Mules and Hyb.; Mr. T. Young judge. Fanciers invited.—J. Cope.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—Dec. 11, Irwell Castle, Lower Broughton, 8. Lecture on British Birds by Mr. Barker Clegg; prize cards, etc.—J. Critchley.

Parkgate and Rawmarsh C.B.S.—Dec. 9, Hollybush Tavern, 7.30. Election of officers for 1912; new members specially invited.—R. J. Smith.

Sandy Lane C.B.A.—Dec. 12, Victoria Hotel, 8. Open show business.—Ratcliffe and Shaw.

Stockport B.F.A.—Dec. 12, Boar's Head Hotel, 8. Prize cards and secretary's report.—W. Stafford.

Selston F.S.—Dec. 11, National Schools, 7.—C. H. Bacon.

Skipton C.B.S.—Dec. 11, Globe Coffee Tavern, 8.—E. Gill.

Swansea C.B.A.—Dec. 12, Market Coffee Tavern. Important.—S. H. George.

South London Col. and F.A.—Dec. 14, headquarters, 8. Nomination of officers for 1912.—N. Caunter.

Sheffield C.B.S.—Dec. 14, Wentworth Cafe, 8. Election of officers for 1912, and arrangements for members' show Dec. 28.—A. Hobson.

Swansea.—Dec. 12, Market Coffee Tavern, 8. Important business; full attendance required.—S. H. George.

South Manchester C.B.S.—Dec. 14, Jolly Carter, 8.30. Last meeting before annual show, etc.—W. Knight.

Tong C.B.S.—Dec. 12, Hand and Shuttle Inn, 7.45.—W. Walker.

Torbay O.S. (Paignton).—Dec. 11, Pope's Temperance Hotel, 8. Financial statement.—J. N. and J. Jeffery.

Wombwell B.F.A.—Dec. 16, Wesleyan Schoolroom, 7. Selecting auditors.—J. Hudson.

Wallsend C.B.A.—Dec. 14, Station Hotel, 7.30. Annual meeting and election of officers; balance-sheet and annual social Dec. 21, 7. Every member is expected to be present.—J. M. Macdonald.

Wood Green F.F.A.—Dec. 12, Brook Road, 8. Table show of cage birds, etc. Judge, Mr. Robson. Spoons as specials.—T. Callegari.

York C.B.S.—Dec. 11, headquarters, 7.30. Annual meeting; report and balance-sheet. Election of officers.—H. Thompson.

In the Courts.

Siberian Goldfinch Stolen from Dysart Show.

At the Burgh Court, Dysart, James Penman, 29 years of age, a pony-driver, residing at South Street, was charged with having, on Oct. 28 last, from Dysart Cage Bird Society's show at the Normand Hall, stolen a Goldfinch. He pleaded guilty, but stated that he was under the influence of drink at the time, and did not know what he was doing.

The Fiscal stated that the bird was a valuable one, and had been sent to the show by an Alloa fancier (Mr. Arnott). Accused did not gain anything by the theft, as the bird died the day after he stole it. These thefts, which were very difficult to trace, had been occurring at different shows throughout the country, and there had been a good deal of inquiry before the police were able to bring the theft home to accused.

The magistrate complimented the police on the success of their efforts to trace what he chaarcterised as a particularly mean form of theft, and imposed a fine of £2, with the option of twenty days in gaol.

Cardigan.—Dec. 14, Market Place, Judge, Mr. O. E. Hodge. 7 open classes: Nor. 1, Yorks 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 3. Prizes for Can., 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee 1/-. Mules and Brit., 5/-, 2/6, 1/-. Fee, 6d. Ent. close Dec. 9 to D. Morgan Jones.

Fishguard.—Dec. 20, Temperance Hall. Judge, Mr. O. E. Hodge. 5 open classes: Nor. 2, Yorks 2, A.O.V. 1. Prizes 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee 1/-. Ent. close Dec. 13 to J. W. Rogers, Vergam Terrace.

Truro.—Dec. 26, Market House. Judge, Mr. E. White. 20 open classes: Nor. 5, Crest 1, Yorks 4, A.O.V., 1, Pairs 1, Mules 1, Brit. 4, For. 1, Sell. 2. Prizes 6/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee 1/-. Ent. close Dec. 18 to C. H. Toy, 20, Prospect Place.

Market Weighton.—Dec. 28, Oddfellows' and Public Hall, Finkle Street. Judge, Mr. G. A. Townsend. 4 open classes: Yorks 1, Nor. 1, Brit. 2. Prizes 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, 1/-. Fee 1/-. Ent. close Dec. 20 to D. Cousitt.

Aberdeen (S.N.P.C.).—Dec. 15 and 16, Ball Room, Music Hall, Union Street. Judges, Messrs. J. Sandison, A. Chalmers, and A. Cochrane. 51 open classes: Nor. 16, Novice Nor. 2, Crest 4, Cinn. 3, Bord. 2, Yorks 2, Belg. 1, Scot 1, A.O.V. 1, Pairs 2, Mules 3, Brit. 10, For. 3, Limit 1. Prizes 10/-, 6/-, 4/-. Fee 1/6. Ent. close Dec. 11 to J. Bryson, 8, Broomhill Road.

ENTRIES CLOSED.

Dec. 9.—**Rochester.**—W. Hurdman, 28, Horsley Rd.
Dec. 9.—**Bowhill.**—A. Spence, jun., 3, Alexander Pl., Cardenden, Fife.
Dec. 9.—**Cardigan.**—D. Morgan Jones.
Dec. 11.—**Yarm, Eaglescliffe.**—Wilson and Henderson, High St.
Dec. 11.—**Blackburn.**—J. Cook, Charlotte St.
Dec. 11 (1st post).—**Aberdeen.**—J. Bryson, 8, Broomhill Rd.
Dec. 11.—**Broxburn.**—W. McLaren, Church St.
Dec. 12.—**Wednesbury.**—A. Blakemore, Old Barrel Hotel.
Dec. 13.—**Fishguard.**—J. W. Rogers, Vergam Terrace.
Dec. 16.—**High Wycombe.**—S. C. Pearce, 3, Temple End.
Dec. 16.—**Swanage.**—Rev. E. Thwaites.
Dec. 16.—**Peterhead.**—P. A. Jack, 11, Chapel St.
Dec. 16.—**North Wales.**—J. W. Jones, 40, Williams St., Carnarvon.

ENTRIES EXTENDED.

Dec. 9.—**Llanrwst.**—J. Kershaw, A.R.S.I., Watling St.
Dec. 11.—**Frome.**—King and Yeo, Catherine Hill.
Dec. 11 (1st post).—**Nantymoel.**—Williams and Griffiths, 3, Graig Fryn, Nantymoel-by-Bridgend.
Dec. 13.—**Felinfoel.**—T. J. Davies, Park View, Felinfoel, Llanelly, Carm.

PRIZE MONEY PAID.

Ayr O.S.; Wimbledon; Lockerbie; Launceston; Ulster O.A.; Lochore and Glencraig; Ilkeston; Lowestoft, Grantham, Blairgowrie.

High Wycombe (20-mile radius).—Dec. 27, Oakley Memorial Hall. Judge, Mr. G. Gardner. 10 open classes: Yorks 1, Nor. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 5, Gift 1, Sell. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 2/-. Ent. close Dec. 16 to S. C. Pearce, 3, Temple End.

The Real Bird-lover.

Hooligans and thoughtless boys are a constant source of danger to wild birds during the spring and early summer, but, happily for bird life, all bird-nesters are not to be classed as destroyers. Of later years there has sprung up a class of nature lovers who love to watch and protect all feathered life. The Song Thrush and Blackbird nest securely in the gardens of such. The Flycatcher builds fearlessly in their trelliswork, and even one of our rarest visitors could build its home within reach of hand with absolute safety.

Correspondence.

Is it a Sale or Borrowing?

Sir,—I was at the same meeting as Mr. Stead when this question arose, but I think it very unfair of Mr. Stead to bring this forward through the columns of CAGE BIRDS before he has ample proof for doing so. I think it would be far better if Mr. Stead attended more to the interests of the society instead of making statements which he cannot prove to be true, and also causing ill-feeling amongst the members.

A DISGUSTED MEMBER.

Yorkshires at Doncaster Show.

Sir,—Seeing it recommended for a beginner to put himself into the hands of someone who keeps good birds, I would like to know through your valuable paper if someone will give me the address of a gentleman who exhibited Yorkshires at Doncaster Show and was awarded some prizes, whose cages had part of a luggage label tied thereon, with words printed in red. I asked a fancier if he could tell me whose birds they were, but he laughed and said the gentleman was in the boat and ought to be tossed out; but I thought this man had been at sea, or was a disappointed exhibitor.

IGNORANCE.

Mice in the Bird Room.

Sir,—When a bird house or aviary is all wood in construction, mice can get anywhere. I have one such. Poison I fear, as mishaps occur in its use, and man is forgetful. I have as yet failed to find any remedy, save trapping. I have myself six box and "Nipper" traps in use, and by a continual changing of baits from toasted cheese, quaker oats, etc., and changing position of traps, and taking away all seed vessels at nights, I am able to get a rest—until a fresh pair find the aviary and breed us another lot. My last clearance was rather tough—it took me eight weeks to catch about twelve: I suppose the whole family.

J. KAY.

Light Mules at the L.C.B.A. Show.

Sir,—I was somewhat surprised to read in your splendid report of the L.C.B.A. Show that some fanciers present were not satisfied that our Light Linnet Mule was a genuine hybrid, because I consider the bird shows its parentage very plainly. The clear body, as a Canary, and the dark wings and tail of the Linnet show the cross as well as a Light Hybrid can do. The tail and the dark feathers in the wings are much darker than on a Linnet, and also show the whites in the wings, though not nearly so pronounced. It is very interesting to hear that these fanciers could see so much of the Linnet in its appearance as to consider it an albino, yet when I first exhibited the bird at Stoke several local fanciers could not tell what the British cross was, and the judge, Mr. F. Bate, had to handle the bird to satisfy himself. Of course, that is where a judge has an advantage over a critic. I did not breed the bird, but before it passed into our possession I was quite satisfied that it was a genuine Hybrid. It was bred in the ordinary way with cock Linnet and hen Canary, by a man residing within a few miles of this town. The above incident recalls to my mind a similar experience. Some years ago I was exhibiting a Siskin-Greenfinch Hybrid at Stoke, Mr. Roe judging and awarding the bird 2nd prize. One of our most experienced local Hybrid fanciers, after looking over this class, expressed his opinion that he could see no Siskin in it. A few minutes afterwards a lady, accompanied by a little girl, came looking at the same class. "Look, mamma," said the little girl, pointing at my bird, "there's a Siskin like ours!" I may just mention that could the bird have been heard to sing at the L.C.B.A. Show it would have dispelled any doubt there might have been. It has a loud Canary song, with some Linnet notes, but such as no Linnet could possess.

J. PITCHFORD.

Liverpool O.S. and Its Novice Rule.

Does it Mean Novices for Ever?

Sir,—I would like to draw your readers' attention to the rule for novices at the Liverpool Ornithological Society's recent show. I was under the impression that all societies were practically unanimous in regard to the novice question, but it has recently been brought to my notice that I have been under a misapprehension. Some time during the life of the C.B.U. the novice question was put to the "referendum," and I think that societies were pretty generally in favour of the rule that when novices have won three first prizes in open novice competition they became champions. That rule was adopted by the C.B.U., and I think every other society in the kingdom, Liverpool excepted. It may interest them to know that, so far as I can trace, they are in a position of "splendid isolation" regarding the novice question, which is no doubt very gratifying to them. On referring to last year's schedule I find they held their show under C.B.U. rules, yet their own novice rule was in force then. On receiving the catalogue of this year's show I found an exhibitor in the novice classes had won three prizes who had won three first prizes in open novice classes at a show a few weeks earlier. Not being then aware that the Liverpool novice rule was different to that adopted by most societies, I wrote the secretary informing him of the exhibitor's ineligibility, and mentioned the show where he had won the three first prizes; and in the course of a few days received a letter from the secretary that the exhibitor was, according to their novice rule, eligible. On referring to their schedule, and on reading the rule in question, you may judge of my astonishment when I read: "Novice to mean one who has not won a first prize in All-England competition." I wonder if it has ever occurred to the Liverpool O.S. how absurd that rule is? If all societies were to adopt the same rule, novices would be novices for ever, and in time champions would become as extinct as the Dodo. Again, if we were to abide by the strict reading of the rule, a fancier can win a first in champion classes in either Scotland or Wales and still be eligible to show in the L.O.S. novice classes. This is a matter that I hope will engage the attention of the Liverpool O.S. committee before their next annual event, or they will have very few entries in the champion classes. I happen to know a few champion fanciers who, if they steer clear of the first prizes next year in champion classes, will certainly show in the novice classes at Liverpool if the rule remains as it is. I can imagine the rumpus it will cause. Personally, I hope wiser counsels may prevail.

SUB ROSA.

Is Linseed Harmful to Gold-Finches?

Sir,—If too much linseed is given to Goldfinches and others birds, it is undoubtedly harmful. You should not give too much linseed to Goldfinches, nor yet inga seed. I do not believe in inga seed for Goldfinches. Your correspondent should get from you the Nutshell Booklet on the Goldfinch; it will tell him how to feed it. Give plenty of water and green food, and do not give rich seed too freely.

FANCIER.

The Mishap at Stoke-on-Trent Show.

Sir,—I had no intention of writing you re the above, preferring, unlike your correspondent, Mr. J. England, to mind my own business; but his letter casts a reflection on Mr. Wellings' truthfulness, and so I consider it my duty to write. The two birds in question (Starling and Thrush) were not at Preston Show. I received a note with class tickets, saying they would not be coming. I encloso same, Mr. Editor, for your inspection. Mr. England's statement that they were not marked absent in catalogue was a printer's error, which, owing to the rush in getting catalogue out in good time, had been overlooked. Then, again, how was it possible for the birds to be out of the cards when there were only seven birds entered in the class? I am afraid you have put your foot in it this time, Mr. England.

J. P. LEEMING.

Hon. Sec., Preston O.S.

[We have received the note referred to by Mr. Leeming, and find it bears out his statement.—Editor.]

Sir,—I mentioned that I should answer about the mishap at Stoke Show this week, but I see that Mr. Pitchford is not quite "empty" yet; therefore I will wait until he gets empty. I wish to inform you that this person Bibby, whose statement cannot be accepted, is a young lady, Miss Elizabeth Bibby, of Cook Street, Prescot, and one who may become as much interested in the Fancy as either Mr. Pitchford or Mr. England, so will these gentlemen please address her in future as Miss, and not Mr. Bibby. She is not inclined to further correspondence on account that her statement cannot be accepted, but she accepts J. Pitchford's ignorance all the same. The letter from John England makes it appear to your readers that the statement of Miss Bibby is not true (that my birds were absent at Preston Show). He says: "I feel positive I saw them at Preston on Nov. 18 in classes 31, No. 4 and 5, cardless; also that he remarked to another fancier about them being so far down." Surely, Mr. England, this other fancier was not the same as yourself, labouring under some weakness? (I hope you have not fallen out of the trap.) I can understand Mr. England standing there imagining he was looking at my birds, but I cannot believe that the second man would be there with the same weakness as John England! He says perhaps I sent the two birds to Preston without informing Mr. Bibby. I have no recollection of sending them, sir, and if I did send them the Preston Society have not returned them yet. If John England will look at the report of Preston Show in CAGE BIRDS he will see that they are stated to be "absent" in the report. I notice that the foreign classes follow the British, but I do not know what birds were in these classes. I am wondering whether Mr. England was among the foreign and saw a glossy Starling and Pekin Robin, No. 4 and 5, and mistook them for my Starling and Thrush. If Mr. England has found his mistake out, he may let your readers know that it was his mistake, and that Miss Bibby's letter will be correct.

A. WELLINGS.

What Causes Short Entries?

Sir,—In reference to Mr. Ivor Morgan's letter and short entries, how on earth does he think the societies are going to pay the prize-money if they only charge an entry fee of 1s. per cage? I think he has not had much experience with any society or he would not talk like he does. There is not much enthusiasm about him. I think 2s. per cage is little enough; it would help the societies to pay their way, instead of being in debt, as a good many small clubs are—even giving up, as they cannot afford to go on. My experience is that there are dozens of bird fanciers who will not show birds in a mixed class. I think myself there would be more entries if the British birds were shown in separate classes.

A. HOLT.

Sir,—Your correspondent, Mr. Ivor M. Morgan, has certainly hit one nail on the head as to the cause of short entries. There are to my knowledge in this part many working men who would gladly exhibit birds that would do well if it were not for the cost of entries. Take the case of a man making three entries at 1s. 6d. each—4s. 6d.—the 6d. knocked off would make all the difference, and I believe it would make for good so far as concerns show secretaries' complaints re short entries. Personally I am beginning to think that the cause of short entries is that the secretaries of some shows do not attend to applications for schedules. I sent to the Royal Windsor and Derby secretaries respectively asking for schedules, but did not receive one from either. Is it because I sent the postcards unstamped; I may have done, but I don't think so. I should like to know if others have been treated in the same way.

ARTHUR J. DAZELEY.

The Chortle of an Anti-colourfoodite.

Sir,—At a beauty show a competitor turned up with his face a brilliant green. He informed the judge that he had discovered a chemical which, taken internally, produced this result, and that he had also brought with him a bag to take home the first prize. The judge, thinking him mad, sent for the police, who discovered that he was a Canary breeder, who, knowing that to win with Canaries it was necessary to produce a colour which was entirely unnatural, had tried the same idea on himself. He was let off with a caution!

S. STEPHENS.

Sir,—Is colour-feeding injurious? That is a question many thinking fanciers have asked and are asking themselves yearly, and, to judge from his last letter on the subject, it has occupied Mr. Moore's mind for some time; but whilst some of us are willing to enter into argument with an open mind, he is almost fanatically prejudiced. He assures us that he, along with others, welcomes scientific research, but assures us also that he is confident as to the result! "To convince a man against his will is to leave him in the same mind still" never struck me as being the embodiment of all that is brilliant in philosophy, but it is particularly applicable to Mr. Moore's case. Perhaps he is one of those fanciers who have never colour-fed a bird; or, if so, he has not gone about the business intelligently, and consequently has made a hash of it. Or perhaps he is one who objects to colour-feeding on the supposition that it entails a great expense. I hope to convince him on the latter point, at any rate. I happen to be one of the "imbeciles," as Mr. Moore calls them, who colour-feed through necessity, and much as I should welcome the time when the Fancy will be unanimous in its decision to entirely do away with it, I am not going to admit that colour-feed is the cause of the ills a Canary is heir to. Many birds are constitutionally weak, and even if not fed would still show signs of illness even in the first year. If colour food is so harmful, how comes it that, to cite a few cases, Mr. Seed's "Little King," or Mr. Jimmy Evans' "Sign of the Cross," Mr. Davies's old champion yellow, and that old clinking Light Mule (late Mr. Colton's) have not long since passed to where all good birds go? They have all been winning long years now, and I saw all three Norwich birds at one show a week or so ago. Needless to say, they were looking "in the pink." These are not isolated cases. Many of the Yorkshire champions are getting on in years, and still keep winning; and I know of a stud of Yorkshires where three hens were breeding at the age of seven years, and one of them was paired up to her own great-grandson six times removed! Or, to be more clear, she was paired to a year-old cock that was related in a direct line to her. Mr. Moore must admit that colour feed had not done that stud much harm, yet they had been colour-fed every year. Yes, I admit that there are ailing birds, but I think we must look further than colour food for the cause. Stuffy atmospheres have more to do with ailing birds than we all admit, and conservatism in the feeding of all stock—that is, one stock food for all our Canaries. The old saying, "What's one man's meat is another man's poison" is applicable to Canaries. Some birds will keep well no matter how they are fed; others will be ailing no matter how much attention or what food they get. It is a wonder to me how some Canaries keep as healthy as they do, getting the everlasting canary and rape seeds, and the next day rape and canary for a change. No wonder they get liverish! Mr. Moore raises another point. He says it is the "highest dyed" birds which get the prizes. Mr. Moore either hasn't attended many first-class shows or he is a poor judge of type and all that goes to the making of a real good bird. How many times does a colour-vendor's medal go to a bird that is out of the tickets? I have noticed very many cases, and if the "highest-dyed" birds were to get the prizes, then these medal winners would always be sure of first prize. There is another view of the question which Mr. Moore doesn't mention. In colour-feeding, every faucier has an equal chance. Some birds are certainly better fed than others, but still, as Mr. Moore would have it, we all start at scratch. We are none of us handicapped. But what of the natural-colour classes? If Mr. Moore is an observant man, he will have noticed that some Borders have been disqualified both in England and Scotland for alleged colour-feeding. The owners deny colour-feeding, but then the judge's decision is final. It is probable that if these disqualified birds belonged to Mr. Moore he would get a great amount of self-satisfaction from a clear conscience, but a clear conscience will not pay a working fancier his prize-money if his birds ought to have won. At present, as I said before, we all have the same chance. With regard to the cost, I have proved beyond doubt that forty birds can be successfully fed and exhibited on 2lbs. of cool pepper—no hot. It may seem incredible to some of the older hands, but it is a fact nevertheless. If cool pepper is injurious, Mr. Moore must admit that 2lbs. of colour food given to forty birds over a period of four months is reducing the ill-effects to a minimum, not to mention the cost, which is 3s.! Many fanciers cram their birds as poultry fanciers do chickens, on the assumption that the more they eat the better colour they get. Never was there an assumption so fallacious. I know fanciers who used colour food at 50 per cent. strength, yet their birds are no better in colour than mine. I never take my seed hoppers away from my birds; I find they eat the colour food readily. Certainly, when young, they have to be taught. No doubt it tastes funny at first, but they get to liking it. Perhaps it is like tomatoes to the human being—it is an acquired taste. Yet another question is raised by Mr. Moore. He says that much of the non-sitting and non-feeding troubles are brought on through constitutional weakness caused by colour-feeding, and he mentions Borders as being used for foster parents. They are used as foster-parents, but chiefly for fanciers who breed Lancashires, Crests, Scotch Fancies, and Belgians; birds which are not colour-fed, therefore should not be constitutionally weak or bad feeders and sitters! Those four varieties are notoriously bad feeders, and if a variety that has never been colour-fed is the embodiment of all that is healthy, then those four varieties ought to be as common as blackberries, which they are not. I would like to refer to Mr. Moore's former letter. Personally I appreciated his humour, but I do not agree with him that the best way in which to treat ignorance is with ridicule. I have been chaffed by my friends for the "slating" Mr. Moore gave me in that letter, and in vain have I tried to explain that he was not getting at me at all. I had thought that the absurdity of the amount of hot pepper he was advising to give to the Greenie would have been sufficient to convince the greatest dullard that he was only pulling someone's leg. But no, a great many fanciers took him seriously! It was a brilliant piece of satire, no doubt, but the letters which followed clearly show that he was misunderstood.

T. JOHNSON.

My Goldfinch and My Nightingale.

Sir,—I was very pleased at seeing the fine picture of my Russian Goldfinch, winner of a fourth prize at the last L.C.B.A. Show, in your valuable paper, and must thank your artist for the beautiful drawing he has produced of my bird. I had heard it said that it is very difficult to cage-moult a Russian Goldfinch, so was ambitious to try my hand, but failed last year. Since then I studied closely all replies about Goldfinches given to enquirers in your journal by Mr. Weston, and made careful notes of anything particularly interesting, and it is with the help of these notes, wild seeds, a little soft food, and "tasteless," during moulting, that I succeeded this year in putting a cage-moulted (not aviary) Russian Goldfinch upon the show bench. It may interest lovers of Nightingales to hear that since last week I have had a 'Gale in full song. This bird has been caged since 1909. The first year he did not utter a note, but made up for it in song last year and again now. I think this is another good proof to "fuddists" that even the most difficult bird to cater for, if well looked after, will delight his keeper with song in captivity, and not only reward him for his pains, but demonstrate at the same time that his pet feels well and comfortable in his surroundings, else he would not come out into song at this time of year, when the climate is so changeable and whilst his brethren are sweltering under the heat of the sun in the Tropics. I may mention that I obtained both Goldfinch and Nightingale from the well-known dealers, Messrs. De Vos and Co. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.

OTTO PUCK.

A Forward Young Minx!

Sir,—I have a Canary hen, aged now four days under seven months. She became "fresh," so I put her to a cock Canary, and to my surprise she laid this morning. I should like to know if this is a record? I will let you know how she gets on with her hatch. Please let me know the best feed for young birds at this time of the year. All kept in the kitchen.

J. Robinson.

[The food needed (seeing that the birds are in a heated room) will be the same, so far as the season allows, as for birds hatched in the spring. If green food is scarce, seedlings grown from summer rape will answer admirably.—Editor.]

Breeding Both Early and Late.

Sir,—Being a constant reader of Cage Birds, I thought I would tell you of my luck this season. I am a breeder of Roller Canaries, and I have seen some items about early and late breeding. One of my hens had four young ones on the perches the last week in February, and I have another hen feeding four young ones now. Two were hatched on Nov. 17, one on the 18th, and one on the 19th. They were all due to hatch on the 18th, so you see the first two were hatched on the 13th day. I am expecting them on the perches this week. I am the first and last breeder this season round about here. I am keeping the birds in the kitchen. I should like to know through the columns of your paper if this is an exceptional experience, or whether any other reader has done the same.

H. Beecroft.

Johnstone, N.B.

A Hybrid Problem.

The Parents Wrong; The Youngsters Right!

Sir,—Respecting my hybrid-breeding pair, cock Greenfinch and Siberian hen Bullfinch, "wrong-classed" at the L.C.B.A. Show, I did not notice that the classification read: "Pairs . . two British Birds," or I should not have exhibited a foreign hen. I am keeping my stock and trying to breed a few hybrids on the lines laid down by Mr. Houlton in his fine book, where the largest Siberian hen Bullies are advocated for this cross. Please do not misunderstand me; I am in no way a disappointed exhibitor, but am a little puzzled, for if the parents are "w.c.," how can the many beautiful large hybrids on the show bench to-day, obviously bred from foreign Finches, be exhibited in the class "A.V. Hybrid between two British birds"? A small hybrid, however good, stands very little chance in keen competition. May I suggest to how secretaries to word the class differently in future, say, "Suitable pairs for hybrid breeding"?

T. H. V. Hayter.

The Woes of Foreign Bird Judges.

A Suggested Help.

Sir,—I never quite understand why the names of species should not be either supplied to the judges or placed on the cages. In the classes for foreign birds it is often quite impossible to expect a judge to know every species of rare Tanager, Sugar Bird, etc., etc. There are very few, if any, judges who are well posted on every genus, still less so on every species of a genus. A judge may see a bird which is rare to *him*, but which may have been in the country for a year or more, especially if he does not visit the shows. Nowadays species new to aviculture are often imported—species, too, which so nearly resemble in some cases ones more commonly imported that it is absurd to imagine a judge can always recognise them as great rarities, hence one of the chief difficulties in judging foreign birds, for everyone knows what they have to deal with in the case of British ones. At dog shows, not only does a judge have no difficulty in this respect, but he also constantly knows the owners personally, and sees them before him with their dogs. At a cage bird show this is not the case, although very often a judge is perfectly aware of the name of the owner of a Paradise Bird, etc. It would be fairer if he knew all the names, so long as he knows any. But putting that point aside, let him, at any rate, be assisted in an uncommonly hard task by labels being attached to the cages with name of genus and species of each exhibit, and in the case of a great rarity, such additional words as "extremely rare," "new to aviculture," etc. In my case I do not, for instance, keep Tanagers, and their name is legion. All the members of the Calliste family are more or less showy and beautiful. A rare Calliste might arrive a few weeks before a show, perhaps not at all unlike some more commonly-imported species, and how on earth is one to be able to recognise it as something hitherto unimported and unexhibited? And then follows criticism: "So-and-so was very hardly treated, etc." Personally, I think it is sometimes the other way round. A wretched judge is apparently looked upon as omniscient, and people are astonished and chagrined when they discover that he isn't! Of course, criticism is all right, so long as it is reasonable. So long as certain assistance is withheld from judges it looks as if they were suspected of lacking in the spirit of a true judge, namely, impartiality. And sometimes exhibitors approach a judge when he has finished his task, or hopes he has, with puzzling questions anent one of their own exhibits, such as: "You haven't noticed my bird much. Now what species do you call that?" The judge humbly remarks that he thought it was so-and-so. "Oh, no it isn't," is the answer; "have you ever seen it before?" It would be much better to say straight out what the bird is, instead of trying to pose the poor judge, and finally walking away with a demeanour which plainly says: "Well, I don't think much of *your* powers of judgment." Another difficulty is as to awards of the "lower orders." For the most part foreign birds which are exhibited are shown in good condition, and constantly some of them deserve a prize as much as those to whom prizes have been awarded. If a judge withholds the v.h.c.'s it seems hard upon exhibitors, who are discouraged, and if once awards are given in one case, one has to continue to do so.

Hubert D. Astley, F.Z.S., M.B.O.U., etc.

The Annfield Plain F. and F.C.B.S.

Sir,—A meeting was held on Nov. 25, and our efforts proved successful. We enrolled 22 members, and we have prospects of more—truly a good start. We are a grand pack of sportsmen all ready for the fray. The duties of chairman fell to Mr. Hall, who is the right man in the right place—a chip off the old block. Mr. J. Williams as treasurer; myself as hon. sec.; a committee for each section is to be appointed as new members are enrolled. It was proposed to hold a table show every month. A members' show is to be held shortly, confined to a £3 limit. If things prosper as we hope and expect, we intend venturing upon an open show next year. Eight miles radius. Membership sub., 2s. 6d. Now, ye cage bird fanciers, roll up and let us have a good strong society here. Next meeting. Dec. 16 at 7.30, at Smith Arms, Catchgate.

J. W. Christon, hon. sec.

New Kyo, Annfield Plain.

Colour-fed or Non-colour-fed?

The "Laughing-stock of the Fancy!"

Sir,—The question of colour in relation to the Border Fancy was bound to be reopened at some time or other, and Mr. Wellings' action has only precipitated the inevitable. What is colour-feeding and what is natural colour? Where does the one begin and the other end? It would be interesting to find someone bold enough to draw the line of demarcation. No man living can define the point, and for that reason I have always, by voice and vote, opposed the ruling of the B.F.C.C. in the matter, believing it to be both pernicious and misleading. It opens the way to fraud and injustice, places judges under a distasteful obligation, and leads to no end of wrangling and disappointment among exhibitors. I myself have had several birds passed this season for alleged colour-feeding, and the same birds have, a week later, taken first prizes under other judges. My birds have not tasted anything in the nature of so-called colour foods, and I am getting tired of this silly game. Were my love for the Border not deep-rooted, I should feel inclined to clear out altogether. Surely, Mr. Editor, it is time to end a position which is fast becoming intolerable. The plan I have always advocated is a simple one. Let every man feed his birds on what he likes, and let the schedules instruct judges that Borders are to be judged irrespective of colour. This, I believe, would not only settle this vexed question, but would be fair to everybody, and place the Border in its true position in the Canary kingdom. At present we are the laughing-stock of the entire Fancy.

J. S. Wilson.

How was it Done?

Sir,—If, as Mr. Wellings and some of the critics state, Mr. Bayley's birds were colour-fed, how do they account for this? About twelve months ago a certain Manchester man bought some birds from Mr. Bayley, and a few weeks ago took some to Mr. Bayley which had been bred from the above and asked Mr. Bayley to exchange (also bought some more), which he did. After this fancier had gone, Mr. B. washed a yellow cock, and it was, if anything, deeper in colour than any Mr. B. had. I have it on good authority that this Manchester man does not colour feed; how, then, do they account for colour?

A. E. Long.

Sir,—Kindly allow me a small space in your valuable paper to answer Mr. Alfred Wellings' letter re colour-fed Borders at Liverpool Show. Mr. Wellings says in his letter the talk of the show was that the Borders were ablaze with colour. Well, Mr. Wellings, when I was at Liverpool Show on the Saturday afternoon the talk of the show was about lemon-coloured Buffs that were in the money. Mr. Wellings also says that asking the opinion of other judges will not alter his opinion. I have never thought for a moment that it would, but it might alter fanciers' opinions when some of these birds have already been under five different judges this season and been well in the money every time. Mr. Wellings says those who exhibit Borders will not stand losing their chance through Borders that are ablaze with colour. I should like to say neither will those who exhibit Borders and breed Borders for colour stand losing their chance through having them put out by a man who does not seem to know a good coloured bird from a lemon-coloured buff. Now, Mr. Wellings, ever since I began in the Fancy it has been my sole object to breed as much colour in them as I possibly can, and as long as I remain in the Fancy it will be my aim to do so, no matter what Mr. Wellings has done and thinks, because it seems to me it must be right when they have already passed five judges to one. Mr. Wellings says the other judges would not know whether they were the same birds that were left out at Liverpool. Well, Mr. Hadwin has answered him that in last week's Cage Birds. I should like to thank through Cage Birds the two gentlemen, Mr. Houlton and Mr. Hadwin, for their courtesy in answering my letter.

W. Bayley.

CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE

A Speaking Silence: Mutual Help at Dubmires: More Favours at Shows.

NOTES BY THE SECRETARY.

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Reduced Admission to the Shows.

In addition to the shows mentioned in previous lists the charges of admission will be reduced to Cage Birds League members at Sandy Lane, Glasgow, and Scunthorpe. The reductions will be as announced in previous issues, namely, fourpence in the shilling. Including the three shows mentioned, the list of forthcoming exhibitions at which preferential treatment will be accorded to League members is as follows:—

Dec. 9. SHEFFIELD C.B.S., Montgomery Hall.
DALTON-IN-FURNESS.
HETTON-LE-HOLE.
BUSH HILL PARK.
SHETTLESTON, Hill St. Hall (free to League members).
Dec. 16. FELINFOEL.
Dec. 23. HEBDEN BRIDGE.
PELTON FELL.
Dec. 25. ELGIN.
Dec. 26. NORTH WALES C.B.S., Assembly Roome, Market St., Carnarvon.
SCUNTHORPE.
TONYPANDY (free to League members).
Jan. 2—3. GLASGOW & DISTRICT C.B.A., Crown Hall, Sauchiehall St.
Jan. 6. GUISBOROUGH.
Jan. 12—13. SUNDERLAND, Miners' Hall, Roker Avenue.

Free Admission.

At the show held by the MID-RHONDDA and DISTRICT. C.B.S. at Emrys-Richards Assembly Hall, Tonypandy, on Dec. 26, Cage Birds League members will be admitted free if wearing their badges or producing their membership receipts. Members in or near Shettleston should also remember the note of last week, that they will be admitted free to-day, Dec. 9, at the show held by the Shettleston and Dist. C.B.S. at Hill St. Hall, Shettleston.

Boxing Day at Tonypandy.

In conveying the news that League members will be admitted free to the show at Tonypandy, Mr. Legg, the hon. sec., writes: "League members of the Rhondda Valleys have a good chance to meet together at our show, and thereby know one another and make new friends." As we have a good number of League members in this part of Wales, there should be quite a large display of our badges at this Boxing Day show. Mr. Legg, whose address is 7, Primrose Terrace, Llwyncelyn, Porth, is local hon. sec. to Cage Birds League, and will be glad to give all information to any local fancier respecting the League.

The R.S.P.C.A. and Ourselves.

Members will recollect that in my notes of August 19 last I published an extract from "The Animal World," the official organ of the R.S.P.C.A., and publicly asked the Editor for an answer to a question or two. In our issue for Aug. 26 I reproduced a letter I had written to the Editor of the paper mentioned, and on the 9th Sept. I announced in these notes that I had received an official reply to the effect that the Editor was away on holiday and my letter would be handed to him as soon as he returned to town. This is all I have heard on the matter, and "The Animal World" has since been entirely silent on the subject of bird-keeping and its imaginary iniquities. It is now to be concluded either that the Editor is still away on holiday, or that the official organ of the R.S.P.C.A. wishes only to put one side of the case before those who supply the sinews of war.

Membership to the League as Special Prize.

Mr. Tugby, the League Hon. Sec. for Scunthorpe, writes that he is offering at Scunthorpe Show, mentioned in the list above, a Cage Birds League badge and membership for one year as a special in the non-fed Canary class. Spontaneous acts such as this show the good-fellowship existing among League members generally, and the desire of members to extend the good fellowship to their brother fanciers.

Cage Birds League at Dubmire.

Mr. B. Robinson, hon. sec. of Dubmire Workmen's Club, writes that the exhibition of Cage Birds League posters at the recent show called forth the general opinion that such an organisation has been for many years required. Mr. Robinson says that the show will result in the making of several recruits to his society, and that all these have promised to join Cage Birds League.

A Note as to Our Handbills.

I have received several communications from Secretaries asking if any charge is made for our handbills and posters. Will Secretaries please note that these are sent *quite free of charge and carriage paid*. Over a hundred thousand of the handbills have already been distributed, and a parcel will be sent to any Secretary applying for them. In making application, the name of the Society holding the show should be stated, in order that this may be printed at the foot of the handbills. A copy of the bill appeared in Cage Birds for Nov. 4.

POSTERS FOR THE SHOWS.

In response to the suggestions of several members, neat posters have been prepared conveying an invitation to visitors to shows to join Cage Birds League and assist to protect our hobby. I shall be glad to forward copies to anyone applying for them. I hope, therefore, that all secretaries will take advantage of the offer now made, and apply for the posters forthwith.

OUR LEAGUE SEALS.

These pretty seals are printed in gold and colours in exact fascimile of our Badges, and are an ornament to envelopes, notepaper, postcards, billheads, etc. All members should use them; price eightpence per hundred, post free. Smaller quantities at the hundred rate, but with one penny extra for postage.

OUR FREE BOOKLETS.

I have still some of each of the sixpenny pamphlets on British Bird Culture and on Canary and Hybrid Culture, and, as long as they last, one of either will be sent gratis to all new members applying for a copy at the time of joining. Old members who have not yet had a copy may receive one on sending a penny stamp for postage. Only one copy of either book can be sent, and when the stock in hand is exhausted, I may not be able to get a fresh supply, so applications (with membership fee) should be sent to me without delay.

SUBSCRIPTION AND BADGES.

The subscription to Cage Birds League is one shilling annually, and the badges sixpence or one shilling. The sixpenny badges are in three forms: (1) a button for coat lapel, (2) a pendant for watch chain, (3) a brooch for lapel, cycling cap, or for lady's wear. The badges at one shilling each are mounted in 9-carat rolled-gold, and are in two forms only: (1) a pendant for watch chain, (2) a brooch for a lady or for cycling cap or coat lapel. Members should distinctly state which form they prefer.

JUNIOR BRANCH.

The annual subscription to the Junior Branch, for members under fourteen years of age at the date of joining, is sixpence. Price of badges as above.

VICE-PRESIDENTS.

The qualification for Vice-Presidentship is an annual subscription of not less than half a guinea, and one-half of this subscription may be allotted to either the Literature Fund, the Defence Fund, or towards the purchase of special prizes to be given at any show nominated by the subscriber. Failing any such special allocation, the subscription will be devoted to the development and progressive work of the League, to advertising its objects and promoting its ideals.

PATRONS.

Ladies or gentlemen who are in sympathy with the objects of Cage Birds League may give practical expression to that sympathy by becoming Patrons of the League, and either making a lump sum donation to its funds or subscribing an annual amount of a guinea or upwards. One-half of such donation or subscription may be allotted to any individual object of the League.

Henry J. Fulljames,
Secretary, Cage Birds League.
154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

Disappearing Dartford Warblers

There is one attractive and already very local little bird, the Dartford Warbler, which the conditions of the present year will have gone far towards exterminating, says a writer in "Country Life." It is a lover of the gorse, so much so that it may almost be said that gorse bushes and brakes are its sole habitat. The gorse is a plant of the wild, which has been becoming more restricted year by year for a very long while past. This dry summer there have been quite an unprecedented number of gorse and heath fires. They must have burnt out many of the habitations of the Dartford Warbler, which will now see these birds no more.

SOUTHAMPTON.

The 23rd show of the Southampton F.S. was held Dec. 6th, in the Carlton Drill Hall, which is well adopted for such a show. Entries were not so numerous as last year, but quality was good. Mr. Haysom judged. Mr. Kiddle, the sec., did everything to make the show a success, and is to be congratulated on his able efforts.

The Critique.

CREST: 1, spl, Fellows, very nice green crest, good front, wins easily, claimed at catalogue price £3; 2, Spooner, very nice yell., not quite so good in crest; 3, Fellows, fine variog., nice size and col. 1911: 1, Pride, very nice variog., good crest, grand size and col.; 2, Spooner, nice green, good crest, grand shape; 3, Pride, yell., nice col. and size; c, Dellagana. C.B.: 1, Dellagana, very nice green, good formation, nice front, well shown; 2, Toms, very fine one, good wide skull, nice size and col.; 3, Fellows, very nice variog., good col; res, Spooner; c, Page. 1911: 1, Mrs. Spooner, very fine green, good wide skull; 2, Toms, pretty variog., good col. CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, spl, Smith, good variog., fine big bouncing bird, nice col., bold head; 2, Fellows, cl. yellow, good size and shape, bold head, well shown; 3, White, very nice yell., good size and shape. 1911: 1, spl, Fellows, lovely cl. yell., nice rich col. BUFF: 1, spl, Fellows, rare good cl. buff, fine size, nice col.; 2, Fellows, also good cl. buff, nice col.; 3, Brown, very neat variog., good size, nice col. 1911: Cancelled. YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Tomes, very nice variog., good length and style. 1911: 1, spl, Etheridge, good style, nice carriage and length, lovely col.; 2, Boyes, nice yell., good col., stands well, not quite so long; 3, Etheridge, good style, nice length, res, vhc, Toms. BUFF: 1, spl, vhc, Boyes, great buff, beautiful length, stands well; 2, 3, White, 2nd nice buff, lovely style, good length, 3rd another nice buff, good style c, Toms. 1911: 1, 3, White, 1st good buff, nice style, rich col., 3rd another buff; 2, Boyes, another buff, nice carriage, good tail, carries himself well. A.O.V.: Cancelled. GOLDIE: 1, spl, 2, he, Fellows, 1st nice rich blaze, good buttons, fine bars, 2nd very rich, nice moons, steady; 3, Levy, nice Finch, rich blaze of good size; res, vhc, White; vhc, Glover, Mills; he, Holloway. BULLFINCH: 1, spl, vhc, Flintoft, good size, beautiful cap; 2, 3, Fellows, 2nd very nice Finch, fine bright breast col., 3rd another nice one, good col. and size; res, Holloway; vhc, White, Meaton; he, Clark, Levy. GREENFINCH: 1, 3, White, 1st nice size rich col., very steady, 3rd lovely col., shows well; 2, Meeks, good one, nice size vhc, Mills; he, Toms. LINNET, ETC.: 1, spl, Fellows, nice Redpoll, grand condition, good col.; 2, 3, White, 2nd Linnet, nice quality feather, very steady, well pencilled; 3rd, very neat Redpoll, good col., nice size; vhc, Weeks, Hill; he, Minns, Martin. LARGE: Cancelled. SMALL.: 1, Hill, very nice Hawfinch, some consider this to be in wrong class, it being larger than a Lark. A.O.S. SOFTBILL, LARGE AND SMALL: Cancelled. MULES, LIGHT: 1, spl, Hamblyn, very nice Goldie-Can., nice col., prettily mkd., wins well; 2, Dellagana, also Goldie-Can., nice condition. DARK: 1, spl, Hamblyn, good Goldie-Can., rich col., nice size; 2, Weeks, good Greenfinch-Can., fine size, rich col.; 3, Smith, Goldie-Can., nice size; vhc, Potheary; he, Baggs. MULES, VARIEG.: 1, Smith, Goldie-Can., good col., nice size; 2, Hardy, Linnet-Can., very good size, nice col.; 3, White, Goldie-Canary, very neat. HYB.: Cancelled. BRIT., A.O.S.: Cancelled. FOR., LARGE: 1, Slade, very pretty Oriel, lovely col. and condition. SMALL: 1, 2, Slade, 1st very pretty Pekin Robin, lovely col., good condition; 2nd, Blue Tanager, very pretty and very rich col. PARROT, ETC.: Cancelled. NOVICE, NOR.: 1, Evans. 1911: 1, Toms; 2, Evans. A.O.V.: 1, spl, 2, Grant; 3, Lewis. A.O.V.: 1, spl, Lewis; 2, Mills; 3, Snowden. GIFT: 1, White.

FALMOUTH.

Falmouth C.B.A. 6th annual show, held at the Town Hall, on December 6th. The hall is admirably adapted for a bird show, being well lighted and warm. The exhibits were well staged, in an up-to-date manner. Mr. W. J. Medlin, who is an old and tried fancier, did everything possible, both for the comfort of the birds and visitors. The entry was a great success, easily beating all previous records, there being 260 entries and an average of 14 per class in the open section. Norwich were particularly good, this part of the show being equal to many larger exhibitions, and the finest lot staged in Cornwall this year. Goldfinches were a strong class, and Yorkshires come up well, all the Cornish champions being present. Cinnamons were not as numerous as we should have liked, but we heard a rumour that it is probable an effort will be made next year to reinstate this variety into its old position in the West. Mr. Medlin was ably supported by a committee of good fanciers, Messrs. F. Beringer, E. Barnicoat., J. Treise, T. Medlin, J. Jeddy, sen., J. Cowan, all doing their level best to make matters run smoothly. Mr. Thos. Pope (Plymouth) judged, and the awards appeared to please all.

The Critique.

NOR. CL., YELL. (14): 1, c, Pascoe, winner excels in type and colour; 2, Smith, fails only in head to winner, again good type; 3, Kemp, bigger than first and second; 4, vhc, Andrews, good substance; he, Ferril. BUFF (14): 1, sp., Collins, splendid type and condition; 2, Andrews, best in class, except very pale in col.; 3, vbc, Stephens and Gaved, excels in head properties; 4, Pascoe, good type; he, Wotten; c, Symons Bros. TICK, ETC. (18): 1, he, Pascoe, winner good variog. Yell., in grand fettle; 2, Kemp, cap marked Buff, excellent type; 3, Cock and Son, cap marked Buff, good head and neck; 4, Stephens, Buff, in fine fettle, very showy; vhc, Symons Bros., C. Thomas. HEN (18): 1, sp., Wotton, grand variog. Yellow, immense size and grand feather; 2, 4, vhc, Pascoe, a trio of beauties, leader another variog. Yell., runs winner close, 4, wing marked Yell., feathered like silk; 3, Kemp, Cl. Buff, excels in substance; vhc, Stephens and Gaved; c, Symons Bros. UNFLIG. (21): A good class: 1, sp., Andrew, bonny Buff, ticked on cheek; 2, Ferril, good Cl. Yell., fails only in substance to winner; 3, Wotton, variog. Buff, good in col. and head; 4, Pascoe, Buff, rather ragged in thigh, or might have gone up one; vhc, Smith; he, Symons Bros.; c, Stephens and Gaved. YORKS., CL., YELL. (12): 1, sp, 2, 3, Boundy, well-known team, hard to separate, and hard to beat; 4, Thomas, again good one, well up on leg; vhc, Andrew; he, Thomas; c, Allen. BUFF (17): 1, 3, vhc, Thomas, Bodmin winner leading, in grand fettle; 2, Stephens and Gaved, tick on cheek, well up on leg; 4, Allen, good cl.; vhc, Hill and Bray; c, Allen. MKD., ETC.: 1, sp., Allen, wing marked Buff, in the pink of condition, good length and style; 2, vhc, c, Thomas, leader marked Buff, fails only in length; 4, Oatey, Yell., heavily variog., good feather, and wing carriage; he, Hill and Bray. HEN: 1, 4, vhc, Thomas, leader wonderful ticked Yell., splendid style and feather; 2, Boundy, variog, Yell., well up on leg, good flights; 3, Hill and Gray, cl. buff, excels in feather and col.; he, Boak; c, Allen. CINN. (9): 1, sp., 2, 4, Medlin, winner a Yell., good Nor. type, big head, 2, Yell., non-flight, well made, a good one, 4, Buff, great substance; 3, Sherman, Buff, showing grand sheen and col.; vhc, Sherman; he, Medlin. A.O.V. (9): 1, Ratey, clear body Crests, grand skull, wins; 2, Richards, good Yell. Scotch Fancy; 3, 4, Symons Bros., clear body crest and green Crest Bred; vhc, he, Unwin; c, Sherman. MULE OR HYB. (7): 1, sp, 2, 3, 4, Collins, the well-known team, the leader being four-point Goldie; 2, variog. Greenfinch-Can., 3, Linnet-Bullfinch, 4, Greenfinch Can. GOLDFINCH, BRIT. (15): 1, 2, Polkinghorne, two good Finches, in splendid bloom, good blazes and tannings, we learn that winner has had 18 firsts; 3, Gordon, fails only in clearness of col. on blaze; 4, Hill and Bray, wants smartening up, a good big bird; vhc, Rowe and Richards; he, Gordon; c, Michael. SMALL BRIT. (8): 1, 2, 3, 4, Collins, the leader a good Yell. Wagtail, 2, Nuthatch, 3, cock Hedge Accentor, a large exhibit, we hear reared under Can., 4, Bramble; vhc, he, Woolcock. MEMBERS' CLASSES: CL. NOR. (4): 1, sp., Francis; 2, Cooper; 3, vhc, Barnicoat. TICK, ETC.: 1, sp., 3, Johnson; 2, vhc, Barnicoat. UNFLIG.: 1, sp., 2, Johnson; 3, Barnicoat. YORKS., YELL., CL., ETC.: 1, sp., c, Richards; 2, 3, vhc, he, Tiddy and Son. BUFF: 1, sp., Richards; 2, 3, vhc, he, c, Tiddy and Son. MARKED, ETC.: 1, sp., Tiddy and Son; 2, 3, vhc, Richards. CINN., YELL.: 1, sp., vhc, Cowan; 2, 3, Barnicoat. BUFF: 1, sp., 2, 3, Barnacoat; vhc, Cowan; he, Richards. HEN: 1, sp., Cooper; 2, 3, vhc, Tiddy and Son. A.O.V.: 1, sp., 2, Richards; 3, Lawes. SHIELD CLASS: NON-FLIGHT: 1, sp., vhc, Cooper; 2, Barnicoat; 3, Richards; he, Tiddy and Son. MULE, AND HYB.: 1, sp., Richards; 2, 3, Treise. GOLDFINCH: 1, Lawes; 2, Richards; 3, Cooper; vhc, Webb. BRIT., A.O.S.: 1, sp., 3, Lawes; 2, vhc, Cooper; he, Lawes; c, Tiddy and Son. LARGE: 1, sp., Bray.

CANTERBURY.

Held Market Hall, December 6th. The birds were beautifully staged, quite an advance on previous years, and made a grand display. The quality of the Nor. was a revelation to Canterbury, several winners having taken premier honours at the late L.C.B.A. show. Mr. Ellis showed some grand ones, as also did Messrs. Gibbs and Taylor. The Yorkies were a fine lot; Mr. Gale showed a topper. The management was, as is usual, tip-top, Messrs. Gibbs, Taylor, Patterson and Casemore being old hands at the game. Mr. J. W. Sargeant, the secretary, had arrangements well in hand. Mr. Robson judged.

The Critique,

NOR. CL. (10): 1, c, Gibbs, rare bonny bird, grand head and neck, splendid chest, fine col; 2, Wickham, nice buff, beautiful feather and shape; 3, vbc, Ellis, wonderful col., neat head, taking bird; 4, he, Taylor, sweet type; he, Taylor. TKD., ETC. (5): 1, Ellis, heavy variog., grand style for yell., good head and front; 2, 4, Taylor, 2 fine marked buff, quality all there, in rare form; 3, vhc, Gibbs, tkd. buff, grand shape, good substance. HENS: 1, 4, vhc, he, Taylor, grand shape and substance, splendid col., a good one; 2, 3, Ellis, former grand unfligh, yell., ripping shape, full of good Nor. points, must have pressed, 3 well mealed buff, neat head; c, Gibbs. UNFLIG. YELL. (5): 1, Wickham, gem for shape, grand head and col., well braced wings and tail; 2, 4, Taylor, bigger, grand substance and col., good one; 3, Ellis, variog., rare substance, fine head and neck; vhc, Casemore. BUFF (4): 1, 3, Taylor, two good exhibits, leader grand size and substance, takes perches well, best of wings and tail, 3 very similar to winner, better col.; 2, Ellis, grand cl., rattling fine col. and quality; 4, Meades. UNFLIG. YELL. (5): 1, 3, Taylor, winner variog., sweet hen all over, grand shape, size and quality, 3 cl., nice quality and col., bad wing carriage; 2, Cooke, grand shape and col., moderate size; 4, Wickham, very neat; vhc, Recce. BUFF (4): 1, Ellis, model buff, a gem, all over perfect shape, grand head, a treat; 2, Meads, nice quality; 3, 4, Taylor, two bonny hens, nice col. and quality. CREST OR C.B.: 1, 4, Miss Brown, former good dark Crest, very round, fine droop and radiation, 4 very nice cl. body; 2, 3, Gale, two very taking birds, both heavy varieg. Crests of even shape. YORKS., CK. (8): 1, Lockett, grand one, beautiful col., grandly drawn, neat head and back, gets well up; 2, Johnson, almost equal in every respect, grand length; 3, he, Gibbs, rare quality buff, grand length and col., a trifle free in feather; 4, Raynor, gem, for quality, nice back; vhc, he, Bullen; c, Scales. TKD. (6): 1, Gale, a gem, and no mistake, perfect quality, stands like a soldier, wins well; 2, Rayner, another real good one, hot col., nice style; 3, Lockett, rare length, good back, fine col., good stock bird; 4, Pilcher, stylish buff; vhc, Johnson; he, Oliver. HEN (7): 1, Raynes, grand buff cl., rare quality, nice style, stands well, plenty of beef for a Yorkie; 2, Sales, grand yell., neat as wax, beautifully drawn, capital wings and tail; 3, Lockett, shapely buff, grand feather, good back; 4, Salea, almost perfect head; vbc, Bullen; c, Cales. YORKS., 1911 BRED (9): 1, he, Lockett, stormer, rare length, hot col., grand back, perfect style, well finished; 2, Leaver, grand bird, good col., neat head, splendid wings and pipe tail; 3, Pilcher, beautiful quality, nice carriage, very nervy; 4, vhc, Raynes, very neat pair; c, Sales. BORD. (8): 1, 3, Wood, former nice wing tkd., fine type and carriage, 3rd cl., fine jaunty carriage; 2, he, Soames, cinn., very smart, close up; vhc, he, Mr. Aitken. LIZ.: 1, 2, 3, Wood, a very useful team. A.O.V. (5): 1, Gibbs, even mkd. buff Nor., grand bird all over, often described; 2, Swaysland, Belgian, good one, fine shoulder and action; 3, Soams, even mkd. Yorks, nice style and carriage; vhc, Ivatt. PAIRS (6): 1, 4, Taylor, winner grand quality yell. cock, plenty of size with good buff hen, likely pair; 4th another grand sized yell., cock and neat hen; 2, vhc, he, Gibbs; 3, Swaysland. NOT-FED (8): 1, Cooke, grand bird, rare size and substance, bonny bird; 2, vhc, c, Easton, nice shape and quality fails only in head; 3, Easton, similar, a trifle more size. DARK MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, Lamb, two grand Bullie cross, both grand in size, full of colour, shown in A1 form; 3, Casemore, Goldie, rich col., very taking; vhc, he, c, Soams. GOLDIE (5): 1, 2, Casemore, two grand birds, former excelling in size of blaze, fine wings and buttons, 2nd rich browns and whites, very cl., nice col.; 3, Gunnell, very nice shapely Finch; 4, Wickham, wild. BULLIE, ETC. (6): 1, 4, Wickham, former beautiful Bullie, rare colour and size, beautiful cap, very steady, 4th rich col. Greenfinch; 2, Gunnell, tip-top Greenie, steady as a rock, wonderful size and col.; 3, Tidy, rich col. Bullie; vhc, Keen. LINNET: 1, Gunnell, good size Linnet, rare colour, well shown; 2, Webb, beautiful col., well defined markings; 3, Casemore, very fine col., steady, taking bird; 4 Wickham, fine size, well mkd. A.O.S FINCH., ETC.: 1, Austin, almost perfect Hawfinch, grand bib, fine col. and size, well shown; 2, Brett, very rich col. Chaffinch, splendid trim; 3, Casemore, Siskin, nice cap, good col., very steady; 4, Gunnell; vhc, Wickham.

WEST OF SCOTLAND.

West of Scotland N. and B. F. C. M. B. and F.B.A. 22nd annual show, held Grand National Halls, Gorbals, Glasgow, 25th Nov. The weather was mild and clear, which means a lot to the holding of a show within the lofty walls of a populous city, and the venture proved a real success. Everything passed off without a hitch. The management, which is composed of real well-known fanciers, have as their secretary Mr. W. Hutchison, who knows all the ins and outs of working a show, and to him in a great measure is due much of the success of the show. The judging was in the hands of three capable men, who got through in grand time, and the hall was soon in readiness for the large numbers of friends. Mr. C. Campbell judged Nor., Mr. W. Mossie, Borders, and Mr. M. Craig, Mules, British and For., and on the whole their awards seemed to meet with general approval, as little grumbling was heard.

The Critique.

YOUNG BIRDS, CREST CK.: 1, Summerhill, even wing D.C., fine size and substance, fine feather, nicely spread, evenly radiated top, will make a grand one; 2, Thomson, equal in size and substance, nice quality feather. HEN: 1, Tweedie, a clinker, abundance feather, densely clad, well laid top of fine veiny feather to beak end, good youngster; 2, Thomson, another good one, fine top piece. C.B. CK.: 1, Thomson, large body and plenty feather, rare broad dome skull, a real good one, wet and soft when we saw it; 2, Henderson, good body, nice substance; 3, 4, smaller birds, good birds; 5, Summerhill. HEN: 1, Summerhill, grand body and substance, any amount of feather, put down in the pink of condition; 2, 3, Tweedie, two greens, leader gains in size, both good quality feather, nice lofty skulls, not much between them; 4, Henderson, fine body and feather. CL. ETC. YELL. NOR. CK.: 1, Paling, fine size, lovely feathered, short and typical exhibit, broad, well rounded front, clean cut away behind; 2, Hutchison, fine chubby bird, nice type; 3, 4, Gentles, leader smaller, but good col. and quality, fine type; 4th, good size, fine quality feather, many thought should have won; vhc, Hunter. BUFF CK.: 1, Hunter, fine size and feather, short and typical body, broad, well-rounded front, clean cut away behind; 2, Hutchison, lovely fed hot even col., fine quality feather, good head and neck; 3, Paling, nice size, fine feather; 4, Gentles, good quality, tight in feather, good type; vhc, Hunter. YELL. HEN: 1, Hutchison, sweet and typical, lovely hot and even col., nice head and neck, neat throughout; 2, Thom, fine col. and quality; 3, Gentles, not quite so hot fed, but sweet and typical throughout; 4, Jardine, good quality, unsteady. BUFF: 1, Hunter, real good one, topping quality, good in head and neck; 2, McNaughton, well up for size, good wing carriage; 3, Gentles, good size; 4, Hunter, short, sweet and typical throughout; vhc, McNaughton. VAR. YELL. CK.: 1, 3, Hutchison, leader real hot one for col., good quality and feather, nice type, well in front of perch, clean cut away behind; 3rd, rare size, colour and quality, nicely braced wings and tail; 2, Wood, well up for size. BUFF: 1, Thom, lovely col., fine type, good in body, head and wings, if anything could be just a trifle fuller in neck; 2, McNaughton, plenty of size and substance; 3, Renwick, good size and feather; 4, Hutchison, good size and col.; vhc, Hutchison. VAR. YELL. HEN: 1, 3, Hutchison, leader nice sweet short and cobby bodied typical lady, fine head and wings; 2, Gentles, real good quality, wants just a bit in size to hold its own; 3, Hutchison, nicely placed; 4, Renwick; vhc, Hunter. BUFF: 1, 2, Hutchison, leader, lovely deep even col. wing marked spec., fine bold head, well filled in neck, good type and quality; 2nd, nice quality, good type, broad deep front, poses well, good 2nd; 3, Hunter, fine sized green, good type and quality; 4, Wood, fine size and col., snaky head. AMAT. NOR.: 1, Christie, nice one for type and quality, good in head, neck and wing carriage; 2, Wood, good size and feather; 3, we missed; 4, Christie, nice type and col. LIGHT MULE: 1, 2, Haddow, leader real good Jonque in the pink of condition; 2nd, bull, nice size and feather, well placed; 3, Webb, in nice feather, looks like a hen. DARK: 1, Pearce, looks like Cambuslang winner, in fine trim, shows Goldie cross well; 2, Renwick, smaller Jonque, in fine feather, well staged, nicely placed; 3, Martin; 4, Haddow, similar to 2nd. AMAT. MULE OR HYB.: Winners in this class taken from other Mule classes, leader likewise winner in Dark Mules, 2, 3, Webb, two good Mules. CL. ETC. YELL BORD. CK.: 1, 2, Whitelaw, 1st, fine head and sweet type, good quality; 2nd, nice quality, tight, good feather, sweet in head and neck, pressed; 3, Lappin, rare good type and feather, little behind either; 4, Lappin, very sweet, capital feather, looking wee bit soft when we saw it. BUFF: 1, 2, B.F.C. medal, Whitelaw, 1st, nice type and quality, neat head and wings, fine pipe tail; 2nd, fine size and quality, neat and good, fine 2nd; 3, Laurie, very nice one, just beaten in neck filling; 4, Pearce. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Whitelaw, leader sweet one for type and quality feather, neat wings and tail; 2nd, almost equal on points, fails just a trifle in wings; vhc, Lawrie. BUFF: 1, 2, Lappin, leader lovely quality feather, real good type, neat wings, fine tight tail, wins; 2nd, real sweet one all over, a gem for quality, feather and type, must have pressed hard for 1st position; 3, 4, Whitelaw, real nice one, good quality, nicely placed here; 4th, still a sweet one, but faulty a trifle in wing carriage; vhc, Lawrie. VAR. YELL.: 1, 2, Whitelaw, leader fine feather, good col., neat top end, fine tail; 2nd, sweet one, not far behind; 3, Lappin, well up to leaders; 4, Lawrie, nice quality, well placed. BUFF: 1, Whitelaw, a beauty for feather and quality, neat head and neck, fine wing carriage; 2, we missed; 3, 4, Lawrie, nice bird; 4th, quite a good one, worth its position. GREEN OR CINN.: 1, Congans, good qual. Cinn., fine feather, nicely pencilled, good head and wing carriage; 2, 3, Lawrie, Cinn. and green, two very nice ones, fine col. and type, good quality, put down in fine trim; 4, Graham, another nice green. AMAT. BORD.: 1, 2, Pearce, both quite creditable exhibits, in fine feather, nicely put down. YORKS.: 1, 2, Martin, 2nd, fine length spec., good quality, neat head and neck, well tapered away. OLD BIRDS. CL., ETC., BORD: 1, Whitelaw, real good and sweet one, fine waxy feather, nicely made, well put down; 2, Congans, good one, well placed; 3, Hutchison, nicely staged exhibit, good quality and type; 4, Pearce. EVEN MARK: 1, Lawrie, a real taking one, fine shape, good quality feather, well staged; 2, Whitelaw, another good one, not far behind leader; 3, Gunion, nice one, well placed; 4, we missed. CREST CK.: 1, Summerhill, grand size and substance, fine quality dense leafy feather, well radiated, a beauty; 2, Tweedie, good one all over, not quite the substance of winner; 3, Henderson, fine one for size, plenty of feather, requires better handling. HEN: 1, 2, Summerhill, leader monster, and a topper, plenty feather, grand top, fine droop, staged as they ought to be; 2nd, likewise good; 3, Smart, very good. C.B. CK.: 1, 2, Summerhill, rare sized green, fine head, plenty of feather, massive body, good one; 2nd, tighter in feather, grand skull, good entrance; 3, 4, Tweedie, we could not find. HEN: 1, Thomson, abundant substance and feather, capital good head, fine lofty skull, broad entrance; 2, 3, names missed, 2nd, fine green; 3rd, well up in size and feather; 4, Summerhill, good one, presses hard on 3rd. CL., ETC., NOR.: 1, sp, 2, Gentles, leader fine quality, size, and substance, good one; 2nd, fine type and quality; 3, 4, Hutchison, 3rd, fine size; 4th, smaller, but nice otherwise. VAR.: 1, Thom, rare size, typical green, fine quality and substance, cobby body; 2, Hunter, good one for type and quality; 3, Hutchison, good size and substance; 4, Gentles, good all round, hard up on 3rd; vhc, Renwick. LIGHT MULE OR HYB.: fine class of good ones; 1, 2, Whitelaw, grand ones, not a great deal between them, creditably staged; 3, Morrison, good one again, if anything, loses in size; 4, Hunter, not far behind. DARK: 1, Morrison, fine size, Linnet Mule, grand feather, nice col., grandly staged and steady; 2, Whitelaw, real nice Jonque Goldie, following hard up; 3, Hunter, real nice taking steady Siskin Mule, in the best of trim, worth its place; 4, vhc, Gentles, another good Goldie. LINNET: 1, Hutchison, grand nutty col., good markings, steady as a rock, good one; 2, vhc, Summerhill, good size, a bit unsteady; 3, Nimmo, real good one, unsteady; 4, Graham, steady as a rock, nicely marked, wins its position. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Hutchison, 1st, lovely Twite, grand size and col., neat pencilling, steady, a worthy exhibit; 2, Morrison, fine Mealy, grand size and markings, fine clear defined bib, very steady; 3, Renwick, nice yell. Siskin, a fount of colour, grandly mkd., steady; 4, Haddow, good Lesser Pell, nice size and marks, well placed here; vhc, Congans. BRIT. GOLDIE: 1, Nimmo, grand col., fine square cut deep blaze, nice defined pure markings, wins well; 2, Hutchison, nice one for depth of col.; 3, 4, Webb, 3rd, better in col. than 2nd, but smaller; 4th, will be a good one when steadied down; 5, Congans. BRIT. BULLIE HEN: 1, Morrison, rare one for size and feather, grand level col., rich bars, deep jet cap, steady; 2, Congans, another good one, well up on leader; 3, Graham; 4, vhc, Hutchison, real good one, some thought might have gone up a peg. GREENIE: 1, 4, Morrison, leader grand size and col., fine yell wings, nice house moulted spec.; 4th, another good one; 2, Graham, good one, well up; 3, Renwick, nice one; vhc, Hutchison. BRAMBLE, ETC.: 1, Morrison, clinking Bramble, fine size and col., nice deep well defined markings; 2, Hutchison, grand Chaffie, fine size and col., steady, in good feather; 3, Lennie, nice Bramble; 4, Gentles, another nice Chaffie, in fine trim. SMALL BRIT.: 1, 3, Morrison, Yellowhammer and Tree Pipit, two grand exhibits, both well up in their standard points, really creditable to their owner; 2, Hutchison, lovely Bullie, fine col., A1 feather, put down in the pink of condition; 4, we could not find. LARGE: 1, 2, Morrison, two lovely exhibits, Hawfinch and Song Thrush, put down in fine form; 3, Lennie, Corn Bunting, good one, in fine order. FOR. GOLDIE: 1, Graham, fine sized, bold upstanding bird, richly tanned, nicely marked, good one; 2, 4, Hutchison, leader fine col. and markings, falls only in size; 4th, good one, but smaller a trifle; 3, Gentles, fine col. LARGE FOR.: 1, 2, Morrison, Crimson Wing and Adelaide Parrots, in perfect feather and condition; 3, Lennie, fine Grey, in nice order. SMALL: 1, 2, Morrison.

STRATFORD-ON-AVON.

Eighth annual open show of the Stratford-on-Avon F.S. was held in the Corn Exchange on December 5th. Mr. R. W. Ingram, the secretary, had things well in hand, and the show proved very popular. Mr. J. H. Roe judged. (Our detailed report of this show appears to have gone astray in the post.—Editor.)

NOR., YELL., CL., ETC. (15) 1, 4, Broadhurst; 2, 3, P. Williams; r, Guest; vhc, Lewin; he, Turner; c, H. Williams. BUFF (11): 1, 4, P. Williams; 2, Turner; 3, Garfield; r, Brotherhood; vhc, Labraham; he, Guest; c, Broadhurst. UNFLIG. (19): 1, P. Williams; 2, Moore; 3, vhc, Guest; 4, r, Collier; vhc, Dipple; c, no name in catalogue. HEN (12): 1, P. Williams; 2, Broadhurst; 3, Brown; 4, c, Dipple; r, Collier; vhc, Lewin; he, Notley. NAT. COL.: Cancelled. YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL. (13): 1, 3, P. Williams; 2, c, Cripps; 4, Andrews; r, Pygott; vhc, Dykes; he, Beck. BUFF (10): 1, Dykes; 2, Andrews; 3, Beck; 4, r, P. Williams; vhc, Hall; he, Lawton; c, Fancourt. UNFLIG. (10): 1, Dykes; 2, P. Williams; 3, Lawton; 4, Dicker; r, Harris; vhc, Cockhill; he, Andrews; c, Hall. HEN (10): 1, Dykes; 2, P. Williams; 3, Dicker; 4, Hall; r, Harris; vhc, Fancourt; he, Cockhill; c, Lawton. CREST, C.B., and CINN.: Cancelled. BORD. (13): 1, vhc, Madagan; 2, 4, Sampson; 3, r, he, Tyler; c, Derrick. NOVICE A.V., 30s. (18): 1, Wren; 2, Feasey; 3, Pounsett; 4, Smith; r, Mann; vhc, Hoyle; he, March; c, Brown. DARK CAN. MULE (8): 1, Brunskill; 2, Rowe and Richards; 3, Gough; 4, Lawrence; r, Collins; vhc, J. M. Williams; he, Pitenford and Slocker. HYB. (7): 1, Tams and Son; 2, Rowe and Richards; 3, Pearce; 4, Skipworth; r, Lawrance; vhc, Edwards. A.O.V. MULE (7): 1, Pearce; 2, 4, Lawrance; 3, Tams and Son; r, Lees; vhc, Hall; he, Edwards. GOLDIE (20): 1, Pitchford and Stocker; 2, Tams and Son; 3, Brotherhood; 4, Ward; r, Poole; vhc, c, Levett; he, Lawrance. BULLIE (13): 1, he, Baseley; 2, Raven; 3, Brunskill; 4, Wren; r, Portman; vhc, Rowe and Richards; c, Poole. GREENIE (14): 1, Lawrance; 2, Rowe and Richards; 3, Tams and Son; 4, Baseley; r, Raven; vhc, Gibbons; he, Tyler; c, Pendrey. SISKIN, ETC. (10): 1, Raby; 2, Gibbons; 3, c, Poole; 4, Raven; r, Tyler; vhc, Ager; he, Collins. REPOLL, ETC.: Cancelled. A.O.S. SEEDEATER CK. (12): 1, Brotherhood; 2, Pole; 3, Burrows; 4, Lawrance; r, Raven; vhc, Nicholls; he, Tyler; c, Wren. HEN, AND SOFT-BILLED SMALL: Cancelled. LARGE (11): 1, 2, 3, P. Williams; 4, Tyler; r, Levett; vhc, Raven; he, Poole; c, Labraham. FOR. CLASSES (3): Cancelled.

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WANDSWORTH.

Wandsworth F.A. first cage bird show, held Dec. 6th and 7th, at Sutton Hall. This show is a good efforts made by the cage bird section of this society to do something special for their branch of the Fancy. There was a capital entry, and the birds were staged in a very comfortable room, well lighted both by day and night. Yorks. formed the main feature, and some good birds were staged. There were also a few nice classes of Nor., and among them come very fine specimens, some of the buffs being particularly good. Two classes of Borders filled well. British birds were a nice lot, particularly the Goldfinches. In this class Mr. C. Prior held the lead with a real good one. A few nice insectivorous birds and a capital class of foreigners made up a good collection. The hall was comfortably warmed, and during the evening there was a capital attendance. The show was ably managed by Mr. W. Lightfoot, the sec., who is all attention and has everything in capital order. He was ably assisted by Mrs. Owen and Messrs. Baker, Meats, Evershed, and Owen, junr., who paid every attention to the birds. Mr. H. Norman placed the cards.

The Critique.

YORKS., YELL. CK.: 1, Whittome, grand length and style, good shoulders, neat head, capital quality; 2, Frost and Co., stylish, neat head, well filled back, good wings and tail; 3, Owen, clean, well cut bird, good length, nice head; 4, Mabey, neat, smart type; vhc, Slade; hc, Mrs. Owen; c, Warley. BUFF (7): 1, Owen, grand, full length bird, nice head and neck, good shoulders, lovely quality; 2, Warley, another beauty, grand length, plenty of style, nicely rounded; 3, Williams, good length, nice back and wings, grand col.; 4, Mrs. Owen, smart bird, good shoulders; vhc, Slade; hc, Whittome; c, Skinner. VARIEG. YELL. (7): 1, Frost and Co., cap mkd., fine length and position, good shoulders and back, well braced wings; 2, Mabey, good type, beautifully rounded, capital shoulders and wings; 3, 4, hc, c, Mrs. Owen, 3rd smaller bird, fine length, neat head, well up on leg; 4th fine position and length; vhc, Warley. YELL. HEN (9): 1, Smith, non-fed bird, fine length of body, nice head and shoulders, wings and tail; 2, Skinner, smart, racy specimen, clean cut, neat head; 3, Whittome, nice length and style, good length; 4, Warley, good length, nice head; vhc, c, Mrs. Owen; hc, Frost and Co. BUFF (5): 1, Mrs. Owen, grand length, stands well, good shoulders, nicely rounded; 2, Whittome, smart, typical spec., nice head, beautifully rounded; 3, Smith, big, bold bird, well up on leg, capital wings; 4, Warley, another big, smart bird, well filled; vhc, Owen. UNFLIG. (8): 1, Owen, grand length and style, good head, neck, and shoulders, neat wings and tail; 2, Smith, a good clean cut buff, capital length, neat head and shoulders; 3, Mrs. Owen, wing and head marked bird of lovely qual., good position; 4, Skinner, smart yell., rare length, style; vhc, Slade; hc, Williams; c, Warley. NOR. YELL. (6): 1, Little, grand size, good skull, nice shoulders, clean cut, short wings and tail; 2, Simms, lovely type and quality, short wings, nicely rounded; 3, Burgess, shade longer, neat head, capital wings; 4, Gollan, short bird, nice quality; vhc, Potter; hc, Goymer. BUFF (4): 1, Little, grand chubby specimen, neat head and neck, good back and front; 2, Denham, fine bold type, good clean head, well rounded; 3, Harris, neat type, lovely head, good wings and tail; 4, Potter, short bird, nicely rounded. VARIEG. (6): 1, Wade, grand thick-set variegd. bird, lovely head, nice wedge shape, short wings and tail; 2, Pope, neck mkd. bird of capital size, good head, nice bold front; 3, Hocking, good type, nice head, grand back and wings; 4, Burgess, neat head and wing mkd., grand quality; vhc, Kerr; hc, Potter. UNFLIG.: 1, Hocking, grand type, nice head, well filled body, clean cut; 2, Hawkes, nice style, grand head and neck, well rounded front; 3, Denham, grand typical body, lovely quality; 4, Porter, smaller, but lovely quality. NOVICE BUFF (11): 1, 3, Harris, nice typical specimen, neat head, rare depth of body, good front; 2, Burgess, another neat one, good head and neck, well rounded body; 3, Hawkes, nice wedge shape body, well filled back and front, neat head; 4, Hall, variegd. bird of grand size, neat head; vhc, Gollan; hc, Porter. UNFLIG. (6): 1, Hall, grand size and type, lovely full head and neck, capital front; 2, Wade, lovely yell., full size, well rounded front and back, nice wings; 3, Denham, short chubby bird, nicely rounded, neat head; 4, Harris, full front bird, nice bold type; vhc, Simms; hc, Burgess. YELL. HEN (7): 1, 3, Heath, grand length, lovely type, neat head, well filled back, good shoulders; 2, Wilson, similar, hardly so long, nice quality; 3rd, smart bird, grand length of body and wings, neat tail; 4, Hutton, grand length bird, nice shoulders; vhc, Cornish; hc, Whiting; c, Stoakley. BUFF (6): 1, Ross, rare length and style, shapely, fair shoulders, nice clean run; 2, Bullen, lovely quality, good length, clean cut, neat head; 3, Mager, rare length, neat head and neck, grand wings and tail; 4, c, Stoakley, grand col. and quality, neat head; vhc, Yeoman; hc, Fairman. VARIEG. (7): 1, Hutton, grand variegd. bird of fine length, shapely, clean cut, good wings and tail; 2, Hawkes, cap and wing mkd., fine length and shape, neat head; 3, Baldwin, grand length of body, neat head, well up on leg; 4, vhc, Heath, smart head and back mkd. bird, grand col. and condition; hc, Driver; c, Sievewright. YELL. HEN (6): 1, Yeoman, grand length, well up on leg, good shoulders, well brace wings and tail; 2, Stoakley, very smart, typical bird of grand quality, neat, well braced wings; 3, Heath, nice type and quality, neat head and neck; 4, Whitney, head and wing mkd., of fine length; vhc, hc, Elsom. BUFF (6): 1, 3, Stoakley, 1st grand length and type, neat head, rare length of wing, lovely quality; 3rd, rare length, neat head, fine bit of shoulder, capital wings and tail; 2, Fairman, smart, grand type, lovely back and wings; 4, Heath, smart upstanding bird of fine quality; vhc, Beresford; hc, Box. A.O.V. (12): 1, Hawkes, bonny variegd., fine length and type, good shoulder, nice clean run to a good tail; 2, Whiting, grand yell. of fine size, shapely, neat head, fine wings and tail; 3, Yeoman, very smart back mkd., grand length and style, good shoulders, lovely quality; 4, Hutton, smart yell. of lovely type, grand col and quality; vhc, Heath; hc, Stoakey; c, Tebbs. BORD. YELL. (12): 1, vhc, Wright and Co., smart bird, nice size, very shapey, neat head, nice wings and tail; 2, Baron, another good one close up, very shapely, nice back and wings; 3, Thynne, smart, good shape, moves well, grand wings; 4, Owen, variegd. bird of fine size, shape; vhc, c, Drew. BUFF (11): 1, 2, Baron, two grand birds, fine size and shape, leader nice head, lovely wings; 3, Thynne, close up, very shapely, capital wings, tail; 4, Hay, grand bird, shapely, good size; vhc, McGregor; hc, Owen; c, Plank. BRIT. GOLDIE (13): 1, 4, c, Prior, little gentleman, very shapely, well up in tannings, nice, well shaped blaze, 4th bold, capital shape, good blaze; 2, Buckingham, another beauty, shapely, nicely tanned, good wings; 3, Henderson, another good one, fine size and shape; vhc, Tutty; hc, Warley. BULLFINCH (5): 1, Bonsfield, fine bold Bullie, grand size and shape, nice cape, good sound breast; 2, Vale, another beauty, nice cap, fine depth of col., lovely back; 3, Cornish, big bold bird, grand cap, fine breast; 4, Owen, full head and neck, good bold front; vhc, Martoff. LINNET, ETC. (12): 1, 2, Prior, lovely Linnet, big and shapely, nice tone of col., full of pencilling, 2nd lovely Siskin, grand size and shape, capital cap, well pencilled; 3, Vale, another good Linnet, full of work, fine shape and size; 4, Buckingham, good Twite, lovely tone of col.; vhc, Oliver; hc, Botting; c, Habden. GREENIE, ETC. (9): 1, Buckingham, fine bold Bramble, grand size and shape, good breast, lovely spangling; 2, Botting, big bold Hawfinch, neat bib, good wings, sound col; 3, vhc, Goymer, nice Greenie, good size and shape, capital wings; 4, Owen, big Chaffie, capital depth of col; vhc, Webb; c, Winstanley. INSECTIV.: 1, Buckingham, grand Bearded Tit, lovely col. and in tip-top condition; 2, Smyth, good Grey Wagtail, fine size and col., good quality; 3, Goymer, grand Song Thrush, nice size and shape; 4, Oliver, very fine Starling, full of polish; vhc, Vale; hc, Smyth; c, Owen. BYB. LIGHT (6): 1, Lamb, fine bold Goldie-Canary, 4-pointed bird of good shape, nice touch of blaze; 2, Botting, grand yell. wings and tail mkd., good bird; 3, Buckingham, another 4-pointed buff of good size, lovely quality; 4, Price, variegd. Goldie, neat bird; vhc, Howick. A.O.V. (7): 1, Pope, grand bold Linnet-Can., capital size and shape, good col. and quality; 2, 3, Lamb, 2nd Goldie-Can., neat type, grand col. and quality; 3rd fine bold Greenie-Can., rare size and shape, lovely col.; 4, Tutley, neat Goldie-Can., nice col. and shape; vhc, Botting; hc, Buckingham. FOR.: 1, hc, Buckingham, lovely fine col. Nonpareil Bunting, real beauty; 2, c, Smyth, grand pair of Parson Finches in grand col. and condition; 3, Beresford, two lovely Waxbills, fine quality and col.; 4, Mrs. Thynne, very fine Maroon Tanager, bit wild; vhc, Beresford.

TONBRIDGE.

Tonbridge 5th annual show, held in the Public Hall, on December 5th and 6th. Our section was staged away from the poultry, in a fine hall, with a good top light. The birds were nicely arranged down the centre, and made quite an imposing array. The entries were slightly in advance of last year's, and the quality considerably better. Yorks. were grouped upon the stage by themselves, and made quite a pretty display. Among them were some grand examples of the variety, some of the winners having fine length and quality of feather. Many members and local fanciers were exhibiting in the open, and did well in such competition. Nor. were a very fine lot, and in this section the local birds quite held their own. Mr. J. Bellamy's winning Yell. is quite high-class, and well deserves its position. There was a nice collection of Hybrids and British, the Goldfinch class being particularly good. The show was ably managed by the secretary, Mr. Percy Stonestreet, who is quite a capable man at the work. He had the assistance of Messrs. Smithers, Cross, Richards and Greenaway as stewards. Mr. J. Robson judged.

The Critique.

NOR., CL. (12): 1, Bellamy, grand high-class Buff, nice head, full neck, good front and back, shown in tip-top condition; 2, Kilby, another very fine Buff, better col., grand quality, well rounded, hardly so full as winner; 3, Golding, very typical Yell., thick-set, and chubby, if anything, better type than winner; 4, Read, another good Buff; vhc, hc, Gibbs; c, Hill. NON-FED. (4): 1, 3, Smithers, 1, nice chubby Yell., grand head, good full front, wing and tail, fine size for a lady, 3, nice quality, a wee shade long compared to winners; 2, Hills, another grand Yell., real Nor. type, quite as good on points as winner; 4, Froud. 1911 (13): 1, Bellamy, grand Yell., very hot col., nice clean head, good chest, full back, capital wings; 2, Kilby, another nice Yell., lovely quality and col.; 3, Witten, another good Yell., lovely type, good col. and quality; 4, Burgess, another nice Yell., neatly built, clean head; vhc, Gooding; hc, Lynn; c, Smithers. VAR. (17): 1, Kilby, typical Yell., nice short bodied bird, good clean head and neck, well filled throughout; 2, Ginnell, very hot col. specimen, capital size and shape; 3, Borman, capital Buff, grand size, shapely, well rounded front; 4, Kilby, nearly green, grand type, Windsor winner; vhc, hc, Gibbs; c, Bellamy. CREST. AND C.B. (7): 1, 2, Broad, two lovely specimens, leader grand head, big, nicely radiated Crest, full and well over front, wins several specials, 2, neat and good; 3, Hayward, grand var. Yell. C.B., fine size and shape, lovely full head; 4, Bond, another var. bird, big and bold; vhc, Hayward; hc, Bond; c, Read. NOR. A.O.V. (14): 1, Bellamy, good Yell., fine size and shape, grand quality; 2, Creed, bonny Buff, grand body, lovely feather; 3, c, Hayward, var. bird of grand quality, beautiful head and shoulders; 4, Greenway, nice hot col. bird, typical; vhc, Richards; hc, Whitten. YORKS., CL. (10): 1, Veuness, grand long Yell., very clean run, neat, well proportioned bird, capital wing and tail; 2, Wraight, lovely lengthy Buff, grand shape, good head, beautifully rounded; 3, Mrs. Ballard, another nice Buff, very breedy, grand Yorkie qualities; 4, Rogers, very fine upstanding Yell., beautifully filled in; vhc, hc, Gibbs; c, Clarke. NON-FED (6): 1, Cross, capital Yell., nice size, good shape, grand length of wing, fine quality; 2, 3, Lord, 2, neater bird, not quite the size and length of winner, but good shape; 3, similar bird, shade larger, good bird; 4, hc, Edmeads, another neat, good legs; vhc, Humphries. UNFLIG. (14): 1, Rogers, grand, lengthy buff, neat head and neck, good shoulders, nice clean run to a good tail; 2, Foxen, grand yell., must have pressed, lovely shape, beautifully tapered; 3, Pilcher, another good one, wonderful length, grand shoulders and wings; 4, hc, Creed, very hot col. Yell., nicely rounded; vhc, Humphries; c, Wraight. VAR. (7): 1, Gibbs, grand bird, of wonderful length and style neat head, good shoulders and well tapered; 2, Humphries, lovely Buff of fine size, shapely, clean cut; 3, Wraight, wing tkd., bird of fine size, good long, well braced wings; 4, Foxen, head mkd. Buff, fine length; vhc, Bond; hc, Mrs. Ballard. YORKS., A.O.V. (10): 1, 2, Wraight, two rattling good birds, a fine Yell. leading, nice length, 2, lovely Buff, grand quality and style, must have pressed; 3, Humphries, another nice yell, good length; 4, vhc, Creed, a very smart Buff, grand quality; hc, Cross; c, Walker. HYB. (13): 1, 2, 4, E. J. Lamb, three of his now well-known Hybrids, fine Linnet-Bullie leading, all shown in faultless condition; 3, Cunningham, fine bold dark Goldie, good size and col.; vhc, hc, Mortlock; c, Wraight. GOLDFINCH (11): 1, Jupe, shapely bird, beautifully tanned, nice square cut bib, grand col., splendid wing and buttons; 2, Cadman Bros., big, good shape, lovely face, grand col.; 3, Gunnell, bold, shapely bird, nice cut blaze; 4, Hinds, grand rich col. specimen, tight in feather; vhc, hc, c, Parsons. BULLIE, ETC. (8): 1, Hinds, bonny Bullie, grand size, nice full front, neck and head, good cap; 2, hc, Cadman, fine bold Greenie, nicely proportioned, A1 quality; 3, Gunnell, another Greenie, must have pressed, quite a good one in size and shape; 4, Jenner, good Bullie, capital breast col.; vhc, Curd; c, Hurst. LINNET, ETC. (11): 1, Jupe, grand bold Linnet, good shape, nice full head and body, well pencilled; 2, Gunnell, not quite so big, little neater in shape, regular in pencilling; 3, Pankhurst, one of the best mealy Redpolls we have seen this season; 4, Brumhill, neat Linnet; vhc, Parsons; hc, Kilby; c, Cross. A.O.S. (7): 1, Brett, lovely Grey Shrike, beautifully marked, fine col. and quality; 2, 3, Cadman, a good Yell. Bunting leading, good size and col., grandly mkd., in fine condition, followed by a good col. Chaffinch; 4, Creed, a capital Thrush, very shapely; vhc, Borman; hc, Parsons. NOVICE (13): 1, Creed, Yell. Norwich, capital size and shape, good col. and quality; 2, Redwood, neat Yell. Yorkie, nice length and style; 3, Miss Mackay, smart Border, grand size and shape; 4, Greenway, big Buff Nor., nice one; vhc, Redwood; hc, Miss Dark; c, Little. FOR. (14): 1, 3, Cushny, 1, grand Malabar Honeysucker leading, fine size and col., 3, a good Redrump, in very fine condition; 2, Maize, grand Grey Parrot, fine size, rich col. and in A1 form; 4, Guest, a good big Ring-neck, in lovely feather; vhc, Guest.

LLANELLY.

Third annual show of the Llanelly and County F.A. held Market Hall, Dec. 5th, and was in every way a huge success. Entries in our section came up well, and some really good birds were put down. The cage bird secretary, Mr. Daniel John, was a very able and courteous official, and had everything in apple-pie order. Special for best in show, Mr. K. H. Sampson, with his noted cl. yellow Border Fancy. Mr. D. A. S. Longden judged.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL. Heal, variegd. buff, good size, col., and quality, very cobby, neat wings and tail; 2, Edwards, grizzle mkd. yell., good head and neck, very shapely, crosses wings a little, which no doubt kept it back; 3, hc, Jones, tkd. yell., good size, a blaze of col.; vhc, c, D. Jenkins. YORKS. (11): 1, vhc, Morris, cl. buff, grand type and quality, neat head and neck, good straight back, well up on leg, wins; 2, Morgans and Wilcox, cl. yell., grand col. and quality., good full neck, well balanced wings and tail; 3, Mrs. Harry, variegd. yell., neat exhibit, very nervy, good straight back; hc, c, Williams. BORD. (9): 1, spl for best in show, Sampson, cl. yell., a wee gem, probably the best yell. on the bench, a veritable gold mine; 2, c, Richards, yell. green, grand col. and quality, neat head and neck; 3, Hocking, yell. cium., a topper, grand col. and quality, very stylish, well balanced wings and tail; 4, Jenkins, cl. buff, good shape, style and quality; vhc, Mrs. Harry; hc, Morris. MULE (13): 1, Edwards, Greenie-Bullie, grand size, col. and condition, lovely exhibit, wins; 2, Lewis, buff variegd. Goldie, grand size and shape, good quality; 3, 4, Davies, Goldie-Bullie leading, good size and shape, nice blaze, col., and quality, latter five-pointed buff Goldie, nice size and shape; vhc, Jeffrey; hc, c, Thomas. GOLDFINCH (16): 1, 4, c, Richards, pair of beauties, grand polish, good square blaze, neat bars and buttons, grand col. and quality; 2, spl best local, hc, Ben Evans, nice square blaze, good col., neat bars and buttons; 3, Jeffreys, good square blaze, very shapely, nice bars and buttons; vhc, Heal. BULLFINCH: 1, 2, Holborrow, leader beautiful col. and quality, very cobby, good cap and bars, wins; 2nd, topping hen, lovely col. and quality, nice short wings and tail; 3, Sullivan, good breast col., nice cap and bars, not quite so cobby; 4, Ben Evans, another hen, good shape and quality; vhc, Gregory; hc, Ford; c, Jeffreys. LINNET (6): 1, Gay, lovely col. and quality, well laced, nice size and shape; 2, Bancroft, close up, good col. and quality, nicely laced; 3, Jenkins, another well laced exhibit, nice col. and quality; 4, Poyer, good shape, size and condition; vhc, hc, Gregory. A.O.S. (7): 1, 4, Ray, former Waxwing, lovely col. and quality, in tip-top order, neat exhibit; latter, Hawfinch, good col. and quality, nice shape and size; 2, Bancroft, Bramble, well spangled, grand size, shape and quality; 3, Ford, Corn Bunting, grand size and shape, lovely lacing; vhc, Evans; hc, Edwards; c, Bowen.

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PEMBROKE.

The 14th annual show was held in the Market Hall on Dec. 6th. Entries came up very well, and were nicely staged, some real good specimens being on view. The secretary, Mr. Sinnett, worked splendidly, and was backed up by a very hard-working committee. Mr. Stretch judged, and his awards appeared to give general satisfaction.

YORKS. (10): 1, 4, Gwyther, winner topping good bird, shown in faultless condition; 2, Shears, good col. and condition, fails only in type; 3, Holden, very typical, nice pipe tail, good one; res., Talbott; hc, Williams. NOR. (9): 1, 2, Price, simply walked away from the others, rare feather, type and col.; 3, 4, Davies, good shape; r, Shears. A.O.V.: Cancelled. GOLDFINCH (21): 1, 2 spls, Slee, good col., markings, nice blaze, well shown; 2, Ray, another good one, fails only in condition; 3, extra 3, 4, Richards, real good trio; r, Ray; hc, Shears, Nicholas, Bate, Jones, Rudd (2). BULLFINCH (9): 1, r, Stone, nice col., cap and size; 2, McCarthy, fails only in brightness of col.; 3, Robbin, nice one; 4, vhc, Brickle. A.O.S. BRIT. (7): 1, 2, Ray, Pembroke Rock winners reversed, although our choice was the Waxwing with the Hawfinch; 2, 3, Richards, a very taking Linnet, little chance here; r, Richards; vhc, Bate. MULE (6): 1, James, shown in faultless condition and nicely mkd.; 3, Tracey, useful Gold-Canary; 4, Geary; vhc, Slee; hc, Price.

RUTHERGLEN.

Fifth annual show of the Rutherglen O.A., held November 18th, in the Rechabites' Hall, East King Street. Genial weather prevailed, and the management, all well-known fanciers, seemed all smiles at their good fortune. The Society have as their President Mr. Councillor Miller; Vice-President, Mr. R. H. Livingstone. The ever-green Mr. Jas. Lappin steers the ship, aye, and in the proper fashion, too. The committee, without exception, were all in the business, and deserved the thanks accorded them. Mr. Jas. Laurie (Govan) adjudicated, and his awards were well received.

YOUNG BIRDS, CL., ETC., YELL. NOR.: 1, Hamilton; 2, 3, Livingstone. HEN: 1, Hamilton; 2, 3, Livingstone; 4, King. BUFF: 1, 3, M. Melville; 2, 4, W. Melville. HEN: 1, 2, M. Melville; 3, Bagen; 4, Hamilton. VAR., ETC.: 1, M. Melville; 2, Hamilton; 3, W. Melville; 4, Livingstone. HEN: 1, 4, Hamilton; 3, Livingstone; 4, Patrick. CL., ETC., YELL. BORD.: 1, 2, Lappin; 3, Brownlie; 4, Gilchrist. HEN: 1, Lappin; 2, Brownlie. BUFF CK.: 1, 3, Gilchrist; 2, 4, Lappin. HEN: 1, 3, Bagen; 2, 4, Lappin. EVEN MKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, Gilchrist; 2, 3, 4, Hutchison. BUFF: 1, Lappin; 2, Hutchison; 3, Bagen. GREEN, ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, Hutchison; 3, Lappin. MULE OR HY.: 1, Brownlie; 2, Patrick. OLD BIRDS, CL., ETC., NOR. CL., ETC., CK.: 1, 2, McNair; 3, Bagen; 4, M. Melville. HEN: 1, McNair; 2, W. Melville; 3, Patrick; 4, Hamilton. VAR., CK.: 1, 2, 4, Hamilton; 3, Livingstone. HEN: 1, 2, Livingstone; 3, 4, King. CL., ETC., YELL. BORD.: 1, 3, Lappin; 2, 4, Hutchison. BUFF: 1, Lappin; 2, Bagen. VAR., YELL.: 1, Lappin; 2, Hutchison. BUFF: 1, 3, Lappin; 2, Hutchison. GREEN, ETC.: 1, 4, Lappin; 2, Hutchison; 3, Brownlie. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Livingstone; 3, 4, Bagen. BELG., ETC.: 1, 2, Hamilton. MULE OR HYB.: 1, spl., Livingstone. BRIT. GOLDIE, ETC.: 1, 2, Brownlie. LINNET: 1, 2, Brownlie. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, spl., 2, Brownlie; 3, 4, Patrick. A.O.S. SMALL BRIT: 1, 2, Brownlie. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Brownlie.

LANCASTER (Primrose).

Lancaster Primrose C.B.A. fifth annual exhibition held in the Central Hall, Gt. John Street, on December 1st and 2nd. The room is large, and free from draughts; and it is well lighted. Mr. J. Johnson, the popular secretary, had the birds staged in good time, and the exhibits were well attended to during the show. In the Nor. and Yorks. section competition was very keen. The Borders, too, were a fine lot, if we bar the yellow class. Mr. W. Mundell (Bradford) judged Canaries, Selling, and Mules, and Mr. Mulliner (Lancaster) the Brit.

The Critique.

CL., ETC., YELL. NOR. CK. (8): 1, 2, Howe, 1st eye and tail mkd., rare size, good head and neck, rich col., tight feather, very cobby, 2nd cl., rich col., full of quality, good head, full neck, clean on breast, grand wings; 3, 4, Bixter, 3rd pale col., boxy feather, neat head, good wings and tail, 4th variegated, rich col., full of quality, very cobby; vhc, Wilkinson; hc, Dent; c, Miss A. Scott. BUFF (7): 1, Davis, blaze of col., full of quality, grand wings, good head and neck; 2, vhc, Howe, 2nd good head and neck, rich col., full of quality; 3, hc, Procter, good head, rich col., a wee bit loose on thigh; 4, Miss A. Scott, variegated, nice col., neat head, droop tail; c, Johnson. HEN (11): 1, Davis, yell., grand head, neck, and breast, rich col., full of quality, short and cobby, rare type; 2, Howe, unevenly mkd. buff, grand type, rich col., full of quality; 3, Lawson, unevenly mkd. yell., blaze of col., lovely quality, nice wing carriage; 4, c, Cunliffe, 4th buff, boxy feather, rich col., good head; vhc, Proctor; hc, Miss A. Scott. UNFLIG. YELL. (10): 1, Bixter, rare size, rich col., grand head and neck, very clean on breast, full of quality; 2, Nelson, nice quality, good head, a wee shade long; 3, Davis, rich col., lovely quality, nice head, eye and wing mkd.; 4, Howe, blaze of col., good head, fine quality, very neat wings; vhc, Brooks; hc, Parkinson; c, Dickinson. BUFF (8): 1, 4, Howe, 1st a gem, wing tkd., good head, clean on breast, full neck, boxy feather, 4th neck tkd., rich col. and quality; 2, Bixter, eyes and wing, rich col., teeming with quality; 3, Howarth and Wilson, wing tkd., rich col., full of quality, grand wings, good head, very cobby; vhc, Dent; hc, Miss A. Scott; c, Walker. A grand class, the first four birds will be heard of again. UNFLIG. (14): 1, 1, Dent, buff, rich col., boxy feather, grand type; 2, 3, Lawson, 2nd tkd. yell., nice col., boxy feather, grand wing carriage, 3rd buff, good head and chest, rich col., nice feather; 4, vhc, Howe, buff tkd., rare size, lovely type; hc, Brooks; c, Nelson. YORKS. YELL. (12): 1, 2, Binns, 1st cap and wing mkd., well in leg, position A1, neat head, wings well placed, piped tail, 2nd cl., boxy feather, nice type, rich col., well braced wings; 3, Taylor, unevenly mkd., full of quality, down when we saw it; 4, c, Towers, long bird, well on legs, good wing and tail, little open on breast; vhc, Howarth and Wilson; hc, Barlow. BUFF (13): 1, Binns, long, rakish bird, full of quality, nice even col., neat head, well placed wings, pipe tail, wins; 2, Taylor, cap, eyes and wings, nice type, and quality, even col., well placed wings; 3, Stewart, boxy feather, good head, nice wings and tail; 4, vhc, Towers, 4th very wild, tkd. on head, long flights and tail, well up on leg; hc, Brooks; c, Spencer. BORD. CL., ETC., YELL. (7): 1, Bailey, wing tkd., not quite steady, good one; 2, Ayre, nice feather, neat head; 3, Harrison, feather, good wing and tail; 4, Hudson, neat head, full of quality; vhc, Paterson, neat head nice wing; hc, Rea; c, Pearson. HEN (8): 1, Green, neat head, nice type, full of quality, good wing carriage; 2, vhc, Paterson, very stylish, teeming with quality, neat head, grand wing carriage; 3, Brown, good head, well placed wings, full of quality; 4, Gillrade, nice style, full of quality; hc, Ayre; c, Nelson. BUFF CL., ETC. (12): 1, Smith Bros., tkd. on head, feathered like glass, grand wing carriage, neat head, clean on breast, lovely type; 2, Bayley, neat, full of go, grand wings and head, lovely quality; 3, Patterson, a beauty, grand wings, lovely quality, very showy; 4, Hudson, boxy feather, good head, neat wings; vhc, Pearson; hc, Harrison; c, Lloyd. HEN (15): 1, Paterson, very smart, typical, full of go, grand quality; 2, Moore and Sons, lovely type, good head, very neat and clean made; 3, Smith Bros., boxy feather, neat head, very stylish; 4, Morgan, typical and full of quality, well braced wings; vhc, Bayley; hc, Brown; c, Docherty. UNEVEN, ETC. (15): 1, Ellwood, buff, eye and wings, lovely type, boxy feather, grand wings and tail, plenty of go; 2, c, Thompson, uneven yell., full of quality, grand wings, very smart action; 3, Davies, uneven buff, boxy feather rare type, and go, grand wings; 4, Ayre, yell., uneven, neat head, stylish, full of quality; vhc, hc, Docherty. EVEN MKD. (5): 1, sp best Border, Patterson, buff, lovely markings, grand type, boxy feather, a gem; 2, Docherty, even mkd., lovely quality, very stylish; 3, Harrison, nice quality, plenty of go, very typical; 4, Nelson, very jaunty, full of quality, nicely mkd.; vhc, Brunskill. GREEN OR CINN. (7): 1, 2, Johnson, 1st yell. green, A1 quality, very typical, neat head, nicely pencilled, very rich col., 2nd yell. cinn., deep col., very stylish, full of quality, nicely pencilled; 3, 4, Green, 3rd yell. green, rich col., neat head, boxy feather, true to type, 4th buff green, lovely quality feather, very stylish; vhc, Montgomery; hc, Ayre; c, Cubby. NOVICE YELL. A.V. (9): 1, 3, Sewell; 2, Johnson; 4, Jackson; vhc, hc, Mulliner; c, no name. BUFF (8): 1, c, Pitchard; 2, 4, Mulliner; 3, Jackson; vhc, Hornby and Cooper; hc, Johnson. NOVICE NOR. (8): 1, Wesley McFarlane; 2, hc, Johnson; 3, vhc, Walker; c, Shaw; 4, Miss A. Scott. NOVICE YORKS. (8): 1, 2, Ralphs; 3, Dowson; 4, c, Shaw; hc, Johnson; vhc, Mullinger. A.V. CAN. (6): 1, 2, 3, Guy, 1st wins Hyde's spl., dark crest, clear body, good droop and centre, plenty of body feather; 2nd, variegated. Crest, nice droop and centre, fine feather; 3rd, variegated. Crest; 4, Howe, Green Nor., rare size, full of quality, grand colour. MULE: 1, Tams and Son, cheek grizzled, clear body and head, Greenie-Can., a gem, wins; 2, Brunskill, yell Greenie-Can., rare size, lovely condition; 3, 4, Johnson, Siskin-Can., rich col. and markings; 4th, Linnet-Can., rare size, rich col., grand condition. GOLDIE, ETC. (14): 1, Davis, Goldie, grand blaze, bars and buttons, lovely condition; 2, Brunskill, Bullie, good cap, bars, rich sound col., fine condition and size; 3, Walsh, Goldie, nice blaze, condition, bars and buttons; 4, Foster, nice Bullie, in fine condition; vhc, Tams and Son; hc, Alexandra; c, Riley. GREENIE (8): 1, Walsh, a bouncer, good head and breast, grand wing, rich col.; 2, Brade, lovely bird, grand type, good head and neck, rich col. yell., a true Greenie; 3, Johnson, nice type, rich coloured buff; 4, Tams and Son, good head and breast, nice type, colour; vhc, hc, Wilson and Godfrey; c, Morgan. LINNET (14): 1, Wilson and Godfrey, good size, rich col., nicely pencilled; 2, Davis, nice type, pencilled, sound col.; 3, c, Brade, 3rd nice type and markings, just a little open on breast; 4, Tams and Sons, nut-brown, typical, nicely pencilled; vhc, Jones; hc, Walsh; c, Jones. HARDBILL (6): 1, Jones, Hawfinch, good head, rich col., nice bib, lovely condition, rare size; 2, Johnson, Yellowhammer, rich colour, nicely marked, very steady; 3, hc, Wilson and Godfrey, grand Bramble; 4, Johnson, lovely Meadow Bunting; vhc, Walsh.

BETHESDA.

First annual show held in the United Club Room on Dec. 2nd. Rain came down in torrents early in the afternoon and kept on without a stop till hall was cleared; still the show was well attended by the quarry men. Serjeant Evans, the treasurer, is a good organiser in his new district. Mr. O. Thomas (secretary) was very courteous and obliging. Chairman of Committee, Dr. Lumley Roberts; Vice-Chairman, Dr. Bradley Hughes; the committee is a good one, the names being too numerous to mention. Mr. D. Roberts (Carnarvon), a capable hand, was well at work early in the day with the stewards. The show was carried on very well indeed. The room was a good size, but the light was not very pleasing, the birds having to be carried to the light in a good many instances. Entries numbered 250 in the 24 classes. Yorkshires were a record entry, quality very good. Nor. were not so well represented as we expected, but they were a level lot for size and quality. Mules were good in number and quality. Goldies, as usual, were a treat in themselves. We were pleased to see a class of Rollers added and a good class they were. Britisb showed a great improvement in condition. Specials were won by Serjeant Evans and Messrs. W. Jones, D. G. Jones, G. Jones, E. J. Jones, A. W. Huxley, R. Angel, Pike, Edwards, D. Roberts, J. Parry, Evans and Roberts, Lovell, J. W. Pritchard, R. E. Griffiths, Williams, and T. Owen. Mr. Battye (Huddersfield) made the awards.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL. CL., ETC. (7): 1, hc, E. J. Jones, 1st grand yell., immense size, fine shaped head, short flights and tail, rich col.; 2, 3, sp, vhc, G. Jones, rump mkd. yell., good type, very full chest, grand head and eye, 3rd cl. yell., nice size and col., very typical; res, W. H. Williams, BUFF (6): 1, sp, G. Jones, bonny shape, lovely head and chest, rich under-colour, nicely frosted; 2, W. H. Williams, another cl., close up, chubby flights and tail; 3, E. E. Griffiths, grand quality, splendidly frosted, right sort of feather; vhc, hc, W. Aitken. NOR., A.O.V. (6): 1, Sweeney, good saddle mark, lovely col., right sort of feather, very fine bird; 2, 3, vhc, spl, E. J. Jones, grand trio varieg. Plainheads, good quality, fine head and neck, wonderful col., letter trifle lighter. YELL. CL., ETC. (25): 1, spl, Huxley, cl. yell., rattling fine quality and col, slim, beautiful wings and tail; 2, Owens Bros., another cl., good length and style, lovely back and wing carriage; 3, O. Jones, yell., well known, great length, good shape; r, W. Molan; vhc, T. Owen; c, Pike. BUFF (21): 1, spl, D. G. Jones, buff, great length, grand shape and position, fine col. and quality; 2, Nolan, fine shape and position, very leggy for a buff, extra nice quality, shows well; 3, Owens Bros., grand shape and position, well balanced, nicely moulded; r, J. Jones; vhc, Gallichan; c, W. Davies. YORKS, A.O.V. (11): 1, spl, R. Angel, wing and neck mkd., nice lengthy and straight bird, grand quality, neat wings; 2, W. Davies, lengthy varieg., nice type, plenty of leg, smart feather; 3, Malan, neck mkd. buff, grand length, plenty of side; res, P. C. Williams; vhc, R. E. Griffiths; c, W. S. Williams. HEN (16): 1, spl, Pike, cl. yell., nice shape, extra good position, very lengthy, rich col., in very high condition; 2, P. C. Williams, cinn. varieg., good length and style, nice quality, close feathered; 3, Alcock, buff, neat and typical, nice shape, good quality; res, J. O. Williams; vhc, R. W. Roberts; c, T. Owen. MOUNTAIN ROLLER (11): 1, J. Jones, good varieg., nice type and feather; 2, vhc, sp, J. Edwards, neat buff, nicely shaped; 3, res, W. Roberts, good cl.; hc, M. Jones; c, J. W. Pritchard. BORD FCY. (10): 1, 2, 3, spl, D. Roberts, grand trio, well-known, in the order named, cl. yell., cl. buff, and four-pointed yell., all good col. and feather, very little to choose; res, R. H. Jones; vhc, E. J. Jones; hc, A. J. Hughes; c, R. E. Griffiths. LIGHT MULE OR HYB.: 1, sp, J. Parry, Greenfinch-Goldfinch, good size and colour, showing parentage well, old winner, in the pink of condition; 2, D. G. Jones, wing and eye mkd. Goldie-Can., full of quality, grand feather, pressed winner hard; 3, R. Jackson, wing and head mark, same cross, nice type, good size, in grand plumage, close up; res, J. W. Pritchard; vhc, O. Davies; hc, W. S. Williams; c, R. E. Griffiths. DARK (14): 1, spl, spl. best in show, D. G. Jones, grand Jonque Goldie-Can., good type, rich col., A1 feather, in excellent condition; 2, W. J. Parry, same cross, well known, full of col and quality; 3, R. Jackson, Jonque Linnet Mule, a beauty, nice shape, style and quality; res, R. Angel; vhc, c, W. R. Roberts; hc, J. Hughes. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (18): 1, sp, Messrs. Evans and Roberts, typical Finch, rare size and shape, good col., tans and buttons, won comfortably; 2, Owens Bros., another good stamp, fine body col., nice tan, rich coloured blaze; 3, W. H. Williams, good col. and feather, beaten in blaze only; res, O. Jones; vhc, H. C. Griffiths; hc, O. Davies. GREYPATES (13): 1, spl, Lovell, grand youngster, good broad head, rich col., blaze very distinct all over; 2, Jackson, nice shaped body, good ground col., nice tan and markings, very fine blaze; 3, W. R. Roberts, rich col., good markings; res, R. E. Griffiths; vhc, Evans and Roberts; hc, Donaldson. LINNET, ETC. (12): 1, spl, Pritchard, well pencilled Linnet, good size and colour, in superb form; 2, W. H. Williams, Manchester and Liverpool winning Bullie, well known, in grand form; 3, E. Jones, good Bullie hen, dense black cap; res, hc, Nolan; vhc, Huxley; c, D. Jones. BRIT. A.O.S. (9): 1, spl, res, R. E. Griffiths, good Nuthatch, in fine condition, grand sheen, much improved since Bontnewyd show; 2, Aitken, good yell. Greenie, massive broad head, fine type and substance; 3, Donaldson, neat Siskin, well-known; vhc, A. J. Hughes; hc, O. Jones. FOR.: 1, spl, Williams, good African Grey Parrot, well shown; 2, E. Hughes, Amazon Parrot, fine size and col.; 3, Roberts, good Java Sparrow, tight as a bottle. YORKS, A.V., 1911: 1, spl, C. T. Owen, good yell., nice length, fine type and position, rare quality; 2, Nolan, already noted in open; 3 (also in open) Pike; res, James Jones; vhc, O. Jones. GIFT: 1, 3 spl, A. J. Hughes; 2, D. Roberts. LOCAL YORKS: 1, sp, 2, 3, vhc, Sergt. Evans, buff, already noted, 2nd grand yell. hen, nice length and style, close feathered, both unflighted, same team in 1911 winning. A.O.V.: 1, W. Jones, varieg. Yorks hen; res, Sergt. Evans.

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BELFAST.

Ulster O.A. 19th annual open show held in the Clarence Hall, Belfast, on Dec. 1st and 2nd. This being our first visit to the "Ould Countrie" we were greatly impressed by the general state of the Fancy. We expected to find, naturally a good lot of birds, but they were put in the shade when compared with the good fellowship that exists in the Fancy at Belfast. No jealousy is to be found here; the loser congratulates the successful, and promises him a return "good hiding" at the next show. We have seen some systems at shows, but none to compare with the business methods adopted by this show management. Birds are staged in ideal positions, and there is no crushing to get to the winners, or kinks in one's neck by having to look up all the time. The room was lighted to perfection, and the doors were well curtained to keep out our arch-enemy, the draught. The hall is kept at an even temperature, with stewards at each section. No wonder the Ulster O.A. has earned the title of the Palace Show of Ireland. Long may it retain the title. The executive provided 57 open classes. These brought together a magnificent entry of over 400 birds, this number being a few ahead of last year's. Some excellent Scotch Fancies were on view, and, as Mr. Black the judge said, they would hold their own in "the land o' Burns." Nor. were eye-openers to us, and it would do some of the English N.P.C. members good to see the type and quality here. British birds and Mules turned up in force. A hot-red Greenie Mule, shown by Mr. Alexander, was brought out by Mr. Marlin for the hottest fed in show. Mr. Metcalfe nominated Mr. Thompson's noted buff, which got the verdict in a tight finish. The challenge cup was won outright by Mr. J. Thompson, this being his third win. Mr. Faith secured Sandiford's medal, Ramsden's going to Mr. Thompson's buff. Mr. Dunwoody won the Yorks. medal, and Mr. Laughlin the novice medal. We wondered where all the specials came from, as it took the judges over a hour to allot them. We cannot single out any of the workers for special mention, as everybody seemed to know what was required of him. The secretary, Mr. R. Trimble, is the man at the wheel, and a jolly good lot of fanciers he has at his finger ends. The following gentlemen placed the awards in the various sections: Scotch Fancy, Mr. Black (Glasgow); British and Mules, Mr. Marlin (Hamilton); Yorks. and Nor., Mr. J. W. Metcalfe (Liverpool); and their placings gave entire satisfaction.

The Critique.

BELG. (7): 1, 5, McConnell, cl., bigh shoulders, fine drive, very thick through; 2, 3, 4, Ronaldson, 2 grand top, nice fall from shoulder, 3 in real good condition, very typical, nice legs, 4 good top end, reaches far down; 6, Lavery; 7, Trimble. SCOT. FA., YELL. CK., CL., ETC. (7): 1, 2, 4, Lavery, a rare team, 1 grizzle cap, beautiful circle, tail carried well under, 2 cl., neat head, again grand circle, gets well back, 4 cl., neat circle and drive; 3, Finlay, cl., legs set out well, nicely modelled throughout; 5, Cloughley; 6, Trimble; 7, Cottrell and Herbert. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Mallagh, 1 cl., extra nice top end and reach, fine substance throughout, 2 very weighty, good circle, comes well down; 3, Cloughley, grizzle cap, hard up, in faultless form, splendid reach; 4, 5, Hamilton, marked cap, lovely circle and reach; 6, 7, Trimble. YELL. PIED CK. (5): 1, Hamilton, varieg., heavy shoulders and body, tail well under; 2, Ronaldson, varieg., good top end, reaches well down, hard up; 3, Mallagh, foul, grand substance, good reach and tail, rare depth; 4, Trimble, foul, tail well under; 5, Lavery. BUFF (9): 1, Hamilton, varieg. reachy, good shoulder, moves well when handled; 2, Dunlop, senr., varieg., nice drive and circle, gets well back; 3, McCann, foul, excellent reach, comes well down; 4, 6, McConnell, 4 varieg., thicker, nice circle; 5, 7, r, Trimble. GREEN CK. (3): 1, Lavery, foul tail, grand reach, tail well under, good set back; 2, Finley, foul tail and waist, hard up. YELL. HEN CL., ETC. (6): 1, McCann, rare size and condition, rattling fine top end and reach; 2, Hamilton, foul cap, very heavy, beautiful half hoop, put down well; 3, Trimble, grizzle cap, fine feather, good reach and top, moves freely; 4, Dunlop, senr., cl., hard up, head well put across; 5, 6, McConnell. BUFF (10): 1, Hamilton, cl., superior type and feather, brings head well out, wins; 2, 5, Lavery, cl., beauty for weight, good shoulders; 3, Dunlop, senr., cl., very high in leg, throws shoulders well out; 4, Mallagh, cl. top end, grand; 6, Ronaldson; 7, Trimble. YELL. PIED (4): 1, McDonald, always hard up, correct type, grand feather; 2, Mallagh, varieg., good top, tail well carried under, reachy; 3, Trimble, foul, rare reach, grand circle, put down in grand form; 4, Lavery, mkd. head and wings. BUFF (4): 1, 2, Lavery, I varieg., grand condition, hard up, weighty, rare type, 2 varieg., not quite the condition of winner, good hoop and reach; 3, Ronaldson, well up, grand top and reach, shows plenty of leg; 4, Cloughley, foul tail, rare reach. GREEN (2): 1, 2, r, Trimble, 1 yell.-green, real good type, topping reach and circle, moves handsomely, 2 foul tail, not the type of above, very weighty, tail well carried. NOVICE CK. AND HEN: Cancelled. CRESTS CK. (6): 1, 2, Adams, 1 grand sweeping crest, very veiny feathers, wins, 2 beautiful radiation from centre; 3, Leacock, broad feather, nice droop, broken when we were taking notes; 4, Creighton, neat crest; 5, McConnell; 6, Acheson. HEN (7): 1, 3, Adams, 1 very even crest, well carried, 3 self-green, very broad feather, nicely radiated, good droop; 2, McConnell, grand sweeping crest, leafy feather; 4, 5, Creighton, very leafy feather; 6, Leacock; 7, T. Creighton. C.B. CK. (7): 1, A. Creighton, massive skull and lashing, a wealth of feather; 2, 3, Leacock, very broad feather, good entrance, 3 nice width of skull, not quite feather enough; 4, Adams, tremendous size, good one; 5, McConnell; 6, Smith; 7, T. Creighton. HEN (2): 1, Leacock, well clothed, real good hen; 2, Adams, self-green, grand body and feather. NOR., CL. YELL. (12): 1, Lavery, rattling fine size, bold head and neck, wings very short, ablaze with col.; 2, Faith, magnificent head and neck, clean cut away, only beaten in quality; 3, 4, 5, Thompson, 3 grand front, broad back and chest, shows just a bit of frill, 4 real good for type and quality, put down in fine order, 5 appears to be blind in one eye, else a topper. TKD. YELL. (6): 1, Stewart, thigh tkd., massive bird, bold head, thick neck, well balanced; 2, Gray, wing mkd., topping broad head, good chest and wing carriage; 3, Wilson, mkd. neck, very typical, neat wings and cut; 4, Lavery, grand head and front; 5, Houston. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Ramsden's and spls. galore, Thompson, absolutely the best buff we have seen for years, pity it is not on view in England, 2 another good one, out-classed by winner; 3, 4, Faith, again really topping specimens, 3 rare head and neck, both clean cut away, a toss-up which was 2, 3, or 4; 5, Teasy. BUFF (6): 1, Thompson, topper for type, good head and neck, well carried short wings and tail; 2, Lavery, rare substance, wonderfully mealed all over, shows just a bit too much tail; 3, Stewart, clean cut, bold head and neck, well frosted, all front; 4, Wilson, rare quality, bold head and neck; 5, Teasy. VARIEG. (12): 1, Thompson, buff, mkd. back of head, a stormer for head properties, very compact; 2, Faith, yell. varieg., out-and-out good one, grand head and neck, broad; 3, Teasy, buff, shows wealth of meal, grand order, close carried wings and tail; 4, 5, Houston, varieg. yell., grand substance and head properties. HEN, CL., ETC., YELL. (6): 1, 5, Thompson, takes cup for best young bird, stormer, extraordinary good head and neck, all front; 2, Faith, a whopper for size and quality, great head and neck; 3, Houston, neat hen, sweet head and neck, takes perches well; 4, Teasy, grand head, broad back and chest. BUFF (5): 1, 2, Faith, 1 a gem for type and quality, beautiful lady, excells in head and neck, 2 mealed to perfection, short wings and tail, neat waist; 3, Teasy, grand quality and style, broad head, good cheeks; 4, Wilson, a topper for feather and type, could do with a tubbing; 5, Lavery. TKD. BUFF (7): 1 Thompson, grizzle cap, massive substance, good head and neck, wins; 2, Gilmore, exquisite quality and type, grand head; 3, Stewart, in topping order, very sweet, nice substance, just a shade browy; 4, Gray, neat head and neck; 5, Faith. VARIEG. (9): 1, Stewart, yell. varieg., a charming lady, as clean cut as a cameo, excellently clothed, easy win; 2, Finlay, wing mkd. buff, topping type and quality, neat head; 3, Lavery, good lady for Nor. properties, rare head and neck; 4, 5, Thompson, grizzle mkd., buff, topping quality. YELL. CK., LIMIT, 40s.: 1, Teasy; 2, Carson; 3, Scott; 4, Gray; 5, Loughbridge. BUFF (6): 1, 4, Boyd; 2, Graham; 3, Teasy; 5, Connell. YELL. HEN, 40s. (6): 1, Grey; 2, Scott; 3, Carson; 4, Stewart; 5, Gilmore. BUFF, 40s. (4): 1, 2, Connell; 3, Gilmore; 4, Carson. NOVICE, A.V. YELL. (10): 1, 5, Patty, jnr., cl., round as an apple, moves very well, rare type; 2, Foreman, mkd. neck, shows a slight frill, otherwise good specimen; 3, Scott, rare chest and body; 4, Loughlin, again fine substance. BUFF (12): 1, Foreman a stormer for type and feather, bull neck, all in front of perch; 2, McCammon, cap mkd., rare substance, good in head properties; 3, McBride, rare lump, looked much down when we were taking notes; 4, Scott, fine texture of feather; 5, Watson. YELL. HEN (10): 1, Scott, absolute gem, short and well carried wings and tail, charming lady all through; 2, Curleton, varieg. topper for type and quality, tail well held, just a wee bit small; 3, Adamson, cl., a stunner for quality, rare head and neck, bit longer; 4, McCammon, grand head and body; 5, Laughlin. BUFF (9): 1, Dunwoody, clean, fine bull head and neck, mealed to perfection, wins; 2, Foreman, neat girl, all front, very compact in wings and tail; 3, Hart, not a big one, but most typical in class, well clothed; 4, Adamson, topping hen; 5, Montgomery. YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL. (9): 1, 5, Devins, straight as a rush, smooth as a piece of marble, well up; 2, O'Reilly, rattling fine type and quality, excells in position, full of swank, beaten only in legs; 3, Dunlop, senr., rare length of wings, full of style, superior feather; 4, Dunwoody, all legs, shows touch of Belg. BUFF (11): 1, Dunwoody, real good one, all positions, stands like a guardsman, wins; 2, Devins, another of the right stamp, legs, wings, feather beautiful; 3, Fleming, rare back, well balanced wings; 4, Mulligan, good in Yorks. properties; 5, Woods. MKD., ETC. (11): 1, Devins, yell., like an arrow, well moulded, mkd. wings, exquisite feather; 2, Mulligan, yell., just as erect in position, round as a pencil; 3, Tansey, buff, mkd. eyes and wings, lovely quality, well fitted in tail; 4, Fleming, very racy cinn. mark, grand wings and tail; 5, Dunwoody. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (10): 1, O' Reilly, a stormer, straight as a rush, glorious mantle, not a feather out of place; 2, 5, Devins, another charming wench, a bit stouter, rare legs and position; 3, Fleming, grand hen, fine top end, neat wings and tail, a claw short; 4, Tansey, well moulded shoulders. BUFF (8): 1, Devins, erect and fearless, stands on excellent pins, glorious meal all over; 2, Mulligan, better in front, neat head and neck; 3, Tansey, grand from back, rare wing carriage, leggy; 4, Dunwoody, very typical, straight as a rush; 5, Woods. MKD., ETC. (8): 1, 3, Dunwoody, 1 a gem of a cinn. mkd., close feather, pipe tail, well up, 3 cinn. mkd., plenty of leg, good back; 2, Devins, heavily varieg., topping position and style, rare back view; 4, Tansey, real good one, could do with a tubbing; 5, McNelly. NOVICE, A.V. CK.: 1, 2, 4, E. Dunwoody, rare good team, 1 cl. yell., good legs and wing carriage, 2 cl. buff, well moulded, finely frosted, stands excellent; 3, Kennedy, tk. yell., long drawn, very racy, shooty top end, well placed; 4, Dunwoody, fine style and feather; 5, T. Dunwoody; Nos. 1, 2, 3, Winkup, abs. HEN (6): 1, 4, E. Dunwoody, 1 full of style, neat head, carries excellent quality, 4 shows plenty of leg; 2, Cord, a topper for quality, nice back and tail, put down in faultless form; 3, J. Kennedy, grand position, full of swank, well moulded; 5, T. Kennedy; No. 1, Winkup, abs. A.O.V. (3): 1, McBerney, yell. cinn. Yorks., fine depth of col., nice type; 2, Finley, Bord., good quality feather, very jaunty; 3, Walker, buff Nor. cinn. LIGT. MULE OR HYB. (11): 1, Alexander, Goldie-Bullie, nice size and col., magnificent feather; 2, Stewart, varieg. light Goldie Mule, good col. for a buff; 3, Webb, small dark Goldie-Siskin Hyb., nice feather; 4, McConuell, lightly mkd. Goldfinch Mule, in good form; 5, Owens and McGhee; No. 8, best light Mule in class, lost its flights, hard lines. MULE, DARK (18) an extra good class: 1, Creigbton, big Goldie Mule, rare face and col., fed to perfection; 2, 6, Alexander, Greenfinch-Can., hot as fire, runner up for hottest in show; 3, McMulchey, nice size Linnet-Can., well laced; 4, Absolam, Siskin-Can., hardly a fault, some preferred for second; 5, Walker; 7, Lavery. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (11): 1, 2, 3, Lavery, 1 rare square cut blaze, excels in tanning, easy win, 2 fine Finch, good bars and buttons, 3 fine col. and tanning, square cut face, well staged; 4, Creigbton, splendid head, a wee bit bleared on breast, four very good Finches; 5, Wylie; 6, McBirney; 7, Black. GREY LINNET (12): 1, 4, 6, Lavery, 1 well laced, fine cone shape, good nut brown col., 4 grand work on buck, a wee bit open on breast, else a good one; 2, McCaghey, pencilling of the best, good head and neck; 3, Mulcby, very free in pencilling down to vent; 5, Owens and McGhee; 7, O'Neil GREENFINCH (7): 1, Lavery, rare jonque, massive skull, fine bars, good one; 2, Montgomery, not quite the size of winner, but better col., very bold; 3, Carlton, sage green, good head; 4, Harris, narrow head, good wings and col.; 5, Scott; 6, McAteir; 7, McConnell. BULLIE, ETC. (7): 1, Carlton, Bullie leading, good cap and bib, nice chest col.; 2, Montgomery, Chaffinch, not the biggest, but possessing fine col. and whites; 3, McAteir, Bullie hen, magnificent cap, broad back, good size; 4, Keers, Bramble, well spangled head and back; 5, Mulcahy; 6, Scott; 7, Black. SISKIN, ETC.: (8): 1, Burns, a topping Siskin, good cap, champion yellow throughout, perfect lacing; 2, Montgomery, better col., in glorious condition, fails in lasbing only; 3, Trueman, grand nat. col., shown to perfection; 4, Black, Siskin, not yet finished, will make a good one; 5, O'Neil; 6, Stewart; 7, Owens and McGhee. BUNTING (a good class of Yellow Buntings): 1, McConnell, Yellow Bunting, perfect V, good cheek markings; 2, Trueman, rare substance and condition, fine V; 3, Montgomery, Snow Bunting, nice in col., well placed; 4, Alexander, Yellow Bunting, real good one; 5, Keens; 6, Scott; 7, Black. A.O.S. (2): 1, Mulcahy, Hawfinch, easy winner, good broad head and col.; 2, Black, Robin, a bit down in condition, but looks quite at home. FOR. (3): 1, Osborne, Blue Mountain, long, magnificent plumage and general condition, an easy win; 2, Elridge, Rosella, fine col., rare size; 3, Walker, Siberian Goldie, not a big one, but good markings and col.

A VERY GOOD SHOW AT DERBY.

RECORD IN NUMBERS.

Fifty-second exhibition held Dec. 2nd and 4th. The St James' Hall, in which the exhibits were housed, is of a very spacious character, lofty and well ventilated, well lighted, and absolutely free from draughts. Upwards of 700 birds were staged, thus creating a record as regards numbers; but we are sorry to say that the society will be at least £6 down. Hard luck this, after offering so capital a schedule with 22/- per class prize money. Crests and Crestbreds were the main "back sliders"; and with the worthy president of the C.C.C. (Mr. R. Rhodes) officiating aa judge, there should have been a much better response. Norwich were the feature of the show as regards quality. The President is Mr. F. H. Rainsford, an excellent official; Chairman, Mr. W. H. Eley, who controls admirably, with Mr. J. H. Sharman as a capable understudy. The committee consists of a band of experienced and willing fanciers in Messrs. A. Dolman, T. W. Evans, G. Colledge, J. Watts, H. Bamsey, E. C. Johnson, R. Hodgkinson, J. Pegg, J. H. Drakeley, and A. Hicking. All worked with a will and deserve every praise. Mr. W. Stevens (the Treas., and Sec.) is the right man in the right place, always doing the right thing at the right time; being courteous and obliging and keeping top side of his dutiea throughout. We heard that he is retiring from the secretarial duties this year. Avoid such a thing occuring Derby; he is too useful a man to let slip. Amongst the many visitors present were Messrs. J. Hopkins (Bolton), W. Vardy (Hucknall), E. Fox (Long Eaton), H. Hathaway (Burton-on-Trent) and J. Bexson (our old and esteemed friend, in the best of spirits, and in his glory amongst them). Our attention was drawn by the secretary to a misprint in the catalogue; Class 5, Nos. 6 and 7 (S. Cook) should read bowl instead of cup. The exhibits of Mr. A. Wood arrived too late for judging, not getting delivered at the show until 4-30 p.m Saturday. Between 60 and 70 cases of exhibits did not arrive until 9 am. Saturday morning, which meant a later commencement of judging, both Messrs. J. Robson and R. Rhodes being ready for some time to make a start. Is it the railway company's fault again? Catalogues with awards printed were on sale, 45 minutes after the last slip was handed in—commendable promptness this. Mr. A. J. A. Marley won the President's spl. for most points in Brit., with J. M. Walsh a good 2nd; Sandiford's Mr. J. Pegg; Challenge Cup (members best young Nor.) Mr. T. Thompson; and Mr. G. Colledge cup for best young Yellow Crest. Stewards who acted in a praiseworthy manner were Messrs. T. Thomas, R. Barber, J. Baker, T. Thompson, G. H. Wharam, H. T. G. Bamsey, A. Hicking, F. J. Cockerham, and J. H. Drakeley, the last-mentioned seeing that the seeding and watering duties were correctly executed. Staging, three tier high, was admirably done, great credit being due to Mr. Ford for such a neat arrangement. The management throughout was superb. Judges, Messrs. R. Rhodes (Nottingham), Crests and Crest-breds, and J. Robson the remainder.

The Critique.

NOR. CHAMP. CL. ETC., YELL. (8): 1, Cook, ablaze with colour, superior quality, rare substance and shape, jaunty carriage, a topper; 2, Raynes, even more size, grandly clothed, fine head, not quite so rich in col.; 3, Dallman and Son., short thick set, A1 col., lovely feather, amart; 4, hc, Vardy, full of col., good shape and quality, just a little faulty in one wing or would have been higher up; vhc, Lingard; c, Watts. BUFF (8): 1, Raynes, a model for shape, ablaze with colour, tight as a Java, well up in size, very fascinating; 2, 4, Vardy, smartly moulded, wonderful col., and quality, good substance and carriage, close on heels of winner, 4 grand shape and size, capital feather, moves nicely; 3, Davies, red-hot, richly frosted, true type, well-known winner, beaten to-day in depth of front; vhc, Dr. T. C. Mc Conaghey; hc, Watts; c, J. and J. Hopkins. TKD. YELL (5): 1, Davies, with his noted var., looking capable of competing for a fortune; 2, Hathaway, almost green, pied tail, rattling fine shape and quality, rich bronze col., clean cut away; 3, Wright, lightly var., cobby and superior quality, grand col., lovely carriage, not quite so massive; 4, Lingard, mkd., wing and head, red-hot, shapely, excellent feather; vhc, Miss E. M. Flemons. BUFF (8): 1, 2, Vardy, with a topping brace, former his well-known mkd., wing and head, Nottingham etc., winner, often described, 2 mkd., eyes, good col., well up in substance, shapely, hardly so compact in feather as his stable companion; 3, Hathaway, mkd., wing and head, teeming with quality, ablaze with col., carriage, well worth its place; 4, J. and J. Hopkins, mkd., wings and head, short and thick set, lovely feather; vhc, hc, Anderton; c, Watts. YELL. HEN (8): 1, hc, Cook, once again doing the trick with his well-known Cl., of wonderful size, true shape, feathered like glass, lovely carriage; 2, Wright, richer in colour, good size, nice head and neck, bold front, not far away; 3, Lingard, well clothed, superb col., size and carriage, very sweet; 4, Allen, cl., fine substance and shape, not a feather misplaced; vhc, c, Entwistle. BUFF (11) Rare class: 1, Wrigley, CL, marvellous quality and col., fine shape and size, smooth as glass, beautiful carriage; 2, Dr. McConaghey, mkd., eyes and root of tail, delightful feather and col., richly frosted, shapely; 3, Dallman and Sons, mkd., wings and eyes, good size and shape, finely frosted, clean under; 4, Vardy, mkd., wings and eyes, smooth as wax, teeming with colour, perfect shape; vhc, Fox and Bird; hc, Barraclough; c, Allen. UNFLIG. YELL. (6): 1, Aitchinson, Cl., ablaze with col., marvellous quality, shapely, rare carriage, very promising; 2, vhc, Davies, a grand brace, 2 his well-known winner, more substance, better in head and neck, broader and deeper in chest than winner, equal in col., and quality, many preferred; 3, Raynea, mkd., wing, grand shape and qnality and colour, moves gracefully; 4, Lingard, cl., feathered to perfection, nice type and size; hc, Barraclough. BUFF (9): 1, 2, Wrigley, former mkd., wing and eye, wonderful shape and size, brimful of colour, A1 quality and frosting, 2 red-hot Cl., shapely, neat carriage, well clothed, not quite so large; 3, Davies, Liverpool etc., winning cl., true shape, tight as a bottle, slashing fine quality colour and mealing, beaten to-day in substance; 4, Aitchinson, shapely var., capital col., and feather, rich frosting; vhc, Elliott; hc, Vardy; c, Raynes. UNFLIG. HEN (11): 1, Wrigley, cl., yell., clinking fine shape, A1 quality and col., well up in substance, jaunty carriage, should turn out a teaser; 2, Vardy, cl., yell., richer in col., superior quality, not quite so thick set, should develop a lot; 3, hc, Barraclough, cl., yell., smaller, but of good shape and quality, nice tone of col.; 4, Ames, buff var., nicely clothed, very shapely, sweet; vhc, Lingard; c, Aitchinson. NAT. COL. CK. (13): 1, Aitchinson, cl., yell., massive in build, model for shape, delightful feather, grand carriage; 2, Davies, buff, lightly var., good quality and colour, grand shape, nice size; 3, c, Wilcox and Son, cl., buff, cobby, A1 quality, nice carriage, clean cut away; 4, Vardy, shapely cl., buff, tight as a Java, bonny; vhc, Anderton; hc, Fox and Bird. HEN (11): 1, Cook, var., yell., true type, well up in size, feathered like glass, free in action, very charming; 2, 4, Hathaway, yell, mkd., wings and head, Burton winner looking a picture, close on heels of winner, 4 buff var., tight as wax, shapely, good col., and carriage; 3, Fox and Bird, yell., mkd., wing, good type, grandly clothed; vhc, Vardy; hc, c, Barker. AMAT. YELL. NOR. (18) a good class: 1, Childs, mkd., back and eye, hot col., capital feather, good shape and size, not a feather out of place, a beauty; 2, Aspinall, red-hot cl., close in feather, shapely, nice substance; 3, Fildes, cl., grand shape and quality, good substance and carriage; 4, vhc, Way, cl., capital colour and quality, nice size; hc, Rayner; c, Boaler. BUFF (21) Fine class: 1, Aspinall, very shapely var., lovely col., and quality, rare substance, richly mealed; 2, Fildes, cl., tight as a Java, well up in substance, full of colour and quality; 3, Grey, red-hot cl., of good size, A1 quality; 4, Barton, cobby cl., beautiful feather, moves nicely; vhc, Dodd; hc, Boaler; c, Way. UNFLIG. (22) A rare lot: 1, Emery, cl., buff, ablaze in col., teeming with quality, rare shape and size, good enough for open competition; 2, Butler and Barlow, cl., clinking fine shape, good size and quality; 3, Whittaker, cl., slashing fine col., and quality, beautiful shape, good carriage; 4, Fildes, yell, mkd., wing, capital feather and colour, good substance, longer in flights and tail; vhc, Caunt and Keeling; hc, Dodd; c, Faux. YELL. HEN (11): 1, Grey, cl., grand quality and col., capital head and neck and chest, clean cut away; 2, c, Aspinall, cl., grandly feathered, sweetly moulded, good size; 3, Whittaker, mkd., root of tail, cobby and of rattling quality and colour, not quite so good in type; 4, Butler and Barlow, mkd., wings and eyes, clinking fine feather, rare col., and shape; vhc, Faux; hc, Caunt and Keeling. BUFF (16): 1, 2, 3, Whittaker, trio of charming "suffragettes," cl., good shape feather and col., nice size and carriage, 2 cl., neatly moulded, well clothed, full of col., very close up, 3 mkd., wing, good size and quality and col., we liked; 4, Fildes, mkd., wing, rare substance and colour, good shape; vhc, Aspinall; hc, Collis; c, Boaler. CREST. BUFF (5): 1, Evins Bros., almost green pied tail D.C, heaps of grand quality feather, well up in substance, crest large and thickly packed, beautiful radiation and droop; 2, Tyson, mkd., wings D.C, fine substance and quality, crest of heavy frontal, not quite so neat at back, good droop and centre, 3, Colledge, mkd., wings D.C, abundance of rich feather, good size, crest of neat formation; 4, Mellor, var., D.C, wealth of quality feather, good size; vhc, Stevens. HEN (5): 1, Evins Bros., buff var., D.C, magnificent quality, wonderful substance, crest massive and thickly packed, delightful radiation, lovely droop and centre; 2, Colledge, buff var., D.C, heaps of feather, well up in size, crest leafy and of good shape; 3, Barker, buff, almost green D.C, pied tail, crest round as a rim, capital droop, neatly placed centre; 4, Broadhead, mkd., back, grey C, wonderful substance, heaps of feather, close up; vhc, Eley. BUFF C.B. CK. (8): 1, Barker, var., wealth of lovely feather, very massive in build, great width and rise of skull, heaps of head covering with fine turn over; 2, Eley, cl., A1 quality, shapely, with a nice width of skull, finely browed; 3, Evins Bros., almost green pied tail, capital feather, nice size, neat skull properties; 4, Tyson, almost green pied tail, wealth of rich quality feather, good shaped body; vhc, Gilbert; c, Shaw and Booth. HEN (6): 1, 2, Tyson, brace of magnificent damsels, winner almost green, pied wings and tail, wonderful substance, heaps of feather, massive skull of great width and rise; 2nd, almost green, pied tail, another of the very first water; 3, Colledge, var., plenty of feather, rare size, shapely, good enough to win at most shows; 4, Evins Bros., mkd. wings and head, wealth of feather, rattling fine substance; vhc, Stevens; hc, Eley. YELL. CREST (4): 1, Evins Bros., mkd. wings and tail D.C., rich quality, well up in substance, crest large and of grand radiation; 2, Colledge, mkd. wings D.C., rattling fine size, lovely feather, crest as round as a crown, thickly packed, fine droop and centre; 3, Foley, var. D.C., A1 quality, shapely, neatly formed crest of good droop, centre rightly placed; 4, Thompson, cl. body grizzled C., abundance of feather, fine shape. C.B. (4): 1, Gilbert, var., heaps of superior feather, wonderful size for a yell., grand cushion-shaped skull of fine width and rise; 2, Colledge, var., plenty of clothing, shapely, good size, neat skull and lash, not quite so massive; 3, Evins Bros., mkd. back and head, a wealth of feather, wonderful substance, grand skull; 4, Eley, almost green, pied tail, lovely quality, well up in size. BUFF, 1911 (5): 1, Evins Bros., cl. body D.C., rattling shape, lovely quality, crest leafy and of magnificent radiation, thick, grand droop and centre; 2, Colledge, var. D.C., heaps of feather, rare size, crest large and round as a hoop, beautiful droop; 3, Hammett, heavily var. D.C., well up in size, A1 quality, plenty of feather, crest of immense substance; 4, Eley, buff var. D.C., capital quality, nice shape, crest not large certainly, but of good droop and centre; vhc, Woolley. C.B. (5): 1, Colledge, mkd. wings and head, massive in build, heaps of topping feather, wonderful skull of great width and rise, lashed finely; 2, Evins Bros., almost green, abundance of feather, rattling fine size, grand cushioned skull; 3, Shaw and Booth, almost green, pied tail, fine substance and shape, lovely quality, rare head and brow; 4, Hammett, mkd. wings and head, plenty of feather; vhc, Eley. NOVICE. CREST (8): 1, 3, White, 1st, buff mkd. wing D.C., wonderful substance, crest nice shape and droop, neat centre; 3rd, buff mkd. wings D.C., shapely and of superior quality, crest of fine radiation; 2, Barber, buff mkd. wings D.C., heaps of feather, crest leafy, pretty as a picture; 4, hc, Wharam, buff mkd. wings D.C., rare size, plenty of feather; vhc, Dr. Twigg; c, Broadhead. C.B. (11): 1, vhc, White, cl. yell., wealth of rich feather, very massive, grand width and rise of skull, lashed to perfection; 2, Broadhead, var. buff, shapely and of capital quality, grand body, nice head character; 3, Dr. Twigg, buff mkd. back and head, good shape and feather, not quite so bold in skull; 4, Stevens, buff var., A1 quality, good size and shape; hc, Wharam; No. 5, Broadhead, very fine specimen, passed as blind. YORKS. YELL. (5): 1, Towers, cl., straight as a gun barrel, lovely quality and col., fine filled back, magnificent wing carriage, pied tail; 2, Taylor, marked head, wonderful length, slim and upstanding, well clothed; 3, Andrews, cl., shooty and as straight as a rush, tight as a Java, well on leg; 4, Morrison, very lengthy and of capital stand, beautiful feather and colour; vhc, Williams; BUFF (5): 1, Andrews, cl., marvellous length, slim and upstanding, A1 quality colour and frosting, fine back and wing carriage; 2, Morrison, cl., grand position and length, rich quality and colour, well on leg, beaten a trifle in style; 3, Williams, cl., true type, smooth as a bottle, full of action; 4, Whittaker, mkd. wing, shooty and of lovely feather; vhc, Barlow. MKD. (10): 1, 2, Dykes, 1st, yell., mkd wings and head, not a feather misplaced, rare position and length, shows to perfection; 2nd, buff, mkd. wings and eyes, very lengthy, perfect position, superb quality and col.; 3, Williams, yell., mkd. wings and eyes, slim and upstanding, good col. and length; 4, vhc, Towers, buff, Cinn. mkd. wings and head, tight as a Java, straight as a pencil; hc, Raybould; c, Sheppard. YELL. HEN (9): 1, c, Dykes, gem of a cl., racy, fine length and position, smooth as glass, lovely back and wing carriage, clever legs; 2, Towers, thigh tick, lengthy and of magnificent quality and colour, straight up, full of swagger; 3, 4, Taylor, mkd. wings and head, stands perfectly, well clothed, clever legs; 4, mkd. head, rare length; A1 quality and col., good position; vhc, Williams; hc, Barlow. BUFF (7): 1, Williams, mkd. wings and eyes, feathered to perfection, richly fed, straight as a rush, rare length, perfect back and wing carriage; 2, vhc, Morrison, mkd. wing, tight as a bottle, erect and of capital quality and colour, well on leg; 3, Towers, cl., good in col. and quality, nice stand, worth her place; 4, Raybould, mkd. head, very lengthy, straight as a guardsman; hc, Taylor; c, Elkins. UNFLIG (9): 1, Dykes, yell., thigh tick, ablaze with colour, rare feather, marvellous length, straight as a gun barrel; 2, Barlow, buff, mkd. eye, tight as wax, shows like polished marble, stands nicely, good length, very promising; 3, Towers, yell. mkd. wing, all there for position, length and colour; 4, Andrews, cl. yell., good position and feather, lengthy and leggy; vhc, Whittaker; hc, Williams; c, Taylor. YELL. NOVICE (15): 1, 3, 4, hc, Lane, with a sweet quartette, former mkd. wing, head and tail, rich feather and colour, good position and length, pipe tail, well on leg; 3rd, mkd. wing, good position, well clothed, neat wing carriage; 4th, mkd. neck, straight up, rare length, rather broad in root of tail; 2, Stevenson, very lengthy cl., red hot, straight as a gun barrel, finely filled back, neat wings and tail; vhc, Atkinson; c, Hearnshaw. BUFF (10): 1, Craven, mkd. wing and eyes, capital col. and quality, richly mealed, A1 position, good length, full of nerve; 2, c, Lane, cl., wonderful length, stands like a guardsman, beautiful back, sides and wings, clever legs; 3, Atkinson, mkd. neck, superb quality and colour, stands well, nice head expression, neat body; 4, Gibbins, very stylish cl., good length and quality; vhc, Weekes Bros.; hc, Stevenson. HEN (14): 1, 4, Craven, brace of bonny damsels, 1st, yell., thigh tick, beautiful feather and col., erect, capital style, very choice; 4th, buff, mkd. wing and head, grand quality and col., in the pink of condition; 2, Weekes Bros., buff, mkd. eye, clothed to perfection, fine position and length, lovely head expression, grand back and wing carriage; 3, Bryant, buff, cinn. mkd. wings and head, very lengthy, tight as a drum, A1 quality; vhc, c, Lane; hc, Gibbins. UNFLIG. (16): 1, 2, c, Lane, a neat trio, yell., mkd. wing and eye, lovely quality and colour, true position, grand back flights and tail, well on leg; 2nd, yell., mkd. neck, lengthy and leggy, superb quality, stands fine, showing thighs well; 3, Day, yell., mkd. neck, well feathered, nice tone of colour, good length of side; 4, Atkinson, buff, thigh tick, stands well up, A1 quality, well on leg; vhc, Lomas; hc, Craven. GREENS, YORKS, SELF YELL. (14): 1, c, Rowlands, rare length and position, tight as a drum, good stand col., neat and narrow, well on leg; 2, Atherton, stands well, capital quality and colour, lengthy and leggy, very close up; 3, vhc, McNulty, rich quality, nice position and length, fine back and wing carriage; 4, Benson, capital feather and colour, stands nicely, nice back flights and tail; hc, McDermott. BUFF (11): 1, Mc Nulty, feathered to perfection, magnificent tone of col., rare length, straight as a pencil; 2, 4, Rowlands, full of quality and colour, rattling position and length, well on leg, must have pressed; 4th, lengthy, good colour and quality, stands nicely; 3, McDermott, straight up, capital feather and col., very lengthy, clever legs; vhc, hc, Atherton; c, Davie. FOUL YELL. (8): 1, hc, Rowlands, foul tail, smooth as wax, rich colour, grand position and length, rare back and wing carriage; 2, 3, Nimmo, foul tail, superior feather and col., nice stand and length; not quite so stylish; 3rd, foul wing and tail, good in feather and colour, nice back, neat wing carriage, not far behind; 4, Helliwell, foul tail, A1 col. and quality, full of nerve; vhc, Hickson; c, McDermott. BUFF (11): 1, McNulty, foul tail, wonderful length, rattling tone of colour, A1 quality, grand position, clever legs; 2, hc, Atherton, foul wing, straight as a pencil, teeming with quality and colour, rare length; 3, Rowlands, foul wing, capital col. and position, lengthy and leggy, nice back and flights; 4, McDermott, foul tail, stands like a soldier, well clothed, rich in colour; vhc, Davie; c, Nimmo. NOR. SELF YELL. (7): 1, 2, Lawson, fine shape, feather and substance, lovely colour and quality, nice jaunty carriage, clean cut away; 2nd, well up in size, capital shape and col., grand specimen; 3, Walker, shapely, excellent col. feather, not quite the substance, very fine all round; 4, Harding, well up in size, shapely, capital quality and col.; vhc, Bratherton; hc, Jenkins; abs., No. 2, Harding. BUFF (9): 1, vhc, Lawson, largest in class, lovely quality and col., fine shape and carriage, not a feather misplaced; 2, 3, Walker, sweetly moulded, A1 quality and col., good substance, pressed hard for premier honours, 3 full of col., well clothed, capital shape, not quite so deep on chest; 4, Jenkins, rich quality and col., grand head, neck and chest; hc, Handley; c, Harding. FOUL YELL. (10): 1, 4, Harding, foul tail, rattling fine shape, well up in size, grand quality and col., clean sweep, 4 foul tail, tight as wax, cobby, lovely col.; 2, 3, Bloor, foul tail, sweetly moulded, teeming with quality and col., jaunty carriage, we liked, 3 foul tail, smooth as glass, grand tone of col., fine shape, very neat; vhc (and No. 6 abs.), Walker; hc, Handley; c, Lawson; No. 8, Scargill, w.c. BUFF (6): 1, Walker, foul tail, unbeatable for shape, full of col., beautifully clothed, rare substance and carriage; 2, Handley, foul tail, lovely quality and col., rattling fine shaped body, nicely cut away; 3, hc, Bratherton, foul wings, very shapely, topping col. and quality, grand carriage; 4, vhc, Harding, foul tail, rare substance and shape, superior quality and col. BORD. YELL. (7): 1, 2, McQuillam, both selfs, former delightful shape, splendid col. and feather, shone like satin, 2 another of great merit, full of true character, close up; 3, Parker, self, rich col. and quality, nice size and shape, beaten a little in action, yet charming; 4, Johnson, self, lovely col and feather, neat head and neck; vhc, Greenwell; hc, Mrs. W. Fildes; c, Naylor. BUFF (8): 1, Johnson, self, model for shape, smooth as a bottle, magnificent col., free in action; 2, 3, Graham, both selfs, lovely col. and feather, true shape, A1 carriage, very close up, 3 shapely, capital col., feathered to perfection, just beaten in style, well worth its place; 4, Walker, self, good col., rich quality, nice shape; vhc, Greenwell; hc, Mrs. W. Fildes. YELL. HEN (6): 1, Walker, very bonny shaped self, delightful col., smooth as a Java, moves grandly; 2, Johnson, self, well clothed, capital tone of col., grand body, not so neat in expression of head, yet we liked; 3, vhc, Greenwell, self, good type and col., rare feather; 4, Mrs. W. Fildes, self, superb quality and col., beautiful shaped body; hc, Naylor. BUFF (9): 1, 4, McQuillam, both selfs, former lovely shape, A1 col. and quality, moves very finely, 4 good feather and col., shapely; 2, hc, Walker, self, well clothed, clinking tone of col., grand type, must have pressed; 3, Mrs. Fildes, self, rare shape and carriage, not quite so close in feather; vhc, Johnson; c, Greenwell. A.O.V. (6): 1, 3, Dodd, brace of very bonny Lancs. coppies, winner yell., grizzled coppy, wonderful substance of body, rattling fine quality, rare length, coppy of grand formation, 3 cl. buff, mkd. back of neck, rattling fine length, great substance, neat headgear, not quite so large; 2, hc, Brown, cl. buff Border, tight as wax, grand shape, full of nerve, shows for all it is worth; 4, Tyler, large yell. cinn. of nice feather and col.; vhc, Bexson. BRIT., GOLDIE (14): 1, Hurst, Goldie, well up in size, brim full of quality, fine shape, grand, large, rich col., blaze well cut; 2, hc, Woods, his noted Bullie, looking as well as ever, often described as bordering on perfection; 3, Jeffreys, Goldie, lovely feather and col., blaze of rare size, shape and col., nice bars and buttons; 4, Walsh, Goldie, A1 quality and col., neat face of capital col.; vhc, Andrews; c, Hodgkinson. SISKIN, ETC. (16): 1, Marley, with an almost unbeatable Twite, of magnificent size, shape and col., delightfully mkd.; 2, 4, Jeffreys, Siskin and Lesser Redpoll, both of wonderful character, staged in a masterly fashion; 3, vhc, hc, Raven, magnificent Mealy Redpoll, rare size and shape, A1 quality and col.; c, Barton. LINNET (10): 1, 4, Hirst, couple of right 'uns, winner one of the best we have seen for many a day, wonderful size and shape, quality and col., 4 lovely col. and quality, grand shaped body; 2, 3, Marley, again a brace of gems, 2 full of col. and quality, fine shape, best of pencilling, 3 shapely, capital quality, well up in size, neat markings; vhc, Jeffreys; hc, Robinson. A.O.S. SEED, ETC. (6): 1, 3, Raven, magnificent Hawfinch, rare size, shape and quality, shown in faultless form, closely followed by a grand coloured Yellow Bunting of fine size and shape, with a splendidly marked head; 2, 4, Marley, Bramble and Chaffinch, both really magnificent exhibits, put down in a very praiseworthy manner; vhc, Walsh; hc, T. and R. Smith. INSECTIV. (5): 1 Walsh, very fine Yellow Wagtail, in absolute perfect condition, staged delightfully; 2, 3, No. 2 absent, Wagg, handsome Redstart leading, not a feather misplaced; 4, Durston, pretty Whitetbroat, in good form, benched neatly. A.O.S. (4): 1, Walsh, Cornish Chough, wonderful size, lovely shape and sheen, very fine beak and legs; 2, and No. 2 absent, Wagg, grand Ring Ousel, looking in the best possible trim; 3, Durston, Missel Thrush, of capital size, shape and col., nicely mooned, well shown. HYB. LIGHT (8): 1, 2, Gilbert, both buff Goldie-Cans., leader mkd. wing, superb quality and col., fine substance and shape, delightful carriage, 2 mkd. little heavier on wing, otherwise about equal to his stable companion; 3, Bond, the old warrior, cl. Goldie-Can., winner of more firsts than any other mule living, showing signs of wear; 4, Martin and Archer, buff Goldie-Can., mkd. wing and eye, rare size and shape, clinking fine quality and col.; vhc, Walsh; hc, Andrews; c, Edwards. DARK (6): 1, Shellam, yell. Goldie-Can., marvellous col. and quality, rare substance and shape, lovely face; 2, Martin and Archer (the Guardsman), yell. Goldie-Can., even larger, grand shape and quality, sweet head-p ints; 3, Howard, buff Goldie-Can., shapely and of nice size, good in quality and col., rich face, worth its place; 4, Robinson, yell. Goldie-Can., nice shape, col. and quality, shows parentage distinctly; vhc, Andrews; hc, Bamsey. A.O.V. (11): 1, Shellam, storming Can.-Bullie, wonderful substance, teeming with quality, best of shapes, ablaze with col., tight as a Java, best we have seen as yet; 2, 4, Bond, Can.-Bullie and Siskin-Can., former massive in build, good shape, nice quality, 4 mkd. head and neck, no mistaking parentage here, sweet shape, A1 col. and quality; 3, Martin and Archer, almost cl. Greenie-Can., buff "Nonpariel," mkd. slightly on neck, some thought this an easy second, and a close run for premier honours; vhc, Andrews; hc, c, T. and R. Smith; No. 10, Andrews, w.c., was shown as a cl. Greenie-Can., put back by the judge as an ordinary common Canary. HYB. (8): 1, Walsh, Greenie-Bullie, slashing fine shape and substance, rare quality and col., put down in fine trim; 2, Martin and Archer, very fine Goldie-Bullie, well up in size, rattling good shape, A1 quality, delightful face; 3, Walsh, Linnet-Bullie, capital col. and quality, neat shape, in good form; 4, vhc, Andrews, buff Greenie-Goldie, very smart throughout, rich col. and quality; hc, Bond; c, Edwards. MEMBERS' CLASSES: Quite a show in themselves; really one could have selected many quite capable of gaining high honours in strong competition. The Nor. were a very fine collection, being very numerous and of very good quality. YOUNG BIRDS: YELL. NOR. (14): 1, 2, Pegg; 3, Colledge; vhc, Bamsey; hc, Sharman; c, Baker. BUFF (19), good class: 1, Sharman; 2, Watts; 3, Pegg; vhc, Sharman; hc, Bexson; c, Hicking. VAR. YELL. (8): 1, spl., cup, Thompson, allow us to congratulate you, Mr. T.; 2, Bamsey; 3, Roberts; vhc, Pegg; hc, Dallman; c, Hodgkinson. BUFF (12): 1, Drakeley; 2, Roberts; 3, Roberts; vhc, Bamsey; hc, Sharman; c, Baker. YELL. HEN (11): 1, Pegg; 2, Baker; 3, Sharman; vhc, Thompson; hc, Drakeley; c, Bamsey. BUFF (12): 1, 2, 3 Pegg, with a fine team; vhc, Colledge; hc, Watts, c, Dallman. PAIRS (6): 1, Sharman; 2, Bamsey; 3, vhc, Pegg; hc, Hicking; c, Tongue. YELL. CREST (5): 1, Colledge; 2, 3, Barber; vhc, Thomas; hc, Wharam. BUFF (7): 1, 3, vhc., Colledge; 2, Barber; hc, Eley; c, Wharam. A.O.V. (5): 1, 2, Colledge; 3, Barber; vhc, Stevens; hc, Wharam. C.B. YELL. (1): 1, Colledge. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Colledge; 3, hc, Woolley; vhc, Eley; c, Barber. YELL. YORKS. (3): 1, 2, Pass; 3, Barber. BUFF (4): 1, Pass; 2, Cockeram; 3, Barber; vhc, Wharam. HEN (3): 1, 2, Cockeram; 3, Pass. PAIRS (1): 1, Pass. A.O.V. (4): 1, 3, Bexson (good old Joe); 2, vhc, Drakeley. MULE (8): 1, c, Thompson; 2, Barber; 3, Hodgkinson; vhc, hc, Bamsey. NOVICE, A.V. (1): 1, Tongue. NOVICE, UNFLIG. (6): 1, 2, vhc, Roberts; 3, Hicking; hc, Cockeram; c, Wharham. In this class all birds should be unflighted. The winner was an alleged old bird, and some objections were raised.

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Halifax O.S. 22nd annual open exhibition held Dec. 1 and 2, in the large room of the Saddle Hotel, Market Street, nearly 500 birds being staged in the 33 classes, this number, however, falling far short of that usually seen. Unfortunately, the society could not get their usual place for the show, i.e., the Mechanics' Hall, this being engaged as a picture-drome, and they had to revert to their old place. This, though a good room, is not as large as they require. The society hope, however, to be able to get a larger one in future. The society are happy in the possession of some hard workers, who, with Mr. J. J. Dunn, the able secretary, at their head, had everything in good order, prize money being paid out on the spot to those present. Amongst the workers we noted Mr. Ross (president), Messrs. Lee, Sutcliffe, and Armstrong (vice-pres.), Mr. F. Burdekin (assist. sec.), and Messrs. Jeffreys, Walsh, Robertshaw, Ball, J. Burdekin, Cundall, Clegg, Townsend, Sutcliffe, T. Pilling, Dewhurst, and Haigh. Messrs. Ogden Bros. secured first prize for points in the nine premier classes, Mr. J. Bailey taking second place, and Mr. Rigg third. In Classes 10 to 15, Mr. Towers took premier prize, Mr. Bailey second; in Classes 16 and 17, Mr. T. Pilling secured most points. Norwich section, Mr. J. Thomas first, Mr. Mallinson second; British, Mr. Lee premier honours. Messrs. Sutcliffe, Smith, and Grayshon won specials in the Yorks. novice section, whilst in the Nor. novice, Mr. Hudson held sway. Hyde's special, Mr. Robertshaw, Ramsden's Mr. W. Johnson; Sandiford's medals, Messrs. Broughton (Yorks.), and Thomas (Nor.). Messrs. A. Hirst (Accrington) and A. Wellings (Prescot) judged, the former taking all open Yorks. except greens, and all the Yorks. novice classes, the latter taking Nor., Brit., Sell., Greens, and Nor. Novice.

The Critique.

CL. YELL. YORKS. (12): 1, Thomas, one of the breedy type, fine position, col., nice quality; 2, 3, Shackleton, 2nd very lengthy, well drawn out behind, leggy, nice back and wings; 3rd good position, nice featber; 4, Bailey, extra long, rattling, fine flights and tail; vhc, Greaves; hc, Broughton; c, Ogden Bros. BUFF (10): 1, Armstrong, brimful of col. and quality, grand size; 2, Thornton and Bower, rattling fine shape and style, very showy, nice col., perfect in feather; 3, Stobart, fine length and shape, good back and head; 4, Ogden Bros., grand type, and style, lovely quality, rich col.; vhc, Dykes; hc, Bailey; c, Radley. TCK. YELL. (10): 1, Helliwell, tkd. neck, slim and good shape, very leggy, nice quality; 2, Dyson, marvellous col., grand type and style; 3, Bailey, grand shape and position, plenty of leg, nice quality; 4, Ogden Bros., splendid type, well up in position; vhc, Robertshaw; hc, Burdekin Bros.; c, Hall. BUFF (13): 1, Bailey, grand type, shows well, very compact in feather; 2, Rigg, tkd. head, nice shape, stands like a soldier; 3, Dyson, good shape, lovely quality, well filled at top end; 4, Morrison, nice shape, leggy, good position, fine quality; vhc, Ogden Bros.; hc, Jenkinson; c, Ross. UNFLIG. YELL. (22): 1, Dykes, slim, nice length and shape, plenty of col. and quality; 2, Allen, neat, narrow shoulders, good length, lovely quality; 3, vhc, Ogden Bros., grand shape and style, very leggy; 4, Cundall, well cut away, lovely quality, good col.; hc, Helliwell; c, Sutcliffe and Son. BUFF (19): 1, Ogden Bros., uneven mkd., grand shape, stands cleverly, rich col., feathered like glass; 2, Stebbings, mkd. again, good shape and style, rattling fine quality; 3, Sutcliffe and Son, very slim, rare shape, full of quality; 4, Cundall, nice shape, grand head and back, good col. and quality; vhc, Townsend; hc, Towers; c, Stobart. UNFLIG. HEN (10): 1, Rigg, yell., nice shape, extra well up in position, nice quality; 2, hc, Ogden Bros., buff, tkd. wing, grand shape and position; 3, Townsend, yell., tkd. head, slim and typical; 4, Peel, buff, lovely quality and col.; vhc, Hall; c, Jenkinson. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (12): 1, Robertshaw, grand length and shape, very leggy, well up, nice back; 2, Thomas, nice length, beautifully drawn, grand wings and tail; 3, Rigg, good size, nice head and back, fine position; 4, Bailey, typical, well up in position, plenty of leg; vhc, Dykes; hc, Ogden Bros.; c, Ross. BUFF (11): 1, 4, Ogden Bros., leader tkd. wing and head, grand type and style, lovely quality, 4th good shape and position; 2, Stobart, tkd. wing, neat type, lovely feather, leggy; 3, Brown and Son, tkd. head, grand shape and quality, good head and back; vhc, Thornton and Bower; hc, Ross; c, Dyson. MKD. YELL. (13): 1, Bailey, mkd. wings, eyes, and head, brimful of quality, stands like a soldier; 2, Morrison, grand, upstanding bird, rare shape, nice quality; 3, Townsend, foul mkd., slim, good shape, very stylish; 4, hc, Sutcliffe and Son, good shape, nice position; vhc, Shackleton; c, Towers. BUFF (12): 1, Stebbings, mkd. wings, eyes, and head, good shape, plenty of leg, shows well; 2, Shackleton, lovely quality and col., stands well, nice shape; 3, Towers, 4-pointed, nice shape, extra col. and feather; 4, Ogden Bros., nice length, correct shape; vhc, Dykes; hc, Priestley; c, Peel. YELL. HEN (12): 1, hc, Sutcliffe and Son, mkd. wings and cheeks, grand type, very stylish, feathered to perfection, very neat; 2, Stobart, 3-pointed, slim, grand shape, all there for quality; 4, Shackleton, 4-pointed, and head mkd., nice length and shape; vhc, Walsh; c, Priestley. BUFF (10): 1, Towers, mkd. wings and head, great length, rattling fine position and leg, grand quality and col; 3, Brown and Son, 3-pointed, slim, shows well, nice shape, good quality; 3, Priestley, lovely feather, nice position and shape; 4, c, Townsend, nice length, well drawn out behind; vhc, Ross; hc, Dykes. CINN. TKD., ETC. (10): 1, 2, Bailey, yell. and buff, grand brace, yell. a marvel for quality; 3, Ogden Bros., yell., rare col. and quality, slim, good type; 4, Priestley, yell., nice length and shape, good quality; vhc, Brown and Son; hc, Tinkler; c, Morrison. HEN (9): 1, 3, vbc, Towers, leader yell., rattling fine type and style, lovely feather, 3rd buff, good size, feathered to perfection, nice position; 2, Morrison, foul mkd., grand length, nice wedge shape, buff; 4, Allen, buff, extra nice length, grand shape; hc, Priestley; c, Thomas. YORKS. GREEN (10): 1, Clayton, yell., nice length and shape, leggy, good col. and pencilling; 2, T. Pilling, yell., nice length and shape, extra fine quality, compact; 3, vhc, J. Pilling, yell., neat, slim, upstanding bird, typical, good col.; 4, Armitage, buff, good shape, grand feather; hc, Helliwell, nice bird; c, Simpson. HEN (10): 1, vhc, T. Pilling, good lengthy yell., nice shape, rattling fine quality and col.; 2, Clayton, yell., leggy and stylish; 3, Roberts, buff, typical, lovely quality and col.; 4, c, Simpson, buff, slim, good type, grand quality; hc, Armitage. YELL. NOR. (11): 1, 2, Thomas, grand brace, little to choose between them, good shape and substance, lovely col., brimful of quality; 3, Fox, tkd. wing, good cobby build, deep chest, rare col. and quality; 4, Mallinson and Son, varieg., grand size and shape; vhc, Heap; hc, Greenwood and Pickles; c, Evans. BUFF (10): 1, c, Evans, tkd. head, extra substance, good head, nice col. and feather; 2, hc, Johnson, varieg., good shape, fine head, rare quality and col.; 3, Mallinson and Son, saddle mkd., grand size and shape; 4, Millward, good size, rattling fine col.; vhc, Thomas. UNFLIG. YELL. (10): 1, Millward, grand body, very deep chest, good head, romping fine quality and col.; 2, hc, Greenwood and Pickles, nice shape, good quality and col.; 3, Thomas, varieg., grand size and substance, good head; 4, Heap, good chest and head, nice quality and col.; vhc, Johnson; c, Ball. BUFF (9): 1, Mallinson and Son, grand shape and size, good head, lovely quality; 2, 3, Thomas, nice substance, extra good head and neck, 3rd short and cobby, extra col., nice feather; 4, Greenwood and Pickles, nice size and substance, good head, compact; vhc, Lloyd; hc, Pickering and Wright; c, Ball. YELL. HEN (7): 1, Thomas, good substance, grand deep chest, nice head, lovely quality and col.; 2, Parkes, good body, nice size, rattling fine col. and feather; 3, Wilcock, varieg., extra good shape, grand substance, loses only in col.; 4, Greenwood and Pickles, grand, compact shape, cobby; vhc, Pickering and Wright; hc, Mallinson and Son; c, Lloyd. BUFF (12): 1, Thomas, varieg., grand size and shape, very chesty, nice head, good quality; 2, hc, Heap, good deep chest, rattling fine shape, nice feather and col.; 3, Mallinson and Son, plenty of size, nice shape, good quality; 4, Pickering and Wright, extra massive, good head, nice feather; vhc, Parkes; c, Evans. BRIT. HARDBILL (14): 1, vhc, hc, Lee, Bullie, grand, upstanding bird, lovely col., steady, in rare form; 2, Blincoe, Hawfinch, good size, nice bib, rattling fine col.; 3, Macpherson, Bullie hen, grand size, well built, nice col.; 4, c, Lane, Bramble, nice size, grand col., good spangling. NOVICE CLASSES: CL., ETC., YELL. YORKS. (14): 1, Smith, nice length and shape, wonderful position, good head, rattling fine quality; 2, Grayshon, nice type, leggy, grand col. and quality; 3, Hird, good size, nice length of wings and tail, smart quality; 4, Sutcliffe, grand length and position; vhc, Long; hc, Barnes; c, Ellis. BUFF (10): 1, Webb, upstanding and good shape, leggy, nice quality; 2, Lord, good shape, nice shoulders, well cut away, grand head and back; 3, Midgley, neat type, very stylish, clean feathered; 4, Pearson, good shape, long sided, rare back and head; vhc, Smith; hc, Hirst; c, Mann. UNFLIG. YELL. (14): 1, Tinkler, slim, grand shape, very leggy, rattling fine quality; 2, Denby, splendid shape and style, good back and wings; 3, Mosley, very stylish, neat type, perfect feather; 4, Ellis, nice wedge shape, leggy; vhc, Cooper; hc, Mitchell; c, Greenwood. BUFF (18): 1, Barron, nice length and shape, very narrow, good wings and tail; 2, Ellis, grand uneven mkd., lovely quality, nice shape and position, very compact; 3, Sutcliffe, good shape, stands cleverly; 4, Taylor, nice bit of shoulder, well cut away; vhc, Hutchinson; hc, Wood; c, Moore. YELL. HEN (14): 1, Pearson, grand shape and position, rattling fine wings and tail, nice silky feather; 2, Saville, grand quality, good shape, erect position; 3, Tyas, tkd. wing, neat and stylish, shows well, lovely quality; 4, Sutcliffe, extra good type, straight, nice quality; vhc, Mosley; hc, Fielding; c, Horsman. BUFF (20): 1, Cooper, uneven mkd., slim, nice shape, round as an apple, fine position, grand feather; 2, Hird, 3-pointed, nice type and style, leggy; 3, hc, Barron, grand length and shape, good wings; 4, Hutchinson, slim made, grand back and wings; vhc, Moore; c, Ellis. CINN. TKD., ETC. (5): 1, 2, Grayshon, nice brace, leader yell., good length and shape, fine quality, 2nd buff, good position and type; 3, Fountain, yell., good shape, very long sided; 4, Saville, buff, extra nice position and type; vhc, Lewis. GREEN MKD. (13): 1, Denby, yell., 4-pointed, grand length, good shape, leggy, nice head; 2, Sutcliffe, foul yell., slim, extra nice shape, leggy; 3, Tyas, buff, grand length and shape, very leggy, good back; 4, Moore, 4-pointed yell., rare col. and quality, nice length; vhc, Tinkler; hc, Highley; c, Ellis. YORKS. GREEN (12): 1, Mann, foul yell., breedy type, slim, fine position; 2, Brearley, foul yell., good length, nice shape; 3, Smith, foul buff, good col., extra nice quality, leggy; 4, Hird, self yell., rich grass green; vhc, Moore; hc, c, Wilkinson. NOR. NOVICE (24): 1, Guffick, hot coloured varieg. yell., nice qual.; 2, Clegg, tkd. buff, grand size, nice head, good quality; 3, hc, c, Hudson, nice cobby shaped buff, smart feather; 4, Simonett, buff, good shape, extra nice quality; vhc, Moore and Stott. HEN (22): 1, Clegg, yell., good shape, thick set, nice quality and col.; 2, vhc, Hudson, varieg., buff of good substance, very chesty, cobby, nice feather; 3, Birbeck, yell., neat shape, cobby; 4, Simonett, tkd. yell., good size and shape; hc, Watson; c, Lumb.

NEW CROSS.

New Cross C.B.S. show held at the People's Hall, Deptford, November 16th. Though the show was not large, many fine birds were staged. The whole of the exhibits were shown in beautiful condition. In the Brothers Barton this society have two excellent secretaries, and they were very ably supported by the chairman, Mr. G. Hill, and a good committee. A good attendance crowned their efforts. It was thought by some present that Mr. Gunnell's winning Nor. should not have taken special for best Canary owing to its being one too short; opinions on the point, however, differed. Mr. J. Robson judged.

NOR. CHAMP.: MKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, 2 spls., Gunnell. BUFF: 1, Pope. HEN, YELL.: 1, Jordan; 2, Pope; 3, Hill. UNFLIG. BUFF: 1, Hill. YELL.: 1, Jordan; 2, Hill. NOVICE CL. YELL.: 1, Jones. BUFF: 1, Williams; 2, Newham. MKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, Williams. BUFF: 1, Hall; 2, Groombridge. UNFLIG. BUFF: 1, spl., Hall; 2, Williams; 3, Hartland. YELL.: 1, Hall; w.c., Williams (old bird). YORKS., YELL. CK.: 1, Knight; 2, Rouson; 3, Hartland; vhc, Barton. BUFF: 1, Forse; 2, Newham; 3, Barton. UNFLIG.: 1, spl., 3, Rouson; 2, Allsopp; vhc, 2 spls., Turner; hc, c, Barton. HENS: 1, spl., c, Barton; 2, Forse; 3, Rouson; vhc, spl., Allsopp; hc, Newbam. BORD: 1, spl., 2, Culham. MULE: 1, spl., 3, Pope; 2, Gunnell. UNFLIG. MULE: 1, 2, Pope; 3, Jordan. FOR.: 1, Lewcock. BRIT., LINNET, ETC. (15): 1, 2 spls., 3, Gunnell; vbc, spl., Barton; hc, spl., Jordan; c, Pope. BRAMBLE, ETC. (5): 1, 3, Gunnell; 2, Knight; vbc, Deane; hc, Barton. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (6): 1, Jordan; 2, Jones; 3, vhc, spl., hc, Gunnell. INSECTIV.: 1, spl., 2, Lewcock; 3, Groombridge.

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GRANTHAM.

A Light Mule Disqualified for Alleged Artificial Colouring.

Grantham and Dis. C.B.S. first annual open show held in the Auction Mart, Fenkin Street, on November 30th. The members are to be congratulated upon having such a good entry, considering this was their first attempt at an open show. On Nov. 26, their entries closing date, the birds entered only numbered 80, but with an extra effort in sending out a few whip-up postcards, their efforts were rewarded with the good entry of 210 exhibits. Norwich were a disappointment, only averaging just over 7 per class. Although such a small average, winner for best bird in show fell to Mr. Holmes' variegated yellow Norwich. Yorks. were well to the front, and some excellent specimens were shown. The Mule or Hybrid class had an excellent entry. The British birds were far in advance of all other sections, all the birds in the Goldfinch class (17 entries) being worthy of a card. The sensation of the show in our way of thinking was a buff Dark Crest hen, winner in the "any other variety" class, shown by Mr. E. Cowperthwaite; this grand Crest found a great many admirers. The secretarial duties were ably carried by Mr. W. E. Allen, who was heart and soul in his work, and was intent on making the show a success. He was assisted by a hard working committee and stewards, all being practical fanciers, viz., Messrs. Bond, Cyrer, Parsons, Waite, Ratcliffe, Ward Vincent, Cragg, Louther, and Lockton. The Goldfinch Canary exhibited by Mr. H. Mackynder (Newark) was disqualified by Mr. Vardy for alleged staining. Mr. Vardy placed the cards, and his awards were well received.

The Critique.

NOR. CL., ETC. (6): 1, Simpson and Vertigan, extra good shape and type, red-hot col., lovely quality feather; 2, Fox and Bird, nice type and shape, lovely col., good head and body, well over perch; 3, Harper, larger bird, nice type and shape, good col. and quality; 4, Mann, grand colour and shape, good body and quality, of feather; vhc, Bond; hc, Barnes. BUFF (6): 1, Hardings, very typical, fine shape and size, grand head, thick neck, broad chest; 2, Hawkesley, equal to winner in size and shape, good col. and quality of feather; 3, Simpson and Vertigan, a wee gem for both shape and type, extra nice col. and quality; 4, Grimes, good shape, nice quality feather; vhc, Smedley; hc, Louther. TKD., ETC., CK. (5): 1, 2 spls., Ramsden's and best bird in show, Holmes, varieg. yell., tkd. on wings and neck, extra nice shape and type, lovely col. and quality of feather; 2, Smedley, buff, tkd. on left wing, good shape, type, and quality of feather; 3, Bond, heavily mkd. yell., nice size and shape, grand quality feather, a trifle narrow in head; 4, Fox and Bird, best shape, lovely head, neck, and body, only fault a bit too long on leg; vhc, Smedley. CL., ETC., HEN (7): 1, Hawkesley, grand size and shape, lovely col. and quality of feather, short flights and tail, in grand condition; 2, Handley and Son, lovely type and shape, grand even col., extra nice quality feather, in faultless condition; 3, Simpson and Vertigan, extra nice size, neat shape, good head and body, well over perch; 4, Smedley, cl., plenty of size, nice shape; vhc, Bielby; hc, Mann; c, Bond. BUFF (3): 1, Handley and Son, varieg., one of the best for type and shape, lovely head, neck, and body, short flights and tail, short in leg; 2, Wells, cl., grand size and shape, good col. and quality of feather, a trifle long in wings and tail; 3, Mann, var. mkd. eyes and wings, very typical, good col. and feather; 4, Smith, tick on head, nice shape and type, good head, neck and body; vhc, Fox and Bird; hc, Holmes; c, Bond. UNFLIG. NOR. (6): 1, Wood, cl. yell., good type and shape, fine col. and quality of feather; 2, Simpson and Vertigan, cl. buff, plenty of size, fine shape, good even col. and quality of feather; 3, Brown, cl. yell., not very large, but good in col. and quality of feather; 4, Ratcliffe, good shape and type, lovely col. and quality of feather; vhc, Jeffries and Husband; hc, Bond. NOV. NOR. (12): 1, Jeffries and Husband, cl. buff, good shape and type, nice head and body short flights and tail, even col. and quality of feather, in excellent condition; 2, Bielby, cl. yell., extra nice size for a yell., lovely col., grand shape and quality of feather; 3, Dazeley, varieg. buff, nice col. and quality of feather, good size, but hollow in back, and long behind, in good condition; 4, Handley and Son, cl., yell., lovely shape and type, grand col. and quality; vhc, Ratcliffe; hc, Brown; c, Grimes. YELL. YORKS. (12): 1, Walsh, cl. yell., lovely type and shape, straight as a rush, soon in position, grand col. and quality, shown to perfection; 2, Dykes, cl. yell., grand length and col., well up on leg, good shape and position; 3, Harrison, good type and shape, lovely col. and quality of feather, grand shape; 4, Auton Bros., cl. yell., grand length, very typical; vhc, Waite; hc, Hedworth; c, White. BUFF (11): 1, Waite, cl. buff, grand length and shape, nice head and body, even col., fine quality feather; 2, White, equal in type and shape, even col., grand quality feather; 3, Dykes varieg., buff, a trifle stronger in build, nice type and shape; 4, Walsh, tkd. buff, one of the right stamp; vbc, Allen; hc, Fancourt; c, Auton Bros. PEN (10): 1, Dykes, tkd. yell., lovely shape and type, good even col., extra nice quality feather, shown to perfection; 2, White, cl. buff, rare length and quality of feather, neat head and body; 3, Mann, cl. buff, equal in type and shape, nice position, very showey; 4, White, tkd. yell., nice type and shape; vbc, Fancourt; hc, Mann; c, Hedworth. UNFLIG. (11): 1, Dykes, tkd. yell., one of the best for type, shape, and colour, very neat head and body, grand wings and pipe tail; 2, White, a wee shade longer in length, very typical, soon in position, lovely col.; 3, Fancourt, cl. buff, plenty of length, good shape, and type, well up on leg; 4, Harrison, cl. buff, feather like a bit of boxwood; vhc, Hedworth; hc, Walsh; c, Auton Bros. CAN. A.O.V. (7): 1, vhc, Cowperthwaite, buff, Dark Crest hen, one of the best, a gem, some liked this bird for special for best bird in show, a topper indeed; 2, Barnes, 2nd C.B.A., broken cap Gold Lizard, a gem for col. and shape, even and distinct rows of spangling; 3, 4, Shaw and Booth, 3rd varieg. buff C.B., well cushioned head, good short beak, nice substance, 4th heavily mkd. Crest, plenty on top; hc, c, Jefferies and Husband. MULE or HYB. (16): 1, hc, Andrews, Goldfinch-Bullfinch, extra nice size and shape, cl. and distinct col., lovely blaze, well down throat, splendid hood, wings, and tail; 2, Fysh, Goldfinch and Can., a gem for size and shape, mkd. head, neck, and saddle, grand col. and quality of feather; 3, Edwards, Linnet-Bullfinch, grand col., breast, clean cut cap, grand wings and tail; 4, Hymas, Goldfinch-Bullfinch, good col. and quality; vhc, Lockton; c, England. GOLDFINCH (17): An extra good class: 1, Pitchford and Stocker, wonderful blaze and hood, lovely rich bars, good cheeks, and buttons, well tanned chest; 2, Wagg, good blaze, back, and bars well mooned, good tan on chest; 3, Jeffreys, grand Finch for clear and distinct markings, good face, hood, back, and chest; 4, Goode grand all-round Finch, col. fed, grand blaze, well tanned breast, rich col., wings; vhc, Bielby; hc, Andrews; c, Lockton. BULLFINCH (12): 1, Goode, lovely rich col. breast, clean cut cap and bib, rich col. back and bars; 2, Tupholme, good all-round Finch, not quite the col. on breast, but rich cap, nice bars; 3, 4, Belcher, 3rd nice col. on breast, clear cap, of good formation, extra nice quality feather, 4th a trifle paler breast col., but equal in richness of cap, nice back and bars; vhc, Fysh; hc, Yearning and Oliver; c, Andrews. LINNET (5): 1, Jeffries, nice rich brown col., nice shape and size, well braced breast and thighs, in grand form; 2, England, fails only a trifle in col. on back, equal in lacing, good size and shape; 3, Else, grey Linnet, plenty of size, good shape, nice col. and lacing; 4, Cyrer, rich col. head and back, well laced on breast; vhc, Newcombe. REDPOLL, ETC. (14): A grand class, some fine birds cardless: 1, Goode, Twite, rich col., nice shape and size, well mkd. wings, well laced on breast; 2, Poole, splendid size, lovely col., nice cap, extra clear and distinct cut bib; 3, Pitchford and Stocker, Twite, good col. and shape, well laced breast and thighs; 4, vhc, Andrews, Mealy Redpoll, house-moulted, plenty of size, good shape; hc, Wagg; c, Jeffries. A.O.S. HARDBILL (7): 1, Poole, Hawfinch, grand size and shape, good col. and feather, clean cut bib, clear and distinct whites; 2, Andrews, Greenfinch, lovely quality feather, nice sheen, clear, distinct bars, nice size and shape, in good condition; 3, Wagg, Chaffinch, rich col. breast, nice, clear, and distinct whites; 4, England, Greenfinch, not quite so rich in body col., well marked, bars; vhc, Cyrer; hc, Yearning and Oliver; c, Allen. HEN (8): 1, Andrews, Bullfinch, grand size and shape, lovely col. breast, good cap and bars, in fine condition; 2, Cryer, Goldfinch, plenty of size, good coloured blaze, fine back and bars; 3, Wagg, Yellow Bunting, lovely col. and feather, well pencilled breast, in nice condition; 4, Lockton, Bullfinch, nice cap and bars; vhc, Newcombe; hc, Howe; c, Jeffries. Classes 21 and 23 cancelled.

GALSTON.

Galston O.A. annual show held in the Good Templars' Hall, on Dec. 2nd. We regret to have to chronicle the fact that it was unsatisfactory as regards quantity. The management is all that could be desired, and they deserved much more encouragement from the fanciers of the district. Mr. A. Frew, the secretary, is an able organiser, and knows how to run a show to a successful issue, providing the necessary support is forthcoming from the exhibiting public. Between 70 and 80 entries in 25 classes is most discouraging, and we should not wonder if the venture proved a costly one for those in charge. There are any number of well-known fanciers within easy reach, and we cannot account for such a poor entry in the cage bird section. Buck up, Galston, and make the next show a bumping success. Mr. Holden (Muirkirk) judged, and his awards were satisfactorily made.

The Critique.

SCOT. FCY. YELL. CK. (5): 1, Ralston, grand style, rare drive, gets to work freely, nice reachy bird, plenty of substance; 2, Nisbet, another good bird in rare bloom, grand quality, prominent shoulders; 3, Paterson, grand all over, rare depth throughout, grand shoulders and reach. Classes 78, 79, 80, 81, and 82, all cancelled. BUFF PIED CK. (4): 1, spl, 2, Hunter, leader Kilmarnock winner, a gem for style, free worker, throws body well back, grand shoulders and reach; 2nd, nice and active, plenty of substance, fine style, good drive, in rare order; 3, Lyons, good bird, grand quality, nice head and neck; vhc, Borland. Class 84 cancelled. FOUL, ETC., CK. (4): 1, Stewart, grand style, rare drive, good shoulders, in fine bloom, throws body well back; 2, spl, Nisbet, another good bird, pressing winner hard, grand shoulders and reach; 3, Campbell, good 3rd, fine drive, grand substance and quality; vbc, spl, Ralston. HEN (4): 1, spl, Stewart, nice active hen, plenty of substance, fine style, good drive, prominent shoulders; 2, Hunter, a gem for style, free worker, pronounced drive, good model of a Scotch Fancy; 3, Nisbet, a good bird, nice head and neck, fine quality throughout; vhc, spl, Ralston. BORD. FCY., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (4): 1, Fergusson, cl., finely drawn body, well laid on wings, sound level col.; 2, spl, Smillie, grand front, neat head, good back and wings, staged in lovely bloom; 3, Torrance, cl., feathered A1, nicely moulded, neat head, good wing carriage; vhc, Willison. HEN (4): 1, spl, Smillie, tkd. on side, grand feather, neat head, well moulded front, finely rounded shoulders, staged in lovely bloom; 2, Crosbie, cl., neat head, good back and wings; 3, Jones, cl., well moulded front, finely drawn; vbc, Willison. Class 91 cancelled. BUFF HEN (5): 1, Smillie, cl., best of head and front, finely drawn, sweetly moulded, wins well; 2, Torrance, cl., A1 feather, well put down; 3, Brown, eye mkd., good type, well laid on wings, neat head, good feather; vhc, Willison; hc, Jones. Class 93 cancelled. UNEVEN MKD., ETC., CK. (3): 1, H. Allan, two-pointed buff, sound col., good type, grand markings, Darvel winner; 2, Willison, sweetly moulded, rare bloom, good 2nd; 3, Garven, feather A1, neat head, good wing carriage. HEN (6): 1, hc, Fergusson, typical, well staged, feathered like war, neat head, capital wing carriage; 2, Young, beautiful shape and feather, grand quality of wing carriage; 3, Smillie, nice clean shape, staged in spotless condition; vbc, Willison. NOR. CK. (3): 1, Calderwood, good type, rare quality, well over perches, nice size and col.; 2, Devoy, good col. and shape, rare head and front; 3, Muir, grandly finished, nice shape and feather, not far behind. HEN (4): 1, Calderwood, cl. yell., real good one, lovely feather, neat wings and tail, grand front and carriage, wins easy; 2, Devoy, yell., fine head and chest, good wing carriage; 3, Muir, fine type and size, best of condition; vbc, Brown. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (6): 1, spl, Crosbie, fine shaped, good sized, square cut blaze; 2, Gribben, well known face in new hands, smart shapely Finch, nice size, good chest, very expansive deep coloured blaze, some thought might have won; 3, Frew, not quite ready yet, well cut blaze; vhc, Robertson; hc, Thomson; c, Campbell. LINNET, ETC. (3): 1, spl, 3, Gribben, again two well known Linnets in new hands, 1st grand one, wonderfully rich in col., sound as a bell all over, splendid size and shape, full of pencilling, bold head, very taking; 3rd, a nice one, very sound all through, grand Nor. type; 2, Crosbie, nice Linnet, unsteady, grand pencilling all over. REDPOLL (5): 1, spl, 3, Hopkins, f.-m. Lesser, well staged, in wonderful bloom, rich col throughout, good bib, chubby, grandly mkd. breast and back; 3rd, h.-m., nice size, grand shaped, very distinct bib; 2, Crosbie, Mealy, grand size, well staged; vhc, Gribben, a big Mealy Poll, fine head, good lacing; hc, Frew. BRIT., SMALL (5): 1, spl, Gribben, Bearded Reedling, grand size, lovely col., very distinct moustaches, staged in fine form; 2, hc, Dale, Greenfinch, grand size, big head, grand shape, good wings and tail, fed a hot even col.; 3, Frew, bonnie little long-tailed Tit, very steady, in lovely feather; vhc, Thomson.

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WHITBURN (N.B.).

Annual show held December 2nd. It proved to be one of the society's most successful exhibitions. Norwich, although a shade down in number, were good in quality, and in this section was found the successful competitor for the Ure challenge cup—Mr. Morrison, who scored four 1sts and one 2nd with five nominated birds. Borders were the feature of the show, such a collection being seldom brought together at a country show. Medal for best Border was awarded to Mr. Haddow's yell. even, while Mr. J. Johnstone's ycll. foul green was runner up and secured spl. for best Green. The Greens were a great collection, and all the season's winners were again doing battle. We would like to draw the attention of the committee to the fact that it would probably pay them to add some individual hen classes in the Canary section, as a "cock or hen" classification tends to keep the hens from competing. Mules and British were a very fine lot, the well-known Scotch exhibitor, Mr. P. McQuiston having forward some very good ones. Mr. Wm. Bishop judged Nor. and Brit. up to the Redpoll or Twite class, and Mr. J. W. Bruce (Coldstream) the Borders and the remaining Brit., Mules and Foreign birds. They got through their work in a capable manner, and their awards were well received. Mr. Duncan, the worthy secretary, had everything well in hand, and was assisted by an enthusiastic committee. We were pleased to hear that the worthy President, Bailie Lambie, is now convalescent after his severe accident, and that he was able to journey to New Stevenston to fulfil his engagement of judging.

The Critique.

CREST (1): 1, Binnie, nice one, good fop-piece, plenty of size. C.B. (5): 1, 3, Binnie, leader wins, best skull and lash, 3 narrower at entrance, otherwise good; 2, Hunter, grand lash and entrance. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (4): 1, Morrison, grand col., bold in front, good head and wing carriage; 2, Cairns, sweet hen, nice quality feather, well up in size; 3, no name, nice shape, good feather, a trifle thinner in front; 4, Calder. BUFF (5): 1, Morrison, grand quality feather, rare substance, fine head, well rounded, in full bloom; 2, Cairns, good one, close up, not quite so good in finish, fine, stylish exhibit; 3, Blakeley, grizzle on head, good body and shape; vhc, Sharp; hc, Duncan. A.O.V. NOR. YELL., FED (1): 1, Blakeley, nice quality, grand tone of col., grand substance, in full bloom. YELL., NON-FED (6): 1, Stirling, cl., grand feather, nice type, rare front and finish; 2, Moreland, large cl., good substance and head, fails only in quality of feather; 3, Campbell, cl., a wee shade smaller, A1 shape and finish; vhc, c, no name; hc, Rohh. BUFF (7): 1, Morrison, nearly green, a romper for size, grand shape and quality, rare substance and size; 2, Blakeley, cl., not quite so stylish, but plenty of front and good head; 3, vhc, Dunlop, good quality and finish; hc, Webster; c, Hill. GREEN OR CINN. (2): 1, no name, sweet yell. cinn., good tone of col., grand size and shape; 2, Clelland, nice buff cinn., well up in size and finish. UNFLIG. (4): 1, 2, Morrison, grand quality, rare size and substance, sweet head and front, yell., 2 also a yell., close up, good heads, nice front; 3, no name, sweet variog. yell., grand substance, a wee shade longer in feather; vhc, Calder. BUFF, COL.-FED (3): 1, Morrison, sweet buff varieg., plenty of size, A1 quality feather, well shown; 2, Gordon, also buff varieg., beaten a wee shade in front, good one; No. 3 w.c., a green hen BORD., CL., ETC., YELL. (17): 1, Mather, nice one, grand body, well drawn, beautifully rounded, good head, well staged; 2, Smith Bros., grand position, better in col. than winner, a wee shade thin in front, but good otherwise; 3, Patterson, good hen, lovely head and front, well finished, looked a wee shade off at times; 4, c, Cormach, well drawn, in full bloom; hc, Munro, Glasgow winner; a good class. BUFF (14): 1, Gilchrist, Glasgow winner, nice shape, grand head and body, fine wing carriage, shapely, in good order; 2, Cormach, hen, feathered like wax, grand head, extra well drawn, staged to perfection; 3, Smart, good front and feather, well drawn; 4, spl., Smith Bros., nice all-round cock; hc, Patterson; c, Welsh. YELL.-GREEN (17): 1, vhc, Lamhie, good one, solid in col. throughout, lovely grass green, beautifully pencilled; 2, 3, Joe Thomson, 2 well-known winners, little between them, leader the best in facing, nice quality feather, good type, well staged; 4, spl., Montgomery, nice type, lovely back lacing, good solid col., well put down; c, Johnston. BUFF (10): 1, Joe Thomson, old hero, grand back lacing, pure in col., staged in fine order; 2, A. and W. Thomson, neat, finely drawn, good in markings, deep shade throughout; 3, Johnston, grand type, beaten only a trifle on back lacing, nice quality feather; 4, hc, Lamhie, 2 good all-round greens; 3, Gentleman. FOUL GREEN (15): 1, spl. best green, Johnston, good one, lovely tone of col., grand facing, rare type and quality feather; 2, 3, Gentleman, sweet buff, lovely markings, grand shape, fails just a trifle in facing, 3 close up, pair of good ones, hard to separate; 4, spl., Joe Thomson, good stamp; vhc, hc, Lambie. CINN. (9): 1, c, Lambie, grand cinn., pure in col., well laced, nice size, good type; 2, Haddow, well-known winner, grand type and quality, fails just a little in col., well put down; 3, Patterson, grand type, lovely shape, a wee shade bronzy in col., but nicely laced; 4, Parke, good stamp; hc, Gentleman. A.O.V. BORD. YELL. (9): 1, B. and C. medal, Haddow, good yell., even mark, nicely balanced eye and wings, grand stamp, lovely shape; 2, Smart, a hen, a wee shade stronger, fine style, grand wing carriage; 3, Gilchrist, good stamp, fine quality feather; 4, Ballantyne, good stamp; vhc, Brown, old champion, past his best; hc, c, Gentleman. BUFF (10): 1, Smart, wins, a real hot one, lovely body and head, grand wing carriage, feathered like a piece of wax, extra well put down; 2, Gilchrist, slimmer in front, but good quality feather, stylish; 3, Patterson, nicely finished off, not quite so good in body, grand feather; 4, Welsh, nice and slim; vhc, Dunsmore; c, Marshall. BULLFINCH CK.: 1, Bald, hot one all over, lovely feather, grand col. and cap, nice size, well staged; 2, McQuiston, nice one, scarcely so good in form, but grand shape; 3, Williamson, good one, close up, grand quality and col; vhc, Stewart and Dalling; hc, Graham; c, Craig. HEN (7): 1, Nicholson, in grand bloom, tight as wax, good cap and bib, rare body col., well staged; 2, Nicol, close up, good stamp, fine body col., good bars, grand shape and finish; 3, Bald, sweet size, not quite so sleek in feather, but good cap and col.; vhc, Liddle; hc, Lamond; c, Watson. GOLDFINCH: 1, McQuiston, dense face, grand nap and cheeks, fine body col., in full bloom, nice exhibit; 2, Bell, good one, square blaze and good cheeks and body colour, will improve yet; 3, McGregor and Boyd, good all round stamp, sweet face, grand colour; vhc, Robertson; hc, Brown; c, Calder. LINNET: 1, Storie, grand shape, bold front, good markings and flights, nice tone of col.; 2, 3, McQuiston, lovely shade col., nice lacing, 3 good ones, hard to separate; vhc, Bell; hc, Pringle; c, Dunlop. LINNET, FIELD-MOULTED (14): 1, Watson, wins, good one, lovely shape, hold front, rare head and flights, in full bloom; 2, Cooper, sweet col, nicely pencilled, good ground; 3, Steven, wee shade slimmer, but nice style, good markings, sweet flights; vhc, McQuiston; hc, Nicholson; c, Lambie. GREENFINCH (COL.-FED) (7): 1, Nicholson, grand col., rare quality feather, hold, in full bloom, rare flights; 2, McLean, good one, noted winner, plenty of size, grand tone of col., beaten in polish only; 3, Stewart and Dalling, nice stamp, well up in size, fine tone of col.; vhc, McGregor and Boyd; hc, Chaplin. HOUSE-MOULTED (10): 1, Messer, good one, lovely yell., bold head and front, extra good in feather and finish, sweet exhibit; 2, Bald, grand col. and size, smoky in appearance to winner; 3, Wason, a wee shade smaller, but all there for col. and quality; vhc, McGregor and Boyd; hc, Spence; c, Dunn. FIELD-MOULTED (11): 1, McQuiston, nice size, good shape, fine head and front, nice tone of col., steady for a wild one; 2, McLean, good col., well up in size; 3, Steven, well coloured, bold in head, good flights; vhc, Duncan; hc, Bald; c, Nicholson. GREENFINCH HEN (7): 1, Laing, often described, a champion, great size, good col., in full bloom; 2, Liddle, sweet type, grand flights, lovely feather, fails in size only; 3, Sykes, nice shape, well up in size; vhc, Spence; hc, Buchanan; c, Feency. LESSER REDPOLL (16): 1, Gentleman, good one, nice cap and bib, well laced, good body col., in rare order; 2, Williams, large bird, nice cap, well pencilled, in rare bloom; 3, McGillivray Bros., hot one for finish, not quite so good in lacing as winners, grand shade of col.; 4, Marlin, good one, close up; hc, Pringle; c, no name. LESSER, FIELD-MOULTED (14): 1, Williams, grand size, rare cap and bib, well laced, teeming with quality, in full bloom; 2, Stewart, good cap and bib, dense in col., well up in size, well shown; 3, Alexander, good shape, fails just a little in col., nicely laced on flanks, fine type; vhc, Baird Bros.; hc, McGillivray Bros.; c, Dunlop. MEALY, ETC. (14): 1, McQuiston, a clinking Twite, hot fed, finely laced, good in whites, well up in size; 2, Scotland, large Mealy, dense bib, rare flank markings, pure in col., neatly got up; 3, Hutchison, nice fed Twite, fine size, good breast markings, neat flights, teeming with quality; 4, Laing, romping fine Mealy, well laced; vhc, Quinn; hc, Nisbet. SISKIN (7): 1, Bell, a marvel, large solid cap, great bib, nicely fed, good col., could do with a rest; 2, Bald, nice size, good shape and col., small bib and very neatly laced cap; 3, Duncan, dense cap, but a wee shade narrow, neat bib, well laced; vhc, Calder; hc, Sykes; c, Craig. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (9): 1, McQuiston, romping fine Bramble, rare col. and lacing, nice shape, in clinking fine order; 2, 3, Sykes, good steady, well coloured Chaffinch, and a sweet Bramble, equal to winner in size and col., but not quite so well spangled on head and back, good quality; vhc, Dunn; hc, Duncan; c, Calder. BUNTING (9): 1, McQuiston, tip-top Corn Bunting, well laced, in grand bloom; 2, Marlin, sweet yell., good head and eye marks, in full bloom; 3, Watson, sweet Meadow, nice col. and size, well shown; vhc, hc, Stewart and Dalling; c, Bald. HEN (10): 1, Paterson, good all-round hen Thrush, nicely mkd., in good trim; 2, Robertson, Waxwing, nice size and condition, cold he improved somewhat in staging; 3, Wilson, grand Yellowhammer, rare size, col., and markings, hard lines to meet two such good softbills; vhc, McQuiston; hc, Gentleman; c, Hunter. HYB. (3): 1, Bell, good col. Goldie Bullie; 2, Richardson, grand col. Greenie-Bullie; 3, Stirling, sweet Redpoll-Goldie, nice size. DARK MULE (9): 1, McQuiston, romping fine dark yell. Goldie, in full bloom, dense face, rare flights; 2, Bell, charming Linnet, rare col. and bloom, well up in size, a Jonque; 3, Johnston, large Greenie, plenty of weight, good col.; vhc, Dunu; hc, Ford; c, Nicholson. LIGHT (2): 1, Ford, grand varieg. buff, rare face, lovely quality feather; 2, Watson, nice yell. varieg. Goldie, well up in size. FOR. GOLDFINCH (6): 1, Craig, in full bloom, dense square cut blaze of deep tone, nice buttons, good flights, in rare bloom; 2, Graham, good finish, plainer in front, but well up in face; 3, Pringle, nice one, fine body, lovely col., not quite so good in face; vbc, Johnston; hc, Steven; c, Steel. FOR., A.O.S. (2): 1, Ford, grand all-round Crimson Finch, in full bloom; 2, Bell, grand Indian Parrot, in full bloom.

SHEERNESS.

Twenty-ninth annual show (open to Sheppey), held at Bethel Hall, Hope Street, an ideal place for a show. Our section was staged on the platform. There was a nice light, and all exhibits could easily be seen. Entries were small, but there were some very nice Norwich and Yorks. amongst the winners. We found Mr. Murphy, the secretary, most obliging, and with a good staff of stewards to help him. Everything was well carried out. We hope to see them next year, open to Kent in our section. Mr. F. J. Wickham (Chatham) judged, and gave satisfaction.

MEMBERS' CUP CLASS: A.V. BRED 1911: 1, sp. cup, Ost., head and wing marked Buff Nor., nice typical one, good head and neck; 2, vhc, hc, Hayes, head and wing marked Yell. Yorks., nice length, well braced wings, good neat head; 3, 4, Ditch, 3rd, typical Buff Nor., beautiful feather, 4th, another nice exhibit. NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, 2, Ditch, 1st very neat bird, good head and neck, beautiful feather, 2nd, similar, not quite so good wing carriage, and a bit down in condition when judged; 3, 4, Ost, both very good exhibits, fails in shape only to winner. BUFF: 1, 4, Ost, nice, good bodied bird, splendid head and neck, 4th, just lacks the substance to winner; 2, 3, Ditch, 2nd, splendid shape, very little between them. TKD., ETC.: 1, 2, 4, vhc, Ost, best Nor. in show, varieg. Buff, nice head and wings, splendid feather, 2nd, tkd. Buff, very similar; 3, hc, Ditch, 3rd, another nice one all over. YORKS., CL. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, 4, Hayes, very nice team, 1, 2, two fine quality Yell., 3, nice cl. Buff, not quite the quality. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Hayes, 1, good bird, nice head, fine position, 2, similar, 3, very neat all over, not quite the length. TKD., ETC.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Hayes 1, beautiful tkd. Yell., good wing carriage, neat head, splendid style, 2, another good one, 3, nice exhibit, just lacks the quality of feather of winner. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Hayes, 1, really good Goldfinch Mule, nice size, rich col., well staged; 2, Linnet Mule, another fine bird, well worth his position, 3, nice Belgian Can., 4, good Linnet Mule. BRIT.: 1, Heaton, extra good Bullfinch, splendid cap, very rich col.; 2, no name, a nice Blackbird.

THRINGSTONE.

Some nice birds were staged at the 14th annual show of the Thringstone F. and F. S., held Nov. 18, at the "Queen's Head." The Rev. J. W. A. Mackenzie judged, and Mr. G. H. Haflam (Sec.) had charge of affairs.

CAN. AND BRIT. CK. (15): 1, 4, H. Orme; 2, 3, hc, Dodd; vbc, Gee; hc, Wardle.

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KINGSWOOD (Bristol).

Annual show of the Kingswood F.S., held Dec. 2nd, at the Kingswood Hotel, an ideal place in which to hold a show, being free from draughts and well lighted. The secretaries, Messrs. Morris and Barnett, had everything in apple-pie order. Mr. J. Houghton (Gloucester) made the awards, which appeared to please all.

The Critique.

YORKS. CK.: 1, Greenslade, Cl. Yell., splendid type and quality, nicely carried wings, good length; 2, Morgan, Cl. Buff, good type and quality, nice straight back and tail; 3, Phillimore, Cl. Yell., straight as a gun barrel, nice fitting wings; res., Tork; vhc, Lovell; hc, c, Mrs. Garland. BRED 1911: 1, Jones, Cl. Yell., splendid type and quality, nicely carried wings, straight as a rush; 2, (no name), Cl. Buff, good type and quality, lovely meal, nice straight back and tail; 3, hc, Morgan, Cl. Yell., fine fitting jacket, straight as a rush; res., Bateman; vbc, J. Flook; c, T. Flook. HEN: 1, Jones, eyes and wing marked Buff, grand length, well up on legs, good wings and tail; 3, hc, Greenslade; Cl. Buff, lovely shape and position, nice carried wings and tail; res., Morgan, Cl. Buff, straight as a rush, neat wings and tail; vhc, Bousfield, hc, Hall. TKD., ETC.: (5): 2, Greenslade, cheek mkd. Yell., good quality and position, nice length and col.; 3, Jones, head marked Buff, splendid size and shape, straight as a rush, good wings and tail; res., Stokes, another nice Yorkie; vbc, Bousfield; hc, Lovell; c, Morgan. CAN., NOV.: 1, Jones, eye tick Yell. Yorkie, straight as a gun barrel, stands on good pair of legs, nice tail; 2, Preddy, Cl. Yell. Nor., good head and neck, good deep chest, nicely filled in back, neat wings and tail; 3, Pinnell, Cl. Yell. Yorkie, good type and quality, nice straight back; res., Viney; vhc, Phillimore; hc c, Hodge. MULE: 1, 3, Locke, bot-coloured, 3, wing-marked Yellow Goldfinch-Can., well up in size, in fine form; 2, Harding, big dark Jonque Goldfinch, Can., grand col., neat wings and tail; 3, Locke, large dark Buff Can. Mule, good deep chest, rare back; res., no name; vhc, Morris; hc, H. Sealey; c, C. Tilley. GOLDFINCH, FIELD-MOULTED: 2, Russell, good shaped blaze, nice tans, bars and buttons; 3, Milsom, good square blaze, fine moons, bars and buttons; res., vbc, c, C. Tilley, res., nice col. blaze and bars; hc, Coggins. GOLDFINCH BRIT.: 1, Chivers, very stylish and steady, grand square cut blaze, nice wings and breast; 2, Rogers, very rich in col., nice blaze; 3, Clark, another nice exhibit, good col., fine blaze; res., Herbert, neat, good col., nice buttons; vhc, c, Pace; hc, Edwards. BULLFINCH, BRIT.: 1, Hayward, grand shape and col., nice cap and bars; 2, Hebley, fine size and col., very good cap and bars, tight in feather; 3, Locke, shapely, grand col., nice cap; res., Chivers, another nice Finch; vhc, Mrs. Garland; hc, Morgan; c, Coggins. GREENFINCH, BRIT.: 2, Russell, Yell., good col. and quality, grand shape and size, not a feather out of place; 3, Coggins, Buff, good size and shape, put down in fine style; res., Collins, nice rich col.; vhc, Brown; hc, Pace. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, hc, Mr. Garland, brace of very nice Redpolla, leader Lesser Redpoll, lovely col. and quality, prettily pencilled, good head points; 2, Collins, Siskin, fine col., good shape and size, lovely marking, dense and neatly cut cap; 3, Pace, Siskin, capital size and quality, finely marked, good cap; res., Coggins; vhc, Brown; c, Hebley. BUNTING: 1, Russell, Yellow Bunting, beautifully marked, led to a nicety, good back marks and well defined head marks; 3, c, Brown, nice Reed Bunting, good shape and size, very distinct marking; res. c, Tilley, Cirl Bunting, good cheek and throat markings, fine silky plumage; vhc, Coggins; hc, Locke. NOVICE BRIT.: 1, Dix, very fine Chaffinch, fine head and chest, very tight and glossy in plumage, splendid markings, well put down for a novice; 3, Roger, Goldfinch, nice col. and markings, good sized, clean cut blaze, nice bars and buttons; res., vhc, hc, Brown, leader a nice Linnet, fine size, shape and markings; c, Viney.

SITTINGBOURNE.

This young society brought off their 1st annual show of cage birds, Nov. 29. The room was free from draughts, a very excellent place for a show; but it might be improved with another light. The birds were well arranged, giving everyone a good view of them. The quality of the exhibits was well up to standard. It looks like becoming one of the leading C.B. shows in the County. Mr. B. Tidy was very obliging, and everything was carried out in an able manner. Besides looking after his splendid committee he was attending CAGE BIRDS' stall, where were displayed instructive books and pamphlets on cage bird keeping. There was a good attendance, and it looks like being a well-deserved first success. Mr. Gibbs judged.

The Critique.

CL. YELL. CK. (4): 1, three spa, 2, Tidy, two grand birds, former fine shape, grand colour, and quality; 2nd, unflig., very smart, superb quality, will improve; 3, Attwood, another nice one; 4, Apps, fine type. BUFF (5): 1, 2, Whatford, former grand size and substance, fine quality; 2nd, nice col. and meal; 3, 4, Attwood, two very smart exhibits; vhc, Apps. HEN (4): 1, 3, Wakelin, two grand yellows of excellent colour and quality, in rare form; 2, Attwood, sweet buff, beautiful shape and quality; vhc, Tidy. TKD., ETC. (3): 1, Attwood, good size, nice shape and quality; 2, Wakelin, smart, taking bird; vbc, Tidy. MKD. HEN (3): 1, Whatford, shapely, with nice head and neck, good one; 2, Wakelin, fine shape; vhc, Apps. NON FED. (3): 1, 2, Cornelius, two good ones, former big shapely buff; 2, smart yellow, grand type; 3, Attwood, nice buff. YORKS. CL. YELL. (5): 1, Monday, long raking bird of excellent colour, not quite so smart as 2nd; Tidy, good carriage, nice feather; 3, hc, Tidy, two more smart ones; 3rd gets well up; vhc, Olive. BUFF (5): 1, 3, 4, vhc, Olive, really grand team, put down in excellent fettle, a credit, Mr. O.; 2nd, Monday, fine bird, splendid style, good back and length. HEN (5): 1, vhc, Tidy, grand ben all over, very nervy, gets well up; 2, 3, 4, Olive, three very fine hens with true Yorkie points. TKD. CK. (6): 1, Monday, grand col., fine length, good stock bird; 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, Olive, another very fine lot. HEN (5): 1, vhc, Tidy, sweet hen, lovely feather, smart as new pin; 2, 3, 4, Olive, grand lot of hens, all of beautiful quality and style. NOVICE NOR. CL. (11): 1, Broadbridge, grand bird, beautiful shape, clean cut behind, well shown; 2, vhc, Stevens, nice head, good front, a trifle faulty in wings; 3, Churchill, wants tubbing; hc, Jacobs; c, Jeffries. TKD., ETC. (8): 1, vhc, c, Broadbridge, former fine bird, brimful of colour and quality, faulty wings; 2, Churchill, a trifle small, shapely; 3, Jacobs; 4, Stevens. YORKS. CL. (3): 1, 3, Rumble, two very smart birds, grand carriage; 2, Knight, small, but very typical. OPEN TO KENT, NOR. CL. YELL. (4): 1, Brown, grand head and neck, well up in size and shape; 2, Broadbridge, wonderful quality, nice col.; 3, Ditch, very nice one; vhc, Bingham. BUFF (4): 1, Bingham, fine colour, good size; 2, Attwood, grand quality, good head; 3, Ditch, grand col.; 4, Pitcher, good one. TKD., ETC. (6): 1, Brown, good shape and size, plenty of feather; 2, Broadbridge, sweet unflig. yellow, grand bird; 3, vhc, Ditch, two shapely ones; 4, Pitcher, grand quality. A.O.V. (8): 1, vhc, hc, c, Miss Brown, all Crests, winner nice even droop and radiation, very taking; 2, 3, 4, Rev. Soams, Borders, a very excellent team, well shown. GOLDIE, ETC. (5): 1, Spice, nice Goldie, good blaze and whites, had knocked his flights out; 2, Rumble, nice Bullie, splendid col., fails only in cap; 3, Heaton, beautiful Bullie, a gem all over, grand cap and size; 4, Harris; vhc, Ditch. BRIT. GOLDIE (9): 1, vhc, Apps, fine shaped Finch, nice col. face, rich browns and whites fresh caught; 2, 4, Churchill, leader grand bird, house moulted, very steady, fine face, must have pressed; 3, Rumble, sweet bird, grand wings; hc, Jefferies; c, Attwood. GREENFINCH (6): 1, Cornelius, very steady, rich col., well shown; 2, Whatford, good size, face nice col.; 3, Smith, not quite so steady, good one; 4, Burley, nice one; vbc, Grant; c, Attwood. LINNET (8): 1, 3, Smith, two beauties, rich col., markings well defined; 2, Knight, nice big bird; 4, Whatford; vhc, Ollve; hc, Attwood; c, Hyland. REDPOLL, ETC. 1, vhc, Smith, Mealy Redpoll, good size, very steady; 2, Whatford, grand col., a trifle wild; 3, Hyland, taking exhibit, very steady; 4, Attwood; hc, Grant. A.O.S. HARDBILL (5): 1, Whatford, grand col. Bullie, very steady; 2, Smith, Chaffinch, nice size, very steady; 3, Tidy, grand Bullie, splendid size and col., well shown; vhc, Cornelius; hc, Attwood. SOFTBILL (3): 1, 2, Smith, winner nice Nightingale, in rare trim; 2nd, good, well-marked Tbrush, very steady; 3, Attwood, another good Thrush. FOR. SMALL (8): 1, 2, 3, 4, Rumble, with a very fine team, all in grand condition, and shown in A1 form; vhc, Saunders; hc, Jacobs; c, Grant. A.O.V. CAN. (1): Smith, smart Lizard; 2, 3, Jeffreys, nice Crest and Crestbred.

CUPAR (Fife).

Twenty-fourth annual show of the Cupar O.S., held in the Corn Exchange, Dec. 2nd. Cage birds were staged in a room upstairs, but they were a failure. The whole of the Scotch Fancy classes, and all the Plainhead classes except two, had to be cancelled. Borders were a nice turnout, showing an average of about 10 per class. The Border Club medal was won by Mr. Munro's yellow cock bird. Hyde's teapot and special were won by Mr. J. S. Keltie, with a nice Scotch Fancy. Yorks. had only 4 birds in the cock class, and the hen class was cancelled. All British bird classes were cancelled, except Goldfinches and Linnets. It is difficult to understand the reason of such a poor entry. The classification was very good; in fact, much superior to that of many shows which get a good entry; while the members of the Committee who had charge of the birds gave every attention to them, and were also very courteous to visitors. The Secretary, Mr. D. J. Bruce, is also one of the best, and worked very hard indeed to make the show a success. It is to be hoped that fanciers will give him a lift when his next venture comes round, so that the cage bird section of this good old society will be carried on as successfully as other Fife shows are. Messrs. G. Hyslop, W. Thornton and A. W. Watson judged.

CL., ETC., YELL. HEN NOR.: 1, Hampton, plenty of size and substance, nice close feather, in good order; 2, Kerr, rare quality, nice boxy feather; 3, Little, nice head and neck, in fine fettle; 4, sp, Adams. NOR. SELL.: 1, 2, 3, Adams; 4, Kerr. BORD. CL., ETC. YELL. CK.: 1, sp, medal, Munro, fine model, grand shape and carriage, good wings and tail, clean cut; 2, Fotheringham, good one, in fine condition, very typical; 3, Patterson, junr., rare sweet exhibit, good head and front, well staged; res, Craig; 5, sp, Spence; 6, Shields; 7, Grubb. HEN: 1, Munro, a wee beauty, in faultless order, grand wings and tail, well carried; 2, Craig, very stylish, grand close feather, well up; 3, Young, nice one, grand shape and quality, well put down; res, Patterson, junr.; 5, Peters; 6, Fotheringham; 7, Johnstone. BUFF: 1, we could not find; 2, J. and A. Duncan, very nice one, close feather, in good order; 3, Shields, grand shape and quality, close up; 4, Craig; 5, Spence; 6, Kidd. HEN: 1, Patterson, junr., a gem, beautifully moulded, grand head and front, spotless; 2, Craig, another beauty, well worth place; 3, Munro, nice wings and tail, well staged; 4, Peters; 5, J. and A. Duncan; 6, Grubb; 7, Murray. UNEVEN YELL.: 1, Young, wing marked, good head and neck, nice wing carriage; 2, Craig, typical, in grand order; 3, Hampton, similar, very nice close feather; 4, Munro; 5, Lawrence. BUFF: 1, Patterson, junr., grand wings and tail, finely tapered; 2, Spence, nice size and stamp, teeming with quality; 3, Kerr, nice style, good shape, fine head and neck; 4, Bickerstaffe; 5, Kilgour; 6, Alexander and Horne. SELL.: 1, Young; 2, Hampton; 3, Peters; 4, Kerr; 5, Spence; 6, Craig. MEMBERS' A.V.: 1, sp. for best, Hyde's, Keltie, good buff piebald Scotch Fancy; 2, Low, cl. buff Scotch Fancy; 3, Westwood, capital cl. buff Border; 4, 5, Speed. YORKS. CK.: 1, 2, 3, Heggie, 1st, good upstanding varieg. yell., stands like a soldier; 2, 3, similar, could do well in good company; 4, Lister. GOLDFINCH: 1, McArdle and Stewart, nice size, good square blaze, well tanned, in grand condition; 2, McCall and Henderson, nice face, good moons and buttons; 3, Wilkie, well marked; 4, sp, Duncan. LINNET: 1, 2, McArdle and Stewart, a nice pair of gems, still winning; 3, Crichton, good one, well pencilled, grand wings; 4, Duncan. SELL. BRIT.: 1, Hill; 2, Douglas; 3, Shields; 4, McCall and Henderson.

DEAL WALMER.

Seventh annual show (20 miles radius) held Nov. 22nd and 23rd, in the Nelson Hall, Nelson-street, a comfortable and suitable place for a show. The cage birds numbered 96, and were an interesting and good quality lot. Mr. G. Johnson won the "Chitty" cup, silver medal for most points in cage birds Mr. W. H. Thompson. Arrangements were admirably carried out by the secs., Messrs. Thompson and Lacy, and they received considerable assistance from Messrs. C. R. Mowle and G. Prior, the cage bird stewards. Mr. H. E. Taylor judged.

YORKS., TKD., YELL.: 1, cup, 3, G. Johnson; 2, Leaver; 4, Thompson. BUFF: 2, Thompson; 3, 4, G. Johnson. CL. YELL.: 1, 2, 4, G. Johnson; 3, Leaver. BUFF: 1, Leaver; 2, Thompson; 3, Wellard; 4, Fasham. NON-FED: 1, 4, Cory; 2, Mowle; 3, Lacy. NOR., TKD. YELL.: 1, 3, 4, Thompson; 2, Burgess. BUFF: 2, 3, Thompson; 4, Pilcher. CL. YELL.: 1, Burgess; 2, 3, 4, Thompson. BUFF: 1, Pilcher; 2, Thompson; 3, Lacy; 4, Fasham. NON-FED: 3, Cook; 4, Quaife. CAN., MULE, DARK: 2, Fasham; 4, Sneller. CREST-BRED: 1, 2, 3, 4, Thompson. A.O.V. Can.: 1, Miss Slater; 2, Mrs. Ivatt. NOVICE, YORKS.: 1, 3, Thompson; 2, Mowle; 4, Cory. NOR., NOVICE (MEMBER): 2, 4, Pilcher; 3, Sirr. GOLDFINCH: 1, Master Austen; 2, Fasham; 3, Lacy; 4, Wellard. SEED-EATING BRIT.: 1, Pryor (Bullfinch),; 2, Mowle; 3, Lacy (Yellowhammer); 4, Avis (Bramblefinch). FOR.: 1, 2, Pryor (Cordon Bleu); 3, Sweeney (African Love Birds); 4, Avis (Budgerigars, Green). PARROTS: 1, Fryett; 2, Sweeney; 3, Franklin; 4, Thompson. GIFT: 1, Thompson; 2, Lacy (Java Sparrows); 3, 4, Avis (Redpoll).

BLAIRGOWRIE.

Third annual exhibition of the East Perthshire O.A., held in the Public Hall, Blairgowrie, on Dec. 2. The hall, for splendid light and everything essential for a cage bird show, has few equals; it was kept at a very nice, even temperature, which made it a pleasure to visitors, who came out in large numbers. The cage birds were nicely staged on the platform, and, taken all over, the entry was a good one, being nearly 100 better than last year. Norwich, both Crests and Plainheads, were a sweet collection, several good ones being staged, and the quality throughout was of a very high order. Borders were out in large numbers, some lovely specimens of the "Wee Gem" being staged. The British classes made a fine display, both in numbers and quality. The feature of the show was the splendid team of foreign birds from Captain Rice's aviaries, such a lovely collection being seldom seen. The society are fortunate in having the liberal support of the gentry and merchants of the district. The hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. M. Irvine, is an official whom any society would be proud of. He worked well to make the show a success, and was ably assisted by a committee of well-known fanciers, viz.: President, Mr. C. H. Scott; vice-president, Mr. T. Menzies; committee, Messrs. A. Anderson, A. C. Prain, J. Henderson, J. Rodger, D. Gow, R. Irvine, J. Keay, jun., D. R. Butchart, A. Blaikie, A. Thomson, W. Hovelsroud, and J. C. Hunter. CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE leaflets were distributed to all who entered the hall, and it was hoped this would be the means of spreading the usefulness of the League to this part of Scotland. The judging was in the able hands of Mr. J. F. Dewar (Edinburgh), who got through his work in his incomparable and masterly manner, and his awards gave satisfaction to all.

The Critique.

CREST (3): 1, spl, Whitton, abundance of feather, Crest round as a hoop, delightful droop, well placed centre, rare substance; 2, 3, Watson, 2nd a wealth of rich feather, fine shaped body, Crest large, very close run, 3rd almost green, capital quality, nice droop. C.B. (4): 1, Whitton, mkd. wings and head, capital substance and quality, heaps of superior feather, rare shape; 2, 3, Watson, two good ones, possessing great amount of rich quality feather; 4, Ferguson, rare size. NOR., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (4): 1, Lumsden, lovely col. and feather, capital shape and carriage, fine substance, put down in the pink of condition; 2, Anderson, heavy mkd., nice size, fine upstanding exhibit; 3, Milne, fine substance and col., grand body shape, A1 carriage. BUFF (4): 1, spl, Lumsden, fine head and neck, wonderful substance, magnificent quality and col.; 2, Sykes, another cl., beautiful type, rare size; 3, Douglas, head and tail marked, not quite so steady as leaders, rare shaped body. YELL. HEN (3): 1, Kennedy, teeming with quality, beautiful type, rare size; 2, Milne, rattling fine shape and substance, put down in rare trim. BUFF (4): 1, 2, spl, Milne, two good exhibits, teeming with quality, best of carriage, fine finish; 3, Sykes, all there for colour and quality nice shape and carriage. BORDER YELL. CK. (9): 1, spl, Irons, very finely drawn body, good col., free jaunty carriage, wins well; 2, Douglas, fine level colour, good pose, finely drawn; 3, Campbell, sweetly moulded body, lovely col., wing mkd.; 4, Myles, fine type, not much behind; 5, Malcolm; 6, Hastings; 7, Lumsden. BUFF (10): 1, Irons, again leading, neat round head, grand one for quality and shape; 2, Lumsden, head and wing mkd., very neat wings and tail, not quite so steady; 3, Hutchison, cl., neatly drawn, good wing and tail; 4, Kennedy, sweet rounded head and front; 5, Irvine; 6, Douglas; 7, Smart. YELL. HEN (9): 1, Lumsden, finely cut away, cl., a gem for quality and style, free and jaunty; 2, Irvine, head tick, rare filled back; 3, Smart, wing mkd., fine head, lovely wing and tail carriage; 4, Campbell, good type; 5, Irons; 6, Rae and Reid; 7, Logie. BUFF (12): 1, spl, Hutchison, rare buff, put down without a fault, a wee gem; 2, Kennedy, good head, full front, well filled back; 3, Baird, neatly drawn body, close tail; 4, Lumsden, sweet rounded head and front; 5, Irons; 6, Smart; 7, Logie. A.O.V. CAN. (4): 1, spl, 2, Symon, 1st good one, well up on top, fine droop and drive, nice length of side, 2nd much the same type, green; 3, Nicoll, plenty of length, nice free worker, some fancied this one for first, all Scotch Fancies; 4, Hall, fine exhibit. DARK CAN. MULE (8): 1, spl, Fyfe, Greenie, a beautiful bird, exquisite feather, well built, steady and stylish; 2, Nicol, Goldie, grand size and shape, in the pink of condition; 3, Watson, grand substance and shape, well put down Siskin; 4, Irvine, very pretty, lightly mkd. Linnet, grand size and shape, in the pink of condition; 5, Rice; 6, Hovelsroud; 7, Robertson. LIGHT: 1 and C.B. spl, Nicol, lovely exhibit, in rare feather, put down in rare trim; 2, Fyfe, good size and shape, sound colour; 3, Hovelsroud, good exhibit, not quite so steady as leaders; 4, Irvine, fine exhibit, well staged. GOLDFINCH (BRIT.) (7): 1, spl, Hillier, good Finch, excelling in col. and quality, feathered like hox, perfect buttons and bars, rich blaze; 2, Jamieson, jun., good blaze, rich and well cut, well shaped body, perfectly mkd., not much behind; 3, Small, another good one, clean cut blaze, rich col.; 4 and 7, Robertson, another good all-round Goldie, rich col., well mkd. bird; 5, Sykes; 6, Irvine. BULLFINCH (BRIT.) (8): 1, spl, McDonald, rare lump of a Finch, good col. throughout, tight as wax in feather and polish, very steady and stylish; 2, Nicol, shade smaller, rich solid breast, lovely back and bars; 3, Hovelsroud, grand type, fine cap, beautiful condition; 4, spl, and 7, Irvine, small, but true type of a Bullie; 5, Robb; 6, Smith and Curvie. SISKIN, ETC. (7): 1, spl, Farish, fine Siskin, good bib, fine head and winge, lovely col.; 2, McIntosh, fine size, thick-set little fellow, good 'Poll; 3, Milne, another good Siskin, similar to leader; 4 and 7, Irvine, two good birds; 5, Hendrie; 6, Small. LINNET (5): 1, Hendrie, lovely nutty col., very sound all over, and full of work, steady and stylish; 2, Barrie, good Linnet, very shapely, rich in col., grandly pencilled, close up; 3, Sykes, fine bloom and profusion of pencilling; 4, Palmer, another good bird, well put down. BUNTING (2): 1, Robertson, Yellowhammer, perfect head mks., rich hody col., very distinct markings, carries a wonderful bloom; 2, Watson, another good 'Hammer, not much hetween them. SEED-EATER (5): 1, spl, and medal, Robertson, Hawfinch, good size, grand col., massive head and cheeks, capital wing bars, very large bib, well defined chest, stands well; 2, Sykes, nice shape, stands well on perches, good head and wings, fine polish; 3, McIntosh, Greenie, medium size, nice wing bars and tail, lovely shape; 4, Small, similar to third, not quite so steady; 5, Colville and Son. SOFTBILL (2): 1, 2, Rice, two lovely exhibits, staged to perfection. PARROTS, ETC.: Captain Rice had this class all to himself, all the birds being staged to perfection, a credit to the exhibitor; 1 and two specials go to a Patagonian Conure; 2, a Stanley Parrakeet; 3, is a Macaw who does not seem to be well pleased with his ticket judging by the noise he is making; 4, a Yellowcollar Parrakeet. SMALL FOR. (6): 1, sp, Laurie and Walsh, Paradise Whydah, "Buckhaven Beauty," in fine trim; 2, no name, pair Java Sparrows, in lovely feather, real beauties; 3, 4, Lawrie and Walsh, pair Love Birds, in fine feather; 5, 6, Rice. A.O.S. (7): 1, spl, Rice, Mexican Jay, a lovely bird, much admired; 2, Sykes (gold medal winner), Glossy Stirling in lovely bloom. 3, 4, Captain Rice, Yellow Troupial and Troupial; 5, Nicol; 6, Robb; 7, Watson.

DULWICH & PECKHAM C.B.S.

Eighth annual show, held Reindeer Hotel, Rye Lane, Peckham, Nov. 21st. Once again this Society-have to be congratulated upon having successfully carried out their annual show, which, while not remarkable for the number of exhibits, was particularly so in quality. That doughty champion from Devonport, Mr. W. Spillman, was successful in carrying off the members' Y.B. bowl, and also the fine "News of the World" trophy. The attendance was very heavy, so much so that movement was accomplished with difficulty. Judging (favoured by an excellent light) was over early, and catalogues with awards were on sale by 5.30. The show managers, Messrs. Hodson and Tomsett, were very busy, whilst assistance was rendered hy Messrs. Crawford, Austin, Richardson, and Tringham (chairman). Cup for most points throughout show was won by Mr. H. C. Tringham, after a close tussle with Mr. C. Botting, of British bird fame (last year's winner). Mr. J. Robson judged. During the evening the President, John Bright Crowe, Esq., congratulated the members upon the excellence of their exhibition, and also upon the fact which had just been communicated to him, that the Society were now free from all financial liability, which, he remarked, was much more than many influential concerns were able to say. In responding, the Chairman, Mr. H. E. Tringham, referred feelingly to the days of struggle and worry through which they had literally fought their way, in the face of the most bitter opposition, but pointed out that it was due to their indefatigable secretary, Mr. W. Hodson, that they were able to come through safely, and in recent years they were also ably assisted by one of the hest workers they ever could expect to have, in Mr. W. Tomsett. The Society, which had been doing much good work in a quiet way, would now make a big fight to obtain the place it formerly occupied in the very front rank of London societies. During the evening the President was asked to accept, as a memento of the appreciation and respect in which he was held by members, a Norwich Canary in cage, which was suitably acknowledged.

The Awards.

CHAMP NOR. CL. ETC. YELL. (5): 1, 2, and shield, Spillman; 3, Thomas; 4, Richardson; vhc, Mazzoni. BUFF (4): 1, Thomas; 2, Richardson; 3, Martin; 4, Mazzoni. MKD., ETC. (7): 1, Richardson; 2, Thomas; 3, Mazzoni; 4, Cole. UNFLIG. YELL. (9): 1, 2, Spillman; 3, vhc, Richardson; 4, Mazzoni; hc, Martin; c. Thomas. BUFF (6): 1, Richardson; 2, Thomas; 3, Martin; 4, Mazzoni; vhc, Cole. CL. ETC. HENS (6): 1, 2, Spillman; 3, Mazzoni; 4, Richardson; vhc, Hollands; hc, Martin. YORKS. CL. ETC. YELL. (3): 1, Warley; 2, 3, Tringham. BUFF (3): 1, Warley, 2, 3, Tringham. MKD., ETC. (3): 1, 2, sp, 3, Tringham. UNFLIG. YELL (3): 1, Warley; 2, 3, Tringham. BUFF (4): 1, 2, 4, Tringham; 3, Warley. UNFLIG. HENS (4): 1, 2, 4, Tringham; 3, Warley. CL. ETC. HENS (4): 1, Warley; 2, 3, 4, Tringham. CHAMP. CREST: 1, Warley. A.O.V. (8): 1, two spls, 2, 3, 4, vhc, c, Tringham; hc, Warley. NOVICE NOR. CL. ETC. YELL. (5): 1, Tomsett; 2, Davis; 3, Tyrrell; 4, Hocking; vhc, Rickards. BUFF (5): 1, Crawford; 2, Rickards; 3, Tyrrell; 4, Hocking; vhc, Bracher. MKD. ETC. (7): 1, Hocking; 2, Crawford; 3, Hodson; 4, Tyrrell; vhc, Rickards, hc, Tomsett; c, Fairman. UNFLIG. YELL. (5): 1, 3, Tyrrell; 2, 4, Crawford; vhc, Coombs. BUFF (8): 1, Tyrrell; 2, 3, vhc, sp, Crawford; 4, Hocking; hc, Hodson; c, Bracher. UNFLIG. HENS (10): 1, 2 spls, Coombs; 2, Hocking; 3, vhc, Crawford; 4, Tomsett; hc, c, Tyrrell. CL. ETC. HENS: 1, 3, Tomsett; 2, Tyrrell; 4, Hocking. NOV. YORKS. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (9): 1, vhc, Reeks; 2, 3, Goodwin; 4, Cornish; hc, Kirkham; c, Carpenter . BUFF (3): 1, Goodwin, 2, Fairman; 3, Carpenter. MKD., ETC., BUFF (5): 1, 2, Reeks; 3, vhc, Goodwin; 4, Carpenter. UNFLIG. YELL. (5): 1, Carpenter; 2, Reeks; 3, Kirkham; 4, Fairman; vhc, Cornish. BUFF (4): 1, 2, Reeks; 3, Kirkham; 4, Carpenter. UNFLIG. HENS (6): 1, vhc, Carpenter; 2, Kirkham; 3, Reeks; 4, Fairman; hc, Goodwin. HENS (5): 1, 4, Fairman; 2, Reeks; 3, Carpenter; vhc, Davis. NOV. CREST OR C.-B. (2): 1, 2, Rickards. A.O.V. (5): 1, 2, Rev. H. A. Soames; 3, 4, vhc, Cornish. MULE LIGHT (6): 1, Spillman; 2, 3, 4, vhc, Botting; hc, Reeks. DARK (6): 1, 3, 4, Botting; 2, Richardson; vhc, Cronin; w.c., Mazzoni. BRIT. GOLDIE (5): 1, spl, Warley; 2, Botting; 3, vhc, Austin; 4, Fairman. BULLIE (2): 1, Cornish; 2, Botting. LINNET (5): 1, 2, Botting; 3, Tringham; 4, Austiu; vhc, spl, Carpenter. CHAFFIE, ETC. (8): 1, 2, 3, Botting; 4, vhc, hc, Stevens; c, Austin. SISKIN, ETC. (6): 1, 2, 3, Botting; 4, hc, Tringham; vhc, Stevens. A.O.S. HARD (5): 1, 2, 3, Botting; 4, vhc, Stevens. HEN (2): 1, 2, Botting. FOR. (2): 1, Mrs. Austin.

CRADLEY HEATH.

Fifth annual show in connection with this well-managed society, held Nov. 29 and 30, in the Graingers Lane School, kindly lent by the Managers. The place is well adapted for a show, being well lighted, free from draughts, and nicely warmed. The show upheld its reputation for being one of the best in the district. Entries came up well. The secretary, Mr. H. Grainger, had everything in good order, and was assisted by a capable band of stewards. Judging was over quickly and cards were soon up. Mr. A. de Winton judged.

NOR.: 1, 2, 3, Hingley, first, nice shape, feather and col, 2, very good quality Buff, 3, fine head and neck, nicely balanced wings. YORKS.: 1, 3, res., Raybould, good Cl. Buff leading, followed by eye and tail marked, res., marked eyes and neck, three good birds, little to choose between them; 2, Dudley, Cl. Buff, good type and quality, nice length, well shown. CAN. MULE: 1, 2, 3, Hingley, with a clinking trio, well put down, Dark Goldie Can. leading, good blaze, nice shape, shone like silk, an easy win, 2, rattling good Greenie Can., splendid size, 3, charming Redpoll Can., nice col. and feather, good shape, we liked as well as any in class; res., Greenwood, very nice Goldfinch Can. BRIT. SOFT-BILL: 1, res., Hingley, splendid Chough leading, shown in best possible condition, greatly admired; 2, Mrs. Morris, very nice Nightingale, tight in plumage; 3, Greenwood, fine spangled Thrush, shown in an old box cage, which told against it. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, Hutton, very good Goldfinch, grand feather, nice tans and bars, fine blaze; 2, 3, res., Hingley, very nice mealy Redpoll, a good Goldfinch, and a capital Bullfinch, in the order named. FOR.: 1, 2, Hingley.

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PENTREBACH.

Second open show of the Pentrebach and Dis. F.S. held New Hall, Nov. 30. Our section was staged at the far end of the huge hall, which was kept nicely heated by means of four great fires, which gave the place a very cheery appearance. The stewards, Messrs. J. H. Jones and W. Williams, gave the exhibits every attention, and had the award cards up very promptly; Mr. G. L. Harber also lent valuable assistance to the stewards during judging. Mr. A. E. Brown made a very enthusiastic and courteous secretary, and to his untiring energy a great deal of the success of our section is to be attributed. Canaries were very strong, some real toppers being staged in the Nor. and Yorks. sections. Cup for best bird in show was won by Mr. H. S. Davies with his noted King Parrot, and special for second best by Messrs. James and Wells with a Cl. Yell. Yorks cock, a very fine exhibit. Mr. T. L. Castree judged.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL.CK. (11): 1, sp., 2, Davies, cl. grand type, col. and quality, good head and neck, well shown; 2, another cl. chubby body, good col. and quality, not quite so good head; 3, Jones, cl., nice type, short and cobby, hot col., put down in A1 style; 4, Tedstone, close up, grand col., chubby exhibit; vhc, Sheldon, not looking his best when judged or would have displaced some of the leaders: hc, Thomas; c, Pritchard. BUFF (11): 1, 3, Sheldon, couple of clears, grand type, short and cobby, neat head and neck, nicely balanced wings, beautiful quality; 2, Thomas, cl., close up rare substance, good head and neck, cobby body, well put down; 4, Davies, variegated, good stamp, neat head and neck, nice short flights and tail; vhc, Pritchard; hc, Powell; c, Brown. HEN (15) a very strong class: 1, Thomas, cl. yell, rare col., grand size and shape, good head and neck; 2, Jones, cl. buff, very typical neat head and neck, good substance and quality, rather inclined to cross wings; 3, Davies, cl. yell., grand col. and quality, well filled neck, nicely rounded body; 4, Muscott, variegated. buff, good type and quality, shown in faultless condition; vhc, Sheldon; hc, Pritchard; c, Tedstone. No. 15, Davies, unnoticed, cl. buff, about the best buff in class, grand head and neck, good cobby body, perfect wings and tail, a topper. YORKS., YELL. (11): 1, sp., second best in show, James and Wells, cl., grand col. and quality, good length, fine position, neat head, well filled neck, good straight back, well up on leg; 2, Gregory, grizzle mkd., nice col., well filled neck, good wings and tail, very nervy; 3, Smith, cl., close up, nicely proportioned, good head, back and wings, fine length; 4, Pritchard; variegated, good col. and quality, well up on leg; vhc, hc, Weeks; c, East. BUFF (9): 1, Cook, variegated, fine size, good back, wings and tail, well up on leg, nice quality; 2, Smith, variegated, close up, good position neat head, nicely filled neck, fine back, wings and tail; 3, Pritchard, cl., fine quality and condition, well up on leg, good straight back, neat wings and tail, nicely moulded; 4, Watkins, variegated, grand length, good straight back, nice quality, had been bathing when we took notes; vhc, Whetton; hc, East; c, Gregory. YORKS. HEN (13): 1, Whetton, var. yell., grand col. and qual., fine length and position, good head and neck, a topping lady; 2, Cook, cl. buff, good straight back, neat head, well-filled neck, well-braced wings; 3, Bevan, grizzle mkd. yell., another real good one fine col. and qual., very nervy, neat wings and tail; 4, Gregory, cl. buff, very smart and shapely, rare quality, neat head, good shoulders and back; vhc, Weeks; hc, Brown; c, Smith. BORD. FCY. (3): 1 and 2, withheld; 3, Bufton, yell., very jaunty, nicely moulded, neat wings and tail, grand col. and qual.; 4, vhc, Jeremiah, buff, grand type and qual., good head and neck. UNFLIG. (16): 1, D. Thomas, var. buff Nor., good head and neck, very cobby, nicely balanced wings and tail, in tip-top condition; 2, Jones, yell. Scots Fancy, good drive, fine size, moves splendidly; 3, Lewis, wing mkd. Yorks, splendid length, good straight back, nicely braced wings and tail; 4, Collier, var. yell. Nor., grand col. and qual., neat head and neck, very cobby; vhc, Pritchard; hc, James and Wells; c, Sheldon. A.V. CAN. (NOVICE) (14): 1, hc, Davies, var. Crest, good substance, nice width of skull, grand length of feather; 2, Williams, cl. buff Nor., grand type and qual., neat wings and tail, nicely rounded body; 3, Bufton, non-fed. yell. Nor., good head and neck, nicely carried wings, grand col. and qual.; 4, Lewis, cl. buff York, very nervy, well up on leg, good straight back; vhc, Powell; c, Brown. NON-FED. A.V. (7): 1st, withheld; 2, vhc, Jones, yell. Scots Fancy, good size, col., and qual., fine reach, good mover; 3, Mrs. Enderson, yell. Nor., good size and shape, nice wings and tail, grand condition and qual.; 4, Pritchard, yell. Nor., close up, good head and neck, neat wings and tail; hc, East; c, Vaughan. A.O.V. CAN. (7): 1st, withheld; 2, Farrow, foul green Scots Fancy, good size, fine reach, gets into position quickly; 3, Pritchard, E.M. Nor., good cobby exhibit, neat wings and tail, grand col. and qual.; 4, Muscott, var. Crest, good length of feather, rare condition; vhc, c, Jones; hc, Lewis; absent, No. 6, Edwards. LOCAL: Cancelled. MULE OR HYB. (8): 1st, withheld; 2, 4, H. S. Davies, leader Goldie-Bullie, well known, grand size, col., and qual., good blaze; latter five-pointed Goldie Mule, in tip-top order; 3, Jones, another really good Goldie-Bullie, loses only in size to leader; vhc, Edwards, Goldie-Bullie, not quite so nice in col. as leaders; hc, c, Davies; absent, Nos. 6, 7, Edwards. BULLFINCH (7): 1st, withheld; 2, Jeffreys, good col. and qual., nice size and condition, neat cap and bars; 3, Davies, hen, grand size and qual., good cap, very cobby; 4, Nicholas, good size and qual.; vhc, Morgan; hc, Thorne; c Dark. GOLDFINCH (14): 1, Jeffreys, fine size and col., well-cut blaze, good bars and buttons, grand qual.; 2, Nicholas, nice square blaze, good col. and size, loses only in polish to leader; 3, Edwards, neat Finch, good blaze, bars, and buttons, not quite size of leaders; 4, Moss and Barnes, good size, neat bars and buttons; vhc, Rees; hc, Morgan; c, Davies; abs., Edwards. GREENFINCH, ETC. (9); 2nd, withheld; 1, Jeffries, Jonque Greenie, good size, shape, and col., shown in A1 condition; 3, Davies, Chaffinch, nice size, good col., and qual.; 4, Tippins, Greenie, good size and col., loses only in condition to winner; vhc, Williams; hc, Moss and Barnes; c, Jones. LINNET, ETC. (7): 1st, withheld; 2, Gay, well-known Linnet, grand col. and qual., a wealth of lacing, wins; 3, Oliver, non-fed Siskin, grand size, good eye marking, nice col. and qual.; 4, vhc, Jeffreys, Twite, good size and col.; hc, Dark. A.O.S. (2): 3, Jeffreys, Yellowhammer, very steady, good col. and qual.; 4, Tompkinson, Bramhle, good size, very steady. SOFT-BILL (3): 3, spl, Clissold, Blackbird, grand col. and qual., good crocus bill, well shown; 4, vhc, Williams, Thrush and Starling in tip-top order. FOR. (3): 3, spl. best in show, Davies, King Parrot, well shown, a beautiful exhibit, in tip-top order; extra 3, 4, Thorne, Whydah and Tanager, lovely exhibit, staged to perfection. BRIT. (LOCAL) (8): 1st, Withheld; 2, vhc, Thomas, Goldie, good square-cut blaze, nice size and shape, good bars and buttons; 3, T. Williams, very neat and steady Yellowhammer; extra 3rd, W. Williams, good size Greenie, just a trifle unsteady; 4, c, Rees nice, Chaffinch; hc Wm. Williams.

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SELKIRK.

The 50th annual show was held on November 25th, in the Volunteer Hall. The cage birds were staged at the end at a nice height. The hall is well lighted from the roof and sides, and although the day was a cold one, the exhibits seemed quite comfortable. The entry in the Border Fancy section was similar to last year, and quality was very good. Mr. J. Patterson, jun., won B.F.C.C. medal, also special for best bird in show with a treat of a clear yellow hen. Messrs. A. and W. Thomson were close runners-up. The Society are fortunate in their secretary, Mr. R. Emond, jun., who, although very young, had everything well in band, being very courteous and obliging. Messrs. J. Pringle and A. Rodger were the stewards, assisted by Mr. Thomson. Mr. J. Alexander (Lilliesleaf) made the awards, which were well received. All Norwich classes were cancelled for want of entries.

The Critique.

BORD. FCY. YELL. CK. (5): 1, Patterson, jun., rare size, col. and quality, takes nice position, good head; 2, Hyde's spl, Muldson, again fine col., qual. and feather; 3, Campbell, fine style and symmetry; 4, Aitken, good bead, fine body; vhc, Rodger. HEN (9): 1, B.F.C.C. medal and spl. best in show, Patterson, jun., sweet wee thing, lovely feathered, grand taking style, fine head; 2, Halliday, again sweet head, fine col., quality, condition and style; 3, G. Bennet, very similarly built, follows close; 4, Campbell, nice col., fine feather; vhc, Aitken; hc, Pringle; c, Young. BUFF CK. (7): 1, Patterson, jun., Gala winning foul cap, splendid style, fine head, extra well put down; 2, Young, a wee shade thickly made, but rare col. and quality; 3, Campbell, very similar in make, col. and quality; 4, Lloyd, tick wing, nice size; vhc, G. Bennett; hc, Lloyd; c, Torrie. HEN (4): 1, Halliday, lovely feathered hen, nice back, wing and tail carriage; 2, Patterson, jun., better style, fine head, neck and back; 3, G. Bennet, wing mark, good col., quality and condition; 4, Young, fine size. EVENLY MKD. (5): 1, 2, Watson, two good ones, nicely balanced eyes and wings, grand type, col. and quality, former excels in back; 3, Muldson, yell., a wee shade thin, fine col.; 4, Aitken, very similar in build, fine mark UNEVENLY MKD. (6): 1, Patterson, jun., well-known mark, fine eyes and wings, grand stylish swagger of head; 2, Campbell, five-pointed cinn., good markings; 3, Halliday, marked both eyes, one wing, fine col.; 4, G. Bennet, nearly even, fine weight; vhc, Aitken; hc, Skeldon. GREEN, ETC. (9): 1, spl, 2, 4, Thomson, leader a charmer in every way, lovely head, fine neck, back and wing carriage, 2nd much same stamp, but a wee bit dull in markings; 3, Murray, held back for slightly soiled head, extra nice col.; vhc, hc, c, Lloyd.

BURY.

Bury C.B.S. annual members' show, held in a very suitable room at the Y.M.C.A., Rock Street. Birds were staged to the best advantage, and credit is due to the Secretary, Mr. Jameson, and Mr. Garnett, steward. Mr. Hirst (Accrington) placed the birds.

The Critique.

LANCS. (4): 1, sp, 2, 3, 4, Jameson, 1, buff coppy, griz., good head, nice open centre, good col., nice position; 2, griz., good carriage and position, neat head, stands well; 3rd, p.h., punched at entrance, good col., nice feather; 4th, coppy, feather does not come far forward, nice quality and col. YORKS. (5): 1, sp, 4, Garnett, 1st, cl. buff, excellent quality feather, nice col. and shape, stands well on leg, piped tail, bad wing carriage; 4th, small, but full of quality, not quite so evenly "fed"; 2, 3, Crossley, 2nd, cl. yell., very good col. and length, typical, nice upstanding position; 3rd, head mkd., nice round head, good shape, flights carried well down, feather and col. extra good; vhc, Allen. HEN (3): 1, sp, Crossley, cl. yell. hen, true Yorkie for type and position, nice head and length; 2, Pickup, not quite so long as winner, but very nice hen; 3, Garnett, cin. marked, nice head. UNFLIG. (5): 1, sp, 2, Crossley, I, cl. buff, wins well, well tapered, head, shoulders and position A1; 2, cl. yell., splendid col. and length, not quite so fine in feather; 3, Garnett, wing mkd., nice domed head, fine wings and tail, well shaped throughout; 4, Allen, down in col.; vhc, Pickup. NOR. (3): 1, sp, 2, Armistead, good openiug, really fine cl. buff, nice frosting, good fettle; 2, cl. yell. of good size, strong col., nice quality feather; 3, Moscrop, cl. yell., nice head, strong col. NOR. A.O.V. (6): 1, sp, Moscrop, head mkd., nice opening, deep chest carried well across perch, short tail and flights, good coloured buff; 2, 3, Armistead, 2nd, yell. mkd. head and neck, nice condition, good size; 3, varieg. buff, lovely quality feather, good body; 4, Gorton, varieg., nice and cobby; vhc, Pickup; hc, Brough. HEN (4): 1, sp, 4, Armistead; 1st, varieg. yell., good bold front, nicely proportioned body, short on leg, grand wings and tail; 4th, buff, nice shape and feather; 2, 3, Moscrop, 2nd, very fair head, very typical, at times crosses wings; 3rd, varieg buff, grand shape and condition. UNFLIG. (4): 1, sp, 2, 3, 4, Armistead, 1st, cl. yell., a rattler for col. and condition, nice round head, a bit pinched, short flights and tail; 2, cl. yell., splendid even col., clean cut, nice carriage; 3, head mkd. buff, good colour and shape; 4, cl. buff, nice all round qualities. CREST (4): 1, sp, Armistead, cl. body, tail mkd., splendid col. and shape, nice body, feather; 2, 4, Jameson, 2nd, varieg. Crest, plenty of feather, nice position; 4th, split crest, nice size, buff; 3, Gorton, feather comes well to front, grand col. and shape. C.B. (4): 1, sp, 4, Gorton, 1st, yell. varieg., good col., nice quality feather, fine size and shape; 4th, best bird in class, unfortunately put down as blind; 2, Jameson, buff varieg., good body, in nice condition; 3, Brough, varieg., on the slim side, plenty of feather. CREST OR C.B., HENS (4): 1, sp., 2, 3, 4, Jameson, 1, buff, nicely radiated crest, neat all round; 2, cl. p.h. buff, nice col. and shape; 3, varieg. buff crest, nice shape, smaller; 4th, varieg. buff p.h. BRED 1911 (4): 1, sp, 2, 3, 4, Jameson, 1st, cl. buff, fair col., stands well across perch; 2nd, nice typical buff crest; 3rd, nice split crest; 4th, nice all rounfd, good col. GOLDFINCH, BRIT. (7): 1, sp, Jeffreys, good col., tan and amber, nice buttons; 2, Burton, a beauty, not quite as large as leader, grand condition; 3, Allen, nice shape, moons and amber, damaged tail; 4, Burton, very steady; vhc, hc, Brough; c, Crossley. MULE OR HYB. (6): 1, sp, 3, Jeffreys, both dark Linnet Mules, nice shape and hize, former the better col.; 2, hc, Gorton, buff Goldie-Can. variog., very fair; 4, vhc, Brough; 4th, dark Goldie Can-Mule, good col. LINNET (6): 1, sp, 2, 3, Crossley, 1st, steady, charming whites and back, very shapely, nice size; 2nd, not quite so good in col., beautiful markings and deep chest; 3rd, paler, good condition and shape; 4, Brough, good size and position; vhc, Burton; hc, Simpkins. A.O.S. FOR. (4): 1, sp, 2, 3, 4, Simpkins, all Budgerigars, first stands well above others in points, shown in fine condition and feather. Special for best Mule bred during 1911 was won by Mr. Jeffrey. An Owl belonging to Mr. Burton, Radcliffe, was on exhibition.

STIRLING.

Stirling and Dist. C.B.S. annual exhibition held in the Lesser Albert Hall, Nov. 18th. Although confined to members, the very creditable entry of 400 birds in all proved the members all very much alive, and many open show managers could do worse than copy the methods of this up-to-date society. The hall is a grand one, well lit, and roomy, and the executive are a hard-working band, being ably led by the president, Mr. W. Summers. The post of secretary is always a difficult one to fill, and the society is to be congratulated on having the perfect model in Mr. W. Bishop, who goes about his duties in such a methodical manner that nothing is left to chance, while for tact and courtesy he is very bad to beat. Quality was of no mean order, a good few well-known winners being forward in all sections to do battle for their owners. Judging was over by two o'clock, and we were agreeably surprised to get a catalogue, fully marked with awards, by three o'clock. Do the printers also belong to the society? Mr. J. Winter (Edinburgh) placed the cards in the Norwich and Crest sections, Mr. D. Hamilton (Hamilton) in Scotch Fancy and Border sections, and Mr. R. V. Raine (Cathcart) Brit., Mules and Yorks. All the awards were well received. Principal special winners: Best Nor., W. Bishop; best Crest or C.B., A. McDougall; best Border, W. Munro; best Brit., P. Arnott.

The Critique.

SCOT. FCY. CK. (YOUNG) (8): 1, 3, Christie, 1st very typical model, rare length of wing, fine reach; 3rd, well set up, good action; 2, Strathearn, grand model, fine top end, drives well; vhc, Neil; hc, Young; c, Hamilton. HEN (8): 1, Young, stylish hen, well set up on legs, fine sweep, good wings; 2, 3, vhc, Strathearn, 2nd fine stamp, fine thickness through, rare drive, works well; 3rd, same stamp, stiff worker; hc, Hamilton; c, Christie. CK., OLD (6): 1, Youug, grand size, thick through, rare top end, fine reach; 2, Strathearn, fine model, well set up and stylish action; 3, McDougall, good stamp, grand length of side, close up; vhc, Neil; hc, c, Hamilton. HEN (6): 1, c, Hamilton, grand position, excelling in top end, neat head, long reachy neck; 2, Strathearn, fine size and depth, splendid drive, presses; 3, hc, McDougall, fine stamp; vhc, Young. NOR., YOUNG, CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (16): 1, Jeffrey and Stevenson, bold head and chest, neatly finished, short wings and tail, lovely col. and quality; 2, Moreland, grand quality, short flights, good col.; 3, Robertson, wonderful col., and rare quality, wins Sandiford's special; vhc, Welsh; hc, Clubb; c, Morris. BUFF (8): 1, Jeffrey and Stevenson, grand type, short and chubby, feather short and close; 2, Clubb, grand head and front, good wings, just lacks the bloom of winner; 3, McNaughton, good head, fine feather, a wee bit long in barrel; vhc, Morris; hc, Robertson; c, Bishop. A.O.V. CK. (12): 1, vhc, c, Jeffrey and Stevenson, leading with a typical yell. varieg., grand head and chest, finished to perfection; 2, Rodger, grand size and substance, neatly moulded and finished; 3, hc, Welsh, fine type, lovely quality. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (15): 1, Aitken, splendid model, well up in size and substance, excelling in head; 2, vhc, Jeffrey and Stevenson, rare type, lovely quality, beautiful wing carriage; 3, Bishop, grand stamp all over, failing only in head; hc, Rodger; c, Meikle. BUFF (12): 1, Aitken, fine size and substance, neatly rounded head, grand flights; 2, Parker, a bonny hen, full of quality, a wee bit pinched on head; 3, Robertson, splendid type; vhc, Welsh; hc, Jeffrey and Stevenson; c, Mitchell. A.O.V. HEN (17): 1, Moreland, grizzle cap buff, grand type, put down in rare bloom; 2, Bishop, grand yellow varieg., full of colour and quality; 3, vhc, Jeffrey and Stevenson, Buff, varieg., fine type, lovely quality; hc, Clubb; c, Baird. OLD BIRDS—A.V. CK. (15): 1, 3, Bishop, leading with a grand cl. yell., well up in size, very typical, good col., lovely quality; 3rd, varieg. buff, splendid frontal, neatly rounded and finished; 2, Clubb, cl. yell., very shapely, nice quality; vhc, Jeffrey and Stevenson; hc, McNaughton; c, Herd. HEN (11): 1, Bishop, splendid stamp of a Nor., short flights and tail and great depth of chest, clean cut under; 2, Miller, cl. buff, very typical, lovely quality; 3, Gorrie, cl. yell., splendid shape; vhc, McNaughton, marked, soft; hc, Mitchell; c, Clubb. NON-FED CK. (10): 1, Rodger, cl. yell., fine shape, level col., put down in rare fettle; 2, Clubb, fine quality buff of sound merit, well staged; 3, Moreland, cl. yell., fine type and quality; vhc, Bishop; hc, Blair; c, Stevenson. HEN (12): 1, Rodger, buff green, fine size and depth of chest, neat head and rare quality; 2, Parker, tkd. yellow, grand wings and frontal, well staged; 3, Ritchie, cl. buff, grand shape and good quality; vhc, Herd; hc, Clubb; c, Kininmouth. CREST CK., YOUNG (1): 1, Moreland, Dark Crest, of neat formatiou. HEN (5): 1, 2, Beaton, both Dark Crests, neat centres and well radiated, lovely droop; 3, Moreland, dense Crest, open a bit in centre; vhc, Paterson. C.B. CK. (5): 1, Angus, a green of fine size, bold skull, nicely domed, wide entrance; 2, Moir, grand quality feather, wide entrance, splendid lashing; 3, Miekle, dense feather of correct quality, fine rise in skull; vhc, Morcland; hc, Merryman. HEN (3): 1, Moir, grand size, excelling in entrance and lash; 2, Moreland, nice size, good lashing; 3, McDougall, good quality feather, neatly domed. CREST, OLD (10): 1, McDougall, grand substance and feather, of right quality, neat Crest, well centred and laid; 2, 3, Moir, 2nd great density of crest, with fine frontal, shows a bit of roughness behind; 3rd, very neat Crest of fine formation; vhc, Paterson; hc, c, McNaughton. C.B. (5): 1, Paterson, well up in size and substance, bold skull, finely domed and lashed; 2, 3, Moir, leading with a grand green, rare entrance and lashing; 3rd, good quality, fine cushion; vhc, c, Beaton. BORD., YOUNG, CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (11): 1, c, Munro, 1st a little gem all over, teeming with quality, hard to find fault with; 2, hc, Auld, 2nd another grand model, neat head and neck, well packed wings and tail, grand frontal, not far behind; 3, Baxter, fine quality bird, neat wings; vhc, McRorie. BUFF (15): 1, 2, Auld, pair of toppers, hard to separate, neat heads and shapely bodies, put down in lovely bloom; 3, McRoric, fine stamp, grand wing carriage; vhc, hc, Blair; c, Baxter. A.O.V. CK. (12): 1, Auld, shapely model, well rounded and tapered, lovely col. and quality; 2, Wilson, neat head, lovely wiug carriage, jaunty action; 3, Jeffrey and Stevenson, fine type, good action, a wee bit rough at throat; vhc, Kinloch; hc, Blair; c, Baxter. YELL. HEN (9): 1, 2, Auld, again leading with a pair of beauties, all there for type and quality; 3, vhc, Munro, another pair of typical hens, put down in grand trim; hc, Jeffrey and Stevenson; c, Wilson. BUFF (12): 1, 2, Auld, sweet couple and no mistake, very shapely and stylish, leader winning on polish; 3, Munro, sweet little lady, neat head, best of wing carriage, close up; vhc, Blair; hc, c, McDougall. A.O.V. HEN (14): 1, 2, Auld, once more to the front with a pair, full of type, and polished like satin; 3, McDougall, very shapely, jaunty action, neat wings and tail; vhc, Munro; hc, McRorie; c, Baxter. CK., OLD (14): 1, McRorie, bird of true Border properties, very shapely, well staged; 2, Wilson, grand frontal, neatly tapered and finished, fine actiou, well worth its place; 3, Miller, capital type, lovely quality, close up; vhc, Munro; hc, McDougall; c, Auld. HEN (13): 1, Auld, grand model, neat head and neck, neatly tapered frout, and well balanced wings and tail; 2, vhc, Wilson, a lady of quality and splendid type, close up; 3, Miller, grand stamp, rather restless; hc, McRorie; c, Jeffrey and Stevenson. YORKS. CK. (5): 1, 2, Crawford, pair of fair good Yorkies, plenty of length; 3, vhc, hc, Fernie. nice stamp. HEN (5): 1, 2, Crawford, nice length and quality; 3, vhc, c, Fernie. MULE OR HYB., YOUNG (7): 1, Arnott, good sized buff Goldie Mule, with well defiued blaze of good dimensions and col.; 2, Paterson, buff Linnet Mule, nice size and shape; 3, Jeffrey and Stevenson, Goldie Mule of nice quality and col.; vhc, Angus; hc, Bishop; c, Clapperton. OLD (8): 1, Clapperton, a regular stormer, light Goldie Mule, a jonque of nice size, rare col. and lovely quality, best of its kind at present time; 2, Paterson, very nice Siskin Mule, of good size and col.; 3, Arnott, buff varieg. Goldie Mule; vhc, Perkin; hc, Gorrie; c, Meikle. GOLDFINCH (5): 1, hc, Arnott, leading with a typical Finch, neatly tanned and buttoned, grand blaze of sound col., put down in lovely condition; 2, Angus, fine blaze and tanning, fails only in bloom; 3, Jeffrey and Stevenson, nice Finch, just lacks the col. and bloom of winner; vhc, Clapperton. BULLFINCH (4): 1, Arnott, grand size and sound body col., deep jet cap and well defined bars; 2, Clapperton, fine size and condition, a trifle paler in breast col.; 3, Hamilton, nice conditioned Bullie; vhc, Munro. GREENFINCH (11): 1, Meikle, a whopper, bold head, good col., well staged; 2, Mitchell, grand shape, hot col., but badly staged; 3, Arnott, nice conditioned Greenie, close up; vhc, Rennie; hc, Morris; c, Clubb. LINNET (12): 1, Parker, nice stamp, splendid markings, sound col.; 2, Kininmouth, fine size and col., just a trifle heavy in pencills; 3, Baird, nice condition, good col.; vhc, c, Morris; hc, Smith. SISKIN (10): 1, Jeffrey and Stevenson, sound even col., neat cap and eye markings, nicely laced; 2, Smith, hot col., well defined bib, lovely condition, close up; 3, vhc, McGregor, non-fed, grand cap and bib, fine condition; hc, Kininmouth; c, Munro. REDPOLL, ETC. (15): 1, Morris, fine Mealy, excelling in col. and lacing; 2, Jeffrey and Stevenson, Mealy of generous proportions, just lacks the necessary lacing; 3, Stevenson, very fair Twite, nice col.; vhc, Kirkwood; hc, Baird; c, Parker. BUNTING (10): 1, Miller, fine Corn Bunting, lovely col. and markings; 2, Arnott, well known Snow Bunting, well up in size and fine condition; 3, Rennie, Cirl Bunting, well staged; vhc, hc, Morris; c, Parker. A.O.S. HARDBILL (7): 1, hc, Paterson, Bramblefinch, grand col. and head markings; 2, Rennie, Chaffinch, nice size, col., and condition; 3, Miller, good Bramblefinch; vhc, Arnott; c, Kinloch. SOFTBILL (8): 1, Arnott, Blackcap, in lovely condition; 2, hc, McDiarmid, leading with a fine Magpie, in fine plumage; 3, Kirkwood, nice Waxwing, a trifle rough on flights; vhc, Drummond; c, Arnott. FOR. (8): 1, Kirkwood, Blue Mountain Lory, in lovely plumage, easy win; 2, Arnott, Diamond Sparrow, nice condition; 3, Smith, pair of Green Singing Finches, very taking exhibit; vhc, McDiarmid; hc, Fernie; c, Clapperton.

BIGGAR, N.B.

Annual show held Nov. 18, in the Municipal Hall—a well-lighted, warm place, suitable in every way for such a show. The birds were nicely staged, and the quality was good throughout, especially in the British bird section. Messrs. Mossie (Annbank) and Mason (Peebles) judged, and their awards were well received. Much of the success of the show is undoubtedly due to the untiring efforts of the sec., Mr. F. H. Anderson, who was ably assisted by the members.

The Awards.

SCOT. FCY., CK. (4): 1, sp, 2, 3, A. Lawson. HEN (4): 1, 2, 3, vhc, A. Lawson. BORD. CL. YELL. (13): 1, hc, Kerr; 2, Clark; 3, Rae; vhc, Smith; c, Altchison. BUFF (14): 1, Kerr; 2, Campbell; 3, Spittal; vhc, Walker; hc, Carruthers; c, Aitken. HEN, YELL. (10): 1, Rodger; 2, Clark; 3, Aitchison; vhc, Kerr; hc, Walker; c, Campbell. BUFF (12): 1, Clark; 2, Campbell; 3, Walker; vhc, Kerr; hc, Pass; c, Elliot. VARIEG. YELL. (12): 1, 3, Campbell; 2, Aitchison; vhc, Walker; hc, Clark; c, Lawson and Sons. BUFF (9): 1, Walker; 2, vhc, Aitchison; hc, Campbell; c, Douglas. EVEN-MKD. (3): 1, W. Aitchison; 2, 3, R. Aitchison. FOUL (11): 1, W. Aitchison; 2, Lawson and Sons; 3, c, R. Aitchison; vhc, Clark; hc, Campbell. GREEN, ETC., YELL. (13): 1, sp, 2, 3, c, Kerr; vhc, R. Aitchison; hc, Campbell. BUFF (10): 1, Lawson and Son; 2, vhc, Kerr; 3, Campbell; hc, Spittal; c, Aitken. CREST (6): 1, c, McFadyen; 2, hc Young; 3, Garland; vhc, Lawson and Sons. C.B. (8): 1, 3, McFadyen; 2, vhc, Lawson and Sons; hc, Young; c, Garland. NOR. CK. (6): 1, vhc, Aitken; 2, 3, McFadyen; hc, A. Lawson; c, Hyslop. HEN (6): 1, hc, A. Lawson; 2, McFadyen; 3, Aitken; vhc, c, Dobbie. NON-FED (15): 1, c, Wilson; 2, Dobbie; 3, vhc, A. Lawson; hc, Cullen. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (18): 1, sp, Telfer Bros.; 2, vhc, B. and K.; 3, Small; hc, Kerr. BULLFINCH (17): 1, sp, Smith; 2, Campbell; 3, Rae; vhc, Whitefield; hc, Small; c, Lindsay. HEN (12): 1, Linton; 2, Telfer Bros.; 3, McCann; vhc, Graham; hc, Kerr; c, Lawson and Sons. GREENFINCH (16): 1, 3, D. and R.; 2, vhc, Small; hc, Hamilton; c, Selkirk. BRAMBLEFINCH, ETC. (17): 1, sp, Kerr; 2, Smith; 3, Rae; vhc, Anderson; hc, Small; c, Forrest. LINNET, ETC. (14): 1, sp, 2, hc, Small; 3, vhc, Smith; c, Simpson. A.O.V. (11): 1, Telfer Bros.; 2, Shearer; 3, Smith; vhc, Renwick; hc, Murray; c, Small. A.O.V. (5): 1, sp, Telfer Bros.; 2, Somerville; 3, vhc, Small; hc, Shearer.



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LOWESTOFT.

Lowestoft and Dis. C.B.S. 5th annual show held Nov. 23rd, in Mr. Kirk's rooms, Mill-road, which he kindly placed free of all charges at the society's disposal. Entries were larger than last years, and the quality in the Norwich section was especially noticeable, some rare good specimens facing the judge, Mr. W. E. Greeves. At this show Mr. Rackham won the cup presented to the society in 1907 by Mrs. R. Leach; having won it three times in four years it now becomes his own property. The society wish especially to thank Mr. Kirk for his great kindness and help, as also Messrs. Hart, Bagshaw and Saunders for their valuable assistance. The secretary, Mr. F. Rackham, had arrangements well in hand, and everything passed off well.

CL. YELL. NOR. (12): 1, 4, hc, Hart; 2, Mulford; 3, c, Rackham; vhc, Kirk. BUFF (13): 1, 2, Hart; 3, vhc, Kirk; 4, hc, Rackham. TKD., ETC., YELL. (15): 1, vhc, hc, Rackham; 2, Hart; 3, c, Kirk; 4, Castleton. BUFF (13): 1, 2, Hart; 3, 4, vhc, Rackham; hc, c, Kirk. YELL., HEN (13): 1, 2, 3, 4, Rackham; vhc, Blackburn; hc, Hart; c, Mulford. BUFF (14): 1, hc, Rackham; 2, Blackburn; 3, vhc, hc, Kirk. NAT. COL., YELL. (14): 1, 2, Rackham; 3, vhc, hc, Kirk; 4, Blackburn; c, Money. BUFF (15): 1, Money; 2, Mulford; 3, vhc, hc, c, Rackham; 4, Hart. PARIS (12): 1, 2, 3, 4, hc, Rackham; vhc, Hart; c, Mulford. CRESTS: 1, Corke; 2, Fuller; 3, Hart; 4, Goldsmith. C.B.: 1, Hart; 2, Saunders; 3, Corke; 4, Goldsmith. HEN: 1, Goldsmith; 2, Corke; 3, Fuller; 4, Hart. PARIS CRESTS: 1, Hart; 2, Corke; 3, Wigg; 4, Saunders. BRIT.: 1, 2, Blackburn; 3, Savage. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Blackburn; 2, 3, 4, Savage.

CAMBRIDGE.

Eighteenth open show of the Cambridge O.S. held Corn Exchange (one of the most spacious halls in the provinces), on Nov. 29th and 30th. We always anticipate a good show of cage birds, especially Britishers, at this annual event, but were disappointed to find that no less than 22 out of 28 classes had been cancelled, notwithstanding the fact that full prize money was guaranteed. All classes, however, were cancelled, having less than ten entries, and this, of course, was the chief cause of so few standing. The arrangements were all that could be desired, under the able leadership of the hon. secs., Messrs. Unwin and Howlett, while there was an excellent trio of stewards in Messrs. Edwards, Roff, and Wallman in the cage bird department. Mr. T. J. Ambrose made the awards.

CREST OR C.B. (11): 1, challenge cup for best Can. in show, Palmer, very fine buff, dark expensive crest of excellent formation and wealth of body feather; 2, r, Brooks, cl. bodied buff, with slightly grizzled crest, nicely made, good centre, r cl. body, very nice dark crest; 3, Harrison, very fine big green C.B., extra good lash, rare col.; vhc, Harrison; hc, Reeder; c, Betts. GOLDFINCH (10): 1, cup, Jupe, lovely Finch, rich col., expansive blaze, brilliant body col., in rare bloom; 2, Wallman, very smart, good square blaze, in excellent condition, hardly equal to winner in tanning yet; 3, Hawkins, nice bright blaze; r, Allington; vhc, King; hc, Baxter; c, Moore. LOCAL, £3, A.V. CAN., BRED 1911 (3): 1, sp, 2, 3, Papworth, really very fine Golden Liz., clear cap, well spangled, rich in col., wins, 2nd smart yell. Bord., 3rd another very nice Liz.; r, Miss Borrer; vhc, Brooks; hc, Wesson; c, Langley. LINNET, ETC. (11): 1, 2 sps, 2, Wallman, very nice steady Linnet, 2nd better col., distinct markings, some thought might have won; 3, Williams, very fine Mealy Redpoll, nice pencilling, good bill; r, Hearn, smart Siskin, good col; vhc, Roff; hc, Smith. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (11): 1, Botwright, very nice Goldfinch, excels in blaze and tanning; 2, 3, Wallman, nice steady Goldfinch, good col., blaze, 3rd good col. Bullfinch, well formed dense cap, a read Britisher; r, Smith, another nice Bullie; vhc, Williams; hc, Todd; c, Cutting.

CHICHESTER.

Held November 23rd and 24th, Corn Exchange, and was a great success. The entry was nearly 150—excellent, considering it was only a 12-miles radius show. The quality was good, especially in British birds. Mr. Burr captured most of the spoils, including cup for best British. Messrs. Stone and Hay are two capital secretaries, and were backed up by a good working committee. Mr. W. R. Miles judged.

The Critique.

NOR., CL.: 2, Duke of Richmond, grand cl. yell., short and compact, nice head, wings, and tail, hot col.; 3, hc, c, Silk, beautiful quality yell., loses only a little in wings; 4, Miss Townend, grand typical cl. buff, well shown. TICK, ETC.: 2, spl, 4, vhc, Silk, former red-hot varieg. yell., beautiful type, good quality; 4th, varieg. buff, not quite so fit; 3, hc, Miss Townend, varieg. buff, nice col. and quality. BRED 1911: 1, 3, 4, Silk, bouncing cl. yell. leading, rare quality for his size; 3rd, saddle mkd. buff, rare size; 4th, nice cl. yell., not quite so stout; 2, vhc, Miss Townend, varieg. buff, rare quality; hc, Mrs. Horner; c, Lewis. YORKS.: All the prizes went to the Duke of Richmond with four lovely exhibits, feathered like wax, good style; vhc, hc, Silk; hc, c, Mrs. Homer. A.V. NAT. COL.: 1, spl, hc, c, Mrs. Homer, former large heavily varieg. Crest, a little inclined to be hairy in crest; 2, Haines, topping cl. buff, rare size and feather, like wax; 3, Miss Townend, cl. body, Grey Crest, nice leafy feather, good radiation; vhc, Silk; hc, Howick and Homer. MULE OR HYB.: 1, sp, vhc, Howick, winner Bullie-Can., rare col., nice exhibit; 2, Miss Kimbell, large Linnet Mule, loses only in col.; 3, hc, Burr, Goldie-Can., nice col., in rare form; c, Duke of Richmond. GOLDFINCH: A hot lot; all the prizes went to Mr. Burr with a grand team, put down in A1 style, winner has it in blaze; vhc, Duke of Richmond; hc, Golding, Silk; c, Mrs. Dimbell. BULLFINCH: 1, cup, 2, 3, no name, winner real marvel, hot col., beautiful cap and wings, shines like satin, wonderful size; 2nd, loses just a little in size and col.; 3rd, rare Finch, not quite so good in cap; 4, vhc, Lennox, beautiful hen; vhc, Logdeu; c, Kimbell. LINNET: 1, 3, 4, Burr, bonny Linnet leading, rare size and col., sound to the tip of tail; 3rd, loses only in col.; 4th, smaller but good col. and markings; vhc, Howick; hc, Allen; c, Lennox. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, 3, 4, Burr, another grand team, 1st and 3rd two lovely Siskins, good size, nice caps and bibs; 4th, Redpoll, a monster, well laced; vhc, Duke of Richmond, Lennox. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, Burr, a monster Hawfinch, good bib, nice col., will improve yet; 2, Hoy, Wheatear, large and well mkd., not quite up in col. yet; 3, Burr, Greenfinch, bonny, beautiful sound col., rare cobby type; 4, Miss Kimbell, Hawfinch, shown in grand condition; vhc (2), Howick, Allen; hc, c, Lennox. FOR.: A nice collection; 1, spl, vhc, hc, Duke of Richmond, sweet little Cordon Bleu leading, nicely shown; 2, 3, Miss Townend, nice Grassfinch and Cordon Bleu, in rare fettle; vhc (2), Townend; hc, Kimbell; c, Lennox. NOVICE: 2, sp, Marshall; vhc, Walker; hc, Williams.

AYR O.S.

Ayr O.S. 50th annual show, held 25th Nov. It was confidently considered that this, the Jubilee year of the society's existence, would have been of sufficient importance to have drawn all the cream of the Fancy from a wide radius. We regret, however, as one of the civic dignitaries of the "auld toon" would have said "it did not materialise." Perhaps the greatest attraction of the show was Mr. Miller's remarkably distinct talking Starling in the British Bird class. When it asked to "Play up the Band, Dicky wants a dance," all within hearing were greatly amused. Almost as attractive was Mr. White's Mynah, and the sayings of the two during the day put the visitors in good humour. On this occasion the venue was the spacious building put up comparatively recently as a skating rink, and for space, comfort and light we know of no superior place in the West of Scotland. We sympathise with Mr. C. W. Paterson, secretary, and his hard working brothers, and are sorry their untiring energies did not meet with a more merited reward. The other members of committee, all good Fanciers and true, also merit a word of praise for the business-like way in which they went about their work, and it is regrettable to record that the result of their labours will, we fear, end in financial loss. Mr. Robson judged.

The Critique.

SCOT. FCY. CK. (3): 1, sp., 2, Hainey, 1, extra large cl. yell., beautiful long graceful neck, thickness of shoulders, delightfully staged; 2, equal, well braced up, not quite so thick, in grand condition; 3, Rorke, very racy and stylish. HEN (4): 1, 2, Hainey, 1, especially fine hen, of wonderful thickness, plenty of top end, grand droop, very ready; 2, good thickness, equally well braced up, good 2nd; 3, 4, McLean, 3, close up, beaten in size only, grand drive; 4, stylish, slenderly built. NOR., CK. (14): 1, Watson, good stamp of a yell., very nice wing carriage, grand front, nicely tapered, rare head; 2, Maxwell, slimmer got up a shade, but nice position and good feather, neat in front, well tapered; 3, hc, Devoy; 3, a trifle longer, good head and neck, neat wings and tail, good col. and quality; vhc, c, Pound, 4th nice shape, good col. and quality. HEN (9): 1, Maxwell, Green Var., a model for shape, grand front, rare head and neck, rich col., fine quality, short wings and tail, well cut away; 2, McKay, Yell. Varieg., equal to 1st in col. and quality, neat head and neck; 3, c, Watson, 3, neck mkd. yell., good head and neck, grand front, lovely quality feather, well staged; vhc, Devoy; hc, Muir. UNFLIG., CK. (12): 1, sp., Maxwell, cl. yell, red-hot col., grand type, good size and quality, short wings and tail, fine chest; 2, Devoy, grand shape, full head and neck, short, well-carried wings and tail; 3, c, Davidson, 3, wing mkd., fine size, good shape; vhc, Muir; hc, Higgins. HEN (11): 1, McNair, beautiful shape, rare full chest, grand wings and tail, full head and neck, good col. and quality; 2, Scorbie, large, fine shape, grand front, rare wings and tail; 3, Maxwell, nice size, good shape, lovely head and chest; vhc, Gobber; hc, Pound; c, Muir. CREST AND C.B. CLASSES cancelled. YORKS., CK., YELL. (9): 1, 2, Cuthbertson, 1, a gem, wonderful length, good position, stands like a soldier, fine legs, neat narrow shoulders, well tapered body; 2, another good one, fine length, slim built, neat head and neck; 3, Walsh, varieg., beautiful col., fine quality, grand length; vhc, spl., Stewart; hc, Paterson; c, McLellan. HEN (4): 1, Cuthbertson, cap and wing mkd., grand length, rare legs, gets well up, neatly braced wings and tail; 2, Stewart, clear, rare length, neat narrow shoulders, grand waist; 3 Paterson, clear, hot col., rare length and style; absent, Syson. BUFF, CK. (9): 1, c, Cuthbertson, 1, varieg., wonderful length, grand position, slim, well rounded body, nicely tapered away; 2, McLellan, wing tkd., very similar, grand length, very leggy, grand wings and tail; 3, Walsh, neck mkd., rare length and style; vhc, Stewart; hc, Hunter; absent, Syson. HEN (6): 1, Cuthbertson, clear, grand length, very slim, good shoulders, well rounded body, neat head and neck; 2, Stewart, wing tkd., another grandly drawn one, lengthy and slim; 3, McRobbie, grand length, extra nice position; vhc, Blair; hc, Hunter; absent, Syson. UNFLIG., CK. (12): 1, spl., Walsh, cl. yell., fine length, beautiful position, gets well up, neat head and wings, in lovely bloom; 2, Cobb, another cl. yell., grand length and position, beautifully tapered neat narrow shoulders; 3, Stewart, lovely position, gets well up on legs; vhc, Hunter; hc, McRobbie; c, Paterson. HEN (7): 1, Cobb, cl., yell., good length and position, nice col. and quality; 2, Stewart, grizzle neck mark, very stylish, well drawn; 3, c, Cobb, 3rd, grizz. cap, gets up well on legs, good length, nicely drawn; vhc, sp., Walsh; hc, Sloan; absent, Syson. BORD., FCY., CL., ETC., CK. (16): 1, sp., 3, Mossic, buff and yell., two good ones, leader a little beauty of the finest quality, lovely col., small head, good neck; 3, grand shape, good sound col.; 2, Smillie, lovely col., yell., nice type and size, good shape; vhc, sp., hc, Clark; c, Aitken. HEN (10): 1, vhc, Mossie, 1, cl. buff, rare type, splendid carriage, true model from head to tail, nice texture of feather, taking style; 2, 3, H. Davidson, well named "Bonnie Wee Jean," and "Bonnie Wee Bella"; 2, a little beauty of a cl. yell., true to type, lovely head; 3, buff, another charming col.; hc, Clark; c, Fraser; absent, Rea. VAR., CK. (6): 1, Gibson, 4 pointed buff, grand head, splendid neck and back, well filled in; 2, Hume, head and wing mkd. buff, beautiful col. and quality; 3, Davidson, 3-pointed buff, grand shaped head, fine neck; vhc, Findlay; hc, Wilson; c, Whitelaw. HEN (7): 1, 2, Findlay, 1, eye and head mkd. yell., grand one, ideal shape, lovely col. and texture of feather, neat head, back and front; 2, neck and wing mkd. buff, rare style, good type; 3, H. Davidson, 3-pointed buff, beautiful shape, lovely wing carriage; vhc, Aitken; hc, Elliot; absent, Walker, Rea. LT., MULE OR HYB. (5): 1, sp., vhc., McQuiston, leader Goldfinch-Siskin, showing cross distinctly, lovely wing markings, nice blaze of a rich col.; 2, Heron, Goldic-Bullie, lovely breast col., nice tannings, well staged; 3, Cowan, Buff Varieg. Goldie-Can., shown in rare bloom; hc, McCord. DARK CAN. MULE (10): 1, 2, McQuiston, 1, well-known jonque Linnet, we have seen looking better; 2, jonque Goldfinch Mule, grand size, lovely colours, nice finish face, barely finished moult yet; 3, Lyall, Buff Linnet Mule, grand size, lovely breast work, nice shade of col.; vhc, Henry; hc, c, Buchanan. BRIT., GOLDFINCH (6): 1, sp., 3, sp., Conkie, first a gem, nice large blaze, well up in col., good wings and cheek markings, lovely tannings, shining like satin; 3, a very good one, not yet quite so good in blaze as winner; 2, McRobbie, Kilmarnock winner, leader and this are reversed on this occasion, and rightly so, still a nice little Finch; vhc, sp., Nixon; hc, Devoy (F.M.); c, Cowan. BULLFINCH (4): 1, sp., Dale, f.m., fine broad cap, deep crimson coloured breast, shown in lovely bloom, very steady; 2, Kelly, h.m., grand size, lovely cap, good bars and breast col.; 3, McQuiston, h.m., grand breast col. and cap; absent, McCord. GREENFINCH (4): 1, Dale, Kilmarnock winner, grand size, lovely big head, very hot col., good quality feather; 2, McQuiston, large jonque, grand size, barely finished moult; 3, McGavin, lovely quality feather, good chubby type, showing nice wing bars; vhc, Wason, good nat. col. bird, some thought might have been higher up. LINNET, H.M. (6): 1, sp., Cummings, grand size, rather dark in col. and markings for the taste of some, has a bad habit of facing back of box; 2, 3, McQuiston; 2, nice size, lovely breast work, good tone of col., shown in tip-top bloom; 3, largest in class, but very unsteady, will be good when ready; vhc, Wason; hc, Aitken; c, Muir. F.M. (11): 1, McQuiston, very large, steady, lovely col. and breast work, really good wild Linnet; 2, Henry, grand Linnet, beaten only in size, very rich col.; 3, Stewart, large, very rich col.; vhc, spl., Conkie, grand size; hc, Johnston; c, McCaw. SISKIN, ETC. (4): 1, 2, McQuiston, Twite and Mealy 'Polls, former grand bird, good size and lacings; 2, large Mealy 'Poll, grand, big head and breast work; 3, Martin, Twite, nice col. and markings; vhc, McDowall. LESSER REDPOLL (3): 1, sp., Hopkins, 1, f.m., lovely size, col., and markings, good big head and bib, good one; 2, McQuiston, h.m., grand size, lovely breast work, lovely tannings, pressing winner; 3, Frew, f.m., grand size, nice breast markings; vhc, Morton; c, Roxburgh. HEN., BRIT. (5): 1, Gribben, Bullfinch, grand size, lovely type, good dense col., grand big broad cap; 2, McQuiston, well-known Linnet, good size, lovely breast work; 3, Morton, Greenfinch, grand type, lovely colours; vhc, Roxburgh; hc, Sanderson. BRIT., SMALL (2): 1, 2. McQuiston, Bearded Tit and Bramblefinch, too well-known faces, often described. LARGE (4): 1, sp., McQuiston, big young Corn Bunting, grand col. and markings, will make a champion with another moult; 2, Miller, Starling, very interesting exhibit, when we were taking notes, was talking and whistling grandly; 3, Holt, Hawfinch, grand size, lovely col. and markings, had damaged tail and head or might have been higher up; vhc, Camphell, Starling. FOR., GOLDFINCH (6): 1, Heron, grand size, good dense blaze, lovely cheeks, very good front, rare buttons, tail and wings; 2, 3, Gnthrie, two lovely Finches, large, good conditioned, very high colours, staged in tip-top form, not much to choose between the three; vhc, Devoy, f.m..; hc, Frew; 5, absent. FOR., SMALL (3): 1, Gribben, large Siberian Bullfinch, grand crimson breast, good dense cap; 2, McClure, pair of Black-faced Love Birds, staged in grand bloom, kept to bottom of cage, or might have won; 3, Heron. LARGE (3): 1, sp., White, Greater Hill Mynah, grand size and in lovely bloom, great attraction to the show, talked all day; 2, Belt, Lorry, lovely colours, shown in tip-top condition; 3, Mrs. Sinclair, good Rock Parrot.

BEDLINGTON STATION C.B.C.

Annual exhibition, held headquarters, Workmen's Social Club, November 25. The birds were well staged, and every attention was bestowed on them by the secretary and treasurer, Messrs. J. Smith and J. Beveridge, who had all the arrangements well in hand. Judge, Mr. J. Stanger (Pelton Fell).

NOR. YELL.: 1, 2, Dixon; 3, vhc, Richardson; hc, Scott; c, Powell. BUFF: 1, Rowell; 2, Richardson; 3, Scott; vhc, Douglas; hc, Dixon; c, Griffiths. HEN: 1, vhc, Dixon; 2, hc, Richardson;; c, Scott. CINN. YELL.: 1, Griffiths; 2, Richardson; 3, Morris. BUFF: 1, Richardson; 2, 3, Griffiths; vhc, Dixon. CREST: 1, 3, Richardson; 2, Gray. PAIRS: 1, Scott; 2, Richardson; 3, Dixon; vhc, Morris; hc, Griffiths; c, Douglas. YORKS. YELL.: 1, 2, Richardson; 3, Charlton. BUFF: 1, Richardson; 2, 3, Charlton. BORD. FCY. YELL.: 1, Dixon; 2, hc, Anderson; 3, Beveridge; vhc, Gray; c, Dixon. BUFF: 1, Dixon; 2, Anderson; 3, Rowell; vhc, Peel. HEN: 1, Anderson; 2, c, Beveridge; 3, Richardson; vhc, Gray; hc, Peel. HEN: 1, Dixon; 2, vhc, Griffiths; 3, Anderson; hc, Peel; c, Smith. CAN. OR MULE, A.O.V.: 1, Anderson; 2, Griffiths; 3, Dawson; vhc, Douglas; hc, Rowell. LINNET: 1, Dawson; 2, Paxtor; 3, Richardson; vhc, Rowell; hc, Griffiths. BRIT.: 1, hc, Dawson; 2, 3, Anderson; vhc, Rowell; c, Smith. NOVICE: 1, 3, Rutter; 2, c, vhc, Carmichal; hc, Paxtor. BORD:. 1, vhc, Carmichael; 2, Smith; 3, Paxtor; hc, c, Fitzsimmons. A.O.V.: 1, Fitzsimmons; 2, Smith.

DENNY & DUNIPACE, N.B.

Sixteenth annual show held in the Foresters' Hall, Denny, on Nov. 25, when a capital lot of birds were got together. It was a grand show right through. The Crests, Norwich, and Border Fancies were a particularly good lot, some of the winners being hard to separate. The management was excellent. The president is Mr. J. Marshall, the vice-president Mr. Gavin M'Murdo, and the sec. Mr. A. France (a real good worker), who all put themselves out to make the show a success. Mr. J. F. Dewar (Edinburgh) judged, and his awards appeared to please everyone present.

The Awards.

CREST. CK. (5): 1, McDougall; 2, Paterson; 3, 4, McNaughton; 5, Moreland. HEN (3): 1, Cameron; 1, 2, McNaughton. C.B. CK. (5): 1, Paterson; 2, Binnie; 3, McNaughton; 4, W. Liddle; 5, H. Liddle. HEN (5): 1, W. Liddle; 2, McNaughton; 3, H. Liddle; 4, McIntosh; 5, McNaughton. YEL. CL. ETC. NOR. CK. (9): 1, 2, Marton; 3, Lawson; 4, Burnett; 5, McNaughton; 6, Reid. HEN (9): 1, 2, Marton; 3, Burnett; 4, Herd; 5, Hutton; 6, Reid. BUFF (9): 1, 3, Martin; 2, Jeffrey and Steveson; 4, Parker; 5, Burk; 6, McNaughton. HEN (8): 1, 4, McNaughton; 2, Martin; 3, Parker; 5, Herd; 6, Hutton. YELL. VAR. CK. (4): 1, Herd; 2, Martin; 3, Jeffrey and Steveson; 4, Gorree. HEN (5): 1, 3, McNaughton; 2, Gorree; 4, Martin; 5, Burk. BUFF (9): 1, 2, Martin; 3, Jeffrey and Steveson; 4, 5, 6, McNaughton. HEN (5): 1, Martin; 2, Godfrey; 3, Preston; 4, Chibb; 5, McNaughton. NON-FED CK. (12): 1, Martin; 2, Binnie; 3, Donaldson; 4, Chibb; 5, Anderson; 6, Reid. HEN (10): 1, Herd, 2, Chibb; 3, Parker; 4, Martin; 5, Herd; 6, Lawson. BORD. YELL. CK. (15): 1, Ayton; 2, Connor; 3, McIntosh; 4, Jamieson; 5, Walker; 6, Hardie. HEN (14): 1, Irvine; 2, Kay; 3, Fairfowl; 4, Dunean; 5, Ayton; 6, Aitken. BUFF (10): 1, Ayton; 2, Irvine; 3, Kay; 4, Connor; 5, Craig; 6, Gauld. HEN (15): 1, 4, Kay; 2, Walker; 3, McDougall; 5, Mclutosh; 6, Craig. GRN. OR CIN. CK. (6): 1, 3, Lambie; 2, Gray; 4, McIntosh; 5, Brown and White; 6, Jamieson. HEN (6): 1, Teirney; 2, 3, Forrest; 4, Lambie; 5, Paterson; 6, Gray. BULLIE, ETC. (8): 1, 2, Halley; 3, Marshall; 4, Binnie; 5, Robertson; 6, Herd. REDPOLL, ETC. (5): 1, Godfrey; 2, McIntosh; 3, Halley; 4, Morris; 5, Kirkwood. GREENIE (9): 1, spl, Parker; 2, McIntosh; 3, Baird; 4, Robertson; 5, Paterson; 6, Richardson. LINNET (13): 1, spl, Baird; 2, Parker; 3, Paton; 4, Godfrey; 5, Parker; 6, Corbett. A.O.S. HARD (10): 1, spl, 2, Robertson; 3, Morris; 4, Paterson; 5, Esklne; 6, Kirkwood. SOFT (3): 1, Robertson; 2, Esplin; 3, Kirkwood. FOR. (1): Kirkwood. MULE OR HYB. (9): 1, Lawson; 2, Wilson; 3, Craig; 4, Parker; 5, Godfrey; 6, Wilson.

CHANDLERS FORD.

First annual show of the Chandlers Ford Society held Nov. 29, when Mr. J. Harrison judged. Mr. Dean, the secretary, had everything well in hand. NOR. CL. YELL. (4): 1, Fellows, good stout head, nice rich col., well shown; 2, Cox, very good stout body, rich col.; Week, 2, wrong class. BUFF (1): 1, Fellows, very neat, good col., nice head and neck. TKD., ETC.: 1, sp, Fellows, very prettily mkd., good col., nice head, stout body; 2, Longhurst, good stout varieg., nice col., good shape; 3, Weeks, neat, good col.; r, Brown. CREST cancelled. C.B. (3): 1, 3, Longhurst, 1st good nice formation of skull, fine col.; 2, Page, another very neat one, nice size and shape. YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, Thornback, very long and straight, nice col., well shown, neat head. BUFF cancelled. A.O.V. YORKS.: 1, Maidment, very neat, nice, long, straight carriage, stands well. A.O.V. cancelled. MULE, DARK: 1, sp, Weeks, very nice Greenfinch Can., if it had been a Nor. hen instead of a Yorks. would be a really capital exhibit; 2, Hardy, very pretty Linnet Can., good col.; 3, Harding. LIGHT: 1, Fowles, very nice Goldfinch-Can., nicely mkd., good col. NOVICE A.V. CAN.: 1, 2, Maidment; 3, Welch, all very nice Yorks. BULLFINCH, BRIT.: 1, 2, White, W. J., nice, rich col., wide cap, very steady, 2nd also nice one, good rich breast col., nice size; 3, F. G. White, another very nice one, good col., not quite so steady; r, Flintoff; vhc, Fellows. GOLDFINCH: 1, sp, Butler, very wide blaze, nice size, good tannings, well mkd. blaze; 2, vhc, Fellows, very nice, rich blaze, not quite so large, beautiful markings; 3, Mills, neat face; r, White; hc, Yates. LINNET, ETC.: 1, vhc, Alderslade, very nice Linnet, well pencilled, good size; 2, 3, r, White, 2nd Redpoll, looks like the Woolston winner, rare good size, well shown, 3rd another nice Linnet, well mkd.; hc, Mills. A.O.S. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, Mills, very nice Greenfinch, good size; 2, Cook, also Greenfich, not quite so large. BRIT. SOFTBILL: 1, Cook, good Tbrush, prettily mkd., nice and steady. NOVICE, BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, Compton; 2, Lees; 3, Meaton; r, Harding. COCKATOO, ETC.: 1, Mrs. Lunn, nice Grey Parrot, in nice condition. FOR., LARGE: 1, Slade, very pretty colours, very distinct. SMALL: 1, 2, Slade, two pretty exhibits, and well staged.

DUNDALK.

Fifth annual show of the Dundalk C.B.A. held November 16th and 17th, at the Market House. Yet another success was scored by this most enterprising society. The room utilised this season is one of the finest halls in Ireland for a show, and we understand, too, it is much cheaper than the Town Hall. The room is entirely free from draughts, and splendidly lighted. There is one thing about the Dundalk fanciers; they do look well after the birds during the time they are entrusted to their care, and this being well known throughout Ireland is it any wonder we find the show such a huge success? All the birds were staged on the three-tier system, so that every bird could be seen to the best advantage. The hon. secretary (Mr. T. Walters) had everything well in hand, and was ably assisted by a willing and hard-working body of experienced fanciers, every man having his own work cut out; and one and all did their utmost to make the birds comfortable. Dr. Lavery and Mr. Keating were again at their posts; both are old hands at staging and in the general running of a successful show. Exhibitors are also indebted to the following members of committee for looking after the welfare of their birds: Messrs. Byrne, Duff, McEntaggart, McArdle, Gaskin, McKeown, Kirk and Kelly. The quality of the exhibits was of the finest and far beyond that of all previous exhibitions. Yorks., the general favourite, came out on top. Norwich and Crests were conspicuous by their aims and objects. This section for some reason or other never has proved a success. Britishers and Hybrids turned up splendidly, Mr. Lavery holding leading honours and most points, while Mr. Dawson was a good second. The specials were numerous: 10s. 6d. to Mr. Tansey for best Yorks. cock; 10s. 6d. for best Yorks. hen, Mr. O'Rielly; other specials were won by Messrs. Hawkins, Gaskin, Devins, Holley, Faith, Carroll, Dawson, Cottrell and Herbert, Birse and Curley. Sales were pretty good. The cards were placed by Mr. R. Halliday (Shipley, Yorks.), and his awards gave entire satisfaction.

The Critique.

YORKS., CL. YELL. CK. (13): 1, spl., Tansey, best Yorks. cock in show, grand length, plenty of leg, rare wings and tail, lovely feather and col; 2, Neville, rare shape and style, lovely quality; 3, Hawkins, grand body and style, slightly pinched in head otherwise a gem; vhc, O'Rielly; hc, Lavery; c, Devins. HEN (11): 1, spl., O'Rielly, long, slim beautiful feather, grand wings and tail, nicely cut away, stands like a soldier, spl. for best hen; 2, Hawkins, lovely quality and style; 3, vhc, Devins, good head, wings and tail; vhc, Birse; c, Gillen. BUFF CK. (10): 1, Devins, good length, back and wing carriage, nice feather and col.; 2, Keating, lovely quality, grand length head, back and wing carriage O.K., clean cut and front; 3, Tansey, very stylish, good head, well filled shoulders; vhc, Lavery; hc, Mulligan; c, Hawkins. HEN (15): 1, 2, Devins, grand pair, hard to find fault with, rare length of flights; 3, Gillen, good shape, nice quality and bloom, good legs; vhc, Tansey; hc, Birse; c, Hawkins. TKD., ETC., YELL. CK. (11): 1, spl., Devins, tkd. on wing, very smart, slim and stylish; 2, Hawkins, grand shape and quality, well up on leg, lovely back and head; 3, Keating, good shape and length, well up on leg, lovely back and position; vhc, Tansey; hc, Gillen, c, Keating. HEN (8): 1, Fleming, tkd. in wing, grand shape and quality, well braced wings; 2, Gillen, thigh tkd, good length, beautiful quality throughout; 3, Tansey, thigh tkd., grand length, lovely head and back; vhc, Hawkins; hc, Keating; c, Devins. BUFF CK. (7): 1, Fleming, tkd. on wing, good size and shape, beautifully cut away; 2, Tansey, heavily mkd., well up on leg, rare quality feather; 3, Hawkins, mkd. on wing and eye, good shape, lovely wing carriage; vhc, McDonnell; hc, Lavery; c, Devins. HEN (11): 1, Keating, mkd. eye and wing, rare length and position, lovely col. and quality, good back and wing carriage; 2, Mulligan, tkd. on wing, well drawn and good length, well up on leg; 3, McDonnell, wing mkd., nice back, wing and tail, grand quality; vhc, Devins; hc, Birse; c, Hawkins. CINN., ETC., MKD. CK. (5): 1, Hawkins, buff mkd. head and wings, grand shape and position, good win; 2, Keating, head and back buff, very racy, rare shape and position, good wings and tail; 3, Fleming, yell., mkd. head and wings, grand length of side, well up on legs; vhc, Devins; hc, Tansey. HEN (5): 1, Tansey, undig. yell., grizzle on back, neat head, back and wing carriage, well drawn out, good legs; 2, Neville, buff, slightly mkd., grand position and style, good head and back; 3, Keating, yell., mkd. wings and head, another smart damsel, well up on legs; vhc, Hawkins; hc, Lavery. YORKS., NON-FED CK. (3): 1, hc, c, Sholedice, buff, tkd. on head, very stylish, grand length; 2, O'Hara, cl. yell., good quality, nice back; 3, O'Rielly, buff, head tkd., good length and legs; vhc, Dovins. HEN (10): 1, Woods, buff, good shape, nice position and carriage; 2, O'Hara, yell., grand shape and length, a bit loose under; 3, Sholedice, buff, good quality, very neat; vhc, Neville; hc, Keating; c, Hawkins. NOVICE, YORKS., CL. YELL. CK. (11): 1, Power, very full of swagger, rare length, well up on legs; 2, Gaskin, grand length, nicely tapered off, must have pressed; 3, McEnteggart, very racy, good position and quality; vhc, Hyland; hc, c, Ryan. HEN (9): 1, Holley, very shapely, good length of side, nice tail and wing carriage; 2, Ryan, lovely back, tight fitting wings, grand quality; 3, Hyland, good col., very stylish, lovely carriage; vhc, Gaskin; hc, McEnteggart; c, Mullen. BUFF CK. (11): 1, Gaskin, very stylish, lovely shape and position, grand quality; 2, McEnteggart, good shape and carriage, nice style; 3, Bannon, grand length, well up on leg, clear front; vhc, hc, Holley; c, Ryan. TKD., ETC., CK. (13): 1, Power, buff mkd., good head, back and wings and pipe tail, grand quality; 2, 3, hc, Ryan, 2 cinn. mkd. buff, lovely shape, A1 quality, 3 buff, thigh tkd., grand length, shape and position, very stylish; vhc, Mills; c, Gaskin. HEN (12): 1, Holley, buff tkd., good length, well braced wings, good quality; 2, Gaskin, yell., thigh tkd., shapely, very stylish; 3, Hyland, buff, wing mkd., good quality, well braced up; vhc, Power; hc, Lattimore; c, Ryan. CREST (1): 3rd prize awarded to Birse, cl. yell., green crest, of nice size. CREST HEN (1): 3rd prize awarded to Birse, good size, heavily mkd. buff. C.B. (1): 3rd prize awarded to Birse, fine sized buff, good head. NOR. CL., ETC., CK. (3): 3, spl, vhc, Faith, cl. yell, red hot col., good quality. HEN (4): 2, vhc, Faith, buff, grand shape, nice size, good quality; hc, Mrs. Taylor. VAR. CK. (2): 3, Faith, good shape; vhc, Mrs. Taylor. HEN (1): 2, Mrs. Taylor, good quality and size. SCOT. FCY. CK. (3): 3, Cotterell and Herbert, yell., good shape, nice quality; vhc, Mallagh. HEN (3): 3, Cotterell and Herbert, buff, good drive, handles well; vhc, Mallagh. A.O.V.; 3, vhc, Mrs. Taylor, cinn. Nor., good size. GOLDFINCH-CAN. MULE, CL., ETC. (5): 1, spl, 2, 3, Carroll Dawson, 1 4-ptd. yell., grand size, nice flush, very shapely, grand quality, in rare condition; 2, buff, lightly mkd., good size and shape; 3, varieg., not quite same finish as leaders, but all there for shape and quality; vhc, Goodman; hc, McArdle. DARK (6): 1, McCaldin, very nice finish, splendid trim; 2, O'Hara, very nice flush, good size; 3, Kennedy, rattling good bird, nice quality; vhc, Lavery; hc, Mrs. Taylor; c, Gaskin. A.O.V. CAN. MULE: 1, Carroll Dawson, light mkd. Linnet-Can, lovely shape; 2, Kennedy, dark Linnet mule, good size and col.; 3, Lavery, ditto, good quality throughout; vhc, Birse; hc, c, Malone. HYB., A.O.V. (3): 3rd awarded to Carroll Dawson, Redpoll-Twite, good size; vhc, Mrs. Taylor, Greenie Goldfinch, very neat, good quality. BRIT., GOLDFINCH (7): 1, 2, vhc, Lavery, 1 grand size and shape, very rich in tanning, rare width of face, good depth of blaze, fine bars and buttons, 2 good shape, in most respects hard to find fault with; 3, c, Birse, good body col., rich bars, good buttons; hc, Mulcahy. LINNET GREY (5): 1, 2, Lavery, 1 fine size and shape, grand body col., splendid laced, fine polish, very steady, 2 not quite so rich in body col., very shapely; 3, Carolan, neat, shapely bird, nice size, good pencilling; vhc, Kennedy; hc, Mulcahy. LARK (4): 1, Birse, Sand Lark, good size, lovely col; 2, 3, Mulcahy, grand col., in fine condition; vhc, Lennon, good shape and size. BULLFINCH (6): 1, Birse, good size, rare marking and col.; 2, vhc, Ross, fine shape, nice quality; 3, Carroll, shape and col A1, not quite the size of leaders; hc, Mulcahy; c, Byrne. A.O.S. BRIT., SMALL (4): 1, Birse, Siskin, grand shape, lovely bib and col.; 2, Mulcahy, Bramble, grand condition and quality; 3, Kennedy, Twite, good shape and col. LARGE (2): 1, Mulcahy, Clough, good size, lovely condition and col.; 2, Birse, Hawfinch, rare shape, grand quality, few tail feathers missing which handicapped him. FOR. (3): 3, vhc, hc, Curley, no competition. GIFT: Cancelled. CLASSES CONFINED TO CO. LOUTH: YORKS. CK. (12): 1, spl., Byrne; 2, Gaskin; 3, McArdle; vhc, McElroy; hc, c, McKeown. HEN (13): 1, McKeown; 2, Byrne; 3, Duff; vhc, McArdle; hc, Watters; c, McCann. GOLDIE (11): 1, Goss; 2, Curley; 3, McGuill; vhc, Lavery; hc, Ryan; c, McEnaney. LINNET (11): 1, Curley; 2, we missed seeing; 3, McKey; vhc, Duff; hc, McGuill; c, McCabe. A.V. CAN. (confined to working men) (10): 1, Bryne; 2, hc, c, Duff; 3, Villiers; vhc, Lawless.

BRISTOL C.B.S

Fifth annual show, as last year was again confined to members; held Nov. 25th, at the Central Auction Mart, St. Stephen's Street. Although not over large, it was comfortable. The birds were tastefully arranged, and the benches decorated with ferns and palms, giving a very pleasing aspect to the showroom. Entries came up to those of last year. Nor. showed a decided improvement in entries and quality, and were a show in themselves. Yorks, too, showed an increase in entries. British birds were a failure in entries, but several noted winners appeared. Cup for best young Nor., Mrs. M. A. Tristem, also rose bowl for best ladies' exhibit, Mr. F. L. Folwell being reserve. Mr. A. A. Pool captured the Yorks. cup for the first time, Mr. A. E. Lovell being reserve; Mr. W. H. Manley secured the British cup (for bird moulted by a member) with a big bouncing Hawfinch, Mrs. Garland being reserve. Mr. J. Houghton captured medal for hottest fed; and Mr. E. Stonelake for best light mule. The ladies, Mrs. Pool, Mrs. Garland and Mrs. Tristem, once again worked hard, supported by an energetic committee. Mr. J. N. Harrison, judged.

The Awards.

CREST: 1, 3, 4, Pool; 2, Fletcher; 1, 2, vhc, Pool; 3, 4, Mrs. Roberts. NOR., YELL.: 1, Mrs. Tristem; 2, Folwell; 3, Houghton; 4, Taylor; vhc, J. Tristem; hc, Master Pool. BUFF: 1, Folwell; 2, Mrs. Tristem; 3, 4, vhc, J. Tristem; hc, Master Pool. HEN: 1, 2, hc, J. Tristem; 3, vhc, Houghton; 4, Folwell. A.V. BRED, 1911: 1, Taylor; 2, vhc, hc, Folwell; 3, Master Pool; 4, Houghton. NON-FED.; Master Pool. YORKS, YELL: 1, Buckland; 2, Lovell; 3, 4, Mrs. Garland; vhc, Fletcher; hc, Morgan. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Lovell; 4, hc, Stonelake; vhc, Morgan. HENS: 1, 2, Pool; 3, Stonelake; 4, vhc, c, Lovell. BRED, 1911: 1, 2, Lovell; 3, Pool; 4, vhc, Morgan; hc, Keegan. NON-FED: 1, 2, Lovell; 3, 4, Buckland. MULE OR HYB. LIGHT: 1, Stonelake; 2, Buckland. DARK; 1, 3, Manley; 2, Coggins. HYB.: 1, Fletcher. BRIT., GOLDFINCH: 1, Coggins. GOLDFINCH, GREYPATE: 1, Coggins; 2, Manley. BULLFINCH: 1, Coggins; 2, Mrs. Garland; 3, Pool. LINNET: 1, 3, Pool; 2, Russell; 4, Manley. LINNET, F.M.: 1, Manley. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Mrs. Garland; 2, 3, Manley. GREENFINCH, ETC.: 1, Manley; 2, 3, Russell; 4, Coggins. A.O.S.: 1, 2, Manley. BUNTING: 1, Russell. SOFTBILL, SMALL: 1, Coggins; 2, Mrs. Garland. LARGE: 1, Manley. HENS. HARDBILL: 1, 3, Russell; 2, Manley. GIFT: 1, Tristem; 2, Buckland.—A. R. A. Carter, Hon. Sec.

GRANGEMOUTH (N.B.).

Thirteenth annual show held Town Hall, November 11th, when close upon 600 exhibits faced the judges. This number constitutes a record show. A well-lighted hall gave the judges every opportunity of placing the exhibits to advantage. Scotch Fancies were a fine lot, although the crisp frost in the morning put a few of them back for the time being. Crests, Crest-breds, and Plainheads were a good lot, many previous winners taking a back seat. Borders were the strongest lot, and included some tip-top specimens. Mules, British, and Foreign birds were the finest we have seen for a long time, both as to numbers and quality. The office-bearers are to be congratulated upon the businesslike way in which they conducted this great exhibition. Mr. J. Macpherson (president), Mr. J. Reid (vice-president), and Mr. Wm. Scaife (treasurer) were in constant attendance upon their guiding star, the secretary (Mr. J. D. Miller), who deserves much praise for his splendid management; and we are pleased to state that everything passed off satisfactorily. Borders and Scotch Fancies were placed by Mr. T. Todd (Edinburgh), Norwich by Mr. J. Smeaton (Musselburgb), and Mules, British, and Foreign by Mr. D. J. Gardner (Bathgate). During the afternoon the hall was packed with visitors.

The Critique.

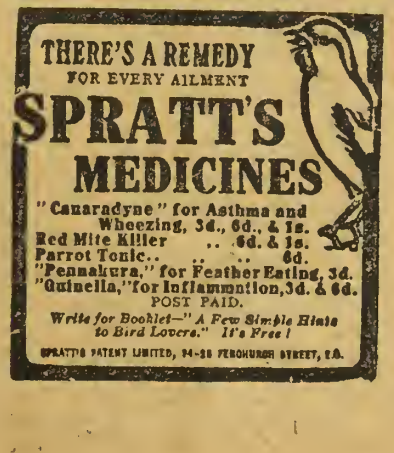
SCOT. FCY., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (7): 1, 2, 3, 5, J. D. Maxwell, 1st nice racy bird, full of action; 2nd, fails only in reach, otherwise good; 3rd, well shown; 4, P. Maxwell; 6, Niven. BUFF (7): 1, 2, 3, P. Maxwell, team of right good ones, all in spanking, fine form; 4, 5, J. D. Maxwell. A.O.V. CK. (12): 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, J. D. Maxwell, with a magnificent lot; 2, Strathearn, nicely drawn, well posted, good 2nd. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (8): 1, Marshall, full of action, good shoulders; 2, 3, 4, 6, J. D. Maxwell, 2nd nicely posted, good reach; 3rd, much the same; 4th, feeling the cold a bit; 5, 7, P. Maxwell. BUFF (10): 1, Strathearn, nice active hen, fine reach; 2, 3, 7, J. D. Maxwell, 2nd right stamp, good shoulders; 3rd, very much the same; 4, 6, P. Maxwell. A.O.V. HEN (12): 1, Strathearn, very taking exhibit, works well, nicely posted; 2, 6, P. Maxwell, 2nd good action, well drawn; 3, 4, 5, J. D. Maxwell, 3rd chases 2nd closely, barely so active; 7, Niven. YOUNG CREST CK. (2): 1, Williamson, cl. buff, fine body; 2, Moreland, lovely crest, grand frontal, nice body. HEN (7): 1, cup, Smart, good win, nice drooping crest, well formed, all there; 2, McLeod, fails only in crest, good one; 3, Moreland, nice varieg., massive, we liked; 4, 5, 6, Williamson, nice team; 7, Liddle. C.B. CK. (9): 1, Liddle, varieg., nice body; 2, 7, Smart, great skull and brows, good type; 3, Moreland, cl., good head; 4, Ferguson, very taking; 5, Williamson; 6, McLeod. HEN (6): 1, Sharp, good broad skull, nice body; 2, Liddle, close up, better head; 3, Smart, dark, big bouncing bird; 4, Williamson; 5, 6, Moreland. OLD CREST (8): 1, spl, 2, Sharp, 1st good crest, perfection; 2nd, not far behind; 3, Moreland, slightly split on crest, otherwise good; 4, 6, Smart; 5, 7, Ferguson. C.B. (8): 1, spl, 3, Sharp, 1st large bouncing bird, full of quality, popular win; 2nd, nice dark bird, good broad skull; 2, Smart, presses winner hard; 4, Moreland; 5, McLeod; 6, Ross; 7, sp, Miller. NOR., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (16): 1, Sandiford medal, Smart, cl. yell., nice typical bird; 2, 6, Woodhouse, good type; 3, Scaife, much same stamp as winner, some preferred; 4, 7, Aitken, another right good one; 5, Moreland. BUFF (18): 1, 4, 6, Smart, 1st a beauty, in rare condition, shown to perfection; 2, Menzies, another nice bird; 3, Simpson, fine bold bird, if it had had a washing it might have gone up one; 5, 7, Scaife. YELL. HEN (14): 1, 4, Aitken, 1st nice bird, good body; 2, Menzies, good type, crosses wings a bit; 3, 8, Smart, tkd., right good one; 5, 6, Ovenstone; 7, Matthews. BUFF (16): 1, 2, Scaife, pair of right good ones, in fine bloom; 3, Aitken, nice broad head, good carriage; 4, Woodhouse; 5, Smart; 6, Baird; 7, Penman. A.O.V. CK. (15): 1, 3, 6, Ovenstone, 1st lovely varieg., red-hot; 3rd, much the same; 2, 7, Simpson, another varieg., big chubby exhibit; 4, Scaife, very taking mkd.; 5, Liddle. HEN (17): 1, 6, Smart, 1st dark, nice one; 2, Heard, good bird; 3, Ovenstone, very typical tick; 4, Aitken, nice cl. yell.; 5, Scaife; 7, Simpson. OLD CK. (20): 1, 3, Heard, rattling good buff; 2, 7, Eadie, sweet varieg. yell., a wee bit restless; 4, Moreland, another varieg. yell., fed to perfection; 5, 6, Scaife. HEN (21): 1, Penman, clinking fine varieg. buff, good win; 2, 3, Eadie, 2nd very sweet non-fed buff; 4, Milne; 5, Heard; 6, Scaife. YOUNG CL., ETC., BORD. YELL. CK. (23): 1, spl, Reid, all there for type, sweet head, good carriage; 2, 3, 4, Aitken, very good team, 2nd a bit restless; 6, Conner; 7, McCreadie. BUFF (14): 1, 2, 5, 6, Aitken, 1st very typical, close fitting wings, nicely tapered; 2nd, presses bard; 3, 4, Heard, 3rd sweet tick, nice jaunty exhibit; 7, Reid. YELL. HEN (22): 1, McCreadie, very stylish cl., in rare fettle; 2, Williamson, much the same, very silky feather; 3, 5, 7, Reid, right good trio, in faultless condition; 4, Heard. BUFF (18): 1, 2, Aitken, pair of right good clears, right stamp, win well; 3, 5, 7, Reid, 3rd wee beauty, grand carriage, tight as wax; 4, Heard, not far behind; 6, McCreadie. A.O.V. CK. (16): 1, Reid, good varieg. yell., stamp all there; 2, 4, 5, 6, Aitken, 2nd sweetly made buff, very close; 3, Heard, very good yell. green, nicely mkd.; 7, McCreadie; 8, Wilson. HEN (13): 1, 2, 3, 6, Aitken, all buffs of the right stamp, well staged; 4, Leitch, nice buff cinn.; 5, 7, Reid. OLD CK. (19): 1, B.F.C. medal, Aitken, lovely even mkd. yell., noted winner; 2, 3, Heard, pair of tkd. buffs, well moulded; 4, Leitch, varieg. yell., nicely tapered; 5, Reid; 6, McCreadie; 7, Finlayson. HEN (21): 1, 7, Heard, very typical uneven, wins easily; 2, 3, 4, even mkd., some preferred; 3rd, cl. yell., of good type; 5, Reid; 6, Finlayson. VARIEG., ETC., MULE (YOUNG) (15): 1, 4, Eadie, 1st one of the best yell. Goldies we have seen for a time, great blaze, fed to perfection, runner-up for Sandiford's medal; 2, Bell, lovely Greenie, grand level col., right good one; 3, Aitken, Linnet, nicely made, good sound col., presses; 5, Ovenstone; 6, Smart; 7, Ferguson. CL., ETC., MULE OR HYB. (3): 1, cup, Ovenstone, Goldie-Bullie, lovely blaze, very distinct; 2, Bell, very taking even mkd. buff Goldie-Can., good 2nd; 3, Ovenstone, Goldie-Greenie, in fine bloom, shows parentage well. VARIEG., ETC., MULE (OLD) (13): 1, Ross, lovely yell. Siskin, teeming with col., nice cap and markings; 2, 5, Aitken, 2nd very taking Jonque Linnet; 3, Bell, yell. Goldie, should come up a bit yet; 4, Godfrey, nice varieg. Goldie; 6, Eadie; 7, Ovenstone. HEN, BRIT. (19): 1, spl, Robertson, lovely Waxwing, Falkirk winner; 2, 5, Heard, 2nd well pencilled Corn Bunting, steady as a rock; 3, Bell, neat little Goldie, well defined; 4, Ovenstone, Bullie, good broad cap, and wing bars; 6, Eadie; 7, Baird; 8, Moreland. HYB. PAIRS (8): 1, 2, 4, Ovenstone, 1st Goldie-Bullie, popular win; 2nd, Greenie-Bullie, well matched, very likely pair; 3, Baird, very nice Bramble and Chaffie, close up; 5, 6, Miller, good pairs. GREENFINCH (17): 1, Meikle, topper, nice Bullie type, grand chest, full of col., wins; 2, Robertson, a shade smaller, grand silky feather, very tight; 3, Miller, nat. col., right good Finch; 4, Eadie; 5, Aitken; 6, Moreland; 7, Rennie. LINNET (21): 1, Robertson, nutty-brown, nicely pencilled, popular win; 2, Godfrey, lighter in col., lovely breast markings; 3, 6, Bell, 3rd right good one, only a wee bit shy; 4, Eadie, we liked; 5, sp, Ovenstone; 7, Ferguson. A.O.S. HARDBILL (16): 1, Robertson, Hawfinch, looking much better than when we saw it last; 2, 3, 4, Bell, 2nd sweet Siskin, good cap, bib; 3rd, Lesser Poll, nice nutty-brown all over; 4th, well pencilled Twite; 5, Heard; 6, Rennie; 7, Eadie. SOFTBILL (10): Some fine specimens had to be shelved owing to being field-moulted (against regulations of this society); 1, 2, 3, Miller, 1st bonny Mavis, well spotted; 2nd and 3rd, two well spangled Starlings. CHAFFIE, ETC. (18): 1, Heard, a gem of a Corn Bunting, well staged, good win; 2, Robertson, Yell. Bunting, good sound col., size and condition, all there; 3, Miller, Bramble, good spangling and chest col., cheap bird; 4, 5, 7, Rennie, 4th bonny Chaffie, good blue cap, nice bars, 5th nice Reed Bunting; 6, Eadie. GOLDIE, ETC., BRIT. (10): 1, Robertson, Goldie, blaze collar, buttons all there; 2, 5, Bell, pressing hard, only lacks the polish of leader; 3, Eadie, very fair Bullie, nice cap and col.; 4, Eadie, another nice Goldie; 6, Leitch; 7, Godfrey. FOR. (12): 1, 5, 6, spl, McPherson, 1st pair Yellow Budgerigars, in faultless condition, good win; 5th, Long-tailed Whydah; 2, Ross, Siberian Goldie, rare blaze, should win in its own company; 3, spl, Miller, Green Parrakeet, cheap at 7s. 6d.; 4, Eadie, another nice Goldie; 7, Ovenstone.

WALLSEND.

Wallsend C.B.A. sixth annual show held A.O.F. Hall, Nov. 11th. The day proved fine and the birds were in fine condition, as the hall was warm and well lighted. Entries totalled 326. Norwich were a strong section and a great improvement on former years. Mr. McGinn won the Percy Hood cup for most points with 78 points, Mr. Slack coming next with 75, Mr. J. Hislop third, and Mr. J. Johnston fourth. Borders were the second strongest; 19 greens were classified, a stickler for the judge. Yorks were rather few, but of high quality. Cinnamons and Crests were not numerous, but they were good. The Mule and British section was not strong as formerly, but Mr. Maddison had some work to do in sorting the birds out. The President (the Mayor, Ald. M. W. Swinburn) and the Mayoress visited the show; they expressed themselves as highly delighted with the whole appearance of the show. The success of the show proved the ability and hard work of the committee; everything was ready for the judges by 9 o'clock. Messrs. T. Dixon and J. Maddison judged and gave every satisfaction. Mr. J. Johnston (show manager) showed visitors round and welcomed all. The secretarial duties were carefully and admirably carried out by Messrs. J. M. Macdonald and J. Evans. A large number of ladies visited the exhibition and seemed very much interested in the birds.

The Awards.

MR. T. DIXON'S CLASSES.—NOR. CL. YELL. CK. (10): 1, 2, McGinn; 3, Baker; 4, Macdonald; vhc, Hymas; hc, Slack; c, Reid. BUFF (16): 1, Kent; 2, Lumsden; 3, McGinn; 4, Baker; vhc, Rees; hc, Roy; c, Couchman. HEN (10): 1, Slack; 2, 4, McGinn; 3, Reeves; vhc, Scott; hc, Baker; c, Couchman. YELL. UNFLIG. (8): 1, 3, 4, McGinn; 2, Armstrong; vhc, Baker; hc, Scott; c, Jolly. BUFF (13): 1, 4, McGinn; 2 Jolly; 3, Dixon; vhc, Scott; hc, Reeves; c, Hymas. HEN UNFLIG. (17): 1, Hymas; 2, Dixon; 3, Kent; 4, Jolly; vhc, Scott; hc, Hymas; c, Jolly. NAT. COL. (11): 1, Caisley; 2, Dixon; 3, Jolly; 4, McGinn; vhc, Reeves; hc, Stubbs; c, Macdonald. CREST: 1, 2, Hutchinson; 3, Macdonald. C.-B. (4): 1, 4, Hutchinson; 2, Jolly; 3, Macdonald. CREST, 1911: 1, 2, Hutchinson; 3, Caisley. C.-B.: 1, 2, Hutchinson. CINN. YELL. (6): 1, 2, 3, Markwell; 4, McGinn; vhc, Ray; hc, Young. BUFF (5): 1, 2, Ray; 3, Carsley; 4, Markwell. YORKS. (5): 1, Tulip; 2, Atkinson; 3, Kent; 4, Allison; vhc, Johnstone. BUFF (3): 1, Kent 2, 3, Atkinson. HEN (3): 1, Johnston; 2, Allison; 3, Kent. YORKS, 1911 (4): 1, 2, Atkinson; 3, Tulip; 4, Baker. BUFF (5): 1, 3, Atkinson; 2, Baker; 4, Allison. HEN (5): 1, Kent; 2, Atkinson; 3, 4, Allison; vhc, Baker. BORD. FCY. YELL. OLD (4): 1, Chapman; 2, Whitaker; 4, Reid. BUFF (5): 1, Whitaker; 2, vhc, Montgomerie; 3, Chapman; 4, Stubbs. HEN (5): 1, Beavor; 2, Montgomeric; 3, vhc, Whitaker; 4, Chapman. 1911 YELL. (8): 1, Young; 2, Couchman; 3, Matfin; 4, Macdonald; vhc, Montgomerie; hc, Whitaker; c, Chapman. BUFF (12): 1, Chapman; 2, Beavor; 3, Montgomerie; 4, Whitaker; vhc, Greenwell; hc, Hall; c, Stephenson. MKD., 1911 (5): 1, Markman; 2, Whitaker; 3, Johnstone; 4, Whitaker; vhc, Cox; hc, Matfin; c, Reed. HEN, 1911 (14): 1, Johnstone; 2, 4, Whitaker; 3, Montgomerie; vhc, Cox; hc, Matfin; c, Stubbs. YELL. GREEN, ETC., (10): 1, hc, McQuillan; 2, Stephenson; 3, Young; 4, Johnstone; vhc, Little; hc, Macdonald. BUFF (4): 1, 2, Johnstone; 3, Stubbs; 4, Little. YELL. GREEN, 1911 (19): 1, 3, McQuillan; 2, hc, Johnstone; 4, Young; vhc, Montgomerie; c, Armstrong. BUFF (16): 1, vhc, Johnstone; 2, c, Young; 3, McQuillan; 4, Macdonald; hc, Wilson. LIZ. GOLD CAP.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Hislop. SILVER: 1, 2, 3, 4, Hislop. A.O.V. (6): 1, Young; 2, 3, Chapman; 4, Baker; vhc, Brady. MULES OR HYB. (16): 1, 2, Johnstone; 3, Baker; 4, Couchman; vhc, Dixon; hc, Wilson. 1911 (7): 1, hc, Slack; 2, Couchman; 3, Baker; 4, Biscoe; vhc, Macdonald; c, Brown. GOLDFINCH, BRIT. (6): 1, Slack; 2, Stephenson; 3, Jolly; 4, Macdonald; vhc, Appleby. GREENFINCH, BRIT. (10): 1, Hislop; 2, 4, Greenwell; 3, Scott; vhc, Slack; hc, McGinn; c, Hislop. LINNET, BRIT. (4): 1, Scott; 2, Whitaker; 3, Reed; 4, McGinn. SISKIN, ETC. (6): 1, vhc, Slack; 2, Whitaker; 3, McGinn; 4, McTull; hc, Appleby. BRAMBLE, ETC. (5): 1, 2, Slack; 3, vhc, Markwell; 4, Baker. BULLFINCH: 1, Slack; 2, Appleby; 3, Wilson. FINCH: 1, Wilson. SOFTBILL: 1, 2, Wilson. HEN FINCH: 1, 2, Evans; 3, vhc, Slack; 4, McGinn. FOR.: 1, Jolly.



KING'S LYNN.

King's Lynn annual show, held Nov. 13, Blackfriars Hall, with a record entry. In 25 classes, 300 birds were staged, and a grand display they made, especially in the Nor. section. The Clear Buff Norwich, exhibited by Mr. T. Edmunds, took prize for best bird in show, also taking cup for best unflighted Nor. The Secretary (Mr. A. R. Kent) ever willing, courteous and obliging, is the right man for the position; and such practical fanciers as Messrs. R. Hately, T. Ricketts, W. Breeze, and R. Harrod acted as stewards, and did their best to bring the show to a successful issue. They are to be complimented on the selection of the hall, this being in the centre of the town; it is very spacious, and has plenty of light, and is free from draughts. The judge, Mr. W. P. Barnes (Grantham) placed the cards, and his awards appeared to please everyone.

The Critique.

NOR., CL. YELL (20): 1, Edmunds, grand type, shape, good head, well over perch, lovely col., in good condition; 2, Bennell, larger, good shape and type, nice col., not quite so rich as winner; 3, Harrod, typical, fine shape, good col.; 4, Hately, good col. and feather, not quite so large; vhc, Kent; hc, Breeze; c, Brown. HEN (13): 1, Hately, good size and shape, nice head, neck and body, grand col. and quality of feather; 2, Harrod, extra nice type and shape, lovely quality feather, short flights and tail; 3, Bennell, good type and shape, good head and body, grand quality feather; 4, Breeze, similar for type and shape, good quality feather; vhc, Wallerton; hc, Cole; c, Greenfield. BUFF (17): 1, Edmunds, grand type and shape, good head, neck and body, well over perch, on a pair of good legs; 2, Harrod, good type and shape, good head and body, nice quality feather; 3, Bennell, very typical in shape and type, very even, soft, rich col., grand quality feather; 4, Stoakley, large, nice shape, good col., grand quality feather; vhc, Brown; hc, Hately; c, Harrod. HEN (22): 1, Bennell, grand type and shape, extra nice size, good head and body, short flights and tail, well over perch; 2, Hately, good type and shape, nice col, good quality feather; 3, Goodacre, very typical in shape and type, nice col. and quality of feather; 4, Edmunds, good shape and quality of feather; vhc, Greenfield; hc, Cole; c, Breeze. TKD. YELL. CK. (13): 1, Wallerton, tkd., both eyes, good shape and size, nice head, neck and broad chest, well over perch, lovely quality feather; 2, Smith, tkd. root of tail, hotter col., but not quite the type and shape; 3, Brown, mkd. left eye, one of the best for col. and quality of feather; 4, Breeze, grand col. and quality of feather, tkd. on thigh; vhc, Hately; hc, Bird; c, Harrod. HEN (12): 1, Edmunds, good size and shape, nice even col., lovely quality feather, in A1 condition; 2, Brown, tkd. on crown, nat. col., plenty of size, good in shape, col. and quality of feather; 3, Bennell, tkd. on right thigh, nice shape, even col., good quality feather; 4, Harrod, tkd. left side on neck, rich col.; vhc, Cole; hc, Kent; c, Bird. BUFF CK. (18): 1, Harrod, tkd. left eye, a beauty for type and shape, good head, neck and body, well over perch, short flights and tail; 2, Hately, lovely exhibit, both in type and shape, grand col and quality of feather; 3, Breeze, good bird, equal for type and shaped, marked on right side of neck; 4, Bennell, good type, shape and even col.; vhc Brown; hc, Dunbabin; c, Edmunds. HEN (13): 1, Harrod, tkd. on left wing, a gem for size, shape and type, plenty of front, good round head, nice broad chest; 2, Greenfield, tkd. left thigh, nice type and shape, grand quality feather, even col.; 3, Smith, good type, shape, size and quality of feather; 4, Kent, good Nor. for type and shape; vhc, Hately; hc, Edmunds; c, Brown. VARIEG. YELL. CK (14): 1, Harrod, varieg., grand size, shape and type, good quality feather, even col. throughout, in excellent condition; 2, Bennell, heavily marked wings and head, nice type and shape, good quality feather, well over perch; 3, Cole, dark tail, marked head, extra nice type, shape and quality of feather; 4, Wooler-ton, varieg., good in feather; vhc, Smith; hc, Edmunds; c, Hately. HEN (14): 1, Edmunds, a gem for shape and type, grand head and body, well up on leg, plenty of size, even col.; 2, Bennell, heavily marked, good size, shape and type, nice quality feather; 3, Smith, tkd. left wing, lovely col., soft silky feather; 4, Bird, good type and shape, nice even col.; vhc, Edwards; hc, Dunrahin; c, Gosling. BUFF CK. (22): 1, Edmunds, a gem for size, shape and type, grand head and neck, extra good broad back and chest; 2, Gosling, similar for shape and type, good round head, grand body, short flights and tail; 3, vhc, Harrod, eyes and wings marked, good type and shape, nice quality feather; 4, Smith, heavily marked, a wee gem for col., shape and quality of feather; hc, Bird; c, Greenfield. HEN (20): 1, Bennell, varieg., good type and shape, nice head, neck and back, good quality feather, short flights and tail; 2, Brown, marked wings, head and right thigh, in excellent feather, rich soft tone, of col., good type and shape; 3, Gosling, heavily mkd., good head and body; 4, Edmunds, varieg., sound feather and col., could not get steady; vhc, Edwards; hc, Harrod; c, Smith. UNEVENLY MKD. CK. (15): Bennell, Yell., rare shape and type, good round head and neck, broad back, full chest, short flights and tail, lovely col. and quality; 2, Greenfield, varieg. buff, plenty of size, even col.; 3, Edmunds, tkd. right side of neck, red hot col., fine quality feather; 4, Woolerton, Yell., tkd. on eyes, wing and shoulder; vhc, Harrod; hc, Bird; c, Greaves. HEN (12): 1, Edmunds, three-pointed Buff (eyes and right wing), nice type and quality of feather, short flights and tail; 2, Brown, varieg. Yell., good shape and body, nice quality feather; 3, Bennell, three-pointed buff, good shape and type, lovely feather; 4, Breeze, tkd. buff, in faultless condition; vhc, Gosling; hc, Harrod; c, Bird. GREEN, ETC. (15): 1, Harrod, Buff, foul green, grand size, good type and shape, extra nice head and body; 2, Smith, Jonque, foul green, soft tone of col., good shape and size; 3, Breeze, Jonque, foul green, in grand trim, lovely colour, shape and size; 4, Gosling, Jonque, foul tail, very rich colour; vhc, Edmunds; hc, Bird; c, Greenfield. CINN. (3): 1, 2, Williamson, 1, Buff, good size and shape, nat. col., in good condition, 2, Yellow., medium size, not quite so good in shape; 3, Gosling, Buff, soft silky feather, nice col. A.O.V. (4): 1, Bennell, broken cap, silver hen, grandly rowed, even and distinct; 2, Smith, marked crest, not very large crest, but good radiation, well filled centre; 3, Edmunds, buff C.B., nice type even col.; 4, Greenfield, Grey Crest, nice feather, quality of crest. MATCHED PAIR (16): a good class: 1, c, Edmunds, pair of Nor., well balanced both in type and shape, lovely col. and feather; 2, Harrod, pair of Lizards, gold ck. and silver hen, sound col.; 3, Bennell, pair of Nor., Buff cock, of good size and shape, rich col. hen; 4, Smith, Yell. cock and Buff hen; vhc, Gosling; hc, Hately. COLOUR-FED (4): 1, 2, 3, Bennell. MULE OR HYB. (8): 1, Gosling, varieg. Goldfinch and Can., nice col. and shape, lovely quality feather; 2, Cole, dark Goldfinch and Can., good blaze back and bars, excellent col. and quality of feather; 3, Wolleston, dark Linnet, nice col. and size; 4, Kent, Buff Goldfinch and Can., good size and shape; vhc, Harrod; hc, Walker; c, Greaves. BRIT. BULLFINCH: 1, Harrod, field-moulted, nice shape, rich col. breast, clean cut cap, distinct bars; 2, Hately, house-moulted, better size, not quite so good in col., nice breast; 3, Cole, nice house-moulted bird. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (5): 1, Hately, good square blaze, rich col., well tanned, nicely mooned; 2, Greaves, field-moulted, grand blaze, neat breast, back and bars; 3, Smith, nice blaze, good hood, back and bars; 4, Cole, in good feather and markings; vhc, Kent. A.O.S. FINCH (5): 1, Greaves, Greenfinch, grand size and shape, good head and body, rich col. wings and tail; 2, Edmunds, not quite so large, but nice col. and quality of feather, very steady; 3, Gordon, Greenfinch, extra nice shape and col., fine meal on back; 4, Edmunds, Greenfinch, good quality feather; vhc, Kent. GIFT (11): 1, Breeze, varieg. Buff; 2, Smith, Yellow. Nor.; 3, Brown, tkd. Yell., Nor.; 4, Hately; vhc, Harrod; hc, Gordon; c, Kent.

HYDE AND DIST. C.B.S.

Annual members' show held November 18th, St. George's School, Church-street—a very comfortable room for such a show. Entries turned up very nicely, and the quality was excellent. Mr. J. Raynes (Manchester) placed the awards, which gave satisfaction. Special winners: Messrs. T. Cambridge (best in show and best old yell.), W. Wrigley (2nd best, best old buff, best unflig., and most points in champ. section), S. Marlor (best yell. hen), F. Barraclough (buff), Hopwood Bros. (most points in novice section and best unflig. buff), A. Fildes (best unflig yell.), R. Gatley (Sandiford's), Gavin and Broadhurst (most points in Brit.), and N. Stansfield (lowest points' consolation prize). Points: W. Wrigley 78, F. Barraclough 59, Hopwood Bros. 47, T. Allsop 40, A. Fildes 35, S. Marlor 35, Gavin and Broadhurst 31, T. Cambridge 30, Marlor Bros. 27, W. Shaw 24, T. Rowbotham 22, Gregory Bros. 13, R. Gatley 7, W. Diggins 7, J. Vickers 4, N. Stansfield 2.

CL. YELL. (9): 1, Cambridge; 2, Shaw; 3, 4, Allsop; vhc, Marlor Bros.; hc, S. Marlor. BUFF (6): 1, 3, Wrigley; 2, Allsop; 4, Barraclough; vhc, Shaw. TKD. YELL.: 1, 3, Wrigley; 2, Allsop; 4, S. Marlor; vhc, Shaw. BUFF (2): 1, 2, Allsop. VARIEG. YELL. (3): 1, S. Marlor; 2, 3, Shaw. BUFF (4): 1, S. Marlor; 2, Wrigley; 3, 4, Shaw. YELL. HEN (8): 1, S. Marlor; 2, Cambridge; 3, vhc, Wrigley; 4, Marlor Bros.; hc, Shaw. BUFF (11): 1, 2, c, Barraclough; 3, Marlor Bros.; 4, Allsop; vhc, Wrigley; hc, Cambridge. UNFLIG. YELL. (8): 1, Wrigley; 2, vhc, Barraclough; 3, S. Marlor; 4, W. Shaw; hc, Gatley; c, Cambridge. BUFF (6): 1, 2, 3, Wrigley; 4, Barraclough; vhc, Cambridge; hc, Shaw. YELL. HEN (11): 1, Wrigley; 2, 4, vhc, Barraclough; 3, S. Marlor; hc, Marlor Bros.; c, Allsop. BUFF (9): 1, Marlor Bros.; 2, c, Barraclough; 3, Wrigley; 4, vhc, Cambridge; hc, Shaw. NAT. COL. (2): 1, Marlor; 2, Allsop. A.O.V. (2): 1, Allsop; 2, Stanfield. LINNET (4): 1, Diggins; 2, 3, 4, Gavin and Broadhurst. GOLDIE, ETC. (3): 1, Diggins; 2, 3, Gavin and Broadhurst. BRAMBLE, ETC. (5): 1, 2, 4, vhc, Gavin and Broadhurst; 3, Cambridge. YELL. CK., NOVICE (1): 1, Vickers. BUFF (5): 1, 2, Fildes; 3, Hopwood; 4, Rowbotham; vhc, Vickers. YELL. HEN (2): 1, Hopwood; 2, Vickers. BUFF (5): 1, vhc, Fildes; 2, 4, Hopwood; 3, Rowbotham. UNFLIG. YELL. CK. (4): 1, 4, Fildes; 2, Rowbotham; 3, Gregory. BUFF (6): 1, Hopwood; 2, 3, 4, Fildes; vhc, Gregory; hc, Vickers. YELL. HEN (7): 1, 4, vhc, Hopwood; 2, c, Rowbotham; 3, hc, Gregory. BUFF (8): 1, Rowbotham; 2, 3, 4, c, Hopwood; vhc, Fildes; hc, Gregory.—T. Allsop, Sec.

LEEDS ROLLER C.C.

Sixth annual contest held Nov. 10th, Temperance Society's Rooms, New York St., an ideal place for a cage bird contest, being free from draughts, well lighted, and kept at a nice temperature. Entries turned up well, there being 152 in 5 classes. Judges, Messrs. Lester (London) and Wareing (Bury). Many visitors and friends from a distance attended. The contest was a success all through. Much of the success of the show is undoubtedly due to the efforts of the hon. sec., Mr. H. L. Davis, who left no stone unturned to ensure the successful issue of the event. Dr. A. E. Reed won the challenge cup (members').

The Scores.

CHAMP. YOUNG BIRDS: 1, sp, F. J. Randall, holl. roll 6, bass 2, schockel 3, glucke 4, flutes 3, water roll 2, water glucke 5, d.b.w.t. 3, effect 5, total 33; 2 off for sharp flutes and high schockel; 2, sp, J. H. Willows, holl. roll 7, holl. bell 3, bass 4, schoc. 4, flutes 3, water glucke 4, eff. 3, total 28; 3, sp, A. Harper, holl. roll 6, bass 4, schoc. 3, flutes 3, water roll 2, water glucke 3, d.b.w.t. 2, eff. 4, total 27; 4, sp, F. J. Randall, 27 points; 5, sp, E. T. Williams, 25 points; 6, sp, J. H. Willows, 25; vhc, M. Neugebauer (2), Dr. Read; hc, T. Simpson, A. Harper, A. Foulds, Dr. Read, M. Neugebauer; c, Dr. Read; J. H. Willows, F. J. Randall, J. B. Hesling. Nos. 5, 17, 18, 26, 33, no song. NOVICE: 1, sp, J. Humphries, holl. roll 5, holl bell 2, bass 3, schoc. 4, flute 2, bell tour 2, bell roll 1, eff. 4; total 23; 2, sp, F. Heaton, holl. bell 1, holl. roll 5, bass 3, schoc. 3, flutes 3, bell tour 2, bell roll 2, eff., 3; total 22; 3, sp, C. Hopkin, holl. roll 5, holl. bell 3, bass 3, schoc. 4, flutes 2, bell tour 1, eff. 3; total 21; 4, sp, J. Humphries, 20 pts.; 5, sp, W. G. Bird, 19 pts.; 6, sp, J. A. Ives; vhc, E. Peel, F. Heaton, S. Hunter, J. Humphries; hc, P. Slade, J. A. Ives, J. Humphries, T. Twigg, P. Bangham, M. Stolle, Grainger and Harper; c, F. Ward, R. Sagar, E. T. Williams, W. Groves. Nos. 7, 17, 18, 33, 34, 35, 45, 49, 52, 53, 54, no song. CHAMP. ANY AGE: 1, sp, F. J. Randall, holl. roll 5, holl. bell 2, bass 4, schoc. 2, flutes 3, water glucke 3, bell tour 1, eff. 4; total 24; 2, sp, H. Speight, holl. bell 2, holl. roll 5, schoc. 4, flutes 3, bell tour 2, bell roll 2, eff. 4; total, 22; 3, sp, H. Harper, holl. roll 4, holl. bell 3, bass 2, schoc. 3, flutes 2, water glucke 3, bell tour 1, bell roll 1, eff. 3; total, 22; 4, sp, J. H. Willows; hc, J. H. Wardleworth; c, R. Kremner. No. 8, no song. NOVICE: 1, sp, M. Stolle, holl. roll 5, schoc. 3, glucke 3, flutes 2, water roll 2, water glucke 4, d.b.w.t. 2, eff. 3; total, 24; 2, two sps, P. Slade, holl. roll 6, holl. bell 4, bass 2, schoc. 4, flutes 2, schwirre 1, eff. 4; total 23; 3, sp, J. Bland, holl. roll 6, bass 2, schoc. 3, water roll 3, water glucke 3, d.b.w.t. 2, eff. 3; total, 22; 4, sp, E. Peel, 21 pts.; vhc, sp, H. Veen; hc, sp, S. Hunt, M. Firth; c, J. Munroe. T. Twigg. Nos. 1, 7, 26, 28, 29, no song. OPEN LIMIT £2: 1, sp, H. Roebuck, 20 pts.; 2, sp, R. Kremner, 19; 3, sp, T. Simpson, 18 pts.; 4, sp, T. Walton, 17 pts.; vhc, E. Peel; hc, R. Kremner; c, J. B. Hesling. Nos. 2, 15, no song.

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GENT'S cycle, Royal Enfield, perfect order, exchange 5 cock Canaries, or sell 25/-: 201, Chester-rd., Hulme, Manchester.

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GOOD silver English lever watch, new Lark cages, large flight cage, exchange Norwich fed: Russon, 8, Colville-st., Burnley.

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EXCHANGE ½-plate camera, stand, and part outfit, for Cockatiels, or Budgerigars: J. Wilde, Victoria-st., Ashton-under-Lyne.

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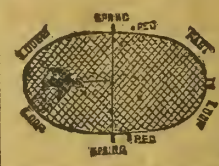
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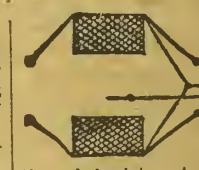
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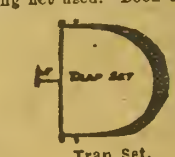
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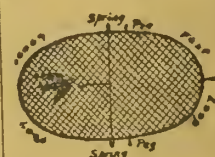
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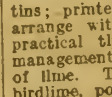
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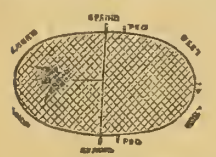
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I am the only real direct importer of above in England, direct from Siberia to Preston. No middle London men profit on above, and no picking at them only by me. Lots are offering Siberians, which are only small dirty Russians. I sell Russian cock Goldfinches, 3/- and 4/- each; Russian cock Bullfinches, 3/-, 4/- each. Testimonial this week:—Mr. Williamson, Stable House, Hamilton.—Sir,—The Bullfinch cock you sent me was 1st Uddingston, 1st Blackwood, 2nd Hamilton. I also won cup Burnbank and Hamilton West for best Mule, which was bred from a Goldfinch I got from you last winter.—All on approval. Order at once. Supplied the following gentlemen with first prize winners:—Mr. Murdoch, Girvan; Mr. Williams, Droitwich; Mr. Corlet, Castletown; Mr. Trueman, Whitwell; Mr. McMinn, Castle Douglas; Mr. Colville, Cambletown; Mr. Parker, Denny; Mr. McDerment, Paisley. "Sir,—Send 6 cock Goldfinches; a friend of mine got a Siberian Goldfinch and hen Bullfinch from you; and they bred four Goldfinch-Bullfinch Hybrids, and I bred six Goldfinch Mules and eight Linnet Mules from a Goldfinch and Linnet I got from you." Show cages for any of above, 2/-; three, 5/6. Established 1879.

SANDIFORD, Bird Specialist and Judge, Preston, Lancs.

HAVE a grand lot of Bullfinches, cocks, 1/3; hens, 9d.; special large, 2/-; approval willingly: S. Paigster, Grimsbury, Banbury.

COCK Goldfinches, 2/6, 3/6; cock Bullfinches, 1/6, 2/-; Linnets, 1/-; hen Bullfinches, for muling, 1/-: Charles Lewis, Highbridge.

WESTMORELAND Bullfinches, large selected cocks, 2/-; hens, 1/-; week's approval: G. Wells, 11, Sepulchre-lane, Fellside, Kendal.

YELLOWHAMMER, cock, grand head and cheek markings, a really good bird, 2/6; approval: Long, Photographer, Combe Down, Bath.

COCK Bullfinches, 1/6; hens, 9d.; cock Chaffinch, 8d.; Redpolls, four for 1/-; picked, 8d. pair: Brunton, 108, South End, East Dereham.

PAY the price; cocks in song, Linnets, Redpolls, Larks, Chaffinches, Greenfinches, Goldfinches, 2/-; cages, 6d.: Maynard, Bethnal Green.

SPLENDID hand-reared house-moulted cock Bullfinch, complete in beautiful cage, 3/6; approval: Rayner, 180, Coggeshall-rd., Braintree.

NOTICE: Linnets, Chaffinches; cocks, 1/-; two, 1/6; Goldfinches, 3/-; good birds; house-moulted ones, singing, 5/6: R. Taylor, Aviary, Chatteris.

WANTED good marked British hardbills, to moult for exhibition, including Hawfinches: Particulars to John Dobinson, Wolsingham, Co. Durham.

BULLFINCHES, Bullfinches; select healthy birds; cocks, 1/3; hens, 8d.; all been caught weeks: S. Townsend, Miles-lane, Long Buckby, Rughy.

BARGAIN; two grand cock Goldfinches, square cut, 3rd, res, Oakham Show last week, 10/- each; approval: Pawlett, Braunston-rd., Oakham, Rutland.

BRAMBLEFINCH cock, grand colour and lacing, steady, 3/6; another, 1/6; rich coloured cock Bullfinch, 2/-; others, 1/6: Alston, Yondercroft, Darvel.

HAWFINCHES; exhibitors, quick's the word if you would secure birds to moult certain winners; approval, stamp: Woodruff, Higher Walton, Preston.

EXHIBITORS: Grand cock Bullfinch, 2nd Newport; giant cock Redpoll, 1st Ryde; Linnet, 2nd Ryde, 12/6 lot; bargain; cards sent: Morris, Fancier, Ryde.

HOUSE-MOULTED Linnet, in full song, suit catcher, fierce singer or Mule breeder, bargain 3/6; on full week's approval: Enoch Tams, Church-st., Longton, Staffs.

SIBERIAN, Russian, German, and British Goldfinches and Bullfinches, Linnets, Siskins, best and cheapest; list free: W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

BULLFINCHES; cocks, 1/6; hens, 9d.; others, for exhibition or breeding; cocks, 3/-, 4/-; hens, 1/-, 1/6: Garrod Bros., Catchers, 37, Spencer-rd., Rushden, Northants.

FOUR handsome cock Goldfinches, caged August, extra large mealy cock Redpoll, house-moulted, with cages, cash, exchange: Nunn, 232, Grange-rd., Plaistow, Essex.

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TWO exhibition cock Bullfinches, 2nd and 3rd in Southampton Show, big class, 12/6 and 10/-; see report last week; approval: Fellows, Hill-lane, Southampton.

BOX cages, the best to keep British birds in, 13in. long, with loose wire fronts, 11/- dozen, a real bargain, sample and list of 104 sizes, 1/-: Pass, Hucknall, Notts.

HANDSOME large cock Goldfinches (selected) for show, muliug, or aviarics, at 3/- each; any number supplied; cocks guaranteed: W. Bunting, 9, Stanley-street, Welshpool.

CATCHERS; two twice house-moulted cock Linnets, with new cages, 3/6 each; two house-moulted hen Goldies, 1/- each; all used catching: Alnge, Stanley-st., Melton Mowbray.

WINNERS; mealy Redpoll, 2nd Inverness, 1st Forres, 7/6; hen Bullfinch, 2nd, 4/6; Goldfinch, h.m., 1st, Linnet, 1st, 6/6; show cages, 1/6 each: Ross, Bird Specialist, Forres, N.B.

EXHIBITION Goldfinch, 20/-; winning Twite, 8/6; another, 7/6; good Greenfinch, 7/6; Chaffinch, 6/6; approval; show cages included: C. Freeman, 89, Hartington-rd., South Lambeth.

LINNETS, red-breasted cock Linnets, all on hard seed, 2/6 dozen; selected, 3/-; Chaffinches, 3/- dozen; birds sent same day as ordered; dealers supplied: Hind, 26, Gough-st., Nottingham.

ONE winning cock Bullfinch, 7/6; two Border hens, bred from winners; will exchange for good cock Siskin, with cap and bib; on approval, or sell 8/-: Mitchell, Station, Bridge of Allan.

RARA AVIS: cock English Goldfinch, white tail and white feathers in wings, good blaze, nice shaped bird; what offers in cash, or good young talking Grey Parrot: Major Bull, Oswestry.

NOTICE: No liens sent out for cocks; cock Linnets, 3/6 dozen, 2/- half dozen; hens, 9d. dozen; bright aviary birds, 1/- dozen; all fed on hard seed: Reeve, 100, Highland-rd., Eastney, Portsmouth.

WINNING British for sale or exchange; see "C.B." reports of Longton, Wolverhampton, Liverpool, Warrington, Preston, Hull, Leeds, etc.; particulars, stamp reply: A. R. Jones, 47, Earle-st., Crewe.

SOUTHDOWN Linnets! Southdown Linnets! The best songsters in England, 2/- half dozen, 3/9 dozen: see special advertisement last week: Landport Bird Stores, Charlotte Street, Portsmouth.

LARGE yellow fed cock Siskin, 2nd Forfar, 7/6; large mealy Redpoll, res. Blairgowrie, 5/6; hot fed Yellow Bunting, untried, 6/6; large Scotch cock Linnets, 1/6 each: Hendrie, 77, River-st., Brechin.

LINNETS, Linnets, guarsnteed cocks, 2/6 dozen; large picked cocks, 3/- dozen; 13 to dozen; any dead birds on arrival replaced: J. Walters, Practical Bird Catcher, 21, Bergass-rd., Thorneywood, Nottingham.

CHRISTMAS presents; lovely cock Goldfinch, also cock Bullfinch, full colour, tame, and healthy, on song, with ornamental fancy cages with each 3/3, lot 6/-; safely packed: Ada Young, Misterton, Somerset.

LINNETS; cock brown Linnets, with nut-brown backs and beautiful red breasts, 2/6 dozen; picked, 3/-; plenty in stock; no waiting; picked for showing out of season's catch, 2/- each; sure to win; post-cards before birds: Marshall, 1, Platt-st., Nottingham.

NOTICE, will exchange Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Linnets, Yellowhammers, Greenfinches, Bullfinches, Brambles, for all kinds of Canaries; approval with pleasure: Apply to J. Newcombe, 22a, Bamford-st., Stockport.

EXHIBITORS: Tip-top Bullfinch, Goldfinch, giant Linnet, Mealy Redpoll, large Red-breasted Redpoll, Chaffinch, all winners, cocks 7/6 each, with show cages; all show condition: Robinson, Bird Specialist, Windermere.

WELL used to bird catching, cock Linnet Mule, 5/6; two house-moulted Linnets, 2/6 each; house-moulted cock Goldfinch, 3/-; all full song: Hunt, Catcher, 13, Pointer's-av., Mayson's-av., Thornywood, Nottingham.

LINNETS, 50 dozen red-breasted cock Linnets, nut-brown backs, all through moult, and on hard seed, 2/6 dozen; selected 3/-; birds sent same day as ordered; dealers supplied: James, 39, Pomfret-st., Nottingham.

SELECTED warranted cock Linnets and cock Chaffinches, 3 for 1/6, 5/- dozen; handsome tame piping cock Bullfinches from 1/6, hens 1/-, all caged months; approval, deposit; Wm. Cook, 66, Kitchener-rd., Ipswich.

GREAT novelty; model theatre; cage and trained performing Redpoll, 8/6; novelty house, cage and trained bird, 2/6; novelty cage, and bird trained to draw seed and hoist water, 3/6: Hayes, 170, Wensley-st., Blackburn.

FIFTY dozen Redbreasted cock Brown Linnets, on seed, 3/- dozen; picked birds 3/6, hens 9d.; cock Goldfinches 14/- doz, hens 9d. each; cock Chaffinches 2/- dozen, Greenfinches 1/- dozen: Warrall, 43, Henry-street, Carlton Hill, Notts.

HAVE two or three champion exhibition seed-eaters for disposal; none reserved. Also a few grand young Mules. Many of this season's biggest winners were sold by me. Send stamp to: G. E. Weston, Specialist, 66, Woodsome-rd., London, N.W.

EXHIBITORS; grand black-legged Goldfinch, second Cardiff, second Newport, strong classes; see report this issue; best offer cash; approval; also house-moulted Hawfinch hen (fed), with show cage, 8/-; grand bird: Ford, 64, Talygarn-st., Cardiff.

EXHIBITION British Goldfinch, £2; ditto, 30/-; Chaffinch, 30/-; Linnet, 30/-; Greenfinch, 20/-; Yellowhammer, 15/-; Corn Bunting, 20/-; Lesser Redpoll, 7/6; show cages included; all high-class show speelmens; approval: Mays, Kingscliffe, Wansford.

LARGE cock Goldfinches, 2/-, 2/6, 3/6; cock Bullfinches, 2/-, 3/- each; large hen Bullfinches and yellow cock Greenfinches, 1/-, 1/6 each; the above are selected birds, direct from catchers; approval: Morris, 2, Lucas-st., Brinksway, Stockport, Cheshire.

EXHIBITORS, read this; cock Bullfinch, won first prize, cock Goldfinch, second prize at Walkden and District Show, Saturday, Dec. 2nd. "Please send me cock Greenfinch, cock Linnet, for showing; yours truly": H. Mosa, 49, Harriet-st., Walkden, near Manchester.

WARRANTED cock Brown Linnets, in full song, 1/-, 1/6 each; in nice big new cage, only 2/- each, bird and cage; cock Goldfinch and hen Canary, bred Mules, only 8/6; hen Mules, 1/3; cage, 3d. extra: Hall's Central Bird Stores, Liverpool-rd., Patricroft, Manchester.

"THE CHAFFINCH," by H. J. Fulljames; its proper feeding, eaging, and management in captivity, with hints on sexing, hand-rearing, moulting, and exhibiting, is contained in Nutshell booklet No. 13, price 2½d. post free, from CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet-st., London, E.C.

LINNETS, Linnets, warranted cocks, 2/- dozen, extra large, old caught, picked cocks, on hard seed, strong, healthy birds, 2/6 doz., 13 to doz., dealers supplied, any birds arriving dead replaced: Hunt, Catcher, 13, Pointers-avenue, Marmion-rd., Thorneywood, Nottingham.

"THE GREENFINCH."—By H. J. Fulljames: its proper feeding, eaging, and management in captivity, with hints on sexing, breeding, hand-rearing, moulting, and exhibiting; see Nutshell booklet, No. 15, price 2½d. post free: The Publisher, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet-st., London, E.C.

YELLOW Bunting, 2nd Swansea, 12/6; Twite, Mealy Linnet, f.m., all have won, 5/- each; cock Bullie, 5/-; champion Goldfinch-Canary, 1st Hanley, 1st Swansea, 2nd Llanelly, 60/-; Linnet-Bullie, vhc, Stamford, Class 20, 3rd Wolverhampton, 60/-; or exchange: Jeffreys, 17, Norfolk-st., Swansea.

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GOLDFINCHES, direct from Worcestershire, warranted cocks, 1/6, 2/- each, three 4/-, six 7/6, twelve 14/-; few extra specials for keenest competition, 4/-, 5/- each, hens 9d., 1/- each, 8/- dozen; dealers supplied; approval: Haynes Bros., Birdcatchers, Selly Oak, Worcestershire.

HANDSOME large full-coloured cock Goldfinches, 2/-, 2/6; Scotch Linnets, fine marked cocks, 1/6, 2/6; large full-coloured cock Bullfinches, 2/-, 2/6. Note: Fanciers are requested to call and pick their own birds where possible; all birds for sale, same again: Adams, 18, Kilbowie-gardens, Clydebank.

LINNETS, warranted red-breasted cocks, 2/6 doz., large well pencilled cocks, picked from hundreds, 3/- doz.; notice, I guarantee satisfaction, replace dead. Send postcard before birds, and 13 to dozen. Orders promptly dispatched: Flinders, Birdcatcher, Scotland-yard, Hollowstone, Nottingham.

FOLLOWING British, all cage-moulted, good specimens, perfect feather, Hawfinch, new show cage, 12/6; Yellow Bunting, 1st, special Abington, 2nd Windsor, 7/6; Redpoll, 2nd Windsor, 5/; Greenie, 4/-; grand Chaffinch, 2nd Abingdon, 2nd Watford, 7/6; another, 5/-; five large muling Linnets, 3/- each; or exchange selected Goldfinches or Linnets, to moult out: Hireson, Southall, Middlesex.

BRITISH EXHIBITORS

English, Welsh or Irish Cock Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Linnets, Larks, Greenfinches, etc. £100 Reward if anyone can prove us to send out Hens for Cocks or unhealthy birds.

I have thousands of Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Linnets weekly, and can pick likely exhibition specimens. Cock Goldfinches and Bullfinches, 3/-, 4/-, 6/- each; cock Linnets, 1/-, 1/6, and 2/-. Cock Greenfinches, Chaffinches, Redpolls, 1/-, 1/6, 2/-. Large hen Bullfinches, for showing, muling, 2/- and 2/6. Cock Siskins, 2/6, 3/-, 4/-. Some real English 1911 cock Goldfinches, sex guaranteed, and healthy, and on seed, price 1/6, three 4/-, six 6/6, twelve 12/-; extra picked for singing, showing, muling, 2/-, 2/6, 3/-; three 5/-, six 8/-; hens, 8d. and 10d., three 1/6, twelve 5/-; cock Bullfinches, beauties, 1/6, 2/-, and 2/6, three 4/-; hens, 1/-, three 2/6; Redpolls, six 1/6. Grand cock Linnets, price 8d., 10d., 1/- each, three 1/6, six 2/3, twelve 4/-; grand upstanding cock Larks, caged off, singing, 6d., 9d., 1/- each, three 1/4, six 2/-, twelve 3/-; all guaranteed. Note: Every bird above I guarantee in every way. It does not pay me to supply rubbish. Wire cages for any of the above, 1/-, 1/3, 1/6, 1/9, 2/-. Shutter Lark cages, beauties, 2/-; beautiful box cages, 2/-. Seed grinding mills, worked in three grades, 1/6. Patronised by all leading judges, exhibitors, etc., including 1911 Crystal Palace. Judges Vardy, Bexson, Battye, Payne, Roe, Barnes, Irons, etc., all noted Crystal Palace judges. Mr. Hedges, Eastbourne, writes, September 13th: "Send me special selected cock Goldfinch, Linnet, Greenfinch, and hen Bullfinch for enclosed 10/-; Goldfinch I got from you two years ago won six 1sts and specials; the one I had last year won 3rd, but I lost him." Mr. Veitch, Jedburgh, writes: "Send cock Goldfinch, 3/-; two hen Bullfinches, 3/-. Glad to say Goldfinch purchased from you won me two 1sts Hawick, 1st and special Kelso, 5th Edinburgh (class 33), 3rd Galashiels, twice 2nd at our show." W. Jones, Altrincham, December 6th. "Send two cock Linnets and two cock Siskins. Am pleased to say I won 2nd and 4th at Altrincham open class with birds purchased from you." Mr. Ewan, Kirn, writes: "Goldfinch arrived safe, and won 1st and special at our show." Mr. Weedall, Winsford, January 30th: "Send another good Bullfinch. Glad to say last two have won 1st and 2nd every time shown. Unfortunately best one just died; other won 4th large class at big Crystal Palace Show." Walter Dyke, Longridge: "Send cock Goldfinch and hen Bullfinch. Glad to say Hybrid which I bred from Goldfinch and Bullfinch purchased from you has won 1st Leeds (Class 19), 2nd Halifax, 1st Leek, 2nd Hamilton, 2nd Hinckley, 1st Portsmouth, etc." Send for catalogue. Proper Club Chow Cages, 2/-, three 6/6. Can give you absolute proof of hundreds of winners I have supplied the last few years at above prices. Established 1879. Telephone 440.

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LINNETS; warranted cock Brown Linnets, well on hard seed, 2/6 dozen; selected cocks 3/- dozen, hens 1/- dozen; Greenfinches, 1/- dozen; postcard before birds: Walter Shaw, 72a, Manvers-aven., Carlton-rd., Nottingham.

GIANT Siberian Goldfinches, English Peartree Goldfinches, contest Linnets and Chaffinches, unbeatable songsters; fortnightly instalments accepted; stamp particulars: Mr. Copp, Wardrobe Stores, Dartford.

EXHIBITORS at New Year's shows and members' shows. I have to offer the following house-moulted birds, in grand show condition: Linnet, Goldfinch, Siskin, Greenfinch, also four-pointed and a three-pointed Goldfinch-Canary Mules; send for price if you are wanting: Enoch Tams, Church-st., Longton, Staffs.

COCK Linnets, three 1/-; cock Larks, 2/- dozen; cock Greenfinches, 1/- dozen; cock Goldfinches, full colour, 2/6, 3/-; hens, 9d.; selected cocks, Linnets, Larks, Chaffinches, Greenfinches, Robins, Yellow Buntings, 6d. each; cock Bullfinches, 1/6; hens, 1/-: Hobden, Ivy Cottage, Winchelsea-rd., Norway, Eastbourne.

LINNETS, Linnets, Linnets, Twites, Twites, Twites. Red-breasted Lincolnshire cock Linnets, best in England, 4/6 dozen, six 2/6, three 1/6; cock Twites (Redrumps) 4/- dozen, six 2/3, three 1/3; cock Greenfinches, hen Linnets, hen Twites, 1/6 dozen, six 10d. Hundreds testimonials: Charlie Cubley, Gedney, Hotbeach, Lincolnshire.

EXHIBITORS, the following 1st prize winners at Avonbridge, etc., for sale: Dark Greenfinch Mule, Bullfinch hen, Linnet, field moulted, Greenfinch non-fed, Greenfinch field moulted, Bramblefinch, including show cages; prices reasonable, state wants; stamped reply, approval, deposit; apply: Nicolson, Drumcross-rd., Bathgate, N.B.

REDPOLL, first Mealy last Palace show, wonderful size, unequalled for lacing, with grand well cut bib, worth £5, sell 50/-; also one of the biggest Lesser Redpolls seen, well cut, dense bib, with wonderful lacing, worth £4, sell 40/-; exchange entertained for either yellow or buff marked exhibition Norwich cock; mutual approval: Keymer Bros., Blackwall Reach, Gorleston-on-Sea.

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NOTICE to Dealers.—Linnets, Linnets, giant exhibitors, Mule breeders, clean moulted rose-breasted and brown-back cock Linnets, every bird in full song, only 2/- half doz., special picked birds, 3/6 dozen.; hens at 1/-; cock Chaffinches, 3/6 dozen, hens 1/- dozen; cock Redpolls, 3/- dozen; cock Larks, 4/- dozen, hens 1/- dozen; no hens sent out as cocks: Powers and Russell, 10, Granby-place, Bethnal Green, London, E.

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but actually in stock; 1,000 Siberian cock Goldfinches 4/6 each, all one price; testimonials from delighted customers all over the United Kingdom; deposit with Editor; if not satisfied money returned: C. A. Luer, 32, East-st., Walworth-rd., London.

LARGE WORCESTERSHIRE GOLDFINCHES.

Warranted cock Goldfinches, 1,6, three 4/-, six 7/6, 14/- dozen; specially selected, larger cocks, warranted in song, 2/-, 2/6, 3/- each, three 5/6, six 9/6, 16/- dozen; few special cock Goldfinches, picked from hundreds dozens, for showing, 4/-, 5/- each; hen Goldfinches, 1/-, three 2/6, 7/- dozen; cock Bullfinches, like paint, 1/6, 2/-, 2/6, 3/- each; hen Bullfinches, 1/-, 1/6 each; large stock of Worcestershire cock Linnets, all red-breasted, 8d., three 1/6, six 2/6, 4/- dozen; specially selected giant cock Linnets, in song, 1/-, three 2/-, six 3/6, 5/6 dozen; few steady cock Linnets, finger tame, fit to show at once, also in song, 1/6, 2/-, 2/6 each, three 5/6; all birds sent out on my well-known approval system or receipt of cash, or deposit with Editor, and money returned if not satisfied; plenty in stock; no waiting; post-card sent before birds: Thomas Hughes, 65, Saltley-rd., Birmingham.

Siberians. Giant Siberians. £100 REWARD.

If any dealer, exhibitor, breeder, or bird catcher, or any person connected in or out of the bird business, can prove us to send out common Russian Goldfinches for Siberians, or hens for cocks, or unhealthy birds. Every bird warranted as advertised; sure prize-takers and warranted sure mulers. If not, cash returned. Every bird in grand condition and plumage, with deep square-cut scarlet blaze, nicely tanned on breast, and beautifully buttoned; only 5/- each, 2 for 9/-, for one week only, or 28/- a stick of seven; giant Siberian cock Bullfinches, 5/-, 6/-, and 7/6 each, 28/- stick of seven. Siberian hen Bullfinches, 5/6 and 6/6 each, 28/- stick of seven; cash with all orders, or deposit with "Cage Birds." All dealers write for wholesale weekly price list: Powers and Russell, German, Russian, and Siberian Bird Importers, 10, Granby-place, Bethnal Green, London, E.

FRED ALLEN'S CHAMPION BRITISH.

Cock Linnets, will sing anywhere, real toppers, 1/- and 1/6 each, Norwich type; cock Linnets, well pencilled, grand colour and extraordinary size, 2/- each, impossible to be beat; cock Linnet, learnt under my well-known champion of England, only 2/6 with new contest cage and book of secrets, 3/6 lot, one note is worth the money; real giant Peartree cock Goldfinches, caged months, in full song, 2/6, 3/- each; gems with deep, square cut blaze, broad heads, can win, only 4/-, 5/- each; massive cock Bullfinches, cannot be beat, 2/6, 3/- each; Snow Bunting, a gem, only 2/-; cock Lark, in full song, 1/-; cock Greenfinch, giant, 1/-; cock Chaffinch, extra good, 1/6; Yellow Buntings, 1/-; I give seven days' approval; cash or deposit; no waiting; see last week's advert for testimonials: Fred Allen, Bird Specialist, Porter-st. Aviaries, Hull.

Before You Purchase

a Siberian Goldfinch, kindly read below. I claim to hold the largest stock of genuine Siberian cock Goldfinches (not hens) in England to-day. These birds come direct to me, and no man in England gets the pick of them but myself, and to prove this I offer £10 to any dealer in England who can prove he has had pick of my birds, either before or since they came into my possession. Regular readers will have noticed that while others were saying they expected Siberians at any moment, I actually had mine on the market, and some of them in customers' hands before they were expected to arrive. I have a really magnificent stock of the genuine Siberian cock Goldfinches, every bird in full song, price 5/- each, seven for 28/-; selected birds, very large, with good broad skulls, deep square blaze, good tannings and moonings, well buttoned and correct wing carriage, and polished like a new silk hat, 7/6 and 10/- each. Among the birds are a few cage-moulted cocks, price 7/6 each; one cock, with peculiar blue blaze instead of red, highest offer accepted; several very nice peathroated cocks, 7/6 each, and one very handsome square blazed, straight cut, Cheveral cock, 10/-; if others get the pick of the birds as they pretend, how it is they do not get the Cheverals, etc.? All will be sent on week's approval at my risk; cash or deposit system as usual, and money refunded if every satisfaction not given. For the information of other dealers, I may say the next lot of Siberians reach me on Dec. 15th or 16th; they will now know when to expect them.

W. GORE, Sib. Importer, Gooch-st, B'HAM.

REAL
Siberian Goldfinches

arrived November 23rd., 400 genuine Siberian Goldfinches, not Russians as sold for Siberians, but the genuine thing; prices; cocks guaranteed, 5/6 each; selected cocks with a beautiful bright square blaze, well buttoned, and as big as a Bullfinch, 7/6 and 10/6; trade supplied; see Roller advert: W. Smith, German-house, Tib-st., Manchester. Cash with order or deposit with CAGE BIRDS.

Softbills.

GOLDEN Oriols, fine condition, £2 each: Miss Alice Rosey, Rosemary House, Easthourne.

LARKS, Larks: Grand cock Larks, 2/6 dozen: Wright Bulliver, 75, Lytham-rd., Marshside, Southport.

PURE white Lark, very rare, £6, worth £20 to a publican for advert.: Glover, 37, St. Peter's-st., Leeds.

LARKS: Guaranteed cocks, 2/6 dozen; Thrushes, cocks, 6d. each: J. Rimmer, 81, Shellfield-rd., Marshside, Southport.

LARGE upstanding cock Larks, 2/6 dozen; have supplied dealers and fanciers over 30 years: E. Rowe, West-st., Chatteris.

LARKS, Larks, grand cock Larks, clean and healthy, 2/6 dozen; can supply weekly: George Rowe, Bird Catcher, Chatteris.

LARKS, Larks, cock Larks, large young healthy cocks 2/6 dozen, satisfaction guaranteed: Wm. Moss, Mere Brow, Tarleton, Preston.

HAND-REARED cock Thrush, magnificent songster, 7/6; beautiful Jackdaw, finger-tame, 7/6; cock Bullfinch, 4/6: Sadler, Tebden, Essex.

GENUINE cock Thrushes, 2/6; Blackbirds, Skylarks, 1/6; guaranteed thoroughly tamed and singing: Crisp, 11, Grosvenor Park-rd., Walthamstow, Essex.

LARKS, cock Larks, young, big bold birds, nicely spangled, and warranted all cocks, 2/6 doz.: Joseph Moss, Gravel-lane, Tarleton, Preston.

COCK Thrushes, 3/- half-dozen; selected Thrushes, Blackbirds, 1/- each; well on food: William Wright, 54, Shelfield-rd., Marshside, Southport.

WARRANTED large healthy cock Larks, 2/6 dozen; warranted in song, 2/-, 2/6, 3/- each, three 5/6, six 9/6, 16/- dozen; few special cock Goldfinches, picked from hundreds dozens, for showing, 4/-, 5/- each; hen Goldfinches, 1/-, three 2/6, 7/- dozen; cock Bullfinches, like paint, 1/6, 2/-, 2/6, 3/- each; hen Bullfinches, 1/-, 1/6 each; large stock of Worcestershire cock Linnets, all red-breasted, 8d., three 1/6, six 2/6, 4/- dozen; specially selected giant cock Linnets, in song, 1/-, three 2/-, six 3/6, 5/6 dozen; few steady cock Linnets, finger tame, fit to show at once, also in song, 1/6, 2/-, 2/6 each, three 5/6; all birds sent out on my well-known approval system or receipt of cash, or deposit with Editor, and money returned if not satisfied; plenty in stock; no waiting; post-card sent before birds: Thomas Hughes, 65, Saltley-rd., Birmingham.

AN exhibition Thrush for sale, prize winner, including Palace, house-moulted, in splendid condition, price 10/-: G. Oliver, School House, Hartley-avenue, East Ham.

EXHIBITION cock Thrush, hand reared, perfect condition, two 1sts and 3rd, only times shown, 10/6, cash or deposit: Attwood, 32, Goodnestone-rd., Sittingbourne, Kent.

MAGNIFICENT talking cock Jackdaw (Micky), laughs, cries, whistles, coughs, sneezes, follow anywhere; most amusing pet; only 5/6, packed: Arthur Aston, Market Rasen.

WRENS, Stonechats, 5/- pair; Reed, Yellow Buntings, Robins, Larks, Great Tits, 1/- pair; Snow Buntings, 3/6 pair; list, 30 species, free: Miss Rosey, Rosemary House, Eastbourne.

WOODLARKS, the king of songsters; cock Woodlarks 3/- each, hen Woodlarks 1/6 each, selected cock Woodlarks, coming nicely on song, 5/- each, special Woodlark cages 5/- each; approval: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn.

EXHIBITION British cocks, Wheatear, 1st Crystal Palace, Llanelly, Stamford, etc., £2; Blackbird, winner several 1sts, £2; Thrush, winner, 30/-; Yellow Wagtail, gem, 25/-; show cages included; all grand show birds; approval: Mays, Kingscliffe, Wansford.

CHAMPION yellow-beaked Blackbirds and song Thrushes, single 1/-, three 2/3, six 3/6, dozen 6/-; extra selected ones for exhibition purposes at 1/6, 2/-, 2/6, 3/-, 3/6, 5/- each; all birds been caught over six weeks. I have about 300 birds to select from: Alfred Cubley, Gedney, Holbeach, Lincs.

ON receipt of 1/6 I will send securely packed, with food and moisture, the largest and loudest singing cock Skylark ever seen or heard, like a Thrush, splendid shop attraction and show specimen; or with his new joiner-made cage, 4/6; approval willingly, including free my valuable feeding secret, which keeps them in full song ten months out of twelve: Wood, Cross-st., Dunstable.

A GOOD singing Skylark, Thrush, or Blackbird has a cheering influence on any home. Have you one of these birds? If so, and you wish it to sing its best, you must treat it properly, giving it the proper food and the proper cage. For full particulars get our "Nutshell" booklets, number 3 "The Skylark," and number 4, "The Song Thrush and Blackbird," 2½d. each, post free: CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet-street, London, E.C.

LARKS, singing daylight and gaslight, with beautiful quality notes, a treat to hear; they are singing all day long, and can be heard any time; everybody welcome to come and hear my champion Larks, they are perfect in feather and as steady as rocks, price 1/6, 2/6, and a few that can sing anywhere, 4/-, and a few that will sing indoors or out, 5/6 each; on 7 days' approval: Harry Allen, Bird Specialist, City Aviaries, Beckett-st., Leeds.

NOS. 25 and 26 of our famous "Nutshell" Booklets form a complete guide to the keeping of Softbills. No. 25, "The Smaller Insectivorous Birds," deals with the hand-rearing, meating off, and general management of the Nightingale, Redstarts, Tits, Wrens, etc., and pays special attention to foods. No. 26 deals with the larger species in the same way. Both are written by an authority, H. J. Fulljames. Price 2½d. each, post free from: CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

Miscellaneous.

TWELVE Classes, Wishaw Show, 30th December. See advert.

PICKED cocks for showing: Linnet 2/6, Goldfinch 4/6, Bullfinch 3/-, Blackbird 1/6; hen Bullfinch, 2/-: Charles Lewis, Highbridge.

DEVONSHIRE Woodlarks, warranted cocks, 2/6 each; hens, 7d. dozen: Bullfinches, 2/- pair: William Marles, 4, Park-st., Crediton.

FEW selected cock Goldfinches, for show or muling, 3/6; Magpie, commencing to talk, 5/-, deposit: Wood, Southgate, Gloucester.

GENUINE grand Goldfinch, winner, topping feather also Blackbird, another beauty, winner, 7/- each: Jenkins, 41, Dew-st., Haverfordwest.

HANDSOME true pairs, best of health and feather, Redpolls, 1/-; Cirl Buntings, 4/-; Reed Buntings, 1/6; Yellow Buntings, 1/6; lot 7/-; bargain: K. Older, 64, Kingsland-road, Bristol.

COCK Blackbirds, song Thrushes, Yellowhammers, 6d. each, 3 for 1/3, 5/- dozen; genuine cock Larks, 2/6 dozen; cock Yellowhammers, 3/- dozen: Williams, New Street Aviaries, Chatteris, Cambs.

WINNERS for sale: Siberian Goldfinch 21/-, British Goldfinch 10/-, dark Greenfinch Mule 10/-, Weaver 8/-, Yellow Wagtail 8/-, all aviary moulted and healthy: Telfer Bros., Castle Hill Aviaries, Douglas, Lanarkshire.

LINNETS! Linnets! Larks! Larks!—H. Dawson, West Street, Chatteris, the old reliable firm for quality, 21 years one address; genuine cock Larks, 2/6 dozen; cock Linnets, 4/6; trade and fancy supplied.

WEEKLY supply; warranted cock Linnets, 4/- doz.; cock Larks, 3/6 doz.; I can supply any dealers with 1 to 20 doz. weekly good healthy birds: Crossman, Wholesale Bird Dealer, 53, Arundel-st., Northampton.

HEALTHY cocks, per dozen: Brown Linnets, Chaffinches, Bramblefinches, Yellow Buntings, 3/-; Greenfinches, 1/-; 18 mixed aviary birds, 1/-, nine for 6d.; Blue Tits, Oxeye Tits, Robins, Bramblefinches, 1/- pair: George Fenn, East End, Isleham, Cambs.

HOT-FED Norwich cock, topper, £1; lemon-yellow Yorkshire cock, 12/6; monster Yorks cock, not quite tightened his feathers, 13/-; uneven mkd. songster, 8/6; good C. Bullfinch, 2/6; nice Greenie, 2/-; Lesser Redpoll, a gem, 3/6; week's approval, cash or deposit: Munton, Spalding Marsh, Lincs

COCK Goldfinches, Bullfinches, 1/6, 2/- each, hens 9d., 1/- each; Redbreasted Linnets, Chaffinches, Greenfinches, Yellowhammers, Skylarks, Redpolls, all cocks, 6d. each, hens 1/- dozen; cock Thrushes, Blackbirds, 1/- each; in song, 1/6; all approval: Haynes Bros., Birdcatchers, Selly Oak, Worcestershire.

BIG fine well-pencilled cock Linnets, picked for muling or singing, 1/- each, with properly matched Sib hens, 3/6 a pair; singing cock Larks, 1/6 each; cages, 1/3, complete; cock Yorks Canaries, in full sing, 5/-; hens, 3/-; pairs, 7/6; Goldfinches, 2/-; picked cocks, on song; cash or deposit: E. North, 477, Manchester-rd., Bradford.

TO Exhibitors: Grand show specimens: Hawfinch 25/-, Snow Bunting (winner) 15/-, Greenfinch (winner) 12/6, Corn Buntings, cock 10/6, hen 7/6, Yellow Bunting (Jonquc) 7/6, 2 Linnets (winners) 10/6 each, song Thrust, gem, can win Palace, 30/-; above all grand birds, can hold their own amongst the best: Harrison, 37, Hungerhill-rd., Nottingham.

EXHIBITION Whitethroat, 20/-; Wagtail, 15/-; Siskin-Greenfinch, 15/-; Linnet-Greenfinch, 10/-, cocks, winners; show cages; see "Derby"; would exchange hybrids for large h.m. Goldfinch and Linnet cocks, mulers: Durston, Penny-st., Lancaster; two days' approval; cash or deposit; particulars, stamp. See Mules.

NOTICE: Cock Goldfinches, Bullfinches, 1/6, selected 2/-, hens 1/-; Red-breasted Linnets, Yellowhammers, Chaffinches, Redpolls, Skylarks, Titbarks, Starlings, cocks 6d., 3 for 1/3; hens, 3d. each; Greenfinches, pair 4d., cock Thrushes, Blackbirds, 1/- each; selected for show, 6d. extra; any of above caged August, singing nicely, 6d. extra; trap cages, 6d.; spring net traps, 1/- each; approval, deposit: Gould, Bird Catcher, Holdford-rd., Witton, Birmingham.

I HAVE a grand lot of cock Skylarks and Red-breasted cock Linnets, guaranteed all in full song, 1/- each, or 3 for 2/6, 6 for 4/6; hand-reared Thrush, singing well, 3/-; reared Blackbird, 2/6, in song; 6 cock Chaffinches, singing well, 1/- each; Redpolls, 1/- pair; Bullfinches, piping tunes, 3/- each; cages, 6d., or 4/- dozen; large cock Goldfinches, 2/6; metal Crystal Palace aviary, cost 21/-, large double breeding cage, blue inside, black outside, with egg drawers and partitions, sell 7/- each, or exchange hen Canaries or Goldfinches: W. Darby, 59, New-st., West Bromwich.

ENGLISH cock Goldfinches, 2/- each, 3 for 5/-, 18/- dozen; hens, 1/- each, 3 for 2/6, 6/- dozen; cock Bullfinches, 2/-, hens 1/-; cock Siskins 2/-, hens 1/-; cock Chaffinches 1/-, hens 6d.; cock Yellowhammers 1/-, hens 6d.; cock Ortolan Buntings 2/6, hens 1/6; cock mealy Redpolls, 2/6; Lesser Redpolls, cocks or hens, 6d.; Greenfinches, cocks or hens, 6d.; giant Scotch Thorn Linnets, tremendous size, 2/6 each, 3 for 6/-; giant Scotch Redpolls, 1/- each, 3 for 2/6; Great Tits, 2/6; Redstart, 7/6; Blackcap, 7/6; Nightingale, 20/-; true pair Stonechats, 10/-; cock Hedge Sparrow, 2/6; hen Yellow Wagtail, 2/6; cock Callander Lark, 15/-; cock Skylark, 1/-, hens 6d.; Crossbills, 2/-; bright mixed aviary birds, all seedeaters, 6/- dozen; approval; high-class exhibition specimens, including recent winners, for sale reasonable prices; list free on application: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn.

SATISFACTION GUARANTEED.

Wanted, a trial; warranted cock Goldfinches, 2/-, 2/6; cock Bullfinch 2/-, hen 1/-; cock Snow Bunting, show specimens, 1/6, 2/- each; Redbreasted cock Linnets, 8d. each, six 2/6, twelve 4/6, selected 1/-; Greenfinch, Chaffinch, Yellowhammer 6d. each; cock not hen; money returned if not satisfied: Clarke, 78, Whit-lane, Pendleton.

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.

Guaranteed cock Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Woodlarks, 1/6, 2/6, 14/- and 18/- dozen; Siskins, 2/6, 3/6; Skylarks, Linnets, 8d., 1/-, 4/- dozen; Greenfinches, Redpolls, 4d. 2/- dozen; Mules, Roller Canaries, 5/-, 48/- dozen; Hybrids, winners, 50/-: Irwin's Aviaries, Lurgan.

W. FENN, BECK ROW.

Warranted cock Linnets, 4/- doz.; Redpolls, 2/6; Larks, 2/6; Yellowhammers, 2/6; one dozen bright seed birds, well mixed, 1/-: W. Fenn, Beck Row, Mildenhall, Suffolk.

CAN YOU ANSWER

the following questions in the affirmative? Are you getting full value for your money from your present dealer? Is price right, quality of the best, are the birds you receive exactly what the advertisement leads you to expect, and do you always get business-like treatment? If so, you have no need to read further, as no man can expect more, but if you are not altogether satisfied, this advert. will tell you how to obtain that satisfaction you cannot get elsewhere. My conditions of sale are these: Everything I sell is sent on approval on deposit rules of this paper, or if cash is sent direct to me I take all risk, and unless birds are in every way satisfactory they only have to be returned, and back comes the whole of your money promptly and cheerfully without question or comment. Plain and straight-forward enough, is it not? I have a splendid stock of genuine Worcestershire cock Goldfinches in pink of health and condition at 2/- each, 3 5/-, 6 9/-. Specially selected larger cocks guaranteed in song, 2/6 and 3/- each. Real exhibition specimens, with full complement of show points, 5/- and 7/6 each. Hen Goldfinches 1/- each, three 2/6, six 4/-. I also have a grand lot of twice cage-moulted white-legged cock Goldfinches, guaranteed mule breeders, finger tame and full song, 6/-, 7/6, 10/- each. Splendid lot cock Bullfinches, all netted birds, 2/- each, three 5/-, six 9/-, twelve 16/-. Specially selected show specimens, 3/-, 4/-, 5/- each. Hen Bullfinches 1/- each. Specially selected large rich coloured hens, 1/6 and 2/- each. Few specially picked hen Bullfinches, aviary moulted, and been flying with Canaries since Sept. last, 2/6 each. Genuine hand-reared German hen Bullfinches, feed from fingers, and ideal Hybrid breeders, 5/- each. Cock Siskins, in full song, and very steady, 2/- each, 3 5/-. Hen Siskins 1/- each, 3 2/6. Large handsome cock Greenfinches 6d. each, three 1/-, six 1/6. Selected yellow cocks, very large, for exhibition or breeding, 1/- and 2/- each. Immense stock of cock brown Linnets, every one guaranteed rose red breasted and nut brown backs, 8d. each, three 1/6, six 2/6, twelve 4/6. Specially selected steady cocks for muling or contest singing, and warranted now in song, 1/- each, 3 2/-, 6 3/6, 12 6/-. Exquisitely pencilled cocks of correct type and colour for exhibition, 1/6, 2/-, 2/6 each. These are same sort of Linnets as the scores of dozens I send weekly into North Country for contest singing, and I have sold more contest winners than any man alive. I supply the majority of Lancashire, Yorkshire and Durham dealers, who say they cannot get Linnets anywhere to equal mine. Cock Chaffinches 8d. each, three 1/6, six 2/6, twelve 4/-. Cock or hen Redpolls, 6d. each, three 1/3, six 2/-. Genuine cock Snow Buntings 1/- each, three 2/-, six 3/6, twelve 6/-. Hens 8d. each, three 1/6. True pairs 1/6. Few extra special, very large and white, cocks, correctly marked and fit to win, 2/6 each. Magnificent lot cock Skylarks, in perfect condition, 8d. each, three 1/6, six 2/6, twelve 4/-. Specially picked cocks in song, 1/- and 1/6 each. Please note, every Lark I sell is guaranteed a cock, and plump and healthy, not half hens or razor chested. Genuine hand-reared Larks, finger tame and in free song, 5/-, 7/6, and 10/- each. All birds are guaranteed exactly as described and are properly netted in County of Worcester by expert catchers employed solely by myself, and all are thoroughly on hard seed before sent out. Customers advised of dispatch in all cases. See other advts. of mine for testimonials, etc., and note name and address of England's Premier Bird Dealer, who has no connection whatever with any other advertiser.

W. Gore, 131, Gooch-st, Birmingham.

HOLIDAY NOTICE: Advertisers should read the Notice on page 508 this week and take advantage of our Special Xmas Offer.

GOLDFINCHES BULLFINCHES,

Linnets, etc.; beautiful full-coloured cock Goldfinches, 2/-, 2/6, 3 5/-, 6 8/6; large, specially selected for showing, muling, singing, 3/-, 4/-, 3 6/-, 6 11/-; hens 1/-, 3 2/6, 6/- dozen; cock Bullfinches like paint, 1/6, 2/- each, 3 4/-, 6 6/6; hens 1/-, 1/6, 3 2/6, 6 4/6; Lancashire cock Linnets, 9d., 3 1/6, 6 2/3, 4/- dozen; specially selected for showing, 1/6, 2/-; Redpolls, 6 1/6, 2/6 dozen; cock Larks, 6d., 3 1/-, 6 1/9, 2/9 dozen; best birdlime, 1/8 lb., 1/- ½lb., 7d. ¼lb., postage free: Linnet call cages, 9d., 3 2/-; Siberian cock Goldfinch, for exhibition or Mule breeding, square cut blaze, well tanned and moonred, 4/6, 5/6 each; German hen Bullfinches, 2/- each: Matt Hopkins, Bird Specialist and Cage Maker, 11, Flyde-st., Preston, Lancashire.

CANARIES.

Border Fancy.

EIGHT Classes, Wishaw Show, 30th December. See advert.

GREEN cocks or hens, 5/- each, young or old, good strain: Rev. Henry Scarnes, Bromley, Kent.

TWO buff cocks for sale, young, 40/-, 50/- each, approval: Wm. Sadler, Union-st., Broughty Ferry.

ONE pair green Borders, 1 pair clears, for sale; approval: Young, 177, Warton-ter., Heaton, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

NEARLY even buff cock and hen, fit to win, cheap; several clears, cages and cases: Pearson, Hairdresser, Maryport.

PRIZE-BRED Borders, 2 pair clears, unflighted, 6/6 pair; others, 5/6 pair; all colours: Bell, 35, Clementina-ter., Carlisle.

BORDERS from cup and medal winners, pairs 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, odd cocks 5/-, hens 2/6: Johnston, 105, Brighton-place, Aberdeen.

FOUR-POINTED buff hen and clear yellow cock, 12/6; yellow and buff cocks, from 5/-, hens 3/-: J. Logie, 35, Park-rd., Brechin.

ROBERT LAMBIE, The Aviaries, Whithurn, Linlithgowshire, has 50 prize and prize-bred Borders, cheap to clear; approval; stamp.

SOME good clear yellow and buff cocks and hens, prices very reasonable; approval: Robert Lawson, Millbrae, Maxwelltown, Dumfries.

WANTED matched Borders, exchange children's, ladies', or gent.'s boots to value; yours first: Robinson, Boot Shop, Narrowgate, Alnwick.

PRIZE bred clear, yellow, and buff cocks and hens; father second Crystal Palace 1911; price cheap: Hay, 40, Larkhall Rise, Clapham, S.W.

YELLOW cock, 1911, grand type, full of colour and quality, in pink of condition; Patterson strain; 10/6, bargain; approval: Rea, Embleton, Cockermouth.

WINNING Borders, over 100 for sale, clears, variegated and greens, cocks from 7/6, hens from 5/6; approval, stamp: Cunningham, 6, Barclay-st., Paisley.

PRIZE-BRED Borders, ticked yellow cock 6/-, yellow green cock 5/-, green and cinnamon hens 3/-; exchange cycle covers, inner tubes, 26 x 1½: Sewell, Williamst., Carlisle.

YELLOW, cinnamon, and buff green hens, also a few cinnamon and green marked cocks, prices reasonable; approval: C. Farrer, 169, Stanton-st., Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

CHAMPION Borders, also show birds, clears, marks, and yellow cinnamons; a few selected pairs cheap to clear; all on approval, deposit: J. H. Pearson, 24, Longthwaite-rd., Wigton, Cumberland.

FOR sale, several high-class Borders, including yellow cock, 1st Llanelly yellow cock, 2nd Swansea, etc.; see reports Cheltenham, Swansea, Wimbledon, L.C.B.A., Llanelly shows: Sampson, Pontardulais.

PRIZE Borders, clears, marks, cinnamons, smart pairs, from 10/-; best strains in the fancy; see reports Gateshead; stock cocks from 4/6, hens 2/6; approval: Roberts, Gwyddfor, Penygroes, North Wales.

EVEN-MARKS, GREENS,

and their production are fully described in **"The Border Fancy Canary,"** which also defines the standard. You will find fullest hints in our "Nutshell" booklet No. 23, concerning the keeping of your birds in health and song. **Post free, 2½d., from** the Publisher, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet-st., London, E.C.

Cinnamons.

CINNAMONS, yellows, and buffs, cocks and hens, from winners, from 10/- each; approval: E. L. A. Crow, Lowestoft.

MUST be cleared out: Norwich cinnamons, cock 10/-, hens 5/-; this is half-price: Miller, 88, Greengate, Barrow-in-Furness.

TWO large buff Norwich cinnamon hens, 5/6 each; smart buff cock, 7/6; bargains, all unflighted: A. Fletcher, Sedgefield, co. Durham.

CINNAMON CRESTS.—Breeder, William Tatman, 111, Midland Road, Wellingborough. Few birds for sale.

Crests and Crestbreds.

BREEDER'S CARD.

WILLIAM TATMAN, 11, Midland Road, Wellingborough, has for disposal few good Crests and Crest-breds, yellows and buffs, cocks and hens.

FIVE Classes, Wishaw Show, 30th December. See advert.

CRESTS and Crest-breds for sale, very moderate price: H., 435, Old Kent Road.

GEO. GOULDEN can spare few Crests and Crest-breds: approval: Edenhall, Langworthy, Cumberland.

GREEN Crest cock 10/6, green Crestbred hen, from outdoor aviary; cash or deposit: Bone, 92, High-st., Staines.

A FEW good feathery Crests and Crestbreds, from 10/- each: 24, Little Welbeck-st., Cavendish-sq., London, W.

ABSOLUTELY clearing out: 2 pairs of Crests, good large feathery birds, 17/6 to 20/- a pair: Brett, Cantwell-rd., Plumstead.

CRESTS, Crestbreds, single or pairs; few old breeding cages for sale: Boulter, 32, Palmerston-rd., West Hampstead, London.

TWO heavy Crested hens 5/6 each, cocks 7/6, 8/6; Crest-bred hens 4/-, cocks 6/6; approval: Comber, Outfitter, Portland.

CRESTS and Crest-breds, few pairs or single for sale, price reasonable; deposit: H. Mais, 63, Northumberland-st., Nottingham.

NICE large clear buff Crested cock 30/-, 2 Crestbred cocks 15/- each, also large Crestbred hen 25/-, all from my winning strain: Miss F. B. Brown, Harold-rd., Sittingbourne.

GREEN Crest bred cock and winged marked dark Crest hen, good birds; approval; 25/-: Coutts, 122, Brinkburn-st., Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

HAVING had a remarkable breeding season, I have ten pairs of Crests, also several single birds for sale: J. Brotherton, 17, Park-st., Bolton.

CHAMPION Crests, few for sale, as good as any in England, reasonable; approval; deposit: T. Billington, Hambleton, Poulton-le-Fylde.

NOTICE.—Grand lot Crests and Crest-breds, many winners, prices low; easy payments taken; approval: McKeand, Seabright Villa, Castle-Douglas.

G. F. ADAMSON, 23, West Netherton-st., Kilmarnock, has for sale one matched pair, 50/-; Crest cocks, 25/-, 30/-, 35/-; Crestbred hen, 25/-; approval.

GRAND 1910 buff marked Crestbred hen, feather to end of beak, 30/-; buff green ditto, 20/-; approval: Jones and Crest, Hurley, Langham-rd., Teddington.

CRESTS and Cresthreds, best blood, can spare a few pairs and cocks, from 60/- and 30/-; state price prepared to give; stamp: Rev. G. W. Joyce, Wellington, Somerset.

E. L. A. CROW, Lowestoft, has 3 pairs 1910, 1911 birds, 20/- pair; a few featbery Crest-bred cocks from 10/-; approval; all own breeding from my winners at the principal shows.

BREEDER of Crests for 30 years having bred scores of winners and won hundreds of prizes; have some nice young birds for sale, prices to suit everybody, on approval: G. Williams, 50, Lower Union-st., Torquay.

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CHAMPION Crests, very massive, clear buff, light crested hen 1911, large head, crest end of beak, very healthy, £4; approval; few other, cocks or hens, no better strain in England: T. Billington, Hambleton, Poulton-le-Fylde.

HAVING had a successful breeding time, I must reduce my stock of Crest and Crest-bred, no better blood can be bought at double price; pairs from 15/-, single birds from 7/6, on approval; deposit with Editor: Tetin, 124, Chestnut-ave., Forest Gate, Essex.

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YORKSHIRE Greens, singles or pairs, for sale, reasonable (see L.C.B.A. report): Geoff Benson, 7, Sandheys-rd., Liscard, Cheshire.

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A FEW Yorkshire greens to be sold cheap, for stock or exhibition; may be seen on Sundays: J. Tempest, 231, Whitefield-st., Liverpool.

YORKSHIRE and Norwich, show or stock birds, best blood in the Fancy; come and inspect them: Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool.

NORWICH greens, young birds from my winning strain, clear, variegated, or green, singles from 10/-, pairs from £1; no fancy prices; all guaranteed own breeding: Lawson, Denver, Mersey-rd., Liverpool.

TYPICAL self-green, 1910, c.f. Norwich cock, a bird of exceptional size and merit, and which I gave £4 for last season; having bred all I require from him, will sacrifice him for 25/-: Hawkes, Grove Green, Leytonstone.

FOR sale, grand unflighted buff cock, make winner, ex. 2nd and 3rd prize winning cock and hen at Scottish National, £1/10/-; also two other good-sized buff cocks, 15/- and 10/- each; the above are good Norwich type, short wings and tail, and healthy: Apply, Jos. Pyke, 105, Church-st., Preston.

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All Mr. Wardale's winners and stock birds, including last year's Palace winner, for sale; state wants: Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool.

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The finest winning strain of Green Yorkshires on the show bench. See reports weekly. I have purchased the whole surplus stock of Mr. Rowland's, and offer them for sale at reasonable prices, singles or pairs: Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool.

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CHAMPION large massive Plainheads, 10/6 each; ten days approval: W. Powick, Dewsbury.

FRED HAMER, 35, Pitts-st., Oldham, has for sale some really good Lancashires; sell in pairs or lot.

HAVE few pairs and odd cocks to part with, price reasonable; healthy birds; stamp reply: Smith, 50, London-rd., Oldham.

GRAND young Lancashire hens, yellow, coppy, 9/-; variegated Plainhead, 8/-; buff Plainhead, 7/6; approval: J. Day, Fornham-rd., Bury St. Edmunds.

Lizards.

GOLD or Silver cocks, 1911, 4/- each; Gold hen, last year's, 4/-: Rev. Henry Soames, Bromley, Kent.

FOR Sale, champion Lizards, from 10/6 a pair; bred from prize winners: H. Lord, 351, Oldham-rd., Rochdale.

CHAMPION Lizards for show or stock; same strain as my cup and diploma winners: from 15/6 pair; stamp: John Dewsnap, 68, Princess-st., Glossop.

NOTICE: Levi Butterworth, the old Lizard breeder, has some good Lizards for sale, matched pairs or single cocks cheap: Address, 593, Oldham-rd., Rochdale.

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Norwich.

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E. BAKER, 14, High Street, Cowes, I.W., Breeder and Exhibitor High-class Norwich Plainheads, winner at most big shows. Write for prices.

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FINE cocks 4/- and 5/- each, hens 2/-; also cages: Shea, 229, Caledonian-rd., London, N.

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CLEAR yellow hens, six big typical birds for sale, approval; stamp reply: Fernie, Sandy-rd., Renfrew.

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CHAMPION Norwich, sure winners, cocks 7/6, hens 5/6 each, ten days' approval: W. Powick, Dewsbury.

WINNERS, and bred from winners, very cheap to clear; approval, stamp: Cable, St. James-rd., Forfar.

E. GODLEY has few grand Norwich for disposal, single or pairs, also Cinnamons: Rishton, Blackburn.

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TWENTY prize-bred Norwich hens, 2/- to 7s.; cocks, 4/- to 10/-: T. Memory, 1, Granby Houses, Dane-st., Leicester.

TWO typical young Norwich cocks, yellow and buff ticked, 5/6 each; approval: Sleep, 10, Oakfield-ter., Plymouth.

VARIEGATED yellow cock and buff hen, 12/6 the pair, or would sell separate; approval: Dr. Allen, Ambleside.

NORWICH: Grand lot of young cocks, in full song, buff and yellow, also young hens: Bearman, Havering, Romford.

BARGAIN: Grand large unflighted yellow cock, buff hen, 8/6, Iron's strain: Page, 113, St. Mark's-rd., Bush Hill Park, N.

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A FEW surplus single or pairs from winner; cheap to clear; appointment; Ward, 21, Warwick-st., Pimlico, nr., Victoria-station.

PRIZE bred Norwich Canaries; cocks, in full song, 4/-, 5/- each; hens, same strain, 1/6, 2/- each: Heathcote's Aviaries, Leicester.

TWENTY young well-bred 1911 Canaries, majority cocks, for sale, 5/- each: Whitechurch, The Cottage, Fordham, Soham, Cambs.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich for sale: Buff hens, 18 months, 7/6 each; unflighted buff cock, 10/-: Dixon, 20, Cross-st., Morecambe.

NORWICH cock Canaries, full song, week's approval, deposit Editor; 7/6 each: Luer, 82, East-st., Walworth-rd., London.

OVERSTOCKED: Ten good Norwich hens, bred from winning strain, cheap 3/6 each; Duckitt, jun., 91, Sepulchre-gate, Doncaster.

NOTICE.—Grand lot Norwich, many winners, prices low; easy payments taken; approval: McKeand, Seabright Villa, Castle-Douglas.

COLD room bred: 2 yellow cocks, fed, good stock birds, 7/6, 8/6; 2 buff hens, 4/6 each: Sibley, 30, Connaught-st., Northampton.

NORWICH Canaries, my breeding this year, 6/6 pairs, 5/- cocks, 2/6 hens; approval: Mark Bennett, Broughton Astley, Leicester.

NORWICH cup winners, Metropolitan C.B.A.; show or stock; 10 pairs; approval; from 10/-: W. McMillan, 29, Kilmaine-rd., Fulham.

W. BURDETT has a few good stock birds for sale, cocks, bred hens, from 10/- to 30/-; approval: 120, Todd-st., Tingate, Co. Durham.

SOME good Norwich, clears or variegated, Sandiford's strain, cocks 7/6, hens 4/-, worth double: Smith, Chequers, Watlington, Oxon.

THREE buff cocks, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6; yellow hen, 5/-; natural colour; 5 double breeding cages, cheap: Brown, 19, Portland-rd., Hucknall Torkard.

NORWICH and Yorkshires, cocks 6/-, full song; hens, 2/6, 3/6; cold room; approval; seen after 5 evenings: Gater, 6, Jones-sq., Trocdyrhiw, Glam.

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ABOUT 30 Norwich for disposal, cocks and hens, all colours, bred from high-class stock, 1910-1911 birds; cheap to clear: Yeats, Linthorpe, Fraserburgh.

LARGE Norwich stock birds, colour fed; cocks, 7/-; hens, 4/-; pairs, 10/- each; any worth double; approval: Moore, Beer-off, Gordon-rd., Nottingham.

CHAMPION Norwich, few grand birds for sale, Bullfinch type, large heads, fine silky feather, approval: T. Billington, Hambleton, Poulton-le-Fylde.

H. JOWETT, 114, Exeter-st., Bradford, has for disposal 15 to 20 pairs high class Norwich for sale, colour fed, mostly unflighted, 8/6 pair; no single pairs.

J. BAKER has good Norwich pairs from 10/-, 15/-, 20/-, from my winners at Burton, Leicester, Leek, Ilkeston, etc.; approval: Victoria-st., Melbourne, Derbyshire.

HANDSOME yellow Norwich cock Canaries, 1911 hatched, healthy, singing, 7/6 each; also two ditto, 1910, same price: Mrs. Mossop, The Shrubbery, Ketton, Rutland.

BEAUTIFUL clean cut hens, short wings and tails, good heads, from 5/-; cocks from 7/6; approval, deposit; stamp reply: F. Tesseyman, Church Hill, Camp-rd., Leeds.

CAN spare a very good yellow cock, also buff and one cinnamon wing marked, 12/6 each; also perfect yellow and buff hen, 5/6 each: Allen, Albert-st., Wednesbury.

SIX pairs colour-fed Norwich, one cock, three hens Yorkshire, 7/6 to 15/- per pair; seen any night; wanted 26 x 1½ wired covers: Dell, 7, Link-avenue, Stretford, Manchester

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FOR sale, winning non-fed buff hen, 3rd Burnley, 4th Great Harwood, price £3; unflighted yellow cock, £1/5/-; variegated buff, 15/-; apply, Wm. Pyke, 105, Church-st., Preston.

PRIZE bred Norwich Canaries, cocks, warranted in full song, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6 each; hens, same strain, 2/-, 3/-, 4/- each; satisfaction guaranteed: Fred Johnson, 22, Goswell-st., Leicester.

CHRISTMAS presents: Handsome Norwich cock Canaries, own breeding, cold room, 8/6, 9/6; good hens for stock, 6/6, 7/6; carriage paid: H. Long, Station Master, Hellesdon Station, Norwich.

TYPICAL Norwich unflighted cocks and hens for disposal, price reasonable; bred from my cup winners; unflighted yellow cock, 20/- can win; state wants; approval: Taylor, 65, Bowden-rd., Smethwick.

A CHANCE for beginners, matched pairs Norwich, 12/6; odd cocks, 10/6; also match pairs Borders, 6/6; odd cocks, 4/-; and few show cages, cases, etc., reasonable, cheap to clear: David Millikin, Brodie-st., Falkirk.

NORWICH, large yellow cock 15/-, one 10/-, extra large buff cock, 15/-, 1910 birds; two extra large buff hens, 1 cock, 1911, 10/- each; approval willingly: Cattell, Bootmaker, Hampsted-rd., Newcastle-on-Tyne.

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MR. HAWKES offers his present-day winning Norwich at 30/- each, also few others, their equal, buff and yellows, cocks 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; hens, 5/6, 7/6, 10/-, 15/- each; approval: Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

MR. HAWKES offers the Halstead selling winning pair of Norwich for 17/6, which are fit for any open competition, also Windsor pair, 17/6, fit for keenest competition, see reports: 390, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

GEORGE NIBLETT, Railway Inn, Winson Green, Birmingham, has some grand birds on sale; pairs matched for breeding from 17/6; buff and yellow colour-fed cocks, sure winners; cash or deposit; approval; send for price list.

JAMES BARNES has a few high-class Norwich for sale; birds bred by me have won at the following shows this season: Manchester, Liverpool, Great Horwood, Derby, and others; state wants: Factory-row, Whalley, nr. Blackburn.

EXTRA large unflighted yellow cock, red-hot colour, short flights and tail, 20/-; large wing marked buff, 15/-, grandson of my winning buff cock, Coventry, Northampton, Bedford, open competition; approval: George Notley, Kings-pl., Bedford.

AT four shows this season I have secured 31 prizes and several honours: 3 large yellow cocks to spare, A1 stock birds, cheap; charming 1910 yellow hen, 20/- only; large unflighted buff hen, 30/-: J. Eckersley, 51, Francis-rd., Edgbaston, Birmingham.

OVERSTOCKED: Good stock Norwich for sale at reasonable prices, winners and related to winners, Glasgow West End Cage Bird Show, cocks from 10/-, hens from 5/-; approval, deposit; particulars from: A. Crawford, 14, Wilton-drive, Glasgow.

HENRY DOXEY, Pease Hill, Ripley, Derbyshire, has the following for sale: Nice four-marked unflighted buff cock and four-marked buff hen, also unflighted clear buff cock and unflighted ticked buff hen, 10/- each; 2 clear yellow cocks, 10/-; 2 clear yellow hens, 6/-; also few songsters, 4/- each.

THIRTY-FOUR awards in two weeks; see reports, City of Glasgow, Kilmarnock, Ayr, Uddington, Broughty-Ferry, Burnley, Springburn, Glasgow and West; all birds bred for type and quality; good heads, necks, wings; state wants; prices reasonable: Barron, 119, Montrose-st., Glasgow.

MR. SILK, Emsworth, Hants, has a fine massive variegated Yellow cock, won special for best Norwich last week, £3, worth £5, grand unflighted yellow, 1st prize, same show, £2 10s., very large bird; grand capped and flighted Buff cock, 2nd prize, 30/-; several others equally good, with about nine lovely Buff hens, all on approval.

FRANK F. LAWSON has still a large stock of well-bred birds to sell, cheap; can supply beginners with matched pairs, fit to breed winners, from 15/- per pair; single birds from 7/6; no better strain in the Fancy; stamped inquiries solicited: 14, Pugin-st., Carlisle.

NORWICH, show birds: Clear buff cock, 70/-; clear yellow cock, 60/-; clear unflighted yellow cock, 30/-; ticked yellow hen, 40/-; clear buff hen, 30/-; marked buff hen, 35/-; large stock pairs from 30/-; single birds from 12/6; approval C. Roberts, Stannah Hey, Newton Drive, Blackpool.

FOR those requiring really good Norwich, best blood obtainable; have 6 1911 buffs and yellows from the birds that won 1st and specials at Chandlers Ford and Southampton Shows, see report "Cage Birds" December 9th, 20/- to 30/- pair; single birds from 15/-; approval: Fellows, Hill-lane, Southampton.

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J. JONES, Academy-st., Hurlford, has a few good birds for sale, 5/-, two 25/-; pairs 30/- to 40/-; approval.

MR. HAWKES offers some grand typical C.F. Norwich, real gems for size, style and type, bred from related and equal to my present-day winners; see reports; buff and yellow cocks 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 25/-; hens 5/-, 7/6, 10/-, 15/- each; these are of exceptional merit and quality; approval: 390, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

A. L. HAWKES, breeder, exhibitor and exporter of high-class Norwich and Yorkshires, offers all his recent winners and others for stock or exhibition, feathered to perfection, that will win in the keenest competition; none reserved; write for this season's testimonials and state wants; inspection invited: 390, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

BARGAINS, overstocked: Very fine big buff cock, rare type, 7/6, worth double; lovely yellow hen, bred from winners, only 6/-; marked buff cock, 2nd prize nest feather show, 6/6; yellow hen to match, 5/-; large buff hen, correct type, certain to breed winners, 6/-; yellow marked hen, well made and nice quality, 4/6; short thick marked buff hen, 4/6; all worth double: J. Wilmot, 17, Sandhurst-rd., Bedford.

NOTICE; Wm. Shaw wishes to inform his customers and others that he has a splendid lot of Norwich of the Bullfinch type; these are very large birds, and nice silky feathered and splendidly colour-fed, all in show condition, and the cocks in full song; yellow cocks, 12/6, 15/6; buff cocks, 10/6, 12/6; yellow hens, 6/6, 7/6; buff hens, 5/6, 6/6; all on three days approval; cash or deposit: Wm. Shaw, 97, Essex-rd., Islington, London, N.

NORWICH: Noted ten-guinea strain, last season won 60 prizes; this, see reports; 1sts, specials, Oxford, Leamington, Reading, Leicester, claimed £10/10/-; my noted ticked yellow hen, great winner, £3; clear yellow hen, sister, nearly as good, 15/-; stinking good buff hen, winner, 15/-; unflighted yellow cock, 2nd only time shown, gem, 20/-; unflighted buff cock, 2nd, selling class, bargain, 8/6; choice hens from 7/6; approval, receipt P.O.: Lewin, 58, Marlborough-rd., Oxford.

MAGNIFICENT cobby 1911 exhibition buff Norwich cock, real gem, only 12/6, grand stout yellow hen, rare type and quality, only 8/6, or £1 the pair; also massive yellow cock, 1911 bred, grand colour and quality, only 10/6; also monster buff hen, rare size and quality of feather, only 6/6, or 10/- the pair, rare chance for beginner; genuine bargains; approval: Cooper, 29, Junction-rd., Norwich.

GRAND large yellow cock, 12/6; small marked yellow cock, grand type, bred of grand birds, 14/6, Sandiford's medal winner; grand four-pointed buff hen, mother of winners this season, 12/6; splendid unflighted buff hen, 10/6; grand big marked buff hen, 10/6; heavy marked buff hen, unflighted, 8/6; clear buff unflighted hen, 6/6; all the above were winners at the recent Pendleton and Salford show. Reason for selling, clearing out of Norwich. These birds are worth twice the amount. First come, first served, or will sell in one lot for £3 5/-: J. Whittle, 1, Havelock-st., Hough-lane, Lower Broughton, Manchester.

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has some grand pairs for disposal from 25/- upwards; also a few unflighted cocks and hens, rare type and quality, in perfect condition, cold-room bred; satisfaction guaranteed.

W. RICHINSON,
Breeder and Exhibitor of high-class Norwich, has a few good birds for sale, reasonable, yellows or buffs; inspection invited: 2 Court, 1 House, Brackley-st., Pitsmoor, Sheffield.

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Having had good breeding season (112), also good share of prizes (43), have some good birds for sale; prices reasonable; approval, stamp: Irons, Ivy-rd., Northampton.

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Having more buff Norwich show cocks than I want, bred 1910, which are fit for showing, will sell the lot or singles at 20/- each, also a few songsters 7/6 to 10/- each; cash or deposit; approval: 34, Rotherhithe New-rd., S.E.

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NOTICE.—I won a special (Class 2, Novice) for Glucke at Wolverhampton last month; some very good cocks and hens for sale, cocks 12/6 upwards, hens 5/-; Glucke and Water-Glucke strains: Harry Dimmock, 49, Providence-st., Cradley Heath.

WINS this season: Champion classes, Wolverhampton, two firsts, fourth, hc, c,; Leeds, second, fourth, sixth, vhc, c, Club Show, London, second, fourth, vhc, hc; few Rollers, same strain as above, cocks 20/- to 70/-; hens 7/6, 10/- each; approval willingly: Willows, Draper, Wednesbury.

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GENUINE HARTZ MOUNTAIN ROLLERS.

Without giving **them or myself false names,** any of the following will be found **more than** the money asked. All on approval.

Cocks 5/-, 5/6; better notes, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6. Hens, 2/-. Pairs matched for breeding, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6 up. Grand Seifert Cocks, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each. Hens, 3/6 and 5/-; cages, 3d. extra. Do not be deluded into paying high prices for "bogus" and meaningless names, when I will sell you, not as good, but better at half the price. Remember, I can produce and have published more testimonials than any other person living or dead. Full detailed list free if desired. All birds on approval.

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NOTICE. NOTICE. NOTICE

Our travelling agent is due to arrive on the 7th of December direct from Hamburg, with a colossal consignment of the real St. Andreasburg Rollers, numbering about 400, every bird being perfectly trained by the Bohemian organs, and free from harsh and chopping notes. These are all bred from the Seifert strain, being the best Schoolmaster that ever was brought into England. The same as used for the special singing contests all over Great Britain. No. 1 class birds, with about fifteen different changes of song, with nice low tunes, 10/6; class No. 2, 8/6 each; class No. 3, 7/6 each; Hartz Rollers, cocks in full song, 5/6 each; Hartz hen Canaries, 1/6 each, or 12/- dozen; German cock Bullfinches, 5/- each; German hand-reared tame pet hen white-legged Bullies, 2/6 each, or 14/- stick of seven. Every bird carefully packed away in good condition, and guaranteed safe delivery. A trial solicited will sure to give purchaser every satisfaction: Enock Power, The Origiual, 91, Sclater-st., Shoreditch.

The Man in Possession

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Hartzburg Rollers.

Seifert strain, just to hand. Cocks, in full song, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6. **Schoolmasters, real contest birds,** 12/6, 15/-, £1. All birds on full week's approval. Hens to match, 2/6, 3/6 each. Roller box cage, with doors fitted complete, price 4/-, 5/- each. If you can, **come and pick your own,** as mine is not a one-bird show; or if you cannot come yourself send for a price list. 120 illustrations.



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TWO Scotch Fancy buff cocks for sale, young, 40/-, 50/- each; approval: W. Sadler, Union-st., Brougbty Ferry.

FOR sale, Scotch Fancies, good stock birds, large size, moderate prices: J. B. Kerr, 9, Myrtle-ter., Edinburgh.

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FOUR buff hens, one yellow cock, one buff Piebald cock, all young birds: Thomas Jackson, 10, Thornton-pl., Kirkmuirhill, Lanarkshire.

SCOTCH Fancies, buff hen, buff pied hen, young, 15/- each, or exchange yellow pied or green hen, approval: Murdoch, 45, King-st., Stonehouse, N.B.

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TWO Classes, Wishaw Show, 30th December. See advert.

GOOD yellow Yorkshire hens, 2/6 each: Cole, 90, Beverstone-rd., Thornton Heath.

COCKS, yellow and buff, 7/6 each, hens 5/-, Bailey's strain; approval: Dr. Allen, Ambleside.

FOR sale or exchange, two pairs of good Yorkshire Canaries; no rubbish: Wood, 19, Hope-st., Hanley, Staffs.

CHAMPION Yorkshires, sure winners, cocks 7/6, hens 5/6 each; ten days' approval: W. Powick, Dewsbury.

FOR sale 2 young Yorkshire cocks, both buff, and on song, 6/- each: C. Marsden, Duffield-rd., Allestree, near Derby.

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GOOD bred Yorkshires, cocks 7/6, hens 3/6, cold room bred, grand birds: George Harding, 30, Larch-rd., Balham.

CASH offers wanted, 3 cocks, 6 hens, Canary-Linnet Mule, cock: Wm. Guest, Knockbawn, Greystones, Co. Wicklow.

YORKSHIRES, grand stock or songsters, cocks 5/-, 7/6, and 10/- each, hens 3/6, 4/6: Hudson, Matlock-rd., Belper.

BARGAINS, 1911 Yorkshire and Belgian crossed cocks, 12/6, hens 10/-, approval, deposit: Comber, Outfitter, Portland.

PRIZE-BRED Yorkshires, lovely quality, standard length (and some over), from 7/6: Mike M. Walker, 66, Queen's-rd., Wimbledon.

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YORKSHIRES, own breeding, from my winners, grand long stock birds, sell cheap; approval: T. Earle, Pateley Bridge, Yorkshire.

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YELLOW cock, two buff hens; buff cock, yellow hen; buff cock, flight cage, 70/- (approval): Wick, Oliver-st., Linthorpe, Middlesbro'.

TYPICAL yellow Yorkshire cock, 10/-; buff hen, feather like wax, 5/-; Bailey's strain; deposit: Wright, 10, Shellfield-rd., Southport.

100 YORKSHIRES, some champions, at songster prices; seen any time, or on approval, deposit: Putner, 26, Woolwich-rd., Greenwich.

NOTICE.—Grand lot high-class Yorkshires, many winners, prices low; easy payments taken; approval: McKeand, Seabright Villa, Castle-Douglas.

TWO Yorkshire hens, unflighted clear yellow 4/6, variegated buff 6/-, bargains; cash, deposit: Howarth, Calvart-rd., Attercliffe, Sheffield.

PRIZE bred Yorkshires, cocks, 7/6, 10/6; hens from 5/-, grand type, length and quality: Yates, St. Catherine's-rd., Bitterne Park, Southampton.

YORKSHIRES, same strain as winners, Derby, Ilkeston, Tideswell, etc., cold room bred, cocks from 6/-, hens 4/-: Cockeram, 60, Parker-st., Derby.

YORKSHIRE cock Canaries, full song, week's approval, 7/6, hens 3/6 each; deposit Editor: C. A. Luer, 32, East-st., Walworth-rd., London, S.E.

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YORKSHIRES from our winning strain, cocks 6/-, hens 4/- upwards; inspection invited; approval, deposit: Myers and Lumb, 76, Cloughlane, Mixenden, Halifax.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, in all marks, single or matched pairs, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 18/-, 21/-; seven days' approval: Ernest Cheshire, 26, Crawford-st., Bradford.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires from 6/-; pairs 12/6 upwards; this season's winners; resonable; own breeding; approval; stamp reply: Jones, 21, Worcester-rd., Walthamstow.

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HIGH class Yorkshires, stock birds from 8/- each, over standard length; hens from 4/-; also quarter Belgian cocks and hens; approval; stamp for reply: A. Thomas, 71, High-st., Loftus.

EXCEPTIONAL bargain: 2 slashing green Yorkshire cocks, 2 yellows, 3 buffs, colour fed, Ambler's strain, all 10/6 each; honestly worth double: Frank Petherick, Chanters-rd., Bideford.

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CHAMPION Yorkshires, bred from my winners; see reports, Clapham, Southend, L.C.B.A., Wimbledon, etc.; matched pairs from 12/6; odd cocks, 7/6: Penton, 1, Commercial-st., London, E.

BRED from winners, 14 young cocks, 7 hens, colour fed; cocks from 5/-, hens from 3/-, matched pairs 8/-, 10/-, 15/-; on approval; Simpson, Marylanddrive, Halfway, Paisley-rd., Glasgow.

CHAMPION bred Yorkshires, grand length and quality of feather, buff and yellow cocks, 12/6 to 25/- each; buff hens, 5/- to 20/- each: Beck, School House, Rookery-rd., Handsworth, Staffs.

1911 WINNING Yorkshires, in open competition, to be cleared before Christmas; pairs from 10/- to 18/-, singles from 5/- to 15/-; cards sent; rare opportunity; Davies, Ferndale, Craven Arms.

THE old Yorkshire breeder can spare some good quality pairs, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 a pair; single cocks, 4/6, 6/6, 8/6, 10/6; hens, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-; approval: Berry, Coal Merchant, Ingrow, Keighley.

HIGH-class Yorkshires, splendid length, type, and quality, cocks from 5/-, hens from 3/-; matched pairs 8/- upwards; approval; satisfaction guaranteed: Greenwood, Colne-rd., Crosshill, Keighley.

TYPICAL Yorkshires, winner nine-guinea challenge cup, 1909-1910; cocks, same strain as winners, from 6/-, hens from 4/-, winners from 15/-; cash or deposit: A. Simpson, 9, Mason-st., Hebden Bridge.

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CHAMPION Yorkshires, for show or stock, cocks for stock, from 10/- upwards, hens for stock from 7/6 upwards; all colours, show specimens, according to merit; such stock seldom offered; approval, deposit: Willie Watnough, Ruswarp, near Whitby.

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WANTED Canaries, British, cages, exchange lady's dress ring, 4-bottle cruet, gent's double albert, pipe: Cypher, Bedwas, Mon.

WANTED offers in birds, nine 2/- parts illustrated book of dogs, by Vera Shaw: Milburn, Alexandra-rd., Grangetown, Yorkshire.

OFFERS foreign birds for Black Rosecomb, Golden Seabright, White Pollish Bantams: Johnstone, 11, Alexandra-st., Kirkealdy.

WANTED big yellow Norwich hen, good head and chest, exchange Lancashire coppy cock: J. Stratton, Oakly-rd., Redditch.

WANTED song Canaries, dog puppies, pigeons, or exchange all varieties livestock: Maynard, Bethnal Green. Phone 2528 Wall.

WANTED large unflighted yellow Norwich hen, good head, exchange buff Norwich cock, winner: Small, 67, Western-rd., Brighton.

WANTED gent.'s gold curb Albert, in exchange for Canaries; approval, deposit: R. Mustchin, Normanhurst, Rusper, Sussex.

WANTED Hartz Canaries, exchange 36/- worth new disc records, best makes and titles; birds first: S., 23, Newmarket-rd., Norwich.

WANTED for cash hen Mules, hen Canaries; state lowest price: Merrington, Bird Specialist, 40, Bessons-st., New Cross, London, S.E.

WANTED any quantity of hen Canarics, 1/- each, Germans, Norwich, and Yorkshire, hens 1/4: Manager, 104, Kirkgate, Wakefield.

WANTED cash offers, 12 Norwich cocks, mostly clears, also 3 pairs good Yorkshires: Buckett, 45, King's-rd., Henley-on-Thames.

WANTED, any quantity Goldfinches, Linuets, etc., from catchers only; state price: Thomas Hughes, 65, Saleby Road, Birmingham.

WANTED, Canaries or British birds; exchange cages, fronts, etc.; trade supplied wholesale: Leigh, 63, Page-st., Liverpool.

100 HEN Canaries wanted weekly, cheap for cash, stating price and breed: Edward Bruce, 124, Blackfriars-rd., Salford, Manchester.

WANTED 10/-, or Canaries, for smart wire-haired Fox Terrier bitch, 5 months; approval, deposit: Stanley Holt, Britannia, Bacup.

WANTED, gramophone or phonograph and records, in exchange for cock Canaries and Mules: Sammons, 58, Sutton-rd., Southend-on-Sea.

WANTED young Norwich hens, exchange few extra good colour cock Finches, also Bullfinches, or sell: Saunders, Paperhanger, Tiverton.

WANTED singing cock Canaries, dog puppies, pigeons, poultry, and other live stock; cash or exchange: Maynard, Bethnal Green.

WANTED clear yellow Norwich cock, exchange coat and vest, 9 collars, muling pair Goldie-Canary, yellow: Cook, East-st., Penrhridge.

WANTED Norwich Canaries, in exchange Scotch x Fox Terrier dog, 6 months, Brown Brindle, sell 10/-: Winder, 26, Shaw Heath, Stockport.

EXCHANGE four new British show cages, turned perches, for disc records or good Border: Thompson, 146, Alfred-st., South Shields.

WINNING Mule or hybrid offers, bound volume "Carpenter, Joiner, and Hand-railer," 59 plates: Davies, 120, Mumselton-rd., Swansea.

WANTED Canaries, or anything useful, exchange Family Bible, in splendid condition, cost 50/-: A. Gomm, Brockhurst-rd., nr. Chesham.

WANTED, British house-moulted and Canaries, also Siskins; state cheapest prices: J. King, Bird Dealer, 164, Kelvinhaugh-st., Glasgow.

WANTED winners, British or Mules, exchange good English Lever, cost £3/5/-; also lady's Geneva: Lafbury, 442, High-st., Manor Park, E.

WANTED boot cash offer for hand-reared, from nest, cock Bullie, fed from hand just right to learn to pipe tunes: Nott, Hawkshead, Hatfield.

WANTED, singing Canaries or fresh caught Linnets, exchange aviary bred Budgerigars or new cages, any kind: Hubbard, 275, Belgrave-gate, Leicester.

WANTED offers in Canaries for Gem phonograph, with 32in. brass horn, with stand, as good as new, sell 30/-: Banfield, The Club, Littlehampton.

FOR exhibition Goldfinch and Bullfinch, give Norwich pair unflighted, colour fed, Barnes' strain; none better: Whally, Leonardgate, Lancaster.

EXCHANGE 3 cream bitch Pom puppies, 1 dog, 5 weeks, or sell £1 each; birds or gramophone preferred: 170, Manchester-rd. West, Little Hulton.

WANTED Canaries, Budgerigars, or cock Rosella, exchange splendid violin, cost £2; Morland framed print, good condition: 65, Ewart-rd., Nottingham.

WANTED anything for wire aviary, 36in. x 20in. x 40in., good condition, 10/6; Perfection oil stove, 6/6; must clear: Gunton, 221, St. Alban's-rd., Watford.

EXCHANGE 2 hens and 1 cock Norwich for 2 pair of Rollers, 1910; will give little cash for good birds; approval: Richards, 187, Bolton-rd., Westhoughton.

WANTED genuine African Grey talking Parrot, good price for good bird; approval, deposit system; no dealers: Butler, 183, Lake-rd., Landport, Hants.

WANTED two hot colour-fed yellow Yorkshire or Norwich cocks, 10/- each offered; approval, deposit system: Butler, 183, Lake-rd., Landport, Hampshire.

WANTED 2 large 1911 yellow Yorkshire hens, ditto Norwich, and 25/-, for pedigree Pug; state lowest cash; Canaries only: Hatton, 27a, Gurdon-rd., Charlton.

YELLOW Muling cock Siskin wanted, must be an extra large bird and a good muler; will pay 7/6: Particulars to White, Seed Stores, Park-st., East Cowes.

WANTED gramophone, exchange ½-plate hand camera, value 17/6, few pairs of Canaries and little cash for good make: Richards, 158, Fishponds-rd., Bristol.

WANTED, Canaries, cocks and hen, also toy Pom. bitch for cash or exchange, gem phonograph and records, complete: H. Emery, 266, Bramall-lane, Sheffield.

WANTED, any quantity of hen Canaries for export, 1/- each; Germans, Norwich and Yorkshire hens, 1/4 each: Manager, Bird Stores, Kirkgate, Wakefield.

WANTED best cash offer for 5 young hen and 5 cock Canaries; healthy and clean; father bad 1st prize at local show twice: Roberts, 21, Brook-st., Llangollen.

WANTED British Finches or Canaries; exchange 2 jackets and vests, good quality, fit slender man; approval both ways: Aikman, Swarland, Felton, Northumberland.

WANTED, Canaries, Goldfinches, Mules, prompt cash; or exchange good killing and laying fowls; send offers, wants: Simmonds, 64, Stean-st., Haggerston, London.

WANTED 3 cock Canaries for gent's free-wheel cycle, 18/-; give good parrot cage for buff hen; toy motor car, upholstered, for breeding cage: Dimbleby, 51, Broad-st., Stamford.

WANTED best cash offers, 9 aviary-moulted cock Goldfinches, 14 grand muling hens, 3 Yorkshire cocks, and 1 pair good Norwich; cash or deposit: Reed, London-rd., Stroud, Glos.

WANTED low cloddy Bull bitch, under 3 years, pedigree; give suit, as new, 44in. chest, double-breasted; approval, deposit; no cards: J. Winterbotom, Jordan-st., Glossop.

STOUT unflighted marked yellow hen, ditto Buff, give red plush suit, value 15/-; exchange singing Canary for two good chickens or turkey: 34, Heysham-rd., Shirley, Southampton.

NOTICE.—Wanted, from catchers, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Siskins, and other kinds of British birds; state price at once to Hollinshead, Cheshire Aviaries, Howard-st., Stockport.

WANTED a diamond ring (£5), will exchange 4 pairs of Norwich, properly mated; 4 breeders, 3ft., joiner-made, portable; all appliances; approval: Hendle, 442, Garratt-lane, London.

WANTED Canaries, Goldfinches, Linnets, Bullfinches, Mules, British or Foreign birds, exchange cages any description, or state cash price: Write, Hogg, Cage Maker, Middlesbrough.

WANTED Lee roach pole, would exchange good Norwich or house-moulted cock Goldfinches to value; Goldies will make good mulers; or sell 6/6 each: Chapman, 110, Bergholt-rd., Colchester.

EXCHANGE Edison Standard phonograph, cost 4 guineas, large horn, cost 10/6, and 64 records, for good Norwich cocks, fit for exhibition; or would sell: T. Pargeter, Grimsbury, Banbury.

OFFERS for 2 cocks, 4 hens, small variegated Yorkshire Canaries, 2 h.m. Linnets, cock Linnet Mule, and 2 Greenfinches, lot or separate; cash preferred: Jamieson, 32, Little Ealing Lane, W.

NOTICE.—Wanted, Rollers, Siberian Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Siskins, also any quantity of colour-fed Yorkshires and Norwich: state prices to Hollinshead, Cheshire Aviaries, Howard-st., Stockport.

WANTED good house-moulted cock Siberian or British Goldfinch, and yellow Greenfinch cock, or good outer covers; exchange prize-bred Yorkshires or Norwich Canaries: Soper, Vernon-rd., Sutton.

WANTED Canaries, will give 0/- per pair for good colour-fed Norwich or Yorkshires, 10/- per pair for good Crests, also wanted 10 pairs Scotch Fancy, reasonable: McKeand, Hamilton-place, Castle Douglas.

WANTED offer in Yorkshires or Norwich, for new Perfecta Perophone, cost 30/-, 12 2/6 records, also an harmonium, in good tune, or sell lot £3/10/-: Gifford, Butcher, Shortlands-rd., Sittingbourne, Kent.

CAGE Birds: Wanted secretaries or members of societies throughout British Isles to apply without delay for particulars of a special lucrative appointment: Box W. S., CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet-st., London, E.C.

WANTED clear bodied Crestbred cock, ditto Crested hen, good head and length of feather; exchange 3 pairs high-class Seifert Rollers, Sell £2; approval; no rubbish: Linley, Northolme, Gainsborough.

WANTED good cylinder records for phonograph; see last week's Mules, etc.; make muling pairs up from 0/0, or exchange; 2 grand cinnamon hens, Godley's, Bladon's, can win, 7/6 each; 2 Lancashire buff coppy hens, toppers, 6/- each; several classical Norwich hens also: Metcalfe, 8, Village-st., Broughton, Manchester.

WANTED good gent's cycle, exchange following Norwich cocks, buff variegated, 3rd Watford, 15/-, buff clear, commended, Watford, 10/-; pure Rollers, full song, 7/6; approval, or sell: B. Gunton, 221, St. Alban's-rd., Watford.

WANTED exhibition Norwich cock or Goldie; give in exchange gent.'s navy serge suit, medium size, cost 65/-, sell 30/-; 15-compartment cage, with all fittings, new last spring, sell 15/-: Chas. Keymer, Blackwall Reach, Gorleston-on-Sea.

WANTED FOR EXPORT,

80 pairs high-class Crest, no rubbish, also 400 Plain head Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries, cocks in full song; send particulars: West of England Bird Exchange Co., 13, Durnford-st., Stonehouse, Devon.

NATURAL HISTORY

BIRDS and animals preserved by practical hands: J. Smith, Bermondsey-st., Otley.

BIRD and animal preserving done cheaply by practical hands; latest improvements: F. Livermore, Windley, Derby.

BIRDSTUFFING, illustrated birdstuffing and moulding, illustrated, 1/-; animal ditto, 1/6; illustrated catalogue, birdstuffing requisites, stuffed birds, eggs etc., free: Messrs. Davies, Museum Works, Dartford.

SALE or EXCHANGE.

Mainly British.

GOOD cock Bramble, vhe, what offers in exchange stamps reply: 45, Overdale-rd., South Ealing, W.

SIBERIAN cock Goldfinch, exchange cock Mules in full song, or sell: Tomson, 42, High-rd., Willesden Green.

EXCHANGE, a genuine hand-reared Jay, full colour, for H.M. Goldie, singing, genuine: Fish, 30, Bath-st., Poplar.

Cock Goldfinch, in wicker Palace-shaped drawing room cage, exchange oil paintings: Williams, Bryna welon, Llangollen.

YOUNG Hawfinch, splendid plumage, healthy, cold bird house, 7/6, exchange for Siberian Bullfinch: 59, Clifton-st., Swindon.

EXCHANGE 2 pair Hawfinches, for 2 cocks and hen Yorkshire Canaries; yours first: Jas. Pate, Crossford, by Carluke.

H.M. GOLDFINCH and Norwich hen, 7/6; or exchange for Crested cock: Starbuck, 6, Chapman-rd., Small Heath, Birmingham.

COCK Linnet Mule, full sing, 3 Greenfinches, 2 silver medals, exchange clap nets, or offers: Roberts, 45, Courthill-ter., Parkstone.

GOOD Goldfinch cock, white legged, exchange good cock Mule, or anything; yours first: A. Wilsher, The Folly, Hertford.

ROBIN, house-moulted, singing, 4/-, or exchange for Yorkshire or Norwich hen; apply personally, Binnett, 65, Bloomfield-rd., Bow, E.

EXCHANGE pair house-moulted Bullfinches for Norwich or Yorkshire hen Canary, or sell 3/6: Bowell, Cardinalls-rd., Stowmarket.

1911 HAND-REARED Thrush, full song, and cage, sell 12/-; exchange good British, Norwich Plainhead: P. Watson, Codnor, Derbyshire.

EXCHANGE perfect marked Siskin-Canary Mule for good Canaries, cold room bred; mutual approval: Forsyth, Chapel-sq., Coleraine, Ireland.

EXHIBITION field-moulted cock Linnet, 1st at Thurso, only time shown, exchange muling cock Goldfinch, or offers: Duncan, Citadel, Inverness.

GOLDFINCH, fit for show, exchange cock Goldfinch Mule, Goldfinch notes; also Peathroat Goldfinch, 4/-: Howells, Hawthorn-villa, Haverfordwest.

NOTICE to exhibitors and fanciers: I will exchange all kinds of British for Canaries; approval with pleasure: E. Hodkinson, 4, Sandy-lane, Stockport.

REDPOLL, winner of 1st and 3rd prizes, h.m., fine condition, 8/6, including show cage, or exchange for good Siberian Goldfinch: Gough, St. Clement's, Oxford.

FOUR Redpolls, Bunting, Linnet, Greenfinch Goldfinch Mule, Siskin Mule, 10/6; exchange any thing; yours first: J. Birch, Tinsmith, Skelmersdale.

COCKS, Linnet, Yellowhammer, Skylark; hens Snowbunting, Goldfinch; exchange acetylene lamp, cover, disc records, anything: G. Frith, Crowle, Lincs.

EXCHANGE high-class British for exhibition or singing purposes for any kind of cock and hen Canaries and light Mules: Fred Allen, 156, Porter-st., Hull.

EXCHANGE large Siberian cock Goldfinch, h.m., for cock Siskin Mule Goldfinch, or Linnet Mule, or Norwich, sell £1; offers invited: Knight, 27, Lawrence-bldgs., Millbank, Westminster.

EXCHANGE cocks, 2 Greenfinches, 3 Chaffinches, aviary-moulted, for 2 cock Goldfinches or large Siberian hen Bullfinch; see Buckhaven Show, Nov. 18th; sell 7/6: T. Lister, Beech Holm, Leven, Fife.

EXCHANGE 1 cock Bullie, 2 cock Linnets, 2 cock Redpolls, 1 hen Greenfinch, 1 hen Siskin, good birds, for yellow Norwich hen, must have plenty size; approval each way: George Mitchell, 40, Broad-st., Alloa.

TWICE house-moulted cock Greenfinch, h.m., hen Bullfinch, 2 1910 h.m. cock Goldfinches, h.m. Linnet; exchange singing cock Canaries; yours first; approval: Thompson, Bk. 61, High-st., Bordsley, Birmingham.

FIFTY Giant Siberian cock Goldfinches in grand condition, with nice deep cut square blazes, and in full song, at 6/6 each, or exchange for cock Goldfinch Mules in full song: Enoch Power, 91, Selater-st., Shoreditch, London.

GENUINE large Russian cock Goldfinch, exceedingly handsome plumage, deep blaze, fit for showing our poses, sell 7/6, or exchange for Linnet or Goldfinch Mule, must be a good songster: Herbert Rose, 152 Wornington-rd., North Kensington.

TWO cock Goldies, 3/6 each; 2 cock Brown Linnets, 2/6 each; 1 pair of Bullies, also 1 house-moulted Goldfinch, 15/-; guaranteed to breed Mules; bred 15 last season; or exchange any of the above for Canaries: Simpson, 36, Lancashire-hill, Stockport.

NOTICE: For sale, 2 monster Welsh Greenfinch cocks, like wax and paint, deep yellow bars, pure hybrid breeders, and show winners, 6.6 each; 10/- P.O. gets them, worth 20/-; exchange unflighted yellow Norwich cocks: Bishop, 79, Evered avenue Liverpool.

SPECIAL Notice.—Beware of copied adverts; I will exchange all kinds of British for show, muling, contest singing, for any variety of Canaries and foreign birds; approval both ways: State wants at once to Hollinshead, Cheshire Aviaries, Howard-st., Stockport.

WANTED gent.'s free-wheel cycle, exchange 2 cock Goldfinch Mules, cock Goldfinch, hen Canary, cock Greenfinch, 2 hen Canaries, both Finches housemoulted and proved mulers; will give part cash, or sell £1 the lot: J. Brownsell, 3, New Footpath, Chesham, Bucks.

WARRANTED cock Goldfinches, 2/6, 3/- each; selected birds for showing or muling, 3/6, 4/- each; cock Bullfinches, 2/-; selected birds, like paint, 2/6, 3/- each; singing cock Linnets, real beauties, 1/- each; would exchange for Canaries; every bird healthy, and well on hard seed; approval, cash or deposit: J. Amos, Littlegate-st., Oxford.

Mainly Canaries.

EXCHANGE pair of Yorkshires for a good Hawfinch: 13, Cavendish-rd., Cambridge.

TWELVE young singing cocks, 5/- each, £2 lot; or would exchange: Smith, 50, London-rd., Oldham.

GOOD variegated Crest cock; exchange for yellow hen (Norwich): McPhail, 52, School-st., Fraserburgh.

MAHOGANY Palace aviary, cock and 3 hens Norwich, 25/-; sketch sent: Brett, Cantwell-rd., Plumstead.

WILL exchange good yellow Norwich cock for good buff hen, for stock: F. Slocombe, 21, Platinum-st., Cardiff.

THREE cock Canaries, 1911, 10/-, or exchange Norwich hens, to value: Bishop, 56, Menotte-st., London, E.

EXCHANGE 2 Norwich hens for 2 Seifert Rollers, hens, or cock Goldfinch: Arthur Sykes, 2, Cleggs-sq., Castleford.

WANTED yellow Yorkshire hen, will give buff, 1911, cock; must be good; approval: Chas. Hy. Hill, Wivelscombe.

LARGE Crestbred hen, from prize strain, exchange good Border cock: Maitman, 425, Main-st., Bonnin, Dumbartonshire.

MATCHED pair of Yorkshires, 15/-; or exchange exhibition Goldfinch: Horne, 43, Chestnut Grove, Bootle, Liverpool.

I WILL exchange 1 York., cinnamon hen for good cock Goldfinch; yours first: H. J. Hatfield, 13, Eastgate, Peterborough.

GOOD yellow Norwich cocks, clear, variegated, 10/6 to 25/-; exchange buff hens, 1911: Hudson, 117a, Gibbet-st., Halifax.

NORWICH hens, buff and variegated, 2/-; 2 pairs Seiferts, 6/6; or exchange anything useful: Dyer, Iron Acton, Bristol.

BELL 5 Norwich and 2 Yorkshire cocks, 24/6, or exchange for gent.'s cycle: Foster, Albion-avenue, Shildon, Co. Durham.

TWO Norwich Roller hens, 1911, 2 Roller hens; exchange singing cock or 2 cock Goldfinches: Housley, 54, Heath-st., Burnley.

EXCHANGE 3 Yorks, 2 cocks, 1 hen, for large leathery Crestbred hen, show bird; approval: Tome, Churchpark, Tavistock.

QUALITY Yorkshires in exchange for bath chair, linoleum, carpets; anything good; useful: G. Stocks, 44, Bentley-rd., Doncaster.

PAIR splendid Yorkshires, 1911, exchange child's toy horse; also pairs, 4/6, 5/-: Dodson, 67, North-st., Lockwood, Huddersfield.

TWO clear yellow Yorkshire hen Canaries, 10/- and 15/-; exchange pure-bred Bantams or Silkie Pekins: Whitecorbett, Northallerton.

WANTED 3 cock Goldfinches, exchange 3 Border Canaries, 1 cock and 2 hens, mutual approval: Clarke, Ascoghank, Rothesay.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich Canaries, exchange for scrap brass, copper, zinc, lead, pewter, or anything useful: 61, Havelock-st., Leicester.

EXCHANGE 3 buff hens, 1911, one 1910, for large 1911 yellow cock, or sell £1; yours first; no rubbish: McKay, 47, Green-st., Ayr.

EIGHT pair Yorkshire Canaries for sale, buffs and yellows, 7/6 pair upwards; exchange anything useful: Ascough, Fell-lane, Keighley.

ABOUT 30 Norwich, natural colour, bred from winners, cheap to clear; exchange; approval: Green, Beaconsfield-ter., Street, Somerset.

EXCHANGE pair Yorkshires, cock 7 inches, for cinnamon marked cock; yours first: H. Russell, 4, Malvern-bldgs., Fairfield Park, Bath.

MONSTER variegated buff Crest cock, 30/-, or exchange for yellow Lancashire hen; approval, yours first: J. Dodd, Whetwick, Leicestershire.

WANTED really good crest-bred hens, large and young, exchange Yorkshire or Norwich cocks or pairs, sell cocks 7/6, pairs 10/-: A. March, Evesham.

SIX hen Canaries, sell singly, or exchange anything useful; letters only; no reasonable offers refused: A. James, 2, Park Cottages, Borcham, Warminster.

EXCHANGE, Border Greens, some have won, for good pedigree miniature pomeranian bitch; approval: James, 19, Malvern-rd., Kensington, Liverpool.

WILL exchange winning Norwich or Yorkshires, or stock pairs, for winning or house-moulted British or hybrids: Hawkes, 390, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

EXCHANGE 5 cock Canaries, 2 good Border Fancy hens, and 1 muling hen, for pair good Yorkshires, sell 25/-; approval: Pegg, 58, Moore-st., West Hartlepool.

EXHIBITION Greenfinch Mule, winner of several prizes, 21/-, or exchange for 2 yellow Norwich hens; approval, deposit: F. Brannigan, 26, Lochend-st., Motherwell.

EXHIBITION Linnet Mule, 15/-; Norwich, mother of same, 7/6; exchange Rollers or shutter cages; mutual approval; yours first: Piper, Klondyke, Featherstone.

ONE pair Yorkshires 12/6, pair Norwich 10/6, exchange brass fireirons, copper kettle, and stand; yours first; mutual approval: Piper, Klondyke, Featherstone.

EXCHANGE handsome Linnet-Canary cock Mule, also h.m. Goldfinch, for good Canaries, cold room bred; mutual approval: Johnson, Union-st., Coleraine, Ireland.

HENS: 3 Rollers, 3 Linnet Mules, 3 Goldfinch Mules, 1 Yorks, 1 Yorks Roller; take tandem tyre, 28in. by 1¾in. in part; offers: Stankley, 86, Colwyn-rd., West Hartlepool.

LARGE buff Crestbred cock 10/-, 1 buff Norwich cock 8/-, 2 buff Norwich hens 4/- each; exchange Goldfinches or yellow Norwich hens: Cuthbertson, Crosstoad, Peebles.

FOR sale, green Crested hen, 5/-; pair Yorkshires, cock, hen, green-marked, 10/-; exchange Yorkshires for Rollers or Borders; yours first: Logan, Arthur-st., Newton Stewart.

SALE, exchange, Roller pairs, 7/6; cock and two hens, 8/6; or offers for 19: also aviary, rack, and cages, etc.; particulars, stamp; photo sent: Holt, 56, Ash-terrace, Shaw, Lancs.

THREE bouncing Norwich cocks, 6/-; Goldfinch Mule, cock, 5/6; all full song; 6 large muling Norwich hens, 2/6 each; part exchange poultry: Carnew, 40, Thornleigh-rd., Horfield, Bristol.

FOR sale or exchange, Norwich cocks and hens, also large joiner-made breeding cages, movable fronts, outdoor aviaries; exchange cycle, 10in. records, or anything useful: Bearman, Havering.

WHAT offers in cash for 11 pairs long typical 1911 Yorkshires, or separate, yellows, buffs, marked, colour fed, 3 winners out of them; approval, or deposit: Saunders, 16, Cloanden-pl., Kirkcaldy.

YORKSHIRES, winning strain, buff and yellow cocks, 12/6 to 25/- each; buff hens, 5/- to 20/-; or exchange gent.'s cycle, or phonograph and records: Beck, School House, Rookery-rd., Handsworth, Staffs.

ONE pair of Yorkshires and one Norwich cock, both cocks in full song, price 15/-; or exchange for exhibition. British birds to value, no rubbish; approval both ways: Roberts, 12, Maderia Hill, Wrexham.

CLEAR yellow Yorkshire hen, winner, 20/-; or exchange winning British, or offers; also travelling case to hold 3 Yorkshire show cages, 4/-, or exchange; offers; mutual approval: Muscott, Tremont-rd., Llandrindod.

TWO muling hens, 1911 bred, and cock Goldfinch, proved Mule breeder, 16/-; exchange big marked buff Norwich Plainhead hen, must be 1911 and cold room bred; approval both ways; yours first: Williams, 6, Park-st., Wrexham.

YORKSHIRES: About 20 winners and bred from winners, Croydon, Epsom, Beddington, Wimbledon, etc., mostly yellows, from 7/6 upwards, or exchange good outer covers, 28 x 1½, wired, or matchboards, boots, clothing, drapery, or offers: Soper, 22, Vernon-rd., Sutton.

BARGAINS, approval, deposit, "Cage Birds," pure Leipzig Roller Schoolmaster, none better, 11/-, worth £1; grand white-legged Goldfinch, guaranteed bred Mules, singing, 7/-; wanted Linnet Mules, wild notes; also Woodlark: Lambert, 28, Doris-rd., Sparkhill, Birmingham.

FORTY high-class unflighted Yorkshires, own breeding; cocks from 6/-, hens from 4/-; can supply a few pairs to breed winners from 12/6 per pair; approval, or deposit system; or exchange anything useful for home or family: Thornton, Gold-st., Boothtown, Halifax.

SALE or exchange, 10 Roller cocks, offers lot: 30 cages, with rack, 24 are 14 x 14½ x 8, 6 are 28 x 14½ x 8; also 8 cages with rack, 6 are 24 x 14½ x 11, and 2 are 48 x 20 x 11, the above are complete, inspection invited; stamp, reply: Jagger, 2, Travis-st., Shaw, Oldham, Lancs.

CLEAR yellow Norwich cock, 1st prize winner, £2; Hartz Roller, contest winner, Nightingale, Waterbubble, etc., notes, 25/-; cock Linnet Mule, pure Linnet notes, can win, 15/-; ticked yellow Yorkshire cock, 25/-; clear buff cock, 21/-, both winners, accept part exchange: Robinson, 9, Broad-st., Windermere.

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ENTRIES CLOSED.

Dec. 16.—**High Wycombe.**—S. C. Pearce, 3, Temple End.
Dec. 16.—**Swanage.**—Rev. E. Thwaites.
Dec. 16.—**North Wales.**—J. W. Jones, 40, Williams St., Carnarvon.
Dec. 18.—**Elgin.**—A. W. Douglas, Bishopmill.
Dec. 18.—**Truro.**—C. H. Toy, 20, Prospect Place.
Dec. 19.—**Llanelly.**—D. Griffiths, Rosemount House.
Dec. 20 (last post).—**Market Weighton.**—D. Consitt, North Gate.
Dec. 21.—**Radstock.**—B. M. Clark, Fox Hills.

PRIZE MONEY PAID.

Wandsworth; Blackwood N.B.; City of Glasgow; Forres; Sittingbourne; Llanelly C.B.S.; East Ham F.S.; Brandon Colliery; Edinburgh Open O.S.

Wild-Bird Life.

Methodical Birds.

The Thrushes that came from the North and for a time frequented the writer's garden and the adjoining meadow land have passed on, leaving only the two or three resident birds that were here before they came. Our resident birds we know by their daily habits and confiding manner, for although to ordinary observers birds lead, in a sense, an aimless existence, they are in fact almost as methodical in some of their habits as human beings. One fine Thrush frequents a grass patch in the front of the house for a couple of hours during the morning as regularly as possible. Here he regales himself upon worms, and it is quite astonishing to see the number and size of his victims. A pair of Blackbirds live almost at the extreme end of the garden, and these follow each other about and are as fussy as if it were early spring instead of winter. At the end of the lawn a single Missel Thrush is a daily visitor. Possibly the rose hips which hang in clusters from one of the old-fashioned climbers first attracted him, and finding the spot to his liking, he has since made it a regular feeding ground.

The Bold Stormcock.

At this time of year Missel Thrushes are generally in small flocks of ten or a dozen birds. They frequent the fields and meadows as a rule not far from houses or farmsteads. They are wild, and not easily approached. How or why this bird came to wander quite by himself at this time is a puzzle that one can hardly account for, because as a rule any that leave a flock are generally in pairs, and it is very doubtful if any of our homestead birds pair quite as early as the bold Stormcock. Although the weather has been somewhat mild and open, there is very little bird music in the air. A young Song Thrush will occasionally warble a few trial notes, and the Greenbirds and Linnets twitter a little on sunny days. The Greenfinch's song at this time of the year is a musical mellow warbling, quite delightful when compared with his love song of the spring, which is so frequently spoilt by a terminating long-drawn-out zee.

The Constant Nightingale.

The Nightingale is one of our most constant visitors to return to its old home. A copse that has once contained a pair will have them year after year, but if during their absence in foreign lands the underwood is cleared off, the birds will forsake it for that season, and probably the following seasons until the bushes have grown high enough for concealment. If a wood is suitable for the birds, and the first visitors are trapped, others will succeed them.

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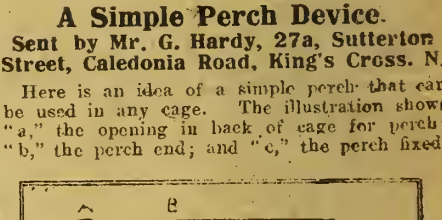
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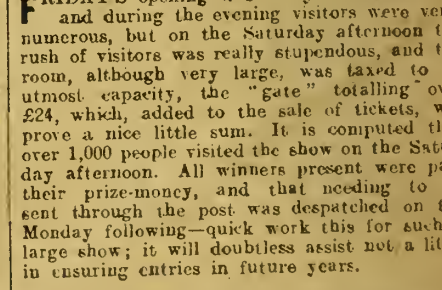
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Sent by Mr. G. Hardy, 27a, Sutterton Street, Caledonia Road, King's Cross, N.

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Under the White Rose.

A STATED time always comes. When the Bradford National Cage Bird Show was first mooted the date fixed looked a long time ahead; now, it is passed and gone. As a first effort it can only be designated a gigantic success. A comprehensive schedule was issued, and the response was extremely gratifying, particularly in the Yorkshire Sections, where the entries averaged over twenty per class, and the best of the country there, too. Norwich did not rally so well, there being counter-attractions in the hotbeds of the variety. Entries in the British, Mule, Hybrid, and Foreign bird sections were also slightly disappointing, due to the same cause. But though numbers were small, quality did not lack in the least. Many of those present would have held their own in the strongest competition, and on the Saturday afternoon it was almost impossible to get even a passing glimpse of either British or foreign birds, and at last stewards had to be told off to move the visitors in single file (duck file, it is sometimes called), so as to give all a chance to see them.

FRIDAY'S opening was fairly well attended, and during the evening visitors were very numerous, but on the Saturday afternoon the rush of visitors was really stupendous, and the room, although very large, was taxed to its utmost capacity, the "gate" totalling over £24, which, added to the sale of tickets, will prove a nice little sum. It is computed that over 1,000 people visited the show on the Saturday afternoon. All winners present were paid their prize-money, and that needing to be sent through the post was despatched on the Monday following—quick work this for such a large show; it will doubtless assist not a little in ensuring entries in future years.

WHO was the prominent Yorkshireman (I was going to say judge, but this might give the show away) who took nine ladies into the refreshment room and supplied them with cups of tea? Why didn't he supply them with sandwiches also? Was all the beef done, and the tongue? When packing up on the Saturday evening, many hands made light work. All the birds were safely off by 9 p.m.

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ROUND THE SHOWS.

ROCHESTER.

Annual show of the Rochester and Dis. F.S. held Dec. 13, Strood Hall. Our section was staged in a large hall upstairs. The light was splendid. We regret to say entries were small; this is regrettable considering there was no other show in Kent to clash with this fixture. At the last moment unfortunately the appointed judge (Mr. J. Freer) could not officiate owing to illness. Mr. S. E. Eastmead (Chatham), a well-known fancier of the past, was called upon to judge, which he did to the satisfaction of all. The Nor. section was good, some well-known winners being staged. Yorks. were small in number but nice in quality. The British section also had some choice specimens. Mr. F. J. Wickham won the C.B. cup with a charming unflighted yellow Nor. In Mr. Hurdman the society have a most energetic and obliging secretary. We trust the society will have better support at their next show.

NOR. CL. (7): 1, sp, cup, Wickham, really charming unflig. yell., splendid type, lovely head; 2, 3, Gibbs, 2nd another yell., larger than winner, splendid quality, shows just a little browing, otherwise equal, 3rd cl. buff, splendid bird, lovely feather; vhc, Bareham; hc, Broadbridge. TKD., ETC. (4): 1, 2, Gibbs, 1st eye and wing mkd., buff, splendid head and neck, fine quality feather, nice exhibit, 2nd t.k.d. yell., very similar, not quite so typical; 3, Broadbridge, wing and head mkd., buff, nice exhibit. YORKS. CL. (5): 1, 3, Gibbs, 1st real good yell. Yorks., nice length and style, good head and wings, 3rd very similar; 2, Olive, another nice yell., not quite the length or style of winner; vhc, Taylor; hc, Burnett. MULE OR HYB. (3): 1, Ackland, well-known Greenfinch Mule, well staged, in splendid condition; 2, Edmonds, Goldfinch Mule, good rich colour; 3, Ackland, Goldfinch-Greenfinch Hybrid, nice bird. LINNET (6): 1, Wickham, beautifully pencilled, good size, not quite up in full colour yet; 2, Webb, good col. bird, must have pressed winners; 3, Smith, E., very rich col., well pencilled; vhc, Smith, W.; hc, Ackland; c, Edmonds, a very good class of Linnets. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (5): 1, 2, Wickham, 1st splendid specimen of Bullfinch, nice shape, beautiful cap and wing bars, easy win, 2nd good Goldfinch; 3, Ackland, very rich coloured, fresh caught Bullfinch, not quite so typical as winner; vhc, Moss; hc, Tidy. FINCH, A.O.S.: 1, vhc, Ackland, 1st really good Hawfinch, nice rich col., an easy win; 2, 3, Wickham, 2nd another nice rich col. Hawfinch, 3rd good Chaffinch. SOFTBILL (5): 1, Lewcock, splendid Starling, staged to perfection, beautifully spangled, very taking; 2, Smith, Nightingale, shown in faultless condition; 3, Webb, very nice Missel Thrush, lacks just a little in richness of colour, otherwise good; vhc, Ackland, nice Blackbird.

DARWEN.

Darwen and Dis. C.B.S. anual open and member's show held November 11th in the Central Temperance Club, an admirable room for the purpose. The entries totalled nearly 200, this being 50 per cent. better than last year, which speaks well for the future of the society. The open classes did not fill as they might have done, but some really good birds were staged. The members put down some rare quality birds, the buff Yorks. hen of Mr. Sharples being an exceptionally good lady. The society is run on model lines, the officials all working together for the betterment of the society. The secretary, Mr. Singleton, is a worker indeed; everything seems easy to him, and all was ready by 3.30 for the judge. Mr. Singleton is well backed up by the following fanciers: Messrs. Davison (chairmain), Fairhurst (treasurer), and Trevor, Sharples, Tomlinson, Walsh, Riley, Entwistle and Gorick. The society are blessed with a good President in F. G. Hindle, Esq., who rendered financial assistance. Mr. Sharples won the challenge cup with a sweet Yorkie hen, the gold medal going to Mr. O'Donnell's Lark. Mr. Joe Thomas took medal for best Can. open, while the winner in Brit. open went to Mr. J. M. Walsh. The show was well patronised, and we trust it will prove a financial success. Mr. J. W. Metcalfe judged, and his awards were received with general satisfaction.

The Critique.

NOR. CL., OPEN (6): 1, 2, Joe Thomas, 1st cl. yell., rare good head and neck, shows sound front, fine feather; 2nd, larger, but not quite the quality of above, plenty of substance, broad head; 3, r, Priestough, buff, grand size, rare good chest; vhc, Hollis; hc, Stewart. VARIEG. (4): 1, 2, Joe Thomas, 1st grand t.k.d. yell., wonderful quality, nice Nor. type, wins opl best in open classes; 2nd, grizzle hack buff, rare substance, well mealed, nicely carried wings and tail, clean cut; 3, Tomlinson, cap mkd. buff, all front, neat shape, exquisite feather; r, Entwistle. YORKS. CL. (7): 1, 2, Joe Thomas, 1st straight as a rush, compact front, closely braced wings; 2nd, long racy bird, well up on leg, grand shape, shows just a slight frill; 3, r, Sharples, erect and fearless, round as a bottle; vhc, c, Newton; hc, Holden. VARIEG. (3): 1, 2, Joe Thomas, 1st yell., rare quality, fine style, close carried wings, extra good col.; 2nd, variog. buff, round body, neat wings and tail, plenty of leg; 3, Marr, big one, nice back and neck. MEMBERS' NOR. CK., NAT. COL. (6): 1, vhc, Jepson, cl. buff, fine size, good head and neck; 2, Tomlinson and Son, also good, either could win; 3, Neville, very much down or would have won; r, Cocker; hc, Southworth. COL. FED. (7): 1, r, vhc, Tomlinson and Son, neat head and neck, good; 2, hc, Marr, nice chest and flights, well carried tail; 3, Cocker; c, Southworth. UNFLIG., NAT. COL. (4): 1, Greenfield, variog., good front, grand head and neck, put him in a different cage; 2, 3, Tomlinson and Son, 2nd shorter, neat wing carriage; 3rd, neat head and neck, compact body; r, Cocker. HEN, UNFLIG. (5): 1, vhc, Tomlinson and Son, cap mkd., rare good front, topping head and neck, should make up; 2, Marr, cl. yell., better shown, nice bird; 3, 1, Cocker, similar, short flights and tail. YORKS. CK. (3): 1, 2, 3, r, Sharples, a grand team, 1st clinking, fine, upstanding yell., nice wings and back, good quality; 2nd, yell., longer drawn, nice back and flights; 3rd, buff, shows nice meal; vhc, (no name); hc, c, Bryant. HEN (6): 1, 2, Sharples, 1st cl. buff, nice back and tail; 2nd, almost green, neat hen, fine quality feather; 3, Trevor, foul cinn., neat; r, Holden; vhc, Harwood; hc, Hearth. UNFLIG. CK. (7): 1, r, vhc, Marr, topping big bird, long flights and tail; 2, 3, Trevor, 2nd four-pointed yell., grand position; 3rd, straight as a rush, neat head and neck; hc, Harwood; c, No. 4, absent. HEN (2): 1, sp, Sharples, takes challenge cup for best in show, really grand hen, plenty of leg; 2, Hearth, variog. buff, neat head and neck, full of quality; No. 3, Holden, absent. A.O.V. (2): All average. Borders. 1, 2, 3, Southworth, put them in Border cages another time; they will look better; No. 4, absent. PAIRS (5): 1, Sharples, good pair of Yorks.; 2, Tomlinson and Son, pair of Nor., green cock, cl. hen; 3, Hearth, neat pair of Yorkies; r, Trevor; vhc, Jepson. BRIT. GOLDFINCH, OPEN (4): 1, J. M. Walsh, good square blaze, richly tanned, wins well; 2, Singleton, good buttons and bars, nice size; 3, Bolton, neat Fiuch; res, Davison. LINNET (5): 1, J. M. Walsh, topper for work, rich nut-brown col.; 2, Marshall, well pencilled, good col.; 3, Fairclough, good breast-work; r, Whalley; vhc, Bolton. A.O.S. HARDBILL (6): 1, res, Almond, neat Reed Bunting, glorious col. and shape, put down in fine form; 2, vhc, J. M. Walsh, 'Hammer, grand markings, good size, well staged; 3, Riley, Bullie, grand cap and bib, good breast; hc, Neville. LARK (4): 1, 3, O'Donnell, rare size and condition, well pencilled in front; 3rd, not quite size of above, well pencilled; 2, Entwistle, another good one, beaten only in size and breast markings, almost a toss up; r, Gillibrand. A.O.S. SOFTBILL: 1, 2, 3, J. M. Walsh, rare good team, put down in fine fettle; r, vhc, Marsden; hc, Swift. MEMBERS' GOLDFINCH (4): 1, Neville, nice blaze and col.; 2, Trevor, richly tanned, neat bars; 3, Marr, well tanned; r, Cocker. LINNET (5): 1, Marshall, 2nd in open class, well pencilled, cone shape; 2, Neville, good col. and markings; 3, r, Corwick, nice size and col. REDPOLL (4): 1, Gorick, rare good col. Lesser, grand bib, would look better in a show cage; 2, 3, Harwood, 2nd big Mealy, well laced; 3rd, neat Lesser; r, Cocker. A.O.S. HARDBILL: 1, 2, Riley, 1st Bullie, good cap and bib, broad back; 2nd, grand Chaffinch, shows whites well; 3, r, Harwood, Jonque Greenie, big one. LARK, HOUSE-MOULTED (6): 1, 3, O'Donnell, 1st in open and 3rd in open; 2, vhc, Entwistle; r, Marshall; hc, Gillibrand. FIELD-MOULTED (3): 1, Entwistle, real good col. Lark, lovely feather; 2, Gillibrand, broken tail, should make up later; 3, Riley, good bird. MULE, ETC. (3): All nice birds; 1, Neville; 2, Trevor; 3, Sharples.

HALSTEAD.

Second annual open show of the Halstead F.S., held Dec. 8th in the Queen's Hall (by kind permission of Mr. Stanley Mogers which is a grand place for a show of this kind. The show was opened by Sir Fortescue Flannery, Bart., who said he was proud to open such a show, as he was a great lover of high-class fancy stock. The birds were staged in good time by the committee and the two hard-working secretaries, Messrs. Taylor and Sayward, who did their work in a splendid way, so that everything went off well. Mr. J. N. Harrison placed the cards.

The Critique.

NOR (6): 1, Clayden, rattling fine mkd. yell., rare head and chest, red hot col., wins easy; 2, Collicott, cl. yell., good big bird, nice condition, 3rd, hc, Outten, two good birds; res, vhc, Hawkes. CREST cancelled. A.O.V. (11): 1, Franks, yell. Yorks., good length and position, lovely col.; 2, Strutt, another fine buff Yorks., nice length, rare style, put down A1; 3, Linn, good head and neck, splendid feather; vhc, Spurgeon; hc, Hawkes. A.O.V., 1911 (16): 1, Hawkes, another fine Yorks., lovely style, well up on legs, tight as a Java; 2, Claydon, Nor., beautiful head, looks like making a good one, feather like satin; 3, res, Franks, two more nice Yorks.; vhc, Collicott; hc, Dazeley. NOVICE (24): a hot class; 1, sp, Dazeley, good all-round Nor., well put down; 2, Tapper, very nice Yorks., straight as a pencil, rare quality; 3, Linn, good Crest; res, Billingsley; vhc, hc, Nobbs. MULE OR HYB. (6): 1, Row, nice Linnet-Greenfinch, good col., a wee shade on the small side; 2, H. Sayward, pretty little Siskin-Can., not a feather out of place, laced splendidly; 3, Brown, four-pointed Goldie-Can., an old warrior, in lovely condition. GOLDFINCH, BRIT. (6): 1, sp, H. Sayward, wins cup for best bird in show, stands right away, nice clean-cut expansive blaze, beautifully tanned chest, splendid condition; 2, Lucking, nice neat Finch; 3, Linn, another nice Finch, better head than second; res, vhc, Barham; hc, Rayner. BULLFINCH, BRIT. (10): 1, Linn, many were unable to follow the judge here, a good bird undoubtedly, but a bit too long-sided and slim; 2, Tapper, true Bullfinch, thought by many an easy 1st, fine colour and polish; 3, hc, Barham, also a good one; res, Beckwith; vhc, Row, an old stager, now eight years old. A.O.S. HARDBILL (6): 1, sp, Rayner, nice stamp of Greenfinch, looks as though just caught; 2, res, Laurence, good steady Chaffinch; 3, Hawkes, fine large well-marked Yellow Bunting, an old stager, steady as a rock, not a feather out of place, no one could have grumbled had it won; vhc, Beckwith, very fine Greenfinch, hard flues; c, Miss Cummings. SOFTBILL cancelled. FOR.: 1, c, Row, Red-headed Couidian Finch, in splendid condition; 2, Andrews Bros., Whydah, in rare form; 3, Barham, Rosella, grand bird; res, Harrington, Red-crested Cardinal; vhc, Andrews Bros.; No. 732, Row, Firetail Finch, unnoticed.

WESTERN COUNTIES O.S.

Annual pair show held at Oddfellows' Hall, Plymouth, on Dec. 12th, 50 pairs of birds being staged. Norwich made a good show, as did hybrid pairs. The cinnamons were the best collection ever staged by the society, and Crests and Yorks. were well up to usual standard. Mr. Pope judged Yorks., Mr. Spillman Nor. and Cinn., Mr. Dare the Crests, and Mr. J. E. Row the Hybrid pairs.

YORKS. (5): 1, spl, 2, 4, Jewell; 3, vhc, Olver. NOR. (9): 1, spl, 2, Garland; 3, Dart; 4, hc, Pope; vhc, Smale. CRESTS (7): 1, two spls, Hutchings; 2, 4, Bavage; 3, Davey; vhc, hc, Ryder. CINN. (5): 1, spl, Pope; 2, 3, Dyer; 4, vhc, Brown. BRIT. AND CAN. (12): 1, spl, 4, Pobblestone; 2, vhc, Wills; 3, Hawke; hc, Harvey; c, Lott. TWO BRIT. (9): 1, spl, 3, 4, vhc, Large; 2, hc, Lugg; c, Harvey.—Thos. Pope, Sec.

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BROOMHILL.

Show held Dec. 9th, in the Central Hall, an ideal place for a show of this kind, being well lighted and free from draughts. We were pleased to see the cage birds staged at a nice height, and every attention given them; so exhibitors can send their birds to this show next year with every confidence. Entries came up well, 102 in eight classes. In Mr. W. Smailes we found a most able and efficient secretary; he has a thorough knowledge of his duties, and the manner in which he gets through his work is a credit both to himself and the society. He was ably assisted by Mr. J. Crackett, assistant sec., and a hard working committee, composed of Messrs. Paxton, Lidgate, Richardson, Hume, Penrose, Lightly Bros., Anderson, and others. Principal sp. winners: Best old Nor. and best unflighted, Mr. Rowell; Mr. W. Smailes, Hyde's; best Border, Mr. Aston; best member's Border, Mr. Lidgate. We are pleased to record a splendid attendance, and we were assured by the secretary that the show cannot be otherwise than a grand success. Mr. H. Scely (Choppington) judged, and his awards were well received.

The Critique.

NOR. CK. (9): 1, sp., Smailes, yell., grand col. and quality, nice condition wins; 2, Jeffries and Husband, buff, splendid type and feather, good head, presses winner; 3, Clark, good type, col. and quality Buff; res., Crackett and Hume; vhc, Teasdale; hc, Mackay; c, Richardson. HEN (11): 1, sp, 2, Rowell, two grand yellows, leader, grand Nor. type, good col., etc., takes sp. best old Nor., 2nd, another good one, longer than winner; 3, J. W. Richardson, buff, good shape, col. and quality; res., Clark; vhc, Smailes; hc, Lightly Bros.; c, Anderson. CK., 1911 (14): 1, sp., Rowell, buff, rare shape, col and quality, good one; 2, Penrose, another good one, presses winner; 3, Rowell, eye ticked buff, good substance, grand type, col., etc.; res., vhc, Whittle; hc, T. Richardson; c, Reid. HEN, UNFLIG. (9): 1, Penrose, extra good hen, fine type, full neck, wins well; 2, 3, Rowell, two extra good ones, in grand condition, shown to perfection; res., J. W. Richardson; vhc, Clark; hc, T. Richardson; c, Lightly Bros. BORD. CK. (13): 1, 2, Purvis, buff tick leading, nice feather, jaunty style, wins, 2nd, neck tick yell., good one, nice feather and condition; 3, Willson, yell., good type, col., etc.; res., Bowen; vhc, Marshall; hc, Gray and Gilhome; c, Crackett and Hume. HEN (14): 1, sp., 2, Aston, Cin., marked leading, extra good one, takes sp. best Border, 2, yellow, another good one, grand quality, close up; 3, Bowen, green again grand type, col. and quality; res., Marshall; vhc, Gray and Gilhome; hc, Rowell; c, Lidgate. A.O.V. (13): 1, Marshall, Crest, great expanse of crest, very dense, good formation and droop; 2, c, Gray and Gilhome, Buff Yorks., extra good type, grand length and position; 3, Reid, Liz., good cap and spangle, in nice condition; res., Smailes; vhc, Jeffries and Husband; hc, T. Richardson. LINNET (19): 1, vhc, Archbold, big one, grandly pencilled, well-known winner in fresh hands, wins easy; 2, Rowell, good Linnet, well shown, beaten only in markings by winner; 3, Rutherford, very steady, nice col. and markings, good 3rd; res., Straughan; hc, Glass; c, Reavely.

ASHINGTON.

Ashington and Dis. C.B.S. annual show, held Harmonic Hall, Nov. 25th. The Hall is a nice one for the occasion, but, if anything, a little cold. Entries came up well, and the judging was over in good time. Mr. Hancock took the cup for best young bird with a Goldie-Bullie Hybrid. Mr. Hall took Sandiford's medal with a hot col. Nor. Messrs T. Dixon (Bedlington) and A. Hay (Berwick) judged, and their decisions seemed to please everyone.

Mr. Dixon's Classes.

NOR. CK. YELL. (18): 1, 2, Hall, leading with a cl., rare type, grand chest, hot col., takes Sandiford's medal; 2nd, very similar, fails just a little in condition; 3, Lackey, grizzle cap, neat type; vhc, Rowell; hc, Armstrong; c, Thompson. HEN (17): 1, 3, Rowell, leading with an eye and wing ticked buff, narrow a trifle in skull, otherwise good; 2, hc, Richardson, yell., rare type, grand chest and wings; vhc, Thompson; c, Charlton. BORD. CK. BUFF (14): 1, Ross, cl., neat type, lovely condition, best of wings and tail; 2, vhc, Graham, cinn. tick, sweet head, rare condition; 3, Gilholme, cl., very jaunty, grandly polished, close up; hc, Anderson; c, Rowell. YORKS. CK. YELL. (13): 1, 2, Gray, neat pair, cinn. marked and ticked, very similar in type, nice length, well staged; 3, Charlton, neck tick, rare type; vhc, Hancock; hc, c, Floyd. HEN (8): 1, Hall, stylish ticked buff, smart position, best of chest, wings and tail; 2, hc, Charlton, Cinn. mkd. buff, correct type; 3, Rowell, uneven yell., grand head and wings; vhc, Floyd; c, Middleton. CINN. BUFF (5): 1, Thompson, nice shape, grand chest; 2, Hall, good bird; 3, Armstrong, grand type, beaten only in col.; vhc, Rowell; hc, Baker. A.O.V. (13): 1, hc, Rowell, green Crest, neat crest, nicely radiated; 2, Graham, green Bord., very shapely, grand col., well staged; 3, Floyd, we missed; vhc, Armstrong; hc, Rowell; c, Gray. BORD. PAIRS (12): 1, Anderson, var. yell. ck. and buff hen, neat pair; 2, 3, vhc, Graham, rare team; 2nd looking sott or might have won; hc, c, Ross. NOVICE NOR. CK. (7): 1, 2, Dunn, cl. buff and yell., sweet pair for a novice, well put down; 3, hc, Garside, crossed wings a trifle; vhc, Clark; c, Tomlinson. BORD. (9): 1, 2, Gilholme, lively pair buff and yell clears, 1st a topper, 2nd good one, not quite so well cut away behind; 3, hc, Gray, 3rd, ticked buff, grand shape and quality, we liked; vhc, c, Whillis. A.O.V. CAN OR MULE (14): 1, hc, Gray, cl. yell Yorkie, nice length, shapely body, well carried wings; 2, vhc, Gilholme, cinn. mkd.; 3, Hall, we could not find; c, Baker. LINNET (3): 1, Rowell, grand size, nicely pencilled, rich col.; 2, Dippie, very similar, steady; 3, Sunter, beaten only a trifle in size and col.

Mr. Hay's Classes.

NOR. BUFF CK. (17): 1, hc, Armstrong, cl., grand type, Bullie chest, fine broad skull, wins easily; 2, Rowell, cl., not quite so shapely, good one; 3, Thompson, leg and wing tick, smaller, rare condition, hot col.; vhc, Floyd; c, Hall. BORD. CK. YELL. (18): 1, hc, c, Graham, cl., rich col., neat head, well balanced wings; 2, vhc, Ross, uneven, correct type; 3, Gardner, correct stamp. HEN (17): 1, hc, Graham, cinn. mkd., grand markings, very typical, wins easily; 2, c, Ross, right eye tick, grand head, nice compact body, grand head, nice compact body; 3, Graham, uneven yell., very shapely; vhc, Armstrong. YORKS. BUFF CK. (10): 1, 2, Hall, both cl., very stylish, rare length, grand wings and tails; 2nd fails only in col.; 3, Charlton, very similar, hot col.; vhc, Hall; hc, Hancock; c, Floyd. CINN. YELL. CK. (4): 1, 2, Thompson; sweet pair, rich col., grand type; 3, Rowell; vhc, Hall. HEN (6): 1, Tomlinson, rare type, grand chest and wings, if anything a little narrow in skull; 2, Hall, correct type, hot col.; 3, c, Thompson, grand head; vhc, Rowell; hc, Armstrong. NOR. PAIRS (14): a fine class; 1, 2, Lackey, both clears, little between them, well balanced; 2, Anderson, buff ck., ticked yell. hen; vhc, King; hc, Middleton; c, Richardson. A.O.V. PAIRS (11): 1, Gray, Yorkies, yell. ck. and buff hen, very stylish, rare length, wins well; 2, Gilholme, Cinn. mkd., fails in condition; 3, Thompson, neat pair of Nor. greens, hot fed; vhc, Charlton; hc, Barron; c, Baker. NOR. HEN NOVICE (9): 1, 3, Hall, cl. yell. and buff yell, nicely moulded, soft silky feather, grand type; 3rd, better in chest; 2, vhc, Dunn, var. yel., hot col., grand body; hc, Clark; c, Tomlinson. BORD. (6): 1, hc, Gilholme, almost even buff, fine silky feather, neat head and wings, fine pipe tail, well put down; 2, vhc, Whillis, cl. yell., grand type, rare wing carriage; 3, Garside, cl. Buff, fine head, nice chest, well cut away behind; c, Sunter. MULE OR HYB. (6): 1, Hancock, Goldie-Bullie, small, faint in col., shows parentage well; 2, Charlton, Greenie-Can., very large, hot fed, grand condition, some thought might have been 1st; 3, Rowell, Linnet-Can., rare col., fine feather, close up; vhc, King; hc, Hall; c, Baker. LINNET, FIELD MOULTED (14): 1, Dippie, grand size, nicely pencilled, rich col., wins well; 2, hc, Armstrong, nice one, falls in size only; 3, Clark; vhc, Middleton; c, Tomlinson. A.O.S. BRIT. HARDBILLED (14): 1, Dippie, Yellowhammer, enormous size, steady as a rock, might be better marked on head; 2, King, nice Bramhle, rich col., well staged, beaten only in size; 3, Clark, grand Greenie, well staged, fine feather; vhc, Gardner, nice Reed Bunting; hc, Charlton; c, Edwards. A.V. (for those never having shown before) (7): 1, 2, Hall, cl. buff Nor. and Cinn., well turned out, Nor. nice type throughout, Cinn. hot col., neat head and wings; 3, vhc, Whillis, leading with a sweet little grizzle cap buff Bord., neat and compact body; hc, c, Carr. GIFT (12): 1, Miles; 2, Lackey; 3, King; vhc, Rowell; hc, Clark; c, Hall.

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NANTYMOEL.

Second annual show held Dec. 13th, in the Workmen's Hall. The cage birds were nicely staged at one end of the hall. The entries were in advance of last year, and a great improvement was noticeable in the quality, most of the winners being fit to hold their own in the keenest competition. A few keen fanciers attended to the wants of the exhibits, and gave them every attention. The Hon. Sec., Messrs. Williams and Griffiths, had everything in smooth running order and were most obliging and courteous to all. The awards were made by Mr. J. H. Payne.

The Critique.

NOR. CK. YELL. (6): 1, sp, 2, 3, Davies, lovely col. and full of quality, nice shape, good head and neck, well packed flights, 2nd good shape, full head and neck, nice quality of feather, level col., not quite so deep as leader, 3rd ticked on head, capital shape and close feather, short flights and tail; vhc, Edwards; hc, Thomas; c, G. T. Jones. HEN, YELL. (3): 3, W. Davies, grand shape, nice feather, short flights and tail, good head and neck; vhc, Thomas; hc, P. T. Jones. BUFF CK. (7): 2, E. Thomas, rattling shape, nice boxy feather, rich undercolour, well packed flights, neat tail; 3, vhc, W. Davies, mkd. head, eyes and left wing, grand shape, deep chest and good back; hc, no name; c, G. T. Jones. HEN (3): 3, G. T. Jones, clinking shape, grand feather, beautifully mealed, well packed, short flights and tail, rich undercolour; vhc, Muscott; hc, Edwards. YORKS CK. (12): 1, spl, vhc, Newell, yell., grand position, well on leg, neat waist, wings and tail, magnificent col. and quality, in the pink; 2, Dykes, yell., another good one, thigh t.k.d., straight as a pencil, grand feather; 3, Weeks, slim built buff, capital feather and col., narrow shoulders, good position; hc, Evans; c, James and Wells. HEN (7): 2, Newell, variog. and yell., slim built, tight as a Java, stands well, good wings and tail, nice head and back; 3, Hoare, buff, capital feather, nice length and position; vhc, Weeks; hc, Evans; c, Steere. BORD. FCY. CK. (7): 2, D. Jenkins, buff, a gem for feather, shape and style, nice head, neck, back and wings, in fine order; 3, vhc, Eley Bros., variog. yell., grand feather, nice head and neck, good shape and carriage; hc, D. Williams; c, Evans. HEN (5): 2, Jenkins, cl. yell., a real gem, magnificent shape, feathered like marble, nice jaunty carriage, wings and tail, well packed; 3, hc, E. M. Evans, capital shaped buff, nice feather, neat head, wings and tail; vhc, D. Williams; c, Button. MULE (4): 2, H. S. Davies, buff Goldfinch-Can., mkd. wings, eyes and head, lovely feather, col. and quality, nice shape, good wing bars, in rattling fine order; vhc, hc, Edwards; c, Button. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (9): 1, spl, 3, Richards, a brace of gems, winner has the pull in squareness and expansiveness of blaze and chest tanning, both capital bars and buttons; vhc, Morris and Barnes; hc, c, no name. LINNET (4): 2, Richards, grandly pencilled, good shape, capital col. and very steady; vhc, Gay; hc, Noah. MEMBERS' NOR. (10): 1, 3, vhc, hc, c, Morris and Barnes, 1st eye, cheek and wing mkd. buff, capital shape and feather, 3rd variog. yell., grand feather and col., good head and neck. BRIT. (2): 3, vhc, Morris and Evans, capital coloured Bullfinch, nice cap and bars.

DURHAM.

Champion Linnet contest at the Black Horse, Elvet, Durham, on Dec. 30, when £3 will be given.—Geo. Reed.

Club Reports.

GLASGOW (West End) C.B.S.

Meeting held Co-operative Hall, St. George's Cross, Mr. H. Jamieson presiding over a large attendance, when prize money and specials won at annual show were paid out. Agreed, to again have a smoking concert this year and presentation of trophies, etc. A committee was appointed to look after the date, place, etc., which will be notified later.—W. Proudfoot, Sec. and Treasurer.

CHESTER C.B.F.A.

Meeting held Nag's Head Cocoa House, Dec. 5, Mr. Bracegirdle presiding. Secretary intimated receipt of donation from R. A. Yerburgh, Esq., M.P., and Mrs. Way, also special prizes from Messrs. McHattie and Co., Messrs. W. T. Davies and Co. An extra class for pairs was added to the schedule of annual show, and date of entries closing fixed for 19th December, or first post 20th December. Special meeting will be held at the club room 19th December, to make final arrangements.—J. Swindley Hon. Sec.

CHELTENHAM C.B.S.

Smoking concert, held headquarters, Dec. 7th, as a wind-up to a very successful year's work. There was a good attendance, Mr. T. J. King occupied the chair in his usual genial manner, and things went with a swing. Messrs. D. Lewis and A. Smith were responsible for the evening, and right well they had done their work, providing an excellent and diversified programme; and those members who were not present missed a most enjoyable evening. A vote of thanks to the performers and Messrs. Lewis and Smith was proposed by Mr. A. S. Treasure, and seconded by Mr. W. Pounsett, and Mr. Dredge, in felicitous terms, proposed the chairman. The following gentlemen took part: Messrs, Carter, Dredge, Hawker, Mackey, A. Smith, Roberts, Short jun., Strickland, Stopforth, C. Yeind. Mr. Tibbles acted as accompanist.

WALKLEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Annual meeting, held St.Phillip's Mission, Westmorland Street, Dec. 7th. Election of officers and revision of rules. One of the best meetings yet held in point of numbers. We started the year with 12 members, and have now a list of 32, with prospects of doubling same next year. Several of the old rules were deleted, and others added, one of which is "Novices have to win 3 first prizes before becoming a champion." Voting result: President, Mr. J. Ridal; vice-presidents, J. G. Cowley and G. Butler; treasurer, J. Kelsey; auditors, A. Hobson, and C. Thompson; sees., C. Tomlinson and A. Lawton; committee, Furniss, J. Woolhouse, Rhodes, Ritson, Hadfield, Smith. Next meeting, Jan. 13, table show of matched pairs for breeding, Yorks. mems.; Nor. mems.; novice Yorks.; ent., 3d. cage; prize-money 2s., 1s. 6d., 1s. Judge, Mr. F. Jones. Any member joining next meeting can compete.—C. Tomlinson, Sec.

READING C.B.S.

Meeting held Dec. 6th. Mr. O. C. Smith elected a member. Suggestions were made as to next year's show, but nothing could be done until the annual meeting in January. After a brief interval Mr. Acton said he had a very pleasant duty to perform. He wished to present Mr. Brooker with a small cheque as a slight acknowledgment by the members of his unfailing courtesy and of the many acts of kindness duriog the years he had been chairman. In presenting it he wished to add a bit to it to show he had been as well pleased as the members were. In responding, Mr. Brooker said he was much surprised and pleased. He had done his best for the members as his duty, not for the sake of getting anything from them. He thanked them for the gift, and for the kindly thought which prompted it. The Hon. Sec. gave an account of the recent show, but was sorry to say that, owing to so many attractions on the same day, and the foggy night, the "gate" money was very bad, and had resulted in a balance on the wrong side. Mr. Pike had promised to present the cups, but was taken ill the day before; but he persuaded the Mayor and Mayoress to come in his place. In presenting the cups the Mayor remarked at what an interesting time he had had, and said how sorry he was to see a poor attendance. Cup Winners: S. Pike Cup: G. H. Acton, 88 points; C. Cox, 41; Vince and Pike, 16 each; C. H. Acton Cup: F. Dearlove, 111 points; H. Priest, 70; G. W. Maisey, 50. Sec. announced that S. Pike, Esq., had promised to give us another cup for most wins with birds bred by exhibitors, which was received with great pleasure. As next meeting begins a new session, the Sec. would be glad to hear of any fanciers wishing to Join.—W. H. Pyke, Hon. Sec.

LONDON AND PROVINCIAL O.S.

Annual general meeting, held at Leysian Hall, Dec. 7. Mr. J. W. Ramsden in chair. After reading balance-sheet, the treasurer said we end up the year 4s. 4d. better in cash than we begau, and £4 1s. 1d. in assets. The main features of the balance sheet are that we are £3 2s. 6d. to the good on entry fees and subs., and that we have 18 new members against 8 last year. We made about £18 less out of the Palace show, arising from our having to insure the show at a cost of £12 12s., and having to pay about £5 extra on account of printers' strike. On the other side we avoid expenditure this year that we incurred last year to the extent of £16 fully, the main item being loss on Nov. show. Also we spend £11 less on silver cups, while printing and stationery are £3 less. On the other hand, we paid £5 more for lectures and £4 for a new case for stuffed birds. Someone was writing to the papers and suggested that the L. and P.O.S. wanted rousing, and probably meant that we should have had an autumn show, but I think the balance sheet indicates that by careful navigation we have avoided losing money, and it will be remembered that about the time we had to decide as to an autumn show affairs at the Palace looked black, and at that time it looked as likely as anything that the place would be sold and broken up for building purposes, which would have meant that the society would have had to change the venue for the National Show. I have always considered this a risky proceeding, and one that would likely enough have meant a loss of say £50. The prospects at the Palace have improved now, but until we can see what can be arranged with the new powers there, we cannot say that we have surmounted the difficulties and anxieties we have had for some years back. At all events, there has been no need to insure the coming Palace Show, so that as far as we can see we should have more income next year than this, and I hope we shall still make more new members, especially in town, considering the many fanciers there now.—W. Law, Sec.

HEMSWORTH C.B.S.

Meeting held December 6th. Principal business, organising our second annual show for January 27th, in conjunction with the final show for the challenge cups and medals. The discussion lasted the whole meeting through, and finally was adjourned till December 20th, at 7.30 p.m.; all members are requested to attend if possible.—James W. Gillings, Sec.

GRIMSBY AND DISTRICT O.S.

Annual meeting, held Dec. 7th, Slatter's Rooms, 15 members present. Following officers elected for 1912: Chairman, Mr. A. Oliver; vice-chairman, Mr. F. Yearling; committee, Messrs. T. Cartwright sen., W. Way, A. Robinson, H. Harding, H. Beaumont, jun., A. Cartwright, jun., G. Jacklin, A. Towl. Specials allotted for half-day show, Dec. 30. A vote of thanks was accorded the retiring officers.—Town and Smith, Hon. Secs.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Meeting held Dec. 9, Mr. Farrer presiding. Schedule for open show, Jan. 12 and 13th finally decided upon. Mr. T. Taylor (Gateshead) has kindly promised a diploma for best bird in each section, also one for best bird in show. Mr. J. G. Hutchinson (Newcastle) gives a silver medal for best Crest or C.B., and various other specials were promised, so that the prospects for the show are now exceedingly bright; and every member of the club is anxious to make the show the best we have ever had. Will members please push the sale of tickets?—J. Jeffrey, Hon. Sec.

WEST BROMWICH & DIS. C.B.S.

Meeting held Dec. 5th. Decided to hold a table show Jan. 13th next, following classes being scheduled. Nor. Yell.; Buff hen; unflig.; novice, same classes; Yorks., same; novice, and champions; one British Hardbill; one Softbill; one Mule or Hybrid; one Crest; one Crestbred; one A.O.V. This being one of the shows for which points count for members' cup, it is hoped every member will put down birds. It is also suggested that we hold a series of night shows, and we hope members will attend and support the officers in their endeavours to make the meeting nights more interesting; otherwise it is to be feared the officers will give up trying. The society is to be congratulated on the good show they made in the inter-club competition, and with a little more enthusiasm there is a possibility of doing much better.—W. G. Andrews, Hon. Sec.

SITTINGBOURNE AND DIS. C.B.S

Prizes won at the recent show were distributed in the Fanciers' Hall, George Hotel, on December 4th, The ceremony was to have been performed by Mr. W. R. Elgar (President), but Mr. B. Tidy apologised for his unavoidable absence, and his place was taken by Mr. C. R. Hulburd. Mr. Hulburd distributed the prizes, and at the conclusion of the ceremony Mr. Tidy proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. C. Town for the assistance he rendered the committee during the show; Mr. Jeffreys seconded, and the proposition was carried. On the proposition of Mr. Tidy, seconded by Mr. Town, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Hulburd. The Secretary referred to the show, and said that, on making out a rough balance sheet, he thought they would be on the right side, in spite of the fact that they had had some unexpected expenses. On the proposition of Mr. Town, seconded by Mr. Tidy, a vote of thanks was passed to the donors of special prizes, and to Mr. W. Land for granting the society the use of flags.—B. Tidy, Sec.

LEEDS C.B.S.

Meeting held headquarters, 2nd Dec., Mr. J. P. Moir in chair. I am pleased to record a good attendance. A general discussion arose re amount of entrance fee, and prize-money to be paid at forthcoming Boxing Day show; but the question was left over to see what could be done for the shows to take place in 1912. Three new members elected, namely Messrs. M. Kitchin, J. W. Storey, and W. Marshall—it is a good omen to see so many young fanciers taking up the pleasant hobby. Nomination of officers for 1912: Chairman, Mr. C. E. Hall; vice-chairman, Mr. H. J. Mennard; hon. treasurer, Mr. E. Norton; assistant hon. sec., Mr. J. P. Moir; hon. sec., Mr. W. A. Wilson; auditors for the 1911 accounts, Messrs. P. Marshall and E. Middleton. Re the Boxing Day show, it was decided to ask that old and respected fancier, Mr. F. King (Leeds) to judge British and so help our advertised judge, Mr. H. Wilkinson (Stockbridge), as we anticipate a good entry. Mr. T. Baldwinson kindly promised half-stone seed for most points in novice classes; and Messrs. Poulter and Bolton will give a double breeding cage all complete, and another good special to be won in champion and novice classes respectively. Several selling classes and class for Softbills has been added to classification, and it is hoped these will be well supported. It is with regret I have to state that Mr. Leo Smith (assistant hon. sec.) is resigning the Fancy for an indefinite period, owing to family sickness. The members, however, unanimously elected him an honorary member, till such time as he takes up the hobby again.—W. A. Wilson, Hon. Sec.

BANKFOOT AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held Nov. 28th, Mr. J. Lawson (vice-president) in chair. A feature of this meeting was the "Judging Competition," held in connection with the "Matched Pairs for Breeding" competition. The society gave free admission to both events, and in addition gave various cash specials. The result proved highly satisfactory. Mr. J. Smith was appointed to judge the eleven pairs entered, and his awards gave satisfaction. Several good pairs were among those left out of the cards. The entry for the judging was very good, and competition exceedingly keen. These competitions prove so popular amongst our members that no doubt we shall have the opportunity of holding another ere the season closes. Prize winners in the pairs competition: 1, 2, G. Hudson; 3, Taylor Bros. In the Judging Competition: 1, J. Lawson; 2, H. Taylor; 3, W. North. Definitely decided, to have a pie supper in connection with our prize distribution on Jan. 16th at headquarters, Red Lion Hotel; it is to be hoped every member will do his utmost to induce as many friends and fanciers as possible to attend. Mr. H. B. Wood kindly gives the supper. A miscellaneous programme will be drawn up, and it only remains for the members to do their best to make the gathering a record, numerically and financially. Final members' show, Dec. 16th, at which prizes of various value will be given for best cock and best hen; also cash special of 2s. 6d. (by Mr. J. Smith) for competition in the "commended" section. Ordinary monthly meeting, Dec. 19th, when a lecture on "Moulting and Colour Feeding" will be given by Mr. J. Taylor. Turn up, friends, and give this gentleman a good reception. By the way, tickets for our whist drive and dance may now be had from members. The well-known rooms of Messrs. Bradshaw (Bankfoot) have been engaged, and the music in the dance programme is really high-class. Six prizes will be given in the whist drive. Tickets are selling splendidly.—F. Gelder, Sec.

IRVINE AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

At a meeting held in the Masonic Hall, December 9th, attended by a large number of fanciers, schedules were drawn up and judges appointed. Judges: Canaries, Mr. D. Smart (Grangemouth); British and Foreign, Mr. A. W. Watson (Edinburgh). Our membership is now up to 30. Any wishing to become members will have to be enrolled by December 16th.—H. B. Young, Sec.

BORDER FANCY C.C.

The annual general meeting will be held at Carlisle on 1st January, 1912, at 11.30 a.m. prompt. The place of meeting will be advertised in show room. Undernoted is the business to be transacted: Minutes of previous meeting; balance sheet 1911; election of president, secretary, treasurer, and delegates. The following motions have been sent in: "That club adopt standard cage"; also "members exhibiting at shows where they have club patronage shall only use husks or plain canary seed in cage bottoms." "That any society having open and novice medal, the novice medal always to be judged for first, so as to allow winner to compete for open medal." Members who will not be at meeting, please notify me if they are in favour or against above motions. A few new members will be proposed.—M. Jamieson, Hon. Sec., 3, Green Terrace, Hawick, N.B.

SHERIFFHILL F.F.S.

Annual meeting, held Dec. 2, headquarters, St. John's Mission Rooms, Kells Lane, with Mr. C. Rowlands in chair. Several of our rules were gone into, and altered. Election of officers for 1912: President, Rev. J. Mitchell; vice-presidents, Messrs. M. Miller, S. Burrell, and T. W. Appleby; committee, Messrs. W. Witherley, E. Hewitson, J. Smith, M. Miller, J. Hunter, and J. Dixon; hon. sec., Mr. W. Stockton; assistant sec., Mr. J. Hunter; treasurer, Mr. C. Rowlands. At our next meeting, January 6th, there will be a table show of Nor., Yorks., Crests, Borders, British, and foreign, and that well-known fancier, Mr. J. Gray (Low Fell) will judge. Mr. W. Witherley kindly promised a silver medal for most points in Yorks., taken at six table shows. We have altered the yearly subs., and it is now 2s. 6d. per year, new members to pay 1s. to enter. Now you fanciers, let's start the New Year in grand style by turning up on Jan. 6th.—W. Stockton, Hon. Sec.

NEW CROSS AND DIST. C.B.S.

Meeting held December 7th, headquarters, when a good attendance was recorded. Two new members were made. In addition to the ordinary business a washing competition for a silver medal given by the society, was arranged for the benefit of novices, and that well-known fancier, Mr. Geo. Hill, was appointed judge. Mr. Hill opened up the competition by washing a Norwich and showing the members the correct way in which to hold a bird. Everyone present took a keen interest in what Mr. Hill said and did, and a very enjoyable evening it was. The result of the competition was astonishing. Mr. Rouson (winner of the medal) handled his bird like an expert. For a society only in its first year we are going along exceptionally well, and should be glad if fanciers will help to make the society a great success by forwarding names to the joint secretaries, Barton and Barton, 8, Amersham Grove, New Cross. The annual subs. is 4s., or payable quarterly in advance.—Barton and Barton, Secs.

ANFIELD, EVERTON & DIS. C.B.S

Night show, held Dec. 4th, Sandon Hotel, where upwards of 100 birds were staged. Mr. G. Bell placed the cards, to the entire satisfaction of all. Over 150 fanciers and friends visited the show, which was voted one of the finest gatherings at a night show held in the town for a long time. Eleven new members were enrolled, which now brings our total up to considerably over 100. Principal winners, Messrs. Whiteside, Dreaper, Crow, Bell, Williams, Holmes, Malone, Southward, Folland, Frentz, Wright, Rumsby, Cooper, Frankham, Jackson, Hawkes, Harrison, etc. We noticed amongst our visitors, Messrs. Algie, Nimmo, Hamilton, McNulty, Walker, Plunkett, Brindle, Davis, Rowlands, Thomas, Jones, Potter, Knight, Lobb, Metcalfe, Isaacs, Jew, etc. Messrs. Wright and Williams, Hon. Secs., had everything in apple-pie order; altogether it was a huge success. Owing to the abnormal increase of membership we have been compelled to remove headquarters to St. Cuthbert's Schoolroom, with the large mission hall for shows. A show will be held Boxing Day at the Mission Hall, situated in Burleigh Road North, Walton Breck Road. All members and those wishing to join bring as many birds as possible; schedule same as night show held Dec. 4th. There will be plenty of competition, prize money, and specials. Admission free; all welcome. Judge to be announced in next week's CAGE BIRDS, together with any further particulars. The hall will be open, and the secretaries in attendance, 11 a.m. to receive birds. Judging to commence 1.30 p.m. Anyone in doubt bring your birds, and we will classify. Schedules will be sent to anyone applying to Hon. Sec.—R. B. Wright, 9, Canon Road, Cabbage Hall.

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM.

There was a good attendance at meeting held Crown Hotel, Hill Street, December 6th, Mr. Broadhurst (vice-president) in chair. Messrs. Allsop, Jeffrey, Johnson, and Stonall were elected members. Secretary reported he was not in a position to present a financial statement for late show, as he had yet to receive the account for printing, while a few members had still to settle for admission tickets, etc. A lively discussion took place regarding the advisability of fixing a radius for our next annual show, Mr. Sheppard strongly advocating same. Eventually it was decided again to hold our show, "open to the United Kingdom," but to add limit classes at the discretion of the committee. Show date provisionally fixed for cattle show week (as in former years), December 4th and 5th, 1912, Mr. J. Robson asked to judge. Nomination of officers for 1912 proceeded with, for election at annual general meeting January 3rd. A strong body of workers was proposed for the various positions, but a hitch occurred over the secretaryship, the present secretary (Mr. Mole) declining to stand again, but offering his services at the show. Several names were proposed, including two former secretaries (Mr. J. Jones, and Mr. de Maillet), but all declined; and upon pressure being brought to bear on the latter, he explained that he would not again take up the secretaryship so long as the meetings were held in licensed premises. He suggested an amalgamation between three local societies with headquarters at one of the halls in centre of the City, and thought many fanciers who at present did not belong to any cage bird society, would then join. The question of changing headquarters was fully debated, and it was felt that, in the absence of particulars as to the financial aspect of the proposal, nothing could be done that evening, and all members nominated were requested to allow their names to stand until annual general meeting. The table show had to be abandoned, only one member (Mr. J. Clay) bringing exhibits. It is a great pity these contests are not better supported, as they could be made of great help to the younger fanciers.—J. H. de Maillett (for present secretary).

ECCLES C.B.S.

At our first members' table show (reported elsewhere) it was decided to have as near as possible a monthly show. A vote of thanks was given our judge, Mr. Clowe; also to our host and hostess for their esteemed help, which they are always willing to give. We are pleased to report two new members in Messrs. Gaskell Bros., of Boothstown, and Doyle and Moss, of Walkden, and we hope to get more.—J. Hall, Hon. Sec,

CINNAMON-MARKED Y.C.C.

List of points gained by members in club's competitions up to and including Bradford National show: Open competition: H. H. Towers, 142 points; Ogden Bros., 105; C. Morrison, 74; A. Cooper, 76; J. Bailey, 60; J. Thomas 34; F. Allen 32; H. J. Chittenden, 24; J. E. Priestley 22; S. Metcalfe, 16; Mallinson and Son, 10; P. Mason, 10; A. Hirst 9. Open Novice Competition: Brown and Son 83 points; D. Thornton, 49; C. Morrison 40; H. Hadwen, 7.—Grayshon and Allen, Hon. Secs.

NORTHERN BORDER & S.F.C.

Meeting held Dec. 4th, Mr. Shepherd in chair. Mr. Montgomery moved, and Mr. Craig seconded, that our next meeting be held Jan. 15th, instead of Jan. 1st.—Carried.—Mr. Shepperd kindly granted a special, value 2s. 6d., for best current-year bird, exhibited by a member at Sunderland show. Secretary also announced that he had received a special from Mr. Harvey of a pair of "The Model," beautifully done in fretwork, for best bird exhibited by a novice at Gateshead in novice class. Mr. Montgomery moved, and Mr. T. Smith seconded, that the chairman and vice-chairman select medals from the samples which they had got; carried. An apology was then read from Mr. Johnson, who was to have given us a lecture on "The Green Border," he being unable to attend owing to working at night. Our worthy chairman then gave us a few remarks on showing. Mr. Montgomery proposed, and Mr. Snaith seconded, that we have a pair show January 15th (our next meeting) entry 3d. per cage, as usual; carried. Mr. Johnson was elected judge.—J. N. F. Scott, Sec.

Singing Contests.

BLACKBURN.

A meeting of the Blackburn quality Linnet S.A. will be held at club headquarters, Old Red Lion, Snigbrooke, Dec. 16th, at 8 o'clock. We hope all members will attend; also new members.—J. Dobson, president; Rd. Hayhurst, Sec. pro. tem.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Linnet contest held December 10th, Prince Albert Inn, where 16 birds entered. Judges, Messrs. E. Wood and J. Smith. 1, A. Binns; 2, Tom Chippendale; 3, divided between Jack Chippendale and James Chippendale.—E. Wood, Hon. Sec.

CASTLEFORD.

First Linnet contest, held Dec. 2, George and Dragon, Bridge Street. We had 21 birds. 1 and 2, J. Brindley; 3, A. Towler. Also Dec. 9th, 18 birds. 1, A. Towler; 2, T. Piper; 3, O. Potter. Open sing, Dec. 26th (Boxing Day), time singing; I hope all Linnet fanciers will try to bring a good bird or two.—Walter Dobson, Hon. Sec.

TYLDSLEY.

Delegates' meeting at Union Arms, Dec. 9th, after the contest. Delegates from Blackburn, Wigan, Leigh, Tydsley and Salford present. We went through the business of previous meeting, but could not finish all that was necessary, so we decided to hold another meeting December 23, at 6 o'clock. In connection with the above, the Globe Inn Linnet Club are giving an open-to-all-England contest Dec. 23rd, singing to commence 2. Will all intended competitors kindly make it their business to get to this contest as early as possible, so as to ensure an early finish. Will those who hold unsold tickets kindly return same by Dec. 16?—J. M'Allister, Sec.

LEEDS.

Linnet contest for quality, held old bird house, King's Head, Shannon Street, Dec. 10, when 38 birds sang. 1, T. Stead; 2, 3, 4, A. Butler. Judges, Messrs. Walt. Naylor and H. Hayes. An open-to-all-England contest, Dec. 16, when 3 special prizes will be given. First pair on nail at 2.15 prompt.—T. C. Summers, Hon. Sec.

Quality singing for Linnets, held Skinner's Arms, Buslingthorpe, Dec. 9th, when 19 birds sang. Ward and Lorriman shared 1, 2, Richardson 3. Also grand contest, Dec. 10th, when 29 birds sang. Sellars and Turner shared 1, 2, Ward 3; judges, Messrs. Granger and Biss. Also a Canary contest, when 12 birds sang; 1, Binns; 2, Stubbs; 3, Chippindale. A Canary contest will take place on Boxing night. There will also be a contest on Christmas Day for this year's pink birds only.—C. Clayton, Hon. Sec.

SALFORD.

Salford Linnet Club's first effort in holding contests after meetings was held on December 10, "Boat House." It was a decided success, and we shall certainly hold them every fortnight at 8.30. Chairman, Mr. H. Cootes. Delegates (Messrs. Green and Cain) gave their reports of meeting held at Tyldsley, but the business appertaining to it was left over. Owing to the large number of visitors, we held the contest in the concert room. Ten birds entered (for two minutes' singing), and everyone was satisfied. 1, 2, J. Green; 3, H. Cootes; 4, J. Cresswell. Timekeepers, Messrs. W. Cain and B. Wharton; bird keeper, Mr. J. Cresswell. The members desire to express their thanks to Mr. T. Warburton and members of the Tyldsley Club for the kindness and hearty welcome extended them on their first visit to the Union Arms last Saturday; they fully appreciated it. Mr. W. Cain (Salford) won first prize for quality. It certainly shows we are improving the prospects of the club. Next contest, open to all Manchester and Salford and district, Dec. 16, for time. First pair up 2 o'clock.—B. Wharton, Hon. Sec.

Members Shows.

Leicester (Hand-in-Hand) C.B.S.

held Dec. 5th, when 60 birds were staged. Judge, Mr. G. Wheatley. Principal winners: Champion, Messrs. Holder, Hulse, Sarson. Hale, Neal, Peberdy; Novice, Messrs. Moores, Memory, Chamberlain, Hewitt, Bell.—A. Freestone, Sec.

Eccles C.B.S.: Held Dec. 6, The Diamond Inn. Judge, Mr. Clowe. Over 50 birds were present. Principal winners: Yorks., Messrs. Dawson and Hall; Nor., Messrs. Peters, Dawson and Astley; Brit., Messrs. Peters, Monks, Timms, and Astley.—J. Hall, Hon. Sec.

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

J. C. BARNES, 113, Northfield Road, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Long, practical experience. Terms moderate.

T. BENNETT, Glendare House, Lidget Green, Bradford. Judge of Cage Birds. Long and practical experience.

J. W. BRUCE, Coldstream. Judge of all varieties of cage birds; Border and British Bird specialist. Terms moderate.

H. J. CHITTENDEN, 103, Bolton Hall-rd., Bolton Woods, Bradford, judge of cage birds, life experience. Terms moderate.

F. COLLINS, 60, Union-st., Camborne. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Life experience.

W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington, Bradford. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Practical experience. Terms moderate.

G. EDWARDS, 11, West St., Leominster.—Judge of Canaries, Brit., Mules; specialist, Norwich, Crests, Mules; 30 years' experience. Terms moderate.

GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road, London, N.W. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.

J. HARTLEY, Victoria-st., Micklethwaite, Bingley (late of Bradford). Judge of Cage Birds. Specialist Yorkshire and Norwich.

C. A. HOUSE, 82, Upper Walthamstow Road, Walthamstow. Judge of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds.

W. R. MILES, The Aviaries, Chichester. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Life experience.

W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Manningham, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

J. W. METCALFE, The Yorkshire Aviaries, 68, Brunswick Road, Liverpool. Judge of Cage Birds. Specialist Yorkshire and Norwich.

H. NORMAN, The Eyrie, Salisbury Road, Carshalton, Surrey. All varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist Hybrids and British Birds.

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J. PATTERSON, Chirnside. Judge of Cage Birds; all varieties. Wide practical experience. Specialist Border Fancy Judge.

J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.

C. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Life experience.

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J. WALSH, Bird Specialist, Blackburn. Judge of cage birds, practical experience, specialist; British Foreign, Mules, and Hybrids. Terms moderate.

G. WILSON, 14, Frizington Road, Frizington, Cumberland, Judges of Cage Birds, 25 years' practical experience; specialist British and Mules. Terms moderate.

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SWANAGE

DECEMBER 28th.

14 Classes. 7/6, 4/-, 2/-. Entry fee, 1/6. Judge, Mr. W. O. Brooke. Special room for exhibits; same can be heated if required. Entries close December 16th Rev. E. Thwaites, Swanage, Dorset.

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WISHAW C.B.S. Open Show DEC. 30th. 41 Classes. Entries taken till morning of show, and to 26th for Catalogue. Schedules from—JAS. WATSON, 16, Young Street, Wishaw.

CARLISLE

and Dis. C.B.S. Annual Show Dec. 30th and Jan. 1st. Canaries, Mules, British, and Foreign. Judges: P. McKenzie, Wm. Poole, Geo. Goulden, and J. Dixon. Patronage, B.F.C.C., E. and W.B.F.C., N.C.N.P.C.C. Good classification; plenty of specials. Schedules from—WM. HY. WRIGHT, 35, London Road, Carlisle.

FORFAR

Annual Show of Poultry, Cage Birds, Rabbits, Cavies, etc., in the Reid Hall, on December 30th and January 1st next. Schedules from the secretary—J. F. WILSON, 20, West High Street, Forfar.

PAISLEY O.A. The PALACE OF SCOTLAND, Jan. 1st and 2nd. The Fifty-eighth Annual Show. Classes include Scots. Fancy, Nor., Cinn., Yorks., Borders, Mule, Hybrid, Wild Bird, British and Foreign. Hundreds of Pounds in Prize Money. Also hosts of specials, including cups and medals. Judges, D. Black, G. Fulton, D. Caldwell, A. M. Baird, J. Park, R. Prentice, A. Roberts, R. B. Gibb, H. Bennet, R. V. Raine. Prize money paid to those present on second day of show. Entries close on Monday, Dec. 25th. Schedules ready.—WM. LAMBIE, Secretary, 25, Caledonia Street, Paisley.

KILMARNOCK 1st and 2nd January, 1912. 60th Annual Show of Cage Birds. Prize money paid to those present. Judge, J. W. Bruce, Coldstream. Exhibits arriving Saturday or Sunday conveyed to Hall on arrival. Schedules ready.—J. BLANE, Sec., 10, Hill Street, Kilmarnock.

FALKLAND O.S. 52nd Annual Show of Pltry, Pigns, and Cage Birds, Tuesday, 2nd Jan., 1912. 37 Cage Bird Classes. Judge, Wm. Mitchell, Perth. Numerous Specials 1 Stone Canary Seed for most points in cage Bird Section. Schedules from—WILLIAM ANDERSON, Sec., Falkland. Entries close 26th December.

SCOTTISH PALACE.

DUNFERMLINE (Fife)

Annual Show of Pltry, Pgns, Cage Birds. Tues. and Wed., 2nd and 3rd January, 1912. Cups and medals and numerous Specials. Cage Bird Judges: Patterson (Chirnside), Young (Rutherglen), Marliu (Hamilton). Under patronage of Scottish Crest Club. Entries close 27th December. Schedules now ready.—ALEX. HYND, Sec., 78, Rumblingwell.

GLASGOW

Jan. 2nd and 3rd.

74 Classes. Prizes, 15/-, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-. Schedules.—F. Bowman, 5, Parkview Gardens, Tollcross, Glasgow.

CRIEFF C.B. and P.A. Show, Open to Great Britain, Saturday, January 6, 1912, in Porteous Hall, Crieff. Judges: Cage Birds, J. McLay (Kirkintilloch), D. Low (Dundee). Poultry, Wm. Brodie (Banff). Bantams and Fur, John Dewar (Crieff). 62 Classes for Poultry. 62 Classes for Cage Birds. Prize Money, 10/-, 6/-, 3/-, and many valuable Specials. Entries (2/- each) close Tuesday, January 2, 1912. Schedules and entry forms from Cameron and Watt, Secs., Cameron Buildings, Crieff.

NOTICE.

GUISBROUGH

Priory (Federation Show) Fourth Annual Show of Canaries, Mules, Hybrids, British and Foreign Birds, will be held 6th Jan. 26 Classes. Prizes, 3/-, 4/-, 2/-, 1/-. Entry fee, 1/-. Judge, H. W. Battye, Esq. Cup for best bird in Canary, Mule, or Hybrid Classes. Numerous Specials. Entries close Dec. 30th. Schedules from S. H. Lambert, 35, Cleveland Street, Guisbrough (Yorks).

IRVINE & DIS. O.S. First Annual Open Show, Masonic Hall, January 6th, 1912. Schedules from—H. B. YOUNG, Sec., 55, West Road, Irvine.

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England.

Dec. 15 & 16.—**Blackburn.**—(J. Cook, 6, Charlotte St.).

Dec. 16.—**Yarm, Eaglescliffe.**—(T. Wilson, High Street.) W.M., F.M.

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Jan. 6.—**Guisbrough Priory.**—(S. H. Lambert, 35, Cleveland St., H.W.B.).

Feb. 2, 3, 5, 6.—**Great National** (Crystal Palace). (J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Ave., Brixton, S.W.)

Nov. 1 & 2.—**Sheffield O.S.**—(T. Bishop, 60, Alexandra Road.) W.M., C.H.

Nov. 30.—**Coventry Godiva.**—(R. Symonds, 29, Melbourne Rd., Earlsdon).

Scotland.

Dec. 16.—**Broxburn.**—(W. McLaren, Church Street.) J. McLn., G.Sfe., J.Tn., J.M., J.Sn.

Dec. 30 and Jan. 1, 1912.—**Scottish National** (A. W. Watson 58, Colinton Road, Edinburgh.)

1912.

Jan. 1 & 2.—**Paisley O.A.**—(W. Lambie, 25, Caledonia Street.)

Jan. 2 & 3.—**Glasgow C.B.A.**—(F. Bowman, 5, Parkview, Tollcross.). W.B.M., J.Cg., J.W.B., L.J.A., A.C.

Jan. 6.—**Crieff.**—(Cameron and Watt, Cameron Bdgs.)

Oct. 19.—**Kelty and Blairadam.**—(A. Dickson, 37, Adams Terrace.)

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Scottish National (S.N.P.C., S.C.C., C.C.C., Cinn. C.C., G.C.A., U.K.B.C.A., B.F.C.C., F.B.C.).—Dec. 30 and Jan. 1, Corn Exchange, Grass Market, Edinburgh. Judges, Messrs. J. Saudison (Nor., Nor. Greens, Nor. Limit), A. Hirst (Nor.), J. F. Dewar (Crests, Scots, Belg., and For.), J. Robson (Scots., Belg., Cinn., Yorks., Yorks. Greens, Liz.), H. Bennet (Borders), J. Smillie (Borders and extra stock), J. Maddison (Mules and Brit.), P. McQuiston (Brit) 127 open classes: Nor. 20 (6 confined to S.P.C. members), Nor. Pairs 1, Nor. Greens 4, Nor. Limit 4, Crest 6, Crest Limit 2, Scots 2, Scots Limit 2, Belg. 2, Bord. 18, Bord Limit 3, Cinn. 5, Yorks. 6, Yorks. Greens 4, Liz. 2, A.V. Can. Limit 1, Mule 8, Mule Limit 1, Brit. 22, Brit. Limit 1, For. 9, Juvenile Brit. 1, Extra Stock 1, Hyde's 2. Prizes, 15s., 10s., 5s., 3s., 2s., and an enormous number of spls. Fee 2s. Ent. close Dec. 23, to A. W. Watson, 58, Colinton Road, Edinburgh.

Dunfermline and W. of Fife (S.C.C.).—January 2 and 3, Drill Hall, Bruce Street. Judges, Messrs. J. Patterson, J. Young, and G. Marlin. 44 open classes: Scot. 4, Nor. 5, Crest 6, Bord. 8, Common 1, Mule 2, Brit. 9, For. 2, Gift 1, Sell. 6. Prizes, 15s., 7s., 3s. (Sell. and Gift, 9s., 6s., 4s., 3s., 2s.); fee 1s. 6d. Entries close Dec. 27, to Alex. Hynd, 78, Rumblingwell, Dunfermline.

Elgin.—Dec. 25, Academy Hall. Judge, Mr. A. Miller. 40 open classes: Nor. 15 (6 nat. col.), Crest 2, Bord. 3, A.O.V. 1, Nor. 1, Sell. 3, Mule 2, Brit. 8, Pairs 1, For. 2, Gift 1, Juvenile 1. Prizes, 7s., 5s., 2s. 6d.; fee 1s. 6d. Entries close Dec. 18, to A. W. Douglas, Bishopmill, Elgin.

Badstock.—Dec. 28, Central Hall. Judge, Mr. W. J. Keegan. 3 open classes: Yorks. 2, Nor. 1; and 5 members' classes. Prizes, 8s., 5s., 2s. 6d.; fee 1s. 6d. Entries close Dec. 21, to B. M. Clark, Fox Hills.

Swanage.—Dec. 28, Drill Hall. Judge, Mr. W. O. Brooke. 14 open classes: Nor. 2, Yorks. 2, Mule 2, Brit. 4, For. 3, Sell. 1. Prizes, 7s. 6d., 4s., 2s. Fee 1s. 6d. Entries close Dec. 18, to Rev. E. Hepworth Thwaites, Mount Scar, Swanage.

Llanelly.—Dec. 26, Market Hall. Judge, Mr. S. Jones. 4 open classes: Yorks., Nor., Bord., and Sell., 1 each. Prizes, 6s., 4s., 2s.; fee 1s. Entries close Dec. 19, to D. Griffiths, Rosemount House.

LANCASTER.

Once more the members of the Lancaster and Dis. C.B.S. have brought off a most successful show. The number of entries this year constituted a record. The only question that worries the hard-working committee is space to stage the birds. Although the hall is a fine one with plenty of good light and freedom from draughts, at times the crush is pretty severe. But everything went off gaily, and everybody was delighted with the fine exhibition. In Mr. T. Swainson the society have a treasurer that any society would be proud of. He is painstaking and careful, and particularly keen about the exhibits entrusted to his care. In Mr. W. Cafferty the society have a hard-working and efficient secretary, to whom great praise is due for the success of the show. Another man the society is proud of is Mr. H. Hoyle, the assistant secretary, a really good assistant, and just the man for the coming vacancy in the secretaryship. On the show day he and Messrs. Durstow and Gardner surpassed themselves in the amount of work they managed to get through; their joint efforts were particularly noticeable in the smart way in which the awards were put on the cages. The committee are all well-known fanciers and did yeoman service. The chairman, Mr. R. Mason, was much in evidence and was all smiles. Coming to the birds, numbers were pretty equally divided between Yorks. and Nor. Challenge Bowl won by Mr. J. Johnson, for most points gained by four nominated birds. Mr. T. Swainson won Sandiford's medal and Mr. H. Hoyle Ramsden's. Mr. R. Taylor, of Preston, judged and seemed to give entire satisfaction.

The Awards.

YELL. NOR.: 1, hc, c, Hawthornthwaite; 2, Dr. Herd; 3, Hoyle; 4, Swainson; vhc, H. Durston. BUFF.: 1, Dr. Herd; 2, Hoyle; 3, c, Hawthornthwaite; 4, Mercer; vhc, hc, Gardner. HENS.: 1, 4, Dr. Herd; 2, 3, vhc, Swainson; hc, c, Hoyle. UNFLG.: 1, 3, 4, c, Swainson; 2, hc, Dr. Herd; vhc, Hoyle. YORKS. YELL.: 1, H. Durston; 2, 3, Cafferty and Son; 4, Bostock; vhc, J. Gradwell; hc, Mercer. BUFF.: 1, C. Durston; 2, Gradwell; 3, Mercer; 4, vhc, Cafferty and Son; hc, Hawthornthwaite, HENS. 1, c, Mason; 2, Mulliner; 3 Cafferty and Son; 4, Hawthornthwaite; vhc, hc, Bostock. UNFLG.: 1, Durston; 2, c, Mason; 3, H. Durston; 4, hc, Bostock; vhc, Cafferty and Son. CREST.: 1, 3, 4, Hodgson; 2, vhc, hc, c, Gardner. C. B.: 1, 3, Gardner; 2, 4, Hawthornthwaite. CINN. NOR.: 1, 4, Gardner; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Hawthornthwaite. BUFF.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Swainson; vhc, hc, Gardner; c, Hawthornthwaite. HENS.: 1, 3, Swainson; 2, vhc, c, Hawthornthwaite; 4, Durston; hc, Gardner. BORD.: 1, 3, Mulliner; 2, Johnson. A.O.V.: 1, 4, Gardner 2, hc, Hawthornthwaite; 3, vhc, c, Durston. MULE.: 1, vhc, c, Durston; 2, 4, Gardner; 3, hc, Fisher. HYB.: 1, Fisher; 2, 3, 4, Durston. LINNET ETC. 1, 2, c, Durston; 3, Fisher; 4, vhc, Alexandra; hc, Whalley. GOLDFINCH ETC.: 1, 2, vhc, Durston; 3, hc, Alexandra; c, Fisher. HARDBILL.: 1, 3, vhc, hc, Fisher; 2, 4, c, E. W. Durston. SOFTBILL.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Durston; 4, Fisher; hc, Graystone NOVICE SECTION: NOR. YELL.: 1, Shaw; 2, Johnson; 3, Livingstone; 4, hc, Whalley; vhc, Whiteside, c, Radcliffe. BUFF.: 1, Johnson; 2, vhc, c, Whalley; 3, Whiteside; 4, hc, Livingstone. YORKS YELL.: 1, vhc, Alexandra; 2, hc, Walley; 3, Johnson; 4, c, Shaw. BUFF.: 1, vhc, Whalley; 2, c, Hodgson; 3, 4, Johnson; hc, Radcliffe. GIFT.: 1, Cafferty and Son; 2, Hoyle; 3, Gardner; 4, Swainson; vhc, Whalley; hc, Hawthornthwaite; c, Johnson.

LEYTON C.B.A.

Owing to the clashing with the North London society, entries at Leyton on Dec. 2nd were about 50 down on last year's total, and North London, we believe, suffered more severely still, which is not to be wondered at, seeing that a number of fanciers are members of each society. The Grange Park Hall is a very suitable building, and the birds were nicely staged on each side of the room, so that all could be easily seen. Yorkshires were hardly so strong as we have seen them at Leyton, but the quality was good in all three sections. Norwich were splendid, quite the best we have ever seen at this fixture, and the competition was keen, particularly so in the amateur section. Crests were found amongst the novices only, but of such quality that one of them was capable of securing the special for best bird in the show. British were hardly up to Leyton form, still a number of very creditable exhibits were on view. Messrs. Forse and Son had all the arrangements in good order, and they were ably assisted by the committee, amongst whom were Messrs. Bartlett, the chairman, and Rhodes, vice-chairman, were very prominent. The challenge cups and principal trophies were won as follows: Specials, best bird in the show and best in Crest section, Mr. Wallace's even-marked Crest. Champion cup and Mr. Wilson's cup best young bird in the show, and sp. best Norwich, Mr. Cooper's yellow Norwich. Best bird in champion section, also reserve for best in show, Mr. Jones's buff mkd. Yorkshire. Mule cup, Mr. Archer's lightly mkd. Greenfinch-Canary. Amateur cup, Mr. Burbage's buff Yorks. Novice cup, Mr. Wallace's clear body Crest. British champion cup, Mr. Marley's Blackbird. Novice cup, Mr. Oliver's Starling. Ramsden's special, Mr. Roberts' variegated yellow Norwich. Mr. C. A. House judged.

The Awards.

YORKS. YELL. (6): 1, Jones; 2, hc, Skinner; 3, Williams; 4, vhc, Forse and Son. BUFF (6): 1, 4, Forse and Son; 2, vhc, sp. best 2nd, Skinner; 3, hc, Jones. MKD. (4): 1, sps best in champion section, and best Yorks., Jones; 2, 4, Forse and Son; 3, Skinner. HENS (6): 1, 3, sp best 3rd, 4, sp best 4th, Skinner; 2, Bennett; vhc, hc, Forse and Son. UNFLIG. CK. (7): 1, Williams; 2, Jones; 3, c, Forse and Son; 4, vhc, Skinner; hc, Bennett. MKD. (4): 1, Bennett; 2, 4, Skinner; 3, Forse and Son. NOR. CK. YELL. (5): 1, 2, sp, Billingsley. UNFLIG. (4): 1, 2, 3, two cups and three sps, Cooper; 4, sp, Billingsley. MULES: 1, sp, Archer. UNFLIG. (5): 1, 2, cup, Archer; 3, sp, Cooper; 4, vhc, Forse and Son. AMAT. YORKS. MKD. (2): 1, Wyatt; 2, Burbidge. HENS (3): 1, 2, 3, Burbidge. UNFLIG. CL. (3): 1, cup, and three sps, Burbidge; 2, 3, Wyatt. MKD. (4): 1, 3, Wyatt; 2, sp. best 2nd, Teasdale; 4, Burbidge. NOR. CL. YELL. (5): 1, 2, Taylor; 3, 4, sp. best 3rd, Roberts; vhc, Parr. BUFF (5): 1, 3, Taylor; 2, Roberts; 4, sp, Parr. MKD. (4): 1, three sps, Roberts; 2, Parr; 3, Teasdale; 4, Taylor. HENS, YELL. (3): 1, Teasdale; 2, 4, Taylor; 3, Parr. BUFF (5): 1, 3, Teasdale; 2, 4, Taylor; vhc, Parr. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, 2, 4, Taylor; 3, Parr. AMAT. YORKS. MKD. (2): 1, Wyatt; 2, Burbidge. HENS (3): 1, 2, 3, Burbidge. UNFLIG. CL. (3): 1, cup, three sps., Burbidge; 2, 3, Wyatt. MKD. (4): 1, 3, Wyatt; 2, sp. best 2nd, Teasdale; 4, Burbidge. NOR. CL. YELL. (5): 1, 2, Taylor; 3, 4, sp best 3rd, Roberts; vhc, Parr. BUFF (4): 1, 3, Taylor; 2, Roberts; 4, sp, Parr. MKD. (4): 1, three sps, Roberts; 2, Parr; 3, Teasdale; 4, Taylor. HENS, YELL. (4): 1, Teasdale; 2, 4, Taylor; 3, Parr. BUFF (5): 1, 3, Teasdale; 2, 4, Taylor; vhc, Parr. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, 2, 4, Taylor; 3, Parr. BUFF (5): 1, 2, Teasdale; 3, Roberts; 4, Parr; vhc, Taylor. NOVICE YORKS. YELL. (4): 1, Webb; 2, Smith; 3, Reed; 4, Shankley. BUFF (4): 1, King; 2, Parker; 3, Shankley. MKD. (4): 1, Parker; 2, King; 3, Webb. HENS, YELL. (5): 1, 2, King; 3, Webb; 4, Shankley; vhc, hc, Parker. BUFF (7): 1, Reed; 2, 4, Webb; 3, vhc, Smith; hc, Parker; c, Shankley. UNFLIG. CL. YELL. (10): 1, sp, best Yorks., 3, King; 2, sp best 2nd, Mays; 4, Smith; vbc, Wilkins; hc, Parker; c, Sbankley. BUFF (4): 1, Smith; 2, King; 3, Hayman; 4, Wilkins. MKD. (6): 1, Mays; 2, 3, King; 4, vhc, sp, Parker; hc, Reed. NON-FED (2): 1, Reed; 2, Wilkins. UNFLIG. (2): 1, sp, King; 2, Shankley. NOR. YELL. (5): 1, 3, sp best, and 3rd best, Bannister, 2, Marshall; 4, Perring; vbc, Webb. BUFF (5): 1, Perring; 2, Dalton; 3, Tuck; 4, Evans; vhc, Webb MKD. (11): 1, Evans; 2, 3, Rhodes; 4, c, Dalton; vhc, Horrup; hc, Harding. HENS, YELL. (3): 1, sp, Pettit; 2, Webb. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Pettit; 3, Perriu; 4, Marshall; vhc, Tuck; hc, Dalton. UNFLIG. YELL. (8): 1, Pettit; 2, Perring; 3, Dalton; 4, Tuck; vhc, Harding; hc, Bannister; c, Wilkins BUFF (10): 1, 3, c, Cone; 2, hc, sp best 2nd, Dalton; 4, Perring; vhc, Tuck. MKD. (6): 1, Bannister; 2, Dalton; 3, hc, Harding; 4, Cone; vhc, Webb. NON FED: 1, Marsh. UNFLIG. (4): 1, 2, Marsh; 3, 4, Sheldon. CREST: 1, 3, sps best bird, best Crest, and best novice in show, Wallace; 2, 4, Rhodes. C.B. (3): 1, 3, Wallace; 2, Perring. UNFLIG. (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, sp, cup, Wallace. A.O.V. (3): 1, 2, sp, Reed; 3, Perring. UNFLIG. (5): 1, 2, vhc, Parker; 3, Shankley; 4, Parker. MULES (6): 1, 3, 4, vhc, Reed; 2, sp, Parker; hc, Pettit. UNFLIG. (7): 1, 4, vhc, Parker; 2, Oliver; 3, Hayman; hc, Walker; c, Godfrey. BRIT. GREENFINCH (5): 1, 2, Godfrey; 3, Hellins; 4, Burbidge; vhc, Taylor. A.O.S. Finch (6): 1, 3, vhc, two sps.: Hellens; 2, sp, Archer; 4, Taylor; hc, Forse and Son. SOFTBILL: 1, 2, 3, cup, Marley. HENS: 1, Godfrey. FOR.: 1, Godfrey. NOVICE ... (8): 1, sp, Evans; 2, Webb; 3, Walker. GREEN. (6): 1, 2, Walker; 3, Marsh; 4, Pettit; vhc, Dalton. LINNET (4): 1, 2, Walker; 3, 4, Pettit. SISKIN, ETC. (10): 1, Oliver; 2, c, Reed; 3, Dalton; 4, hc, sp, Hammond; vhc, Pettit. A.O.V. FINCH (7): 1, Hammond; 2, 3, sp, Walker; 4, vhc, hc, Reed. SOFTBILL (3): 1, cup, Oliver; 2, two sps, Evans; 3, Reed. HENS (2): 1, Walker; 2, Pettit. FOR (2): 1, 2, Reed.

Xmas Greetings to Old Friends and New.

"The Year is dying—Let him die."—but with his parting breath he calls on us to welcome his successor and give thanks for the many benefits received during the twelve months of his reign. 1911 has for most of us been an eventful year. For the Proprietor of "Cage Birds" it has been an especially memorable period.

A slight recurrence of a painful illness has been successfully overcome—a number of bitter disappointments of a private nature have been compensated for by a fair measure of success in other things, and through all the little troubles and triumphs "Cage Birds" has gone happily on in its career of usefulness, making many new friends and cementing many old links of regard.

"Cage Birds League" has been most successfully inaugurated and has already proved an enormous force for good in the interests of birds and birdkeepers alike. The services of a splendidly loyal and hard working staff have been as ungrudgingly given as ever, and the same spirit of enthusiasm and energy as originally placed "Cage Birds" in its position of pre-eminence still, we are thankful to say, animates every worker associated with us.

To our readers and advertisers, and all concerned, we tender sincere and grateful thanks. That they and their feathered pets may spend this Xmastide in all happiness and comfort is the fervent wish of their obedient servant to command,

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Twitterings.

My little boy has a Canary that will follow him all about the house, writes Mr. J. E. Jones (Harlech).

We have closed with 500 entries, all classes standing, write Messrs. King and Yeo, secs. of Frome Show.

Mr. J. Swinsot (125, Ayresome Street, Middlesbrough) writes that he would be glad if Mr. W. Miller, whose seed-crushing machine was recently illustrated in our columns, would kindly communicate with him.

Poplar and Dist. C.B.S.'s show on Saturday next (Dec. 16) will be held in the All Hallows Schoolrooms, Dunkell Street, Poplar, and not in the Pekin Street Schoolrooms, as advised, writes Mr. H. W. Cook, the hon. sec.

The Sheffield O.S. have again booked the Cutlers' Hall for their open show to be held on Nov. 1 and 2, 1912, writes Mr. T. Bishop, the sec. Messrs. W. Mundell and C. Houlton have been engaged as two of the judges.

I wish to thank you on behalf of our members for the splendid report you gave us in CAGE BIRDS of our show, writes Mr. W. H. Pyke, hon. sec. of the Reading and Dis. C.B.S. We are all very pleased with it.

The Mid-Rhondda C.B.S. Show on Boxing Day, Dec. 26, is a members' show, writes Mr. A. H. C. Legg, the sec. If it had been an open show we would have advertised it in CAGE BIRDS. I have had no end of applications for schedules.

Some ten or a dozen fanciers journeyed from Harrogate to Bradford to see the National Show and had a most enjoyable time, writes Mr. W. E. Fergusson. We hope the show was a success, and that another time the entries will double themselves.

The whole of the sixteen parts of "Our Canaries" are now on sale. Those fanciers who are desirous of obtaining copies of this, the greatest work on Canaries ever published, should lose no time in placing their orders. Sixpence per part from newsagents, 7d. post free, flat in card, from CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

At Sheffield Show on Saturday last, we hear that the hall was splendidly patronised, fanciers coming from all directions and being well pleased with the grand display of birds. Mr. J. C. Barnes, the local enthusiast, and one of the judges, was observed to be very busy amongst the novices and amateurs, giving advice what to do and what not to do in his usual free and easy style.

DON'T FORGET

OUR LITERARY COMPETITION.

(Particulars will be found on page 520).

Thanks for the splendid report in CAGE BIRDS of our show, writes Mr. M. Irvine, hon. sec. of the East Perthshire O.S. (Blairgowrie). We hope to come out on the right side financially.

Please announce that Mr. J. Wones has been specially engaged to judge Cinnamons, and Mr. J. C. Barnes to judge Novice Norwich at the Crystal Palace Show, writes Mr. J. W. Ramsden, the show manager.

A mistake occurs in our schedule re our gift class prize-money, writes Mr. Alex. Hynd, hon. sec. of the Dunfermline and West of Fife O.S. Show on Jan. 2 and 3. The prize-money should read 9s., 6s., 4s., 3s., and 2s.

The Burton-on-Trent C.B.S. have fixed on Oct. 19 for their open annual show, with Mr. J. Robson as judge, writes Mr. W. Elliott, the sec.

Kindly note that I have been appointed secretary to the Todmorden and Dist. C.B.A., writes Mr. T. E. Barker, 13, Farnboro Street, Walsden, near Todmorden.

It has been decided, writes Mr. Thos. Pope, sec. of the Western Counties O.S. (Plymouth), to hold our next open show on Oct. 15 and 16, 1912.

The Arniston and Gorebridge O.S. have appointed Mr. J. I. Mackie (Edinburgh) to judge the Canaries at their show on Jan. 20, writes Mr. J. Lambie, the sec.

Owing to pressure of business, I have given up the secretaryship of the Forfar C.B.S., writes Mr. J. Fyfe. My successor is Mr. David Kerr, 13, Green Street, Forfar.

I have taken over the secretaryship of the Walkley C.B.S., and in future all communications must be addressed to me, writes Mr. C. Tomlinson, 95, Winter Street, Sheffield.

I must thank you for the fine report you gave us of our show, held on Nov. 18, in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. W. Proudfoot, sec. and treas. of the Glasgow West End C.B.C.

All prize-money won at our show has been paid out to distant exhibitors, writes Mr. E. Morris, sec. of the Kingswood F.S. Local exhibitors will be paid theirs at headquarters on Dec. 19, as per schedule.

We have a record entry of 650 birds for our show on Friday and Saturday (Dec. 15 and 16), writes Mr. J. Cook, the sec. British and foreign birds have come up splendidly. Mr. J. M. Walsh desires to thank all exhibitors who have responded to his appeal for support.

Allow me to thank you and your reporter for splendid report of our show, writes Mr. W. Ratcliff, chairman of the Grantham C.B.S. We closed the show at 9 p.m., and all birds were at the station by 10.30 p.m. We have received many postcards on the splendid way in which the birds were returned.

Schedules for the Glasgow and Dist. C.B. Show, Jan. 2 and 3, writes Mr. F. Bowman, the secretary, will be sent out on Dec. 15. We are sending 1,500. Any fancier omitted can have one on sending a postcard. We are also giving the following field-moulted classes:—Goldfinch, Linnet, and Greenfinch, and hope to see these fill.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT TO OUR READERS.

Xmas Holidays.

SPECIAL OFFER to senders of Undisplayed SMALL PREPAID ADVERTISEMENTS.

Two insertions for Price and a Half.

Owing to the Xmas Holidays, advertisements for the issue dated DEC. 30th must close on Saturday, Dec. 23rd, and in order to save both our advertisers and ourselves a deal of time and trouble we will accept advertisements for our next two issues, dated Dec. 23rd and Dec. 30th, for the price of one and a half insertions, provided the wording remaine exactly the same. Write plainly on your order "Two Weeks' Special Offer," and enclose the fee for the two insertions at the price of one and a half. REMEMBER: Do this next week.

The extra special No. 4 in our schedule should read, "Classes 14 to 18," and not 14 to 17, as stated, writes Mr. J. W. Jones, hon. sec. of the North Wales C.B.S. Show.

Messrs. R. Angel and W. Roberts (both members of the committee), writes Mr. J. W. Jones, hon. sec. of the North Wales C.B.S., have presented the society with a handsome £2 2s. challenge cup, making three cups in all to be competed for at our open show on Dec. 26. Also Mr. H. Butler (Hawarden) has kindly promised us an illuminated certificate for most points in Class 5 (Yorks hen); we are sorry that same did not come to hand in time to appear in our schedule. Will intending exhibitors please note?

The competitions of the Midland Counties Y.C.C., write Messrs. Beck and Andrews, the secs., were brought to a conclusion at Derby Show on Dec. 2 and 4. The winner of the challenge cup in the champion section is P. Victor Williams, Esq. (Market Drayton) with 102 points; medal for runner-up, Mr. W. G. Andrews (West Bromwich), with 79 points. The winner of the cup in the novice section is Mr. Percival Lane (Worcester), 57 points; Mr. Earnshaw (Smethwick) winning the medal for runner-up with 34 points.

At the Bradford National Show 18 classes were provided for champion Yorkshires. Competition was keen, there being an average of 20 entries per class. Birds fed on Ramden's Pure Peppers were awarded 16 firsts, 14 seconds, 15 thirds, and 11 fourths, besides a number of valuable specials. Out of 350 birds competing in these 18 champion classes, 225 were entered as having been colour-fed solely on Ramsden's Pure Peppers. For proof, refer to catalogue. Quality will tell. Make a point of seeing Ramsden's samples for 1912, which will be on view at the Crystal Palace Show.—Advt.

The very flourishing financial state of the London and Provincial O.S. is plainly evidenced by the balance sheet for the year ending Nov., 1911, just issued by the esteemed treasurer, Mr. Geo. Crabb. No less a sum than £108 13s. 6d. (cash) remains in hand, while the total assets (cups, trophies, etc.) reach the sum of £165 7s. 3d., after due allowance for depreciation. The officials are to be heartily congratulated upon this very happy state of affairs. The hard-working hon. sec., Mr. C. W. Law (Brimley House, Woodhouse Road, North Finchley) will be glad to hear from anyone desiroue of being enrolled as a member.

Will all members of the City of Birmingham C.B.S., writes Mr. S. Mole, the sec., please return all unsold tickets of our late open show?

Palace Show, Feb. 2 to 6.—Record classification. New Classes: 2 for Unflighted Norwich hens, one each for Unflighted Yorkshire hens, Foul Cinnamons, White Canaries and Cinnamon Crests; two for Novice Borders; one each Limit Mule, Wagtail, Lesser Redpoll, Decorated Cages and Appliances; 2, extra cage classes; and 3 classes for Rollers. Seventeen specialist judges. Schedules will be sent out in January to same names as last year. Enquiries of J. W. Ramsden, Show Manager, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, London.—Advt.

A Cutting Machine.

Could any reader inform me where I would be able to have a cutter made to stamp out cardboard, the thickness of a prize card, for a particular design of a ticket? writes Mr. G. Atkinson (5, Market Place, Guisborough, Yorks).

Look Out for This!

Every reader should this week give special attention to the LEAGUE columns. An announcement is made as to a most important step about to be taken by the LEAGUE, and there is other matter of interest to everyone, whether at present a member of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE or not.

Standing the Test.

The Greenfinch-Chaffinch Hybrid shown by Messrs. Martin and Archer at the Bradford National Show was subjected to a great amount of scrutiny, writes one of our representatives. We did not hear a single doubt expressed as to its genuineness. Truly a very great rarity, showing its parentage clearly, and a credit to its producer, Miss Reeves.

Baulked by the Railway Company.

The North British Railway Company, shortly before 7 p.m., notified us that exhibits for despatch at 7.55 would not be accepted after 7 p.m., writes Mr. A. D. Duncan, sec. of the recent Kilsyth Show. As we had notified exhibitors in Edinburgh, Glasgow, Dumbarton, Helensburgh, Hamilton, etc., of our intention to despatch birds by the 7.55 p.m. train, so that they would receive birds home Saturday night, there would be much disappointment and many weary waits. We packed all we could manage in the limited time left us. The matter has now been taken up with the traffic superintendent of the line.

A Prize for Artistic Fanciers.

OUR PAINTING COMPETITION.

(See Frontispiece.)

Following our usual custom at Christmastide, our Frontispiece this week is designed to be coloured. We offer a cash prize of one guinea for the best attempt at colouring the same which reaches us from one of our readers on or before Thursday, January 4th.

The medium to be employed (oil, water-colour, or crayon) is left to the discretion of the competitor. The finished attempt should be packed flat, or rolled in a tube, and have the sender's name and address written on the back.

The whole of the front page must be coloured, not merely the frontispiece alone.

In this competition entries are received only on the understanding that the Editor's decision shall be accepted as final.

At Oakham Show.

Owing to the cage birds being judged so late in the evening at Oakham (nearly five o'clock), it was impossible, writes our representative, to give a satisfactory comment on them. Only four classes stood, the others being cancelled.

The Norwich Plainhead Club.

Will the committee kindly note that there will be a meeting to-morrow (Saturday, Dec. 16) afternoon, at Blackburn Show, and I should be pleased if they would attend, as there is some very important business.—Jno. Hopkins, hon. sec.

Changes of Address.

Secretaries, exhibitors, and others are asked to note the following changes of address:—Mr. A. Ambler, from Sefton Road, Morecambe, to Langton Lodge, Scotton, Knaresborough, Yorks; Mr. G. Barton (hon. joint sec. of the New Cross and Dis. C.B.S.), from Warwick St., to 8, Amersham Grove, New Cross, London, S.E.

Canary as Nursemaid!

A Canary belonging to a resident at Balham has been attracting a good deal of attention in the daily papers recently. It is said to be wonderfully tame, and to guard the baby whilst the latter sleeps. If anyone attempts to touch the infant, this feathered nursemaid shows its disapproval by vigorously pecking at them!

Peterborough's Good Intentions.

Kindly allow us, writes Mr. S. L. Cocks, sec. Peterborough Show to ask for anyone who may have a claim against our society to give our members a little time to get the amount necessary together. Our show, as usual, turned out a financial loss, but I may say that we shall clear all debts again and still smile.

Keeping a Stout Heart!

With painful iteration, we are told that only perseverance brings success. How will this do, writes "G.G.," as an illustration? At a show I attended quite recently, on a pouring wet day, one of the committee remarked, quite light-heartedly: "Oh! we don't take any notice of a wet day; we have had it wet every year since we started (five years ago), and we have not gone under yet!" Can anyone beat that?

L. and P.O.S. Annual Dinner.

The London and Provincial O.S. are holding their annual dinner at the Holborn Restaurant (Duke's Room) on Jan. 3 next; tickets 4s. each. The L. and P.O.S. will welcome friends. It is hoped that some of our brother fanciers from other London societies will join us on this occasion, as the members of the L. and P.O.S. are always willing to, and do, join in whatever is happening round London, not only at the shows, but at annual dinners, etc. It is hoped, also, that our own members will come in large numbers, as I am sure there can be no fault to find with the Holborn. The musical portion will be supplied by professional talent. —C. W. Law, Brimley House, Woodhouse Rd., near Finchley.

And So Say All of Us.

The following interesting remarks appeared recently in the "Edinburgh Evening Dispatch" —"There are some people who know no other game but golf. There are others who sit round a football field and get their exercise by yelling to their favourite players; and there are many people who know no sport outside a racecourse. But there are others, quite sensible, intelligent men, who find their pleasure in other spheres. Hundreds, thousands of working men, are taken up with the breeding of birds, and the important shows being held in Edinburgh indicate the widespread interest in the pursuit. It is an admirable hobby, and one which deserves every encouragement."

IMPORTANT HOLIDAY NOTICE.

Owing to the Christmas Holidays this year extending over the Monday and Tuesday (December 25th and 26th), advertisers, correspondents, and our readers generally, should note that any communications for insertion in our issue dated December 30th should reach us not later than FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22nd NEXT (or first post Saturday at latest). "Cage Birds" will be published as usual on the Friday (December 29th). All advertisers should take advantage of the special offer made them

A Londoner and His Norwich Plainhead Canaries.

An Interesting paper upon this widely popular breed.

By T. B. Jackson (West Green).

Continued from page 477.

The Young at Four Weeks Old.

When the young birds are about four weeks old they should be trained to the show cage, so that they will be able to show themselves off to the best advantage when the time comes for them to appear before the judge, who is to decide their future battles. The training of the young birds is a matter that is too often neglected, with the result that when they are being judged they become wild, bang themselves about the cage, and thereby make it quite impossible for them to be judged.

The simplest means of training is to hang a show cage on the front of the flight cage. If the show cage has a door at both ends it can then be hung on a flight cage either side of the room and still face the light, which, of course, is essential, as birds will not go into a dark cage—that is, where there is no light in the cage. You may put a little egg food in the show-cage as an inducement for the birds to enter, but I never experience much trouble in that respect. I use a short cane to drive them in occasionally, and they soon learn what it is intended for. It is well to leave them in the show-cage now and then, and go over them, as it were. It gives them confidence, and they soon know what is wanted of them.

The Colour-feeding Process.

At about eight weeks old the young birds should be started on the colour food. Though the early-hatched birds do not, as a general rule, start moulting until some weeks later, it is advisable to get them on the pepper well before they do, as when the blood is thoroughly charged with the colouring matter there is less likelihood of their coming out patchy, even if missed a day now and then, which is sometimes unavoidable. I use both hot and cold pepper, and I like it in the proportion of one pound of cold to a quarter pound of hot. The hot, I think, fixes the colour, and the colour lasts longer by its use; and there is not much looseness of the bowels. I always give plenty of maw seed when colour-feeding my birds.

I always cover the birds up when moulting them. I hang a thin white sheet in front of the cages, but about three inches away; this keeps any draught or dust from the birds; it also keeps them quiet, and if it is properly fixed, top and bottom, you need not fear any draught when the bird-room door is opened.

Towards the end of the moult the colour food must gradually be weakened to avoid the birds coming out too hot on the head, which spoils that evenness of colour that is so much desired. A little sulphate of iron should be given in the drinking water at this period; it is a good tonic, and assists in tightening up the feather. A little linseed is also very good for them. The bath should be given the bird freely at this period. There is not a finer conditioner or a better means of putting on that beautiful sheen (which is the hall-mark of good health) on a bird's plumage than cold water.

Those birds that are intended for show and are nearing the end of the moult, should be removed from the flight cage and put in separate cages until they fine down. Just a little hemp seed may be given to them, but do not over-do it or you will get them too fat on the chest, which entirely spoils their appearance.

Washing and Staging the Birds.

I now come to the last, but by no means least important part of my subject—washing and staging a bird for exhibition. No matter how good a bird may be, if it is not put down properly, it will get beaten, and often by an inferior bird that is shown in faultless condition. In view of the importance that judges put on staging, it should be one of the young fancier's first aims.

The chief qualifications necessary to bring the operation to a successful issue are nerve, confidence, and the ability to handle a bird properly. The latter is very essential, for when the bird is properly handled it will struggle but very little. The articles required are three good-sized basins, a soft hair shaving brush, some old thin cloths, with which to wipe the bird, some strips of old flannelette and a sponge. Any good soap will do. You will also require a clean towel; in fact, everything that is used must be quite clean. Undoubtedly the best means by which to dry the birds is a hot water tank. It need not be large; my own is 18in. by 9in. by 3in.; a cage of some sort will be needed. The one I use is made specially for the purpose: it has a glass front, two perches screwed on at the back and a ventilator on top, a sliding door at each end which does away with the necessity of handling a bird when once it is placed in the drying cage, as all that is then necessary is to open the left-hand door and place a show cage against it, and the bird will run through from one cage to the other. The hot water tank slides in at the back. Just above the tank, and resting on four small screws, is a light wood frame, over which is tightly stretched a piece of thin flannelette to keep the birds off the hot tank. With such a drying cage it is quite impossible for the bird to dry hard in feather as is sometimes the case when drying in front of the fire. Before you start to wash a bird get everything ready at hand; get a nice clear fire, and hang the various cloths round it to get warm. If you put the soap in a small jar (a jam jar for instance) it will not then wobble off the table.

Have plenty of hot (not boiling) water at hand, and pour some in the first basin, and with the brush and soap work up a good lather. That done, fill the other basins. Do not have the water too hot; if you can comfortably bear your hand in it, it will be about right. If you put a little borax in the water it will soften it. Wipe your hands thoroughly before catching a bird, or you are liable to pull some feathers out. Having everything now ready, catch the bird that is to be washed, and hold it firmly but gently in the left hand and submerge it in the first basin; of course, excepting the head; and at the same time work the lather into the feathers under the wings with the right hand. Then take the bird out, and hold the tail over the side of the basin, and wash it, using the brush the way the feathers lie.

The tail done, spread the right wing out, and wash that in a similar manner; then spread the left wing over the thick part of the thumb, and do that likewise. Now do the neck and down the back, always using the brush in the same direction. When the back is done turn the bird over on its back, and hold the head between the thumb and forefinger, and wash from the throat downwards; then return the bird to its former position, and wash the head and face.

In washing the face a little care is needed to keep the soap from getting in the bird's eyes. In washing the head the brush may be used in both directions, but finish up the way the feathers lie. Be sure to remove all the dirt from the bird's nostrils; the dirt seems to cling there more firmly than in any other part of the bird.

Having removed all traces of dirt, get as much of the soap out of the feathers as you can in the first water; then hold the bird over the second basin, and with the sponge give the bird a thorough rinsing. Then go to the third basin and repeat the process. Do not be afraid of using plenty of water.

Now, with the sponge, get as much of the water from the feathers as you can; lay the bird in one of the warm cloths while you dry your hands with the towel; then take the bird up, and place it in the corner of another warm cloth holding it under the wings, with the little finger over the root of the tail. The bird will not then be able to struggle. With the other end of the cloth gently dab the nostrils to absorb any water which might irritate the bird; then spread out both wings, and wipe them, and the back, also the tail by drawing it between the thumb and forefinger of the right hand. Now roll the bird in one of the pieces of flannelette, and lay it on its back on the tank, which, of course, has been previously filled with boiling water, or in front of the fire if that is how you are drying the birds.

In rolling the bird be careful to get the feathers all lying the right way; do not roll the bird too loosely, or it may escape; and, of course, leave the head free. It is not absolutely necessary to roll the bird at all; it may be put direct into the drying cage. My chief reason for doing so is that sometimes a bird becomes very much exhausted after its tubbing, and the rest and warmth will soon revive it. When the bird has been rolled about ten minutes it may be removed from the flannels and placed in the cage in which it is to finish off drying. It should not be placed too close to the fire, as heat is quite unnecessary; it only requires to be kept warm as a preventative against its taking a chill.

On no account attempt to wash a sick bird, or it will end with fatal results to the bird. The birds should be washed about three days before being sent to a show, but birds that carry a lot of feather may require a day or two longer in which to tighten up. With a little practice the washing process should not occupy more than three or four minutes; the quicker it is done the quicker and better will the bird come through.

In conclusion, if there is anything that I have not made perfectly clear, or if you would like to raise any question which I may not have touched on, I shall be very pleased to answer you to the best of my ability.

At the close of the lecture Mr. Jackson was kept very busy answering the many questions put to him, and at the finish a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded him.—H. W. Cook, Hon. Sec.



A CHARMING WILLOW WARBLER.

Winner of second prize at the Horticultural Hall Show for Mr. J. Maggs (Bristol).

OUR XMAS NUMBER.

40 Pages for a Penny.

The huge issue of "Cage Birds," presented this week to mark the advent of another Xmas shows conclusively—if evidence on the point were needed—that the hobby it is our pride and pleasure to represent shows no signs of decreasing vigour or interest.

Such an issue is well worth passing on to a neighbour in the hope of enlisting him amongst the ranks of bird keepers. May we solicit your help in this respect? We are always pleased to send specimens of "Cage Birds" to any reader willing to distribute the same amongst his friends.

Where Bird Sellers are Dumb.

By D. G. Ricard.

As is no doubt well known, birds in the tropics, whilst they can boast far grander plumage than the denizens of colder climes, do not as a rule possess the gift of song. This is particularly true of South Africa, where more singing birds would be welcome. For this reason cage birds are imported. This trade is, as far as Cape Town is concerned, entirely in the hands of the Malays. If you wish to purchase a Canary in Cape Town you will have no difficulty in finding out in which direction to bend your steps. Your troubles commence when you reach your destination. There are any number of fast and feast days in the Malay calendar, and on these days none of the "faithful" are in evidence. If it should be one of these festivals when you call on the dealer, you will find the doors closed and a notice, in more or less intelligible lettering, on the door, "Come to-morrow." But if it should not be a calendar feast day, you will find the door open and the proprietor seated cross-legged on his counter ready to attend to you. The shop is down two or three steps—all the Malays live in what we should call the areas, for economy's sake. But this does not prevent the glorious sunlight from streaming in, and the floor of melody that greets you on entering is surprising. The Malay bird seller deals entirely in English birds, as all his customers are English. The cages are hung by ropes from the ceiling, somewhat after the manner in which country people hang their laundry in wet weather. Here are Canaries, Thrushes, Blackbirds, the price marked on a card and attached to the wires of the cage. No bartering is countenanced, and no efforts are made to induce a sale. Until you first address the shopkeeper he appears oblivious to your presence. If you desire a closer inspection of a bird he gets down from the counter and unhooks the cage by the aid of a long stick, and hands it to you. You wish to examine another; he takes this down. If you make a purchase, well and good. If you do not, it is also well—he returns to his seat on the counter, and it is not until afterwards that you realise that you have been engaged in business with a man who has not opened his lips in speech. But this is the way of the Malay.

Do Starlings Pair for Life?

A Peculiar Habit.

"I am asked," says our tame naturalist, "whether Starlings pair for life, and, if so, how comes it that they congregate in such enormous flocks during the winter months?" Starlings are amongst the birds who always breed in the same nests, and, broadly speaking, all such birds pair for life. House Sparrows are said to be an exception to this rule, but this is doubtful, although continence is not amongst this bird's characteristics. Starlings are naturally gregarious, and newly fledged youngsters, in their nesting feathers, usually foregather with other broods and form small flocks. One of the peculiar habits of these birds during the winter months is for all the flocks to pack together in some favoured spot at night for sleeping purposes.—"Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic."

Glasgow and Western Counties.

Over 300 birds staged: An advance on last year.

The Glasgow and Western Counties Norwich Can., Mule, Brit. and For. B.C. annual show held in the Good Templars Hall, 122, Ingram Street, Glasgow, on December 2nd. President, Mr. W. Counelly; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. Johnstone and D. King; Treasurer, Mr. A. McFarlane; Committee, Messrs. [illegible], Johnston, Renfrew, Shearer, Munro, Liddell, Cathcart, Young, and Thomson; Secretary, Mr. T. Drysdale. Judges: Canary classes, Mr. G. Amott (Kirkcaldy); Mules, British and Foreign, Mr. J. Strachan (Bathgate). There were over 300 birds staged, an advance on last year's number, and the quality of the exhibits was good. Mr. Drysdale, who makes an able and efficient secretary, assisted by many of the committee, had all his arrangements made to perfection. The hall is an admirable one for show purposes, with splendid overhead windows, which give grand light; and it is entirely free from any semblance of draught. Some valuable specials, the gifts of members and friends, were competed for, along with five handsome cups. The Reid cup, for best bird in show, won by Mr. McFarlane, with a noted Norwich buff cock; he also had the runner up. The Malcolmson cup for best young Plainhead, went to a buff Plainhead hen. The Roulstone's cup for best young Border Fancy was won by Mr. W. Hamilton. The Pettigrew cup for best young Mule or Hybrid, Mr. T. Drysdale; and the Henderson cup for best young British, Mr. P. Pettigrew (Bramble Finch). The judges' awards seemed to give pretty general satisfaction. There was a very fair number of visitors.

The Critique.

YOUNG BIRDS: NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (3): 1, 3, 6, Roulstone, 1 cl. yell., of nice proportions and col., 3 tkd., nice quality feather and col., neat shape; 2, Mrs. Edwards, nice feather and col.; 4, 5, McFarlane, 4 good col. and wing carriage. BUFF (9): 1, Liddell, grand col., nice head and neck, nice feather; 2, 4, Roulstone, 2 much the same as 1, not quite so full in neck; 3, Cathcart, nice size and shape, good col.; 5, spl., Mrs. Edwards; 6, spl., McFarlane; 7, spl., Knox. VAR., YELL. (6): 1, Liddell, nice typical Nor., grand col., well over spar; 2, McFarlane, another good one, grand size and feather, close up; 3, spl., Mrs. Edwards, grand shape and quality; 4, 5, Roulstone, 4 another good one. BUFF (5): 1, spl., Mrs. Edwards, nice silky feather, fine pose, neat head and neck; 2, 4, 5, Roulstone, 2 not quite the size, but a good one, 4 nice even quality. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (8): 1, Liddell, cl. yell. hen, of all-round merit; 2, 5, McFarlane, 2 quite as good as winner, little to choose between them; 3, spl., Mrs. Edwards, cl. yell. of all-round merit, nice exhibit; 4, Knox, grand stamp, not quite so rich in col.; 6, 7, Roulstone. BUFF (10): 1, spl., 6, 8, cup for best young Plainhead, Knox; 2, Connelly, cl. buff, of excellent shape and feather; 3, Roulstone, another cl., on similar lines to second, nice size and feather; 4, Mrs. Edwards, really good type, some thought should have gone up; 5, 7, spl., McFarlane. VAR. YELL. (6): 1, Mrs. Edwards, excellent merit, in grand condition; 2, Cathcart, good size, built on true Nor. lines, nice markings and shape; 3, McFarlane, a nice hen, in grand condition; 4, 5, 6, Roulstone, 4 very typical. BUFF (7): 1, 2, McFarlane, little to choose between them, 1 a shade more typical, two real good ones; 3, Mrs. Edwards, nice body, head and neck, fine finish; 4, 6, Roulstone, 4 a nicely set up hen. NON-FED YELL. (4): 1, 4, Renfrew, 1 grand stamp and col. 4 a wee shade small, but still nice; 2, 3, Roulstone, 2 close in feather, nice carriage, 3 very similar to 2. BUFF (5): 1, 3, Roulstone, nice feather and size, very typical; 2, Connelly, not quite so full as 1, nice bird. YELL. HEN (2): 1, 2, Roulstone, both nice birds, grand col., 1 shade better in feather than 2. BUFF (1): 1, Roulstone, good size and shape, nice quality feather. BORD., CL., ETC., CK. (6): 1, spl, Hamilton, for best young Border Fancy, winner of A. and J. Roulstone cup, a little gem; 2, Davidson, another little beauty, grand colour; 3, 5, 6, spl, Cathcart, very typical Buff; 4, Mrs. Edwards. VAR. (5): 1, 2, Hamilton, first neat, compact feather, nice carriage, very jaunty; second built on same lines; 3, spl, Cathcart, very neat and jaunty carriage, nice carriage; 4, Davidson. CL., ETC., HEN: 1, Hamilton, ticked buff of real merit, fine pose, and wing carriage; 2, Davidson, yellow hen, excellent all round points; 3, Hamilton, cl., buff., very jaunty, grand wing carriage; 4, Edwards; 5, Cathcart. VAR. (6): 1, 2, 3, Hamilton, first a really nice Border, built on proper lines; second a buff, grand shape and feather, like wax; third not quite the stamp of winner; 4, Cathcart, nice head, and neck, wings well carried. CINN., ETC. (1): 1, Davidson, very neat cinn. green, in rare feather and condition. A.O.V. (13): 1, 2, Adam, first a gold-capped Liz., in really lovely feather and condition; second, Goldie mule, in nice condition. MULE OR HYB. (3): 1, spl., Drysdale cup for best young mule or hyb., a Greenie mule, nice level colour and feather; 2, 3, Mrs. Edwards, second Goldie mule, third another, of the same stamp, both in nice condition. OLD BIRDS, NOR. CL., ETC., CK. (6): 1, 3, McFarlane, first grand bird, for size and points, true stamp of a Nor.; 2, 4, Connelly, second nice size and shape, good substance of body; 5, Drysdale; 6, Roulstone. BUFF (7): 1, spl., 4, McFarlane, first rare size and substance, good shape, close feather; fourth nice type; 2, 5, 6, Roulstone, second cl. buff, real typical Nor., in lovely condition; 3, Cathcart, nice size, compact feather, grand shape and type. VAR. YELL. (6): 1, Liddell, gem of a yell. cock, fine size, shape and colour, nice close feather and condition; 2, 6, McFarlane, similar shape, nice and chubby, clean build; 3, Mrs. Edwards, rare shape and size, nice quality feather; 4, 5, Roulstone, fourth neat and typical. BUFF (6): 1, 2, McFarlane, first grand size, shape, and quality, grand wings and tail, nicely carried; second a close run; 3, 4, Roulstone, third nice short thick-set Nor. YELL. HEN (10): 1, 2, 3, 4, Roulstone, very nice lot of exhibits, all in lovely condition, well placed; 5, Connelly; 6, Renfrew; 7, spl, McFarlane. BUFF (9): 1, McFarlane, buff of all-round merit, well placed, in spotless condition; 2, Mrs. Edwards, another of rare size and shape, good quality all through; 3, 6, 7, Roulstone, third real good one; 4, Cathcart, very typical. VAR. YELL. (6): 1, 3, 5, Roulstone, first rare size and shape, rich colour, close feather, of good quality; third, good size, shape, and quality; 2, 4, McFarlane, second sweet and lengthy hen, nice and thick through; fourth good type. BUFF (9): 1, 2, 3, spl, McFarlane, an all-over good lot, first the most typical, in lovely condition; 4, 5, spl, Cathcart, rare shape, feather close; 6, 7, Roulstone. NON-FED YELL. CK. (1): 1, Roulstone, neat shape, good quality, very fine bird. BUFF (4): 1, 3, Cathcart, first large, shapely buff, good even colour and feather; 2, Connelly, very similar to first, but a wee shade slim; 4, Roulstone, good shape and feather. YELL. HEN (7): 1, 5, McFarlane, first good shape, rich colour, neat, well finished; 2, 4, 6, 7, Roulstone, second varieg. yell. hen, of real merit; 4, another good stamp for shape; 3, Renfrew, good size, shape, and quality. BUFF (6): 1, 3, Connelly, first grand width of skull, good colour; third neat wings and tail, nicely carried; 2, McFarlane, fine chubby buff hen of real good quality; 4, 5, Roulstone, 4 an all-round good bird. BORD. CL., ETC., CK. (2): 1, Davidson, smart, shapely buff Border, shown in grand condition; 2, Adam, another buff of good shape. VAR. (3): 1, Davidson, clean shape, close feather, neat carriage and finish; 2, Renfrew, very jaunty, sweetly moulded, nice feather; 3, Cathcart, grand shape and feather. HEN, CL., ETC. (5): 1, Davidson, nicely moulded cl. buff, fine carriage, neat wings and tail; 2, 3, 5, spl, Cathcart, another cl. buff, very neat and smart, close up on 1st; third, neat wings and tail, well carried; 4, Renfrew. VAR. (3): 1, Davidson, varieg. buff, of all-round merit, very taking; 2, 3, Renfrew, second another buff, nice shape, sweetly moulded Border; third not quite the stamp of those in front, a neat little Border. CINN., ETC. (1): 1, Davidson, cinn. green, a beauty, in grand feather. A.O.V. (5): 1, spl, Adam; 2, 3, Renfrew. MULE, LIGHT (8): 1, spl, McFarlane, Goldie-Can., nice colour and condition; 2, Mrs. Edwards, Greenfinch-Canary, lovely feather, not quite so rich in colour as winner; 3, Connelly, Linnet mule, good shape and colour, in fine condition; 4, 5, spl, 6, 7, Pettigrew, 4 Canary mule. DK. (3): 1, McFarlane, Goldie mule, nice body colour, in rich condition of feather; 2, Connelly, Linnet mule, well marked mule, in excellent feather; 3, spl, Pettigrew, Goldie mule, nicely marked, in spotless condition. BRIT. GOLDIE (8): 1, Munro, good size, rich, bold, clean cut blaze, good colour and polish, shown well; 2, 6, Connelly, second better in size, not quite so steady as first, rich body colour, good bars and moon; 3, sp, 5, Mrs. Edwards, third blaze not quite so good as winner's, fine body colour, and markings; 4, 7, spl, Pettigrew, fourth nicely staged. LINNET, H.M. (7): 1, Pettigrew, grand shape, well pencilled, in grand condition; 2, Mrs. Edwards, not quite so large, but in fine condition; 3, Renfrew, good shape and pencilling; 4, McFarlane, lighter tone of colour, but well pencilled; 5, spl, 6, Pettigrew. SISKIN (9): 1, spl, 2, Cathcart, first neat and nice feather, well laced, good cap and lacing; 3, McFarlane, good shape and size, well laced, nice defined marks, should have gone up; 4, 5, Connelly, fourth nice lacings on sides, good shape and colour; 6 (no name); 7, Renfrew. TWITE (4): 1, spl, Connelly, nice size and pencilling, grand front and condition; 2, Adam, rare polish and col., nicely pencilled, fine work on back; 3, Pettigrew, not quite so defined in markings. GREENFINCH, H.M. (11): 1, 3, Pettigrew, 1st, nice even col., grand bars, well shown; 3rd, good one; 2, Cathcart, grand size and shape, a wee shade dull in col.; 4, Knox, good size and colour; 5, spl, Drysdale; 6, Mrs. Edwards; 7, McFarlane; 8, spl, Roulstone. CHAFFIE, ETC. (8): 1, spl, Cup winner, 2, 6, Pettigrew; 1st, fine Bramblefinch, beautifully marked, lovely close feather, will take a lot of beating; 2nd, another Bramblefinch; 3, Knox, Bramblefinch, not quite so fine in marking as 1st and 2nd, but a good bird; 4, 5, Rankin, Chaffinch, nicely marked; 7, spl, Cathcart. LINNET, F.M. (6): 1, Pettigrew, good size, shape, and colour, splendid lacing and polish; 2, 4, Mrs. Edwards, 2nd, very close on 1st; 4th, nice size; 3, spl, Connelly, grand colour and lacing, good size, in rare condition; 5, Adam. BULLFINCH, H.M. (8): 1, Pettigrew, grand shape and finish, in fine condition; 2, 4, Connelly, 2nd, nice shape and marking, not quite so rich in colour; 3, spl, Rankin, very nice shape and colour; 5, Adam; 6, Knox; 7, spl, Munro; 8, Drysdale. HEN (for Hyb. Breeding) (6): 1, 3, Connelly, 1st, Greenfinch; 2nd, Mealy Redpoll, both in nice condition of feather; 2, Rankin, Greenfinch, fine shape and colour, feather close as wax; 4, Renfrew. MEALY REDPOLL (9): 1, 2, 3, Pettigrew; 1st, grand shape, cap, and bib, good lacing; 2nd, fine size, nice cap and bib, nothing between 1st and 2nd; 3rd, not quite so well laced, good one; 4, 6, Renfrew; 4th, nicely laced, fine cap and bib; 5, spl, Drysdale; 6, Renfrew; 7, Mrs. Edwards. GREENFINCH, F.M. (3): 1, Roulston, grand size, colour, feather in the pink of condition; 2, Young, not quite so good as 1st for colour, in rare condition; 3, Knox, nice rich colour and marking, lovely wings. A.O.V. BRIT. (7): 1, spl, 5, spl, 6, Adam; 1st, a Grey Wagtail, in perfect condition; 2, 3, 4, Pettigrew; 2nd, Thrush, in lovely feather, nicely marked, neat and rich colour; 3rd, a Jay, in lovely feather; 4th, Ring Ouzel, in nice feather. GOLDIE, FOR. (3): 1, 2, Pettigrew; 1st, a gem for size and colour, well-polished blaze, warm tone of colour, nicely marked body; 2nd, another good Finch; 3, Connelly, similar shape and colour to winner, not quite the size of blaze. FOR., A.O.S. (2): 1, Pettigrew; 2, Connelly. LESSER REDPOLL (4): 1, Mrs. Edwards, grand size, shape, and colour, good lacings; 2, Renfrew, better for colour than 1st, but not the size; 3, spl, Knox, nicely laced, rich colour; 4, Roulstone.

TOWNHILL.

First annual members' show held Dec. 2nd, the Co-operative Hall. The entries numbered nearly a hundred in the cage bird section, which was very creditable seeing it was their first show. The secretary, Mr. A. Burt, along with his committee, are to be congratulated upon the management of affairs. There were three handsome trophies for competition. Two were won by the secretary for 117 points and 61 points respectively, and the other by James Gold, 45 points. Mr. W. Gulland (Dunfermline) judged the cage birds.

NOR. YELL. CK.: 1, Scobie; 2, Stenhouse. HEN: 1, Scobie; 2, Stenhouse. BUFF CK.: 1, Gold; 2, Burt. HEN: 1, 3, Gold; 2, Scobie; 4, Stenhouse. CREST CK.: 1, 2, 3, 6, Burt; 4, Buchanan; vhc, he, Couttis. HEN: 1, 4, Burt; 2, Buchanan; 3, Couttis. C.B. CK.: 1, 4, Buchanan; 2, vhc, he, Burt; 3, 6, Couttis. HEN: 1, 2, 4, Burt; 3, Scobie. BORD. FCY. YELL. CK.: 1, 2, vhc, Burt; 3, Low; 4, Scobie. HEN: 1, Burt; 2, Scobie. BUFF CK.: 1, Burt; 2, Low. HEN: 1, 2, Burt. SCOT. FCY. YELL.: 1, Hynd. BUFF: 1, Hynd. COMMON CAN.: 1, Stenhouse (half-bred Border); 2, 4, Gold; 3, Burt; vhc, he, c, Couttis. MULE: 1, Stevens; 2, Gold. HYB.: Cancelled. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, Gold; 2, Low. FOR. GOLDIE: 1, 3, Gold; 2, Low; 4, Stenhouse. BRIT. GREENFINCH: 1, Gold; 2, Hunter; 3, 4, Couttis. BRIT. LINNET: 1, 2, Gold; 3, Low; 4, Couttis; vhc, he, ffunter. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, Couttis; 2, Stenhouse; 3, Low; 4, ffunter. BRIT., SMALL: 1, Matthew; 2, Couttis.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

Ireland's Best on View at Larne.

Norwich and Yorkshires the Feature of the Show.

Third annual show of the Larne and Dist. C.B.A. was held in the McGarel Town Hall on Dec. 7 and 8. The valuable Challenge, Novice, and Closed Ring cups were competed for by the members of the Y.C.B.S., and there was a host of other valuable specials, which caused entries to come up well. Nor. and Yorks. were a feature in themselves, and some of Ireland's best birds were to be found staged in this far north hall. Mr. T. Mayne (Hon. Sec.), assisted by an able and willing body of experienced workers on the Committee, Messrs. J. Harte (Chairman), W. Owens (Treasurer), Magee, Smith, Gettinby, Mann, Rogan, Ramsey, M'Conkey, Crawford, Gilchrist, Kane, etc., had everything in apple-pie order, and looked well after the exhibits. The birds were well staged, and the hall is an ideal one for a cage bird show, being well lighted and free from draughts. During the afternoon the attendance of visitors was very good, and in every way the show must have proved a financial success. All credit is due to the management, who are one and all courteous and only too willing to assist in every way. Mr. H. W. Battye placed the cards. Specials were awarded to Messrs. Dunlop, Creighton, Thompson, Stewart, Devins, O'Reilly, Gillen, Fleming, Ryan, Alexander, Lavery, Hart, Barclay, Ramsey, Geddes, Crawford, and Owens and Magee.

The Critique.

NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (8): 1, Lavery, grand size and shape, good head and neck, well filled in back; 2, 4, Thompson, good size and shape, nice quality, well balanced wings, good col., well up in size; 3, vhc, Stewart, good stamp, very shapely, lovely col. and quality; he, Owens and Magee. BUFF (4): 1, 2, Thompson, good head and neck, deep in chest, well filled in back, nice wing carriage; 2nd, rare col. and substance; 3, Stewart, grand wing carriage, good deep chest, very chubby; 4, Lavery, nicely filled neck and back. VAR. CK.: 1, Thompson, var. yell. in tip-top form, good head and neck, well filled back; 2, vhc, Longhridge, good substance, true Nor. type; 3, Lavery, grand shape, lovely wings and tail; 4, Owens and Magee, good size, shape and quality; he, Miss Lyle. YELL. HEN (1): 1, Thompson, good head and neck, well filled in back, neat wings. BUFF (2): 1, Thompson, good deep chest, rare bloom; 2, Longhridge, nice shape and quality. VAR. HEN (5): 1, Stewart, grand bloom, nicely moulded, deep in cores; 2, Lavery, well filled in back, good quality; 3, Carleton, fine shape, nice carriage; 4, Longhridge, very stylish; vhc, Thompson. CREST (1): 1, Creighton, large expansive Crest, well filled, good frontal. C.B. (1): 1, Creighton, good length of feather, neat back and skull. SCOT. FCY. CK. (1): 1, Duulop, good drive, handles well. HEN (1): 1, Dunlop, good shape, very nervy. YORKS. CL. YELL. CK. (4): 1, 2, Devins, both grand length, well up on leg, good wings and tail, nice col. and quality, leader better bloom; 3, O'Reilly, good length and stand, very stylish; 4, Gillen, very stylish. HEN (5): 1, Devins, good length and back and wing carriage, nice feather and col.; 2, O'Reilly, good head and neck, clean front, lovely back; 3, Gillen, very stylish, rare position and stand; 4, Fleming, good shape and quality; vhc, McNeilly. TKD., ETC., CK. (7): 1, McNeilly, rare length and carriage, lovely col. and quality; 2, Fleming, good back and wing carriage, well up on leg; 3, Devins, nice back, wing and tail, grand length of flights; 4, Tansey, well drawn, good back; vhc, Gillen; he, Mulligan; c, O'Reilly. BUFF CK. (5): 1, Fleming, very racy, rare shape and position, good wings and tail; 2, Devins, good length of side, well up on leg, must have pressed; 3, Mulligan, well up on leg, grand back and wing carriage; 4, O'Reilly, good shape and quality; vhc, Tansey. HEN (5): 1, 2, Devins, both neat head and neck, lovely back, stands up like a soldier, good quality; 3, Tansey, good shape, nice wings and pipe tail; 4, Fleming, good clear front, straight as a rush; vhc, McNeilly. HEN (7): 1, Devins, very stylish, grand position and quality; 2, Fleming, another smart damsel, rare shape; 3, Tansey, good length, nice flights and pipe tail; 4, Gillen, well cut away, good shape; vhc, Mulligan; he, c, O'Reilly. NOVICE YORKS., CL. YELL. CK. (8): 1, Ryan, racy, full of swagger, stands up like a soldier; 2, Power, nice feather, good shape, A1 quality; 3, he, Shaw, grand length, nicely tapered; 4, Dunlop, good quality; vhc, Holley; c, Jameson. BUFF (4): 1, Lattimore, very shapely, good length of side; 2, Gaskin, nice wing and tail, grand position; 3, Winkup, good quality, rare shape; 4, Shaw, fine shape, nice position. HEN (5): 1, Power, nice round head, close feather, rare shape; 2, Holley, feather like silk, grand shape; 3, Dunlop, very shapely, a wee bit open on breast; 4, Ryan, good shape and position, A1 quality; vhc, Lattimore. CL. YELL. HEN (5): 1, Holley, good shape, A1 quality; 2, Lattimore, grand shape, rare length of side; 3, vhc, Jameson, good head, nice quality; 4, Gaskin, smart lassie, A1 quality feather. TKD., ETC., CK. (10): 1, Ryan, feather like boxwood, well up on leg; 2, Jameson, neat head, lovely face, good quality; 3, Tower, good col., A1 form; 4, he, McConkey, nice shape; vhc, Winkup; c, Gaskin. HEN (5): 1, Lattimore, grand feathered hen, rare shape; 2, Ryan, good shape, quality, and col.; 3, Tower, very smart and stylish; 4, Jameson, good length of flights; vhc, Holley. MULES, CL., ETC. (1): 1, Stewart, Goldie-Can., fine size, grand shape and A1 quality. CAN. MULE, DARK (10): 1, Creighton, good size and shape, A1 quality; 2, c, Gilchrist, Siskin-Can. Mule, very shapely, grand quality; 3, McCalden, good size and markings, rare col.; 4, Lavery, Greenie-Can., wonderful col., good shape; vhc, Geddes; he, Alexandra. HYB. (2): 1, Alexandra, Goldie-Bullie, very nice col.; 2, Owens and Magee, again a good col., good quality, well selected. MATCHED PAIRS (4): 1, Alexandra, Goldie and Bullie, very well chosen, both good size; 2, Crawford, fine size and col.; 3, Ross, Goldie and Bullie, nice pair; 4, Devins. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (6): 1, 2, vhc, Lavery, very good, fine blaze, well burnished, rich in tanning, beautifully shown, hard to separate; 3, J. Barclay, "Pride of Erin," well known winner, often described in our columns; 4, Creighton; he, Mulligan, good size and shape, a wee bit wild. BULLFINCH: 1, Devins, typical specimen, rich tone of col., fine cap; 2, Ross, sweet little bird, lovely col.; 3, Carleton, nice quality, rare shape. GREENFINCH CK. (7): 1, Lavery, massive head and body, tight as a bottle, A1 form; 2, Carleton, nice col., good size; 3, Barclay, fine shape, nicely col.; 4, Ramsey, good quality feather; vhc, Hart; he, Crawford; c, Mann. GREY LINNET (7): 1, 4, Barclay, leader a real topper, size, col., shape and markings A1; 2, Owens and Magee, another beauty, rare quality; 3, vhc, Lavery, good size and col., well pencilled; he, Geddis; c, Campbell. SISKIN, ETC. (3): 1, Owens and Magee, good shape, size, and col.; 2, Hart, nice markings, well balanced; 3, Gilchrist, good shape, very well staged. SOFTBILL (2): 1, ffolmes, Lark, grand size and markings; 2, Crawford, good shape, nice feather. A.O.S. BRIT. SOFTBILL (4): 1, 2, Barclay, 1st Hawfinch, 2nd Chaffinch, A1 quality; 3, Alexandra, Yellow Bunting, grand size and col.; 4, Ramsey. CONFINED CLASS (to a radius of 10 miles from Larne), A.V. CAN., CK. (8): 1, 4, Geddes; 2, Hart; 3, Guy; vhc, Crawford; he, McConkey; c, Evans. HEN (7): 1, 3, Hart; 2, Guy; 4, McClurkin; vhc, McConkey; he, Steele; c, Evans.

SUCCESSES AT SANQUHAR.

Strong Class of British Goldfinches.

The 27th annual show of the Sanquhar Society was held in the Public Hall on Dec. 9th. Entries in all sections were well maintained, British Goldfinches being the strongest open class numerically. The quality of the exhibits staged was excellent, Borders being outstanding. In these classes Mr. W. Mossie (Annbank) literally swept the deck with his well-known English winners. This year the cage birds were shown in the Lesser Hall, at the rear of the Public Hall, and were well suited for light and space. The success of the show is in a great measure due to the energetic and untiring efforts of the honorary secretary, Mr. Sam Laidlaw, who left nothing to be done in the way of arrangements, these being carried out in an admirable manner. The committee of stewards, consisting of Messrs. D. Hamilton (convener), J. Campbell, R. Sharp, ft. Hume, J. Harkness, J. Stobbs, and J. Galloway, with the president, Mr. J. Moffat, J.P., were also very painstaking. Mr. A. Chalmers (Kirkintilloch) judged.

The Critique,

BORD. CL., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, 2, W. Mossie, 1st, splendid yell., foul wing, lovely quality, well shown, good col. and feather, nice jaunty carriage; Whitehaven winner; 2nd, cl. yell., splendid wings and tail, good condition; 3, McMillan and Jolly, nice little cl. yell., inclined to overlap just a little in wings, good feather; 4, Johnstone, good one; vhc, Findlay; he, Mair; c, Grieve. HEN: 1, 2, Mossie, 1st, cl. yell., foul wing, nice wing carriage, splendid feather, neat head points, a good winner; 2nd, cl. yell., splendid feather, excellent head points, Cumnock winner; 3, Johnstone, cl. yell., nice col., in good condition; 4, Kirkhope, yell. ticked on head, champion quality; vhc, Walker; he, Kerr and Smith. BUFF CK.: 1, 2, Mossie, 1st, rare col., in fine bloom, correct wing carriage, capital headpoints, Whitehaven winner; 2nd, Crystal Palace winner last year, and Cumnock this, looking as well as ever; 3, Kirkhope, fine local bird, nice col., grand feather; 4, vhc, Walker, 4th, slightly ticked on left eye, good stamp, nice col. and feather; he, Sweden; c, McMillan and Jolly. HEN: 1, Mossie, foul buff, great quality, excellent feather, grand head and neat compact wings; 2, Johnstone, cl. buff, correct stamp, rare feather and col., presses; 3, Mair, another cl., neat exhibit; 4, Wilson, also a cl.; vhc, Kerr and Smith; he, Kirkhope; c, Walker. UNEVENLY MKD., ETC. YELL. CK.: 1, 3, Kirkhope, brace of good local birds, 1st, correct type, nice feather, neatly marked on both wings and slightly on both legs, lovely shape; 3rd, almost evenly marked, correct stamp, presses hard; 2, Johnstone, yell., evenly mkd., not quite so typical; 4, H. Geddes, yell. var. cinn.; vhc, Holden; he, Walker. GREEN, ETC.: 1, 4, Murray, yell. Cinn., nicely pencilled, excellent col. and quality of feather, good win; 4th, yell. green, good one; 2, McMillan and Jolly, yell. green, slightly soft when we were going round, nice markings, fine col.; 3, vhc, Holden, yell. Cinn., great col., correct type, presses hard on 2nd; he, Grieve; c, Brown. UNEVENLY MKD., ETC., BUFF: 1, Holden, even mkd. buff, A1 col., soft a little when we saw it; 2, Findlay, even marked buff, nice stamp, great wing carriage, neat eye and markings; 3, Wilson, buff varieg., lightly marked in eyes and one wing, grand bird; 4, Walker, good bird, nice tail; vhc, Geddes; he, Kirkhope. BRIT. GOLDIE: 1, McQuiston, real good 'un, shapely, good size, rare expanse of blaze, fine col.; 2, Crosbie, another good one, not quite so steady, capital tan, grand wings, nicely cut blaze; 3, Welsh, yet another good one, grand tanning, nice blaze; 4, McNeillie, very similar to 3rd in front, nice coloured blaze; vhc, McNaught; he, Kerr and Smith, c, Morris. BULLFINCH: 1, Welsh, fine bold bird, rare good head, cap, wings and tail, nice bars, fine back col., good breast condition; 2, McNaught, grand col., nice head, good cap, neat wings; 3, Murphy, thick set, grand breast col.; 4, Kerr and Smith, nice col. and feather; vhc, McQuiston. GREENFINCH: 1, Welsh, fine bold bird, grand nat. col., good size, quality, correct shape, in good condition; 2, McQuiston, col. fed, fails only in head to winner, good shape and feather, well polished; 3, Douglas, another nat. col. REDPOLL: 1, Crosbie, Mealy, great size and col., in grand condition; 2, Lesser, teeming with col., very steady; 3, Quinn, another Mealy, good size, shape and condition; 4, McQuiston; vhc, Stobbs; c, Martin. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, McQuiston, beautiful Twite, outstanding in col., grand exhibit; 2, Power, nicely marked Siskin, very steady; 3, Welsh, neatly marked Twite, very similar to winner, not quite so big; 4, Hamilton Bros., neat little Siskin, in fine fettle, good cap and markings; vhc, Stobbe Bros. MULE, ETC.: 1, 3, Crosbie, 1st, lovely marked Goldie Mule, in splendid feather; 3, Dark Goldie Can. Mule, in good order; 2, Mitchell, Redpoll Goldie, very taking exhibit; 4, Alexander, neat little var. Goldie Mule; vhc, Skilling. A.O.S. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, McQuiston, excellent Bramblefinch, nicely spangled, in fine bloom; 2, Mitchell, grand Yellowhammer, in excellent condition, presses; 3, Morrison, Hawfinch, correct size; 4, Kerr and Smith, Yellowhammer; vhc, Martin, nice Linnet; he, McNeillie; c, Moir. SOFTBILL: 1, Morrison, lovely Waxwing; 2, Howat; 3, McQuiston, Bearded Tit; 4, Stobbs Bros., Bearded Tit; vhc, Hyslop. LOCAL CLASSES. CL., ETC. CK.: numerically the strongest class in show; 1, Wood, buff, nice style, rare wings and head, fine col., very steady; 2, Thomas, cl. yell., not quite so typical, otherwise equal to first; 3, Laidlaw, cl. buff, nice col.; 4, Hamilton Bros., cl. buff, nice type; vhc, Broadfoot; he, Hume; c, Kirkhope. HEN: 1, Broadfoot, cl. yell., nice size and condition, correct stamp; 2, vhc, Laidlaw, buff foul marked on cheek, nice size, A1 bloom; 3, Thomas, yell., correct type; 4, Hamilton Bros., cl. buff; vhc, Cook; c, Hume. A.O.V.: 1, Elliott, yell. marked on both wings, neat wings and tail; 2, Wood, buff, lightly marked on wings and one eye, in grand fettle; 3, Laidlaw, buff, marked on each wing; 4, no name, Cinn. yell., good one; vhc, Wood; he, Duff; c, Hamilton Bros. GIFT: 1, P. McNaught; 2, Stobbs Bros.

CREWE.

Annual show for members held Dec. 2, in the Ante-Room of the Co-operative Hall, when some 80 birds were staged. Owing to the illness of two or three prominent members, who possess teams of real good birds, we missed the usual large entry and keen competition. We hope they will soon be well again, and be able to take their places in competition. The hon. sec., Mr. E. Jaycott, says he means to do his level best to make things "hum" in Crewe. He feels sure this society is now starting on its way to a very successful future. There is no doubt he deserves the heartiest co-operation and support from all fanciers in Crewe and District. The membership is now open to all the surrounding district. A grand yellow Norwich cock, with mkd. head (Mr. F. W. Cooper) secured special for best canary. Mr. E. Jaycott's Wheatear, a young bird, so he informs us, secured special for best British. Mr. J. W. Lawton won the championship gold medal for most points during the year with six nominated birds. He also won Mr. Victor Williams's challenge cup for most points in Canaries with six nominated birds at this show. Mr. C. Houlton judged, and his awards were well received.

The Critique.

YELL. NOR. CK. (6): 1, spl. best Can., 2, 3, hc, Cooper, leader mkd. head and wing, very fine substance, grand head, cleanly feathered, rare col. and condition, 2nd smaller, very cobby cl., grand head, 3rd tkd. head and wing, full of quality, nice carriage; vhc, e, Latham. BUFF (6): 1, 2, 3, Cooper, 1st largest and best all-round bird, grand type, bloom, meal, col., 2nd and 3rd smaller, both grand quality and condition; vhc, hc, c, Latham. UNFLIG. (6): 1, 2, e, Cooper, leader medium sized cl. yell., very grand type, quality, col., and condition, 2nd tkd. head, buff, fine size and shape, rare quality; 3, vhc, hc, Latham, 3rd very well shaped, good size, yell., rare head. YORKS. YELL. (4): 1, 3, Lawton, cl., best condition, grand style, nice position and carriage, 3rd cinn. Yorks., slim, nice position; 2, Elks, fine, big, long cl., just loses a little in wings; vhc, Potts. BUFF (7): 1, Potts, variegd., very fine, coned off grand, very silky feather and A1 carriage; 2, vhc, he, e, Lawton, 2nd big, long, fine cut bird, cl., grand position, well up on leg; 3, Elks, cl., all there for position, carriage, and condition. UNFLIG. (6): 1, 2, c, Potts, cl. yell. and cl. buff leading, both slim, typical, breedy, fine style and position, well on leg; 3, Elks, cl. yell., shorter, grand position, style, and condition; vhc, hc, Greenwood. HEN (3): 1, 3, Potts, best all-round bird, 3rd fine bird; 2, Elks, bit shorter, but fine quality, all buffs. BORD. YELL. (6): 1, 2, 3, hc, c, Lawton, very good quintet, two leaders clears, right type, smart, tight silky feather, best of carriage and condition, 3rd eye and wing mkd., capital bird when tight; vhc, Hancock. BUFF (7): 1, Hancock, variegd., exquisite feather, most correct type, quality, carriage, and condition, runner up for best Can.; 2, 3, vhc, he, c, Lawton, another smart quintet, 2nd lovely cl., fine shape, carriage, quality, and condition, 3rd bit longer, all else good. BORDER, GREEN OR CINN. (5): All Hancock's, very smart lot, lovely cl. yell. hen 1st, well up in size, shape, quality, carriage, and condition, 2nd up to standard in size, shape, quality, and condition, a buff green, 3rd smaller, smart yell. green, very fine. DARK CAN.-MULE (5): 1, 2, 3, hc, Potts, good buff Greenfinch-Can. leading, pale, gaudily mkd. buff Linnet-Can. 2nd, and a thick-set Yell. Gold.-Can. 3rd; vhc, Elks. LIGHT (3): 1, 2, Jaycott, Bullie-Goldie leading, in nice bloom, 2nd small, smart feathered, variegd. yell. Goldie-Can.; 3, Morgan variegd. buff Goldie-Can. GOLDFINCH (6): 1, vhc, Elks, best finished blaze and body condition, medium size, fine shape; 2, hc, Morgan, shade smaller face, nice tan, bars, and buttons, good feather; 3, Greenwood, good body, tan, and buttons, beaten in blaze, in pen a little yet. LINNET (6): 1, Greenwood, in best condition, nice shape, col., and markings, medium size; 2, 3, hc, Morgan, 2nd F.M., splendid size, shape, col., and markings, grand one to moult, 3rd H.M., pale col., good shape, markings, and condition; vhc, Jaycott. SISKIN, ETC. (4): All Greenwood, leader very nicely mkd. Twite, 2nd grand Ben Siskin, 3rd nice Lesser Jonque Redpoll. A.O.S. (5): 1, spl, best Brit., 2, Jaycott, excellent young Wheatear, standard size, only wants adult moult to be a real picture, 2nd medium size Bramble, good colours, marks, spangle, and condition; 3, Hancock, nice Pipit, medium size, in fine condition.

WIDNES.

Widnes and Dist. O.S. night show of pairs of Canaries and British held at headquarters, the Grosvenor Hotel, Nov. 20, when about 66 birds were present. Competition was very keen in the Nor. pairs, and also the Nor. Green pairs and the Bord. pairs were very nice. British were good too. There was a capital attendance of fanciers, which speaks excellently for the resuscitation of this Society; so much so, that there and then at the meeting which took place whilst Mr. Chas. Houlton was judging a members' show was arranged; and as Mr. Houlton gave satisfaction, he was unanimously appointed to judge same, to be held on Boxing Day next. Will all fanciers who can join the Society do so at once in order to strengthen the hands of the worthy and esteemed Hon. Sec., Mr. Andrews, who will be glad to receive the names of intending members. Such well-known fanciers, as Messrs. R. Barker, H. Abbott, J. Hampson, Jenkins, Andrews, Bloor, etc., were present and took a lively interest in the show.

YORKS., PAIRS: 1, Higham, the yell. cock of this pair won in a big novice class at Bolton, we were told. NOR., PAIRS (10): 1, sp., best pair, c, Johnston, very well balanced pair of clears, fine type and quality, particularly in the hen; 2, Abbott, varieg. and cl., great size, grand shape, good quality, well balanced; 3, Jenkins, Cinn. variegd., very cobby and a cl. yell., also good type; vhc, he, Jones. NOR., GREEN (10) a very fine lot of pairs indeed: 1, Bloor, really good for col., type, quality of feather and tight condition; 2, Jenkins, foul, sides and tail, and a sell, both well matched, good in size, shape, col., and condition; 3, Lightfoot, even balanced, nice size, rare col., good Nor. type; vhc, Abbott; hc, Jones; c, Murray. BORD (4): 1, Hampson, pair of really typical Green Borders, matched to perfection; 2, Andrews; cl. buff and an eye and wing mark yell., nicely matched medium size., grand type and condition; 3, Ashcroft, eye and wing mark buff and a cl. yell., nicely mated; vhc, Bloor. LINNET (6): 1, Leicester, best col. and markings, fine feather and condition; 2, Yates, fine markings and condition; 3, Hampson, grand shape and col., etc., slightly damaged in feather top of head; vhc, Barker; hc, c, Keates. TWITE, ETC. (4): 1, Davies, lovely conditioned Lesser jonque Redpoll; 2, Barker, neat small Mealy Redpoll; 3, vhc, Lightfoot, nice Siskin. A.O.S. (6): 1, Hampson, nice Goldie, good colours, bars and buttons, rich face, nice tan and condition; 2, Leicester, Goldie, beaten only in blaze, nice bird when up in col.; 3, Murray, nice conditioned Bullie; vhc, Andrews; hc, Keates; c, Ashcroft.

BRISTOL (Charity).

The "Crocker" United fanciers held their second annual show Nov. 25th, in the "Old Library," West Street, a fine place for a show. The cage birds were staged in the upper hall, where there is plenty of light and room. The officers are: Chairman, Mr. T. Bateman; secretary, Mr. E. Lane, and treasurer, Mr. N. D. Warr. Cage birds totalled about 70. Special for best in show, Mr. Viney (with a Buff Nor.); second best, Mr. Jones (an unflighted Buff Yorks); 3rd best, Mr. J. Locke (a Yellow Bunting). Mr. J. Williams, the cage bird superintendent had everything in good working order, looking well after the wants of the birds. The attendance was very good, and we hope the president will be able to hand over a nice little sum in aid of the poor of Holy Trinity, and to the Crimean Veterans' Association, for which purpose the show was run. Considering the Bristol C.B.S. were holding their annual show the same day, this event must be considered a great success. Judge, Mr. W. G. Bull.

The Critique.

NOR. (6): 1, spl. for best in show, Viney, Cl. Buff, splendid shape, nice short wings and tail, good quality; 2, Bryant, unflig. Cl. Yell., grand level col. and condition; 3, 4, res., Cousens; 3, Buff mkd. wings and eyes, good shape, nice style; vhc, hc, Harding. YORKS. (13): 1, Flook, thigh tkd. Yell., grand length, nice waist, very hot col.; 2, c, Cousens, Cl. Yell., straight as a pencil, nice pipe tail; 3, vhc, Palfrey, Buff, splashed on cheek, nicely tapered, good back, head and neck; 4, res., hc, Jones. NAT. COL. YORKS. (10): 1, 4, Greenslade, 1, Buff, thigh tkd., grand position, good quality, nice wing carriage; 2, res., Pace and Williams, 2, Yell., good length and back, nice wing carriage and quality; 3, Hill, Buff, good head, back, neck and tail; vhc, Walter; hc, Stokes; c, Palfrey. UNFLIG. O.V. (12): 1, 3, Jones, 1, Buff Yorks., ticked on eyes, takes special for 2nd best in show, 3, wing mkd. Buff Yorks., good quality feather; 2, Hill, Yell. Yorks., great length, splendid position, just fails a little on head and neck, otherwise good; 4, res., Flook; vhc, Greenslade; hc, Pace and Williams; c, Cousens. HYB. (6): 1, Cousens, six-pointed Buff Goldie Can., sweet little bird; 2, vhc, Scaley, 2, Dark Goldie Can., nice feather; 3, Morris, Greenie Can. Buff, nice condition, well staged; 4, Cains, Dark Goldie Can.; res., Webley; hc, Scaley. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (12): 1, Webley, Bullie, good col. and cap, splendid wing bars, well staged; 2, Rogers, Goldie, grand shape, large blaze, good size; 3, Milsom, Goldie, black legged, very steady, nice bright col.; 4, Hayward, nice Bullie; res., Jones, nice Goldie; vhc, Locke; hc, Brown; c, Crew. LINNET, ETC.: 1, Brown, Siskin, good col., well polished, fine thigh pencilling, well staged; 2, hc, Hampton, 2, Linnet, good shape, nicely pencilled, black legged; 3, Morris, mealy Redpoll, extra good col. and pencilling; 4, Brown, Linnet, good size; vhc, c, Viney. A.O.S. BRIT (3): 1, Locke, Yellow Bunting, grand exhibit, taking special for 3rd best in show, good eye and head markings, good col. and size; 2, Bryant, Greenfinch, good size, extra large in head; 3, Brown, Reed Bunting, nice condition.

INVERURIE.

Inverurie C.B., etc., Association's annual competition held in the Drill Hall, on Dec. 9th. The hall is one of the best for a cage bird show, being well lighted and high roofed, and it was kept at a very even temperature. The President (Mr. T. L. Morrison (Town Chamberlain) knows how to run a show, having had long experience. He was well backed up by the Vice President, Mr. J. Philip, and a large committee of hard workers, who had everything in first class order. The Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. A. Mackie, had a hard morning's work, but he got through it with flying colours, and makes an ideal secretary. Norwich were the outstanding feature of the show, some rare good specimens being staged. Judging was carried out by Mr. F. Garden (Aberdeen) and his awards gave satisfaction to all.

The Critique.

YELL. CK. NOR. (6): 1, Shearer, a cl., best of type, good head and neck, well balanced and plenty go; 2, McKenzie, variegd. yell., best of type and quality, fails only in head to winner; 3, Dressel, very chubby, good quality, crosses wings a bit at times; 4, Simpson, best of quality, good condition; 5, Troup; 6, Dressel. HENS (8): 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, Dressel, almost clean sweep, 1st excels in size and quality, good head, best of col.; 2nd fails just a little in neck, still a good hen; 3, Simpson, fine type and quality. BUFF CK. (9): 1, 2, 6, Dressel, 1st wins best Nor. in show, cap and wing marked, typical, rare bead and neck, well carried wings and tail; 2nd, variegd., fails only in quality, good type and col.; 3, Simpson, best of quality; 4, Troup; 5, Shearer. HENS (7): 1, 3, 6, Dressel, wins with a nice cl., well up in size, staged to perfection; 3rd, fails in size only, teeming with quality; 2, Tough, another good one; 4, 5, Simpson, 4th, nice exhibit. YELL. HEN.: 1, Simpson, teeming with quality and col. VAR. BUFF CK.: 1, Dressel, dark var., well up in size, good quality and condition; 2, Simpson, cl., nicely turned out, not at all a bad one. HEN: 1, sp, Shearer, grand type and quality, best of col. BORD. CK. (3): 1, Malcolm, sweet typical Border, grand carriage; 2, Gall, true Border, tight as boxwood, must have pressed; 3, Blackie, in nice condition. HENS (3): 1, Blackie, real model in every respect, feather as smooth as glass, true type; 2, Malcolm, not quite so well filled in at neck, as good otherwise; 3, Gall, not quite so typical. GREEN, ETC. (3): 1, Dressel, real good one, right shape for a Border, fine head, wings and tail, grand mover; 2, 3, Shearer, both good shape, qual. A.O.V.: 1, Malcolm, cinn. var. Border, good type and quality. BULLIE (4): 1, McKenzie, well up in size and col., lovely wing bars; 2, Murdoch, fails in size only to winner, grand col. and condition; 3, Dressel; 4, Allan. LINNET: 1, Simpson, nicely staged, lovely col. and pencilling, very steady. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, Halliday, Chaffinch, fine bold upstanding specimen, grand col.

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DUNFERMLINE.

Dunfermline C.B.S. third annual exhibition (open to a radius of eight miles), held 4th November, in the Co-operative Hall. The entries numbered about 200. The arrangements were in the hands of Mr. R. T. Campbell (secretary), who carried them out well, assisted by a good and willing staff of fanciers. Messrs. W. Cullen and A. Anderson judged.

CREST CK. (7): 1, Howie, in grand form, well placed, an old warrior; 2, Hemp, almost green, good Crest, a bit smaller than winner; 3, Sneddon, Green Crest; 4, McLean; 5, Couttis. HEN (3): 1, Howie, nice Green hen, fine vein in crest; 2, Bowman and Adie; 3, McLean. CREST, BRED 1911 (7): 1, Mc Lean, flue size, young one; 2, Baxter, another nice one; 3, Howie, heavy variegd., with a nice crest; 4, Couttis; 5, Bowman and Adie; 6, Sneddon. C.B. CK. (6): 1, Howie, almost green, nice length of feather; 2, Baxter, nice bird; 3, Bowman and Adie, some preferred for second; 4, 6, McLean; 5, Rae. HEN (4): 1, 3, Howie, light variegd., plenty of feather; 2, McLean, Green, nice one. C.B. (1911): 1, 5, Howie, sweet hen, well lashed; 2, 4, 6, McLean, 2, nice Green; 3, Couttis, well lashed, some preferred for second place. NOR. CK., YELL. (16): 1, 4, Wildridge, 1, very fine Nor.; 2, Watt, real topper, very hot, some thought should have been first; 3, Hooper, a Buff, should have been wrong-classed; 5, Rae; 6, Prentice. HEN (2): 1, Wildridge, an easy win, good one; 2, Watt, another nice one. BUFF (1): 1, Wildridge. HEN (4): 1, Watt; 2, Wildridge; 3, Prentice, all nice exhibits. BORD. FY., CL., ETC., YELL. (9): 1, 5, Kay, first an easy win; 2, 3, 4, 6, Sneddon. BUFF (4): 1, 2, Campbell, first one very nice birds; 3, Sneddon. EVEN, ETC. (6): 1, Campbell, nice even mkd., as tight as wax; 2, Sneddon, wing marked, good one; 3, 5, Whithison; 4, 6, T. Key. VARIEG. (2): 1, Campbell; 2, Kay. GREEN OR CINN. (1): 1, Campbell. A.O.V. (1): 1, Sneddon, a good Lancashire coppy. COMMON CAN. CK. (3): 1, Rolland; 2, 3, Campbell. HEN (4): 1, Rolland; 2, 3, Campbell. BRIT., GOLDFINCH (7): 1, Bowman and Adie, grand Finch, well shown; 2, D. McLaren, another good one; 3, 5, Rankine; 4, 6, McLaren. BULLFINCH BRIT. (4): 1, Hogg, wins well in colour; 2, Bowman and Adie, close up to first; 3, Rolland. LINNET (9): 1, 4, Kennoway, 1st, well pencilled, good Linnet; 2, McLaren; 3 (name omitted), some preferred for second place. GREENFINCH (5): 1, Martin, lovely col., good bird; 2, McLaren, close up, nice bird; 3, Fotheringham, grand Greenie; 4, Bowman and Adie; 5, Rankine. LESSER REDPOLL (6): 1, Howie, non-fed, good one, lovely bird; 2, (name omitted), they have met before; 3, Campbell. SISKIN, ETC. (5): 1, 2, McLaren; 3, Campbell. A.O.S. HARDBILL (3): 1, Rankine, Yellowhammer, nice one, well shown; 2, Couttis, good Bramblefinch; 3, Rolland, lovely Chaffinch. SOFTBILL, LARGE (1): 1, Campbell. SMALL (1): 1, Campbell. BRIT HEN OR MULE (2): 1, 2, McLaren. LIGHT MULE OR HYB. (4): 1, 2, 3, McLaren, grand team, well shown. DARK (7): 1, McLaren, Goldie Mule, nicely shown; 2, 3, Rankine, nice Siskin Mule; 3, Greenie Mule, good one. FOR. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, Howie, big winner, well-known; 2, McLaren; 3, Howie. Challenge Cup for Crest Section, and Gold Medal: A. Howie. Rose Bowl, most points in Canary Section: R. T. Campbell. Ditto British and Mules: D. McLaren. Runners-up to above: J. McLean and J. Rankine, respectively. Most points over whole show, R. T. Campbell.

BATH.

Bath Inter-town show held at Bath Corn Exchange, on Nov. 30th. The cage birds were very good in quality, and entries came well up to expectations. Special for best Norwich, Mr. Follwell; best York., Mr. Jones. Challenge prize for best Brit., Mr. N. Russell (a Yellow Bunting). Mr. J. Houghton (Gloucester) made the awards, which were well received. Mr. W. R. Knowles had everything in good order, and the show under his guidance was well carried through.

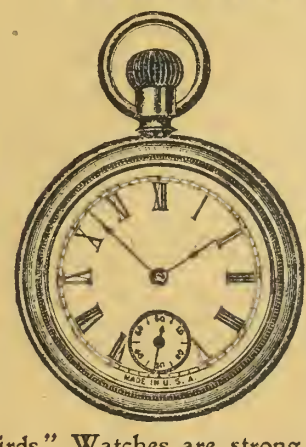
The Critique.

NOR. 1911 UNFLIG.: 1, 3, r, vhc, Follwell, a topper, rare shape, well carried wings, grand head and neck, 3rd neck mkd. buff, good type and quality; 2, T. Taylor, variegd, buff, very chubby, deep chest, well carried wings. NOR. CK.: 1, 2, 3, Follwell, leader cl. buff, in good form, grand head and neck, neat wings and tail, 2nd neat and typical unflighted cl. yell., well balanced wings, nice quality feather, 3rd cl. yell., good bold head, nicely moulded body; r, Taylor, mkd. yell., a good stock bird. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Follwell, a nice trio, leader unflig. cl. yell. hen, grand size and shape, 2nd cl. buff, good quality and type, 3rd cl. yell., good col., shape, and size. YORKS. CK.: 1, Greenslade, cl. yell., splendid type and quality, nicely carried wings; 2, 3, Horler, 2nd cl. buff, good type and quality, lovely meal, 3rd cl. yell., close up, lovely feather and quality; r, vhc, Freke, straight as a gun barrel; hc, Jones; c, Pace and Williams. HEN: 1, Jones, eyes and wing mkd. buff, grand length, well up on legs; 2, r, Freke, 2nd cl. yellow, lovely shape and position, nicely carried wings; 3, Greenslade, cl., yell., straight as a rush; vhc, Pace and Williams; hc, Horler; c, York. YORKS. UNFLIG. (8): 1, Jones, cl. yell., splendid type and quality, nicely carried wings; 2, Greenslade, cl. buff, good type and quality, lovely meal, nice straight back; 3, Palfrey, cl. yell., fine fitting jacket, straight as a barrel; r, York, cl. buff, good type; vhc, Freke; hc, Russell; c, Mciris. TKD., ETC.: 1, 3, Jones, 1st tkd. eye buff, splendid size and shape, stands on a good pair of legs, straight, 3rd marked buff, good size and position; 2, Greenslade, mkd. yell., good quality and position, excellent length and col.; 1, Pace and Williams; vhc, Freke; hc, Palfrey; c, Russell. YORKS. NAT. COL.: 1, York, cl. buff, good length, finely drawn; 2, r, Greenslade, 2nd cl. yell., splendid size and shape, nicely drawn, neat wings and tail; 3, vhc, Palfrey, cl. buff, good type and quality, nice straight back; hc, c, Beal. BULLFINCH, BRIT.: 1, Pace, lovely cap, well cut, nice short wings, and tail, good breast col.; 2, 3, Chivers, 2nd grand size and condition, lovely wing bars, 3rd nice col., good cap and bars. GOLDFINCH, BRIT.: 1, Pace, good shape, blaze, nice tans, bars, and buttons; 2, Chivers, neat, good blaze, very tight in feather; 3, Russell, nice col., good blaze and bars. LINNET: 1, Pace, finely pencilled, good nutty brown, nice whites; 2, 3, Russell, 2nd grandly mkd., nice col. and feather, 3rd another nice exhibit. GREENFINCH: 1, Russell, very fine bold bird, nicely led, grand head and chest, in splendid condition; 2, Chivers, fine bird, a trifle pale in col.. LESSER REDPOLL: 1, Russell, splendid type and markings. MEALY: 1, Chivers, grand shape, nice bib. A.O.S. HARBILL: 1, 2, 3, Russell, beautifully mkd. Yell. Bunting, fed nicely, good back marking, well defined head marks, 2nd and 3rd paid of nice Hawfinches; r, Chivers. BRIT. HEN: 1, 2, Russell; 2, 3, Chivers. LIGHT MULE: 1, Pace.

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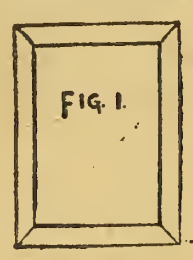
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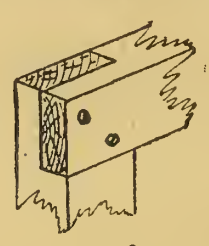
Helpful Article and Sketches

By
DOUGLAS E. SAYCE
(Sunderland).

After the bird, the most expensive item is undoubtedly the cage, and when a fancier needs thirty or forty, the bill for cages alone can become a heavy one. I want to describe here how neat, strong and serviceable cages may be made at a very low cost.

These cages are of the box type, and if made to suitable dimensions are admirable for breeding purposes. They are constructed largely of three-ply boards, and consequently are very light. In some bought cages the back is made of three-ply, but there is no reason why the same wood should not be used for top, bottom and ends as well as back, if




FIG 2

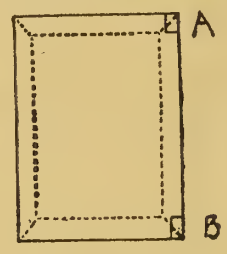
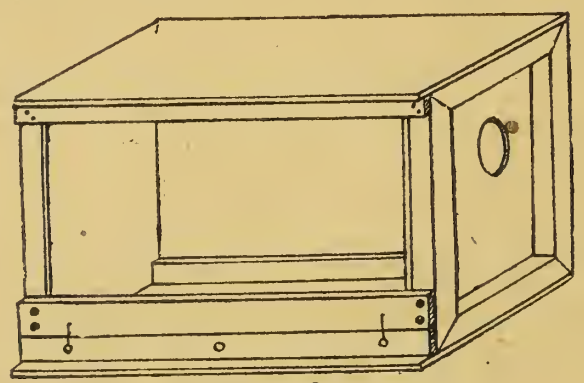


FIG. 3.


FIG. 4.


READY for WIRING.

lap as shown in Fig. 2. Cut a piece of three-ply 14 by 9 inches, and nail it to the framework, using small nails and putting them in about every two inches all the way round. This forms one end of the cage. Make the other end in the same way; but before nailing on the three-ply, a little over half-way up cut out (with a fretsaw) a circle of 4 inches diameter, which afterwards will form a convenient door for running the birds from one cage to another.

Take Fig. 3 as representing one end; with a chisel and mallet cut through the three-ply so as to leave two shallow recesses ¾ inch by ½ inch, as shown at A and B. Then cut corresponding recesses on the other end, and from your supply of strips cut two pieces 15 inches in length and fix these into the recesses you have just cut, and nail through from the outside with fairly long nails. Then cut two more pieces of three-ply 16 by 9½ inches, and nail one of these pieces on to the top and one on to the bottom, leaving the slight overlap in front of the cage. The use of the cross pieces will now become apparent; they afford something firm to nail the three-ply to. Another piece of three-ply 16 by 14 inches will then be required and that is nailed to the edges of the framework and also to the two cross pieces, to form the back.

Cut a circular door to cover the hole you have made in the one end of the cage. Make it about 4½ inches diameter; shape as shown in Fig 4. It is to be fastened over the hole with a small bolt and nut, but should not be fixed permanently until distempering and painting have been completed.

All is now complete save for the front. For this you will require some of the thin whitewood: two strips 16 inches by 1 inch, and a strip 16 by 2 inches. One of the narrower strips may at once be nailed across the top just under the overlap of three-ply, which should be nailed or screwed to it. The broader strip should be temporarily screwed into position, as mainstay, leaving one inch underneath for the third strip, which is to form the front of the sand-tray.

Personally, I make my sand-trays of sheet tin, with the edges bent up three-quarters of an inch, and the corners soldered. Three ply wood may, of course, be used for the purpose, nailing on narrow strips all the way round the edge; but I always prefer the tin. After having made the sand tray to your fancy, the cage is ready for wiring.

Seeing that removable punched-bar cage-fronts are so good and now advertised so cheaply, it may strike the cage-maker that he need not trouble to make his own fronts. I always make mine, however. I use the best bird-cage wire and solder together with a blow-pipe. Whether you get one made or whether you make it yourself, be sure and have a sliding door, and two projecting wires at top and bottom to fasten into the wood work. Mark upon the wood where these wires will go, and drill the holes with a suitable thin bradawl (the mainstay being first unscrewed from its position). The wire-work is then gently forced into place, and the main-stay pushed on and screwed as before, thus rendering the wire work quite firm. The advantage of having the main-stay screwed is that it can easily be removed thus rendering the whole front detachable for disinfecting, distempering, etc.

I always do the inside of my cages with a good sanitary, washable distemper, of light blue colour. This distemper is certainly a good disinfectant, possessing the advantages of being cheap and washable. Any colour may be chosen to suit the breeder's fancy, but I think the light blues are preferable. As regards the outside, it may be painted or stained and varnished, or enamelled, just as your own taste dictates. Perches can then be fitted, and the little circular door finally bolted into position on the inner side of the cage; seed-hopper and drinker can be purchased, and the cage will be complete.

Thus with a little careful work and a very trifling outlay, you have a cage which, with fair usage will last for years. Once every six months take off the front and give the inside another coat of distemper, thus keeping your little pets in comfort and a sanitary condition.

MY THREE FAVOURITE FINCHES.

How I have succeeded with the Goldfinch, Bullfinch and Chaffinch.

By L. GIBBS
(Edmonton.)
(Concluded from page 477.)

The Bullfinch—(*Continued*).

This bird, I may say in passing, is more inclined to melanism than any other Finch, and if fed on practically all hemp, will turn nearly black. In winter, when green food is scarce, a little sweet apple should be given; this is greatly relished, as also are a few ants' eggs. Given the treatment above described I do not think Mr. Bullie will take much harm, but if you happen to be gardener do not ruthlessly shoot them because they eat some of your fruit buds. I have examined a good number of buds the Bullie has meddled with, and nearly all the buds showed that they contained maggots or grubs. The bird may have some good ones occasionally, but consider the havoc a few maggots or grubs would do to an orchard. I think you will agree he is really a blessing in disguise. I hope these remarks will appeal to the pessimist, so that he may spare one of his best friends in the garden, namely the "Bullfinch."

The Chaffinch.

I think the Chaffinch with his merry "Pink, pink" is more popular among the poorer classes, especially the artisan class, than any other Finch. The only thing to be said against these people is that they do not always study the bird's comfort enough as regards room. In his wild life he has, of course, plenty of room and plenty of air, and when he is kept in confinement he should have as much room as possible.

He is one of the birds which greet the eyes of the traveller as he passes through the leafy lanes, the bright colour standing out conspicuously. The cock Finch has a plum red breast this colour extending all over the cheeks, and also above the eyes; the slatey-blue of his head reaches down to the neck. The back is chestnut in colour, and the wings are of a darker hue. Two white bars across the wings show plainly, also a white edging to each side of the tail; rump is of a greenish hue, and the tail is practically black. In his wild state he is truly a handsome bird. The hen is much duller in colouring, and is easily distinguished from the cock. During the winter when our Finches flock together very few hens will be found among the cocks. In the autumn several migrate from other countries, and thus help swell our numbers.

About the middle of April Chaffinches begin to build their nests, generally choosing a tree overgrown with ivy, or a whitethorn bush. The nest is the most beautiful structure of all our feathered race. Not one piece of material is found poking out of its place to make the nest look untidy. The nest is composed of moss and lichens, and is lined with grass, feathers and hair. The eggs are usually five in number, and of a reddish colour, with darker spots.

Food for Fresh-caught Birds.

Any time before Xmas is the best time to buy a Chaffinch, as after this date the birds seem to pine away and die, if caged. The best food for a fresh-caught bird is soaked seed and insect life. This bird is inclined to be insectivorous, and will not thrive unless a certain amount is given to it. As for the soaked seed, procure a basin, and into it put some rape, canary, teazel and a little hemp seed; cover with water, and allow it to stand for twenty-four hours. Feed him on this with a few flies or ants' eggs, until he steadies down a bit; then change his diet to the following: Canary seed, 2 parts, teazel, rape, linseed and charlock seeds 1 part each. Give him a teaspoonful of sunflower seeds daily, and a few flies or mealworm cut up; aphides and green flies, too, are greatly relished by this bird, and help much to keep him in health and plumage. Green food, such as watercress, groundsel or a handful of fresh grass should be given daily, and he will soon be found to pick amongst it for insects. In winter a little sweet apple should be given. With plenty of sand on the cage floor, in addition to the above, he will not take much harm. Give a bath on bright days, as a clean body is as necessary as clean food.

The cage should be about 14 inches long by 12 inches high, and 10 inches from back to front. This will allow your bird a fair amount of exercise; it is, in fact, a fair size for any Finch. If he is kept in an aviary with birds of his kind, look out for squalls. In the spring he is the most quarrelsome bird in the aviary. Should he show fight, remove him instantly, as if left in he will surely murder any other occupant with whom he may fall out.



A PEEP INTO A SOUTH COUNTRY BIRD-ROOM.

Mr. H. Kirby of Parkstone, Dorset, spending a quiet hour amongst his feathered pets.

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By the Rev. C. D. FARRAR

(Continued from page 377).

No. 17.—My Poë Birds.

Every conquest, every step forward in knowledge, is the outcome of courage, of hardness towards one's-self—or others. In the case of birds it is sometimes the latter, especially if you are poor. I find that bird lovers have very little conscience when it is a question of getting something rare but at the same time very expensive. It is not everybody that has my powers of restraint; and even I sometimes fail! I did in the story which I am about to unfold.

Many years ago, more than I care to recollect, I paid a visit to my old friend the late Joseph Abrahams at St. George's-in-the-East. In those days it was a rare treat to visit his shop; there was not only the pleasure of a chat with an old friend, through whose hands nearly every rare bird had passed at some time or the other; but there was always the chance that at the time of your visit you would find something you wanted, even though it was something you could not afford. On the day I made my call, the "Fortunate Fates" must have smiled on me; for in one of the nice roomy cages that lined the wall of the shop I saw five birds with which I fell in love incontinently.

Mr. Abrahams' cages were something like; I should say they measured somewhere about 3ft. by 2ft.; and a big bird could really take exercise and keep clean. Every morning the cages were cleaned out and freshly sanded, and it was really a pleasure to have a look round. There was none of that horrid, musky rank odour that one too often finds on entering a bird emporium. But then there was only one Joseph Abrahams, and there never will be another.

Not Ashamed.

I do not know everything, and I am not ashamed of confessing my ignorance. In the present case I had no conception what the birds were; and I asked Mr. Abrahams to tell me. He said they were Australian Poë birds. The word is pronounced in two syllables—"Poey." The birds are also known as Parson Birds from a peculiarity of their plumage. On the chest they have a miniature bunch of fairy-like Ostrich plumes, which to a very strong and vivid imagination might be taken to resemble the white linen bands which a full-dress Doctor of Divinity wears with his official robes. Mind you, it requires a very vivid imagination to do it; but that is the origin of the name.

To say that I was "fair struckeu," as we say up here, is far below the fact. I fell head-over-ears in love with those birds. They had such quaint and fascinating ways; and they were so beautifully tame and friendly that we might have known each other all our lives.

Prepared to Sell His Coat.

I made up my mind that they should be mine, even if I had to sell my coat to get them. With fear and trembling I asked Mr. Abrahams if they were very expensive; and he replied in quite a matter of fact tone, "not very. I want £6 for the pair." Discretion is no part of my equipment; boldness is. I therefore calmly offered him £5 10s.; and to my amazement, he accepted. Of course, we were old friends, and I was a regular customer, so perhaps that made a difference, and Mr. Abrahams was peculiar in this, that he would any day prefer to sell a bird to a person who knew how to treat it than to one who did not. At the time Mr. Abrahams had no less than five Poës in his shop, so that I was able to make a selection; and with his help I picked out what we both considered a true pair. He kindly warned me that I was taking a certain risk; as if they proved to be two cocks, I should undoubtedly lose one if I kept them together, as they were terribly pugnacious. In the present case "the Fortunate Gods" favoured me, and I found later on that I had a true pair. I was very thankful for this, as I have skirted too close to the rocks of death in former experiences to enjoy the sensation.

A Brief Description.

I may here pause to give a brief description of my friends, as I do not suppose that my readers will ever again have my luck. It is 30 years since I saw a live Poë Bird; and though I read the dealer's list carefully, I have not seen that any have been imported. If they have been, they have been sold privately to some rich aviculturist. I fancy, however, that none have come over, or we should have heard about them in some way. Very few people can refrain from telling of their good fortune.

Sad to tell, I am writing my description partly from memory and partly from two poor Poë birds "set up." This is the euphemistical way in which bird stuffers speak of their "creations." Still, in this case I must allow that for stuffed specimens the Poës are not really unlifelike.

In size Poës are something between a big Blackbird and a small Jackdaw. They are beautifully slim and elegant, and perhaps the word "natty" describes them better than anything else. They have very fine heads, with a slightly curving dark beak, and dark legs and feet. In plumage they are something like our English Starling without the spots; a beautiful iridescent green with curious grey hair-like stripes disposed over it, once seen never forgotten, but almost impossible to describe in writing. The distinguishing feature of the birds, however, is a wonderful fairy-like bunch of beautifully curled little Ostrich plumes on the chest, and a similar patch on each shoulder.

Distinguishing the Sex.

In the cock the plumes are larger and whiter than in the hen, and this, along with the finer head of the latter, is the way of distinguishing the sexes. Add to this, that if you are in doubt, put them together, but stop in the room; you will see the beginning of such a battle as will fairly make your heart shiver, and unless you are very quick and active you will soon only have the conqueror on your hands and a beautiful corpse. I utter this solemn warning, as I went a good deal into this kind of thing at one time—I mean putting two birds together and then forgetting all about it, as Mr. Brooke used to say in "Middlemarch"; but I found, as he did, that it carried me too far—over the hedge, in fact.

As I knew nothing about Poës I had the sense to ask Mr. Abrahams how they should be fed. "You cannot feed them too plainly," he said; "but if you will follow out my rule, I can guarantee that they will keep in perfect condition." "I feed them," he said, "on a mixture of mashed potato and Swiss milk, with an occasional mealworm."

My readers may smile; but I can assure them that if they ever get Poë birds and want to keep them in health, they must adhere to my ruling. It is just the same with Australian Bower birds. Who would think that such great strong birds would thrive on a diet of mashed potatoes? And yet it is a fact, and I have so kept them for years. In the case of both the Poë and the Bower birds, I always put the ordinary soft mixture in the aviary, with a jar of the best honey, to which they could always betake themselves, but the humble potato was the main food supply; strange to say they never seem to tire of it. Poë birds, therefore, are not expensive to keep.

Swiss Milk Advocated.

There was some years ago a great discussion as to the feeding of Poë birds, and many advocated Swiss milk. They say the proof of the pudding is in the eating. In this case the food evidently did not suit the Poës, as they incontinently died off, whereas when the milk was given mixed with mashed potatoes, they lived and throve. I daresay I shall be taken to task for my old-fashioned ideas. When I try, as I have once or twice tried, to criticise some current conceptions of bird life, the Professor, with a letter that resembles that of Miss Squeers to Nicholas Nickleby, says that "a writer who presumes to discuss such questions might be better acquainted with the modern developments of Avian science." I am content to leave my experience as proof. Feed Poës as I tell you, and they will enjoy life and live long in the land. Experiment with them and you will be very sorry—when it is too late. I realise, as I grow older, how little I know of bird life; so that, like the hero of Newman's hymn,

"I do not ask to see
The distant scene, one step enough for me."

But when I have painfully discovered that step, I like to tell those who will come after where to plant their feet.

The time of my visit to Mr. A. was July, red-hot, sultry weather, so I thought there could be no harm in giving my friends their liberty. I never saw two birds so enjoy liberty. They were here, there and everywhere, hunting, exploring, discovering; but, alas! what havoc they made among the other inmates. Wherever they went there was panic, a sort of feeling "the Campbells are coming," and a general stampede into every likely sort of shelter, until the tyranny was overpast. I felt that Poës were not made for society; so I caught them up and transferred them to a compartment of their own, when I hoped they might present me with their counterparts. I fancy Poës must come from a temperate part of Australia, as very great heat does not suit them, and during the dry, sultry weather, they looked a little uncomfortable. Gouldian Finches, which come from Australia, are just the same; they can't stand excessive heat.

The Poës generally agreed admirably, but there were occasional differences of opinion; and the gentleman had usually to give in. Abroad he would swagger and bluster and bully—*Nemo me impune lacessit.* At home his watchword was different—blessed are the meek.

(To be continued.)

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Roller Canary Breeding in Cold Caledonia.

AN INTERVIEW WITH MR. J. THOMPSON, OF STEVENSTON, N.B.

By A. FORREST (Glasgow).

Readers will no doubt remember your artist, Mr. Aitken, visiting some of the principal breeders n Scotland and giving an account of their doings, etc., in Cage Birds. He dealt with a famous breeder of Roller Canaries, and aroused my interest, as I was not then aware that we had such North of the Tweed. I afterwards made an attempt to ascertain if there were many breeders of the Roller Canary in Scotland, but unfortunately received no replies to my letter. Well, I resolved to pay a visit "on my own" to Stevenston, where the breeder referred to resides. I had unfortunately forgotten his name, but on arriving at the station I hit upon the plan of asking the first railway official I met if he knew where the famous breeder of Roller Canaries resided. It succeeded, for he rplied, "That's Jock Thamson. He stops at Noble's Villas, just aboot a mile oot o' the toon; ony body'll tell ye."

On reaching the villas I kept to the garden side of them, as I anticipated I might hear the song of the birds. I guessed correctly, for as I approached I heard the beautiful trills of a number of birds in a house built in a garden. After listening spell-bound for a short time, I proceeded to the house for the purpose of explaining my visit.

The good wife kindly invited me in, and Mr. Thomson, who was just at dinner when I arrived, gave me a hearty Scotch welcome. I explained that I had come from Glasgow on holiday, and would like to glean particulars of his methods of feeding, breeding, etc. He replied that he would be only too pleased to let readers of Cage Birds have this information.

Mr. Thompson explained first of all that he had three separate wooden houses built in the garden. The largest was 9 feet by 9 feet and was used exclusively as a flight. The other two were also about 9 feet square, and were used for breeding purposes only. A room in the dwelling house, fitted with six rows of ten cages, making sixty cages in all, is where he trains the young birds, under two schoolmasters. Although Mr. Thompson has a bird organ, he puts little faith in it, as he is of the opinion that a good schoolmaster is much the best.

We proceeded to the garden, and there I witnessed a sight which I will not forget in a hurry. In the large flight, with a tree in the centre, Mr. Thompson said there were 80 birds. It was a treat to see them all swoop down when a handful of mixed seed was thrown into the bottom of the flight. Mr. Thompson explained that the hens were kept in this flight all winter, and that no matter how cold the wind blew off the Ayrshire coast, the birds stood it splendidly. From their appearance they looked in the pink of condition. Of course, he had doors on the flight, which were closed during the night time.

As to his methods of breeding, Mr. Thompson explained them very fully. He runs one cock with one hen, as he considers this to give the best results, and to ensure a larger percentage of cocks amongst the young. The cages are all made by himself in his spare time, and are of the usual pattern, with the sliding partition in the centre, for separating the cock from the hen. As soon as the young birds are five or six weeks old they are put into the large flight and kept there until he selects the cocks to be caged by themselves and placed under the schoolmasters.

During the breeding season Mr. Thompson explained that he fed his birds mainly on hard-boiled egg and Osborne biscuits, though he is a great believer in milk and bread sop, and rears quite a number of his birds on this. He mentioned that there were two ways of making it, and that a number of his customers had written him saying that the birds would not eat the bread and milk. The reason was that they boiled both together, whereas the milk should be boiled by itself, and plenty of it poured over the stale bread so as to soak thoroughly into it. I must confess that I had had the same experience myself, and was grateful for the information.

Mr. Thompson is also a great believer in chickweed. The garden was nearly covered with that plant! Dandelion he considers too coarse for the young ones. The birds are fed on equal parts of the best summer rape and canary seeds, with an occasional teaspoonful of mixed seed, consisting of linseed, inga, maw, and gold of pleasure.

The breeding stock consisted of 10 cocks and 14 hens, and from these he reared a total of 137 young birds, which is, I consider, excellent for a season's breeding which finished early in July. As regards the disposing of his birds, Mr. Thompson stated that he did so through Cage Birds, and always found the demand for Rollers was greater than the supply. Some of his birds have found their way to Canada!

Mr. Thompson's avsaries, by the way, were all built by himself, and I question if there are many amateur breeders with everything more up-to-date. As to his success, Mr. Thompson attributes it to three things, viz., fresh air, cleanliness, and careful personal attention.

The question of forming a Roller club in Scotland was discussed, and Mr. Thompson expressed himself warmly on the subject, saying he would be delighted if one could be founded.

EDINBURGH C.B.S.

A First Venture.

This newly-formed society held their first annual fixture on Dec. 2nd. As this was the first exhibition of its kind held in this thickly-populated district, it was thought it would prove a great attraction, but unfortunately the afternoon turned out wet, rain falling almost continually; but, despite this, the show was attended by a fairly good number of visitors and fanciers. The hall in which the show was held is about the best one could get for a cage bird show, being well lighted and free from draughts. The entries numbered about 450, which was considered good. The quality of the exhibits was of a high order, and some well-known winners at recent shows again came to the front. Nor. were a choice lot, and were ably handled by Mr. A. Sloan (Glasgow). Borders, although not so numerous as we would have liked to see, were well up to the average quality, and it took Mr. P. McKenzie (Kelso) the best part of three hours to judge them, and he seemed happy in his selections. Scotch fancies were ably handled by that veteran Mr. J. King (Deantown). British and Mules were a great attraction, and gave Mr. R. Bald (Bathgate) two or three hours' hard work. The management was in the hands of a few well-known fanciers, and nothing but the highest praise can be given them for the way in which they carried out their duties. The president, although not able to be in attendance in the early part of the day, soon put himself into working harness when he did arrive. Mr. James Mackie makes an ideal secretary, being courteous and obliging to all, and the society are to be congratulated upon having such a capable fancier at the head of affairs. The other members of committee, who all gave a helping hand were: Vice-president Mr. A. W. Watson, and Messrs. W. Thomson, R. Bankin, R. Craig, H. Brash, G. Brown, and W. Dickson.

The Critique.

NOR., CL., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, Craig, good head and frontal, nice size and shape, capital wings; 2, Sharp, mkd. head, a wee shade longer in body, fails col. to winner; 3, 4, Wishart, not quite so full in front as leaders, nice head and back. BUFF: 1, Buglass, bonny cl., very fine head, well rounded front, grand substance; 2, Machie, very shapely, A1 colour, graudly mealed; 3, Thomson, bold front and head; 4, Buglass; 5, Charlton; 6, Craig; 7, 8, Sharp. GREEN, ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, 4, Buglass, mkd. eye, head, and wings, teeming with col., correct size and shape, neatly rounded front and head; 2, Watson, nice varieg., good type and quality, in nice bloom; 3, Sharp, eye and wing mkd., fine substance and shape, well placed; 5, Thomson; 6, Dickson. BUFF: 1, spl best cock, Craig, head and wing mkd., rare front and head, good back and wings, fine mealing; 2, Buglass, grand quality feather, nice substance, good head and neck, capital wing carriage; 3, Thomson, nice col. and quality, very shapely; 4, 6, 7, Charlton; 5, Thomson. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 4 spls, Craig, a team of yell. hens, their owner should feel proud to possess, every one a winner, but some thought the fifth bird looked like a buff cock; 6, Thomson; 7, Buglass. BUFF: 1, 2, Craig, leader a clinker for size and substance, rare rounded frontal, grandly carried wings; 2nd, Grizzle cap follow, close on leader, capital col. and quality; 3, Charlton, good all-round exhibit, in nice bloom; 4, Wishart. GREEN, ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, Craig, typical Nor. bonny shape, well filled back, extra good quality; 2, Dickson, all there for col., and quality; 3, 5, Wishart, head and wing mkd., nice finish; 4, 6, 7, Thomson; 8, Charlton. BUFF: 1, Craig, wing mkd., nice size, beautiful head and front, grand col. and condition; 2, Sharp, mkd. head and wings, rare shape, nicely mealed, good head and neck properties; 3, 4, Thomson, nice col. and quality, not quite so full in front; 5, Charlton. NON-FED CK.: 1, 2, Thomson, capital varieg. leading, nice shape and col., good wings; 2nd, nice Cinn., nice texture of feather, very shapely; 3, Watson, green, longer stamp, good col. and quality; 4, Charlton. HEN: 1, Thompson, very typical, good head and neck, fine nat. col.; 2, 3, Charlton, 2nd close up to winner, good front and back, nice feather; 3rd, green, nice shade of col., capital wing and tail carriage. NOVICE CK.: 1, Brydom, buff leading, grand shape and size, real Nor. type, put down in nice order; 2, spl, Campbell, wing mkd. buff, fine deep chest, A1 head and neck, well placed wings; 3, Campbell, fails only in head to winners, nice substance, very shapely; 4, 5, 6, Brash; 7, May; 8, Campbell. HEN: 1, spl, 2, 3, Campbell, trio of clinkers, leader a cl., grand one for size and shape, wins; 2nd, grand chest, good wings and tail, capital condition; 3rd, looks a good one, a wee shade soft when we were taking notes; 4, 5, 6, Brash; 7, 8, Brydom. CREST CK.: 1, spl, Sharp, capital size, nicely radiated crest from a neat centre; 2, Wishart, finely shaped crest, well groomed, nice leafy feather; 3, 4, 5, Wotherspoon, bonny Crest of nice size and shape, good front. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Wotherspoon, grand headpiece, A1 size and shape, nicely radiated from a neat centre; 2nd, wing mkd. D.C., fails only in size to leader, long droop, good body feather; 3rd, similar to 2nd, neat formation and droop. C.B. CK.: 1, 2, 3, Wotherspoon, leader green, fine big skull, immense body feather, grandly lashed; 2nd, rare size, if anything we thought had a better head, splendid lashing; 3rd, varieg., capital entrance, fine width of skull, nice feather; 4, Todd. HEN: 1, Sharp, a topper for size, wonderful width of skull, carries plenty of body feather; 2, 3, 5, Wotherspoon, head and wing mkd., rare skull, nice lashing; 3rd, fails only in head to winners, nice leafy feather; 4, 6, Todd. NOVICE, CREST OR C.B.: 1, 2, Wotherspoon, leader cl. body grizzle Crest, fine size and shape, neatly radiated; 2nd, real topper of a C.B., rare width of skull, splendid lashing, immense body feather; 3, 5, Williamson, wing mkd. D.C., of good formation, nice leafy feather; 4, Goodall. BORD. FCY., CL., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, Hamilton, fine position, rare head and front, neat wing carriage, well drawn; 2, 7, Smart, well rounded, good carriage, very typical; 3, spl, Michie, good all-round Border, very jaunty carriage; 4, 8, Brown; 5, Rodger; 6, Mackie. BUFF: 1, spl, Mackie, good one, beautifully rounded, grand head, nice position, very warm col.; 2, Michie, neatly drawn, good back and wing carriage, neat pipe tail; 3, Napier, grizzle cap, real nice one, well filled back, A1 quality and condition; 4, Smart; 5, Taylor; 6, Sibbald; 7, Spittal; 8, Thomson. VARIEG. YELL.: 1, Thomson, wing mkd., nice quality feather, good shape, neat wing and tail carriage; 2, Mackie, eye and wing mkd., close up, grand wing carriage, lovely quality feather; 3, 4, Smart, similar size and shape to 2nd, in nice bloom; 5, Brown; 6, Rodger. BUFF: 1, 3, Hamilton, wing mkd., neat rounded head and front, nicely drawn, well put down; 3rd, grand wing carriage, nice position, a wee shade flat on head; 2, Mackie, eye and wing mkd., all there for type and quality, good 2nd; 4, Sibbald; 5, Whitefield; 6, Spittal. GREEN, ETC.: 1, Mackie, huff cinn. leading, good one, grand shape, nice pencil; 2, Buglass, fine yell. cinn., lovely col. and texture of feather, close up; 3, Taylor, nice grass-green, good type, neat pencilling; 4, Spittal; 6, Mackie; 6, 7, Buglass; 8, Sibbald. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, spl, B.F.C.C. medal, Napier, nice size and shape, good wing carriage; 2, Spittal, grand one for position, nice head and front, well filled back, shown in neat bloom; 3, Mackie, nice feather and finish, well placed; 4, 5, 6, Hamilton; 7, Brown; 8, Spittal. BUFF: 1, Mackie, good one, fine size and weight, lovely front and head, nice taper; 2, Easter, close up to leader, very neatly drawn, good back, well braced wings, A1 col.; 3, Spittal, fine stamp, nice front, good wing and tail carriage; 4, 8, Rodger; 5, Smart; 6, Napier; 7, Whitefield. VARIEG. YELL.: 1, 4, Taylor, head, eye, and wing mkd., fine headed bird; nearly drawn; 2, 3, Mackie, brace good ones, 2nd very stylish, neat markings, must have pressed; 3rd, eye and wing mkd., nice size, good feather and finish; 5, Sibbald; 6, Napier. BUFF: 1, Hamilton, good all round, fine front, lovely wing carriage; 2, Michie, bonny feather and quality, fine pipe tail; 3, Rodger, close up to 2nd, little to choose between; 4, Brown; 5, Taylor; 6, Sibbald. GREEN, ETC.: 1, Mackie, fine shaped Cinn. leading, extra good in feather and pencilling; 2, Buglass, very typical, rich grassy-green, fine ground col.; 3, Mackie, good Cinn., lovely tone of col.; 4, Taylor; 5, 8, Buglass; 7, Sibbald. NOVICE YELL. CK.: 1, 2, Mackie, leader a beauty, neat head, well filled back, capital wing and tail carriage; 2nd, nice head, good wing carriage and col.; 3, Storrie, well rounded body, head round as a marble, well braced wings; 4, 5, Napier; 6, 8, Jeffrey; 7, Spittal. BUFF: 1, Mackie, nice stamp, good head and front, back well filled, neat taper; 2, Jeffrey, rare one for type and quality, neatly rounded, must have pressed; 3, 4, Spittal, good all-round, nicely drawn, well put down; 5, Mackie; 6, 8, Storie; 7, Mackie. YELL. HEN: 1, 3, 7, Mackie, leader a gem, well rounded body, good position and feather, nice bloom; 3rd, little to choose between them, only beaten in finish; 2, Taylor, different stamp, eye and wing mkd., nice quality feather, good tail carriage; 4, Storie; 5, Napier; 6, Spittal; 8, Goodall. BUFF: 1, 4, Storie, wing mkd. buff, nice full front, and well drawn, lovely wing carriage, capital condition; 2, spl, Napier, grand wing carriage, neat tail, very typical; 3, May, another nice one in grand order, nice style; 5, 6, 7, Mackie; 8, Goodall. SCOT. FCY., YELL. CK.: 1, 2, Burgess, nice head, grand length of neck, capital drive, splendid position; 2nd, fine neck and shoulders, good drive; 3, 4, McNiven, good head and neck, fine shoulders, takes perch well. BUFF: 1, 2, 6, Begbie, leader good one for size, grand depth through chest, splendid drive; 2nd, good head and shoulders, fine position, nice length of wing; 3, 5, McNiven, good size, nice position, rare action; 2, Campbell. YELL. HEN: 1, Begbie, good head and neck, good top end and drive, stylish. BUFF: 1, Begbie, grand neck and drive, splendid position, gets tail well under; 2, McNiven, good body and wings, grand top end, gets hard up; 3, 4, 5, McNiven, neat head and neck, fine substance, splendid trim; 7, 8, Burgess. NORWICH CK.: 1, 3, Brydom, good stamp, fine top end and drive, nice style; 3rd, lengthy side, nice worker, fails in reach to winner; 2, 4, 5, Spittal, capital head and shoulders, neat drive and back. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, Sharp, good blazed bird, square cut, dense in col., nice cheeks; 2, Russell, finely tanned body, good moons and buttons, capital bloom; 3, Arrighi, a wee shade pale in blaze, nice wing bars and buttons, good tanning; 4, Winter. BULLFINCH: 1, Mackie, good one for size, rare cap, fine bars and win, good breast col.; 2, 4, Sharp, good finish, dense cap, good in colour, nice shape; 3, Smart, capital col., good cap and wing bars, in nice bloom; 5, Allan. LINNET: 1, sp, Brown, grand big Linnet, fine tone of col., very fine in pencilling; 2, Watson, darker tone of col., plenty of lacing, nice bloom; 3, Mackie, nice shape, good breast markings; 4, Allan; 5, Russell. GREENFINCH: 1, Craig, good shaped one, nice col., fine head and front; 2, spl, 7, Winter, fine big buff, very shapely, well placed; 3, 6, Goodfellow, nice yell., good size and shape; 4, Sharp; 5, Mackie. REDPOLL: 1, Winter, not a large one, but fine lacings and bib, shown to perfection; 2, Allan, fine Lesser, good col. and markings; 3, Goodall, nice bib, well laced at flanks; 4, Goodfellow; 6, Mackie; 7, Arrighi; 8, Sharp. A.O.S. FINCH: 1, Watson, grand coloured Chaffie, nice whites, good breast col.; 2, Mackie, another nice Chaffie, put down in nice bloom; 3, Arrighi, Bramble, nicely laced on head and back, fine body col.; 4, Russell. BUNTING: 1, Watson, fine Ortolon Bunting leading, shown in faultless condition; 2, Mackie, real good Yellowhammer, nice markings; 3, 7, Goodall, nice col. and markings, well staged; 4, 5, Goodfellow; 5, 6, Watson. SOFTBILL: 1, 3, Mackie, nice Yellow Wagtail leading, in nice order; 3rd, Pied Wagtail, nice size and condition; 2, Russell, bonny Grey Wagtail, shown in the pink. SOFTBILL, A.O.S.: 1, Russell, good sized Thrush, nicely mkd., capital col.; 2, Mackie, another Missel, grandly laced, fine bloom. HEN HARDBILL: 1, Winter, hen Greenie, wins here, grand shape and col.; 2, Russell, big bouncing Bullie hen, good dense cap, fine wing bars; 3, Goodfellow, nice Finch, grandly mkd.; 4, Allan; 5, 6, Mackie. GOLDFINCH, FOR.: 1, Watson, fine large square cut blaze of lovely col., grandly tanned breast, good moons and buttons; 2, Ferguson, similar to winner, close up in col.; 3, Winter, fails only in blaze to winner, nice wing bars; 4, Goodfellow; 5, Winter; 6, Arrighi. A.O.S. FOR.: 1, 2, Campbell, nice brace of Budgerigars, shown in A1 condition; 3, Watson, Himalayan Siskin, rare exhibit, nicely staged. NOVICE FINCH: 1, Ferguson, Greenie, capital size and shape, fine tone of col.; 2, Arrighi, lovely col. Chaffie, nice breast col. and whites; 3, Jeffrey, good shaped Greenie, nice flights; 4, Goodall; 5, 6, Campbell. NOVICE GOLDFINCH: 1, Ferguson, nice Goldie, well cut blaze of good col., nice wing bars and moons; 2, Dickson, rare sized Goldie, good crimson blaze, nicely tanned; 3, Arrighi, nice col. Twite, splendidly laced; 4, Mackie. LIGHT MULE: 1, 2, Allan, two nice variegs. Goldie Mules, good feather and finish. DARK GOLDIE, ETC.: 1, 2, spl, Brown, leader fine yell. Linnet, well up in col. and size; 2nd, a huff, hot fed, capital condition; 3, Watson, fine sized Goldie Mule, nice face, well put down; 4, Russell. A.O.V., DK.: 1, spl, Craig, Jonque Greenie, fine size and col., nice bloom; 2, Ferguson, fair sized Greenie, lacks the col. of winner; 3, Allan, Twite Mule, good size and shape; 4, Watson; 5, Sibbald; 6, Allan. HYB.: 1, Ferguson, hen Goldie Bullie, nice size and feather.

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LIVERPOOL B.B.A.

Some Beautiful Greens.

Annual show, held Nov. 25th, Oldham St. Schools. An innovation this year was the giving of eight open classes. These were not the success anticipated; very few exhibitors outside the society's own members patronised them. Norwich classes were cancelled. The Yorks. and Yorks. Green classes brought out some real toppers, although most of the exhibitors had to send their best Greens to the L.C.B.A. in following up the G.C.A. patronage. In the members' section a regular battle took place for the society's cups and a host of other specials. Money specials were dropped this year, and a lot of things purchased instead. Nearly every exhibitor had his wife, and in some cases his family as well to help carry home the specials. Mrs. Eccleston, the secretary, and Mr. Isaac, the chairman, were indefatigable workers, and the committee, headed by the assistant secretary, Mr. Lloyd, gave every assistance. Nearly 400 exhibits gave Messrs. Cowgill and Bancroft, the judges, plenty to do, and generally speaking, they did the work very well, all birds being judged and the cards up by two o'c.

OPEN YORKS. CL., ETC., YELL. (10): 1, hc, Mc Nulty, grand col., length, and leg, rare style; 2, 4, Baxter, 2nd good length and leg; 3, Young, cinn. mark, lovely quality, style, and position; vhc, Knowles; c, Davidson. BUFF (9): 1, 2, Knowles, 1st good col. and style, well up on leg, easy carriage; 2nd fails col. only; 3, Robinson, big bird, good style and position; vhc, H. Percival; hc, Baxter; c, W. H. Percival. YELL. HEN (8): 1, 2, Knowles, 1st good quality, rare style and position, charming lady, 2nd cap and wing mkd., very stylish, not quite so well filled; 3, 4, Baxter, very stylish, good quality and position, 4th very similar; vhc, White; hc, H. Percival; c, Benson. BUFF (6): 1, 3, Knowles, 1st well filled, all-round good quality and position; 2, Baxter, cinn. mkd., rare quality and style, erect position, some preferred; 4, H. Percival; vhc, Young; hc, Fawcett. GREEN, SELF, ETC., YELL. (13): 1, c, Atherton, good body col., well pencilled, fine style and position; 2, 3, McDermott, 2nd very similar in col. and markings, not quite so well drawn, 3rd better drawn, very stylish, we preferred; 4, Robinson, good col., length, and style; vhc, Rowlands; hc, Bell. BUFF (11): 1, Robinson, first class quality, col., and markings, well filled and drawn; 2, Rowlands, good leg, style, quality, and col.; 3, W. Bell, good old Georgie coming out in the son, no one better able to teach him what a Green should be, grand col., markings, and style; 4, Atherton, col., quality, and markings of the first water; vhc, McDermott; hc, Atherton; c, Hughes. MEMBERS'.—YORKS. CL., YELL. (10): 1, c, Metcalfe; 2, vhc, McNulty; 3, Jones; hc, Gregory. BUFF (17): 1, McNulty; 2, 3, Alston; vhc, Morton; hc, Young; c, Metcalfe. TICK YELL. (16): 1, McNulty; 2, Plunkett; 3, Alston; vhc, Whiteside; hc, Bracegirdle; c, Potter. BUFF (6): 1, Potter; 2, Alston; 3, c, Metcalfe; vhc, Plunkett; hc, Gregory. HEAV. VARIEGT. YELL. (5): 1, Jones; 2, Brindle; 3, Plunkett; vhc, Cooper. BUFF: Cancelled. YELL. HEN (15): 1, McNulty; 2, Robinson; 3, Alger; vhc, Gregory; hc, Metcalfe; c, Cooper. BUFF (9): 1, McNulty; 2, Alston; 3, c, Gregory vhc, Potter; hc, Metcalfe. TICK, YELL. HEN (5): 1, McNulty; 2, vhc, Robinson; 3, Jones. BUFF (6): 1, McNulty; 2, Gregory; 3, Potter; vhc, Metcalfe; hc, Whiteside; c, Bracegirdle. 4 CINN. MARKED CLASSES: Cancelled. GREEN SELF YELL (9): 1, McNulty; 2, 3, Atherton; vhc, Brindle; hc, Malone; c, Robinson. BUFF (11): 1, Atherton; 2, Brindle; 3, McNulty; vhc, W. Walker; hc, Handley c, Wardale. FOUL YELL. (11): 1, McNulty; 2, Algie; 3, Handley; vhc, Brindle; hc, c, Atherton. BUFF (12): 1, Phythian; 2, vhc, Atherton; 3, Jones; hc, Gore; c, W. Walker. YELL. HEN (16): 1, Atherton; 2, c, Robinson; 3, McDermott; vhc, Benson; hc, McDermott. BUFF (15): 1, J. Walker; 2, Atherton; 3, Rowlands, vhc, Handley; hc, Wardale; c, Phythian. YEL., 1911 (17): 1, hc, Atherton; 2, Robinson; 3, Benson; vhc, Algie; c, Handley. BUFF (12): 1, Robinson; 2, 3, Atherton; vhc, Wardale; hc, Lloyd; c, Algie. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL (2): 1, Bracegirdle; 2, Cutmore. BUFF (5): 1, Bracegirdle; 2, Hillman; 3, Hawkes; vhc, Steel; hc, Malone. YELL. HEN: Cancelled. BUFF (4): 1, Cutmore; 2, Hawkes; 3, Bracegirdle; vhc, Hearne. UNFLIG. YELL. (4): 1, Cutmore; 2, Hillmen; 3, Cutmore. BUFF: Cancelled. GREEN, SELF YELL. (2): 1, Handley; 2, Bratherton. BUFF: 1, Handley; 2, Hawkes; 3, J. Walker; vhc, Steel. FOUL YELL: Cancelled. BUFF (70): 1, 2, J. Walker; 3, vhc, Handley; hc, Hawkes; c, Bratherton. YELL. HEN (3): 1, Hillmen; 2, J. Walker; 3, Handley. BUFF (2): 1, J. Walker; 2, Malone. UNFLIG: Cancelled. BORD., YELL.: Cancelled. BUFF (2): 1, Metcalfe; 2, Cooper. YELL. HEN (3): 1, 2, Metcalfe; 2, Gore. BUFF (3): 1, Metcalfe; 2, Gore; 3, Cooper. YELL. GREEN: 1, 3, Cooper; 2, vhc, Bratherton; hc, Handley; c, J. Walker. BUFF (9): 1, Handley; 2, Collier; 3, hc, J. Walker; vhc, Cooper; c, Bratherton. NAT. COL. YORKS. YELL: 1, Jones; 2, Handley; 3, Steel. BUFF (5): 1, Plunkett; 2, Malone; 3, Jones; vhc, Steel; hc, Phythian. HEN (7): 1, Gore; 2, Hawkes; 3, Morton; vhc, J. Walker; hc, Plunkett; c, Jones. NAT. COL., NOR. YELL. (5): 1, Handley; 2, Plunkett; 3, vhc, hc, Steel. BUFF: Cancelled. HEN (4): 1, 2, Steel; 3, vhc, Isaac. A.O.V. (3): 1, 3, Malone; 2, Metcalfe. MULE (3): 1, Potter; 2, Morton; 3, Metcalfe. BRIT. GOLDIE (5): 1, Rowlands; 2, Lloyd; 3, Runsby; vhc, Jones; hc, Cooper. LINNET (9): 1, 2, Cooper; 3, Lloyd; vhc, Runsby; hc, Hearne; c, Jones. BULLIE: Cancelled. CHAFFIE, ETC. (5): 1, 2, Runsby; 3, vhc, Metcalfe; hc, Cooper. GREENFINCH: 1, Metcalfe; 2, vhc, Cooper; 3, Handley. A.O.S.: Cancelled. GIFT: 1, Metcalfe; 2, Atherton; 3, Handley; vhc, Saul; hc, Maxwell; c, McDermott.

TODMORDEN.

Todmorden C.B.A. annual show held Nov. 25th, National School. The show was a great success, over 100 birds being staged. Judge, Mr. E. Clegg (Dewsbury), who gave every satisfaction. Great credit was due to Mr. J. M. Spofforth and Mr. T. Barker for their good work during the show.

YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, spl, Fielden; 2, Livsey; 3, Cockcroft. BUFF: 1, Meadowcroft; 2, Fielden; 3, Stansfield Bros. TKD. YELL.: 1, spl, 3, Stansfield Bros.; 2, Livsey. BUFF: 1, spl, Stansfield Bros.; 2, Coupe; 3, Livsey. CINN., TKD., ETC.: 1, Livsey; 2, Fewsdale; 3, Sutcliffe. YELL. HEN: 1, spl, Roker; 2, Turner; 3, Fielden. BUFF: 1, spl, Fielden; 2, Turner; 3, Coupe. NOR. YELL., CL.: 1, spl, Bentley; 2, Meadowcroft. BUFF: 1, Meadowcroft; 2, 3, Bentley. TKD. YELL.: 1, Meadowcroft. BUFF: 1, 2, spl, Spofforth. HEN, YELL.: 1, Meadowcroft; 2, Sutcliffe; 3, Bentley. BUFF: 1, spl, Meadowcroft; 2, Spofforth; 3, Bentley. CINN.: 1, Bentley. A.O.C.: 1, Bentley; 2, Cockcroft. MULE: 1, Bentley; 2, Spofforth. NOVICE: 1, spl, Spofforth; 2, Barker; 3, Sunderland. PAIRS: 1, spl, Livsey; 2, Turner; 3, Fewsdale. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, Barker; 2, Fielden. LINNETS: 1, Sutcliffe; 2, 3, A. Spofforth. A.O.S.: 1, spl, Spofforth; 2, Roker; 3, Barker. FOR.: 1, spl, Barker.

SHEFFIELD O.S.

Annual members' show held December 2. The Foresters' Hall, where the exhibition was held, is light, spacious, and absolutely free from draughts, a capital rendezvous for such an event. Entries came up well, upwards of 270 specimens being on view. Quality, too, was excellent. Yorks. were the chief feature, closely followed by the Nor. The chairman is Mr. T. Dawn, a popular and liberal supporter; vice-chairman, Mr. J. A. T. Woodall, and treasurer Mr. J. W. Drabble, who have the society's interests at heart. The secretaries, Messrs. T. Bishop and R. Colton, are a brace of genuine and courteous officials. A special attraction was a table at one end of the room, graced with many valuable cups, five in all, beautifully engraved; cruets, etc.; also bottles of the best whiskey (these, we presume, are for the birds that are down in condition). Winners of cups: Messrs. Wilkinson and Elliott (Yorks.), J. G. Cowley (Nor.), G. Moore (Crests), P. Walsh (Brit.), T. Bishop (For.); sp. for best in show, Mr. A. Somerfield (yell. Greenie-Can., winner of 35 lots in open competition). Other special winners: Messrs. Wilkinson and Elliott, T. Ridal, Furniss, Tow, Woodall, Fletcher, Colton and Dawn, J. W. Drabble, Oates, Porter, Senior, Marshall, Godfrey, and Memmott. There was a goodly number of visitors present, amongst whom we noticed Mr. A. Hobson (sec. of the Sheffield C.B.S.), J. Beswick and Brother (Stockport), H. Wilkinson (Stocksbridge), and J. C. Barnes, the well-known local enthusiast. Prize money was paid out same day to all prize winners present. This progressive society has held a trio of successful exhibitions during the year, and we trust their further efforts will meet with success. Mr. J. H. Roe judged.

The Awards.

OLD BIRDS, YORKS. YELL (10): 1, 4, Wilkinson and Elliott; 2, Sampsoa; 3, H. Thorpe; vhc, Bishop; c, Drabble and Bennett. BUFF (11): 1, vhc, Furniss; 2, c, Wilkinson and Elliott; 3, Marshall; 4, Ridal; hc, Dr. Craig. MKD. (6): 1, Furniss; 2, Drabble and Bennett; 3, 4, Elshaw; vhc, Ridal; c, Dr. Craig. YELL. HEN (7): 1, hc, Wilkinson and Elliott; 2, Sampson; 3, vhc, Furniss; 4, Bainbridge; c, Johnson. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Wilkinson and Elliott; 3, Bainbridge; 4, Bunting; vhc, Thorpe; hc, Dr. Craig; c, Bishop. NOR. YELL. (7): 1, Tow; 2, Hibberson; 3, Cowley; 4, vhc, Woodall; 4, Holt; c, Marshall. BUFF (4): 1, J. and C. Scott; 2, Richinson; 3, Woodall; 4, Marshall. MKD. (4): 1, Cowley; 2, Richinson; 3, Tow; 4, Holt. YELL. HEN (3): 1, Tow; 2, Holt; 3, Hibberson. BUFF (6): 1, Cowley; 2, Richinson; 3, vhc, Woodall; hc, Holt; 4, Tow. CREST (5): 1, 3, Moore; 2, 4, Godfrey; vhc, Memmott. C.B. (4): 1, Memmott; 2, 3, Godfrey; 4, Moore. YOUNG BIRDS: YELL. YORKS. (10): 1, 2, 4, Wilkinson and Elliott; 3, vhc, Bishop; hc, Dr. Craig; c, Marshall. BUFF (8): 1, 2, Wilkinson and Elliott; 3, Ridal; 4, Drabble and Benuett; vhc, Bishop; hc, Elshaw; c, Marshall. MKD. (5): 1, Bishop; 2, Ridal; 3, Drabble and Bennett; 4, Elshaw; No. 4, Wilkinson and Elliott, w.c. YELL. HEN (8): 1, 3, Wilkinson and Elliott; 2, Dr. Craig; 4, vhc, Drabble and Bennett; hc, Ridal; c, Bishop. BUFF (9): 1, Dr. Craig; 2, vhc; Wilkinson and Elliott; 3, 4, Ridal; hc, Thorpe; c, Drabble and Bennett. YELL. NOR. (5): 1, 3, Cowley; 2, 4, Tow; vhc, Bagnall. BUFF (10): 1, Tow; 2, Bainbridge; 3, H. Woodall; 4, Bagnall; vhc, Cowley; c, Moore. MKD. (4): 1, Bainbridge; 2, Cowley; 3, Bagnall; 4, Holt. YELL. HEN (6): 1, Tow; 2, 3, Woodall; 4, Bagnall; vhc, Richinson; hc, Holt. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Cowley; 3, J. and C. Scott; 4, Tow; vhc, Woodall; hc, Bagnall. CREST (8): 1, 2, Moore; 3, Colton and Dawn; vhc, hc, Memmott. C.B. (5): 1, Moore; 2, 4, Memmott; 3, vhc, Godfrey. BRIT.: GOLDIE, ETC. (10): 1, 3, Walsh; 2, 4, c, Colton and Dawn; vhc, hc, Bishop; c, Milne. LINNET (5): 1, 2, Walsh; 3, Fletcher. GREENIE (5): 1, 2, Walsh; 3, J. and C. Scott; 4, Proctor; vhc, Milne. REDPOLL, ETC. (8): 1, hc, Fletcher; 2, vhc, 3, J. and C. Scott; 4, Walsh; c, Colton and Dawn. A.O.S. HARDBILL (5): 1, Walsh; 2, Colton and Dawn; 3, 4, Milne. INSECTIV. (8): 1, 2, vhc, Milne; 3, 4, Fletcher; hc, e. T. Bishop. MULE (5): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Somerfield; 4, Colton and Dawn. FOR. (6): 1, 2, 3, T. Bishop; 4, vhc, Turner. A.O.S. (7): 1, 2, vhc, hc, J. W. Drabble; 3, 4, Colton and Dawn. NOVICE YELL. YORKS. (6): 1, Oates; 2, Bunting; 3, Porter; 4, Webster; vhc, Turner; hc, Smith. BUFF (12): 1, Sampson; 2, Oates; 3, hc, Porter; 4, c, Webster; vhc, Proctor. MKD. (5): 1, Johnson; 2, Bunting; 3, Bates; 4, Porter; vhc, Webster. YELL. HEN (4): 1, Sampson; 2, Proctor; 3, Johnson; 4, Porter. BUFF (7): 1, Oates; 2, Smith; 3, Turner; 4, Proctor; hc, Johnson. NOR. YELL. (3): 1, Senior; 2, Marshall; 3, Sissons. BUFF (3): 1, Sissons; 2, 3, Senior. YELL. HEN (5): 1, Senior; 2, 4, Marshall; 3, Sissons.

GRIMSBY (Roller).

First annual singing contest of the Grimsby and Cleethorpes Roller C.A. held in the Adult School, Albert-street, Grimsby, on Dec. 1st and 2nd, when some excellent singing was heard. Capital arrangements were made by the secretary, Mr. W. Yardley, and his assistant, Mr. J. A. Ives, backed up by a lot of good workers. The judging was in the hands of Messrs. F. Oldroyd (Wakefield) and F. A. Lester (London), whose decisions appeared to please all. Result of draw for free gifts: 1st, 3,020; 2nd, 4,253; 3rd, 2,842.

The Scores.

CHAMP. YOUNG BIRDS (42): 1, vhc, Neugebauer, 30 points, vhc; 2, Netherwood, 28; 3, Harper, 27; 4, Roebuck, 27; 5, Wareing, 27; 6, vhc (2), hc, c, Dr. Read, 6, 26 points.; vhc, Foulds; c, Hesling. NOVICE, Y.B. (49): 1, 2, 6, Bird, 25, 23 and 21 points respectively; 3, Veen, 23; 4, vhc, hc, Ives 22; 5, vhc, hc, Christie, 5, 21; vhc, Barnett, Davis, Wilson; hc, Heaton, Maddock; c, Barnett, Heaton, Rawcliffe, Groves, Yardley. OPEN ANY AGE (18): 1, 2, 4, hc, Dr. Read, 1, 32 points, 2nd 31, 4th 28; 3, Hirst, 30; 5, Willows, 27; vhc, Kremner, Williams; c, Stolle, Groves. NOVICE A.A. (31): 1, Mrs. Williams, 25 points; 2, hc, Brown, 24; 3, Montague, 24; 4, vhc, Ives, 22; 5, Veen, 22; 6, Sagar, 20; vhc, Preston, Hunter; hc, Whistance; c, Robinson, Tomlinson. OPEN LIMIT, 22 (28): 1, Whistance, 24 points; 2, Netherwood, 24; 3, Yardley, 23; 4, Rawcliffe, 23; 5, Warcing, 23; vhc, Simpson, Walton (2); hc, Rochuck, Hesling; c, Harper, Mason.

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WALLASEY.

Wallasey and Dis. C.B.S. annual show held in the Fairhaven Institute, Seaview Road, Liscard, on Nov. 11, when some 130 exhibits turned up. Amongst these were some very high-class birds. Yorks. and Yorks. Greens were very fine indeed, and some of the very best were staged; Border Greens, too, were very nice for type and quality. Norwich were conspicuous by their absence, and we would advise fanciers in this and, indeed, all the Liverpool Dis. and Cheshire side of the Mersey, to give some attention to keeping Norwich. There is more room to win more prizes if you only take Norwich up more. The British and foreign birds were nice, but hardly so numerous as in former years. A good lot of special prizes were provided, in addition to the ordinary prizes, which made the show well worth exhibiting at. Mr. W. Young's winning buff Yorks. Green was voted a real champion, and quite the best bird in the show. Mr. Mallinson did duty as secretary, and had everything in applie-pie order. All who know Mr. Mallinson will extend their heartfelt sympathy towards him, when they hear that he is in the midst of a great domestic trouble, his wife suffering from a very severe and serious illness. We hope she will speedily recover, and so brighten once again the days of our very wholehearted fancier, Mr. Mallinson. Mr. Chas. Houlton judged, and his awards appeared to meet with general approval.

The Critique.

YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL. (7): 1, Young, grand style, clean through, a big one, too, well posted, rare carriage, neat head, wings, and tail, fine position; 2, Marlor, smaller, nice upstanding bird, good position, fine feather; 3, Edwards, larger, hardly so tight, as others when we were taking notes, good bird when tight in feather; vhc, hc, Alston; c, Cooper. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Alston, pair of grand quality, former best drawn out, both well up, good style and condition; 3, Benson, small and slim, A1 style, type, and position; vhc, Young; hc, Cooper; c, Edwards. YELL. HEN: 1, Benson, well balanced bird, grand position and feather, neat carriage and condition; 2, Edwards, nice length, A1 condition, well up to 1st; 3, Griffiths, tkd. wing, beaten slightly in condition; vhc, hc, Alston. BUFF AND CINN. MARKS (amalgamated) (6): 1, Young, cinn. varieg. cock, slim, stylish bird, grand quality and condition; 2, vhc, same owner, Young, 2nd cl. buff, very fine type, lovely quality, well up on leg; 3, Edwards, bouncing good bird, well up on leg, not quite the fineness of leaders; hc, Alston; c, Cooper. UNFLIG. YELL. (4): 1, 2, Alston, grand pair of clears, former excels in size and all-round typical properties, both in fine feather; 3, Benson, rough a bit on shoulder, otherwise as good as any in class; vhc, Cooper. BUFF (6): 1, Benson, really good cl., nice size, sweet shape, rare good quality, fine position; 2, Young, tkd. neck, fine quality, A1 condition; 3, Griffiths, very fine breedy bird, in grand feather and condition; vhc, hc, Alston; c, Cooper. SELF GREEN (8): A very good lot: 1, 3, hc, Young, leader best bird in show to-day, fine buff, lovely col., real Yorks., tight as a Java in feather, 3rd good yell., not quite the condition of winner; 2, Mallinson, very fine yell., rare col., nice type, good in feather, well posted; Nos. 1 and 2 (Benson) pair of good yellows, in very soft condition. FOUL (7): 1, Young, nice level col., softly mealed, fine type, buff; 2, Benson, yell., nice col., good shape, and carriage, gives way in condition slightly; 3, Marlor, rare length, buff, not quite so smart as leader; vhc, hc, Cooper; c, Hodgkins. YELL. HEN (6): 1, vhc, Benson, first best shape and length, both deep level col., fine feather; 2, 3, Young, self and a foul, lovely col., nice type, not big, but right type and for breeding; hc, Mallinson; c, Edwards. BUFF: 1, 2, Benson, very good pair, self and foul, both nice level col., A1 feather, tight condition, clean cut, good position; 3, Young, foul, a shade more substance, nice col. and bloom; vhc, Cooper. YELL., 1911 (6): 1, 3, Benson, a bit light under, grand col., other parts, fine type, dark legs and beak, 3rd good col. and type, a bit soft in condition; 2, Edwards, smaller, deep col., fine type; vhc, Young; hc, Marlor; c, Hodgkins. BUFF (5): 1, 2, Young, grand type and col., A1 size, excellent feather and condition, 2nd very like first, beaten only in condition; 3, vhc, Marlor, foul tail, smaller, very nice level col., good feather, nice type; hc, Benson, fine bird when tight. NON-FED YORKS.: 1, Marlor; 2, Griffiths. BORD. GREEN, ETC., YELL. (4): 1, Cooper, green self, fine type, well filled, compact jaunty bird, fine carriage and condition; 2, Edwards, self green, in good condition; 3, Woodman, cinn., nice type and carriage; vhc, Young. BUFF (4): 1, Young, very sweet shape, very smooth and level, grand quality, in tight condition; 2, Woodman, very neat, nice jaunty style; 3, Edwards, good col. and feather; vhc, Cooper. HEN (7): 1, 2, hc, Young, grand buff green and a yell green, both leaders, in splendid condition, sweet type, very jaunty; 3, Cooper, eye and wing mkd. buff, a wee bit heavy head, nice body, good feather, carriage and condition; vhc, Edwards; c, Woodman. NOVICE YORKS., CK. (5): 1, hc, Chappell; 2, Cooper; 3, Pullman; vhc, Marlow. HEN (6): 1, Chappel; 2, hc, Cooper; 3, G. Marlow; vhc, Pullman. LINNET (7): 1, Barker, best shape and markings, fine chest, good head, fine bird when brown col. comes up; 2, vhc, Woodman, grand col., good bead, long, slim body, bit nervous; 3, Cooper, nice col., good markings, beaten a trifle in shape; hc, Young; c, Griffiths. GREENFINCH: 1, Edwards, best all-round condition, medium size; 2, Barker, big bird, grand shape, has a bare place nape of neck, which kept it from being first; 3, Benson, too wild to-day. BRAMBLE, ETC: 1, Young, very fine all-round Chaffinch, in lovely feather and condition; 2, hc, Mallinson, fine Chaffinch, well up to first, and a very good shaped Bramble, plenty brown col. and markings, tail not quite in order; 3, Edwards, good Goldie, nice feather; vhc, Barker; c, Alston. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, c, Mallinson, Siskin, nat. col., grand markings and condition, nice size, bit light in cap yet; 2, 3, Barker, very pretty Redpoll and nice Twite, 2nd best feather and condition; vhc, Benson; hc, Cooper. SMALL, FOR. (6): 1, 3, Mallinson, very tight, feathered pair of Black-headed Nuns, grand deep colour throughout, 3rd fine pair of well-conditioned Cutthroats; 2, vhc, c, Barker, pair of good Silverbills, leading in splendid condition; hc, Young. GIFT. 1, Benson; 2, Young; 3, Woodman.

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REDHILL C.B.S.

First annual show held 25th Nov., Wilson's Auction Rooms. Entries were fairly good, and a nice few persons visited the show. Mr. F. Easterling judged, his awards being well received. Challenge cup for best bird in show was won by Mr. C. Wade, challenge cup for best home-fed Yorks., Miss Watney; challenge cup for best Border, Mr. A. W. Bacon; special for best British, Mr. J. Terry.

NOR. COCK, YELL.: 1, 2, Little; vhc, hc, Miss Edwards; c, Cosier, Crisp. BUFF: 1, sp., Little; 2, c, Cosier and Crisp; vhc, Wade; hc, Miss Edwards. HEN: 1, cup, vhc, Wade; 2, c, Miss Edwards; hc, Little. YORKS., YELL., COCK: 1, vhc, Roser; 2, Harris; hc, Tillett. BUFF: 1, Saunders; 2, Harris; vhc, Roser; c, Tillett. HEN: 1, sp., Harris; 2, Tillett; vhc, Hibbs; hc, Roser. BORD., YELL.: 1, sp., vhc, Bacon; 2, Marriott; hc, Hooper. BUFF: 1, cup, vhc, Bacon; 2, Marriott; hc, Hibbs; c, Hooper. HEN: 1, 2, Bacon; vhc, Marriott; hc, Saunders. A.O.V.: 1, 3, Bacon; 2, vhc, Miss Hatch; hc, c, Tuppen. YORKS., NON-FED: 1, cup, Miss Watney; 2, Roser; 3, Tillett; vhc, Harris; c, Bacon. MULE: 1, sp., hc, Bacon; 2, sp., Cosier and Crisp; 3, Miss Hatch; vhc, Hooper; c, Roser; very good class, 12 entries. GOLDFINCH: 1, sp., 2, Terry; vhc, Tuppen. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, sp., vhc, hc, Bacon; 2, Little. A.O.S.: 1, sp, vhc, hc, Bacon; 2, Little; c, Amos. HON. MEMBERS' CAN.: 1, sp., vhc, Montague; 2, Kingsland; hc, Lindsey; c, Card. FOR.: 1, sp., Montague; 2, Drummond; 3, sp., Whitmore; vhc, Mrs. Whitmore.—A. W. Bacon, hon. sec.

RUGBY & DIST. C.B.S.

Members' show held at the Geisha Assembly Rooms on Nov. 25th. Mr. J. A. Tyler (Leicester) judged, and said he thought the quality of birds better than last year. The members are to be congratulated on this show, for although the entries were not the largest in number they have had, the public patronised the event more, and a profit was made. Several young members were in the "money," and Mr. T. Martin picked up the Novice special with his Norwich yellow, and Mr. B. Pain got the British special with his Yellowhammer. Mr. J. W. Veasey, Sec. pro tem, made the necessary arrangements. At present Mr. Veasey stands first for members' special and Mr. H. Leng is runner up.

NOR. CAN., YELL.: 1, vhc, Leng; 2, Veasey. BUFF: 1, 2, Veasey; 3, hc, Labrabam. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, Leng; 2, Veasey. BUFF: 1, 2, Veasey; 3, Leng. YELL. HENS: 1, 2, Veasey; 3, Nelson. BUFF: 1, Leng; 2, Veasey; 3, Matthews. NAT. COL.: 1, Martin. NOVICE, A.V. YELL: 1, sp, Martin; 2, Barnwell; 3, Mrs. Marshall; vhc, Garrett; hc, Mathews; c, Nelson. BUFF: 1, Martin; 2, Garrett; 3, Nelson; vhc, Barnwell; hc, Heeler; c, Beet. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, Nelson; 2, 3, James. BUFF: 1, James; 2, vhc, Garrett; 3, Barnwell; hc, Mrs. Marshall; c, Skipworth. A.O.V.: 1, 3, Labraham; 2, Skipworth. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Skipworth; 2, Matthews; 3, Garrett. FOR.: 1, Garrett, pair of Cut-throats; 2, 3, hc, c, Beet, Java Sparrow, Grenadier Bishop, etc.; vhc, Labraham, Budgerigars. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: ETC.: 1, Ager, Linnet; 2, hc, Garrett, Chaffinch; 3, Labraham, Bullfinch; vhc, James, Goldfinch; c, Skipworth, Goldfinch. A.O.S. SMALL: 1, 2, c, Pain, Yellowhammer and two unflighted Greenfinches; 3, Garrett, Redpoll; vhc, Matthews, Greenfinch; hc, Garrett, Greenfinch. LARGE: 1, Labraham, Waxwing.

BARROW & DIST. C.B.A.

Annual local show held in Dalton Road School rooms on November 25th. The quality all round was very good. The entry was a record for a local show. The Borders made a fine display, and comprised some knockout birds that had won in open competitions this year. Mr. J. Dixon (Wigton) judged, and his awards were well received.

YORKS., YELL.: 1, and spl. for the best bird in section, Henderson; 2, 3, c, Currie; 4, vhc, hc, Johnson. BUFF: 1, Currie; 2, vhc, hc, Johnson; 3, Henderson. UNFLIG. (5): 1, 2, Johnson; 3, vhc, Henderson; 4, Currie; hc, West. BORD. CLASSES (8): 1, Ireland; 2, Johnson; 3, 4, vhc, Hudson; c, Large. 9: 1, 4, Ireland; 2, Johnson; 3, c, Hudson; vhc, hc, Large. 10: 1, 3, c, Large; 2, 4, Ireland; vhc hc, Hudson. 11: 1, 2, Ireland; 3, W. Willison; 4, Hudson; vhc, Fleming; hc, Large. 12: 1, Ireland; 2, 4, Fleming; 3, vhc, Large. 12: 1, 2, Hudson; 3, Fleming; 4, Ireland; vhc, Johnson; hc, Price; c, Large. 14: 1, c, W. Willison; 2, 3, hc, Wagstaff; 4, Ireland; vhc, Higgin. 15: 1, 3, W. Willison; 2, Higgin; 4, Wagstaff; vhc, Higgin. NOR. YELL.: 1, 2, 4, Johnson; 3, Wagstaff; vhc, Johnson. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, 4, Wagstaff. SCOT. FCY. YELL.; 1, 4, vhc, hc, Fleming; 2, 3, R. Willison. BUFF: 1, 2, Fleming; 3, 4, vhc, R. Willison. MULE: 1, Wagstaff; 2, Fleming; 3, vhc, hc, Bland; hc, Fryer; c, Higgin. BRIT.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Fryer.—J. Higgin.

CLITHEROE AND DIST. C.B.S.

Fourth annual show held in the National Schoolroom December 2nd. Entries totalled 120, the quality of the exhibits being very good. Cup for best unflig. Nor. won by Mr. Granger; gold medal for best unflig. bird Mr. J. Barnes also Ramsden's cruet; magnet special for best washed bird, Mr. J. Southworth; gold medal for best Brit., Messrs. Demain and Briggs. Mr. J. Southworth makes an ideal secretary, and was assisted by several hard-working stewards.

CL., YELL., NOR.: 1, 2, Barnes; 3, Grainger; 4, Lambert. BUFF: 1, Southworth; 2, Barnes; 3, Demain and Brigg; 4, Cook and Son. TKD. YELL.: 1, Grainger; 2, Bell; 3, 4, Demain and Briggs. BUFF: 1, Cook and Sons; 2, Grainger; 3, Bell; 4, Demain and Briggs. YELL HEN: 1, Grainger; 2, Bell; 3, Barnes; 4, Demain and Briggs. BUFF: 1, Grainger; 2, Demain and Briggs; 3, Lambert; 4, Southworth. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, Cook and Son; 2, Grainger; 3, 4, Barnes. BUFF: 1, 4, Southworth; 2, Grainger; 3, Lamhert. UNFLIG. YELL. CK.: 1, 3, 4, Grainger, 2, Cook and Son. BUFF: 1, Barnes; 2, 3, 4, Grainger. CK. (NAT. COL.): 1, 3, Barnes; 2, Blackburn; 4, Cook and Son. HEN: 1, Hibble; 2, Blackburn; 3, Cook and Son; 4, Coleman Bros. CREST: 1, 2, 3, Wilkinson. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, 2, Grainger; 3, Barnes; 4, Bell. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Demain and Briggs; 2, Marsh; 3, Smith; 4, Wilkinson. GOLDFINCH: 1, Wilkinson; 2, Demain; 3, Smith; 4, Coleman Bros. BULLFINCH: 1, Demain. GREENFINCH: 1, Coleman Bros.; 2, 3, Demain. LINNET: 1, Marsh; 2, Hibble; 3, Blackburn. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, Wilkinson; 2, Demain; 3, Lambert; 4, Blackburn. FOR.: 1, Blackburn.

MANY REPORTS UNAVOIDABLY CROWDED OUT.—Ed. "C.B."

ST. AUSTELL.

Annual exhibition of the St. Austell and Dis. F.A. held spacious Market House, Nov. 2nd. The entries were confined to members and Cornwall. There was a considerable falling off in numbers compared with the two previous years, probably accounted for by no specials. The total number of entries was just over 100. The staging was very well arranged and the exhibits could all be seen easily. The Norwich and Yorkshires were the strongest classes, and the feature of the show; the classes contained some good specimens of the breeds. The British bird classes, although not large, were exceptionally good, especially the large British, and the Hawfinch shown by Messrs. Stephens and Gaved was in faultless condition. Although the Hawfinch was an exceptionally good one, it was considered by many that in this class the Cornish Chough, which is without doubt one of the best ever shown in the West of England, should have had premier honours. The President (Dr. Stephens) and the general secretary (Mr. F. Rowe), who was most courteous and obliging, were backed up by an excellent committee of well-known fanciers in Messrs. T. Trevena, J. Davies, F. R. O. Mewton, W. G. Nile, J. Thomas, and A. R. Davies. Mr. R. B. Tope (Plymouth) judged.

The Critique.

NOR. CL. YELL. (5): 1, Andrew, excellent quality, neat shape, nice level col.; 2, 3, vhc, Stephens and Gaved, former nice cobby shape, good bold head, feather, and condition, grand quality, latter close up, good colour and feather, very typical. BUFF (7): 1, Collins, nice col.: and quality, good size and type; 2, 3, Stephens and Gaved, both excellent birds, grand type, good hot col., well mealed, some preferred 2nd for 1st; vhc, Andrew, some thought should have been in the money. TKD., ETC. (5): 1, 2, vhc, Stephens and Gaved, former tkd. head buff, nice chubby shape, rich silky feather, neat head, 2nd tkd. yell., good col. and feather, very typical, lovely quality; 3, D. Wille, varieg. buff, grand quality and col., good type. HEN (5): 1, Andrew, tkd. eye buff, good col., fine type and quality; 2, 3, Stephens and Gaved, former good size and quality, really smart; latter another good one, in grand condition, neat head, wings, and tail; vhc, hc, Andrew. UNFLIG. (5): 1, 2, vhc, hc, Stephens and Gaved, former varieg. buff, rare head, neck and chest, good type and col., latter lovely buff, very typical, compact wings and tail, real good one; 3, Andrew, yell., tail mkd., splendid quality, beautiful col. and feather. CREST OR C.-B. (5): 1, 2, Stephens and Gaved, former cl. buff C.-B., nice round skull, good entrance and head feather, latter dark green C.-B., not quite so good on head qualities. YORKS YELL. (5): 1, J. Thomas, very lengthy, grand type, well drawn, stands well, good position; 2, H. Wille, another good one, close up, grand shape, very typical good wing carriage and tail, 3, Stephens and Gaved, nice length and type but a trifle rough compared with winners; vhc, Andrew; hc, Boundy. BUFF (5): 1, hc, Thomas, former grand col. and quality, fine length and position, straight as a pencil, charming exhibit; 2, Wills, very racy, grand type, well drawn, stands well, lovely col. and quality; 3, Julian, very typical, good wing carriage and tail, lovely feather and quality; vhc, Stephens and Gaved. UNFLIG. (11): 1, 3, vhc, Allen, former grand yell., rare position, magnificent quality and col, latter tkd. wing buff, another taking exhibit, grand shape and feather; 2, Thomas, tkd. wing yell., good length, very typical, lovely wings and tail, nice quality; vhc, Wills; hc, Stephens and Gaved. NAT. COL. NOR. OR YORKS. (6): 1, 2, 3, Stephens and Gaved, a trio of good typical birds; vhc, Thomas; hc, Nile. PAIR, A.V. CAN. MULES OR BRIT. (5): 1, Thomas, cage of 4 even-balanced Yorks, very typical, lovely feather and quality; 2, 3, Stephens and Gaved, former cage of 4 Nor. all typical specimens in tip-top condition, latter pair Crest and C.-B.; vhc, Allen. MULE OR HYB. (6): 1, Stephens and Gaved, 3-point Goldfinch-Can., lovely col. and condition, tight as boxwood; 2, Strong, Goldfinch-Bullfinch, good feather and bloom, in nice condition; 3, Collins, light Linnet-Can., in grand feather and shown in the pink of conditon; vhc, Rowe; hc, Collins. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (5): 1, 2, Stephens and Gaved, former lovely Finch, rare blaze, clean cut, beautifully tanned and buttoned, latter another fine Finch, good size, col., well polished 3, Nile, very shapely, good quality, well tanned, nice buttons. BULFINCH, BRIT. (3): 1, 2, 3, Rowe, all good col and well staged. A.O.S. SMALL BRIT. (4): 1 Collins, Yellow Wagtail, rare size, well up in bloom, fine quality feather and well staged; 2, Thompson, grand Treecreeper, splendid feather, put down in good order; 3, Stephens and Gaved, another lovely Wagtail, well shown and in the pink of condition. A.O.S. LARGE (6): 1, Stephens and Gaved, Hawfinch, real beauty, very tame, in perfect condition, rich brown head, clear in neck, band, and wing bars, perfect bib; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Thompson, former the well-known Cornish Chough, grand size, rare bloom and col., rich col. beak and legs, in fine condition many preferred for 1st, latter Waxwing, lovely exhibit, perfect condition, staged to perfection; vhc, a grand Woodpecker, very busy, in fine fettle and condition, an exceptional class. FOR. LARGE (6): 1, Stephens and Gaved, King Parrot, in lovely plumage, very grand exhibit; 2, Hon. Constance Agar-Robartes, Hill Mynah, well shown, in grand condition, hard luck to meet winner; 3, Mann, White Cockatoo, large bird in lovely condition; vhc, Jeffrey; hc, Stocker. SMALL (5): 1, Stephens and Gaved, very handsome Diamond Finch; rest absent.

SMALLBRIDGE AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

First annual show held Dec. 2nd in St. John's School. Mr. T. Meadowcroft (Hebden Bridge) judged. Entries came up well, 85 birds being staged in 16 classes. Yorks. were a fine lot, and Nor. came up well. The show room is an ideal one, being well lighted and cosy, and we were well patronised by visitors.

YORKS. YELL. (5): 1, spl, vhc, Hartley; 2, Coupe, sen.; 3, Coupe, jun.; 4, Kershaw. BUFF (5): 1, spl, J. T. Smith; 2, Kershaw; 3, Cheetham; 4, Hollows; vhc, Miller. HEN (11): 1, spl, Lanyon; 2, c, Coupe, jun.; 3, Hollows; 4, hc, Coupe, sen.; vhc, J. Smith. YELL. UNFLIG. (5): 1, spl, Hollows; 2, Lanyon; 3, Cheetham; 4, Miller; vhc, Hartley. BUFF (5): 1, spl, 2, Coupe, sen.; 3, Miller; 4, Coupe; vbc, J. T. Smith. NOR. YELL. (5): 1, Howarth; 2, 3, spl, Cheetham; 4, J. T. Smith; vhc, Kershaw. BUFF (4): 1, spl, Kershaw; 2, Hartley; 3, Miller; 4, Coupe. BUFF (2): 1, Cheetham; 2, J. T. Smith. HEN (7): 1, spl, c, Hartley; 2, Howarth; 3, Hollows; 4, J. T. Smith; vhc, Miller; hc, Cheetham. YORKS., NOVICE (6): 1, 2, Hollows; 3, vhc, Fitton; 4, Lanyon; hc, Simpson. NOR. (7): 1, Simpson; 2, c, Hollows; 3, 4, Lanyon; vhc, hc, Hill. A.O.V. (4): 1, spl, Coupe; 2, Barlow; 3, Atkinson; 4, Lanyon. BRIT. (5): 1, spl, Howarth; 2, 4, Hartley; 3, Hill; vhc, Judson. OPEN COTTAGE, A.V. (9): 1, spl, Master Hartley; 2, Holt; 3, Mrs. Buckley; 4, Harrison; vhc, Davies; hc, Stone; c, Hoyle.—E. Hartley, Chairman.

WALTHAMSTOW F.A.

After having a very hard struggle in the sea of adversity for several years past this good old society seems to be getting on its legs again, and the show held at Trinity Schoolroom on Nov. 30th gave evidence of a new state of things. The entry was an improvement on last year, and some very nice birds were shown. Mr. Williams won the Canary Challenge Cup with a very nice Unflighted Yellow Yorkshire. Mr. Cooper, the new secretary should feel pleased that the members have responded to his call, as it is fitting they should, for he has put a lot of hard work into the society since he took over the reins of office. He was well supported by good stewards on this occasion, and everything passed off well. Mr. C. A. House judged.

YORKS., BUFF: 1, Williams; 2, Mead. UNFLIG.: 1, sp., cup, Williams. HEN: 1, Williams. Mr. Webb secured the prizes in the novice Yorkshire section with a nice team, as did Mr. Billingsley in the champion Norwich. NOVICE, NOR. YELL.: 1, Pettel. BUFF: 1, 2, Webb; 3, Pettel. UNFLIG.: 1, sp., Pettel; 2, 3, Webb. HEN: 1, Pettel; 2, Webb. LINNET: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Helens; hc, Pettel. GREEN: 1, 2, 3, hc, Hellens; vhc, Pettel. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, hc, sp., Hellens; 2, 3, Cooper; vhc, Pettel. BUNTING: 1, Hellens; 2, Cooper. HARD BILL, A.O.V.: 1, Hellens. MULES, DK.: 1, Pettel. LIGHT: 1, Mead.

WREXHAM (Central) C.B.S

A very successful show was held Dec. 2nd in the Central Hall, this being an excellent place for the purpose, with plenty of room and light. The show was under the management of that good old fancier, Mr. F. Hampson (hon sec.), assisted by a strong committee of fanciers, all anxious to make it a success. Norwich and Yorks. were well represented, but by far the best section was the latter. The hen class obtained 17 entries, and so good were they that several good typical birds had to be left cardless. Mules and British turned up well. Mr. Hampson took special for best bird with a grand typical Variegated Yellow Yorks. cock. In the Roller singing contest Mr. Pemberton's birds took all the spoils. The show proved a financial success. All specials and prize money were paid out before the close of show, and everything went off well. More new members were enrolled. Judge, Mr. T. Jones (Chester).

NOR. YELL. CK.: 1, sp., vhc, Williams; 2, F. Jones; 3, Rogers. HEN: 1, sp., Wadson; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Williams. YELL. YORKS. CK.: 1, sp., 2, best in show, Hampson; 3, vhc, c, Griffiths; hc, Rogers. BUFF: 1, sp., Wadson; 2, 3, Griffiths; vhc, Buckley; hc, c, Hampson. HEN: 1, sp., hc, c, Buckley; 2, Rogers; 3, vhc, c, Hampson; vbc, E. S. Jones; hc, Griffiths. A.O.V.: 1, sp., Wadson. LIGHT MULE: 1, sp., Rogers; 2, Hugh Jones. DARK: 1, sp., E. S. Jones; 2, 3, Hooson; vbc, Hampson. GOLDFINCH: 1, sp., 2, F. Jones; 3, Wadson; vbc, hc, Mrs. Thomas. LINNET: 1, sp., 2, Hooson; 3, F. Jones; vhc, Mrs. Thomas; hc, Owen. A.O.V., HARDBILL: 1, sp., hc, Hooson; 2, Buckley; 3, vhc, Mrs. Thomas. SOFTBILL: 1, Hampson. FOR.: 1, sp., J. Jones; 2, 3, vhc, Mrs. Thomas; hc, Buckley. ROLLER CAN.: 1, sp., 2, 3, vhc, Pemberton; bc, Woodline; c, Owen.

ROTHERHAM C.B.S.

Annual show held Dec. 2nd, Mail Coach Inn, Wellgate, a very suitable place for the purpose. Entries were not as large as was expected, only totalling 90 birds in 20 classes. Mr. T. Twigg won the Norwich cup with a ticked yellow Nor., and Mr. W. Bagnall the Yorks. cup with a clear buff Yorks. Mr. F. Gregory (Sheffield) judged.

CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Bagnall; 2, Stringer. BUFF: 1, spl, Bagnall; 2, 3, Brotherton; 4, Stringer. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, Brotherton; 3, Stringer; 4, Thompson. BUFF: 1, vhc, Stringer; 2, Thompson; 3, 4, Brotherton. VARIEG.: 1, Brotherton; 2, Thompson. YORK., NOV.: 1, 3, Smith; 2, 4, Thompson. CL. YELL. NOR.: 1, 2, Bagnall; 3, vhc, Twigg; 4, Bailey. BUFF: 1, 2, Twigg; 3, Bailey; 4, vhc, Bagnall. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, spl, Twigg; 2, Bagnall. BUFF: 1, Bagnall; 2, Twigg. VARIEG.: 1, Bagnall; 2, 3, Twigg; 4, Bailey. OLD BIRDS.—YORKS. CK.: 1, Brotherton; 2, 3, Stringer. HEN: 1, Brotherton; 2, Stringer; 3, Smith; 4, vhc, Thompson. YORKS. NOVICE: 1, 2, 3, 4, Thompson. NOR. CK.: 1, Bagnall; 2, c, Stringer; 3, vhc, Ducker; 4, hc, Bailey. HEN: 1, Ducker; 2, Bailey; 3, Strafford; 4, Bagnall; vhc, Twigg; hc, Stringer. NOR. NAT. COL.: 1, Bagnall; 2, vhc, Bailey; 3, Strafford; 4, hc, Turner. NOR. NOVICE: 1, 2, 3, 4, Strafford. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, 2, 3, 4, Thompson.—B. Bailey, Sec.

WOMBWELL AND DIST. B.F.A.

Members' second annual show held Dec. 2nd in the Wesleyan Reform Schoolroom, Hoyland St., nine members staging 110 birds, chiefly Canaries. This is an increase of 24 exhibits over our last show. Mr. Brotherton (Rotherham) judged, and his awards were well received. Mr. M. E. Hinchcliffe won both cups for most points, and Mr. C. Humphreys won special for 2nd most points. In conjunction with the show a scholars' drawing competition was held, confined to local schools, and 150 drawings were displayed—a credit to both the scholars and their teachers. Messrs. Dean and Hinchcliffe judged the drawings, and they did remarkably well. The drawings of Albert Senior, age 10, Richard Bishop, age 12, and Helena Spooner, age 12, are worthy of note, owing to the clearness of colour. There were also many drawings worthy of a prize, but the limited number of prizes did not allow us to give more than eight. Mr. Robinson, J.P., C.C., opened the show, and made a very encouraging speech.

CL. YELL. YORKS., CK.: 1, 2, Malpass; 3, Firth; vhc, hc, Scargill. BUFF: 1, 3, Firth; 2, vhc, Scargill; hc, Malpass; c, Humphreys. MKD. BUFF: 1, 3, Scargill; 2, hc, Humphreys; vhc, Malpass; c, Dean. YELL.: 1, 2, Scargill; 3, Firth; vhc, Malpass; hc, Humphreys. CL. YELL. HEN: 1, Dean; 2, Humphreys; vhc, Scargill; 3, Firth. BUFF: 1, Malpass; 2, Firth; 3, Humphreys; vhc, Scargill. MKD. YELL.: 1, 3, Humphreys; 2, Dean; vhc, Firth; hc, Malpass. BUFF.: 1, Firth; 2, Malpass. CL. YELL. NOR.: 1, 2, Hinchcliffe. BUFF: 1, Hinchcliffe; 2, vhc, Lister; 3, Scargill. MKD. YELL. CK.: 1, Hinchcliffe; 2, vhc, Lister; 3, Humphreys. BUFF: 1, 2, vhc, Hinchcliffe; 3, Lister. CL. BUFF, HEN: 1, 2, Hinchcliffe; 3, vbc, Lister. MKD. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, Hinchcliffe; vhc, Lister. BUFF: 1, 3, vhc, Hinchcliffe; 2, Lister; c, Humphreys. CAN., A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, Humphreys. LINNET: 1, Hinchcliffe; 2, Lister; 3, Humphreys; vhc, Dean; hc, Hudson. BULLFINCH, ETC.: 1, 2, 3, Lister; vhc, Humphreys; hc, Firth; c, Hudson. BRAMBLE, ETC.: 1, Hudson; 2, Lister; 3, Moores; vhc, Firth. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, Humphreys; 2, vhc, Dean; 3, Moores. BUNTINGS: 1, 3, Hudson; 2, vhc, Dean. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, Firth; 2, Dean; 3, Moores; vhc, Lister; hc, c, Hudson. LARGE SOFTBILL: 1, 2, Dean; 3, Moores. SMALL: 1, Moores; 2, Humphreys.—J. Hudson, Sec.

Light Mules:
IS CANARY OR FINCH RESPONSIBLE?

Useful "Tips" from a Breeder of 25 years' experience.

By J. B. MOORE (Whitehaven).

I have always fancied Mules, or Hybrids. The first bird I ever exhibited was a Dark Yellow Goldie-Canary mule of my own breeding. I showed him in the cage he lived in at home, one 20in long and almost as high, and well whitewashed out inside. Though that is now over 25 years ago, I still remember the satisfied feeling I had when the late Mr. G. Barnesby, of Derby, who judged the Canary section of the show, awarded him hc. After that, both this bird and myself improved in our exhibition career, and during the four seasons I showed him afterwards he succeeded in winning many prizes.

A "Right Sort of Finch."

After reading much of what has been said concerning Mule and Hybrid breeding, one side of the subject appears to me to be very much neglected, or else it is not considered of sufficient importance, and that is the influence of the sire, especially in light Mule breeding. I know I tread on delicate ground, in departing from the better known method, viz., breeding with sib-bred Canary hens, but from what I know personally, I think there is something in the plan I recommend, especially if you get the right sort of Finch, that is, one with a certain amount of light blood or "albinism" in him. Any fancier who has had much to do with British birds, knows that every now and again you come across one, say a Linnet that has several white feathers on it —maybe lightly ticked on top of head, or with light feathers in wings or tail.

I know of one at present, a fine house-moulted bird, that has two outside flight feathers in one wing pure white. I remember some lightly marked Linnet Mules being bred one season, by an old breeder, sired by one particular Linnet. Unfortunately for the owner, while cleaning out the cage one day the Linnet escaped, and though other Linnets were put up with the hen Canary, and young ones bred and reared, not another light one could he get, thus proving in that case that the Linnet was the source from which the light feathering came. Other breeders of my acquaintance swear by the Finch. One, a very successful present-day breeder of light Mules, says: "Give me the right Finch, and you can keep your sib-bred Canaries."

Correct Condition Essential.

Very little that is original can be said regarding the method of pairing and of feeding to enable you to get your birds into breeding condition. Linnets can be got into tip-top order much sooner than Goldies, as a rule, though I have no doubt there are exceptions. I have known Linnet Mules in January. The secret appears to be to feed so as to have your Finches well forward, or, as described by Linnet contest-singers, with some "pride" on them. I recommend anyone going in for Mule breeding to get the birds at the back end of the year. It enables you to feed as you think correct, and so gradually get them accustomed to one another, and also into proper order by the latter end of April, which, if the season is in any way an open one, is early enough for pairing up in earnest. In addition to the regular Finch seed mixtures, I have found that one of the finest conditioners, as a seed, is dandelion seed, or as we call them, liver white-tops, given either freshly gathered or dry. In the latter case, you require to gather them the season before, and dry them, then store by in a tin for future use. To ensure a nice supply, you require to gather a large number of tops, I can assure you. To those who are not favourably situated for gathering them, the advt. columns of our paper, CAGE BIRDS, always offer an opportunity of getting what is required.

"Tips" on Feeding and Pairing.

I also find that the Finches are very fond of lettuce seed. A very little of this, say twice a week, helps them wonderfully. Some writers advise, or prefer, German rape seed for Linnets, but all Linnet men of my acquaintance swear by the black or English rape, in addition to the canary and linseed. Goldies care nothing for rape seed, either English or German. Give them canary, hemp and teazle, and a few cracked sunflower seeds every two or three days, and, as an extra, a little thistle seed occasionally—not too much or often, or they will refuse their regular feed, and thereby go off altogether. Linnets also like a few cracked sunflower seeds. In addition to conditioning them, it helps wonderfully to steady them. Greenfinches would live entirely on sunflower, and providing you keep them in a good roomy cage, it will do them no harm.

In choosing your Canary hens for breeding, either for light or dark Mules, don't be persuaded into the idea that anything will do, so long as it is big enough, but try to get the shapeliest finest-feathered yellow hens of the Norwich type you can find for either love or money, and young birds (of the previous year) for choice. Get them into the best possible health and condition. Give them a good roomy cage, a double-breeder for choice. It will simplify your work, as thereby you can run the Finch into the empty end while the hen is hatching. Some Finches are very troublesome, and not to be trusted when eggs are about Others, again, I have had that are all right, and as useful in a breeding cage as a good feeding cock Canary.

Give your pairs as good a position in your room as you possibly can, one where they can get the early sun, and don't disturb them too much. I have taken eggs out as laid and also left them in, and had good results either way. If possible at all get to know your birds' disposition or temper, and you can work accordingly. When the young ones arrive let the mother have, in addition to the seeds, freshly gathered leaves of the dandelion, chick weed, shepherds purse, etc., also egg food freshly made, three times a day. Mine have their first feed about 5.30 a.m., and generally do well, but as I have to be up early, this arrangement suits us both.

Very few fresh Mules turn up on the show bench. Why it should be so I don't know, as this is a most interesting pursuit. There is no royal road to success, and you never know what is going to turn up.

HIDDEN BIRDS: OUR XMAS PUZZLE



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Competitor's Name and Full Address.....

One Guinea (Cash) for the Reader who Successfully Solves It.

The six drawings seen above are pictorial representations of the names of six well-known birds, Canaries, British, and Foreign. We offer a cash prize of One Guinea to the reader who correctly fills in the names of these birds in the spaces provided underneath the pictures. All competitors must observe the following conditions or their efforts will be disqualified.

THE RULES TO BE OBSERVED.

(1) The names of the birds must be clearly written in the spaces provided.

(2) Only one name must appear in each space.

(3) Competitors can send in two or more attempts, but each attempt must be made on a separate form cut from a copy of CAGE BIRDS.

(4) The name and address of the sender must in all cases be given in full.

(5) In case of two or more competitors guessing the six birds correctly, their names will be written on slips of paper, the latter placed in a hat, and one slip drawn out by some independent person, and the name appearing on the slip so selected shall be the name of the winner of the guinea prize.

(6) All solutions must reach us on or before Friday, December 29th next, or they will be too late to compete.

(7) Entries are accepted only on the understanding that the Editor's decision shall be final.

NOTE.—In the unlooked for event of no competitor correctly guessing the six birds, the prize will go to the competitor whose form gives the greatest number correct (subject to rule 5 in case of tie or ties).

The Young Naturalist.

Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given weekly for the best three anecdotes about birds written on postcards. Competitors must be under sixteen years of age, and state when stories are taken. Two stars indicate the Winning Contribution, one star the runners-up.

The Artful Rook.

There was once a Rook which lived near a railway station. He flew down, having seen a biscuit on the line, and two porters were near. He hid the biscuit under a stone until they had got out of sight; then he flew down, moved the stone away, and got his food; and he flew off home with it to his little ones and fed them with the biscuit.—Sent by Nora Sleep, aged 13, 10, Oakfield Terrace, Plymouth.

*Not Easily Frightened.

A short time ago I was sent to a friend of my father's, and I saw a shabby old dead Rook. On asking why he had it, he told me it was hung in a field to scare birds away. When it decayed a pair of Wrens had built their nests in the old Rook's crop, and laid their eggs and brought up their young ones till they were able to fly. Then he took the old carcase and the nest home to keep as a curio.—Gladys Parsonson (aged 12), 21, North Hill, Colchester.

**The Stolen Starling.

An old huntsman named Maurice had a trained Starling which, if its master said: "Starling, where are you?" would answer: "Here I am." This bird was a delight to a boy living near. One day when he came to see it the old huntsman was not in the room. The boy caught it, put it in his pocket, and was moving towards the door when in came Maurice, who, thinking it would please the child, called as usual: "Starling, where are you?" and the Starling, from its hiding place in the boy's pocket, cried with all its might: "Here I am!" (Taken from "Chatterbox.")—Sent by Edith Gregory (aged 12), 7, Argyle Terrace, Westoe, South Shields.

*A Canary and a Dog.

A lady had a pet Canary which one day escaped from the house and was lost. Several days passed, and she never expected to see it again. To her surprise, her dog walked into the house with the Canary in his mouth. He put the bird into his mistress's hands without harming a single feather. (Taken from "My True Story-book of Animals.")—Sent by A. Clements (aged 12), 259, Church Road, Leyton.

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Catching Bramblefinches, Hawfinches, etc.

Sir,—Could any of your numerous readers of CAGE BIRDS kindly inform me how to catch Bramblefinches, Hawfinches, etc. I should be much obliged for any information given.

SUNBEAM.

A Twenty Years' Trial of Cock Bullfinch and Cock Chaffinch.

Sir,—As an "old hand" at the most interesting and fascinating hobby of Hybrid breeding, I was extremely glad to see that a cross has again been got from the hen Chaffinch, and by the same able hand that produced the Bramble-Chaffinch. I expect this Green-Chaffinch has been bred in an aviary out of doors, where, I think, we shall yet see both the cock Chaffinch and cock Bullfinch become the male parents of Hybrids. I have never as yet had the chance of having a large outdoor aviary to try these two male birds, but I have had over twenty years' hard trying in large cages indoors, but have never been able to get fertile eggs.

HYBRID.

Do Large Eggs Produce the Largest Birds?

Sir,—Looking through some old notes of breeding experiences, I found one concerning variations of the size of eggs. I then had up two pairs of Norwich. One pair were small in size, and the other pair were large birds, the hen being very large. I quite expected I should get from this hen some large eggs, but quite the opposite was the result. From the other pair, the hen which was small laid a very large egg indeed—especially so from so small a bird; in fact, she was like a Border of the present day. I watched the results of the young from these eggs to see if a large egg made any difference in the size of the young one. I found out from experience that the larger egg made no difference, the smaller egg producing young quite as large. This took place some twenty years ago. Nearer to the present day, I also recorded a case of Lizards; two pairs I had up. One of these pairs had small eggs, and the other pair large ones. The young from them came about normal, nothing to choose between them in size. So I think there is nothing in it as regards the young being larger from the larger egg. Perhaps some your readers and noted breeders may have noticed a difference in this large and small egg question.

OLD BREEDER.

The Chortle of an Anti-colourfoodite.

Sir,—Please allow me through your valuable paper to ask Mr. Johnson if he will kindly give his method of colour-feeding, as I can assure him there are many working men who would only be too pleased to know how to reduce the cost of colour-feeding to such a low price.

W. RATCLIFF.

Sir,—The "chortle" of Mr. S. Stephens, containing, as it does, the slur at Canary fanciers, is evidence that he is a British bird man. No doubt he believes in feeding his birds on their natural food, and therefore uses Spanish canary, German rape, Dutch hemp, etc.; one might go on until practically the whole of the seed list was exhausted. Privet and black berries are good in the autumn for improving the colour—of the cage? Natural foods, forsooth! In the winter, too, he uses meal worms, apples, watercress, French lettuce, etc., all of which are foreign to his British birds. Yet he objects to the fruit capsicum being used. Prejudice! Mind you, no one says he must use it, and there is no secret how to use it, should he want to do so. He says it is necessary to "produce a colour that is entirely unnatural." Not at all. It is a question of fancy, and some day he will be able to appreciate a "well fed bird." Let me advise him to see his "mad" friend and try some of the "chemical" on his Greenfinches. If not too proud to accept a tip from a Canary fancier, I can put him on a good thing to improve the blaze of his Goldfinches. Let him go to a prominent exhibitor, one who produces those "balls of fire," and ask him as a favour to let him have —(come up closer, Mr. Stephens, I want to whisper it!)—some red-mite.

ANOTHER MADMAN.

Sir,—I do not see the use of tearing each other to pieces in our letters. Surely if the non-fed bird is so dear to our hearts, we have the remedy in our own hands? Why not form a Natural-colour Society (Norwich and Yorkshires combined)? Then we might do something to get show secretaries or committees to give us more classes. Of course, we cannot say that colour feeding is the cause of non-sitting and non-feeding birds. Where do the Crests come in? Let anybody try to breed with good-class Crested stock without feeders and he will find himself very little "forrarder" at the end of the season. We all know there are good and bad feeders in all varieties. We must look to ourselves for the cause of some of their shortcomings. Some fanciers can get the most stubborn hens to feed, while others say: by a little skilful attention they could have had a most successful breeding season. It would be very interesting if some fanciers would let us know how many young they could rear by colour-feeding in the nest. Some will say there is no need to, yet the tail and flights would look better. But would fanciers rear enough? Would the colour-food not be too strong for their little "hearts," let alone their livers. The novice goes to a show. "Oh! ain't they nice My birds ain't like that; I shall have to go to So-and-So's." Well, he goes. "I say, Mr. ——, how much for that one and this one?" "Oh, that one is ten shillings; this one is colour-fed, so is fifteen shillings." Sold again, and got the money! Of course, you *must* colour-feed. Don't you see there is money in it?

J. SPARKES.

Should Birds be "Novices" as Well as Exhibitors?

Sir,—A word on that vexed question, the novice. I would like there to be a proper understanding between all exhibitors and show committees. In my opinion a novice should not mean exhibitors alone, but the exhibits also, and the latter should only be allowed to compete as unflighted birds, and all classes be limited to say £3. Then the novice would be able to buy himself a very good stock bird that would be young and healthy. I think it would be an advantage to all, and would certainly stop a lot of fraud that goes on with a lot of exhibitors. The £3 limit is a very good price for any novice exhibit, and the exhibitor who buys his birds for, say, £5 to £10 to win in novice classes would certainly give over showing, and make room for the more enterprising exhibitor. And if the exhibitor breeds the bird himself, and the bird was claimed, the money would come in very handy to pay his seed bills and expenses, especially if he were a working man fancier. The competition would be more equal. I would make the rule read :"A novice is one who has not won more than one first in champion or three firsts in novice classes. All birds to be unflighted, and the bird not to have won in open competion, and to be debarred from winning more than two firsts in novice classes. All classes to be limited to £3 or less, as the committee think fit."

NOVICE.

Can Exhibitors be Novices for Ever?

Sir,—I agree with your correspondent, "Sub Rosa." It seems to me that an exhibitor can be a novice for ever. What is the meaning of an open novice class? I happened to visit Sheffield Show on Saturday, and was surprised to see a certain exhibitor winning in the novice Yorkshire classes. The Sheffield rule reads: "A novice is one who has not won one first in open or three firsts in open novice classes." But I was more than surprised to hear on good authority that I could not successfully object to this particular exhibitor, as earlier in the afternoon a complaint was made to the secretary, who said his society's definition of the rule did not include £5 5s. limit classes. Why did they not state that in their schedule? Now I contend that a class open to the United Kingdom comes under the head of an open novice class, even though it is a £5 5s. limit. I should like to see a more able pen than mine take this up and have it cleared up. If your readers will notice the Sheffield report, they will see the four novice classes contained one hundred birds, an average of twenty-five per class, while in the open, seven classes only, ninety-nine birds were shown, an average of fourteen per class. I think your readers will agree that the competition is keen enough in the novice classes without having to compete with those who, in my opinion, are not eligible.

INTERESTED.

Canary Farming in the Open Air.

Sir,—In answer to Mr. A. Blaxall, re "Canary Farming in the Open Air," I wish to say that during the breeding season I find my birds do not go to nest before April—not so soon as they would in cages in the house, as I use no lamp, fire, or artificial heat whatever. In the summer I never close the door of the house where they sleep, only in winter at night. When I see my birds begin to nest I have some thick broom bushes put in the ground and a piece of tin or a sack put on the wire outside, just where the bush comes, to keep the rain off. When the little ones are in the nest I nail a few nest-boxes in cosy corners. I supply them with plenty of building material. The latter is the great secret of breeding in the open, for if you do not they rob the others that are sitting, and so destroy their eggs. About 9.30 a.m. I grate two eggs and four large biscuits, mix together, and put into a pudding plate. Then I give them a good supply of seed in another pudding plate, and put them both just inside the house, for fear it may rain. I give plenty of green food, which I throw upon the ground in the run or flight. I also give them four large saucers of water (round saucers, such as are used to put flower pots in), in which they bathe freely; they used to drink as I put the water in fresh each morning. I do not feed them any more that day. From the outside I can watch them build. Should Mr. A. Blaxall require any more information I shall be glad to give it.

A Hybrid Problem.

British Young from Foreign Parents.

Sir,—It certainly does seem absurd that a pair of birds for Hybrid breeding should be wrong-classed when, even at the same show, a Hybrid from the same pair may win a first in a class for Hybrids between two British birds. I well remember a few years back a friend of mine getting into conversation with Mr. J. Williams, the enthusiastic Hybrid breeder, who at that time owned so wonderful a Goldie-Bullie that was a credit to both owner and breeder. This was at Manchester Show about four years back, and the conversation drifted from general Hybrid topics to this particular bird's eligibility to compete in that class under the heading of "Hybrid from two British Birds." Of course, it was well known that the Hybrid was bred from Siberian parents on both sides, neither the owner nor the breeder making a secret of the fact; indeed, I think the breeder had made it known through the Fancy Press how it was bred. This friend of mine was at that time an enthusiastic Hybrid breeder himself, and I happen to know that had the bird been again exhibited at Manchester he would have laid down a protest against it, not with any prejudice, but merely as a test case, and partly for sport. Given a committee of sensible men, there could only have been one result; the protest must have been upheld, for to admit a bird into a class for Hybrid bred from British birds that was admittedly bred from Siberian parents is, as Teddy Payne would say, "absoballylute ignorasiousness." Anyhow, that was its last appearance at Manchester, or, I think, at any show, and I have not seen this grand bird since, worse luck! The whole matter provides food for thought for the N.B.B. and M.C., and they would be doing a duty to the Fancy generally were they to legislate on the question.

SUB ROSA.

The Mishap at Stoke-on-Trent Show.

Sir,—I have read carefully the letters of Messrs. J. P. Leeming and A. Wellings, and in reply desire to say that it was not my intention to cast any reflection on the truthfulness of either Mr. Wellings or Miss Bibby (to whom I apologise for addressing her as "Mr."). I also wish to say that it was a mistake on my part, and I regret if my letter has caused either Miss Bibby or Mr. Wellings any annoyance. In respect to that portion of Mr. Leeming's letter which says "unlike myself, he prefers to mind his own business," I can hardly agree with it, as it looks to me as if he is now minding Mr. Wellings's business, and I think our worthy friend is quite capable of attending to his own affairs without outside help. In conclusion, I cannot resist replying to Mr. A. Wellings's remark that he "hopes I have not fallen out of the trap." No, no, Mr. Wellings; I hasten to assure you that I have not fallen out of the trap, for the simple reason that I was most careful not to get into one when I had promised to go to Preston Show without fail. Otherwise I might have experienced a similar mishap, and thereby disappointed my friends by not turning up. That you are completely recovered from your injuries is the sincere wish of

JOHN ENGLAND.

Sir,—Five weeks have now passed, and we are still without an explanation from Mr. Wellings re his failure to keep his appointment to judge at the above show. True, we have learned that E. Bibby is a young lady, of which fact we were not aware, and I hasten to apologise for referring to her as a person. Knowing now that Miss Bibby is of the gentler sex, I will accept her statement without further proof that Mr. Wellings was thrown out of the trap, so that I hope Miss Bibby will we want an answer to the questions I put to Mr. Wellings in your issue of Dec. 2, and just to show that I am not quite "empty" yet, I would like to ask him what would have been our position if we had not been able to get the two local gentlemen to judge the birds for us? I do not think any show committee has ever been placed in such a position. Also, did Mr. Wellings really intend coming on the Friday, as per Miss Bibby's letter, had I not wired him not to come? Mr. Wellings's abilities as a judge are undoubted (except, perhaps, by Mr. Bayley), but if he intends to place his services at the disposal of show committees in the future, he cannot afford to lose the confidence of fanciers, and in my opinion it is undoubtedly to his own interests that he should clear himself of any suspicion of negligence.

J. PITCHFORD.

Hon. sec., Stoke-on-Trent Show.

Sir,—I think Mr. Wellings is very unfair to the exhibitors who entered their birds under him at Stoke Show. He promised to give an account of the mishap in your last issue, but it seems to me because Mr. Pitchford has not given him his full mind, he intends to wait till he gets all the evidence he can, so that he can frame his reply accordingly. Now Mr. Wellings should reply at once, and prove that it could not be helped, because there is an explanation due to all the exhibitors from him. We all know one judge differs from another, and there is no doubt the prizes would have been altered had Mr. Wellings judged the birds. When a man is choosing his birds to show, the first thing he generally does is to see who the judge is, and enter those birds which he thinks will suit that particular judge's fancy. It is very annoying to find that your birds have been judged by another judge, for had you known you would probably have sent other birds. Besides, there is the trouble of washing and preparing; therefore you are practically robbed of your entry fee. Mr. Wellings does not even let the committee know anything till it is too late to do justice to the exhibits, and, as we know, it was so very late in the day before the secretary could arrange with another judge that even the latter could not do justice to himself. I very much question if the exhibitors were so minded whether they could not claim their entry fees back, because they entered their birds under Mr. Wellings and not Mr. Bate or Mr. Tams. I also think that the Stoke committee could claim damages from Mr. Wellings to the extent of their loss. Mr. Wellings seems trying to look on this matter as if it is nothing to disappoint about a hundred exhibitors, and I, as an exhibitor, feel there is an explanation due to me, and others.

C. J. ROBINSON.

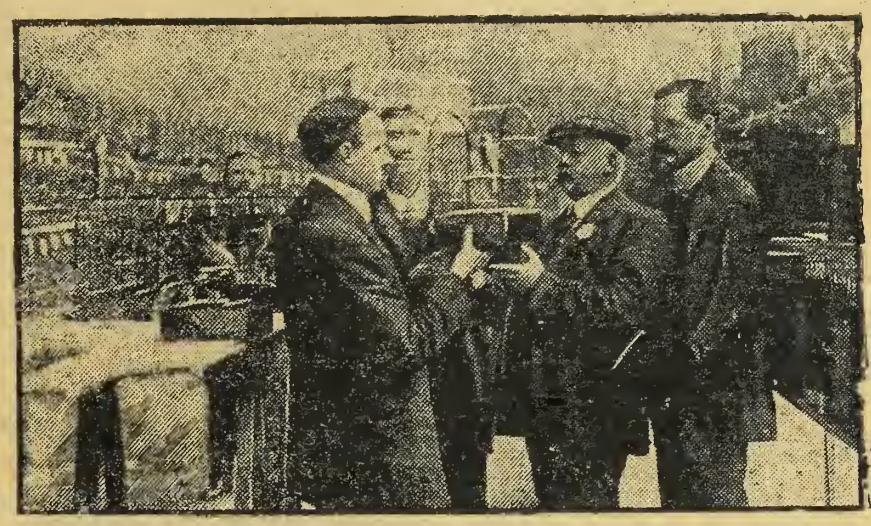


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Northern Lovers of the Yorkshire Canary.

Left to right: Mr. T. C. Crawhall (chairman N.Y.C.C.), Mr. R. Tindale (sec. N.Y.C.C.), Mr. W. Mundell (judge), and Mr. J. E. Atkinson (sec. Newcastle C.B.S.); in back-ground, Mr. C. G. Petterson. Taken at Newcastle Show.

Nuthatches that Visit the House.

Sir,—I read about Nuthatches retiring to the woods now for food because they are such shy birds in CAGE BIRDS of Nov. 24, so I wonder if any of your readers would be interested to know that two birds of that kind come and feed from boxes put outside my window filled with monkey nuts and cake crumbs and hemp seed. They do not mind if you go quite close when they are feeding, and sometimes they come inside after the food, even if I am in the room. I think these are rather the exception, as they feed only a few yards from the High Street of this little town (Lymington), though the back of the house, where they come, is quite country-fied. I am now trying to get them to come to the front, but so far they have not done so, although Tits of all kinds come. All the other birds are terrified of them, even Sparrows, and they soon clear quite a crowd of Sparrows off with two or three pecks. They go away about the end of April, and come again towards the middle of October. They nested in a garden further up the street last year.

(MISS) D. E. PITHIE.

A New Cage Bird Society for Cambois and District.

Sir,—Fanciers in Cambois and district will be pleased to learn that a new cage bird society has been formed. It was decided to hold another meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 20, at 7.30, in the Cambois Institute. All fanciers are invited to this meeting.

JOSEPH ELLIOTT, hon. sec.
4, Mawburn Terrace, Cambois.
GEO. HUTCHINSON, assist. sec.

Yorkshires at Doncaster Show.

Sir,—I see that one of your correspondents enquires as to the ownership of certain birds exhibited at Doncaster Show. The birds were mine. I may say that the only reason why the cages had parts of luggage labels tied on was that at the time of sending I had not received the cage labels from the show secretary. I wrote a note explaining the matter and put it in box with birds, and fully expected the officials would have taken off the luggage labels and put fresh ones on. I got the proper labels first post after sending birds.

J. THOMAS.

A Cure for Colds and Asthma Wanted.

Sir,—I have been for a considerable time trying to find out the best cure for cases of severe colds and asthma. Almost weekly different prescriptions are given, and I do not doubt that in many instances complete restoration to health has resulted. Unfortunately, in one or two cases I have not been successful. I have a bird now which I have been trying to cure for a friend, which is panting and wheezing nearly all day long. Would it be asking some of our noted breeders too much to give their modus operandi, which I am sure would be appreciated by many who delight in seeing their birds in a perfect state of health?

C. K. EATON.

Foreign Birds at Plymouth Show.

Sir,—Seeing in CAGE BIRDS about the foreign birds at the recent L.C.B.A. Show, I have been wondering why, at the recent bird show at Plymouth, we had not the pleasure of seeing any such variety of foreign birds—only six: three African Greys, one Cockatoo, one Amazon, and one Parrakeet. A good show of Canaries and Mules, etc., may be very interesting, but one wants variety, and so many beautiful foreign birds are kept in various towns that surely some might be sent to Plymouth if good prizes were offered. Fond as I am of Canaries and keeping and rearing them (for my own pleasure, not for sale), I like variety, and so do others, I find, too. I am glad to see some people are against colour-feeding. I hope the ugly red birds will one day be a fancy of the past. Nothing is more lovely than the beautiful yellow and buff Canaries, not cayenne colour, a horrible colour that Nature never intended for Canaries. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success, as it is such a good bird paper.

F. B.

[Our correspondent is seemingly unaware of the fact that the Plymouth Society offers 22s. per class in prize-money for an entry fee of 1s. 6d.—a ratio which for liberality is exceeded by none and equalled by few of our present-day shows.—Editor.]

What Causes Short Entries?

Sir,—Mr. A. J. Dazeley states that he made application to the secretaries of Royal Windsor and Derby shows for schedules. I never received an application from anyone of the name "Dazeley," but I notice your correspondent rather wonders if he omitted to stamp his application card. Perhaps he is a little forgetful, and I now conclude that the card I received on Nov. 11, 1911, must have come from him. Postmark, Godalming, 12.30 p.m., Nov. 10.—E. A. Stickland, 36, Alma Road, Windsor.—"Dear Sir,—Please forward me schedule of your show and oblige." Now, readers, answer this riddle for me: "Who is the writer and where does he live?" Neither name nor address is given, so what secretary can be blamed if he does not send the applicant a schedule? If the card did not come from Mr. Dazeley it may be some comfort to him to know that he is not the only one who makes mistakes when applying for show schedules.

E. A. STICKLAND.

Sir,—In reading the letters which appear from time to time with reference to show management, and especially those lately about short entries, I often wonder if the writers have ever had any practical experience of show management and what it costs to run a show. Anyone would think that secretaries and committees run them for their own good and pecuniary advantage, instead of it being the other way about, and in the end, after months of hard work, anxious thought, and much worry, having to put their hands in their pockets to make good a deficiency on the balance sheet. There are very few shows where the entry fees cover the cost of the prize-money paid out, even on the half principle, and if the suggestion of Mr. Morgan was carried out, viz., 1s. each entry, or four for 3s. (9d. each), the societies adopting that would never be heard of after the first year, unless it was in the bankruptcy court. I know it is very disappointing and annoying to exhibitors to only receive half prize-money, but they only have themselves to blame. At a certain well-known show last year an exhibitor made three entries, but the next day sent a postcard cancelling them, as he had noticed the rule of only half prize-money under a certain number of entries. I suppose the society, having once received the entries, need not have returned them, but this was courteously done. This year, in order to encourage this exhibitor and others like him, full prize-money was guaranteed in the section, with the result—a loss. One class contained two entries; fees 3s., prize-money paid 15s., net loss 12s.! Had the classes been decently filled it would have been an encouragement to the society to again guarantee full prize-money in that section, and probably in others. Personally I think the real causes of short entries are the excessive number of shows for one thing and also the poor classification given by many. I should say there are three to four times the number of shows held now to what there were ten years ago, and although the Fancy has grown enormously, there are not enough exhibitors in it to support all. Another thing is the clashing of dates, which, with so many fixtures, is practically unavoidable. I think if Messrs. Morgan and Dazeley could look over the balance sheets of some of our cage bird societies they would be surprised.

A. S. TREASURE.

Sec., Cheltenham C.B.S.

A Scottish Grievance.

Sir,—A cause, in my opinion, is the unjust charge for model cards in Scotland. Many years ago a large substantial model (by Ritchie) was hung on the cage of the first four birds (while often model cards were given free to winners of specials), and only 1s. charge made for the first three models in each class, the fourth getting a model free. The present model cards were introduced to be "easier" on the exhibitor, at 6d. each; but now most of our shows charge 1s. each for them! Let me illustrate a sample of my wins this season: Three entries, 4s. 6d.; rail fare for birds to and from show, 2s.; total, 6s. 6d. Awards, second in a class of six entries, get 3rd prize money, 2s. 6d.; third in a well-filled class, prize money, 2s. 6d.; fourth in a well-filled class, a v.h.c. ticket. Total cash won, 5s.; deducted for two model cards, 2s.; balance to the exhibitor, 3s. That is, the committee claim 2s. from 5s. for two model cards that very few have any fancy for! This year it has cost me about 6s. per week for rail fare for my birds, which I certainly grudge, but it has cost me more for model cards, which serve little or no purpose, but are a very unnecessary and expensive item.

YELLOW GREEN.

Goldfinches and Plain Canary Seed.

Sir,—I remember seeing in your valued paper CAGE BIRDS, some time ago a letter recommending the feeding of Goldfinches on a diet of plain canary seed only. I think it would be interesting to have the opinions of your readers on the above subject, seeing that the majority of fanciers advise a mixed seed diet, which your correspondent condemns.

C. A. E. GATEHILL.

Can Novices and Champions Reside Together?

Sir,—In the novice classes at Wandsworth Show I find a person showing who is clearly not entitled to do so. It is generally accepted in the cage bird world that where two persons are showing from the same address, if one of them is a champion, the other must show in the champion classes also; more so in this case, as they were both of the same family. It is immaterial if this is included in the rules of the show or not, as it is practically an unwritten law throughout the cage bird fancy, and as such would be accepted in a court of law owing to the weight of evidence which could be called to support it. My object is to draw show secretaries' attention to it and make doubly sure, by including it in their rules during next show season, and so prevent such an unfortunate thing arising again. I may say I was not a disappointed exhibitor at above show. I had no exhibits there. I congratulate the members upon having such a decent turn-out, especially as it was their first attempt.

JAS. RICHARDS.

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Look Out for Future Announcements.

An Appeal from Barnstaple Show.

Sir,—We are faced with a deficit of £50 on our late show. We have circularised our exhibitors and subscribers, and have received £28 in answer to our appeal. Would you kindly favour us with space in your next issue asking for further subscriptions from those who have not yet helped us, the result of which, I trust, will be that the balance will be wiped off to enable us to hold another show.

PERCIVAL HARRIS, sec.

(EXTRACT FROM CIRCULAR.)
Exhibition Office,
High-street, Barnstaple.

Dear Sir or Madam,—It is with regret the Committee have to inform you that a loss of £50 has been sustained as the result of our show, held on October 31st and November 1st last. The explanation is as follows:—1st. The gate receipts were £14 under last year's, which were also much below the average. 2nd. The cost of penning, benching and feeding the exhibits was nearly £40 in excess of last year. 3rd. Two unavoidable alterations were made in the list of judges. This entailed engaging substitutes at the last moment, and the entries in these two sections were therefore very poor, and considerable loss was occasioned on them. In order that this well-known fixture (which has been in existence for 24 years) may not fall through for lack of funds, the Committee are obliged to appeal to the generosity of the prize winners and fanciers generally, and they trust the appeal will meet with a hearty response.

J. H. L. BREWER, Chairman,
ARTHUR J. HAM, Treasurer,
PERCIVAL HARRIS, Secretary.

An Appeal for the Widow of the late T. H. Cullen.

Sir,—May I be permitted to bring to the notice of your readers the death of Thomas Henry Cullen, of Clevedon, Somerset? This whole-hearted lover of birds and other living creatures died from cancer, after a particularly sad illness, on Nov. 28 last. "Cliven the Nature Lover," as he was also known, was born in Bristol nearly sixty years ago, but for twenty-nine years resided in Clevedon, where he obtained a well-deserved reputation as an ardent naturalist. This kind, genial soul did not for many years enjoy good health, and suffered, moreover, from the loss of an eye (destroyed by a missile aimed at him during boyhood), as well as a paralysed arm. In consequence this poor man—for whom I always had affectionate regard—frequently experienced the pinch of poverty, and had great difficulty in making both ends meet more often than he cared to recount. And now that he has gone to his rest, I feel that there may be a few lovers of nature who will be disposed to contribute a small amount towards a fund I feel it my duty to raise on behalf of the poor widow who has been bereft of her only means of support. To readers of the Fancy papers, such as CAGE BIRDS, as well as several papers which circulate in Bristol and the West, Thomas Cullen's contributions on his pet subject—birds—will be well known. The case is a very necessitous and a very deserving one, and I plead on behalf of the widow for a few pounds to tide her over the winter, both for her own sake and in memory of a poor fellow whose honesty, integrity, sense of kindness to dumb creatures, and a great love for Nature made a lasting impression upon all with whom he was brought into contact. Contributions will be gratefully accepted and acknowledged by me on behalf of Mrs. Cullen.

W. PERCIVAL WESTELL, F.L.S.
Verulum, Icknield Way, Letchworth, Herts.

The Alleged Stained Mule at Grantham Show.

Sir,—I was at a loss to know reason of disqualification until I saw the report in your paper, and am still at a loss to know who I have to thank for such a charge. I leave it to the judgment of your readers who know me to say if I should be guilty of such a dishonourable practice. The bird was prepared for exhibition in the presence of several friends, and I can vouch for the fact that the bird was free from any faking when despatched to Grantham the evening before the show. Those of your readers who know the bird will agree that he does not require any artificial embellishments to enable him to win at a show like Grantham.

H. MACKENDER.

Sir,—I should like to say a word in defence of the Goldfinch Mule put down by Mr. Vardy at Grantham Show for alleged staining, and at the same time tell Mr. Vardy that another time, before he disqualifies a bird for staining, to make sure of it, and not think it is stained. I should not have taken up my pen in defence of this bird but for the fact that it stood first in its class at Newark Show the week previous to Grantham, and was also awarded the position of second best bird in the hall (over ninety entries) by Mr. Brotherton, of Rotherham, who remarked to me when he was looking round after his judging was over that it was a very fine mule, rich in colour, and almost clear, with even marked wings, and a slight mark on either side of its face. Now a word about the exhibitor, Mr. Mackender, of Newark. I have known him personally for over ten years, and had the pleasure of serving under him when he was chairman of committee of the Newark and District F.A., a position he held for five years running, and a more straightforward gentleman and honest fancier it would be hard to find. I went to see him when his bird returned from Grantham Show disqualified, and we both looked at the bird and could not see why he had been disqualified; it was not until CAGE BIRDS was out on Friday that we saw the reason. I went into his shop on Saturday evening and he was downright disgusted to think that he should be put down for so low and mean a practice, because the bird has not even tasted colour-food, let alone the "paint pot," as Mr. Vardy suggests. As I have before mentioned, I had viewed this bird and looked at him closely, as one does a winner in a show, especially an almost clear Goldfinch Mule, and I don't mind telling Mr. Vardy that he is entirely wrong in thinking that it was "faked." The bird is a good specimen and rich in colour, but for anyone with half an eye to see could see it was natural colour. Had Mr. Mackender been notified on the show day that his bird had been disqualified he would have gone to Grantham and made the judge test it before his own eyes, but as it was a week after before he even knew why it was put down, it was, of course, then too late, as it would undoubtedly have been said that the supposed stain had been removed. Another time, Mr. Vardy, before you put a good bird down, make *sure* it is "faked," and do not *think* so.

W. LIDGETT.

Chairman, Newark C.B.S.

Colour-fed or Non-colour-fed.

A Suggested Plebiscite.

Sir,—I should like to say a little on Mr. J. S. Wilson's grievance. Well, I cannot understand all our judges tolerating colour-feed, and why they do not write on the matter. It is all right seeing the showroom "a-blaze." I will admit the birds look pretty and so on, but as I gaze on them, either in show or bird room, my sympathy is with them. A mass of fanciers might say, "Well, it is ridiculous people talking against colour-feeding, and all these letters about it from time to time," but I say it is ridiculous pounding the stuff into them, let alone the extra trouble, expense, and loss of perhaps a few birds. I will conclude and say briefly that my thoughts always are that the dear little things have to go through the mill, and proper.

JOHN H. JOWETT.

Sir,—Mr. J. S. Wilson was very strong in his condemnation of the whole business in your last issue. Can nothing be done to help the "wee gem" out of this chaos? Can we not alter the present state of affairs? I think myself that something should be done to try and bring about a better state of things. I notice that Mr. Wilson is of the opinion that if Borders were judged irrespective of colour it would put an end to all this disagreeableness and contention. I might say that I am quite of the same opinion, as I am led to believe that all other varieties are judged irrespective of colour. It would be interesting to know how many fanciers there are who hold the same opinion as Mr. Wilson on this question. The only way to find that out would be to take a ballot; further, I am fully convinced that there is no other way of settling this question but by ballot. Let everybody who is concerned have a vote in the matter, and not leave it in the hands of a few to do just as they like. I do not think there would be much difficulty in regard to the way to vote. It would simply mean sending a postcard to the respective secretaries of the Border Fancy Clubs stating that you are for or against Mr. Wilson's idea.

W. JEREMIAH.

The Natural Food of the Bullfinch.

Sir,—Being a lover of British birds in general and the Bullfinch in particular, and a constant reader of CAGE BIRDS (which, by the way, I consider by far the best paper), I have noticed from time to time various articles on the Bullfinch, and in most of them the writers seem to try to make us believe that it is almost entirely a fruit-eating bird. Whilst fully agreeing that there is no bird which has a more varied bill of fare than the Bullfinch, I would like to point out that to my mind he is more of a seed-eater than some would have us believe. Being a gardener, and living in the country, I have a good opportunity of watching the bird, and I find that in the autumn he is more partial to the ripening seeds than to fruit. Sow thistle, groundsel, sweet-meadow, and chickweed are his favourite seeds at that time of year. As the winter wears on he turns his attention to the seeds of the dock, nettle, rag-weed, also those of the ash and sycamore trees. The seeds mentioned are only his favourites; there are many others. As for buds, the Bullfinch only turns his attention to these in the early spring, when the buds are swelling. As for fruit, I find that the berries most commonly used by the Bullfinch are privet berries and haws; the blackberry is, to my mind, only in demand when the juice and the fleshy substance has dried off at the approach of winter. He will then eat the seeds that remain attached to the bushes. I have never seen a Bullfinch eat a ripe blackberry except in captivity. He is very fond of small insects such as green-fly, etc., but he shares this taste in common with all other Finches. By these remarks I am trying to prove that my especial friend the Bullfinch is not so far removed in his tastes from all our British Finches as some would have us believe. In conclusion, I may say that I have known dozens of nests, and I never yet saw one composed of anything but small twigs and roots of trees lined with fibrous roots.

ROBERT COBAIN.

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NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc., of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the queriet desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his questions for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Breeding with Two Crests.

Green 'Un.—I am not quite clear what you mean by asking if the mating of two crested birds is likely to produce regularly crested youngsters. If you mean are all the progeny likely to be crested, the answer is, no; but such a mating is useful to increase the proportion of crested young when an undue proportion of Crest-breds are being produced. This is really one of the chief objects of double-cresting, as this method of mating is termed. If, on the other hand, you wish to know if this mating would produce better shaped and more regularly radiated Crests, the answer is a qualified no, inasmuch as you may sometimes produce some excellently shaped Crests in this way. But in the main the Crest qualities are apt to show material deterioration in the first generation, but they will have among themselves innate qualities of the utmost value for building up and improving typical points in the second and third generation from the double-crest mating. The birds you describe appear to be quite suitable material for a double-crested mating, but as you say you are a novice with Crests, I would strongly advise you before deciding on this mating to get Part XIII. of "Our Canaries," and read and digest the chapter on Crests, wherein this method of matiug is fully discussed in all points by several of our foremost breeders of Crests.

Sits Blown Out (Trimity).—See reply to "G.H.L." as to the necessity of keeping birds in a suitable position to prevent ailments. It is just likely one or other of the causes mentioned therein are affecting your bird, and, if so, this must be remedied, or treatment will be useless. Also examine cage carefully for red mites, and if any are found thoroughly overhaul the cage and exterminate them. Feed for a fortnight as advised to "G.H.L."; give the same aperient mixture for a week, and afterwards add 20 drops of whiskey, ten of glycerine, and two of eucalyptus oil to the water, and shake well together two days in every three for a week.

Best Kind of Cage (J. R. C.).—For practically all purposes the best known as a box-cage—that is, one with wood top, bottom, back, and sides, and wired only in front—is preferable to any other type. The all-wire cage is the least suitable of all on account of exposing the occupant to every draught and fluctuation that may occur. Birds kept in a living-room should not be hung near a fire, and care should be taken that they are in a bright, airy position, but quite free from cold draughts, and the fumes of burning lights. Given these conditions, it is not necessary to cover the cages over at night. If there is any danger of draughts at night, however, covering them with a light cover would do no harm, but even in that case it would be better to alter the position. You can get full information on all kinds of cages from "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages," which our manager would send you post freo for 2s. 3d.

Constantly Moulting (G. H. L.).—Is not the bird kept in an open-wire cage, or hung in or near a window, or where it is exposed to frequent draughts or extreme fluctuations of heat and cold? You are practically certain to find the cause of this most protracted moulting in one or other of these things. First of all, you must remove the cause, and see that the bird is kept in a fairly comfortable, though not necessarily very warm, and equable place. Give plain canary only as staple diet. Every second day for a month give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cage, with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw seed. On the alternate days give a similar quantity of summer rape, and a morsel of banana or carrot. Twice a week, in addition to this, give a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, millet, and black rape. In the drinking water give a pinch of Epsom salts and ten drops of lemon-juice every second day for a week, and afterwards six drops of tincture of gentian and three of tincture of steel every second day for another week.

Ailing Lancashire (J. P., Dubliu).—First make yourself quite sure that this hen is not exposed to any draught or damp. Stop giving groundsel, which is scarcely a suitable green food just now, and feed and treat the bird for a month the same as advised to "G.H.L." in all respects, save that after giving the aperient for a week, give four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid, every second day for a week. If not quite well by the end of the month write again, referring to this reply.

Feeders for Crests (P.J.J.).—As a breed, Crests are not really good feeders, though they vary in this respect a good deal, just as every other breed varies more or less. I have had Crest-bred and also Crests of both sexes that were really excellent feeders, and reared their own young without the slightest trouble or assistance. Still, such birds are rather exceptional in this breed, and I do not advise you to rely upon them to rear their own young. Put up a pair of good feeding strain of common birds—Rollers, Borders, or Norwich—for each pair of Crests you put up, in order to he provided with feeders in case of necessity. Cages with food and water vessels inside, if of large size, to prevent soiling of the contents, are certainly useful for this breed, and help to keep the headgear in good condition, but they are by no means essential. The holes in the wires, giving access to the vessels outside, are generally made larger, and square or arched, on cages for Crests, which answer just tbe same purpose.

Choice of Aviary (Conservatory).—In the circumstances you name you should most certainly choose the conservatory with a north aspect for your aviary. The absence of sun will be no serious detriment, but, if there is much glass in the construction of conservatory, as I expect is the case, it will rather be an advantage, as there will be plenty of light at all times, and the temperature will he far more comfortable in summer. The cold will not be nearly so harmful as the great fluctuations you say occur in the conservatory facing east. You say nothing about the birds you propose turning in. If they have not hitherto been accustomed to a quite normal temperature, you would be well advised not to place them in the conservatory until the weather becomes mild and settled in spring.

Forward Hens (L. A. K.).—If your living room is at a fairly comfortable temperature during the night, it is quite possible these hens would nest and rear broods quite successfully, but I cannot really advise you to take the risk. Such freakish efforts are rarely of any utility. If the yellow hen has quite recovered from the effects of her accident I would advise you to keep her in a cold room—that is, one with no fire—free from draught, for a day or two, and then return her to the aviary outside, taking advantage of a mild spell of weather for the latter move. If this is not feasible keep her, and also the other hen, in the coolest part of the room they are now in consistent, of course, with freedom from draughts, great fluctuations, or fumes from burning lights, and out of sight of the cocks. Simply being kept out of sight of the cocks will materially help in keeping these hens back. I suspect the room is kept very warm, or the birds are in a rather warm position, which, after their outdoor life, has an unusually quickening effect on them.

Colour and mating (T.D.X.).—(1) It is only possible to colour-feed birds whilst they are moulting, and you must begin before they start to cast off their feathers, and continue regularly until the birds are quite fine in plumage again. You must, therefore, see that you cannot colour-feed now until next moulting season. The substance known as tasteless pepper and sugar are the chief constituents required for colour-feeding. Some add a small proportion of Natal pepper and salad oil. You can buy the colour ready for adding sugar, and then using as required in egg-food from any of the large dealers, who advertise it regularly in our columns during the proper season. It is necessary to repeat the feeding process at each moult. Before next season arrives get our manager to send you the pamphlet on "Colour-feeding," at 3½d., post free, and get Part IX. of "Our Canaries," which will give you the fullest detailed information on this subject. (2) If you mean on account of age, it would be perfectly safe to mate the Norwich cock and Border hen next season. The progeny would, of course, be cross-breds, and of little value except for singers.

Improving Length (Percy).—There is really plenty of ready-made material in the Yorkshire for improving length, or, rather, for breeding all the length that is required, without going direct to the Lancashire. But if you must do so, get a nice long slim yellow Lancashire hen, with as little eye-brow as possible, and a closely folded tail. If rather stiff-tailed so much the better. Mate her with the longest buff Yorkshire cock you have, but see that he has a good bold upright carriage, and plenty of thigh. From the progeny select the longest and slimmest birds that show least trace of the Lancashire, particularly in absence of eye-brow and flatness on crown, and mate back to pure-bred Yorkshires. One, at least, of the hens may with every advantage be mated to the Yorkshire cock used in making the first cross. Keep as closely as possible each season to the pure Yorkshire type, whilst holding on to length, and eventually you will "get there." My advice is to take the short cut and use ready-made material. The quarter-bred Belgian would be a decidedly better cross if it has plenty of length. Have you seen Part XV. of "Our Canaries," wherein all these points are fully dealt with?

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FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

To Go with British Species.

T.G.S.—To answer your query fully is by no means easy, as size of aviary and form of attached shelter qualify the conditions largely. You must not overcrowd. Allow one foot space to each bird the size of a Norwich Canary. You may keep the birds in pairs providing you do not have two cocks to fight for one hen, or vice versa. (1) Zebra and Ribbon Finches, Green Singing Finches, Long-tailed Grass Finches, Gold-breasted, St. Helena and Grey Waxbills, Common and Green Avaduvats, Ruficauda Finches, Java Sparrow, and any other Siskin that happens to be on the market. (2) Get the foreigners in pairs, but only have cocks or Weavers, such as Red-billed, Madagascar and Half-masked, all very brilliant. Some of the foreigners would breed as soon as they had settled down. "Foreign Birds for Beginners" would help you; see advert. in this column.

Moustache Parrakeet.

M.P.R.—The Song Thrush will neither do nor take any harm with the Budgerigars, providing they are not crowded and have space for flights. Several species or local races are sold under the popular name of Moustache Parrakeet, so that a reply is not so easy as would at first appear. The male above is green, below it is yellowish-green, head and face bluish-grey, throat and breast reddish, a black streak extends from the mandibles on each side, almost meeting at the back of the neck, also an upper streak through the eye. The female is mostly green, with the sides of the face and throat yellowish, and a black oval streak descends from each corner of the beak towards the throat. These birds often come over in fair numbers. If you see a number of them together (unless they are all young birds) you will be able to pick them out by the different arrangement of the moustachial streaks. A small barrel hung up horizontally is the best nest receptacle—one 9in. in diameter by 12 to 15ins. deep would be ample.

Amazon with Hemorrhage.

T. H.—With a valuable bird you certainly ought to consult a vet., who by examination could tell the cause of the hemorrhage, as this is not apparent from your letter. Follow any attack of hemorrhage by bathing it with iced-water, and after this has passed away, if the nostrils are at all obstructed, cleanse them with tepid water and afterwards bathe with glyco-thymoline. I should also keep the bowels moving quite freely with Dinneford's Magnesia—one teaspoonful to four of water—give this daily till the voidings become watery, then cease till the voidings are again normal, when I should give the magnesia, same proportion, every fourth day. Your dietary appears quite satisfactory. The above reply, though somewhat incomplete, is the best I can give from data to hand. Change its seed mixture to the following: Canary and white millet, one quart of each, oats one pint, maize wheat, dari, hemp, paddy rice, sunflower seeds, grit (not sand), and shelled pea (monkey) nuts, half pint of each, the whole to be well mixed together. Keep a piece of cuttlebone hanging in the cage.

Silverbill and Waxbill.

Bec d'Argent.—The plumage distinctions of the sexes of Silverbills are infinitesimal, but the beak of the female is narrower and a little more pointed than that of the male. I am afraid such a case is quite hopeless, but in entirely different surroundings, and another mate, an improvement might be possible. At the recent L.C.B.A. show two nice hybrids, Zebra Finch-Silverbill were shown; and a hen Zebra Finch (no difficulty about sexing here) would make a good partner for your Silverbill, as would also a hen Bengalese—in either case success is very probable. Re the Waxbill, watch its mate, and if it is continually preening the head of the bald bird, separate them, and take the bald bird to warmer quarters and keep it there for the winter. Anoint the bare area, to keep it soft, with a little clean vaseline, but not sufficient to make the surrounding plumage greasy. Diet as usual, but keep bowels moving freely (not watery) by an occasional laxative (Dinneford's magnesia, for preference) and supply a little green food (lettuce) or any kind of ripe fruit it will peck at—most species will favour apple when green food is scarce.

Cardinals, etc. (M.C.G.).—The only answer I can give in this column is to refer you to our advert. columns, but if you will send me a stamped addressed envelope I can perhaps give a more practical answer. An advert. in our pages for acclimatised pairs should bring a good result. I will, of course, through the post submit an opinion on any matter referred to me.

Ailing Budgerigar (W. H. Bratt).—I am of the opinion that the kindest act would be to destroy this bird, as though you may treat it so as to get some little improvement I fear it will not be permanent, and certainly the bird should never be used for breeding; her progeny would be worthless. You give me no data to go upon, and all I can tell you to do at present is to give it two drops of tasteless castor oil direct to the beak every other day till full relief has been given. If you will send me full details as to how long you've had the bird, size of cage, food and general treatment, I will try and assist you further.

A Long Beak (B. Magrath).—I do not recollect what species your Cockatoo is, but there is a species called the Slender-billed Cockatoo, whose beak is naturally as you describe. It is quite possible your bird is of that species; in such case its beak is not abnormal. If you were to describe its plumage to me I could settle the point at once. Of course, if you are sure your bird is not the Slender-bill, then you will have to have the beak cut (pared) back to normal size, and a vet. or some local fancier would be the best to do this for you. Do not press the boiled maize; if bird takes freely of the seed mixture that will suffice. Keep cuttle-bone and wood in its cage. The cutting up of these will tend to keep beak trimmed down in future after it has once been put right. How long has the beak been like this, and how long did it take to grow; that is, assuming you had the bird when its beak originally was of normal length?

Budgerigars and the Moult (St. Edmund).—I think I should let these birds go on as they are till next spring, when, unless the affection is constitutional, the shedding of feathers will become normal, which I think will be the case from your description. Breeding results, of course, could not be expected under the conditions you name, but next season should give a different result. Budgerigars are small drinkers; you should only supply drinking water in a small vessel, and for some time you should add to it a little Byno-phosphates daily. Also see that the bowels are moving freely without being loose, checking any tendency to constipation by giving, for one day only, Dinneford's magesia one part, water two parts, in lieu of the drinking water. Examine bird and cage for red mite or other parasites, and if these exist the cage must either be baked or scalded out with boiling water, and the bird sprayed (a "mist" sprayer) with quassia solution.

Birds for Outdoors (C. H. S.).—I do not know your county, so cannot advise any method of winter protection necessary; again, you are aiming at including too many for breeding results; confine yourself to a dozen pairs for possible breeding results. Omit the following from your list: Pekin Robin (possible egg eater), Yellowhammer and Greenfinch (pugnacious); substitute a Madagascar Weaver (cock) for the Orange Bishop. In a confined space Java Sparrows are often combative. Note: Tiger Finch is merely another name for the Common or Red Avadavat, and for a beginning, unless you are extreme South, do not try Fire Finches and Cordon Bleus. Birds must not be sent into the aviary till May, unless you get birds which have been out all the summer.

Bulbuls (G. J. Green).—The White-checked Bulbul (*Otocompsa leucogenys*) has the ear-coverts white, forehead and crest brown, and the under tail coverts bright sulphur yellow; it ranges in the Himalayas from Murree to Bhutan, and from the plains up to 7,000 feet. The White-eared Bulbul (*Pycnonotus leucotis* is the famed Persian Nightingale, and a good bird fully merits this title. Its range is principally confined to Persia, and the desert region of North-West India. Head deep black; ear-coverts and back of cheeks white; vent and under tail coverts saffron-yellow. The bill of *leucogenys* is a little longer and narrower in the female than in the male; this is most apparent when viewed in profile, and the same distinction prevails, I believe, with *leucotis*. The song of the former is quite poor in comparison with that of the latter.

Procuring Foreign birds in Bulk (Constant Reader).—The modus operandi is to meet the various boats at the ports of call, Southampton, Liverpool, etc., or get into communication with the various ships' butchers, etc., who bring birds over. This will not be easy, and will mean both time and trouble—it cannot be dealt with here, but if you choose to send me a stamped addressed envelope I will try and help you as to initial steps. When writing repeat query fully.

A Feather Puller (Mrs. Knight).—I cannot advise you fully till you repeat query with fullest details as to how you have been feeding and treating this bird generally. In the meantime put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia into the bird's drinking water (not more than one ounce), and repeat this after an interval of three days. Give it a spraying (use a "Mist" sprayer) of quassia solution once weekly for a month at least, and lightly anoint the bare parts with Spratt's "Pennakura." Our Nutshell booklet, "The Grey Parrot," 2½d. post free from our Manager, would help you.

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS

should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Coges" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Feeding a Starling.

T. A. Harris.—"Talking" Starlings should be taken from the nest at the age of 10 to 12 days and reared by hand; or, at any rate, be caged when quite young. A hen can be taught to talk just the same as a cock bird. Starlings can be fed very cheaply (and very well, too) in the following manner: Get a bag of some good brand of puppy meal, or dog meal, such as Spratt's, or Clarke's "Melox," from a corn dealer's, soften this with hot water (and a fork), then mix into it some good maker's packet Thrush food (dry). The latter, used dry, will absorb any superfluous moisture; it should leave the finished food just crumbly moist. You will soon find the right quantity of each to use for the daily supply (it must be made fresh daily). Variety is good, of course, and you should give some vegetable or green food with it frequently, such as grated raw carrot, or finely-chopped lettuce, chickweed, watercress, or other green food in season, or cold boiled potato. Vary them frequently, and add half a hard-boiled egg, finely minced up, occasionally. Give some meal-worms daily, and any other suitable live insects you can lay hands on (such as "black beetles"), also ripe fruit and berries frequently, and according to season. Starlings like these. They are dirty birds, and the cage must be very frequently cleaned.

Name of Seed (H.C.P.).—The black seed is an inferior kind of rape; it is difficult to identify without sowing it and noting the resulting plant, as so many Brassica seeds are identical in appearance. Anyway, it is not summer (or German) rape seed.

BRITISH BIRD & HYBRID QUERISTS

should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Dr. Creswell's "Hygienc of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding' (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylork," No. 4 "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Coge Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

Feeding Mules (Perplexed).—It is not advisable to feed either Siskin or Goldfinch Mules too generously after they have moulted, but at the same time they want a rather richer diet than canary seed. Add some teazle and a little summer rape: in the middle of the week give a tablespoonful of cracked sunflower seed, and at the end of the week a teaspoonful of hemp.

Linnets that Go Wrong (Anxious).—You are making two serious mistakes, in my opinion. In the first place, it is not a good plan to turn fresh-caught Linnets at once into an aviary. They should be kept in a cage (or flight cage) for about a fortnight to accustom them to the changed conditions of captivity, and to break them of their shyness. In the second place, you are not feeding them correctly. To give fresh-caught birds nothing but Linnet mixture bought ready mixed, is to invite disaster—some

(Queries continued overleaf.)

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
Continued.

birds will survive all right, but many will not. You should get from CAGE BIRDS the "Nutshell" booklet (only 2½d., post free) on the Linnet, and treat them on the lines laid down therein; it gives information both in the management of the birds when first caught, and when they have become used to the change of food incidental to captive existence.

River Sand (A.W.).—River sand (or small gravel) is excellent as a covering for the floors of either cages or aviaries. Personally, I should prefer to mix a little gritty sea-sand and shell-grit with it; but this is not absolutely essential. Of course, the sand must come from a clean river-bed; there can be no question as to this in your case.

Bullfinch Ailing (L.A.K.).—This bird will be dead before you get this copy of CAGE BIRDS; judging from your description, its death could be but a matter of hours. I agree with you that it is a shame a bird should be sent by rail when in such a deplorable condition. It is a pity you cannot take steps to bring to book the party from whom you got it—or, rather, who swindled you over the exchange.

A Matter of Size (R. A. K., jun.).—The N.B.B. and M. Club has never laid down any rule concerning the birds which can, or cannot, compete in a class headed "smaller than a Lark" (or any other bird). It is left to the discretion of the judge; and, of course, the exhibitor. I am of opinion that the judge in your case was quite right in marking your Corn Bunting "wrong class" as being larger than a Lark. The standard works on ornithology, I may say, give the Corn Bunting as averaging 7½ inches in length, and the Skylark as 7 inches. I agree, however, that this method of wording the class headings is not altogether satisfactory.

In an Aviary (W.E.S.).—If you want breeding results, you must be very careful not to crowd the inmates, also to provide many more nests than there are hens in the place (to afford choice and obviate "scrapping" on the part of the hens for the same nesting site), and, above all, to see that there is always plenty of nesting material in the place. Lack of the latter simply means that a hen who is short of it will pull about the nests put up by the other hens. A good selection for you would be: hens, two Buffies, two Greenies, two Chaffinches, and three or four Canaries; cocks, two each Goldies and Linnets, and one each Siskin, Lesser Redpoll, Mealy Redpoll, Bramblefinch, Twite, and Yellow Bunting. Remove any persistently quarrelsome birds.

A Trio (C.S.T.).—1. Choose hens of Norwich type (stoutly built and good in colour, yellows if you can get them) for all the birds. Try clear or lightly-ticked hens with the Greenfinch, Goldfinch, and Linnet, and heavily green-marked hens for the Bullfinch and Yellow-hammer. The two latter crosses are somewhat doubtful ones, so far as results are concerned, but certainly well worth trying. Get a big, heavily-marked (or green) cock Canary as mate for the hen Buffie. 2. The following pairs would be excellent: Linnet-Bullfinch, Goldfinch-Redpoll, Greenfinch-Bullfinch, and, as an experiment, Bullfinch-Siskin. 3. An ordinary seed mixture (such as is supplied to other Finches) is all that the Tree Sparrow needs, with a few cracked sunflower seeds frequently. He likes, of course, the usual "tit-bits," and to pick over wild seeds.

A German Bullfinch (E. S. Dobbs).—I give to German Bullfinches, as a stock mixture: Canary two parts, summer rape and teazle one part each, by measure. A little maw seed now and again is very much liked; also two or three cracked sunflower seeds. It is the mites, however, which are causing the trouble, not the bird's diet. You must cleanse the cage thoroughly. Baking for from 15 to 20 minutes in a fairly hot oven is very efficacious indeed. Or wash in scalding hot water containing a strong dash of a disinfectant such as Izal or Jeyes. Or paint all over, thoroughly (every corner, crack and crevice, wires and perches), with turpentine, giving the cage a good airing before returning the bird. Give the bird several thorough sprayings (on different days) with warm water and sulphurrated potash. Get a small quantity of the latter from a chemist and mix a small teaspoonful into half a pint of water.

Owing to severe pressure on our space, several answers have had to be held over until next week.—Editor.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 2, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Davie.—Acute pneumonia affecting both lungs, particularly the borders, which were quite black, probably induced by the damp wet weather. As I have formerly remarked, it is the moisture in the air during damp feather that acts depressingly upon the air passages of birds and induces inflammatory changes, and at these periods extra warmth becomes necessary to keep the temperature of the air at a level. Should the trouble occur again, at once remove the bird to warmer quarters, placing in a hot air cupboard if available, or as near a fire or gas stove as is consistent with safety, when recovery often occurs. When sufficiently revived to take a little food or water, about 10 drops of aromatic spirits of ammonia, sweetened with a little syrup and added to about 2 ounces of water may be offered to drink, mixed fresh night and morning for two or three days, will generally effect a cure.

L. Barlow-Massicks (Hen Bird).—The remarks of above apply to "Davie" apply exactly to you. The symptoms were identical, and, if possible, even more acute. Perhaps remarks re treatment may assist you in preventing a recurrence, but unfortunately many cases terminate so rapidly, or are overlooked before treatment can be commenced.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

A Drying Cage (Blanchisseur).—We think if you obtain the illustrated catalogues of the large firms of bird providers you will find several types of drying cage offered therein.

An Illustrated Article (C. R. Richardson).—We did not continue further the series you mention. We had, of course, our reason for this; still, we will think the matter over again, and may perhaps touch upon the branch of the Fancy you mention.

"Wrong Class" (A Novice).—If a bird is marked "wrong class" by the judge on his award slip, it is usual for a wrong-class card to be put up on the cage of the bird.

Cuttings (J. L. Jones, C. Smith, G. Reynolds, G. Brown, and others).—We are much obliged to you for the newspaper cuttings sent us.

The Law of Libel (C. Pearson).—Your notion that one has only to publish "facts" to steer clear of actions for libel rather tickles us. Would that it were true!

A Cutting Machine (G. Atkinson).—Note the announcement made amongst the "twitterings" this week.

A Corn Bunting (R. A. K., jun.).—Look in Mr. Weston's British bird query columns for a reply to your question.

Alleged Borrowed Birds at Wombwell (Bird Fancier).—We are really surprised that you should think we can publish a letter of such a nature as the one you send us; it would land both yourself and us into a law action; and deservedly so, for you do not appear to have any real proof of the alleged borrowing. Any way, the proper course to pursue is to bring the matter forward at a meeting of the society, and have it threshed out there.

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In the Courts.

The Use of a Brace Bird.

G. H. Gould was summoned at Gloucester on Dec. 1, under the Wild Birds Protection Act, for cruelty to a Goldfinch on Nov. 14.—P.C. Hastings stated that he found the defendant in a field occupied by Mr. Wood in Cemetery Road, where he had placed two nets for catching birds. Standing about thirty yards away from the nets, defendant was jerking a piece of string, at the other end of which, and near the nets, was a Goldfinch braced and tied to a peg in the ground. The effect of the jerking was to cause the captive bird to rise about 2ft. 6in. and to flutter, thus to act as a decoy to other birds. As soon as witness disclosed himself, defendant ran towards the nets, seized and released the bird. Witness added that the bird, after being kept at the police station two days, died.

Defendant denied inflicting any pain on the bird. He admitted he was "rising" it for bird-catching purposes, but said it was a house-bred bird, and was two years of age, that it was not tied to a stick, but was pegged to the ground to feed, and said it could not have risen more than six inches. He denied jerking the string, and said it was the first time he had used a bird in this way.—Supt. Hopkins: Did you know it was illegal?—No.—The fine was 10s. and costs.—"Gloucester Citizen."

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

Altrincham C.B.S.—Dec. 18, Victoria Cafe, 8. Discussion re models set up to breed to.—C. C. Blackshaw.

Ardwick C.B.S.—Dec. 19, Onward Hall, 8. Payment of prize money; duplicates of tickets to be brought in; subs. due.—J. Spencer.

Bankfoot C.B.S.—Dec. 16, Red Lion Hotel, 2.30. Final members' show, ent. taken Friday night or up to 2.30 p.m. day of show; judge, Mr. P. Mason. On Dec. 19, 8 o'c., lecture by Mr. J. Taylor on "Moulting and Colour Feeding."—F. Gelder.

Birkenhead C.F.A.—Dec. 19, Ablett's Cafe Room, Market St., 8. Night show of unflig. birds; judge, Mr. Young; these points do not count for season's specials.—A. E. Lloyd.

Bradford West C.B.A.—Dec. 16, Shoulder of Mutton, 8. Nomination of officers and business of whist drive.—F. Western.

Bradford East O.S.—Dec. 19, Park Chapel Schools, 8. Arrangements for Dec. show, for annual tea and concert, etc.—H. Hill.

Bradford National Show Committee.—Dec. 20, Market Tavern, 8.30. All subs. and cards should be handed in at this meeting, along with all ticket money; all who have had cards out kindly return in order accounts can be reckoned up.—H. Hill.

Brighouse C.B.S.—Dec. 21, Round House Inn, 8.—F. Mitchell.

Chester C.B.F.A.—Dec. 19, Nag's Head Cocoa House, 8.30. Special meeting; pay subs., receive entries, allot specials, elect stewards, etc.—J. Swindley.

City of Bradford O.S.—Dec. 16, Flying Dutchman, 8. Open show arrangements.—F. Rhodes.

City of Wakefield O.S.—Dec. 16, Crown and Anchor, 7.30. Boxing Day show; judge, etc.—J. Atkinson.

Codnor Park and Eastwood C.B.S.—Dec. 16, Three Tuns, Eastwood, 7. Payment of prize money; special business.—J. H. Mitchell.

Cumnock C.B.S.—Dec. 16, Co-op. Hall, Auchinleck, 7. Committee meeting to hear report of show, and go over accounts of year.—J. Nutt.

Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.—Dec. 19, Reindeer Hotel, Rye Lane, Peckham, S.E., 8. Annual prize distribution and concert.—W. Hotson.

Dalton C.B.A.—Dec. 16, Y.M.C.A. Rooms, 7.30. Payment prize money, etc.—F. Houldsworth.

East Ham F.S.—Dec. 18, Earl of Wakefield, 8. Committee meeting; annual show business; and settle date of presentation of cups and prizes. Kindly settle for tickets for annual show, or balance sheet will be delayed.—H. Rutter.

Eccles C.B.S.—Dec. 20, Headquarters, 8. New members; prize money, etc.—J. Hall.

Edinburgh C.B.S.—Dec. 19, Cairns Memorial Hall, Gorgie Rd., 8. Balance sheet; election of office-bearers, etc.—J. L. Mackie.

Glasgow Queen Park C.B.S.—Dec. 22, Maria Stuart Halls, 7.30. Table show.—R. Higgit.

Halifax O.S.—Dec. 11, Headquarters, Plummet Line Hotel, 8. Grand smoking concert; a hearty invitation to all.—J. J. Dunn.

Hebden Bridge C.B.F.—Dec. 19, Lello's Dining Rooms, Market St., 7.30. Ent. for O.B. show.—A. Roberts.

Huddersfield O.S.—Dec. 18, Old Hat Hotel, 8. Will all members bring card in for audit.—W. J. Sykes.

Hyson Green (Notts.) C.B.S.—Dec. 19, Cricket Player's Hotel, 8.30. Committee meeting 8 o'c.; general meeting 8.30; business most important.—W. Cottingham.

Ilford F. and F.S.—Dec. 15 and 16. Annual show, to be opened by Sir John Bethell, Bart., M.P. Entries 550.—A. H. Priestman.

Lancs. and Liz. F.A.—Dec. 16, Wellington Hotel, Hyde, 6.30. Important; payment of prize money and pools won at club show.—J. Rukin.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—Dec. 19, White Swan, 8.30. Yellow and buff hens, nuffig.; green or broken green cock; ditto, novice.—A. Freestone.

Leigh C.B.S.—Dec. 20. Railway Hotel, 7.45. Arranging business for annual general meeting.—R. Charleson.

Man. N.C.O.S.—Dec. 18, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Classification for Brit. at Jan. show; nomination of officers for 1912; social, etc.—H. Boothman.

Metropolitan C.B.A.—Dec. 16, All Saints' Hall, Battersea Park. Lecture promised; cups, etc., to be given winners; fanciers invited.—J. W. Burgess.

Midland Counties Y.C.C.—Dec. 21, Crown Hotel, Station St., Birmingham, 8. Members please attend.—Beck and Andrews.

Morley C.B.S.—Dec. 16, Sycamore Hotel, 7.30. Time of staging; stewards, etc., for show to be held Dec. 26.—D. Holliday.

Morpeth C.B.S.—Dec. 23, Earl Grey, 7.30. General.—E. Cowling.

North London C.B.A.—Dec. 20, Headquarters, 8. Distribution of prize money, and general debate.—R. P. Harper.

Newport C.B.S.—Dec. 21, London Restaurant, 8. Report of show.—J. Hammett.

Oldham C.B.S.—Dec. 18, Textile Dining Rooms, 8. Draw business.—J. Cope.

Pentre C.B.S.—Dec. 16, Headquarters. 7.30. General; important.—G. Lingard.

Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.—Dec. 21, Trinity Schools, 8. Correspondence; report of members' show and annual show business; friends invited.—Meades and Smith.

Scottish National C.B.S.—Dec. 21, 142, High St., Edinburgh, 8. Urgent.—A. W. Watson.

Shipley O.S.—Dec. 19, Prince of Wales. Members' show, birds staged 2 o'c; ent. Monday night; judge, Mr. H. Long.—A. Tillotson.

Skipton C.B.S.—Dec. 18, Globe Coffee Tavern, 7. Election of officers.—E. Gill.

South Shields C.B.S.—Dec. 16, Lockhart's Cafe, King St. Balance sheet and show business; new members invited to join.—J. Barrass.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—Dec. 18, Commercial Hotel, 8. J. Lewis.

Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A.—Dec. 18, Red Lion Hotel, 8. Final arrangements members' show at Newcastle; elect new members.—J. Pitchford.

Stonehouse C.B. and F.H.S.—Dec. 23, Public Hall, 7. Fixing office-bearers; intending members invited.—W. Melvin.

Sunderland C.B.A.—Dec. 23, Fawcett St. Cafe, 7.30. Open show business.—J. Jeffrey.

Walkden C.B.S.—Dec. 15, The Institute, 7.30. Important business.—H. Howard.

Walsall C.B.S.—Dec. 18, White Hart Hotel, Coldmore, 8. Table show of Brit., 4 classes; judge, S. Platt.—F. Price.

West Bromwich C.B.S.—Dec. 19, Headquarters, 8. Election of officers for 1912.—W. G. Andrews.

West of Scotland O.S.—Dec. 16, Nelson's Temp. Hotel, 8. Distribution of specials and prize money. W. Hutchison.

Wibsey C.B.S.—Dec. 16, Horse and Groom, 8. Members please note that at Boxing Day show birds have to be staged at 10 a.m., not 7 p.m. as stated in syllabus.—H. C. Crossley.

Wigan C.B.S.—Dec. 16, Legs of Man Hotel, 8. Balance sheet; new officers.—W. Dyer.

Yorks. Prize Distribution Committee.—Dec. 20, Market Tavern, Bradford, 7.30. To discuss arrangements for annual prize distribution, etc.—H. Hill.

Yorkshire C.C. of Scotland.—Dec. 19, 71, London St., Glasgow, 8. Open show deficits, preparing for annual general meeting.—R. B. Gibb.

ATTERCLIFFE.

Attercliffe and Dis. C.B.S. 6th annual show held Nov. 18th in the Vestry Hall. Spl. for best Nor. in show was well won by Mr. Havenhand with a grand yellow hen, a real beauty; he also won Sandiford's special for best fed bird on Royal Red. Mr. W. Walker was awarded special for best Yorks. Mr. Webster won special for best novice Yorks., same bird winning Mr. Ramsden's special. Other special winners: T. Smith, unflighted Norwich and best Mule; R. Duce, best British in show; F. Hollingworth, best novice Nor.; Mr. W. Walker, most points; Mr. Webster and Mr. Smith tied for the silver challenge cup. Judges: Yorks., Mr. S. Howarth (Halifax); Nor., Mr. Turner (Parkgate); and Brit., Mr. Milnes (Sheffield).

MEMBERS' CLASSES.—YOUNG BIRDS, YORKS., CL., ETC.—(5): 1, S, Perry; 2, cup; vhc, R. Walker. GREEN, SELF, ETC.: 1, 2, 3, cup, R. Walker. HEN, UNFLIG.: 1, 2, r, vhc, spl, cup, Walker; 3, hc, and cup, Perry. OLD, GREEN, SELF, ETC. (4): 1, 2, 3, spl, Walker. CL., ETC., YELL. (4): 1, 2, spt, Smith; 3, cup, Havenhand; r, Richinson. BUFF (4): 1, 3, Smith; 2, Johnson; r, Havenhand. MKD., ETC. (5): 1, spl, 3, Smith; 2, Richinson; r, Watson; vhc, Havenhand. NOR. HEN, UNFLIG. (5): 1, 2, Smith; 3, Richinson; r, Havenhand; vhc, Richinson. CL., ETC., YELL. (4): 1, Watson; 2, Hibberson; 3, Havenhand; r, Perry. BUFF (4): 1, Havenhand; 2, Watson; 3, Richinson; r, Hibberson. HEN, OLD (7): 1, spl, Havenhand; 2, Richinson; 3, vhc, Hibberson; r, hc, c, Perry. BRIT. GREEN (3): 1, 3, Grainger; 2, Perry. LINNET (6): 1, 2, Smith; 3, Duce; vhc, Hailstone; r, Smith; hc, Perry. REDPOLL, ETC. (4): 1, 2, 3, Hailstone; r, Grainger. A.O.S. HARD (7): 1, spl, Duce; 2, Smith; 3, Watson; r, hc, Hailstone; vhc, Smith; c, Grainger. MULE OR HYB. (4): 1, 2, Smith; 3, Hailstone; r, Hibberson. NOVICE, YOUNG BIRDS, YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL. (4): 1, spl, Webster; 2, Duce; 3, Blunt; r, Hammond. BUFF (4): 1, Webster; 2, Bradley; 3, Dyett. MK., ETC. (5): 1, Webster; 2, Duce; 3, vhc, Blunt; r, Dyett. HEN, UNFLIG. (4): 1, Duce; 2, 3, Webster; r, Thornhill. OLD: 1, Hammond; 2, Webster; 3, Duce; vhc, Bradley; r, Thornhill. MKD., ETC. (4): 1, 2, r, Webster; 3, Thornhill. HEN, OLD (6): 1, 2, r, Webster; vhc, Blunt; 3, r, Thornhill. NOR., YOUNG, CL., ETC. (5): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Hollingsworth; 3, Blunt. OLD BIRDS, CL., ETC. (5): 1, 2, 3, Blunt; vhc, r, Hollingsworth. CAN., NON-FED (4): 1, Thornhill; 2, 4, Havenhand; 3, Welbon. GIFT (5): 1, Grainger; 2, Dyett; 3, Johnson; vhc, Hollingsworth; r, Webster. COTTAGERS' CLASS (20): 1, 2, Smith; 3, Harrison; 4, Palmer; vhc, Swallow; hc, Howarth; c, Burgin.—W. Richinson, Sec.

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A Page for the Ambitious Fancier

Few of us, when "going in" for cage birds, are not moved by visions of lots and specials, by thoughts of profitable sales, or at least of the cheering influence exerted by the songs of our feathered pets. Whatever our hope, luck has little part in its realisation. The measure of success which will attend the pursuit of the hobby of bird-keeping depends upon the choice of appliances and foods, and the preparation made for emergencies. Improbable though it may sound, it is a fact that much money is wasted and much disappointment is caused to bird-lovers for want of a little care in the selection of "material."

With the object of combating this carelessness, and pointing out the shortest cut to success, we have arranged with some firms of repute to place announcements on this page.

CAGES AND UTENSILS.

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Sundry appliances are of considerable value to fanciers. In this department the name of Edwin Parr looms large. From North Road Works, Burslem, the output has been wonderful during the past three seasons, as witness the sales of Parr's Sanitary Nestpans, 95,545, and of "Sanitum" Nestpan Linings, 150,216. Nothing but leadless glaze is used in lining Parr's pottery appliances; and cages and aviaries fitted up with his sundries have always a clean appearance. Dealers will find the quality of Parr's supplies, and the favourable terms he offers the trade great incentives to do business with him.

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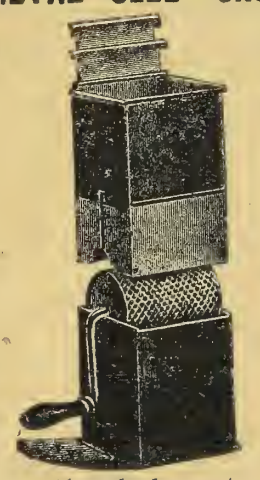
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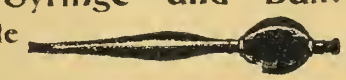
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A CHRISTMAS OFFER. WHAT ONE ENTHUSIAST HAS DONE.

NOTES BY THE SECRETARY.

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Our Week's Membership List.

Our List this week is again a representative one, and comprises the names as follows:

Messrs. Hayward, Tunbridge Wells; Gill, Plymouth; Springett, Battersea; Carrier, Brierley Hill; Lapridge, Doncaster; Jack, Peterhead; Parker, Peterborough; Moar, Newton Grange; Barnes, Walkley; Chitty, Hambrook; Hollins, Hull; Wilson, Leeds; Matthews, Sheffield; Junor, Tomatin; Salter, Edmonton; Osborne, Woking; Blackman, Southend; Wertheim, Southend; Nelson, Castleford; Rennison, Frizington; Sumner, Lower Darwen; Ryall, Scunthorpe; Harrison, Scarborough; Coakham, Newport; Hind, Annan; etc.

More Local Hon. Secs.

This week I have the pleasure of announcing further additions, as under, to our list of Hon. Secs. to CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE. Readers in the towns mentioned may obtain full information as to the Aims and Objects of the League upon application to the gentlemen named

LEEDS.—Mr. W. A. Wilson, 75, Bayswater Mount, Roundhay, Leeds.

HOVE.—Mr. A. Hollingshead, 21, Fonthill Road.

ANNAN.—Mr. Geo. Hind, Lochfield, Annan.

Reduced Admission to the Shows.

In addition to the shows mentioned in previous lists the charges of admission will be reduced to CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE members at Queensbury and Peterhead. The reductions will be as announced in previous issues, namely, fourpence in the shilling. Including the two shows mentioned, the list of forthcoming exhibitions at which preferential treatment will be accorded to LEAGUE members is as follows:—

Dec. 16. FELINFOEL.
QUEENSBURY.
Dec. 22—23 PETERHEAD.
Dec. 23. HEBDEN BRIDGE.
PELTON FELL.
Dec. 25 ELGIN, Academy Hall.
Dec. 26. NORTH WALES C.B.S., Assembly Rooms, Market St., Carnarvon.
SCUNTHORPE.
TONYPANDY (free to LEAGUE members).
Jan. 2—3. GLASGOW & DISTRICT C.B.A., Crown Hall, Sauchiehall St.
Jan. 6. GUISBOROUGH.
Jan. 12—13. SUNDERLAND, Miners' Hall, Roker Avenue.

Members residing in the towns mentioned should make a point of supporting the shows which have granted the concession of reduced admission, and readers in those towns who are not already members should join the LEAGUE at once to obtain the advantage offered by the societies holding the shows.

A Christmas Offer to Readers.

To every reader who, between now and Christmas, introduces two friends as members to CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE will be presented a bonus consisting of a membership for one year for himself to the LEAGUE, together with a rolled-gold badge for watch-chain or coat-lapel. Here is an opportunity for readers who have not yet joined the League to participate in the benefits of membership without any cost to themselves. It would involve only a minimum of exertion to point out to birdy friends the work the LEAGUE has done in the past and the great field of work which lies before it, and it should be an easy matter for every reader to get two recruits to our ranks. Only strength in numbers can stand against the powerful forces that are being brought against us as bird-keepers, and although our opponents have been given pause by the mere organisation of a League which has for one of its main objects the defence of the individual bird-lover who would, standing alone, be entirely at the mercy of any prohibitive measures the professional humanitarians might succeed in establishing, it is scarcely to be hoped that they have entirely given up their avowed ambition to render illegal the keeping of any bird of whatever kind in a cage. It behoves us, therefore, to make our strong position into an impregnable one, and this is a very easy matter if only those readers who are not already members will co-operate with their fellow bird-lovers who have joined the LEAGUE in the first few months of its existence. Those who have read these LEAGUE columns from week to week will have learned of the work the LEAGUE has already accomplished. Our work, however, is only commenced. Much, very much, remains to be done, and I want every reader to set to work to earn one of our Christmas boxes by sending along the names of two of his friends as members of our LEAGUE. There may be those who are so placed as to be unable to find two recruits to our ranks, but they can at least themselves become members, and I shall accept the compliment of their joining as a Christmas-box in acknowledgment of my own humble efforts to put this LEAGUE of ours on such a basis that its success will be for ever assured.

What One Enthusiast Has Done.

As an example of what may be done by an individual fancier I think I cannot do better than instance the case of our member, Mr. Peck, of Bexley. Mr. Peck was in the first dozen of League members, and since his entry he has introduced no less than thirty-eight members. It happens that just as I am writing this note I am handed a letter from this gentleman introducing yet another member, this time to the juvenile branch of the LEAGUE. In his letter Mr. Peck writes: "This young fancier, Master Coakham, of Newport, is only nine years of age. He was showing his Greenfinch at Newport show last week, and noticed that his father and several other gentlemen at the show were wearing League badges, so he decided to join the LEAGUE himself and wear his badge with the rest in future."

In Defence of the Humane Bird Dealer.

It is our pleasure to have among our members quite a considerable number of dealers in birds—the men who are anathematized by the extremists as keeping "*filthy and fetid bird shops, swarming with vermin and the germs of every disease to which caged birds are subject.*" We know, of course, that this accusation, as applied to bird shops as a whole, is a gross and unwarrantable slander, but we have to combat it, and with this view, a scheme has been devised as follows: It is that any bird shopkeeper may express his willingness to receive a visit from an accredited member of the LEAGUE, say the Local Hon. Sec., at any time during a period of six months. If at the end of that period a satisfactory report is received from the League representative, we shall prepare a certificate, duly signed by the representative, and countersigned by myself as secretary to CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE, and this will be framed and sent to the dealer concerned for exhibition on his premises.

The tone of the many letters I have received from members who are dealers in birds makes it certain that the possession of such a document would be valued as having been granted only after the report of an expert. It goes without saying that any Local Hon. Sec. to CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE is himself a bird keeper and fully competent to judge whether the birds in any particular shop are being kept in humane and sanitary conditions.

If any bird-shop keeper will communicate with me I will put him in touch with our local representative, and our local hon. secs. will render assistance to our cause by bringing this notice to the knowledge of any local dealers, and inviting their co-operation in the movement.

Nothing but good could possibly arise out of the arrangement If our representative did not feel justified at the end of the period in recommending the granting of the certificate the bird dealer would only be where he was before, while, if the certificate were granted it could not fail to be not only of material advantage to the business of the holder, but a substantial defence against the possible accusations of inexperienced amateur or official inspectors.

I commend the idea to the serious consideration of each individual bird dealer throughout the country, and shall be pleased to give every attention to any expressions of opinion he may have to make upon the matter.

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND BADGES.

The SUBSCRIPTIONS *to* CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE *are as under:*

PATRONS.—*A donation in one sum, or an annual subscription of one guinea or more.*

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Secretary, CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE.
154, FLEET STREET, LONDON, E.C.

A FIRST ATTEMPT AT NEWPORT (MON).

The New Society's Encouraging Start. Excellent Management and a Good Entry.

This society (quite recently formed) is to be heartily congratulated on the grand success of its first venture, held Dec. 7th, in the Tradesmen's Hall, not a bad place by any means, though sadly taxed for room after admitting visitors. Given more time, the management would doubtless have utilised a portion of both sides of the hall, thereby making much more room down the centre, and adding to the comfort of all. Staging was nicely fixed up, the light fairly good, and the birds quite free from draught and very comfortably arranged. Entries numbered 440 in 40 classes. Quality was A1, and as is mostly the case in these parts, Yorks. proved the strongest, though all sections received very nice support, and many of the cracks of the day faced the judge (Mr. Jno. Robson). Quite a lot of well-known exhibitors put in an appearance in the evening. The management, under the able leadership of Mr. A. T. Rogers (vice-chairman), and Mr. J. Hammett, secretary, backed up by a really hard working committee in Messrs. E. Richards, J. C. Nathan, J. Davies, H. Gregory, E. Moss, W. Dark, T. Dully, G. Hughes, and G. E. Carruthers (treasurer)—had everything in apple-pie order, and must be complimented on their attention and courtesy to everyone present, and with such a body of fanciers we see no reason why this society should not become one of the very best around these parts. The guinea cash special, kindly given by Mr. J. C. Nathan, went to Messrs. Evins Bros.' Crest. The guinea tea-set by Mr. Watkins, junr., fell to Mr. Bale's variegated C.B. Best in British and Mules, by Mr. Dark, went to Mr. Shellam's Canary-Bullie; and best members to Mr. D. Edwards' Goldie-Bullie. Most points, members', Mr. Allen; 2nd most points, Mr. D. Edwards. About 200 fanciers visited the show.

The Critique.

NOR. CL. YELL. CK. (6): 1, E. Thomas, Treharris 3rd, good col. and quality, lovely clean head, but some preferred 2, Irons, bonny bird, deeper chest, good col. and quality, not quite the finish of winner; 3, Col. Routh, good all-round Nor. properties, well bracced wings, a wee shade faulty in tail; 4, T. R. Pierce, a wonder for col., beautiful type and quality; vhc, Whitton; hc, Tedstone. BUFF (10): 1, spl, Irons, real bonny bird, rare substance, col., and quality, grand solid breast and back, lovely wings and tail; 2, Folwell, a gem for col. and quality, good chest and back, a wee shade loose at thighs; 3, J. Williams, lovely type, fine full chest, well cut up, grandly filled out; 4, Whitton, grand chubby bird, close boxey feather, Llanelly winner; vhc, E. Thomas; hc, Tedstone; c, Harber and Brown. TKD., ETC., CK. (8): 1, sp, E. Thomas, saddle mkd. yell., well known winner, looking very fit, not the largest, but a Norwich all over; 2, G. Edwards, right wing tkd. yell., nice bright col. and quality, good depth of chest; 3, Col. Routh, left wing tkd. buff, nice size, beautifully moulded; 4, Cleaves, even mkd wings and one eye, nice bird, a wee bit unsteady; vhc, Maggs; hc, Hitchings; c, E. T. Jones. HEN (9): 1, Folwell, yell., topper, a wonder for col. and substance, grand head and neck, nice wings, perhaps a wee shade slack in tail; 2, Chidgey, buff, grand type, col. and quality, good wings; 3, Capt. Collier, another topping col. buff, good Nor. properties; 4, G. T. Jones, buff, plenty of substance, well filled; vhc, E. Thomas; hc, Tedstone; c, Col. Routh. TICKD., ETC. (9): 1, spl, E. Thomas, left wing and eyes mkd., yell., capital type and size, nice full chest and back; 2, Chidgey, griz. head buff, nice size, some preferred 3, Cleaves, buff, griz. wings, grand type, col. and quality, splendidly filled up, solid chest and back; 4, Muscatt even mkd. eyes and wing, buff, nice cobby hen; vhc, J. E. Baker; hc, Cook; c, Hitchings. NON-FED NOR. (9): 1, Young, eyes, head, and wings mkd., buff, not large, but grand type and col., good chest, back, wings, and tail; 2, F. Slocombe, cl. yell., plenty substance, grand head and neck, clean full chest; 3, Pope, nice cl. buff, similar make to winner; 4, Mrs. Enderson, smart cl. yell., good Nor. properties; vhc, Mrs. Enderson; hc, Irons; c, Mathews. UNFLIG. (15): 1, Irons, lovely cl. buff, fine substance and col., good solid chest, back well filled, nice head, neck and wings; 2, Jeremy, cl. yell., truly lovely type, extra good neck and chest, nice position; 3, Stephenson, another cl. yell. of grand col., size and position; 4, Tedstone, nice cobby yell. cl., good firm front; vhc, G. T. Jones; hc, Phillips and Lunt; c, failed to find. YORKS., CL., YELL. CK. (18): 1, sp, Newell, highly col., beautifully drawn, fine length of side, neat wings, tail, and legs; 2, Smith, paler in col., but well drawn and upstanding, lovely wings and tail; 3, Mock, really good all-round Yorks, capital head, neck and back; 4, Mock, another lovely bird, better col.; vhc, Parfitt; hc, Newell, we liked; c, Hawes Bros. BUFF (11): 1, sp, Hawes Bros., good length, nice upstanding bird, grand wings, back, and tail; 2, Phillips and Lunt, another very smart bird, a close race; 3, Pritchard, shorter, paler and lower on leg, good feather and condition; 4, Halliday, well filled up, lovely boxey feather; vhc, James & Wells; hc, Weeks, Pontypridd winner; c, Hawes Bros. TKD., CK. Etc. (18): 1, Hawes Bros., right cheek mkd. yell. lengthy and of good position, grand back, wings, and tail; 2, Smith, variegated buff, charming quality and condition, lovely back, wings, and tail, clever on legs; 3, Dykes, variegated yell., capital col. and quality, lovely wings and tail, good on legs; 4, Beanmont and Cockhill, head tkd. yell., good size and position; vhc, Pritchard; hc, Dykes; c, Hawes Bros. HEN, CL. (17): 1, Dykes, yell., not extra long, but grandly moulded, nice solid breast, lovely back and wings; 2, Hawes Bros., nice lengthy yell., charming back, wing, and tail; 3, Hawes Bros., buff, long and straight, nice quality, wings, and tail; 4, Halliday, yell. of nice build, capital head and neck; vhc, James and Wells; hc, Steer; c, Smith; w.c., Cook, variegated. TKD., ETC. (11): 1, spl, Dykes, yell., mkd. wings, eye, and vent, fair length, fine position, well filled, lovely wings and tail; 2, Hawes Bros., another yell., longer than winner, very slnl, mkd. wings, head, and neck, grand position; 3, Hawes Bros., buff, mkd. head and right wing, nicely moulded, lovely quality; 4, E. H. Williams, griz. head yell., good length, position, wings and tail; vhc, Beanmont and Cockhill; hc, Thomson; c, Newell. NON-FED YORKS. (2): 1, Hendy, rich col. buff, well filled up generally; 2, Hughes, cl. yell., good length and col. UNFLIG. (27): 1, sp, Hawes Bros., eyes, wings, and tail mkd. buff, fine length, closely feathered, lovely position, grand wings; 2, Hawes Bros., griz. head, neck, and left wing, yell., good length of side, well up on leg, good head; 3, Halliday, buff, capital length, beautiful feather and col., nicely filled in; 4, James and Wells, Cardiff 3rd, head tkd. yell., grand length and position; vhc, Dykes; hc, G. Morgan; c, Portman-CREST (11): 1, sp, Evins Bros., foul green, not the largest, but good Nor. type, and well formed crest, back and front; 2, Rev. Joyce, wings mkd. D.C., crest of good size, not quite the formation and width of feather; 3, Allen, foul green, good size, type and feather, substance; 4, Lazarus, cl. body D.C., excellent type and size, nicely centred toppiece; vhc, Simmonds; hc, Bale; c, Rev. Joyce. C.B. (8): 1, spl, Bale, heav. var., fine size and type, good col. and qual., wealth of feather, wonderful lashing; 2, Evins Bros., foul green, good size, type and skull; 3, Allen, var., grand col. and qual., nice sub., beaten only in length of feather; 4, Simmonds, slashing var., fine col. and feather; vhc, Bale; hc, Lazarus, nice bird, slips thick toe; c, Rev. Joyce. BORD. CL. ETC. YELL. (10): 1, spl, Morris, nice type, lovely boxy feather, clean waist, lovely condition; 2, Ford, J. W., another capital var., very like winner, except a wee shade stronger; 3, Morgan, J. W., smart cl., not quite so shapely as leader, nice qual. and condition; 4, Morgan, J. W., very neat cl. again; vhc, Jeremiah; hc, Tottle; c, Dodge; absent, Jenkins, D. BUFFS (16): 1, Dodge, beautifully moulded clear, well filled up all over, neat wings and tail, lovely qual.; 2, Evans, E. M., another nice cl., very perky, not quite so shapely; 3, Richards, J. H., cl. again, in the pink, better finished feather; 4, Jeremiah, really smart, sweet feather; vhc, Morgan, J. M.; hc, Jeremiah; c, Morgan, J. M.; absent, Jenkins. A.O.V. (13): 1, Pope, really grand cinnamon, rare sub., fine head, neck, back and chest, lovely feather; 2, Young, Dutch Frill, not often seen about here, taking exhibit, good all-round specimen; 3, Richards, J. H., Self Yell. Border, sweet type, rare col. feather; 4, Allen, Yell. Belgian, nice thickness, quick, easy action, reaches well down; vhc, Dyer (Cinn.); hc, Greenwell (Border); c, Jones, J. H. (Scotch). BRIT. GOLDFINCH (15): 1, spl, Clark, good stamp Finch, nicely cut, pure blaze, good tan, hood, and bars; 2, Jeffreys, not quite so expansive in blaze, but better defined colours throughout; 3, Lawrence, another fine Finch, not quite so pure in face, lovely flights and moons; 4, Capt. Jones, very similar to winner in most respects, well worth his place; vhc, Jeffrey; hc, Rogers, G.; c, Edwards. BLACKLEG (19): 1, Tippings, nice size, blaze of good expanse, especially at bottom, clean cut, good wings and tan; 2, Ford, H. J., rich scarlet square cut blaze, lovely wings and tan, cleaner whites; 3, Morgan, G. P., lovely little bird, rich, nicely cut blaze though smaller, grand feather, steady; 4, Lewis, W., nice stamp, capital chest; vhc, Russell; hc, c, Jeffreys. BULLFINCH (16): 1, spl, Holbrow, house-moulted, grand type, charming head, lovely close feather and condition; 2, Blatchford, another H. M., again good type and fair colour, not quite so good in skull; 3, Thorn, F.M., really smart, lovely colour, grand head, back and bars, well placed; 4, Holbrow, F.M., nice cobby bird of fair colour and quality; vhc, Nicholas; hc, Col. Routh; c, Jeffreys. LINNET H.M. (9): 1, spl, Gay, good size and col., plenty of work, lovely back, looks like wanting a rest; 2, Jones, S., jun., a wee shade smaller, grand col. and polish, nice lacing, better condition; 3, Jenkins, S., bonny bird, lovely head, back and chest, some preferred to win to-day; 4, Jenkins, S., nearly as good all-round as any, grand flights; vhc, Copham; hc, Poyer; c, Col Routh. F.M. (13): 1, Jeffreys, grand all-round bird, nice size, shape and col., full of work all over; 2, Phillips, another beauty, not quite so distinct in pencilling perhaps, but full up with it; 3, Sullivan, good again, smaller ticking; 4, Jones, S., jun., very similar to last; vhc, Davies; hc, Evans, W.; c, Allsopp. GREENFINCH ETC. (12): 1, spl, Brotherhood, wonderful coloured and good feathered Bramble, fine head, chest and back, nice flank pencilling; 2, Lawrence, Greenie, and a topper, marvellous size and type, good head, neck and chest; 3, Russell, Greenie, we believe Cardiff winner, grand col. and feather; 4, Ford, J. W., Bramble, nice bird; vhc, Ford, J. W.; hc, Jeffreys; c, Tippins. A.O.S. BRIT. (9): 1 Bancroft, Crossbill, very sweet bird, rare col. and qual., A1 condition; 2, Rosser and Son, grand Wryneck, lovely marks, shape, and col., superb condition; 3, Thorne, Bearded Tit, in lovely trim and splendidly staged; 4, Edwards, E., Yell. Bunting, fine colour and markings; vhc, Sadler (Twite); hc, Munkey (Hawfinch); c, Sadler (Siskin). HARDBILL HEN (7): 1, Jones, S., jun., Linnet, charming little lady, lovely col. and shape, grand feather and polish, wins; 2, Ford, J. H., Cora Bunting, well marked, nice feather and condition; 3, Holborrow, Bullie, grand size, col. and type, well shown; 4, Bancroft, very smart Hen Bramble; vhc, Jeffreys (Siskin); hc, Holbrow (Siskin); c, Bancroft (Greenie). MULES OR HYB. DARK (11): 1, spl, Shellam, Canary-Bullie, well known, wonder for col., at his best, romps home; 2, Jones, Capt., Goldie-Bullie, charming exhibit, lovely col. throughout, looked to have a few tiny white feathers in blaze and some were thrown out for small faults of this nature; 3, Jones, J. H., nice Goldie-Bullie again; 4, Lawrence, yet another Goldie-Bullie, good col., pure blaze; vhc, Brown (Linnet Mule); hc, Coulson (Greenie); c, Davies; absent, Dart; w.c., Lawrence, Canary-Bullie, small white tail feather; wc, Bowles, Mule, dk. Finch Mule, wee tick back of head. LIGHT (4): 1, spl, Shellam, noted cl. Greenie-Canary, topping exhibit looking well, often described, clear win; 2, Lawrence, Buff Goldie, very slight tick head and back, nice size, lovely col., qual., and condition; 3, Thomas, W. P., another Buff Goldie, eyes, head and wing marked, smaller, nice col., feather and condition; wc, Etherington, Dark Linnet Male. FOR. SMALL (10): 1, Thorne, Troupial, well known winner, nicely defined colours, lovely feather and condition; 2, Coulson, sweet pair Long-tailed Grass Finches, marvellous feather condition, but shy; 3, Thorn, Paradise Whydah, looking wonderfully well, well-kept tail; 4, Col. Routh, Orange Bishop, not yet at best, otherwise good; vhc, Castree; hc, Edwards, D.; c, Col. Routh. LARGE (2): 1, spl, Mrs. Sage, a really beautifully feathered Green Parrot, well staged; 2, Allen, smart Grey, nice feather and form, we thought we heard it praying for a good "gate." MEMBERS' NOR. (10): 1, spl, 2, 4, Rogers, A. T.; 3, Hammett; vhc, Richards, C.; hc, c, Hammett. YORKS (5): 1, spl, Hughes; 2, Watkins; 3, Lewis, G.; 4, Hughes, G. A.O.V. (4): 1, spl, 2, 3, Allen; dc, Davies, J. BRIT. (5): 1, spl, Edwards, D. (Goldie); 2, Edwards, D. (H.M. Goldie); 3, Moss; 4, Richards; absent, Murphy. MULE OR HYB. (7): 1, spl, 2, 3, Edwards, D. (all Goldie-Bullies); 4, Moss (Redpoll-Can.); vhc, Richards, C.; hc, Davies, J.; absent, Murphy. CAN. NON-FED (8): 1, spl, 2, 3, Allen; 4, Richards, c; vhc, hc, Kay; c, Hughes.

During your Xmas Holidays don't forget our Competitions.

RUNCORN MAKES A CAPITAL START.

Entries, Sales and Attendance all Good: Management First-rate

Runcorn C.B.S. 1st open show, held under its new management on December 8th, and 9th, in the Greenway Road Schools, a room suitably adapted for the purposes of a cage bird show, being nicely lighted throughout. The exhibits were staged at a nice height, and could be seen at a glance. The room is well lit up at night, and the Runcorn fanciers must be congratulated on having at commaud so good a show room. The secretarial reins are in the hands of that go-ahead fancier, Mr. T. P. Baxter, who runs the show like an old hand. We admire the amount of work he got through in so short a time, seeing he had to go to and from his business all day. Cards were up before they left the judge's table, so that none could be missed. Before leaving on the Friday we found prize money was being paid out. May the Society long have Mr. Baxter's admirable services. That old and enthusiastic exhibitor, Mr. W. H. Cawley, was looking after the arrangements in the show room, and exhibitors know what this means. These officials are well backed up by an excellent committee in Messrs. Bradbury, Suttou, Farrell, Guy Rone, Joues, Hayes, Whyte, Boote, Ratcliffe, Lunt, Wood, Houghton, Waterworth, Norton Locker, and Clark. We heard that £10 worth of tickets were sold previous to the opening of the show. The attendance was really good, and sales better than was expected, considering the bad time we are going through. Most points, Yorks., Mr. Baxter; closely followed by Mr. Knowles; Nor., Mr. J. Raynes; 2, Mr. Dick Barker; Brit., 1st and special, Capt. Hurst (with his noted Goldie); 2nd, Messrs. Bartram and Baines, Mr. Almond taking sp. in the Mule section. In the novice section (which contained some grand birds) Mr. Gregory led off, with Mr. Bains close on his heels, Mr. F. R. Jones capturing special from Mr. D. Metcalfe in the novice Nor. All told, some 400 birds were staged, and these were put through their paces by Mr. Alf. Wellings, whose awards gave entire satisfaction.

The Critique.

YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL. (7): 1, Parrey, cl., long racy, well drawn; 2, Durnford, red hot, rare back, nicely filled in neck, straight as a rush, a very near thing; 3, Hemmings and Brereton, cap. mkd., fine legs, close, silky feather; 4, Ridge, clear, sweet head and neck, pipe tail; vhc, Taylor; hc, Perry; c, Roote. BUFF (5): 1, 2, Knowles, 1, cl., round as a bottle, exquisite feather, rare position, neat wings, 2, cl., quality magnificent, straight and erect, clean cut, well balanced; 3, Wright, varieg., red hot, long sided, very typical, fine quality; 4, Fortman, clear mealed all over; vhe, Robinson. YELL. HEN (11): 1, Knowles, grizzle cap and wing, dainty lady, full of type and quality, stands on a good pair of legs; 2, Parry, clear, topper for style, shows nice bloom all over, put down in rattling fine form; 3, Robinson, cl., sweet head and neck, very shooty, stands on rare legs, close boxey feather; 4, Hemmings and Brereton, neck mkd. cl., good top end; vhe, Perry; hc, Baxter; c, Taylor. BUFF (12): 1, sp., and Hyde's, Baxter, Cinn. mkd. wings, topper, wins Hyde's sp., charmer for type, quality and general Yorks. properties; 2, Durnford, clear round and straight as a pencil, nice wing carriage, well tapered away; 3, Knowles, clear rare feather, and position, well up on leg, good wings; 4, Robinson, clear, good at breast, nice back; vhc, Fortman; hc, Peck; c, Parry. UNFLIG. BUFF (7): 1, Parry, clear, round as a bottle, straight as an arrow, mealed to perfection, close wings and tail; 2, 3, Baxter, two grand youngsters, 2, shows plenty of daylight underneath, good rounded head, 3, well braced wings, both full of swank; 4, Wright, varieg., red hot, nice back and well on leg; vhc, Ridge; hc, Hemmings and Brereton. YELL. (7): 1, Taylor, cl., rare length and style, sweet head, fine top end, gets over perch just a wee bit; res., Robinson. cl., stormer for type and quality, very shooty, full of nerve, stands like a guardsman; 3, 4, Baxter, 3, again excellent style, clean drawn, 4, very silky feather; vhc, Perry; hc, Ramsden; c, Fortman. NOR., CL., ETC., YELL. (12): 1, Raynes, cl., stormer for typo and quality, fine bold head and neck, well braced wings and tail; 2, Sandiford's sp., Baxter, on fire, cl., clean cut, broad back and chest, rare Nor., close up; 3, Mattinson, cl., short and cobby, neat head and neck, superior feather; 4, Beswick, again neat type, eye set in centre of a good head; vhc, Turner; hc, c, Baxter. BUFF (10): 1, Hall, varieg., red hot, bull neck, all front, well carried wings and tail, well put down; 2, Leeming Bros., grizzle cap, good in head and neck, boat shape, short and compact, silky feather; 3, Raynes, clear, superior finish, not quite the substance of above; 4, Wilkinson, eye and wing mkd., delightful type and quality; vhc, Anderton; hc, Boothman; c, Bixter. YELL. HEN (9): 1, Barker, varieg. cobby lady, takes perches well, nicely rounded chest and back, clean cut; 2, hc, Entwisle, clear, blowing when taking notes, hot, evidently a "good 'un"; 3, Bixter, clear, topper for Nor. type, silky feather, as jaunty as a Bord.; 4, Mattinson, tick mk., rattling line size and quality; vhc, Field Bros.; c, Wrigley. BUFF (11): 1, vhc, Barker, varieg., ideal lady, full of style and type, dressed up to perfection; 2, Wrigley, clear, teeming with quality, mealed like a frosty night, well in front of perch; 3, Marsh, clear, wonderful quality, shone like satin; 4, Beswick, clear, again of exquisite feather; hc, Wilkinson; c, Hall. UNFLIG. YELL. (11): 1, Raynes, wing mark, grand size and full of quality, with it, shows nice wings and tail; 2, Nelson, clear, very long sided, good head and neck, even col. throughout; 3, Marsh, clear, short, compact, full of style, good tone of col., clean cut away behind; 4, Turner, clear, not a big one, but real good type; vhc, Field Bros.; hc, Wilkinson; c, Steeple. BUFF (12): 1, sp., Hall, varieg., stunner for type, bull neck and well rounded head, short and well packed tail; 2, vhc, Wrigley, lightly varieg., grand quality of feather, shows a wealth of meal; 3, Bixter, lightly varieg., all front, broad chest and back, short wings and tail; 4, Raynes, clear, neat head and neck; hc, Beswick; c, Anderton. CREST AND C.B.: Cancelled. A.O.V. (5): 1, Baxter, four-pointed Yorkie, full of swank, very racy, rare feather and markings; 2, Bostock, Border, jaunty, full of nerve, exquisite feather, neat head; 3, Bitty, Lancashire coppy, big one, well packed; 4, Andrews, Scotch Fancy, soon gets into position; vhc, Hayes. DARK MULE (14): 1, Brunskill, yellow Greenfinch Can., grand size and condition, shone like glass, put down in spanking fine order; 2, 3, 4, hc, Bartram and Bains, 2, Redpoll Can., well marked, shows cap and bib, 3, Buff Greenfinch Mule, rare size, shows nice meal throughout, 4, Goldie Mule, real good oue, if a wee shade larger; vhc, Walsh; c, Jackson. LIGHT (6): 1, Jackson, yellow varieg. Goldie Mule, topping size, real good col., wins; 2, Johnson, buff Goldie Mule, big one, fine quality feather, put down in nice style; 3, Home. Goldie Can., not a big one, but full of col., nice feather and bars; 4, Norton, same cross, good face and bars; vhc, Nelson; hc, Jamison. GOLDFINCH (26): A wonderful lot: 1, sp., Hurst, yet another first, a stormer, often described a novice could pick it out; 2, 3, Yates, 2, not disgraced, excellent face, good collar, well tanned, beautiful bars and buttons, 3, grand col., square cut blaze, topping size and condition; 4, Darling, crimsonlike face, good bars; vhc, Almond; hc, Nelson; c, Morgan. LINNET (25): 1 Jos. Davies, a stormer, teeming with nice nut-brown col., extensively pencilled right down, cone shape; 2, Kilner and Sons, profusely marked, rare size and condition, nice whites, put down in A1 form; 3, A. R. Jones, again good size, well ticked, topping shape, good back col., of reddish brown; 4, M'Andrew; vhc, Hurst; hc, we missed; c, Leather and Sparks. GREENFINCH, ETC. (10): 1, Jos. Davis, yellow Greenfinch, stunner, whopping skull, round face, wonderful col., backed up by condition; 2, 3, vhc, Hurst, 2, Chaffinch, good in whites, shows magnificent sheen, excellent blue top knot, 3, Greenfinch, another hot 'un, excels in col. and bars, just beaten in skull by winner; 4, Johnson, Greenfinch, beauty for col., size and condition; hc, Almond; c, Helen and Ashall. BULLFINCH: 1, Brunskill, real good Bullie, large cut cap, grand shade of blue, red hot in breast; 2, McPherson, hen, Bonny lady, very large, good cap and bib, jet black; 3, Jos. Davies, real good one in colour and head properties; 4, Kilner and Sons, fair size of cap, good colour; vhc, Washbourne; hc, Jones; c, Rose and Son. SISKIN, ETC. (12): 1, 4, Almond, 1, Twite, exquisitely laced, good size, even col. throughout, 4, good Siskin; 2, hc, Morgan, Lesser Redpoll, grand bib, shows good coverts, real good polish; 3, Hurst, Siskin, neatly lashed, good big cap and bib; vhc, Hardy; c, J. H. Davies. OPEN NOVICE: YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL. (15): 1, Ralphs, cl., long racy, well filled in, good wings and pipe tail; 2, Musgrove, clear, very erect and fearless, grand pair of pins, long drawn and straight; 3, Sutton, clear, well upon leg, very round, good front; 4, Glover, clear, not a big one, but all there for style and quality; vhc, Mrs. D. L. Parkes; hc, Bostock. BUFF (14): 1, sp., c, Bains, clear, grand length, straight as a rush, well braced wings and tail; 2, Gregory, grizzle breast, erect and fearless, round as a bottle, graud wings and tail; 3, Jones, varieg., another good one, shows plenty of leg, grand back; 4, Gilbert, clear, topper for style and quality; vhc, Sutton; hc, Glover. HEN (31): 1, 2, Gregory, 1, Buff, four pointed, stormer for type, exquisite feather, stands on neat legs, well staged, 2, clear, straight as a rush, grand head and neck, lovely dressed, rare good lady; 3, c, Sutton, clear yellow, grand length and very good in wings and tail; 4, Ratcliffe, cl. yell., extra good style and quality; vhc, Bains; hc, Hardy. UNFLIG. (22): 1, Gregory, cl., good yell., stands like a guardsman, full of swank, red hot, a topper; 2, Pomfret, cap marked, buff, round as a bottle, good top, silky feather, put down like a champion; 3, Swetman, grizzle neck buff, close feather, mealed all through; 4, Bracegirdle, clear yell., superior style and quality; vhc, Sutton; hc, Jones; c, Siddall. NOR., NOVICE YELL. (11): 1, 4, R. Jones, 1, varieg., red hot, grand head and neck, full chest and cleanly cut away behind, 4, cap mkd., rare head and neck, shows wealth of quality; 2, Hughes, wing mkd., topper for shape, hold eye; 3, Bracegirdle, eye mkd., all front, teeming with quality; vhc, McNally; hc, Humphreys; c, Thorpe. BUFF (11): 1, Hayes, varieg., well mealed, well moulded front, boat shape, wings and tail one piece; 2, Dalzall, clear, grand in Nor. properties, not quite so even in col., but well placed; 3, Jones, varieg., rare col., fine quality feather; 4, Bracegirdle, cl., silky feather, good frontal; vhc, Hughes; hc, Peek; c, Thompson. HEN (15): 1, D. Metcalfe, cl. yell., rare feathered damsel, bold head and neck for a yell., clean cut as a Cameo; 2, Bitty, cl. Buff, wealth of meal, takes perches well, wings and tail nicely carried; 3, Thompson, dark cap and tail, all front, bonny head; 4, Worthington, clear stunner for quality; vhc, Woods; hc, Crowe; c, Jones. UNFLIG. (16): 1, sp., D. Metcalfe, varieg., grand type of Nor., a real eye opener, well cut, very good in front; 2, Thompson, cheek mkd., again good, teeming with quality, fine back and wing carriage; 3, Worthington, wing mkd., beauty for style and feather, very short; 4, Glover, cap, cobby, grand head; vhc, Higham; hc, Crowe; c, Hayes. MEMBERS: YORKS., YELL.: 1, White. BUFF: 1, Farrell; 2, Norton; 3, White. HEN: 1, Farrell; 2, Norton. UNFLIG. (5): 1, Ratcliffe; 2, vhc, Whyte; 3, Norton; 4, Farrell. NOR., YELL. AND BUFF, AND HEN CLASSES: Cancelled. UNFLIG.: 1, Norton.

DUBMIRE.

Duhmire Workmen's Club first annual show held in the club hall, when 170 birds laced the judge, Mr. A. Widdowfield (Bolden Colliery), who gave every satisfaction. The show was ably carried through by the Secretary, Mr. B. Robinson, assisted by the committee, Messrs. D. Hann, G. Lynn, J. Fenton, T. Davison and G. Green.

NOR. CL. YELL: 1, Fenton; 2, Lindsay; 3, R. Fletcher. CLASS 2: 1, Fenton; 2, Lindsay; 3, T. Fletcher. CLASS 3: Cancelled. CLASS 4: 1, T. Fletcher; 2, Fenton; 3, Lindsay. CLASS 5: 1, Lindsay; 2, Fenton; 3, Lynn. CLASS 6: 1, Lindsay; 2, T. Fletcher; 3, R. Fletcher. CLASS 7: 1, Greenwell; 2, R. Fletcher; 3, Henderson. CLASS 8: 1, 3, Greeu; 2, Greenwell. CLASS 9: 1, Fenton; 2, Green; 3, Hann. CLASSES 10, 11 and 12 (Crests): Cancelled. CLASS 13: 1, Robinson; 2, Davison; 3, Hann. CLASS 14: 1, Davison; 2, Henderson; 3, Robinson. CLASS 15: Cancelled (Yorks.). CLASS 16: 1, Fenton; 2, Lynn; 3, Lindsay. CLASS 17: 1, Lindsay; 2, Fenton; 3, Lynn. CLASS 18: Cancelled (Borders). CLASS 19: 1, Lindsay; 2, Fenton; 3, Lynn. CLASS 20: 1, Lindsay; 2, Fenton; 3, Fletcher. CLASS 21: 1, Lindsay; 2, R. Fletcher; 3, Fenton. CLASS 22: 1, Davison; 2, T. Fletcher; 3, Green; vhc, Robinson. CLASSES 23 and 24: Cancelled (Nor.). CLASS 25: 1, R. Fletcher; 2, Lindsay; 3, T. Fletcher. CLASS 26: 1, 3, T. Fletcher; 2, R. Fletcher. CLASS 27: 1, R. Fletcher; 2, Fenton; 3, T. Fletcher; Class 28: 1, T. Fletcher; 2, Hann; 3, Lindsay. CLASS 29: 1, R. Fletcher; 2, T. Fletcher; 3, vhc, Lynn. CLASS 30: 1, T. Fletcher; 2, R. Fletcher; 3, Robinson. CLASS 31: 1, Green; 2, Henderson; 3, Hann; Class 32: 1, T. Fletcher; 2, Greenwell; 3, Lowery. CLASS 33: Cancelled. CREST, YELL: 1, Wood; 2, Green; 3, Davison. BUFF: 1, Lowery; 2, Wood; 3, Davison. YELL: 1, R. Fletcher; 2, Hann; 3, Wood. BUFF: 1, Lowery; 2, R. Fletcher; 3, Wood. CREST PAIRS: 1, Lynn; 2, 3, Wood. YORKS., YELL.: 1, Fenton; 2, Lindsay; 3, R. Fletcher. BUFF: 1, Fenton; 2, Lowery; 3, R. Fletcher. YORKS., PAIRS: 1, Fenton; 2, R. Fletcher; 3, Lynn. BORD. YELL.: 1, Fenton; 2, Lindsay; 3, R. Fletcher. BUFF: Cancelled. BORDER PAIRS: 1, Lynn; 2, Fenton; 3, R. Fletcher. MULES: 1, 2, 3, Green. LINNET: 1, T. Fletcher; 2, Green; 3, R. Fletcher, A.O.S.: 1, Lowery; 2, R. Fletcher; 3, Robinson.

AUCHTERARDER.

Annual show of cage birds, held Ayton Hall, Dec. 9th. The Hall is a capital one for a show, and the cage birds were staged right along one side in a good light, the only drawback from our point of view being the noise arising from poultry, etc., which filled the rest of the hall. The cage bird committee were all good workers and gave the birds every attention, notably Mr. Roy, who seems to be the head and front of the section, and he was well backed up by Messrs Cranna and Halley; while the secretary, Mr. Dow, was courteous and obliging, and discharged his duties in a way that pleased everyone. The attendance was fairly good. The entry was disappointing to the Society, being a good bit down on the last show, but quality was very fine, many winning Birds being shown. Mr. Jeans (Falkirk) judged, and his decisions gave general satisfaction. Mr. D. Roy was winner of members' cup for most points, CAGE BIRDS' special for most entries, and medal for best member's bird.

The Critique.

CL. YELL. CK. NOR.: 1, Jeffrey and Stevenson, very typical, good head and wings, nice quality; 2, Masterton, good position, nice close feather; 3, Mrs. A. Eadie, good quality, well shown; 4, Matthews. YELL. HEN: 1, Kerr, nice short wings, grand quality; 2, Hampton, good size and substance, fine feather. BUFF CK.: 1, Jeffrey and Stevenson, good type, nice close feather; 2, Mrs. Eadie, fine non-fed, in grand order, good head and front. HEN: 1, Milne, good short wings and tail, rare front, fine quality; 2, 4, both non-feds, leader, nice short wings, cobby type, sweet quality; 3, Aitken, good size, rare quality; 5, Matthews. YELL. VAR. CK.: 1, Hampton, tidy bird, good quality, well shown; 2, Mrs. Eadie, non-fed, grand type, good head and front, fine quality; 3, Jeffrey and Stevenson, good head and front, close feather; 4, Anderson. HEN: 1, sp, Arkell, good style, close feather. BUFF CK.: 1, Stewart, fine head and chest, grand quality; 2, Hampton, good head, fine quality, presses. HEN: 1, Milne, nice hen, in rare order, plenty of quality; 2, Anderson, good size and substance, well put down; 3, Wylie, good type, grand head, fine quality feather. BORD. CL. YELL. CK.: 1, Munro, jaunty wee chap, splendid col., in rare order, wins; 2, Irons, another tidy one, well put down. HEN: 1, Irons, sweet little lady, good head and wings, in grand fettle. BUFF: 1, Sheilds, grand action, good col., nice wings 2, Irons, typical, nice size, rare style. HEN: 1, Munro, fine head and neck, good type and quality, well up; 3, 4, Gentleman, nice ones good colour, nice wings. EVEN MKD.: 1, sp, 2, Gentleman, pair of beauties, good type and size, nice feather. CREST CK.: 1, Cameron, wing marked D.C., nice size, good crest, long feather; 2, Low, fine green, good head, nice crest just slightly open; 3, Wright, nice var. D.C., good leafy feather. HEN: 1, Gentleman, fine var., nice crest, dense feather. C.B.: 1, sp, Low, good var., fine bold skull, dense feather of grand length; 2, Matthews, good green, fine head, nice entrance, well lashed; 3, Gentleman, good one, very similar. HEN: 1, Cameron, neat, good shape, nice long feather. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, Cranna, good size, grand blaze, well tanned, nice wing-bars and moons, in shining condition; 2, Brown, nice style, good face, well groomed; 3, Jeffrey and Stevenson, good bird, grand head and wings, nice blaze. BULLFINCH: 1, 5, Cranna, field moulted, splendid size and colour, good cap, nicely cut, as tight as a bottle; 2, Nicoll, fails only in size to winner, good one; 3, Brown; 4, Roy: 6, Sheilds. GREENFINCH: 1, sp, 5, Roy, very typical field moulted buff, grand size, good head and wings; 2, Mrs. Eadie, another good one, nice size and shape, fine col.; 3, Palmer, fine shape and col., in good order; 4, McIntosh; 6, Brown; 7, Breslin. LINNET: 1, Mrs. Eadie, nice size and markings, stands well on perch; 2, 4, Brown, 2nd fine col., well pencilled, in good condition; 3, McLaren, grand shape and col., nicely marked. SISKIN: 1, Cairns, good size and col., well laced, fine head; 2, Breslin, another nice one,; 3, Gentleman, good size, splendid colour and lacing, nice cap, some thought should have won; 4, Kerr; 5, Halley; 6, Hampton. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, Gentleman, grand Twite, beautifully marked, in rare order; 2, McIntosh, fine Mealy 'Poll, great size, well pencilled; 3, 4, 5, Roy, bonny wee Lesser in tip-top fettle: 4th, good Mealy. CHAFFINCH, ETC.: 1, sp, Gentleman, Bramble in fine condition, well marked; 2, Mrs. Eadie, Chaffie, good size, nice colour; 3, Roy, Brambie, nicely spangled, unsteady; 4, Brown. SMALL BRIT.: 1, Morris, good Corn Bunting, fine size and condition; 2, Mrs. Eadie, fine Yellow Bunting, great size, grand col.; 3, Kirkwood, another Bunting, in fine condition. LARGE: 1, sp, 2, 3, Brown, Fieldfare, Missel and Mavis respectively, beautifully staged, a credit to owner. BRIT. HEN: 1, 5, Roy, Siskin, good size and col.; 2, Morris, big Greenie, in really good fettle; 3, Mrs. Eadie, nice Linnet, well shown; 4, Gentleman; 6, Kirkwood. HYB.: 1, Nicoll, Linnet-Bullie, not big, but grand quality, shows parentage well. DARK: 1, sp, 2, 5, Roy, trio of Goldie-Canaries, of grand size and colour, well staged; 3, Halley, good Linnet-Can., fine size and quality; 4, Matthews; 6, Gentleman; 7, Mrs. Eadie. FOR. GOLDIE: 1, 4, 5, Brown, nice face, good moons; 2, Roy, fine size, well tanned, grand deep blaze, splendid col.; 3, Nicoll, fine face, good rich col. CONFINED. BULLFINCH: 1, sp, Cranna; 2, Roy. BRIT. A.O.S.: 1, Roy; 2, Lawrence. JUVENILES: 1, Miss G. Mann; 2, A. Dow. GIFT: 1, 3, 5, Mrs. Eadie; 2, Roy; 4, Cranna.

WORKSOP F.S.

Members' initial 10 mile radius show held Dec. 2nd. A spacious light room, attached to the Golden Ball Hotel, provided nice accommodation for the exhibits, which were very neatly staged. The committee consists of practical and enthusiastic fanciers, and great credit is due to Messrs. Marshall (chairman), Bush, Rawson, Haslam, G. Sugden, Richardson, Rawson, Simpson, J. Sugden, and W. H. Fishbourne. The secretaries, Messrs. Herbert Smith and H. P. Sissons, are a brace of capable organisers, and are most courteous and obliging. Mr. T. Simpson's six-pointed buff Goldie-Can. was awarded special for best in show. Other special winners: Messrs. T. Simpson (6), J. J. Sugden, G. H. Pilsworth, G. Lane, and A. Rawson (2). Mr. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield) judged, and his awards were well received.

YELL. YORKS. (4): 1, spl, 3, Simpson; 2, Burdett; r, Sugden. HEN (2): 1, 2, Simpson. BUFF (3): 1, 2, spl, Simpson; 3, Sugden. HEN (3): 1, 3, Simpson; 2, Lee. UNFLIG. (2): 1, Sugden; 2, Simpson. CREST (1): 1, spl, Simpson. MULES (4): 1, 3, spl, and spl for best in show, Simpson; 2, Sugden; r, Lane. BRIT. (6): 1, Burdett; 2, 3, vhc, ho, Simpson; r, Sugden. FOR., SMALL (2): 1, 2, Pilsworth. LARGE (1): 1, spl, Simpson. GIFT (3): 1, spl, Simpson; 2, spl, Sugden; 3, Rawson. NOVICE YORKS. (7): 1, Rawson; 2, c, Pilsworth; 3, Cook; r, Lee; vhc, Fern; hc, Green. NOR. (4): 1, r, spl, Pilsworth; 2, Lee; 3, Rawson. BRIT. (5): 1, spl, Lane; 2, Pilsworth; 3, Fern; r, vhc, Cooke. FOR., LARGE (1): 1, spl, Rawson.

AMMANFORD.

Ammanford F.A. annual open show, held Drill Hall, Nov. 23rd. Our section was staged in a separate room from other exhibits, and was well looked after by the stewards, Messrs. Hughes and Holmes. This society is making rapid headway, and on a future occasion would do well to extend their classification. Mr. J. Jones made a very obliging and courteous secretary. Mr. H. S. Davies judged.

The Critique.

CAN. A.V. (17): 1, Morris, yel'. Yorks, splendid type, neat wings and tail, grand col. and quality; 2, Edwards, good Crest, plenty of feather, deserves a better cage; 3, Price, buff Nor., very cobby, neat wings and tail, good qual., nice col.; 4, Muscott; vhc, Steere; hc, Fowler; c, Eley Bros. GOLDFINCH (11): 1, Edwards, typical Britisher, lovely qual., good square blaze, neat bars and buttons; 2, Kershaw, close up, grand size and shape, nice tans, bars, and buttons, good face; 3, Hughes, good face, nice one at all points; 4, Reynolds, neat face, good tans, bars, and buttons, nice size, loses quality; vhc, Evans; hc, Gregory; c, Phillips. GREYPATE (12): 1, Morgans, now well known, very expansive blaze, good bars and buttons; 2, Griffiths Bros., nice qual., neat bars and buttons, loses only a trifle in blaze to leader; 3, Kershaw, good blaze, fine shape, bars and buttons; 4, Phillips, very neat, nice blaze, bars, and buttons; vhc, Hughes; hc, Price; c, Gregory. BULLFINCH, ETC. (8): 1, 4, Holborrow, Bullfinch, Cardiff, etc., winner, often described, a real topper; latter Greenie, not looking very well, when we took notes; 2, Hughes, another good Bullie, good col. and type, neat cap and bars; 3, Price, neat hen Bullie, good type, col., and qual.; vhc, Edwards; hc, Bowen; c, Phillips. A.O.V. (6): 1, 2, Hughes, splendid Bramble leading, good col. and size, in tip-top order; latter, Corn Bunting, good colour, nice size, neat markings; 3, Jenkins, Linnet, good size, col., and markings; 4, Price, Hawlinch, good size, col., and qual.; vhc, Edwards; hc, Bryer. MEMBERS', A.V. (9): 1, 3, Hughes, superb Tanager leading, Swansea winner, a lovely exhibit, in grand order; latter Goldfinch, neat face, good bars and buttons, a trifle wild; 2, T. Morris, good stylish Yorks, nice size and col., well up on leg; 4, vhc, Holmes; hc, Morris; c, Morgan. NOVICE (15): 1, 2, Holmes, yell. and buff Yorks, two nice exhibits, good length, nice col. and position, well put down; 3, c, Phillips, Nor., good col. and qual., very cobby, grand substance; 4, Wilkins, another good Nor.; vhc, Griffiths; hc, Lewis.

ASHTON-U.-LYNE O.S.

Annual show held Dec. 2 at headquarters, P.S.A. Rooms, Albion St., a well-lighted and in every way suitable place for a show. The birds numbered 222, which helped make the show the most successful held by the society. Mr. A. G. Davis (Manchester) judged, his awards appearing to please everyone. The Secretary, Mr. J. R. Colville, had everything well arranged, and to him is due much of the praise for the success of the show.

The Awards.

NOR. YELL. CK.: 1, vhc, hc, Hargreaves; 2 John Mellor; 3, Drabble; 4, Foxall; vhc, c, Oliver. BUFF: 1, 4, Oliver; 2, Foxall; 3, Hargreaves; vhc, Harrison; hc, Drabble; c, Reynolds. YELL., HEN: 1, 3, vhc, Hargreaves; 2, Marsland; 4, hc, Jno. Mellor; c, Clover. BUFF: 1, Hargreaves; 2, Oliver; 3, Foxall; 4, John Mellor; vhc, Dyson; hc, Harrison; c, Drabble. UNFLIGHTED YELL.: 1, Hargreaves; 2, Foxall; 3, Drabble; 4, Harrison; vhc, Marsland; hc, c, John Mellor. BUFF: 1, Hargreaves; 2, Foxall; 3, vhc, hc, Drabble; 4, Harrison; c, Dyson. NON-FED: 1, Hargreaves; 2, Bennett; 3, Marsland; 4, Harrison; vhc, Baron; hc, Jas. Mellor. STOCK CK. (Rev. J. W. Wragg's special): 1 and c, Foxall; 2, Reynolds; 3, Oliver; 4, Harrison; vhc, Drabble; hc, John Mellor. HEN (Rev. J. W. Wragg's special): 1, 4, Foxall; 2, Lawton; 3, Harrison; vhc, Oliver; hc, Marsland; c, Jas. Mellor. YORKS. YELL. CK.: 1, Harrison; 2, Roscoe; 3, Harley; 4, Green. BUFF: 1, 4, Green; 2, Harrison; 3, Harley. YELL. HEN: 1, Foxall; 2, vhc, Green; 3, Roscoe; 4, Harley. BUFF: 1, 2, Foxall; 3, 4, Green; vhc, Harley; hc, W. Roscoe; c, Harrison. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, Harley; 2, Rocoe. BUFF: 1, Foxall; 2, 3, Green; 4, Harley; vhc, Harrison. NON-FED: 1, Harrison; 2, Baron. A.O.V.: 1, Kelsall; 2, John Mellor. MULE OR HYBRID: 1, Foxall; 2, 4, Dyson; 3, Heap. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, 2, Heap; 3, Baron; 4, hc, Marsland; vhc, Kelsall. LINNET, ETC.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Heap; vhc, Marsland; hc, Kelsall; c, Baron. BRAMBLE FINCH, ETC.: 1, Kelsall; 2, 3, Baron; 4, Kelsall; vhc, Marsland; hc, Baron. A.O.S. BRITISH: 1, Heap. NOVICE CLASSES, NORWICH YELL. CK.: 1, Kenyon; 2, Dowling; 3, Jackson; 4, Bamford; vhc, Hatton. BUFF: 1, 3, Lawton; 2, Dowling. YELL. HEN: 1, Lawton; 2, Kenyon; 3, Dowling; 4, Bennett. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Kenyon; 4, c, Jackson; vhc, Dowling; hc, Lawton. BUFF: YELL.: 1, Kenyon; 2, Dowling; 3, Lawton. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, J. Dowling; 4, vhc, Kenyon; hc, Jackson; c, Bamford. YORKS. YELL., CK.: 1, Baxter; 2, Hatton; 3, Storey. BUFF: 1, Etchells; 2, 3, Bennett; 4, Storey. YELL. HEN: 1, Whitehead; 2, Etchells; 3, Storey; 4, Bennett. BUFF: 1 Whitehead; 2, 4, Baxter; 3, Storey. UNFLIG YELL.: 1, Hatton; 2, 3, 4, Baxter; vhc, Etchells; hc, e, Broadbent. BUFF: 1, Hatton; 2, Whitehead; 3, hc, Etchells; 4, Bennett; vhc, Baxter. LINNET, ETC.: 1, Jackson; 2, 3, Hatton. Hargreaves' clock set special for most points with 6 starred entries: W. Foxall; Rev. J. W. Wragg's two specials, W. Foxall; Foden's special for best unflig. Yorks., M. Harley; Sandiford's medal, F. A. Hargreaves' Society's special for most points, F. A. Hargreaves cash special for most points in novice Norwich, A. Kenyon; cash special for most points in novice Yorks., H. Baxter; cash special most points in novice Brit., W. Hatton.

SHEPSHED & DIS. C.B.S.

First annual show, held Dec. 2nd, Council Schools. Considering the society was only recently formed, the result was very gratifying, some grand birds being staged. The attendance was quite up to expectations. Mr. F. J. Green (Loughboro) kindly judged.

NOR., CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Dodd; 2, Watson; 3, Hewitt. BUFF: 1, 2, Dodd; 3, Watson. UNFLIG.: 1, sp., best Nor., Watson; 2, Dodd; 3, Smith; vhc, Smith; hc, Hewitt. MKD., ETC.: 1, Dodd. UNFLIG.: 1, Milles. NOR. HEN: 1, sp., Watson; 2, Dodd; 3, Neale; vhc, Hewitt; hc, Smith. NAT. COL.: 1, sp., Watson; 2, West; 3, Hewitt; vhc, Moore. YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL. CK., UNFLIG.: 1, sp., and medal, best bird in show and special for best unflighted Yorks., Edwards. HEN: 1, spl, Neale; 2, West. HEN, ANY AGE: 1, sp., Edwards; 2, James. CK.: 1, sp., Edwards; 2, James; 3, West. YORKS., NAT. COL.: 1, sp., 2, West. PAIR: 1, sp., Smith; 2, Watson; 3, Edwards; vhc, Hewitt. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Dodd. BRIT.: 1, sp., Neale (Linnet); 2, Moore (Thrush). MULE: 1, Watson (Greenfinch Mule).—A. Edwards, Sec.

The Latest Success of the Sheffield C.B.S.

Entries 100 up; Extra Prizes Given; Wonderful Display of Norwich; Up-to-Date Management.

The 32nd annual exhibition of the Sheffield C.B.S. was held on Dec 9th. The Montgomery Hall, which is well lighted, well ventilated, centrally situated, and of good size, was the venue. The entries pleased greatly, being 100 up on last year's number; and the quality by far exceeded anything at most of the past shows. Norwich were an array of so superb a character that those who were lucky enough to gaze upon such magnificent creatures will long remember their visit. Once again Mr. J. E. Davies' variegl. yell. cock and unflighted clear buff cock, both "knock-outs," added 1sts to their already long list of "top-rung" mentions. Yorks., the birds of "Grace and Beauty," were also a great feature: Birds of great length, feathered like glass, shining like polished marble, and standing like guardsmen, distinguished themselves in every class. Novice birds in both the Nor. and Yorks. were very numerous, competition being as keen as "Colman's." Crests and C.B's. made a nice show. Hybrids contained several stormers, viz., the Yell. Greenie Can., Mr. A. Somerfield, it has already captured 26 1st prizes in open competition; the Can.-Bullie of Mr. R. Bond, and the Linnet-Bullie of Messrs. Tams. The Britishers were superb. The committee are composed of many well-known and hard-working Fanciers, who did their level best to ensure a success, supported financially and otherwise by Messrs. H. Barber, W. Oxley, A. Bradshaw, J. Thorpe, J. Memmott, J. Bailey, J. G. Cowley, Wilkinson and Elliott, J. Woolhouse and W. Bingham. Treasurer Mr. W. Oxley is a most trustworthy official, and one who has held this position for a great number of years. The secretaries are Messrs. A. Hobson and J. Woolhouse, a brace of very capable workers; both are extremely courteous and obliging, and always on the go. They fully deserve all the praise they received. The stewards, who acted promptly and efficiently, affixing prize cards as each class was adjudicated upon, and attending to the many details that crop up during show day, in a masterly manner, were Messrs. T. Hemmings, H. Lockwood and J. R. Webster. The staging was neatly carried out, and all birds could be seen at a glance. Long-distance birds were got off quite early by the best routes. Special conveyances had been engaged to get the birds to the various stations as quickly as possible after the exhibition closed. Amongst the many visitors we had the pleasure of meeting and chatting with Messrs. G. W. Lythgoe (late sec. of Manchester), S. Cook and W. Booth (Manchester), J. Pepper and E. R. Ridley (Chairman and Sec., Hull), A. Flint (Sec. of Tideswell), and W. Fox, D. Hunter (Scarborough), J. Evans, of Crest fame (Stocksbridge), T. Dawn (Chairman Sheffield O.S.), J. W. Woodall, A. Somerfield, and J. Memmott (Sheffield), and hosts of others. Messrs. Saywell and Edwards's entries arrived at 1.30 p.m. and 2.45 p.m. respectively, the former's were just in time to take their place, but the 2.45 consignment had to be marked "too late,"—hard lines. Promptly at 8 p.m., the show room was cleared (being packed at the time). Special mention might be made of Messrs. J. Woolhouse, T. Hemmings, J. Memmott, A. Lawton, A. Bradshaw, G. Fletcher, J. R. Webster, H. Lockwood, and W. Oxley, who all gave of their best, hang up to the close of the show. The judges were Messrs. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield) and W. A. Cowgill (Bradford), and their awards were well received Silver medals, presented by Mr. J. C. Barnes for novices, were won by Mr. A. M. Craven (Yorks.), A. Hobson (Nor.).

Mr. J. C. Barnes' Classes.

YELL., NOR. (11): 1, Davies, very massive cl., delightful shape, col., and quality, often described as near the best on the bench; 2, vhc, Vardy, cl., lovely feather and col., fine head and neck, not quite so thick through, yet capital carriage; 3, Cook, red hot cl., all shape, feathered to perfection, full of style; 4, Turner, mkd. head, capital quality and col., true type, moves finely; h, Leach; c, W. Oxley. BUFF (14): 1, Turner, cl., bouncer, capital shape, A1 quality, nice col., covered with neat frosting, clean cut away, very bonny; 2, 3, Vardy, with a sweet brace, former better col. than 1st, shapely, rich quality, very close up; 3, ablaze with col., short and thick-set, well clothed, jaunty in carriage, very little removed from 2nd; 4, Smedley, mkd. wing, cobby and full of col. and quality, well across nerch, clean under; vhc, Harding; hc, Davies; c, Hawkes. No. 1, Lees, very soft at judging time, apparently grand specimen when right. UNEVEN (13), what a hot class: 1, Davies, unbeatable yell. variegl., unsurpassable for substance, quality and col., rare shape, good "big 'un"; 2, vhc, Vardy, buff, mkd. wing, eyes and head, equally well known, one of the best living, fully worth a first, hard lines in having to compete against yellows; 3, Woolhouse, buff, mkd. wing and eye, short and thick set, lovely col., feather and mealing; 4, Cowley, yell., mkd. head, very massive in build, good shape, col. and feather, clean cut, nice carriage; hc, Rathbone; c, Smedley; No. 2, Holmes, absent. UNFLIG. (23), a fine collection: 1, 2, hc, Davies, a trio of beauties, former well-known cl. buff, Manchester, Liverpool, etc., hero, certainly not a giant, but a "demon" all over; 2, cl. yell., full of col., well feathered, fine head, neck and chest, jaunty carriage, stood 1st Manchester, exceedingly promising; 3, Vardy, mkd. head, more substance than 1st, shapely and of capital carriage, not quite the colour; 4, Rathbone, yell., mkd. head, ablaze with col., soft silky texture of feather; ex. 4, Tow, extremely smart buff, will make up well with time; v, Thomas; c, Woolhouse. No. 22, Vardy, down at judging time, or would have been in tickets. HEN (22), a collection of bewitching damsels: 1, 4, Cook, brace of "Parisian Models," both cl. yells., 1st, short and thick set, rich tone of col., lovely texture of feather, well up in size; 4th, fine size and quality, sweeter in head expression; 2, Vardy, warmly fed cl. yell., sweetly moulded, lovely head character, good substance of body, clean cut, very close up, put down in the pink; 3, Cowley, very massive cl. buff, capital symmetry, rich quality col., neatly frosted; vhc, Hunter, a beauty; hc, Thomas; c, Tow; No. 7, Holmes, absent. NOVICE LELL. (18): a capital lot; 1, Wilson, red hot cl., grand feather, shape and carriage, well up in size, 1911 bred; 2, Flint, cobby cl., A1 quality and colour, good substance, clean under, charming; 3, Hoyle, well fed cl., good size and quality, nice head and neck, good 3rd; 4, Shepperson, nicely fed var., good texture of feather, fine substance; vhc, Marshall; hc, Hibberson and Richinson; c, C. W. Hobson; Nos. 12, 13, absent. BUFF (23): a rare class; 1, Dunford, tasked eye, model for shape, teeming with quality and col., well up in substance, jaunty carriage; 2, A. Hobson, cl., beautiful quality and col., shapely and of capital carriage, clean cut away; 3, Critchley, cl., ablaze with col., A1 quality and mealing, nice size; 4, Poulter, var., smooth as wax, short and thick set, lovely quality; vhc, Hudson; hc, Flint; c, Shepperson; No. 4, Wilson, grand bird, but at judging time had his "breeches down." HEN (10): 1, Critchley, yelt. mkd. wing and head, tight as a bottle, beautiful outline, fine substance and carriage, enchanting damsel; 2, Hobson, very finely modelled cl. buff, capital size, col. and feather, clean cut away, ran the winner a close race; 3, Hibberson and Richinson, bouncing yell. mkd. wing and eyes, fine shape, moves nicely; 4, Wilson, shapely cl. buff, rich in colour and quality, jaunty in carriage; vhc, Flint; hc, Robins; c, Shepperson. No. 15, Mellor, absent. CREST (10): 1, 4, Radley and Son, green, pied tail D.C., wealth of feather, capital substance, crest thickly packed, round as a hoop, delightful droop and centre, not a feather wrong; 4, buff, marked wings, D.C., heaps of rich quality feather, shapely, good size; 2, Barker, green pied tail, D.C., more substance, abundance of feather, crest large and as round as a hoop, pressed hard; 3, c, Evans, buff var. D.C., quantity of rich clothing, crest of lovely frontal; vhc, Nuttall; hc, Radley. C.B. (7): 1, 2, Barker, couple of "clinkers," former, buff var., massive in build, heaps of feather, great length and density of head feather, lashed to perfection; 2, buff var., abundance of quality feather, fine substance, rare width and rise of skull dense, well browed, close up; 3, Radley, almost green, pied wings and tail, well up in size, shapely, not quite so lengthy in head feather; 4, Nuttall, buff mkd. wings and head, good size and shape, worth its place; vhc, Moore; hc, Memmott; c, Evans. LIGHT MULE CAN., DARK (12): 1, 3, vhc, c, Somerfield, grand quartette, with his wonderful yell. Greenie-Can., claiming the biggest plum, finest of this "mixture" living; 3, very smartly built yell. Linnet-Can., well up in size, superb quality and col., showing parentage distinctly; 2, Lawrence, yell., Gold.-Can., rare substance and shape, teeming with quality and colour, magnificent face and markings; 4, hc, Bond, prettily mkd. yell. Sis.-Can., shapely, and of good size; No. 9 and 10, Edwards, absent. HYB. (7): 1, Bond, exquisite Can.-Bullie, marvellous substance, grand shape, full of col. and quality, good carriage; 2, Tams and Son, Lin.-Bull, of nice size and shape, feathered to perfection, lovely colour and markings, shown in fine fettle; 3, vhc, Lawrence, Can.-Bull., magnificent shape and condition, A1 quality, shows well; 4, Lewis very neat Can. Bull., shapely body, nice quality; No. 2, 3, absent; No. 6, Lawrence, arrived lame, and could not keep the perches. GOLDIE, ETC. (23), rattling fine class, easily two sets of winners could have been selected: 1, Tams and Son, Goldie, grand size and shape, slashing quality, expansive cut blaze and magnificent colour, splendid bars and buttons; 2, Lee, Bullie, of extraordinary merit, sweetly moulded, fine size and quality, not a feather wrong, dense, large, and brightly polished cap; 3, Pitchford and Stocker, with their well-known Goldie, full of colour and quality, shapely, well cut blaze; 4, vhc, Walsh, Bullie, equal to 2nd in shape, quality, size, and style; ex. 4, Blanchan, Goldie, possessing character sufficient to win at most shows; fully deserving the extra prize given; hc, Waters; c, Baseley. LINNET (14): 1, hc, Walsh, slashing quality, good shape and colour, delightfully pencilled, well up in size, steady as a top; 2, Tams and Son, rather better in tone of colour, grand shape and quality; 3, Metcalfe, shapely, and of good quality, neatly pencilled, nice colour, size, and carriage, good 3rd; 4, Allcock, good in colour, rich quality, finely laced; vhc, Duxbury. GREENIE (12): 1, Lee, topping shape and quality, lovely colour, rattling size, shows finely, faced the judge many times successfully previously; 2, Lawrence, fine size and shape, smooth as a bottle, capital colour, steady as a top; 3, 4, Walsh, with a couple of smart and stylish exhibits; 3, largest in class, Scottish winner last season; 4, for colour, quality, shape, and polish, all that one could desire; vhc, Metcalfe; hc, c, Tams and Son. REDPOLL, ETC. (16): 1, Walsh, Mealy Redpoll of wonderful substance and shape, A1 col., quality, and markings; 2, Hutcheson, prettily mkd. Twite of rich colour and quality, finely laced, well up in size, moves nicely; 3, c, Scott, gem of a Lesser Redpoll, full of col., shapely, good size, in the pink; 4, Fletcher, rich coloured Sis., fine shape and quality, neat cap and bib; v, Forster. A.O.S. HARDBILL (11): 1, Fielding, Hawfinch, lovely shape, colour, and quality, tight as a bottle, grandly cut bib, one of the best; 2, Walsh, exceptionally smart Chaff., well up in size, grand shape, in full bloom, put down in style; 3, 4, Johnson, yell. Ham. and Corn Bunting, in the order named, former of fine size and shape, rich quality, rare colour; 4, good in shape, col., and feather, nice size; vhc, Blincoe; hc, Lockwood; c, Duce. SOFT (8): 1, Forster, Wryneck, good size and shape, capital quality and colour, nicely marked, in good order; 2, 3, Milne, a very fine Wheatear, and a good coloured Nightingale, both in tip-top form, shown in a masterly manner; 4, hc, Fletcher, pretty Blackcap, good in shape, col., and feather; vhc, Blincoe; c Mackwell. SOFT, LARGE (9): 1, Blincoe, Waxwing, magnificent order, crowds admiring the beauty of this; 2, Darlow, grand Magpie, in lovely condition, shown delightfully; 3, vhc, Abbott, capital Thrush, fine substance and shape, A1 quality and colour, neatly marked; 4, c, Walsh, Lark, in rare trim, large, and of rattling fine col. and marks; hc, Simmons. FOR. (judged jointly) LARGE (8): 1, 4, hc, Barby, Mexican Green Jay and Crimson Wing, both in full dress, capturing the attention of most present, especially the ladies; 2, vhc, Fletcher, lovely pair of Brown's Parrakeets, in fine fettle, a treat to observe; 3, Taylor, very nice Amazon, put down in good feather; c, Wilkinson. SMALL (6): 1, Pitchford and Stocker, Blue Tanager, in absolutely best possible condition, cheap at catalogue price, £2 2s.; 2, vhc, Saywell, Blue-shouldered Tanager, not a feather wrong, greatly admired; 3, Baseley, Siberian Bullie, looking the picture of health; 4, Hutcheson, striking Goldie, lovely colour, quality, and size, shape and sheen; hc, Fletcher.

Mr. W. A. Cowgill's Classes.

YELL. YORKS. (13): 1, 3, Morrison, with a bonny brace, mkd. head, straight as a rush, rare length and position, fine quality and colour, clever legs; 3, very lengthy Cl., lot of quality, slim and upstanding, tail feathers deficient, few half-grown, or might have been 2nd; 2, Wilkinson and Elliott, marked head, stands nicely, good length and colour, well filled back; 4, Andrews, cl., full of style, teeming with quality, A1 position; vhc, Prentice; hc, Radley; c, Taylor. BUFF (16): 1, Wilkinson Bros., marked head, straight as a gun barrel, feather to perfection, rare length of side, fine back and wing carriage, about best in show; 2, Radley, mkd. head, teeming with quality and colour, richly frosted, stands like a guardsman, close up indeed; 3, Harrison, mkd. wing, capital feather and colour, rare length, good back flights and tail; 4, Wilkinson and Elliott, cl., good feather, nice length and stand, neat wing carriage; vhc, Furniss; hc, Thomas; c, Norton. MKD. (12): 1, Towers, yell., mkd. wing and eyes, ablaze in colour, delightful position and length, feathered to perfection, clever legs, topper; 2, Thomas, buff, mkd. wings and head, teeming with quality, richly mealed, straight as a pencil, very lengthy, full of nerve; 3, Morrison, yell., mkd. wing and cheeks, stands well, lengthy and leggy, good back and flights; 4, Taylor, buff, mkd. wings and head, fine length, capital colour, feather, and frosting; vhc, Jones; hc, Dr. W. Craig; c, Tomlinson. UNFLI. YELL. (14): 1, Wilkinson Bros., cl., slim, and upstanding, feathered like glass, rare length, best of backs, grand wings and tail; 2, Taylor, mkd. neck, wonderful length, straight as a gun barrel, capital colour and feather; 3, hc, Wilkinson and Elliott, cl., delightful position and length, smooth as wax, full of style; 4, Bingham, cl., finely drawn, of good length, nice colour, well on leg; vhc, Thomas; c, Butler. BUFF (13): 1, Norton, mkd. eye, A1 quality and colour, rattling stand, of good length, finely filled back, grand carriage of wings and tail; 2, Wilkinson Bros., marked head, lovely salmon tinged colour, tight as a Java, clinking position, clever legs; 3, Wilkinson and Elliott, mkd. wing and eye, smooth as a bottle, erect, and of good length, nice front and waist; 4, Radley, cl., good in colour and quality, nice length, neat back and wing carriage; vhc, Towers; hc, Morrison; c, Stocks. YELL. HEN (16): 1, Wilkinson and Elliott, cl., slim and upstanding, magnificent colour and quality, race length, fine back and flights; 2, Dr. W. Craig, cl., superb colour and feather, rattling fine position, well on leg; 3, vhc, Haycock, cl., sweetly drawn, and of rare length, teeming with quality, correct stand, neat wings and tail, must have pressed; 4, Furniss, cinn. mkd. wings and head, lovely colour and feather; hc, Taylor; c, Thomas. BUFF (16): 1, Wilkinson and Elliott, gem of a cl., straight as a rush, feathered like a Java, shone like a mirror, rare length; 2, Drabble and Bennett, cl., teeming with quality and colour, correct position, grand back flights and tail, beaten slightly in length, and length only; 3, Morrison, cl., erect, and of capital length, finely fed, A1 quality, and well on leg; 4, Towers, cl., all there for quality, colour, and position, neat sides; vhc, Norton; hc, Wilkinson Brothers; c, Bradshaw. NOV. YELL. YORKS. (24): Good class: 1, Sampson, mkd. head, delightful position, capital quality, rare length, grand legs, very choice; 2, ex. 4, Thorpe, mkd. wing, full of nerve, good feather and colour, fine back flights and tail, close up; ex. 4, slim and upstanding, good length, neat wing carriage, well on leg; 3, Martin, cl., A1 colour, good position and length, well-filled back; 4, Hird, very lengthy cl., feathered like wax, nice tone of colour; vhc, Radford; hc, Race; c, Clough. BUFF (13): 1, Martin, gem of a cl., magnificent feather and colour, richly frosted, rare length, good enough for open; 2, Blanchan, cl., full of style, capital position, rare back and wing carriage; 3, Cawthera and Son, mkd. wing, lengthy and leggy, stands nicely, must have pressed; 4, Beaumont, cl., good length, quality, and colour, grand back, wings, and tail; vhc, Tomlinson; hc, Radley; c, Race. HEN (20): 1, 2, Craven, brace of very dainty damsels, buff, mkd. wings, and head, straight as a pencil, neat and narrow, very lengthy; 2, yell., mkd. neck, tight as a Java, capital colour, lengthy, and well on leg, nicely-filled back; 3, Barlow, cl., buff, lovely salmon-tinged colour, rich tone of feather, nice length and style; 4, Beaumont, cl., buff, stands like a soldier, good back and wing carriage; ex. 4, Oates, capital colour and feather, nice position and length, well on leg; vhc, Martin; hc, Thorpe; c, Sampson. UNFLIG. (29): Grand class: 1, Beaumont, cl. yell., rattling feather and colour, wonderful length, A1 position, clever legs; 2, Smith, even kolter in colour, well clothed, fine position and length, very close up; 3, ex. 4, Craven, real hot cl. yell., very stylish, nice length and position, good back and wing carriage; ex. 4, capital feather and colour, nice type, good length, well on leg; 4, Blanchan, cl. yell., not quite so lengthy, but of good position, feather, and colour; vhc, Martin; hc, Hagar; c, "Scarsin"

STRATFORD-ON-AVON.

Eighth annual exhibition held in the Corn Exchange on Dec. 6th. The hall is an admirable one for the purpose. Speaking from a selfish point of view, we should, of course, have liked to see it full of cage birds, but we must be thankful that our section was the leading feature of the show. This fact was strongly commented upon by His Worship, the Mayor (Councillor Ballance) who opened the show. There was a record entry in the cage bird section, and the quality, too, was extra. Nearly every class contained some noted specimens. The society are to be congratulated upon having such a secretary as Mr. R. W. Ingram, as nothing seemed too much for him to do in his endeavour to further the interests of the society. He was backed up by an able body of real fanciers. Mr. J. H. Roe judged.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL. (15): 1, 4,. Broadhurst, leader cl. Yell. grand col., good thick-set bird, fine head and neck, shown in A1 condition; 4, marked wing, not quite so large lovely col.; 2, 3, Williams; cl. and variegl., former not quite the lovely quality of winner, yet a good one, variegl, very chubby specimen, short thick body, wonderfully good head and neck; r, Guest; vhc, Tewin; hc, Turner; c, Williams. BUFF (11): 1, 4, Williams, 2 clears, leader fine large thick-set bird, grand head and neck, nice short wings and tail, lovely col. and quality; 4, good type, nice col. and quality; 2, Turner, another large bird, good head and neck; 3, Garfield varieg., nice quality, falls only in substance to winner; r, Brotherhood; vhc, Tabraham; hc, Guest; c, Broadhurst. UNFLIGT. (18): 1, Williams, cl. yell, grand type, good head and neck, nice wing carriage, wins; 2, Moore, cl. Buff, good quality; 3, hc, Guest, tkd. yell., nice short thick-set, good head and neck; 4, r, Collier, cl. Buff, lovely col., nice tight feathered specimen; vhc, Dipple; c, No. 19 no name in catalogue. HEN (12): 1, Williams, buff varieg., grand col. and quality, good thick-set bird, very typical; 2, Broadhurst, tick yell., lovely col. quality, nice shape, splendid condition; 3, Brown, Buff large, good type and quality; 4, c, Dipple, cl. yell., good type, nice col; r, Collier; vhc, Tewin; hc, Notley. YORKS. YELL. (13): 1, 3, Williams, leader varieg., good length, grand col. and quality, stands well, red-hot one, followed by cl., nice quality, good wings and tail; 2, c, Cripps, nice quality, well carried wings nicely drawn; 4, Andrews, tkd. on head, long, slim, upstanding bird; r, Pygott; vhc, Dykes; hc, Beck. BUFF. (10): 1, Dykes, variegl., grand col. and quality, nicely carried wings, good position; 2, Andrews, cl., grand col. and quality, well carried wings, nicely drawn; 3, Beck, good col. and quality, very stylish; 4, r, Williams, lovely col. and quality, in fine condition, beaten in length; vhc, Hall; hc, Lawton; c, Fancourt. UNFLIG. (10): 1, Dykes, also wins special for best Yorks., good col., lovely quality, long stylish bird, well carried wings; 2, Williams, evenly marked yell., good quality, well carried wings, red hot one; 3, Lawton, very stylish, nice quality; 4, Dicker, cl. Buff, of lovely quality, nice even col. HEN (10): 1, Dykes, tkd. yell., good length, nice even col., good quality; 2, Williams, tkd. buff, nice quality, shown in fine style; 3, Dicker, not quite the length of winner, but of lovely col. and quality; 4, Hall, Buff, good length; r, Harris; vhc, Fancourt; hc, Cockhill; c, Lawton. BORD. (13): 1, vhc, Madagan, cl. yell. nice type and col., good wings and tail; 2, 4, Sampson, cl. yell, very similar to first, just a shade smaller; 3, r, hc, Tyler, even marked Buff, nice quality prettily marked; 4, cl. yell.; c, Derrick. CAN. NOVICE 50/- (16): 1, c, Brown cl. yell. Nor. good col. and quality, nice type; 2, Feasey, unflgt. Buff Nor., good type, nice col. and quality; 3, Pounsett, cl. Buff, lovely quality, good col.; 4, Smith, cl yell., good col and quality; r, Mann; vhc, Hoyle; hc, March. DARK CAN. MULE (8): 1, Brunskill Greenfinch Can., lovely col. and quality, shown in A1 condition; 2, Rowe and Richards, Goldfinch Can, grand col, and quality, nicely marked; 3, Gough, Goldfinch Can., lovely col. and quality; 4, Lawrence, nice large Linnet Can, well marked; r, Collins, vhc, Williams; hc, Pitchford and Stocker. HYB. (7): 1, Tams and Son Linnet-Bullie, lovely col. and quality, very steady; 2, Rowe and Richards, Goldfinch-Greenfinch, lovely col. and condition; 3, Pearce, Linnet-Bullie, nice col. and quality; 4, Skinworth; r, Lawrence; vhc, Edwards. A.O.V. MULE OR HYB. (7): 1, Pearce, looks like noted "Prince Charley" Gold-Can., 6-pointed yell., large, fine exhibit; 2, 4, Lawrence, nearly cl. Goldfinch-Can., in nice condition, and Can.-Bullie; 3, Tams and Son, Greenfinch-Can., fine large bird, in good condition, marked round head; r, Tees; vhc, Hall; c, Edwards. GOLDFINCH (20): 1, sp, Pitchford and Stocker, lovely col. and quality, nice square cut blaze, rich nutty brown, in fine condition; 2, Tams and Son, good col., very steady; 3, Brotherhood, rich col., nice face, good bars, well polished; 4, Ward, lovely face, in nice condition; r, Poole; vhc, c, Tevett; hc, Clifford. BULFINCH (13): 1, hc, Baseley, grand cap and bib, lovely col. and condition, very steady, a beauty; 2, Raven, nice rich col., good cap; 3, Brunskill, good cap and bib; 4, Wren, nice one; r, Portman; vhc, Rowe and Richards; c, Poole. GREENFINCH (14): 1, Lawrence, large, good col., very steady, well known; 2, Rowe and Richards, good col. and quality, in fine condition; 3, Tams and Son, grand bird, not quite the col. or condition of winners; 4, Baseley, very steady; r, Raven; vhc, Gibbons; hc, Tyler; c, Pendrey. SISKIN, ETC. (10): 1, Ruby, Siskin, nicely mkd., in fine condition; 2, Gibbons, Linnet, rich nutty brown, nicely pencilled, and very steady; 3, Poole, Siskin, col. fed, well mkd., not quite the condition of winner; 4, Raven, Linnet, nicely mkd., very steady, in fine condition; r, Tyler; vhc, Ager; hc, Collins; c, Poole. A.O.S. SEEDEATER, CK. (12): 1, Brotherhood, noted Bramble, not looking quite so well as we have seen him, fine exhibit; 2, c, Poole, Hawfinch, grand col., very steady; 3, Burrows, Hawfinch, larger than 2nd, but not quite so good in col., grand bird; 4, Lawrance, Yell. Bunting, well mkd., very steady; r, Raven; vhc, Nichols; hc, Tyler. SOFT-BILL (11): 1, 2, 3, Williams, a grand team, 1st Waxwing lovely col. and shape, like a ball of satin, 2nd noted Cornish Chough, looking as well as ever; 3, Magpie, good col., well mkd., in fine condition; 4, Tyler, well spotted Thrush, very steady; r, Levett; vhc, Raven; hc, Poole; c, Labraham.

WOOD GREEN.

Wood Green F. and F.A. show, held in Connell Schools, Nov. 4th. It was the third annual members' show, and was a complete success, for entries, quality and staging. Mr. G. F. Harris is the hon. secretary, but the management was in the experienced hands of Mr. T. Callegari, and that gentleman and his associates on the committee deserve the highest credit for their able management. The schoolroom in which the show was held is a splendidly lighted and airy room of the most modern type. Mrs. A. Barratt, whose interest has been enlisted in the welfare of the Society, opened the show, and in a well chosen and excellently delivered extempore speech congratulated the Society on their splendid collection of exhibits. Mrs. Barratt commented specially upon the beauty of the cage birds, expressing her admiration of the beautiful plumage and colour of the Norwich Plainheads. She had joined the Society, she intimated, and considered herself "one of them." There was a splendid array of cups and specials, amongst the winners being Messrs. P. Brooks, Jones, Griffin, Pettit, Pledger. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged.

CHAMPION SECTION. YORKS. CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, Green, both fine upstanding birds, leader a trifle the finer at waist. BUFF: 1, 2, Green, winner grand length, back and wing carriage, trifle the better at thighs. VARIEG.: 1, 2, Green, 1st smart varieg. buff, just a trifle strong, but nice pose and good behind leg. UNFLIG.: 1, 2, Green, yellow and buff, both very smart, and little to choose between them. NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, cup, 2, 3, spl., res., Brooks, a nice team, leader good quality and head. BUFF: Again all the prizes to Mr. Brooks, leader being very sweet, rich in undercolour. VARIEG.: 1, 2, 3, Brooks, capped yellow of rich feather winning. UNFLIG.: Once again all the prizes, etc., to Mr. Brooks, amongst the birds were several promising ones. NOVICE SECTION. YORKS. CL., ETC. YELL.: 1, Clay, best style and feather; 2, Jones, not quite the style or quality of leader, but very neat. BUFF: 1, Cohden, beautiful position, rare quality, full of fire; 2, Clay, neat, but does not show quite so well behind leg; 3, Jones. VARIEG.: 1, Clay, a very smart and stylish variegl. yell; 2, Cohden, neat varieg, buff, nice quality. UNFLIG.: 1, 2, Clay, leader stands well up, nice head and wing carriage; 2nd, not quite so characteristic; 3, Cobden; a nice one, a trifle free of feather. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Pledger, nice col., good quality, neat head; 2, Griffin, fails only in head properties just a little, yet very nice col. and quality; 3, res, vhc, Ayling, trio of neat and nice feathered Nor.; hc, Surridge. BUFF: 1, Pledger, close in feather, good shape, nice undercol.; 2, 3, res, vhc, Ayling, very good lot, two leaders having the pull in type and quality. VARIEG.: 1, Griffin, varieg. yell., full of col., good shape, silky feather; 2, res, Ayling, ticked buff, full shoulders, nice chest, close feather; 3, Pledger, good col. UNFLIG.: 1, Griffin, grand quality, neat and nice; 2, res, vhc, Ayling, winner good headed buff, close feather; 3, Pledger, nice yell. CREST: 1, 2 spls., 3, res, Jones, winner varieg., nice frontal and droop, good length; 2, Pettit, grizzle, neat formation. C.B.: 1, 2, 3, Pettit, good lot, two varieg. birds leading, winner longest and densest in head feather; res, vhc, Jones. MULE OR HYB.: 1, sp, Griffin, Jonque varieg. Goldie-Can.; 2, res, Pettit; 3, vhc, Ayling; hc, c, Jones. GOLDIE: 1, spl, Brooks, nice faced finch, good bars and buttons, rare bloom; 2, Pledger; 3, Cobden; res, Jones. LINNET: 1, Surridge, best col., good shape; 2, Griffin, nicely mkd.; 3, Pettit. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Surridge; 2, Griffin; both Redpolls, leader closest in feather, best in col. A.O.S. FINCH: 1, 2 spls, Griffin, very nice Greenle, GIFT: 1, Guffin.

A Triumph for Yorkshiremen.

MAGNIFICENT CHARITY SHOW AT BRADFORD.

Promoted by the Yorkshire Union, and given that whole-hearted and generous support for which the men of the County of Broad-acres are famous, the Bradford National Show promises to bring joy into the lives of many poor children.

The first great exhibition, promoted on National lines by the Yorkshire Union, took place on December 8th and 9th, in the Central Baths Hall, Morley Street, Bradford, when a grand total of 1,122 entries from 318 exhibitors were on view. As was naturally expected the Yorks. section came up well in numbers, no less than 790 out of the total being in these classes, and for quality it was by far the best collection ever brought together, it being impossible to find fault with some of the winners, and many that have stood their own in strong competition had at this event to take a back seat; in fact, most of the classes contained several sets of winners, so keen was the competition. The strongest classes were the two unflighted Yorks. classes, where the "Bradford East Rose Bowl" was in competition, the winner of this having the right to say he has bred the best Yorks. of the year; and to have the honour of this when no less than 75 birds competed is no small item. The honour fell to Mr. J. Bailey in the yellow class. In the novice section competition was also very strong; the open novice four classes contained only one short of the hundred, but the Yorks. Union novices had in four classes 29 over the hundred; the green marks totalled 39, and the Cinnamon marks 31, with two classes each, and the four selling classes had 82 birds entered in them.

Norwich Plainheads were not numerous, but were of nice quality. We should very much have liked to see a far greater entry in support of the most deserving cause, "The poor children of the City." British, Hybrid, and foreign birds were truly a grand lot. Our national songsters were up in good numbers, great in merit, and in most instances staged in a very delightful manner. Hybrids, greatly admired as they were, fully deserved the attention paid them. The outstanding "mixture" we thought was the Greenie-Chaffinch, the recent L.C.B.A. sensation (late Miss Reeves), now the property of Messrs. Martin and Archer. This unique specimen stood second in its class, and when we saw it it looked in the best possible trim. Wondering how it came to be second, beaten by a smart, but not great Goldie-Buffie, our curiosity was aroused. Making enquiries, we were informed by Mr. J. Beswick, the judge, that at judging time the bird was somewhat "off." Foreign birds with their gorgeous dress, added tone to the function. The judge of the foreign, who has officiated at the Crystal Palace for a very large number of years, remarked that the display, though small, was quite on a par for rarity and quality with anything he had ever had the pleasure to adjudicate upon. The meagreness in these sections was accounted for by the fact that there were counter attractions at one or two other shows held on the same date.

Borders came out well, this being, as it were, the introduction of the "Wee Gems" into the district; and, judging by the attention paid them by visitors and breeders, we predict a glorious future for them in the district. The questions asked us as to their points of merit, how they were bred, and what they were bred from, how we put such a grand finish on their feathers, etc., kept us busy. The entry was fully up to expectation, and quality first-class. It is a pity the executive had not separated the yellows from the buffs, which would have fetched a larger entry, and allowed both colours a chance on their merit. The medal winner was a fine bird shown by Mr. Gilchrist (Coldstream).

An Alderman's Interesting Views.

On the Friday it was expected that Mr. Percy Illingworth, M.P., would open the show, but owing to the great call made upon his time by his Parliamentary duties he was unable to attend, and his chairman, Ald. David Wade, J.P., kindly consented to officiate; and the committee were fortunate to secure the services of Mr. Emsley to take the chairmanship. The Chairman, in his opening remarks alluded to the great hold Canaries and Canary breeding had of the inhabitants of Bradford and district, and to the great industry connected with it; a look round at the birds there would, he said, convince anyone of the interest such a hobby contained. He hoped the show would be a great success, and that the Cinderella Fund would benefit greatly by it. Mr. Wade said he could not say much about Canaries; he had had a look round but failed to find the variety of Canary he was in search of and which variety he said were known to be in Bradford, i.e., a Canary with a blue tail (laughter). He was sorry Mr. Illingworth was unable to be present, but he hoped the show would be a success both financially and from a fancier's point of view. Mr. Lupton proposed, and Mr. R. Halliday seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Wade for his attendance, the former stating that he was a fancier and had sometimes as many as 200 birds in his aviary, and he was delighted to be present to see such a fine collection. Mr. Halliday drew the attention of the councillors present to the backwardness of Bradford in the matter of aviaries in the public parks, and thought it might be remedied in the near future. Mr. Towers proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Emsley, Mr. Hill seconding. After the dinner to the officials and judges, Mr. Towers called upon Mr. Hammond to propose a vote of thanks to the judges, and in his remarks laid special stress upon the fact that they had all accepted their engagements with alacrity, and had, he was pleased to relate, accepted the positions for a matter of expenses only, a fact that would add greatly to the financial success of the show. Mr. S. Dean seconded, and Mr. Battye and Mr. Camps responded on behalf of the judges.

The attendance during the first day was very satisfactory and encouraging, but during the second day it was magnificent, the room being packed quite early in the afternoon, and at times it was almost impossible to see anything of the birds; in fact, a couple of stewards had to be told off to keep visitors on the move at the tables where the foreign birds were benched.

The Lord Mayor Attends.

At 3 o'clock on the Saturday afternoon the show was officially opened by the Right Honourable Lord Mayor of Bradford (Ald. J. B. Moorhouse, J.P.), and he had as his chairman the ex-Lord Mayor of Bradford (Councillor Jacob Moser, J.P.). Mr. Moser (president Y.U.) introduced Mr. Moser with a few remarks, and Mr Moser, in his speech, alluded to a recent visit of his to Palestine, where, he said, there was a great variety of birds, and he had had the pleasure of seeing a collection of over 100 different kinds of eggs that had been collected by an agent of the Turkish Government. He then called upon his friend, the Lord Mayor, to declare the show open. The Lord Mayor quoted particulars of the great industry of Canary breeding, referring to the number of breeders in the district, and said it was the first opportunity he had had to be present at such a representative show; he hoped it would be a great success, and that the Cinderella Fund would benefit greatly from it, than which he could tell them there was no finer fund. The hobby, he remarked, was a valuable asset to the city, and was also valuable in that it kept men and also women well employed. Mr. Ramsden was called upon to propose a vote of thanks to the Lord Mayor for his services, and he congratulated the management on getting together such a fine collection. He hoped it would rival the Crystal Palace in the future. Mr. H. Hill seconded the vote, and remarked upon the help it was in work of this description to have such gentlemen who so freely give their time to assist in such duties. The Lord Mayor responded. Mr. Towers proposed a vote of thanks to Councillor Jacob Moser for his kindness in attending, and Mr. S. Dean seconded. Mr. Moser responded, and told a secret—that Mrs. Moser has a room set apart in the top of the house and there she is usually successful in rearing at least a dozen young birds each year, and from them supplies the rising generation with birds.

Grand Work in a Grand Hall.

The Central Baths Hall, where the show was held, is absolutely the finest room that could be secured for a show, and with proper staging could easily be made to hold at least 2,000 birds without overcrowding; it is exceptionally well lighted, both by day and night, and has a gallery running round three sides of the room, where the visitors can rest and talk and see all the birds with ease. It is also quite close to the stations, and trams pass the door, coming into town from the highly populous districts of Horton, and Queensbury, with access from Halifax. A special room was provided for the Roller Canaries, and a better one could not be found; it is already racked round, and would hold 100 birds, and another similar room could be had if required. A large refreshment room is also included, and the rent of the room entitles the payers to the services of three men to do any work required; this was found useful, as one of them stayed up with the birds each night, and it left all fanciers free for the day work. The secretary, Mr. H. Hill, had his hands full for a considerable time before the show, but he got through his duties in fine style, and all are agreed that he is the only man for the position. He is ably backed up by Mr. Hammond (treasurer), and a host of willing workers, who fetched all birds from the station on the Thursday night, staged them, etc., and on Saturday night every one of the birds was packed and off by 9 o'clock—not bad when the show did not close until 7 o'clock. A lot of birds from a distance were got off early, and nine cases were taken in hand by fanciers for the week-end, to be sent off on Monday morning. Altogether a dozen judges had been engaged, and as each had not many classes to officiate upon, judging was over in good time ready for the opening. On the whole every satisfaction was given, and the best thanks are due to them for their services.

An Extraordinary List of Helpers.

A very large number of officials were responsible for the working of the show. They were as under: Chairman (white ribbon badge) Mr. H. H. Towers; Executive Committee, Messrs. W. A. Cowgill, H. J. Chittenden, W. Crabtree, S. Dean, R. Halliday, D. Sunderland, and W. H. Shackleton. Show stewards (white ribbon badges), Messrs. W. B. Atkinson, W. Crabtree, C. Cowgill, J. Chippendale, W. E. Dent, S. Dean, J. Lane, H. Martin, G. R. Rushworth, H. Simonett, W. Stables and G. White. Railway Committee (blue ribbon badges), Messrs. J. Farrar, H. Grange, J. Holroyd, T. H. Inman, J. Lane, W. Laycock, A. Huddlestone, L. Ogden, T. Ogden, J. Rhodes, G. White, and J. R. Taylor. Sales Committee (red ribbon badges), Messrs. F. Hammond, W. B. Atkinson, S. Dean, H. Martin, F. Rhodes. Staging Committee, Messrs. W. A. Cowgill, W. Crabtree, C. Cowgill, G. R. Rushworth, F. Rhodes, and W. Wharton. Advertisements Committee, Messrs. W. E. Dent, J. Farrar, H. Grange, H. Gornall, J. Lane, T. Ogden, F. Rhodes, H. Simonett and G. White. Door attendants (yellow ribbon badges), Friday, Messrs. W. Cruise (9 a.m. to 11 a.m.), L. Dykes (11 a.m. to 1 p.m.); C. Cowgill, W. E. Dent, G. R. Rushworth and J. Lane (1 p.m. to 3 p.m.); W. B. Atkinson, J. Chippendale, H. Long and J. A. Taylor (3 p.m. to 5 p.m.); W. A. Cowgill, H. J. Chittenden, R. Halliday and H. Simonett (5 p.m. to 7 p.m.); H. Grange, A. Gledhill, F. Rhodes, and J. R. Taylor (7 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.). Saturday: Messrs. F. Armstrong, L. C. Casey, W. E. Dent and J. W. Kaberry (9 a.m. to 11 a.m.); J. Bailey, J. Greaves, W. B. Atkinson and W. Cruise (11 a.m. to 1 p.m.); J. Holroyd, H. Gornall, J. R. Taylor, and F. Ludbrook (1 p.m. to 3 p.m.); O. Atkinson, R. Garnett, T. H. Inman and J. Lane (3 p.m. to 5 p.m.); W. Crabtree, T. Fortman, T. Elsegood, W. Wharton (5 p.m. to 7 p.m.). Treasurer (white ribbon badge), Mr. F. Hammond; secretary (red, white, and blue ribbon badge), Mr. H. Hill. Judges, Messrs. H. W. Battye, J. Berwick, W. A. Cowgill, H. T. T. Camps, H. J. Chittenden, J. Greaves, R. Halliday, A. Hirst, W. Mundell, W. Massey, J. Patterson, and J. Wilcock.

An Amazing Special Prize List.

The specials and diplomas awarded proved very interesting, and the following is a general outline, though one or two awards will have to be left over, as the slips are missing, and the judges will have to be written to for particulars. Mr. H. H. Towers won diploma for best Yorks. in premier classes (1 to 8) with his noted unflighted buff, also sp. for best bird opposite col. to winner of the sp. for best Yorks. in the show, this latter coveted award, a silver cup, being secured by Mr. J. Bailey with his splendid Cinnamon-marked yellow, which in addition was awarded diploma for best Cinn.-mkd. Yorks., the Toronto medal, and the sp. for best bird in champion classes—truly a remarkable performance. Mr. Bailey was also awarded the "Bradford East rose bowl" for the best unflighted bird exhibited by the breeder in the unflig. classes. His unflig. yellow secured this distinction. The championship diploma for the best Green-mkd. Yorks. was won by a novice, Mr. E. Ellis, who is to be congratulated on scoring over the champions. Mr. S. McNulty secured diploma for best Green Yorks., with his winning yellow; best Green Norwich, won by Mr. L. F. Harding's buff. Best in open Yorks., novice, Mr. T. Farnish; sp. for best Yorks. hen, Mr. W. H. Shackleton. Messrs. Ogden Bros. put down a strong team and secured sp. for most points in open Yorks. classes, and that for most points with vhc birds. In the novice classes Mr. S. B. Grayshon secured the sp., Mr. F. Ludbrook doing likewise in selling classes; Mr. L. Briggs, stock bird class sp.; most points with vhc birds in Yorks. novice classes, Mr. Shaw. Messrs. D. Mallinson and Son were the winners of the championship diploma in open Norwich, and Mr. Clegg secured that for the novice section of the Y.U. Norwich classes, whilst the points sp. for open Norwich went to Mr. J. Thomas. In Border, Mr. Gilchrist secured the championship diploma, and B.F.C. medal for best bird, also the points special. Mr. Mulcaby won the championship diploma in British with his Cornish Chough, that for best Mule or Hybrid going to Messrs. Martin and Archer, they also winning the points special, Mr. J. Lane taking the points special in British. Lady Kathleen Pilkington put down a strong team of foreigners, securing championship diploma and the F.B. club medal with her Blue and Black Tanager, also gaining most points and winning the special. Diploma for best Roller went to Mr. Wirth, he also winning the points special and Mr. Kilshaw the P.R.C.C. medal for best young bird in open champion class, the medal for open novice class going to Mr. Percival. Mr. J. Helliwell won sp. for best-fed Yorks., fed on Ramsden's Peppers, the one for the Norwich section going to Messrs. Greenwood and Pickles.

The Yorkshire Classes.

YORKS. CL. YELL. (17): 1, c, Ogden Bros., nice length, wonderful shape, very erect, well braced wings and tail, feathered like wax; 2, Shackleton, lengthy, very leggy, lovely qual. and col., nice back and wings; 3, Thomas, shows plenty of nerve, rattling fine shape, straight as a rush, brimful of col. and qual.; 4, Binns, nice length, very straight, rare qual.; vhc, Broughton; hc, Crisp. BUFF (15): 1, Shackleton, nice length, rattling fine type, grand head and back, well carried wings, beautiful silky feather; 2, Dykes, very round, nice shape, clinking good position, lovely qual.; 3, Hall, extra good col. and qual., fine type, stands well; 4, Ogden Bros., splendid shape, nice head and back, good col.; vhc, Broughton; hc, Wilson and Howarth; c, Armstrong. TKD. YELL. (15): 1, Helliwell, tick neck, slim, grand type, shows a good bit of thigh, rare wings and tail; 2, Dykes, grand length and shape, fine position, leggy, nice head, all there for qual. and col.; 3, Cruise, tick cheek, great length, good wedge shape, wonderful wings and tail; 4, Walsh, typical, straight and shooty; vhc, Bailey; hc, Dyson; c, Binns. BUFF (16): 1, Bailey, grand shape, very leggy, well cut away, nicely carried wings and tail, very close feathered; 2, Dykes, tick head, good shape, splendid position, extra good qual., rare head and back; 3, Shackleton, lovely type and style, extra good back and wings, feathered like wax; 4, Wright and Son, wonderful type and style, grand wings and tail, not a feather out of place; vhc, Ogden Bros.; hc, Morrison; c, Dyson. CL. ETC., YELL. HEN (18): 1, Wilkinson and Elliott, nice shape, grand head, back, wings and tail, lovely qual. and col.; 2, Ogden Bros., good length, very slim, rattling fine wedge shape, plenty of leg, nice position, perfect feather; 3, Chippendale, grand length and shape, best of heads, well filled in back, rattling fine wing carriage, lovely qual.; 4, Whitaker, plenty of size, nice shape, well up on legs; vhc, Bailey; hc, Hill; c, Thomas. BUFF (23): 1, Crabtree, plenty of length, rattling fine position, leggy, good back, nice qual.; 2, Broadley and Son, tick cheek, grand type, stylish, lovely qual.; 3, Brown and Son, tick wing and head, nice shape, very smart and compact in feather; 4, Thornton and Bower, grand type, leggy, very neat head, extra good qual.; vhc, Ogden Bros.; hc, Radley; c, Townsend. UNFLIG. YELL. (41): a wonderful class; 1, winner Bradford East rose bowl and hc, Bailey, very slim, marvellous type, beautifully drawn, plenty of leg, correct position, perfect feather, put down in the best possible condition; 2, Chippendale, great length, splendid shape, well drawn out behind, rattling fine length of wings and tail, grand qual.; 3, Dykes, extra good position, nice shape, leggy, smart feather; 4, c, Ogden Bros., grand length and shape, stands cleverly, rattling good feather; vhc, Walker. BUFF (34): 1, Towers, marvellous type and style, splendid position, grand back, wings and tail, feathered as though moulded out of wax, a gem all through; 2, Chippendale, fine position, rattling good shape, leggy, nice head, full of col. and qual.; 3, Sutcliffe and Son, eye tick, exceptional col. and quality, nice type, full of nerve; 4, Charlesworth, tick wing, neat shape, leggy, bonny feathered bird; vhc, Clarke; hc, Chittenden; c, Allen. UNFLIG. HEN (26): 1, hc, Shackleton, grand type buff, extra good qual., nice cut, well braced wings and tail; 2, vhc, Ogden Bros., yell., slim, extra good type, plenty of leg, shows well, nice head, nice col. and qual.; 3, Bailey, buff, grand shape, good head, perfect in feather, neat throughout; 4, Wilkinson and Elliott, yell., rattling fine position, good shape; c, Hill. STOCK A.V. (26): 1, Briggs, variegated, yell, lengthy and leggy, fine position, good shape, nice feather; 2, Cooper, buff, rattling fine shape, well filled all through, grand back, lovely feather; 3, Allen, great long-sided yell., plenty of length behind; 4, Ludbrook, good shaped yell., nicely cut away, fine round back; vhc, Dykes; hc, Ogden Bros.; c, Sutcliffe and Son. GREEN MKD. YELL. (26): 1, Sutcliffe and Son, mkd. wings, eyes and cheek, grand length and shape, rattling fine position, lovely qual. and col., splendid wing carriage; 2, Shackleton, good length, fine shape and style, neat head, well filled back, nice qual.; 3, Townsend, mkd. one wing, eyes and splash breast, slim, very typical, perfect position, full of qual.; 4, Ogden Bros., mkd. wing, eye and cheek, grand length, correct shape, nice head and back; vhc, Bailey; hc, Casey; c, Towers. BUFF (14): 1, Shackleton, mkd. wings, eyes, head and cheek, nice length and shape, very erect, leggy; 2, Myers, mkd. wings, eyes and cheek, nice length, good wedge shape, stylish, nice qual.; 3, Dykes, mkd. wings, eyes and breast, extra well cut away, stands like a soldier, nicely finished off; 4, vhc, Ogden Bros., mkd. wing, eyes and head, fine length, beautifully drawn; hc, Priestley; c, Morrison. HEN (14): 1, Thornton and Bower, mkd. wings, eyes and cheek, grand type and position, shows a nice bit of leg, good head and back, neat wing carriage, lovely compact feather; 2, Ogden Bros., mkd. wings, eyes and cheek, extra slim, shows to perfection, very leggy, rattling fine qual. and col.; 3, Haigh, mkd. wings and cheeks, very stylish and typical, wonderful col.; 4, Sutcliffe and Son, mkd. wings and cheeks, bonny hen, nice shape and position; vhc, Shackleton; hc, Hall; c, Dykes. BUFF (16): 1, Crabtree, mkd. wings, plenty of length, good shape, well filled neck, nice back, rare qual.; 2, Townsend, mkd. wings, eyes and head, nice length, grand wedge shape, well up, nervy, rattling fine qual.; 3, hc, Dykes, three-pointed, lovely shape and style, shows well, nice col., extra good qual.; 4, Townsend, plenty of size, good col.; vhc, Limn; c, Priestley. CINN., TKD., ETC., YELL. (11): 1, Bailey, mkd. wings and eye, a marvel for shape, position, and leg, beautiful col. and qual., not a feather out of place; 2, Priestley, grand length and shape, good position, mkd. wings and head; 3, Ogden Bros., mkd. wings, eyes and cheek, slim, grand shape, full of col., rare qual.; 4, Thorntou, mkd. wings, eyes and cheek, good length of side; vhc, Towers; hc, Cooper; c, Brown and Son. BUFF (13): 1, hc, Bailey, mkd. wings and eyes, grand shape and position, rare head and back, beautiful feather, a gem; 2, Cooper, mkd. wings, eyes and cheeks, fine cut, tapers away grandly, extra nice position, well braced wings and tail; 3, Morrison, mkd. wings and eye, extra size, nice shape, grand back, rattling fine qual. and col.; 4, Hirst, mkd. wings and head, nice length and shape, good qual., smart finish; vhc, McDade; c, Ogden Bros. YELL. HEN (11): 1, Brown and Son, mkd. wings, eyes and head, nice shape, well filled up, nice head, grand qual.; 2, Allen, grand slim upstanding hen, rattling fine back, wings and tail, lovely feather; 3, Thomas, mkd. wings, eyes, excels in qual., rare col., nice shape, gets up well; 4, Mallinson and Son, mkd. wings, eyes, grand type, very leggy; vhc, c, Towers; hc, Morrison. BUFF HEN (15) 1, Towers, mkd. wing, eyes and head, good length, rattling fine shape, lovely head and back, feathered to perfection; 2, Mason, mkd. wings, eyes and neck, slim, nice shape, shows to perfection, grand wing carriage, excellent col. and qual.; 3, Priestley, mkd. wings, eyes, slim, very erect, leggy, good feather; 4, Morrison, a trifle stronger, grand back and wings, good head; vhc, Chittenden; hc, Allen; c, Ogden Bros. SELL. PAIRS A.V. YKS. £3 (14): 1, Ludbrook; 2, Elsegood; 3, Ogden Bros.; 4, c, Mrs. Sunderland; vhc, Mountain; hc, Walsh. YELL. £1 10/- (22): 1, Morley; 2, Walker; 3, Fountain; 4, Padgett and Son; vhc, Fieldhouse; hc, Haigh; c, Walker. BUFF (23): 1, Ludbrook; 2, Radley; 3, Bray; 4, Burdekin Bros.; vhc, Casey; hc, Ireland; c, Bartle. HEN, £1 (23): 1, Birbeck; 2, Sagar; 3, Burdekin Bros.; 4, Foster; vhc, Marsh; hc, Hodgson.

GREEN YORKS. YELL. (19): 1, McNulty, fine position, good wings and tail, neat head, a wee bit loose in feather; 2, c, Nimmo, 2nd self, rich col., very stylish, good wing carriage, piped tail; 3, Cowgill and Son, very typical, goodhead, well braced wings, rich colour, piped tail; 4, Walker, foul tail, long, typical, good wings and tail; vhc, Rowlands; hc, Pilling. BUFF (11): 1, Walker, nice type and quality, neat head, sound colour; 2, 4, Rowlands, 2nd very typical, good head, clean on breast, sound col., 4th very typical, good wings and tail, full of quality; 3, McDermott, good head, nice wing and tail; vhc, McNulty; hc, Simpson. YELL. HEN (17): 1, Hughes, grand type, quality, and colour, neat head, well braced wings, piped tail; 2, Rowlands, self, another charming lady, full of quality, grand wing carriage, well on leg; 3, Pilling, self, rich colour, nicely marked, position A1; 4, Benson, neat head, full of quality, rich colour; vhc, McDermott; hc, Ogden Bros.; c, Walker. BUFF (12): 1, Simpson, self, good head, neat tail, well placed wings, full of quality, rich col.; 2, Benson, self, nicely marked, full of quality; 3, hc, Rowlands, very stylish, good head, rich colour, well on leg; 4, Nimmo, rare size, foul tail, good head and wings; vhc, McDermott; c, Morement. OPEN NOVICE YORKS. YELL. (30): 1, Farnish, Palace winner, lovely type, full of quality, grand wings and tail, rich colour; 2, King, unevenly marked, very stylish, good head, boxey feather; 3, Grayshon, tick head, blaze of colour, well on leg, long flights and tail, very stylish; 4, Brook and Oldfield, pale colour, very leggy, boxey feather, grand wings; vhc, Moore; hc, Midgley; c, Ireland. BUFF (23): 1, Ireland, clear, full of quality, grand wings and tail, very stylish, rare length; 2, Craven, neat head, boxey feather, well on leg, long flights, well braced to side, piped tail; 3, Midgley, wing marked, lovely quality, neat head, very typical, piped tail; 4, Watson, clear, boxey feather, round head, clear on breast; vhc, Shepherd; hc, Edmondson; c, Walker. YELL. HEN (22): 1, Bennett, clear, position A1, teeming with quality, grand wings and tail; 2, Brook and Oldfield, clear, good head, clean on breast, long wings and tail, very stylish; 3, Walker, clear, boxey feather, neat head, very stylish; 4, Lee, very neat head, nice type, well on leg, full of quality; vhc, Cox; hc, Wellock; c, King. BUFF (24): 1, Farnish, clear, full of style and quality, well placed wings, piped tail, neat head; 2, c, Turner, good head and breast, well on leg, very neat wings and tail, rare length; 3, Hooker, rare length, good position, wing carriage, and tail, full of quality; 4, Benn, very stylish, full of quality; vhc, Moore; hc, Gill and Son. YORKS. UNION NOVICE. CL., ETC., YELL. (36): 1, Long, rich colour, long flights, piped tail, full of quality, very typical; 2, Harney, unflig., boxey feather, very rich colour, stylish, long flights and tail; 3, Smith, position A1 quality, well braced wings, piped tail; 4, Studd, rich level colour, neat head, good wings and tail; vhc, Tidswell; hc, Brooks; c, Mountain. BUFF (35): 1, sp, for best novice, Gledhill, lovely quality of feather, neat head, clean on breast, grand wings and tail, position, A1; 2, Tidswell, bit loose on head, nice type, full of quality, good wing carriage, piped tail; 3, Moore, wing tick, rare quality, very typical, well braced wings, piped tail, and good head; 4, Crabtree, rich level colour, rare length, grand back, neat head; vhc, Simonett; hc, Dyson and Shaw; c, Dibb. YELL. HEN (30): 1, Hainsworth, griz. on head, boxey feather, grand wings and tail, not so steady; 2, Crabtree, wing tick, rich col., full of quality, nice type, neat head; 3, Jowett, rich col., full of quality, nice style, long flights and tail; 4, Taylor, cap marked, pale col., typical, short feather, neat head; vhc, Pearson; hc, Tidswell; c, Bower. BUFF (28): 1, Crabtree, wing tick, brim full of quality, very stylish, neat round head, a lady all over; 2, Oddy, feather and position, well on leg, rare length of wings and tail; 3, Powell, shade stout, grand type, full of quality, good head and breast; 4, Marsh, cap marked, wing flights and tail, well up on leg; vhc, Shaw; hc, Bartle; c, Watson. GREEN MKD. YORKS., EVEN, ETC. (26): 1, Ellis, head and wings, buff, rare length, full of quality, rich level colour, good head, stands on a pair of good legs; 2, Shaw, cap and wings, yell., boxey feather, neat clean head, good wing carriage, piped tail; 3, Grange, cap and wing yell., boxey feather, piped tail, straight as a pencil; 4, Helliwell, head and neck buff, rich col., good legs; vhc, Sutcliffe; hc, Lyas; c, Western. HEN (13): 1, Smith, cap and wing buff, rich col., lovely quality, very stylish, well put down; 2, Tidswell, 4-pointed yellow, rich col., A1 quality, very typical; 3, Moore, 4-pointed buff, blaze of col., boxey feather, rare length and position; 4, Cooper, eye and wing buff, not well put down, very typical; vhc, Shaw; hc, Mareh; c, Western. CINN. MARKS., TKD., ETC. (14): 1, vhc, Grayshon, eye and wing buff, rich col. and quality, good head, clean on breast, grand wing and piped tail; 2, Simonett, cap and wing yell., very slim and stylish, boxey feather, good wings and tail; 3, Grange, cap and wing buff, rich col., boxey quality, well on leg, neat head; 4, Lewis, variegated yell., boxey feather, rare length and position; hc, Shaw; c, Midgley. HEN (17): 1, Fergusson, cap, cheek and wing buff, on the stout side, nice type and quality; 2, Grayshon, wing mkd. yell., boxey feather, rich level col., neat head, very stylish; 3, Tinkler, cap and back mkd., yell., rich col., full of quality; 4, Moore, eye and wings, buff, rich level col., full of quality; vhc, Lewis; hc, Hodgson, junr.; c, Grayshon.

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The Norwich Canaries.

NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (6): 1, Mallinson and Son, cl., capital col. and feather, nice head and neck, tight as a Java, clean cut; 2, vhc, Thomas, cl., more substance, full of col., lovely head expression, thick neck, broad chest, neat wings and tail; 3, Greenwood and Pickles, cl., smooth as wax, fine head and neck, bold front, moves nicely, just a little longer in barrel; 4, Heap, cl., feathered to perfection, cobby, grand col.; No. 5, Sykes, absent. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Johnson, nice brace, cl., well up in substance, A1 quality, fine head and neck, deep fronted, grand carriage, 2nd very cobby cl., beautiful feather, shapely, capital action; 3, Heap, cl., most substance and hottest in class, lovely head, neck and chest, good wings; 4, Hammond, good sized cl, neat in head character, nice feather; vhc, Thomas. MKD. (7): 1, spl, hc, Mallinson and Son, buff mkd. back, not a feather out of place, good size and col., richly frosted, shapely sweet carriage; 2, Johnson, yell., mkd. wing and eyes, wonderful substance, capital colour and quality, a wee bit long in wings and tail; 3, 4, Thomas, both buffs, former lightly varieg., rattling fine col. and feather, richly mealed, shapely, 4th mkd. wings and about head, short and thick set, lovely colour and feather; vhc, Atkinson; hc, Mallinson and Son; c, Wilcock. YELL. UNFLIG. (8): 1, c, Heap, tkd. eye, ablaze and of magnificent feather, cobby, good carriage, very promising; 2, Thomas, lightly varieg., red hot, rare substance, fine head, neck and chest, a bit too long in flights and tail; 3, 4, Greenwood and Pickles, both cl.; 3rd very shapely, well up in size, not so rich in col., moves gracefully, 4th shapely, rattling fine col. and feather, nice carriage; vhc, Fortnam; hc, Johnson. BUFF (9): 1, Wilson and Howarth, mkd. wings, tight as a Java, shone like a mirror, cobby, fine size, capital carriage; 2, 4, Thomas, mkd. tail, still hotter in col., smooth as a bottle, not quite the substance, 4th thigh tick, lovely col., feather and mealing; 3, Jackson, very shapely cl., feathered to perfection, nice size and carriage, with a little more colour would do famously; vhc, Hammond; hc, Mallinson and Son; c, Greenwood and Pickles. UNFLIG. HEN (10): 1, Thomas, buff, mkd. wing and eyes, rare substance and shape, rich colour and frosting, sweet carriage, very promising; 2, Greenwood and Pickles, cl. yell., fine shape and size, rattling fine col. and feather, jaunty carriage, must have pressed; 3, Cowgill and Son, cl. buff, model for shape, hardly so bright in col., clean sweep, good 3rd; 4, Heap, yell., mkd. head, all there for shape; vhc, Hillmen; hc, Sykes; c, Atkinson. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (3): 1, Sykes, cl., rattling fine shape, teeming with quality and col., massive build, rich undercolour; 2, Wilcock, mkd. wing, head and tail, capital feather, good size and shape, grand back and wing carriage; 3, Thomas, cl. of rare substance and shape, well up in col., good carriage. BUFF (9): 1, Jackson, very cobby cl., tight as a drum, rattling substance, rich colour, covered over with neat frosting, very dainty; 2, Greenwood and Pickles, cl., even, better tone of colour, fine size, grand head and neck, not quite so neat in wings and tail; 3, Thomas, cl., very warmly fed, A1 quality, grand shaped body, nice wing carriage; 4, c, Heap, cl., nice col., feather and substance, masculine in appearance; vhc, Mallinson and Son; hc, Mrs. C. M. Sunderland. NOR. GREEN YELL. (7): 1, H. C. Lawson, self, rattling shape and size, grand depth of correct col., lovely feather, sweet carriage, one of the best; 2, 4, Harding, both self, former well up in size, capital tone of col., good head and neck, bold fronted, 4th well up in substance, capitally clothed, rich col.; 3, vhc, Walker, self, beautiful feather, shapely, not quite the col of 1st and 2nd.: BUFF (8): 1, 4, Harding, winner foul tail, wonderful substance, best of shape, superior quality, rich tone of col., clean cut away, 4th foul wings and tail, A1 quality, well up in size; 2, c, Walker, foul tail, for shape, quality and carriage near on unbeatable, beaten in col. only; 3, vhc, Lawson, beautifully clothed self, rattling fine depth of col.; hc, Morement. YELL. HEN (3): 1, Lawson, foul wings and tail, shapely and of grand feather, richly coloured, nice size and carriage, bonny; 2, Pilling, foul wing, short and thick-set, lovely col., good texture of feather, not quite so large, but neatness itself; 3, Harding, foul, full of col., nice substance and feather. BUFF (5): 1, 4, Harding, former foul tail, very massive, slashing head, neck and chest, A1 col. and quality, capital carriage, a beauty and well shown, 4th self of rich col., well clothed, beaten in symmetry only; 2, Lawson, foul tail, cobby and of fine feather and col., smooth as a bottle, moves delightfully; 3, vhc, Walker, foul, shapely, capital col. and quality, grand head and neck, full front. NOR. NOVICE (14): 1, Clegg, buff, mkd. head, hot as a stove, wonderful substance, capital head and neck, bold chest, richly frosted, very promising unfig.; 2, 4, Simonett, with a brace of very smart and stylish exhibit:, 2nd buff mkd. wing and head, cobby, good size, feather and col., 4th cl. buff, not a feather misplaced, lovely col. and shape, delightfully mealed; 3, c, Rhodes, very warmly fed cl. yell., well up in size, fine head character, nice short flights; vhc, Birbeck; hc, Ditts. HEN (17) a good class: 1, Clegg, smartly moulded cl. yell., superior col., teeming with quality, lovely head, neck, and chest; 2, Schofield, buff var., rare substance and shape, well clothed, neatly frosted over grand col.; 3, Lythell, yell., mkd. wing, tail, and eye, full of col. and quality, nice size, not quite so thick through; 4, hc, Pearson, cl. yell., true shape, smooth as wax, jaunty carriage, well across perch, 1911 bred. A.O.V. CAN (5): 1, 2, Radley; 3, Morement; 4, Dixon; vhc, Ellerton.

The Border Fancies.

CL., ETC. YELL. CK. (13): 1, Gilchrist, little beauty, rich level col., grand quality, extra sweet head, neck, back, wings and tail; 2, Denholm, a wee shade down in col., but beautiful feather of nice texture, head nicely rounded; 3, McKenzie, saddle mark, rare good col., fine finish, well filled back; 4, Halliday, another beauty, just a shade soft, extra sound col.; vhc, Wilson; hc, Smart; c, Levaston. YELL. HEN (12): 1, Burnie, grand wee cl., beautiful head, sweet neck, well filled back, well braced wings, grand front, nice taper; 2, McKenzie, tick on head, fine type, grand quality and texture of feather, nice col., shape and finish; 3, Gilchrist, similar marked, much the same in col. and quality; 4, Halliday, sweet wee hen, fine round head, beautiful filled back; vhc, Lloyd; hc, Wilson; c, Clark. BUFF CK. (19): 1, Smart, beautiful little fellow, grandly put down, rare head, back, and excellent wing carriage, fine front, well placed legs; 2, McKenzie, again good stamp, lovely head, beautiful front and back; 3, Gilchrist, grand head, well modelled all over, sound and level in col.; 4, Lloyd, just a shade down in condition, but much alike in type and col.; vhc, Chapman; hc, Levaston; c, Wilson. HEN (15): 1, McKenzie, lovely little clear leading, a treat to handle, sweet head, jaunty carriage, beautiful model all through; 2, Wilson, stylish lady, full of go, grand round head, well filled back; 3, Halliday, head mark, sweet hen, grand col. and quality, beautiful finish; 4, Denholm, grand type, fine feather of nice texture; vhc, Gilchrist; hc, Blair; c, Gill. EVENLY MARKED (2): 1, Gilchrist, good buff, nice eyes and wing marks, fine level col., quality and type; 2, Wilson, yellow, grand eyes, but tightly marked on wings, rich col., fine quality. UNEVEN (16): grand class; 1, diploma and B.F.C.C. medal, Gilchrist, marked both eyes, wings and head, lovely exhibit, grand level col. throughout, condition and quality like silk, grand head, back and front; 2, Chapman, beautiful yell. mark feather of finest quality, col. pure and level, grand type; 3, Denholm, another gem of a yellow mark, lovely eyes, extra sweet head, fine back, well braced wings; 4, Smart, sweet wee hen, beautifully marked, good level col.; vhc, Chapman; hc, Dowson; c, Clark. GREEN, ETC. (11): 1, Green, true green throughout, fine tone of green in background, well pencilled at rib and thigh to blend with back markings; 2, Murray, fine col. and rare back pencilling, sweet head, finishes just a shade dull behind; 3, Young, sweet wee cinn. yell., extra sound and level in col., fine type and quality; 4, Johnstone, good yellow green, fine size and type; vhc, c, Parker; hc, Lloyd.

The Roller Canaries.

OPEN CHAMP. (10): 1, 4, vhc, Wirth, an exceedingly smart songster, holl. roll 4, bass roll 4, schockel 2, glucke 3, flute notes 1, bell tour 2, bell roll 2, gen. effect 4, total 22 points; 4th, holl. roll 4, holl. bell 2, schockel 3, glucke 3, water glucke 2, Bell roll 2, 2 off sharp bell tour, 3 gen. effect, total 16; 2, hc, Kilshaw, holl. roll 3, holl. bell 2, bass notes 4, schockel 2, water glucke 3, bell tour 1, bell roll 2, gen. effect 4, total 21; 3, Wardleworth, holl. roll 4, holl. bell 2, bass notes 3, schockel 2, glucke 3, bell roll 2, gen. effect 3, 2 off sharp bell tour, total 17; c, Kremmer. OPEN NOVICE (9): 1, Evans, holl. roll 5, holl. bell 2, bass notes 2, schockel 4, flute 2, gen. effect 5, one off sharp bell tour, total 19 points; 2, vhc, Percival, holl. roll 3, holl. bell 2, flute 1, water roll 1, water glucke 1, bell tour 1, bell roll 2, gen. effect 4, total 15; 3, hc, Foulds, holl. roll 5, holl. bell 3, schockel 2, gen. effect 3, total 13; 4, Roberts, holl. bell 4, bass roll 4, schockel 1, glucke 2, bell roll 1, one off sharp flute notes, 1 off hard schwirre, 1 off ugly call note, gen. effect 4, total 13; c, Mawhood.

Mules, British and Foreign Birds.

GOLDIE (8): 1, Inman, fine shape and size, capital quality, massive blaze of lovely colour, grandly cut, beautiful bars and buttons, one of the "nuts"; 2, Lane, again far away above the average, fine quality, shapely, well up in substance, large square-cut blaze, pretty bars; 3, Alexandra, nice quality and col., shapely, not quite the size of body or blaze, yet very neat; 4, Darston, good shape and quality, nice tone of col.; vhc, hc, Miss E. M. Dooly; c, Horridge. BULLIE (3): 1, Riley, far the biggest of the trio, rare shape and quality, cap dense, large, and richly polished, fine tone of breast, in the pink of condition; 2, Lane, shapely ad well up in col., good quality and carriage, neat cap and breast, put down nicely; 3, Mulcahy, not quite the brilliancy of col. of 2nd, otherwise its equal. SISKIN, ETC. (6): 1, 4, Inman, nice brace, magnificent Siskin of lovely col., quality and markings leading, grand cap, in fine condition, 4th Mealy Redpoll, prettily mkd., capital feather and col, very shapely, shows well; 2, Marley, extremely fascinating Lesser Redpoll of wonderful col. and quality; 3, Lane, Siskin, lovely shape and quality, brimful of col., tight as wax, prettily pencilled; vhc, Dr. M. A. Wilson; hc, Naylor. LINNET (7): 1, 2, Marley, brace of toppers, former slashing shape and substance, teeming with quality, lovely tone of col., profuse and distinct in pencilling, rattling fine col. and feather, sweetly moulded, grand markings; 3, vhc, c, Lane, fine shape, well up in size, neatly pencilled, good 3rd; 4, Martin and Archer, fine substance and carriage, capital quality; hc, Pickles. A.O.S. SEEDEATER, ETC. (13): 1, Martin and Archer, very smartly mooned Corn Bunting, good size and shape, lovely quality and col., put down in masterly fashion; 2, vhc, Marley, capital Chaffinch, in perfect feather, lovely colour and shape, rare substance, shows for all it is worth; 3, hc, Lane, with a fascinating Bramble, magnificent feather and col., fine shape and size; 4, Mulcahy, Hawfinch, possessing nice col. and quality, neatly cut bib, rare shape and carriage; vhc, Marley, Bramble of great merit; c, Darston; No. 6, Lane, grand Yellowhammer, good enough for many wins. INSECTIV. (4): 1, 2, Dr. M. A. Wilson, grand Wheatear in front, in full bloom and shown in a praiseworthy manner; 3, Mackwell, Jenny Wren, in the best of health and quite busy amongst the foliage. A.O.S. (5): 1, spl, 2, Mulcahy, Chough claiming the biggest plum, magnificent shape and size, shone like satin, grand beak and leg col., 2nd Magpie, in grand order, put down in an up-to-date style; 3, Dr. Wilson, Waxwing, a perfect picture, all over a gem, and we thought no one could have grumbled had he gone up one; 4, Isherwood, Starling, not a feather misplaced, rare size and shape, beautifully ticked; vhc, Mackwell. LIGHT. CAN. HYB. (4): 1, spl, 2, Martin and Archer, couple of stormers, their noted buff, slightly grizzled neck Greenie-Can. being top-sawyer; 2nd buff Goldie-Can., lightly varieg., lovely quality and col., fine shape and size, pretty face, in the best possible trim; 3, Cowgill and Son, buff Goldie-Can., mkd. wings and eyes, smaller in build rather, but lovely quality, shape and col.; 4, Mulcahy, buff, bordering on six-pointed Goldie-Can., neat shape and col., good quality, nicely balanced markings, take a friendly hint and stage the bird better. DARK (8): 1, Dr. M. A. Wilson, nicely shaped Can.-Bullie, good col. and feather, capital carriage and condition; 2, vhc, Martin and Archer, buff Goldie-Can., rattling col., quality and shape, well up in substance; 3, Pickles, yell. Linnet-Can., sweetly moulded, superior quality and col., fine size; 4, Wilson, yell. Goldie-Can., lovely col., shape and quality, neat face; hc, Mulcahy; c, Livesey. A.O.V. HYB. (4): 1, Dr. M. A. Wilson, very smart Goldie-Bullie, capital col., shapely, many thought lucky to beat; 2, Martin and Archer, Greenie-Chaffinch, the recent winner at the L.C.B.A. show (bred by Miss Reeves), truly unique; 3, Wilson, buff, Goldie-Greenie, lovely col. and quality, shapely, good face properties; 4, Coward, buff Goldie-Grecnie, A1 col. and feather, nice face, shapely. PIED ALBINO (3): 1, Martin and Archer, pied Linnet, lovely shape, size and carriage, found many friends, a gem; 2, Walsh, very fine Silver Starling in absolutely best possible form, brilliant as a new shilling. FOR. PARRAKEET, ETC. (5): 1, 2, Baxby, Pennants and King, in full dress, a treat to look upon and staged by a master hand; 3, Walsh; 4, Pickles, pair of Peach-faced Lovebirds, appearing quite happy and reconciled; vhc, Hollins. PARROTS, ETC. (1): 1, Ditchfield, Blue-fronted Amazon in nice order. AVADAVATS, ETC. (2): 1, 2, Howe, Diamond Sparrow and Orange-checked Waxbills, trio of lovely and enchanting creatures. FINCHLIKE, ETC. (8): 1, Beauty, Whydah, in fine form, lovely tail; 2, 3, hc, Howe, Parrot Finch, Melba Finch, and Crimson Finch, nicely shown, in full bloom; 4, Chadwick, Whydah, in good form; vhc, Hollins. TANAGER, ETC. (6): 1, 3, 4, hc, Lady Pilkington, with a magnificent team, all in delightful order, viz., Blue and Black Tanager, Black-headed Sugar Bird, Black-backed Tanager, and Pretre's Tanager; 2, vhc, Walsh, Tanager in nice trim. A.O.S. (6): 1, Baxby, Green-billed Toucan, captivating in the extreme with his gorgeous dress; 2, vhc, Walsh; 3, 4, Lady Kathleen Pilkington, Black-throated Nonpareil and American Red-shouldered Blackbird, both looking A1; hc, Hollins.

LEITH.

Leith O.S. annual show held in Junction Road Church Hall, Nov. 11. The hall was A1 for temperature, with the exhibits placed around the hall on two sides and end and right down the centre, every inch of the staging being practically utilized. The show, we believe, is a record one for the society, there being 600 exhibits, an increase of 50 over last year's. The President, Mr. J. Lumsden, was observed with his usual smile, doing his fair share of the work. Mr. G. Brown, the popular and enthusiastic secretary, had everything at his finger-tips. Few secretaries are so well gifted, all his efforts making towards the success of the show. Mention must also be made of the committee; each and every one of whom played his part. The attendance was magnificent, and we feel assured the smiling faces of the financial committee will beam for many a day to come. The exhibits in every section were of the highest order. The Norwich and British bird sections were undoubtedly the finest the public have been privileged to view, in or near Edinburgh this season. The Smith silver cup for best Scotch Fancy was won by Mr. G. T. C. Hope.—Special for best Nor. cock, Mr. W. R. Finnie; and special for best hen, Mr. R. Craig; silver cup, Border Fancy club medal, and a handsome special presented by the society, were won by the Secretary (Mr. Brown). Mr. W. R. Finnie won a silver cup and a handsome special for best Mule. The Secretary again chipped in for special in British bird section. The awards were made by: Messrs. J. Carson and W. Rodgers (Scot Fancies), A. G. Cameron (Nor.), J. Craig (Borders), and A. Cochrane (British and Mules), whose placings pleased everybody.

The Critique.

SCOT FCY. YELL (3): 1, 2, Dalgleish, 1st splendid model, erect, rare droop, neat head, good reach, 2nd nice reach, sweet head, fine top, body and wing, quick in action; 3, Hope, fine reach, good top, side and droop. BUFF (6): 1, 3, Hope, 1st cup winner, good substance, erect, fine reach, good shoulders, body and wing, 3rd decided drive, good shoulder and body; 2, Dalgleish, neat, well-made body, nice wing and reach; 4, Allan, nice one, full of style and action; 5, Lawrie; 6, Baxter. YELL. PIED (4): 1, 2, Dalgleish, 1st neat head, fine reach, good body, wing and substance, 2nd hard up, fine droop, good top, good reach; 3, Lawrie, fine size, nice substance takes perches well; 4, Carson, nice model, fine action and movement. BUFF (5): 1, Paterson, rare back good body, shoulder and wing; 2, Allan, erect, good back, fine top end and wing carriage; 3, Dalgleish fine head and shoulder, good body and wing; 4, Lawrie; 5, West. YELL. GREEN, ETC. (7): 1, spl, Hendry, finely built, nice length of reach, free in action; 2, Allan, plenty of size, good substance, nice action; 3, Hope, fine top end and reach, good thickness; 4, Carson, nice one, handles well; 5, Lawrie; 6, Baxter. BUFF (7): 1, Paterson, massive frame, determined drive, heavy back, good body; 2, 4, Dalgleish, 2nd really fine quality, erect, head well down, solid back, 4th erect, nice style and reachy; 3, Drysdale, well-set head, nice back, body and wings; 5, Hope; 6, Carson; 7, Lawrie. YELL. HEN (3): 1, 3, Paterson, 1st stylish, good top end and reach, well placed; 3rd fine size, large shoulder, decided drive; 2, Carson, good shape and style, handles well. BUFF (6): 1, Allan, wins, in grand bloom, very stylish, nice length and reach; 2, Hope, very well got up, fair, good substance and side; 3, McMillan, well made throughout, real topper; 4, Baxter, smaller with good action; 5, Carson. YELL. PIED (5): 1, McMillan, nice body, well set on legs, rare drive; 2, spl, Hendry, nice size and substance, good head and reach; 3, West, good stamp with nice top end and action. BUFF (9): 1, 6, Allan, 1st rare good size and thickness, carries wings and tail well; 2, 3, Dalgleish, 2nd erect, nice reach, shoulder and side, 3rd nice one, not quite so massive as leaders; 4, 5, spl, Paterson, 4th good exhibit; 7, Carson. YELL. GREEN, ETC. (7): 1, Hope, erect, good wing, back and body, nice action; 2, Paterson, well knit together, smart, nice reach and style; 3, Dalgleish, presses hard, good substance, fine motion; 4, 6, Baxter; 5, Carson. BUFF (6): 1, Dalgleish, nice taking exhibit, fine action and make; 2, Hope, another good one, following closely; 3, Allan, fine racy bird, rare action and style; 4, Drysdale; 5, Carson; 6, Baxter. NOR. YELL. (12): 1, 4, 5, Finnie, 1st rare quality and size, good col. and condition; 2, 6, 7, 8, Miller Alcorn, 2 longer sided, good subs.; 3, Craig, rare quality and col. BUFF (15): 1, 5, Buglass, 1st good model, neat head and neck, rare depth of front; 2, 3, Craig, 2nd rare size and col., nicely rounded chest, in grand condition, 3rd nice type and quality, just lacks the substance of winners; 4, 8, spl, Miller and Alcorn, 4th grizzle, nice head and frontal, wee long-sided; 6, Dunn; 7, Finnie. VARIEG. YELL. CK. (15): 1, 6, 7, Miller and Alcorn, wins well, neat shape and all there for quality; 2, Buglass, presses, rare stamp, good depth of chest, neat flights; 3, Dunn, nice exhibit, restless; 4, Watson, good col. and quality; 5, Lawrie; 8, Dunn. BUFF (17): 1, 4, 6, Finnie, 1st grand depth of chest, rare head and front, wins well; 2, spl, Buglass, shorter stamp, lovely quality of feather; 3, Craig, cinn. mkd., teeming with quality, rare size and substance; 5, Lawrie; 7, Carson. YELL. HEN (13): 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Craig, 5 specials, a team of yell. hens of ripping type and quality; 6, Miller and Alcorn; 7, spl, Dunn; 8, Buglass; 9, spl, Miller and Acorn. BUFF (12): 1, 2, Craig, 1st not an extra big one but bad to beat for type and quality, 2nd grizzle, not far behind, failing only in entrance to head; 3, 7, Dunn, 3rd a big one, good col. and quality, a shade wild; 4, Miller and Alcorn, good stamp of hen; 5, 8, spl, Finnie; 6, Buglass. VARIEG. YELL. (6): 1, Craig, bold head, neatly rounded in front, in A1 condition; 2, 3, 6, Finnie, 2nd shapely made, nice col. and quality, 3rd much same stamp; 4, Dunn, good col. and quality; 5, Sayers. BUFF (10): 1, Craig, nice size, capital head and frontal, well staged; 2, Buglass, not quite so stylish, but a good second, grand stamp of a hen; 3, Dunn, fine size and quality, unsteady; 4, 5, Miller and Alcorn, big houneer, good head and wing; 6, Sayers; 7, Carson; 8, Mainland. GREEN, ETC. (10): 1, Carson, Green, wins easily, fine type, nicely rounded in front, grand head; 2, Finnie, Cinn., rare quality and substance; 3, Lawrie, neatly got up, varieg. Green, some preferred to second; 4, sp., Milne, Cinn., of nice quality, good head and front; 5, 6, Hendry; 7, Sayers; 8, Watson. CREST CK. (1): 1, Miller and Alcorn, good all round one, fine head feather. HEN: Cancelled. C.B. CK.: 1, 2, 3, Miller and Alcorn, nice team, well lashed, skulls, groomed a treat. HEN: 1, 2, Miller and Alcorn, nice pair of youngsters, showing plenty of skull. BORD. FCY., YELL. CK. (23): 1, 2, 6, Brown; 1, cup, B.F.C.C. medal, and Society spl., heads a strong class, teeming with col., nice type, fine feather and quality, 2, good swagger, head and wing carriage; 3, Brunton, another good one, presses hard; 4, 5, 7, Hook; 8, Todd. BUFF (26): 1, Todd, beautiful head, good back and wing carriage 2, spl., Hook, another good one of splendid shape, and quality, would be improved by a wash; 3, 4, 8, Brown, 3, 4, pair of rare type and quality, nicely staged, some thought should have gone up on condition; 5, Brodie; 6, Dodds; 7, Miller and Alcorn. YELL. HEN (20): 1, Dodds, sweet lady, leading in strong class, nice position and taper; 3, Brown, must have pressed ideal shape, fully better body than leader; 3, 7, Hook, 3, neat head and body, would have been improved with its face washed; 4, Brunton, fine type, neat head and wing carriage; 5, and 8, Todd; 6, Baxter. BUFF (20): 1, Dodds, a taking exhibit, brimming over with quality, takes nice position, frilling when we took notes; 2, 4, Hook, 2, fails only in quality to leader, better body and taper; 3, 5, Brown, 3, some thought should have gone up, neat border hen throughout; 6, 8, Stevenson; 7, Baxter. TKD.YELL. (17): 1, 2, 6, 8, Hook, 1st, fine size and col., neatly made, 2nd, follows closely, much same type; 3, Baxter, well put down, nice size and make; 4, Brown, a Border, of true properties; 5, Miller and Alcorn; 7, Purves. BUFF (16): 1, 5, Brown, 1st, wins well, excellent quality and col., good head, nicely tapered, well placed; 2, 7, Dodds, 2nd, nice wing mark, all there for type and quality; 3, 4, Hook, good pair; 6, Brunton. VARIEG. YELL. (17): 1, 7, Brown, ripping fine feather and finish, jaunty carriage, staged a treat; 2, 3, 5, Stevenson, 2, 3, sweet pair of different type to leaders, well worthy of places; 4, Baxter, a Border, with a capital head and frontal; 6, Purves; 8, Dodds. BUFF (13): 1, 3, Brown, 1, stands alone in class for type, full of quality, good finish and style, 3rd, takes nice position; 2, 4, 7, 8, Hook, 2nd, good second, neat head, fine back and wing carriage, 4th, follows closely, a little unsteady; 5, 6, Stevenson. YELL., GREEN, ETC. (25): 1, 2, 4, Buglass, 1, Yell. Green, in rare bloom, sweet head, sound col. and pencilling; 2, Yell., Cinn., another sweet one, ripping fine col.; 3, Dodds, another Yell. Green, must have pressed, sound as a bell, neatly made; 5, Lumsden; 6, Baxter; 7, 8, Miller and Alcorn, a strong class of A1 type and col. BUFF (23): 1, 2, 6, Buglass, 1, Buff Cinn., leading in a hot class, good size and col., well made all over, 2, Buff Green, grand head and back; 3, 7, Hook, 3 some thought hardly worth position, very nice nevertheless; 4, 5, 8, Stevenson, 4, neat make of head and body. A.O.V. (7): 1, Carson, Belgian, not a big one, but full of action, handles a treat; 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, Ross, grand team of Lizards, a credit to owner. GOLDFINCH, FOR. (12): 1, Baxter, not a big one, but nice shape, good tanning and buttons, capital face; 2, Miller and Alcorn, larger than leader, fine col. and markings, loses only in blaze; 3, McMillan, nice Goldie, a shade narrower in face, well polished; 4, Messer, cobbler make, neat, in fine condition; 5, Wood; 6, Paterson; 7, Brown; 8, Weston. GOLDFINCH (BRIT.): 1, Craft, grand bird for style and shape, good blaze and markings; 2, Brown, follows closely, tremendous beak, rare size and build, fine coloured; 3, Blair, fails in blaze to leaders, nice quality, good tannings and buttons; 4, Sayers, will greatly improve with attention; 5, Brunton; 6, Colbron; 7, Duff. LINNET (29): 1, Brown, wins well, rare size and col., good pencillings, steady; 2, Watson, beaten in size and carriage only, well up in colour, and full of work; 3, Hook, fine upstanding Linnet; 4, Allan, really good Linnet, sound in col.; 5, Colbron; 6, Wood; 7, Barclay; 8, Messer. GREENFINCH (29): 1, J. Allan, fine tone of col., rare size and make, nice shean; 2, Craig, follows closely, grand bodied bird; 3, 5, Messer, nice ones; 4, Finnie, cobby and thick set; 6, Wood; 7, Moffat; 8, W. Allan. SISKIN (14): 1, 4, Moffat, 1, nice and shapely, good col. and flank markings, 4, same type, but light below; 2, Wood, good type and markings, teeming with col.; 3, Messer, larger, neat taking style, nice markings; 5, Finnie; 6, J. Allan; 7, Weston; 8, McMillan. REDPOLL, ETC. (33): a hot class: 1, Miller and Alcorn, 1, Twite, full of work, in good order, a capital shower; 2, 6, Sayers, 2, mealy Redpoll, tremendous bib and great size, well put down; 3, Barclay, Lesser Redpoll, bonny bird for col. and markings, in A1 trim; 4, Colbron, Twite, good size and col., blurred in markings a bit; 5, Wood; 7, Craft. BUNTING (11): 1, 2, Watson, 1, Yell Bunting, rattling fine Hammer, rich col., good head markings, 2, Meadow Bunting, well known, looking as fit as ever; 3, Messer, another Yellowhammer, of good size and colouration; 4, Baxter, Ortolan Bunting, steady; 5, 7, Finnie; 6, Carson. A.O.S. BRIT. FINCH (20): 1, Watson, wins easily, Bramble, splendid size, shape and style, nice markings and spanglings; 2, Craft, Bullfinch, good shape and carriage, nice cap and front; 3, Colbron, Chaffinch, fine chestnut, good col, and marks; 4, 5, J. Allan, 4, Bramble. A.O.S. (9): 1, Craft, Jay, very steady, good markings, fine condition; 2, 3, 7, 8, Sayers, 2, Blackbird, in rare order A1 condition, 3, Starling, capital sheen, beaming in quality, good order; 4, Brown, Song Thrush, well put down, nicely marked; 5, Brunton; 6, J. Allan. BRIT. HEN (11): 1, Stevenson, Greenie hen, right Bullie type, good col. and condition; 2, Milne, Bramble hen, condition of the best, fine sheen; 3, J. Allan, Bullfinch, fine, thick set, nice head and front; 4, Craft, Siskin, sweet little lady, nice size, plenty of markings; 5, McMillan; 6, Baxter; 7, Weston; 8, Barclay. LIGHT MULE (6): 1, 5, Watson, Goldie Mule, in rare order, fine size and blaze; 2, 3, J. Allan, another pair Goldie Mules, failing only in size and col. to leader; 4, Miller and Alcorn, Goldfinch-Linnet, showing parentage well. DARK (17): 1, sp., Finnie, grand Yell. Grecnie Mule, tremendous size and superb col., will take some stopping when filled up; 2, 5, Brown, 2, Linnet-Mule, in rattling fine condition, good polish and col., nice size and style; 3, Carson, Redpoll Mule, very taking, good size and markings; 4, Craig, nice Grecnie Mule; 6, J. Allan; 7, Carson

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The twelfth annual show of Gateshead ("Palace of the North") Society was held on December 8th and 9th, and was undoubtedly the greatest and best show of cage birds ever seen in the North of England. The venue was again the famous Burt Terrace Drill Hall, one of the best in the kingdom, and when we say that this great hall was literally packed with exhibits one can gather some idea of the vast nature of the show. The liberal classification was rewarded by a wonderful entry of 1,520 birds, which is about 70 over their last year's record show. The quality of the exhibits, too, was the best seen in the North of England for the past two or three years, this being especially noticeable in the Norwich section.

We "take off our Hat."

It will be readily understood that the successful working of a show of such magnitude can only be accomplished by a vast amount of hard work, together with the necessary tact and skill, and it is with pleasure that we raise our hat to the officials, for the arrangements can only be described as perfect, and just what one would expect at the "Palace of the North." Mr. A. Holden, the popular secretary, has a hard task, but his keenness as a fancier, and his great abilities in getting through his work, enable him to make light of it, and we always found him cheerful and obliging, and ready to assist anybody; and judging from the practical precision with which he carries out his clerical duties we do not think he has anything to learn in the matter of working a large cage bird show. With so able a fancier at the head of affairs it is scarcely to be wondered at that the society keeps so steadily on the up-grade, and we hope soon to have the pleasure of recording a 2,000 entry, as a mark of the esteem in which he is held by fanciers. Mr. F. F. Hawkins, the well-known Border enthusiast, again undertook the duties of show manager, and the whole of the arrangements for the staging and watering and feeding the exhibits were in his hands, which is equivalent to saying that everything was carried out in great style in the usual Gateshead manner, Mr. Hawkins personally seeing to it that nothing was overlooked; exhibitors and visitors alike are indebted to this gentleman for the great care and attention he bestows upon the exhibits, nothing appearing to be any trouble to him, and we again congratulate him upon the fact that everything was in perfect order, and went off without the slightest hitch. He was very ably assisted by a grand body of fanciers, headed by the popular chairman, Mr. R. Tindale (who, by the way, we heartily congratulate upon his success in winning the Northern Yorkshire challenge cup for best young bird), Mr. Shafto Robson (vice-chairman), and Messrs. W. Longstaff, A. T. Hodson, J. Moor, W. J. Smith, R. W. Smith, E. B. Hooper, D. E. Kent, A. Storey, J. Adams, J. W. Reed, H. Johnson, J. Mackenzie, T. Tomlinson, C. Eastop, G. C. Petterson, R. Gladson, H. Wellsbury, R. Hope, F. Ayre, and J. Davidson, while a special word of praise is due to the stewards, Messrs. Wellsbury, Reed, Moore, Brown, Hope, Dobson, Geo. Taylor, J. Maddison, Tindale, Mather, Kent, Lawson, Young, Mackenzie, and J. G. Hutchinson; while we also noticed Mr. T. Almond (late chairman) and Mr. Tom Taylor lending great assistance.

Displaying the Wares.

The staging was again a treat. It was erected upon similar lines to last year, rows of cages three and four tiers high running the length of the hall, with the Foreign birds and British softbills again at the far end of the hall, away from the entrance, the whole effect producing a magnificent spectacle. The beauty of these large shows is the precision with which the classes are arranged, every section being named, with the classes following one after another, and the winning birds placed in regular order. This is a great boon to everybody concerned, and enables visitors who may not be fanciers readily to follow the birds without any difficulty. Nothing great was done in the matter of sales, although a good number of birds changed hands at the smaller prices, and we were informed that the amount taken was about the usual. Both days were rather dull, yet despite this the show was well attended, the "gate" on Saturday especially being splendid, the hall being simply packed. We noticed a great many well-known fanciers present from different parts of the country, including Mr. G. E. Russell and Mr. J. Brotherton, who do not usually get up as far North, and who, we understand, were enchanted by Gateshead's brilliance, and are coming again.

Wonderful Quality all Through.

Coming to the exhibits themselves they were without a doubt the best display seen in the North of England for many a day, this being especially noticeable in the Canary section. Here indeed some charmers were staged, marvels of type and colour. It would be invidious to give any one variety the preference where all were good. Crests, Yorks. and Borders, all retained their high standard of excellence; indeed, it would be difficult to find better, but we were especially delighted with the display of Norwich. Here, we are bound to say, we noticed a great improvement; that is, taking the birds all through. It was not a case of "the winning birds good ones and the rest nowhere," as we have sometimes seen; but the birds were much more level in type all through, and made the best display we have seen for some time. This section totalled 206 in 12 classes, an average of over 17 per class, the best in section going to Mr. J. Smeaton, with a lovely clear yellow unflighted, a gem for type, colour, and quality. This gentleman put down some grand specimens, as did also Messrs. W. H. Howe, A. G. Cameron, W. Dormer, G. Dobinson, E. Cowling, F. F. Lawson, Pickering and Wright, W. Burdett, A. Holden, W. H. Butler, and W. Aitchison. The last-named gentleman's natural colour yellow is a stormer for type, size and colour, and won the same class last year. Crests and Crestbreds were a grand lot, and this section provided the winner of Hindhaugh's special of £1 1s. for best bird in show, the successful exhibitor being Mr. A. J. Smith, with a grand yonng Crest. This section was under the patronage of the Crested C.C. and the Northern C.C., and competition was very keen throughout. The section totalled 101 in 10 classes, an average of 10 per class, and although the numbers were not large, the quality was splendid. We regret that the Cinnamon Crest or C.B. class had to be cancelled, and it is evident this variety has not yet taken hold of the popular fancy, at least in the North. Special prize winners in this section were C.C.C. 5s. specials, best clear body, any colour, crested, T. Taylor; best buff crested, other than clear body, A. J. Smith; best buff C.B., R. S. Bewick; best yellow crested or C.B., J. Brotherton; best young buff C.B., Dobson and Son; while the diploma for best novice crested went to Mr. J. Gillespie, and that for best novice C.B. to Dr. Twigg. The Northern C.C. special prize winners were: Ford Malling challenge cup and medal for best old crest or C.B., Mr. T. Taylor; silver challenge cup and gold medal for best young crest, W. F. Swan; silver challenge cup and gold medal for best young C.B., Dobson and Son; silver medals were also won by Messrs. J. G. Hutchinson (3), Dodson and Son (3), R. S. Bewick (2), T. Taylor (1) and T. Bewick (1). Yorks. were splendid, both in numbers and quality, the section totalling 176 in 10 classes, an average of over 17 per class. Mr. Bailey seemed to be particularly happy in selecting the winners here. It is quite evident that he does not believe in thick-bodied birds, no matter how good they may be in length and col., and the result was that the birds he had on top were true specimens of what a good Yorkie should be, slim, well rounded birds, well drawn, yet of standard length, the extra long thick-bodied birds having to take a back seat; and we heard his judging commented on very favourably. Special for best in section was won by Mr. F. Ellis, with a beautiful specimen, an unflighted clear yellow, a good one all over. The winner of the Northern Yorkshire challenge cup for best young bird bred by exhibitor was won by the popular secretary, Mr. R. Tindale, with a splendid unflighted buff, a topper for style and finish, while Mr. J. W. Ramsden's silver cup for second best bird went to Mr. G. Tweedie, also with an unflighted buff. Cinnamons averaged 10 per class in four classes, which is not so bad; while the cream of the Fancy were out, especially Mr. Dormer's 1st and 2nd yellows, these two birds standing out by themselves as marvels of colour and polish, the winner taking special for best in section. Mrs. F. E. Deacon and Mr. Godley also put down good teams, and the section all through was very good. Lizards totalled 20 in the two classes, and not a bad one amongst them. Mr. J. Dewsnap secured special for best in section with a clear cap gold. This show finishes the competition for the Northern Lizard club's cup and bowl, and Mr. J. Riseborough having succeeded in winning both, the cup now becomes his own property.

The Northern Beauties.

The Scotch Fancy classes contained many good birds. The entry was scarcely up to that of previous years, although the quality all over was well maintained. Diploma for best in section was won by a good buff hen shown by Mr. Willison, but the clear yellow cock must have given her a tight race. The Border section was the feature of the show, the entry being grand and the quality A1, many noted winners being amongst the tickets. We heard one or two well-known breeders and exhibitors stating that the even marked class was the finest ever brought together, in which we agree, the eye marking being simply perfect, and any of the first five birds might have won, so close were they in ideal points to one another. A very nice foul buff cock, shown by Mr. J. Smart (Tweedmouth) won the B.F.C.C. medal and also diploma for best Border. The Tynesiders are hot on a good green Border, and they carried away all the honours in this section. Cinnamons, we are glad to say, came out well, and the col., type and quality were all one might wish to see. Every year in this variety we see them nearing the ideal. We heard some remarks passed by exhibitors against the Crest section being judged first, the Scotch second, and the Borders last. The light was fading fast when the judge started to make his awards, and clean gone before he was finished, and no man can do justice to himself and Borders in a fading or artificial light. The Borders, birds of position, where colour, condition and tightness of feather must have careful attention, need a good light in the early part of the day for anyone to apportion the awards. The birds here might in themselves have kept Mr. Robson the best part of the day, with another judge taking the other varieties, and so saving Mr. Robson having to judge after the show was opened, with visitors going backwards and forwards. However, his awards, under the circumstances, left little room for complaint.

Members' Birds to the Fore.

Members' entries came up well, and the quality was very good, many of the birds holding enviable positions in the open. Norwich were the best in numbers, closely followed by the Borders and Yorks., while some really grand birds were exhibited in the British and Foreign bird classes. The principal members' special prize winners were: Best bird in members' classes, Mr. R. Tindale; most points, R. S. Bewick. Novice members' classes also came up well, and made a very creditable display, several really good birds being staged. Special for most points in members' novice classes was won by Mr. J. W. Reed.

Taken all through the show was a grand affair, and the officials of the Gateshead society have every reason to feel proud of their great achievement. The judges were: Norwich, Cinnamons and Lizards, Mr. J. H. Roe; Crests, Borders and Scotch Fancies, Mr. J. Robson: Yorks., Mr. J. Bailey; Mules, British and Foreign, Mr. J. F. Dewar; and their awards met with general approval.

Mules, British and Foreign Birds were one of the outstanding features in the show, the majority of the English and Scotch cracks being present doing battle, and some upholding their well-known reputation. Messrs. Martin and Archer had forward a nice team, and accounted for a goodly share of the spoil. Special for best Mule was secured by their well-known clear Linnet and "Perfection." British were strong classes, some gems being forward. Spl. for best was found in Mr. Harris's grand Hawfinch, while spl. for best Foreign was secured by that gem of gems, Mrs. Taylor's lovely yellow-winged Sugar Bird.

Mr. J. Bailey's Classes.

YORKS., CL. YELL. (14): 1, Tweedie, a beauty, medium length, straight as a rush, beautifully rounded, grandly drawn, clothed with most exquisite feather, not a feather out of place; 2, Cuthbertson, good one for length and position, gets well up on a fine pair of legs, well tapered, neat head, nice wing carriage; 3, Gray and Gilholm, nice one for length, grand position, neat head, well carried wings, nice col. and quality, not quite so well finished as leaders; 4, Thomas, nice length, very erect, neat head, well braced wings and tail; vhc, Crawhall; hc, Tindale; c, Tomlinson. BUFF (11): 1, Tweedie, nice length, well up on legs, slimly built, well drawn, good col. and quality, neat head, back and wings; 2, Binns, scarcely so well drawn as leader, fine length and position, neat head, nice col. and quality, close packed tail; 3, Ellwood, not quite so slim, but nice length, very erect, nice col., best of quality, well braced wings and tail; 4, Stewart, grand one for length, stands well up, nicely drawn; vhc, Crawhall; hc, Ellwood; c, Atkinson. TKD., ETC., YELL. (14): 1, Brown and Son, tkd. head and both wings, grand length and position, straight as a gun barrel, fine col., neat head, grandly braced wings and tail; 2, Cuthbertson, tkd. behind neck, grand quality, fine length and position, well drawn, slim build, loses to leader in col. only; 3, Cook and Hood, scarcely so neat in head, but a grand one for length and position, neat shoulders and waist, well rounded, well braced wings and tail; 4, Hutler, thicker build, rare length and position, good col.; vhc, Crawhall; hc, Atkinson; c, Parker. BUFF (11): 1, Cuthbertson, varieg., good length, exquisitively feathered, straight up, neat head, well rounded body, finished to perfection; 2, Tindale, tkd. on head, not quite so slim as leader, yet fine length and position, good head and neck, well braced wings and tail, beaten just a little in finish; 3, Thomas, slim, well drawn, neat head, well rounded back, nice col. and quality, not quite so neat in wing carriage; 4, Tweedie, cap and wing mkd., good one and straight up; vhc, Dix; hc, Hutler; c, Atkinson. HEN (17): 1, 4, Cuthbertson, two charmers, leader cl. buff, good one all over, nice length, grand position, neat head, wings and tail, fine col. and quality, feathers like a Java, well finished, 4 cap, eye and wing mkd. yell., straight as a rush; 2, c, Crawhall, cl. yell., scarcely so well drawn as leader, but gets well up on grand legs, good col., neat head and back, well braced wings ad tail; 3, vhc, Stewart, cl. buff, a topper, rattling fine length and position, slimly built, well tapered tail, loses only in col. to leaders; hc, Binns. YELL., CL., ETC., 1911 (21): 1, Ellis, cl. yell., a gem, grandly drawn, straight as a gun-barrel, red hot col., neat head, beautifully rounded body, grand wings and tail, takes special for best in section; 2, Tinsdale, another topper, rare length, beautifully tapered, very erect, neat head, grand wing carriage, not quite so well rounded in body as leader; 3, Tindale, another good one, fine length, straight up on good legs, neat head, wings and tail; 4, Tomlinson, we missed, probably in members' classes; vhc, Thomas; hc, c, Mather. BUFF (21): 1, c, Tindale, tkd. left wing, beautifully drawn, straight as a rush, nice length, grandly clothed with short, tight-fitting feather, good col. and quality, wins N.Y.C.C. challenge cup for best bird; 2, Tweedie, cl., good one all over, grandly drawn, neat shoulders, grand position, neat head, well braced wings and tail, takes Ramsden's silver cup for 2nd best bird in the N.Y.C.C.; 3, 4, Brown and Son, cl., pale col., nice length, very erect, grandly tapered, neat head and neck, well rounded back, grand wings and tail, 4 also cl., good one for length and position, neat head, wings and tail; vbc, Crawhall; hc, Wiggleworth. HEN, 1911 (21): 1, Tindale, cl. yell., grand quality and finish, fine length, grand position, well rounded back, slimly built, neat head, wings and tail, charming young damsel; 2, Hutler, cl. buff, another grand one, little if any behind winner, grandly tapered, most exquisitely feathered, erect and stylish, neat head; 3, Dix, cl. yell., all there for length and position, well drawn, neat bead, good col., loses to leader only in quality; 4, Tindale, cl. buff, nice stylish bird, good position, neat head, wings and tail; vbc, Cuthbertson; hc, Stewart; c, Mather. NOVICE CK. (31): 1, Coomber, cl. buff, grand one, fine length, fine position, excellent col. and quality, neat head and neck grandly braced wings and tail; 2, hc, Lyall, cl. yell., not quite so neat in head as leader, fine length, well drawn, good wings and tail; 3, Cattell, cl. buff, nice length and position, well rounded, good col. and quality, well braced wings and tail; 4, Addison, yell., good one for position, well drawn, neat head, wings and tail; vhc, Mirley; c, Boggon. HEN (21): 1, Cattell, cl. yell., very slim, grandly drawn, neat shoulders and waist, good col. and quality, nice head and neck, well braced wings and tail; 2, bc, Lyall, cl. buff, another good one, grandly clothed with nice hoxy feather, good length and position, neat head, wings and tail, fine col. and quality; 3, Coomber, cl. yell., nice length, well up on legs, neat bead, good quality, loses to leader only in col.; 4, Addison, cl. buff, longer than 2nd, nice position, neat head, well drawn; vhc, Deighton; c, Mirley. BREEDING PAIRS, A.V. (6): 1, J. Taylor, Crests, wing mkd. d.c., of good droop and formation, nice size, and good varieg. C.B., good skull, ahundantly clotbed with good feather; 2, Holden, Nor., big cl. yell. cock, of fine shape and col. and shapely cl. yell. hen, nice size and quality; 3, Hutchinson, Crests, wing mkd. d.c. of good droop and shape, and varieg. C.B., loses only in size to leaders; 4, Smith, cl. buff Nor ck., good size and col., and 4kd. yell. hen, nice type and quality; vhc, Dohson and Son; hc, Johnson.

Mr. J. Robson's Classes.

CRESTED BUFF CK. (7): 1, Dobson and Son, var., grand size, massive crest of grand formation and droop, very dense in feather, neat centre: 2, Marshall, fine size, not quite so dense as leader, grand shape and droop, good frontal, neat centre; 3, Swan, cl. body, D.C., not quite the spread of leaders, but very neat, good droop and centre; 4, vhc, T. Taylor, was washing when we were taking our notes; hc, Evins Bros.; c, T. Robson. HEN (6): 1, Smith, foul tail green, grand spread, very dense feathers, crest of good shape, fine droop and centre; 2, Edwards, cl. body grizzle crest, fine size and shape, good droop and centre; 3, Bewick, cl. body, grizzle crest, nice neat spreading crest, loses in size only to 2nd; 4, Riseborough, wing marked D.C., neat shape and centre, a wee bit short in front; vhc, Caisley. C.B. BUFF CK. (9): 1, 2, vhc, hc, T. Taylor, a grand team, leader heavy varieg., grand size, massive skull, a wonderful amount of feather, grand rise and entrance, heavily lashed, wins Ford Maling Challenge cup and medal for best N.C.C. bird, 2, foul tail green, wonderful skull, carries any amount of grand feather, fine lash; 3, Bewick, varieg., not quite so massive in skull, yet a good one, abundantly clothed with grand feather, fine lash; 4, Evins Bros., varieg., grand size, plenty of feather, fine back skull, but not quite so good in front as leaders; c, Smith. HEN (8): 1, Bewick, well-known "Duchess," back in her old place at the head of her class, needs no comment; 2, W. Marshall, varieg., nice body shape, good size, grand skull, heavily clothed, fine entrance, well lashed; 3, Evins Bros., varieg., smaller in skull, nice lash, good rise and width, carries an abundance of feather behind poll; 4, Dobson and Son, varieg., grand size, massive skull, well clothed, good rise; vhc, hc, c, T. Taylor. CREST YELL. (5): 1, T. Taylor, cl. body, grizzle crest, monster, grand shape and size, dense for a yell., neat droop and centre; 2, Evins Bros., wing and tail mkd. D.C., not quite the rich col. of leader, nice size, crest of fine formation and droop, neat centre; 3, Dobson and Son, varieg., nice shapely crest of good droop and density, neat centre; 4, vhc, Sanderson, cl. body D.C., grand col., neat crest, broken just a little on one side. C.B. YELL. (4): 1, Brotherton ("Model") heavy varieg., good body, grand skull, well domed, fine rise and entrance, nice col., good one; 2, Swan, heavy varieg., not quite so massive in skull as leader, yet a good one, nice rise and entrance, carries plenty of good feather; 3, Evins Bros., cl., nice size, good skull; 4, res., Sanderson, we could not find. CREST, 1911 (14): 1, Smith, wing mkd. D.C., wonderful crest for size and density, grand shape and droop, neat centre, takes special for best bird in show; 2, Brotherton ("Lucy Gray"), mkd. right wing, not quite so massive as leader, yet of good size, radiating very neatly from a nice centre; 3, Evins Bros., cl. body D.C., very neat and shapely, nice droop and density, good centre; 4, hc, T. Taylor, wing mkd. D.C., good size crest, nice droop, densely feathered; vhc, Swan; c, Dobson and Son. C.B. (10): 1, Dobson and Son, varieg., fine size, very massive skull, heavily clothed, with grand feather, wonderful cushion, rare width, splendidly lashed; 2, c, Bewick (R.S.), not quite the massive skull of leader, yet a grand one, carrying any amount of feather, nice rise and width; 3, Dobson and Son, nearly green, grand body, large skull, nice flow of feather behind poll, well lashed; 4, Bewick, cl., nice size, good skull, well furnished, with capital feather; vbc, Taylor; hc, Hutchinson. CREST OR C.B.: Cancelled. NOVICE CREST (14): 1, 2, 4, Bewick, leader green, grand size, very dense feathered crest, neat radiation and droop, fine centre, 2, wing and tail mkd., D.C., nice shape and size, good frontal, nice droop and centre; 3, vhc, Gillespie, was washing when we were taking our notes; 4, Bewick, cl. body D.C., nice shape and droop, neat centre; bc, Eastlop; c, Dr. Twigg. C.B. (18): 1, vhc, Bewick, foul tail green, grand size, rare skull, well clothed with an abundance of leafy feather, good rise, entrance and lash; 2, Opton, foul tail green, another big one, grand skull, carries any amount of feather, nice cushion, good lash; 3, Ridley, foul tail green, nice shape, scarcely so massive as leaders, nice width of skull, good rise and lash; 4, Eastop, cl., fine size, good skull for rise and width; hc, Simpson; c, Coutts. SCOT. FCY. YELL., ETC. (7): 1, 3, Steel, leader well-known winner, grand size, large prominent shoulder, long reach, decided drive, grand depth of chest, fine back; 3, again good shoulder and drive, nice side and nerve, a wee bit stiff behind; 2, Cobh, well up in size, fine shoulder, drive, and nerve, well placed legs; 4, Sloan, tick head; vbc, Thomson Bros.; hc, c, Chapman. BUFF (9): 1, 3, Thomson Bros., cl., leading, good size, large shoulder, well filled, fine length of reach, good action and circle; 3, buff pied, fine size, nice head, hard up on leg, well-made down; 2, Chapman, cl., much same build as winner, equally as good in drive, but inclined to come over a trifle at times; 4, Sloan, buff pied, rare size and substance, fine shoulder; vhc, c, Willison; bc, Harvey. HEN (9): 1, diploma, and 4, Willison, leader cl., good size, fine head, shoulder held high, nice length of reach; 4, yellow pied, a trifle plainer on top; 2, Steel, cl. yell., fine size, good shoulder and drive, seems to have had a neck moult lately; 3, Chapman, grand buff, nice size, lovely position, shoulder, and drive; vhc, Craig; hc, Harvey; c, Thomson Bros. BORD. CL., ETC., CK. (25): 1, Roberts, good col., sound feather of nice quality, fine back and front, nice carriage and action; 2, Ellwood, similar in stamp, col., and quality, sometimes careless in wing carriage; 3, Smart, some preferred, finer stamp, lovely head, back, and wing carriage, not a feather out of place; 4, Nicholson, fine stamp, good head, quality and condition; vhc, Morgon; hc, Elliot; c, Graham. HEN (13): 1, Ellwood, fine col. and quality of feather, good type and position; 2, Smart, lovely head, fine back, wing and tail carriage, extra nice col. and quality; 3, Cuhhy, fine head and neck, back well filled, good wing, fine col.; 4, Hawkins, smart little hen, well staged, fine col. and condition; vbc, Patterson; hc, McDonald; c, Berwick. BUFF CK. (19): 1, B.F.C.C. medal, and diploma best Bord., Smart, jaunty little fellow, marked side head, lovely col., very level, fine side and wing, extra well put down; 2, Nicholson, good head, fine neck, back and front; 3, Ellwood, similar in shape and wing, fine col. and quality; 4, Smith Bros., tick on head, lovely little chap, one we liked much; vhc, Hawkins; hc, Patterson; c, Smith. HEN (17): 1, Morgon, fine size and shape, good head, back and side, sadly out of condition when we saw it; 2, Hawkins, jaunty little hen, fine col., good quality feather, nice side; 3, Patterson, a treat, grand head, extra nice quality of feather, jaunty in action; 4, Smith Bros., another gem, lovely col. and quality; vhc, Samson; hc, Smith; c, Smart. EVENLY MKD. (8), some charming hens, and worth coming a long journey to see: 1, Meekly, yell., pair of beautiful eyes, wing markings perfect, lovely col. and quality; 2, Gilchrist, lovely buff, grand eyes, ideal shape, taping away beautifully behind, wing to match, extra well put down; 3, McVittee, huff, again grandly marked in eyes and wings, fine col. and quality; 4, Farrer, fine yellow in eye markings, tips wings, which makes his unproportionate; vhc, Patterson; hc, c, Craig. UNEVEN MKD. YELL. (16): 1, Patterson, good head, fine back and wings, good col. and quality, marked eyes, wings, and shoulders: 2, Thomson, must have pressed, lovely mark, extra sound col., feather of nice quality; 3, Nicholson, nice hen, fine markings, good col., fine quality; 4, McDonald, fails only in markings, fine col. and texture of feather; vhc, Rowell; bc, Hay Bros.; c, Graham. BUFF (13): 1, Smart, well known, head mark, fine type, good col. and quality, looking well; 2, Nicholson, cinn., mkd. eyes, wing, somewhat frayed in wing, which kept him back, no doubt; 3, Roberts, mkd. eyes, wings and neck, fine col., rare quality, good wing and tail carriage; 4, Patterson, grand hen, marked eyes, wings, and rump; vhc, McVittee; hc, Williams; c, Montgomery. GREEN (11): 1, Parker, a gem, lovely col., extra nice pencilling below to match his back, fine type, good head, an ideal Border; 2, Johnstone, another yellow, again sound in pencilling and colour, just a wee bit behind below; 3, Samson, a shade light in cheek and thighs, good markings otherwise; 4, Johnstone, grand buff, extra pencillings, rare type, style, and quality; vhc, Montgomery; hc, McQuillan; c, Little. CINN. (9), a good class for colour and quality: 1, Johnstone, beautiful little yellow hen, fine type, col. of sweet tone, very jaunty movement; 2, Patterson, yellow cock, rare sound col., extra well marked, grand back and thigh; 3, Hawkins, huff, fine tone of col., grand quality, just a wee shade stiff in movement; 4, Christer, grand type, col., and tone of cinn. throughout; vhc, Young; hc, c, Roberts. NOVICE YELL. (24): 1, Hillary, yell. ck., fine col., good quality feather, good wing and tail carriage; 2, Carmichael, some made this an easy winner, lovely little yellow hen, as fine as any in the open, sweet wee head, grandly rounded back and front; 3, Smith, again sweet wee yell. hen, extra well put down; 4, Walker, another nice hen, a credit to her owner; vbc, Gamble; hc, Peel; c, Pape. BUFF: 1, bc, Peel, good shape, nice head, back and tail, fine front, well placed leg, fine colour and quality; 2, Hillary, fine col., good feather of nice quality, fine shape; 3, Walker, cock, rich level tone of colour, good type, good action; 4, Brown, similar in build, size, col., and quality; vhc, Pape; c, Stubbs.

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Mr. J. H. Roe's Classes.

NOR., CL. YELL. (7): 1, Howe, magnificent shape, exquisitely clothed, grand quality feather, fine col., deep full chest, clean cut under; 2, Cameron, not quite the same body substance of leader, yet grand shape, neat head and neck, good col.; 3, Davison, smaller, good shape, red hot col., neat head, good wing and tail carriage; 4, Hermeston, larger than 3, nice shape, hot col.; vhc, Richardson; hc, Stanger and Herdman; c, R. Richardson. BUFF (10): 1, Dormer, medium size, grand shape, close hoxy feather of good quality, well filled in back, good front, neat head, nice wings and tail; 2, Rohson and March, larger than winner, but not the same rich texture of feather, nice shape, full head and neck; 3, Dobinson, medium size, better shape than 2, good col. and quality, nice body, full front, some thought should have been 2; 4, Holden, big hot col. one, thick head and neck, grand col. and quality; vhc, Anderton; hc, Forster; c, Snowdon. TKD., ETC., YELL. (9): 1, Lawson, slight tk. over heak, a heauty for shape, grand rich col., feather of the hest quality, neat head, grand wings and tail; 2, Howe, larger than winner, wing and tail mkd., deep full chest, grand col. and quality, neat head, not quite so well finished behind as leader; 3, 4, Cowling, two well-known winners, 3 eye tkd., grand shape, hot col., fine quality, 4 varieg., fine size and shape, nice col. and quality; vhc, Milne; hc, Edwards; c, Butler. BUFF (8): 1, Burdett, tkd. over beak, cohhy type, nice col., good size, neat head, wings and tail, just a trifle coarse in feather for our liking; 2, Holden, tkd. side of neck, grand shape, good col., close, tight feather, of fine quality, neat head; 3, Smeaton, varieg., fine size and shape, good head, neck and chest, grand col. and quality, nice one all over except perhaps in wing carriage; 4, Fleming, cap and wing mkd., smaller, nice shape, good col., neat head and chest; vhc, Cuthbertson; hc, Cowling; c, Pickering and Wright. HEN, CL., ETC., YELL. (15) 1, Dormer, cap, eye and wing mkd., nice shape, good col., grand quality, well carried wings and tail; 2, Holden, cl., fine shape, grand quality, nice col., neat head and neck, a trifle longer in hody than leader; 3, Pickering and Wright, grand shape, not quite so bold in head as leaders, close feather of rich quality, deep full chest; 4, Howe, nearly even mkd., fine shape, rich col., neat head; vhc, Smeaton; hc, Milne; c, Cowling. BUFF (17) 1, Pickering and Wright, cl., topper for shape, round as an apple, bold round head, nice size, deep full chest, grand col. and quality, hugs perch a trifle too much; 2, a printer's error appears in catalogue here, which awards 2nd to Lawson, this, however, should be Smeaton, cl., scarcely the size of leader or so hold in head, but a champion for type, grand chest, good carriage; 3, Fleming, varieg., longer in hody, fine size, neat head, a trifle rough for our liking; 3, Aitchison, typical hen, short body, wings and tail, neat head, neck and chest; vhc, Summers; hc, Snowdon; c, Butler. YELL., CL., ETC., 1911 (20): a hot lot: 1, 3, Smeaton, two beauties, leader cl., grand size, beautiful shape, rich hot col., grand quality, deep full chest, short, close boxy feather, takes special for hest Nor., 3 another cl., a wee shade slimmer than leader, red hot col., neat head, full chest; 2, vhc, Aitchison, 2 cl., trifle smaller than leader, but a gem for shape, heautifully feathered, good head, well carried wings and tail, three of the best young yellows we have seen this season, and all from bonnie Scotland; 4, Butler, varieg., fine size and shape, nice col. and quality, full head and neck, good chest; hc, McGinn, another well-known winner; c, Holden; several grand hirds had to stand cardless in this class. BUFF (23): 1, 2, Howe, tkd. left wing, short cohhy type, grand head and neck, deep broad full chest, nice col. and quality, good wings and tail, 2 Newcastle bowl winner, in new hands, scarcely so massive in body substance as leader, yet grand shape, hot col., rich quality, neat head and neck; 3, Butler, varieg., grand size, rich col., and quality, fine shape, neat wings and tail, not quite so good in head as leaders, clean cut under; vhc, Robson and March; hc, Waller; c, Holden. HEN, 1911 (33): 1, Smeaton, cl. yell., heauty for shape, grand feather of rich col. and quality, neat head, full chest, gets wings over a wee bit at times, yet a grand hen; 2, Butler, varieg. huff, nice one for size, rich col. and quality, fine shape, good head and wing carriage; 3, Dormer, varieg. yell., grand shape, rich col. and quality, fine head and neck, neat wings, not quite so well cut away behind as leaders; 4, Moore, we could not find, probahly in members' classes; vhc, R. Richardson; hc, J. W. Richardson; c, Cameron. NAT. COL. (15): 1, Aitchison, cl. yell., beauty all over, grand size, true Nor. shape, beautiful rich col., grand feather of the finest quality, grand head, neck and chest; 2, Summers, varieg. huff, topper for shape, rare size, grand deep chest, fine col. and quality, nice carriage, scarcely so bold in head as leader; 3, Anderton, varieg. yell., another grand one for size and shape, practically equal to winner in all points except head; 4, hc, Wilson and Adams, cl. huff, another topper, fine shape, close feather of good quality; vhc, Bainbridge; c, Stanger and Herdman. NOVICE, YELL., CL., ETC. (21): 1, Davison, cl., nice shape, medium size, neat head and neck, good wing carriage, red hot col.; 2, Forster, cl., grand shape, medium size, hot col., rich quality feather, nice full chest, a wee shade weak in head and neck; 3, Swinks, tkd., larger, grand col. and quality, neat head, neck and chest, a trifle longer in hody; 4, Wood, smaller, nice shape, cap mkd., neat head and chest; vhc, Watson; hc, Thompson; c, Hope. BUFF (23): 1, 3, Newton, leader cl., nice size, grand col. and quality, neat head and chest, good wings, well cut away, 3 wing mkd., nice size, neat head and neck, good chest, grand col. and quality; 2, Simpson, tkd. hack of head, larger than leader and better shape, hut beaten a bit in quality, neat head, wing and tail; 4, Birkett, varieg., grand size, nice col. and quality, neat head aud neck, stands just a bit too upright; vhc, Lawson; hc, Thompson; c, Woollett. CINN. YELL. (8): 1, 2, Dormer, two grand ones all over, fine size and shape, wonderful col., pure and level all over, beautifully polished, streets ahead of anything else in section, not much to choose between them, leader perhaps a shade the biggest, takes special for hest in section; 3, hc, Mrs. F. E. Deacon, grand type, fine size, neat head, good level tone of col., although not so rich as leaders; 4, vhc, Godley, similar size and col. to 3; c, Hales. BUFF (11): 1, 2, Mrs. Deacon, two beauties for size and shape, good level tone of col., neat head and neck, nicely polished leader, excels in wing carriage; 3, Godley, nice size and shape, good col., not quite so level in tone as leaders; 4, vhc, Dormer, grand col. and quality, nice polish, beaten just a little in shape; hc, Richardson; c, Heys. 1911 (11): 1, 2, Godley, leader yell., medium size, grand shape, hot col., very level in tone, well polished, neat head and neck, good wings and tail, 2 yell., nice size and shape, grand level col., just lacks polish of leader, fine carriage; 3, 4, hc, Dormer, buff, nice size and shape, grand rich col. all through, very level in tone, 4 yell., slimmer build, grand col. and quality, well polished; vhc, Mrs. Deacon; c, Godley. HEN (10): 1, c, Mrs. Deacon, yell., gem for shape, rich cinn. tone of col., nice size, fine polish, good one; 2, 3, Godley, 2 yell., nice size, fine shape, nice level col., not quite so pure in tone as leader, a wee shade weaker in head, 3 buff, good one for size and shape, good col. and quality, neat head, wings and tail; 4, hc, Dormer, yell., nice shape, good col., neat head, neck and chest; vhc, Hartup. LIZ., CL. CAP (10): 1, 2, Dewsnap, Gold, fine size and shape, good ground col., grand hack work, spangling hold and well defined, nice cap, takes special for hest in section, 2 silver, topper for size, fine shape, wonderful spangle, very large and bold, grandly rowed, nice col. and cap.; 3, 4, Risehorough, leader gold, good size and shape, rich col., nice shaped cap, plenty of good spangling, not quite so distinct as winners, 4 hlg silver, good cap, big bold spangle, clear and distinct; vhc, hc, c, Barnes. B.C. (10): 1, 4, Barnes, gold leading, nice size and ground col., well spangled back, evenly rowed, nicely laced, 4 gold, good one for col., nice cl. spangling, loses only in size to leader; 2, 3, Dewsnap, 2 silver, nice size, beautiful spangle, very clear and distinct, laid on in regular order, nice col. and lacing, we rather liked for 1st, 3 gold, grand col., beautifully rowed on back, spangling not quite so well defined as leaders; vhc, hc, c, Riseborough.

Mr. J. F. Dewar's Classes.

HYB. OR CAN.-BULLFINCH (9): 1, McLennan, the Scotch sensation, a grand Goldie-Bullie, rare size, well up in col, well mkd., wins cleverly; 2, Nicholson, good Can.-Bullie, dense col., well mkd., nice size, teeming with quality; 3, Edwards, good Greenie-Bullie, well up in size, nicely cut on cap, large head, nice quality and col.; 4, Martin and Archer, nice Goldie-Bullie, good col., fails in size only to winner; vhc, Todd and Son; hc, Nicholson; c, Edwards. CL., ETC., MULE (3): 1, spl, 3, Martin and Archer, leader the noted clear Linnet "Perfection," good all-round hird, in nice order; 3rd, cl. buff Greenie hen, nice size, good quality feather, in fine bloom; 2, Maddison, eye-tkd. Goldie, good one, grand size, nice face in very good trim; three grand birds all over. VARIEG. (9): 1, 3, Maddison, leader romping fine yell. varieg. Greenie, rare size, grand quality, lovely shape and position, well shown; 3rd, varieg. Linnet, nice one, a wee shade on the small side, good col., lightly mkd., shows cross well; 2, Butler, varieg. Goldie, buff, good face, mkd. on head, which spoils its blaze just a little, grand size, lovely quality feather; 4, Edwards, nice varieg. Goldie, good shape, fails only in size to winners; vhc, Gilchrist; hc, Todd and Son; c, Tomlinson; No. 9, Bruce, arrived too late for judging. DARK GOLDFINCH, ETC. (13): 1, 2, Martin and Archer, leader grand all-round yell. Goldie, fine size, well mkd., well up in colour; 2nd, good yell. Linnet, rare quality feather, well up in sheen, plenty of size, good all round; 3, Gilchrist, grand yell. Goldie, dense cut blaze, lovely quality feather, looking a wee shade narrow in front to-day, well-known winner; 4, Johnston, sweet Linnet, well up in col. and markings; vhc, Maddison; hc, c, Edwards. A.O.V. DARK (14): 1, vhc, Edwards, leader real nice dark Greenie, fine size, well mkd., a wee shade inclined to be slim, nicely staged; 2, Johnston, sweet yell. Siskin Mule, well pencilled, good in cap, very nicely staged; 3, Allan, lovely Redpoll, fine size, good col., well laced, sweet little hird; 4, McDougal, large Twite, feathered to perfection, well laced; hc, Martin and Archer; c, Kitchener. MULE OR HYB., NOVICE (15): 1, Allison, Bramhle-Chaffie, nice size, lovely shape, showing cross well, good col., very nicely mkd., well put down; 2, Hanson, nice Goldie-Bullie, well up in col., good face, very well np in size; 3, Anderson, sweet all-round Greenie, good size, nicely mkd., well up in col.; 4, Spence, Gold-finch-Siskin, sweet exhibit, nicely staged, very good in markings; vhc, Wiggins and Harrison; hc, Davison; c, Sweeting. GOLDFINCH (22): 1, Floyd, good one all over, nice size, grand Nor. shape, fine square blaze, scarcely at its best yet, grand flights; 2, Nicholson and Son, better in tannings than winner and deeper in blaze, but a trifle more thin and pointed in appearance, lovely quality and col., well put down; 3, Wildsmith, sweetly made, nice size, good square blaze, well cut on cheeks; 4, Davidson, good made Finch, lovely col., fine back and wings; vhc, Palfrey; hc, Raven; c, Butler. BULLFINCH (18): 1, Leys-Geddes, not a large one, hut a demon for col., pure crimson breast well carried down, very nice cap and bib; 2, vhc, Woods, good one, grand shape, better cap and bih than winner, but a trifle lighter in breast col.; 3, Forster, sweet stamp, nice size, narrow just a little in cap, but good quality and col., nicely staged; 4, Curry, grand size, good tone of col.; hc, Rutherford; c, Raven. GREENFINCH (22): 1, McVay, wins, grand shape, bold head and front, tight as a drum, now coming into rare order; 2, Marley, well up in size, good wings, lovely tone of col., fails only in shape to winner, lovely finish; 3, McMillan, good nat. col. yell., grand size, bold head and front, rare wings; 4, Milburn, sweet fed buff, lovely quality feather; vhc, Waters; ho, Bell; c, Kitchener. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (16): 1, Sykes, Bramble, good one, grand size, rare body and hreast col., fine head and back; 2, McVay, Chaffie, a wee shade dull in col., but lovely shape, splendid wing flights and bars, and extra good in head; 3, 4, Marley, leader Bramble, nice one for shape, fails a wee bit in front to winner; 4th, Chaffie, well up in size and col.; vhc, Harris; hc, Allan; c, Raven. LINNET (13): 1, Marley, good col. one, fine shape, steady, nice breast markings and flights, lovely tone throughout; 2, 4, Maddison, 2nd larger than winner and equal in pencilling, rare hreasted one, fails only a little in col.; 4th, grand shape, lovely flights, good col.; 3, Raven, good stamp, very neat, finely pencilled, sweet one; vhc, Martin and Archer; hc, Wilson; c, Taylor. FIELD-MOULTED (24): 1, 2, Boyd, two nice ones, leader grand col., very nicely laced, steady, shows well; 2nd, a wee shade smaller, but all there for pencilling, good flights, plenty of col.; 3, Brewster, fails only in col., fine front, very nice on wings, in grand order; 4, Sykes, good col. and well pencilled; No. 7, Stewart, good one, rare size and quality; vhc, Wilson and Adams; hc, Taylor; c, Forster. SISKIN, ETC. (25): 1, Nicholson and Son, nice Mealy, very neat, nice cap and bih, well and distinctly laced on sides, lovely quality feather; 2, Marley, good all-round Twite, nice tone of col., well pencilled, well up in size, neat flights, steady and well shown; 3, Robson and March, good all-round Siskin, nice cap, well laced, in good feather; 4, Waters, good Mealy, plenty of spangle and pure in col., rare bib; vhc, Holmes; hc, McVay; c, Raven. A.O.S. FINCH, ETC. (11): 1, sp, Harris, romping fine Hawfinch, plenty of size, grand hih, good wing bars, nice tone of col.; 2, Wilcock, a clinker all over, better in col. all round than winner, and as tight as a drum, fails only in size and bih; 3, Raven, very nice Yellowhammer, well cut V, good cheeks and body col., well up in size; 4, Nicholson and Son, very sweet Corn, steady, lovely feather and markings, nicely put down; vhc, Raven; hc, Allan; c, Affleck. HEN, FINCH, ETC. (24): 1, Millar, sweet all-round hen Corn Bunting, lovely col. and markings, steady, not a large one, hut a demon for shape; 2, Curry, steady, good col. Bullie, fine cap and bih, fine flights, well put down; 3, Martin and Archer, charming Reed, a gem for col. and markings, grandly put down; 4, Raven, sweet hen Yellowhammer, well up in size, nicely mkd.; vhc, Gentleman; hc, Adams and Son; c, Burton Bros. LINNET NOVICE (29): 1, Anderson, good one, well up in col. and size, plenty of sheen, nicely pencilled, good flights; 2, Swan, fails just a little in pencilling, but grand shape and hody col.; 3, Gilson, grand-fronted bird, lovely pencilling, not quite so good in shape or finish as winners; 4, Tarn, large one, grand flights and shape; vhc, Allen; hc, Gregory; c, Wilford and Edwards. A.O.S. FINCH, ETC. (NOVICE) (23): 1, Spence, sweet Goldie, grand size, good face, lovely cheeks and body col., well shown; 2, Gregory, steady, good all-round Hawfinch, well up in size and col., nice hib; 3, Anderson, nice Corn Bunting, well pencilled, inclined to crouch a little at times, in full hloom; 4, Johnston, sweet Yellowhammer, good body; vhc, Gregory; hc, McGuire; c, Allinson. BLACKBIRD, ETC. (11): 1, Bruce, "Border Queen," a Song Thrush, grandly laced, staged to perfection, a well-known winner; 2, 4, Adams, leader a grand Blackbird, rare size and shape and dense col. hill and eye cere, beautifully staged; 4th, sweet Blackbird, fails only in size and col. to winner; 3, Robinson, nice Starling, grandly laced, well up in size; vhc, Longden; hc, Telford; c, Moreland. SOFTBILL, LARGE (9): 1, hc, Boyd, good all-round Cornish Chough, fine sheen, grand hill and legs, rare col. throughout, fine exhibit; 2, Davidson, sweet Waxwing, fine col., nice size, staged in grand order; 3, Scott, good large Magpie, well mkd., put down in lovely order; 4, McWilliams, clinking fine Fieldfare, shown in grand bloom, steady and grandly laced, a good one, well staged; vhc, c, Parnahy; hc, Boyd. SMALL (7): 1, Welch Bros., sweet Treecreeper, nice size, grandly mkd., well put down; 2, Nicholson and Son, good Redstart, well up in size, steady, nicely staged; 3, Robson, lovely hen Whinchat, in good trim, fine quality feather, steady and extra well shown; 4, Johnston, good Skylark, grand size, well mkd.; vhc, Holmes; hc, Elliot; c, Ralne and Bainbridge. PARRAKEETS, ETC. (12): 1, 4, O'Neill, leaders pair of lovely Ceram Lories, gorgeous colours, well shown; 4th, Red-naped Lory, sweet exhibit; 2, McWilliams, lovely Black-headed Caique, splendid exhibit, very nicely staged in lovely order; 3, Scott, good King Parrot, in fine bloom; vhc, hc, McKenzie; c, Stobbart. COMMON AVADAVATS, ETC. (11): 1, Howe, pair of lovely Golden-breasted Waxhills, in full col., splendidly staged; 2, vhc, c, Almond, good pair of Fire Finches, in grand trim; 3, Young, pair of nice Cordon Bleus, in lovely order; 4, Beaty, a sweet Fire Finch, in full bloom; hc, Almond. PARSON, ETC., FINCHES (7): 1, Nicholson and Son, pair of good Parson Finches, grand size and col. (aviary-bred, we heard); 2, Howe, pair of White-headed Mannikins, in faultless order; 3, Beaty, nice pair of Bih Finches, good quality feather; 4, Almond, Zebra Finches, in full bloom; vhc, McKenzie; hc, Young; c, Scott. SEED-EATING FINCHES (12): 1, Young, pair of Ruficauda Finches, in lovely order, well staged; 2, Almond, neat coloured Cuban Finch, in full bloom; 3, Mrs. McLennan, very fine Goldfinch in full bloom, rare blaze and size, well known; 4, Howe, lovely Parrot Finch, in full col.; vhc, Beaty; hc, McKenzie; c, Scott. INSECTIV. (7): 1, spl, Mrs. Taylor, lovely Yellow-winged Sugar Bird, a real gem for col., grandly staged; 2, 3, 4, c, Young, a Hardwick's Fruit-Sucker, a Rufus-throated Sugar Bird, a Yellow-legged Purple Sugar Bird, and a Pckin Rohin, all in marvellous condition and well staged, a lovely team; vhc, Nicholson and Son; hc, Mrs. Taylor; a grand class, greatly admired.

The Members' Classes.

NOR. YELL., CL., ETC. (6): 1, Butler; 2, Holden; 3, Dohinson; 4, vhc, Smith; hc, Moore. BUFF (9): 1, Butler; 2, hc, Lawson; 3, 4, Holden; vhc, Moore; c, Laidlaw. HEN, YELL. (11): 1, Lawson; 2, vhc, Curry; 3, Dohinson; 4, Holden; hc, Smith; c, Pierson. BUFF (11): 1, Butler; 2, Lawson; 3, Curry; 4, hc, Smith; vhc, Pierson; c, Moore. CINN., YELL. (1): 1, Fenwick. BUFF (4): 1, Dohinson; 2, 4, Bewick; 3, Fenwick. CREST (2): 1, Bewick; 2, Hutchinson. C.B. (4): 1, 4, Bewick; 2, 3, Hutchinson. CREST OR C.B. HEN (4): 1, 3, Bewick; 2, 4, Hutchinson. SCOTS FANCY, YELL. (3) 1, 2, Chapman; 3, Harvey. BUFF (2): 1, 2, Chapman. YORKS. YELL. (11): 1, 2, Tindale; 3, Tomlinson; 4, vhc, hc, c, Mather. BUFF (7): 1, 3, hc, Tindale; 2, Mather; 4, Tomlinson; vhc, c, D. E. Kent. HEN (11): 1, 2, 4, Tindale; 3, vhc, c, Mather; hc, Milne. BORD. YELL. (10): 1, 3, Hawkins; 2, vhc, Graham; 4, Patterson; hc, Smith; c, Nicholson. BUFF (12): 1, Nicholson; 2, hc, Hawkins; 3, Patterson; 4, Smith; vhc, Bewick; c, Graham. HEN (15): 1, Nicholson; 2, Hawkins; 3, 4, hc, Patterson; vhc, Hawkins; c, Bewick. LIGHT MULE, ETC. (2): 1, 2, Maddison. DARK (8): 1, Bewick; 2, c, Maddison; 3, Shepherd; 4, Patterson; vhc, Geo. Taylor; hc, Moore. LINNET (3): 1, 2, Maddison; 3, 4, vhc, hc, c, G. Taylor. BRIT. FINCH, ETC. (3): 1, 4, Butler; 2, 3, vhc, hc, G. Taylor; c, Bewick. SOFTBILL (2): 1, 2, Scott. FOR. SEEDEATERS, SMALL (16): 1, vhc, Young; 2, 4, Almond; 3, hc, Mackenzie; c, Scott. LARGE (4): 1, Scott; 2, 3, 4, Mackenzie. FOR. SOFTBILL (5): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Young; 4, Mackenzie. GIFT (3): 1, Lawson; 2, Brown; 3, Holden; 4, Hawkins; vhc, Hope; hc, Reed; c, Smith. NOVICE MEMBERS' CLASSES: NOR. YELL. (13): 1, Lawson; 2, vhc, Adams and Son; 3, c, Hodson; 4, Hope; hc, Robson. BUFF (11): 1, Lawson; 2, 3, Liddell; 4, Wellshury; vhc, Rohson; hc, Reed; c, Hodson. HEN (12): 1, Hope; 2, hc, Wellshury; 3, Lawson; 4, Davison; vhc, Adams and Son; c, Robson. CREST OR C.B. (5): 1, 2, 4, Coutts; 3, vhc, Eastop. YORKS., YELL. (10): 1, Petch; 2, 4, c, Cattell; 3, Bryden; vhc, hc, Eastop. BUFF (3): 1, 2, 3, Cattell. HEN (8): 1, Bryden; 2, Petch; 3, 4, vhc, Cattell; hc, c, Eastop. BORD. YELL. (5): 1, vhc, Reed; 2, 4, Peel; 3, Brown. BUFF (6): 1, 3, Peel; 2, Brown; 4, vhc, Reed; hc, Greason. HEN (6): 1, 3, Reed; 2, vhc, Peel; 4, hc, Greason. A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE (2): 1, Lawson; 2, Topping. BRIT. (5): 1, Adams and Son; 2, 3, Reed; 4, Petch; vhc, Liddell. FOR.: Cancelled.

GUERNSEY.

Owing to an unfortunate difference between the authorities of the show and the local cage bird fanciers, the entries at the show of the Guernsey Agricultural and Horticultural Society were not large, neither was the quality up to the average. It is to be hoped that when another year rolls round the dispute will have been satisfactorily settled, and that an extended classification will be given hy the society, and increased entries furnished hy the local fanciers. Mr. Carre made a most efficient secretary, and his efforts were well seconded by his committee. Mr. C. A. House judged.

YORKS. YELL (5): 1, 3, Rossignol, neat, stylish, shapely bird; 3, nice feather and style stouter; 2, Mansfield, very racy and stylish, rather thin in neck; vhc, Collenette; hc, Miller. A.O.V. (10): 1, sp., 3, c, Rossignol, very long, nicely shaped three-pointed yellow, and a good buff green; 2, r, hc, Collenette, very neat, shapely, buff mkd., hen; vhc, Bichard. PAIRS (2): 2, Collenette, nice stylish Yorkies,; r, Lihou. MULES (1): 2, Renouf, nice shaped, good coloured, dark Greenie. GOLDFINCH (5): 1, 2, Renouf, nice rich col., good faces and bars, rich chestnut and capital feather; 3, r, hc, Bichard, good shape, nice rich face, not so steady. PARROTS (1): 2, Warry, large, rich coloured, well feathered Amazon. BRIT (4): 1, De La Cour, very nice Black-bird, rich col, neat feather, good beak and cere; 3, Agsir, nicely mkd. yell. Bunting hen. FOR. (6): 1, Miss R. Walker; 2, Girard; 3, Miss D. Walker; r, Robert, all pairs of good white Doves.

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KILSYTH.

Kilsyth and Dist. F.A. annual open show held Dec. 9th, in the Drill Halls. President, Mr. Wm. Irvine; vice-president, Mr. J. White; treasurer, Mr. J. Brown; hon. sec., Mr. A. D. Duncan; executive, Messrs. T. M. Aulay, W. McGreachan, W. Russell, G. Shillinglaw, W. Hardie, D. Barrie. The halls are splendidly adapted in every way for show purposes, and secretary Duncan, who is courteous and most obliging in every way, and much respected, had all arrangements made for the comfort of visitors and exhibits. He was well supported by a hard-working committee of well-known fanciers. British birds were certainly an outstanding feature of the show. The success of the show is greatly due to secretary Duncan's special efforts. Mr. Duncan provided all the handsome specials for the British bird sections. Bordors were on almost equal terms in point of numbers with the British. Quality was excellent all round, and the number of entries all over were 90 in excess of last year's. Entries were received from England and distant parts of Scotland, which speaks volumes as to the care and promptitude of dispatch displayed by the secretary and the officials of the society. The well-known breeder and fancier, Mr. J. Johnstone won special for best bird belonging to an exhibitor beyond Scotland (with a grand model of a Border Fancy). Silver medal for best Crest or C.B., Mr. J. Sharp, who also won Hyde's special; Nor., Mr. McLay, and Mr. D. McLaughlin; Borders club medal for best, Mr. H. Bennet; other specials, by Messrs. Irwin, Hamilton, and Wilson; British, most points (confined to members), Mr. Duncan, who also won the handsome silver cup for best Brit. or For. (members'). The show was well patronised by the public and fanciers. Judges: Nor., Mr. H. Moreland (Falkirk); Borders, Messrs. A. Walker (Lesmahagow) and J. Pendrigh (Edinburgh), whose awards gave all-round satisfaction, very little grumbling being heard.

The Critique.

CREST CK. (5): 1, spl, Shillinglaw, nice even Crest, fine radiation, in lovely feather; 2, 4, spl, Adamson, 2nd nice Dark Crest, large and dense, a wee shade open to 1st; 4th, nice size and even Crest; 3, McLay, Crest even, and nice droop, falls in size only to 1st and 2nd; ho, McClement. HEN (10): 1, spl, 2, Sharp, winner of Hyde's spl, and winner of silver medal S.C.C.C., Dark Crested hen of beautiful proportions; 2nd, runs very close on 1st; 3, Adamson, nice quality feather, a wee shade open in crest to 1st and 2nd; 4, spl, McLaughlin, spl for best Crest belonging to member, nice radiated crest; vhc, McLay; hc, Summerhill. BRED 1911 (5): 1, Gray, variog. D.C., of good size, nice leafy feather, in grand condition; 2, Adamson, grand size, feather and droop; 3, 4, Shillinglaw, both good; vhc, Sharp. C.B. CK. (7): 1, spl, McLay, varieg., fine shaped skull, grand dome and entrance, rare lash, plenty of feather; 2, Sharp, quite as large as 1st, grand skull, not quite the same feather, though dense and leafy; 3, McClement, nice skull and lash, good entrance, plenty of head feather; 4, Summerhill, grand skull, a wee shade larger than 3rd, good shape, nice lash, some thought should have gone up; vhc, Hunter; hc, Shillinglaw. HEN (4): 1, spl, McLay, rare size, splendid skull, head feather, long and leafy, good entrance, grand one; 2, Shillinglaw, all right for size, shape, and build, grand skull, close on 1st; 3, McClement, another good hen, not quite so large as 1st or 2nd; 4, Ritchie, good skull and lash. BRED 1911 (4): 1, Summerhill, varieg., good size, shapely skull, as good as many older birds; 2, Clark, excellent size, splendid skull, in rare condition; 3, McLay, nice size, excellent skull and lash, good entrance, feather not quite so dense as winners; 4, Shillinglaw, nice skull and shape, splendid lash, in rare condition. NOR. YELL., CL., ETC., CK. (4): 1, spl, Martin, tkd. yell., of grand feather and quality, in splendid condition; 2, 3, Bishop, 2nd similar shape and size, nice rich feather, not quite so bold in head; 4, Burnett, cl. yell., nice shape, col., and quality. HEN (3): 1, Thom, cl., excellent shape and size, nice close feather, fine col.; 2, Davidson, grand rich col. cl. and typical, in grand condition; 3, Burnett, nice bold head, not quite so good for col., shows well. BUFF CK. (6): 1, Thom, cl. buff, grand merit, lovely tight feather, good shape, wins; 2, Martin, another good shapely bird, fails just a wee shade in finish to 1st; 3, Bishop, nice shape and feather; 4, Barrie, more massivo than 3rd, but not quite so good in feather; vbc, McLay; hc, McClement. HEN (6): 1, McLaggan, cl. buff, nice size, shapely, nice substance, shows well, grand feather; 2, Stewart, not quite the size of 1st, but good col. and smart finish, nice feather; 3, Parker, chubby build, full head and neck, close feather; 4, McLay, fails in size only, good bird; vho, Godfrey; hc, McClement. VARIEG. CK. (11): 1, 4, Bishop, nice rich col., splendid shape; 4th, nice wing and tail carriage, and staged in grand condition; 2, Martin, quite as good for size and shape, nice smart finish, very close on 1st, little between them; 3, Millar, another good one; vhc, Thom; hc, Herd. HEN (4): 1, spl, Martin, spl for best Plainhead hen, the quality to win anywhere, in splendid condition; 2, Millar, another good hen, in nice condition, fails just a wee shade in size to 1st; 3, Preston, grand substance, good all-round; 4, Bishop, rare size and shape. NON-FED CK. (4): 1, spl, 2, Nalsmith, 1st a cl., rare size and shape, grand quality; 2nd, another fine shapely bird, quite as good as 1st; 3, Martin, fine shape, nice col.; 4, Davidson, nice size and col. HEN (12): 1, 4, Nisbet and Taylor, 1st an all-round good hird; 4th, another nice bird; 2, Baird, a model, equally good for shape as 1st, presses hard on 1st; 3, Parker, tkd., nicely built, good substance; vhc, Nalsmith; hc, Hollilday. BORD., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (18): 1, Thomson, grand one, sweetly moulded, lovely shape, grand feather, good mover, nice carriage; 2, Craig, another sweet Border, shows to perfection, must have been difficult to place; 3, Munro, another cl. yell., of good points, grand finish; 4, Richmond, another little gem; vhc, Hamilton; hc, Patterson, jun. HEN (15): 1, Munro, neat shape, rare quality, lovely carriage, feather like wax, grand col.; 2, Patterson, very stylish, a little gem for col.; 3, Browne, tkd. hen of real good merit, splendid carriage and style; 4, Richmond, very sprightly; vho, Arnott; hc, Craig. BUFF CK. (17): 1, spl, Bennet, best first ticked cock, winner of silver medal, a real model; 2, Richmond, cl. buff cock, of excellent all-round merit; 3, Brown, grand carriage, nice wings and tail, close feather; 4, Arnott, another typical Border, in grand condition; hc, Craig; hc, Buchanan. HEN (18): 1, Brown, another sprightly little Border, a rare mover and neat carriage, in lovely feather; 2, Millar, not quite so good in style, but a nice model, in grand condition; 3, Lappin, comes very close on 3rd, a wee shade better all round, close up on 2nd; 4, Skelton, very neat, nice compact feather; vhc, Cunninghame; hc, Proudfoot. EVEN MARK (5): 1, Hamilton, wing and eye mkd., a perfect gem, in lovely condition; 2, Jamieson, another nicely mkd. bird, presses very hard on 1st; 3, Patterson, eye and wing mkd., fails a wee shade in style to winners; 4, Haddow, another nicely mkd. bird; vhc, Montgomerie. UNEVEN, ETC., YELL. CK. (9): 1, Craig, wing mkd., nicely moulded Border, staged in rare condition; 2, Bennet, eye and wing mkd., in lovely condition; 3, Ayton, nice shape, in spotless condition, equal to 2nd; 4, Whitelaw, another real good one; vhc, Stuart; hc, Hamilton. HEN (9): 1, Forrest, eye and wing markings, nice rich col., splendid mover, grand carriage; 2, Dods, nice shape, sweet head and carriage, plenty of nerve; 3, Miller, very tidy little Border, and quite value for its place; 4, Buchanan, nice close feather; vhc, Bennet; hc, Jamieson. UNEVEN, ETC., BUFF CK. (11): 1, Craig, very shapely, splendid carriage, in the pink of condition, wins; 2, Hamilton, lovely bloom, very close in feather, splendid condition; 3, Jamieson, good one for quality and style, nice feather; 4, Montgomerie, not quite the quality or style of leaders, but a nice Border; vhc, Arnott; hc, Patterson. HEN (13): 1, spl, Hamilton, splendid feather and style, nice length and condition; 2, Bennet, runs hard on 1st, grand carriage, plenty of style; 3, Thomson, smare rare type, quality and condition, nice wings and feather; 4, Cunninghame; vhc, Montgomerie; hc, Blackie. GREEN, YELL. (12): 1, spl, 3, Wilson, a real gem, wins well today, in lovely feather, 3rd nice type; 2, Lambie, another nice Border, lovely col., neat compact feather; 4, Johnstone, yell. green, of rich col.; vhc, Jamieson; hc, Brown and Whyte. BUFF (11): 1, 3, Johnston, very neat, fine size, grand carriage, wings and tail; 3rd, typical Border; 2, Brown, nice shape and col.; 4, Bennet, fails just a wee shade in size and finish to those in front, good one; vhc, Jamieson; hc, Lambie. CINN. YELL. (14): 1, Hamilton, a gem for col., nice feather, splendid action, lovely shape; 2, Blackie, fine action and shape, close feather; 3, Haddow, a wee shade thin, but a sweet little Border, very jaunty; 4, Gentlemen, really nice Border in every way; vhc, Lambie; hc, Kerr and Smith. BUFF (9): 1, Bennet, grand head, good quality, very steady, splendid feather; 2, Hamilton, another good Cinn., rich col., close feather; 3, Irvine, grand col., nice jaunty carriage and feather; 4, Cougan, nice col. and condition; vhc, Blackie; hc, Wilson; a good section. CL., ETC., MULE (1): 1, Jamieson, jun., fine Goldie Mule, nice col. VARIEG. (9): 1, spl, Jamieson, jun., grand feather and condition, wins well; 2, McQuiston, another Goldie Mule, nice rich col., close feather; 3, Turner, nice rich col., very shapely and smart; 4, Clapperton, lovely col., neat shape, nicely staged; vhc, Watson; hc, Jamieson. DARK (15): 1, McQuiston, Dark Goldfinch Mule, in excellent feather; 2, 3, Turner, 2nd another Goldfinch Mule, not quite so rich in col. as 1st; 4, Jamieson, Greenie Mule, fine size and finish; vhc, Watson; hc, Finnie. HYB. (4): 1, Turner, Linnet-Bullie, rare size and finish, good shape and col.; 2, Jamieson, Goldie-Linnet, nice rich col. and feather, fine shape; 3, Bremner, Goldie-Greenie, nice col. and shape, nice close feather; 4, Gardiner, Goldfinch-Siskin, nice condition. BULLFINCH (5): 1, spl, McQuiston, grand breast col., good clean cut cap, nice shape and bars, nice polish; 2, Williamson, a wee shade paler in breast colours, nice Bullie in all else; 3, Cougan, nice cap and col., well polished good breast; 4, Arnott, nice breast col., well cut cap; vhc, Jamieson. GOLDFINCH (17): 1, McQuiston, splendid size and blaze, nice pure whites, rich breast, typical Goldie; 2, McRobbie, grand type, rare blaze, nice back and chest, grand moonings and well buttoned, quite as good as 1st; 3, Henderson, nice size and blaze, rich col.; 4, Turner, nice size; vhc, Arnott; hc, Kirk. GREENFINCH; FED (10): 1, Stuart and Dalling, grand shape, rich col., plenty of yellow in wings and tail; 2, Bald, grand size, rich green, nice bold head, rich yell., wings and tail; 3, Parker, good shape, nice col.; 4, McLean, nice size and condition; vhc, Scobbie; hc, Arnott. NON FED (13): 1, McWatt, grand size and head, plenty of substance, good col.; 2, McLean, a wee shade narrower in head, but good shape and col.; 3, Richardson, nice col., fine bold head and shape; 4, Paterson, in fine condition; vhc, McAulay; hc, Parker. LINNET (14): 1, spl, 3, McQuiston, 1st nice size, rich col., back and breast, very steady; 3rd, nice size, even col.; 2, Palmer, much the same as 1st, but a wee shade smaller perhaps, presses on winner; 4, Brown, nice Linnet; vhc, Craig; hc, Parker. TWITE, ETC. (11): 1, spl, McQuiston, really good Twite, grand size and col., wins well; 2, Scotland, fine bib, nice back; 3, Burnett, another good Twite, a wee shade dark in col. to 1st; 4, Craig, Mealy Redpoll, real good one; vhc, Morton; hc, Dick. LESSER REDPOLL (11): 1, Morton, nice size, shape and head, would take a lot of beating; 2, Turner, well polished, nicely mkd., in grand order; 3, Brownlie and Sons, good size, nice cap and bib; 4, Godfrey, nice Mealy Redpoll, in rare condition and col.; vhc, Gentlemen; hc, Scotland. SISKIN (6): 1, 3, Morton, 1st nicely moulded, good coloured Siskin; 3rd, very steady, good one; 2, Gardner, grand Siskin, plenty of size and col., nice cap and bib, in rare condition; 4, Clifford, grand cap and bib, nice rich col.; vhc, Sykes; hc, Bald. BUNTING (7): 1, McQuiston, Corn Bunting, well known winner, in prime condition of feather; hc, 2, Watson, Meadow Bunting, nice col., shown in grand condition; 3, Stuart and Dalling, Yellowhammer, fine rich yell., lovely markings, fine size, a real beauty; 4, Henderson, Snow Bunting, shown in rare condition, very steady; vhc, Lawson. A.O.S. HARDBILL (8): 1, spl, Bainsford, Hawfinch, special for best British, a beauty, in rare plumage; 2, Paterson, Bramblefinch, a nice rich col. Finch in rare condition; 3, McLeary, lovely Chaffinch, pure whites, fine rich col.; 4, Duncan, another nice Bramblefinch, in good condition; vhc, Kerr and Smith; hc, Sykes. LINNET, F.M.: 1, Hodge, grand col. and lacing, staged in lovely condition; 2, McQuiston, nice rich col., well laced; 3, Watson, well laced Linnet, in grand feather; 4, Johnstone, nice shape; vho, Bald; hc, Finnie. HEN FINCH (for Hyb. breeding) (18): 1, Laiddaw, Bullfinch, nicely mkd. hen, good cap and wings; 2, Martin, Greenfinch, nice Greenie hen, fine shape and condition; 3, Bald, Bullfinch, another nice Bullie hen; 4, Baird, nice Chaffinch hen, in rare condition of feather; vhc, Jamieson, jun.; hc, Nisbet and Taylor. FOR., SMALL (4): 1, 3, Nisbet and Taylor, 1st pair of Rice Birds; 3rd, Nutmegs, nice rich markings and condition; 2, Clifford, rich, well mkd. For. Goldfinch; 4, Miss Torrance, pair of Lovebirds, in spotless condition. LARGE (3): 1, spl, Kirkwood, Blue Mountain Lorrikeet, lovely rich col. and condition; 2, Sykes, Glossy Starling, in rare condition, nice exhibit; 3, Clifford, Blue-fronted Amazon, in fine condition, lovely rich colourings.

Cumnock Makes Great Progress.

Cumnock C.B.S. held a most successful show on 2nd Dec., in the Co-operative Hall, Auchinleck. There was an entry of about 250 birds, almost 100 in excess of their initial venture a year ago. Should this young society continue thus we are safe in saying that within a very limited time they will be conducting one of the best and most important confined shows in Scotland. Cup for most points goes to a very popular member in Mr. Sam. Montgomery, and right well he deserves it. The ambition of the club is to possess a cup for each of three sections, and should another one or two of the members follow the excellent example of their worthy president, Mr. Kinuear, such an aim should not be long delayed. He is undoubtedly one of the ablest and most genial men we have had the pleasure of coming across, and the society is indeed fortunate in having such a model president. In Mr. Nutt they have also a very capable and obliging secretary who has nothing to learn in the way of running an exhibition. Messrs. T. Findlay and A. Tannock (vice-presidents) are also well-known exhibitors, and rendered valuable assistance. The committee are all keen and willing workers. Amongst them we noticed Messrs. S. Montgomery, G. Gibb, D. Richmond, Jas. Whitelaw, J. McDougall, D. Smart, J. Tannock, J. Davidson, J. Mair, and J. McGaviu. The hall is a very suitable one. Messrs. P. McQuiston and W. Kirkhope judged, and their awards met with general approval.

The Critique.

SCOT. FCY. CK. (12): 1, 3 spls, 2, Halney, winner cl. buff, a gem, grand size, extra well set back, displaying shoulders and chest to advantage; 2nd, green, nice shoulders and drive, tail swept nicely under perch, neat bird; 3, 4, spl, vhc, c, Holden, former nice size, good pose, fine reach and drive, good body; 4th, another grand bird, close up; hc, spl, Kiunear. HEN (10): 1, Hainey, nice size and shoulders, wings nicely set, lovely sweep of tail, decided drive, fine pose; 2, 3, hc, c, Holden, former good drive, nice shoulders, clean front, grand mover, close up; 3rd, another good hen, fine pose, keeps tail nicely under spar; 4, 5, Kinnear, 4th good drive, shoulders erect, nice pose. YOUNG (12): 1, 3, 4, c, Hainey, leader fine and erect, good shoulders, nice pose, tail well under, grand style; 3rd, very neat and stylish, falls in substance only; 4th, grand little hen, nice drive; 2, vhc, hc, Holden, 2nd nice bird, full of action, good size and shoulders. NOR. YELL., VARIEG., ETC., CK. (4): 1, 3, Brown, 1st varieg., lovely quality and col., good shaped body, deep chest, staged in good bloom; 3rd, nice shaped body, staged to perfection; 2, McSorland, cl., good quality and col., nice back, not quite so chubby; 4, Gibb, nice shaped body. HEN (6): 1, 2, 3, Brown, a good team, and a credit to their owner; 4, McDougall, varieg., nice wings and tail, good head and neck; vhc, Gibb; hc, McSorland. BUFF CK. (10): 1, 3, spl, hc, 1st neck mkd., short, thick-set body, deep and nicely rounded chest, grand back, full of quality; 3rd, cl., nice shaped body; 2, vhc, Nutt, 2nd ck., good quality and col., nice back, not quite so chubby; 4, spl, McDougall, varieg., good shaped body; c, Tannwell. HEN (6): 1, Nutt, ch., prime quality, nice back, good head and neck, real good one; 2, McDougall, eye mkd., nice quality of feather, rich undercolour, beautifully mealed; 3, vhc, Brown, 3rd cl., good shaped body, nice wing carriage, grand head; 4, A. Tannock, good shape; hc, McGorland. NAT. COL. (8): 1, A. Tannock, cl. buff, rattling fine shape, beautiful quality, grand chest, lovely short wings and tail; 2, McDougall, cl., very nice size and shape; 3, Kinnear, nice shape and quality, good head, with a wash would have won; 4, c, Brown, good head and quality; vhc, J. Tannock; hc, Gibb. BORD., CL. YELL. CK. (8): 1, B.F.C.C. medal, 3, vhc, spl, Mossie, one of his well-known teams, put down in faultless condition, wins very easily; 2, Miller, good front, neat head, grandly staged; 4, Mair; hc, Smart; c, Findlay. HEN (7): 1, spl, 2, vhc, Mossie, another of his invincible teams, needs no criticism; 3, 4, Montgomery, feather A1, well moulded front, pressing winners close; hc, Findlay; c, Miller. BUFF CK. (7): 1, 2, 3, Mossie, some more of his gems, staged in the highest possible conditiou; 4, Findlay, well put down, feathered like wax; vhc, hc, Montgomery; c, Miller. HEN (6): 1, Miller, sweetly moulded, in rare bloom, wins well; 2, vhc, Mossie, another good exhibit, well finished, nice shape, neat head; 3, Montgomery, fine feather, sweetly moulded, in rare bloom; 4, Findlay, finely drawn, grand set on head; hc, Kinnear. VARIEG. CK. (12): 1, Miller, 3-pointed yellow, nicely moulded, grand feather, staged in lovely bloom; 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, Montgomery, young fancier just coming to the front, will be hard to beat in varieg. and even mkd. classes; c, Findlay. HEN (8): 1, 3, hc, Findlay, good team from an old hand, put down in great condition; 2, c, Montgomery, 2nd a 3-pointed Cinn. mkd., lovely quality, neat head, good wings and tail; 4, vhc, Miller. EVEN MKD. (7): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, Montgomerie, an invincible team of even mkd., mostly cinn., and would be hard to beat anywhere; c, Holden. 1 OR 2 MKD. (9): 1, 2, vhc, Mossie, again to the front with an invincible team, all staged in lovely bloom; 3, spl, Holden, grand front, neat head, finely rounded shoulders; 4, hc, Findlay; c, Miller. GREEN OR CINN. (9): 1, Holden, buff cinn., very sound col., fine pencilling and gloss; 2, 3, 4, hc, c, Findlay, former yell. cinn., grand type and markings, pressing winner; 3rd, yell. green, best of type, lovely ground col., nicely pencilled; vhc, Miller. GREENFINCH (5): 1, 2, 3, McGavin, good team, fit for higher competition; 4, Nutt; vhc, Wyper. GOLDFINCH, BRIT. (6): 1, Richmond, grand size, lovely tannings, a bit dark in face, but well staged; 2, 4, spl, Wyper, 2nd grand size, lovely type; 3, hc, Kinnear, 3rd grand type, lovely tannings, good big head; vhc, A. Tannock. GOLDFINCH, FOR. (6): 1, 3, spl, McGavin, leader beaming with quality, rare sheen throughout, very clear in whites; 3rd, well up in tanning, a beauty; 2, Wyper, grand col. and body, well mkd., nicely cut; 4, Richmond; vhc, Smart; hc, Dalziel. BULLFINCH, BRIT. (6): 1, Black, h.-m., nice one, lovely shaped, full chested one, good dense cap, in very fine order; 2, Lyell, h.-m., grand type, fails in breast col. only, good cap and wings; 3, Mitchell, f.-m., nice type and quality, rare breast col.; 4, Weir, f.-m.; vhc, McSorland; hc, Boyes. LINNET (5): 1, Richmond, h.-m., grand size, lovely breast work, nice tone of col., very steady; 2, McGavin, f.-m., small, but good col. and breast work, very steady; 3, 4, Smart, both h.-m., but very unsteady; vhc, Mitchell. SISKIN, ETC. (13): Good class, some really fine specimens being staged here; 1, 2, 3, McGavin, 1st and 2nd both colour-fed Siskins, former grand size, lovely lacing, big head, lovely cap; 2nd, smaller but good in col. and markings; 3rd, Mealy 'Poll, good head and lacing; 4, A. Tannock, Siskin, very hot col.; vhc, spl, Miller; hc, no name; c, Lyell. BRIT. HEN (3): 1, McGavin, Bullfinch, grand size, lovely head and cap, good breast col.; 2, Whitelaw, Mealy 'Poll, lovely breast work; 3, Mitchell, Twite. BRIT. CK., A.O.S. (2): 1, 2 spls, Mitchell, best Britisher. Yellowhammers, grand size and markings; 2, McGavin, Bramblefinch, grand size. MULE OR HYB. (10): 1, Mitchell, Redpoll-Goldie Hybrid, could be staged to better advantage; 2, c, Findlay, large buff Goldfinch Mule, grand flush face, will make a good one with another moult; 3, Whitelaw, Siskin-Redpoll, nice col. and markings, shows parentage well; 4, McGavin, Siskin Mule, jonque, rich col., well staged; vhc, Lyell, Redpoll-Siskin; hc, Wyper. BOYS' CLASS (10): 1, Weir, Goldfinch; 2, Nutt, jun., Bullfinch; 3, no name, Greenfinch; 4, Brown, Lesser 'Poll; vhc, hc, Mair, jun.; c, Mitchell.

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SHETTLESTON.

Shettleston C.B.S. held their 4th annual show in the Hill Street Hall on Dec. 9th. The day was rather milder. than had been experienced during the preceding week, but the ground in many places was still under the white mantle it had donned tha night previous. It was pleasing to see so many well known faces, and the "gate" must have come up to expectations, as the hall, which was a good place for a show, was overtaxed hy visitors. Mr. A. Berry, the secretary, had everything well in hand, and was courteous and obliging to all. He was supported by a staff of good and true fanciers. The judges got through their work in fine time. Mr. J. Renwick (Hamilton) took the Canaries and Mr. Ward (Shettleston) the British.

The Critique.

YOUNG BIRD CLASSES. CREST: 1, 2, 4, Henderson, leader even wing D.C., good size and feather, nice top; 2nd, heavier and more massive frame, hetter in top piece, greater spread and well groomed, in the opinion of some an easy 1st; 4th, grizzle cap, nice feather; 3rd, Curley, tight in feather, good one, neat head; 5, Duncan. C.B.: 1, sp, 2, 3, 5: Henderson, leader grand massive cl., fine depth of col., good feather, fine shaped skull, nice lash, good one; 2nd, heavy varieg., wild; 3rd, heavy broken green, plenty of feather, good entrance to nice shaped skull; 4, Duncan, not just so large as leaders, but plenty of good leafy feather. NOR. CK.: 1, sp., Semple, lovely hot and even col. cl. yell., fine sweet type, good head, well filled neck; 2, Berry, plenty size cl. buff, good one; 3, 4, 5, Curley, leader cl. yell., fine size, nice col., good head and neck; 4th, cl. yell., good quality, wants training a bit. HEN: 1, Semple, cl. yell., grand size, lovely deep and even col., fine head, neck and wing carriage, good one; 2, 3, Berry, leader short, sweet and cobby cl. buff, nice quality feather, neatly folded wings and tail; 3rd, nice size, neat head aud wings, fails just a trifle at front; 4, we missed; 5, Curley. BORD. CK.: 1, sp, Duncan, real good cl. buff, lovely head and neck, best wing carriage, neatly foldcd tail; 2, sp, 3, 4, Jarvie, leader nice broken buff green, fine sweet type, good qual. feather; 3rd, nice cl. yell., sweet head, nica type, weak a trifle in neck; 4th, another sweet cl. yell.; 5, Berry. HEN: 1, Hendrie, good griz. cap buff, neat head and wing carriage; 2, 4, Mackay, 2nd cl. buff, grand quality feather, neat head, wings and tail, nice and steady; 4th, fair good one for type and qual. of feather; 3, 5, Jarvie, 3rd, sweet buff, fine type and qual. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, Hendersou, all of the Cinn. persuasion; 4, Marr; 5, Jarvie. MULE or HYB.: 1, McFarlane, nice dark Greenie Mule, good col. and feather; 2, Hendrie, dark buff Goldie cross, nice size, good feather. NOVICE: 1, sp, 2, 3, 5, Divens, leader nice griz. wing yell., good type and quality, just a trifle on the small side; 2nd, sp., tick buff, fine head and neck, nice quality, well placed; 3, sp, fine coloured cl. yell. of nice quality; 4, Williams, nice nat. col. yell., good feather and type. OLD BIRDS. CREST: 1, two spls, Duncan, an old face, still to the fore, lovely qual. feather, nice spread top, fine even droop, nicely staged; 2, 3, 4, Henderson, 2nd fine body substance and feather, unsteady, wants handling; 3rd, even wing D.C., nice size and substance, neat headpiece. C.B.: 1, 2, 4, Henderson, leader fine typical var., grand substance, plenty of feather, nice dome skull, fine lash, good one; 2nd, broken green, fine substance, plenty of feather; 4th, fine size and colour, nice head and feather; 3, 5, Duncan, 3rd, fina col., good tight feathered green, good qual., better top than 2nd, but not just the substance of body. NOR. YELL. CK.: 1, sp, Semple, massive body var. yell., grand head and neck, good type, fine qual. feather, nicely staged; 2, Devine, yell. even wings, dark cap and tail, grand hot col., fine qual.; 3, Curley, green, plenty of size and substance, inclined to be a trifle open in breast feather; 4, Christie, cl. yell., nice col. and qual., fails only in substance; 5, McFarlane. BUFF CK.: 1, sp, 3, McFarlane, leader nice chubby-bodied var. buff, grand quality silky feather, might be just a shade fuller in neck; 3rd, sp, dark tail buff, fine size and feather; 2, Semple. real nice one for type and quality throughout, must have pressed for premier position; 4, Curley, nice one all over, and worth her place; 5, Berry. YELL. HEN: 1, Divens, nice size, fine type and qual., neat head and neck, well cut away behind, good one; 2, 3, Berry, leader real good qual. nat. col. cl. yell., well up in size and substance; 3rd, yell. var., neat wings and tail; 4, 5, Curley, leader nice size cl., good col. BUFF: 1, sp. best old bird, Divens, nice quality var. buff, sweetly built, short and typical, fine head and neck, cobby shape; 2, Duncan, var. buff, fine quality feather, good type; 3, Henderson, fine size var. buff; 4, Williams, nice size cl., fails only in head properties; 5, Berry. YELL. BORD. CK.: 1, Mackay, fina waxy feathered little fellow, nice deep even col., neat head and wings, fine tail, a right good one; 2, Berry, nice quality var., neat shaped, good one, hut nervous; 3, Jarvie, nice cl., good feather. BUFF: 1, two spls., Berry, fine uneven mark, grand type, sweet shape, real waxy feather, nice throughout; 2, sp, Mackay, real nice quality var., put down in right good form, nicely placed; 3, Hendrie, sweet little cl., nice feather, but could not be induced to remain on perch. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, McFarlane, leader real good qual. exhibit, fine boxy feather, nicely filled in neck, sweet head, clean cut typical spec. all through; 2nd, grand even marked yell., fine feather and type; 3, (no name), nice sweet little var., put down in good order; 4, Mackay, very nice griz. cap yell., good shape. BUFF: 1, sp, Jarvie, real sweet and taking little lady, grand type, A1 quality, right sort, nicely staged; 2, Mackay, real good quality, just lacks the sweet head of winner; 3, Duncan, we could not find. SCOTS FCY.: 1, sp, 2, Jarvie, leader cl. of fine size, good depth through, would not work; 2nd, nice yell. pied, fine reach and drive, good action; 3, 4, 5, Marr, leader good size buff pied, nice reach and drive; 4th, broken green, fails in substance to those in front. YORKS.: 1, 3, Marr; 1st, cl. yell., fine long shapely hird, neatly braced wings, good tail; 3rd, fine buff, good length and feather, neat style and carriage, well placed; 2, 4, Hendrie, leader cinn. mark, good size and quality feather; 4th, similar buff to 3rd. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, Christie, winner large Jonque Grecnic-Mule, in A1 condition, staged nicely; 2nd, Redpoll-Twite, nice one, in fine trim, shows cross beautifully; 3, Hendrie, good Goldie-Mule, nice size well put down. GOLDFINCH: 1, sp, for best Brit., Duncan, grand little chap, large deep square cut blaze, nice tans and whites, fine yell., neatly buttoned wings; 2, sp, Marr, nice one for size and nore distinct markings, loses to leader in size and density of blaze only: 3, sp, 4, Hendrie, leader nice one for size and condition; 4th, good one for size and col.; 5, Christie. BULLIE: 1, 5, McFarlane, winner cock, fine col., well defined markings, nice expansive dark cap and wing bars; 2, 4, Christie, leader grand hen in the pink of condition, larger than winner; 4th, another lovely bird for size, quality and condition; 3, Divens, cock, something similar to winner, good in col., but a trifle too small. GREENFINCH: 1, sp, Christie, a topper for size and depth col., very steady, and in A1 condition, put down to win; 2, 4, McFarlane, 2nd just a shade smaller, nat. col., feather like glass; 4th, good Jonque in fine trim; 3, sp, Williams, another nicely fed one, in good col. and fettle. LINNET: 1, Mackay, good size and condition, inclined to run a trifle light underneath; 2, sp, McFarlane, real good one for size, markings, fine nutty brown col., pencilled right down flanks, some thought might have won; 3, Christie, very good one, nice size, col. and markings; 4, Divens, well up for size and col., steady as a rock; 5, Duncan. MEALY 'POLL, ETC.: 1, 3, McFarlane, both Mealy 'Polls, leader H.M. spec. in good feather; 2, Mackay, grand Siskin, fine deep col., well defined markings, lovely dark cap, in rare feather, a little beauty; 3rd, good Mealy, fine size, good markings; 4, Christie, a humper for size, and nicely marked. LESSER 'POLL, ETC.: 1, sp, McFarlane, good sized Twite, grand col. and pencilling, fine feather, steady, wins well; 2, 3, Mackay, two nice 'Polls of good col.; 4, 5, McFarlane, also nice 'Polls. BRAMBLE, ETC.: 1, McFarlane, Yellowhammer, fine size and condition, good feather, fine head markings, nicely staged; 2, 3, we could not find. BRIT. HEN: 1, 5, McFarlane, leading with nice Mealy 'Poll in grand trim, good size and marks, well put down; 2, 4, Berry, leader grand Goldie, fine col., steady, nice condition; 4th, good 'Poll; 3, Christie, good 'Poll, and not far behind. A.O.S.: 1, McFarlane, grand Starling, fine size and condition, well pencilled, staged nicely; 2, sp, Christie, capital Cirl Bunting in perfect feather and condition, lovely markings, fine size, steady, and well put down, in the opinion of many a good 1st; 3, Hendrie, nice steady well-staged Lark, quite at home.

BEAMISH C.B.S.

Annual members' show, held in the Bird Inn. Although there was a slight falling off in entries, it was amply made up for in the all-round excellence of the exhibits. Cup for best bird went to Mr. Butler's well-known unflighted varieg. Buff Nor. Mr. Knowles makes an ideal secretary, and was well backed up by a good committee, of whom Mr. M. Crosbie is chairman. Mr. J. Hands (Crookhill) judged, and his awards were well received.

The Critique.

NOR., YELL., CL., ETC. CK.: 1, Butler, grand head and neck, short compact wings, lovely col.; 2, Butler, another topper, fine type and quality; 3, S. Elliott, hold head and neck, neat wings; vhc, hc, Atkinson. BUFF: 1, F. Foster, Cl. Buff, grand type and quality, nice full neck and head; 2, Gowling and Crosbie, not quite so chubby, very nica otherwise; 3, S. Foster, again grand type, lovely meal; vhc, S. Elliott; hc, Goodchild. YELL., ETC., HEN: Cancelled. BUFF: 1, J. H. Elliott, lovely lady for type and quality, full head and neck; 2, Atkinson, grand shape, nicely proportioned, neat wings and tail; 3, Gowlcy and Crosbie, good front, rare size, stands well across perch; vhc, Gowley and Croshie; hc, S. Elliott; c, Goodchild. YELL., UNFLIG.: 1, Butler, varieg. Yell., good bold front, lovely col., nicely rounded head, neat wings and tail; 2, Goodchild, compact wings, neat head, losing only in size; 3, J. H. Elliott, grand head and neck, good chest; vhc, Atkinson; hc, c, Nesbitt. BUFF: 1, Butler, grand varieg., thick-set, fine wing and tail, takes cup for best bird; 2, J. H. Elliott, very chubby, lovely meal, losing in size only; 3, Gowley and Crosbie, good quality and type, inclined to cross wings a little; vhc, Elliott; hc, A. Atkinson; c, S. Elliott. YELL. HEN, UNFLIG.: 1, Butler, rich col. and type, grand quality, good head and neck; 2, 3, E. Atkinson, grand condition, 3, neat all through. BUFF: 1, Butler, varieg., a gem for type and quality, good col.; 2, S. Elliott, good col. and substance, nice quality; 3, vhc, E. Atkinson, again nice col. and quality. NAT. COL.: 1, Little, Cl. Yell., fine shape, good chest, head and wings, nice level col.; 2, 3, Atkinson, 2, fine size and quality, close up, 3, not quite so good in col. as 2nd; vhc, Foster; hc, Davison; c, Peart. YORKS.: 1, Goodchild, extra nice length and position, well drawn; 2, S. Foster, nice upstanding bird, well cut away, neat head and neck; 3, Goodchild, again fine length; vhc, S. Foster; hc, S. Foster. NAT. COL.: 1, S. Foster, fine length, neat head and wings, grand position; 2, Foster, close up, nice length and position, not quite so good in hack; wrong class, Goodchild. BORD. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, Elliott, grand team, 1st, fine model, good shape and carriage, neat wings and tail, 2nd, nice shape, and quality, good col., 3rd, shapely, nice quality, vhc, hc, Peart; c, Knowles. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Elliott, 1st, sweet exhibit, lovely feather, in the pink of condition; 2, grand shape and quality, feather close as wax, 3, neat wing and tail; vhc, Peart; hc, Elliott; c, Gowley and Crosbie. YELL. HEN: 1, Peart, grizzle back, very shapely, grand feather, in fine order; 2, vhc, Elliott, heavily marked. fine type, lovely feather; 3, Peart, neat and stylish. BUFF: 1, 2, Elliott, slightly marked, lovely shape and feather, very smart, 2, nice quality and shape; 3, S. Elliott, nice bird. CREST: 1, 2, 3, Gowley and Crosbie, heavily varieg. D.C., good crest, fine droop, feather of fine quality, 2, Grey Crest, plenty of feather, good size, 3, another nice Grey Crest, not quite so large; vhc, Coates; hc, Foster; c, Coates. C.B.: 1, 2, R. Coates, green, grand head, good turnover, wins easily, 2, another nice green; 3, W. Knowles, varieg., good domed head, loses only in turnover; vhc, S. Foster; hc, Little. HEN: 1, 3, R. Cotes, self Crest, nice round crest, good droop, 3, D.C., loses in size only to leaders; 2, vhc, Knowles, heavily varieg., D.C., very neat, good quality feather. A.O.V.: 1, 3, Goodchild, 1, fine Buff Cinn., sound col., plenty of substance; 2, Knowles, nice Lancs. coppy, well shown. PAIRS: 1, Goodchild, Nor. Yell. ck., Buff hen, nice size, well matched; 2, Butler, Nor., close up. MULE: 1, Butler, almost Cl. Goldie, well-known winner. LINNET, HOUSE-MOULTED: 1, Knowles, good all round bird, in nice condition; 2, S. Foster, fine size, and col., markings carried well down; 3, Peart, another nice bird; vhc, hc, Atkinson; c, Elliott. F.M.: 1, Gowley and Crosbie, grand for size and markings, good col.; 2, Peart, another nice one, loses only a little in col.; 3, Goodchild, close up; vhc, Elliott. BULLFINCH: 1, Elliott, grand type and quality, rich col., good size; 2, S. Elliott, again a nice one, lovely, dense cap; 3, Davison, nice shape and col. GOLDFINCH: 1, Butler, a perfect beauty, rich scarlet blaze, well tanned, wins easily; 2, Knowles, another good one, not quite the col.; 3, Gowley and Crosbie, smaller; vhc, Little. GREEN: 1, Butler, fine bold bird grand col., good one; 2, vhc, Elliott, nice col.; 3, Davison, not quite the size or shape; hc, Goodchild. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Elliott, Siskin, hot col., dense cap, well shown; 2, Gowley and Crosbie, Lesser Redpoll, in perfect order, nice bib; 3, Elliott, Lesser Redpoll, not quite so well marked; vhc, Peart. A.O.V.: 1, 2, vhc, Elliott, 1, fine Chaffinch, good markings and col., very steady; 2, Bramble, a trifle out of condition, good bird; 3, Davison, Chaffinch, not quite the size of winner, fails col.; hc, Goodchild. SOFTBILL: 1, 2, Elliott, Thrush, grandly pencilled, good size, wins well. 2, Wagtail, in fine condition; 3, Davison, Blackbird, good size and col.

WISHAW, N.B.

Annual show held Nov. 4th, Watson's Hall, when over 200 exhibits were present. The hall was all that could be desired for a cage bird show, being well lighted and heated, and free from draughts. Scotch Fancies, though not numerous, were of good quality. Norwich were well forward, notably the Crest-breds; and the Borders were the best display, including some charming specimens. In the British bird classes some very fine exhibits were staged. Office-bearers: President, Mr. W. Robertson; treasurer, Mr. A. Allardice; stewards, Messrs. Wyper, Watson, and McAllister. The heavy end of the stick was held by that very capable secretary, Mr. A. McAllister, who managed everything in a very satisfactory manner. The awards were made hy Messrs. D. J. Gardner (Bathgate), and G. Smart (Carmyle), and they were well received. In the afternoon the show was well patronised.

The Critique.

SCOT., YOUNG CK. (5): 1, 2, 3, sps, Allardice, sen., 1st grand yell., very racy, well posted; 2nd, buff, nice shoulders, good carriage; 3rd, much the same; 4, Kennedy, tkd. yell., good exhibit. HEN (5): 1, 2, Allardice, sen., two yell. greens, put down in fine fettle, well handled; 3, 4, Allardice, jun., buff and foul, following in father's footsteps. OLD CK. (6): 1, 2 sps, Allardice, sen., 1st buff pied, great reach, fina action; 2nd, yell., presses hard; 3, 4, Kennedy; 3rd, pied yell., good square shoulders, works well; 4th, pied buff. HEN (4): 1, Allardice, sen., lovely pied buff, an easy win; 2, Kennedy, buff green, fails only in reach; 3, Robertson, cl. yell., we liked, finely posted; 4, Allardice, jun., pied buff, wants a little more nerve. CREST, YOUNG (7): 1, 2, 4, Watson, 1st abundance of feather, nice drooping crest; 2nd, cl. body D.C., fails only in crest; 4th, nice varieg., presses; 3, Wright, grizzle of good quality. C.B. (6): 1, 3, Wright, 1st grand hody feather, broad skull, good brows; 3rd, also nice brows; 2, 4, Watson, 2nd chases hard, noble head; 4th, much the same. CREST, OLD (6): 1, 2, 4, Watson, grand team, 1st beautiful leafy crest, well formed; 2nd, cl. body D.C., good frontal and quality of feather; 4th, very nice head, we liked; 3, Cringles, good crest, nicely drooping. C.B. (6): 1, 2, Watson, 1st clinking Dark, great bredth of skull, good win, another very similar; 3, 4, Wright, nice varieg. body feather, all there; 4th, also fine body. YELL. NOR. CK., YOUNG (9): 1, McAllister, very typical, nice silky feather, well fed; 2, 3, Gray, 2nd nice chubby bird, tight as wax; 3rd, another good one, presses hard; 4, Cringles, good all round. BUFF (8): 1, McKenna, sweet made bird, very close in feather, good win; 2, Cringles, very taking varieg., bouncing bird; 3, McAllister, cl., nice type, well shown; 4, Gemmell, variog., good body. YELL. HEN (9): 1, 2, Gemmell, 1st typical tick, good carriage, shows well; 2nd, cl., good type, crosses slightly; 3, 4, McKenna, nice made bird, full of substance; 4th, very nice tick fails body only. BUFF (10): Nice class; 1, 2, Gray, right good stamp, col. and condition all there; 2nd, barely so chubby, nice head; 3, Cringles, nice bird; 4, Watson, very taking, presses. OLD CK. (7): 1, Watson, regular stormer, full of quality; 2, Allardice, another beauty, lovely level col., close up; 3, Gemmell, sweet nat. col., cl. yell., good head; 4, Gray, nice varieg., well fed. HEN (7): 1, 4, Gray, 1st cl. yell., nice bully type, well staged; 4th, rather nice cl. buff; 2, Watson, bonny cl. buff, good broad chest, shows well; 3, Allardice, varieg. buff. CL., ETC., YELL. CK., YOUNG (8): 1, 3, spl, Richmond, 1st a regular dandy, tight as wax, lovely model; 3rd, very sweet tick, nice close wings; 2, 4, McPhee, 2nd cl. of good quality, very jaunty; 4th, nicely tapered cl. BUFF (13): Good class; 1, Allardice, jun., sweet little cl., tight as a drum, lovely feather; 2, spl, Allardice, sen., nice tick all over; 3, Richmond, another tick, nice fitting wings, right sort; 4, McAllister, cl., good head, carriage, splendid condition; No. 4, very good exhibit, but too restless. YELL. HEN (9): 1, 3, Richmond, nice cl. and a good tkd.; 2, McPhee, fine cl. bird; 4, Cringles, cl. BUFF HEN (11): 1, 2, Allardice, sen., two very nice clears, correct stamp, put down in fine fettle; 3, McAllister, another cl., fails only in carriage, nice feather; 4, Richmond, tkd., all there for type, nice fitting wings, good tail. YELL. VARIEG. CK. (7): 1, Laurie, typical bird, clean cut, nice condition; 2, spl, Cringles, lightly mkd., good style, sweet head; 3, McAllister, even mkd., lovely feather; 4, Allardice, all there, we liked. BUFF (9): 1, spl, McPhee, very taking exhibit, almost cl.; 2, Allardice, eye mkd., nice jaunty style, rare feather; 3, Allardice, jun., much the same, good ona; 4, McAllister, uneven, very typical, shows well. YELL. HEN (8): 1, spl, Allardice, good win, nicely tapered; 2, Richmond, another of much the same quality; 3, 4, McAllister. BUFF (7): 1, McAllister, lovely mkd., in rare fettle; 2, spl, McPhee, lightly mkd., nice stamp, shows well; 3, Allardice, heavy varieg., good; 4, Laurie, very similar. GREEN OR CINN. (5): 1, Allardice, jun., good col. yell.-green, in fine condition; 2, 3, Richmond, 2nd also good yell.-green and a nice buff-cinn.; 3, Allardice, sen., another fine yell.-green. OLD CK. (5): 1, Allardice, sen., nice varieg. buff, very typical; 2, Allardice, jun., varieg. yell., good 2nd; 3, Laurie, cl. yell., very close up, nice carriage; 4, McAllister, another cl. yell., not much to choose between them. HEN (7): 1, 3, Richmond, 1st nice cl. yell., well tapered; 3rd, yell.-green; 2, Cringles, sweet varieg. buff, very typical; 4, Allardice, jun., grizzle buff, we liked. YORKS. CK., YOUNG (7): 1, 2, 3, Gracie, a trio of beauties, in lovely condition, well shown, winning yell. being outstanding; 4, McPhee, buff. HEN (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, Gracie, all in perfect condition, clean as a new ribbon. CK., OLD (4): Again Mr. Gracie has it all to himself. HEN: The same. BRIT. GOLDIE, ETC. (7): 1, Laurie, Goldie, nice blaze, fine tanning, good cheeks, and well buttoned; 2, spl, 4, Wyper, 2nd Bullie, rich col., good broad cap, nice wing bars; 4th, another nice Bullie, fails only in col.; 3, Gray, Goldie, sweet bird, a wee bit soft. LINNET, ETC. (6): 1, McKenna, very taking Linnet, rich col., well pencilled, in perfect bloom; 2, Wright, nat. col. Greenie, fine bold type, good 2nd; 3, Laurie, very good field-moulted Linnet, ought to moult out well; 4, Wyper, Grecnie, fails only in col. and size to 2nd. REDPOLL, ETC. (6): 1, spl, 3, 4, Wyper, 1st a gem of a Siskin, teeming with col., lovely cap, bars and pencilling; 3rd, very nice Lesser 'Poll, richly tanned; 4th, Mealy, fails only in col. to 2nd, good one; 2, Wright, nice big bouncing Mealy, lovely col., very distinctly mkd. BRIT. HEN (4): 1, 2, 3, Wyper, 1st very smart Bullie, good cap, very silky feather; 2nd, beautiful Siskin, perfect condition, markings, splendid; 3rd, Bullie, nice one; 4, Robertson, h.m. Bullie, barely ready. BRIT., A.O.S. (4): 1, spl, 3, Wyper, 1st Yell. Bunting, regular good one, rich in col. and markings, another of the same species, fails only in col.; 2, Wright, good Chaffie, fine chest col., good blue cap, distinct bars. MULE OR HYB. (6): 1, Watson, Jonque Goldie-Can., well fed, could do with just a little more size; 2, Wright, large buff Goldie-Can., nice blaze; 3, Kennedy, ditto, very good; 4, Robertson, same as 3rd, close up.

MATLOCK.

Matlock and Dis. F.S. 10th annual exhibition was held in the Victoria Hall, on December 7th. The entry was not large, owing to the committee cancelling all open classes having less than eight entries. The remaining classes contained some nice birds. Messrs. Oakley and Gratton, the hon. secs., had everything well in hand. Mr. C. Ward (Derby) adjudicated.

YORKS. CK. (11): 1, vhc, Vernon, cl. buff, nice back and wing carriage, good length, well up on leg; 2, Lomas, grizzle, mkd. head, nice type and quality, very stylish, good col.; 3, Limb, varieg. yell., nice length and position, good feather; r, hc, Sheldon; c, Richards. NOR. CK. (8): 1, Nulward, cl. buff, nice substance and shape, rattling fine feather and carriage, grand col.; 2, Williams, large, shapely, good col. buff, fine head, well shown; 3, Ball and Son, nice quality cl. buff, good col.; r, Dallman and Son; vhc, hc, Dean. BRIT. FINCH. (9): 1, Williams, rattling good Bullie, grand size and shape, well cut cap; 2, Oven, Goldie, good blaze, nice tanning, well shown; 3, Allwood, smart, good col. Bullie, a bit smaller than winner, but very neat, Belper and Wirksworth 2nd; r, Swarbrick; vbc, Holden. MEMBERS' CLASSES: BRIT. (3): 1, Gentle (Crossbill); 2, Greaves (Thrush); 3, Wragg (Goldie). CAN. MULE. OR HYB. (5): 1, 2, Cooper (couple dark Goldie-Can. Mules); 3, vhc, Wragg (Goldie-Can.); r, Drury. NOR. CK. (9): 1, members' cup, 3, c, Dean (pair of clear buffs); 2, Gentle (clear); r, Wragg; vhc, hc, Lill. HEN (8): 1, sp, 2, 3, Dean (team of clear buffs); r, Gentle; vhc, Else; hc, Cooper and Son.

PAISLEY.

Paisley and Dist. N.M.B.F.B.C. eleventh annual show, held Nov. 11th, in the G. A. Clark Town Hall. Judges, Mr. J. Young (Rutherglen), Nor. and Yorks.; Mr. W. Lambie (Whitburn), Borders; Mr. R. Bald (Bathgate), Brit. and For. The awards gave every satisfaction.

YOUNG CREST CK.: 1, 2, McLerie; 3, Livingstone; 4, 5, O'Lare. HEN: 1, Gemmell; 2, 3, 4, Bonnar. C.B. CK.: 1, 4, Gemmell; 2, 5, McLerie; 3, Paling. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Gemmell; 4, 5, Barr. OLD C. OR C.B. CK.: 1, McLerie; 2, 3, O'Hare; 4, Laidlaw; 6, Gemmell. HEN: 1, O'Hare; 2, McLerie; 3, Gemmell; 4, 5, Bonnar. YOUNG YELL. NOR. CK.: 1, Paling; 2, Sinclair; 3, Paterson; 4, Sinclair, 5, Gemmell; 6, McMillan. HEN: 1, 2, Sinclair; 3, Paling; 4, Paterson; 5, Barr. BUFF CK.: 1, Sinclair; 2, Gemmell; 3, Laidlaw; 4, Potts; 5, Paling; 6, McMillan; 7, Paterson. HEN: 1, 2, Sinclair; 3, Laidlaw; 4, Potts; 5, McMillan; 7, Barr. VAR. YELL. CK.: 1, Sinclair; 2, 3, McMillan; 4, McLerie; 5 6, 7, Graham. HEN: 1, 5, Sinclair; 2, Paling; 4, Laidlaw; 5, Paterson; 6, 7, O'Hare. BUFF CK.: 1, McLerie; 2, 3, Sinclair; 4, 5, McMillan; 6, 7, Pirrie. HEN: 1, 2, Sinclair; 3, McMillan; 4, 5, Laidlaw; 6, 7, Watt. UNFED CK.: 1, Sinclair; 2, Skouce; 3, Potts; 4, Paterson; 5, 6, Reid; 7, Williams. HEN: 1, McMillan; 2, Paterson; 3, Laidaw; 4, Potts; 5, Sinclair; 6, 7, Galt. OLD FED CK.: 1, Laidlaw; 2, 6, Paterson; 3, Ramsden's medal, Paling; 4, Barr; 5, Sinclair; 7, Godbar. HEN: 1, Paling; 2, Sinclair; 3, 4, Barr; 5, Paterson; 6, 7, Godbar. CK., UNFED: 1, Paling; 2, Potts; 3, 4, Godbar; 6, 6, 7, Ranford. HEN: 1, Gemmell; 2, Potts; 3 Laidlaw; 4, 5, Barr; 6, 7, Owncs. BORD., YOUNG CK., YELL.: 1, Briggs; 2, Cunningham; 3, Watt; 4, Heron; 5, 6, Hutchison; 7, Graham. HEN: 1, 2, Cunningham; 3, Briggs; 4, 5, 6, Wilson; 7, Makie. BUFF CK.: 1, 2, Cunningham; 3, 4, Graham; 5, 6, 7, Hutchison. HEN: 1, 4, Cunningham; 2, Briggs; 3, Watt; 5, Heron; 6, Potts; 7, Graham. YELL. VAR. CK.: 1, 4, Cunningham; 2, 3, Watt; 5, 6, 7, Kelly. HEN: 1, Briggs; 2, Cunningham; 3, Potts; 4, 5, Watt; 6, 7, Wilson. BUFF CK.: 1, 3, Cunningham; 2, Briggs; 4, 5, Watt; 6, 7, Potts. HEN: 1, 2, Cunningham; 3, 4, Briggs; 5, 6, Potts; 7, McNair. GREEN CK.: 1, 2, Cunningham; 3, 4, 5, Graham; 6, 7, Hutchison. HEN: 1, Cunningham; 2, Hutchison; 3, 4, Graham; 5, 6, Potts. OLD BORD.: 1, 4, Heron; 2, 3, Cunningham; 5, 6, Potts. YOUNG YORKS. CK. YELL.: 1, 2, McLellan; 3, 4, Watt; 5, 6, 7 Barr. HEN: 1, McLellan; 2, 3, 4, Barr. CK. BUFF: 1, 3, McLellan; 2, Heron; 4, 5, Barr. HEN: 1, Watt; 2, 3, McLellan; 4, Barr. OLD YORKS.: 1, 3, McLellan; 2, 4, Watt; 5, Barr. MULES OR HYB.: 1, 2, Buchanan; 3, 5, A. Livingstone; 4, Buchanan. LINNET: 1, 2, Buchanan; 3, Livingstone; 4, Cunningham; 5, Potts; 6, Graham; 7, Hutchison. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, Heron; 2, Hutchison; 3, Livingstone; 4, 5, Heron; 6, Potts; 7, Graham. FOR. GOLDFINCH: 1, Graham; 2, 6, Heron; 3, Cunningham; 4, Potts; 5, 7, Hutchison. BRIT. BULLFINCH CK.: 1, Graham; 2, 3, Hutchison; 4, Shaw; 5, Morrison. HEN: 1, Potts; 2, Cunningham; 3, 4, Heron; 5, 6, Hutchison; 7, Morrison. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Hutchison; 2, Morrison; 3, Potts; 4, Cunningham; 5, Heron; 6, Graham; 7, Buchanan. LESSER REDPOLL: 1, Potts; 2, Pirrie; 3, Graham; 4, Heron. GREENFINCH: 1, Potts; 2, McLerie; 3, 7, Morrison; 5, Livingstone; 6, Heron. SMALL BRIT. A.O.S.: 1, 2, Morrison; 3, Heron; 4, McCreery; 5, Pirrie; 6, Hutchison. 7, Pirrie. LARGE: 1, 2, Morrison; 3, 4, Hutchison. FOR.: 1, 4, Morrison; 2, Heron; 3, Hutchison; 5, Buchanan. Cups were won by J. Sinclair (Nor.); R. McLerie (Crest or C.B.); D. Cunningham (Borders); most points for Brit. and For., H. P. Hutchison; medal for best Mule, A. Buchanan.

STOCKPORT B.F.A.

Members' sixth annual show held Nov. 30th and December 1st, in the Boar's Head Hotel, where 138 birds faced the judge, Mr. W. Bowyer. Special for best bird in the champion section, Mr. McKail; in amateurs, Mr. Allsop.

LANCS., COPPY (4): 1, spl., 2, 3, 4, Garner. P.H. (4): 1, spl., 2, 3, 4, Garner. YORKS., YELL. (7): 1, hc, c, Potts, 2, 4, Hardy; 3, vhc, McKail. BUFF (7): 1 spl., 2, vhc, Potts; 3, c, Hardy; 4, hc, McKail. UNFLIGH., YELL. (7): 1, c, Hardy; 2, spl., 3, vhc, Potts; 4, hc, McKail. BUFF (5): 1, spl., 2, 4, Potts; 3, vhc, Hardy. HENS (7): 1, c, Hardy; 2, hc, McKail; 3, 4, spl., vhc, Potts. GOLD LIZARD (2): 1, spl., 2, Garner. SILVER (2): 1, spl., 2, Garner. NOR. YELL. (5): 1, spl., 2, McKail; 3, Hardy; 4, Garner; abs., Stafford. BUFF (4): 1, spl., 3, McKail; 2, 4, Stafford. UNFLIG. YELL. (3): 1, spl., 3, McKail; 2, Stafford. BUFF (4): 1, 4, Stafford; 2, 3, McKail. HENS (5): 1, 3, Stafford; 2, vhc, McKail; 4, Hardy. CREST (4): 1, 3, 4, Garner; 2, Stafford. C.B. (3): 1, Stafford; 2, spl., 3, Garner. A.O.V. (2): 1, spl., 2, Hardy. AMAT. SECTION YORKS. YELL. (4): 1, spl., 2, 4, Holden; 3, Mason. BUFF (4): 1, spl., 3, Mason; 2, Mason; abs., Mason. YELL. UNFLIG. (3): 1, spl., 2, Holden; 3, Mason. BUFF: 1, Holden; 2, Mason. HEN (3): 1, Mason; 1 spl., 3, Holden. NOR. YELL. (4): 1, spl., 2, Allsop; 3, Mason; 4, Garbutt. BUFF (5): 1, spl., 4, Allsop; 2, vhc, Garbutt; 3, Mason. YELL. UNFLIG (2): 1, spl., Allsop; 2, Garbutt. BUFF (5): 1, spl., vhc, Holden; 2, Allsop; 3, Garbutt; 4, Mason. HENS (6): 1, Holden; 2, 3, spl Allsop; 4, vhc, Garbutt; hc, Mason. A.O.V. (6): 1, spl., 4, Holden; 2, vhc, Garbutt; 3, hc, Allsop. MULE OR HYB. (2): 1, spl., 2, Hardy. GOLDIE, ETC. (3): 1, spl., 2, 3, Hardy. LINNET, ETC. (3): 1, spl., 2, 3, Hardy. A.O.S. (2): 1, spl, 2, Hardy.—W. Stafford.

Mainly Foreign.

EXCHANGE Parrakeet in cage, for rifle or small bore shot gun: Taylor, 1, Melbourn-st., Melton Mowbray.

EXCHANGE Grey and Red talking Parrot and cage for a good gramophone, with records: A. Andrews, 43, Bury Park-rd., Luton, Beds.

GREEN Parrot and cage, 15/-; globe of 10 stuffed British birds, 20/-; or exchange Budgerigars, Javas: Woodhouse, 54, Lesbourne-rd., Reigate, Surrey.

FOR sale, African Grey Parrot and new cage, talks, laughs, whistles, calls cat and dog, barks, mews, etc., £4; or exchange for gramophone and four-minute disc records to value: Stamp reply: J. Ward, 58, Dallow-rd., Luton.

Miscellaneous.

SALE, pair of carriage dogs, sell cheap, or exchange: Wright, 43, Park-rd., Liverpool.

MELODEON, 5 stops, tremelo, 15/-; deposit; exchange Canaries: Warboys, Knox-rd., Wellingborough.

PHONOGRAPH and records, cost £3; 20/-; exchange 25/- value: Egginton, Bk. 25, Brittain-st., Sheffield.

TWO large Flemish Giant does, sell 9/6; exchange Roller Canaries, fowls: Sparkes, Tindall-lane, Beverley.

WILL give good pair trousers for 2 pairs Canaries; stamp for particulars: B. Soanes, 92, Bevan-st., Lowestoft.

EXCHANGE pair motor cycle spring forks for 2 Roller cocks, in song; yours first: Robins, 318a, Kennington-rd.

OFFERS, 42 "Cage Birds," also hanging lamp, with fixtures, value 12/6: Buck, 4, Beatrice-rd., Richmond, Surrey.

EXCHANGE breeding tin mealworms for clear yellow or ticked Norwich hen, 1911 bird: Milton, 5, Love-st., Paisley.

FOR sale or exchange, singing cock Canaries, prize pigeons, and puppies: Maynard, Bethnal Green. Phone 2528 Wall.

EXCHANGE pair reachy Black Magpies for large Norwich hen, or offers, or sell 7/6: Henderson, Gibsonplace, Peebles.

EXCHANGE Yorkshire Terrier bitch, silvery grey, extra good coat, or sell £1: Sanderson, 83, Montague-st., Rothesay.

425-BORE rifle, case, and 100 cartridges, by Cogswell and Harrison, 35/-; 410-bore, 15/6; offers: Criddeford, Honiton.

EXCHANGE large wire breeding cage for two Border hens, will send cage first: T. Stuart, Kersemills, Stirling, N.B.

EXCHANGE "Canaries and British Birds," just out, for 1911 Norwich Plainheads: A. Bowden, 4, Monksdale-rd., Bath.

VIOLIN 40/-, cock Goldfinch 15/-, Goldie Mule 7/6, accordeon, 17/6; exchange foreign, or offers: Flanighan, Kirkcudbright.

EXCHANGE smart Fox Terrier-Whippet pups for revolver, Canaries, or anything: John Bett, Thatcher, Auchtermuchty, Fife.

CROSSBRED Spaniel dog, 18 months, good nose for anything, 10/-; exchange anything: C. R. Hall, Hogsthorpe, Alford, Lincs.

OFFERS in cock Canaries for Clarke's patent Hygienic Syphon gas stove, equal new: Andrews, 317, Cowbridge-rd., Cardiff.

WHAT offers in birds for finte value £1, good as new; approval willingly: H. Stubbs, Confectioner, Wymondham, Norfolk.

WANTED, cock Roller, or offers, in exchange for handsome half-bred Persian, three months: 16, Benbow-rd., Hammersmith.

EXCHANGE 3 volumes of Bonlton's Mining Books for either birds or money: Apply, Harold Leese, 21, New-st., Longton, Staffs.

GLASS counter, show case, 2 shelves, looking-glass doors, 25/-; what offers: Underwood, 36, York-st., Hulme, Manchester.

EXCHANGE pair good gent.'s skates, 4 good razors, value 18/-, birds, puppy, anything: Hardy, 157, Ropery-rd., Gainshorough.

TREADLE fretsaw and lathe combined, two speeds, 12/6; exchange Goldfinches or Mules, in song: Hall: Quarry Unstone, Sheffield.

GENUINE old violin and bow, been in family nearly century; exchange Yorkshires, sell £5: Wilson, Rutland-terrace, Filey.

ALL white Fox Terrier dog, 4 months, 15/-; electrician's galvanometer, 25/-; exchange: Askworth, 63, Droitwich-rd., Worcester.

FOR cash or birds: Gencral view of World (1805), geographical, historical, philosophical; saloon rifle: A. Sharpe, Sticking, Boston.

FIVE Yorkshire show cages and travelling case for £; exchange for 4 Norwich, or sell 6/-: Andrews, North-st., Melbourne, Derby.

WHAT offers for pair perforated rubber bandages, 7½ yards long, 3ins. wide, new condition; sell 10/6: Smith, Chequers, Watlington.

WHAT offers in Goldfinch Mules, Finch song, or Goldfinches, for 150 "Cage Birds" and plates: Williamson, Ridding, Alfreton.

EXCHANGE six ivorine handled knives and bread knife for one cock or three hen Canaries: Marsden, 175, St. Philip's-rd., Sheffield.

NEW rifle, 303-bore, Service pattern, Lee-Speed, £3/10/-, worth £5: Mr. Charles Kipp, The Pre Stables, nr. St. Albans, Herts.

NEW sectional aviary, 7ft. by 5ft. by 9ft. 6in., exchange good talking Parrot and cage: Warrillow, 49, Belgrave-rd., Dresden, Staffs.

EXCHANGE fishing rod, 15½ft., cost 16/-, for 3 Border show cages and case, or sell 10/-: A. McGhee, 52, Townhead, Irvine, Ayrshire.

FISHING rod and reel, new, 10/-; exchange cock Hawfinch or cock Siskins: Wilson, 148, Haunch Wood-rd., Stockingford, Nuneaton.

FIVE double and single-sided records, good condition, 6/- lot; exchange anything; useful offers: Aldred, 4, Stovell-avenue, Longeight.

EXCHANGE, new garden gun, No. 1 bore, for good Roller schoolmaster, full song; approval: Baker, 38, Fazeley, nr. Tamworth.

FIELD glasses, in sling case, 15/-; approval, exchange Mules, Goldfinches, Canaries in song: Traveller, 25, Glendish-rd., Tottenham.

NEW Year presents: Ladies' silk blouses, cream or white, 10/6; exchange Canaries, offers: Bramley, 10, Englefield-rd., Kingsland, London.

ATLAS organette, perfect, with 18 metal tunes, 10/6, carriage paid; good yellow Yorkshire hen, 4/6: Burgess, Eastover, Bridgwater.

THIRTY-SIX phonograph records, as new, for Canaries, or anything; sell 12/-; yours first: Wilkins, Gladstone-rd., Chesham, Bucks.

EXCHANGE Hearson's 25 Incubator, as new, for Canaries, Yorkshire preferred; approval: Alf. Thomas, Bryn Tivy House, Cwmpark.

CHRISTMAS presents. Magic lantern, with 48 slides, quite new, cost £1 1/-, sell 12/6; offers invited; letters please: Chadwick, Tool Shop, Market Wrexham.

HARMSWORTH "Self Educator," 48 7d. parts, clean, complete, £1; exchange good Norwich or Rollers: Cawson, Alexandra-st., Goole.

EXCHANGE good hand-made violin, value £3/5/-, for good gramophone and records; genuine: John Bett, Thatcher, Auchtermuchty, Fife.

EXCHANGE phonograph, cost £2/5/-, and 30 records, for good double-barrel breech loader: John Bett, Thatcher, Auchtermuchty, Fife.

ROLLER cock wanted, will give well-bred, wire-haired fox terrier bitch, 3½ months, or sell 7/6: 204, Tamworth-rd., Newcastle-on-Tyne.

TWO gallons privet, Canary hatched Linnets, Canary song, aviary bred (1910) Bullie, H.M. Goldie, sell, exchange: Boddy, Winton-rd., Andover.

WILL exchange two pairs of long-distance flying homers, cost three guineas per pair, for good light Mule: Fred Allen, 156, Porter-st., Hull.

HAIRDRESSER'S outside lamp, opal glass, Hovenden's, No. 3, cost 70/-, in fair condition, sell at 15/-; offers: Hayward, Melksham, Wilts.

EXCHANGE quite new tarpaulin cart sheet, moulted Linnet and Redpoll, for phonograph, watch, anything: Brown, 183, Dorning-st., Wigan.

EDISON Gem phonograph, 12 records, value £1, exchange for good magic lantern, with slides, coloured: E. Holmes, Lund-st., Keighley.

GOOD working terrier for sale, 5/-; or exchange good singing Canary or good Softbill, British, or anything useful: Case, 66, Sybil-st., Carlisle.

EXCHANGE gent.'s silver English Lever watch, value 25/-, for what offers in Norwich Canaries: Green, 18, Leonard's-bldgs., Old Ford-rd., Bow.

FOR sale, or exchange for high-class Canaries, champion pure-bred pedigree maiden bitch, 14 months, picture, 30/-, or offer: Oxford, Dudley.

ABERDEEN Terrier bitch pup, make good brood bitch, 20/-; exchange 2 pairs Norwich Canaries; anything useful: Davison, Hoddenham, Bucks.

CHILD'S cot and mattress, cost 45/-, also single-barrelled breech-loading gun. What offers in birds? Books for birds, send for list: Conly, Pershore.

GOOD Buff Terrier bitch, exchange gramophone, fowls, or high-class Norwich; no rubbish; or sell £1: S. Kerry, 15, Derby-rd., Ripley, Derbyshire.

INDIAN Parrakeet, new large indestructible cage, 12/6; Sandow's grip dumbbells, chart, etc., 6/6, or near offers: Carmen, Hexgreave, Farnsfield, Notts.

GENT.'S new tweed suit, latest fashion, cost £2, 40 waist, 32 leg, sell; exchange Mules, full song, Canaries: Tomson, 42, High-rd., Willesden Green.

PROVISION scales and weights, 28in. high, 20/-: go-chair, 10/-; hutcher's slops, 10/-, new; exchange Canaries; useful offers: 6, Lilford-st., Warrington.

WILL exchange 30 Edison cylinder records for 4 clear yellow Norwich hens, 1911 bred; no rubbish wanted: Bonney, 5, Cliff Park, Wadehridge, Cornwall.

EXCHANGE 3 pairs adults Green Budgerigars, safety razor, 5 blades, and Thrush cage, for Rollers or air gun; offers: Watson, 34, Queen-st., Gateshead.

COLLECTORS.—410 single breech-loader, 17/6; prize bred Yorkshire cock (Schoolmaster), 10/-; exchange disc records: Ernest Whiteley, Crowle, Doncaster.

FOR sale, 5 pairs homers, 1911, 5/- pair, flown Bournemouth; basket, holds 10, 4/-; exchange German hens or Goldfinches: 21, Enfield-st., Roundhay-rd., Leeds.

TO exchange, a black Field Spaniel dog, good pedigree, for good-bred Canaries or breeding cage: W. Timmins, No. 21a, Cottages, Grange Ironworks, nr. Durham.

FAST Whippet Terrier dog, kill anything, clean; exchange Norwich Canaries, or anything useful; offers invited; approval: Underwood, Commercial-rd., Devizes.

PIGSKIN riding saddle, girt, and stirrups, in excellent condition, 15/-, or exchange clap nets or birds to value: apply, E. S. Broughton, 21, Tademarrd., Chelsea.

MAGAZINE camera, 12/6; gold tiepin, 15/-; cycle frame, 12/-; silver curb Albert, 15/-; exchange Canaries and cages; useful offers: Harris, 98, Nursery-rd., Birmingham.

DISC gramophone and typewriter machine, cost £5/10/-, in perfect condition, what offers in Canaries or hybrids or poultry: Powell, 5, Chepstow-rd., Cwmdare, Treorchy.

GOOD lady's free-wheel cycle, tyres and tubes in splendid condition, Bowden brake, 30/-; exchange Canaries, Budgerigars, anything; offers: Minikin, Grape-st., Keighley.

NEW gramophone records, good 10in. and 12in. cheap, or exchange for Mules, singing British, or Canaries; stamp for list: Lambert, 28, Doris-rd., Sparkbill, Birmingham.

CANARIES, Goldfinches, Mules, grand lot, must clear before Christmas; exchange clothing, boots, or offers invited; letters please: Chadwick, Tool Shop, Market Wrexham.

WILL give Fulton's "Pigeons," edited by Lewis Wright, splendid condition, 52 plates, in exchange for pairs Green Singing Finches and Avadavats: Piggin, Acton-st., Wigan.

LARGE Pathe phonograph, good order, 2 trumpets, 3 dozen records; exchange Goldfinches, Linnet, or Goldfinch Mule, cocks; sell 32/-; offers: 11, Franche-Court-rd., Lower Tooting.

WILL give pair new carpet bowls, in exchange for yellow green, or buff green Border Fancy cock; will give little cash also for really good one: Carruthers, Ivy-pl., Lockerbie.

NEW pony saddle, tugs, backband, straps, breast collar, headstall, bridle, reins, 10/6, worth 40/-; exchange Canaries, poultry, provisions: Mrs. Reeder, 29, Balmore-st., Highgate, N.

EXCHANGE two rabbits, good strain Flemish giant does, for Norwich cock or Yorkshire cock: Apply, Mr. E. Neathway, 2, Somerset Villas, Langford-rd., Weston-super-Mare, Somerset.

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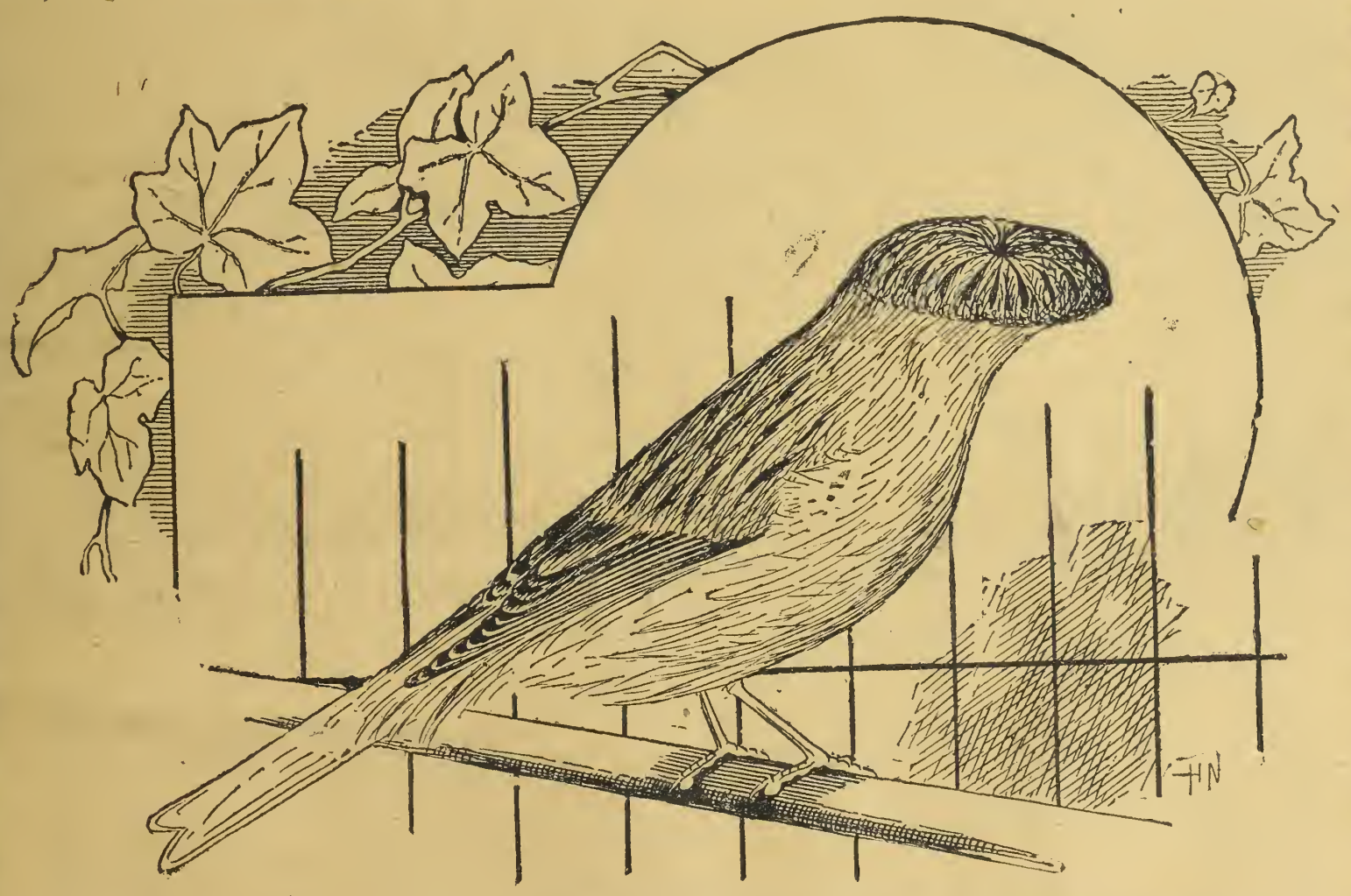
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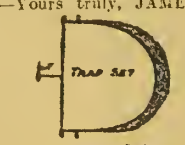
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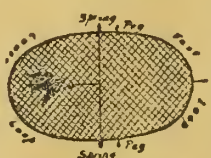
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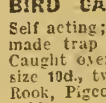
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TO CATCHERS; very steady cock Linnet, caught hundreds, with new back cage, only 2 6 lot; also cock Goldfinch, in full song, a real good call bird, in new call cage, only 3/6 lot; these two birds can earn a living for any man: Fred Allen, 156, Porter-st., Hull.

LARGE Peartree cock Goldfinches and cock Bullfinches, 2/-, 2/6, 3/6 each; hens 1/-, 1/6; large yellow cock Greenfinches and selected cock Brown Linnets, 1/-, 1/6 each; the above are all selected birds, direct from catcher: Morris, 2, Lucas-st., Brinksway, Stockport, Cheshire.

"THE CHAFFINCH," by H. J. Fulljames: Its proper feeding, caging, and management in captivity, with hints on sexing, hand-rearing, moulting, and exhibiting, is contained in Nutshell booklet No. 13, price 2½d. post free, from CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet-st., London, E.C.

"THE GREENFINCH."—By H. J. Fulljames: its proper feeding, caging, and management in captivity, with hints on sexing, breeding, hand-rearing, moulting, and exhibiting; see Nutshell booklet, No. 15, price 2½d. post free: The Publisher, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet-st., London, E.C.

"THE BULLFINCH": Its feeding and management in captivity, with hints on sexing, moulting, hand-rearing, breeding, and exhibiting. Also an account of training it to pipe tunes, is contained in the Nutshell handbook No. 11; price 2½d.: "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet-st., London, E.C.

WINNING Hawfinch, 1st, spl. Hawick, 2nd Carlisle, 3rd Ayr in hard and softbill class, house moulted, 30/-: Siberian Goldfinch, house moulted, 2nd Hawick, breeder, 15/-; Bullfinch, 4th Hawick, 5/-; Norwich pairs 8/-, 10/-, 12/-; giving up; see show reports: Holt, Holland House, Hawick.

"THE LINNET": Its feeding and management in captivity, with hints on sexing, moulting, hand-rearing, and exhibiting. Also an account of treating it for contest singing is contained in Nutshell booklet No. 2, price 2½d., post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet-st., London, E.C.

GOLDFINCHES, direct from Worcestershire, warranted cocks, 1/6, 2/- each, three 4/-, six 7/6, twelve 14/-; few extra specials for keenest competition, 4/-, 5/- each, hens 9d., 1/- each, 8/- dozen; dealers supplied; approval: Haynes Bros., Birdcatchers, Selly Oak, Worcestershire.

LINNETS, warranted red-breasted cocks, 2/6 doz., large well pencilled cocks, picked from hundreds, 3/- doz.; notice, I guarantee satisfaction, replace dead. Send postcard before birds, and 13 to dozen. Orders promptly dispatched: Flinders, Birdcatcher, Scotland-yard, Hollowstone, Nottingham.

HAWFINCH hen, 3rd Peterboro', etc., 8/6; Chaffinch hen, perfect condition, winner, 4/-; Siskin hen, 4-; Twite cock, 5/-; Greenfinch cock 2/6; Reed Bunting cock, 5/-; Yellow Bunting, big winner, £1; Goldfinch, 10/-; inspection invited: Stewart Grahame, 60, Wyndham-rd., Camberwell, London.

LINNETS, Linnets, Linnets, Twites, Twites, Twites. Red-breasted Lincolnshire cock Linnets, best in England, 4/6 dozen, six 2/6, three 1/6; cock Twites (red rumps), 4/- dozen, six 2/3, three 1/3; cock Greenfinches, hen Linnets, hen Twites, 1/6 dozen; hundreds testimonials: Charlie Cubley, Gedney, Holbeach, Lincolnshire.

HANDSOME big, full-coloured cock Goldfinches, fine large birds for showing or muling, 2/-, 2/6; marvellous large fine pencilled Scotch cock Linnets, 1/6, 2/6; some fine steady monster cock Bullfinches, 2/-, 2/6; a few Siberian Goldfinches, fine large birds, 7/-, 10/6; above birds guaranteed, or money returned: express dispatch: Adams, 18, Kilbowie-gdns., Clydebank.

SIBERIAN cock Goldfinches, four 5/6 each; four cock Linnets 1/- each; the following are all house moulted, two cock Linnets, 2/6 each; two cock Siskins, 3/- each; one hen Siberian Goldfinch, 2/6; one each, cocks, Bramblefinch, Chaffinch, Redpoll, Greenfinch; lot, 3/-; approval: Robertson, Baker, Bainsford, Falkirk.

LINNETS, cocks, brown Linnets, with nut-brown backs and beautiful red breasts, 2/6 dozen, picked 3/-, plenty in stock, no waiting; picked for showing out of season's catch, 2/- each, sure to win; post-cards before birds; pair clapnets, 12 yards long, 7ft. deep, staffs, irons, all accessories, ready for use, 15/- bargain: Marshall, 1, Platts-st., Nottingham.

FREE gift; buyers of my contest singing Linnets, at 2/6 each, will receive new hop cage free; will give double-compartment breeding cage with following pairs: Grand pair Norwich Canaries, 7/6; giant Greenfinch and Norwich hen, 5/-; cock Linnet and Roller hen mulers, 5/-; perfect health; cash or deposit: Coombes, Wensleydale-st., West Hartlepool.

W. WARRALL, 43, Henry-st., Carlton Hill, Carlton-rd., Notts, Linnets, Linnets, 16 grand house-moulted cock brown Linnets, winners of several first prizes, large heads and chest, pencilled right through tail, shows no white, Bullfinch type, make Palace winners, 1/- each; 10 large cock Goldfinches, large heads, deep scarlet blaze, well tanned and buttoned, house-moulted, fit for Palace, sure winners, 3/- each; 4, large Lancashire copper cocks, buff, yellow, bred from prize winners, 4/- each. 1911 birds; on approval: cash, deposit.

EXHIBITORS; giant Scotch cock Linnets; the proper sort for show or muling; wonderful depth of colour and pencilling, try one, 1/6 each; several specials, win anywhere, 3/6 each; Mountain Twite, magnificent size and colour, a mass of pencilling, 5/-; monster cock Greenfinch, teeming with colour, 3/-; very large Redpoll, splendid colour, enormous clean cut bib, 3/-; large yellow cock Siskin, house moulted, well laced thighs and wing markings, no bib, 5/-; large highly coloured cock Bullie, 4/-; cock Chaffinch, outstanding size and colour, 3/-. Notice: The above cocks have been selected from enormous catches this last two months. Approval. Cages, 3d. Patronised by all the successful exhibitors: Ross, Bird Specialist, Forres, N.B.

British Exhibitors.

I have thousands of Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Linnets weekly, and can pick likely exhibition specimens. Cock Goldfinches and Bullfinches, 3/-, 4/-, 5/- each; cock Linnets, 1/-, 1/6, and 2/-. Cock Greenfinches, Chaffinches, Redpolls, 1/-, 1/6, 2/-. Large hen Bullfinches, for showing, muling, 2/- and 2/6. See last week's advertisement for proof and testimonials. Hundreds of winners supplied. Est. 1879. —**SANDIFORD, Bird Specialist and Judge, Preston, Lancs.** Tel. 440.

CATCH YOUR OWN.

Large double-compartment trap cage, and two trained call Finches, only 1/6; cock Linnet and trap, 1/3; Goldfinch and trap, 1/9; Nightingale net, 9d.: Broxup, Catcher, Whittlefield, Burnley.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS.

Mr. Nicholson (late of Skipton) having sold me his entire stock of high-class British birds, I have for disposal Bullfinches, Goldfinches, Linnets, Redpolls, Twite, and Greenfinches, also Greenfinch-Canary, Goldfinch-Canary, Redpoll-Goldfinch mules, all winners; see reports in "C.B." Stamp for reply to: England, Scotland-rd., Nelson, Lancs.

EXHIBITION SIBERIAN

Goldfinches perfect gems for size and colouring, 6/6; cocks, mules, picked winners, 8/6, 10/6; live long seed mixture free; deposit or cash to Madam Hermann, Naturalist, 43, Scotts-rd., Leyton, Essex.

C. PRIOR

winner of prizes innumerable himself, who has supplied other winners still more innumerable, having in hand a collection of the usual choice quality far beyond his needs, invites everyone who wishes to invest in a likely winner to communicate with him, enclosing stamp for reply. Goldfinches (including some house moulted), Linnets, Bullfinches, Siskins, Lesser Redpolls, Chaffinches, Greenfinches, Yellowhammers, etc. Range of selection extends from birds for smallest shows to hot candidates for classic honours; prices accordingly, starting at 2/6. Also few champion Siberian Goldfinches, Bullfinches; champions mind, in perfect order and well acclimatised: Hill Farm, Ropley, Hants.

English, Welsh or Irish Cock Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Linnets, Larks, Greenfinches, etc. £100 Reward if anyone can prove us to send out Hens for Cocks or unhealthy birds.

Some real English 1911 cock Goldfinches, sex guaranteed, and healthy, and on seed, price 1/6, three 4/-, six 6/6; extra picked for singing, showing, muling, 2/-, 2/6, 3/-, three 5/-, six 8/-; hens, 8d. and 10d., three 1/6, twelve 5/-; cock Bullfinches, beauties, 1/6, 2/-, and 2/6, three 4/-; hens, 1/-, three 2/6; Redpolls, six 1/6. Grand cock Linnets, price 8d., 10d., 1/- each, three 1/6, six 2/3, twelve 4/-; grand upstanding cock Larks, caged off, singing, 6d., 9d., 1/-, each, three 1/4, six 2/-, twelve 3/-; all guaranteed. Note: Every bird above I guarantee in every way. It does not pay me to supply rubbish. Wire cages for any of above, 1/-, 1/3, 1/6, 1/9, 2/-. Shutter Lark cages, beauties, 2/-; beautiful box cages, 2/-. Seed grinding mills, worked in three grades, 1/6. Patronised by all leading judges, exhibitors, etc., including 1911 Crystal Palace. Judges Vaidy, Benson, Battye, Payne, Roe, Barnes, Irons, etc., all noted Crystal Palace judges. See last week's advertisement for testimonials. Send for catalogue. Est. 1879. Tel. 440.—**SANDIFORD, Bird Specialist and Judge, Preston, Lancs.**

Softbills.

PURE white Lark, very rare, £6; worth £20 to a publican for advert.: Glover, 37, St. Peters-st., Leeds.

LARGE upstanding cock Larks 2/6 dozen; have supplied dealers and fanciers over 30 years: E. Rowe, West-st., Chatteris.

LARKS. Larks. Grand cock Larks, clean and healthy, 2/6 dozen, can supply weekly: George Rowe, Birdcatcher, Chatteris.

COCK Thrushes, 3/- half-dozen, selected Thrushes, Blackbirds, 1/- each, on food: William Wright, 54, Shellfield-rd., Marcheside, Southport.

DEVONSHIRE Woodlarks, warranted cocks, 2/6 each, in song 3 6 each; hens 7/- dozen; Bullfinches 2/- pair: Marles, 4, Park-st., Crediton.

Real Siberian Cock Goldfinches, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-, 8/-, 10/-.
Real Siberian Cock Bullfinches, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6.
Real Siberian Hen Bullfinches, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6.

I am the only real direct importer of above in England, direct from Siberia to Preston. No middle London men profit on above, and no picking at them only by me. Lots are offering Siberians, which are only small, dirty Russians. I sell Russian cock Goldfinches, 3/- and 4/- each; Russian cock Bullfinches, 3/-, 4/- each. Wholesalers requiring 3 or more of above, send for special quotation. See last week's advt. for testimonials. Show cages for any of above, 2/-; three, 5/6. Established 1879. Telephone 440.

SANDIFORD, Bird Specialist and Judge, Preston, Lancs.

WINNING Yellow Bunting cock, feathered to perfection, has some 20 honours to his credit, sacrifice 20/-: Hawkes, 390, Grove Green, Leytonstone.

SPLENDID pairs of Blue Tits and Marsh Tits, 2/6 pair; warranted meated off, fit for keenest competition: Kerschbaumer, 14, Forest-rd., Torquay.

LARGE healthy cock Larks, 2/6 dozen, plenty in stock; double breeding cage, 6 tinnet cages, all clean, in good condition, lot 5/-: C. Brightwell, Beck Row, Mildenhall, Suffolk.

FEED your birds on "Stamin," Mr. O. Millsum's ideal insectile food; used daily in Everberg Aviaries for over one hundred distinct species of insectivorous birds. See advert. under Foods.

EIGHTEEN mixed aviary birds, 1/-, nine for 6d.; Blue Tits, Oxeye Tits, Robins, 1/- pair; Blackbirds and Song Thrushes, selected songsters, 1/- each: George Fenn, East End, Isleham, Cambs.

GOLDEN Oriol hen, tame, 30/-; Wrens, 5/- pair; Reed, Yellow Buntings, Robins, Larks, Great Tits, 1/- pair; Snow Buntings, 3/6 pair; list 30 species free: Miss Rosey, Rosemary-hse., Eastbourne.

ON receipt of 1/6 I will send securely packed, with food and moisture, the largest and loudest singing cock Skylark ever seen or heard, like a Thrush, splendid shop attraction and show specimen; or with his new joiner-made cage, 4/6; approval willingly, including free my valuable feeding secret, which keeps them in full song ten months out of twelve: Wood, Cross-st., Dunstable.

A GOOD singing Skylark, Thrush, or Blackbird has a cheering influence on any home. Have you one of these birds? If so, and you wish it to sing its best, you must treat it properly, giving it the proper food and the proper cage. For full particulars get our "Nutshell" booklets, number 3 "The Skylark," and number 4, "The Song Thrush and Blackbird," 2½d. each, post free: CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet-street, London, E.C.

SNOW BUNTINGS.

Fine selected Snow Buntings, cocks 2/-, hens 1/-, pairs 2/6: Broxup, Catcher, Whittlefield, Burnley.

Miscellaneous.

TWELVE Classes, Wishaw Show, 30th December. See advert.

MAGPIE, cock, 1911, commencing to talk, 7/-; cock Goldfinch, 4/-: Coe, Gonerby Hill Foot, Grantham.

BRITISH for sale. Large assortment, Haw and other Finches, Thrush, Blackbird, Linnet, Lark; send for list: Conly, Pershore.

NOTICE. Cock Larks, Linnets, singing loud, 1/- each; Canaries, full song, 5/6, 6/6, hens 2/-, 2/6: Brain, 288, Lichfield-rd., Aston, Birmingham.

COCK Blackbirds, Song Thrushes, Yellowhammers, 6d. each, 3 for 1/3, 5s. doz.; genuine cock Larks, 2/6 doz.; cock Yellowhammers, 3s. doz.: Williams, New-st. Aviaries, Chatteris, Cambs.

GOLDFINCHES, cage-moulted, 5/-; Chaffinch, 2/6; hen Lapland, 1st Dulwich, 5/-; young light yellow varicgated Mule, 30/-; Hawfinches, all good birds: Botting, 11, Ulric-st., Camberwell, S.E.

MR. P. MULCAHY, 78, Kirwan Street, Dublin, has got the following exhibition Britishers for sale—Chough, Magpie (1st, spl., 2nd at Bradford National), Linnet, Bramblefinch and Hawfinch; stamp reply.

EXHIBITORS, Yellow Bunting, good head markings, 1/-; cock Twite, gem, 1/6; Lesser Redpoll, can win, 1/6; cock Chaffinch, gem, 1/6; Snow Bunting, grand one, 1/6, any on approval willingly: Fred Allen, 156, Porter-st., Hull.

COCK Greenfinches, 1/- dozen; cock Goldfinches, 2/6, 3/-; hens, 9d.; splendid yellow beaked cock Blackbirds and Song Thrushes, 1/-, three 2/-; selected cocks, Linnets, Chaffinches, Greenfinches, Yellow Buntings, Robins, Larks; pairs, 9d.: Hobden, Ivy Cottage, Winchelsea-rd., Norway, Eastbourne.

GIVING up British: Colour-fed, two Chaffinches 2/6, 5/-; Bramblefinch, Greenfinch, Redpoll, Snow-bunting, Thrush, 5/- each; Yellowhammer, 3/-; unfed Siskin, 4/-; field-moulted Bullfinch, Linnet, 4/- each; Siberian Goldfinch, 12/6; winning specimens with cards: D. MacKercher, Postal Staff, Aberdeen.

COCK Goldfinches, Bullfinches, 1/6, 2/- each, hens 9d., 1/- each; Redbreasted Linnets, Chaffinches, Greenfinches, Yellowhammers, Skylarks, Redpolls, all cocks, 6d. each, hens 1/- dozen; cock Thrushes, Blackbirds, 1/- each; in song, 1/6; all approval: Haynes Bros., Birdcatchers, Selly Oak, Worcestershire.

WARRANTED cock Brown Linnets, in full song and nice new cage, 2/-; cock Chaffinches and new cage, 1/6; cock Bullfinches, 2/-, hens 1/-; pair Yellow Budgerigars, 10/-; cock Goldfinch, hen Canary, bred mules, 8/6; h.m. Twite cock 2/-; wanted, catchers for British: Halls' Central Bird Stores, Patricroft, Manchester.

GIVING up British, whole stock for sale, including winners, mostly H.M. cocks, Bramblefinch 7/6, Linnet 3/-, Greater Tit 2/6, Twite 2/6, Mealy 2/6, Lesser 1/6, Lark 1/6, Reed Bunting 1/6, Chaffinch 1/6, 3 Greenfinches 4/6; hens, Bullfinch 2/6, Chaffinch 1/-, 4 Greenfinches 3/-; separate or one lot 20/-: Allan Thomson, Academy-st., Larkhall, N.B.

NOTICE. Cock Goldfinches, Bullfinches, 1/6, selected 2/-; house-moulted Goldfinches 2/6, hens 1/-, selected 1/6; red-breasted Linnets, Bramblefinches, Yellowhammers, 6d. each, hens 3d.; house-moulted Linnets 1/6; cock Chaffinches, Redpolls, Skylarks, Starlings, 5d. each, 3 for 1/-; hens 2d.; Greenfinches, pair, 4d.; cock Thrushes, Blackbirds, 1/-; above birds fit for show, and caged August; singing nicely, 6d. extra; trap-cages 6d. each; spring net traps 1/-; approval, deposit: Gould, Birdcatcher, Holdford-rd., Witton, Birmingham.

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.

Guaranteed cock Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Woodlarks, 1/6, 2/6, 14/- and 18/- dozen; Siskins, 2/6, 3/6; Skylarks, Linnets, 8d., 1/-, 4/- dozen; Greenfinches, Redpolls, 4d. 2/- dozen; Mules, Roller Canaries, 5/-, 48/- dozen; Hybrids, winners, 50/-: Irwin's Aviaries, Lurgan.

W. FENN, BECK ROW.

Cock Linnets, warranted cocks, 4/- dozen; Redpolls 2/6, Yellowhammers 2/6, Larks 2/6, one dozen bright aviary birds, well mixed, 1/-: W. Fenn, Beck Row, Mildenhall, Suffolk.

GOLDFINCHES BULLFINCHES,

Linnets, etc.; beautiful full coloured cock Goldfinches, 2/-, 2/6, three 5/-, six 8/6; large, specially selected from hundreds; for muling, showing, singing 3/-, 4/- each, three 6/-, six 11/-; hens 1/-, three 2/6, 6/- doz.; cock Bullfinches, like paint, 1/6, 2/-, three 3/9, six 6/6, 12/6 doz.; hens 1/-, three 2/6, six 4/6; large Lancashire cock Linnets, 9d., three 1/9, six 2/6, 4/6 doz.; specially selected cock Linnets for showing or muling, 1/6, 2/- each; cock Larks, 6d., three 1/-, six 1/6, 2/6 doz; bird-lime, 1/8 lb., 1/- ½lb., 7d. ¼lb.; postage free; Siberian cock Goldfinches for showing or muling, square-cut blaze, well tanned and mooned, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6 each; German hen Bullfinches, 2/- each: Mat Hopkins, Bird Specialist and Cage Maker, 11, Fylde-st., Preston, Lancashire.

CANARIES.

Belgians.

FOR sale, 20 high-class Belgians, same strain as my winners: Lady Verbees, Grens 56 Mortsel, Antwerp, Belgium.

HIGH shouldered Belgians, 3 1sts, different birds at Belfast this season: H. McConnell, 193, Templemore-avenue, Belfast.

Border Fancy.

EIGHT Classes, Wishaw Show, 30th December. See advert.

MR. A. McCULLY, of 25, Greenfield-rd., St. Helens, has Cinnamon Borders for sale.

I HAVE for sale 3 buff hens, 2 yellow cocks, and 1 buff cock, prices reasonable: Apply, A. Watson, 167, Links-st., Kirkcaldy.

BORDERS, cocks 5/-, hens 2/6, all colours, matched pairs 7/6; Norwich cocks 7/6, 5/-, hens 7/6, 5/-: Douglas, Bridge-st., Brechin.

PRIZE bred clear, yellow, and buff cocks and hens; father second Crystal Palace 1911; price cheap: Hay, 40, Larkhall Rise, Clapham, S.W.

YELLOW cock, 1911, grand type, full of colour and quality, in pink of condition; Patterson strain; 10/6, bargain; approval: Rea, Embleton, Cockermouth.

WINNING Borders, over 100 for sale, clears, variegated and greens, cocks from 7/6, hens from 5/6; approval, stamp: Cunningham, 6, Barclay-st., Paisley.

SEVERAL high-class clear, even marks, and varieg. buff cocks and hens for sale, cheap; approval; see report Cumnock, Kilmarnock, etc.: Montgomery, Mance-lane, Muirkirk.

CHAMPION Borders, also show birds, clears, marks, and yellow cinnamons; a few selected pairs cheap to clear; all on approval, deposit: J. H. Pearson, 24, Longthwaite-rd., Wigton, Cumberland.

PRIZE Borders, clears, marks, cinnamons, smart pairs, from 10/-; best strains in the fancy; see reports Gateshead; stock cocks from 4/6, hens 2/6; approval: Roberts, Gwyddfor, Penygroes, North Wales.

GREEN Borders. I have supplied winners at leading shows this season, and have still few left; some grand birds, either exhibition or stock, pairs or singly; reasonable; approval before payment: Green, 36, Lord Nelson-st., Liverpool.

RELINQUISHING: 140 Borders, best strains in the Fancy of cinnamons, greens, clears, and marks; winners everywhere, Palace, National, City, etc.; see show reports; will entertain offers for all in one lot, pairs or single birds; your chance to secure the best at a low price; stamp reply: Walter S. Wilson, Glendyne, Hamilton.

EVEN-MARKS, GREENS,

and their production are fully described in **"The Border Fancy Canary,"** which also defines the standard. You will find fullest hints in our "Nutshell" booklet No. 23, concerning the keeping of your birds in health and song. **Post free, 2½d.,** from the Publisher, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet-st., London, E.C.

Cinnamons.

CINNAMONS, yellows, and buffs, cocks and hens, from winners, from 10/- each; approval: E. L. A. Crow, Lowestoft.

CINNAMON CRESTS.—Breeder, William Tatman, 111, Midland Road, Wellingborough. Few birds for sale.

Crests and Crestbreds.

BREEDER'S CARD.

WILLIAM TATMAN, 11, Midland Road, Wellingborough, has for disposal few good Crests and Crest-breds, yellows and buffs, cocks and hens.

FIVE Classes, Wishaw Show, 30th December. See advert.

CRESTS and Crest-breds for sale, very moderate price: H., 435, Old Kent Road.

HAMMETT, Victoria-lawn, Barnstaple, has Crested and Crest-bred hens for sale, approval.

GEO. GOULDEN can spare few Crests and Crestbreds; approval: Edenhall, Langworthy, Cumberland.

A. LISTER, 106, Rectory Road, Gateshead, has extra good Crests and Crestbreds from 10/-; pairs from 20/-; approval.

CRESTS and Crest-breds, few pairs or single for sale, price reasonable: deposit: H. Mais, 63, Northumberland-st., Nottingham.

1911 CREST cock, variegated, 6/-; better crest 1911 hen, 6/6; the two 11/-: Wm. Danks, 14, Smithterr., Rutherglen, Glasgow.

TWO pairs of Crests, 15/- pair; odd cock; hens from 7/6, Barnett's strain: Richer, 29, Sweet Briar Walk, Edmonton; approval.

HAVING had a remarkable breeding season, I have ten pairs of Crests, also several single birds for sale: J. Brotherton, 17, Park-st., Bolton.

LARGE Buff Green Crestbred cock, plenty of feather, £1: also good bred Norwich, approval: Howard, Lawson-avenue, Long Eaton.

NOTED champion Crests and Crestbreds, will sell cheap, state your wants; approval: C. Roberts, Stannah Hey, Newton Drive, Blackpool.

NOTICE.—Grand lot Crests and Crest-breds, many winners, prices low; easy payments taken; approval: McKeand, Seabright Villa, Castle-Douglas.

VARIEGATED Crest-bred cock, winner, £5; variegated cock, good stock bird, 70/-; 1911 ditto, 50/-; see reports; approval: F. G. Bale, 66, Victoria-st., Barnstaple.

CRESTS and Crestbreds, best blood, can spare a few pairs and cocks, from 60/- and 30/-; state price prepared to give; stamp: Rev. G. W. Joyce, Wellington, Somerset.

E. L. A. CROW, Lowestoft, has 3 pairs 1910, 1911 birds, 20/- pair; a few feathery Crest-bred cocks from 10/-; approval; all own breeding from my winners at the principal shows.

BREEDER of Crests for 30 years having bred scores of winners and won hundreds of prizes; have some nice young birds for sale, prices to suit everybody, on approval: G. Williams, 50, Lower Union-st., Torquay.

T. J. King, Ingogo, Cheltenham, not wishing to exhibit this season, has several grand show Crests, big winners, for disposal; also about 100 stock birds. His stock can be viewed and a selection made by appointment.

CHAMPION Crests, very massive, clear buff, light crested hen 1911, large head, crest end of beak, very healthy, £4; approval; few other, cocks or hens, no better strain in England: T. Billington, Hambleton, Poulton-le-Fylde.

IF you are wanting either a very good or a very cheap Crest or Crestbred, please send for list, or state requirements, as I can undoubtedly supply you, as you cannot be supplied elsewhere: W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

CRESTBRED hen, 8/6; grizzle Crest hen, 10/6; 2 Crest hens, 8/6, 12/6; Crestbred cock, 15/-; Crest cock, 10/-; all related to winners; 4 feeding hens, 7/6; three singing cocks, 4/6 each, 12/- the three: Bewick, 144, Esk-st., Windy Nook, Gateshead.

MAGNIFICENT pair correctly matched high-class Crests, very heavily feathered, rare type and quality of feather, certain to breed winners, Barnett's Palace winning strain, only 15/-, honestly worth £2; genuine bargain; approval: Cooper, 29, Junction-rd., Norwich.

HAVING had a successful breeding time, I must reduce my stock of Crest and Crest-bred, no better blood can be bought at double price; pairs from 15/-, single birds from 7/6, on approval; deposit with Editor: Tetin, 124, Chestnut-ave., Forest Gate, Essex.

CHAMPION CRESTS
AND CRESTBREDS.

Monster 1911 variegated dark Crested cock, immense crest, rare type and quality of feather, only 42/-, honestly worth £5 for stock alone; massive feathery dark Crested cock, 1911 bred, large neat drooping crest, 25/-; large dark Crested cock, nice neat crest, 15/-; extra choice exhibition dark Crested hen, immense neat drooping crest, 45/-; massive feathery dark Crested hen, large neat drooping crest, 30/-; large dark Crested hen, lovely neat crest, 15/-; monster clear 1911 Crestbred cock, immense size, simply smothered in feather, 21/-; massive feathery variegated 1911 Crestbred cock, turnover to end of beak, 17/6; large variegated 1911 Crestbred cock, rare type and quality of feather, 12/6; monster variegated 1911 Crestbred hen, marvellous head feather, of the right quality, 21/-; massive feathery clear 1911 Crestbred hen, rare size and quality of feather, 10/6; large variegated 1911 Crestbred hen, exceptionally well bred, 12/6; many of the above are winners, and can soon win their cost; also many other massive feathery cocks and hens for stock or exhibition, from 7/6 to £5 each; all are perfectly healthy and cold room bred: Palace winning strain; hundreds of unsolicited testimonials received from breeders and exhibitors who have been supplied by me; state your requirements fully, and I will guarantee satisfaction; approval, cash or deposit: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich.

Greens.

TYPICAL foul Norwich Greens, for sale cheap: Miles, St. Andrew's, Norwich.

HELLIWELL'S Yorkshire Greens, a few good birds left, also clears; approval; related to my winners: Boothtown, Halifax.

YORKSHIRE Greens, singles or pairs, for sale, reasonable (see L.C.B.A. report): Geoff Benson, 7, Sandheys-rd., Liscard, Cheshire.

FIRST class show birds in Yorkshire, Norwich and Border Greens, approval three days; stamp: 7, Thompson-st., Birkenhead.

YORKSHIRE and Norwich, show or stock birds, best blood in the Fancy; come and inspect them: Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool.

WARDALE'S NOTED STRAIN.

All Mr. Wardale's winners and stock birds, including last year's Palace winner, for sale; state wants: Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool.

ROWLAND'S STRAIN.

The finest winning strain of Green Yorkshires on the show bench. See reports weekly. I have purchased the whole surplus stock of Mr. Rowland's, and offer them for sale at reasonable prices, singles or pairs: Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool.

Lancashires.

FRED HAMER, 35, Pitts-st., Oldham, has for sale some really good Lancashires; sell in pairs or lot.

EXCELLENT buff coppy hen, young, large bird, good head, from winners, approval, 21/-: Naden, 18, Royd's-st., Rochdale.

Lizards.

CHAMPION Lizards for show or stock; same strain as my cup and diploma winners; from 15/6 pair; stamp: John Dewsnap, 68, Princess-st., Glossop.

NINETEEN gold and silver Lizards, Barnes's strain, directly related to his Crystal Palace winners; also show cages, travelling cases, double and single breeders, offers for lot; pairs or single; must sell; no reasonable offer refused: Henry Cooke, 12, Oxford-rd., May Bank, Stoke-upon-Trent.

W. P. BARNES.

Cage Bird Judge, breeder of champion Lizards; properly matched pairs from 17/6, hens from 6/-; every bird from my champion strain; no better obtainable; every bird in perfect health and condition; approval: 23a, London-rd., Grantham.

Norwich.

BREEDERS' CARD.

E. BAKER, 14, High Street, Cowes, I.W., Breeder and Exhibitor High-class Norwich Plainheads, winner at most big shows. Write for prices.

J. HODDER, Breeder of Champion Norwich, winner of championships; some nice birds cheap; approval: 6, Banner-st., St. Luke's, London, E.C.

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W. READ, Chellowdene, York-road, Guildford, breeder and exhibitor of high-class Norwich; surplus stock only for sale; over 100 to select from; seen any time; from 15/6 pair; approval.

L. J. RICHARDSON, breeder high-class Norwich; 50 birds for sale; see wins Oxford, London Federation and Brighton, etc; bowl winner, etc; single birds from 15/-, pairs from 30/-.—Post Office, 91, Union-rd., Rotherhithe.

SEVEN Classes, Wishaw Show, 30th December. See advert.

FIVE pairs of Norwich, 30/- lot to clear: F. Cunningham, Plaxtol, nr. Sevenoaks, Kent.

SIX young buff hens, bred from the best, 5/- each to clear: Steed, 62, Summerfield-st., Lee, London.

CLEAR yellow hens, six big typical birds for sale, approval; stamp reply: Fernie, Sandy-rd., Renfrew.

WINNERS, and bred from winners, very cheap to clear; approval, stamp: Cable, St. James-rd., Forfar.

E. GODLEY has few grand Norwich for disposal, single or pairs, also Cinnamons: Risbton, Blackburn.

McCULLY, 169, Windleshaw-rd., St. Helens, has 20 good Norwich for sale, also Yorkshires; cheap taking lot.

WINDSOR 2nd winning yellow Norwich cock, great sacrifice, 20/-: Hawkes, 390, Grove Green, Leytonstone.

TWENTY prize-bred Norwich hens, 2/- to 7s.; cocks, 4/- to 10-: T. Memory, 1, Granby Houses, Dane-st., Leicester.

HENRY, 52, Sixth-avenue, Bush Hill Park. 11 Norwich cocks, good strains, 1911, healthy, large birds, full song.

THREE pairs Norwich, Vardy's strain, 1911, 15/- each; 2 pairs 10/- each: Holmes, Fletcher-st., Heanor, nr. Notts.

A FEW typical Norwich for sale, young birds from 10/-; all colours: R. Hamilton, 16, Greenhill-rd., Rutherglen.

NORWICH, 10 pairs, 1911 birds, clean and healthy, cold-room, 6/6 pair; approval: Willis, 63, Dorothy-rd., Leicester.

GREAT sacrifice, pair of C.F. Norwich, 2nd Halstead, last week, accept 15/-: Hawkes, 390, Grove Green, Leytonstone.

EXCEPTIONAL bargain, C.F. Norwich cock, winner, 20/- selling, last week, accept, 10/-: Hawkes, Grove Green, Leytonstone.

SHOW or stock Norwich, Bullfinch type, cheap; state your wants to C. Roberts, Stannah Hey, Newton Drive, Blackpool.

NORWICH. A few for sale: stock or songsters; cocks 6/6, pairs 10/6; inspection invited: Spencer, Farnah Green, Belper.

TEN Norwich cocks, 1911, Davies's strain; first P.O. 50/- gets them, or deposit: Bentley, 6, Hodgkinson-rd., Kirkby, Notts.

LARGE unflighted Norwich, colour fed, buff cocks 5/6, hens 3/- each; approval anywhere: Smith, 102, Russell-st., Northampton.

A FEW surplus single or pairs from winner; cheap to clear; approval: Ward, 21, Warwick-st., Pimlico, nr. Victoria-station.

TWENTY young well-bred 1911 Canaries, majority cocks, for sale, 5/- each: Whitechurch, The Cottage, Fordham, Soham, Cambs.

PRIZE bred Norwich Canaries; cocks, in full song, 4/-, 5/- each; hens, same strain, 1/6, 2/- each: Heathcote's Aviaries, Leicester.

PRIZE bred Norwich, 15/- pair; separate cocks or hens from 7/6: Hayward, 21, Marlborough-avenue, Manley Park, Manchester.

TWENTY Norwich hens, 1910 and '11, from good stock, 3/- each; inspection invited: F. Skull, 29, Farleigh-road, Stoke Newington.

NOTICE.—Grand lot Norwich, many winners, prices low; easy payments taken; approval: McKeand, Seabright Villa, Castle-Douglas.

LARGE buff variegated cocks, yellow cocks, 5/6 each; yellow green hen, 6/-; approval: Garden, 42, Esslemont-avenue, Aberdeen.

GIVING up Norwich. Have very good birds to dispose of, cocks from 10/-, hens from 5/-: McClure, "Barnweil," Prestwick, Ayrshire.

NORWICH cup winners, Metropolitan C.B.A.; show or stock; 10 pairs; approval; from 10/-: W. McMillan, 29, Kilmaine-rd., Fulham.

UNFLIGHTED buff Norwich cocks, colour fed, healthy, 4/6 each, three 13/-; approval, deposit: Smith, 102, Russell-st., Northampton.

GOOD Norwich for sale own breeding, suitable for shows; hens from 4/6, cocks from 6/6; approval: J. Day, Farnham-rd., Bury St. Edmunds.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich Plainheads, my breeding, satisfaction everywhere sent, 7/6 pair; approval: Mark Bennett, Broughton Astley, Leicester.

GARDINER'S strain, winner of the Scottish Plainhead Club president's prize, prices from 15/-, pairs 30/-: New-bldgs., Newtongrange, Midlothian.

GOOD unflighted Norwich cocks and hens, fed, own breeding, healthy, cheap, inspection any time: Knight, 46, Spencer-rd., Kentish Town, N.W.

BUY from the breeder, same strain as my winners; cocks from 7/6, hens from 5/-; cash or deposit: Twine, 38, Carlingford-rd., Hucknall Torkard.

LARGE Norwich stock birds, colour fed; cocks, 7/-; hens, 4/-; pairs, 10/- each; any worth double; approval: Moore, Beer-off, Gordon-rd., Nottingham.

GOOD clears, buffs, and variegated cocks, from 7/6; hens from 3/6 upwards; can be seen through the holidays: White, 3, Cornwallis Green, Edmonton.

W. MILES, Aviaries, Chichester, has a grand lot of Norwich for disposal, including many winners, single from 10/-, pairs from 15/-; state wants; approval.

FROM my winning strain; unflighted buff cock, two buff hens, and four green hens; what offers, or would separate; approval: Walker, 197, Great Homer-st., Liverpool.

PRIZE bred Norwich, good type and large 1911 birds, cold-room bred, cocks 8/6, hens 5/-, approval; cash or deposit: J. Lawry, Hiogan Highway, Redruth, Cornwall.

BEAUTIFUL clean cut hens, short wings and tails, good heads, from 5/-; cocks from 7/6; approval, deposit; stamp reply: F. Tesseyman, Church Hill, Camp-rd., Leeds.

BARGAIN: 3 cocks, 6 hens, cold-room bred, Norwich (unflighted), make champion breeders, 24/-, or 4/- cocks and 2/- hens: John Gillies, Spring Well, Stewarton, N.B.

HAVE still some splendid Norwich cocks and hens for sale, bred from good strains, 2 buff green hens (Martin's strain). No Sunday visitors: Thorn, Victoria-bldgs., Lenzie.

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DEALERS supplied with clean, strong, healthy, typical colour-fed Norwich Plainheads, large or small quantities; prices on application; all cold room bred: Cooper, 29, Junction-rd., Norwich.

PRIZE bred Norwich Canaries, cocks, warranted in full song, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6 each; hens, same strain, 2/-, 3/-, 4/- each; satisfaction guaranteed: Fred Johnson, 22, Goswell-st., Leicester.

S. PRINCE has few nice pairs Norwich to spare; few odd cocks, bred same and related to his winners; price reasonable; state requirements or call: 16, Burnthouse-rd., Heaton, Derbyshire.

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THIRTY-FOUR awards in two weeks; see reports, City of Glasgow, Kilmarnock, Ayr, Uddingston, Broughty-Ferry, Burnley, Springburn, Glasgow and West; all birds bred for type and quality; good heads, necks, wings; state wants; prices reasonable: Barron, 119, Montrose-st., Glasgow.

MAGNIFICENT cobby 1911 exhibition buff Norwich cock, real gem, only 12/6; grand stout yellow hen, rare type and quality, only 8/6, or 20/- the pair; also massive yellow cock, 1911 bred, grand colour and quality, only 10/6; also monster buff hen, rare size and quality of feather, only 6/6, or 16/- the pair; rare chance for beginners; genuine bargains; approval: Cooper, 29, Junction-rd., Norwich.

FRANK F. LAWSON has still a large stock of well-bred birds to sell, cheap; can supply beginners with matched pairs, fit to breed winners, from 15/- per pair; single birds from 7/6; no better strain in the Fancy; stamped inquiries solicited: 14, Pugin-st., Carlisle.

A. L. HAWKES offers any of his high-class winning Norwich or Yorkshires and others for stock or exhibitions, feathered to perfection, none reserved, inspection especially invited during this holiday if unable to pay a visit, write for this season's testimonials and state wants: 390, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

MR. HAWKES offers some grand typical C.F. Norwich, real gems for size, style and type, bred from related and equal to my present-day winners; see reports; buff and yellow cocks 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 25/-; hens 5/-, 7/6, 10/-, 15/- each; these are of exceptional merit and quality; approval: 390, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

EXTRA large Norwich, some real typical yellow cocks, unflighted, clear or marked, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; some grand big buff cocks, clear marked and foul greens, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; unflighted; some extra big yellow hens, also buffs, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/-; inspection invited; approval, with cash or deposit: 24, Brynn-st., St. Helens

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Prize bred Norwich Canaries, true pairs, 7/- to 10/-, trade supplied: Broxup, 24, Pendle-st., Burnley.

J. TRENGOVE & SON.

A few birds for sale: approval; stamp: 7, High-st., Risbton, near Blackburn.

HIGH-CLASS NORWICH.

Having had good breeding season (112), also good share of prizes (43), have some good birds for sale; prices reasonable; approval, stamp: Irons, Ivy-rd., Northampton.

P. W. JEFFRIES.

Typical Norwich, 8 firsts, 6 seconds, 4 thirds, 5 fourths awarded this season, out of 28 entries, few for disposal; cocks from 10/6, hens 6/6; inspection invited: 31, Brighton-rd., Stoke Newington.

A. W. CURTIS.

Unflighted buff cock, 2nd Clapham open champion class of 22, 2nd Fed. show class of 17; unflighted yellow cock, 3rd Clapham, 1st at Federation show, two for £6: 8, Fabian-rd., Fulham.

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Good value given, and every bird guaranteed as represented; a few buff cocks from 15/- to 40/-; yellow cocks, 15/-, 30/-, 40/-; bred from and related to my winners at Manchester, Glasgow, Kilmarnock, Darvel, Ayr, etc.: Watson, Arbuckle-st., Kilmarnock.

A. PAYNE & SON.

Champion Norwich for show or stock: Fanciers desirous of obtaining reliable typical birds should give us a trial; Cocks, 6/-, 7/6, 10/6, 20/-, upwards; hens, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6, upwards; specially selected pairs for breeding from, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, upwards; songsters speciality; approval; satisfaction guaranteed; dealers supplied: 24, Clarke-rd., Norwich.

HIGH-CLASS NORWICH.

Can spare following real tip-top specimens, all very large and substantial, the right sort and my own breeding and stock birds, and all can hold their own in good competition. Very large, massive, clear yellow cock, 1910, bot colour and good quality, 30/-; another at 35/-; two massive buff cocks, clears, 1910 show birds, wonderful substance, head and colour, 40/- each; extra good buff hen, 1910, a breeder and feeder, 40/-; yellow hen, clear, a marvel of type, colour, and quality, 40/-, dirt cheap; to make room I have a large number of stock pairs at 12/6 a pair, real bargains; my own strain; see wins at Burnley, Bolton, Rochdale, Manchester, Sheffield, Preston, Gt. Harwood, Derby, etc. Winner of Whitehead challenge cup, 1910; inspection invited or approval: R. Allen, 196, Blackburn-rd., Bolton.

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Reliable high-class Norwich at low prices, cocks 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6; hens, 2/6, 3/-, 3/6, 4/-, 4/6; all on 7 days' approval at my risk; illustrated list post free: Miss Storey, Crowle, Doncaster.

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NORWICH.

WANTED.

Unflighted buff cock, short and massive in build, exceptional head and neck; state price, etc., to "Thick," 54, Battersea Park-rd., S.W.

Pure Norwich



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Monster 1911 exhibition clear yellow cock, large broad head, deep chest, rare type and quality, one of the best seen this season, sure winner in keenest competition, only £3, honestly worth £5; also massive 1911 exhibition marked yellow cock, massive head and neck, rare depth of chest, grand colour, type, and quality, truly a gem, only 55/-, honestly worth double; also monster stock yellow cock, rare size and substance, champion stock birds, only 30/-, recently cost £3; also slashing 1911 exhibition clear buff cock, real model for type and quality, make a champion, only 50/-, can soon win his cost; also massive 1911 exhibition marked buff cock, massive head and neck, immense depth of chest, grand type and quality of feather, only 45/-, dirt cheap; also monster stock buff cock, immense size, only 25/-, honestly worth £3 for stock alone; champion exhibition 1911 yellow hen, immense size, perfect type and quality, grand colour, and rare depth of chest, one of the best youngsters living, only £3; also monster exhibition 1910 yellow hen, immense size, rare type and quality, winner many prizes, only 46/-, recently cost £4; also monster exhibition yellow hen and buff hen, both of rare size, grand type and quality, rare depth of chest, sure winners in keen competition, only 25/- each; also champion exhibition 1911 buff hen, real model for type and quality, grand size, and colour, sure winner in keenest competition, truly a gem, only 45/-, simply given away; also monster exhibition 1910 buff hen, immense size, grand colour, type, and quality feathered like silk, winner many prizes, only 35/-, honestly worth £4 for stock alone; also several monster yellow and buff hens, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, and 21/- each; also massive yellow and buff cocks, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, 21/-, and 30/- each; also several real good correctly matched pairs at 21/-, 25/-, and 30/- a pair, including many winners. Rare chance for beginners. All the above are strong and healthy, and in perfect condition. All cold room bred. Hundreds of unsolicited testimonials received from well-known breeders and exhibitors. Many noted winners, including Palace and other leading shows have been supplied by me, and for size, type, and quality I defy competition. State your requirements fully, and I will guarantee to give you full satisfaction. Approval, cash or deposit: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich.

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TWO hens, Walton strain, excellent sitters, 3/- each: Skipworth, Grasby, Lincoln.

PURE Seiferts, 1 cock 10/6, 5 hens 2/6 each, all rung, approval: Hazell, 123, Leverson-st., Streatham.

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GRAND singing Canary cheap, 12/6, or winning British; offers please: F. Cane, 7, St. John-rd., W. Ealing, Middlesex.

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HARTZ strain, celebrated St. Andreasburg Rollers, No. 1, best procurable, 7/-; second quality, grand songsters, 4/-: 103, Kenlor-rd., Tooting.

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PURE bred Seifert Rollers, few good birds for sale, cold room bred, cocks 10/6, 15/- upwards; hens 5/-: Best, 5, Alma-pl., Beckett-st., Leeds.

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R. KREMNER

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BOLDON COLLIERY CBS

First annual show held Co-operative Hall, Dec. 9th. The hall is a grand one, being well lit and roomy. Seventy birds were on view, and the quality was of no mean order. This being a new thing in Boldon, the people were delighted to see such nice birds. Mr. R. Sanderson (Jarrow) judged.

NOR.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Stephenson. CREST: 1, Widdowfield; 2, Priestly; 3, vhc, hc, Tracey; c, Boldon. C.B.: 1, Priestly; 2, vhc, Widdowfield; 3, Tracey. PAIRS: 1, Widdowfield; 2, Priestly; 3, Tracey. CREST OR C.B., 1911: 1, hc, Priestly; 2, 3, c, W. Boldon; vhc, Tracey. LOCAL: 1, Stuart; 2, Wilkinson; 3, Morland. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, vhc, Stephenson; 3, c, Carr; hc, Tracey. LINNET: 1, 2, Tucker; 3, Roseby; vhc, hc, Carr. BRIT. HARDBILL, A.O.S.: 1, 3, Tucker; 2, Stephenson; vhc, Johns; hc, Priestly; c, Mason.—A. Widdowfield, sec.

WEDNESBURY.

Under the auspices of the Wednesbury Central and King's Hill H.S., a few classes were allotted to cage birds at the show held Dec. 16. This was through the kind courtesy of the secretary, who guaranteed the prize money in full. He, and those connected, are to be congratulated upon the splendid array of birds sent, many noted fanciers extending their patronage. The judge, Mr. J. A. Tonks (Wednesbury) had a poser in picking out the winners, especially in the British. He carried out his duties in a quite satisfactory manner. Mr. Alfred Blakemore proved to be an obliging and hard-working secretary.

GOLDIE, ETC. (12): 1, Brotherhood, nice conditioned Goldie, pure, square cut blaze, a little broken in cap, otherwise extra good; 2, Baseley, beautiful Bullie, grand cap and wings, fine tone of breast colour; 3, Gibbons, a grand Linnet, nice tone of col., well laced; 4, vhc, Poole, Bullie, deeper tone of breast col. than 2nd, but beaten a trifle in shape; hc, Price; c, Hutton. A.O.S. BRIT. (14): A very nice class: 1, sp, Brotherhood, simply a glorious Bramble, absolutely perfect, wins; 2, Hingley, Chough, nice condition, quite an attraction; 3, Poole, a grand Hawfinch, some thought might have been 2nd, hard lines to meet the winners; 4, Capewell, lovely Waxwing, another attraction; vhc, Baseley; hc, Cooper; c, Thomas. CAN., A.V.: 1, c, Brotherhood, buff mkd. Nor., good shape, nice tone of col., well braced wings; 2, Millinecamp., cl. yell. Yorkie, good quality, nice position and style; 3, hc, Weaver, real good yellow Nor., grand colour, pressing hard for honours; 4, Gibbons; vhc, Hingley.

BOWHILL.

Fourth annual show held in the Gothenburg Hall, December 16th. The hall is a good one for the purpose, and the cage birds were staged in a fine light along one side and one end of the hall. The entry was a bit up on previous shows, and many of the principal winners at recent Fife shows were forward in Norwich and British classes. The Scotch Fancies were cancelled. The executive are all grand workers, from the President downwards, and the Secretary (Mr. A. Spence, jun.) was well backed up by his assistant, Mr. W. Spence, who was the moving spirit in the section. The show was well patronised during the day, and towards evening it was difficult to move about. Cup for most points was won by Mr. Ramsay, closely followed by Messrs. W. Spence and A. Dickson. Medal for best cock, Mr. Pratt; best hen, Mr. Kirk. Crests, Plainheads, and Borders were judged by Mr. A. Thomson (Aberdeen), and Mules and British by Mr. Pettigrew.

The Critique.

CREST CK. (2): 1, Sneddon, cl. body, grand size, nice crest, of good formation, dense feather, well staged; 2, Jordan, good green, grand crest, nice leafy feather. HEN (2): 1, spl, Summers, good sized buff body D.C., capital crest, well centred, nice length of feather; 2, McGregor, green, nice one, well up. C.-B. CK. (3): 1, Summers, very good green, nice size, fine substance, rare skull, well lashed; 2, Innes, head marked cl., grand body, great width of skull; 3, McGregor, good green, well up in size, nice head. HEN (2): 1, McCall and Henderson, good green, fine size, nice broad skull, well lashed; 2, Scott, nice variegd., well up. NOR. CL. YELL. CK. (4): 1, 2, W. Spence, leader nice size, fine quality and substance, grand col.; 2nd similar, not quite so well up in size, as good otherwise; 3, Lister, fine size and substance, nice head, beaten only in wing carriage; 4, McAnally, good one, in fine order. HEN (5): 1, Wildridge, fine size and substance; 2, Kerr, nice size, rare quality, good head and wing carriage; 3, Hampton, plenty of size and substance; 4, Fisher, nice one, good feather; 5, McCue. BUFF CK. (5): 1, McAnally, good head and neck, nice wings, rich col.; 2, Lister, nice size and quality, nicely mealed; 3, Young, typical, good body and head, well staged; 4, Thompson, nice size, good quality; 5, W. Spence. HEN (6): 1, spl, Gibson, capital size and substance, well mealed, in fine order; 2, Ramsay, good one, fine head and wings, nice size; 3, 4, 5, W. Spence, a trio of nice ones, 3rd fine type, nice bold head; 6, Corrigan. VARIEG. YELL. CK. (6): 1, spl, Ramsay, good type, fine size and substance, hot col.; 2, Langan, nice size, good wings; 3, Robertson, nice wing mkd., good size and substance, rich col.; 4, W. Spence, typical, nice quality; 5, Grewar; 6, Adamson. HEN (6): 1, Wildridge, good size and substance, nice head and wings, fine col.; 2, Kirk, nice wings, fails only in head; 3, 4, 5, W. Spence, 3rd good one, nice head and front, rare quality; 4th similar, nice stamp; 6, Henderson. BUFF CK. (6): 1, Wildridge, good one, in fine bloom, nice size and substance, lovely wing carriage; 2, Duff, great size, and substance, nice head and wings; 3, Lister, grand one, fails only in wings; 4, W. Spence, good size, grand substance, fine head and wing carriage; 5, Hampton; 6, Adamson. HEN (4): 1, 2, Dickson, pair good ones, leader splendid size and substance, nice wings and tail, 2nd just slightly smaller, still good; 3, Barrie, nice type, good size and substance, in good order; 4, Gibson, for nice head and wings. UNFLIG. CK. (11): 1, spl, Dickson, cl. buff, tidy bird, nice close feather, good wings and tail, 2, spl, Spence, similar, very compact, good head and front, in fine order; 3, Ramsay, yell. var., hot col.; 4, Kerr, buff, good size and substance; 5, Spence; 6, Nairn. HEN (11): 1, McCue, very typical cl. buff, good head and neck, nice front, grand wings and tail; 2, Wildridge, nice yell., in fine order, good front, well cut away; 3, spl, W. Spence, nice type, cl. buff, good head and wings, fine size and substance, well staged; 4, Adamson, good hen, fine wings, fails just slightly in size; 5, Ramsay; 6, D. Thompson. NON-FED CK. (6): 1, spl, Pratt, fine yell., grand size, and substance, good head, nice wings and tail; 2, Kirk, head and wing mkd., good head; 3, Wildridge, nice green, good size and substance, fine head and front, presses; 4, Dickson, fine size and substance, good col.; 5, Duff; 6, Henderson. HEN (5): 1, spl, Wildridge, good green, rare size and substance, nice head and wings, fine quality; 2, Duff, cl. yell., good stamp, fine size and substance, nice quality; 3, Langan, good buff, nice size, good feather; 4, Hampton, nice stamp, in fine condition; 5, Fulton. BORD. CL. YELL. CK. (9): 1, Fotheringham, nice wee chap, rare tight feather, good head, fine wings and tail; 2, McCrae, grand stamp, capital wings and tail, clean cut; 3, Burt, another nice one, good type, fine head, well staged; 4, Brown, good head and wings, pure colour; 5, Hutchison; 6, Muir. HEN (4): 1, Hutchison, smart little lady, typical, nicely tapered, rare wing carriage; 2, 3, Brown, leading with a nice one, good head and wings, fine front; 3rd, similar, in really nice order; 4, Kirk, fine head, lovely quality feather. BUFF CK. (5): 1, sp, Fotheringham, good head and front, nicely folded wings, well laid down; 2, Hutchison, fine type, sweet quality, well cut away; 3, J. and A. Duncan, still a good one, good head and wings; 4, Malcolm, nice head and neck, good quality; 5, Brown. HEN (7): 1, Hutchison, a little gem, in faultless order, well braced wings, good head and front; 2, Barrie, nice stamp, fine close feather, good wings and tail, well put down; 3, Brown, similar, good size, fine quality; 4, Burt, nice shape, wings well laid on; 5, Muir; 6, Brown. EVEN MKD. (2): 1, sp, Malcolm, an old winner in new hands, good stamp, in fine order; 2, Anderson, typical, fine stylish bird, nice close feather, well put down. UNEVEN (2): 1, McCrae, good wing marked, nice head and wings; 2, Lyon, good stamp, nice wings and tail, good size and quality. YORKS. CK. (5): 1, J. R. Reid, nice slim buff var., stands well up; 2, Wishart, unfed yell., good length, nice head and length of side; 3, Yarley, clear buff, nice length of side, good head; 4, Leishman; 5, John Yarley. HEN (1): Reid, easily best Yorkie in section, fine head, nice length, in rare order. COMMON (9): 1, sp, Ewanson; 2, 4, J. and A. Duncan; 3, 5, Bell; 6, Muir and Morris. LIGHT MULE OR HYB., cancelled. DARK (3) all Linnet-Can.: 1, sp, Taylor, nice quality, good head and wings; 2, McCraw, similar, lovely quality; 3, Muir and Morris, good head, nicely got up. GOLDFINCH, BRIT. (6): 1, P. Arnott, nice sized Goldie, good face, well up in col., fine moons and buttons; 2, McCall and Henderson, very stylish, good face; 3, A. D. Duncan, another good one, fine face, lovely colours; 4, Muir and Morris, typical, in rare bloom; 5, Anderson; 6, M. Duncan. GOLDFINCH, FOR. (3): 1, sp, Wright, great size, good square blaze, rich col., well polished; 2, Barclay, another big one, grand deep face col., nice wings and tail; 3, Black and Lumsden, fine size, in fine order. BULLFINCH, BRIT. (12): 1, Palmer, fine breast col., good cap, clean cut, nice whites, in rare bloom; 2, Wright, fine size, rich col., good wings and tail, nice dense cap; 3, Arnott, typical, fine size, good col.; 4, Mackie, fine size, beaten only in breast col.; 5, Henderson; 6, Muir and Morris. BULLFINCH, FOR. (1): 1, Lister, immense size, grand rich breast col., good cap. LINNET (12): 1, Nicolson, fine size and shape, warm col., well pencilled; 2, Barclay, nice and cobby, good head and wings, lovely col.; 3, Palmer, fine nutty brown col., good wings, presses; 4, Barrie, fine size and shape, nice col., distinct markings; 5, Reid; 6, Muir and Morris. GREENFINCH (4): 1, Anderson, good Greenie, fine size and col., bold head, in capital bloom; 2, Haxton, fine size, good quality and feather; 3, Barclay, fine Finch, loses in size; 4, Black and Lumsden. SISKIN, ETC. (9): 1, Barclay, good Siskin, very fine col., nice wing bars, grand cap, well laced thighs; 2, 3, Duncan, good bird, fine size and col.; 3rd, another nice Siskin, in capital condition; 4, Reid, fine size and col.; 5, Moyes; 6, Heggie. A.O.S. LARGE: 1, Anderson, Waxwing, in very fine order, a beauty. FOR. SMALL (3): 1, 2, Arnott, pair Nonpareils, beautiful col., in shining condition; 2nd, pair of Yellow Budgerigars, fine size, good col., distinct markings; 3, Robertson.

NEWTOWNARDS (Co. Down)

First annual show of the Newtownards and Dis. C.B.S. held 16th Dec., in the Town Hall, a very suitable place for a cage bird show, being well lighted and free from draughts. The committee are a good company of genuine fanciers, who had everything in apple-pie order. They had in Mr. F. Robinson a splendid leader, who thoroughly understood the arduous duties entrusted to him, and who, by his willingness and the amount of energy displayed, did much to encourage his able body of helpers. The committee were Messrs. Cahoon, Doggart, Montgomery, Morrison, McIlroy, W. Montgomery, McCullagh, McDonald and Copeland (hon. treasurer); President, Mr. D. Finlay. Mr. J. Reid placed the cards, and his awards gave entire satisfaction. Mr. Neill and Mr. Trimble staged as fine Scotch Fancies as we have seen in Ireland. The Nor. classes filled well, and some very choice birds were staged. Yorks. were few, but good. Taking everything into consideration, the show was a great success, and will help to extend the Fancy still further north.

The Critique.

SCOT. FCY., CK. (7): 1, 2, Trimble, pair of beauties, hard to choose, grand drive, get well up to their work; 3, vhc, Neill, good drive, lovely shoulders; hc, Ronaldson. HEN (7): 1, 2, Neill, grand team, lovely back, well up; 3, vhc, Trimble, good drive, bandles well. CREST (4): 1, 3, vhc, Kincaid, very nice Crest, an abundance of feather; 2, Creighton, good shape of crest, fine quality. C.B. (3): 1, Kincaid, good shape of skull; 2, Creighton, abundance of feather, good size; 3, Harris, nice brow and width of skull. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL., CK. (5): 1, Lavery, very sweetly moulded, grand quality; 2, Thompson, nice size, shape and quality; 3, Gilmore, good shape, A1 quality; vhc, Neill; hc, Trueman. BUFF (3): 1, Trueman, shapely, rare silky feather; 2, Lavery, graud back, nice short flights, good wing carriage; 3, Thompson, grand shape, very good style. VARIEG. (8): 1, Thompson, good shape and quality; 2, Scott, nice size, grand quality feather; 3, Donuan, good all-round; vhc, Lavery; hc, Gilmore. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (8): 1, Thompson, good shape and depth of chest, fine wings and tail; 2, Carson, lovely quality, capital wings; 3, Teasey, good size, nice head and back; vhc, hc, Scott. BUFF (10): 1, Dunwoody, sweet size, grand shape and quality; 2, Scott, a trifle slimmer in build, but true Nor. type otherwise; 3, Connell, good quality and size; vhc, Teascy. VAR.: 1, Lavery, good size and col., in fine condition; 2, Carleton, good shape and wing carriage; 3, vhc, Teasey, lovely quality; hc, Neill. YORKS., CL. YELL. CK. (4): 1, Devins, good, typical, nice length and position; 2, Dunwoody, grand length of flights, well carried; 3, Tansey, good shape, well up on leg; vhc, Fleming. BUFF (5): 1, Fleming, good length, well up on leg, handles well; 2, Devins, very sweet, lovely quality; 3, Dunwoody, good shape and length; vhc, Tansey; hc, Harris. TKD., ETC., CK. (4): 1, Fleming, grand style, A1 quality; 2, Tansey, good shape, nice flights and pipe tail; 3, Dunwoody, gets well up, very well cut away; vhc, Montgomery. CL. YELL. HEN (5): 1, Fleming, good shape, handles well; 2, Tansey, stands well up, A1 condition; 3, Dunwoody, good shape and quality; vhc, Montgomery. BUFF (3): 1, Devins, grand shape, well up on leg, hard to find fault with; 2, Tausley, good length, rare head and back; 3, Fleming, fine shape and style. TKD., ETC. (8): 1, Devins, very typical, good quality; 2, Tansey, grand length of flights; 3, Fleming, good style throughout; vhc, Montgomery; hc, Dunwoody. CAN. MULES: 1, Stewart, good size and col., quality A1; 2, Kincaid, Goldie-Can., lovely shape. DARK (8): 1, Creighton, good size, very well shown; 2, 3, Alexander, nice shape and quality; vhc, Walker; hc, Nicholson. BRIT., GOLDFINCH (4): 1, Barclay, grand square blaze, nice tannings, well up in size, rare quality feather, a gem; 2, Creighton, another good specimen, close up; 3, Wylie, nice size, good buttons, vhc, Devins. LINNET (4): 1, 2, vhc, Barclay, pair of good birds, hard to separate, grand markings, lovely facings; 3, Morrow, good old warrior, fine shape, rare markings. GREENFINCH (4): 1, Scott, a gem, rare size, lovely col., full bold head, nice wings, staged to win; 2, Barclay, nice tone of col., not quite so bold in head, but a good specimen; 3, Harris, very shapely, fine size; vhc, Carleton. A.O.S. BRIT., SMALL: 1, Barclay; 2, Devins; 3, Alexander; vhc, Montgomery; hc, Scott. FOR.: CARDINAL, ETC. (3): 1, Walker; 2, 3, Robinson. MEMBERS' CLASSES: NOR., CL., ETC., CK. (10) 1, 2, vhc, Finlay; 3, Montgomery; hc, Jameson. VAR. (1): Montgomery. CL., ETC., HEN (7): 1, 2, Finlay; 3, Montgomery; vhc, McCullugh. VAR. (4): 1, 2, Finlay; 3, Jamieson; vhc, Morrow. YORKS. CK. (8): 1, 3, vhc, McDonald; 2, Montgomery; hc, Doggart. HEN (1): 1, Montgomery. A.V. CAN. (Open to members and residents) (6): 1, Stevenson; 2, McKee; 3, vhc, Morrow. LINNET (10): 1, Doggart; 2, Heron; 3, Robinson; vhc, hc, Milling. GOLDFINCH (2): 1, Cahoon; 2, Doggart. SCOT. FCY. (4): 1, 3, McDonald; 2, vhc, McIlroy. CREST OR C.B. (2): 1, Plunkett; 2, Morrow. Sps. were won by Messrs. R. Trimble, J. Kincaid, J. Thompson, J. Lavery, S. Gilmore, S. Scot, W. Teasey, T. Trueman, M. Fleming, jnr., J. Devins, E. Dunwoody, C. Tansey, J. Montgomery, A. Creighton, A. Walker, J. Barclay, J. Wylie, T. Scott, D. Finlay, A. McDonald, A. Montgomery, J. Stevenson, W. Plunkett, A. Doggart, and F. Robinson.

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Club Reports.

WOOD GREEN F.F.A.

Meeting held Dec. 12th, Mr. C. T. Wilson in chair. Forty members present. Table show cage birds, judge Mr. J. Robson. After judging, Mr. Robson gave a critique on the exhibits, and answered questions. Eight new members were elected. The Assist. Sec. reported progress in regard to our efforts for a combined show of North London fur and feather societies. Two delegates were elected for same.—T. Callegari, Assist. Sec.

WARRINGTON AND DIST. C.B.S.

Meeting and dinner held Nov. 30th, Mr. W. Weston in chair. Present: Messrs. Knowles, Weston, Wilkinson, Hardy, Harper, Barnett, Pitchford, and Nelson. The dinner did not prove the success it ought, several failing to attend after promising. Officers for coming year elected: Sir Gilbert Greenall, Bart., has kindly consented to become President; Mr. Weston, chairman; Mr. Hardy, vice-chair; Mr. Nelson, sec. and treas.; Mr. Harper, assist. sec. Decided, to hold a members' show on New Year's Day, with Mr. Metcalfe (Liverpool) as judge. Mr. H. Warburton (Ellesmere Road) was elected. Members' prize money was paid.—G. M. Nelson, Sec.

METROPOLITAN C.B.A.

Very good meeting held 16th Dec., when cups and trophies (won outright last year) were presented by Mr. Martin to the winners, namely, Messrs. Moore, MacMillan and Hall, cups: Mrs. Denham and Thynne rose bowl and case of silver spoons respectively. The runners-up also received medals. Agreed, that the pair show be held January 21st, at 7 o'clock, to be preceded by the annual meeting at 6 o'clock. Mr. Robson will be asked to judge and give a lecture. Also agreed, that we hold two young bird shows, as last year, the first to take place on the third Saturday in June (Mr. Robson to be asked to judge). The second and annual show dates left for further consideration. Two new members were nominated, viz., Mr. and Mrs. Vinall.—J. W. Burgess, Assist. Sec.

CUMNOCK AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Committee meeting held Dec. 16th, Co-op. Hall, Auchinleck. Mr. Kinnear, president, in chair. All members were present, which speaks well for them. Report given of late show and the year's transactions. The accounts gave every satisfaction. Sec. also read a very interesting statement of the year's workings. The late show was a greater success than the previous one, it being in its second year. The Scotch Fancies topped the list with the biggest increase of 26. We have to congratulate the members on turning out as they did to make it the success it was. We are left with a good substantial balance to carry forward to next year. Next general meeting fixed for Feb. 10th, so I hope to see by that time a few more new members. Very important business will be transacted.—Joseph Nutt, Sec.

PARTICK AND DISTRICT C.B.C.

Social evening, held in Mr. Anderson's Room, 427, Dumbarton Road, to present trophies and medals to winners. Mr. R. T. Anderson (president) presiding over a good turn out. Mr. Anderson called upon Mr. J. McMillan to accept the large cup and gold medal for best young bird; Mr. McMillan suitably replied. Mr. MacRobbie was then asked to accept the small cup for 2nd best bird, also silver rosebowl for most point in Yorks., with three nominated birds. The following gentlemen favoured us with songs:—Messrs. Rice, Maxwell, Sinclair, Park, Henderson, Fairweather, Boag, Priest, Walker, and Sellars. A most enjoyable evening terminated with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne." As our next meeting starts a new session, the secretary would be pleased to hear of fanciers wishing to join. Next meeting, second Friday in January.—W. Priest, Sec.

LEITH O.S.

Annual meeting, held in Liberal Club, Hope Street, 9th December. President, Mr. J. Lumsden, in chair. The balance sheet was read, showing an income of £38 4s. 3½d., and an expenditure of £25 16s. 10d., leaving a sum of £12 7s. 1½d., to be divided among the successful prize winners, working out at 5s. per class. The report was considered very satisfactory, and the show was voted the best in the history of the society. Election of officer-bearers:—President, Mr. J. Lumsden; vice-president, Mr. J. Baxter; secretary, Mr. G. Brown; committee, Messrs. D. Brown, J. Hendry, J. Milne, and W. Purvis; auditors, Messrs. J. Messer and A. W. Watson. The society is open to a radius of 12 miles, and any fanciers desirous of joining can get all information from the secretary, whose address is 89, Henderson Street, Leith.—Geo. Brown, Sec.

SHEFFIELD C.B.S.

General meeting held Dec. 14th, Wentworth Cafe, Pinstone Street, when a great amount of business was gone through, Mr. A. Bradshaw in chair. A very pleasing incident took place, in the election of Mr. J. C. Barnes as an Hon. Vice-President. A vote of thanks was accorded our old friend, Mr. T. Dawn, for his kind wishes and very generous special. Arising out of our open show were several votes of thanks to the members and friends who worked so hard to make it such a success. Important alterations to rules were made, viz., that partners be allowed to show their birds jointly and not divide them as previously; also that the four highest birds of any exhibitor count for the cups, providing he has paid his extra 1s. for the cup entries; in the event of a tie the best team of birds to win; also that any number of ticks, no larger than sixpence, be allowed to constitute a ticked bird; further, that all birds belong to the exhibitor 14 days before showing, instead of 28 days. Other business re annual members' show to be held in the Montgomery Hall, December 28th, was dealt with. The election of stewards, doorkeeper, etc., was done at once. The election of officers was then proceeded with. Messrs. Thorpe and Tomlinson were elected scrutineers. Following are those elected: President, Mr. F. Jones; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. J. Thorpe and T. Hemming; Treasurer, Mr. W. Oxley; Secretary, Mr. A. Hobson; Assist Sec., J. Woolhouse; Auditors, Messrs. J. G. Cowley and J. Thorpe; Committee, Messrs. W. H. Champion, W. T. Furnies, W. Kelley, C. W. Hobson, J. G. Cowley, G. Drabble, T. Tow, C. Tomlinson, P. Walsh, J. Memmott, J. Bennett, and A. Lawton. A table show of matched pairs has been arranged for January meeting; one class each Yorks and Nor.; fixed prize money and no entry fee, 2s. 6d. special for best novice pair. All members joining same night are eligible to show. Messrs. J. Hartley and L. Marcroft were elected new members. Will all members who have ticket money for open show kindly bring it in as early as possible. Winning numbers of gift birds not yet claimed, are 335, 906, 384, 848, 873.—J. Woolhouse, Assist. Sec.

ANNFIELD PLAIN AND DIS. F. AND F.C.B.S.

Meeting held Dec. 16th, and still we are going strong, enrolling 15 new members, making in all 40 on the books. One of our members, Mr. E. Gaffarey, has secured a cup, kindly given by the firm by whom he is employed. Peg away fanciers, it gives pleasure to the secretary to see such grit. Will everyone note that our next meeting on December 23rd, 7.30, Smith Arms, Catchgat, is for arranging members' show and consideration of rules. All cordially invited, subs. 2s. 6d.—J. W. Christon, Hon. Sec.

EDINBURGH N.C. AND M.B.S.

Annual meeting, held Dec. 7th, in Rooms, 142, High Street, Mr. J. Cooper, president, in the chair. Agreed, to abolish special prize fund, and that annual subs. for next year be fixed at 6s., also that judges for annual show be elected at March meeting. There will be no meeting in January. Following were elected office bearers: Hon. President, Councillor W. B. Lindsay; president, Mr. J. B. Cooper; vice-president, Mr. W. Dods; secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. Welsh, 67, Raeburn Place; committee, Messrs. J. Holmes, W. R. Finnie, and W. Watson; auditors, Messrs. J. Berry and R. Renton.—J. Finnie, Sec.

COWDENBEATH C.B.S.

Meeting held Arcade Hotel, 13th December, Mr. J. Simpson presiding. A discussion took place regarding several items at late show. Decided unanimously that the reading in the schedule was correct; consequently Mr. J. C. Murray was declared the winner of members' medal. Secretary gave reports re model cards and the West of Fife C.B. League, stating that our society had a total of 141 points. Secretary gave notice of motion to alter rule regarding membership. As our next meeting will be the annual general meeting, it was decided that all members who were not present at this meeting be summoned, meeting to be held 27th Dec.—R. Reid, Sec.

HYDE AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

First annual dinner held Wellington Hotel, Dec. 16th, when 23 sat down to an excellent spread provided by our amiable host, an ex-fancier, Mr. T. White. I am sorry Mr. J. Raynes (Manchester), judge at our annual show, was unable to be with us owing to sickness again. After the inner man had been amply provided for, a capital programme was provided. Mr. T. Rowbotham (President) in chair, kept the concert going in a very able manner. The artistes were: Messrs. Earside (pianoforte), Wrigley, sen. Vickers (recitations), Oldham, Hall, Brown, and J. Vickers (songs). Mr. Shaw moved a vote of thanks to the host and hostess, and Mr. Barraclough moved a vote of thanks to the artistes for their splendid services, Messrs. Oldham, Vickers, and Wrigley suitably responding. Mr. Fildes moved that we have a similar dinner party next year.—T. Allsop, Sec.

SOUTH BIRMINGHAM O.S.

Meeting held Sydenham Hotel, Dec. 13th, a splendid attendance. Eleven new members were elected, including our first lady member. The Chairman said he hoped other ladies would join. The total number of members on the books was now no less than 50. Mr. Murray has secured 6 more specials, making a total of 26 for competition at the Boxing Day show. The great interest shown in the allotting of same speaks well for the show. All the agenda was got through in a businesslike way, leaving the members time to fill up entry forms and have a chat. Catalogues of names and classes will be on sale, and as the room will not be at liberty until Boxing Day morning, the stewards look like having to be at the rooms at 7 a.m. (So don't overdo it on Christmas Day, stewards!) to fix staging. The British classes will probably be the best in the show. All please attend the opening at 2 p.m., as photos are to be taken.—J. Sheppard, Sec.

YORK C.B.S.

Annual meeting, held Dec. 11th, All Saints' Room; an excellent attendance. Balance sheet and yearly report passed as read, and I am pleased to report the society is in a sound financial position, thanks to the hard work done during the year by the chairman, the secretary, and most of the members. Four new members were elected, and we trust more will soon join; all fanciers are given a hearty welcome. I am sorry to say Mr. Thompson has resigned his secretaryship, a position he has filled to everyone's satisfaction, and with all credit to himself. Following officials elected:—Chairman, Mr. V. Zimmerman; secretary, Mr. H. Sayles; treasurer, Mr. S. Campling; assistant sec., Mr. F. Sissons. Members should congratulate themselves on again obtaining the services of Messrs. Zimmerman, Sissons, and Campling, who have held similar positions during the last year, and are a hard-working trio. A members' show will be held on Boxing Day, when Mr. H. Todd (Darlington) will judge. We are hoping all members will send a good number of exhibits, as there are 3 specials to compete for. All birds to be staged not later than 2.30 p.m.—H. Sayles, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD O.S.

A large and enthusiastic crowd of members attended at headquarters, December 5th, for election of officials for 1912, the chairman (Mr. T. Dawn) presiding. The balance sheet of our all-England show, disclosed a balance on the right side of £12 10s., not a bad result for a first venture. Arrangements were made for a dinner and concert, to which all members and friends are cordially invited; date, January 9th. Other arrangements were left in the hands of a sub-committee. Decided to present the five handsome silver cups, won by members at the concert. A few minor items were dealt with, after which we laid the foundation for the success of 1912 by the election of officers. The chairman (Mr. T. Dawn) was unanimously re-elected, everyone admitting he was the right man in the right place; vice-chairman (Mr. J. A. T. Woodall) re-elected; hon. sec, our tried and true friend, Tom Bishop; that old and enthusiastic fancier, Mr. R. Colton, was re-elected assistant sec.; Mr. J. W. Drabble was re-elected treasurer; auditors, Messrs. Cowley and Furness; Press correspondent, Mr. J. Woodall; Messrs. H. Bishop, G. Fletcher, J. Memmott, J. Mace, H. Wilkinson, Dr. Craig, C. Marshall, T. Ridals, G. Moore, E. E. Smith, T. Turner, J. Milne, P. Walk. We next considered date for all-England show. Decided, to hold same on Nov. 1st and 2nd, 1912; and we should take it as a favour if secretaries in fixing their show date will bear this one in mind. Following judges already engaged: Mr. Mundell (Bradford) for Yorks., and Mr. C. Houlton (St. Helens) for British and Foreign. We enrolled a good number of new members, including Mr. Rout (late chairman of East Ham). I might point out that the secretaries of the four other societies are now members of ours.—J. A. T. Woodall, Press Correspondent.

WIDNES AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held Dec. 14, headquarters, Grosvenor Hotel, Mr. R. Jenkins in chair. Business: Arranging for members' show in Conservative Hall on Boxing Day, Dec. 26th. Several new members joined, and the show promises to be a success.—S. Andrews, Sec.

STOKE-ON-TRENT C.B.A.

Meeting held Dec. 18. Final arrangements made for club show and cup competition at Newcastle-under-Lyme, Boxing Day. All members present expressed their intention of making it a success if possible, and a show worth anyone's while to visit. This is the first show of cage birds held in the ancient town for many years, and if the show is patronised satisfactorily it will not be the last. We had the pleasure of electing two new members—Mr. S. Pygott (Shelton), and Mr. J. Peake (Stoke). Next meeting falling on New Year's day, same was altered to January 8th. As this will be the annual meeting for election of officers and revision of rules, I trust every member will make a special effort to be present.—J. Pitchford, Sec.

KENT COUNTY C.B.A.

Meeting held at Barton Road Boys' School, Dover, on Dec. 13, when Messrs. Birch and Oshorne were appointed auditors. Points gained in bowl competition were checked, and resulted as follows:—Norwich E. Meades 21, H. E. Taylor 20, F. J. Wickham 16; Yorks.: C. Lockett 15, E. C. Rayner 10, W. J. Abbot 1; Borders: Rev. H. A. Soames 16, Mrs. Aitkin 5, Mrs. Soames 1; Lizards: E. J. Wood 13, Rev. H. A. Soames 5; Mules: Mrs. Soames 12, Rev. H. A. Soames 1; British: F. J. Wickham 24, W. A. Austen 20, L. A. Brett 20. Secretary instructed to have cups handed over to engraver (since done), and forward them to successful competitors on completion. Letter read from Mr. F. J. Wickham expressing regret that the competition was confined to two shows only. This was endorsed by the members present, and a special effort will be made to extend the patronage of the association next year. Books are now in the auditors' hands, and it is hoped to have balance sheets ready by next meeting.—A. Hendry, Hon. Sec.

Singing Contests.

LONDON, N.

The final race takes place at 1.30, Dec. 24, with Linnets, at "The Swan," Caledonian Road. On Saturday night (Dec. 23) there are special prizes for Chaffinches (open to all comers). Timekeeper, Tuggy Wilson.—F. Westmore.

BLACKBURN.

Blackburn quality Linnet S.A. (club headquarters, Old Red Lion, Snig Brook). Meeting held Dec. 16. Mr. D. Bentley (Great Harwood) was present, and all members were pleased to see him in the pink of condition. We elected Mr. R. Hayhurst as Sec. Meetings every Saturday, 8, for contributions and receiving new members.—Rd. Hayhurst, Sec.

SHEFFIELD.

Linnet contest for time singing held Royal George, Brightside Lane, Dec. 17th, when 13 birds entered. 1, Thompson, 53; 2, Thompson, 23; 3, Brown, 22; 4, Harry, 21; 5, Hill, 10. Contest 1 o'clock December 24th, when Chris Hill will add 4s. to entry fees. First pair of birds up at 1.15. Also Chris Hill will give a silver cup to be sung for; open to all England; sing to take place Jan., 1912.—C. Hill.

CASTLEFORD.

Linnet contest held Dec. 16, George and Dragon Hotel, Bride Street, before a good company. 1, 3, J. Brindley; 2, A. Towler. Also Dec. 17, we had a sing. There were not many birds, but we had a good sing. 1, 2, 3, J. Brindley. Open sing, Boxing Day, time singing 5 secs a break. I hope to see some Linnet fanciers from other clubs.—Walter Dobson, Hon. Sec.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Week-end Linnet contest held Prince Albert Inn, December 17th, when 15 birds entered, judged to the satisfaction of all present. Judges, Messrs. P. Madden and A. Lorriman. 1, J. Chippendale; 2, T. Chippendale; 3, A. Bryan. Also a Canary contest in the evening, when 11 birds entered. Judges, Messrs. W. Sisson and C. Biss. 1, J. Chippendale; 2 and 3, divided between E. Wood and A. Binns.—E. Wood, Sec.

LEIGH.

A delegates' meeting will be held at Globe Inn, Bradshawgate, Dec. 23rd, 6 o'clock prompt. Will all delegates kindly have their business drawn up so that we may be able to get it over early? Will all members kindly note that Dec. 23rd will be the last night to pay up all contributions for the Globe Inn Linnet Club previous to first club contest on Jan. 1, 1912? Don't forget the open-to-all-England contest at the Globe Inn, on Dec. 23rd, at 2 prompt. Ent. fee reduced to 6d. on this occasion.—J. M. Allister, Sec.

TYLDESLEY.

Open-to-all-England contest for time and quality, at Union Arms, Tyldesley, when 48 birds faced the judges. Although gaslight had to be used, there was some very good singing. Result.—Quality: 1, Cain; 2, J. W. Jones; 3, Howcroft; 4, W. H. Topping. Time: 1, P. Owen; 2, W. McFarlin; 3, Lloyd; 4, J. McAllister. Judges for quality: Messrs. T. Statham and W. McFarlin. Time: Messrs. S. Fearnley and J. Everett. Minute man, Mr. T. Hurst; bird man, Mr. J. Halliwell. Our landlord thanks all competitors and fanciers for the great contest.—J. Harrison, Sec.

LEEDS.

Quality singing contest for Linnets held Skinner's Arms, Buslingthorpe, Dec. 16th, when 19 birds sang. 1, Ward; 2, J. Chippindale; 3, Sellars. Also Dec. 17th, when 24 birds sang. 1, Sellars; 2, J. Chippindale; 3, Ward. Contest for Canaries December 24th, at 7.30; also on Boxing Day night, when a fine copper kettle will be given; open to all. Linnet contest, Christmas Day, Dec. 25 (for this year's pink birds only). First 2 birds to be on nail at 1 o'clock prompt.—C. Clayton, Hon. Sec.

Linnet contests for quality held Old Bird House, King's Head, Shannon Street, December 16th, when 19 birds sang. 1, H. Wigfield, 2, Butler; 3, shared between Butler and Johnson. Judges, Messrs. T. C. Summers, S. Hardcastle, and Walt. Naylor. Also Dec. 17th, when 29 birds faced the judges, Messrs. Jennings and Naylor. Extraordinarily good singing was heard. 1, Blands; 2, Stead; 3, Butler; 4, Wigfield. Also a German Roller contest, Dec. 17th, when 19 birds faced the judges, Messrs. Hardcastle and Jennings. 1, Sinnister; 2, Wrox; 3, Walt. Naylor. A Canary contest Dec. 24th, 8 p.m. Open to all comers.—T. C. Summers, Hon. Sec.

SALFORD.

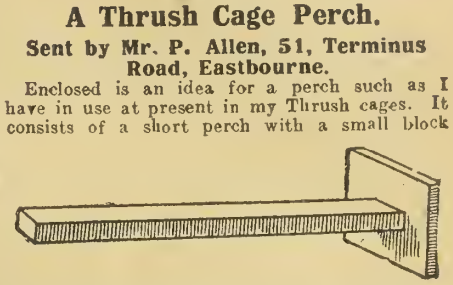
Open contest for time held Boat House Hotel, Oldfield Road, Dec. 16th, when 14 birds entered. The surprise was in the winner. 1, J. Caswell; 2, J. Green; 3, B. Wharton. Timekeepers, Messrs. W. Cain, Wharton, and H. Cootes; birdkeeper, Mr. J. Pearson. After the contest a very pleasant evening was spent, and all present were well entertained with songs, etc., by Messrs. Wilson, Beates, Caswell, Miss Cootes, and Mr. Haigh, of Leeds, and we certainly had one of our best concerts. On Dec. 24th we are holding a Canary contest at 8 prompt. Messrs. Green and Wharton will again represent the club at Leigh on the 23rd, and any other members going are advised to get there early for the drawing of the birds. The club match (special) is fixed for Jan 6th, 1912.—B. Wharton, Hon. Sec.

Illustrated Ideas

No. 557.
A Thrush Cage Perch.

Sent by Mr. P. Allen, 51, Terminus Road, Eastbourne.

Enclosed is an idea for a perch such as I have in use at present in my Thrush cages. It consists of a short perch with a small block

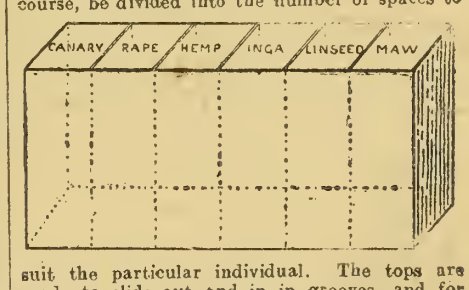


of wood nailed or screwed to the end. The perch is passed through a small hole in the back of cage. If made to fit, this perch is quite secure and is easily removed for cleaning.—P. Allen.

No. 558.
A Useful Seed Bin.

Sent by Mr. F. G. Hamilton, 14, Havelock Street, Dowanhill, Glasgow.

On pages 23-24 of his excellent book on "Canary-breeding," Mr. Claude St. John mentions a seed bin as being a necessary requisite of the bird-room. I enclose a sketch of an easily made article which I have proved to serve the purpose of holding seed very well. Simply, it is a long narrow box, divided—in my own case—into eight compartments. It can, of course, be divided into the number of spaces to



suit the particular individual. The tops are made to slide out and in in grooves, and for this purpose a small brass knob is fastened on each lid. The lid of each compartment is labelled with the name of the particular seed which the compartment contains. The bin may be completely made of wood, or the front of each compartment may be made of glass. This latter way is, perhaps, more satisfactory, as one can see, at a glance, when a single compartment needs replenishing.—F. G. Hamilton.

The Young Naturalist.

*A Sensible Thrush.

A friend of my father went on his holidays for ten weeks, and left father a Thrush of his to keep for him. On his return he took it away in a paper bag. But when he got home he found the bag bottomless, and there was no bird. Within an hour, however, the bird had returned to its right home about a mile away and hopped in at the back door no worse for its adventure.—Sent by Gladys Gray (aged 12 years), 12, Orchard Street, York.

**A Funny Parrot.

I know a funny Parrot who, when the breakfast bell rings, will push open the door of her cage with her bill, fly down to the breakfast table, take her own chair (which she always knows), and wait till the family assembles. If they do not gather as quickly as she thinks they ought to she will call out: "Hurry up, folks, hurry up!" and at the same time she will hop over to the oatmeal dish and attempt to lift the lid. After finishing her breakfast she flies back to her cage.—Sent by Frances Ashton (aged 12 years), 36, Cobourg Road, Old Kent Road, S.E.

*Sparrows Feed Blind Bird.

For several days four or five Sparrows visited a certain place near a gentleman's window. They always brought food for another little fellow, who never tried to fly from the spot. The visiting Sparrows never came empty-billed. They would drop tiny morsels of food near the little Sparrow. When it began to eat the crumbs the others set up a chirping, and then flew away. After watching this for a few days the gentleman went on the roof and approached the lonely bird. It did not flutter away, and made no resistance when he picked it up. The bird was blind.—Sent by Florence Shinn (aged 13), 33, Edward Road, Bedford.

Under the White Rose.

THE talk of the week in Bradford and district has, of course, been the great success achieved by the first open show on national lines; and the fanciers hope it will be an annual affair. It will doubtless prove an impetus to the Fancy in the district, and will help to place it on a higher plane than it has occupied before. Next week it may be possible to state, or at least to give some idea of, the amount that is likely to be handed over to the Cinderella Fund.

THE next item that will claim the attention of fanciers who serve on the various committees is the annual prize distribution that usually takes place in March. The first meeting in connection with same is during this week, when the points requiring early consideration will be brought forward.

QUEENSBURY had a nice little show on Saturday last; the officials were all smiles. Last year they had to get their hands down to a big extent, but this year ends will not be far from meeting, which for a late show is satisfactory to all concerned.

BOXING DAY is by most societies considered a good day on which to hold a members' show, and as a rule such is well patronised; and as no open show is usually held on this day it comes in useful as a finish to the year's shows for specials, and as a happy hunting ground for budding exhibitors it has no equal. Not forgetting also the budding judges who officiate at these shows.

"STRAIGHT 'UN."

THE BELL BIRD AND THE LAPLAND BUNTING.

By W. E. TESCHEMAKER, B.A.

(Continued from page 272).

A "lonely bird" and a bird with a marvellous voice.

The Lapland Bunting being, perhaps, the rarest of our regular autumn visitors, a recent advertisement in our columns announcing that the advertiser had "plenty in stock" caused the writer to address a letter of enquiry to Mr. R. Cubitt. In response to this enquiry Mr. Cubitt not only wrote an interesting letter, but also very kindly sent some of the Buntings for our inspection, so that there should be no possible doubt as to the identity of the latter. It appears that Mr. Cubitt (who, by the way, has had 25 years' experience in trapping) saw several of these rare Buntings in the early autumn, but did not succeed in catching one till the 3rd October, when a single specimen pitched in the clap-nets and was caged and subsequently used as a call-bird. Between the above date and the 29th October no less than twenty-two were caught—9 cocks and 13 hens, three at one pull of the nets and two at another, the rest being singles. I believe the above to be probably a record for, though Lapland Buntings, like the Bloaters, mostly come from Great Yarmouth, it is a rare event away to some further point, accompanying us till they thought danger to their nests was past. Before we left (July 16th) family parties were on the wing preparing for migration. The nests were chiefly placed in fissures formed by rain and frost in the edges of the bluff, above the sea and water courses."

A Voice that makes You Jump.

One of the writer's earliest impressions of the Zoo. is of two beautiful white birds, larger than a Missel-Thrush, which lived in the Parrot-house, and which every now and then would throw back their heads and utter a metallic note of such tremendous volume that it made the roof ring and the casual visitor fairly jump. These were the Naked-throated Bell-Bird, known to science by a name "fearfully and wonderfully made," which will not be mentioned here because we are approaching the festive season, and it might depress our readers' spirits. From that date to this importations of Bell-Birds have been few and far between. Quite lately, however, almost a dozen arrived in one consignment, with a corresponding slump in prices, as may be gathered from the fact that a well-known London dealer some years since is said to have received no less than £16 for two adult specimens, whereas some of the last consignment were sold at a figure which would bring them well within the reach of most aviculturists.

A very cursory inspection of the stout legs and feet and wide, flattened beak of this species will convince us that it is no relation of the Thrushes; it is, in fact, a Chatterer. Briefly, they are a group of beautiful South American birds, mostly fruit-eaters, among which are numbered the Umbrella-bird and the wonderful Cock-of-the-Rock, lately admired at the Zoo.

In this last consignment there were two distinct types of plumage, one having the back dark olive-green, the crown black and the breast feathers with narrow buff central stripes, which corresponds well with the description of the adult female; the other having the back of a much lighter green, and some of the breast feathers nearly all buff—presumably young males.

What would the Neighbours Say?

These Bell-Birds are said to have been brought over on boiled rice and fruit, but they are certainly not hearty eaters. In the "Arabian Nights" there is a story of a bride who refused to partake of any other food than rice and this she insisted on conveying to her lips with a bodkin, grain by grain. Naturally this irritated her lord and master. I forget whether the lady died by the bow-string or was chucked into the sea in a sack, but at all events it was by one of those quaint Oriental methods which went a long way towards solving the matrimonal problem, but which, in a finicking and ridiculously sentimental age, have fallen into desuetude. The lingering way in which they get through a breakfast of rice, grain by grain, reminds one irresistibly of that unfortunate lady. It is singular also that, though partly insectivorous, they are not to be tempted either by the elusive gentle, the lustrous cockroach, or even by the delectable mealworm. Altogether my impression is that Bell-Birds would not as a rule be an easy species to cater for. Add to this that they certainly could not be recommended to the owner of a suburban aviary. What would the neighbours say to a bird whose cheerful notes can actually (according to Waterton) be heard at a distance of three miles, and an early riser at that? Why, the "frolic wind" would waft the notes from balmy Balham as far as tranquil Tooting, and even at mirthful Mitcham they would hear those strange bell-like tones and wonder whether the local Fire-brigade had been called out.



A STOCK OR FLIGHT CAGE FOR BRITISH BIRDS.

The type advocated by Mr. A. J. A. Marley in his recently-published lecture. A: are the doors, the two at the right-hand end being arranged to facilitate the catching of the birds. B: Perches, three inches long, fixed along the back. C: Sliding doors in the partitions. D: The food vessels. E: Tray to catch water splashed out by the birds when bathing. F: Large zinc bath. The size is: length 8ft., height 2ft., width 18 inches. The left-hand and middle compartments are each 3ft. long, and the one at the right 2ft. long. Very useful at the moulting season.

In the Courts.

A CONVICTION AT BRISTOL.

Three professional bird-catchers, named Samuel Griffiths, Henry Griffiths, and Henry Parsons, were on December 13, at Bristol, summoned under the Wild Birds' Protection Act for being in possession of freshly-caught birds within the city.

P.C. Budd said Griffiths and Parsons were carrying a bird-catcher's outfit. Witness stopped them, asking what they had there. They replied: "Linnets," and witness warned them that those birds were protected within the city of Bristol. They said they did not think so. Witness took them to the station, and there he found eleven wild Linnets and a Cirl Bunting. Griffiths had six decoy birds and a long cage for the wild ones, at the back of which was a secret compartment containing trapping paraphernalia. Parsons had fifty-four Linnets, one Chaffinch, and one Lark. These were all liberated.

The Defence.

Parsons, in the witness-box, said the decoy birds he had were some of them quite old—one Linnet nine years. On the day in question he had been to New Passage to catch the birds, this being perfectly lawful in the county. For many years he had been out birdcatching, and he was reputedly skilful in their care. It needed judicious feeding and much kindness to keep them. In winter the decoy birds were given rum and water to keep out the cold. Witness was a wire-worker by trade, but when he was out of employment he did bird-catching, as he had a wife and nine children to keep.

Mr. Pomeroy pointed out that had the men killed the birds before they brought them into the city there would have been no offence, since it was not either forbidden to take or kill them in Gloucestershire. He submitted that they behaved with the most humane feelings towards the birds, and were men who had been doing all they could to earn an honest living. It was only a technical offence they had committed.

In reply to the bench, the Clerk said they had the power to impose a penalty of £1 in respect of each bird.

The bench said there must be a conviction, and defendants would be fined each 5s. and costs. The catching outfit would be confiscated, but defendants would be allowed the decoy birds and their cages.

indeed for more than two or three to be taken at one time.

Gatke, speaking from an experience of half-a-century of Heligoland (which is right in the track of this species as it crosses the North Sea) says: "It occurs here only in solitary instances"; and Howard Saunders states that "only about forty specimens had been taken in England up to 1892." That year, however, and 1893 witnessed a remarkable immigration of this species and the present season promises to be no less remarkable. Evidently these Buntings have already found their way as far south as Central Europe, for they were quoted in the recent price-list of a well-known Continental dealer, though that they are there looked upon as a rarity may be inferred from the fact that they were listed at 8s. (cocks), whereas Meadow Buntings, which always command a goood price on account of their popularity with the exhibitor, were listed at only 5s. (cocks).

At Home in Artic Regions.

Mr. Cubitt rightly describes this as a "lonely bird," and it breeds in some of the most lonely places on the face of the earth. Here is a pen-picture of one of its nesting haunts—Kolguev Island in the Barents Sea, a little south of Novaya Zemlya (from Pearson's "Beyond Petsora Eastward.") "Scenery, there is none; its shores are sad-coloured bluffs of glacial mud; its rivers shallow streams, impassable by even the smallest ship's boat, and flowing through great marshy hollows full of more mud; its mountains a few sand-hills; its forests dwarf sallow-scrub some two feet in height; its plains destitute of anything we call grass and covered with many—coloured lichens and sedges. . . . The valley is chiefly marsh with numbers of lakes and tarns scattered over its surface. . . . The bluffs forming the valley's sides rise fifty or sixty feet above the sea-level. . . . The edges of these bluffs are the driest part of the country we saw and have a slight coating of peat, on which grows a variety of beautiful lichens. . . . Young Lapland Buntings, Snow Buntings, and Dunlins were on the wing. These two Buntings were the commonest birds on Kolguev. The males of the former species . . . . sat on some mound until we approached, evidently giving the alarm note to the females, and then flitted



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Wild-Bird Life.

Wood Pigeons and Stock Doves.

Up to the present we have had no real wintry weather, and of late years we seldom get any very severe until well in the New Year. But if we have not had frost and snow we have certainly had a vast amount of rain. Town dwellers can hardly realise the soaked and sodden state of the country roads and lands after several days of wet. But the rain does not appear to affect wild life in the same way as the frost and snow. With the wet we generally get open weather, so that food of all kinds is still plentiful, and many of the grubs and insects have not yet retired from the surface. The larger insectivorous birds are plump and healthy, with glossy coats and bright alert ways; the smaller birds, such as Robins, Hedge Sparrows and Wrens are still living in luxury and care nothing for the scraps from the table, or the waste from the poultry pens.

One of the sights of the open country where trees are plentiful is the huge flock of Woodpigeons. Although deadly raids were made against them last season, they are still very numerous, and are undoubtedly destructive to certain crops. Of the four varieties of Pigeons or Doves inhabiting Great Britain there is only one that is at all familiar to the general public. This is the big bold bird known by many names, such as the Blue-rock, the Cushat, the Quest, the Woodpigeon, and the Ring Dove, the two latter names being the most familiar, especially with country people. This variety is undoubtedly the most numerous of the Doves, and is the one most dreaded by farmers and gardeners. Although the Ring-Doves rear only two young ones as a brood, they breed practically from early spring until late autumn; consequently they increase rapidly unless their numbers are kept within reasonable limits by periodical raids. The Stock Doves frequently mix with the Woodpigeons, but although they are similar in shape and colour, they are a bit smaller, and are without the white ring round the neck, from which the Ring Dove gets its name. During the breeding season the Stock Doves frequent the more open country and prefer holes to nest in, either in branches or trunks of trees. The hole need not be a great height from the ground; in fact, the writer of these notes has found more than one nest in a hole on the hill side, partly obscured by bracken and long grass; evidently originally scratched out by a rabbit.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

England.

1912.
Jan. 6.—**Guisbrough Priory.**—(S. H. Lambert, 35, Cleveland St., H.W.B.).
Feb. 2, 3, 5, 6.—**Great National** (Crystal Palace). (J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Ave., Brixton, S.W.)
Nov. 1 & 2.—**Sheffield O.S.**—(T. Bishop, 60, Alexandra Road.) W.M., C.H.
Nov. 8 & 9.—**Old Shildon.**—(J. H. Elwell, 35, Church Street, Shildon).
Nov. 30.—**Coventry Godiva.**—(R. Symonds, 29, Melbourne Rd., Earlsdon).

Scotland.

Dec. 30 and Jan. 1, 1912.—**Scottish National** (A. W. Watson 58, Colinton Road, Edinburgh.)
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Jan. 1 & 2.—**Paisley O.A.**—(W. Lambie, 25, Caledonia Street.)
Jan. 2 & 3.—**Glasgow C.B.A.**—(F. Bowman, 5, Parkview, Tollcross.). W.B.M., J.Cg., J.W.B., L.J.A., A.C.
Jan. 6.—**Crieff.**—(Cameron and Watt, Cameron Bdgs.)
Oct. 19.—**Kelty and Blairadam.**—(A. Dickson, 37, Adams Terrace.)

ENTRIES CLOSED.

Dec. 23.—**Scottish National.**—A. W. Watson, 58, Collington Road, Edinburgh.
Dec. 23.—**Workington.**—H. Hyde, 8, Havelock Terr.
Dec. 23.—**Forfar.**—J. F. Wilson, 20, West High St.
Dec. 25.—**Paisley (O.A.).**—W. Lambie, 25, Caledonia Street.
Dec. 25.—**Kilmarnock.**—J. Blane, 10, Hill Street.
Dec. 25.—**Dalbeattie.**—G. C. Robertson.
Dec. 26.—**Henllan.**—Messrs. E. and J. J. Evans.
Dec. 26.—**Carlisle.**—W. H. Wright, 35, London Road.
Dec. 26.—**Falkland.**—W. Anderson, South Street.
Dec. 27.—**Dunfermline.**—A. Hynd, 78, Rumblingwell.
Dec. 30.—**Wishaw.**—J. Watson, 16, Young Street.

ENTRIES EXTENDED.

Dec. 23 (Sunday's post accepted).—**Market Weighton.**—D. Consitt, North Gate.

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Yarm, Eaglescliffe; Runcorn; Larne, Jarrow, Hebburn; Frome; Canterbury; Whitburn.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Falkirk.—Jan. 2. Town and Drill Halls. Judge, Mr. W. Mitchell. 35 open classes: Scot. 10, Nor. 6, Crest 4, Bord. 4, Brit. 6, Mule 1, For. 1, Sell. 3. Prizes, 8s., 4s., 2s. Fee, 1s. 3d. Entries close Dec. 26, to W. Anderson, South Street, Falkland, Fife.

Carlisle (E. and W.B.F.C.C., B.F.C.C., N.C.N., and C.C.C.).—Dec. 30, and Jan. 1, Mart Hall, Botchergate. Judges, Messrs. P. McKenzie, W. Poole, G. Goulden, and J. Dixon. 51 open classes: Bord. 13, Bord. Pair 1, Nor. 8, Crest 2, Yorks. 4, Mule 3, Brit. 10, For. 4, Local Linnet 1, Sell. 3. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d.; fee 1s. 6d. Entries close Dec. 26, to W. H. Wright, 35, London Road.

Dalbeattie.—Jan. 1. Town Hall. Judge, Mr. J. Martin. 17 open classes: Bord. 2, Nor. 2, Crest 1, Yorks. 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 2, Brit. 4, For. 2, Sell. 2. Prizes, 8s., 4s., 2s.; Fee 1s. 6d. Entries close Dec. 25, to G. C. Robertson.

Tunbridge Wells.—Jan. 10 and 11. Great Hall. Judge, Mr. G. Gardner. 27 open classes: Nor. 5, Yorks. 5, Crest 2, A.O.V. 1, Pairs 1, Mule 3, Brit. 6, For. 1, Sell. 2, Gift 1. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 3s. Fee 1s. 6d. Entries close Jan. 2, to H. G. Whibley, 56, Beulah Road.

Henllan.—Jan. 1, The Hall. Judge, Mr. D. Griffiths. 5 open classes: Brit. 1, Yorks. 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. Song-bird 1. Prizes, 4s., 2s., 1s.; fee 6d. Entries close Dec. 26, to E. and J. J. Evans.

Workington.—Jan. 1, Victoria Hall, Jane Street, Judges, Messrs. W. Irwin and P. Proud. 3 open classes: Can. 2, Brit. 1. Prizes, 6s., 3s., 1s. 6d.; fee 1s. 6d. Entries close Dec. 23, to H. Hyde, 8, Havelock Terrace.

Forfar.—Dec. 30 and Jan. 1, Reid Hall. Judges, Messrs. W. Bishop and J. H. Adam. 32 open classes: Nor. 10, Bord. 8, Mule 2, Brit. 6, For. 1, Sell. 5. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 3s.; fee 1s. 6d. Entries close Dec. 23, to J. F. Wilson, 20, West High Street.

Paisley O.A.—Jan. 1 and 2, New Drill Hall. Judges, Messrs. D. Black, D. Caldwell, G. Fulton, J. Park, R. Prentice, A. M. Baird. 65 open classes: Scot. 12, Scot. Pair 1, Scot. Sell. 4, Belg. 2, Crest. 4, Nor. 10, Novice Nor. 2, Nor. Sell. 1, Cinn. 1, Yorks. 4, Yorks. Sell. 1, Bord. 7, Bord. Sell. 1, Mule 2, Brit. 11, For. 2. Prizes, 11s., 10s., 5s., 3s., 2s., and many specials; fee 2s. Entries close Dec. 25, to W. Lambie, 25, Caledonia Street.

Crieff.—Jan. 6, Porteous Hall. Judges, Messrs. J. McLay and D. Low. 57 open classes: Scot. 10, Nor. 12, Crest 9, Bord. 4, Brit. 7, Mule 3, For. 4, Sell. 8. Prizes, 10s., 6s., 3s.; fee 2s. Entries close Jan. 2, to Cameron and Watt, Cameron Buildings, Crieff.

Kilmarnock O.S.—Jan. 1 and 2, Agricultural Hall. Judge, Mr. J. W. Bruce. 37 open classes: Scot. 4, Crest 2, Nor. 6, Bord. 6, Mule 3, Brit. 8, For. 3, Sell. 5. Prizes, 12s., 6s., 3s.; fee 2s. Entries close Dec. 25, to J. Blane, 10, Hill Street.

Members Shows.

Hemsworth C.B.S.: Held Dec. 2, King's Head Hotel. Judge, Mr. W. Stables. 74 entries. Principal winners: Yorks.: Messrs. Taylor, Edmondson and Son, Slack, Hall, Doodey, Davis; A.O.V.: Messrs. Woodall, Taylor; Brit.: Messrs. Ramsden, Lee; Mules: Messrs. Hall, Green. Mr. Taylor wins spl. for best Yorks.—J. W. Gillings, Sec.

Wood Green F.A.: Held Dec. 12. Judge, Mr. Robson. Principal winners: Nor., Messrs. Brooks and Griffin; Yorks., Messrs. Clay and Cobden; Brit., Messrs. Griffin and Brooks; Mules, Mr. Griffin.—T. Callegari, Assistant, Sec.

Oldham C.B.S.: Held Dec. 12, Headquarters. Judge, Mr. T. Young. 42 birds staged. Principal winners: Nor., Messrs. Sharples, Furniss, Dalzell, Steeple; Mules, Messrs. Furniss, Sharples. Mr. Sharples won both section spls. for most points, and Mr. Young's spl. for best Nor.—Jas. Cope, Sec.

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Annual Show of Poultry, Cage Birds, Rabbits, Cavies, etc., in the Reid Hall, on
December 30th and January 1st next.
Schedules from the secretary—J. F. WILSON, 20, West High Street, Forfar.

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O.A.
Jan. 1st and 2nd.
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Entries close on Mon., Dec. 25.
Schedules ready.—WM. LAMBIE, Secretary, 25, Caledonia Street, Paisley.

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DUNFERMLINE (Fife)
Annual Show of Pitry, Pgns, Cage Birds. Tues. and Wed., 2nd and 3rd January, 1912. Cups and medals and numerous Specials. Cage Bird Judges: Patterson (Chirnside), Young (Rutherglen), Marlin (Hamilton). Under patronage of Scottish Crest Club. Entries close 27th December. Schedules now ready.—ALEX. HYND, Sec., 78, Rumblingwell.

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Show, January 6, 1912. 65 Classes Cage Birds. Money, 10/-, 6/-, and 3/-. 48 Valuable Specials, including Gillette Safety Razor, value 25/-, for most points in Cage Bird Section, 2 handsome Silver Medals for best Norwich and Scotch Fancy. Entry money, 2/-. Close January 2.—Cameron and Watt, Crieff, Secs.

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O.S. First Annual Open Show, Masonic Hall, January 6th, 1912. Schedules from—H. B. YOUNG, Sec., 55, West Road, Irvine.

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PLUMSTEAD & WOOLWICH
C.B.S. 5th Annual Open Show, January 11 and 12, 1912. Judges, Messrs. T. Heath, Canaries; J. Frostick, British, Mules, and Hybrids. Schedules from Meades and Smith, 56, Conway Road, Plumstead.

DRIFFIELD F.S. 7th Open Show, January 12th. Poultry, Pigeons, Cage Birds.—W. Lounsborough, Middle Street.

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Twitterings.

Allow me to congratulate the Frome Show officials on their promptness in the matter of the payment of prize money, which I received four days after the show, writes Mr. T. H. Parr (Bristol).

We have received the cash for three of our "Nutshell Booklets" from Mr. A. Wileman, who, however, omitted to enclose his address. We shall be pleased to forward the booklets on receipt of the address.

I must thank you for the excellent report of our show which you had in your last issue, writes Mr. Thos. Mayne, sec. of the Larne and Dist. C.B.A. Winners who attended the show were paid their prize money on the Friday evening.

I am sorry to say I have not received one entry in the cage bird section, and only six in all other sections, writes Mr. D. Consitt, sec. of the Market Weighton F.S. This is only just before entries close. I do trust fanciers and exhibitors will help us; otherwise the show will have to be cancelled.

OBITUARY.

Mr. J. CLEMENTS (Portsmouth).

With sincerest regret the members of the Portsmouth C.B.S., write Messrs. King and Joiner, the secs., report the loss of one of Portsmouth's oldest fanciers in the person of Mr. John Clements, who passed away on Dec. 18 after a long and painful illness. We feel sure that all who read this announcement will unite with Portsmouth fanciers in deepest sympathy with Mrs. Clements and family in their sad bereavement. Mr. Clements was a bird breeder and exhibitor for many years past. His particular fancies were Crests and Crest-Breds, and of late Yorkshires. Many a topper of both varieties has graced the bench from his stock. With abundance of experience, he was always ready to inform any who sought his advice, and those who followed his instructions have at all times been amply rewarded.

Oldham and District C.B.S. Draw.—Winning numbers:—1st, 4754; 2nd, 5290; 3rd, 4934; 4th, 4255; 5th, 2752; 6th, 4080; 7th, 656; 8th, 3492; 9th, 1097; 10th, 2325; 11th, 5325; 12th, 1440.—Jas. Cope, secretary.—Advt.

Visitors to Ipswich this holiday should not fail to see the largest Cage Bird Show ever held in this town at the Social Settlement Hall on December 26th and 27th. Admission 3d.—(Advt.).

Bury and District C.B.S. Draw.—Winning numbers.—1st, 923; 2nd, 3231; 3rd, 1936; 4th, 2385; 5th, 110; 6th, 4932; 7th, 4779; 8th, 1263; 9th, 3865, 10th, 1089; 11th, 441; 12th, 3789; 13th, 1135; 14th, 521; 15th, 613.—H. Jameson, secretary and treasurer.—(Advt.)

We have been notified of the following corrections to show reports:—Runcorn, in the A.O.V. and in the open novice hen Norwich, Mr. Bibby (not Bitty); Newport (Mon.), 1st prize in Norwich non-fed class, Mr. D. Jeremy (not Young); Edinburgh C.B.S., 1st and B.F.C.C. medal, yellow hen, Mr. Smart (not Napier); Bradford National, additions to list of special winners, diploma for best Yorks in the Union Novice classes, Mr. A. Gledhill, also spl for best Yorks in all novice classes; championship diploma for best Nor., Messrs. D. Mallinson and Son.

(Twitterings continued over leaf.)

Greetings to . . . . Our Readers.

It is very gratifying to us once again to have the pleasant duty of acknowledging the many seasonable tokens of good-will which have reached us from readers. We desire gratefully to reciprocate the friendly greetings they convey, and to wish bird-lovers the world over

The Merriest of Christmasses - - and a - - Happy and Prosperous New Year.

TWITTERINGS—Continued.

Two errors occur in our catalogue, writes Mr. J. Bryson, sec. of Aberdeen O.S. Class 8, No. 7, Mr. Geo. Steven, is first; and Class 55, No. 2, Mr. F. Garden, is first.

We shall hold our annual show (postponed from Nov. 30) on Jan. 25, when Mr. C. A. House will judge, writes Mr. S. Priddle, sec. of the Yeovil and Dis. F. and F.S. Schedules will be sent to those who have previously applied for same.

We have received a postal order for 4s. 6d., being deposit money and fee for Linnets from a Nottingham dealer, but no name and address were enclosed. If the sender will communicate these to us we shall be able to forward a receipt.

Allow me to thank Mr. Hill and the Bradford National Show Committee for the care and treatment my birds got while at the show, writes Mr. P. Mulcahy (Dublin). My birds were back in good time, and are none the worse for the long journey.

A splendid lecture on the management of cage birds was given at our last meeting by Mr. T. Harrison, writes Mr. A. Royle, sec. of the Sale and Dis. C.B.S. There was not a very good attendance, but those who were present had a very enjoyable evening.

In last week's issue of your admirable paper, writes Mr. J. W. Metcalfe, my name is mentioned in connection with the Anfield, Everton, and Dist. C.B.S., which is very misleading, as I was not at the show in question, although I received an invitation from the hon. sec.

We have engaged the services of Mr. D. A. S. Longden (Swansea) to judge our members' show, to be held at the Assembly Rooms, Pentre, on Dec. 27, writes Mr. George Lingard, sec., Pentre and Dis. C.B.S. Fanciers around this district should not miss this treat.

Metropolitan bird-lovers should not overlook the L.P.O.S. dinner, held at the Holborn Restaurant, in the Duke's Room, on Wednesday, Jan. 3. Chairman, G. Crabb, Esq.; covers at 7.15 p.m. Particulars can be obtained of Mr. Law, the hon. sec., Brimley House, Woodhouse Road, Finchley, N.

I should like to offer a word of praise to the new management of Yarm Show, writes Mr. Geo. Cotton (Northallerton). Mr. Wilson, the secretary, and his helpers seem determined to put the society upon a sound basis. The show was only held on Saturday last, and upon opening my letters this morning (Monday) I found my prize money and my money for claimed birds to hand. I hope this treatment will induce exhibitors to give this show their support.

Our next show will be held on Oct. 9-10, 1912, writes Mr. A. L. Priest, sec. of the Clapham and Dis. C.B.A. Judges, Messrs. J. Robson, H. Norman, and H. J. Fulljames, have been appointed. We are this time having four judges instead of three, as hitherto. We have again secured the same hall for three days, so that the staging, etc., can all be erected before the birds arrive. A slight mistake on my part appears in our syllabus for the coming year. I have the open show down for Oct. 16 and 17; this should be as above.

Having received several letters of enquiry from fanciers who are desirous of exhibiting at both the Scottish National Show on Dec. 30 and Jan. 1, and Glasgow and District on Jan. 2 and 3, writes Mr. Fred Bowman, sec., Glasgow and Dist. C.B.A., we have appointed a special committee, who will give particular attention to all birds arriving from the Scottish National Show. To enable these birds to compete with an equal chance of success, their cages will be cleaned and the birds fed and watered immediately on arrival. Fanciers desiring to work these two great shows should instruct the secretaries at the time of making their entries, and so avoid any possibility of their exhibits going wrong.

URGENT NOTICE.

Owing to the Christmas Holidays this year extending over the Monday and Tuesday (December 25th and 26th), advertisers, correspondents, and our readers generally should note that any communications for insertion in our issue dated December 30th MUST BE POSTED TO-DAY. "CAGE BIRDS" will be on sale as usual on the Friday (December 29th)

Owing to an oversight the particulars of the patronage of the E. and W. Border Fancy C.C. have been missed from our schedule, writes Mr. W. H. Wright, sec., Carlisle C.B.S. Will the members of that club please note that all the medals and specials are competed for at our show, Dec. 30 and Jan. 1?

At Beamish Show, writes Mr. W. Elliott (Stanley), I was not 2nd and v.h.c. in the Greenfinch class—only v.h.c.; further, the Siskin I showed was natural colour, and the Redpoll a Mealy. My 2nd prize Bramblefinch is reported as "a trifle out of condition," but he was, and is now, in the pink of condition.

Barnsley and Dis. C.B.S. are holding their annual members' show on Boxing Day, Dec. 26, at Headquarters, Clarence Hotel, writes Mr. F. C. Sims, the sec. Ten classes are provided, and the judges are Messrs. J. Eyre (Yorks and Brit.) and E. Scargill (Nor.). The show will be open to the public at one o'clock.

Entries for our Boxing Day Show closed with 190 entries, not so bad for a young and growing society, writes Mr. J. Sheppard, sec. of the South Birmingham O.S. We shall be able to give fanciers who visit us a rare treat, as several leading fanciers and breeders have entered some warm birds, which have not yet been out. Our President, Dr. Taylor, will open the show at 2 p.m., and it should prove a grand attraction.

We have engaged that well known and competent judge, Mr. J. Thornton (Liscard) to judge our show on Boxing Day, to be held in the Mission Hall, Burleigh Road, South Walton, Brick Road, writes Mr. R. B. Wright, sec. of the Anfield, Everton, and Dist. C.B.S. The show opens at three o'clock. Classes are provided for Borders, and we hope for a good response. Schedules may be had from me at 9, Canon Road, Cabbage Hill, Anfield.

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Will fanciers kindly note that we are having an open class for Linnets at our next table show about the second week in Jan., writes Mr. J. Hall, hon. sec. of the Eccles C.B.S.

All prize money in connection with our show was paid within twelve hours of our closing, writes Mr. T. Wilson, sec. of the Yarm, Eaglescliffe, and Dis. C.B.S. Our show was a great success.

The members of the Spennymoor and Dist. C.B.S., writes Mr. C. Ramsey, the hon. sec., are sorry to inform exhibitors and fanciers that their annual show, to be held on Jan. 1, 1912, is cancelled owing to poor support.

That all printers are not bird fanciers is plain, as one of ours last week made Mr. W. Rudd, of Norwich, say (according to his advertisement) that all grey Parrots have grey tails. This, of course, should have been "red" tails.

I am daily receiving letters of congratulation from satisfied exhibitors at our show, writes Mr. T. P. Baxter, sec. of the Runcorn C.B.S. Allow me also to thank CAGE BIRDS for the good report given. Your reporter omitted to state that Mr. T. L. Glover gave of his best to make the show a success.

A Flying Start.

As a novice, in my first season of showing Yorkshire Canaries, writes Mr. E. Reynolds (Seven Kings), I have been successful in breeding a few winners, viz.: Ilford F.S., 1st and special best bird; Wimbledon, 3rd; E. Ham annual, challenge cup, gold medal, and spl for best Yorks; Ilford annual, one 2nd, three 3rds and two spls, one vhc, two hc, out of seven entries. Some of these were bred from birds I purchased of Mr. Skinner. I also attribute my success to the very valuable information given week by week in CAGE BIRDS, and to Mr. Battye's book on the Yorkshire Canary. I wish your paper every success in the future.

Wild Parrots for Berlin.

In addition to the Sparrows, Pigeons, and other birds usually seen in a great city, Berlin has now a colony of wild Parrots, says "The Standard." Since the early months of the year a small group of common grey Parrots have been observed in the streets of the extreme northern quarter of the town, where there is still a good deal of unbuilt land and garden vegetation, and have been a constant source of interest to observant Nature-lovers. The little strangers, to the number of twelve or sixteen, who are supposed to have escaped from the cages of some bird fancier, have successfully foraged for themselves all through the summer months, and if they succeed in overcoming the rigours of the approaching winter and reach the brooding season next spring, there seems some possibility that Berlin will in a year or two have a regular population of wild Parrots in its streets.

We have received many congratulatory letters concerning the satisfactory management of Kingswood (Bristol) Show, write Messrs. Morris and Barnett, the secs., and the prompt payment of prize-money. We enclose one from Mr. Bousfield, of Bournemouth, who, you will see, promises us more entries next year. We thank the writers of these kind letters.

Changes of Address.

Secretaries and others are asked kindly to note the following changes of address:—Mr. S. Priddle (sec. of the Yeovil and Dis. F. and F.S.), from Alexandra Road to 70, St. Michael's Road, Yeovil; and Mr. A. Wake (sec. of the Middlesbrough and Tees Side C.B.S.), from Aske Road to 122, Princes Road, Middlesbrough.

The Silent Owl.

The downy plumage of the Owl, with the edges of the quill feathers softened so as to look quite ragged, gives the bird the power of noiseless flight as it skims over the meadows to pick up mice and shrews for its quaint nestlings. It seldom leaves fur for feather, but a bird is no doubt occasionally taken.

A Close Struggle at Bradford.

Now that the shows where the patronage of the Bradford County British Bird and Mule Club is given are drawing to a close, writes Mr. J. Lane, the hon. sec., it will be interesting for exhibitors to note how they stand in competition for the Club's specials. There will be a struggle by the look of things for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places in the open competition. The following are the names and points:—Inman, 99; Martin and Archer, 98; Lee, 65; Stamp, 54; B. H. Wilson, 29; Bousfield, 27; Amateur Section—Lane, 116; Isherwood, 21; Bishop, 18. The above are the leading names and points only after Bradford City Show; a full list will be inserted in CAGE BIRDS. If any points are found wrong, please communicate with the secretary.

Seasonable Gifts.

What better Christmas present or New Year gift could you give to a bird-loving friend than either of the handsomely bound standard works, "Our Canaries" (post free, 15s.), and "Cage Bird Hybrids" (post free, 7s. 6d.); or select your friend any of CAGE BIRDS books, particulars of which will be found on our back page and on page 554 this week. Then there are CAGE BIRDS watches (note page 550), the best on the market at the price, high-class in appearance, and guaranteed splendid timekeepers, sure to be appreciated. Or maybe you have friends just setting up housekeeping; what better than our framed coloured plates to meet this case? All particulars can be obtained on application to the Manager, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

N.P.C. Smoking Concert.

The committee of the Norwich Plainhead Club have decided to hold a smoking concert, writes Mr. G. W. F. Lythgoe, for members and friends at some place in Manchester on Saturday, Jan. 20, to be preceded by a dinner or tea, the cost of the latter not to exceed 2s. Messrs. Cook, J. E. Davies, Raynes, and myself have been appointed a sub-committee to arrange same. It will save considerable trouble if members would kindly intimate as early as possible to any of us their willingness to attend and how many tickets they would take. The committee would also be glad to hear from any member willing to assist at the concert, either by giving items personally or bringing friends willing to entertain the members. It is intended to present the N.P.C. Cup and other special prizes and medals won during the season at this meeting, and these will be exhibited at the members' show of the Manchester Society, which is being held at the Chorlton Town Hall on the same day.

ANOTHER SENSATION FOR HYBRID BREEDERS.

A Said-to-be Chaffinch-Bullfinch.

We have enclosed you description of our very rare young hybrid, viz., Chaffinch-Bullfinch, write Messrs. Tams and Son (Longton). It was exhibited for the first time at Llanrwst Show, held Dec. 14. General appearance: Shape, Bullfinch predominates; colour, Chaffinch predominates; wings, Bullfinch shape, with two white winged bars like a Chaffinch. White bars on shoulders are nicely intermixed with white and dark feather; tail, long, Chaffinch shape; dark feathers, except outer ones, which are white edged; legs, Chaffinch shape, long and white; breast, up to the beak, lovely pinkish red and brown combined; eye, large and full, set in light brown ceres; beak, yellowish in colour, very large, would look long if not so broad; head, beautiful pink, with light speckled purple-bluish cap. There is no black on the head or under the beak or eyes like a Bullfinch; but there are two nice dark pencilled marks over the eyes like a Chaffinch. A very lively bird and a cock. As it has moulted in an aviary, so is a little unsteady at present, and as a 1911 bird, it is a most striking one, its colours are so rich. [We hope this bird may prove to be of the Chaffinch-Bullfinch parentage; it would be exceptionally interesting. We note that our reporter at Llanrwst Show (where it got 3rd prize) describes it as the "Mealy Redpoll-Bullfinch" cross. We should be pleased to receive particulars as to its breeding.—Editor.]

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In response to numerous requests, we have decided to hold another Literary Competition, and to offer £10 10s. in prizes. So, readers, utilise your leisure moments to put on paper, for the benefit of your fellow bird-keepers, that knowledge of birds and their management which is stored away in your head. Turn your spare moments to profitable account. Remember that all articles published by us will be paid for (note rules), also that photographs and drawings may accompany articles.

The **Editor** offers **six One Guinea Cash Prizes** under the following conditions:—

One Guinea Cash for the best original essay on **Mating Canaries** to **Breed Exhibition Specimens**. Any variety of Canary may be dealt with (i.e., Norwich, Yorkshire, Crest, Roller, etc., etc.) and the selection of the stock birds and the way to mate them, with a description of the good points to be looked for, and the faults to be avoided, should be fully gone into, and the reasons for the writer's advice should also be stated.

One Guinea Cash for the best original essay on the **Management of Canaries**. Competitors may deal with any one variety (such as the Norwich), or more than one variety (such as the Norwich and the Crest together), and questions relating to the general management from either the domestic or exhibition side; or the article may deal with any particular phase of Canary management, such as (1) How to prepare birds for breeding, (2), The procedure during the breeding season, (3) The rearing of young birds, (4) How to moult birds successfully, (5) How to colour-feed, (6) How to train young birds for the show-bench; or any side of Canary management the competitor may choose.

One Guinea Cash for the best original essay on any topic relating to **British Birds**. The habits, appearance, breeding, and management, etc., of any one particular species (such as the Goldfinch, Thrush, Skylark, etc.) may be discussed, or they may be dealt with collectively, or in groups, as may suit the desire or knowledge of the essayist.

One Guinea Cash for the best original essay on the art of **Mule or Hybrid Breeding**, whether in cage or aviary, and between any species of bird (either British or Foreign).

One Guinea Cash for the best original essay on any topic relating to **Foreign Birds**. The habits, appearance, breeding and management, etc., of any one particular species may be discussed, or they may be dealt with collectively, or in groups, as may suit the essayist.

One Guinea Cash for the best original essay written from the aviarist's point of view, embracing the **fitting-up and management of a bird-room**; or the **fitting-up, stocking, and general management of an aviary** (outdoor or in) whether of Canaries, British Birds, or Foreign Birds, or a suitable combination.

A beautiful original **Painting** of birds (framed) **Value Four Guineas**, will be awarded to the best essay, in the opinion of the judges, out of all the sections.

Closing Date, January 15th, next.

RULES.

(Read these very carefully.)

Each essay must be clearly written (or typed) on one side only of each sheet of paper used. Violation of this rule may entail disqualification.

The length is left to competitors, but essays should not contain less than 1,000 words, wherever possible.

Faults of spelling and grammar will not be counted against any essay, practical utility, interest, and simplicity being the chief essentials.

No name or address must be put on any essay, but each must be signed with a nom-de-plume, the sender's name and address being attached on a separate sheet of paper.

The Editor's decision will be final. Competent assistance will be called in to aid him in arriving at his decision.

All essays sent in (and any accompanying sketches or photographs) become the property of CAGE BIRDS, but all which are published (over and above the winning essays) will be duly paid for according to their worth to us.

All entries must reach CAGE BIRDS office, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C., on or before Monday, January 15th next. Write "Essay Competition," on top left-hand corner of envelope or package.

Parrakeets Which Catch the Judge's Eye.

By L. de la F. PICKARD. (Exeter.)

Experiences with the Tiny and Charming Hanging Parrots.

Since so very little has been published concerning the lovely birds. comprising the Genus *Loriculus*, or Hanging Birds, I am taking the liberty of giving readers of CAGE BIRDS my experience with them. These tiny Parrakeets are characterised by their somewhat slender beaks, the upper mandible of which is long and not much curved. The species of the genus range from India and the Philippines eastward to Duke of York Island and the Papuan sub-region. At one time these birds were supposed to be related to the Lories, but the absence of the brushes to the tongue proves that they are not.

In the wild state these little birds feed upon honey and sugar cane. They nest in holes in trees. A nest found by Mr. Davidson was 20ft. from the ground, and contained three white eggs. Colonel Legge says that these birds are very fond of the juice of the sugar palm, and feed on it to such an extent that they become stupefied and fall easy prey to the natives.

Life in Captivity.

The first mention of a Hanging Parrakeet in Europe seems to date from 1865, when an example of Schlater's Hanging Parrakeet was purchased for the London Zoological Society. Others soon followed, and now at any of our larger shows an example of *Loriculus* may usually be seen.

In captivity these birds should be kept in a good-sized cage (mine are kept in a Crystal Palace aviary) the top of which should be wired, as these tiny Parrots sleep hanging head downwards from the roof. The cage should be cleaned out frequently.

My specimen has daily for food boiled rice well sweetened, a little canary seed, and about a quarter of a ripe banana. It seems to prefer the fruit, but I have often seen it sucking the sugar from the rice.

The Ceylonese Hanging Parrakeet.

In this bird (*L. indicus*), the general colour of both sexes is green, paler below than above, the crown, rump, and upper tail-coverts red, lores, cheeks, chin and throat bluish, the nape and mantle washed with orange, inner webs of flights and under surface of tail, blue. The female is smaller than the male. In the young the forehead is greenish grey, shading into orange behind, mantle almost pure green, cheeks without bluish tinge, throat very slightly bluish.

This is the most frequently imported of the Hanging Parrakeets, but nevertheless is rare, price about £1 per pair. In 1910 I obtained a Ceylonese Hanging Parrakeet. He soon became very tame and amusing. I had him for about four months, when he died through catching cold at a show to which I had sent him. This species is also known as the Red-crowned Hanging Parrakeet.

The Blue-Crowned Hanging Parrakeet.

The general colour of this bird (*L. galgulus*) is green, with a brownish-yellow spot on the back, rump and upper tail-coverts red, a blue spot on the middle of crown, under wing coverts and tail, blue. These lovely little birds are found between Wellesley Province and Singapore. This is a specier tolerably well-known to bird-keepers, and is generally represented at L.C.B.A. and Crystal Palace Shows. The price is about 40s. per pair. I now possess a beautiful adult example of *L. galgulus*. It is very fond of banana. It rarely comes to the bottom of its cage, but likes to get as high up as it can.

Three other species of *Loriculus* have been imported, namely, the Vernal Hanging Parrakeet (*L. vernalis*). The Golden-backed Hanging Parrakeet (*L. chrysomitis*) and Schlater's Hanging Parrakeet (*L. sclateri*) but all three are very rare. Dr. Russ had an example of L. vernalis in 1873, while the London Zoological Society have possessed the other two species.

Breeding and Exhibiting.

Only one of the above-named species has been bred in confinement. The Golden-backed Hanging Parrakeet was bred in the London Zoological Gardens in 1871, and one youngster was reared. I have no account of the breeding of either *L. indicus* or *L. galgulus*. I mean, if I can get a hen, to have a try with the latter next year.

A good pair of Hanging Parrakeets, especially the Blue-crowned, will generally catch the judge's eye. They should be shown in a cage measuring about 16in. by 8in. by 12in. The wires of the front should be ½-in. apart, while the roof of the cage should be wired to enable the birds to hang.

These tiny birds require a little heat during the winter, as they are rather sensitive to cold.

Dirty Birds Mean Wasted Entry Fees.

By J. TAYLOR (Bankfoot).

A Lecture given before the Bankfoot and District C.B.S.

When a fancier is about to launch out on to the show bench he invariably does so with mixed feelings, and no doubt a great many thoughts pass through his mind, such as, "Are my birds good enough?" "Are they clean?" "Are my show cages clean and tidy?"

I will deal with the first of these questions —"Are my birds good enough?" One never knows whether they are or are not, until he has staged the birds and seen the awards. Champions and novices are alike in this respect, because how many times do we see champions buying a bird, which, no doubt has won many times in the novice section; and when they have staged it in high company it seldom counts! It happens every week. How many times does a novice exhibit at a members' show birds which he has just bought and probably counts with them at the first show, and yet when he shows them at the open exhibition they fail to get a card! My advice to a beginner is, show a few birds at a members' show before exhibiting them at open shows; unless, of course, he happens to have a very deep pocket, and is ready to pay for his birds and his learning.

Where Care is Necessary.

When I am about to enter my birds for the open shows, I generally look round and pick out two or three, never more, on the Monday or Tuesday; these I take into the house to wash. Now this process is where a great deal of care is necessary, as much depends on it, because a badly washed bird, however good its other points may be, will not stand much chance under our present-day judges. You must have cleanliness both in birds and cages, or you might as well keep your money in your pocket, and your birds at home.

Some Good Advice.

My method of washing is as follows: Procure three bowls, and half fill each with hot water; be very careful not to have it too hot, or it will scald the bird and damage the plumage. I always have mine so that I am able to bear my elbow in it; then I think it is right and ready for use. In the third bowl I place a teaspoonful of vinegar to each pint of water. I was told of this last season by a very prominent fancier, because I staged a bird with a little soap left on the neck, and, as you know, this is very easily done. This good fancier gave me the advice, and I have acted on it ever since, and have never been troubled with the soap question since. I may say here that the neck is the only place where a bird cannot preen itself, so that if any soap be left in, it is bound to show until the bird is washed again. I use white curd soap; it is sold in tablets at twopence each. I do not use a shaving brush like most fanciers; I use a baby brush instead. A sponge and some cloths in which to roll the bird up complete my washing outfit.

To commence washing, I take the bird in a sort of crouching position in my left hand, with my thumb under its head, and my little finger on the root of its tail; and with the middle fingers I hold it gently but firmly. I lay its tail on the table, and wash this first. Next I wash the back and flights; then I roll it over on my hand and wash its body, and under its flights. I always finish with the head, and generally do so without the brush, simply using my finger, as I think this is a far better way than using the brush. I next give the bird a thorough swill in No. 2 bowl, and a similar treatment in bowl No. 3 containing the vinegar. Always use plenty of water; it will do the bird no harm. Should you find the bird slipping out of your hand, by all means let it go; you can easily catch a wet bird.

I always take care to have a really good fire; the birds then stand little chance of catching a chill. I generally let my birds remain in the drying cloths about 20 minutes, and then remove them into show cages, where I let them remain for another fifteen minutes. After this I place them on the table, where they remain until thoroughly dry. I always keep them in the house over-night, returning them to their proper quarters the following morning.

Perhaps a word or two on my method of feeding will not be out of place. When my birds drop into the moult, I give them a good deal of Cod Liver Oil food along with their egg-food. I usually mix one egg to a slice of bread about 2in. thick; add a little maw seed; also about a tablespoonful of the Cod Liver Oil; these mix well together. I am a great believer in Cod Liver Oil, because it keeps the birds warm, and their bowels open; it can also be used to advantage during the breeding season.

When my birds return from a show, I always supply them with a little egg food; and instead of giving them water to drink, I fill their glasses with milk that has been previously boiled.

Now I trust that we may have a good discussion, and if I can answer any questions, I shall be only too pleased to do so.

Question: Does the lecturer believe in washing birds in the morning?—I prefer to wash my birds at night.

When does the lecturer prefer returning the birds to their proper cages?—The following morning, as previously stated.

Do you give the birds any extra food after the wash?—I give them a little egg food next morning.

What effect has the vinegar during the wash? —It removes all traces of soap instantly.

Could the lecturer give us a good conditioner?—I usually give birds mixed seed, and if the weather be very cold I add a little extra hemp.

This question led up to a number of remedies being given, such as lettuce seed, isinglass along with egg-food, etc.—F. GELDER.



THE TALKING ROOK AND ITS FAIR MISTRESS.

A Rook that Talks and is a Model of Good Behaviour.

By J C. BRISTOW-NOBLE (Horsham).

The Story of A Little Girl's Interesting Pet.

A little girl—the child of poor parents residing at Horsham in Sussex—is the happy possessor of a strange and most interesting pet, namely, a talking Rook. The bird lives in a small pen in a tiny back garden, and is the admiration and envy of everybody who has seen it, both on account of its conversational powers and its excellent behaviour. Its history is curious and entertaining. Four years ago an elder brother of the little girl picked it up on the road, near a local rookery, when it was little more than a fledgling. The foolish young Rook, disregarding the proverb which tells us that "Discretion is the better part of valour," had fluttered down on to the road from its nest in a tall, over-hanging tree, and was too weak on the wing to fly back.

Rearing Baby "Jack."

The boy carried his prize home, thinking he had caught a Jackdaw, and although his parents saw at once that the bird was the familiar and despised Rook, they allowed it to be kept, and, moreover, advised that it should be christened Jack. The bird was even too much of a baby to feed itself, so, of course, had to be fed. Small pieces of food were dropped into its mouth from the end of a match. But he soon learned to feed himself.

By the autumn the Rook had assumed adult plumage—a mantle of glossy black feathers, with some dark green ones intermingled, which are even more glossy than the sable ones.

It was just about this time that Jack gave its owner a great surprise. Early one morning when some of the family were preparing to go to work and some to school, it was heard to call "Come on, Jim." Jim is the eldest brother of the Rook's little mistress, and Jack was mimicking her. No attempt whatever had been made to teach the bird to talk, for Rooks are generally supposed to be far too stupid to be capable of imitating the human voice; but this, it would now seem, is a fallacy. Moreover, ever since that morning never a day has passed without the Rook speaking. Indeed, it has now a vocabulary of close upon a hundred simple words and phrases.

It will call a neighbour's dog by its name, it will shout "Hallo," "Puss," and "Mater," and say "Good morning," "Good day," "How do you do," and so on. One day a very large grub was dropped into the bird's cage, which for some moments it tried in vain to swallow. Then in the greatest rage it dashed the unfortunate grub to the floor of its cage, and assuming a very hostile attitude invited it to "Come on, come on."

Two Little Weaknesses.

Jack has always been very tame. Although the bird can fly swiftly and strongly and is allowed out of its cage nearly every day, it has never shown signs of being dissatisfied with its home and of wishing to join its fellows in the surrounding rookeries. On the contrary, it seems to love its little pen, and to be as happy as the summer's day is long. But although a well-behaved Rook, it delights in nothing so much as running its little mistress round the garden and pecking her legs, or in chastising all the rats that come near it.

Up to the spring of the year, the bird had been said to be a male. Then, however, it built a nest and laid five eggs, which interesting occurrence settled once and for all Jack's sex!

"Jack eats almost anything," said his little mistress, and is very fond of greenstuff, meat, potatoes, cake and grubs. He hops about while father digs the garden and picks out the insects. We have often seen Jack sop pieces of bread in his bath before eating them, and one of the funniest things is that he does not like worms. Jack eats porridge in winter, and if we give him too much food he buries it in his cage and picks it out again when he is hungry.

Questions and Answers.

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Queries will be answered under the following conditions:—

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Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** British Birds, Mule and Hybrids—**G. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., &c., Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc., of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his questions for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Sits Huddled Up (J. M.).—If, as you say, the bird is quite free from draughts, you are probably keeping it too near a fire, or hanging over or near a burning light in the evening, which exposes it to extremes of heat and cold. In addition, your feeding is not very suitable. Attend first to the suggested causes, and see that the bird is kept in a comfortable but equable temperature, not necessarily a very warm one, and, of course, free from draughts. Give a staple diet of plain canary only. Every second day give separately half a teaspoonful of summer rape, and a morsel of banana, and on the alternate days a similar quantity of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw seed. Twice a week give just a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, and millet. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom salts every second day for a week, and in the next week four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid, every second day. No, do not hand-wash birds without a real need for it.

Stuck in Moult (Lochty).—In addition to the staple diet give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake every second day for a week, dusting it lightly each time with flowers of sulphur, and sprinkle it with maw seed. On the alternating days give a pinch of summer rape and a pinch of maw, and add to the drinking water 20 drops of whisky, as much chlorate of potash as will cover a threepenny-piece, and a few blades of meadow saffron. Keep the bird rather on the warm side, but be cautious about draughts, and allow bird to bathe two or three times a week if he likes in mild weather. At the end of the first week give the bird a hand-wash, using the water rather on the warm side, or if you are not expert at the job get someone who is to do it for you. This should set matters right.

A Great Eater (Perplexed).—Does the bird really eat so much as you suggest? Individuals vary greatly in appetite, as in all else, but it frequently happens during this season that birds will get through an enormous amount of seed, though when the matter is looked into it will be found they remove the husk and drop the kernel on the floor. Sometimes it is due to digestive derangement, but at others is merely a habit to work off spare time. Treat the bird in all respects the same as advised to "J.M." in this issue for a fortnight, and if it has not altered its habits by that time write again referring to this reply, and I will advise you further.

Breeding Queries (Amateur).—I take it you mean breeding in cages. If so, the three cocks would be quite sufficient for five hens if you run the two most vigorous cocks alternately with two hens each, and keep the other mated to one hen. But if you mean to breed with the birds flying loose, three cocks will be quite too many. Use only two of them in that case, and add another hen, making two cocks to six hens. The best staple diet for this season is good sound canary seed only. A pinch of rape may be given separately three times a week, a little mixed seed once a week, and a little egg food or crushed biscuit once a week. A scrap of green food when fit for use may be given twice a week or so, or a morsel of sweet apple or banana as a substitute. For details see "Canary Breeding for Beginners." Some, not all, of the foods you refer to are very good, and useful for winter use, and are used successfully by many fanciers for rearing young. You will be much safer in adhering to orthodoxy. Yes, your room is large enough to make a fair start. The main point, however, is to see that it is properly ventilated, and quite free from cold draughts, damp, and excessive fluctuations. Though you mention no definite size, I should say the Crystal Palace aviary will be quite suitable as a flight for the hens through the winter. There is no necessity to crack hemp seed for adult birds.

Singing and Seeds (A. B. C.).—(1) If your bird begins now to show signs of coming in song it is probably a cock, if that is what you wish to know. Many late-hatched cocks, especially when caged with others, do not do much at singing until the "turn of the year." If caged alone they usually open out soon after the moult is quite finished. The dietary and treatment advised to "J.M." will do much to bring it out. The only alteration you need make is to sprinkle the sponge cake with a mixture of equal parts maw and gold of pleasure instead of only maw seed. Give it the aperient, and then the tonic medicine the same as advised in that reply. (2) Linseed, niger, and winter rape, or newly harvested rape, are relaxing; gold of pleasure a little less so. All the rest you name, and matured, mellow summr rape, are constipating, more or less.

Outdoor Birdroom (Pippin).—You do not mention the thickness of your walls, nor whether they are single or double. If the former, unless the building is in a nicely sheltered position, you will probably find it subject to extreme fluctuations of temperature. Otherwise, providing you have made adequate arrangements for ventilation during the hot summer months, I see no reason why any of the breeds you mention should not thrive well in it without artificial heat, again providing they have hitherto been accustomed to a normal temperature. These, indeed, are the only class of birds you should start with in such a building. The amount of glass in front will also make the place very variable, and you would do well to provide shutters to cover most of it to suit prevailing conditions during the winter and spring. If you start with quite hardy birds, as suggested above, you may put them in whenever a spell of mild weather occurs, and no heating will be at all necessary, but if the birds have hitherto been kept at a comfortable temperature by heating, you must continue it until spring at least. On the whole you would do better to defer stocking it until the end of March. Do not keep any birds flying loose as well as in cages. The place is too small for this to be a success.

Pestered with Insects (Darby Joe).—If you are correct in saying the insects are on the bird they are probably grey lice, not red mites. The latter, except in an exceptionally severe case, would only be found on the bird at night, and it is the cage, wherein they harbour by day, that needs most attention. For grey lice, a hand wash with a teaspoonful of creolin mixed in each pint of the first and second waters is the best way of dealing with the case, if you are expert at washing. Do not attempt it otherwise. In any case, you must put the bird in a temporary cage and thoroughly overhaul the other one. Clean thoroughly inside and out, probing well any open joint or wire hole, and afterwards wash out the cage well two or three times at intervals of a day or so with a strong solution of Jeyes' or Izal, working it well into the joints with a small brush. After the last dressing run a drop or two of the pure Jeyes' into each open joint or crevice. Then re-distemper and varnish cage, and when quite dry bird may be returned. Whilst in the temporary cage give it a bath daily in which a few drops of quassia extract have been mixed. See that the wall or hook where the cage hangs is quite free from any trace of mites before replacing the cage.

Border Fancy Hen (Serin).—(1) See reply to "J. M." in this issue, and treat the hen the same as advised therein. Do not keep her too near a fire, but select a cosy place—not overheated, nor yet cold—where the temperature is fairly equable day and night. See that it is nice and bright and well aired, but not draughty. (2) The price of birds varies so much that it is not always an easy task to advise one what they ought to give for a pair, and you do not say whether you want to breed exhibition specimens or not. You could get a decent pair of Norwich for 10s. 6d. or 12s. 6d., quite good enough to "learn on," or a more typical pair of stock birds, which may breed very nice quality youngsters, with an occasional prospective winner at small shows, for 20s. or 30s. For really high-class stock of good winning strains you may have to pay anything from 20s. per bird upwards.

Hens Dying, Etc. (J. B.).—(1) Sorry I cannot dogmatise as to the cause of the deaths after this lapse of time, and from the meagre particulars you give. The only way to have got a really satisfactory solution was to send a body to our post-mortem examiner, who would have been able to clear up the matter. In all probability it was due to bacillary infection, and you would be well advised to get Dr. Clarke's brochure on septic fever, which our manager would send you, post free, for 7d., and read up the subject before another season arrives. Also get the Nutshell booklet on disinfection, and disinfect all your cages and appliances thoroughly as a precautionary measure before starting next season. Prevention is the only remedy (if I may be excused the "bull") for this complaint. (2) German hens and Roller hens are, to all intents and purposes, one and the same breed, so there is nothing to choose between them as feeders for fancy breeds. (3) Lizards are, as a rule, very good feeders, and require no assistance in rearing their young. Exceptions are met with, of course, just the same as in any other good feeding breed. It is often more a question of strain than breed in all cases.

CANARY QUERISTS,

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

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BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Another Lump (E. E. Griffith).—Follow the advice given "A. J. Bowen" in this issue. It applies exactly to the case of your Blackbird. I hope it may prove curable.

Trouble with the Blaze (A. H. J.).—I do not exactly know what you mean by the blaze being "all mottled." Do you mean mottled with white feathers? If so, nothing can be done except to hope that it may moult out a normal colour next year. Or do you mean that part of the feathers forming the blaze have moulted and part have not? Kindly make the matter clear.

A Goldfinch Fallacy (J. G. Quill).—Whoever told you that only white-legged Goldfinches would breed Mules was talking nonsense. I have bred Mules from scores of black-legged (i.e., not house-moulted) Goldies. And so have lots of other fanciers. Will you kindly explain what you mean by "different classes of Finches," as I cannot comprehend your second question. The Linnet, for instance, is a Finch, and a Linnet Mule could thus be accurately described as a "Finch Mule." But when fanciers speak of "Finch Mules," they always have in their mind Mules bred from a Goldfinch and a Canary.

Two Common Crosses (H. Jones).—I find it very hard to think that your query is a serious one, and that it is not addressed to me by way of an alleged joke. You ask whether the Goldfinch-Canary and Goldfinch-Greenfinch matings have been successful. These two crosses are just about the commonest we have, specimens being on view at practically every show in the land, as a perusal of the show reports will tell you. A good-sized breeding cage of the ordinary type is suitable for these couples. It is not absolutely essential that the pairs should run together throughout the winter; but it is not at all a bad plan to allow them to do so.

A Swelling, Etc. (A. Forrest).—You are bound to catch the bird to properly treat the swelling you mention. I think that if you paint it lightly over with tincture of iodine twice daily (night and morning), it will quickly disappear. Use a small camel-hair brush and keep the iodine off any other part of the bird—out of its beak and eyes, for instance—only a light smear being necessary. If you want something difficult to get, as you put it, try either Chaffinch, Bramblefinch, or Yellowhammer with your hen Canary. Any Mules from either mating would be very valuable.

Sexing Lesser Redpolls (H. Bartlett).—1. It is exceedingly difficult to accurately sex most house-moulted Lesser Redpolls. A bird excelling in size and colour, and with well-defined (distinct) black pencilling can safely be put down as a cock. In the breeding season the actions of a bird and examination of the vent will infallibly decide its sex. If your bird showed no red on the breast when in field plumage, then quite likely it is a hen. The red (whether of head or breast) is not reproduced after a house moult, though often a kind of golden tint is to be seen.

A Hard Growth (A. J. Bowen).—I cannot explain what has caused the hard growth on the wing-butt, unless the bird has knocked or otherwise injured its wing at some time or other. Try the iodine, as recommended "A. Forrest" in this issue for a time. If this is not successful in removing it, just touch the growth once daily with a stick of caustic, obtainable from any chemist. If the swelling is not a surface excrescence (like a corn, for instance), but is under the skin, then the caustic must on no account be used. If the iodine fails, there is no cure.

BRITISH BIRD & HYBRID QUERISTS

should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4 "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

A Trio (Fritz).—1. A cock Linnet is not too old at five years to breed Mules. I am myself successfully using an older bird than this, and he sired some fine birds last season. Everything depends on the bird's vigour and condition. 2. The only Bramblefinch Hybrid at present known is the Bramblefinch-Chaffinch. A fair number have been bred, but a good example is valuable. You could try your cock bird with either a hen Bullie or a hen Canary, if you choose, by way of experiment. 3. Chaffinch-Bramblefinch and Greenfinch-Chaffinch Hybrids have been produced (only one of the latter; see our last double number), but your Chaffinch could also be tried with a hen Bullie or Canary. By the way, I hear that a reputed Chaffinch-Bullfinch Hybrid is now to be seen. If genuine, it should be a most interesting and handsome bird.

An Aviary (Urmstonian).—I am sorry to have to say it, but I do not like your aviary at all. It is open at front and on both sides, and faces due north; further, it is very small. I do not know if it is in anyway sheltered by adjacent buildings, but even so I am afraid you will find the birds in it stand the cold winds and frosts of winter very badly. So far as I can see, there is no shelter except the little provided by the slope of the roof. It would make a good summer (or fine weather) aviary, but I am dubious as to its usefulness at other periods. Cover the floor very thickly with gritty sand, or sand and fine builder's gravel mixed. You could put in the centre a large dead bough of suitable shape, renewing it when soiled; plenty of perches in the roof and at the back; none near the wires, for fear of cats. It is suitable for about 20 small birds; but less if you want them to breed. If you are going to turn out the Canaries now, see that you obtain birds bred in an outdoor aviary, or you will surely lose them.

Six all at Once (Chaffinch Lover).—1. Everything depends upon the time it takes the birds to settle down to cage life. Some Linnets ("kind" birds) will sing a week or so after being caught. With Chaffinches it is different, as few commence to sing before the "love fever" attacks them in the spring. I have a bird now, however, which is commencing to sing, after being caught about a month. 2. They might, but it is very doubtful if success would result in an ordinary breeding cage. You would have to put the eggs under a hen Canary. 3. A cage such as you describe in question number six would be suitable to try a breeding pair in; a small outdoor aviary would be better. 4. The catching of Chaffinches is too lengthy a topic to deal with in these columns. Articles have appeared in back numbers. Many are caught by "pegging" (involving the use of lime), and others by nets. 5. Some Chaffinches it is impossible to get steady until they are house-moulted. Much depends on the "temper" of the bird; its age, too, is a factor. Kept in a medium-sized box cage (the Finch stock cage pattern) the average Chaffinch soon settles down, especially if the cage is placed in a room wherein people are constantly present. 6. I should try cock Chaffinch and hen Canary, and cock Canary and hen Chaffinch. I think this hybrid will one day be produced; but I consider it a difficult cross, with the chances heavily against the would-be breeder. The cage you describe is an admirable one.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

Illness of Budgerigar.

L. Z. S.—The bird should be caged, but once brought indoors, it must be kept there for the winter, as even hardy Budgerigars after a period of warmth cannot be put out again till spring. It appears to have caught a bad chill, and there is evidently some stomach trouble as well—the extreme heat of the summer, followed by the recent changeable wet and cold, has caused many similar mishaps. Give two drops of Dinneford's Magnesia, direct to the beak, daily till full relief is given, and then as required to keep the bowels moving freely without being watery-loose. Dilute a small quantity of oxymel of squills with an equal bulk of water, and give two drops of this daily for a week, and then report progress. If you can catch the bird easily in the aviary, you can treat her there, but if the chill is at all severe, the only safe method is to bring her indoors till spring, and as soon as she has picked up a bit, bring the cock in as well, giving them a roomy cage.

An Ailing Grey Parrot.

Mrs. Carter.—You give me no data, and make it very difficult to assist you—no word as to food or treatment—but as you now have Nutshell Booklet No. 17 you will find correct dietary there. Put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in two tablespoonfuls of water, and let this form the only drinking water till full relief has been given—of course, mixing it fresh daily—as soon as this occurs only give it every fourth day; on the other days put the same quantity of byno-phosphates in the drinking water, and continue this treatment for a month. Note: While giving drugs, use only a glass or china drinker. If any other symptoms for the worse intervene, you had better repeat query, with fullest details, at once. While the bird's appetite is so small, tempt it with a little plain biscuit, moistened with equal parts of the phosphates and chilled water.

Budgerigars and Birds for Show.

Budge.—I should say the bird is merely maturally preening its feathers; still, it's best to make sure. Get a "mist" sprayer and spray the bird twice weekly with a diluted quassia solution. Of course, if you wish to exhibit this season you must purchase at once, and your best course would be to procure a few birds from the various shows at catalogue rates, but if it is next season you are referring to, your best course is to visit a show or two, notice the birds there, losers as well as winners, and make a list; also study the show reports in our pages. Next spring will be time enough to purchase, remembering that first of all comes condition and steadiness in exhibition birds, and then rarity and beautiful plumage. Of the commoner Finches and Waxbills, the following, if in condition, are likely to fare well: Diamond, Long-tail, Grass, Ruficauda, Gouldian, Crimson, Aurora, Saffron, Red-headed, etc., Finches. Also Grey, St. Helena, Gold-breasted and Orange-cheeked Waxbills, and various cock Weavers and Whydahs. Others more costly are Melba, Quail, and Parrot Finches, Violet-eared Waxbills, etc. If the above are insufficient, repeat query.

Birds for Garden Aviary.

Urmston.—No garden aviary should be without a shelter shed, and I am afraid you will not get much success with yours unless you so provided. If you can add it to the present erection so much the better, if not, then put a wood and glass front to the portion of the aviary to the left of the tower, and also put a portion across from front to back. This partition must have a door in it, with several holes for the birds to get in and out. As the whole of it is a covered roof, it will not be any use planting bushes, etc., but you can have a narrow border against the netting inside, and with an occasional watering you can grow grass, weeds, canary seed, oats, wheat, etc. I do not know your county, so I am in a difficulty here, too, but providing you are not too far north, the following would give you a nice selection: Pairs of Grey and Green Singing Finches, Rufous, and Long-tailed Greenfinches. Common and Green Avadavats, Red-billed and Madagascar Weavers, Grey, Orange-cheek, and Gold-breasted Waxbills, Silverbills, Zebra Finches, Cutthroats, and Bronze Mannikins; this will be as many as you have accommodation for. No. 1 mixture canary and white millet, equal parts; No. 2 Mixture, paddy rice, oats, and hemp, equal parts; No. 3 Mixture, any good wild seed mixture. Also keep a few millet sprays hanging about—greenfood (lettuce, flowering grass, and any non-poisonous weeds), cuttlebone, grit, and a little of some good soft-food mixture, when they are feeding young. Get our Nutshell Booklets dealing with the above—vide advert. in this column.

Foreign Hybrids (Sulphuratus).—The cross is not common, because the species is not often on the market in this country; nevertheless, it has been raised before on one or two occasions—in fact, all the genus Serinus are ready to mate with the Canary when lacking a mate of their own species. For the past two years the St. Helena Seed-eater has crossed with the Canary and young have been successfully reared, while the more common Serins on the English market have done so freely. I should

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS

should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

say a successful union of the Sulphury Seed-eater with the Bullfinch is very improbable. Undoubtedly almost any two species of Serinus, if of anything like equal size, would ultimately pair and successfully nest, if isolated from their own species. The Foreign Siskins (Chrysomitris) will also cross with the Canary, and would very probably do so with any Serin or its near allies.

A Feather Puller (Parrot, Durham).—I cannot give you a reply till you inform me how you have been feeding and treating the bird. In the meantime, put in its drinking water one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia every other day, and spray (use a "mist" sprayer) twice a week with quassia solution.

Cockatoo with Overgrown Beak (B. Magrath).—Your bird's beak will have to be cut back to normal size, and you must get either a vet., local farrier, or dealer to do it for you, preferably the former, as if you attempt it yourself without any previous experience, you may cut back too far and make it bleed; but it will have to be cut back by someone. I take it your bird is a Sulphur-crested Cockatoo. This has a black beak; the Slender-bill Cockatoo has a whitish horn-coloured beak, and the upper mandible of this species is very long, and curves in towards the breast. If your bird has a black beak it must be cut back, but if the beak is almost white, then it is possible it is a Slender-bill, and will not require cutting.

Cape Canary Hybrids (Young Fancier).—The Cape Canary and a Norwich would be almost sure to successfully cross, but on the question of value there are many points to consider. Mules and Hybrids are principally valued for exhibition purposes, and the above would have to go in the foreign class; it could not compete in the ordinary Canary Mule or Hybrid class. As a cage bird and pet it would be very handsome, and also a good songster, and should, at any rate, be equal to the average Goldfinch-Canary Mule in value.

Budgerigars (Ignoramus).—(1) So far as I know neither the violet nor chrysanthemum flowers will harm the Budgies. I have found Budgies rather fond of lettuce; they would also eat canary grass grown in small pots or pans. A little apple, if they will eat it, is also good for them, particularly at this season. (2) Give them a light spraying, say twice a week, with a "mist" sprayer; when wild, Budgerigars tub by rolling in wet (dewy) grass and herbage. (3) Keep up a constant supply. (4) About 8 p.m. would be a good time to cover up, but a portion of the top of cage must be left uncovered for ventilation. Get our Nutshell Booklet, "Budgerigars," 2½ post free, from our Manager.

Treatment for Cardinal (Cardinal).—A seed mixture of canary and white millet, one quart of each, with 1 pint of paddy rice, hemp, and sunflower seeds mixed in equal parts—well mix the whole and keep a supply in cage. Also supply ripe fruit, and about three mealworms per diem, with cuttlebone, greenfood, grit, and water for drinking and bathing. In spring and summer it can have in any quantity such as beetles, smooth caterpillars, earwigs, spiders, etc., as you can capture for it. Its cage should be roomy enough for it to be able to stretch its wings and take reasonable exercise.

Port Lincoln Parrakeet (Anxious).—The staple diet of this species will be canary and white millet seed, but it will be best to keep two hoppers in the cage or aviary, one containing canary and white millet in equal parts, and the other to contain paddy rice, oats, hemp, and sunflower seeds in equal parts, replenishing the respective hoppers as required. It is good practice to add a pinch of grit (not sand) to the daily supply of seed. Also greenfood, ripe fruit daily (any kind it will take); any nuts it will take are also in order, and it can be given a piece of plain biscuit to nibble at it if it cares for it. Keep a piece of clear cuttlebone in the cage, also drinking water. If it will not take a bath it must be sprayed, once weekly in the winter, every other day during the summer. If it is tame enough let it come out for a fly two or three times a week, the exercise will tend to its general well being.

What Parrot, etc. (T. J.).—I cannot give you a definite answer as to what your bird is, as you give me no idea as to size, etc., or whether tail is long or short, and the incomplete description of the plumage would fit many South American species; however, if your bird is about the size of an Amazon, and a short-tailed species, I think it is a Dufresne's Amazon. Get some powdered areca nut, mix as much as would lie on a sixpence, with a little syrup into three small pellets, and give to the bird. Give this quantity every other day for a week, then let a week go by, then repeat the treatment; after this period report progress. Diet: Seed mixture, ripe fruit, nuts, plain biscuit, grit, cuttlebone, green food, and water.

POST MORTEMS.

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S. G. Waldram.—Parrakeet died of acute pneumonia. There was no evidence of existing disease.

E. G. Haggis.—Tanager died of advanced tuberculosis. There was tubercular disease of the sternal muscles and sternum (breast bone and attached muscles), and a large mass of tubercle on the upper surface of the right lung. The disease must have been in existence for some time. The lesions I have carefully preserved as of interest; should you wish to view same I shall be pleased to forward for inspection if you will pay postage.

H. Lovibond.—Cerebral apoplexy, rupture of a blood vessel causing pressure. Such cases occur suddenly without any premonition; high condition and degeneration of the arteries are predisposing causes.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

Century Food (T. Horton).—This preparation is not now on the market, we are informed.

Method of Fixing Perches (J. Podmore).—We have published this before.

A Glass Sprayer (R. L. Ker).—This idea we have already given.

Some Suggestions (J. H. B.).—We thank you heartily for suggestions you make, but assure you that there are insurmountable difficulties in the way of carrying some of them out, mainly connected with the technical side of printing the paper. It is impossible for us always to go to press with the pages in the same order.

Our Painting Competition (E. Bettison).—The actual front page must be used, not a tracing on to drawing paper, and any difficulties be surmounted by the competitors, who are all "on the level," so to speak, in this matter.

The Coloured Frontispiece (Argumentative).—We are sorry, but really cannot give this information until after the competition closes. Leave your argument until then for settlement.

Cape Canary Mules (A Young Fancier).—We have sent your question along to our foreign bird specialist, Mr. Page. Look in his query columns for an answer.

WAKEFIELD ROLLER.

Ninth annual Roller singing contest of the Wakefield Roller C.C. was held in the Co-operative Hall, on December 8th and 9th. No fewer than 190 birds were benched. The judging was in the capable hands of Messrs. F. A. Lester (London), Mr. Jacquemin (Wolverhampton), and F. Oldroyd (Wakefield). The arrangements, which were admirably carried out, were made by the Sec., Mr. H. Roebuck, assisted by members of the society.

YOUNG BIRDS (52): 1, hc, Dr. Read; 2, c, Harper; 3, Hanbury; 4, Hesling; 5, 6, Stolle; vhc, Williams, Neugbauer, Foulds, Wareing, Bird, Oldroyd; hc, Percival, Pilling, Bird; c, Netherwood, Neugebauer (2), Harper. NOVICE, Y.B. (61): 1, c, Veen; 2, 6, Webster; 3, Maddock; 4, Christie; 5, vhc, hc, Smalley; vhc, Whittle, Hopkin, Bew, Brown (2); hc, Firth, Groves, Heaton, Atkinson (2), Evans, Davis; c, Firth, Tasker, Ives, Welch, Barnett. OPEN ANY AGE (26): 1, 5, hc, c, Dr. Read; 2, Whittlestone; 3, hc, Kremner; 4, Bland; vhc, Lyons; hc, Brown. AMAT. (30): 1, Montague; 2, 4, Humphries; 3, Ives; 5, Hunter; vhc, Blackmore, Grainger and Harper, Christie, Pilling; hc, Taylor, Groves, Buffin, Davis. £2 LIMIT (23): 1, Ives; 2, Abson; 3, Wareing; 4, Dobson; 5, Taylor; vhc, Wardleworth, Roebuck, Lord; hc, Netherwood, Healey, King; c, Speight, Hesling, Kremner.

POTTER'S BAR.

Potter's Bar F.S. show held Dec. 7th, in the Village Hall. The annual show is looked upon by the inhabitants of the district as one of the events of the year, and is generally well attended. By a strange irony of fate the committee, with a regularity which does not appear to have been disturbed for some four or five years, anticipate, and are rewarded with, a wet day to crown their preparatory efforts towards success. Dec. 7th this year was no exception to the rule, for rain came in torrents during the early part of the day, and the light was so bad that judging at times became difficult. Notwithstanding, the committee, ably led by the excellent secretary (Mr. W. Haynes), and his assistant (Mr. A. E. Hunt), worked well, and the show was a great success. The Canary classes were well patronised. British birds were very strong, and very meritorious, especially Bullfinches, Goldfinches, and Linnets. In spite of the weather conditions, judging was over early, cards up promptly, and catalogues quickly in readiness; and the public showed their appreciation. Special winners: Messrs. W. Bell, T. Nott, H. W. Tolman, and A. E. Gardner. The awards were made hy Mr. Geo. Gardner, and he appeared to give general satisfaction.

The Critique.

NOR. CK. (9): 1, spl, Bell, rich and level col. yell., nice head, neck, and chest; 2, 4, Hills, yellow and buff, both stout, former good quality, nice size; 3, Bell, buff, nice shape, good quality; r, c, Webb; vhc, Drage; hc, Brown. HEN (5): 1, r, Hills, former very nice cl. buff, full of quality, typical; 2, Drage, short flighted, short tailed variegated, buff, neat head, nicely frosted feather; vhc, Bell; hc, Drage. YORKS. (7): 1, Parker, cl. yell., nice pose, neat and well proportioned; 2, hc, Vergottini, former nice positioned bird, variegated yell., nice length; 3, r, vhc, Drage, nice team, shapely buff leading, hindered by a slightly open chest; c, Davis. CAN., NAT. COL. (7): 1, Tolman, silky feathered variegated yell. Nor.; 2, Bell, cl. buff ditto; 3, Parker, cinn. variegated Yorks., good quality; r, Drage; vhc, hc, Brace. GOLDIE (7): 1, 2 spls, 2, vhc, Nott, three very fine Finches, winner good dimension of blaze, very free from staining, nice bars, buttons, and chestnut; 2nd hardly so full in face, but very lustrous; 3, Curd, very smart; r, Drage; hc, Walby. BULLIE (8): 1, 2, Nott, two beauties, leader not quite so large as 2nd, but as close as wax, rich breast col., 2nd a topping Finch; 3, Webb, another grand-chested bird; r, Curd; vhc, Hooney; hc, Drage; c, Parker. LINNETS (15): Many of them very close together: 1, spl, Tolman, hard as nails, nicely mkd., good col.; 2, 3, Drage, if anything even better colour than 1st; 4, r, Nott, both very nice; vhc, Simcox; hc, Brown; c, Gardner. A.O.S. BRIT. (8): 1, 3, c, Gardner, winner lovely Greenie, like wax in feather, lustrous in feather, rich tone of col.; 2, Drage, another equally good col. and feathered Greenie; r, hc, Brown; vhc, Hooney. MULES (8): 1, spl, Gardner, lovely col. dark Greenie-Can.; 2, Hills, fine dark buff Linnet-Can., beautifully mkd.; 3, Webb, fine faced variegated Goldie-Can., good size; r, vhc, Drage; hc, Nott; c, Webb.

LANCS. & LIZARD F.A.

Club show, held at Wellington Hotel, Hyde, Dec. 2nd. Judge, Mr. S. R. Compston (Macclesfield).

LANCS., YELL. COPPY CK.: 1, Hordern; 2, Garner; 3, Hamer; 4, Stansfield; vhc, hc, Fuller; abs., Collinge. BUFF: 1, vhc, Hordern; 2, Ridgard; 3, Garner; 4, Fuller; hc, Stansfield. YELL. P.H. CK.: 1, 2, 4, Hordern; 3, Garner; vhc, Collinge; hc, Ridgard. BUFF: 1, Hordern; 2, Fuller; 3, Garner; 4, Stansfield. YELL. COPPY HEN: 1, Garner; 2, Collinge; 3, Hordern. BUFF: 1, 2, Hordern; 3, Fuller. YELL. P.H.: 1, Ridgard; 2, 4, Hordern; 3, Garner. BUFF: 1, Hordern. COPPY, BRED 1911: 1, 4, Hordern; 2, Ridgard; 3, Stansfield. P.H.: 1, c, Collinge; 2, 3, 4, Hordern; vhc, Stansfield; hc, Hamer. LANCS, NOVICE, YELL. COPPY: 1, Ridgard. BUFF: 1, Ridgard. P.H. YELL.: 1, Ridgard. BUFF: 1, Ridgard. LIZ., GOLD AND C.C.: 1, Hamer; 2, Rukin; 3, Dewsnap. SILVER: 1, 2, Dewsnap; 3, 4, F. Hamer; vhc, Rukin; hc, Barnes. GOLD., B.C.: 1, 4, Dewsnap; 2, Hamer; 3, Barnes; vhc, Rukin. SILVER: 1, 3, Dewsnap; 2, Hamer; 4, Rukin. GOLD. HEN, C.C.: 1, Hamer; 2, Barnes; 3, Fuller; 4, Dewsnap. SILVER: 1, Rukin; 2, 3, Dewsnap; 4, Fuller. GOLD., B.C.: 1, Rukin; 2, Barnes; 3, Hamer. SILVER: 1, 3, Dewsnap; 2, vhc, Rukin; 4, Barnes; hc, Hamer. NOVICE LIZ. CK. C.C.: 1, 2, 4, Hordern; 3, vhc, Stansfield; hc, Bosworth. HEN: 1, Hordern; 2, 3, Bosworth. CK., B.C.: 1, vhc, hc, Hordern; 2, 4, Bosworth; 3, Stansfield. HEN: 1, Bosworth; 2, Hordern; 3, Stansfield. Toronto medal, best Lancs., A. Hordern; 5s., best ch. yellow coppy, A. Hordern; 5s., best cl. buff coppy, J. Garner; 5s., best cl. yell. P.H., A. Hordern; 5s., best cl. buff P.H., E. Fuller; Toronto medal best Liz. in show, J. Dewsnap; 2s. 6d. ditto, J. Dewsnap; Ramsden's, J. Dewsnap.—John Rukin, Hon. Sec.

KEITH.

The Longmore Hall was the scene of the annual show of the Keith Association on Dec. 13. The entry in cage birds showed a big increase on previous years, being one of the best exhibitions in the North this season. The entry in British birds was exceptionally good, while the quality was of a very high standard. The birds were well staged in a comfortable hall, being well lighted. The secretary, Mr. C. Rulley, and his energetic committee, are to be complimented on having everything in first-class order. Mr. A. Steele (Aberdeen) judged.

The Critique.

PAIR NOR. OR CREST (8): 1, sp, J. Grant, pair variegated. Crest. and C.B., good col. and quality, rare size and bodies, nice heads and neck, fine length of feather; 2, G. Grant, nice pair of Crest and C.B., rare length feather, well carried, good size and bodies, nice col. and quality, not quite so well balanced as winners; 3, Webster, another good pair, Crest and C.B., good bodies, heads, and necks, nice col.; vhc, Webster; hc, Stewart and Sons; c, J. Grant. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (9): 1, 2, J. Grant, 1st rare size for a yell., good type, col., and quality, grand head and neck, well shown, 2nd nice body and type, fine col. and quality, fails only in head to winner; 3, Shearer, good head and neck, rare colour, nice quality; vhc, Craigen; hc, Sutherland; c, Stewart and Sons. HEN (3): 1, sp, Baxter, rare size, nice body and type, fine col. and quality, good head and neck, nicely shown; 2, Milne, grand type, col., and quality, good head and size; 3, Chalmers, good head and neck, nice col. and quality. BUFF CK. (8): 1, Shearer, rare body, size, and type, nice col. and quality, good head and neck, shown in grand condition; 2, Hird, fine col. and quality, nice size, good body and head; 3, Sandison, good type, col., and quality, nice head and neck; vhc, Chalmers; hc, Clark; c, Walker. HEN (6): 1, Sutherland, nice typical hen, grand col. and quality, good head and neck, well carried flights and tail; 2, Baxter, grand size, col., and quality, good body and neck; 3, Sandison, another nice one, fine size, head, and neck, nice col., quality, not much between them; vhc, Simpson; hc, Grant; c, Clark. YELL. VARIEG. (6): 1, sp, Walker, nice type, col., and quality, grand head and neck, good size, fine flights and tail, in tip-top order; 2, sp, Simpson, rare col. and quality, nice size and type, good body, head, and neck; 3, Banks, good body and size, nice col. and quality, fine head; vhc, George, good col. and quality, good head and neck, some preferred for third; hc, Robertson; c, Geddes. BUFF (5): 1, Baxter, good head and neck, nice body and quality, great col.; 2, Maclean, fine col. and quality, grand body, head, and neck, rare type, some thought should have changed places with 1st; 3, Maclean, good body and neck, nice col. and quality, fine wings; vhc, Clark; hc, Watt. CL., ETC., YELL. CK., COL. FED. (2): 1, sp, Sandison, rare body, size, and col., nice type and quality, good head and neck, well carried flights and tail; 2, Bain, good size, nice body and neck, fails only in head HEN cancelled. BUFF CK. (3): 1, sp, Hird, fine type, col., and quality, good head and neck, well shown; 2, Simpson, good body, col., and quality, nice size; 3, Banks, rare head and neck, good size, col., and quality. HEN (1): 1, Grant, grand col. and quality, good head and neck, nice type and size, nicely shown. YELL. VARIEG. (1): 1, sp, Ross, good head and neck, nice wing carriage, fine col. and quality. BUFF (2): 1, Sandison, good col., head, and neck, nice body, size, and type, well put down; 2, Stewart and Sons, typical buff, grand head and neck, good col. and quality. CREST (4): 1, 3 sps. Craigen, best Canary in show, variegated. dark Crest, good head and crest, rare size and body; fine col. and quality; 2, spl, J. Grant, another grand variegated, well-made crest, nicely carried, grand head and neck, fine size, col and quality; 3, Craigen, fine sized green, good head and neck, nice col and quality, nicely centred crest; vhc, sp, G. Grant. C.B. (6): 1, spl, vhc, J. Grant, grand bodied green, good size head and neck, any amount of feather, nice col. and quality; 2, Craigen, variegated, fine size and feather, good col. and quality, nice head and neck; 3, Webster, another nice one, grand size, head and neck, fine length of feather; hc, Craigen; c, G. Grant. BORD. FCY. (6): 1, Blackie, nice typical cl., good col. and quality, fine head and flights, nicely staged; 2, Craigen, another good cl., rare col., fine quality, head and neck; 3, Connochie, fine wings and tail, nice col. and quality, good head and type; vhc, Bain; hc, c, Gordon. A.O.V. (7): 1, spl, Rhind, Yorks., rare size, reach and style, nice col. and quality, good head and neck, shows well; 2, Rhind, good size, col. and quality, rare head, fine style; 3, Rhind, another nice Yorks, not quite so well shown; vhc, Craigen, nice Cinn., good body size and col.; hc, Rhind; c, Sutherland. A.O.V. COL.-FED: Cancelled. MULE OR HYB. (7): 1, spl, Hird, dark variegated Goldie Mule, good size and shape, nice col. and quality, well marked; 2, Duncan, large dark Linnet Mule, fine col., nice head and neck, well striped, close up; 3, Watt, another good Goldie Mule, well marked, nice blaze, not quite so rich in col. as winner; vhc, Hird; hc, Chalmers; c, Webster. BULLFINCH CK., BRIT. (11), a good class: 1, 3, Watt, 1st good body and size, nice even breast col., rare head, cap and bars, shown in tip-top order, 3rd rich col. bird all over, nice exhibit; 2, Baxter, another good one, not quite so well put down; vhc, Craigen; hc, Anderson Bros. HEN (5): 1, Knox, nice col. and quality, good body and head, nice size, cap and bars; 2, Watt, nice even coloured hen, good head, cap and bars, well shown, presses winner close; 3, Pen 5, no name, another good hen; vhc, Merchant. GOLDFINCH, BRIT. (8): 1, spl, vhc, Watt, fine rich col., rare blaze and markings, good size, well staged; 2, Langlands, nice size, blaze and markings; 3, Hendry, another good one, fails only in size to winners; hc, Walker. A.O.S. BRIT. HEN (2): 1, Anderson Bros., Hawfinch, looks like the Inverness winner, nice size, col. and markings; 2, Stewart and Sons, Chaffinch, nice and tame, good col. and markings, tight as wax. REDPOLL, ETC. (9): 1, sp, Watt, Lesser Redpoll, good bib, size and col., well pencilled, in rare bloom; 2, Grant, Twite, nicely marked, good size and shape, fine dark col., close up; 3, Thomson, sen., large Mealy Redpoll, grand bib and col.; vhc, Knox; hc, Thomson, jun. LINNET (11): a grand class: 1, spl, Angus and Carter, fine dark col., rare size and shape, well marked, nicely shown; 2, Stewart, well laced, well marked, nicely shown; 2, Stewart, well laced, well marked, nicely shown; 3, Watt, another good good size and col, close up; 3, Watt, another good one, rare size and col., not quite so well pencilled as winners; vhc, Henry; hc, Markham. SISKIN (8): 1, spl, vhc, Watt, rich cl., rare size, nice cap and markings, very steady; 2, Stewart, another good one; 3, Connochie, grand size and markings, presses hard; hc, Cowie. A.O.S. SMALL (14), best class in show: 1, 2 spls, 2, 3, hc, Watt, 1st best small Brit., grand exhibit of Snow Bunting, rare col, size and markings, steady as a rock; 2nd good Bramblefinch, nice size and col., well marked, good head; 3rd Foreign Goldfinch, good blaze, colour and markinge, nice size; vhc, Grant, nice Yellowhammer, presses hard. LARGE (8), another good class: 1, 3 spls, 2, Thomson, sen., 1, best Brit. bird in show, large rich coloured Blackbird, good legs and beak, nice eye, in tip-top condition, 2nd well marked Thrush, good col. and size, very steady; 3, Donald, Parrot, in nice condition; vhc, Grant; hc, Dunn.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Bradford West C.B.A.—Dec. 23, Conservative Club, Girlington, 7.30. Annual whist drive, tickets 6d. each. Fanciers invited. Members' show Boxing Day: birds staged at 10. Judge, L. Ogden.—F. Western.

Bradford East O.S.—Dec. 23, Park Chapel Schools, 2.30. Members' show; judge, Mr. R. Halliday (Shipley). Last show for members' specials. Entries taken Friday night and Saturday.—H. Hill.

Bolton Woods C.B.S.—Dec. 23, Victoria Hotel. Members' show; birds staged 2.30; judge, Mr. J. Wilcock. Please note this is the final show for cup and medals.—McSkirrow.

Cowdenbeath C.B.S.—Dec. 27, Arcade Hotel, 7. Annual general meeting; balance-sheet, election of office-bearers, delegates, alteration of rules, etc.—J. R. Reed.

City of Wakefield O.S.—Boxing Day show; judge, Mr. S. Wilcock; all birds to be staged by 11; silver cup and specials will be competed for.—J. Atkinson.

City of Bradford O.S.—Dec. 23, Flying Dutchman Hotel. Members show: Yorks., Nor., and Brit. classes. Judges, Messrs. A. W. Hartley and W. Richmond. Birds must be staged not later than 2.15 p.m.—F. Rhodes.

Derby C.B.S.—Dec. 30, Derwent Hotel, 7.—W. Stevens.

Dewsbury C.B.S.—Dec. 26, Saville Hotel. Members' show. Judge, Mr. Shackleton (Bradford). Birds staged 11 a.m.—S. Shaw.

East Ham F.S.—Dec. 22, "Earl of Wakefield," Wakefield Street. Special general meeting, for distribution of prize money won at annual show. Ticket money is not yet in.—H. Rutter.

East Bowling B.F.A.—Dec. 26, St. John's School, 10. Members' show; judge, Mr. W. A. Cowgill. Also judging competition for members.—L. Booth.

Eccles C.B.S.—Dec. 27, Diamond Inn, 8. New members, arrangements for table show. Proposed open Linnet class.—J. Hall.

Eccleshill C.B.A.—Dec. 23, Fountain Inn, 2.30. Members' show; judge, Mr. W. Lee. Birds to be staged by 2.30 p.m.—W. Nettleton.

Falkirk Good Intent C.B.A.—Dec. 23, Oddfellows' Hall. General meeting, when prize money will be paid out.—W. Clubb.

Great Horton O.S.—Dec. 23, Butchers' Arms, 8. Members' show Boxing Day; judge, Mr. T. Bennett. Birds staged 10 a.m.—J. Holroyd.

Green C.A.—Dec. 28, Oldham Hall, Liverpool, 8. Old show business; table show, Green Borders.—G. Green.

Hetton-le-Hole C.B.S.—Sunday, Dec. 24, Crown Inn, 6.30. Extra special meeting; very important business.—A. J. Notley.

Highgate and Hampstead.—Dec. 29, 8. Judging competition; members please bring some birds.—C. W. Law.

Heywood O.S.—Dec. 26, Rochdale Hall, Pine Street, 7.30. Sliding scale.—A. H. Meadowcroft.

Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A.—Dec. 26, headquarters, 6. Club show; important.—A. Dickson.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—Dec. 26, Railway Hotel, 10.15 to 11. For entries same day. Final members' show; judge, Mr. J. Hartley (Bingley).—J. E. Hudson.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S Annual members' show, White Swan, Market Place, Boxing Day.—A. Freestone.

Leeds C.B.S.—Dec. 26, St. George's Schools. Birds staged 9.30. Members' Boxing Day show; judges, Messrs. H. E. Wilkinson (Stocksbridge) and F. King (Leeds). Show open 1 p.m. to 7.30.—W. A. Wilson.

Larkhall C.B.A.—Dec. 30, Miners' Hall, 6. Table show for Greenfinches and Linnets. Good special prize.—J. Pollock.

Midland Roller C.C.—Dec. 28, Swan and Peacock, 8.—T. J. Smith.

National B.B. and M.C.—Dec. 28, Feathers Hotel, Gt. Chapel Street, Westminster, 8. General business.—Plumbridge and Carr.

Northowram C.B.S.—Dec. 23, Yew Tree Inn. Birds staged 2. First annual show; Mr. J. E. Priestley judge.—S. Sykes.

Oldham C.B.S.—Dec. 26, Textile Dining Rooms, 8. Important.—J. Cope.

Pentre C.B.S.—Dec. 25, headquarters, 7. Show business; all should attend. Meeting postponed from 23rd to above date owing to unforeseen circumstances.—G. Lingard.

Poplar C.B.S.—Dec. 28, 147, East India Dock Road, 8. Prize money for late show to be paid.—H. W. Cook.

Parkgate and Rawmarsh C.B.S.—Dec. 22, Hollybush Tavern, 8. Auditing books, show business.—R. J. Smith.

Pudsey, Stanningley C.B.S.—Dec. 22, Fleece Hotel, 8. Entries 8 to 10.30 p.m. for show on Boxing Day, Dec. 26th. Birds staged 10.30 a.m. Judge, Mr. H. Hudson (Shipley).—H. Raistrick.

Queensbury C.B.S.—Dec. 23, Granby Hotel. Members' show. Birds staged not later than 3.—A. Hartley.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—Dec. 27, Temperance Club, Toad Lane, 8. Committee meeting.—E. Hartley.

Springburn Possil Park C.B.S.—Dec. 27, Reed Hall, 8.—J. Waugh.

Sandy Lane C.B.A.—Dec. 23, Victoria Hotel, 2. Final arrangements for open show, also members' show same date. Judge, Mr. L. C. Casey; birds staged 2.—Ratcliffe and Shaw.

Sowerby Bridge C.B.S.—Dec. 30, Wharf Hotel. Inter-club members' show, between Heptonstall, Hebden Bridge C.B.S., Hebden Bridge and Calder Valley, and Sowerby Bridge C.B.S. Judge, Mr. Chittenden (Bradford). Dec. 28, 8 o'c. Entries for inter-club show.—Sutcliffe and Walker.

Seaham Harbour C.B.A.—Dec. 23, Station Hotel, 7.—H. Dobson.

Sale C.B.S.—Jan. 8, Volunteer Hotel, 8.—A. Royle.

Tong C.B.S.—Dec. 23, Hand and Shuttle Inn, Dudley Hill, 3. Members' show; judge, Mr. J. Hodgson Numerous specials.—W. Walker.

Wibsey C.B.S.—Dec. 26, Horse and Groom Inn, 10 a.m. Birds to be staged at 10 a.m. prompt. Judge, Mr. J. Thornton. Meeting 11 o'clock. Various specials to be competed for.—H. C. Crossley.

Windhill O.S.—Dec. 23, Blue Bell Hotel, 8. Entries for Boxing Day show. Specials in galore. Judge, Mr. J. Wilman. Staged 10, morning of show.—J. Cook.

Walthamstow F.A.—Dec. 28, Workmen's Hall, 8 Annual prize distribution.—H. C. Cooper.

York C.B.S.—Dec. 26, All Saints' Room, 2.30. Members' show; three good specials to compete for.—H. Sayles.

Correspondence.

A Cure for Colds and Asthma.

Sir,—There is nothing to beat glycerine for asthma. I have found out by experience that to give a bird two or three drops of glycerine every night by dropping it in the beak and two drops of syrup of buckthorn in the water is to have a sure cure for wheezing and asthma.

W. MOODY.

Proposed New Cage Bird Society for Radcliffe and District.

Sir,—It has been proposed by a few bird fanciers in Radcliffe and District to form a new society to be called the Radcliffe and District Cage Bird Society. All fanciers who intend to become members, please give in their names to Mr. Burton, Ainsworth Road, Radcliffe.

WM. PICKUP.

Southend's Invitation to "Nosey Parker."

Sir,—Will you allow me space to invite your correspondent "Nosey Parker" (who received an editorial answer in the Dec. 9 issue) to lay any complaint he may have re Southend open show before my committee, when it shall have due consideration?

WM. C. LOCKWOOD, hon. sec.

[The complaint made by "Nosey Parker" was not against Southend Show, but against a certain person showing as a novice.—Editor.]

Alleged Borrowed Birds at Wombwell Show.

Sir,—In this week's CAGE BIRDS I notice your editorial answer to a writer who signed himself "Bird Fancier," re borrowed birds at Wombwell. Now, I should like "Bird Fancier" to come to our next meeting, if he has the courage, no matter if he is a member or not, and I guarantee him that the matter shall be threshed out. We had a meeting on Dec. 16, but no member accused anybody either of borrowing or lending birds. I should like you, sir, to publish this letter, in the hope that "B.F." will see it; and attend our next meeting; or, if he knows of a case of lending, etc., put the matter in the hands of the secretary. A new society has plenty to contend with without being brought into disrepute by such actions as "Bird Fancier" in writing to the Press without proof of what he was writing about.

J. W. DEAN.

Vice-Pres., Wombwell B.F.A.

Novices in Manchester Societies.

An Appeal for More Classes.

Sir,—I write on behalf of myself and the numerous novices in the cage bird clubs of Manchester. By giving us your support much may be done to remedy what I think is a real grievance. The classes allowed us at all the shows are few in comparison with those allowed to amateurs and professionals. This, as all will admit, renders competition much keener amongst the very class of beginners (as I may call them) who ought to be helped and encouraged most. We are most of us somewhat ignorant of what success in exhibiting birds implies; our experience in rearing birds is limited, and we have had little time to breed and select good birds. At the same time, we form by far the majority of members in the clubs. Surely, then, the point is obvious—competition ought to be reduced to a minimum by allowing more classes to us. The lower runga of the ladder should be placed nearer together in order to support our feebler steps.

J. KINDON.

The Wild Life of the Bullfinch.

A Nest in the Bracken.

Sir,—I cannot help writing to express my approval of the letter on the above subject in your last issue. It has, too, always been a marvel to me when reading descriptions of Bullfinches' nests, either in books or articles in papers, how invariably the substances "moss" and "wool" are included as forming part of their composition. As I live in Scotland, I have not seen such a large number of their nests as others of your correspondents, but I have seen quite sufficient to be able to affirm that moss as a nest material is an abomination to the Bullfinch, and that though in a few cases sheeps' wool may be used for want of something better, wool should in no wise be included in the list. In captivity I have had them use sheep's wool, but I do not think they like it, nor would be likely to use it out of doors. They do use horse-hair and also cow-hair, but often these are left out. Of course, I am not prepared to say that there are no exceptions, but the materials in question should never be mentioned in a description of Bullfinches' nests in general. As a matter of fact, I think they are birds which are given to "making exceptions." If I had been told before this last summer that they would build in ordinary bracken on a hillside, I should have doubted it; but I found such a nest this year after a watch of two or three days off and on. The hen was sitting, and I watched the cock bird when he came to feed her, and for a long time I could not understand how he always seemed to disappear when he flew over the crest of the hill (as I thought) until I eventually found that he really went into the bracken, where the nest was placed. It was a very slender one, composed of birch twigs, fibre, and horse-hair, and contained two young ones about two days old and two unfertile eggs. As regards the food of Bullies, I quite agree with what Mr. Cobain says. I am not a believer in the insect and maggot theory as regards the birds. I am of opinion that they eat the bud for the sake of the tender shoot in the centre, but in their defence I should like to say that though I have seen blackcurrant bushes apparently stripped of their buds in the spring, I have never noticed any lack of fruit on the bushes when the season came round. I think Bullfinches are slandered as regards the damage they do.

G. C.

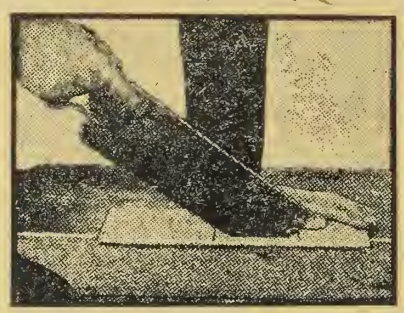
Mice in the Bird-room.

Sir,—Mr. J. Key should try the following: Get some Stockholm tar and put three or four tablespoonfuls in the holes; then dip some wooden plugs in tar and insert in same. He will not be troubled much after that, as mice and rats hate the smell of it. I have cleared my room in this way, and have not been troubled since for 18 months.

J. DRAKE.

How to Cut Out Cage Doors.

Sir,—To those of your readers who may wish to make their own box cages and have no special apparatus at hand for cutting out doors, etc., the following will prove useful:—Having marked with pencil, on the wood to be used, a square of the dimensions required, take a small saw (tenon, or such like), and, holding it almost flat on the wood, carefully cut a little



trench all along the pencil mark. When the trench is sufficiently deep to act as a "guide" for the saw, the "heel" or handle-end of the latter may be raised and the cut deepened until the wood is finally sawn through. I have on several occasions made use of a saw in this way, and each time with perfect success. The enclosed photograph shows one side of a door cut through.

A. SUTHERLAND GRANT.

The Aintree, Fazakerley and District F.S.

Sir,—A large and enthusiastic meeting of local fanciers was held on Dec. 11 in the Church Hall, Long Lane, where the above-named society was formed. Judging by the support and speeches of local fanciers, the society has a very bright future before it, and as it is decided to throw open the radius for membership, and fix annual subscription at 2s. 6d., to suit the pockets of the working-man fancier, it is hoped many fanciers will rally round and join at once, and so assist the committee to make this a popular fanciers' society. Date of opening table show, judges, and headquarters will be announced later. In the meantime, send along your names for nomination for membership to the hon. sec.,

J. ANDERSON,
58, Long Lane, Fazakerley, Liverpool.

Why Do Shows Suffer from Short Entries?

Some Opinions as to Cause and Cure.

Sir,—I think it would be impossible to conduct shows with 1s. entry fees (four for 3s.), as some suggest; but at the same time exhibitors cannot be expected to patronise shows that charge 1s. 6d. entry fees, with 7s. 6d. or 8s. first prize. Some of the reasons for short entries are:—(1) entries closing too early. I consider seven days before the show early enough, and that gives exhibitors a chance to see in what condition their birds are after previous shows; (2) clashing of shows. Some of these could be held later. Why not go on until end of January?; (3) selection of judges. Avoid those who are dealers; (4) secretaries late in despatching labels. Many exhibitors must leave home before post time. Recently, after getting my birds ready, I was informed morning before show that two of the classes were cancelled. Very disappointing—after sending entries seven days before; (5) catalogues not despatched first day of show. My birds often return home before I get my catalogue; also, if exhibitors were sure to get them early there would be more demand for them. They would pay at 4d. each. As it is, a lot get left unsold, and it is not fair to those who advertise in the catalogues; (6) rough treatment of exhibits. I had one returned with cage damaged, evidently through being dropped at show. I keep a list of shows which I have decided not to patronise, whoever the judge may be, and I know I am not alone in this. Many do the same, and it must make a difference.

EXHIBITOR.

Too Many Choose the Same Date.

Sir,—The unfortunate habit of having too many shows on the same day is without doubt the principal cause of short entries. As a remedy for this state of affairs, which affects me considerably, as I am secretary of a Scotch show, I would put forward a proposal which I have been considering for some time, and take advantage of the present discussion to have it thoroughly thrashed out. My suggestion is that a National Association of Cage Bird Societies, and societies which cater for cage birds, be formed for the purpose of arranging dates of shows, etc. The Association would, of course, have to appoint district committees to take in certain adjacent areas, which could be arranged. Societies in any district committee's area are to send to their district secretary not later than a specified date the suggested date for their show, putting forward at the same time any special reasons why the date would be specially beneficial to them, such as local conditions affecting the gate, etc. After all applications were in the committees would meet and proceed to fix the dates of the various shows after giving consideration to any special conditions affecting any society. In this way we would not have the present unfortunate clashing of dates. With fewer shows on the same day, entries would go up, full prize money would be practically a certainty, and in course of time we *might* even get the length of four entries for 3s., with free carriage thrown in! I agree with "Yellow Green" about the model cards. Our society does not have them. I advertised the fact in your paper, and had a satisfactory entry; but even then we lost a few pounds. I should be glad to hear what your readers have to say to my proposal. I have a few more ideas in hand as to what could be undertaken by such an association. There would have to be an annual subscription, which might be so much per society, or, if representation by delegate was by number of members, then so much for each delegate or number of members. The committees of the "big" shows may kick at my proposal, but even they would benefit by some such arrangement.

A SCOTCH SECRETARY.

[Our correspondent is aware, we presume, that a scheme for the arrangement of show dates was one of the planks in the platform of the Cage Bird Union, but we think we are correct in stating that very great difficulties were experienced in endeavouring to work it. That the avoidance of show fixtures clashing would be a great boon cannot well be questioned.—Editor.]

Reduced Fees Advocated.

Sir,—I see I am going to have a "nice little time." This is exactly what I expected to get, and I do not think I shall be disappointed. Now, Mr. Holt, you first of all state that you do not think I have had much experience. What a wonderful man at finding out things you must be; if you will just take the trouble to refer once more to my letter, I think you will find that I distinctly stated that I was only a novice. Now it appeals to me very strongly (although I may be quite wrong) that you are an exhibitor of Britishers, and the sort of man who voices his own little grievances "behind the scenes," as it were, and that you are blaming various secretaries because they have no classes which exactly suit your own personal case. Poor secretaries! I, on the other hand, am blaming no one, my sole object being to see the show benches fuller, and to give one and all a chance to exhibit. Again, you accuse me of being lacking in enthusiasm. I cannot help but feel that you are either short-sighted or that you have read my letter upside down, because I fail to see what part of my letter drew that remark from you. My sole object, as I stated in my letter, was to champion the cause of the poor working man, and I still maintain that if we are to see our show benches full, we must place the entry fees within the reach of working men. Judging by your suggestion, that 2s. per head is cheap enough, I take it you must be a millionaire, and a man who would debar your poorer fellow creatures from the excitement, etc., of exhibiting—just the opposite of what I should term a true British sportsman. In conclusion, I should like you to thoroughly understand that I am not voicing my own grievances, for were the entrance fees to our shows treble the price they are, I should still remain an exhibitor.

IVOR M. MORGAN.

Special No. 10 at the Scottish National Show.

Sir,—Permit me to point out that Special No. 10 at the Scottish National Show was offered and accepted for open competition, and not restricted to members or a district. Evidently the mistake has been made by the printer copying the matter from an old schedule. Competition for this special is therefore open to all my customers. I have written Mr. Watson, the secretary, to this effect by same post.

J. W. RAMSDEN.

Do Fanciers Feed Goldfinches Correctly?

Two Advocates of Plain Canary Seed.

Sir,—I have been a reader of your attractive paper since its first issue, and have seen various theories propounded on feeding Goldfinches, and as I have had a good few through my hands (some winners), I think I am in a small way competent to give an opinion. Taking a fresh-caught bird, I put him on crushed hemp, with a supply of Finch mixture which I compound myself, and for about three weeks confine them to this diet exclusively. I then gradually wean them off the mixed seed and crushed hemp and put in their cages a saucer of clear canary seed, and when they become accustomed to that I remove them to the cock Canary flight, which measures about 6ft. by 3ft. by 7ft. high. They are then restricted to plain canary seed except when I give them all (Goldics and Canaries) a treat in the shape of tit-bits—egg and biscuit, or a drawerful of mixed seed. Out of about twenty birds in four years I have only lost one, and that through fright. The perch he was roosting on in the night fell, and I found him in the morning lying beside it on the floor dead, which I think is pretty conclusive that my diagnosis of the cause was right. In my early days of Goldfinch keeping I used to feed on the most stimulating foods I could think of in order to bring them into early condition, but few of their constitutions could stand it. I remember once I had a batch of a dozen carefully hardened off and well tended and fed on a mixture which contained a large proportion of teazle and niger as well as hemp, flax, and maw, and out of the dozen only four survived. I think this is enough to show which is the best feeding plan, and I strongly support your correspondent who first suggested it.

L. A. CANNON.

Sir,—I would like to say, in answer to your correspondent Mr. Gatehill, that I feed my Goldies on canary seed only. Just occasionally I give a little linseed or inga; I think this does the bowels good. I find they are in better health; in fact, I never had them in better condition. The bird I won with at our members' show was a picture with regard to condition, and not a feather out of place. Of course, I am speaking now of treatment after the moult. During the moult I put them in a large flight with plenty of fresh water, green food, and a good assortment of wild seeds. Hemp seed I rarely give, and then only one or two at a time with my fingers to make them "toe the mark," as I think hemp darkens the colours and takes away the brightness so popular in our British beauties. I have a cock Brown Linnet three times house-moulted, which will not touch any seed but canary seed, not even crushed sunflower, and it has sung hard all through the moult.

PETER CROOK.

The Norwich Plainhead Club.

Show Abandoned—Joint Secretary Appointed.

Sir,—Will members kindly note that owing to the poor response to the circular re members' show (only 36 having replied), the committee have decided to abandon such show for the present season. Also that Mr. F. Cunliffe, 19, Lark Street, Burnley, has been appointed joint secretary with myself, and that in future all communications should be addressed to him at that address. I should be much obliged if those members who have not as yet paid their subscriptions for this season would kindly forward same to Mr. Cunliffe at once, and not wait for a private reminder, as these reminders cause the secretary a deal of work and the Club considerable expense.

JNO. HOPKINS, joint hon. sec.

A New Society for Winsford and District.

Sir,—A meeting of cage bird fanciers was held on Friday, Dec. 15, to discuss the formation of a new cage bird society for the Winsford district, a society no doubt that has been a long-felt want amongst Winsford fanciers. Fanciers present: Messrs. W. A. Bennett, T. Perry, J. Taylor, J. Davies, E. Weedall, A. Weedall, J. Spilsbury, W. Billington, J. Tomkinson, and S. S. Brooks. A proposition was moved that we form a society to be called the Winsford and District Cage Bird Society; this was carried unanimously. Mr. W. A. Bennett was elected to the chair, the duties of which he carried out in a most able and satisfactory manner. Mr. T. Perry was elected treasurer, and Mr. S. S. Brooks secretary. All members present elected on committee. It was also carried that members pay an annual subscription of 2s. 6d., and that fanciers within a seven-mile radius be eligible to join subject to the approval of the committee. Now, you Winsford and district fanciers, put your shoulders to the wheel and help to make this our new venture, a great success. A vote of thanks to the chair concluded a most enjoyable meeting.

S. S. BROOKS, hon. sec.

177, Station Road, Winsford.

A Cutting Machine.

Sir,—A fancier asks where he can obtain a cutter to stamp out a particular design for a ticket. My friend Mr. W. Hallett, of 27, Newington Butts, London, S.E., is one of the very few people who carry on the business of cutter makers. The cutters that are supplied are, of course, only shaped knives, pressure having to be applied to force them through whatever it is required to cut. He would no doubt quote a price or give any information that may be required. Should like to acknowledge the help I have received in my first year in the Fancy from CAGE BIRDS and "Cage Birds Annual."

H. A. FORDHAM.

The Judging of the Scotch Fancy Canary.

Sir,—Without particularising any bird, I wish to call attention to the unsatisfactory judging we have been treated to in 1911. The best did not win. It was painful to visit an exhibition and to handle the birds and see the injustice which prevailed. New judges were introduced, and they should be pardoned for misplacements in the order of merit, but when we find the meritorious not succeeding under the care of our experienced judges there is something wrong which calls for a remedy, and which should be put right before another show season comes round. The best and most reliable judges of our Scotch Fancy Canaries are never named in the nomination of judges. Wake up, fanciers, and put the judging on a right footing.

ONE WHO KNOWS.

Back to the Old Home.

Sir,—I had a fancier here recently to see my birds. He was quite pleased, and said how nice they all looked. I may say they have plenty of room. Before he left I made him a present of one of my birds (a Goldfinch). He went home about 10 a.m., delighted with same (a distance of half a mile). Later in the day (2 p.m.) I went around my aviary to see how things were, when I was a little surprised to see a bird trying to get inside. I shut all the other birds in the sleeping compartment and opened the aviary door, then came away, leaving the bird to do as it liked. On returning in ten minutes' time the bird was inside eating the seeds, and on catching it I found it to be the one I had given to my visitor in the morning. I have written this in the hope that it will convince "Faddist" that in some cases confinement to some birds is better than freedom.

E. COCKRAM.

Chard.

The Mishap at Stoke-on-Trent Show.

Sir,—After carefully reading Mr. Pitchford's letter in your last issue, I feel it my duty to explain to the show committee my absence, which no doubt by now they have had quite enough of. I do not wish to say anything to cause further correspondence or grievance, as I would rather make friends than enemies. The cause of my silence was Mr. Pitchford's remarks that he could not accept the trap accident tale without further proof; for that reason I did not feel anxious to make any further statement until it could be accepted. I am pleased to see that Mr. Pitchford is satisfied that Miss Bibby's letter was correct and that I was thrown out of the trap. Miss Bibby thanks Mr. Pitchford and accepts his apology. Mr Pitchford mentions that I would be there on Friday. I must admit that I told Miss Bibby to say that I would be with you on Friday. In the state I was in at the time I did not think of looking for the date, but thought it was on Friday. Had the accident not happened, I should have seen the date in the shop next morning, 15th, which would have reminded me of my engagement for the 16th. I have no further explanation to give but that it was a pure oversight through the accident. I now ask the show committee to accept this statement; I can assure them that no one regrets the mishap as much as I do, both for myself and the Stoke committee. No one would have had more pleasure in coming to their native place than I should in coming to mine, and my absence from Stoke has broken my record of twenty-one years' judging and having never been absent from one engagement. I have no doubt that it did cause the society a great deal of anxiety to be placed in such a position over their first venture, and my sincere wish for the society is that it may prosper and have another record entry next show. I ask the Stoke committee to accept my deepest regret. I thank Mr. Pitchford for his remarks as to my abilities as judge, and at the same time I do not think I have lost the confidence of many fanciers, as I have received a good few enquiries as to my recovery from friends belonging to the Fancy. Then, again, I do not think there would have been much difference in the judging. I know Mr. Bates and Mr. Tams quite well, and I think they are quite able to place the cards. I hope the explanation I have offered to the committee will be accepted by Mr. Robinson, and wish him better luck next time. Mr. England, I am pleased to see, has found that my birds were absent from Preston, and has apologised for his mistake, which is accepted. Mr. Leeming, as secretary of the show, was quite justified in taking the matter up.

A. WELLINGS.

[With Mr. Pitchford's reply, this correspondence must close.—Editor.]

A Plea for Natural Colour Classes.

Sir,—Messrs. Moore and Wiggins want to do away with colour-feeding. They have no facts to give us, but want other fanciers to fight their case. Mr. Moore writes that fanciers who colour-feed are "imbeciles"; I think it is just the reverse, judging by his statement respecting it making the birds "constitutionally weak," and having to use other hens to feed. I will draw his attention to the show report the other week where it was stated that Mr. Davies' noted yellow variegated Norwich was looking well but a little too fat. And that is after the many times this bird has been washed and the many railway journeys it has made, and, above all, after being made "constitutionally weak" by colour feeding! My advice to Mr. Moore is this: if he has anything good to teach us, let us have it with all speed; if not, let him be silent. Mr. Wiggins' letter reads that he has been in the money, but cannot get first because he does not injure his birds' constitutions by colour feeding! It is most absurd to say that colour feeding injures the birds and at the same time gives them their depth of chest, quality of feather, pose, etc. Mr. Wiggins would have us believe that only colour-feed wins! I advise him to get societies to make classes for the "pretty and robust" kind, and to fill them, and then he and others will have more classes put on.

DICKEY DENT.

Sir,—I am very pleased with Mr. H. Moore's letter on the above subject. It is an eye-opener for those who, like myself, do not believe in dosing a bird for eight or ten weeks before and during the moult, as I find that if you want birds to eat the colour food you must take the seed away from them and pine them before they will eat it. Do those who practice that call themselves lovers of birds, fanciers, etc., because I, and several I know, do not. When the subject is mentioned to them they reply, "You must colour-feed, or a judge will not look at your bird." That is very true, and I do not believe they would colour-feed if they were not forced to if they want to win. That is one side of the question. Does it improve the appearance of the birds? I saw Golden Spangled Lizards years ago. Now you see red ones and red Cinnamons instead of yellow, and red in place of yellow Yorkshires and Norwich. The "red-hotter" they are, the better the judge will like them. Committees do right to schedule non-fed classes (nat. col.), as it is against nature to force the birds to eat the colour food mixture with which they have to be dosed annually. I hope to see the opinions of some of the old fanciers who, like myself, believe in breeding for colour in the bird-room, not buying it at a shop. I have taken CAGE BIRDS since it started; it is all right.

J. CROWSON.

The Alleged Stained Mule at Grantham Show.

Sir,—I was somewhat surprised to see the letters re above in your issue of the 16th inst., after what actually transpired in the presence of the committee during the judging at the show. These gentlemen saw me remove the stain, not dirt, from the bird's head. Perhaps they may have something to say on the matter.

W. VARDY.

Sir,—Owing to our secretary having to be away during part of the day, I undertook the secretarial duties in his absence, and was in charge during the whole time judging was going on. When the Mule or Hybrid class came up to be judged, my attention was called to this particular bird, which Mr. Vardy had in his hand. I, along with four other stewards, saw him, with a handkerchief moistened with the mouth, remove colour from the bird's face, which left a distinct stain upon the handkerchief. I can assure Mr. Lidgett it was not a matter of "thinking so" on the judge's part. If he had seen the result of the test, as I did, he must have been equally convinced that colour was removed, and I think Mr. Vardy was perfectly justified in taking the action he did. I do not wish to cast any slur upon the character of Mr. Mackender; he may have recently purchased the bird, and was innocent of the fact that it was faked.

FRED LOCKTON.

[While not wishing to enter into the merits or demerits of the case, we must point out that a disqualification is not necessarily a reflection upon the character of the exhibitor. There may be some quite reasonable explanation of the circumstance that leads to a judge feeling it his duty to disqualify a bird, of which the exhibitor himself is quite unaware.—Editor.]

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Another Hon. Sec.

This week a connecting link between England and Scotland is formed by an addition as under to our list of Hon. Secs.

Berwick-on-Tweed: Mr. A. Hay, 30, Main Rd., Tweedmouth, Berwick-on-Tweed.

Cage Birds Annual and our List of Honorary Secretaries.

CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL is now getting advanced in its course of preparation, and will contain a complete list of Hon. Secs. to CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE. I shall be pleased to receive the names of members who are willing to act in the capacity of Hon. Sec. for towns and districts, where we are not already represented. These names should be forwarded to me without delay, as the Annual is nearly ready for publication.

Reduced Admission to the Shows.

The shows yet to be held to which CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE members will be admitted at reduced charges are as follows. The reductions will be as announced in previous issues, namely, fourpence in the shilling.

Dec. 22—23 PETERHEAD.
Dec. 23. HEBDEN BRIDGE.
PELTON FELL.
Dec. 25 ELGIN, Academy Hall.
Dec. 26. NORTH WALES C.B.S., Assembly Rooms, Market St., Carnarvon.
SCUNTHORPE.
TONYPANDY (free to LEAGUE members).
Jan. 2—3. GLASGOW & DISTRICT C.B.A., Crown Hall, Sauchiehall St.
Jan. 6. GUISBOROUGH.
Jan. 12—13. SUNDERLAND, Miners' Hall, Roker Avenue.

Members residing in the towns mentioned should make a point of supporting the shows which have granted the concession of reduced admission, and readers in those towns who are not already members should join the LEAGUE at once to obtain the advantage offered by the societies holding the shows.

Bird-shop Keepers and Our Certificates.

The announcement of last week that CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE certificates would be granted to keepers of properly managed bird shops has met with a most cordial reception, and if our friends the Humanitarians could see my post for the past week they would, I think, modify considerably their wholesale condemnation of the trade. I have received a large number of letters from dealers in birds, stating that the writers will be very pleased indeed to receive visits at any time from one of our representatives, and the movement so successfully started cannot fail to have a wide-reaching influence for good.

An esteemed correspondent, who is himself a certified Sanitary Inspector, writes me a letter marked "Not for publication" giving his views on the matter. I am, of course, precluded by the condition named from giving his letter in full, but there would appear to be no reason why I should not mention some of his points, as these are of general interest.

This gentleman writes "A report from a Local Hon. Sec. will not affect the position at all from a legal point of view." No one suggested it would. *But* it would be expert evidence in favour of the humane bird dealer, and could not fail to carry weight, if occasion arose.

My correspondent says, further, that as a sanitary inspector, he himself would have to be satisfied personally that any particular bird business was being conducted not only in a humane manner, but so as not to be injurious to health. Of course he would. If there were any danger to health in the way a bird-shop was being kept, not only would the medical officer of health step in, but a practical fancier, such as a representative of ours would in every case be, would scarcely recommend the granting of a certificate to the effect that the shop was being properly kept.

My friendly critic goes on to say that "The premises ought to be inspected by the representative at unexpected times." This would go without saying. It would not be likely that notice would be given of any impending visit. Those bird-shop keepers who have written to me say that they will welcome a visit at any time.

After coming to the conclusion that "Upon the whole, I think the certificate has no goodness in it," the writer of the letter continues "It may be the means of increasing the man's business, and of course I agree that the granting of the certificate will put the dealer on his spurs as to the upkeep of his premises—sanitary and cleanly." Is there "no goodness" in this? Surely, if the institution of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE certificates result in the keeping of birds in bird-shops in "sanitary and cleanly" conditions, and if, incidentally, the trade of the shop-keeper is benefited, there must be some goodness in the certificate.

I shall be very pleased to hear from the keepers of bird-shops in any part of the kingdom that they are willing to fall in with our scheme, and members of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE will be taking a very important step in support of their hobby if they will bring my notes of this week and last week to the notice of any bird-shop keeper in their neighbourhood.

Prizes for Bird-shop Keepers.

CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE has in contemplation a further scheme to encourage the *proper* keeping of birds in captivity. A gentleman who has perhaps more experience of the practical side of the subject than any individual who could be named, and who visits during the year in the course of his ordinary business practically every town in Great Britain and Ireland, has kindly promised to take notes of what he sees in bird-shops. His report will be considered at the end of the year (1912), and prizes will be awarded either in the shape of diplomas or gold and silver medals to the proprietors of the best kept bird-shops in the kingdom. The identity of the gentleman will not be disclosed to anyone, and no one will know of the nature of his visits.

A Word for the League.

It must be obvious that CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE must have substantial support afforded it in its efforts to carry out the objects for which it was instituted, and this support it is in the power of each individual reader to give simply by becoming a member. I hope, therefore, that one of the New Year's resolutions of every one who may read these notes will be to join the LEAGUE if he or she is not already a member, and to bring the work of the LEAGUE to the notice of those of their friends who are interested in the proper and humane keeping of our feathered pets. The subscription for ordinary members is only one shilling a year, but those who would like to subscribe a larger amount may become Vice-Presidents or Patrons on the terms mentioned at the end of these notes.

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FELINFOEL.

Fifth annual show, held in the Public Hall, on December 16th. The cage birds were nicely staged round the room, and were well looked after by an enthusiastic lot of fancier stewards. The quality all round was excellent, Britishers especially being very strong. The hall is a good one, being lofty, well lighted, and roomy. Mr. T. J. Davies makes an ideal secretary, being cool, methodical and most affable and obliging. Mr. D. Morris is well up in his duties as show manager, and all seemed to work with a will. Mr. J. H. Payne made the awards.

The Critique.

NOR., YELL. AND BUFFS: Cancelled. NON-FED (5): 1, Jeremy, buff, mkd. eyes and wings, short cobby body, deep chest and wide back, short flights and tail; 2, 3, Clement, buff mkd., wings and eyes, nice shape, clean cut behind, close feather, of good quality, 3, eye and shoulder ticked, capital shape and feather, nice flights; 4, Jones, W. P., clear nice quality feather good col.: vhc, Steer. YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL. (11): 1, 2, Newell, winner grand col. and quality, slim built and stands well, wings well braced and neat tail, lovely back, 2, grand position and feather, nice back, head, wings and tail; 3, James and Wells, nice colour, good position, wings and tail, not quite so tight in feather; 4, Dykes, straight and stylish, grand feather, nice flights and tail; vhc, Phillips; hc, Morgan and Willcox; c, Moreman. BUFF (6): 1, Lovell, head and cheek ticked, hot colour, grand position, straight as a rush, nice quality; 2, James and Wells, good length of side, grand feather, good wings and pipe tail, stands well; 3, Steer, grand feather and gets well up, nice flights and tail, good back; 4, Dykes, slim built, well on leg, nice back; vhc, Phillips. HEN: 1, Newell, varieg. yell., smooth as a glass bottle, stands well up on a good pair of legs, neat tail; 2, Steer, yell., grand quality feather, straight as a dart, stands well, neat head and tail; 3, Mrs. Harry, Cinn. marked, nice position and feather; 4, Bennett; vhc, Williams. A.O.V. (6): 1, Dykes, yell., mkd. head, eyes and wings, straight as a gun-barrel, well on leg, grand feather and colour; 2, Newell, varieg. and buff, straight and stylish, good feather, neat head, good flights and pipe tail; 3, Williams, buff mkd. eyes, wings and neck, slim built, good feather; 4, Mrs. Harry, varieg. and buff, good colour and length, beaten in feather. UNFLIG. (8): 1, Dykes, yell., well drawn out, nice clean waist, grand position and feather, neat head and pipe tail; 2, 3, James and Wells, slim built buff, grand back, nice position, wings and tail, 3, yell., nice position and feather, a trifle short sided; 4, Lovell, hot coloured buff, good feather; vhc, Moreman; hc, Steer; c, Saunders. BORD. FCY., CL., ETC., YELL. (5): 1, Jenkins, nice shape and feather, neat head, good wings and tail, and jaunty carriage; 2, Richards, nice feather and shape, neat tail and well poked wings; 3, Mrs. Harry, good colour, nice shape and carriage; 4, Harry, close up; vhc, Tyler. BUFF (7): 1, Jenkins, good shape, nice feather and carriage, neat tail, well packed flights; 2, Evans, nice shape and feather, neat tail and wings, capital style; 3, vhc, Mrs. Harry, magnificent feather and colour, well packed flights, a wee shade too stout; 4, Richards, nice shape and feather; c, E'cy. CINN. GREEN (4): 1, 3, Richards, grand coloured yell. green, sound right through, nice shape and feather, 3, lovely colour and feather, not quite so shapely; 2, Ford, good shape and feather, nice carriage; 4, Williams. HEN: 1, 2, Jenkins, clinking yell. leading, a gem right through and put down in the pink; 2, lovely feathered and shapely buff, grand carriage; 3, 4, hc, Mrs. Harry, buff, lovely feather, grand shape and style, not quite so neat in wing carriage, still close up, 4, nice feathered, eye and wings mkd. buff, good shape; c, Williams. A.O.V. (9): 1, sp., 4, vhc, hc, Mrs. Harry, buff, mkd. wings, left eye and cheek, beautiful feather, grand back, wings and tail, nice shape and carriage, 4, four-pointed yell., good colour and shape; 2, Morris, varieg. and yell., nice shape, lovely feather, neat head and tail, rich colour; 3, Eley, varieg. yell., good shape and colour, neat tail; c, Ford. DARK MULE (4): 1, Davies, H. S., yell., Greenfinch Can., lovely col. and feather, nice shape; 2, Thomas, good feathered buff Goldfinch Can.; 3, Stone, same persuasion, close up. GOLDFINCH, HOUSE-MOULTED (16): 1, c, Jeffreys, expansive, well cut, square blaze, chest beautifully tanned, nice bars and buttons, rich coloured back; 2, 3, 4, Richards, grand trio and all close together, and put down in grand fettle; vhc, Reynolds; hc, Evans. FIELD-MOULTED (12): 1, Morgan, well-known winner, often described, had all on to beat; 2, Jeffreys, good shaped blaze of rich colour, except a shade dark over beak, nice bars and buttons, grand back; 3, Edwards, good square cut blaze, nice bars and buttons, wants steadying a bit; 4, Gregory, good bars and buttons, nice shape and size; vhc, Phillips; hc, S. Jones; c, Lloyd. LINNET-H.M. (13): 1, Poyer, beautiful colour right through, sound as a bell, grandly pencilled and grand shape; 2, 4, H. Jenkins, nice shape and well pencilled, good colour, 4, grand size and shaping, nice whites and back, well pencilled sides; 2, Gay, grand shape and feather, well pencilled, only beaten in depth of colour; vhc, S. Jones; hc, Phillips and Vivian; c, Bancroft. FIELD MOULTED (17): 1, Richards, a gem for depth and richness of colour, lovely shape and beautifully pencilled; 2, Jeffreys, grandly pencilled, lovely feather, nice shape, steady as old time; 3, S. Jones, nice size and shape, good feather, well pencilled, lovely back; 4, Bancroft, good size and shape, well pencilled flanks and sides; vhc, Gregory; hc, Sullivan; c, Phillips and Vivian. BULLFINCH (10): 1, Holborow, magnificent feather, good shape, rich breast col. and pure back, beautiful cap, very steady, 2, grand hen, lovely cap and bars and colour; 3, Sullivan, grand feather, nice shape and size, dense cap of good size and cut; 4, Evans, lovely coloured hen, nice cap and bars; vhc, c, Gregory; hc, Howard. GREENFE, ETC. (5): 1, 2, Bancroft, Bramblefinch, good colour and well spangled, nice shape, in good order, 2, grand coloured Chaffinch, well marked, lovely feather, nice whites; 3, Ford, Greenfinch, wonderful feather, nice shape and skull; 4, Jeffreys, large, shapely yell. Greenfinch, good wing bars; vhc, Price. REDPOLL, ETC. (11): 1, 4, Jeffreys, grand Lesser Redpoll, rare size and skull, well laced, flanks and good bib, 4th nice coloured and well marked Twite; 2, Evans, Buff Siskin, rare size, grand feather, and flank markings, nicely pencilled cap; 3, Bancroft, mealy Redpoll, well marked and good colour; vhc, S. Jones; hc, Manning; c, Tyler. BRIT. HARDBILL HEN (9): 1, Ford, Corn Bunting, grand colour, shape and markings, in fine order; 2, Bancroft, lovely coloured and beautifully feathered Bramble; 3, Holborow, Siskin, rare size, good feather and colour, grand markings on flanks; 4, vhc, S. Jones, good coloured and well pencilled Linnet, grand form; hc, Evan; c, T. Jenkins, a nice class for quality. FOR. (6): 1, H. S. Davies, King Parrot, lovely colour and feather; 2, Phillips and Vivian, clinking Amazon Parrot, good size, capital colour and feather; 3, A. Davies, Siberian Goldfinch, rare blaze, bars and buttons, good size and shape; 4, Morris, well marked Budgerigars; vhc, hc, Evans. MEMBERS' CLASSES: A.V. CAN. (10): 1, hc, S. Jones, yell. Nor., nice feather and quality, level colour, good wings and tail; 2, 3, 4, hc, Mrs. Harry, grand feathered Buff Bord., 3, yell Yorks., nice feather, straight and stylish, 4, buff Bord., marked eyes, wings and head: c, Aubrey. BRIT. (12): 1, sp., vhc, Mrs. Harry, Bullfinch, grand shape, good coloured breast, nice cap and bars; 2, Clement, Goldfinch, nice bars and buttons; 3, T. Jenkins, Linnet, nice shape, well pencilled; 4, Davies, good coloured Bullfinch, nice cap and bars; hc, c, Evans.

LLANRWST.

First show of Llanrwst and Dis. C.B.S. was held December 14th, and proved a great success, the entries coming up well; and the quality of the exhibits was most excellent, thus giving the Society a capital send off. We trust they will soon be established as one of the leading societies in North Wales. The Concert Hall, in which the show was held, is a capital place for a cage bird show, being well lighted, roomy and quite free from draughts. The exhibits were nicely staged, and the room set off with flags and bunting. The best of attention was paid to the exhibits, the stewards under Mr. J. Thomas all working well. The President, J. Blackwall, Esq., J.P., was in attendance and took the greatest interest in the show, working like a Trojan throughout the day; in fact, we can honestly say we have never met a President who worked so hard and showed such unbounded enthusiasm for the good of the Society, the exhibits, and exhibitors. The Hon. Sec., Mr. J. Kershaw, makes a most admirable officer and had his work well in hand; he was the personification of courtesy and tact. With such officials at the helm and under such management, we shall be surprised if this society does not make great headway. Mr. J. H. Payne made the awards.

The Critique.

NOR. CL. YELL. (11): 1, 3, Sheldon, leader unflig., nice shape, capital quality feather, good head, flights and tail, 3rd head and wing mkd., rare head and neck, good col., nice shaped body; 2, Williams, lovely col. and quality, well packed flights and tail; res, E. J. Jones; vhc, no name; hc, Gwylim Jones; c, Griffiths. BUFF (11): 1, spl, 2, Sheldon, rare shape, full head and neck, deep, nicely rounded chest, grand quality, well packed flights and neat tail, takes spl. for best Canary in show; 2nd varieg., rattling shaped body, good col. and quality, nice back and chest; 3, Griffiths, nice shaped clear, good col., just a shade browy; res, vhc, Gwylim Jones; hc, Williams. HEN (7): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Sheldon, buff, tkd. on head, grand shape and substance, good back and chest, nice col. and mealing, well carried wings and neat tail; 2nd cl. yell., good shape and quality, nice head, back and chest, short flights and tail, 3rd yell., rare size and shape, deep chest and wide back, beaten in feather: res, Gwylim Jones; hc, Aitken. YORKS, YELL. (17): 1, res, Pike, thigh tkd., unflig., good length and nicely drawn out, grand quality, nice position, capital wings and pipe tail; 2, Owen, slim built, stands well, grand feather and quality, not quite so good in wing carriage; 3, D. G. Jones, nice col., straight as a pencil and stands well, good wings and tail; vhc, Huxley; hc, Dykes; c, England. BUFF (19): 1, Dykes, slim built, stands well on a good pair of legs, nice boxy feather, good colour, wings well packed and piped tail; 2, hc, Pike, lovely feather, nice position and style, good long flights, well packed and neat tail, good head; 3, Evans and Park, slim and stylish, nice position, grand feather, well on leg; res, Evans; vhc, England; c, Williams. HEN (13): 1, Dykes, yell., lovely feather, straight as a rush, well on leg, grand position, capital wings and tail; 2, 3, Pike, yell., long and nicely drawn, good col., stands well, 3rd yell., splendid col., good position and feather, not quite so leggy; res, Evans and Park; vhc, J. O. Williams; hc, D. G. Jones; c, England. CAN. A.O.V. (17): 1, 3, Dyer, well-known pair of buff Cinnamons, looking well and often described, leader wins Hyde's spl.; 2, Edwards, grizzle Crest, nice spreading, well radiated, neat centre, good drop; res, hc, c, Mackenzie and Williams; vhc, H. W. Williams. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (15): 1, spl, best British, Evans and Roberts, rich coloured, square-cut blaze, well tanned on chest, nice cheeks, capital bars and buttons, very steady and in grand trim; 2, Hughes, nice blaze, good cheeks, buttons and bars, well tanned chest; 3, Meredith, capital bars and buttons, nice back and blaze; r, Andrews; vhc, H. W. Williams; hc, D. Jones; c, Edwards. BLACK-LEGGED (18): 1, Lovell and Kershaw, expansive square-cut blaze, comes well down, rich col., good bars and buttons, nice cheeks, wins well in a hot class; 2, Tams and Son, capital blaze, good size and shape, well tanned chest and good back, well buttoned; 3, W. R. Roberts, good blaze of capital colour and square cut, nice back and cheeks, good wing bars; res, Morgan; vhc, Mackenzie and Williams; hc, D. G. Jones; c, Edwards. LINNET. ETC. (15): 1, 2, Tams and Son, good shaped Linnet, grand colour, well pencilled and in good feather, 2nd yell. Greenfinch, good size, shape and feather, nice wing bars and skull; 3, res, hc, Olney, Mealy Redpoll, good size, nice col. and well pencilled flanks; vhc, Hughes; c, Aitken. A.O.S. HARDBILL (12): 1, Burrows, Hawfinch, grand feather and markings, nice size, shape and bib, just a shade pale in colour; 2, W. H. Williams, Bullfinch, good size and shape, very dense and lustrous cap of good size and cut, nice and steady and well shown; 3, H. C. Davies, Bramblefinch, good colour, shape and well spangled; res, Tams and Son; vhc, Andrews; hc, c, Hawkes. MULE OR HYB. (19): 1, H. S. Davies, Canary-Bullfinch, splendid feather and colour, well marked, in lovely condition; 2, Edwards, Greenfinch-Bullfinch, lovely feather, colour and markings, grand cap, in the pink; 3, Tams and Son, Mealy Redpoll-Bullfinch, good colour, shape and feather, bit unsteady; res, hc, c, W. Andrews; vhc D. G. Jones. FOR. OR SOFTBILL (2): 1, sp, best Bird in show, Davies, King Parrot, faultless feather and grand col.; 2, W. Jones, nice pair of well-marked Budgerigars.

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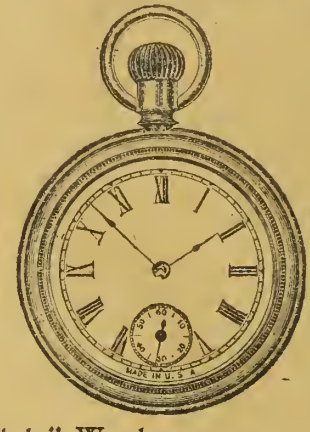
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YARM.

Third annual show held in the Central Hall Dec. 16th. The hon. sec., Mr. Wilson, and his assist.-sec., Mr. Henderson, had the birds well staged, and fed and in good time. The committee, Messrs. Johnson, Watson, Weedy, Wilson, Danby, Harwood, Wilkinson, and Dawson were well to the front in looking after the wants of the exhibits during the day. This was the largest show ever held at Yarm, close on 400 birds facing the judges. Some fine Norwich were to be seen in that section, and we might state that in the Yorks. classes the birds were bad to beat at any open show. Mules and British turned up well, and we must congratulate the Yarm fanciers upon their keenness in working up a show like this; we hope they will go on and prosper. Mr. W. Mundell judged all Canary classes, and Mr. Marwood the remainder.

The Critique.

NOR., CL., ETC., YELL. (7): 1, Mennard, varieg., rich col., lovely quality feather, good head, nice wings, well braced to side, short, nice type; 2, Thompson, cl., rich col., boxey feather, good head, neck and chest; 3, vhc, Freeman, cl., rich col., full of quality nice type, good head; 4, Swinscoe, full of quality, rich col., very typical; hc, Dixon; c, Terrell. BUFF (17): 1, Joe Cuthbertson, grizzled on neck, good head and neck, teeming with quality, rich col., very short and chubby; 2, hc, Greenfield, cap mkd., boxey feather, rich col., good head and neck; 3, Freeman, rich col., boxey feather, neat head, clean on chest, good wings and tail; 4, Pearson, varieg., rich col., boxey feather, good head; vhc, Pickering and Wright; c, Dixon. UNFLIG. (15): 1, c, Miss E. Bennett, wing mkd. buff, lovely quality, rich col., good head and neck, clean on chest, very short and chubby, rare type; 2, Swinscoe, yell., a wee shade long, good head, rich col., full of quality; 3, Pickering and Wright, wing mkd. buff, rich col., lovely quality, good head, nice wing carriage; 4, Jeffries and Husband, yell., rich col., full of quality, nice type; vhc, Dixon; hc, Freeman. HEN (15): 1, Wake, varieg. yell., rich col., full of quality, good head, nice wing carriage, rare type; 2, Inman, cap and wing mkd. buff, short and chubby, good head, splendid quality; 3, Mennard, grizzled head yell., boxey feather, full of quality, nice type; 4, vhc, Pappin, pale col., yell., boxey feather, good head and chest; hc, Thompson; c, Henderson. YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (14): 1, 3, Cuthbertson, neck tkd., pale col., well up on leg, good wing carriage, neat head, grand quality; 3rd, unflig., boxey feather, grand position, well braced wings, neat head; 2, Paterson, rich col., rare length, splendid quality, grand head, wings and tail; 4, Taylor, eyes and wing mkd., rich col, nice quality, grand position; vhc, hc, Marsh; c, Cook and Hood. BUFF (14): 1, vhc, Cuthbertson, 1st unevenly mkd., lovely position, full of quality, neat round head, grand wing carriage, piped tail; 2, 4, Taylor, 2nd unevenly mkd., rich col., boxey feather, well on leg, rare length; 4th, very stylish, long flights and tail; hc, Elliss; c, Woodhead. UNFLIG. (22): 1, Elliss, yell., well on leg, boxey feather, full of go, neat wing and tail, good head; 2, Taylor, yell., wing tick, rare length and position, good wing carriage, piped tail; 3, Clegg, yell., varieg., rich col., full of quality, position A1, neat head; 4, c, Cook and Hood, buff, boxey feather, rich col., neat head; vhc Cuthbertson; hc, Woodhead. HEN (17): 1, Pyman, buff, neat head, grand wings and tail, full of quality, position A1, rare length; 2, c, Cuthbertson, unevenly mkd. yell., boxey feather, grand wings and piped tail, well up on leg, position A1; 3, Taylor, check and wing mkd. buff, lovely feather, well on leg, long flights and piped tail; 4, Barker, buff, boxey feather, neat head, rare length; vhc, Taylor; hc, Clegg. A.O.V. (9): 1, 3, Yeates, 1st Crest-bred, rare skull, lovely feather; 3rd, yell. cinn., rich col., full of quality, rare size; 2, Gibson, Green Crest, good centre and droop, plenty of feather; 4, Richbrough, Lizard, nice cap and spangles; vhc, c, Jeffries and Husband; hc, Hall. LIGHT MULE OR HYB. (8): 1, 2, Dr. Wilson, 1st Goldie-Bullie, rare size and condition; 2nd, Linnet-Bullie, magnificent quality, nicely put down; 3, Clegg, Goldie-Can., 4-pointed, lovely quality; 4, Taylor, Goldie-Bullie; vhc, Todd and Son; hc, Lane; c, Higgins and Harrison. DARK CAN. MULE (16): 1, Dr. Wilson, Can.-Bullie, rare size and in lovely condition, wins; 2, 4, Wrks, both Goldie-Can., lovely quality, and put down in the pink of condition; 3, Nicholson and Son, Siskin-Can., grand condition, very lively; vhc, Medley; hc, Parnby; c, B. H. Wilson. GOLDFINCH (21): 1, Inman, grand square blaze, lovely bars and buttons, in the pink of condition, wins; 2, Stamp, rich square blaze, nice bars and buttons, good condition; 3, 4, Nicholson, two nice Finches, lovely col., nicely barred and buttoned; vhc, Mays and Allison; hc, Lowes and Son; c, Calam. BULLFINCH (22): 1, Lee, grand cap, bars, rich beak, in rare condition, fine size, steady; 2, Rutherford, rare size, rich col. breast, good cap; 3, Foster, nice type and condition; 4, Dawson, rich col. breast, nice cap; vhc, c, Hogg; hc, Lowe and Sons. GREENFINCH (11): 1, Milburn, good head and chest, very cobby, rich col., in grand condition; 2, Lee, nice col., good head and chest, fine type; 3, 4, Nicholson, 3rd good head and chest, rich col., plenty of sheen; 4th, nice type, good head, well put down; vhc, Larder; hc, Henderson; c, Clegg. BRAMBLE, ETC. (11): 1, Nicholson and Son, 1-t Chaffinch, lovely col. and markings, put down in the pink of condition, very steady; 2, Lane, Bramble, rich col., nicely mkd., condition A1; 3, Todd and Son, a nice Chaffinch; 4, Inman, a good Bramble; vhc, Lowes and Son; hc, Weedy, c, Pollard. LINNET (24): 1, Davidson, rare size, grand type, rich col., nicely pencilled; 2, Barker, neat and clean made, nicely pencilled, very steady; 3, Lane, nut-brown, very showy; 4, Cowley; vhc, Todd and Son; hc, Stamp; c, Johnson. SISKIN, ETC. (16): 1, Lane, Siskin, nicely pencilled, in the pink of condition; 2, Dr. Wilson, Twite, very steady, rich col., beautifully pencilled; 3, Cuthbertson, a lovely Redpoll, well shown; 4, Woodhead and Son, a good Twite; vhc, hc, Nicholson and Son; c, Inman. A.O.S. (7): 1, Wilson, Hawfinch, good bib, rare head, fine col.; 2, Nicholson and Son, Corn Bunting, in lovely condition; 3, Wilcox, a well staged Hawfinch, in good form; 4, Inman, Yellowhammer, nice one all over; vhc, Lane; hc, Danby; c, Stamp. BLACK BIRD, ETC. (12): 1, Sanders, Blackbird, in the pink of condition, a very attractive specimen; 2, vhc, Wilkinson and Danby, Thrush, very steady, rare col.; 3, Danby, a beautiful Starling; 4, Allen, another very fine Thrush; hc, Isherwood; c, Warden. SMALL SOFTBILL (10): 1, 4, Dr. Wilson, lovely Nightingale, in the pink of condition, and very steady; 4th, a steady Wheatear, condition A1; 2, 3, vhc, Nicholson and Son, 2nd a grand Redstart, in fine condition; 3rd, a very nice Tree Creeper; vhc, c, Briscoe. LARGE (3): 1, Wilkinson and Danby, Magpie, shown in the pink of condition; 2, 3, Parnby, 2nd Waxwing, 3rd Mistel Thrush, both well shown and much admired. FOR., SMALL (5): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Nicholson and Son; 4, Broadbent. LARGE (2): 1, Nicholson and Son; 2, Holt.

Six Hundred and Forty Birds at Broxburn.

Very Fine Display in the Mule and British Bird Sections.

Broxburn and Dis. C.B.S. annual show held December 16th, and it proved a great success. No less than 640 birds were entered. Scotch Fancies, on the whole, were a nice collection, some real good ones being staged, and they were carefully handled by a well-known local expert in Mr. A. Kinnear (Broxburn); his awards left little room for adverse comment. Crests and Crest-breds were the feature of the Norwich section, some gems being out. Plainheads were good. Mr. G.o. Scaife carefully judged this section, and his awards were well received. Borders again were one of the features of the show, all the classes being well filled, and the judge (the well-known Greca breeder, Mr. J. Thomson, of Newtongrange) had a difficult task to separate the winners; after carefully weighing up their respective points, however, little could be desired. This was one of the best shows of Mules in Scotland this season, some grand birds being on view. British were all that could be desired, some of the classes being very keenly contested, and the judges in this and the Mule sections had their work cut out to do justice to the birds. Mr. J. Mason (Peebles) judged odd numbers, and Mr. J. Strachan (Bathgate) the even numbers, and their awards were well received. The management of this show, as in the past, is par excellence, and we heard on good authority that this in so small measure is the reason of the grand entries year by year. Mr. McLaren, the worthy secretary, had everything in apple-pie order, the staging being ample; all the birds were carefully fed and watered, and were ready for the judges to start in good time. He was ably assisted by his right-hand guide, Mr. Thomas Sharp, ably backed up by an enthusiastic committee. The show was well patronised by all the local fanciers, and we are sure the show of 1911 is one of the most successful ever held.

The Canaries.

SCOT., CL., ETC., CK., YELL. (3): 1, Menzies, stylish and hard up, good top end and reach, nice depth; 2, Russell, good reach, a wee shade plainer on back, fine drive, good worker; 3, Duncan, good all-round. HEN (1): 1, Menzies, grand size and shape, full of style. BUFF CK. (6): 1, 2, Menzies, pair of good ones, leader fine size and style, nice top end and reach, 2 fine shape; 3, Aitken, plenty of go, good shoulders, nice reach; vhc, no name; hc, Boag; c, Wilson. HEN (3): 1, Duncan, very neat one, stylish shape, grand top end, nice droop and side; 2, McFarlane, a wee shade plainer, but good substance and free in action, nice side; 3, Menzies, nice top end and reach. PIED, ETC. (7): 1, Menzies, all there, fine move, grand shoulder, free action, well up in substance, real good one; 2, no name, grand top end, fine depth, a wee shade shorter in reach, must have pressed; 3, Spittal, good shape, free action; vhc, Carmichael; hc, Wilson; c, Duncan. HEN (7): 1, Spittal, sweet one all round, grand top end and reach, fine quality, grand substance, wins; 2, no name, stylish, not quite so good in body, fine reach, nice drive and side; 3, Yule, sweet bird; vhc, Wilson; hc, Menzies; c, Wilson. CREST, CK. (10): 1, c, Paul, nice size of body, plenty of feather, well centred top, piece, well carried to front; 2, Howie, grand all-round bird, dense feather, plenty of good side and frontal, line, clean-cut body; 3, McDougal, sweet size, good head, beaten a wee shade in finish, all there otherwise; vhc, hc, Burt and Buchanan. HEN (7): 1, vhc, hc, c, Paul, leader nice one, fine size, good length of feather, well laid on, nice centre; 2, 3, Sharp, 2 neat size good all-round exhibit, fine length, well centred, 3 fails just a little on sides, but dense feather, good shape. C.B. CK. (11): 1, Veitch, good one, line, bold entrance, good length, well lashed, massive bird, well put down; 2, Burt and Buchanan, plenty of lashing, well carried back, a shade narrower at entrance, good shape, grand size; 3, Binnie, sweet head, plenty of head gear; vhc, hc, Paul; c, Sharp. HEN (7): 1, 3, hc, Paul, leader neat one, large bold head, wide entrance, good browing, well lashed, 3 fails just a little in entrance, well up in feather; 2, Veitch, fine size and substance, well lashed, fails just a little in entrance to winner; vhc, McClement; c, Sharp. CREST (1911) (7): 1, Veitch, good one, nice size head, feather beautifully laced and centred, good side and frontal, grand body; 2, Gray, sweet shape, well centered, well up in sides; 3, Williamson and McAdam, sweet bird, not quite so large in top piece, but smooth and nicely laid on; vhc, hc, Paul; c, Sharp. C.B. (6): 1, 2, 3, Paul, 3 good ones, leader largest in head, fine skull and lashing, 2 fails in entrance only, plenty of feather, a grand trio; vhc, Clark; hc, J. Sharp; c, Sharp. NOR., CL., YELL. CK., ETC. (5): 1, Craig, leader in grand order, fine size, bold front, good head, well balanced all over; 2, 3, vhc, hc, J. Sharp, 2 bold bird, well up in size and good head, fails in condition and finish, 3 a wee shade thin in front, good head, nice shape. HEN (2): 1, Sharp, sweet hen, fine size, good quality feather; 2, no name. BUFF CK. (7): 1, Maxwell, wins, in lovely bloom, good front, grand balanced wings, nice head, stylish; 2, Binnie, sweet size, a shade thinner in front, good head and position; 3, vhc, hc, c, Sharp fine bold front, neat head, good as any, but fails just a little in quality of feather. HEN (6): 1, Maxwell, wins, in grand bloom, good head, bold front, sweet eye, A1 wing carriage; 2, Skinner, beaten in col. only, nice head and wing carriage; 3, Scobbie, good quality feather, very neat in head; vhc, Sharp; hc, Aitken; c, no name. YN-FLIGH. CK. (4): 1, Maxwell, a gem of a yell. cl., graud size and col., nice bold head, lovely wing carriage; 2, Moffat, buff, good size, bold head, fails in type only to winner, neatly cut behind; 3, Stirling, yell., fine size, good head and front; vhc, Aitken. HEN (5): 1, Millar, a sweet buff variegated, well up in size, good front, very neat in head, fine quality feather; 2, 3, Neilson, yell. variegated, good shape and feather, 3 buff varieg., fails only in size to winner, both in good order; vhc, Finnie, nice one, which some thought could have gone up a peg; hc, Scobbie. YELL. VARIEG. (6): 1, Nelson, in full bloom, grand head and front, rare quality feather, sweet stamp, well drawn; c, Maxwell, plenty of size, good one, not quite so neatly got up; 3, c, Sharp, nice quality, good head, and fine feather, well put down; vhc, Aitken; hc, Moffat. BUFF (5); 1, Moffat, in grand trim, plenty of it, good head and front, well tapered; 2, Craig, close up, good front and taper, good wing carriage; 3, Mickle, nice quality feather, a wee shade smaller, but A1 otherwise; vhc, Mackie; hc, Sharp. CINN. (5): 1, hc, Aitken, leader good fed buff, lovely shape and feather, grand pencilling, rare head and front, well staged; 2, 3, Cruickshanks, well fed jonque, pure in col., grand pencilling, 3 buff, beaten only in shape, good markings; hc, Spence. NON-FED (11): 1, Winter, good large yell., grand head and front, extra good shape, rare quality throughout; 2, c, Campbell, also yell., nice shape, good head and wings; 3, Lawrie, good stamp of a buff, massive, rare substance and feather; vhc, Stirling; hc, Binnie. CL., ETC., YELL. YORKS. (8): 1, Reskie, slim got up, neat front and head, grand quality, good one; 2, McRobbie, grand head and wings, well drawn, in fine order; 3, Gunning, well drawn, not quite so good in head, fine length, in nice trim; vhc, McCully; hc, no name; c, Park. BUFF (8): 1, Webster, wins, in grand bloom, extra good shape, finely drawn, sweet one, well staged; 2, McRobbie, another hot one, fine shape, grand position, fine head and front; 3, Rodgers, lengthy and well drawn, good head and front; vhc, c, Park; hc, Gunning. BORD., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (17): 1, Watson, good one, line shape, grand head and front, lovely wing carriage, staged to win; 2, Arnot, well-known, sweet bird, lovely body and head, fails a wee shade in weight, extra nice feather; 3, Andrew, nice head, grand quality of feather, well placed; vhc, G. Bennet; hc, Rae; c, Boag. HEN (15): 1, Douglas, sweet, wee gem for weight, grand head and wings, well rounded and drawn in front, put down in rattling fine order; 2, Mather, another good one, fine head and body, well balanced wings, in full bloom; 3, G. Bennet, nice feather, good head and style, shorter than winners; vhc, Boag; hc, Rodger; c, Mackie. BUFF CK. (13): 1, G. Bennet, fine drawn bird, all there, good head, rare wing carriage, splendid front, extra good in bloom; 2, Bickerstaff, not quite so well burnished as winner, but very neat head and grand balanced wings, again in full bloom; 3, Boag, good stamp, very nice one, sweet quality feather; vhc, Pearson; hc, Arnot; c, Rodger. HEN (12): 1, G. Bennet, in line trim, as tight as wax, grand head, good front, well rounded and drawn, neat wings; 2, Auld, rare shape, sweet head and front, close up on winner; 3, c, Boag, good front, nice shape, well drawn, neat head, inclined to cross wings at times; vhc, Watson; hc, Pearson. EVEN MKD. (8): 1, G. Bennet, nice buff, in lovely condition, grand eyes, well balanced, good wings, a masterpiece for feather; 2, Arnott, neat buff, ligt on eye markings, good type and quality 3, Stevenson, sweet yell., good eye and wing marks, a wee shade soft, which probably kept it back; vhc, hc, Taylor; c, Aitchison. A.O.V. YELL. (14): 1, Smart, clinking line hen, rare shape and quality, grand wing carriage, free pose, looks like Bradford winner; 2, Dodds, nice head and front, lovely taper, grand balanced wings, extra well put down; 3, Auld, sweet size and shape, good head and wing, beaten in taper only; vhc, Pearson; hc, G. Bennet; c, Boag. BUFF (9): 1, G. Bennet, good quality, nice head and front, in rare bloom; 2, Gilchrist, stylish, grand pose, sweet head and wings, inclined to be a trifle thin in front; 3, Arnott, good stamp, lovely head and shape, grand wings and taper; vhc, Smart; hc, Yule; c, Andrew. GREEN (9): 1, B.F.C. medal, hc, Lambie, his noted yel.-green, one of the best living, grand shape, lovely pure markings, extra good in type, staged to perfection; 2, Boag, nice green, good type and col.; 3, Johnston, real nice one, grand shape, well pencilled, pure in col., extra good in size and quality of feather; vhc, Mackie; c, Nelson. CINN. (7): 1, Dods, nice buff, grand size, rare shape, well pencilled, pure in col., lovely head and taper; 2, Lambie, good yell., pure in col. and markings, fails in weight only to winner; 3, Mackie, nice shape, grand type; vhc, c, Johnstou; hc, Duncan.

Mules, British & Foreign Birds.

LIGHT MULE OR HYB. (6): 1, vhc, hc, Jamieson, leader grand cl. buff Goldie, well up in size, good face and flights, staged in lovely order; 2, Turner, sweet Linnet-Bullie, well up in size, good head and breast col., well carried down, in full bloom; 3, Bell, Goldie-Bullie, dense col. DARK GOLDFINCH, ETC. (12): 1, Gilchrist ("Border King"), the noted dark yell. Goldie, in full bloom, looking well; 2, Bell, good jonque Linnet, well up in size, rare markings, well put down; 3, Turner, sweet yell. Goldie, good size, nice face and bars; vhc, Bald; hc, Jamieson; c, Morton. VARIEG. (8): 1, Watson, yell. Goldie, fine size, light in markings, good shape, a wash would improve it; 2, Bruce, clinking line 5-pointed buff, lovely face, grand eye and wing markings, well staged; 3, Williams, nice varieg. Linnet, good shape, rare type and quality; vhc, c, Fleming; hc, Turner. MULE, A.O.V. (11): 1, Bald, nice bull Greenie, well up in size, good head, nice tone of col., staged in lovely order; 2, Ross, yell. Siskin, grand size, nicely laced, good cap and body col., in fine order; 3, Jamieson, yell. Greenie, good shape and quality of feather, fine tone of col.; vhc, Morris; hc, Craig; c, Whiteford. BULLFINCH CK. (10): 1, Bald, well-known winner, grand shape col. and size, staged to perfection; 2, Geddes, dense col. breast, in grand order, fails in cap and bib only to winner; 3, Williamson, good one, fine cap and col., nice bib, in full bloom; vhc, Stuart and Dalling; hc, Craft; c, Kerr and Smith. GOLDFINCH CK. (15): 1, Livingstone, good one, dense square cut blaze, lovely cheeks, grand buttons, in full bloom, extra good shape and quality of feather; 2, Bell, good one, large square blaze, bold cheeks, not quite the quality of feather of winner; 3, no name, smart Finch, grand col., very good face, lovely cheeks; vhc, Robertson; hc, Pringle; c, Connor. HEN BULLIE (12): 1, 3, Bald, leader easy win, massive hen, pure dense col., rare cap and bib, fine body col., a good one and no mistake, 3 fails just a little in size, good cap and bib, nice quality feather; 2, vhc, Nicol, sweet shape and very good in col., grand head, as tight as wax, fails in size only; hc, Bell; c, Craig. LINNET (7): 1, Brown, good one, finely pencilled, grand head, lovely whites, well up in size, good shape, rare quality feather; 2, Livingstone, sweet fronted, good markings, nice tone of col. well up on wings, again in full bloom; 3, Storie, sweet shape, grand quality feather; vhc, Palmer; hc, Pringle; c, Arnott. GREENFINCH FED (9): 1, Stuart and Dalliug, grand shaped Greenie, lightly fed, good bold head, very neat in flights, sweetly finished; 2, McLean, noted winner, bold fronted bird, inclined to be a wee shade harsh in col.; 3, Bald, nice body and col., good quality feather; vhc, Binnie; hc, Gray; c, Gray. NON-FED (11): 1, Messer, wins, bold headed, grand front, pure in col., nice quality feather; 2, McLean, a wee shade slim in front, but sweet head and good solid col.; 3, no name, grand size, good front, lovely wing bars, nicely put down; vhc, Bald; hc, Allan; c, Logan. LESSER REDPOLL (15): 1, Bruce, in full bloom, grand bib, nicely laced, good body col., well up in size; 2, Morton, broad capped bird, neat bib, finely laced on sides, good stamp, well put down; 3, Lambie, another good one, fine 'Poll, grand flank markings, rare body col.; vhc, Gentleman; hc, Bell; c, Turner. SISKIN (5): 1, Bell, the noted bibbed Siskin, in very nice order, one of the cast-iron brigade, as fit as ever; 2, Bald, larger Siskin, good cap, nice flank markings; 3, Duncan, nice all-round, good cap, nice bib; vhc, c, Norton; c, Farish. MEALY REDPOLL, ETC. (9): 1, Scotland, grand mealy, pure in col., well laced on flanks, fine size, good defined bib and cap, put down in grand order; 2, Laing, sweet mealy, good size, grand cap, rare front and head; 3, Allan, sweet Twite, a wee shade behind on breast markings, but all there for col., nice size, well staged; vhc, Quinn; hc, Baird Bros.; c, Sharp. SMALL SOFT-BILL (2): 1, Sykes, nice Grey Wagtail, good size, bne col., well staged; 2, Mackie, bet fed yellow Wagtail, good size, well staged. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (14): 1, Gentleman, sweet Bramblefinch, good pure col., well up in size, nicely laced on back and head, steady and well shown; 2, Sykes, good steady Chaffie, grand size, good head and wing flight; 3, Paterson, Bramble, good markings, well shown; vhc, Cairns; hc, Duncan; c, Cameron. BUNTING (13): 1, vhc, Stuart and Dalling, good all-round Yellowhammer, fine head, nice eye markings, lovely body col.; 2, Watson, nice Meadow Bunting, in grand order, finely marked, staged to win; 3, Bald, steady, well marked Corn Bunting, good shape; hc, Lawson; c, Messer. WILD LINNET (14): 1, Watson, good one, bold front, nicely pencilled, rare head and quality of feather, steady as a rock; 2, Sykes, another hot one, rare breast markings, good flights, not quite so tight as winner; 3, Hodge, some preferred to winner, grand flights, good breast, plenty of size, lovely tone of col.; vhc, Bald; hc, Cowper; c, Craig. GREENFINCH HEN (6): 1, hc, Laing, a clinker for size, in lovely order, grand tone of col., sweet head, line wing flights; 2, Liddle, nice hen, fails only in size, good head, fine quality feather; 3, Winter, sweet shape and finish, good quality, nice wing flights, grand tone of col.; vhc, Morton; c, Morris. HEN BRIT. (6): 1, Bruce, noted song Thrush, "Border Queen," in grand trim, a marvel and no mistake, well staged; 2, Heard, nice Corn Bunting, well up in size, steady, well marked; 3, Hunter, good Linnet, nicely marked, in full bloom, steady, taking exhibit; vhc, Kirkwood; hc, Nisbet and Taylor; c, Cowper. BRIT., LARGE (4): 1, Robertson, good steady Hawfinch, in full bloom; 2, Robertson, nice Redwing, in very fine order; 3, Quinn, we could not find when taking notes; 4, Afflick. BULLFINCH, FOR. (6): 1, Stevenson, good one, in the best of order, fine head and bib, pure in col., grand feather, as tight as wax; 2, Conner, romping hen, fine size, rare col., bold head, good bib, again in full bloom; 3, Stuart and Dalling, large one, but a wee shade loose at thighs, good stamp; hc, c, Turner; vhc, Whiteford. FOR. GOLDFINCH (13): 1, Miller, good one fine, dense square cut blaze, pure in col., lovely trimmings, nice cheeks, rare square black nap, fine buttons and wing flights; 2, Howie, larger, great blaze, pure in col., nice cheeks, well-known; 3, Pringle, massive bird, good face and body col., well buttoned, again in lovely bloom; vhc, Graham; hc, Craig; c, Turner.

FROME.

A Remarkable Record Entry.

Frome Cage Bird show, held in the Temperance Hall, and proved a great success. There was a remarkable entry of over 500 birds, an increase of 144 over last year's record. The committee wisely decided to engage a larger hall, and it was fortunate for them that they did. A better place for a show it would be impossible to imagine; it is well lighted, free from draughts, and in the centre of the town. The exhibits were staged all round the hall on three-tier staging, with two centre stages, so that visitors could without difficulty see the exhibits. As usual, the drawing competition attracted a lot of attention no less than 86 school children competing. A new feature was the Roller Canary singing competition, which brought 19 entries and attracted a large number of admirers. Crests and Crestbreds were only few in numbers, but of very good quality. Norwich were a remarkable section, some of the best being staged. The 1911 classes were well filled with gems, but the most remarkable was the novice class, which contained 33 entries. Yorks. were equally good, the 1911 and novice classes again being a treat to see. The Natural Colour class contained 11 entries. Lancashires contained some grand birds, amply repaying the committee for again trying this variety. Seeing that Frome is a warm place for Borders, the entry here was not quite up to expectations as regards numbers, but this was made up for in quality. The A.O.V. class contained some of the cream, Mr. Maisey beating Messrs. Minty and Young in their own castle. The Light Mule class was poorly supported, as was the new class for heavily variegated; considering there are hundreds of this variety about, it is a pity this class was not better supported. Dark Mules were a grand class, as was the Hybrid class, which contained some of the best. Goldfinches with 21 entries were grand, while the Bullfinches with the same number were, the judge declared, the best got together this season. The other British classes were all good, as were the Foreign. The chairman of committee was Mr. Cecil Glass, vice-chairman Mr. C. I. Young, treasurer Mr. A. W. Blaiden, committee Messrs. W. Dodge, P. Edwards, W. Tricker, J. Kelly, R. Pinnell, H. Payne, E. Sheppard, W. Singer, H. Leo, T. Biss. The hon. secretaries were Messrs. A. G. King and J. Yeo—model secretaries, who have worked tremendously to make the show what it is, viz., one of the best in the West of England. Mr. C. I. Young, the general secretary, acted as show manager. The show was opened by the President, when there was a crowd of ladies and gentlemen present.

The Critique.

CREST (4): 1, Burgess, large D.C., even marked, fine body, nice drooping crest; 2, Col. Routh, another very fine Crest, appeared to be a little soft; 3, Harnett, very nice Green Crest, not quite the size of winners, still good; 4, Bowen, very nice clear body, good round crest. C.B. (4): 1, Matthews, heavily varieg., good size, nice cushioned head, long leafy feather; 2, E. Bowen, nice green, good entrance, lovely quality, close up; 3, Col. Routh, another Green, good head, lovely feathers, in spanking fine condition; 4, Burgess, nice cl. NOR. CK., CL., ETC., YELL. (9): 1, Folwell, grand bird, short and thick, grand head and neck, perfect wings, an ideal bird, a clear win; 2, Fox, another beauty, almost as good as winner, fails just a little in head; 3, Kirby, yell. tkd., good head, lovely quality, typical bird; 4, Col. Routh, another good one; vhc, Master Pool; hc, Fellows; c, Hancock. BUFF (7): 1, Folwell, champion, short and thick, lovely quality, good back and wings; 2, Col. Routh, slightly larger than winner, the least bit longer in body, still a rare good one; 3, 4, Kirby, 3, nice body, still a rare good one; 4, good one, crosses typical bird, very fine feather; 4, good one, crosses wings slightly; vhc, hc, Fellows; c, Rowley. HEN (14): 1, Fox, magnificent yell. hen, short and thick, grand head, back and wings, in the pink; 2, Schnider, buff, equal in all points except perhaps a wee shade longer, very close up; 3, Chedgey, another nice one, fails only in head to winners; vhc, 4, Folwell; hc, Col. Routh; c, Hancock. BRED 1911, YELL. (13): 1, 3, Banbury, grand all over, impossible to describe, simply perfect, third fails only in wing carriage, good one; 2, 4, Folwell, 2nd another beauty, lovely quality, nice back and wing, not quite so good in head as first; vhc, Col. Routh; hc, Wasley; c, Stephenson. BUFF (11): 1, Folwell, buff tkd., fine head, well filled in back, perfect wings, beautiful feather, wins; 2, Banbury, wing marked almost the equal of first; 3, Schneider, stout, good all-round, in fine trim; 4, Noyce, head tkd., right stamp, in grand condition; vhc, Taylor; hc, Allen; c, Master Pool. NOVICE, NOR. (33): 1, vhc, Tanner, champion buff in lovely condition, good head, neck, and wings; 2, Allen, another good bird, fails just slightly in wing carriage, otherwise equal; 3, L. M. Wade, a stormer, equal in every respect, but would insist in crossing wings at times; 4, Matthews, another fine typical bird, any of these might have changed places; ex. 4, S. Priddle, fine yell., not yet at best; ex. 4, Davis; vhc, E. Powell, Childs; hc, J. Reed; c, Chedgey. YORKS. CL., ETC. (15): 1, 3, Hawes Bros., both clears, first long slim bird of beautiful quality, upright as a dart; 3, almost as good; 2, L. Dykes, another grand bird, stands well on perch, beautiful quality, rare head and wings; 4, Bousefield; vhc, Morgan; hc, Col. Routh; c, F. Wills. BUFF (13): 1, 2, Hawes Bros., two more grand birds, hard to part, in lovely condition; 3, Taylor, fine upstanding bird, rare quality, a typical Yorkie; 4, Fowle; vhc, Phillip; hc, Dykes; c, Wills. HEN (10): 1, Taylor, even wings, tkd. head, grand head and wings, beautifully moulded, a model; 2, Wines and Co., long upstanding bird, well shown; 3, Dykes, even wings and eye tkd., smaller than winner, but a model Yorks. lady; 4, vhc, hc, Hawes Bros. COCK, 1911 (20): 1, 2, Hawes Bros., wing and eye marked and yel. tkd., both of splendid position, staged in pink; 3, Dykes, cl. yell., a beauty, well up on leg, nice wings; 4, Mrs. Holliday; vhc, Pool; hc, Fowle; c, Lovell. HEN (17): 1, Bousefield, yell. tkd. on wing, long upstanding bird, fine head and neck, rich wing carriage, nicely staged; 2, F. Cook, tkd. on neck, fine bird, not quite the style of winner; 3, Hawes Bros.; 4, Fowle; vhc, Mrs. Holliday. NOVICE, YORKS. CK. (24): 1, Hyde's spl., Limbert, cl. yell., nice upstanding bird, good head, neck and wings, nicely moulded, wins; 2, 4, Craven, two grand birds; 3, ex. 4, Olding, two more of exceptional merit; vhc, Maidment; vhc, Milson and Cooper; hc, Limbert. HEN (12): 1, Mrs. Horler, typical bird, shown in beautiful condition; 2, vhc, Craven, 2, yell. tkd. neck, fine quality, grand position; 3, Milson and Cooper; 4, Watkins; vhc, Craven. YORKS. OR NOR. (11): 1, A. Pool, large buff Nor., good one; 2, Bousefield, buff Yorkie, long and slim, in beautiful condition; 2, T. Pope; 4, J. Stead; vhc, Greenslade; hc, Miss Walker; c, Sharpe. LANCS. (8): 1, Minty, Plainhead, rare head, nice wings, tremendous size, in good trim; 2, 4, Green, massive coppy, larger than winner; 3, vhc, Entwistle and Butterworth, nice well formed coppy, long sided bird, well up in size, shows in splendid condition; c, Edwards. BRED 1911 (9): 1, 2, 3, Green, splendid team, best lot seen down this way, first and second both coppies, of fine size, winner larger; 3, an immense Plainhead; 4, hc, Minty; vhc, Edwards; c, Entwistle and Butterworth. BORD., YELL. (8): 1, D. Jenkins, lovely little bird, tight in feather lovely quality, easy win; 2, Dodge, very smart, in good condition; 3, Bobbett, tight feathered, very perky; 4, Sampson; vhc, Magdagan; hc, King; c, Perry. YELL. HEN (6): 1, J. Brain, grand hen, shown in champion style; 2, D. Jenkins, beautiful quality, close up, as was 3, Sampson, another gem; vhc, Pope. BUFF CK. (8): 1, D. Jenkins, cl., typical wee gem; 2, Evans, very fine bird, close up; 3, A. King, cl., hulf, fine bird, in good condition; 4, hc, Dodge; vhc, Sampson; c, Laurie. HEN (9): 1, Jenkins, lovely hen, in fine fettle, a Border all over; 2, Evans, very smart one; 3, King, cl., jaunty lady; 4, hc, Dodge; vhc, Sampson; c, B. Pope. A.O.V. (7): 1, King, beautiful wing marked bird, tight as wax, in lovely condition, well shown; 2, vhc, J. Brain, green, another tip topper, well shown; 3, 4, Perry, another green, birds of exceptional merit; hc, Dodge. NOVICE (12): 1, 3, Pepperill, two real gems that arrived just as class was being judged; 2, Bexson, grand little bird, all fit for open classes; 4, Perry; vhc, Jelly; hc, Wall; c, Pope. ROLLERS, BRED 1911: 1, 3, 4, vhc, hc, A. W. Read; 2, c, H. Veen. A.O. AGE: 1, 3, 4, vhc, hc, c, A. W. Read; 2, H. Veen. A.O.V. (6): 1, Maisey, Dutch Frill, massive bird, cl buff, good mantle and breast frills; 2, Minty, nice Dutch Frill, not quite so full in mantle, smaller, nice exhibit; 3, Green, Golden Liz.; 4, Pope; vhc, Mitchell. MULE, CL., ETC. (5): 1, Shellam, grand Greenfinch Can., clear mule; 2, J. Locke, good, nearly cl. Goldfinch-Con.; 3, Cook; 4, Collins. HEAVILY VARIEG. (5): 1, Pearce, "Prince Charlie," large good coloured bird, in fine form; 2, E. J. Lamb; 3, J. Leo, very fine Goldie-Con.; 4, Webley. DARK (16): 1, Shellam, dark Goldie Mule, large fine blaze, an easy winner; 2, Miss Bousefield, Siskin Can., good one; 3, F. and T. Bowler, grand Goldfinch-Can., a quite so large as winner; 4, Cadman Bros.; vhc, Edwards; hc, Collins; c, Lanham. HYB. (7): 1, Shellam, Can. Bully, well-known winner; 2, Lamb, Goldie-Bullie, showing both parents well, a grand bird; 4, Capt. Jones; vhc, Davis; hc, Lamb; c, Howick. GOLDFINCH (21): 1, no name, grand Finch, splendid blaze and collar, lovely wings, bars ad button; 2, Chivers, large steady bird, fine blaze, good tan, rare col., wing bars polished like satin, close up; 3, Capt. Hamilton Jones, another real champion, all hard to separate; 4, Miss Dooley; ex. 4, vhc, F. Herbert; vhc, Currier; hc, Jupe; c, Clark; nearly all in this class could win in ordinary competition. BULLFINCH (21): 1, Miss Bousefield, lovely bird, beautiful breast, grand cap and top colour shown magnificently, bird and cage being a treat to look upon; 2, Hinds, another equally grand Finch, lovely cap, in the pink; 3, Wall, not quite so rich in breast colour, steady and well shown; 4, Thorne, grand bird, well shown; ex. 4, Col. Routh; vhc, Morgan; L. Bousefield; hc, Webley, Hinds; c, Blewitt, Wines and Co. GREENFINCH (8): 1, Cadman Bros., large size yell. Greenie, in perfect feather; 2, Russell, almost equal, not quite the size of winner; 3, Hawkes, very nice Finch, paler in colour; 4, Collins; vhc, Tyson; c, Elliott. LINNET, ETC. (14): 1, T. Pace, Linnet, nicely pencilled, rich breast, well shown; 2, 3, Miss Bousefield, Redpoll; 4, Hawkins; vhc, Davis; hc, W. J. Pool; c, Pearce. A.O.V., HARDBILL (11): 1, W. J. Pool, Hawfinch, lovely bird, correct bib, in fine condition; 2, A. S. Hawkes, Yellowhammer; 3, Cadman, Yellow Hammer; 4, Miss Bousefield; vhc, Miss Thomas; hc, Elliott; c, Cadman. SOFTBILL: 1, Miss Bousefield, Waxwing, in lovely condition; 2, Bowler Bros., fine Jay, large, in good condition, grand wings; 3, hc, Rosser ad Son, Blackbird, nice ecre and beak; 4, Wines and Co.; vhc, Mrs. Lovett; c, Norris. FOR. LARGE: 1, Mrs. Sage, Senegal Parrot, good one; 2, Edwards and Smith, nice Mexican Jay; 3, Leavers, Senegal Parrot, well shown; 4, Biss, Cockatoo, very attractive; vhc, Sansford, Green Cheeked Amazon, good one. SMALL: 1, Edmunds and Smith, good Nonpareil Bunting, well shown; 2, 4, Col. Routh, nice Ruficaudas and Grassfinches; 3, Coulson, Grassfinches, good exhibit; vhc, Miss Bousefield, nice Redhead Gouldian; hc, Coombs, Bousefield, nice Redhead Gouldian; hc, Coombs, lovely, Java Sparrows; c, Roberts. MEMBERS', YORKS.: 1, sp., 2, 4, R. Pinnell; 3, vhc, H. Payne; hc, E. Sheppard. NOR. (15): 1, sp., 2, 4, novice cup, E. Robins; 3, H. Bragg; vhc, W. H. Pinnell; hc, c, R. Pinnell. LANCS.: 1, 2, 3, sp., P. Edwards. BORDER: 1, 2, 4, sp., W. Dodge; 3, hc, A. G. King; vhc, Jelly. BORD., NOVICE: 1, sp., A. Alland; 2, 3, N. Jelly. A.O.V.: 1, C. I. Young; T. Alland; 2, 3, N. Jelly. A.O.V.: 1, C. I. Young; 2, 3, W. H. Pinnell; 4, T. Webb. MULE: 1, vhc, Blewitt; 2, hc, J. Yeo; 3, J. Kelly; 4, E. Sheppard. BRIT.: 1, sp., 2, W. H. Pinnell; 3, 4, C. Elliott; vhc, Blewitt; hc, Kelley. Members' Champion Cup, given by Mr. C. I. Young, 1, Mr. W. Dodge; ditto Novice, Mr. E. Robins.

QUEENSBURY.

A GOOD AVERAGE ENTRY.

Queensbury C.B.S. open show, held December 16, was a fairly successful venture, especially for so late in the season, there being nearly 370 birds staged in the 25 classes provided, averaging 15 per class; and quality was well up to the standard. The show was held in the Baptist School room, a very good place, and quite close to the tram terminus. Messrs. Ogden Bros. secured special for most points, with a good team, and also took specials for most points in classes 1 and 4, and in 5 to 7, others taking specials being Messrs. Shackleton, Bailey, Sutcliffe and Son, Dykes, Brown and Son, Towers, Jowett and Crabtree, whilst in the novice section Messrs. Smith, Birbeck, Simonett and Crabtree secured the specials. The secretarial duties were well carried out by Mr. A. Hartley, valuable assistance being rendered by Messrs. Pearson and Myers, show stewards, and Messrs. Allen, Lumb, Fowle, Brook, Smith, Briggs, Gregson Nicholl, Jagger, Jowett, and others. Mr. W. Cruise judged, and little fault could be found with his awards.

The Critique.

CL. YELL., YKS. (11): 1, 3, Ogden Bros., leader, nice type, fine position, good wings and tail, lovely quality; 3rd, plenty of length, nice shape, good head and back, smart feather; 2, vhc, Shackleton, nice long-sided bird, rattling good back, wings and tail, nice quality; 4, c, Thomas, bonnie type, rare position; hc, Crisp. BUFF (10): 1, Shackleton, grand shape and style, nicely cut away, grand head, back, wings and tail; 2, Stobart, good size and shape, nice head, very well filled in back; 3, Armstrong, extra nice col. and quality, fine shape; 4, Ogden Bros., good shape and style, full of quality; vhc, Bailey; hc, Hall; c, Dykes. TICK YELL. (9): 1, Dyson, slim, grand wedge shape, well carried wings and tail, extra col. and quality; 2, Bailey, great length and straight, grand shape, nice position, good feather; 3, Dykes, typical, well up in position, plenty of leg, close, silky feather; 4, Burdekin Bros., good length of side, nice shape; vhc, Thomas; hc, c, Ogden Bros. BUFF (11): 1, Bailey, nice shape and position, neat head, good back and wings, clean made; 2, Dyson, rattling shape, very round, good legs and position, very silky in feather; 3, Ogden Bros., fine position, good type, nice head, well filled in neck; 4, Allen, tick wing, slim, neat shape; vhc, Shaw Bros.; hc, Rigg; c, Thomas. UNFLIG. (14): 1, Towers, noted Buff, marvellous shape and position, perfect wings and tail, full of col. and teeming with quality; 2, c, Ogden Bros., yell., slim, extra leggy, stands well; 3, Sutcliffe and Son, buff, tick eye, grand shape and position, brimful of col. and quality; 4, Dykes, yell., neat narrow shoulders, typical, good head; vhc, Whitaker; hc, Rigg. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (11): 1, Thomas, grand length and shape, wonderfully drawn out, rattling position, plenty of leg, feathered to perfection; 2, Bailey, extra well up, nice shape, back like burnished silk; 3, Townsend, tick head, nice length, shapely, rare back, wings and tail; 4, Rigg, good wedge shade, nicely cut away; vhc, Casey; hc, Ogden Bros.; c, Whitaker. BUFF (15): 1, Bailey, neat and typical, shows a nice bit of leg, extra quality; 2, 4, Ogden Bros., 2nd, tick wing and head, grand shape, extra well up on leg, not a feather out of place, 4th, good size and shape, full of colour, nice quality; 3, Thornton and Bower, capital shape and style, shows a nice bit of [illegible]; vhc, Shackleton; hc, Shaw Bros.; c, Stables. GREEN MKD. YELL. (13): 1, 2, Sutcliffe and Son, both mkd. wings, eyes and cheek, leader rattling fine col. and quality, nice length and shape, 2nd, very slim, well drawn out, lovely quality; 3, Towers, foul marked, natty little bird, good type and style, leggy; 4, Ogden Bros., mkd. wing, eye, and neck, grand shape, well braced wings; vhc, Brown and Son; hc, Morrison; c, Townsend. BUFF (12): 1, Briggs, mkd. wings and eye, good shape, leggy, rattling fine col. and quality; 2, Dykes, mkd. wings, eyes and breast, grand shape, very stylish, leggy; 3, Shackleton, mkd. wings and head, nice shape, plenty of leg; 4, Morrison, mkd. wings, eyes, head, nice upstanding bird, good shape, leggy; vhc, hc, Ogden Bros.; c, Priestley. YELL. HEN (12): 1, Stobarts, mkd. wing and eyes, grand shape and position, very leggy, lovely quality, very compact; 2, vhc, Shackleton, marked wing, eyes and cheek, slim, good type, nice round back; 3, Thornton and Bower, mkd. wings, eyes, cheek, slim and typical, leggy; 4, Sutcliffe and Son, mkd. wings, eyes and cheeks, splendid quality; hc, c, Ogden Bros. BUFF (9): 1, Dykes, three-pointed, grand shape, good head, neck and back, leggy, lovely feather; 2, Brown and Son, mkd. wings and eye, typical, shows well, nice round head; 3, Priestley, mkd. wings, eyes and cheeks, nice shape and style, full of col.; 4, Craven, mkd. wings, eyes and head, nice shape; vhc, Townsend; hc, Thornton and Bower; c, Ogden Bros. CINN. TKD., ETC.: (7): 1, 2, c, Bailey, buff and yell., two grand birds, little to choose between them, often described; 3, Ogden Bros., yell., fine type and position, plenty of leg, red hot col.; 4, Priestley, yell., good length and shape; vhc, Thomas; hc, Allen. HEN (11): 1, Brown and Son, yell., mkd. wings, eyes and head, rattling fine type and style, leggy; 2, Morrison, buff, mkd. wings, eyes and splash breast, good and shapely; 3, hc, Towers, buff, mkd. wings, eyes and head, good shape and very well filled up, splendid feather; 4, Priestley, buff again, mkd. wings and eyes. YORKS. UNION NOVICE (Limit £5 5s.), CL., ETC., YELL. (17): 1, Birbeck, slim and nice type, plenty of leg, well braced wings and tail, lovely quality; 2, Smith, nice shape, good shoulders, rattling fine back, lovely feather; 3, Studd, slim, well drawn out, good wings and tail, close feather; 4, Grayshon, neat, narrow shoulders, leggy; vhc, Jehson; hc, Midgley; c, Tidswell. BUFF (15): 1, Simonett, grand length, plenty of shoulder and well cut away, fine position, good back; 2, Cawtherey and Son, tick wing, good shape and position, leggy; 3, Pearson, tick head and wing, grand shape, good head and back, leggy, good position; 4, Grayshon, slim, leggy, nice quality; vhc, Jowett; hc, Smith; c, Brookes. MKD. (24): 1, Tidswell, foul mkd., grand shape, well cut away, leggy, well braced wings, nice quality, a huff; 2, Kirkbright, yell., foul, excellent col. and quality, rare wings and tail, nice type and style; 3, Fergusson, buff, mkd. wings, head, great length, nice shape and leggy; 4, Gledhill, yell., good shaped body, nice feather and col.; vhc, Tyas; hc, Harney; c, Moore. HEN (16): 1, Fergusson, Cinn. mkd. buff, plenty of size, good shape, very round back; 2, Smith, green mkd. buff, grand shape and cut, leggy and extra quality; 3, Tinkler, Cinn. mkd. yell., slim and typical, grand feather; 4, Moore, four-pointed green mkd. huff, grand shape; vhc, Jowett; hc, Cooper; c, Brookes. UNFLIG. YELL. (15): 1, vhc, Harney, slim, and nice length, good wedge shape, grand quality; 2, Studd, neat, slim, good type, well carried wings and tail, nice feather; 3, Fowle, variegated, grand length and shape, plenty of leg, smart feather; 4, Tinkler, nice type and style, good wings and tail; hc, Brookes; c, Sutcliffe. BUFF (17): 1, Ellis, mkd. buff, grand type and style, smart carriage, lovely quality; 2, Jebson, grizzled wing, tail and head, nice length, splendid quality; 3, Fowle, extra nice quality, good head, shape and position; 4, Tyas, nice shape, straight as a rush; vhc, Mosley; hc, Tidswell; c, Midgley. CL., ETC., YELL., HEN (16): 1, Crabtree, dark flights, grand shape, full of breed, good position, rattling fine quality; 2, Pearson, good length and shape, nice head, rare quality; 3, Hainsworth, tick head, good shape and stands cleverly; 4, Pearson, slim and good shape, smart feather; vhc, Powell; hc, Lodge; c, Tyas. BUFF (16): 1, Smith, nice shape, grand head, back, wings and tail, lovely feather; 2, Crabtree, tick wing, grand shape, nice cut, splendid quality, nice back and wings; 3, Oddy, stylish and good shape, leggy, compact feather; 4, Powell, grand size, good shape, nice back and wings; vhc, Nichol; hc, Barron; c, Farnish. NOR. CK. (13): 1, c, Simonett, variegated, buff, extra massive, very chesty, nice shape, lovely feather; 2, Feather, yellow, short and cobby in shape, good substance, nice head, rare quality; 3, 4, Birbeck, buff and yell., both good size and substance, nice feather, yell.: vhc, Roe; hc, Guffick. HEN (12): 1, 4, Rhodes, leader tick wing yell., nice and cobby, grand col. and quality, neat, 4th, mkd. buff, plenty of size, nice shape, good chest; 2, Schofield, variegated, rare size and substance, nice feather, good big one; 3, Guffick, yell., short and cobby, very compact; vhc, c, Pearson; hc, Roe; No. 12, Clegg, nice hen, some thought might have been in the money.

THURSO.

Thurso O.S. 23rd annual show held in the Town Hall on 6th December. The day was bright and clear. The exhibits were staged in perfect order. The secretary, Mr. D. Shearer, had everything in apple-pie order, the work being no strange task for him. Everything was in readiness for the judge, who remarked at once upon entering the hall that the quality of the exhibits and the general arrangements would compare favourably with those of any southern show. Mr. Laidler (Paisley) judged, and his awards were well received. The entries were the largest for some years, nearly all the classes being full. Messrs. D. and W. Shearer secured the cup for best bird in hall with a grand Scotch Fancy, this hen having championed the show now for three years in succession. Plainbeads were also very strong, while the Crests and Crest-breds were the best ever staged in the north. Borders made a charming show, 29 being benched. The show was patronised by an interested crowd of fanciers.

The Awards.

SCOT. FCY. CK. (8): 1, spl., 2, hc, c, D. and W. Shearer; 3, Henderson; vhc, Clyne. HEN (8): 1, spl., cup, 2, D. and W. Shearer; 3, hc, c, Clyne; vhc, Henderson. NOR. CK. (9): 1, spl., 2, D. and W. Shearer; 3, c, Clyne; vhc, hc, Bruce. HEN (8): 1, spl., 3, Bruce; 2, c, D. and W. Shearer; vhc, hc, Clyne. TKD. ETC., CK. (9): 1, spl., 3, Bruce; 2, vhc, hc, D. and W. Shearer; c, Clyne. HEN (8): 1, spl., 2, 3, D. and W. Shearer; vhc, hc, Clyne. CREST CK. (7): 1, spl., 3, c, Clyne; 2 Bruce; hc Smith; vhc, D. and W. Shearer. HEN (9): 1, 2, Clyne; 3, hc, Bruce; vhc, D. and W. Shearer; c, Smith. C.B. CK. (9): 1, 2, Clyne; 3, c, Bruce; vhc, D. and W. Shearer; hc, Smith. HEN (7): 1, spl., vhc, c, Clyne; 2, Bruce; 3, Smith. COL. FED A.V. (7): 1, spl., 2, 3, vhc, Clyne. BORD. CL. CK. (7): 1, spl., vhc, c, D. and W. Shearer; 2, Connochie; 3, Henderson; hc, Bremner. HEN (8): 1, 3, vhc, D. and W. Shearer; 2, Connochie; hc, Bremner; c, Henderson. TKD., ETC., CK.: 1, spl., 3, vhc, D. and W. Shearer; 2, Connochie; hc, Bruce; c, Bremner. HEN (6): 1, spl., Connochie; 2, 3, vhc, c, D. and W. Shearer; vhc, Bruce. YORKS. (5): 1, spl., Bruce; 2, 3, vbc, hc, Blaikie. MULE (2): 1, spl., Duncan; 2, Meiklejohn. GOLDIE (2): 1, spl., M'Adie; 2, M. and J. D. Milliken. LINNET (7): 1, Duncan; 2, medal, Meiklejohn; 3, vhc, Bremner; hc, Mrs. Murray; c, Sutherland. PAIR CAN. (6): 1, spl., vhc, Bruce; 2, 3, hc, c, D. and W. Shearer. A.O.S. BRIT. (3): 1, spl., Richardson, junr.; 2, 3, Bremner. FOR.: McKenzie. GIFT (3): 1, 2, D. and W. Shearer; 3, Meiklejohn. BOYS' CAN. OR BRIT. (3): 1, spl., Jas. Bruce (Crest); 2, G. F. Bailey (Border Fcy.); 3, D. A. Sutherland.

WATFORD & DIS. C.B.S.

Seventh annual show held at the Conservative Annexe, Dec. 1st and 2nd. The number of birds shown was not quite so many as in previous years, but the quality was far superior to anything seen in Watford. Norwich were grand. Yorks. were rather down in numbers, but some fine birds were shown. Crests were the best ever seen in Watford, and competition for the cups was very keen. British also were a fine lot, many winners in open competition being on view. The foreign class contained some grand specimens of Diamond Sparrows and Nonpareil Buntings, which, we hear, have changed hands for a good figure. The cups and principal specials were won as follows:—Gleeson cup, W. Buckingham; Partridge cup, W. Ginger; Sears cup, J. Cox; novice breeders' cup, H. Cambell; best champion bird, J. Cox; novice, W. Herridge. Mr. T. Heath judged, and his awards appeared to please all.

The Awards.

NOR. CHAMP.: 1, 3, Fox; 2, vhc, Buckingham; hc, Cox. NOVICE: 1, 2, Herridge; 3, Gunton; vhc, Wombell; hc, Leedham. CL. TKD., UNFLIG. CHAMP.: 1, 3, Cox; 2, vhc, hc, Fox. NOVICE: 1, 2, 3, Campbell; vhc, Wombell; hc, Dumbleton; c, Herridge. VARIEG., UNFLIG., CHAMP.: 1, 3, Buckingham; 2, J. Fox. NOVICE: 1, 2, vhc, Campbell; 3, Knight; hc, Dumbleton. HEN, CHAMP.: 1, 2, Fox; 3, Swain; vhc, hc, Buckingham. NOVICE: 1, Wombell; 2, Knight; 3, Campbell; vhc, Gunton; hc, Herridge. YORKS. CHAMP.: 1, 2, 3, Buckingham; vhc, Cox. UNFLIG.: 1, 2, Cox; 3, vhc, Buckingham; hc, Willis. YORKS. NOVICE: 1, 2, Beale. VARIEG. UNFLIG. CHAMP.: 1, 3, Buckingham; 2, Willis. NOVICES: 1, 2, Beale. HEN, CHAMP.: 1, 2, Buckingham; 3, Cox; vhc, Willis. CRESTS, CHAMP.: 1, 2, Miss Hewat. NOVICE: 1, 2, Campbell; 3, vhc, Charnock. C.B., CHAMP.: 1, 2, Miss Hewat; 3, J. Goodall. NOVICE: 1, Walter; 2, Charnock. C.B., UNFLIG.: 1, 2, Miss Hewat. CREST UNFLIG. NOVICE: 1, 2, vhc, hc, c, Campbell; 3, Ginger. A.O.V. CHAMP.: 1, 2, vhc, R. J. Pretty; 3, J. Goodall. NOR., NON-FED: 1, 2, 3, Herridge. HYB., CL., ETC.: 1, W. Buckingham; 2, Sparrow. DARK CAN.: 1, 2, Buckingham; 3, hc, Quantrell; vhc, c, Wombell. GOLDFINCH: 1, 2, 3, Buckingham; vhc, hc, Dumbleton. BULLFINCH CK.: 1, Willis; 2, 3, Buckingham; vhc, hc, Sparrow. HEN: 1, Quantrell; 2, Finlay; 3, Sparrow. LINNET: 1, Walter; 2, Quantrell; 3, vhc, Buckingham. GREENFINCH: 1, Quantrell. SIS., ETC.: 1, W. Buckingham; 2, Finlay; 3, Gunton; vhc, hc, Quantrell. REDPOLL: 1, 3, Buckingham; 2, Gunton; vhc, hc, Quantrell. CHAFFINCH, ETC.: 1, 2, vhc, Buckingham; 3, Quantrell. YELLOW BUNTING: 1, R. J. Pretty; 2, 3, Buckingham. INSECTIV., SMALL: 1, Buckingham; 2, Finlay; 3, J. Goodall. LARGE: 1, 2, 3, Quantrell. FOR. GOLDFINCH: 1, J. Dumbleton. BUDGERIGARS: 1, Mrs. Webb; 2, Wombell. PARROT, ETC.: 1, Mrs. Webb. A.O.S.: 1, 2, Buckingham.

FALKIRK (Good Intent).

Second annual show held in the Oddfellows' Hall, Grahamston, Dec. 9th, and we have pleasure in recording a very considerable increase in the number of entries over the initial venture a year ago. Over 430 birds were placed on exhibit, showing an increase of 80 over the last exhibition. The show is run on correct lines, and the management is A1, so that little surprise need be expressed at the marked advance in the numbers of exhibits and exhibitors. The number of specials competed for was something to be talked about, no fewer than 56 being catalogued, and this, no doubt, adds to the popularity of the show. Norwich and Borders were forward in strong numbers, and the quality equal, if not superior, to most of the radius shows hereabouts. Mr. Muir (Pres.), Mr. Marshall (Treas.), and Mr. Clubb (Secretary) were untiring in their efforts to please all. They were ably assisted by a committee of good workers in Messrs. Condie, Gardner, Robertson, Sutton, Hunter, Baird, Gillespie, Laurie, Clarkson and Anderson. Messrs. Buchan (Falkirk), Reid (Shieldhill), and McQuistan (Ayr) made the awards, and left little room for grumbling.

The Critique.

NOR. CL. ETC., YELL. CK. (16): 1, Woodhouse, cl., sound in col., rare size, lovely silky feather, typical body, neat head; 2, Clarkson, rare stamp, good body, in the pink of condition; 3, sp, Woodhouse, good type, well staged, in lovely bloom; 4, Penman, fine type, very steady; 5, McNaughton; vhc, Clubb; hc, Aitken; c, Sutton. BUFF (17): 1, Sharp, cl., fine chested bird, good balance; 2, Clubb, a little stonier in body perhaps, but fine type; 3, Binnie, very fine feather, nice exhibit; 4, Aitken, nice shape and carriage; 5, sp, Clarkson; vhc, McNaughton; hc, Irvine; c, Inglis. A.O.V. (13): 1, sp, c, Overstone, rare hot one, lovely type, in best of condition, sweet head; 2, Marshall, var. huff, nice rounded body; 3, Milliken, heavily var. huff, nice rounded body; 4, Rodger, buff var., good sound bird; 5, Smart; vhc, Clubb; hc, Hunter. CL., ETC. HEN (13): 1, 5, sp, Overstone, 1st, lovely shape, grand bodied, nice feather, lovely head and neck; 2, 3, sp, Clubb, former, lovely col., and condition, close up; 3rd, big bouncing bird, good head and carriage, we liked; 4, Rodger, lovely head, nice wing carriage; vhc, Sharp; hc, Baird; c, Aitken. HEN (10): 1, Clarkson, lovely type, in best of condition; 2, Overstone, another of the same sort, good one; 3, Woodhouse, neck marked, lovely type, good head and wing carriage; 4, Clubb, right good one, fine body; 5, Aitken; vhc, McNaughton; hc, Irvine; c, Hunter. A.O.V. HEN (13): 1, medal for best Nor., Smart, yell. green var., right good one, fine stamp, in best of order; 2, Overstone, tail-pointed yell., lovely head and chest, fine short wings and tail, another real good one; 3, Sharp, var. yell., grand silky feather, fine stamp; 4, Baird, wing marked yell., nice head; 5, Aitken; vhc, Rodger; hc, Clubb; c, Gardner. NON-FED YELL. (8): 1, sp, Clubb, cl., correct type, nice rounded head, fine close silky feather, well staged; 2, Scaife, cl., close up, right stamp, lovely head and wing carriage; 3, Rodger, rare size, nice head, good, close fitted wings; 4, Mitchell, good sound colour, fine chest; 5, Penman; vhc, Binnie; hc, Kemp; c, Marshall. BUFF (8): 1, Condie, rattling good buff, sound body, fine close wings; 2, vhc, Scaife, 2nd lovely type, best of condition, sweet head; 3, Kemp, neck and wing marked, in rare trim; 4, sp, Gillespie, nice shape and carriage; 5, Sutton; hc, Muir; c, Marshall. CREST CK. (4): 1, Sharp, self green, a monster, massive body, wonderfully radiated crest, well centred, well laid on at back; 2, Whyttoch, large, nice length of feather on crest, well worth its place; 3, Beaton, nicely centred, very neat; 4, Angus, well shown, good formation. HEN (7): 1, Muir, green, good size, finely radiated crest, well centred; 2, 3, Beaton, similar in body; 3rd, good one, nice length of feather; 4, Smart, well shown, good formation; 5, Binnie; vhc, Whyttoch; hc, McNaughton. C.B. CK. (4): 1, Moir, almost cl. neck marked, nice size, charming head feather, dense and leafy, splendidly lashed; 2, Smart, self green, good size, fine substance and entrance; 3, Whyttoch, var., a wee bit smaller, otherwise close up; 4, Angus, fine sized head, grand body. HEN (6): 1, Smart, var., nice substance, long leafy feather, well lashed; 2, Sharp, self green, grand body, good length of feather, nice entrance; 3, Wilson, var., large head; 4, Whyttoch, charming head, dense feather; 5, Moir; vhc, Binnie. BORD. CL. ETC., YELL. CK. (12): 1, sp, and B.F.C.C. medal, 2, hc, Auld; 1st, fine front, well rounded back, lovely wings and carriage, rare position; 2nd, another hot one for condition, specially good in front; 3, sp, Reed, very sweet one, always there, fine quality; 4, vhc, Wilson, lovely shape, worth its place; 5, Aitken; c, Kay. BUFF (15): 1, vhc, Wilson, fine condition and quality of feather, lovely wing carriage, nice position; 2, 3, 4, Auld, team of good ones, worthy of keener competition; 5, Heard; vhc, Craig; c, Kay. A.O.V. BORD. CK. (11): 1, 2, 4, Auld, another extra good team, three beauties, staged in charming condition; 3, vhc, Greig, 3rd, yell. self cinn., well pencilled, very taking exhibit; 5, sp, Wilson; hc, Reed; c, McCulloch. HEN, YELL. (7): 1, sp, 4, Kay, 1st, nice looking, fine size, good head and wing carriage; 2, 3, Wilson, two fine ones for condition, specially good in front; 5, vhc, Auld; hc, Reed. BUFF (13): 1, 2, vhc, Auld, two good clears, grand feather, neat type, very taking, well rounded; 3, sp, Reid, another clear, just as good as any, grand shape, fine rounded front; 4, 5, sp, Aitken, nice all round; hc, c, Wilson. A.O.V. HEN (12): 1, Reid, very neat, fine wing carriage, good position, fine quality throughout; 2, c, Auld, splendid shape, put down in rare bloom; 3, vhc, hc, Grey; 3rd, self green buff, fine col. and quality, deep grass green shade, well pencilled; 4, 5, Wilson, former yell. cinn. marked, fine type. YOUNG MULE OR HYB. (9): 1, sp, Aitken, Jonque Linnet Mule, fine size, rare tone of colour, good one, quickly claimed; 2, 5, vhc, Wilson, three promising young Greenie Mules, two yellows and a buff, grand sizes, good colour; 3, sp, Rennie, Twite-Can., grand size; 4, vhc, Bell, former Siskin-Redpoll hyb., nice size; c, Overstone. NOR. CK., FED, BRED 1911 (17): 1, sp, Gardner, cl. buff, grand shape, good col., rare front and head, put down in fine trim; 2, Clubb, wing mkd. yell., romping good size, deep fronted; 3, Marshall, cl. yell., hot fed one, deep col. throughout; 4, Overstone, cl. yell., a clinker for size, lovely shade of col.; 5, Clarkson; vhc, Scaife; hc, Muir; c, McNaughton. HEN (14): 1, Paterson, head and wing mkd. yell., a beauty for shape, grand chest; 2, Gardner, grizz. neck buff, grand size, fine condition, in rare order; 3, Heard, cl. buff, very fine shaped hen, good carriage; 4, sp, McNaughton, fine quality and size; 5, Penman; vhc, Hunter; hc, Clarkson; c, Condie. NON FED CK. BRED 1911 (14): 1, sp, Scaife, cl. buff, fine tight feather, good head, nice front, neat wing carriage; 2, Rodger, cl. yell., good size, grand head and shoulders, staged in A1 bloom; 3, vhc, Clubb; 3rd, neck and wing marked buff, fine size and quality, in A1 order; 4, sp, Gardner, cl. yell., fine back and wing carriage; 5, Marshall; hc, Sutton; c, Kemp. HEN (9): 1, Condie, cl yell., well made, all there for type, carries wings well; 2, Rennie, cl. buff, grand type, good head and front; 3, Kemp, buff, beautifully mealed, in rattling fine trim; 4, 5, Anderson, former yell., exceedingly good in head and wing properties; vhc, Hunter; hc, Inglis; c, Muir. CREST CK., 1911 (5): 1, 3, McNaughton, 1st, cl. with grizz. crest, lovely top piece, extending well over beak, and all round, beautifully groomed; 3rd, good var., splendid body and size; 2, Moir, var., very tight feather, grand bird; 4, 5, Ross, former also grand size, fine rounded crest. HEN (4): 1, 2, McNaughton, two good ones, staged in lovely bloom; 3, sp, Moir, var., good bodied one, fine cushioned headed bird; 4th, Wilson, var., good top piece, fine length. C.B. CK. 1911 (5): 1, sp, Binnie, var., grand size, good body, grand head properties, good entrance, lashed finely; 2, 5, sp, McNaughton, lovely cushioned headed one, fine dense feather; 3, Smart, another good, lashing coming well over, good thick feathering; 4, Moir, self green, well lashed. HEN (5): 1, Moir, green, nice dense feather headed bird, good wide entrance, fine droop, a good one; 2, Smart, var., good length and quality, a well lashed one, wide entrance; 3, McNaughton, var., fine wide entrance, rare size and quality; 4, Beaton, good length and quality; 5, Angus. BORD. CK., 1911 (10): 1, sp, 5, Aitken, cl. yell., grand shape, fine level col. throughout, good wing carriage; 2, Reid, nice one for position, grand type, rare mover; 3, Auld, cl. buff, well made Border, lovely shape, in good order; 4, Wilson, fine back and wing carriage; vhc, Heard; hc, c, Grey. HEN, 1911 (10): 1, Sutton, cl., grand wing carriage, fine position, beautifully tapered; 2, hc, Auld, 2nd, yell., sweet one for type, fine position, beautiful wing carriage; 3, 4, sp, Aitken, 3rd, cl. yell, lovely feather, regular little beauty; 4th, eye marked yell., good type and position; 5, Reid; vhc, c, Grey. GOLDFINCH, ETC., BRIT. (14): 1, sp, Robertson, Goldie, well cushioned forehead, promising blaze, clean cut cheeks, staged in fine bloom; 2, 3, Bullfinch and Goldfinch respectively, 2nd, grand Bullie, rich crimson breast, well defined cap; 3, plenty of blaze, grand size; 4, Sharp, Bullfinch, extra nice at all points, but pale; 5, Binnie; vhc, Arnot; hc, McCulloch; c, Milliken. LINNET (17): a grand class; 1, 3, McCulloch, winner, stout, rich brown col., good eye and throat marks, nicely pencilled breast; 3rd, nice size and shape, well defined markings; 2, Bell, very level chestnut col., pencilled very nicely; 4, sp, hc, well staged; 5, Mitchell; vhc, Robertson; c, Rennie. GREENFINCH (11): 1, sp, Muir, large sized buff, grand big head, stout body, closest of feather; 2, Strachan, Jonque, big, thick set, rare short neck and chubby body; 3, Robertson, Jonque, just such another bird, richer in colour, but lacks a trifle in size; 4th, sp., c, Baird, buff, capital size, nicely rounded chest; 5, Sutton; vhc, Rennie; hc, Clubb. SISKIN, ETC. (15): 1, sp, medal for best Brit., Bell, his now well known Siskin, often described; 2, 3, Strachan, former a Twite, deep col., nicely laced, glossy feather; 3rd, Mealy Poll, large size, good bib and lacing; 4, sp, vhc, Baird, 4th, Siskin, grand size, lovely col.; 5, Rennie; hc, Sharp; c, Robertson. LESSER REDPOLL (8): 1, Strachan, B.M., very steady, large clean cut black bib, good wing bars, close lustrous feather; 2, Baird, C.M., rich colour, nice bib and lacing, fine carriage and style; 3, Condie, B.M., nice size, just a little dry in feather; 4, Whyttoch; 5, Gillespie; vhc, Rennie; hc, Clubb; c, Bell. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (9): 1, 2, 4, Strachan, 1st, Bramble, medium size, nice colour and chest, well marked wings, steady and shapely; 2nd, Chaffinch, deep colour, steady, bold eye, grand smooth feather; 4th, another Chaffinch, larger, but a bit pale in breast; 3, vhc, R. Rennie, Chaffie, big, bold headed bird, finely staged; 5, Arnot; vhc, Clubb; c, Wilson. A.O.S. HARDBILL, BRIT. (6): 1, sp, Strachan, Yellowhammer, stout, rich col., showing age, yet steady and trim in feather; 2, Herd, Corn Bunting, good breast and markings; 3, Baird, Corn Bunting, beaten only in size and breast work, steady; 4, sp, Robertson, nice Yellowhammer; 5, Arnot, Snow Bunting; vhc, R. Rennie. SOFTBILL (4): 1, Arnot, Waxwing, grand size, in lovely condition, flight and tail feathers just slightly frayed, A1 staged; 2, 3, Mitchell, Blackbird and Song Thrush, nice Blackbird, but wild; absent, Robertson. MULE OR HYB. (13): 1, 3, sp, 5, Bell, let 4-pointed buff Goldie Mule, nice even markings, could do with a rest; 3rd, sp, Goldie-Bullie, small, but lovely feather and col., showing cross distinctly; 5, yellow Linnet Mule; 2, 4, Ovenstone, Goldie-Greenie and Goldie-Bullie, 2nd, Goldfinch buttons and yellow wings, nice sized blaze, not quite ready yet, will improve; vhc, Craig; hc, Strachan; c, Condie. FOR. (13): 1, 4, Arnot, 1st, pair of lovely Nonpareils staged in splendid condition; 2, Ovenstone, H.M. Goldfinch, chubby bird, big square cut blaze, nice col., fine style, staged in fine bloom; 3, sp, c, McPherson, pair Yell. Budgerigars in grand bloom. HYB. PAIRS (5): 1, 2, 4, Ovenstone, 1st, large For. Goldfinch, H.M., of lovely quality, his partner a large Siberian hen Bullfinch, H.M., two beauties; 2nd, Jonque H.M. Greenfinch, of lovely col., sweet feathering, his mate a large For. F.M. Bullfinch hen, a beauty; 4, Linnet and Can., H.M. Linnet and large yell. Nor. hen, good col. and feather; we wish Mr. Ovenstone luck in trying to breed one or two youngsters from these pairs, the best mated birds we have seen for a long time; 3, sp, Strachan, Goldie-Bullie, For. Goldfinch, H.M., could win in his own class, latter Brit. hen, good size and col., 5, Clubb. HEN BRIT. (7): 1, sp, Heard, Corn Bunting, nice col. and markings; 2, sp, Strachan, Bramblefinch, grand size, lovely col. and markings, very steady; 3, Ovenstone, Bullfinch, H.M., fine size, grand headpiece, nice tone of col.; 4, sp., Mitchell, Linnet, lovely col. and breast markings, steady; 5, vhc, sp, Gardner; hc, Gillespie.

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BLACKBURN PROVES A RECORD-BREAKER.

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Blackburn C.B.S. annual show held December 15th and 16th, and it is very pleasing to note they beat their record by over 50 birds, some 675 being on view. And what a collection! The cream of the fancy was in every section. Truly this reflects credit on the Blackburn executive. "Good prize money; popular judges; and quick return of exhibits" is their motto. The show is held in the Orange Hall, a grand room, but not quite sufficient of it when invaded by the East Lancashire fanciers. The lighting is good, but what a day it was—raining all day Friday. We did not envy the judges their work. A lot of the birds were down consequently, and in some classes the awards could have been reversed when the electric light was turned on. A grand even lot of Norwich were on view. The Yorks. were very hot, the best seen at this show. The Novice Nor. and Yorks were a grand selection, the Yorks especially. British no doubt were the top sawyers of the show. They were absolutely the finest lot of specimens of their various species seen in Lancashire for some time. When it was known that Captain Hurst was sending his Goldie, the British enthusiasts knew they were in for a treat, but, my word! it very nearly met its Waterloo. The Finch shown by Messrs. Pitchford and Stocker very nearly gave the Captain a Roland for his Oliver. Truly it was a magnificent fight, but the Captain got it on finish of head blaze. Linnets were a show in themselves and took some sorting out; two sets of winners could easily have been found. The much-talked-of Greenfinch-Chaffinch Hybrid won in its class. Mules came up wonderfully and contained some interesting crosses. Foreign birds had plenty of admirers. They were such a display of colours. The show is under the management of the Secretary (Mr. J. Cook), and right well he did his duties. He had above one all-night sitting. May he long hold the reins. The Chairman (Mr. J. M. Walsh) worked splendidly, and was admirably helped by Messrs. Tetley, Proctor, Bailey, Seed, Hunter, Fairclough, Booth, Thompson, and Hopkins. (All long-distance birds left room before 5.30 p.m. The Dr. Lax cup was won by Mr. J. M. Walsh, Mr. H. Bolton taking the Dr. Stephenson cup by one point from Mr. J. Cook. The Magnet bowls were won respectively by Messrs. Seed, Pope, and J. M. Walsh. The Australian Wood Swallow of Mr. Walsh's won the Foreign Bird Club medal. Mr. Snarey taking the British Bird and Mule Club medal. Mr. J. W. Metcalfe judged Yorks and Norwich, and Mr. J. Walsh the British, Mules and Foreign. We heard very little grumbling.

The Canary Classes.

CREST OR C.B. (4): 1, 2, Barker, wonderful good C.B., a wealth of feather, massive skull, covered with splendid lashings, 2nd Crest, rare droop, good centre, packed well, leafy feather; 3, 4, Kirkwood, 3rd good Crest, well radiated, nice centre, 4th C.B., plenty of good, veiny feather. NOR. CL. YELL. (9): 1, Thomas, very bold head and neck, grand flights and tail, ablaze with col.; wins; 2, Vardy, a topper for type, magnificent feather, only beaten in size; 3, Barnes, grand front, broad back, short and compact, well up; 4, Worthington, very good in Nor. properties; vhc, S. Cook; hc, Aspinall; c, Turner; No. 2 absent. BUFF (8): 1, P. Davies, rare head, bull neck, very much in front of perch, grand type of a Plainhead; 2, Seed, "Little King," winner of Maynet special, exquisite feather, mealed to perfection, just a wee bit more head, and then it's a stunner; 3, Turner, great size, real good front, fine shape, nice quality feather; 4, Leonard, bold head and neck, short wings and tail, neat; vhc, Vardy; hc, Thomas; c, Anderton. Nos. 5 and 9, Dormer and Leeming Bros., very much down. TKD., ETC., YELL. (8): 1, Mattinson, grizzle cap, a monster, grand feather with it, should do some good in the stock room; 2, Thomas, a topper for type and quality, very compact in wings and tail; 3, Turner, nice front, deep chest, broad back, clean away behind; 4, Anderton, nat. col., grand shape; vhc, Seed; hc, Thornton and Ayre; c, Lomax. BUFF (10): 1, Vardy, stormer for type, often commented on, looked a bit down; 2, Thomas, another topper, just as good in all points, but just shows a square wing now and then; 3, Leeming Bros., grizzle cap, rare substance and head, grand wing carriage, not staged in its usual form; 4, Leonard, grand quality of feather, fine size and condition; vhc, Seed; hc, Woolhouse; c, Anderton. YELL. BEN (8): 1, Vardy, extra neat lady, not the biggest, but what there is is good, wins nicely; 2, hc, Dormer, varieg., very short in wings and tail, bold head and neck, put down in faultless form; 3, Cunliffe, grand hen, grand body, wings and tail; 4, vhc, Cook, real grand hen, fine shape and quality, in fact good all round; c, Mattinson. BUFF (7): 1, Cunliffe, grizzle, back, bold eye and front, thick set, well cut away, takes perches well; 2, Vardy, four-pointed, exquisite quality, which shone like satin, very near thing indeed; 3, hc, Lomax, massive size, bull neck, broad set head, grand back and wings; 4, Turner, fine size, good front; vhc, Granger; c, Cook. UNFLIG. YELL. (7): 1, 2, Turner, 1st leader, face mkd., fine front, bold head and neck, nice boat shape, clean cut, 2nd rare substance, good quality of feather, short in flights, slip heel; 3, Granger, topping quality and size, has a tendency to race a bit; 4, Thomas, full neck, grand sweep; vhc, Cunliffe; hc, Dormer; c, Dent. BUFF (11): 1, Vardy, cap mkd., glorious feather, topping style, all front; 2, Woolhouse, cap mkd., rare body and good thick neck and head, just a bit fluffy at tbigh; 3, Thomas, fine size, a topper for shape and quality; 4, Seed, big one, bold head, neat carriage of wings; vhc, Cook; hc, Barnes; c, Dormer. YORKS. CL., ETC., YELL. (16): 1, 3, Binns, 1st straight as a rush, rare length of tail, carried with grace, full of swagger, 3rd racy and fearless, fine wings and tail; 2, Morrison, cap mkd., well filled in neck, high shoulders, stands on neat legs, well staged; 4, vhc, Towers, long draw, boxy feather, well up on leg; hc, King; c, Walsh. BUFF (13): 1, Chippendale, almost four-pointed, stands like a guardsman, rare quality for a big one; 2, Kearns, magnificent type, full of swank, put down in faultless form; 3, vhc, Binns, a stunner for type and quality, pipe tail; 4, Hirst, four-pointed, rare feather and type; hc, Stewart; c, Morrison. HEN (14): 1, Chippendale, on her own, the noted lady, looking herself again, pleased to see her out, a good 'un; 2, Kearns, another bonny lassie, topper all over, splendid shape, and quality, has a slight fault of opening tail; 3, Stewart, topping buff, nice front, wings carried to perfection; 4, Douglas, cl. yell., grand feather, neat back and head; vhc, Pike; hc, King; c, Leonard. UNFLIG. (17): 1, 4, Chippendale, 1st cl. buff, absolutely teeming with quality, true type, grand back and wings, in rare trim, 4th yell., a stormer for type, exquisite feather; 2, Kearns, full of style, straight and fearless, good head and neck, very fine feather; 3, Towers, a topper for length and feather, full neck, well balanced wings and tail; vhc, Walsh; hc, Brown and Son; c, Stewart. CINN. CK. (7): 1, 2, 3, Dormer, his noted team, it's wonderful where the col. comes from, Willie, every cock put down to win, something to be proud of; 4, hc, Hale, two nice birds, rare size and quality; vhc, Worthington; No. 1, Morrison, wrong class. HEN (4): 1, 3, Dormer, 1st again two good ones, leader a gem; 2, Worthington, topper for size and quality, good head and neck, fails col.; No. 1, Morrison, wrong class, Yorks. UNFLIG. (5): 1, 2, 3, Dormer, quite a show in themselves, brimful of bright copper colour, 2nd well laced throughout; 4, Hartup, fine size and type, bold head and neck; No. 1, Morrison, wrong class. BORD. FCY. YELL. CK. (9): 1, Johnson, cl., full of type, magnificent feather and condition, takes perches well; 2, Wilson, even marks, which are splendid, very jaunty and free, neat head; 3, vhc, Davies, Green, sweet contour, well pencilled; 4, Dixon, nice even mark, bonny type and style; hc, Rea; c, Royle. BUFF (10): 1, 3, Booth, 1st cl., show, true Bord. character, neat head and wings, 3rd clear of fine type, neat back, wings, and tail, one piece; 2, Dixon, even mkd., a treat to see, grand sweep, moves well when handled; 4, c, Royle, good one, full of swank, glorious feather; vhc, Wilson; hc, Johnson. HEN (10): 1, Booth, cl. buff, charming lady, put down in style, sweet and jaunty, neat in head and neck; 2, Wilson, cl. yell., nice fall from shoulder, running to tail; 3, Rea, cl. buff, well mealed, type of the best clean cut away; 4, c, Royle, cl. buff, round head, sweet contour; vhc, Dixon; hc, Johnson. A.O.V. (10): 1, c, Hartup, foul tail, Nor. cinn., many thought should have been in cinn. classes, a real good one; 2, Anderton, var. yell., Nor. nat. col., also wrong class, rare head and neck, nicely put down; 3, Summer, four-pointed Nor. grand markings, good head and neck, well staged; 4, Kelsey and Son, Scot. Fcy., moves a treat, grand reach and circle; vhc, Dormer; hc, Bibby. GIFT (8): 1, Walsh; 2, Proctor; 3, Barnes; 4, Fairclough; vhc, Tweedir; hc, Fairclough; c, Cook. NOVICE NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (9): 1, 2, F. R. Jones, two beauties, full of type, absolutely the best of quality, leader just wins in head, though there is very little to choose; 3, hc, Davidson, again nice type, bold head and neck, deep chest; 4, Hitchen, full of type and quality broad back; vhc, Bibby; c, Brough. BUFF (14): 1, Worthington, stormer for type, bold front, magnificent feather, mealed well, all through; 2, Heyworth, superior head and neck, good back and wing carriage; 3, Hitchen, varieg., round head, bull neck and grand chest; 4, Thompson, read good one; vhc, Southworth; hc, Jones; c, Dazelly. HEN (13): 1, Price, cl. yell., grand damsel, clothed in natty feathers, clean cut away, an ideal hen to breed from; 2, Marr, cl. buff, another girl of the right stamp, rare width of front, in nice order; 3, Peters, cl. yell., bold head and neck, short and compact, neat carriage; 4, Worthington, lovely quality, nice back and wing carriage; vhc, Bibby; hc, Dazelley; c, Thompson. UNFLIG. (14): 1, Lewis, buff varieg., red-hot, full neck, nice round head, broad chest, well cut waist and tail; 2, Thompson, bonny type of a yell., short and compact, tall, well packed, all front of perch; 3, Peters, cl. yell., glorious feather, boat shape, well moulded front; 4, Worthington, wing mkd., short and cobby, bold head; vhc, Pope; hc, Smalley; c, Irvin. NOVICE YORKS. YELL. (18): 1, hc, Brook and Oldfield, great length, round as a bottle, stands on nice legs, wins; 2, Barnes, cl., topping order, good neat head, high shoulders, long drawn out bird; 3, Gregory, straight as an arrow, exquisite quality, round shoulders, well polished; 4, Ireland, bit bigger, good neck, very short; vhc, Evans; hc, c, Charnock. BUFF (14): 1, Bain, real topper for style, type, quality and general condition, would have held its own with the best; 2, Gregory, another good one, charming type and quality, fine length, not quite so good in neck as winner; 3, Crossley, neat head, good top end, superior wing and tail carriage; 4, Marshall, full of swagger, round shoulders; vhc, Promfret; hc, Ireland; c, Whally. HENS: 1, Brook and Oldfield, cl. yell., charmer, full of swank, good legs, very straight, stands alone; 2, 4, Gregory, two beauties, leader magnificent feather, fuller in neck, a bundle of nerves, 4th four-pointed, quality of the best, tail broken a wee bit; 3, hc, Ireland, cap mkd., very showy, neat back and wing carriage, pipe tail; vhc, Wilson; c, Beaumont.

The Remaining Classes.

BRIT. GOLDFINCH (22), a real treat of a class 1, Captain Hurst, often described, looks charming, the envy of all eyes, its blaze is wonderful; 2, Pitchford and Stocker, grand body col., nice collar, richly tanned, even buttons, beaten in finish only; 3, J. M. Walsh, typical Finch, grand blaze, good in whites, superior bars; 4, McMurdo, in rare order, big one, nice face and buttons; vhc, Metcalfe; hc, Wildsmith; c, Almond. BULLFINCH (16): 1, Woods, extra good size of cap and bib, magnificent chest, deep col., well defined bars; 2, Haynes, again a good one, nice back colour, broad chest, square-cut cap; 3, Brunskill, superior finish and col., neat cap, fine blue back; 4, Martin and Archer, lovely shape, and very neat throughout, col. magnificent; vhc, McPherson; hc, Walsh; c, McDonald. GREENFINCH (18): 1, c, Brady, whopper, broad skull, rich ground colour, plenty of gold in bars; 2, Walsh, tremendous skull and face, Nor. type, broad back and good finish; 3, Hurst, stormer for colour, neat head and neck; 4, McVay, bulldog head, fearless, storming colour, good wings and general order; vhc, Marley; hc, Metcalfe. LINNET (28), two sets of winners easy; 1, Marley, rare cone shape, pencilled well down, commencing from head, beautiful nut brown; 2, Walsh, again a good 'un, laced to perfection, even col., beaten in size only; 3, Pickles, charming nut brown body col., tkd. evenly throughout, close up; 4, hc, Brady, superior finish, tight as a drum, full of work, any of above could have won; vhc, c, Davis. SISKIN, ETC. (22): 1, Almond, Siskin, good lashing, nice cap and bib, well laced to vent; 2, Kilner and Son, Twite, wonderful markings, grand size, polished like ebony; 3, Marley, Redpoll, grand col. and sheen, neat coverts, very decent size; 4, Wilson, Mealy, big one, well laced; vhc, Walsh; hc, Kilner and Son; c, Pickles. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (15): 1, Wilson, Bramble, extraordinary markings, spangled to perfection, grand wings, rich colour in front; 2, hc, Marley, Chaffinch, excellent size and markings, lovely sheen on head, nice body col.; 3, vhc, Wilson and Godfrey, Bramble, well spangled, good even polish, grand workings; 4, Hurst, Chaffinch, the old champion looking well, grand whites; c, McVay. A.O.S. HARDBILL (17): 1, Marley, Hawfinch, marvellous size, topping col., rare head, very bold; 2, 3, Martin and Archer, 2nd Yellow Bunting, excellent V-shape markings, grand big one, good body col., 3rd Corn Bunting, a topper for substance, richly marked throughout, well put down; 4, Williams, Hawfinch, excellent col., large head and bib; vhc, hc, Johnson; c, Walsh. SOFTBILL, SMALL (8): 1, Martin and Archer, Dartford Warbler, looking ill when we were taking notes; 2, Taylor, Black Redstart, in fine order, polish on it like marble, good one; 3, Walsh, Yellow Wagtail, excellent condition, well marked; 4, Foster, Wryneck, full of work, should come up; vbc, Wagg; hc, Walsh; c, Wilson. LARGE (10): 1, Walsh, Chough, looks well, excellent blue-black sheen, tremendous size, it pays for the corn bill; 2, Blincoe, Waxwing, lovely variety of wing colours, put down in form; 3, Brereton, Thrush, magnificently spotted, even throughout, rare size; 4, Marey, Magpie, in grand feather, put down in best of form; vbc, Hall; hc, Wagg; c, Abbott. SKYLARK (6): 1, P. Walsh, stormer, great size and markings, bright silver running at edge of feathers; 2, Riley, another good one, beaten only in size by above, nice col.; 3, Hayhurst, not so hold, well marked in front and on back; 4, Whalley, full of go, plenty of work on breast; vhc, Entwistle; hc, J. M. Walsh. NOVICE BRIT. (23): 1, Snarey, B.B. and M.C. medal winner, Magpie, 4th in open, nice win; 2, Entwistle, Blackcap, in the best of feather, evenly polished; 3, hc, Bond and Son, Bullie, grand cap and bib, good blue, deep chest and stylish; 4, McDonald, Greenfinch, monster head and neck, grand sage green, lovely bars; vhc, Headley; c, Kilner. LIGHT CAN. MULE (8): 1, 2, 3, 4, Martin and Archer, Linnet-Canary, often described, looking in the pink, 2nd Linnet-Can., something to be proud of, may they always keep in the same trim, 3rd nice Goldie-Can., 4th good Greenie Mule; vbc, Walsh; hc, Johnson; c, Andrews. DARK (21): 1, 2, Rope, 1st Linnet-Can., an out-and-out eye opener, great size and markings, shone like ebony, 2nd Linnet-Canary, just as good, might if anything be a trifle better in col.; 3, Martin and Archer, Goldfinch Mule, fine size and col., well mkd. from both parents; 4, Summerfield, Greenfinch Mule, a wonder for col. and greatness, well finished throughout; vhc, Johnson; hc, Brunskill; c, Coffey. HYB. (8): 1, vbc, hc, Martin and Archer, Greenfinch-Chaffinch, L.C.B.A. winner, a treat to behold, what will it be when fed?; 2, Wilson, Goldie-Bullie, another wonderful specimen, bold head, full of rich colour as could be expected from this cross; 3, J. M. Walsh, Grecnie-Bullie, a marvel for size, shows parentage well, the Bullie predominating; 4, Lewis, Canary-Bullie, a topper for style, massive head; c, Johnson. LARGE: 1, Rev. G. H. Raynor, Meyer's Parrot, richly mantled with bright clothing, in rare form, wins; 2 Hollinge, Red-rump Parrakeet, lovely variety of colour, put down in fine trim; 3, O'Neill, Red-naped Lorries, a pair of beauties, well-nigh perfect in feather; 4, O'Neill, Ceram Lorries, glorious contrast, shone like polished marble; hc, J. M. Walsh; c, Ditchford. SMALL (11): 1, 3, Beresford, 1st Grey Waxbills, two pretty gems, perfect feather, well staged, 3rd Corden Bleus, richly clothed showing a nice even colour, from beak to vent; 2, 4, Horne, 2nd Golden-breasted Waxbills, again perfect markings and col., well placed, 4th Diamond Sparrow, looked lovely by itself, well defined marking, vhc, hc Walsh; c Taylor. A.O.S. SEEDEATER (10): 1, 4, Horne, 1st Melba Finch, a treat to see, put down in magnificent form, 4th Parrot Finch, neat exhibit, very bright col. all over, in form; 2, vhc, c, J. M. Walsh, Green Cardinal, grand crest and size, not a feather missing; 3, Beaty, Whydah, perfect tail and condition; hc, Hollins. TANAGER, ETC. (5): 1, 2, 3, vhc, J. M. Walsh, Tri-coloured Tanager, a grand team, put down in faultless form, as is usual from this stable; 2, Maroon Tanager, good one; 3rd Black-throated Tanager; 4, Pitchford and Stocker, Blue Tanager, sweet exhibit, lovely feather, staged to perfection. A.O.S. (4): Another bright lot; what a collection! 1, 2, 3, Walsh, Australian Wood Swallow, 2nd Black-headed Sibs; 3rd Shama; 4, Snarey, Viga Jay, grand exhibit, the contrast with our British Jay is wonderful. NOVICE MEMBERS' NOR. CK. (11): 1, Bolton; 2, vhc, Strothes; 3, 4, hc, Cook; c, Bayley. HEN (8): 1, vhc, Tetley; 2, hc, Cook; 3, Bolton; 4, Strothes; c, Hopkins. YORKS (4): 1, 2, Bolton; 3, Cook.

EDMONTON F.A.

Held in the Town Hall, Dec. 14. This was the largest display of cage birds the society has ever had at its annual members' show, and a great deal of the praise for this result is due to the efforts of Mr. J. A. White, who laboured indefatigably to make this a record. The hon. secretaries (Messrs. J. S. Jackson and Burgess) also did their part excellently, and a great deal of assistance was rendered by Mr. Ward (hon. sec. of Waltham Cross Society). Mr. C. Sorrel, the popular chairman of Edmonton Society, was as busy as ever helping in the preparations, and other gentlemen whose names we did not get did their parts willingly. Cup for best in show was won by Mr. S. Williams, F.Z.S., with a splendid blue Tanager, shown in delightful feather. Quality in the cage birds was well represented all through, and the exhibits were the attraction of visitors, who attended in large numbers in the evening. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged, and his awards were well received.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL. (8): 1, sp, Cawthorne, smart bird, good shape, level col., nice quality, well posted; 2, vhc, Salter, another bird of grand quality; 3, Richer, varieg., full chest and body, good feather; r, Medley; hc, Simmonds; c, White. BUFF (8): 1, 2, two birds very close together in point of merit, rare under col., type, and quality; 3, r, vhc, Cawthorne, former fine shape, good quality; hc, c, Jauncey. CREST (6): 1, cup for best unflig. bird, and spl. for best Crest, 2, 3, r, vhc, hc, Richer, winner very neat and very sweet, clean body D.C., buff, not yell., for the latter we seldom see nowadays! Mr. Richer is to be commended upon his team, and the way they were shown. C.B.: Here again, Mr. Richer put down a very fine team, taking all the prizes. HEN (7): 1, sp, Medley, good yell. Nor., stout body, fine head, nice col., and rare feather; 2, Cawthorne, another yellow, nice bone of feather, good col.; 3, White, very shapely varieg., just the sort to breed from; r, White; vhc, Salter; hc, Simmonds; c, Richer. FINCHES AND LINNETS (8): 1, sp, 2, 3, r, Williams, winner a Goldie, good chestnut face, bars and buttons, 2nd beautiful feathered Greenie; vhc, White; hc, Matthews; c, Simmonds. A.O.S. BRIT. MULES, ETC. (8): 1, sp, 2, Williams, winner a large varieg. Goldie-Can. Mule, good flush face, close in feather, and well shown; 3, Clark, dark Linnet-Can. Mule, good size, nice markings; r, hc, Britten; vhc, Matthews; c, Simmonds. FOR. (6): Mr. Williams put down a nice team, in lovely feather, and secured the cup and sp. with a beautiful blue Tanager, as mentioned above. As Mr. Williams was the only competitor, all the other prizes fell to him in order, but the exhibits were quite equal to holding their own in keen competition.

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EDINBURGH (Open) O.S.

This old established society's 58th annual show was held on December 9th, the venue being the now well-known Buccleuch Parish Church Halls, which are admirably suited for a cage bird show, being splendidly lighted and free from draughts. Entries this year showed a slight falling off compared with last year, but what was lacking in quantity was amply made up for in the grand quality of the exhibits. The Belgian classes were a feature of the show, especially the young bird class, with an entry of 22—the best seen for some years past. A few of last year's winning Scotch Fancies were again forward, and easily held their place. The two cup winning birds (belongong to Mr. J. D. Brown, a buff pied cock and a buff pied hen), we were intormed, were bred in the same nest. Sales were just about the average. The society are blessed with a capital set of office-bearers, including Mr. D. Martin (President) and Mr. J. Daigleish (Vice-President), and the committee, consisting of the following well-known fanciers, Messrs. D. Campbell, C. R. Dryedale, J. Hendry, P. West, J. McLennan, P. McNiven, A. Paterson, J. Robertson, M. Petrie, J. Sinclair, W. Thornton, and P. Farrell. We regretted to hear that Mr. J. McLennan had been confined to his house. The show was well patronised by well-known Scotch Fancy breeders, amongst whom we noticed Messrs. W. Montgomery, J. D. Brown, Hannah, and Tom Brown. The secretarial reins were in the capable hands of Mr. J. R. Meikle, who is very obliging and courteous to all who come into contact with him, and he spared no effort to make the show a success. Judges, Messrs. D. Caldwell (Baillieston), W. Rodgers (Colinton), J. D. Maxwell (Lanriston), and J. Kean (Edinburgh); their awards seemed to give entire satisfaction.

The Critique.

SCOT. FCY., CL. YELL. CK. (12): 1, spl., 4, spl., Daigleish, leader last year's champion, grandly set up, prominent shoulders, gets tail well under, 4 capital length of side; 2, spl., McClure, good top end and drive, nice substance; 3, spl., Park, grand position, good thickness, tight in feather; 5, Gray; 6, Fotheringham; 7, Martin; 8, McNiveu. YELL. PIED (8): 1, 2, Rodgers, lovely pair, leader rare size, extra good reach and drive, a grand body, fine shoulders, lovely sweep of tail; 3, Strathearn, fails only in weight to winners, nice position, grand reach; 4, Brown, well set up; 5, spl., Mellwain; 6, spl., Daigleish; 7, Stavert; 8, Brooks. YELL. TKD. (11): 1, Hope, nice size and style, good head and shoulders; 2, Brown, close up on first, neat bone, dceided drive, fine top; 3, Caldwell, taking style, fine depth through chest; 4, Gibb, good reach and body; 5, Pringle; 6, Wyness; 7, Maxwell; 8, Hope. YELL., GREEN (11): 1, spl., Hendry, not an extra large one, but neat head, rare position and style, runner-up for cup; 2, Munro, fine size, capital drive and wing; 3, Farrell, grand shoulder, neat position and style; 4, Stewart, rare good action; 5, Wiuter; 6, Burgess; 7, Muirhead; 8, Martin. CL. BUFF (14): 1, Hope, grand size and shoulders, gets head well down, capital depth through; 2, spl., McLennan, fine size, grand reach and drive, rare top end; 3, spl., Maxwell, erect, nice style, good lengtb of side, fine sweep of tail; 4, spl., Caldwell, grand action and style, fine close feather; 5, spl., Thornton; 6, McCrure; 7, Mellwain; 8, Brown. BUFF PIED (12): 1, cup, spl., Brown, lovely one for style, grand snaky head and neck, handles to perfection; 2, McLennan, beats winner in size and substance, well rounded on top; 3, Daigleish, fine body and wings, splendid mover; 4, spl., Hunter, nice size, prominent top; 5, Hope; 6, Daigleish; 7, Pringle; 8, Maxwell. BUFF TKD. (9): 1, Montgomery, good depth through, capital size and style, nice drive; 2, Rodgers, gets into position at once, prominent shoulder, rare good action; 3, Caldwell, neat and stylish, gets hard up; 4, Hainey, good bead aud shoulders; 5, Muirhead; 6, Stewart; 7, Begbie; 8, Brown. BUFF-GREEN (6): 1, Montgomery, nice head, good length of neck, graud drive; 2, Fotheringham, fine neck and shoulder, capital drive; 3, Bucban, good one for size, splendid drive and position; 4, Drysdale, good style and action; 5, Hainey; 6, Caringhall. CL. YELL. HEN: 1, spl., Montgomery, sweet head and neck, taking style, grand size and weight; 2, spl., McLennan, good head and top, grand body and substance; 3, spl., Farrell, close up on 2, erect, fine position, good shoulder and droop; 4, Carson, nice head and neck; 5, spl., McClure; 6, spl., Gibb; 7, Hope; 8, Pringle. YELL. PIED (7): 1, Maxwell, grand one, good size and position, capital reach; 2, Crosbie, nicely rounded on top, rare drive and action, fine length of side; 3, Stewart, well set up, good top end; 4, Rodgers, nice reach and drive; 5, Mellwain; 6, Young; 7, Spittal. TKD. YELL. (8): 1, Brown, fine depth of chest, good top end, and decided drive, capital style; 2, Nairn, well up in size, good reach and droop, gets tail well under perch; 3, Stewart, very smart in action, gets hard up; 4, spl., Winter, promising young bird, capital substance; 5, Brown; 6, Beattie; 7, Drysdale; 8, Maxwell. YELL.-GREEN (7): 1, Hunter, grand size and thickness, capital position, nice style; 2, Buchan, neat head, fine shoulders, grand length of wing; 3, McLennan, good length of side, well up on perch, fine drive; 4, Dalgleish, good top end and reach; 5, Caldwell; 6, Strathearn; 7, Maxwell. CL. BUFF (15): 1, Watson, good size and substance, good reach and droop, neat head and neck; 2, spl., Hope, nice weight, gets hard up, capital length of side and wing; 3, Munro, fine depth through, rare top end, good style and action; 4, McLennan, fine body and length of side; 5, spl., Rodger; 6, Brown; 7, Mellwain; 8, Melrose. BUFF PIED (13): 1, cup, spl, Brown, grandly rounded on top, well packed shoulders, great substance, neat head; 2, McLennan, extra good size, prominent shoulders, erect; 3, Martin, grand droop, fine length of side, rare action; 4, spl., Gray, fine position, good reach; 5, Lawson; 6, King; 7, Gibb; 8, Munro. TKD. BUFF (17): 1, McLeunan, heads a strong class, rare position and style, grand depth through, finely rounded on top; 2, Maxwell, grand size and shoulders, good top end and reach; 3, spl., Brown, good top and neat head and neck; 4, Melrose, plenty of style, grand mover; 5, Hope; 6, spl., Strathearn; 7, Munro; 8, Dalgleish. BUFF-GREEN (7): 1, 2, Dalgleish, brace of beauties, leader grand reach, capital position, fine size, 2 close up, fine size and reach, neat head; 3, Munro, plenty of nerve, good style and action; 4, Drysdale, good length of side, gets well up; 5, Pringle; 6, Martin; 7, Muirhead. BREEDING PAIRS (9): 1, spl., McClure, capital pair, equally matched for size and substance; 2, spl., Stewart, good big hen, showing plenty of substance, cock, we thought a trifle on the small side; 3, spl., McLennan, very likely pair, capital buff cock and stylish hen; 4, spl., Thornton, should produce winners with luck; 5, spl., Dalgleish; 6, spl., Rodger; 7, Martin; 8, Stewart. BELG. CK. (15): 1, 2, spl. best Belg., Baker, brace of clinkers, little to choose between them, grand shoulders and droop, well set up on legs; 3, spl., Horrill, capital substance, rare pose, head well down; 4, Keill, fine position and nerve; 5, spl., Hope; 6, Mellwain; 7, Hunt; 8, Robertson. HEN (12): 1, Thornton, leader buff, grand prominent top, straight up from perch, grand reach; 2, spl., Horril, typical yell., quick in action, good size and style; 3, Robertson, close up, always ready, gets hard up; 4, spl., Dalgleish, nice yell., good substance, neat head and drive; 5, Menzies; 6, spl., Baker; 7, Robertson; 8, Strathearn. BELG. (BRED 1911) a strong class: 1, spl., 4, 6, Horrill, leader promising youngster, gets well up, head well down, fine length of wing, 4 good shoulders and substance; 2, Baker, lovely style and action, grand top end and droop; 3, spl., McIlwain, fine reachy neck, massive top; 5, spl., Petrie; 7, Robertson; 8 Baker.

WOKING.

Cage birds at Woking on Dec. 15th had a much improved entry on that of last year, and the quality too was very good. The exhibits were nicely staged in an upper room, and made a very pretty addition to the show. Mr. Hockin, the hon. sec., was most energetic and courteous, and in him the Woking F.S. have a most admirable official; he was ably assisted by his committee, and everything passed off well. Mr. C. A. House judged.

NOR. (13): 1, spl, Montgomery, grand shaped buff, lovely col. and feather; 2, c, Read, lovely feathered buff, grand col., not so stout in head: 3, res, vbc, hc, Plowman, good shapely yell., failing somewbat in col. HEN, NOR. OR YORK. (11): 1, spl, 3, Montgomery, two grandly shaped, stylish Yorkics, rare quality and feather, yell. and a buff; 2, Priest, varieg. yell. Nor., capital shape, nice col., bit loose in feather; res, Avis; vhc, Osborne; hc, Read; c, Parrott. YORKS. (11): 1, spl, spl best in show, Montgomery, sweet yell., rare shape and style, lovely quality of feather, grandly shown; 2, vbc, Parrott, tkd. headed buff, very smart and racy, capital shape, full of style, a close race; 3, Stevens, wing mkd. yell., capital shape and carriage, not so neat in tail; res, hc, Avis. A.V. NON-FED. (9): 1, spl, 2, Arthurs, very neat, clear body Dark Crest, and a Green C.B., both very shapely and carrying plenty of feather; 3, Miss Philcox, good buff Yorkie, smart and straight, nice feather; res, vhc, Osborne; hc, Stevens; c, Read. MULE (7): 1, 2, spl, Biles, capital Canary-Bullie and Goldie-Linnet, nice shape, capital col., feather and markings; 3, Montgomery, rich coloured, nicely mkd. jonque Goldie; res, Stevens; vhc, Osborne; hc, Wellbelove. NOVICE (9): 1, 3, res, Avis, tkd. necked yell. Yorks., and cinn.-mkd. buff, two neatly feathered, stylish, shapely birds in nice form; 2, vhc, Green, neat, but small Green Crest; hc, Dale; c, Miss Ellis. BRIT. BULL. (5): 1, 2, res, spl, Woods, lovely rich col., good glossy caps, grandly feathered, winner the largest; 3, vhc, Osborne, nice shape and size, not so rich in col. GOLD (9): 1, spl, Montgomery, lovely rich face, good cheeks, nice bars and buttons, grand body; 2, Biles, rich deep col., but not so bright, good shape and feather; 3, Woods, not so clear in checks or bright in collar, nicely shown; res, he, c, Osborne; vhc, Drowley. A.O.V. (7): 1, spl, Drowley, grand shaped Linnet, lovely rich nutty col., beautifully mkd.; 2, c, Woods, very bonny Greenfinch, rare col., shape, and feather; 3, res, vhc, hc, Osborne, smart, well mkd., nice coloured Yellow Bunting; res, a good Chaffinch, but open and slack in wings. NOVICE (4): 1, spl, Green, charming little Goldie, rich col., nice clear bars and buttons; 2, Drowley, well mkd., good coloured, close feathered Siskin; 3, Dale, nice coloured Goldie, good markings, but not steady; res, Wellbelove.

MUSSELBURGH O.S.

Fourth annual show held Nov. 25, in the Town Hall, which is well adapted for a bird show. Entries were down on last year's, but what lacked in numbers was made up for in quality. The fixing of the staging was in the hands of Messrs. J. Pearson and A. Hoyle, assisted by a good working committee, and everything went on smoothly. Mr. W. Bishop judged the Nor. and Brit., and Mr. G. Hyslop the Borders; both gave entire satisfaction. Mr. J. Smeaton carried off special for best bird; Mr. Fleming, the S.P.C. medal; Mr. Muir, Sandiford's medal; Border and club medals, Mr. J. Pearson, Mr. Little winning the novice Border medal; Mr. T. Sykes, gold medal for best Brit. The show was a very successful venture, and was well patronised.

NOR. CL. YELL. CK.: 1, sp, 2, Smeaton; 3, Muir; 4, Nisbet. YELL. HEN: 1, Smeaton; 2, Fleming; 3, Nisbet. BUFF CK.: 1, 2, Fleming; 3, A. Moffat; 4, Muir; 5, 6, Nisbet. HEN: 1, 2, 5, Smeaton; 3, 4, Muir; 6, Fleming. VARIEG. CK.: 1, 2, 4, Smeaton; 3, Muir; 5, Fleming; 6, 7, Nisbet. HEN: 1, Smeaton; 2, 4, Fleming; 3, 5, Muir; 6, 7, Nisbet. NOVICE YELL. CK.: 1, Taylor; 2, A. Moffat; 3, Currie; 4, 5, 7, D. Moffat; 6, Lees. HEN: 1, 5, 6, D. Moffat; 2, Taylor; 3, Lees; 4, A. Moffat. BUFF CK.: 1, Sykes; 2, 3, Taylor; 4, 5, D. Moffat; 6, A. Moffat; 7, Lees. HEN: 1, 7, A. Moffat; 2, 3, 5, Sykes; 4, Currie; 6, D. Moffat. OLD BIRDS: YELL. CK.: 1, Muir; 2, 3, Nisbet. BUFF: 1, Muir. BORD. YELL. CK.: 1, 2, 3, Pearson; 4, 6, Storie; 5, Nisbet; 7, Baird. HEN: 1, 3, Young; 2, 5, 6, 7, Pearson; 4, Noble. BUFF CK.: 1, 2, Pearson; 3, 5, Young; 4, Storie; 6, Baird; 7, Nisbet. HEN: 1, 3, 4, 6, Pearson; 2, Young; 5, Storie; 7, Baird. VARIEG. CK.: 1, Storie; 2, Nisbet; 3, 4, 5, Pearson; 6, Noble. HEN: 1, Storie; 2, 3, Pearson; 4, 5, Noble; 6, Nisbet. BUFF GREEN: 1, 2, 6, Pearson; 3, Noble; 4, 5, 7, Nisbet. YELL.: 1, 2, 7, Pearson; 3, 4, 5, 6, Nisbet. NOV. YELL. CK.: 1, 3, Little; 2, Young; 4, Baird; 5, 6, Currie; 7 Noble. HEN: 1, 4, Little; 2, 3, Young; 5, Noble; 6, Currie; 7, Baird. BUFF CK.: 1, 2, Little; 3, 4, Young; 5, Noble. HEN: 1, 3, 6, Little; 2, 5, Young; 4, Baird; 7, Currie. OLD BIRDS: BORD. CK.: 1, Young; 2, Moffat; 3, Baird; 4, Noble. HEN: 1, Young; 2, Baird; 3, Noble. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, 2, 3, Sykes; 4, 5, Hoyle; 6, McKinlay; 7, Baird. BULLFINCH: 1, Sykes. GREENFINCH: 1, 2, 4, Sykes; 3, 6, Lees; 5, Hoyle; 7, McKinlay. LINNET: 1, 2, 3, Sykes; 4, Hoyle; 5, Moffat; 6, Baird. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, 3, Nisbet; 2, 5, 7, Sykes; 4, Hoyle; 6 Pearson. HEN: 1, Hoyle; 2, 3, 5, 6, Sykes; 4, Lees. BRAMBLE, ETC.: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Sykes; 6, Lawson; 7, Lees. HARDBILL: 1, 3, 4, 5, Sykes; 2, Lawson; 6, Lees. SOFTBILL: 1, Lawson; 2, 3, 4, Sykes. F.M. LINNET: 1, 2, 5, Sykes; 3, Boyle; 4, Lees; 6, Baird. A.O.S.: 1, 2, 3, Sykes; 3, Nisbet. MULES: 1, Lees; 2, Currie; 3, 4, 5, McKinlay. FOR. LARGE: 1, 2, 4, Sykes; 3, Melarum. SMALL: 1, Heyle; 2, Sykes; 3, Pearson; 4, 5, 6, Meldrum.—W. Nisbet, Sec.

PATELEY BRIDGE AND DIS. F.S.

Annual show held in the Oddfellows' Hall, Dec. 16. The entries for the cage-bird section were not large, but the quality of the birds shown was good. Messrs. Richmond, Barfe, and Raw staged some real gems. Mr. Barfe's unflighted buff hen (Yorks.) won special for best bird, and was admired by everyone. It is the best bird seen in the district for some time. Mr. R. Weatherhead, hon. sec., and his hard working committee, had everything well in hand. A grand display of CAGE BIRDS' posters, etc., were a great set off to the show. Mr. P. H. Marsden judged, and gave every satisfaction.

YORKS, CL. YELL. CK.: 1, sp, Richmond; 2, 3, Barfe. HEN: 1, sp, Richmond; 2, 3, Barfe. BUFF CK.: 1, sp, 3, Barfe; 2, Richmond. HEN: 1, sp, for best bird in show and 3, Barfe; 2, Richmond. COTTAGERS' BIRDS: 1, sp, Raw; 2, Barfe; 3, Sugden; 4, Wilson and Sherwood.

WALTHAM ABBEY.

Waltham Abbey and Dis. F.A., show, held Dec. 2nd, in the Town Hall, an ideal building for light; the hall vies with some of the best buildings for show purposes. The birds are comfortably staged on the platform, and form a pleasing adjunct to the other sections of the show. Mr. W. D. Ward is a splendid secretary, and has held the reins of office for some years. Nothing in the shape of detail escapes him; consequently things run smoothly, and success is assured. Col. Colvin, C.B., J.P., is the president, and Lady Gwendoline Colvin takes a practical interest in all that pertains thereto, and the list of patrons, in addition, is a very large and influential one. Mr. J. S. Jackson is chairman of committee. The entry was a nice one, and the quality up on the average. Challenge cup for best birds bred in the current year by exhibitor was won by Mr. J. W. Medley with a very typical rich coloured yell. Norwich, and this bird also took special for best Nor. British birds were a nice collection, some smart Goldfinches being staged. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged.

The Critique.

YORKS. YEL.: 1, Yardley, nice position, good length, neat; 2, 3, Puddephatt, nice length, neat, not quite the quality of first. BUFF: 1, spl, Yardley, straight, good position, nice behind leg, full of nerve. NOR. YELL.: 1, spl, Medley, cl., full of col., good shape, nice head, and rare quality; 2, Cambridge, very nice for shape and quality; 3, r, Hodgetts, two nice ones, the 3rd for choice, good quality, neat shape; vhc, hc, c, White. BUFF: 1, 2, Medley, couple of smart birds for type, quality, and col.; 3, Hodgetts, shapely, not quite the equal of 1st and 2nd in finish; r, Yardley; hc, Clarke; c, Cambridge. HEN, YELL.: 1, Medley, very sweet, nice shape, col., and qual.; 2, r, Izzard, also rare shape, well up in col. and quality; 3, Hodgetts; vhc, White. BUFF: 1, White, neat, good quality; 2, Hedgetts. A.O.V.: 1, spl, 2, Medley, couple of neat little Borders, we liked much; 3, r, Page. MULE, DARK: 1, Hodgetts, buff Goldie-Can., nice size and face. GOLDIE: 1, spl, Medley, nice wide faced Finch, very clear in the blaze, nice bars, chestnut and buttons; 2, Matthews, nice lustre; 3, White, close up; r, Day; vhc, hc, Izzard; c, Williams. BULLIE: 1, 3, Briars, very nice breast and poll, good shape; 2, Jay, close up to winner in Bullfinch points. LINNET: 1, Izzard, nicely marked, glossy feather, steady, good col.; 2, Avis, fails only in Steadiness; 3, Townsend.

DAWLEY & DIST. C.B.S.

The 4th annual (6 mile radius) show was held on Dec. 5th, in the Assembly Room. Mr. H. Tams (Longton) placed the cards, and we heard no grumbling. One of the features of the show was the British class for boys, and a real good class it was, not a bad one in it. The boys evidently know how to look after their pets, for several tempting offers were made for the winners, but the lads wouldn't part with them. Another feature was the amusement caused by a merry little butcher giving a leg of lamb for best vhc in show: we believe the winner and donor are now friends for life.

NOR. (9): 1, 2, vhc, c, Campbell, 1st cl. yell., blaze of col., graud size, 2nd cl. buff, grand head, neck, wing, carriage; 3, G. Potter, cl. yell., as round as a ball; 4, hc, G. Williams, cl. buff hen. YORKS BUFF (10): 1, 3, Campbell, 1st tick buff hen, looking thick when we saw it, 3rd cl. cock, nice quality, good wings and tail; 2, Johnson, nice hen, straight as a rush; 4, Hyde, nice buff cock; vhc, Pritchard; hc, Ball, a really good one; c, Johnson. YELL. (8):: 1, vhc, Johnson, cl. yell., grand length, good position; 2, 3, Lavender, 2nd yell. hen, shows for all it is worth, 3rd yell. cock, not quite so good in feather; 4, hc, c, Campbell, nice yell. GOLDFINCH (11) a fine class, not a bad one in it: 1, Tomkins, grand Finch, rare size, splendid face, grand bars and buttons; 2, G. Williams, not much to choose between this and 1st; 3, J. Boycott, smart finish, shines like silk; 4, Pitchford, good big bird; vhc, hc, c, Potter. BULLFINCH (11) another grand class: 1, J. Williams grand cap, good col., distinct bars; 2, G. Williams, house-moulted, lovely quality, well put down; 3, Potter, good col., not quite so nice in cap; 4, c, Clayton; vhc, Potter; hc, Pearce. MULE OR HYB. (6): 1, Potter, dark Goldie-Can., good flush, put down in fine style; 2, Poole, light Goldie-Can., good quality; 3, Butler, varieg. yell. Goldie-Can.; 4, Hyde, varieg. buff Goldie-Can.; vhc, West; hc, Turner. LINNET, ETC. (7): 1, Potter, grand Lesser Redpoll, good cap and bib; 2, J. Williams, well pencilled Linnet, fine size and quality; 3, T. Roberts, another nice Linnet, not quite so large; 4, c, Campbell, good Mealy Redpoll; vhc, Butler; hc, West. SMALL (5): 1, Butler, Yellowhammer, very steady; 2, Potter, grand Greenie, good size, distinct bars; 3, Poole, another Greenie, good quality; 4, Campbell, Greenie, hardly fined down yet, good size. BRIT. (for boys under 16) (11) a grand class, winners could have won in other classes: 1, J. Potter, smart young Hawfinch; 2, H. Lavender, Goldfinch, grand face; 3, E. Williams, slashing hen Bullie, real good one; 4, Hughes, nice cock Bullie; vhc, Williams; hc, Woodvine.—J. Clayton, Hon. Sec.

CLACKMANNANSHIRE C.B.S.

Annual show held Dec. 2, in the Co-operative Hall, Alloa. The challenge cup was won by Mr. P. Arnott (the popular sec.) for best bird in section IV.—a nice British Goldie. The arrangements were admirably carried out by Mr. P. Arnott backed up by a splendid committee.

SCOT. FCY.: 1, Harrower; 2, 3, Brown. NOR.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Moir. CREST-BRED: 1, 2, 3, 4, Moir. CREST: 1, 2, 3, Beaton; 4, Angus. CREST, 1911: 1, Moir; 2, Angus; 3, Beaton. P.C.: 1, Clubb, Stirling; 2, Burnett. HEN: 1, Burnett; 2, Beaton; 3, Rodger. P.H., 1911: 1, 4, Rodger; 2, 3, Clubb. NON-FED: 1, 2, Rodger; 3, Clubb; 4, Hutton. BORD. CL., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, 3, Bremner; 2, 4, Arnott. HEN: 1, Anderson; 2, Bremner; 3, Wilson; 4, Arnott. BUFF CK.: 1, Anderson; 2, Arnott; 3, 4, Wilson. HEN: 1, 2, M'Donald; 3, Anderson; 4, Bremner. VARIEG. CK.: 1, Bremner; 2, M'Donald; 3, Wilson; 4, Arnott. HEN: 1, Bremner; 2, Anderson; 3, Arnott; 4, M'Donald. GREEN OR CINN.: 1, Wilson; 2, M'Donald; 3, Arnott; 4, Bremner. A.O.V.: 1, 4, Bremner; 2, Rodger; 3, Milne. GOLDFINCH, BRIT.: 1, Arnott; 2, Allan; 3, Hutton; 4, Angus. BULLFINCH, BRIT.: 1, Arrol; 2, 3, Arnott; 4 Hutton. BRAMBLEFINCH, ETC.: 1, Clubb; 2, 3, Arnott; 4, Bremner. BRIT. A.O.S., SMALL: 1, 2, Arnott; 3, Mitchell; 4, Lyon. LINNET: 1, Mitchell; 2, Lyon; 3, Anderson; 4, Burnett. GREENFINCH: 1, Lyon; 2, Clubb; 3, Mitchell; 4, Love. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Love; 2, 3, Bremner; 4, Mitchell. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Arnott; 2, 3, Bremner; 4, Mitchell. PAIRS: 1, Arnott; 2, Mitchell; 3, Love; 4, Bremner. BRIT. HEN: 1, 3, 4, Arnott; 2, Lyon. FOR.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Arnott. PET BIRDS: 1, Arnott Bros.; 2, Harrower; 3, Walker; 4, Luner. Special for most points Section II., A. Moir; Section III., W. F. L. Bremner; Section IV., Peter Arnott; Hyde's Special, J. Harrower.

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Jarrow annual show, held Dec. 16th, Mechanics' Institute. Owing to the recent bad state of trade in the district, the committee during the past two years wisely contented themselves with holding members' shows, but this year they felt that trade had sufficiently revived as to warrant them again going on with the open event, and it was therefore decided that this, their 5th annual show, should be an open one. After the great event of their near neighbours (Gateshead) last week-end, it was only to be expected there would be a considerable drop in entries, yet the society did fairly well, entries coming up as well as could be expected, reaching a total of about 340, which made a very creditable show. Norwich and Borders came up well, with the Yorks. in close attendance, and the quality in each section was quite up to the mark, many well-known winners being staged. British birds also came up fairly well, and here again the quality of the exhibits was excellent. In the Mule class two birds were exhibited which were alleged to be light Linnet-Canary Mules, one ticked and one clear, and catalogued at £40 each. Mr. Crawhall, who judged the class, had no hesitation, we heard, in putting both birds back as being Canaries. The Mechanics' Hall is a very nice place for a show, being large and absolutely free from draughts; with a little more light it would be practically ideal. In Mr. R. Blore the society possesses a most excellent secretary, who apparently thoroughly understands how to work a cage bird show, and we found him most courteous and obliging. He got through his duties in a most practical manner, everything going off without the slightest hitch. The chairman is Mr. Ralph Hutler, the well-known Yorks. Canary enthusiast, who in turn is well supported by a grand body of fanciers, composed of Mr. M. Coltman (treasurer), and Messrs. J. Stephenson, J. Richardson, H. Addison, W. Bowen, C. Bullen, J. Tracey, G. O'Hagan, W. Maughan, and W. Boldon. With such workers the society should make great progress. The principal special prize winners were:—Hyde's, Mr. R. Addison; Sandiford's medal, Mr. E. Cowling; the Kirkley challenge cup for most points in members' classes, Mr. J. Richardson. The attendance, though not large, was quite satisfactory, and we were informed by the secretary that the show would undoubtedly be a financial success. The judges were: Mr. A. Brown, Norwich, Cinnamons, and Borders, and Mr. T. C. Crawhall, the remainder.

Mr. Brown's Classes.

NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (13): 1, 2, Cowling, brace of beauties, leader well-known eye ticks, grand shape, col. and quality, in tip-top form, takes Sandiford's medal for hottest bird; 2, equally well-known variegs., fine size, good shape and col., loses only a little in wing carriage; 3, Butler, cap mkd., red hot col., nice quality, neat head; 4, McGinn, cl., similar shape to 3rd, hot col.; vhc, Richardson; he, French; c, Seely Bros. BUFF (9): 1, Richardson, cl., rare body substance, nice shape, good col. and quality, full head and neck, deep, well rounded chest; 2, Newton, cl., smaller, but very typical, good col., nice head, neck, and chest, loses in size only; 3, Bainbridge, cl., large, hot col., good head and neck, full chest; 4, Cowling, variegs., trifle longer, but grand col. and quality; vhc, French; he, Davidson; c, Robson and March. HEN (10): 1, McGinn, cl. yell., fine shape, short and cobby, neat head and neck, good chest, short wings and tail, excellent col. and quality; 2, Butler, cl. buff, shade longer than leader, nice size and shape, good col., best of quality; 3, Cowling, variegs. yell., fine shape, good col., nice wing and tail carriage, deep chest, beaten just a little in head; 4, Bainbridge, cl., nat. col. yell., fine size and shape; vhc, he, Richardson; c, Coltman. UNFLIG. CK. (8): 1, Butler, variegs. yell., grand size and shape, good rich col., fine quality, well carried wings and tail; 2, Moore, cl. buff, all there for col., grand quality, fine shape, good neck and chest, not far behind; 3, McGinn, cl. yell., nice size, fine shape, hot col., fine silky feather, grand carriage; 4, Robson and March, cl. buff, fine size and shape, short and thick, neat head; vhc, Bainbridge; he, French; c, Floyd. HEN (11): 1, Butler, variegs. buff, fine type, good col. and quality, nice size, grand wings and tail, perhaps a wee bit pinched in skull; 2, Moore, cl. yell., nice size, grand shape, neat head and neck, short body, wings and tail; 3, Cowling, cl. buff, nice shape, rich col., neat head, good chest, loses only in size to leader; 4, Richardson, tkd. yell., nice shape, good col. and quality; vhc, he, Richardson; c, Mather. NOVICE, 1911 (16): 1, Watson, cl. yell., nice size and shape, hot col., good quality, neat head, neck, and chest, trifle leggy for our liking; 2, c, Richardson, cl. buff, very shapely, nice col., neat head, good neck and chest, short wings and tail; 3, Mather, cl. yell., nice size and shape, neat head; 4, vhc, Reeves, shapely, neat head, nice col. and quality, good carriage; he, Newton. CINN. YELL. (6): 1, Seeley Bros., fine size and shape, red hot col., very level throughout, grand quality, polished to perfection; 2, Markwell, similar in size and shape to leader, good rich level tone of col., just lacks the rich polish of winner; 3, Coltman, nice col. and quality, very level, nicely polished; 4, Smailes, best in class for size and shape, neat head, loses in col. only; vhc, Maughan; he, Deighton. BUFF (7): 1, Markwell, plenty of substance, very shapely, neat head, neck, and chest, rich level col., nice bloom; 2, Armstrong, good shape and col., level throughout, nice polish, loses in size only to leader; 3, Richardson, plenty of size, nice level tone of col.; 4, Blore, massive, nice head, good col.; vhc, Winter; he, c, Maughan. BORD. CL., ETC., YELL. (16): 1, Bennett, cl., grand shape, rich col. and quality, sweet head, well rounded back, grand wings and tail; 2, Armstrong, cl., very neat and typical, grand shape and carriage, neat head and neck; 3, Johnson, wing mkd., grand shape, beautiful wing and tail carriage, beaten just a little in neatness of head; 4, Wilson, rich col., fine shape, nice close feather; vhc, Ross; he, Scott; c, Marshall. BUFF (15): 1, Peel, saddle mkd., topper for shape, close boxey feather of grand col. and quality, neat head and neck, well rounded back, well braced wings and tail; 2, S. Wilson, cl., fine shape, sweetly rounded, neat head and back, grand carriage, beaten a wee shade in quality; 3, Bennett, trifle beautiful shape, nice col. and quality, neat head, wings, and tail; 4, French, nice shape, good col., neat head and back; vhc, Johnson; he, Ross; c, Armstrong. YELL. HEN (15): 1, Bennett, cl., rare shape, grand col. and quality, well rounded, beautiful carried wings and tail, a wee shade flat on head, yet a nice one; 2, Johnson, cl., most charming damsel, grand shape, rich col. and quality, closely packed wings and tail; 3, Ross, model for shape, grandly rounded, neat round head, feathered to perfection; 4, Nicholson, variegs., a trifle larger, nice shape, grand quality and feather; vhc, Ellwood; he, Forster; c, French. BUFF (11): 1, Bennett, cap mkd., topper for shape, grand front, beautifully rounded, nice col., grand quality, neat head, wings, and tail; 2, Ellison, cl., fine shape, rich col., scarcely so well filled in in neck as leader, neat head, well carried wings and tail; 3, S. Wilson, mkd. wings, nice shape, good col. and quality, neat head, grand feather; 4, Ellwood, fine shape, grand boxey feather, well rounded back; vhc, Forster; he, Greenwell; c, Ross. GREEN OR CINN. (13): 1, 3, Johnson, two beauties, leader marvel for richness of col., pure and bright, very level, fine shape and carriage, neat head, wings, and tail; 3rd shade darker col., very level all through, rare shape, grand quality, well rounded; 2, Parker, another topper, grand col., rich and pure, very level in tone, fine shape neat head and back, three grand Greens with very little between them; 4, Bowen, another good one, fine shape and carriage; vhc, c, Greenwell; he, Stubbs.

Mr. Crawhall's Classes.

YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL. (10): 1, Addison, eye tkd., very slim, grandly drawn, fine length and position, nice col., grand quality, well rounded back, neat head, grand wings and tail; 2, Cuthbertson, a wee shade longer, grand position, neat head, grandly braced wings and tail; 3, Tindale, fine length, straight as a rush, red hot col., well rounded, finely tapered; 4, Atkinson, fine length and position, grandly drawn, neat head, grand wings and tail; vhc, Johnson; he, Spencer; c, Hodgson. BUFF (10): 1, c, Cuthbertson, cl., medium length, straight up on grand legs, beautifully drawn, neat shoulders and waist, nice col., close boxey feather of the finest quality; 2, Hodgson, variegs., nice length, well rounded back, finely tapered, gets well up, neat wings and tail; 3, Ellwood, cl., better feather than 2nd, neat head and neck, nice length and position; 4, Atkinson, cl., fine length, straight up, finely tapered, neat head, well rounded shoulders; vhc, Dix; he, Addison. HEN (16): 1, Cuthbertson, cl. Dix; he, Addison. HEN (16): 1, Cuthbertson, cl. buff, topper, fine length, straight up, beautifully rounded, well drawn, grand quality; 2, Dix, cl. yell., fine length, well drawn, neat narrow shoulders, well up on leg, grand wings and tail; 3, Tindale, cl. yell., better col. than 2nd, grandly drawn, neat head and neck, fine position, lovely wings and tail, we preferred for 2nd place: 4, Hodgson, cl. yell., slimly built, nice position, neat head; vhc, Marshall; he, Thurston; c, Wigglesworth. NOVICE, 1911 (8): 1, Johnson, cl. yell., fine length, straight up, neat head, good shoulders and waist, nice col. and quality, well braced wings and tail; 2, Mirley, wing mkd. buff, fine length and position, neat, narrow shoulders, nice head and neck; 3, Holmes, tkd. buff, very stylish, nice length, neat wings and tail, not quite so neat in head; 4, Deighton, cl. yell., very neat and slim, grand boxey feather of the best quality, grand wings and tail: vhc, Deighton; he, Bainbridge; c, Thurston. MULE OR HYB. (10): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Maddison, a grand team leader lightly mkd. Greenie Can., fine size and shape, rich col. and quality, put down in the best possible condition; 2, cl., Goldie-Can., rare size, fine col., nice face and wings, shown to perfection; 3, dark yell. Goldie-Can., another well-known winner, fine size and shape, rich col. ad quality, grandly polished; 4, Johnson, dark yell. Linnet-Can., fine size and shape, rich col., well burnished, shown in fine condition; he, Lynn; c, Watson. A.O.V. CAN. (13): 1, 2, c, Armstrong, leader foul tail green C.B., wonderful headpiece, grand rise and width, heavily clothed with best quality feather, 2nd wing mkd. D.C., nice size crest, very shapely and dense feathered, fine droop and centre; 3, vhc, Marshall, variegs. D.C., plenty of size, good shape crest, nice droop and centre; 4, he, Riseborough, gold and Silver Lizards, leader gold cl. cap, nice size, some thought might have gone up one. LINNET (BRIT.) (15): 1, 2, 3, Maddison, fine team, leader grand shape, beautifully pencilled, clear and distinct, rich col., nice whites, 2nd larger than leader, again grand pencilling, though scarcely so profuse as winner, good shape, nice col. and condition, 3rd grand one for col. and pencilling, shows plenty of whites; 4, Watson, nice one for size, well pencilled, not quite so distinct as leaders, shade darker in col.; vhc, Hunter; he, Tucker; c, Coltman. A.O.S. BRIT HARDBILL (20): 1, McVay, Corn Bunting, nice size and shape, grand col. and condition, nice markings, very steady; 2, 3, Waters, leader Greenie, a good one for size and shape, thick head and neck, grand col., extra condition, 3rd Hawfinch, nice size, good col., nice level col., head, good wings, shown in A1 condition; 4, Johnson, Yellowhammer, good size and col., grand feather and condition; vhc, Tomlinson; he, Floyd; c, Stone. SOFTBILL (4): 1, Young, hen Bearded Tit, nice size, good col., grand feather and condition; 2, 4, T. Robson, 2nd 'Gale, nice size, not quite yet up in condition, 4th Whinchat, nice size, good col., nice feather and condition; 3, McVay, Lark, nice size, well mkd., grand col. and condition, shown in grand trim. HYDE'S (8): 1, Addison. MEMBERS' CLASSES.—NOR. YELL. (2): 1, Richardson; 2, Stephenson. BUFF (4): 1, 3, 4, Richardson; 2, Stephenson. CINN. (1): 1, Richardson. YORKS. YELL. (1): Addison. BUFF (1): Addison. BORD. YELL. (4): 1, 2, Bowen; 3, 4, Bell. BUFF: 1, 2, Blore; 3, 4, Bell. A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE (7): 1, 3, Lynn; 2, Addison; 4, c, Bell; vhc, Richardson; he, Stephenson. GOLDIE, ETC. (9): 1, 4, Stone; 2, Stephenson; 3, he, Addison; vhc, c, Lynn. REDPOLL, ETC. (2): 1, 2, Stone. GREENFINCH (7): 1, Addison; 2, Lynn; 3, he, Blore; 4, Stephenson; vhc, c, Maughan. A.O.S. FINCH, ETC. (3): 1, 2, Addison; absent, Stephenson. NOVICE MEMBERS' CLASSES.—NOR. (4): 1, 4, Bullen; 2, 3, Redforth.

NARBERTH.

The 24th annual show was held on December 13th in the Victoria Hall, a building most suitable for a show. The staging was nice, and there was plenty of room. We regret that entries did not come up better, for the society deserves splendid support at the fixture. The secretary, Mr. Owens, and his committee worked hard, and everything seemed to go alright. Mr. J. M. Lewis judged.

NOR. (4): 1, Davies, very cobby, good head and wings, nice quality; r, Tullett. YORKS. (8): 1, r., Groyther, Pembroke winner, in good form, leading; 2, Shears, long, racy, well-drawn bird; 3, Tallett, cl., sweet head and neck; he Robson. MULE (5): 1, Slee, charming exhibit, Can.-Greenie, lovely col. throughout; 2, Davies, yet another good one; r, vhc, Richards. GOLDFINCH (BRIT.) (5): 1, 2, r, Richards, winner good stamp Finch, nicely cut, pure blaze, grand tan and bars, 2 another nice one, not quite so good in blaze. BORD. FCY. (4): 1, Bufton, nice type, clean waist, in good condition; 2, Williams, another capital exhibit, neat wings and tail; r., Smith. BRIT. SMALL: 1, Ray, Pembroke winning Hawfinch, in good form; 2, Bufton, very sweet bird, rare col. and quality; r, Williams. CAN., LOCAL (4): 1, 3, Williams; he, Owen.

THAMES DITTON.

Started only last season, the Ditton Fanciers' Society has already made itself felt as one of the institutions of the district, and its second show, held in the Village Hall on Dec. 14th, was a most successful little affair. The classification was not great, but the entries included some well-known birds, and the quality generally was good. Nicely arranged at the end of the hall, with a background of foliage plants, the cage bird section was generally voted the best part of the show. Cage bird fanciers of the district are greatly indebted to Mr. and Mrs. Thynne for the great interest which they take in the section, and to their zealous efforts is due the success achieved. Mr. Kitching had charge of the general secretarial arrangements, and being assisted by some good stewards everything passed off well. Mr. C. A. House judged.

NOR. (8): 1, res, spl, Saunders, very neat, cobby, grizzled cap buff, nice short feather, lovely col. and style; 2, vhc, Wheeler, lovely quality yell., very nice shape and col., good style; 3, he, Mrs. Thynne, good shapely bird of nice col., not so close in feather; c, Mrs. Smith. HEN (5): 1, 2, res, spl, Mrs. Thynne, two grand shaped, cobby, short feathered birds, nice col. and style, in grand form, buff and a yell.; 3, vhc, Wheeler, nice quality wing mkd. yell., good col., trifle longer. YORKS. (8): 1, spl, Owen, very neat shapely yell., nice length, full of style, good col. and feather; 2, Mrs. Owen, capital varieg. yell., grand shape, nice quality, not so steady; 3, vhc, Wheeler, a gem for quality, style, col. and feather, a trifle short; res, Whittome; he, Smith; c, Slade. Hen (6): 1, spl, Owen, very smart, stylish, grand shaped, close feathered buff; 2, Mrs. Owen, stylish, shapely varieg. yell., not so silky in feather; 3, Smith, good positioned buff, nice type, not so tight on chest; res, Slade; vbc, Whittome; he, Mabey. BORDER (13): 1, 2, spl, Mrs. Thynne, charming pair of very neat feathered birds, capital shape, full of style, well shown; 3, Mrs. McGregor, really good stylish buff, not so nicely shown; res, Bacon; vhc, he, Elwood; c, Owen. A.O.V. (8): 1, 2, 3, spl, spl best in show, and spl best shown by a lady, Mrs. Thynne, very neatly centred, wing mkd. crest, nice radiation and droop; 2nd, heavily feathered, stout skulled C.B.; 3rd, evenmkd. Cinn. Crest, nice length and droop, not so well arranged as winner; res, Slade; vhc, he, Shepperd; c, Bacon. NOR. NOVICE (8): 1, spl, Denham, very nice quality tkd. headed buff, short and cobby, good col.; 2, Trimby, rich coloured yell., good feather, nice shape; 3, vhc, Wade, smart, good featbered buff, drops his wings; res, Newman; he, Swaby; c, Harris. YORKS. (13): 1, spl, Kitching, very neat stylish buff, capital col. and feather, shows well; 2, res, c, Harwood, grand shaped varieg. yell., nice col., heaten in quality of feather; 3, Yeoman, good long shapely buff, crosses his wings; vhc, Heath; he, Montgomery. BORDER (10): 1, spl, Ellwood, lovely little green, rare shape, grand col. and feather, full of quality; 2, res, vhc, Sayer, smart, racy, stylish yell., nice close feather, shows well; 3, ladies' spl, Mrs. Maher, nice quality buff, good style, stouter in body; he, c, Mrs. Denham. MULE (6): 1, 2, 3, Ramsden, a capital team of grand coloured, high quality birds, Linnet-Can., Greenie-Can., Goldie Can., all darks; res, Farr; vhc, Thynne; wrong class, Miss Webb, a green pied crested Canary. HYBRID (1): 1, spl, Ramsden, lovely Redpoll-Greenfinch, beautiful col., wonderful quality of feather, beautifully shown. BRIT. H.B. (13): 1, 2, c, spl, Page, very handsome Bramble, rare col. and spangle, capital shape, size, and feather; 2nd, rich coloured, well mkd. Chaffinch, both very steady; 3, res, he, Offord, sound coloured Greenfinch, capital wings and tail, lovely feather and style; vhc, Bacon. FOR. (6): 1, spl, vhc, he, Thynne, very handsome Maroon Tanager, lovely col., grand shape and feather, shown in lovely form; 2, Shepherd, magnificent Hill Mynah, lovely rich lustrous col., beautiful feather, very steady; 3, res, Miss Clare, very pretty little Spectacle Bird, in grand condition. SELL., 15s. (12): 1, spl, Newman; 2, Ramsden; 3, Mrs. Thynne; res, vhc, Wheeler; he, Page; c, Montgomery. Gift (2): 1, 2, Mrs. Thynne.

DALTON & DIST. C.B.A.

Members' first annual show of old birds held December 9th in Quinlan's Rooms, Ulverston-road. Judge, Mr. P. J. Davies (Millom), whose awards were well received. YELL. NOR. CK. (6): 1, spl, he, Park; 2, Lukey; 3, vhc, Falshaw; c, Collins. BUFF (8): 1, 2, spl, Park; 3, W. Phizacklea; vhc, he, Lukey; c, Falshaw. HEN (7): 1, spl, 3, Lukey; 2, he, Falshaw; vhc, Collins; c, Fenton. YELL. YORKS. CK. (5): 1, spl, Park; 2, 3, Jackson; vhc, Fenton; c, Jones. BUFF (5): 1, spl, Park; 2, 3, vhc, Jackson; he, Jones. HEN (4): 1, spl, J. Phizacklea; 2, vhc, Jones; 3, Jackson. YELL. BORD. CK. (4): 1, spl, Lukey; 2, vbc, Houldsworth; 3, W. Phizacklea. BUFF (5): 1, spl, 2, vhc, he, Jones; 3, Houldsworth. HEN (6): 1, spl, 3, he, Jones; 2, vhc, Houldsworth. BRIT. HOUSE-MOULTED (7): 1, spl, vhc, he, c, W. Phizacklea; 2, Lukey; 3, J. Phizacklea. F.M.: Void. MULE. CAN. UNFLIG. (6): 1, spl, 2, Fenton; 3, he, c, Houldsworth; vhc, Jones. OPEN TO HON. MEMBERS (16): 1, spl, Hudson; 2, spl, Fleming; 3, spl, Wagstaff. Owing to the various counter attractions there were not a great many visitors, but the show was gratifying to the members. The class of birds staged showed a decided improvement on previous exhibitions.—F. Houldsworth, Sec.

The Granite City's Splendid Show.

Entries at Aberdeen are over Fifty up.

Fifty-sixth annual exhibition held Music Hall, Union Street, December 15 and 16. The hall is well adapted for a cage-bird show, being high in the roof, well ventilated, and free from draughts; and a nice even temperature was kept. The society is blessed with first-class executive, the president, Mr. W. Allan, being present, and at everyone's command; he did much to make the show a success. We were very sorry to hear that the vice-president, Mr. J. Hector, has been laid aside through illness; the members miss him, as he has done a great amount of good for this society. The secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. Bryson, is a hard worker, and had all his arrangements made in good time, and his keenness and ability made him an ideal show manager. He was well backed up by a strong committee of well-known fanciers, consisting of Messrs. Alex. Thomson, C. Thompson, A. Thomson (Woodside), Ewen, Anderson, Lawrie, Lyon, Henderson, Sanderson, Balfour, Mackie, Garden, Gardiner, MacKercher, W. Rae, A. Rae, Ironside, Will Smith. The challenge cup was won by Mr. F. Garden for the third time, and it becomes his own property. The £1 1s. challenge cup for best yell. ck. nat. col. was won by Mr. W. Aitchison (Edinburgh), which becomes his own; Hyde's, Mr. Jas. Anderson; Sandiford's, Mr. W. Allison and Mr. J. Smeaton; Ramsden's, Mr. W. Clubb; 10s. sp. for most points in British, Mr. Fred Watt; the S.P.C. medal for cocks, Mr. W. Grewar; hens, Mr. W. Aitchison. The judges were Messrs. J. Sandison (Aberdeen) and A. Chalmers (Kirkintilloch), Norwich and British, Mr. A. Cochrane (Edinburgh), who gave satisfaction.

The Critique.

NOR. CL. YELL. (8): 1, Morrice, nice type and quality, good round bead; 2, 6, Bishop, 2nd well up in size, a blaze of col., good head and neck, nicely rounded body; 3, Clubb, another sweet exhibit, grand col., teeming with quality; 4, Mitchell, good col., fails only in head to those in front; 5, Yeats. BUFF (9): 1, Grewar, a monster, good one; 2, Harris, sweet, exhibit, best of type and col., teeming with quality, some preferred for 1st; 3, Ironside, good size, nice head, A1 quality, well mealed; 4, Rae, grand quality, best of col. and condition; 5, Thomson; 6, Mitchell. VAR. YELL. (11): 1, Allison, fine, thick set bird, very compact, nice bold chest, neat wings and tail, best of col. and quality; 2, Bishop, not quite so thick as winner, lovely quality and col.; 3, Thompson, saddle mkd., excellent quality, well turned out, red-hot col.; 4, Anderson; 5, Harris; 6, Hampton. BUFF (12): 1, Smeaton, grand type and quality, nice shape, well mealed, good one; 2, 4, Davidson; 2, grand head and neck, good type and quality, best of wings and tail, must have pressed, 4th nicely feathered, lovely smooth feather, rare col.; 3, 5, C. Thomson, 3rd best of type, in nice condition; 6, A. Thomson. YELL. HEN (7): 1, Kerr, good size and substance, sweet quality; 2, Smeaton, another nice one, much the same type as winner, two grand hens; 3, Martin, not quite so large, rare quality, and col.; 4, Will; 5, Steven; 6, Dunn. BUFF (8): 1, 4, Mitchell, 1st a grand hen, nice shape, lovely rounded chest, sweet quality, grand substance, well mealed, wins; 2, Aitchison, a beauty for type and quality, not quite so well mealed as winner, still a grand hean; 3, A. Thomson, good size and substance, teeming with quality; 5, Smeaton, also good ben. VARIEG. YELL. (9): 1, Harris, heavily variegs., rare substance, best of col., and condition, wins easy; 2, Fleming, nice col. and quality, but just lacks the substance of winner; 3, A. Steele, good type and quality, very sweet hen; 4, Clubb; 5, Mitchell and Grcig; 6, Steven. BUFF (9): 1, Steven, good type and quality, looked a little soft while we were taking notes; 2, Smeaton, nice shape, well mealed, best of quality, good one; 3, Martin, best of col. and quality; 4, Davideon; 5, Grewar; 6, Ironside. UNFLIG. YELL. CK. (10): 1, Harris, good one, nice size and col.; 2, Mitchell, best of quality, rare good type, well turned out; 3, Aitchieon, good col. and quality; 4, Will; 5, A. Thomson; 6, Grewer; No. 2, Smeaton, a bird of good type, best of col. and quality, some thought might have been in the money. BUFF (14): 1, 3, Martin, 1st excels in type, good head and neck, grand col., and well up in size, 3rd nice youngster, teeming with quality, nicely staged; 2, Clubb, rare good col. and condition, in best of trim; 4, Smeaton, rare type and quality; 5, Will; 6, Rae. HEN (11): 1, Grewar, good size, nice quality, well staged; 2, Smeaton, fine size and substance; 3, Garden, well up in size, lovely quality, good one; 4, Clubb, very typical, sweet quality and col.; 5, Harris; 6, Skinner. NAT. COL., YELL. CK. (9): 1, Aitchison, a gem of the first water, rare size, quality, and condition, wins; 2, Fleming, a el., good type, nice head and neck well placed; 3, Roger,, nice cl., fine front, very close in feather, stands well on perch; 4, Harris; 5, A. Steele; 6, Park. BUFF (8): 1, Martin, good type, fine size and condition; 2, Ewen and Anderson, Bullfinch type, good head and neck, nice carried wings and tail, best of quality; 3, Gordon, teeming with quality and condition; 4, Craigmile; 5, Clubb; 6, Ritchie. YELL. HEN (8): 1, Martin, nice fronted one, grand type, plenty of size; 2, McMyles, another good hen; 3, A. Steele, very sweet, lovely quality feather, well staged; 4, 6, Grewar; 5, Fleming. BUFF (7): 1, Kerr, a nice one, good type and quality; 2, Mitchell, grand type, in shining condition; 3, Davidson, best of quality, lovely mealed; 4, A. Thomson; 5, M. Steven; 6, Allan. GREEN, ETC. (17): A rare class: 1, Harris, rare size and substance, grand col. and quality, grand exhibit; 2, Skinner, good size and quality; 3, Grewar, another good one; 4, Morris; 5, Mitchell; 6, C. Thompson. NOVICE CK. (18): 1, 5, Morizon, 1st buff variegs., very typical, A1 quality; 2, 6, Taylor and Young, 2nd good one, best of col. and teeming with quality, well turned out; 3, Smith, rich col., and condition; 4, Rodger. HEN (11): 1, 4, 5, Taylor and Young, 1st best of type, grand col. and quality; 2, Grant, good hen, fine substance, nice even col., staged to perfection, best of quality; 3, Ross, another good exhibit, teeming with quality and condition; 6, Barrow. CREST CK. YELL.: 1, 2, Hector, two grand exhibits, 1st a hen, grand big body, good crest, and fine feather, 2nd cock, well centred crest, in fine condition. HEN (4): 1, 2, 3, Hector, a clean sweep, 1st a hen often described, the Glasgow winner, 2nd cock, well formed crest, long feather, A1 condition; 4, Allardyce. C.B. CK. (2): 1, 2, Hector, both of good substance, great heads and well lashed. HEN (4): 1, 2, Hector, two good ones; 3, 4, Gordon. CINN. CK. YELL. (2): 1, Clubb; 2, Ewen and Anderson. BUFF (3): 1, 2, 3, Wilson, all of good size and col. HEN (4): 1, 2, Rae, two nice, typical hens, good size and feather; 3, Clubb; 4, Rodger. BORD. YELL. (8): 1, Blackie, a little beauty, feathered like wax, jaunty carriage; 2, Allison, good head and wings, in faultless condition; 3, Fairweather, another gem, good style, tight in feather, rare wings and tail; 4, 6, Wright; 5, Johnston. BUFF (6): 1, Allison, a little beauty, nice type and quality, wins; 2, Blackie, nice quality feather, perfect wing carriage, in rare condition; 3, 4, Johnston, both in grand condition; 5, 6, Fairweather. YORKS. (3): 1, 2, 3, Sergeant, 1st excels in length, racy, long sided bird, well up on leg, neat waist, good back and tail, 2nd fine length and style, well drawn, good carriage. PAIRS (2): 1, Wm. Davidson; 2, Smith. A.O.V. (6): 1, A. Thomson, cinn. variegs., best of type, col., and condition; 2, Hector, cinn. crest, good size, and nice formed crest; 3, Ritchie; 4, Allardyce; 5, Clubb; 6, Yeats. CAN. HYB. (4): 1, Tams and Son, almost el. Greenie-Can., often described; 2, Hector, nice yell. variegs. Goldie-Can., good col.; 3, Ewen and Anderson, also a Greenie-Can., good size and condition; 4, Hird. DK. Greenie-Can., good size and condition; 5, Davidson, grand dark yell. Greenie Mule, good size col. and condition, well staged; 3, Rae, nice Siskin Mule, hot col.; 4, Hird; 5, Hector; 6, Boyne. HYB.: 1, Tams and Son, Linnet-Bullfic; 2, Steven. PAIRS (for Hybrid breeding): 1, Muir and Heenan, nice English Goldie and hen Twite, with white cheeks. GOLDFINCH, BRIT. (7): 1, Smart, some thought a foreigner, but opinions differed, good one all through; 2, McArdle and Stewart, nice square blaze, good head, nicely tanned body; 3, Tams and Son, some preferred for 1st, good size, fine blaze, best of tanning, in splendid order; 4, Watt; 5, Craft; 6, Robertson.

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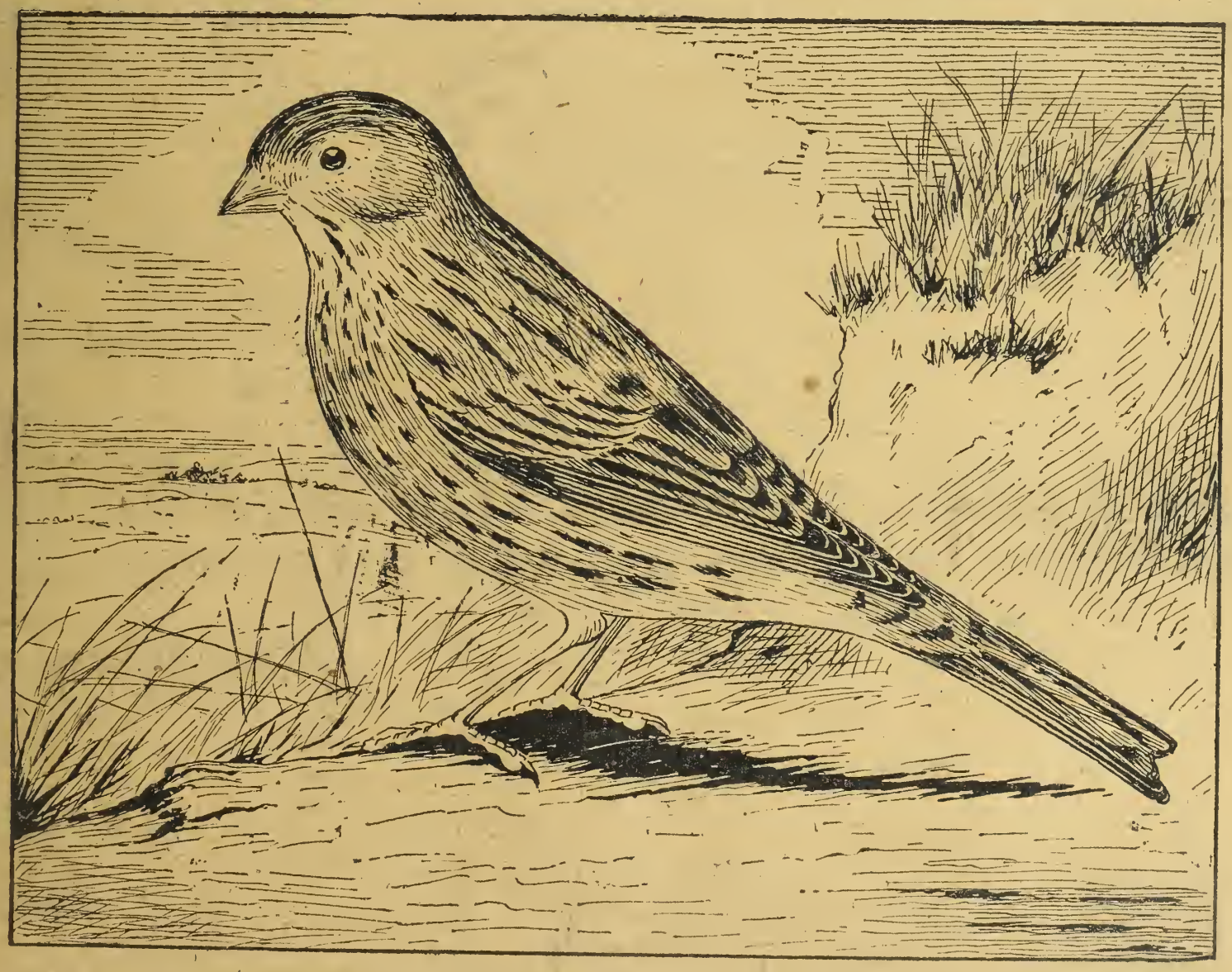
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A BUNTING THAT MAKES GOOD ON THE SHOW-BENCH.

The Corn Bunting, a heavily-built brown bird with black markings, generally gets into the prize-list, but is not easy to prepare for exhibition. An article, by Mr. Caunt, which deals with this will be found on page 565.

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RULES.

1.—PROCEDURE.—The intending purchaser should send to this office the amount of the purchase (our deposit fee included), and at the same time he should communicate with the seller, stating what it is he requires sent on approval. We acknowledge receipt of the deposit to both parties. In all cases the depositor should give his name and address, and also that of the vendor, and must write same clearly and distinctly.

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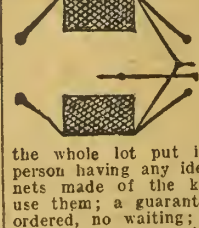
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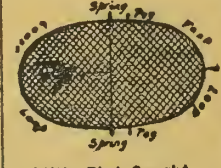
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WILLIAM TATMAN, 11, Midland Road, Wellingborough, has for disposal few good Crests and Crest-breds, yellows and buffs, cocks and hens.

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T. J. King, Cogogo, Cheltenham, not wishing to exhibit this season, has several grand show Crests, big winners, for disposal; also about 100 stock birds. His stock can be viewed and a selection made by appointment.

IF you are wanting either a very good or a very cheap Crest or Crestbred, please send for list, or state requirements, as I can undoubtedly supply you, as you cannot be supplied elsewhere: W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

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Norwich.

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PRIZE bred Norwich, good type and large 1911 birds, cold-room bred, cocks 8/6, hens 5/-, approval; cash or deposit: J. Lawry, Hiogan Highway, Redruth, Cornwall.

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CHAMPION Norwich, few grand birds, Bullfinch type, large heads, fine silky feather; 35 years breeder: one of the very best strains in England; reasonable; approval: T. Billington, Hambleton, Poulton-le-Fylde.

THIRTY-FOUR awards in two weeks; see reports, City of Glasgow, Kilmarnock, Ayr, Uddingston, Broughty-Ferry, Burnley, Springburn, Glasgow and West; all birds bred for type and quality; good heads, necks, wings; state wants; prices reasonable: Barron, 119, Montrose-st., Glasgow.

MAGNIFICENT cobby 1911 exhibition buff Norwich cock, real gem, only 12/6; grand stout yellow hen, rare type and quality, only 8/6, or 20/- the pair; also massive yellow cock, 1911 bred, grand colour and quality, only 10/6; also monster buff hen, rare size and quality of feather, only 6/6, or 16/- the pair; rare chance for beginners; genuine bargains; approval: Cooper, 29, Junction-rd., Norwich.

J. TRENGOVE & SON.

A few birds for sale; approval; stamp: 7, High-st., Rishton, near Blackburn.

F. S. MATTHES.

Champion Norwich for sale, several pairs to dispose of which have bred winners, reliable birds, prices right, cash or deposit; approval: 84, Rotherhithe New-road, London, S.E.

ROOM WANTED. MUST SELL.

Good value given, and every bird guaranteed as represented; a few buff cocks from 15/- to 40/-; yellow cocks, 15/-, 30/-, 40/-; bred from and related to my winners at Manchester, Glasgow, Kilmarnock, Darvel, Ayr, etc.: Watson, Arbuckle-st., Kilmarnock.

LEADING QUALITY.

Reliable high-class Norwich at low prices, cocks 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6; hens, 2/6, 3/-, 3/6, 4/-, 4/6; all on 7 days' approval at my risk; illustrated list post free: Miss Storey, Crowle, Doncaster.

HIGH-CLASS NORWICH.

Having purchased the whole stock of Mr. Frances Garden, Aberdeen, which contains some first-class specimens, I offer along with my own surplus stock 60 pairs of well-matched Norwich at £1, £1/5/-, and £1/10/- per pair, all of good size and quality; the above strains have been winning for the past 20 years: Alex Thompson, 62, Elmfield-ave., Aberdeen.

GRAND OPPORTUNITY
DR. McCONAGHEY

having had a very good breeding season, wishes to dispose of several pairs of high-class Norwich, bred from birds bought at a big figure from Mr. J. E. Davies, of Stockport; room wanted; see L.C.B.A., Derby, etc., reports; going very cheap; state wants and price you are prepared to pay.—Parkside, Macclesfield

VARDY'S CHAMPION NORWICH.

Few of this noted strain for sale; unflighted yellow cock, grand type, quality and colour, 20/-; good unflighted buff cock, extra good type, quality and colour, 20/-; can win small shows; good hens, 10/-, 15/-, 20/- each; good pairs, 20/-, 30/-, 40/- per pair; inspection invited; approval: Vardy, The Aviaries, Huthwaite, Notts.

P. LYON & SON.

Having purchased a large stock of champion Norwich from a leading fancier in Aberdeen we offer them in matched pairs at 10/-, 15/- and 20/-, worth double; they are specially matched to breed winners; we have had over 30 years' experience, and won at all the leading shows in Scotland; state your requirements fully, and we will guarantee to give you full satisfaction: Lyon & Son, Green, Aberdeen.

J. C. BARNES,
NORWICH AND YORKSHIRE SPECIALIST

113, Northfield-rd., Walkley, Sheffield (late 149, Duncombe-st.), has choice specimens to spare, of both varieties. 20 years' standing strains. Better blood unobtainable. Price reasonable; approval with every pleasure. Inspection cordially invited. Few special pairs £3 to £5.

Chance for Beginners

Giving up Fancy; stock of Norwich, Cinnamons, wild birds, with cages, breeding, show, carrying boxes, etc.: Fernie, Sandy-rd., Renfrew.

W. N. TURNER,
Breeder and Exhibitor of
CHAMPION WINNING NORWICH

is now prepared to offer at reasonable prices, champion show or stock birds. These have size, type, and quality, and there are no better in the Fancy. This strain has been winning for the past 15 years, and is still winning every time out. See the latest show reports—Bolton, Rochdale, Manchester, Sheffield O.S., Warrington, Doncaster, Pendleton, and Salford, Stratford-on-Avon, Runcorn, Sheffield C.B.S., and Blackburn. Inspection invited; approval. —
3a PERCIVAL-ST., HIGHTOWN, MANCHESTER

Champion Norwich.

Have some grand stock pairs, to clear, the sort to breed champions. They have size, shape, and quality, and, above all, the pedigree and blood tells. Prices from 20/- to 50/-, single birds from 10/6 upwards. Few grand show birds, reasonable. Prices on application. All on approval. This strain stands alone: Judge Silk, Whitstable.

Champion Exhibition Norwich

Monster 1911 exhibition clear yellow cock, large broad head, deep chest, rare type and quality, one of the best seen this season, sure winner in keenest competition, only £3, honestly worth £5; also massive 1911 exhibition marked yellow cock, massive head and neck, rare depth of chest, grand colour, type, and quality, truly a gem, only 55/-, honestly worth double; also monster stock yellow cock, rare size and substance, champion stock birds, only 30/-, recently cost £3; also slashing 1911 exhibition clear buff cock, real model for type and quality, make a champion, only 50/-, can soon win his cost; also massive 1911 exhibition marked buff cock, massive head and neck, immense depth of chest, grand type and quality of feather, only 45/-, dirt cheap; also monster stock buff cock, immense size, only 25/-, honestly worth £3 for stock alone; champion exhibition 1911 yellow hen, immense size, perfect type and quality, grand colour, and rare depth of chest, one of the best youngsters living, only £3; also monster exhibition 1910 yellow hen, immense size, rare type and quality, winner many prizes, only 45/-, recently cost £4; also monster exhibition yellow hen and buff hen, both of rare size, grand type and quality, rare depth of chest, sure winners in keen competition, only 25/- each; also champion exhibition 1911 buff hen, real model for type and quality, grand size, and colour, sure winner in keenest competition, truly a gem, only 45/-, simply given away; also monster exhibition 1910 buff hen, immense size, grand colour, type, and quality feathered like silk, winner many prizes, only 35/-, honestly worth £4 for stock alone; also several monster yellow and buff hens, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, and 21/- each; also massive yellow and buff cocks, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, 21/-, and 30/- each; also several real good correctly matched pairs at 21/-, 25/-, and 30/- a pair, including many winners. Rare chance for beginners. All the above are strong and healthy, and in perfect condition. All cold room bred. Hundreds of unsolicited testimonials received from well-known breeders and exhibitors. Many noted winners, including Palace and other leading shows have been supplied by me, and for size, type, and quality I defy competition. State your requirements fully, and I will guarantee to give you full satisfaction. Approval, cash or deposit: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich.

Rollers & Singing Canaries

BREEDERS' CARD.

ARTHUR CHILLCOTT, Breeder and Trainer, celebrated Water Glucke Rollers (pure Randall's), 151, South Avenue, Southend-on-Sea. Member B.K.C.C. Birds for sale, THE finest strain in England.

ALEXANDER PATTISON, Breeder and Exhibitor, Glücke, Water Glücke, Rollers (pure Randall's), 31, The Terrace, Gravesend. Member B.R.C.C.

T. W. WALTON, Breeder and Exhibitor of high-class Roller Canaries; write for prices: 20, Cecil Grove, Armley, Leeds.

PURE Seiferts, 1 cock 10/6, 5 hens 2/6 each, all rung, approval: Hazell, 123, Leverson-st., Streatham.

TWELVE young Roller cocks, singing by gaslight, 3/6 each, stamp reply: Ward, 47, York-st., Bolton, Lancashire.

GRAND singing Canary cheap, 12/6, or winning British; offers please: F. Cane, 7, St. John-rd., W. Ealing, Middlesex.

CHOICE Roller Schoolmasters, and hens to match, at working-men's prices, cheap; approval, deposit: Yearsley, 118, Revidge, Blackburn.

GENTLEMAN has few pure Seifert Rollers for disposal; 1911 cocks, 12/6; hens, 3/-; approval: Wales Smith, King's Avenue, Eastbourne.

GENUINE high-class Rollers, cocks from 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/- and upwards; hens, 4/-, 5/-: Morris, 36, Dale-st., Wrexham. Member B.R.C.C.

HIGH-CLASS Seifert and Glucke cocks at 7/6, hens 2/6, Hartz cocks 4/-; 7 days' approval, cash or deposit: H. Nickless, 59, Mill-st., Crewe.

FOR sale, only for dealers, 100 cock Canaries, best songsters, 6/6; and 50 hens, 7/6; from my own breeders: Lady Verbies, Grens 56, Mortsel, Antwerp, Belgium.

PAY the price, songster cock Canaries, 10/-, seven days' approval; no misleading statements: Henry Maynard, Canary Specialist, Bethnal Green.

FEW high-class Rollers, B.R.C.C. rung, 1911, from well-known strain, cocks from 15/-, hens 6/-; approval, deposit: Evans, Patent Slip, Llanelly.

HIGH-class Rollers, from cup winner (Provincial 1911), B.R.C.C. rung, 1911 cocks from 20/- upwards, hens 10/-: Hanbury, 13, Railway-terr., Llanelly.

NOTICE.—Extra good St. Andreasberg Roller cocks, day and night songsters, 15/-; approval, easy payments taken: McKeand, Seabright Villa, Castle-Douglas.

GENUINE high-class Rollers, cocks 12/6, 15/-, hens 4/-, 5/-; bred in cold rooms, wearing closed club rings; member P.R.C.C.: Roberts, 12, Madeira-hill, Wrexham.

ROLLERS, B.R.C.C. rung, bred from my cup and prize winners, 20/- to 60/- each; hens sold: Randall's strain direct: Tomlinson, Welcome Hotel, Marton, Blackpool.

LOVELY Hartz Mountain Rollers in full sweet song, day or gaslight, a rare bargain, 7/6, worth treble, same strain hens 2/6; genuine: Goodbourn 8, Walgrave-st., Hull.

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MAGNIFICENT Leipzig Roller Schoolmaster, incessant songster, day and gaslight, together with perfectly new beautiful drawing-room cage, ideal Christmas present, 17/6: Ogden, Round-st., Bradford.

HARTZ Mountain Rollers, splendid singers, and prime breeding hens from the best strains of Joh. Gunkel, wholesale breeder and exporter: Braunschweig, Germany, Schoppenstedterstr., 32. Telephone 2.297. Price list free.

NOTICE.—I won a special (Class 2, Novice) for Glucke at Wolverhampton last month; some very good cocks and hens for sale, cocks 12/6 upwards, hens 5/-; Glucke and Water-Glucke strains: Harry Dimmock, 49, Providence-st., Cradley Heath.

SEIFERT Rollers, contest strain, club rung; vhc, hc, Wolverhampton; hc, Leeds; c, club show London; novice classes, vhc, Wakefield; cocks, 15/- to 30/- each; hens, 5/- to 7/6 each: Grainger and Harper, 3, The Oaklands, Richard-st., The Green, Darlaston, Staffs.

PURE Seifert Rollers, Corkendale and Fould's strain, cocks 7/6, 10/6, schoolmasters 20/-, 30/-; hens, same strain, kept in cold room, 2/6, 4/6 couple; 7 days' approval, deposit; also sixteen open-wire Roller singing cages, zinc sand trays, 20/- lot: Etherington, 226, Fletcher-rd., Preston.

FINEST breeding and exhibition birds from my very best Seifert strain, from 10/- to 50/-. My strain has received at the largest German shows many valuable gold and silver medals. The highest number of points possible on eight occasions: breeding hens 4/-: E. Kaferstein, Leipzig, Neuchonefeld, Germany.

CANARIES.

Any quantity Canaries, Hartz Roller cocks and hens; price list free: J. Corten, Pomp-st., 35, Antwerp, Belgium.

R. KREMNER

wishes to inform his numerous customers and others that he has now returned from Germany with a large consignment of high-class Canaries: prices, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, and upwards. Hartz Mountain cocks, 5/6 each, hens 2/6 a pair. Customers are cordially invited to inspect my up-to-date bird-room. Illustrated catalogue of cages and appliances free on application; trade supplied. Address: 104, Tib-st., Manchester.

REAL ST. ANDREASBERG

Rollers. Another consignment of these wonderful musical boxes, trained to perfection, no chopping notes, under Nightingale, Woodlark, and water-bubble runs, with wonderful rolls, fit for anyone to hear, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6 each; hens 1/9, two 3/-; singing box cages, 1/6, three 4/-, Roller shutter cages, 2/6, on approval; Norwich Canaries, colour fed, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; hens 2/6, 3/6, 4/6 each; matched pairs, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 pair: Matt Hopkins, Bird Specialist and Cage Maker, 11, Fylde-st., Preston, Lancashire.

SUPERB SONGSTERS.

I am offering some champion contest Rollers, cocks singing perfect tours, without harsh notes, from 8/6; cocks, hens, 3/6; club rung, stamped; all on 7 days' approval; deposit or part payment: Madam Hermann, 43, Scotts-rd., Leyton, Essex.

LEADING QUALITY.

Reliable high-class Rollers at low prices: genuine trained St. Andreasburg Rollers, cocks, in full song, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 each; Hartz cocks, grand loud free singers, 4/9, 5/3, 5/9, 6/3 each; all on 7 days' approval at my risk; illustrated list post free: Miss Storey, Crowle, Doncaster.

GENUINE BARGAIN.

Must sell immediately at great sacrifice, all my stock of high-class Rollers, bred from the best blood obtainable, 6 cocks 10/-, 14 cocks 15/-, 3 Schoolmasters 25/- each; these are beauties: club rung hens 4/-; all honestly worth double: Taylor, Chanters-rd., Bideford.

FOULD'S ROLLERS.

of the highest excellence, bred from my silver cup winners, schoolmasters, and contest singers, 40/- to 60/- each; hens, 10/- each; every bird guaranteed bred by myself in cold rooms, and wearing closed club ring. Also for sale two and three-compartment breeding and flight cages, show cages, travelling baskets, etc.: A. Foulds, 7, Kings-parade, Fallowfield, Manchester.

FINEST HARTZ MOUNTAIN ROLLERS.

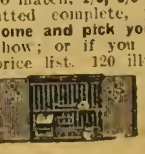
SEIFERT BREED—ADVANCED SINGERS IN FULL SONG.

Price List Free. Special Canary House.

E. LEHNICH, Braunschweig, Kannengiessestr 5, Germany

Hartzburg Rollers.

Seifert strain, just to hand. Cocks, in full song, **7/6, 8/6, 10/6. Schoolmasters, real contest birds, 12/6, 15/-, £1.** All birds on full week's approval. Hens to match, 2/6, 3/6 each. Roller box cage, with doors fitted complete, price 4/-, 5/- each. If you can, **come and pick your own,** as mine is not a one-bird show; or if you cannot come yourself send for a price list. 120 illustrations.



Hartzburg rape, as used by all Roller breeders. **5d.** lb., 7 lbs. 2/6.—**Enoch Tams, Church-st., Longton, Staffs.**

Scotch Fancies.

YOUNG yellow green cock, good bird, £3/10/-: Wilson, 9, Jamieson-st., Govanhill.

SCOTCH Fancies for sale, yellow pied hen, buff hen, foul buff hen: Hannah, 78, Dunard-st., Glasgow.

SCOTCH Fancies for sale, some good birds cheap: Robert Monteith, 36, Singer-st., Kilbowie, Clydebank.

SCOTCH Fancies. Cocks and hens, all colours, good birds, well bred, cheap: Sinclair, 83, Dickson-st., Leith.

TWO buff cocks, 4 buff hens, from my well-known strain, very cheap: McIlwain, Mount Florida School, Glasgow.

FOR sale, Scotch Fancies, good stock birds, large size, moderate prices: J. B. Kerr, 9, Myrtle-ter., Edinburgh.

HIGH-CLASS Scotch Fancies; cocks and hens; all colours; young birds: R. Summers, 36, Balgair-ter., Shettleston, Glasgow.

SCOTCH Fancies, 5 yellow cocks, 2 buff cocks, 3 buff hens, 1 yellow hen, all young birds: Wm. Neil, 30, Stirrat-place, Barrhead.

BUFF pied hen, yellow pied hen, clear yellow hen, one special matched pair, good strain; no Sunday visitors: Thom, Victoria Buildings, Lenzie.

YELLOW piebald cock and buff hen, also yellow-green cock, off prize stock; cheap to clear: Duncan, Howie-place, Broughty Ferry, Forfarshire.

SCOTCH Fancies, buff hens, buff, buff pied, yellow pied cocks, good young birds, prices reasonable: Cliff Bell, 26, Camphell-st., Maryhill, Glasgow.

SCOTCH Fancies for sale, 1 buff pied cock, 1 yellow hen, 2 buff hens, 2 buff pied hens; young birds: Alexander Thom, 12, Argyle-st., Alexandria, N.B.

NOTICE.—Grand lot Scotch Fancies, many winners at leading shows; prices reasonable; easy payments taken, approval: McKeand, Seabright Villa, Castle-Douglas.

SCOTCH Fancies: 2 yellow cocks, 2 yellow pied cocks, 4 buff cocks, 1 yellow hen, 1 yellow pied hen; cheap, to clear: James Y. Millar, Cleansing Dept., Helm-st., Govan.

SCOTCH Fancies for sale, 1 Yellow Pied cock, Buff Pied cock, Yellow hen, good young birds: prices reasonable; seen any time: William Hutchison, Nimmo's Land, Stamannan.

SIXTEEN Scotch Fancies, all bred from winners, also buff Belgian cock and yellow 1st cross cock; will exchange for good yellow bird, cock or hen: Ross, 38, Radnor-st., Clydebank.

Yorkshires.

BREEDERS' CARDS.

Messrs. AMBLERS (late of Bradford), Langton Lodge, Scotton, Knaresborough, Yorkshire, the champion Yorkshire breeders. Fountain head for winners of stud birds; 30 years' strain. See winnings at big shows.

J. BAILEY, Breeder and Exhibitor of high-class Yorkshire Canaries.—8, South View-terrace, Sandy-lane, Allerton, Bradford, Yorks.

L. C. CASEY, breeder and exhibitor of high class Yorkshires, and can supply a few pairs from 10/- upwards: 7, Pliunsoll-st., East Bowling, Bradford.

SAMUEL DEAN, Breeder of high-class Yorkshires, in clear, ticked, variegated, or green; prices to suit all.—6, Ash Mount, Gt. Horton, Bradford.

JONAS KNIGHT, over 20 years' breeder high-class Yorkshire Canaries in all varieties; home and shipping orders for show and stock birds a speciality: Allerton, Bradford, Yorkshire.

C. PICKUP AND SON, breeders and exhibitors of high-class Yorkshires; come and see what a grand lot of Yorkshires we are offering for sale; long, slim, and feathered to perfection; some real toppers; stamped address for particulars: 22, Daisy-st., Gt. Horton, Bradford.

W. H. SHACKLETON, Breeder and Exhibitor of high-class Yorkshires, can now supply some real toppers, fit to win in keenest competition; also birds suitable for local shows and novice classes; stamped address for particulars: Melrose House, Lytton-rd., Girlington, Bradford.

J. TAYLOR, 36, Aireville-rd., Frizinghall, Bradford. Exporter of high-class Yorkshires, Crests, Norwich, etc. Price list post free.

YORKSHIRE hens, 1911, 3/- each, less taking lot; 13 to clear: Butler, 58, Sutton-court-rd., Chiswick.

YORKSHIRES, 3 pairs from 10/6; also few Norwich hens from 5/-; no rubbish: Collier, 130, Bolton-rd., Atherton.

YORKSHIRE hens, right sort, size, type, quality; clears, ticked, variegated, yellows, buffs: W. Rolfe, 2, Newton-st., Hoxton.

YORKSHIRE cocks from 8/6, hens 5/-; all related to my this season's big winners: Lloyd, 84, Chichele-rd., Cricklewood, N.W.

THIRTY Yorkshire Canaries for sale, prize winners; cocks from 5/-; hens from 2/6: Forster, 2, Rowley Bank, Castleside, Consett.

PRIZE-BRED Yorkshires, lovely quality, standard lenth (and some over), from 7/6: Miss M. Walker, 66, Queen's-rd., Wimbledon.

GRAND clear yellow cock, winner 3rd, only time shown, price 8/6; card sent; also buff hen to match, 3/6: Collinge, Banksike, Bacup.

YORKSHIRES, own breeding, from my winners, grand long stock birds, sell cheap; approval: T. Barfe, Pateley Bridge, Yorkshire.

NOTICE.—Grand lot high-class Yorkshires, many winners, prices low; easy payments taken; approval: McKeand, Seabright Villa, Castle-Douglas.

HIGH quality Yorkshire cocks, cold room, cinnamon-bred clears 10/-, buffs, like wax, few matched pairs from 13/6: Clegg, 173, Bentley-rd., Doncaster.

COME and inspect my noted Yorkshires, at home all day. West Derby or Green Lane tram: Metcalfe, Yorkshire Aviaries, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool.

YORKSHIRES from our winning strain, cocks 6/-, hens 4/- upwards; inspection invited; approval, deposit: Myers and Lumb, 76, Cloughlane, Mixenden, Halifax.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, 50 pairs, splendid length, type and quality, cocks 5/-, hens 3/-, inspection invited; approval; satisfaction guaranteed: Priestley, 121, Gaythorne-rd., Bradford.

TO clear: Winner 1st Bedford, Luton, 2nd Oxford, Coventry; Yellow Yorkshire, cock 1911 25/-; Buff Yorkshire cock, hc, Luton, 10/6; approval deposit: Dimmock, Hairdresser, Leighton Buzzard.

CHAMPION Yorkshires, bred from my winners; see reports, Clapham, Southend, L.C.B.A., Wimbledon, etc.; matched pairs from 12/6; odd cocks, 7/6: Penton, 1, Commercial-st., London, E.

HIGH-class Yorkshires, splendid length, type, and quality, cocks from 5/-, hens from 3/-, matched pairs 8/- upwards; approval; satisfaction guaranteed: Greenwood, Colne-rd., Crosshills, Keighley.

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CHAMPION Yorkshires from 15/- pair, inspection invited, approval, several variegated birds and some grand buff hens, all from my well known winning strain: Rorke, 50, Ringmer-avenue, Munster-rd., Fulham.

YORKSHIRES, best blood obtainable, cocks 6/- upwards, hens 3/- upwards; pairs properly mated for breeding winners, 7/6 upwards; full of quality; carriage paid; approval: Edgar King, Fairfield, Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire.

HENRY DOXEY has the following to dispose of: two clear yellow and one clear buff cocks, 10/- each; clear, also ticked, buff hens, 8/- few more, reasonable; approval; stamp reply: Pease Hill, Ripley, Derbyshire.

JIM PARK has for disposal clinking Yorkshires, either for stock or exhibition, winners, own breeding, reasonable; on approval; state wants; my birds bring repeated orders; numerous testimonials: 9, Cambridge-st., Millom.

EVERY variety of Canary is fully dealt with in **"Our Canaries,"** a work which no lover of these popular pets can afford to be without. Published in **16 parts,** each containing 2 glorious coloured plates, 2 art plates, and numerous sketches. **Parts I. to XVI. on sale; 6d. per part, from newsagents, or 7d., post free, packed flat in card, from F. Carl, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C. Orders now being booked for cases to bind the above. Price, 2/- each.**

HIGH-CLASS YORKSHIRES

Winner of Scottish Yorkshire Club rose bowl, 1910. Can now part with several fit to win in keenest competition; also few grand matched pairs, the sort to breed winners; prices reasonable; seen by appointment, or sent on approval: G. Macrobbie, 11, India-st., Partick, Glasgow.

H. H. TOWERS.

Yorkshires now ready; good feather, length, and in the pink of condition; watch show results; birds fit to win at reasonable prices; a few matched pairs from 12/6 upwards. Write at once and avail yourself of a splendid opportunity. All on approval and satisfaction guaranteed; cash or deposit: 8, Colne-rd., Clusburn, nr. Keighley.

WINNING YORKSHIRES

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JAMES & WELLS.

Winners Yorkshires, Swansea, Llanelly, Newport, and Pentrebach, Tredegar, Pentre, Felixfoel; see "C.B." Top Yorkshiremen in Cardiff Cup Competition for two years; breed our own winners. Can sell winners or bred from winners. Cocks from 7/6, pairs 12/6 upwards; approval; inspection invited: 73, Carlisle-st., East Moors, Cardiff.

OGDEN BROS.

Have a few winners to spare, also matched pairs to breed winners, from 15/6; watch show reports, and write for them straight off the show bench; inspection invited: Dudley Hill, Bradford.

A. BROWN AND SON.

WINNING YORKSHIRES.

We can spare several good matched pairs in cinnamon marks from 12/6 upwards; also the following winners: A yellow cinnamon marked cock, winner of many prizes this season, including 1st and special Gateshead; a buff cinnamon marked cock, 2nd Palace, 1911, and two unflighted ticked buff cocks, winners at Leeds, Manchester, Sheffield, and Gateshead; all bred from our winning strain; see show reports; a trial solicited and satisfaction guaranteed; 3 days' approval, cash or deposit with Editor; inspection invited: 10, Haw-st., Yeadon, nr. Leeds.

LEADING QUALITY.

Reliable high-class Yorkshires at low prices; cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6; hens, 2/6, 3/-, 3/6, 4/-, 4/6; all on 7 days' approval at my risk; illustrated list post free: Miss Storey, Crowle, Doncaster.

MESSRS. AMBLERS, The Yorkshire Specialists.

Oldest, purest, and most reliable strain of Yorkshires in the fancy. For these last 30 years our birds have won thousands of first prizes, cups, medals, and championships at leading shows, three times winning special for best in show Crystal Palace. Owing to illness we are not exhibiting, but this season we have sold some of the biggest champions out, which are unbeatable. We have now a few real gems for disposal, winners that can win Palace, also some clinking stock birds, wonderful lengthy type, and teeming with quality. Pairs from 15/- to 60/-; cocks 7/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-; 40/-; hens 7/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/- each; honestly worth double to breed from, as they are bred from the best Yorkshires living; approval cash or deposit; please note our new address: Langton Lodge, Scotton, Knaresboro', Yorkshire.

THE YORKSHIRE BREEDERS'

Society are still supplying their breeding sets from 12/6 upwards, pairs from 8/6 upwards; cocks from 6/-, hens from 4/-, exhibition birds reasonable, cages 3d. extra; approval, cash or deposit: Write "Secretary," 40, Springcliffe, Manningham, Bradford, Yorkshire.

L. DYKES.

can supply you with high-class Yorkshires, bred from and related to my winners at all leading shows; see show reports. Have won more 1sts this season than any other exhibitor. What better proof required of the quality I can supply you with? My customers are all winning, and I could publish hundreds of winning testimonials if space permitted. Illustrated price list post free. Properly matched pairs from 8/6 upwards; cocks from 6/-; hens from 4/-; also a few good exhibition cocks or hens at rock-bottom prices; inspection invited at any time. Please state wants; satisfaction guaranteed. The Reliable Aviaries: 16, Shann-st., Bolton Woods, Bradford.

Various Canaries.

HEN Canaries for sale from 3/-; cocks 7/6 and upwards; all bred in cold room; no rubbish; cash with order: Fairhead, 23, Green-lane-gardens, Ilford, Essex.

SIX Yorkshire cocks, 4 yellow 1 buff 1 foul, 2 Hartz cocks, all on song, 6/- each, or best cash offer for lot, on approval: Holmes, 23, Jefferson-st., Liverpool.

CLEARING out, healthy Yorkshire cocks, 6/6 each; 2 extra long yellow cocks, 8/6 each, on full song; 6 Norwich hens, 2/- each; or offers; approval, deposit: 357, Crookesmoor-rd., Sheffield.

DO you want the utmost value in Canaries that it is possible to obtain—either in England or elsewhere. **?**

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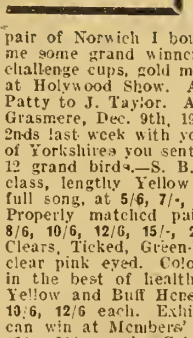
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Club Reports.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Meeting held Dec. 28rd, Mr. Swan presiding. Various matters connected with the open show, Jan. 12th and 13th, were discussed. Will members please let me know what specials they have for members' classes at the next meeting, Jan. 6th? Schedules are now ready. A vote of sympathy was passed to the family of the late Mr. R. T. Haswell (a member), who died suddenly on Dec. 20th.—J. Jeffrey.—Hon. Sec.

BEDFORD AND BEDS. O.S.

Meeting of the newly formed society was held, Dec. 15, at Ham's Restaurant (headquarters), Mr. J. Beanland in the chair. Eleven new members were enrolled, and the prospects of the society are very bright. Annual subscription for members is 2s., those under 18 years of age 1s. Annual meeting Jan. 19th, when the officers and committee will be elected. The meeting will be open to all who are interested in cage birds.—J. Wilmot, Sec., The Arcade, Bedford.

YORKSHIRE C.C. OF SCOTLAND.

Meeting held December 19th, 71, Loudon Street, Glasgow. The President (Mr. Penman) presided over a fair attendance. Correspondence was read from secretary of Kilmarnock show regarding loss on Y.B. classes; secretary was instructed to settle this account. Arrangements for annual general meeting was gone through. I expect to be able to put ballot papers, etc., with full instructions, in the hands of members very clearly in the New Year. Meanwhile, will country members desiring anything discussed, or any alterations in our rules, kindly let me have particulars as soon as possible? In the points competition for club trophies the first six are: B. Martin, 68; J. McLellan, 54; R. Heggie, 46; A. Girvan, 46; G. MacRobbie, 36; G. Crichton, 27.—R. B. Gibb, Hon. Sec.

LEYTON AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

Annual dinner held at the Lion and Key Hotel, High Road, December 18th. About 40 members, wives, and friends partook of the very excellent fare provided by Mr. and Mrs. Elfick. Vice-President J. S. Clarke, Esq., occupied the chair, with his usual ability. Having disposed of the food, we settled down to enjoy the musical programme which had been arranged by Mr. J. A. Bartlett, who very ably carried out the duties of musical director. The following ladies and gentlemen kept up a continual melody: Miss Hargreaves, Miss Hellens, Messrs. Russell, Saunders, White, Stevens, Hellens, Hargreaves and Host Elfick. We were most fortunate in again getting Mr. Rich at the piano; he being a postmaster at this instrument, it goes without saying that the artistes were most ably accompanied. Mr. J. A. Bartlett proposed and Mr. B. F. Forse seconded a very hearty vote of thanks to the artistes, to which Mr. Russell suitably responded. Mr. J. A. Bartlett proposed and Mr. B. F. Forse seconded a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. J. S. Clarke. The evening was brought to a close by the singing of "God Save the King" and "Auld Lang Syne."—Forse and Son, Hon. Secs.

BANKFOOT C.B.S.

Prizes won at our members' shows will be presented at the supper and social, January 15th; all members desirous of attending should send in their names as soon as possible. Friends and fanciers are also invited. Mr. H. B. Wood provides a rabbit-pie supper at one shilling per head. It is intended to throw our February 17th show open to all within 5-mile radius of Bradford Town Hall (fee same as for members' show, prize money on sliding scale). Already nearly 30s. has been given for specials. The fixture does not clash with any of the Yorkshire Union shows. Specials will no doubt be allotted so as to induce entries in all classes. Mr. J. Taylor has kindly promised a cup for competition at our members' shows with unflighted birds. This cup is to be won outright the first year. All fanciers desirous of joining should do so before the first feather shows; by doing so they will be able to take full advantage and start counting for this special prize at the first show. I do not wish to brag about our society, but I can truthfully say that no society in the Bradford district has given more specials at its members' shows. I have had occasion in the past to draw the attention of members to the poorly attended meetings, and although the appeal was not in vain, there is still room for improvement, and they will only have themselves to blame when new members come along and take their places.—F. Gelder, Sec.

WALLSEND & MID-TYNE C.B.A.

Annual meeting held Station Hotel, December 13th, a good number of members present, Mr. J. Heslop in chair. Balance-sheet passed. The auditors' report stated that the accounts were in proper form and showed a balance of over £6. It was intimated that a large number of fanciers are wishing to join in the New Year. Six have already paid for ensuing year. Secretaries intimated that all arrangements were complete for the 21st, the evening of our annual supper. Tickets were sent to all members, and one only had been returned. The election of officers resulted as follows: The Mayor as President, and Mr. H. McColl, Chairman; Messrs. Macdonald and Evans, Hon. Secs.; Mr. J. Heslop, Vice-Chairman; Mr. F. Reeves, Treasurer; Messrs. J. Heslop and McColl, Auditors; and eighteen of the most active members as a working committee. Large number of vice-presidents were also added. The feeling of the members is that, seeing the great success of the show as a members' confined venture, next year's be on similar lines, so that we shall be pleased to enrol local fanciers. The supper and social were held in same place Dec. 21st, the club room being beautifully decorated with flags and flowers supplied from the Wallsend Shipyard, and arranged as only a handyman can. Forty members sat down, and in the unavoidable absence of the Mayor, the Deputy-Mayor (Ald. J. Allan, J.P.) was in the chair; Mr. J. Johnson the vice chair. The host and hostess (Mr. and Mrs. Heaton) had spared no trouble over the work, and although the supper was only 2s. 6d. per head, they determined that we should have the best of everything. After clearing the tables, the first thing was a rousing song by Mr. Holden, then Ald. Allan's remarks, after which the presentations were commenced. The Percy Hood cup was won by Mr. J. Johnston for most points. (In a count Mr. W. McGinn was first thought the winner; finally Mr. Johnston proved the victor. Mr. Allan made a choice speech in handing it over, and congratulated Mr. Johnston on his success not only in Wallsend, but all over the country, proving his ability as a fancier. The Secretary had to sing the next song; he has only one, but it fits in on all occasions and was well received. The next cup, the R. J. Dees, was presented to J. Heslop in the absence of Mr. Stark, who are joint holders for the year. Mr. Johnston replied in a neat pithy speech. Messrs. R. Allison, H. McColl, N. Hyman, F. Reeves, Matzen, and others, all added to the harmony in fine style. Then the President handed Mr. Macdonald a beautiful silver snuff-box, suitably engraved, as a small mark of esteem in which the members hold him for his many services. The Secretary thanked the Deputy-Mayor and the members for so reasonably remembering any little service; he assured each that his only aim was to see the W.C.B.A. in a flourishing condition. Votes of thanks all round ended a fully enjoyable and temperate evening.—John M. Macdonald, Hon. Sec.

EAST HAM C.B.S.

The members, winners and losers, turned up in goodly numbers at headquarters on December 14th, for the distribution of cups, prize money, diplomas, specials, etc., won at the annual show. Mr. W. Hammans in chair. Secretary read a telegram from the Vice-President (Mr. A. J. A. Marley) expressing regret for his absence. Throughout the year it has been the committee's intention to give ornamental prize cards at the annual show only, and all 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize winners were the recipients of them. By careful selection on the part of the show manager, Mr. B. C. Smith, all 1st prize cards, with few exceptions, depicted a bird of the species shown by the winner. The same remarks apply to the diplomas given by the society for most points throughout the year. Principal winners: Mr. F. Fox (Novice Canary Cup), Mr. T. Walker (British Bird Cup), Mr. G. King (diploma for most points in Canaries), Mr. T. Walker (ditto, British), Mr. W. South (ditto, Mules), and Mr. J. Reed (ditto, Foreign). All these have at all shows sent many entries. (N.B.— Our staging is well made, and can stand further pressure.—Show Manager). The original date for the annual general meeting being close upon the festive season, same has been altered to January 11th, 1912. Will all members please note? A copy of the balance-sheet, now in course of preparation, will be sent members in due time.

CITY OF GLASGOW O.A.

Annual meeting held in the Reception Rooms of the City Hall, 23 Dec. A little over one-sixth of the members were in attendance. The Scotch Fancy members were represented by about half-a-dozen, a change from what it used to be. The president, Mr. D. Black, occupied the chair. The balance-sheet was forward, with a surplus of £43 12s. 7d., as against £89 7s. 3d. for the corresponding period ended 31 December, 1910. The chairman stated that every member was aware of the cause of the decrease, and the air being now purified, it is to be hoped it will soon be made up. After some discussion the balance sheet was passed. A member rose and stated that another member who was present had said he had given his birds on loan at a certain show and judged them. On being pressed he admitted the statement, and tried to excuse himself. It was decided that the accused be expelled from membership. He thereupon rose and said "Good-bye." It was a relief when the scene was over, but it was followed by another in connection with the famous "mock test," which at law saddled the society with a loss of over £5. It was alleged that the executive were given to understand that the Association would not lose anything by the court case, the inference being that the judge would bear what loss was likely to be sustained, but this it was said he had failed to do. It was moved and seconded that he (the judge) was either to pay the amount or be debarred from membership. In answer to an inquiry it was admitted that a certain person who was present at the extraordinary meeting was not a member of the society (only members have the right to be present). Election of office-bearers: Mr. Black was re-elected president; he accepted with pleasure, and assured the members he would do his utmost for the Association. A letter was read from Mr. McDonald, the secretary, to the effect that he could not see his way to longer hold office. It was decided to have two secretaries, but no persons in the room would be induced to take up the duties. Mr. McDonald said he would conduct the business until June, when he must be relieved. For the trusteeship, Messrs. Black and Smith were appointed. For the Scotch Fancy section no one would act on the committee. It was left with the president to make a selection. A large committee was appointed from the other sections. A rule was introduced that "Only Fanciers who were members in the preceding year have a voice in the business of the Association." A vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the meeting.

MOULTING AND COLOUR-FEEDING.

A Lecture before the Bankfoot and Dis. C.B.S.

Meeting held Dec. 19th. Mr. J. Taylor (President) in the chair. After the business was exhausted, the President gave us his promised lecture on "Moulting and Colour Feeding," as follows:—

My method of mixing colour-food is as follows: Five pounds of tasteless pepper, 1lb. of hot Natal, 1lb. of linseed meal, and 1lb. of Demerara sugar. Mix all these together and keep in an airtight tin. I add nothing more. When preparing the food for the birds I take a thick slice of bread, which I soak in water. To this I add the colour food until it is of sufficient strength to suit me. I do not mix the food, like a lot of fanciers, that is, say, 5 parts of bread to 2 parts of pepper. I have been accustomed to use egg along with the feed, but I intend to use no more. I never move my birds during the time they are moulting. My idea is that the smaller the cage in which you moult the bird, the better, as I have found birds steadier when moulted in small cages. I always cover up my birds during the moulting season, because it keeps them quieter, and also keeps them clean. In my opinion hot-coloured birds are always coarse in feather, at least so I have found them.

I always mix a small quantity of castor oil along with the colour-feed once a week, as I think it is the finest thing you can give to a bird. I also give milk sop once a week, in a rather sticky condition. Should a bird be stuck in the moult, I change its position, but I never take a bird from, say, the top row of the rack to the bottom. I am sure that if a bird can have a good quick moult, it is a lot better both for show and breeding purposes. I never diminish the strength of the colour-feed when my birds are finishing the moult, but continue the full strength right through.

Question: Will the lecturer tell us how he makes his milk sops?—Answer: I cut off the crusts from a slice of bread, pour boiling milk over the latter, drain off the surplus milk and add a little cayenne pepper.

What objection has the lecturer to adding oil to colour food?—To my mind it contains enough oil when mixed as I advise.

Could you give us a remedy for "going light"?—I think it is owing to change of foods. The remedy I recommend is to mix a little egg-food and add a few drops of castor oil. If the bird will eat at all you will find that this will bring it round.

Why object to eggs in the mixing of colour food?—Ever since I gave up using them I have had a better colour.

There was further discussion amongst those present at this point, and several reasons were mentioned which are no doubt responsible for the ebb and flow of colour regardless of the use of eggs, such an absence of either green or cinnamon blood. The general opinion was that the use of eggs was necessary, not for their colour-feeding properties, but for the sustaining power derived from them and needed during the process of moulting.—F. Gelder, Sec.

SOUTH COUNTY DUBLIN C.B.A.

First general meeting, held in the Court House, Kingston (Town Hall), on December 20th. There was an excellent attendance of local fanciers. Mr. Sholedice, one of the leading fanciers in Ireland, presided. The rules were submitted and passed, and the officers elected for the year 1912. The committee meet on Thursday, December 21st, for the purpose of drawing up a schedule for an open show for fanciers in Ireland, to be held in January, 1912, under the patronage of the Yorkshire Canary Society of Ireland. After other important business was dealt with, a vote of thanks was unanimously accorded the chairman, who replied in a very befitting manner. As this is the first show to be held by this association, the committee would be glad if fanciers in general would give them every support in the matter, so as to get the association on a sound basis.—D. Smyth, Hon. Secretary.

EDINBURGH AND DIST C.B.S.

Meeting held Cairn's Memorial Hall, Gorgie Road, December 19th, the President (Mr. J. Charlton) presiding over a capital attendance. Secretary submitted the first balance sheet of the society; this showed an income of £16 19s. 0d.; expenditure, £13 8s. 11d., leaving a balance of £3 10s. 7d. The auditors (Messrs. Whitefield and Easter) gave their report. After a discussion regarding gratuities to several members and others who had devoted time and energy, and who had assisted in making our first annual the success it turned out to be, various sums were voted amounting in all to £1 12s., which still left a balance of £1 18s. 7d., which it was unanimously agreed to carry forward. On the motion of Messrs. Watson and Winter, the retiring office-bearers, were accorded a hearty vote of thanks. Thereafter the office-bearers who had been in office were unanimously re-elected, with Messrs. Ferguson and Russell additional members of committee. Also agreed to maintain the interest of the society members at the monthly meetings. Decided to draw up a syllabus for the year, same being left in the hands of the committee. A feeling was also expressed that some sort of social evening might be arranged in January so that all members could meet and new members be welcomed. Final arrangements of same were left in the hands of Messrs. Whitefield, Todd, Easter, President and Secretary.—J. I. Mackie, Sec.

Singing Contests.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Week-end contest held Prince Albert Inn; 14 entered. Our old friend, Mr. Harry Allen, and Mr. Ted Ward, judged to perfection. 1, Mr. J. Cuppendave; 2, A. Binns; 3, A. Turner.—E. Wood, Hon. Sec.

BLACKBURN.

Blackburn Quality Linnet S.A.: A special meeting will be held at Club headquarters, Old Red Lion, Snig Brook, Dec. 30th. All members and intending members requested to attend. Business of the delegates' meeting will be read over at 8 o'c.—Rd. Hayhurst, Sec.

SALFORD.

We are holding another open contest Dec. 30th for time at the Boat House Hotel. First pair up at 2. Under the new timing arrangement. Afterwards committee will meet to decide special business concerning club match January 6th; also the election of representatives for Wigan on January 13th re affiliation match, as we are compelled to send five birds from the club. Fanciers welcome to our contests every fortnight.—B. Wharton, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS.

Christmas Linnet singing contest for quality, held Old Bird House, King's Head, Shannon Street, December 23rd, when 16 of the best birds in Leeds sang: 1, Turner; 2, Johnson; 3, Wigfield. Judges, Messrs. H. Hardcastle, and Walt. Naylor. Also December 24th, when 34 birds faced the judges, and some very good singing was heard: 1, T. Stead; 2, T. C. Summers; 3, Johnson; 4, Wigfield. Judges, Messrs S. Hardcastle, Jennings, and Walt. Naylor. Also Canary contest, December 24th, when 12 German Canaries sang: 1, W. Wroe; 2, Sinnister; 3, T. Chadwick. Judges, Messrs. S. Hardcastle and J. Thompson. On December 25th 37 of the best Linnets in Leeds sang for 4 good prizes: 1, H. Wigfield; 2, 3, T. Johnson; 4, Blophy. Judges, Messrs. Hardcastle, Naylor, and Thompson.—T. C. Summers, Hon. Sec.

LEIGH.

Open-to-all-England Linnet contest for quality and time, held at the Globe Inn, Bradshawgate, Dec. 23rd. We had an entry of 60 birds from all parts of Lancashire, and some good singing was done. Some of the novices were scoring for quality, and were only knocked out by some of the older contest birds, which had to sing extra well to beat them. Owing to the large entry we were compelled to use artificial light, but I am pleased to say the light seemed to make the birds sing more, as the prize winners all sang in the gas-light. We gave the usual eight prizes. Winners for quality: W. Barnes (Wigan), 1; H. Brown (Leigh), 2; T. Statham (Leigh), 3; J. Green (Salford), 4; for time, J. Lunn (Leigh), 90, 1; S. Woodward (Westhoughton), 60, 2nd; W. Perry (Southport), 56, 3; W. H. Topping (Blackburn), 53, 4. Judges for quality: Messrs. W. H. Topping, T. Gibbin, and J. W. Jones; for time, Messrs. J. Aldrid and E. Peel; timekeeper, Mr. R. Disley; birdman, Mr. B. Jones. Don't forget first club contest, Jan. 1st. When all members are expected to enter a bird.—J. McAllister, Sec.

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SHOW DATES FIXED.

England.

1912.
Jan. 6.—**Guisbrough Priory.**—(S. H. Lambert, 35, Cleveland St., H.W.B.).
Feb. 2, 3, 5, 6.—**Great National** (Crystal Palace). (J. W. Runsden, 11, Josephine Ave., Brixton, S.W.)
Oct. 12.—**Lochgelly.**—(W. Whiteford, 81, Hall St.)
Nov. 1 & 2.—**Sheffield O.S.**—(T. Bishop, 60, Alexandra Road.) W.M., C.H.
Nov. 2 & 4.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(A. Freestone, 79, Clarendon Street). J.H.P.
Nov. 8 & 9.—**Old Shildon.**—(J. H. Elwell, 35, Church Street, Shildon).
Nov. 30.—**Coventry Godiva.**—(R. Symonds, 29, Melbourne Rd., Earlsdon).

Scotland.

Dec. 30 and Jan. 1, 1912.—**Scottish National** (A. W. Watson 58, Colinton Road, Edinburgh.)
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Jan. 1 & 2.—**Paisley O.A.**—(W. Lamble, 25, Caledonia Street.)
Jan. 2 & 3.—**Glasgow C.B.A.**—(F. Bowman, 5 Parkview, Tollcross.). W.B.M., J.Cg., J.W.B., L.J.A., A.C.
Jan. 6.—**Crieff.**—(Cameron and Watt, Cameron Bdgs.)
Oct. 19.—**Kelty and Blairadam.**—(A. Dickson, 37, Adams Terrace.)

ENTRIES CLOSED.

1911.
Dec. 30.—**Wishaw.**—J. Watson, 16, Young Street.
1912.
Jan. 2.—**Tunbridge Wells.**—H. G. Whibley, 56, Beulah Rd.
Jan. 2.—**Crieff.**—Cameron and Watt, Cameron Bdgs.
Jan. 3.—**Great Eastern Railway.**—W. G. Rogers, Stratford Market Station.
Jan. 4.—**Gerrard's Cross.**—F. H. Nash, Diplands, Chalfont St. Giles, Bucks.
Jan. 5.—**Driffield.**—W. Loansbrough, Middle St.
Jan. 6.—**Aspatria.**—W. Jackson, East Terrace, Blennerhasset, Carlisle.
Jan. 6.—**Sunderland.**—J. Jeffrey, 3, Glenthorne Rd.,

ENTRIES EXTENDED.

1912.
Jan. 2 (morning).—**Guisbrough.**—S. H. Lambert, 35, Cleveland St.

PRIZE MONEY PAID.

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REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Burton-on-Trent (£3 Limit).—Jan. 20, Curzon Hall. Judge, Mr. J. H. Roe. 17 open classes: Nor. 7, Mule 2, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 6, Sell. 1. Prizes 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Ent. close Jan. 13 to F. Cameron, Bearwood Hill Road, Winshill, Burton-on-Trent.

Gt. Eastern Ry. P. and F.S.—Jan. 16, Mechanics' Institute, Maryland Road, Stratford, E. Judge, Mr. A. Leith. 14 classes (open to Gt. Eastern employees only; non-members' fee 1s. 3d.): Yorks. 3, Lancs. 1, Nor. 3, Mule 1, Brit. 3, For. 1, Sell. 2. Prizes—fees less one-third in ratio of 3, 2, and 1. Ent. close Jan. 3, to W. G. Rogers, Stratford Market Station.

Gerrard's Cross (£3 Limit).—Jan. 11 and 12, Town Hall. Judge, Mr. H. Bilett. Two open classes; Can. 1, Brit. 1. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. Fee 2s. Ent. close Jan. 4 to F. H. Nash, Diplands, Chalfont St. Giles, Bucks.

Driffield.—Jan. 12, Temperance Hall. Judge, Mr. Geo. Harland. 11 open classes: Yorks. 3, Nor. 3, Mule 1, Brit. 3, Sell. 1. Prizes, 8s., 4s., 2s. Fee 1s. Ent. close Jan. 5 to W. Loansbrough, Middle St. North, Driffield.

Glencairn.—Jan. 13, Public Hall, Moniaive. Judge, Mr. J. Gargew. 13 open classes: Bord. 3, Scot. 1, Common, Nor. 1, Mule 2, Brit. 2, For. 1, Sell. 2. Prizes 8s., 4s., 2s. Fee 1s. 6d. Ent. close Jan. 8 to Mr. Donaldson, High St., Moniaive.

Aspatria.—Market Hall, Jan. 13. Judge, Mr. J. Ellwood. 7 open classes: Can. 4, A.V. cage bird (six-rifle radius) 1, Brit. 1, For. 1. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee 1s. 6d. Ent. close Jan. 6 to W. Jackson, East Terrace, Blennerhasset, Carlisle.

Sunderland (N.Y.C.C., N.E. and S.F.C.).—Jan. 12 and 13. Judges, Messrs. J. Stanger and J. Maddison. 37 open classes: Nor. 4, Crest 4, Yorks. 7 (2 for novices), Bord. 5, Cinn. Nor. 2, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 3, Mule 2, Brit. 7, For. 2. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 3s., 2s. and spls. Fee 1s. 6d. Ent. close Jan. 6 to J. Jeffrey, 3, Glenthorne Road.

Crieff.—Jan. 6, Porteous Hall. Judges, Messrs. J. Mclay and D. Low. 57 open classes: Scot. 10, Crest 8, Nor. 12, Bord. 4, Brit. 7, Mule 3, For. 1, Sell. 8, and 8 confined classes. Prizes, 10s., 6s., 3s. Fee 2s. Ent. close Jan. 2 to Watt and Cameron, Cameron Buildings.

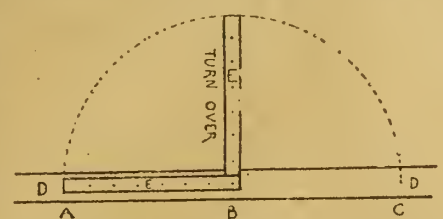
Guisbrough Priory (Federation Show).—Jan. 6, Chaloner Hall. Judge, Mr. H. W. Battye. 26 open classes: Yorks. 5, Nor. 5, Crest 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 2, Sell. 3, Brit. 8, For. 1. Prizes 8s., 4s., 2s., 1s. Fee 1s. Ent. close Dec. 20 to S. H. Lambert, 35, Cleveland Street.

Illustrated Ideas

No. 559.
For Making Wire Holes in Wooden Bars.

Sent by Mr. J. F Derry, Snape's Buildings, Ironstone Road, Chase Terrace, near Walsall, Staffs.

I enclose a sketch of a very useful idea for making the holes in wooden bars for cages. By it, too, you can make sure of getting them quite true. Get an ordinary punched bar, about a foot long, and drive a small nail



through the end holes marked A and B. Then pass the awl or drill through the holes in the punched bar. When you have made as many as the bar contains, draw nail marked A and turn over to letter C.; and so on along the wooden bar. By this means you can make it any length you like without bothering with a rule. D is the wooden bar, and E the punched bar.—J. F. Derry.

No. 560.
To Deal with "Slipped" Back Claws.

Sent by Mr. H. Beadnall, 7, Albany Street, off Princes Road, Middlesbrough-on-Tees.

I send you a sketch of two deformed toes of my two Mules, the last of the season. When they came out of the nest I saw the hind claw bent under the others, and the birds could not grip the perch with one foot. I took a piece of rubber piping 5-16in. across and cut rings off. Placing the deformed toe back, I put



the ring over the three toes, holding the deformed toe further back, as shown in my sketch. I left the rings on for about a fortnight. When I took them off the birds could use the claws in a proper manner. I pressed the rings flat and tied them in the middle, as shown in the sketch. No. 1 shows the deformed foot and No. 2 the foot under treatment tied in middle with cotton.—H. Beadnall.

The Young Naturalist.

*A Useful Robin.

A short time ago I saw a Robin fast between two pieces of wire netting. I caught the bird and took it in the kitchen and let it fly about while I got it some water to drink and some bread crumbs to eat. The bird came and fed immediately it saw the food. After feeding it I let it go in the open air. Soon after this one of my birds got loose from its cage. The Robin saw this and followed the bird. It then enticed the bird to its cage again, in which it is now.—Sent by Stanley S. Mottershead (age 13), 15, Old Hall Road, Sale, Cheshire.

*The Crow and the Dawn.

A Crow that lived on a tree by a great city in the East thought the day dawned because of his cawing. One day he said: "How important I am! But for my care I confess the world would get into a mess." He had a mind to see how the world would fare if he did not care. So toward day dawn he shut his eyes and slept without cawing. Then he awoke and found the sun shining as well and bright as ever on the great city. So he said, with a deal of ill-humour: "Some knave of my kind must have cawed to help the sun up." (Taken from "Indian Fables.").—G. Nixon (aged 12 years), 84, Common Side, Church Gresley.

**Not to be Outdone.

An uncle of mine has a Thrush which is very tame. Sometimes he cuts an apple into two parts, and places one of the pieces in a salt cellar, and puts it in the cage at night, taking it out again next morning, not allowing it to have all of it at once. The Thrush seems very annoyed when he takes it out again. But one night, putting the apple in as usual, the Thrush, not to be outdone this time, stayed up all night, and ate it all up before he stopped. We could hear the bird knocking the salt cellar about whilst we were in bed. The bird is kept in the kitchen where it is quite dark at night.—Sent by George Harrison (aged 13 years), 7, Peel Street, Hyde.

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J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.
T. ROBSON, 41, Shield Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Judge of Canaries. Specialist Crests.
C. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Life experience.
WALTER SWAYSLAND, 47, Queens-rd., Brighton. Judge all varieties of cage birds. Life experience.
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Sunderland

C.B.A. 22nd Annual Show of Cage Birds, January 12th and 13th in Miner's Hall, Roker Avenue. Entries close Monday, January 8th. Schedules ready.—J. Jeffrey, Sec., 3, Glenthorne Road, Sunderland.

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BURTON-ON-TRENT.

Fanciers' £3 Limit, January 20th. No half prize money. Fee 1s. 6d. Curzon Hall, one minute from station. Judge, J. H. Roe. Schedules.—F. Cameron, Bearwood Hill Road.

IRVINE and Dis. O.S. Third Annual Open Show on Saturday,

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Twitterings.

We hear that Mr. J. W. Metcalfe (Liverpool) is judging at Warrington on New Year's Day, and at Ramsey (I.O.M.) on Jan. 11.

Rule 12 should read "not more than six entries," instead of "not more than seven entries," writes Mr. John Cameron, sec. of the Crieff C.B. and P.A. Show.

Kindly note our change of address, write Messrs. Walter T. and Arthur N. Webb, from Ludlow Road to 253, Earlsfield Road, Wandsworth Common, London, S.W.

Following numbers won prize drawing of Canaries at Pelton Fell and Dis. C.B.S. Show on Saturday:—283, 484, 1397, 1287, 1389, 1050, 15, 1336, 920, 273, 1145.—Wm. Forster, sec.—Advt.

Mr. W. Massey, hon. sec. of the Bolton and Dist. Roller Singing Contest, writes: In addition to the special mentioned in the schedule, there will be a small B.R.C.C. silver medal for best rung bird in amateur class.

Mr. J. W. Metcalf is not the Metcalf referred to in the list of visitors at the Anfield, Everton, and Dis. Society's night show, held Dec. 4, and he received no invitation from me, writes Mr. R. B. Wright, hon. sec.

Messrs. M. Craig, F. Taylor, and E. Barron will be in attendance at the close of the Scottish National Show to see that all birds entered for the Glasgow C.B.A. Show are forwarded correctly, writes Mr. Fred Bowman, sec. of the Glasgow C.B.A.

Fanciers and exhibitors in Yorkshire should not fail to pay a visit to the fourth annual show of the Guisbrough Priory C.B.S., which is being held on Jan. 6 in the Chaloner Hall, Guisbrough. A large entry has been received and everything points to a successful exhibition.

I write to thank you on behalf of the members of the Sheffield C.B.S. for the splendid report you gave us in CAGE BIRDS of our open show, writes Mr. J. Woolhouse, the assistant sec. We desire further to thank the exhibitors who favoured us with their entries and helped to make such a grand show.

We are very glad to hear that Mr. J. E. Atkinson, the popular secretary of the Newcastle C.B.S., is well on the way to recovery from his recent serious illness. He writes: "I am now getting about, and recovering my strength, though I cannot start business until the New Year, which means that I have had ten weeks off."

The Bradford East O.S. are holding their fifth annual tea and concert in connection with the distribution of prizes on Jan. 9 in the Park Chapel Schools, New Cross Street, West Bowling. Tea will commence at six o'clock, and the concert at 7.30. A good programme of music, etc., will be provided. Mrs. E. Sudlards has promised to make the presentation.

Harrogate C.B.S. have selected Nov. 30, 1912, for their next annual show, with Mr. W. Mundell as judge, writes Mr. W. E. Fergusson, the sec. The society had such a loss, I am sorry to say, on their late show that they find it impossible to run an entire novice show this year, as was suggested; but we will no doubt give novices a good schedule at the next open show.

I should like to thank, through CAGE BIRNS, Mr. J. Kershaw, sec. of Llanrwst Show, for the careful way he returned my birds. I received them first train looking A1, the prize money a day after, and the cup and other specials I won within three days. This is the way to get support next year. I wish CAGE BIRNS continued success.—H. S. Davies (Llandilo).—Mr. W. A. Dyer, of Plymouth, also writes congratulating the officials of Llanrwst Show on their excellent management.—Ed. "C.B."

AT THE SCOTTISH NATIONAL SHOW.

Our Artist and Our Stall.

At the Scottish National Show, Edinburgh, this week-end (Dec. 30 and Jan. 1), Mr. H. Goodchild, one of CAGE BIRDS staff of artists, will be in attendance prepared to sketch any winning or other bird with a view to its portrayal in the pages of our journal. The terms (which include the original drawing for purposes of framing) may be obtained on enquiry of the attendant at our stall in the show room, to whom orders may be given. Our stall will hold a representative selection of our popular handbooks and coloured plates, and we hope our many friends North of the Border will pay it a visit. Bound volumes of our magnificently illustrated standard works, "Our Canaries," and "Cage Bird Hybrids," will be on view.

We have had the unique experience of not receiving a single complaint from any of our exhibitors this year, writes Mr. D. Shearer, hon. sec. of the Thurso O.S.

We have been notified of the following corrections to show reports:—Broxburn, 1st in pied etc. Scot. Fcy. class, Mr. J. S. Keltie (not Menzies); Frome, 2nd in Yorks hens, Mrs. Holliday (not Wines and Co.).

Under the auspices of the Edinburgh and Dist. C.B.S. a smoking concert has been arranged to take place on Jan. 27 in Morris's Haymarket Restaurant, Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh, writes Mr. J. I. Mackie, sec. It is hoped members will rally round the members of the Committee and make it a great success. Tickets (only 6d. each) will be on sale from members of the committee, Messrs. Whitefield, Easter, Todd, Charleton, and the sec. The large room which has been engaged is an ideal one and can comfortably accommodate a hundred fanciers and friends.

We are giving two classes for the novice in the British bird section at our forthcoming show and specially printed diplomas for best champion novice, ditto Yorks, best novice Nor., ditto Yorks, best Border in open, best Mule or Hybrids, and best British, write Messrs. Meades and Smith, hon. secs. of the Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S. We are also giving four classes for novice Borders, and an electro-plated cup is given for the best bird in these four classes. So the novices will have a good chance of proving whether these classes are worth adding to our list.

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Full Particulars Next Week.

The "forward young Minx" I wrote about in CAGE BIRNS correspondence columns recently has successfully hatched three young ones out of three eggs, and I will report further later, writes Mr. J. Robinson (Hebburn Colliery). I think I shall be first this season.

Everyone must admit the great strides our weekly journal, CAGE BIRNS, is making. It is absolutely full of interest. The novices of to-day do not have to spend a lifetime, or even years, to solve a problem; they get the best of advise free for their pets. The various books issued respecting birds are of great value; a little study, and the novice gets all the information desired, and does not require a judge to go with him to purchase a bird. One cannot speak too highly, either, of the value of CAGE BIRDS to the small advertiser. I wish CAGE BIRDS the success it so well deserves.—W. H. Watson (Coventry).

The December issue of "Bird Notes"—the journal of the Foreign Bird Club—is to hand. It contains a set of copious indexes, comprising separate lists of contributors, plates, and text illustrations, articles and correspondence, generic and specific names of the birds mentioned during the year, and their English names, all of which are of such a comprehensive nature that instantaneous reference to any matter published throughout the year is perfectly easy. The number contains also "Notes on the L.C.B.A. Show," by Mr. Wesley T. Page; "The Sonneberg Aviaries (U.S.A.)," by Mr. Lee S. Crandall; "The Loo-Choo Jay," by Mr. Hubert D. Astley; "Freely-imported Species," by Mr. Philip Gosse; "Breeding (in Captivity) of Goldfinches," by E. Sprankling; etc.—altogether a very interesting number.

A Migratory Hawfinch.

One would hardly look upon the Hawfinch as a migratory species; yet it is on record that one met its death by coming in contact with the lantern of the lighthouse near Beachy Head.

The Love-sick Greenfinch.

The common Greenfinch was mentioned by White of Selborne as behaving in a peculiar manner in the breeding season. He says: "The Doves hang about on the wing in a toying and playful manner, and the Greenfinch in particular exhibits such languishing and faltering gestures as to appear like a wounded and dying bird." This very aptly describes the manners of this bird in the early summer.

Slander Action Arises Out of Excited Glasgow Meeting.

Well-known judge alleges that fellow-member's statement is malicious and damaging to his reputation.

An action for slander of considerable interest to cage bird fanciers was heard at the Glasgow Small Debt Court on Dec. 21, and resulted in a verdict for 1s. damages and costs. The origin of the action is made clear in the following abstract of the "claim" laid by the pursuer, Mr. Marlin.

Claim for George Marlin, Hamilton, pursuer, against R. B. Jarvie, Shawlands, Glasgow, defender. To damages laid at £20 for slander uttered under the following circumstances:—The pursuer is vice-president of the Glasgow O.S., and defender a member of committee. The society held a show in Oct. 1910 at which Alexander MacFarlane was judge of various Canaries. In the class for variegated yellow cocks, judged by MacFarlane, the first prize was given an exhibitor called Duncan Graham for a bird supposed to be his own property. On or about May 20, 1911, it was rumoured that the bird was actually the property of the judge. In June an inquiry was held, and the finding was that the judge, MacFarlane, had lent the bird in question to the exhibitor Graham. The defender was a witness. Subsequently a special meeting of the society was held on July 29. There were about sixty present, including the chairman, David Black, and the secretary, Alexander Macdonald. The Committee of Inquiry's report was discussed, and afterwards the judge MacFarlane, and the exhibitor, Graham, were expelled the society.

The Words Complained of.

In the course of the discussion the pursuer, G. Marlin, asked the chairman if birds belonging to MacFarlane were actually washed and prepared for exhibition in the defender's (R. B. Jarvie's) premises or in his presence. The defender thereupon retorted in the following words or words to the same effect:—"Is it the case that Marlin used his influence with the judge to keep the best bird in the selling class back to fourth place with a view to purchasing the same?" The pursuer immediately denied the truth of this, and the defender thereupon remarked: "Well, MacFarlane said so in front of two or three witnesses." The words spoken by the defender were uttered with the object of suggesting and did suggest and were understood by the parties present to suggest that the pursuer had entered into a compact or endeavoured to enter into a compact with the judge to defraud the owner of the bird in question. Further, the suggestion was absolutely untrue, and was made maliciously. The pursuer is a noted exhibitor, and has been in the habit of acting as judge at various shows in Scotland and Ireland, for which he received remuneration. He is convinced that on account of the slander his reputation for uprightness and honesty has been seriously prejudiced and he has suffered financially and will suffer through the publicity of the slander.

In the Witness-box.

The case (as per above abstract of "claim") was decided before Sheriff Davidson, when a large number of fanciers were called for each side, and the hearing was a lengthy one.

Mr. George Marlin said that his reputation had suffered and that his chances of gaining appointments as judge had been prejudiced. This year he had only had two such engagements; in other years he had four or five.

Cross-examined by Mr. Strang, the witness admitted that at the annual general meeting he had first attacked Jarvie, who at that meeting had made no onslaught on him (Marlin). Further, he admitted that he had renewed the attack at the July meeting, and that it was after this second attack that Jarvie used the words as set forth in the claim. Before the annual meeting he and Jarvie had been on quite friendly terms. Jarvie had given him a bird as a present, but he thought he got it because it was no good for exhibition purposes. The bird (a hybrid) ultimately was able to win in good company.

Mr. John Roulston said the judge did not know what classes he was to judge before the morning of the show. He admitted washing birds belonging to MacFarlane in Jarvie's premises for this show at which MacFarlane officiated. It was a common practice, however, to wash in Jarvie's place, as he (Jarvie) had admirable facilities. Witness further said he was going to tell all, but his further examination ceased here.

Mr. Peter Pettigrew said the impression he gathered from the statement made against Marlin was that he was a blackguard. Cross-examined, witness said it was a lively meeting, and what Marlin had said against Jarvie was not injurious.

The Judge's Denial.

A MacFarlane said he never was asked by Marlin to keep the bird back in the prize-list.

Alexander Macdonald (secretary of the society) said Jarvie voluntarily gave the information to the committee of enquiry regarding the washing of the birds in his premises. He understood that it was a general thing for quite a lot of birds to be prepared at Jarvie's for shows throughout the season; he had a good place for this purpose. Jarvie had received provocation from Marlin and others before he put the question to Marlin regarding the selling class bird. To his mind there was no malice in the question. There had been a great many similar questions put at all the meetings, which were all put for the purpose of getting at the bottom of the incidents surrounding the October 1910 show.

David Black (chairman) said he had great difficulty in controlling the meeting. There were many questions put of a similar nature.

A. K. Chalmers said he was present when MacFarlane said about Marlin asking that the bird in question might be kept back in the tickets so that he (Marlin) might purchase it cheap at auction.

Mr. Jarvie (defender) said he had had great provocation at the meeting, and although he admitted asking the question he was prompted to do so that the society might be rid of all who were in any way connected with practices that were not proper. He bore no malice towards Marlin at the time, nor now. At the meeting discussion was invited on points connected with the recent show.

The agent for pursuer submitted that he had abundantly proved his case.

The agent for the defence said pursuer had failed to prove malice or that his feelings were hurt, and submitted that what had been said by his client had been said "in rixa," and therefore no case, he thought, was established at great length. He instanced several cases where actions had failed owing to malice being not proven.

The Sheriff's View.

The Sheriff said that no doubt great provocation had been received, but the law did not permit of a man saying (for instance): "Mr. A. is 'broke to the world' and in a bad way—at least, Mr. B. told me so, and I believe it." Had Jarvie, after Marlin denied the allegation, withdrawn what he had said, there could be no case, but this had not been done. He could not accept the plea of privilege, therefore he awarded damages of 1s. and costs.

We have been notified of the following corrections to show reports:—L.C.B.A., 1st and 3rd Crest-bred Unflig., Mr. R. S. Bewick (not Taylor); Bootle, class 9, 2nd, Mr. R. Algie (not Lobb), and class 11, 3rd, Mr. R. Algie (not Lobb); Blairgowrie, class 72 (foreign), 11 entries (not 9); and Mr. S. W. Pestell won gold medal, and Mr. Sykes spl for 2nd best foreign; Wallsend, the Percy Hood £10 10s. silver cup won by Mr. Jas. Johnston (not McGinn), also in the old Green Border Fcy. class, 1st, Mr. Jas. Johnston (not McQuillan).

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All London will doubtless be flocking to Olympia during these next few weeks to see the widely-discussed spectacle of "The Miracle." The audience will find that the effectiveness of some of the scenes is due in a large measure to the introduction of highly trained horses and hounds. It is interesting to know that the horses are fed regularly on Molassine Meal, while the hounds much enjoy their Molassine Dog Cakes. These foods grow in popularity.

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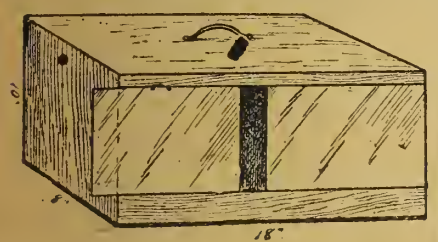
The Order of the Bath.

By F. J. DAY (Carshalton).

Hints which may Lift Your Birds in the Prize List.

The sketch shows a very simple and easily made drying cage, which I have had in use for a number of years, and have always found very effective. It only costs a few pence, and is just as useful as some of the elaborate affairs that one sees. A box from the grocer will suit—about 18in. by 10in.. by 8in. Take out the bottom, and turn the box on its side. Tack a piece of calico on the back, and on the front put two strips of wood with small grooves—narrow piece at the top and wider piece at bottom—and between these (in the grooves) slide the piece of glass as shown in sketch. Glass is much better than wire, as the birds cannot jump against it and get soiled as they might on wire, and it also keeps them away from draughts. One can make a small hole in each wooden end near the top for ventilation, or the ventilation can be regulated by not shutting the glasses too tightly together (if the glass is in two pieces, one can get at the birds much easier than if in one large piece, and this does away with the necessity of a door).

Place three perches low down from front rail to strip of wood at back. Place calico back towards fire and watch progress of birds through the glass. When a novice goes to some lectures and hears that we should use special appliances, special room, special soaps, water, etc., etc., he sometimes feels



that it is too much for him, and perhaps the pocket is limited. But he will find that he can by this means prepare birds for show and win, at little or no expense or trouble. I have myself washed dozens of birds—Yorkshires, Norwich, Crests, Lancashires, Foreigners, etc.—in the following way, with every satisfaction—turning out winners in champion classes, cup winners, etc.

All the novice needs is: Some dry cloths (old linen is the best)—one or two fair-sized pieces for wiping the birds on, and several pieces about 15in. long by 5in. wide for rolling—these should be placed before the fire to get warm; three fair sized bowls, one for the first soaping, the others for rinsing, some good oil soap (I find William's shaving soap as good as anything), a small shaving brush, and a small sponge; also a sprayer is useful. Sometimes one hears Gossages, Hudson's soap-powder, soda and borax recommended by those who do not know any better. My advice to the novice is, take no notice, and use none of these—as they are far too strong, and although they will fetch all the dirt quickly out of the plumage, its texture is not improved.

Some Pointers to Success.

When washing your birds see that all these waters are nice and warm, but not too hot; and the last one should be the coolest. Some fanciers put a little spirits of wine in the rinsing water, which has a very good effect in straightening feathers, and getting the birds quickly into condition; but this is quite unnecessary if the birds are properly washed and well rinsed.

Take the bird in the hand and well wet all over, not too much on the head at first; then lather well in first bowl, doing the back first. To do the flights, open the wing slightly on the side of the hand, as if it is dirty it is not easily washed in a closed state. Always wash the way of the feather, from neck to the tail, and if the bird is held in the centre of hand the tail can be easily washed on the wrist. Then turn the bird over and do the breast in the same way. Always do the head last, and do not leave the soap on the bird's nostrils, but rinse off at once in second water; then finish in the third water, where every bit of the soap should be rinsed out. One will find the sponge very useful in rinsing. Wipe as much moisture as possible out of the feathers on one of the larger cloths. Then roll the bird in one of the small pieces, and place it with tail towards the fire, care being taken not to put it too close. After a few minutes place bird in drying cage, and when it is almost dry, put it in a show cage. It is also a good plan to spray just a little with warm water, and put the cage in a light, warm position, such as the mantelshelf, until it is quite dry.



Mr. T. W. Christer, his sons, and some of their feathered favourites. Mr. Christer is a well-known member of the Chopwell and Dist. F.S.

A Bunting that Scores on the Show-Bench.

By J. B. CAUNT (Beeston, Notts.)

An Article Accompanying our Frontispiece of this week.

"Corn Buntings!" Doesn't the name conjure up the time British bird men have spent in steadying the species? All I can say is, to put it short, it requires a real British bird man and—patience.

Their only thought during the first weeks of captivity seems to be, "How soon can I smash myself up, and also the cage?"; and it doesn't take long I assure you. They absolutely refuse, when you approach the cage, to look at you; and, truth to tell, you do not want to look at them. I am dwelling on this point of steadiness, because when you come to stage one you win 50 points for steadiness out of the 100 allotted if your bird is right down steady. I myself have been rather successful on the show bench, which plainly shows the trouble I have had to take.

My first Corn Bunting I had as the result of seeing one a few years ago at that well-known Nottingham fancier's home, Mr. H. J. Chick. During several conversations on the bird I determined I would put a Corn Bunting on the show bench. Then my troubles began; but I am pleased to say I am well rewarded, for have I not in the space of three seasons had quite a number of highest honours placed to my credit, with quite half a dozen specimens?

Choosing a Winner.

It might be asked, "Where do you get your Corn Buntings from?" There is only one place, and that is from the catcher. You may visit all the catchers locally for months and never see one; then suddenly you may see quite a number. If you do see a number, buy the lot. Get them home, and run each into a show cage; then select them to the best of your ability from the following description: First, a good, big, wide skull or head, well pencilled and distinct; very short neck; well-rounded body—not long and thin—with the pencilling or markings extremely plentiful, and carried all the way down well underneath the belly and as far down the sides to the root of the tail. When the bird is in first-class show condition it must show almost a distinct cheek marking like the Yellow Bunting. This should be very noticeable when you come minutely to examine the bird. The body should be of a solid warm colour all over—what we fanciers term "a deep colour" or "depth of colour"—with the darker markings of the feathers very distinct and "pencilly," giving the specimen the appearance that it is one mass of markings all over on a solid, richly-tanned body colour. The throat must be chokeful of small ticking, coming right from the base of the beak, down into the breast markings, which should be larger as you come further down the body—after the style of an arrow; hence the term "good arrow markings on breast."

These markings and the body colour are really the show points of an exhibition Corn Bunting. Of course, to win outright the bird must be what we term "a stormer," or an exceptionally big bird. To attract the judge the specimen must have all the above named points, and must have a nice easy carriage—it should carry itself at an angle of 45 degrees or thereabouts; it must not crouch, or stand too high, as either fault detracts very considerably from the ideal specimen.

The Difficult Period.

When you think you have an ideal specimen in the rough, for the first few weeks of its cage life you must keep it in a stock cage, say, about two feet long, 1½ feet wide, and about 5 inches high; no perches; and a canvas cage-top. Keep the bird on the floor of your bird-room, and after a few weeks gradually raise the cage day by day until it is on a level with your face, so that you can look well into the cage. Next get a similar cage with a couple of perches, say, about two inches off the bottom of the cage, but instead of the cage being 5 inches high, let it be 7 or 8 inches—still with a canvas top, this to prevent the bird damaging any part of the head. Now commence to offer the bird titbits, such as mealworms, spiders, insects of all kinds, and wire-worms, talking to it the while. Every time you visit the bird offer it a mealworm, and get it to take them from your hand. In the course of time your bird will soon recognise you and put confidence in you; and it will not bang itself about so unmercifully.

Now that you are getting the bird steady the greatest help is to allow the bird to have a bath as often as he likes; the more often the better; and you will soon see coming that lovely sheen which is very necessary in a show specimen, making the bird to appear in the height of condition, glistening all over with health.

Staging and Feeding.

To stage your bird well is considered essential. The cage should be well made; in size, 12 inches long, 6 or 7 inches wide, and 10 inches high, painted or enamelled a light holly-green inside, the wires and the outer parts black; also there should be clean snow-white perches.

For diet give best Spanish canary seed, a little mixed seed weekly, together with some good insectivorous food and mealworms occasionally as you wish. The nesting site of the species is usually well hidden amongst a thick tangled hedge bottom bordering a grass field, with plenty of clear fresh water running in the vicinity. They lay four or five eggs, and the young should be taken for hand-rearing purposes about 8 or 10 days old. The locality of the birds is generally from the Midlands up to the North; in Scotland they are very rarely found south of the River Trent, the Cirl Buntings seeming to take their place further south.

During the moult I find that a little colour-food given two or three times a week greatly enhances the colour of the bird, besides helping to give a nice "bloom" to the feather.

In conclusion, I will repeat that the man who can moult a fresh-caught Corn Bunting, steady it, and put it down on the bench in perfect show condition is a real British bird man.

THROUGH A BIRD-ROOM WINDOW.

By the Rev. C. D. FARRAR.

(Continued from page 513.)

My Poë Birds—*continued.*

For weeks and weeks I used to watch my Poës in the hopes of seeing some sign of house-keeping. I often wish I had the receipt for fern-seed to walk invisible and see how things are getting on—but watch as I could, in this case, I could see nothing. I used to see them making love, chasing each other at lightning speed in and out of one bush and into another, but I could never see any solid nest building.

I used to see angry disputes sometimes, which made me think that perhaps things were going right; but I am afraid I did not then know the difference between talk and conversation. A little boy once asked his father this. "All the difference in the world," my lad, he replied. "Your mother converses with other people, but she talks to me." As I look back over the years, I can only regretfully conclude that Mrs. Poë was talking only.

As the days began to draw in, I was afraid to leave the Poës out, so I caught them up and transferred them to a cold room aviary. Here they spent their first and only winter. They became wonderfully tame and familiar, and when I went into the bird-room they showed no more interest in me than Diogenes showed in Alexander. It was a very severe winter, and though I suffered keenly in attending to their wants they appeared not at all inconvenienced by the cold. When spring returned, I flattered myself that my troubles were over. Alas! they were only beginning.

One morning I entered the birdroom and I could only see one Poë hopping about. The next moment I saw why; the other was lying dead on the floor with its toes in the air; and my only consolation was to believe, as an old Sussex shepherd once said to me of one of his old mates, that it had just died a nat'ral death. There was no sign of pain or suffering, no disarrangement of plumage, he had died as he had lived—spick and span to the last. Marius amid the ruins of Carthage could not have worn a more tragic air than I did that morning when I picked up my poor departed friend.

No Tears Shed She!

I wired off to Mr. Abrahams for a replica of my favourite, but alas! he had sold all his Poë birds some months before; and all I could do was to have my poor friend "set up." I never seriously believed that I should get another live Poë, and I was not mistaken. From that day to this I have never so much as heard of one. My survivor, I regret to say, did not seem to mourn unduly for her dead mate, and I believe that in this respect she was not unlike some members of the human family. So far as I could see, she thoroughly enjoyed life, if I may judge by her appetite, which never seemed to languish. I don't like to calumniate any one, but I verily believe that her inordinate fondness for good living was the cause of her end; for about a year later I found her dead, still as fat as a mole; and as the result, I fear, of an apoplectic seizure. That was the end of my Poë experience. I sorrowfully picked her up, put her decently into a cardboard box and sent her to the setter-up for a few weeks. She came back, looking very life like; but alas! incapable of ever moving again; and now, side by side they will sit.

I often repeat over them the words of David's song over Saul and Jonathan. "They were lonely in their lives, and in death they were not divided"; and I look back on the days when my Poës were with me as some of the brightest and happiest in my avian experiences. I sometimes think that if ever I grow rich enough to take a long holiday, I will go to Australia and see if I can't find a pair of Poë birds to replace my favourites of long ago. I even dream that perhaps someone who reads these words will be moved with compassion and send me a pair as a present. It is hard to say after how many days and in what manner bread cast upon the waters may be found.

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Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** British Birds, Mules and Hybrids—**G. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., &c., Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc., of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his questions for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

About a Roller.

Pakeha.—Why do you make a point of saying the bird's eyes seems fairly bright? Is it because you suspect something may be wrong with them which causes its silence? Really, any healthy bird should seem to have quite bright, or, indeed, very bright eyes. You had better catch the bird and look closely at its eyes in a good light. If you find they have a kind of milky white spot in the centre, then the bird is doubtless blind with cataract, and this would account for its temporary loss of song. In this case you can do nothing whatever to relieve it, though it will get about well enough and keep healthy. You should get the "Nutshell" booklet on the Roller, which our Manager will send you for 2½d. post free. Meantime treat as follows for a fortnight, but in the first place make yourself sure that the bird is not in a draughty position, nor where the fluctuations of temperature are excessive. As a staple diet give a mixture of two parts Canary to one part summer rape. Every second day give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge, sprinkled with a pinch of a mixture of equal parts maw and gold of pleasure, and twice each week on the intervening days give a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, millet, and teazle, and on each of the remaining alternating days a morsel of banana or apple, or a tiny spray of watercress if obtainable, and quite free from frost. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom salts daily for three days, and afterwards four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a week.

Questions About Breeding.

W. F. Darby.—Yes, we are always pleased to help any reader out of a difficulty when possible, and there is no fee required for information given here—thanks, all the same. To make CAGE BIRDS known to your birdy friends is a sufficient recompense. As regards breeding and rearing young with only a supply of seeds and green food is far too experimental a matter for me to recommend you to attempt. There are some hens which will rear their young quite well on seeds and green food alone, even when the best of soft foods are supplied regularly, but they are quite in the minority—may almost be termed rarities—and you can never tell which hens may or may not adopt this line of contrariness, as most fanciers would consider it. A far better plan, and one you might easily succeed with, is to keep a ready prepared substitute for egg-food, of which you would only need to take the required quantity for a meal, put it in a saucer, sprinkle a very few drops of water over it, stir up with a fork into a crumbly moist mass, and give to the birds. To do this is simply a matter of a few moments. A very good food of this description is to well mix a pound of crushed maizena wafer biscuits and half a pound of pure desiccated yolk of egg. If you get "Canary Breeding for Beginners," or the early parts of "Our Canaries," you would find a number of such substitutes dealt with, and you would also doubtless realise how trivial is the time in reality which need be taken up in preparing proper fresh egg-food. You might keep one cock and three hens in the aviary, but not more, as this is the limit to stand a tolerable chance of success in breeding, and you would also need to remove each brood of young as soon as they were able to do for themselves. Put in five resting sites at least, and do not place any one considerably higher than the rest, or the hens will all quarrel over it. If there is anything else you wish to know do not hesitate to ask a question.

Asthma and Broken Wing.

C. B. M.—(1) I am sorry to disappoint you, but from your description of the symptoms I do not think anything you can do will prove of any material benefit to the bird. It is probably quite beyond help. If anything at all will relieve it, the following treatment for a few weeks will do so. Keep in a comfortable place, not overheated, and quite free from draughts and the fumes of burning light. Feed the same as advised to "E. L. D.," but omit the seed mixture. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom salts every second day for a week, and afterwards 20 drops of the following mixture, which any chemist will mix for you, every second day for a fortnight, then omit it for a week, and repeat for another fortnight. Mixture: Two drachms each of glycerine and oxymel of squills, one drachm each of ipecacuanha wine and chlorodyne, and eight grains of iodide of potassium. The remedy you name is very good for ordinary cases, but where the above fails, given a fair trial under proper conditions, the case is generally hopeless. (2) Amateur attempts to "set" a broken wing are extremely inadvisable and often give rise to unintentional, though not the less deplorable, cruelty. The proper treatment is of quite a negative character. Put the bird at once into a small and quite low-roofed cage with a perch about an inch or inch and a-half from the floor, and food and water vessels quite easily get-at-able, and keep the bird as quiet as possible, never fluttering it about until it begins to move about and plume its wings voluntarily. The object is to encourage the bird to give its wing absolute rest, and leave the cure to Nature. I have seen such excellent results from this method that I consider any interference wholly inexcusable.

Canary-Keeping in India.

Indian.—The mosquito trouble which you are concerned about is, I find, rather troublesome to Canary breeders in several tropical countries where this pest is common. The safest remedy is to arrange the cages conveniently all together, and then cover them in the evening with mosquito net, just as you might protect the sleeping place of humans. Another useful protection which prevails in the West Indies is to give the birds thick, or wide and flat-topped perches, so that the bird literally stands on its perch when at roost, and the toes are completely covered and hidden among the plumage as the bird sits at rest. The toes being, so I am told, the usual point of attack, on account of being the most vulnerable when gripping an ordinary sized perch, the method of protection seems a very useful one. I presume you can get summer rape in India. Anyway, a correspondent recently sent me a very nice sample from there. Great Scot! What would English fanciers think of paying 6s. per lb. for canary seed? Surely this cannot be the ordinary price regularly. I should think it would come much cheaper than

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should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

that if you had it sent out from England. You would find crushed plain dry biscuit a useful item of diet, but must not overdo it to cause fatness to be a trouble. It is interesting to note that you colour-feed your birds with nasturtium ("estertion," as you call them) flowers, and are very pleased with the result. Of course, I ought to say it is very wrong to give birds such unnatural (?) stuff, and make them an unnatural (?) and fraudulent (?) colour. These flowers are not now used in England for colour-feeding unless it is for such as Border Fancies, which are not allowed to be colour-fed for show. They have been quite superseded by the so-called tasteless pepper. Yes, a number of copies of "Cage Birds" are sent to India. A short note to our correspondence column, with address attached, which the Editor might insert, would be the best means of getting into touch with other Indian fanciers, and perhaps forming a society. If you wish for this write the Editor.

Disinfecting Cages (Starter).—Whether you have reason to suspect infection in your cages or not, it is a most wise policy to thoroughly wash them out with a good disinfectant, and generally treat them as "suspected," when overhauling them preparatory to the commencement of the breeding season. To do so need not really add a vast amount of labour whilst the job is in hand. Get the Nutshell booklet on "Disinfection," which will give you full details about the matter, too lengthy to be given here.

Roller Hoarse (Spero).—See that it is not exposed to draughts or extremes of heat and cold. Feed as directed in the Nutshell booklet on "The Roller," or you would do well to read a chapter on Rollers in House's "Manual," 1s. 2d., post free. Get a teaspoonful of pure honey, a similar quantity of cod liver oil emulsion, and as much powdered grain of paradise as will cover a sixpence, mix well together in a warm cup or glass, and add sufficient finely pounded biscuit to reduce it to a fairly stiff dough. A sprinkling of maw may be added whilst mixing. When the vessel has cooled the paste will be solid enough to cut like cheese. Keep a small cube of this stuck in the wires, or in the egg drawer, until the hoarseness disappears.

Birds Moulting (E. L. D.).—The change from the living room, where the temperature doubtless was often quite warm, to the attic which is only about eight degrees above "freezing point," is the cause of the sudden moulting. Such a violent change should have been postponed until the weather became milder in spring. It will be far better now to let the moult follow its normal course, only taking precaution that the birds are quite protected from draughts and damp, and, as far as possible, from severe fluctuations of temperature. In addition to the usual staple of canary seed, give a pinch of summer rape every second day, and on the alternate days half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil mixed in it and sprinkled with maw seed. Twice a week give a similar quantity of a mixture of hemp, inga, teazle, and millet in equal parts. Continue this for two or three weeks; add 20 drops of Chemical Food to the water three times a week during the same time.

Owing to the Xmas Holidays, a number of queries have necessarily to wait an answer until next week. – Editor.

Hens Getting Forward (J. M. T.).—If your room is heated you must use discretion to keep it reasonably low, say, not higher than fifty degrees or lower than forty-five, during the mild, open weather such as we have at time of writing. It will require very little artificial aid indeed to do this on many days, but at night a little extra will always be required even during the mildest spells to maintain the temperature fairly equable during the night. In addition to avoiding too high a temperature feed any hens that appear to be getting very fresh quite plainly, cutting off all extras if need be, save only just a small pinch of inga twice a week, and a scrap of crushed plain biscuit, or sponge cage, or egg food, not more than once a week. If this is not sufficient add a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea to the drinking water twice a week, and, if convenient, keep the hens out of sight and hearing of the cocks.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

A Thrush Ailing (A. Holman).—In my opinion the trouble is the result of wrong feeding, which has extended over a long period—bread and hemp seed is wretched fare for any bird, and the addition of cheese does not make it any better. Unless you feed it rationally, your Thrush will never get over the weak state of health into which it has lapsed, and the occasional fits will no doubt become constant and end in the dissolution of the bird. Get the "Nutshell" booklet on the Song Thrush (only 2½d. post free from CAGE BIRDS office) and manage the bird on the lines laid down therein, when it should gradually recover. Buy a small bottle of extract of malt and hypophosphites (combined) from a chemist, and well mix a small teaspoonful every day amongst the bird's soft food.

A Goldfinch-Greenfinch Hybrid (A. G.).—It is interesting to hear that you caught the Goldie-Greenie Hybrid whilst out bird-catching. Probably it had escaped from some fanciers' room or aviary. With regard to the constipation, get one ounce of syrup of buckthorn from a chemist and stir half-a-teaspoonful into two tablespoonfuls of drinking water. Give for two days (fresh daily, of course). Then if necessary give a further dose after a day's interval on plain water. This will remove the constipation and effectively cleanse the bird's system. Give canary seed, by all means, but not niger; let him have a little cracked sunflower now and again.

Two Items (L.W.E.).—(1) There is little to do during the winter beyond feeding the Greenfinch correctly and well; and you are doing this if, as you say, you are following the advice given in the "Nutshell" booklet. I always recommend the two-compartment breeding cage for a beginner at mules; in it the birds are so well under control. Most of my own are 36in. long; some are 40 inches. Height about 16in., width not less than 11in. (some of mine extend to 18 inches for Hybrid couples). There is a movable partition in the centre. In this cage the pair can be run throughout the winter, the hen Canary in one half and the Greenfinch in the other, with the wired slide (partition) between. They thus have an opportunity of getting well acquainted by the time the breeding season comes round (a very helpful factor towards success). (2) Judging by your description I should say that there is not much hope of this Linnet from the Mule-breeding point of view. There is nothing more annoying than a wild bird in a breeding cage, dashing about and upsetting everything. Of course, the bird may be worth keeping for another year, as after a house moult he may be quite a reformed character so far as wildness goes. It is easy to mule with Linnets which are not house-moulted so long as they are "kind" birds; and it is easy to pick out a "kind" young Linnet in almost any birdshop for from 5d. to a 1s.—a bird that will settle down and be singing in anything from a fortnight to a month. By the way, you will find "Secrets of Mule-breeding" (only 1s. 1d. post free from CAGE BIRDS) interesting and full of hints.

Young Mule Not Moulting (Ferry Hill).—If you wait until we have a spell of cold weather, then shift this Mule from your cold-room into a heated living-room, I think you will find him begin to get rid of his feathers six or seven days later and go successfully through with his moult. Of course, you will need to keep him in the heated room, not move him back to the cold one. It is impossible to explain these vagaries; I have a Siskin Mule only about half through its moult, although its nest-brothers completed theirs close upon two months ago.

Mealworms and a Flight (No Name).—Most certainly the mealworms sold by dealers are alive. What an odd question! They thrive best if kept in a warm place and fed on a mixture of equal parts bran and barley meal. See "Nutshell" booklet No. 26. You say your flight is "4ft. 6 by 1ft. 6"; but do you mean 1ft. 6in. high or wide? Unless one knows both height and width it is not possible to say how many birds a flight will hold—the width, in fact, is quite as important as the length, as it is the floor space which determines the holding capacity.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

Ring-necks, Cardinals, etc.

J. R. B. (1).—First, have you a true pair? The hen Ring-neck has no neck ring! Again, Parrakeets do not always breed their second year, and if yours are young birds and a true pair they should ultimately settle down—with many species it is quite uncertain at present at what age they commence to breed. Parrakeets of all species usually take a season at least to settle down, so leave them together for another week. Again, a young male has no neck ring, and an adult male with ring and a young one without a ring would not fraternise, but keep at a distance from each other. (2). Pope, Green, Virginian, and Red-crested Cardinals have all been bred in captivity. The Pope and Red-crested have crossed with each other, and both the Pope and Red-crested have crossed with the Green. (3) If in an aviary you might get either the Red-crested or the Green, but the latter are the freest breeders. (4) They will not use a husk, but either build a cup-shaped nest in a branch or some available box. (5) The plumage of the sexes of the Pope and Red-crested are alike, but if near of an age, the hen, in either case, is infinitesimally smaller and duller. The sexes of Virginian and Green Cardinals are distinct in plumage.

Procuring birds in bulk (Constant).—I am quite unable to reply to you, as your query contains neither a stamped addressed envelope nor any address on query! Am keeping query by me.

A Long Budgerigar (M. Mitchell).—Of course, there was possibly some latent infection left behind from its dead mate, but hardly probable after this period. I am assuming you have it caged indoors, and you must see, both that it is not in a draughty situation nor yet the vitiated corner of the room. Give it daily one dron of Dinneford's Magnesia direct from a quill to its beak, till the bowels have been freely relieved. Also put half-a-dozen drops of sherry into the daily supply of drinking water (only about one tablespoonful in a small glass or china vessel) daily for a week or fortnight, when you had better report progress. In addition to canary, white spray millet, supply a few crushed oats, small leaf of lettuce or green food, and one or two small pieces of plain biscuit. Mix a pinch of grit (not sand) among the daily supply of seed. I should keep the new bird quite apart till the ailing bird is not again.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

Brighton C.B.A.—Jan. 3, Mission Room, Cheapside, 7.30. Annual general meeting. Balance-sheet; election of officers; general, etc.—W. H. Gibb.

Claydon C.B.S.—Jan. 6, Co-op. Library, 7.30. Payment of members, prize money, etc.—G. Havver.

Barnoldswick C.B.A.—Jan. 1, Elmer Wine Stores, 7. Annual meeting, election of officers.—J. Wilson.

Ardwick C.B.S.—Jan. 2, Onward Hall, 8. Nomination of officers for 1912.—J. Spencer.

Chester C.B.S.—Jan. 2, Nags Head Cocoa House. Payment of prize money; pass accounts; elect officers.—J. Swindley.

Coventry O.S.—Jan. 3, Sydenham Palace, 8.30. Suggestions of open show.—A. J. Barratt.

Clapham C.B.A.—Jan. 1, Landor Hotel, Landor Road, 8.30. Balance-sheet and secretary's report, election of officers, etc.—A. L. Priest.

Colinton and Currie Parishes O.S.—Jan. 6, Drill Hall, Juniper Green, 8. New members invited.—J. Napier.

City of Bradford O.S.—Dec. 30, "Flying Dutchman," 8. Open show arrangements.—F. Rhodes.

Chesterfield C.B.S.—Jan. 6, Welbeck Inn, 6. Table show and general business.—T. Booker.

Grimsby O.S.—Dec. 30, Slatter's Rooms. Members' half-day show. Nor. champ, 4 classes, novice 4, A.O.V. 1, mule 1, Brit. 5, and For. 1. Birds to be staged 1.30. Judge, Mr. T. Perkins (Hull).—Toal and Smith.

Grangemouth and Dis.—Jan. 5, Boilermakers' Hall, 8. Revising rules, and classes for next show. All fanciers invited.—J. Woodhouse.

Great Eastern Railway F. and F.S.—Jan. 4, Mechanics' Institute, Stratford, E., 8. Special meeting; final arrangements for annual show Jan. 13. Specials cage bird section very short; members please do all you can to make our first show a success.—W. G. Rogers.

Glasgow and Western Counties.—Dec. 30, Good Templars' Hall, 6.30. Handing over specials won at annual show.—W. Connelly.

Greenock, Port Glasgow, and Gourock O.S.—Jan. 3, Co-operative Halls, P.G., 7.30. Receiving entries, and arranging specials.—J. Forrester.

Hyson Green (Nottingham) C.B.S.—Jan. 2, Cricket Players' Hotel, 8. Annual meeting, election of officers, balance-sheet, etc.—W. Cottingham.

Ilkeston C.B.S.—Jan. 6, Victoria Hotel, Awsworth Road, 7. For arranging monthly table shows and classes. Fanciers invited; we are open to enrol new members.—T. Smith.

Lowestoft C.B.S.—Jan. 8, Fox and Hounds, 8.30. Balance-sheet for 1911, select all officers, arrange for table show, etc.—F. Rackham.

Leigh C.B.S.—Jan. 3, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Annual general meeting; election of officers for 1912.—R. Charleson.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—Jan. 3, Railway Hotel, 8. Annual general meeting. Election of officers for 1912.—J. E. Hudson.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—Jan. 2, White Swan, 8.30. Election of officers; all members please attend.—A. Freestone.

Newcastle C.B.S.—Jan. 4, Lockhart's Cafe, 65, Granger Street. Receive nominations for judges for 1912.—J. E. Atkinson.

Provincial Roller C.C.—Dec. 30, Joiners' Arms, Deansgate, Bolton, 6. Show business.—A. Percival.

Pudsey, Stanningley C.B.S.—Jan. 1, Fleece Hotel, 8. Election of officers, etc.—H. Ratcliffe.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—Jan. 3, Temperance Club, 8. General meeting, election of officers.—L. Hartley.

Rotherham C.B.S.—Dec. 30, College Inn, 8. Election of officers, and pay out prize money and specials.—B. Bailey.

Reading C.B.S.—Jan. 3, Palmer Hall, 8. Annual meeting; all fanciers invited for new session.—W. H. Pyke.

Shipley O.S.—Jan. 2, Prince of Wales, 8. Arrangements for annual presentation.—A. Tillotson.

Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A.—Jan. 3, Red Lion Hotel, 8. Annual meeting, report and balance-sheet, election of officers, etc.—J. Pitchford.

Sunderland C.B.A.—Jan. 6, Fawcett Cafe, 7.30. Open show business.—J. Jeffrey.

Stockton-on-Tees C.B.S.—Jan. 4, Leeds Hotel, 8. Election of officers.—J. W. Lowes.

Sheffield O.S.—Jan. 2, Rose and Crown Hotel, Waingate, 8. Balance-sheet and statement of accounts for 1911; tickets for dinner, concert, and presentation of cups, Jan. 9, Stephenson's Restaurant, now ready; gents 2/-, lady and gent 3/6. Fanciers and friends invited.—T. Bishop.

Sheffield C.B.S.—Jan. 4, Wentworth Cafe, 8. Table show of matched pairs for breeding; good fixed prize money and no entry fee. Class 1 Yorks., class 2 Nor.—A. Hobson.

West Stanley C.B.S.—Dec. 30, Stanley Inn, 7.30. Annual show business and contributions.—W. Elliott.

Wibsey C.B.S.—Dec. 30, Horse and Groom Inn. Joint show with Queensbury. Birds to be staged 3. Judge, Mr. F. Armstrong.—H. C. Crossley.

Windsor C.B.A.—Jan. 4, headquarters, 8.15. General business and annual meeting.—E. A. Stickland.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 2, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post: it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

From Aberdare (John Knight).—Your letter came unstamped, costing us twopence; but being the festive season, we'll let you off with a caution.

Ardwick Show (J. Spencer).—Many thanks, but we already had a report in type.

A Glasgow Matter (J.H.A.).—Your remarks duly noted.

Correspondence.

The Easiest in the World.

Sir,—In reply to "Yorkshire," the catching of Robins is about the easiest thing in the world. The most difficult problem to most amateur and professional bird catchers (who are in quest of other specimens) is how not to catch Robins, as these most often hop on to one's limed twigs and spring traps just in front of the very birds one is in quest of. The simple recipe for taking a Robin is to get the following: The good old-fashioned cinder sieve, a wooden peg five inches long, a length of string about ten yards long, attached to peg; the edge of sieve to rest on peg standing upright; also a few crumbs and scraps from table, or, better still, a few mealworms; a sudden jerk, when Robin gets underneath the sieve—and there you are!

D. T.

Views Upon Breeding the Norwich Plainhead.

Sir,—In breeding prize birds, when buying the stock birds, get as large a marked yellow cock as possible. It does not matter if a little rough and long if he has these good points: a big head, broad shoulders, and full back. To match this cock, get a chubby buff hen, with full chest. If small it does not matter if the cock is large. Sometimes you will have to introduce the Crestbred cock to get size, as it is the large birds that are winning in the shows. From the pair I have been speaking about you are likely to get a prize bird. To get your birds into breeding form, give a little egg food and maw seed twice a week. Before starting to breed, do out the cages with sanitary distemper, also the nest pans, as it helps to keep away the red mite. Allow plenty of light, keep the cages out of draughts, and trouble the birds as little as possible. Cut the hen's nails. Keep cuttle-bone in the wires, as it keeps the beak in order, and so helps the hen to feed young birds. When the hen is sitting on eggs give no egg food. The eggs will take thirteen or fourteen days to hatch. When young come, give no green food for three days. After that give green food along with egg food, which should consist of tea biscuits and egg (sometimes oatmeal and egg), and a little scalded rape seed. After the young birds leave their mother, put into a nursery cage hung on the breeding cage, and the cock will feed the young birds through the wires. After a week or so, put them in a flight cage about 4ft. long, and crush the seed for three weeks. Give no green food, but a little scalded rape seed. Watch they do not get slipped claws. If necessary, take them out and put them in a cage with very broad spars, and they will soon come right. If a young bird gets soft, give scalded milk and bread. When young are going through the moult, give some saffron in the drinking water, also a little egg food. To get the young ready for show, take out of flight and frequently put into show cage, for about a month before the show. Handle the cage and look at the bird often, so that it will get steady.

Bird Lover.

What Causes Short Entries?

A Believer in the 1s. Fee.

Sir,—Permit me to reply to Mr. E. A. Stickland, the secretary of Royal Windsor Show. I am quite prepared to accept his statement that he did not receive an application for a schedule from me. But when he concludes that the postcard bearing the postmark of Godalming comes from me, it is time to set his mind at rest, as I live between 160 and 180 miles north-east of that place (the Editor knows my address). The particular postcards I sent to Mr. Stickland, and also to the Derby secretary, were sufficiently striking to the eye as to almost demand attention, and I am absolutely certain I did not send those cards out without my signature on them. I need no comforting, Mr. Stickland, and I am quite ready to admit I am not the only one who makes mistakes, for it is very evident that if you did not receive my card someone else has made a mistake as to its delivery. I do not agree with Mr. Morgan's suggestion that four entries should be charged as 3s., as that, I believe, would be too low a figure; but my firm belief is that if entries were kept at 1s. per class, secretaries would receive on an average twenty per class, and more, especially so if the classification included two limit classes (or more), say one 50s. and one £5. Such classes, I am convinced, would over and above cover the cost of prize-money. Looking over the balance sheets of some cage bird societies might convince me that their shows were not a financial success, but it would not convince me that the 1s. entry fee would increase the loss. I am prepared to back up my faith in the 1s. fee to the extent of £1 towards the cost of hiring a suitable hall, centrally situated, if other fanciers could be found to do likewise. A good classification could be issued, 15s. per class prize money given, and 1s. entry fee charged If there are any sporting fanciers willing to take this matter up I shall be pleased to take my share of the above loss should any result, and should there be a balance to good of, say, £4 or £5, I would suggest that a cup be purchased and presented to the Crystal Palace Show committee on condition that it be put up for annual competition in a £3 limit class for any variety of Canary, but open only to those who have never won a prize in open champion classes.

Arthur J. Dazeley.

Sir,—I have visited a good number of open bird shows now, having been in the Fancy for years. It was always my hobby to attend as many as I could. At some of the shows we had to walk single file down the passages; and each entry was 2s. Had the entry money been 1s., there would not have been any passages to walk down! I hope secretaries will not reduce their usual entry fee to 1s., or, if they do, they will get large-sized Borders in the Norwich Plainhead classes, and perhaps Sparrows in the Linnet classes, and instead of engaging one hall, we should need two or three "picture-dromes" to hold the rest of the exhibits. What an expense!

Geo. Smith.

A Carrion Crow on a Window Sill.

Sir,—I thought readers might be interested in this photo of a Carrion Crow, or, as they are locally called in my native county of Bucks, Gaw Crows. It was shot and only winged on the farm adjoining my house, so I saw it alive and can testify to the truthfulness of this photo of the bird on the window-sill of the house. It shows the grey very plainly on the



back and underneath. Strange to say, I was walking over this same farm about a fortnight ago and saw two of these birds chasing a hawk off their beat, upon which no doubt he had intruded. They appeared very determined to be rid of him, for first one and then the other made a dive at him, and apparently he seemed well pleased to be quit of their company.

L. A. Cannon.

A Fancier Chum Wanted in Vancouver, Canada.

Sir,—Having been a constant reader of your valuable paper, Cage Birds, I take the liberty to ask if you will publish me the following inquiry. Being interested in birds as a hobby, I am sorry to say I have not been fortunate enough to meet anyone interested in this kind of pleasure since I came to British Columbia. But I shall be greatly pleased to hear from anyone out here who is taken up with this instructive hobby of ours. If they will call or send a postcard, I shall be most heartily pleased to make their acquaintance. I am not particular whether they reside a few miles away, as I shall be glad to take the journey. I wish Cage Birds all the prosperity it so well deserves.

Thos. Hudson.

[We think our correspondent might be able to hear of some fanciers' addresses by applying to Mrs. Galloway, newsagent, 442, Westminster Avenue, Vancouver.—Editor.]

Where Does Scotland Come In?

A Roller Canary Club Suggested.

Sir,—As an old-time fancier of the Roller, and one of the few who had the honour of forming the British Roller Canary Club, I was much interested to read in your issue of to-day's date Mr. Forrest's notes of his interview with Mr. J. Thompson, the Roller breeder, of Stevenston. Sundry causes have combined to prevent my breeding Rollers for a long time. As I have been living in Glasgow for the last few years, I have lost even the opportunity I might have had in London of attending an occasional Roller contest in connection with some cage bird show. This has been a matter of sincere regret to me, all the more as I understand that during these last few years the contest Roller's song has been improved in point of variety. This news has been like adding fuel to the fire of my more or less ever-present curiosity in regard to Rollers and their doings. The last paragraph of Mr. Forrest's article raises a very appropriate question. I see that Roller Canary clubs are growing and flourishing and holding contests in all directions South of the Border, and I may be excused if I ask "Where does Scotland come in?" When it is noted that these said contests—even in the country towns—attract such a company of feathered competitors as 201 in five classes at Wolverhampton and 152 in five classes at Leeds, it would seem that Scotland is not taking her fair share in the development of this absorbing fancy. Is Auld Scotia going going to remain content to lag behind such districts as South Wales, etc.? To form a club, one of the first essentials is obviously members. To get members you must find persons interested. To arouse interest, some good Rollers must be heard. This is where our cage bird associations and show committees come in. It is clearly their duty and privilege to see to it that all bird lovers have the opportunity of hearing what can be done by the musician of the bird world. Given that opportunity, interest in our songsters may be left to take care of itself. To a person possessing as much as half an ear, the beauty of song of a first-rate Roller is nothing less than a revelation. Are there no breeders of high-class Rollers in Glasgow. If there are any such, and they have in their possession specimens of the modern type such as are now winning the contest prizes in all parts of the country (except Scotland), the undersigned would much prize an opportunity of hearing them. If any fanciers in Glasgow are sufficiently interested to discuss the pros and cons of the formation of a Roller club, or any local cage bird association would like to be informed of the few essentials connected with a Roller contest, I venture to put myself at their service.

C. Bradfield.

A Powerful Plea for Novice Classes.

Would They Help Societies Financially?

Sir,—I believe the novices have at last got a move on them in various centres to obtain better terms all round, and will continue to gently but firmly insist upon a levelling-up with regard to classification at shows, etc. Then we shall not only see a largely increased entry at the shows, but encouragement to those who are entitled to it, not forgetting that with the increased classification there would soon be numbers of novices going up into the open classes, as it would then be much easier to get three first prizes and go up with honour. With regard to novice British classes, the shows are so few in number that give the novice a chance, that I would appeal to societies to take up this question seriously. If nothing better can be done, pass a resolution that the novices be allowed to show their British in the open classes without it affecting their standing in the Canary section (they can do with them in that section). Their inclusion would help to stop that short entry cry. What branch of the Fancy would suffer if this were allowed? Why, none. The whole Fancy would benefit, and very largely. Even members' shows would experience its beneficial influence. A case in point: Our society (the Ardwick and Dist. C.B.S.) in October altered its novice rule so that the novices can show their British in the open all over the kingdom if they desire. What has been the result? There were nearly 300 birds in the show, including 61 British—a remarkable result in so short a time. At our two previous annual shows the number of British were: 1909, 16; and 1910, 9. That is what I call satisfactory to the society and encouragement to its members. I also know other members who are on the look-out for likely field-moulted specimens to try and mule with, and also "have a flutter" in the open classes. One class only in the open British section for novices is a snare and a delusion to any novice who only keeps the popular varieties of Hardbill. What chance have they of coming out on top against the rarer and bigger birds? I am just now looking at a schedule which reads: "Open British Bird Section, 10 classes. Open Novice, one class (any variety)." One class, and that class useless to 90 per cent. of the novices. It is not common sense, and certainly not sport; but a certain kill-sport. What we want is a live hobby, enjoyment, and fair play all round. Let us reason the thing out and if we find the business side of our hobby is out of date, then let us begin to put our house in order. Remember the result with our own society!

W. Downing.

The Chortle of an Anti-colourfoodite.

What are "Natural" Colouring Agents.

Sir,—It was unnecessary for your correspondent to sign himself "Another Madman"—that was obvious. He puts my opinions down to prejudice. I may inform him that it is not prejudice, but practical experience that has given me my views. During the last few years I have kept all three varieties—Canaries, British, and foreign—and as I believe in keeping them as healthy and comfortable as possible, I do, as he says, give them privet and blackberries, and, in fact, every wild seed and berry I can obtain. Does he suggest that this is foreign to the birds? If so, I am afraid that his knowledge is very limited. My objection to colour food is that, although the birds will greedily eat, and with evident enjoyment, all the things mentioned above, I have never yet found a bird that would eat colour food unless forced to. Of course, in saying that, I except Canaries which are reared from the nest on it. They, poor things, know no better. When visiting my fellow-fanciers I have repeatedly remarked about the colour, and asked how it was done, as I could not get my birds to eat colour food. The answer is always the same—take the seed away from them, and they will soon be glad of it. This, to my mind, is a polite way of saying "starve them into it." My experience is that—with British, anyway—this is the only means of forcing them to eat it. After you have succeeded, what is the result? You have turned a bird which is naturally beautiful into an unnatural impostor which represents anything but the variety to which it belongs. Your correspondent says I am not bound to use it. But I am, or I must refrain from showing against those who do. If he understands anything about birds, let him tell me what chance I should stand in an open show if I exhibited without feeding. He knows that it would be quite useless. In his last "tip" he gives the show away. He suggests that I should go to some exhibitor who produces those "balls of fire" and get some red mite. Well, that is exactly where I should expect to get red mite. When a man ruins his birds' constitutions by forcing them to eat unnatural food he must expect it to spoil their health—and ill-health, I believe, is one of the chief causes of red mite. Personally, I devote my time to keeping my birds clean, and therefore cannot try the suggestion; but when I do I will apply to your correspondent for the red mite, as I have no doubt that he has plenty.

S. Stephens.

(*Correspondence continued overleaf.*)

Was He Killed in Fair Fight?

A Charming Goldie's Sudden End.

Sir,—I wonder if any of your readers could suggest the probable cause of my Goldfinch's death? He was an almost perfect specimen of the British Goldfinch, purchased by me as a Greypate in 1905, and from the day he came into my possession until his death on Dec .8 last never ailed an hour. I kept him in a cage until the spring of 1910, when I put him into a large, well-constructed, sheltered outdoor aviary, and he wintered successfully out of doors last winter, bathing daily right through the coldest weather. He was a free breeder, father of dozens of beautiful Mules, and every egg laid by hens with him was fertile. He was fed according to the recognised views of experts, and was, the day before he died, apparently in perfect health. He was the only Goldfinch I possessed until four days before he went, when I introduced another nice cock into the aviary. Could it possibly be jealousy that killed him? He was, I know, a very jealous bird, as, when I first paired him with a hen Canary, after having been kept for four years in a cage as an only pet, he showed some extraordinary signs of this. He was, when I was out of sight, on most affectionate terms with his mate, but when I came near the cage he would dash at the Canary, peck her violently, and nearly frighten her out of her senses. He would come to the cage door and attack my hand. Sometimes I let him out when he was in one of his passions, and he would fly on to my head, tearing my hair with his beak and pecking my face. Now he is where all the pets we specially love go so soon, and I feel as if I had lost a favourite child or a true pal. They say it is cruel to cage birds, but this bird, I am sure, enjoyed every day of his life, and was a source of daily joy to his now sorrowing owner.

E. Allison.

[It is not at all improbable that the bird lost his life during a dispute with the newly-introduced Finch. Some Goldfinches, especially those which have been used to solitary existence, will viciously fight any strange bird if given the opportunity. I have one now which would never allow another Finch a second's peace until he had been either "laid out" himself or had laid out his would-be companion. The only cock bird I have ever found him tolerate was, strange to say, a Lapland Bunting.—Editor.]

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The Food of a Nightingale.

Sir,—Will Mr. Otto Puck kindly tell us how he feeds his Nightingale that was in full song early in December? also whether the bird was in a heated room?

C. Harrison.

Teaching Rollers the "Water Bubble."

Sir,—Can any of your readers give me information as to where I can get an instrument to teach my Rollers the water bubble? Or how I can make one, not expensive, but fit for my purpose?

Seifert.

Back to the Old Home.

Sir,—In support of Mr. E. Cockram's interesting letter, let me tell you the following: I had had a Thrush in my aviary about two months. I gave him to my neighbour's boys. Because the boys were not attentive to it their father gave it its liberty. For about a week it kept visiting the aviary several times daily. I could not open the door to let the bird go in, because I had only a single compartment then, and he would not allow me to catch him. At length he became so weak that I had no difficulty in catching him, when I put him amongst his old friends, where he soon recovered, and was happy. I rarely hear a wild Thrush singing these days, and mine are in full song, which, I think, goes to show that they are happy in captivity.

P. Burns Conly.

Pershore.

Pity the Poor Show Secretaries

Sir,—Mr. A. J. Dazeley was quite correct when he said he made application to the secretary of Derby Show for a schedule, but he omits to say that he forgot to give his address. I enclose a pretty picture postcard he sent me for your inspection. The postmark is Norwich, 9.30 p.m., Nov. 14, 1911. "Dear Sir,—Please send me schedule of your show, to be held on Dec. 2 and 4, and oblige, yours faithfully, Arthur Dazeley." I was a bit puzzled how to send one, so addressed one to Mr. A. Dazeley, Bird Fancier, Norwich. I thought he was so well known he did not require any further address. If he applies at the Norwich Post Office, he will perhaps find it there, as it has not come back here. It would have been better if he had written to see why he did not receive one before he wrote to the Press to complain of his "grievance." I think an apology is due from Mr. Dazeley; perhaps he owes one to the secretary of Royal Windsor also. I had four entries from another exhibitor with the form made out correctly, but he forgot to put his name and address. I entered his birds up and called him "No name." He sent his birds with a note inside saying I had not sent him any cage labels, would I please put them on?—a great deal the better way than writing to the Press. I thank you for your splendid report of our show.

W. Stevens.

[We have inspected the postcard referred to, and find it as stated.—Editor.]

The Alleged Stained Mule at Grantham Show.

Sir,—Just a few lines in reply to Messrs. Vardy and Lockwood re the above, and then, as far as I am concerned, this correspondence is ended. Mr. Vardy states that in the presence of certain show officials he distinctly removed stain from Mr. Mackender's bird's head. But he does not say what the stain was constituted of; he says it was stain, not dirt. One hardly expects to remove dirt from a bird's head when he has been recently washed, but that he removed "something," I am quite willing to accept, as I do not doubt either him or the gentlemen who were with him, or their veracity. But I do emphatically deny that it was a "stain." It may have been a little soap left on from the wash; if the stain removed had been dye, a handkerchief moistened with the lips would not have been enough to remove it. Now, as regards Mr. F. Lockwood's assertion that he does not wish to cast any reflection on the character of Mr. Mackender, saying that he may have recently purchased the bird, and be entirely unaware of it being faked, I can enlighten him on that score. This bird has been in Mr. Mackender's possession two years, for I was with him when he claimed it on Nov. 21, 1909, from the show of the Newark F.A., where it stood second to a stable companion (bred by a Mr. Smithson of Newark), and the winner was also claimed by Mr. T. Sampson, of Worksop, and has since won for him many prizes. Since that time the bird exhibited at Grantham has only been to one show, and that was when he won at Newark, the week previous to Grantham Show. If either of the gentlemen named above care to reply, I should be pleased to hear what manner of stain they removed, and then let the matter drop, as correspondence of this sort has a tendency to make enemies rather than friends, and that is not what is wanted in the Fancy. Allow me to thank Cage Birds for opening its columns to correspondence of all kinds relating not only to show business, but all birdy matters, and to wish it the success it so well deserves.

W. Lidgett.

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NOTES BY THE SECRETARY.

To-day being my last opportunity during the current year of addressing my fellow members, I should have liked to enlarge somewhat upon the work and progress of Cage Birds League, but exigencies of space prevent this, and I will content myself with making the announcement that it is intended to hold, at the forthcoming Crystal Palace Show, a meeting of our members, and that at that meeting a full account of our doings will be submitted. Up to the time of writing the League has been in existence for somewhat less than eight months, and our roll of membership is an exceedingly gratifying one. I have reason to believe that very many readers of our organ, Cage Birds, are waiting for the New Year for their joining the League, and it should be quite easy to multiply several times our membership list, so that the projected meeting at the Palace should be a memorable one. Among other things, arrangements will be made for a photograph to be taken of all the League members present, and in years to come this photograph will stand as pourtraying the pioneers of a great movement.

Our Certificate Has Caught On.

I have received a large number of letters from bird-shop keepers expressing pleasure at the prospect of obtaining a certificate of Cage Birds League, and not a single dissentient voice has been raised. Many letters come from towns in which the League is not yet represented by an honorary secretary, and I should be very pleased to hear from any gentleman who would act in this capacity, and as a voluntary visitor to those of the bird-dealers in his town who have a wish for our certificate. Names should be sent me without delay, not only in order that I may complete the arrangements which are pending, but so that they may be in time for inclusion in the list of honorary secretaries to Cage Birds League which will be published in Cage Birds Annual for 1912. I hope that members will make a point of introducing our certificate scheme to the notice of any bird-shop keepers they may know. The more of the certificates that are displayed the greater will be the proof of the injustice of the wholesale condemnations indulged in by the extremists, whose one object is to abolish entirely the keeping of a pet bird in a cage.

Notepaper for League Members.

It has been suggested that members of Cage Birds League would be pleased to have for use notepaper which conveyed the information that they were members of the League, and arrangements have been made by which members may be supplied with notepaper bearing the badge and motto of Cage Birds League, and printed with any address. The price of the paper is set forth in the particulars of membership, etc., at the end of these notes.

A New Year's Wish.

In wishing all members, present or prospective, of Cage Birds League a bright and prosperous New Year, I think I cannot do better than call their attention to the last paragraph of my notes of last week, which is here reproduced.

A Word for the League.

It must be obvious that Cage Birds League must have substantial support afforded it in its efforts to carry out the objects for which it was instituted, and this support it is in the power of each individual reader to give simply by becoming a member. I hope, therefore, that one of the New Year's resolutions of every one who may read these notes will be to join the League if he or she is not already a member, and to bring the work of the League to the notice of those of their friends who are interested in the proper and humane keeping of our feathered pets. The subscription for ordinary members is only one shilling a year, but those who would like to subscribe a larger amount may become Vice-Presidents or Patrons on the terms mentioned below.

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A Cup Winner at Edinburgh Open Show.

Sir,—Edinburgh Open Show was considered by those privileged to visit it as a splendid gathering of exhibits. One incident, however, gave rise to comment and dissatisfaction. I refer to the winning of one of the cups with a Scotch Fancy which, it is alleged, was not hatched and reared by the winner. I am not clear about the hatching, but it is common talk that this bird was reared by another fancier. The rule bearing on this reads: "Must have been bred this season by, and belong to, the exhibitor." I believe that eleven-twelfths of the members of this association are under the impression that all competing birds must be bred, hatched, and reared by their owners. I know that certain birds reared outside the breeder's house were not entered in this cup competition because this fact has been regarded as a likely disqualification. In fairness to all concerned, I think an explanation should be given as to how the executive arrived at the decision that the bird was eligible.

A Scotch Fancier.

The Mishap at Stoke-on-Trent Show.

Sir,—I was pleased to see the explanation from Mr. Wellings, and I have no doubt that my committee and the exhibitors at our show will accept the same, and also Mr. Wellings' expression of regret at the occurrence. I think it would have been better for all concerned if Mr. Wellings' explanation had not been so long delayed. Mr. Wellings says he would have explained sooner had I not said we could not accept Miss Bibby's trap accident statement without further proof. May I just point out that Miss Bibby's letter contained two statements, one informing us of the accident, the other that Mr. Wellings would be with us on Friday. In the absence of any further communication we could not well accept one statement without the other. Mr. Wellings now explains the second statement was a mistake. Again, my letter was not published until nine days after the show. I don't think there is any necessity to further discuss this affair, my object in writing to you having been accomplished. I would just like to thank those fanciers who have written expressing their sympathy at the position in which we were placed, and to assure them that we will try to deserve their confidence on a future occasion.

J. Pitchforn.

[This correspondence is now closed.—Editor.]

Kindly thank all enquirers for my Cinnamons advertised in "CAGE BIRDS." I could have sold them many times over, which speaks well for "CAGE BIRDS" circulation.—A. H. Fletcher (Sedgefield).

I had so many applications in reply to my advertisement in "CAGE BIRDS" that really I could not answer them all through the post. I had 36, which goes to show the real worth of your valuable paper, of which I have been a constant reader for the last 10 years, and hope to be for a good number of years to come. I sold the birds to a gentleman at Sunderland.—Alfred Foster (Old Shildon).

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Wild-Bird Life.

Among the Marsh Birds.

On the Continent all birds are looked upon as food for man when captured, no matter how small they are, nor how handsome and interesting. Here in Great Britain we do not go to the same length, but many of our larger birds are keenly sought for by sportsmen during the winter months for the double purpose of affording sport and food. One of the most interesting sports is undoubtedly that of wild fowl shooting. During a hard winter the birds are driven south, and flock inland over the marshes and mudflats on the tidal rivers, and edge of the sea. Some of the common waders and sea birds can be found at almost any time, but the larger species, such as Duck, Curlew, Geese, etc., are more plentiful in very severe weather, and require even then a lot of careful stalking if one is to get anywhere within a reasonable distance of them either for shooting or for observation through a field-glass. The birds seldom alight on good firm soil, but prefer the mud flats and treacherous sands, where it is most difficult to follow them. The ground is flat and open, and the only cover is occasionally a low sea wall or the bed of a creek when the tide is out. These mud flats are dangerous places to the careless. The water fills the gullies so insidiously that one can easily be cut off, unless the greatest precautions are taken. But with all its dangers and disagreeable exposure the marshes and sea shores have many charms to both sportsman and bird-lover. So freely are these open spaces inhabited by feathered life that one is sure to see something, no matter what the weather conditions. Flocks of Plovers will be feeding in the open; the hinder birds flying from time to time over the foremost, so that each in turn feeds upon fresh ground. A whisp of ox birds get up almost under one's nose, being so well hidden in a gripway that one might have passed them had they remained quiet. They go twittering down the water as though they would never stop, but after they have travelled for some distance they drop as suddenly as they rose. A couple of Widgeons come up with the wind at a great pace, but catching sight of a head exposed above the wall they sheer off to the right and are gone in a flash. Then a Heron goes over the water to some fishy pool he is acquainted with, his neck folded back, and his long legs trailing behind. And so one may note birds of all kinds, and spend hours among them, upon ground which apparently is deserted and desolate

ELGIN.

Elgin C.B.A. 2nd annual show held Dec. 25, in the Academy Hall. The hall is of good size, well lighted, and free from draughts. Entries numbered 206, a large increase, and the quality was well ahead of last year's. The exhibits were well staged and ably looked after. Some grand specimens were on show in all sections. The juveniles' class was well patronised, and we hope they will be encouraged again next season. A good number of visitors and exhibitors attended. Mr. A. W. Douglas, the energetic, courteous, and obliging secretary, had all arrangements well in hand, and must be complimented on the success of his labours. He was ably assisted by a band of willing workers, and everything went off well. Mr. D. Craigen won the silver cup for for best Canary; Mr. R. Garden the silver rosebowl for best Norwich shown by a member, also silver medal for best colour-fed Norwich, and silver medal for best natural coloured Norwich hen shown by a member; Mr. J. Fraser, silver centre piece for best unflighted Norwich, also Hyde's special; Mr. W. Blackie, silver medal for best Border Fancy; Mr. J. D. Hird silver cup for best British or Hybrid; Mr. G. G. Henderson, silver medal for second best; Mr. J. Main, silver medal for best Bullfinch. The awards were made by Mr. A. Miller.

The Critique.

NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK., COL. FED: 1, sp., 3, spl, Garden, fine rich even col. yell., grand size body and quality, good head and neck, 3rd grand col. and quality, good head and neck, nice type; 2, Duff, rare head and neck, good col. and quality, fine size, crosses wings a little; vhc, Craigen; pen 1, empty, Sutherland. HEN (4): 1, sp, Donaldson, rare size and body, good head and neck, fine quality, well shown; 2, Goodall, grand col. and quality, good body, head, and neck, fine size, nice flights, some preferred for 1st; 3, sp, Allan, sweet exhibit, nice type, col., and quality, good head and neck; vhc, J. Fraser, junr. BUFF CK. (8): A good class: 1, spl, Hird, grand body and size, rare col. and quality, well frosted, good head and neck; 2, Wattie, good body and type, rare head and neck, fine col. and quality, nice wing carriage; 3, c, Garden, rare size and body, good col. and quality, nice neck and flights; vhc, spl, Goodall, presses hard; hc, Lumsden. HEN (10): 1, spl, Stanford, typical hen, rare col. and quality, good head and neck, nice wings and tail, shown in good condition; 2, Garden, fine, cobby bird, good body, head, and neck, nice quality; 3, Duff, nice type, col., and quality, good head and neck, close up; vhc, spl, Grant; hc, Youngson; c, Wattie; pen 2, Sutherland, empty. VARIEG. CK. (6): 1, spl, medal, rose bowl for best Nor., hc, Garden, grand bodied buff, good head and neck, fine size and type, rare col. and quality, nice wings and tail, our choice for best Canary; 2, Lumsden, yell. mkd. on back, rare head and neck, grand col. and size; 3, spl, vhc, Reid, buff, rare size, col., and quality, good body and neck; c, Lumsden. HEN (2): 1, spl, Stamford, buff mkd. head and wings, nice type, col., and quality, good body, head, and neck, fine wing carriage, well shown; 2, Goodall, dark yell., fine body and size, nice type, good head and neck. PAIR NOR. (6): 1, spl, Maclennan, well balanced, pair of naturals, clear buff, grand body, size, and col., good head and neck, tkd. yell., grand col. and size; 2, Fraser, pair colour-fed clears, grand col. and quality, good bodies, heads, and necks; 3, spl, Lumsden, another good col.-fed pair, clear buff and nice tkd. yell.; vhc, Goodall; hc, Shearer; c, Youngson. UNFLIGHTED (17): 1, spl, Hyde's spl, silver centrepiece for best unflighted Plainhead, 2, Fraser, 1st col.-fed yell., mkd. head, rare col. and size, fine quality, good body and neck, 2nd another col.-fed yell. variegd., fine type, colour, and quality, good head and neck; 3, Stanford, natural yell., mkd. head, good body colour and quality, nice type; vhc, spl, hc, George; c, Lumsden; some good birds here had to stand cardless. CL., ETC., YELL. CK., NAT. COL. (7): 1, spl, medal best nat. cock, 2, Garden, 1st grand size, colour, and quality, good body, head, and neck, nice wing carriage, well put down, 2nd another good bodied bird, fine size and col., good body and head, nice quality; 3, spl, Shearer, nice type, col., and quality, good body, head, and neck; vhc, Macdonald; hc, Allan; c, Junner. HEN (13): A good class: 1, spl, medal for best natural hen, Baxter, junr., nice typical hen, rare size, col., and quality, good body, head, and neck, fine wings and tail; 2, Shearer, good head and neck, nice body and type, fine quality; 3, Grant, rare type, col., and quality, grand head and neck, good body; vhc, spl, George; hc, Bremner; c, Garden. BUFF (11): 1, spl, Hird, grand size, colour, and quality, good body, neck, and head, nicely carried wings, shown in good condition; 2, Morrison, another good one, rare size and col., nice head and neck, fine quality, close up; 3, Shearer, rare col. and quality, good body, size, and neck; vhc, sp, Goodall; hc, Stanford; c, Allan. HEN (9): 1, spl, vhc, spl, c, Garden, nice typical hen, good col. and quality, rare head and neck, nice wings and tail, shown in tip-top condition; 2, Sutherland, rare size and col., good head and neck, fine body and quality; 3, Baxter, junr., good body and size, fine col. and quality, nice neck; hc, Lumsden; pen 7, Lumsden, empty; Pen 1, Chalmers, yellow, wrong classed. VARIEG. CK. (11): 1, spl, McDonald, yell., grand col. and quality, good head and neck, nice body and type, well staged; 2, Baxter, junr., dark buff, grand body and size, fine col. and quality, nice head and neck, presses winner hard; 3, Goodall, yell., rare colour and size, good quality head and neck; vhc, spl, Chalmers; hc, Rosie; c, Wattie. HEN (9): 1, spl, Henderson, typical buff, good body, head, and neck, fine col. and quality, nice flights and tail, well shown; 2, Shearer, dark yell., grand col. and quality, good body and neck, nice wing carriage; 3, George, dark buff, rare size and colour, nice head, a trifle slim; vhc, sp, Allan; hc, Donaldson; c, Rosie. GREEN, ETC.: 1, sp, Garden, yell., rare size, grand col. and quality, good head and neck, a useful bird, well shown; 2, Allan, grand head and neck, nice col. and quality, not quite so well shown; 3, spl, Henderson, good body, size, and neck, nice type, col., and quality; vhc, c, Wattie; hc, Morrison. CREST (3): 1, spl, cup best Can., 2, Craigen, 1st variegd. dark crest, the Keith winner, rare size, body, and feather, nice col. and quality, fine made crest, good head and neck, 2nd Green, good size, col., and quality, nice length of feather, fine head and crest; 3, Gardiner, cl. griz. crest, good body and size, nice length of feather and quality. C.B. (4): 1, spl, Craigen, variegd., grand body, head, and neck, nice size, col., and quality, fine length of feather, well carried; 2, Gardiner, another good variegd., presses winner; 3, vhc, Shand, cl., good size, col., and quality. BORD. FCY., CL., ETC., YELL. (6): 1, spl, Blackie, nice type, fine col. and quality, good head and neck, well carried flights and tail, staged to perfection; 2, Craigen, grand col. and quality, nice type; 3, Cross, fine type and col., good head and neck, close up; vhc, Smith; hc, George; c, Manson. BUFF (5): 1, spl, medal for best Border, Blackie, typical buff, grand col. and quality, good head and neck, fine wings and tail, staged in tip top condition; 2, George, good body col. and quality, nice type; 3, Smith, good col. and quality, nice head and neck; vhc, Cross; pen 5, Smith, good bird, but spoilt with paint as the cage wasn't dry; hard lines on exhibitor. A.O. COL. (5): 1, spl, Blackie, yell. variegd., nice type, col., and quality, fine head and neck, well staged; 2, 3, Cross, 2nd variegd., good head and neck, fine col. and quality, 3rd another good variegd., close up; vhc, Craigen; c, Smith. A.O.V. (2): 1, spl, George, col.-fed Cinn., good size, col., and quality, nice body, head, and neck; 2, Craigen, another cinn., nat. col., good head and neck, nice type and quality. NOV. NOR. (8): 1, spl, 2, Gordon, 1 cl. buff, col.-fed, good size, col., and quality, nice head and neck, well shown, 2nd another col.-fed cl. buff, good body, head, and neck, nice quality, close up; 3, Bremner, nat. cl. yell., grand col. and quality; vhc, Youngson; hc, Reid; c, George. LIGHT CAN. MULE OR HYB. (4): 1, spl, cup for best Hybrid or British, Hird, variegd. Goldie-Mule, nice size, col., and quality, well mkd., staged in rare bloom; 2, Junor, Goldie-Linnet, grand col. and quality, nice size and shape, presses hard; 3, Clark, Goldie-Mule, good size and colour, nice shape and quality; vhc, Minnie. DARK (10): 1, spl, G. G. Henderson, col.-fed Greenie, rare size and col., fine quality, well mkd., nicely staged; 2, Douglas, col.-fed Siskin, rare col. and marking, good body and size, nice quality, well placed; 3, Simpson, nat. col. Siskin, good shape and markings, fails col.; vhc, spl, Hird; hc, Duff; c, Shoebraid. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (6): 1, spl, medal for second best Hybrid or Brit., G. G. Henderson, grand col. and markings, fine blaze, nice size, well staged; 2, Walker, another good one, presses winner hard; 3, Stanford, well mkd., good blaze; vhc, Reid; hc, Duff; pen 4, Baxter, junr., wrong classed. BULLFINCH CK. (5): 1, spl, Anderson Bros., grand size, good col., head, and cap, nice bars; 2, Baxter, junr., good colour, nice head and bars, fine cap; 3, Craigen, fine size, good head and cap; vhc, Grant; hc, Chalmers. HEN (3): 1, spl, medal best Bullfinch, Main, rare size and head, good bars and cap, fine col. and quality, well shown; 2, Mackay, junr., sweet exhibit all over; 3, George, fine size, good head and cap. GREENFINCH (4): 1, spl, Anderson Bros., colour-fed, rare size and col., fine quality, good body, well mkd., nicely staged; 2, Hird, good size, nice shape and quality; 3, Chalmers, grand col. and quality, well mkd.; pen 3, Young, empty. LINNET, ETC. (8): 1, spl, G. G. Henderson, Linnet, good size and col., nice shape and quality; 2, Grant, Twite, good col. and size, well mkd., a little unsteady; 3, Campbell, Linnet, grand col. and size., nice shape, well pencilled; vhc, sp, Main; hc, Chalmers; c, Clark. SISK., ETC. (7): 1, sp, Main, Mealy Redpoll, rare size, col, Forres winner, well shown; 2, G. G. Henderson, Siskin, good col. and markings, nice cap and bib, fine size; 3, spl, Moir, another good Siskin, close up; vhc, hc, Clark; c, Smith; No. 4, Young, empty. A.O.S. SMALL (4): 1, spl, Grant, rare Yellowhammer, good col. and size, well mkd., very steady; 2, Junor, nice Chaffinch, good size and shape, fine col., nicely mkd.; 3, Grant, Snow Bunting, good size, nice col. and markings; No. 2, Young, empty. LARGE: Cancelled. MATCHED PAIR (for Hybrid Breeding) (5): 1, spl, Main, nice matched pair, Goldie cock and Bullie hen; 2, Murray, Junr., another good pair, Mealy Redpoll cock and Bullie hen; 3, Morrison, Goldie cock and Bullie hen; vhc, Chalmers; hc, Goodall. FOR., SMALL (2): 1, spl, Craigen, nice pair of Yellow Budgerigars; 2, Goodall, another good pair of Green Budgerigars. LARGE (2): 1, spl, Cooney; 2, Hunter. GIFT (11): 1, spl, Gordon; 2, Fraser; 3, Douglas; 0c, Macdonald; hc, Bremner; c, Duff. JUVENILE CLASS.—A.V. (22): A grand class: 1, spl, Ewen, colour-fed yell., mkd. head, grand body and size, good col., head, and neck, wins; 2, Simpson, good Crossbill, nice colour and size; 3, Mackay, junr., Bullfinch cock, rare col. and size, nice head and cap; vhc, spl, Annie Allan, buff variegd.; hc, spl, Campbell, junr., Twite; c, Mackinnon, yellow ticked; some good birds had to stand cardless; we hope to see next year two classes for them, one for British birds and one for Canaries; it would give them a better chance.

SOWERBY BRIDGE C.B.S

Annual members' show, held Wharf Hotel, Dec. 9, when over 100 birds faced the judge, Mr. Mundell (Bradford), who placed the cards in his usual satisfactory manner.

1st Section: CLASS 1: 1, A. Sutcliffe; 2, Crossley; 3, 4, vhc, Robertshaw; hc, c, Stobart. CLASS 2: 1, 2, Robertshaw; 3, c, Stobart; 4, A. Sutcliffe; vhc, Crossley; hc, Graham. CLASS 3: 1, hc, Robertshow; 2, 3, Stobart; 4, A. Sutcliffe; vhc, Tasker; c, Graham. CLASS 4: 1, 4, Robertshaw; 2, 3, Stobart; vhc, Tasker; hc, Crossley; c, Graham. CLASS 5: 1, Stobart; 2, Tasker; 3, Crossley. CLASS 6: 1, Robertshaw. CLASS 10: 1, Graham. 2nd Section: CLASS 11: 1, 4, c, Sutcliffe; 2, 3, Sunderland; vhc, Wild; hc, Walker. CLASS 12: 1, Lumb; 2, Wild; 3, 4, Walker; vhc, E. Sutcliffe; hc, c, Highley. CLASS 13: 1, E. Sutcliffe; 2, Child; 3, Sunderland; 4, Wild; vhc, Highley; hc, c, Lumb. CLASS 14: 1, 2, Sunderland; 3, C. W. Highley; 4, E. Sutcliffe; vhc, Child; hc, Senior. CLASS 15: 1, 4, E. Sutcliffe; 2, C. Howarth; 3 vhc Highley; hc, Wild. CLASS 16: 1, Senior; 2, Child; 3, hc, c, Riley; 4, Wild; vhc, Highley. CLASS 17: 1, Sutherland. CLASS 19: 1, 2, 3, Howarth; 4, Wild. CLASS 20: 1, 2, Howarth. CLASS 22: 1; 2, Pickles; 3, 4, vhc, Sunderland. Specials won by Messrs. Robertshaw, Sutcliffe, Lumb, Highley, Tasker, and Graham.—Sutcliffe and Walker, Hon. Secs.

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DENBIGH.

First show held Dec. 12th, Assembly Room. The management was all that could be desired, the reins being in the very capable hands of Mr. James Williams, who is very courteous and obliging. He was ably assisted by a few good stewards. The show proved very successful, and all prize money and specials, we understand, were paid on the show day. The exhibits numbered well and some good birds were shown. Special for best bird was won by Mr. H. S. Davies with a grand Greenfinch-Canary Hybrid, in superb form; best Yorks. cl. yell., Mr. J. O. Williams, also A.O.V. Can. with a typical cl. buff Nor.; Yorks A.O.V., Sergeant Evans; Light or Dark Mules or Hybrids, Mr. H. S. Davies, two well-known winners; British Goldfinch, Messrs. Evans and Roberts; Greypate, Mr. Williams. A.O.S. British, Evans and Roberts, good, steady Bramble hen; Local Canary, Mr. P. A. Lloyd; Mule, Mr. R. Roberts; Brit., Mr. J. Davies. Mr. J. Kershaw (Llanrwst) judged and gave general satisfaction.

The Critique.

YORKS. CL. YELL. (10): 1, spl, J. O. Williams, good lengthy yell., grand style and position, well up on leg, nice wings, well known youngster; 2, Smith, nice length and position, neat head, good wings and tail; 3, O. H. Roberts, nat. col., nice type; res, J. E. Jones; vhc, D .E. Roberts; hc, Price. YORKS. A.O.V. (12): 1, sp, Sergeant Evans, lengthy and stylish, good col. and condition, stands well; 2, 3, Rogers, good position, tight feather, slim and stylish, latter tight feather, good col.; res, J. O. Williams; vhc, Smith; hc, O. H. Roberts. A.O.V. (11): 1, spl, J. O. Williams, buff Nor., good quality, col., type and substance, deep chested, in rare form; 2, Smith, yell. Nor., cl., good type and quality, nice shaped head, well over perch; 3, O. H. Roberts, Cinn. Yorks., good position, tight feathered; r, A. J. Hughes; vhc, J. Roberts; hc, T. G. Roberts. LIGHT MULE (8): 1, spl, H. S. Davies, lightly mkd. Goldie-Can., well-known, in splendid form; 2, Joseph Roberts, same cross, eye mkd. hen, nice type; 3, D. G. Jones, lightly mkd., good quality Goldie-Can., in nice form; res, 41a; vhc, Smith. DARK (11): 1, spl, H. S. Davies, Greenfinch-Can., well known, in superb form, also captured spl. for best in show; 2, D. G. Jones, Linnet Mule Jonque, Bethesda winner, good colour, tight feather, in grand condition; 3, J. Williams, nice dark Goldie, requires more training; vhc, E. Williams. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (17): 1, spl, Evans and Roberts, good typical Finch, nice tan and moonings, good sound deep col. all over, immense blaze, nicely cut away; 2, J. Williams, good blaze, tan, very steady; 3, M. Roberts, good body col., moons and bars; res, Smith; vhc, J. Davies; hc, D. Williams; c, H. Williams. GREYPATE (10): 1, spl, Williams, nice blaze, tan and markings, in grand condition; 2, D. C. Roberts, nice, good col. youngster, unsteady yet; 3, Roberts. BRIT. A.O.S. (10): 1, spl, Evans and Roberts, good lustrous col. Bramblefinch hen, steady as a rock, well shown; 2, Roberts, good Bullie, nice dense black cap, a wee shade pale on breast; 3, D. G. Jones, another Bullie, good col.; res, A. J. Hughes; vhc, R. H. Hughes; hc, J. Davies; c, T. J. Davies. LOCAL (13): best Can., 1 spl, P. A. Lloyd, Yorks., nat. col., good length and position; 2, R. Roberts, another Yorkie, neat, nice length; 3, T. J. Davies, wing and head mkd. Yorks; res, D. E. Charles; vhc, J. Maddocks. MULE: 1, spl, R. Roberts, Dark Mule; 2, A. E. Hughes, variegd.; 3, J. Maddocks, Dark; res, R. O. Williams; vhc, D. Williams. BRIT. (17): 1, spl, J. Davies (Greenfinch); 2, T. J. Davies (Greenfinch); 3, R. O. Williams (Lark); vhc, J. Roberts; hc, D. Roberts.

ABERDEEN.

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BULLFINCH (10): 1, 3, Watts, 1 nice size, good cap, fine back and chest, rich col., best of quality, 3 not quite so well polished; 2, Anderson Bros., grand size, lovely cap, good col., best of wing bars, fails only in staging; 4, Lyon, another nice one; 5, McLaren; 6, Cragan. LINNETS (a grand lot) (18): 1, Muir and Heenan, fine tone of col., very fine pencilling, good size, steady; 2, McArdle and Stewart, a gem, grand size, fine tone of col., well turned out, good breast markings, some preferred; 3, Ewen and Anderson, nice shape, good col. and markings; 4, 6, Mitchell and Greig, 4 very steady; 5, Johnston. SISKINS (13): 1, Sykes, nice cap and col., lovely bars, in the pink of condition; 2, Watt, larger, but not quite so rich in col., well staged; 3, Leach and Leckie, nice one, best of cap, nicely laced, grand breast col. and bars; 4, Breslin, nat. col. one; 5, Ewen and Anderson; 6, Black. BRIT., A.O.S.: 1, Craft, nice Hawfinch, tip-top bib, grand size and lovely polish. FOR. GOLDIE OR BULLF. (9): 1, Stewart and Milne, Goldie, A1 blaze, good markings; 2, 3, 4, 6, Watt, a good team, 2 Bullie, well up in size, best of col., lovely bars, in the pink of condition, 3 nice Goldfinch, not quite steady yet, grand face, fine size and condition, 4 Bullie, not quite so tight in feather as second, otherwise as good; 5, Strachan. FOR. A.O.S. (5): 1, 2, 4, 5, Robertson, wins with a nice pair of Longtailed Grassfinches, want a bit of handling, refused to take the perch, 2 Cordon Bleu, in nice feather, followed by an Avadavat; 3, Craigen, good Yellow Budgerigar. MEMBERS' CLASSES: UNFLIG. YELL. CK. (6): 1, 4, Clubb, 1 a grand model of a Nor., nice level col.; 2, Thomson, good col., A1 feather and teeming with quality; 3, Steele, very sweet, nice type; 5, Main; 6, Bryson. HENS (6): 1, 2, 3, Garden, 1 wins members' cup for best hen bred by a member, well up in size, good col. and condition, 2 some preferred for first, nicely rounded body, best of col.; 4, Clubb; 5, Will; 6, Rae. BUFF CK. (8): 1, 2, Rae, both very typical, good col. and quality; 3, 5, Clubb, 3 excels in type, grand feather, well mealed; 4, C. Thompson; 6, Davidson. HENS (7): 1, C. Thompson, good quality, nice wings and tail; 2, Garden, good type and condition; 3, 6, Clubb, 3 grand hen, rare type; 4, A. Thomson; 5, Will. YELL. VAR. CK. (5): 1, Will, very typical, short and thick-set, good col.; 2, A. Thomson, another typical exhibit; 3, Clubb, very sweet, A1 quality and condition; 4, Park; 5, C. Thompson. HENS (7): 1, Will, all there for type and quality; 2, 5, Garden, 2 topping quality, short flights and tail; 3, Clubb, rare, substance, grand quality; 4, A. Thomson; 6, Main. BUFF VAR. CK. (5): 1, Will, good quality and col.; 2, Clubb, best of quality, mkd. eyes and wings, rare front; 4, W. Clubb; 5, Main. HEN (5): 1, 2, Garden, wins with a grand variegd., best of head and neck, cobby built, 2 good feather and condition; 3, Davidson; 4, C. Thompson; 5, Steven. CINN. YELL. CK. (3): 1, A. Thomson, grand size, beautiful col., magnificent texture of feather; 2, 3, Rae, both good substance and col. BUFF: 1, Ewen and Anderson, topper for size and quality, nice even col.; 2, Clubb, good type and col., in best of condition. HENS: 1, 2, Rae, two very sweet hens, make grand stock birds. CRESTED CK.: 1, Hector, rare droop, good centre, packed well, leafy feather. HEN: 1, Hector, grand hen, often described. HYB.: 1, Hector. GIFT (14): 1, Sandison; 2, Rae; 3, A. Thomson; 4, Smith; 5, 6, Hector; 7, Bryson. A great feature of this successful show was the exhibit of white Canaries, two white Blackbirds, and a white Wood Pigeon, exhibited by that well-known fancier, Dr. Galloway. Messrs. P. Lyon and Son (bird and seed specialists) had also on view a large and well decorated stand, on which were exhibited all the different seeds and appliances in connection with the Fancy. CAGE BIRDS posters were tastefully displayed all round.

HIGH WYCOMBE.

High Wycombe and Dis. F.S. show, held in the Oakley Memorial Hall, Dec. 27th. The competition was confined to a 20-mile radius, which, of course, precluded many well-known exhibitors in and around London from competing. As it was, however, there was a splendid array of quality, notwithstanding the numbers were not large. Mr. S. C. Pearce again held the secretarial reins, ably assisted by Mr. C. Stevens. With a promptitude keeping pace with the judge, the awards were up, so that in a very short space of time after judging was finished all prize cards were ready and on the cages. Catalogues were out promptly. Special for best bird was awarded to Messrs. Hawes Bros.' beautiful buff Yorks. This bird also annexed another special, and amongst the other special winners were Messrs. F. Bowler (3), and H. Spring (2). The Rev. C. P. S. Clarke staged a very smart Magpie, which, we understood, enjoyed its freedom around the rev. gentleman's residence, and "came home to roost." Mr. Geo. Gardner judged.

YORKS (5): 1, two spls, 2, vhc, Hawes Bros., special winning buff already noted, followed by a smart yellow, scarcely so beautifully tapered, but full of nerve and quality, and showing plenty of leg; 3, hc, Alford, former smart bird, loses a little in length. NOR. (7): 1, 2, 3, hc, Lovegrove and Lovegrove, really fine team, a bonny chested grand headed yellow leading, closely followed by a lovely buff of fine shape; 3rd, also yellow, not quite so stout as winner, yet lovely feather and col.; vhc, Rayner; c, Bowler. MULE, ETC. (5): 1, vhc, Alford, leader smart variegated yell. Goldie-Can.; 2, Bowler, fine faced dark buff of the same cross; 3, Wood, buff variegd. Goldie-Can., good size; hc, Gregory. GOLDIE (5): 1, two spls, Bowler, nice clear blaze, good cutting and tanning; 2, Alford, fails to leader only a little in face, a nobby Finch; 3, Gregory, again nice, just a little irregular in blaze at throat; vhc, Wood; hc, Spring. A.O.S. HARDBILL (4): 1, Bowler, very smart Hawfinch, nice bib; 2, 3, Spring, ditto, and a nice conditioned Crossbill; vhc, Fountaine. SOFTBILLS (6): 1, two spls, vhc, hc, Spring, leader very fine Bearded Tit; 2, Rev. C. P. S. Clarke, grand Magpie, only needs a little more size to be a nailer; 3, Bowler, rattling fine Jay, wild at judging time, a beautiful plumaged bird; c, Carter. GIFT (4): 1/, Spring; 2, Spriggs.

PROVINCIAL ROLLER CANARY CLUB.

A novice contest was held at the club-house, Swan Hotel, Fountain-street, Manchester, on Dec. 16th. There was a splendid entry for the two classes. Mr. Massey (Bolton) judged, and his decision pleased everyone. There was a spirited contest between two of the youngest novices—Mr. Christie (Wigan) and Mr. Hughes (Hollingwood)—this being their first time of showing. The older members will have to look to their laurels or they will be taken away from them by the younger novices. More will be seen of these new members later. It was pleasing to see the members and their wives coming to the show. At times the room was crowded. Mr. Percival was all smiles, and handled the show with his usual tact and skill. He was ably assisted by Messrs. Robinson and Turner. All birds were cleared away early.

CLASS I, OLD BIRDS: 1, vhc, c, Christie; 2, 4, Turner; 3, Hughes; hc, Robinson. CLASS 2, Y.B. BRED BY MEMBERS: 1, Hughes; 2, Christie; 3, Tomlinson; 4, E. Lord; vhc, Robinson; hc, Whittle; c, Hughes.—Tom Routledge.

WATFORD.

Watford F.A. show, held Dec. 12th, in the Clarendon Hall, a splendidly spacious building. The arrangements were nicely carried out, thanks to the assistance rendered to the old and tried hon. sec., (Mr. C. A. Edwards), by the steward (Mr. C. Battison). The entry was much below last year's total, but the quality was excellent. There are a large body of fanciers in and around Watford, and one and all seem ready to assist in helping. In spite of this the entry was not satisfactory in point of numbers. Mr. Chas. Challands, the well-known fancier and friend of fanciers, is the assistant hon. secretary. Canaries were few but good, especially the Nor., but Brit. were A1. A beautiful Goldie, said to be the Luton winner, won for Mr. W. Buckingham four specials, including that for best bird in show. It is really a lovely Finch. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged, and his awards gave satisfaction.

NOR. CK. (10): 1, 4, r, Battison, leader smart yell., good body, head and neck, full of col., rare quality, 4th topping feathered buff, sitting very thick at judging time, but rare fine shape, head and neck; 2, Ginnell, soft silky feathered yell., stout body, rich col.; 3, Hills, yell., close, silky feather, nice body; vhc, Giddings; hc, Fox; c, Buckingham. HEN (7): 1, 2, Battison, leader thick-set, silky feathered buff Nor., nice short wings and tail, good undercolour; 2, equally fine yell., not quite so compact; 3, Wombwell, yell. Nor., not quite so full of quality as leaders; 4, vhc, hc, Buckingham, neat Yorks., stands well; r, Fox. GOLDIE, BULLIE, BRAMBLING, CHAFFIE, OR GREENIE (Amalgamated) (10): A grand lot, not a bad bird amongst them: 1, four spls., 3, Buckingham, sweet Goldie, rich lustrous blaze, very wide and clean cut, nice whites, chestnut, bars, and buttons, 3rd superb Brambling, lustrous, rich col., grand spangling; 2, 4, r, Gunnell, 2nd another fine Goldie, good enough for the majority of shows, 4th topping Greenie, hard lines to meet such a lot; vhc, Bowler; hc, Gregory; c, May. LINNET, ETC. (10): 1, 2, Gunnell, rattling fine Linnet, rich col., well marked, steady, beautifully polished, 2nd very pretty Siskin, well marked, close, and steady; 3, 4, Gunton, former fine Mealy Redpoll, A1 for markings, and 4th good Linnet; r, vhc, Buckingham; hc, Bowler; c, Gregory.

Kindly thank all who answer my advert. in "Cage Birds." I find it impossible to reply to all. I wish "Cage Birds" every success.—J. Cuthbertson (Stonehouse).

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ARDWICK & DIS. C.B.S.

Third annual show for members held in the Providence Onward Hall, Ashton Old Road, on Dec. 9th. A fine lot of special prizes were offered in addition to 4 cash prizes on sliding scale. There was a grand entry of close upon 300 exhibits. The quality throughout would do good justice to any open show, and it speaks volumes for the enterprise and enthusiasm which spur this splendid set of fanciers onward. The exhibition was a great success. Well-known fanciers in this district visited the show and marvelled at the grand birds. Mr. Boothman, Sec. of M. and N.C.O.S., was about the show rendering valuable service, and though not quite up to proper health standard yet, he is looking much better. Mr. A. G. Davis popped in and was much interested in the fine display. The Hon. Sec. (Mr. Spencer) gave of his best, and had matters well in hand. A good set of stewards did their work well. Mr. A. Royle judged Norwich and other Canaries except Yorks.; Mr. Chas. Houlton judged Yorks, Hybrids and British, and their awards were very well received.

Mr. Royle's Classes.

NOR. CK. YELL. (6): 1, he, Henson, ticked left wing, very robust type, fine head, good col. and quality; 2, A. G. Smith, marked head and wings, very thick set, nice col.; 3, Boothman, very good cl., fine bird all through; 4, vhc, Spencer, very fine varieg. BUFF: 1, Boothman, tkd. wing, very compact type, silky feather, nicely mealed; 2, Henson, grey saddle, cobby, paler, fine bloom. HENS, YELL. (4): 1, Smith, varieg., very chubby, dark back, fine shape, colour, good size; 2, Vint, a wee bit frilled at neck, cl., nice col., quality and feather; 3, Spencer, varieg., bit longer; 4, Belton, well-set, cl., fine feather and condition. BUFF (6): 1, Boothman, lovely cl., grand head and body shape, mealed to perfection; 2, he, Robinson, tkd. wing, A1 type; 3, Henson, grand type, medium size; 4, Smith, longer, nice condition; vhc, Vint. HEN BRED 1911 (9): 1, Boothman, varieg. yell., grand type and quality, nice feather; 2, vhc, Spencer, varieg. buff, grand size, shape, quality and bloom; 3, Vint, varieg. yell., smaller than 1st, fine condition; 4, Vint, lovely cl. buff; he, Robinson; c, Henson. 1911 YELL. CK.: 1, Vint, compact cl.; 2, Boothman, grand col., a wee bit longer. BUFF (7): 1, Vint, chubby cl., a wee bit soft when we saw it; 2, Fulcher, larger varieg., nice feather; 3, Henson, faiut tick on nape, grand body and feather, slip clawed one foot; 4, Robinson, varieg., cobby, grand head; vhe, Smith; he, c, Belton. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Dr. Twigg, pair of good Crests. NOVICE NOR. YELL. CK. (9): 1, 2, Rev. Wragg, cl. and a varieg. both really good, nice type and quality; 3, Hunt, cl., nice type; 4, vhc, Booth, tick ou eye, smaller, nice condition; he, Thomas; c, Harrison. BUFF (10): 1, Holland, cl., fine bold bouncing bird; 2, c, Harrison, heavy body, fine bloom and condition; 3, 4, J. O. Harrison, cl. and a tkd. headed bird, former narrower type, both in nice feather; vhc, Rev. Wragg; he, Annison; c, Thomas. YELL HEN (7): 1, Hunt, spangled saddle, very fine shape, quality and condition; 2, 3, Bootb, pair of nice cls.; 4, J. O. Harrison, tick wings, rare col., type and quality; vhc, Thomas; he, Rev. Gaul; c, Rev. Wragg. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Booth, cl., medium size and a ticked headed and wing bird, fine quality and condition; 3, J. O. Harrison, cl., fine head, nice body and feather; 4, Rev. Gaul, cobby, beaten only in condition; vhc, Annison; he, Thomas; c, Rev. Wragg. HEN (1911) (6): 1, 2, Hunt, chubby varieg. and a smart back marked bird, botb in fine bloom; 3, 4, Booth, yell. and buff, fine quality and condition; vhc, Rev. Gaul; he, Rev. Wragg. YELL. CK (1911) (7): 1, 4, Booth, good cl. and a big bird, suitable for stock purposes; 2, J .O. Harrison, fine cl., typical bird, rare quality and condition; 3, vhc, Rev. Gaul, a trifle smaller, but grand quality; he, Thomas; c, Salthouse. BUFF CK. (1911) (8): 1, Rev. Gaul, rare quality and col., fine type and condition; 2, Rev. Wragg, grand bird all out, a really good cl.; 3, 4, Hunt, varieg., beaten only in head, nice body; 4th cl., nice feather; vhe, Thomas; he, J. O. Harrison; c, Booth. NOR. NAT. COL.: 1, Long. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Dr. Twigg; 3, 4, C. Harrison. BORD. CK.: 1, Long; 2, 3, Dr. Kindon. HEN: 1, Long. STOCK PAIRS (5): 1, 2, Dr. Twigg (Crest and C.-B.); 3, Buckley (Nor.); 4, Simpson (Yorks). vhc, Harrison (Liz.). NOR. STOCK CK. (3): 1, Spencer; 2, Buckley; 3, Fulcher. HEN (6): 1, he, Robinson; 2, C. Harrison; 3, Dr. Twigg; 4, vhc, Buckley.

Mr. Houlton's Classes.

YORKS CL. YELL. CK.: 1, Slater, grand length, well up, nice style and carriage, A1 condition; 2, 3, Snape, bit shorter leg, fine body, clean through, good col.; 3rd grand type, fails only in centre of wings; 4, Downing, winner Ramsden's spl., very slim and stylish, ablaze with col.; vhc, Booth. BUFF (4): 1, Snape, lovely tight slim bird, well up, neat carriage, A1 feather; 2, Simpson, equal, albeit a shade smaller; 3, 4, Slater, good ones, 4th nice quality. TICK, ETC., YELL. (4): 1, 2, Slater, wing and neck marked, splendid type, quality and position, 2nd thigh tick, very fine, in good form; 3, Snape, good one, beaten only in condition; 4, Downing, thigh tick. BUFF (4): 1, 4, Slater, excellent bird for size and length, clean coned through, level as a pencil; 4th varieg., beaten only in condition; 2, Snape, typical, eye and wing mkd., just gives way in finish a little; 3, Booth, thigh tkd., lovely quality. YELL. HEN (6): 1, he, Snape, very fine, thigh tick bird, grand slim, typical, stylish bird, fine carriage and condition; 2, Booth, larger, good stand; 3, Simpson, grand style; 4, Downing, good type, a wee bit soft in coudition; vhc, Slater. BUFF (6): 1, 3, Slater, leader very grand type, clean tbrough, lovely carriage and position, 3rd also very fine, rare position and condition; 2, Booth, practically equal and hard to separate; 4, Snape, nice style and quality, all these were fine birds; vhc, Downing; he, Simpson. NOVICE YORKS CL. YELL. (4): 1, 2, Warburton, 1st best condition, 2nd well on leg, etc.; 3, Whitelegg, good type, wings not quite in order to-day; 4, Schofield. BUFF (8): 1, 2, Taylor, good stylish pair, fine position, A1 feather; 3, Warburton, beaten on breast, nice type; 4, Schofield, big long bird; vhc, Gowenlock; he, Thrachte; c, Blinston. TKD. YELL. (8): 1, 2, he, Taylor, pretty trio, former most stylish and best finished; 3, 4, Warburton, tick nape, good length, finely drawn, 4th, fine quality; vhc, Trachte; c, Whitelegg BUFF (4): 1, 3, Warburton, fine and round as a pencil, grand one, 3rd beaten in carriage only; 2, Taylor, fine quality, good col., nicely drawn; 4, Whitelegg. YELL. HEN (6): 1, Taylor, neat head, wings and tail, fine drawn, good quality and condition; 2, vhc, Warburton, well up, a wee bit frilly, otherwise equal; 3, Whitelegg, nice style; 4, Trachte, fine type; he, Gowenlock. BUFF (10): 1 3, Taylor, stylish pair of ladies, 1st in best condition, 2, Trachte, fine drawn, well up, A1 position; 4, vhc, Warburton, fine type; he, Schofield; c, Gowenlock. GREEN OR CINN. YORKS. (3): 1, Gowenlock; 2, Schofield; 3, Fletcher. NAT. COL. CK. (2): 1, Warburton; 2, Fletcher. HEN: 1, Whitelegg; 2, Gowenlock. BRIT. LINNET (9): 1, vhc, c, Buckley, leader good shape, markings; 2, Schofield, finer in type, grand markings; 3, Downing, grand col. and markings, beaten in tail to-day; 4, J. O. Harrison, fine big bird; he, Long. LESSER REDPOLL (9): 1, J. O. Harrison, regular little swell; 2, Spencer, paler, nice shape and condition; 3, Smith; 4, he, Schofield; vhc, c, Buckley. MEALY, ETC. (8): 1, Smith, very nice Twite; 2, G. J. O. Harrison, very good col. Siskin, fine markings, cap and condition; 3, Appleton, capital Mealy Redpoll; 4, Schofield, thick-set Twite; vhc, he, Buckley. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (13): a capital class for members: 1, Downing, rare broad-chested Goldie, fine, rich, clean-cut blaze, good tan, bars and moons; 2, 3, J. O. Harrison, fine Goldie and medium-sized Bullfinch, both in smart condition; 4, vhc, Appleton, Bullie and Goldie, former finest; he, c, Buckley. A.O.S. HARD (3): 1, 3, Smith, Corn Bunting and Yellow Bunting, both nice condition; 2, Appleton, nat. col. Yellow Bunting, beautiful head markings, rare one to moult. SOFTBILLS: 1, Smith, tight Grey Wagtail; 2, Annison, nice big Blackbird. HYB. (6): 1, Smith, very rich yell. Goldie-Can., grand condition; 2, he, C. Harrison, big thick-set buff Goldie-Can., fine blaze, nice feather; 3, Simpson, smaller, grand condition; 4, Belton; vhc, Downing. COTTAGE CLASS (13): 1, Marsden; 2, Payne; 3, Perfect. GREENFINCH (9): 1, Spencer, grand shape and size, fine bloom and condition; 2, J. O. Harrison, a wee bit smaller, equal otherwise; 3, Fletcher, very fine, tight feather; 4, he, Buckley, fine thick-set bird; vhc, Schofield; c, Appleton. CHAFFIE, ETC. (7): 1, 2, c, Buckley, very good Bramble and Chaffinch, former very fine all-round bird; 3, Schofield, good Bramble, smaller; 4, Appleton, Chaffinch, nice condition; vhc, Smith; he, J. O. Harrison. Special winners: Downing, Spencer, J. O. Harrison, Robinson, Buckley, Booth, Taylor.

COLNE & DIST. C.B.S.

Annual show held Nov. 25, in the Lesser Municipal Hall. There was a record entry, the exhibits numbering 130. The show was well patronised by visitors, and the high quality greatly admired. Special for best bird (presented by Mr. W. E. Hallitwell), was won by Mr. W. King, with a beautiful even-marked Yorks.; second best (presented by Alderman W. Rickard), Mr. Smith; medal (presented by Mr. G. H. Bousfield), for greatest number of points gained by a novice, Mr. M. Goth. Mr. J. Holden (Brierfield) won a cage (presented by ex-Sergeant Preston) for most points in British. Mr. R. Hartley judged. The success of the show was due in large part to the efforts of the hon. sec., Mr. W. Maxwell.

YELL. YORKS. CK.: 1, Thornton; 2, 3, Heyworth. BUFF: 1, Emmott; 2, 3, Heyworth. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Heyworth; 3, Gill and Son. BUFF: 1, Pearson; 2, Jones; 3, Gill and Son. YELL. CINN. CK.: 1, Watts; 2, Gregson. BUFF: 1, King; 2, Gregson. HEN: 1, 2, Emmott; 3, Heyworth. YELL. NOR. CK.: 1, Fulton; 2, Thornton; 3, Heyworth. BUFF: 1, Heyworth; 2, Fulton; 3, Young. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Fulton; 3, Aspden. BUFF: 1, 2, Heyworth; 3, Thornton. ROLLER, CK.: 1, Goth; 2, Holden; 3, Rushton. HEN: 1, Helm; 2, Goth; 3, Rushton. A.O.V.: 1, King; 2, England; 3, Holden. BRIT.: 1, 2, Holden; 3, England. FOR.: 1, Young; 2, Hartley.

KETTERING.

There was a nice entry of cage birds at the combined show of the Kettering Rifle Band O.S., and the Kettering C.B.S., which was held in the Harmonic Room on November 18th. Norwich were strong, as were the British, the special for best in the show falling to a remarkably fine Magpie, shown by Mr. Jervis. Mr. Marston made a most excellent secretary, and he was ably assisted by a strong staff of stewards. Mr. C. A. House judged.

NOR., YELL. (5): 1, sp., 3, Hunt, leader rattling good Clr., niee col. and feather, 3rd, not so tight in feather; 2, Bateman, good shaped, even coloured Clr., not so tight in front; vhc, Jacobs. BUFF (6): 1, vhc, sp., Cole, neat, stylish, nice coloured Clr.; 2, Hunt, good bodied Clr., not so neat in tail; 3, he, Hazeldine, neat and stylish, finer in head. UNFLIG. (9): 1, sp., 2, Bateman, tkd. head Buff, and Clr. Buff, two grand shaped birds, of nice col and meal; 3, Usher, bonny shaped Yell., not so tight; vhc, he, Belcher; c, Hefford. HEN (9): 1, sp., vhc, Usher, tkd. necked Buff, lovely shape, col., and feather; 2, Belcher, smart varieg., Yell., rare shape and feather; 3, Bateman, short neat Clr. Buff; he, Hunt; c, Lewis. YORKS. (11): 1, sp., Smith, neat, stylish Buff; 2, he, Gasson, mkd. Buff, lovely quality; 3, vhc, Barlow, nice Yell., bit wild; c, Roberts, not a good lot, all the birds failing in length. MULE (8): 1, sp., Usher, grand coloured, lovely quality dark Jonque Greenie Mule; 2, vhc, Lewis, very smart, grand coloured, well mkd. dark Buff Goldie; 3, Howe, good Buff dark Greenie; vhc, Wallis; he, Martin and Haddon; c, Belcher. A.V. CAN. (6): 1, sp., Gasson, neat, stylish Buff Yorks; 2, vhc, Lewis, smart varieg. Yellow Norwich; 3, Usher, varieg., Yellow Norwich, not so neat in feather; he, Tebbutt. NOR. NON-FED (7): 1, he, Usher; 2, Turner; 3, Tebbutt; vhc, c, Lewis. BRIT., GOLD, ETC. (21): 1, sp., No. 21, no name, grandly marked, tight feathered Goldie; 2, 3, Haynes, two charming Bullies, rare col., shape and feather; vhc, Martin, Usher; he, Hunt, Jervis; c, Lewis, Martin and Haddon. A.V. SMALLER THAN LARK (8): 1, 2, vhc, sp., Marston, rattling good Redstart, lovely col. and marking, not quite finished in wing, 2nd, lovely Pipit, grand col., feather and markings; 3, he, Martin and Haddon, very smart Grey Wagtail. BRAMBLE, ETC. (5): 1, 3, Martin and Haddon, grandly marked, rich coloured Bramble and Chaff; 2, vhc, Lewis, rare coloured, well mkd. Greenie. A.O.V. SMALLER THAN SNOW BUNTING (7): 1, 2, sp., Nos. 5 and 7, no name, grand little Twite and Siskin, two gems; 3, Belcher, neatly mkd., nice coloured Redpoll; vhc, Martin and Haddon; he, Lewis. LARGE (4): 1, sp., Jervis, magnificent Magpie, grand col., feather and marking, beautifully shown; 2, 3, Martin and Haddon, very fine Bunting and Starling; vhc, Pinnock. HEN (10): 1, sp, Belcher, remarkably fine Bullie; 2, he, Howe, lovely little Siskin; 3, vhc, Lewis, neat, showy Chaff; c, Roberts. FOR., LARGE (7): 1, sp., 2, 3, Martin, very fine Red and Blue Macaw and Leadbeater Cockatoo leading; vhc, Hunt. SMALL (6): 1, 2, vhc, sp., Martin and Haddon, capital superb Tanager and Black-headed Love Birds; 3, he, Danns, good Yell., Budgerigars.

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WINCHBURGH.

Winchburgh and Dis. Society's annual show held in the Public School on Nov. 28th. The room was a grand one for a show of the kind, being well lighted by large windows facing the west. Entries showed a decrease on last year's, but quality was much better. The event was well manaaged by Mr. T. Woodcock (secretary), and a very energetic lot of stewards. Judges, Mr. R. Menzies for Scotch Fancy and British birds, and Mr. H. Moreland for Norwich and Borders.

The Critique.

SCOT. FCY., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, Wilson, grand droop, fine length of side; 2, Duncan, very similar; 3, Binnie, all there for style and stamp; 4, Russell. HEN: 1, Wilson, nice typical hen, wins; 2, P. Duncan, very close, grand mover; 3, Binnie, nice all through. BUFF CK.: 1, 2, Wilson, two of the right stamp, move very freely; 3, Binnie, nicely set up, grand top end; 4, Russell. HEN: 1, Duncan, grand length, plenty of style, neat head; 2, Russell, fine size and reach, good top end. PIED, ETC., CK.: 1, 2, 3, Wilson, not much between them, all grand style. HEN: 1, spl, Wilson, hard up, nice length, good reach, wins well; 2, P. Duncan, not quite so stylish, but good otherwise; 3, R. Duncan, nice and deep through. OLD CK.: 1, Russell, fine top end, tail well under spar; 2, Duncan, must have pressed very hard; 3, Sommerville, nice length, good top end; 4, Wilson, nice stamp. HEN: 1, Wilson, fine depth through, nice length, good reach; 2, Russell, neat head, good mover, very close; 3, P. Duncan, nice bird. YOUNG CREST: 1, Feeney, good one, grand top piece, well groomed; 2, 3, Sharp, both of fine size, very neat crests; 4, Bishop. C.B.: 1, Feeney, very nice entrance, well lashed, massive body; 2, Sharp, good substance, nicely lashed, fine length of feather; 3, 4, Bishop, both well lashed. OLD CREST OR C.B.: 1, 2, spl, Bishop, 1st Crest, with good body; 3, 4, Feeney, 3rd C.B., good skull, plenty of body feather, well lashed, some thought an easy 1st. NOR., FED: 1, 2, 3, 4, Sharp, grand team, not much between them. NON-FED: 1, 4, Turnbull, 1st good size and col., neat head and wings; 2, 3, Bishop, good size, fails in head only to leader. OLD, NON-FED: 1, Turnbull, head and wing-mkd., in grand condition; 2, Feeney, very large, bold chest, grand head, presses hard; 3, Begbie, mkd. similar to winner, open a wee bit in chest; 4, Paterson, in grand condition. BORD., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, R. Duncan, very neat, good wing carriage; 2, Feeney, grand stamp, very neat, presses hard; 3, P. Duncan, good Border, nice wings and tail; 4, Bishop, neat. YELL. HEN: 1, Feeney, grand bird, very jaunty, wins; 2, Sommerville, not quite the style of winner, but as good otherwise. BUFF: 1, Bishop, good head and wing carraige; 2, 3, Feeney, 2nd very stylish, presses hard; 3rd, very similar; 4, Binnie, nice Border. BUFF: 1, Binnie, very smart, good wings and tail; 2, Paterson, neat head, in nice condition; 3, Feeney, smart, grand condition; 4, Bishop, very neat. YELL. VARIEG. CK.: 1, Begbie, jaunty carriage, wins; 2, Sommerville, very neat, fails in style only to winner. BUFF VARIEG.: 1, Turnbull, good stamp, very stylish; 2, 3, Bishop, both in capital condition. A.O.V. CK.: 1, Turnbull, nice green, well pencilled, wins easily; 2, 3, Begbie, both greens; 4 Duncan, another green, very stylish. OLD CK.: 1, spl, Feeney, grand bird, teeming with quality, wins spl. for best Border; 2, R. Duncan, very neat and stylish; 3, Binnie, good bird. HEN: 1, Paterson, very neat head and wings; 2, Feeney, in fine bloom; 3, Bishop, in grand condition. MULE: 1, 2, A. Turnbull, 1st nearly even mkd. Goldie-Can., good size, a hen; 2nd. Goldie-Can., fine face, col., and condition, some thought might have been 1st: 3, T. Woodcock, another Goldie-Can., not quite the quality of leaders. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, 3, Feeney, 1st Siskin, good cap and bib, neat lacings; 3rd, Redpoll, very smart; 2, 4, Sharp, two very nice Redpolls, in grand condition. LINNET: 1, 2, Feeney, two grand Linnets, well pencilled. GREENFINCH: 1, Feeney, large bird, good even col., very steady; 2, Turnbull, very large; 3, Sharp, very steady, fails in col. only; 4, Bishop. HARDBILL, A.O.S.: 1, 2, 3, Feency, Yellowhammer, Chaffinch, and Bramble, a good team. SOFTBILL: 1, P. Duncan, Lark, nicely mkd. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, 2, 3, Sharp, Bullie and two very nice Goldies; 4, Turnbull, nice Goldie.

BOOTLE C.B.S.

Annual show held Dec. 9, St. Mathew's Schools. Entries numbered 220, which is not equal to previous years, and yet is not bad for a members' show. Owing to the late arrival of some of the birds, judging did not commence very early, but once started everything went off very briskly. The secretary (Mr. F. E. Hawkes), assisted by a willing committee, had cards up as fast as the judges' slips came in. A lively contest betwixt Messrs. McNulty and Cobb kept the visitors on the qui vive, as to who should be the holder of the cup, almost every class changing the state of the poll, the final result being a tie on points. Mr. J. Thornton (Egremont) judged, and his awards were generally well received.

YORKS. CL. YELL. (5): 1, 3, Lobb, 1st plenty of leg and position, 3rd good leg and position, fails only in neck; 2, he, McNulty, well filled; vhc, Young. BUFF (9): 1, c, Lobb, good leg, quality, and position; 2, 3, Young, good legs, racy, not much to choose betwixt them; vhc, McNulty; he, Knight. TKD. YELL. (6): 1, Lobb, good quality, style, very racy; 2, McNulty, a wee shade heavier, well filled; 3, Fawcett, good leg; vhc, Algie; he, Hamilton; c, Young. BUFF cancelled. HEN, YELL. CL. (5): 1, McNulty, rare size and col., well filled; 2, Knight, neat and smart; 3, Lobb, not quite so well filled, otherwise equal; vhc, Hamilton; he, Algie. BUFF (6): 1, Algie, very smart, good quality and position; 2, McNulty, good leg and position; 3, Young, fails only a trifle in wings; vhc, Lobb; he, Fawcett; c, Knight. TKD. YELL. cancelled. BUFF (2): 1, McNulty, good quality and position; 2, Young, not quite so well drawn, good one. YELL. UNFLIG. (8): 1, Knight, good leg, very racy; 2, he, Lobb, nice legs and position; 3, c, Young; vhc, McLean. BUFF (6): 1, 3, McNulty, 1st good leg quality, and positiou; 2, Lobb, good one, not quite so well filled; vhc, c, Young; he, Algie. YELL. HEN (7): 1, McNulty, good quality, leg, and position; 2, 3, Lobb, 2nd close up, 3rd not quite so well filled; vhc, Young; he, Hamilton; c, McNulty. BUFF (9): 1, McLean, good leg and positiou; 2, Algie, close up; 3, Knight, well drawn; vhc, McNulty; he, c, Lobb. CINN. MKD. AND NAT. COL. CK. cancelled. NAT. COL. HEN (4): 1, 3, McNulty; 2, Knowles; vhc, Hawkes. HEAV. VARIEG. cancelled. YELL. HEN (3): 1, Lobb, good leg, well filled; 2, 3, Hamilton, very smart and racy. BUFF cancelled. YORKS. GREEN, SELF YELL. (9): 1, Kuowles, genuine green col., pure and deep, good leg and position; 2, Lobb, fails only in wings, good col.; 3, McNulty, good leg and style; vhc, Hamilton; he, Knight; c, Fawcett. BUFF (7): 1, he, Knowles, good col., grand bird; 2, McLean, even better quality and position; 3, Young, well up; vhc, Rimmer; c, McNulty. FOUL. YELL. (5): 1, Algie, good col., leg, and position; 2, Knight, similar; 3, Rimmer, well up; vhc, Davie; he, McNulty. BUFF cancelled. HEN, SELF YELL (3): 1, McNulty, good col., leg, and position; 2, Rimmer, again good col., better filled; 3, Blundell, neat one. BUFF (6): 1, Rimmer, well filled, good quality; 2, Fawcett, good, but a wee bit short behind; 3, c, McNulty; vhc, Knight; he, Davie. FOUL YELL. (2): 1, Rimmer, good col., quality, and position; 2, Young, again a good one, but not quite so neat. BUFF cancelled. BRED 1911, YELL. (10): 1, Hamilton, nice col., quality, and position; 2, Blundell, well drawn, stylish; 3, c, McNulty, well filled; vhc, Algie; he, Rimmer. BUFF (9): 1, McNulty, good one, some thought lucky to beat 2, Knowles, good col., leg, and position; 3, Algie, neat; vhc, Rimmer; he, Hamilton; c, Davie, good col., leg, and position, some thought best in class. YELL. HEN (7): 1, Rimmer, good col., quality, and style; 2, Knight, lovely col., not quite so neat; 3, he, McNulty, good shape; vhc, Algie; c, Blundell. BUFF (4): 1, Turner, good style, quality, and position; 2, Algie, nice one, not quite so neat at waist; 3, Young, very smart, close up; vhc, Knight. NOR. YELL.: 1, Steinhart; 2, Hawkes; 3, vhc, Tyrer. BUFF (4): 1, Hawkes, good quality; 2, Algie, another nice one; 3, Hawkes, good quality; vhc, Steinhart. NOR. GREEN YELL. cancelled. BUFF (5): 1, Hawkes, good col., shape, and substance; 2, Tyrer, large, good one; 3, vhc, Hawkes, smaller, a trifle, good shape. YELL. HEN (4): 1, Hawkes, col., quality; 2, Tyrer, small, good col.; 3, Hawkes; vhc, Tyrer. NOVICE YORKS. YELL. (4): 1, Steinhart, very stylish; 2, Knight, good leg, and position; 3, Wale, again good, not quite so neat; vhc, Bright. BUFF cancelled. YELL. HEN (3): 1, Bright; 2, 3, Wale, all nice birds. BUFF cancelled. UNFLIG. YELL. (3): 1, 2, Knight, botb good legs and style; 3, Steinhart, fine leg and position. BUFF (3): 1, Knight, grand leg, quality, and position; 2, 3, Bright, nice legs. HENS AND CINN. MKD. cancelled. GREENS, YELL. (3): 1, 2, Bright, pair of nice ones; 3, Wale, neat. BUFF (5): 1, 2, Knight, good col., well pencilled; 3, Steinhart, not quite so neat, otherwise equally good; vhc, Knight; he, Wale. YELL. HEN (5): 1, 2, Wale, good col. and quality; 3, Steinhart, nice one, not quite so neat; vhc, Knight; he, Wale. BUFF (3): 1, Bright; 2, Wale; 3, Knight, all good, not much between them. GIFT (7): 1, Rhodes; 2, McLean; 3, Algie; vhc, Knight; he, McNulty; c, Rimmer. MULES 1, 2, Horne, small Linnet and Siskin, in good condition. BRITISH GOLDFINCH (3): 1, Bond and Sons, fine bird, good blaze and col.; 2, 3, Horne. LINNET (4): 1, 2, Horne, good and dark; 3, Bond and Sons; vhc, Young. BULLFINCH (3): 1, Bond and Son, very large, rare cap; 2, 3, Horne, a trifle smaller, fine caps. GREENFINCH (4): 1, Bond and Son; 2, Young; 3, vhc, Horne, all nice birds. SISKIN, ETC. (2): Bond and Son, nice mealy; 2, Horne, fine Lessor. A.O.S. (3): 1, Bond and Son, nice Chaffinch; 2, 3, Horne, Brambles, good ones.

WALKDEN & DIS. C.B.S.

Second annual members' show held in the Institute, Manchester-road, Dec. 2nd. The room was very cosy, with plenty of light and freedom from draughts—an ideal room for a members' show. Entries were small compared with those of last year, and visitors were few. Mr. T. Tootill won special for best Can. with a very neat yell. Yorks., and Messrs. Gaskell Bros. won special for best British with a charming Goldie of grand colour and markings. Other special winners: Messrs. C. Mann, H. Moss, and H. Howard. Mr. A. Donelly judged.

NOR.: 1, 2, Gaskell Bros.; 3, Yates. HEN: 1, 2, Gaskell Bros.; 3, Yates. UNFLIG.: 1, 2, 3, Gaskell Bros. YORKS. CK.: 1, 2, 3, Tootill. HEN: 1, H. Howard; 2, 3, Tootill. GOLDIE: 1, Gaskell; 2, H. Moss; 3, A. Mullinent. LINNET: 1, Moss; 2, Tootill; 3, Doyle. A.O.S. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, Moss; 2, Doyle; 3, Mullinent. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Howard; 2, 3, Gaskell Bros. GREENIE: 1, Mann; 2, Moss; 3, Doyle.—Hy. Howard, Sec.

WOOLWICH.

The amalgamated show of the Plumstead and Woolwich Soc. and the New Cross Soc. was held Dec. 2nd, in the Sussex Hall, Woolwich. There was a nice collection of birds, although the New Cross Society's members did not respond very freely to the invitation of the secretaries, Messrs. Meadee and Smith. Of the varieties on view, the Nor. were undoubtedly the pick of the show. Many of these both in champion and novice sections, were of real merit, and quite fit for open competition; in fact, we heard that several of the winners had already aquitted themselves well in some of the Kent exhibitions. Mr. Meades took special for best Norwich with a grand yell. of fine size, shape, and quality; he also staged the reserve bird. A nice lengthy yell. Yorks. of good type secured special for best novice; this bird was hardly pressed hy a very short, thickly-built Nor. staged by Mr. E. Hartland. Mr. G. Barton is the fortunate owner of the yell. Yorks. There were two or three grand Mules on show, Mrs. T. W. Pope securing 1st and 3rd with two high class Linnet-Canaries, Mr. C. King splitting these two with a stylish bird, beautifully laced, of the same cross. If properly fed and staged this bird should give the best of them trouble. A few good British birds completed the collection. In this section Mr. Meades won special with a tight feathered Reed Bunting shown in grand condition. The secretaries, Messrs. Meades and Smith, managed everything splendidly, and had valuable assistance from Messrs. Pawley, Maclellan, W. Hall, junr. Mr. H. Norman judged.

The Awards.

CHAMP. NOR. YELL. CK.: 1, 2, Meades: BUFF: 1, 3, Meades; 2, Pawley. VAR. BUFF: 1, Meades. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Meades. BUFF: 1, Pawley. 1911 YELL.: 1, Meades. BUFF: 1, Meades; 2, 3, Worth. HEN: 1, Meades; 2, Worth. YORKS. YELL CK.: 1, Pawley. BUFF: 1, Pawley. BUFF HEN: 1, Pawley. NOR. (NOVICE), CL. YELL.: 1, Smith; 2, Williams; 3, Hartland; vhc, T. Smith; he, Newhams; c, Jones. BUFF: 1, Shrivell; 2, Williams; 3, Newnhams. VAR. YELL.: 1, Smith 2, King; 3, Williams. BUFF: 1, Hartland; 2, Smith; 3, Pope. YELL HEN: 1, Williams; 2, Newnham. BUFF: 1, 2, Williams; 3, Smith; vhc, Williams, Junr. 1911 YELL.: 1, King; 2, Wood; 3, Williams. BUFF: 1, Hartland; 2, Williams; 3, Williams; c, vhc, Shrivell; he, c, Smith. HEN: 1, Shrivell; 2, Smith; 3, Wood; vhc, Hall. YORKS., YELL. CK.: 1, Hartland; 2, Barton. BUFF: 1, Newnham; 2, Forse. VAR. YELL.: 1, Barton; 2, Knight. BUFF: 1, Forse. YELL. HEN: 1, Barton; 2, Forse; 3, Newnham. BUFF HEN: 1, Hartland; 2, Forse. 1911 YELL.: 1, Knights; 2, 3, vhc, Turner. BUFF: 1, Turner; 2, Forse; 3, Newnham. HEN: 1, Forse. DK. HYB.: 1, 3, Pope; 2, Yaley; vhc, King. GOLDFINCH: 1, Maclellan. BULLFINCH: 1, Jones; 2, Perkins; 3, Knight; vhc, Smith. LINNET: 1, Maclellan 2, Yaley. REDPOLL: 1, Maclellan; 2, Knight; 3, vhc, Barton; he, Perkins. SISKIN: 1, King. GREENFINCH: 1, Maclellan. 2, Meades; 3, Knight. A.O.V.: 1, Meades; 2, Knight. FOR.: 1, Pope.

PELTON FELL (Co. Durham).

Second annual open show held December 23rd, Old Institute Hall. Entries came up well, totalling 320, this being a slight increase upon last year's entry. The Norwich were undoubtedly the pick in the Canary section. The British section was exceptionally good, the Linnet class in particular being a grand one; in fact, one of the best we have seen for some time, with not a bad one amongst them. The show hall is a really grand place for the purpose; it is large and lofty and has any amount of light, both natural and artificial, and a heating apparatus by which the temperature of the hall can be regulated. The management is really excellent, and we compliment the popular secretary, Mr. Wm. Forster, upon the excellent manner in which he gets through his duties, the whole of the arrangements being carried out in first-class style, while we found him always courteous and most obliging. He was ably backed up by a splendid body of workers, headed by that well-known fancier, Mr. J. Stanger (the chairman). Special mention should be made of the fanciers who supported the chairman so well, viz., Messrs. W. H. Butler, R. S. Bewick, Lance Hall, J. Macdonald, W. Davidson, E. Atkinson, R. Boyd, R. Peart, W. Catchpole, R. Fletcher, J. Skeen, and J. H. Elliot. Prize money here is guaranteed, and winners who were present at the show received theirs during the afternoon. Fine weather favoured the show, and the attendance was very satisfactory, many well-known fanciers being present from the surrounding districts. The judges were Mr. J. Riseborough (Canaries), and Mr. F. Marwood (British).

Mr. Riseborough's Classes.

NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (6): 1, Wm. Forster, cl., medium size, short cobby body, red-hot col., neat head, well carried wings and tail; 2, Butler, cap mkd., larger than leader, not quite so cobby, grand col. and quality, good head; 3, hc, Davidson, cl., scarcely so tight in feather, but nice shape, red-hot col.; vhc, Stanger; c, S. Elliot. BUFF (9): 1, 2, Stanger, both clears, leader grand size, nice shape, thick head and neck, full chest, grand col. and quality, rare carriage, 2nd not quite size of leader, but grand shape, neat head, neck and chest; 3, Robson and March, cl., plenty of substance, full head and neck, nice col. and quality; vhc, Wm. Forster; hc, Butler; c, J. Davidson. 1911 (10): 1, 3, Butler, two beauties, variegated, yell. leading, grand size and shape, rare neck and chest, rich col. and quality, grand wings and tail, 3rd variegated buff, another topper for size and shape, grand col. and quality, neat head; 2, A. Forster, yell., tkd. back of neck, scarcely so large as leader, grand shape, nice bead and neck, full chest, grand col.; vhc, Reid; hc, Stanger; c, S. Elliot. CREST OR C.B. (6): 1, vhc, bc, Bewick, nice team, well known "Duchess" leading, probably the best C.B. hen on the benches to-day, needs no comment; 2, 3, T. Taylor, a brace of beauties, 2nd wing mkd. D.C., neat shapely crest, good size, fine radiation, grand centre and droop, 3rd foul tail, green C.B., not quite as massive as leader, yet a grand one, wonderful skull, grand width and entrance, abundantly clothed with grand feather; c, S. Forster. YORKS (10): 1, 2, Butler, cl. yell. leading, medium length, grand position, beautifully drawn, neat head and neck, well rounded back, 2nd tkd. buff, nice length, well drawn, neat head, shoulder and waist, gets well up, fine col. and quality; 3, T. Elliot, cl. yell., hot col., nice length and position, well drawn, neat head; vhc, Boggan; hc, D. Kent; c, Turnbull. 1911 (8): 1, 2, Butler, yell. mkd. leading, grand length, straight as a rush, well tapered, well rounded back, neat head, well braced wings and tail, 2nd cl. yell., lengthy, very slim and upstanding, grand wings and tail, not quite so well filled in on back; 3, D. Kent, cl. yell., fine length, grand position, neat head, well rounded back, neat wings and tail; vhc, S. Forester; hc, Boggan; c, J. T. Reed. BORD., CL., ETC., YELL. (8): 1, Elliot, cl., grand rich col., fine quality, good shape and feather, neat head, grand back, wings and tail; 2, Herdman, cap mkd., rich col., fine shape and carriage, sweet head, beaten a wee bit in wing carriage; 3, C. Bennett, even cinn. mkd., grand shape, rich quality, neat bead, grand wings and tail; vhc, Bewick; hc, Peart. BUFF (11): 1, C. Elliott, cl. buff, model for shape, neat head and neck, well filled in, good col. and quality, beautifully finished; 2, vhc, Bewick, cl., nice shape, grand feather, sweet head, well rounded, grand wings and tail, not much to choose between it and leader; 3, hc, Bates, cl., shade rich col., fine shape and feather, neat round head, No. 11, Bennett, a good cap mkd. bird, but soft when judged. A.O.V. CAN. (5): 1, 3, Reid, Lizards, Gold leading, nice size and shape, good spangling, evenly rowed, 3rd Silver, good size and shape, nice back work; 2, Rutherford, yell. cinn., medium size, nice shape, grand rich col., level all through, fine polish; vhc, bc, Stanger.

Mr. Marwood's Classes.

BRIT. LINNET (19) a strong class for quality: 1, 3, Maddison, two beauties, leader fine size and shape, beautiful nut brown col., grand pencilling, clear and distinct, shown in perfect condition, 3 larger even than leader, grand shape, well pencilled on breast, very profuse, rich col., not quite so well pencilled on back; 2, Davidson, another big one, rare shape, rich nut brown col., grandly pencilled, very steady, in grand condition; either of these three might have won, so close were they in point of merit; vhc, Hanson; hc, Tomlinson; c, Boyd. BULLIE, ETC. (14): 1, Butler, grand size and shape, beautifully clean-cut blaze of rich col., grand tanning, fine wings and buttons, put down in first-class condition; 2, Davison, another grand Goldie, not quite so large, but a beauty for col. and polish, nice square-cut blaze, rich and pure in col.; 3, Rutherford, Bullie, medium size, fine shape, grand rich breast col., carried well under, nice shaped cap; vhc, J. Forster; hc, Beadle; c, Wm. Forster. GREENFINCH (13): 1, Milburn, big, col.-fed bird, bold head and neck, rich col., grand wings, rare polish and condition; 2, Waters, even bigger than leader, beautifully shape, bold fronted birds, short and cobby, beaten only in col; 3, Rowell, another grandly shaped bird, col.-fed, smaller than leaders, but grand col. and condition; vhc, Butler; hc, Boyd; c, J. Forster. SISKIN, ETC. (10): 1, Wilson, grand Twite, fine size and shape, lovely col., beautifully pencilled, fine polish and condition; 2, Robson and March, Siskin, nice size, grand col., well laced, fine cap and bib, in good condition; 3, Boyd, F.-M. Lesser Redpoll, lovely col. and polish, well laced; vhc, Waters, Mealy Redpoll, topper for size and lacing, hard lines to be out of money; hc, Carr and Son; c, Milburn. A.O. HARDBILL (9): 1, Wilson, Bramble, fine size and shape, good breast col., nicely spangled back, well laced, shown in tip-top condition; 2, Edwards, Yellowhammer, nice size and shape, grand col., nice head markings, tight feather; 3, Storey, Corn Bunting, fine size and shape, grandly marked, nice feather and condition, steady; vhc, Waters; hc, Tomlinson; c, Boyd. SOFTBILL (7): 1, Davison, Waxwing, nice size, beautiful sleek plumage, not a feather out of place, nice col; 2, vhc, hc, Wilson, nice team; 2, "Gale," nice size, grand feather and condition; 3, Boyd, Chough, fine size, grand col., rich col. legs and beak, scarcely so tight in feather as we have seen him. MULE (10): 1, 3, c, Wilson, leader Can.-Bullie, plenty of size, nice shape and col., a wee bit slack in feather; 3, Goldie-Bullie, nice shape and col., in good condition; 2, vhc, Maddison, leader cl. Goldie mule, grand size and shape, nice face and wings, in lovely condition, vhc lightly mkd Greenie Can., rare size, grand shape, beautiful col. and condition, some made these two 1st and 2nd; hc, Butler; c, Wilson. FOR. (6): 1, Mrs. T. Taylor, well-known Sugar Bird, marvel for col., shown in the best possible condition; 2, 3, Mackenzie, Lory leading, in fine condition and feather, made more noise than all the other exhibits in show put together, 3 nice pair of Parson Finches, good feather and condition; vhc, Broadbent, Budgerigars. GIFT (9): 1, Stanger; 2, A. Forster; 3, T. Elliot; vhc, Herdman; hc, Wm. Forster; c, Fletcher. HYDE'S CLASS (7): 1, Bewick, "Duchess;" 2, Stanger; 3, Butler; vhc, Herdman; hc, c, Fletcher. MEMBERS' CLASSES: NOR. YELL. (6): 1, Wm. Forster; 2, Butler; 3, Herdman; vhc, Stanger; hc, W. Forster; c, E. Atkinson. BUFF (8): 1, vhc, Stanger; 2, 3, Herdman; hc, Wm. Forster; c, W. Forster. 1911 (7): 1, 3, Butler; 2, A. Forster; vhc, Stanger; hc, Atkinson; c, Herdman. HEN (8): 1, 3, Wm. Forster; 2, Butler; vhc, A. Forster; hc, Atkinson; c, Elliot. CREST (3): 1, Bewick; 2, Hall; 3, T. Forster. C.B. (3): 1, 2, Bewick; 3, Hall. CREST OR C.B., 1911 (6): 1, 2, Bewick; 3, vhc, hc, c, Hall. YORKS., CK. (4): 1, T. Forster; 2, vhc, T. Elliot; 3, Herdman. HEN (5): 1, Herdman; 2, T. Elliot; 3, hc, Catchpole; vhc, T. Forster. 1911 (16): 1, c, Catchpole; 2, Herdman; 3, T. Elliot; vhc, MacDonald; hc, T. Forster. CINN. (5): 1, Stanger; 2, Herdman; 3, Bewick; vhc, hc, T. Elliot. 1911 (4): 1, Herdman; 2, vhc, Bewick; 3, Stanger. BORD. YELL. CK. (6): 1, 2, J. H. Elliot; 3, Herdman; vbc, Bewick; hc, Peart; c, McDonald. BUFF (8): 1, 3, Bewick; 2, Elliot; vhc, Peart; hc, McDonald; c, Fletcher. YELL. HEN (8): 1, 3, Bewick; 2, vhc, J. H. Elliot; hc, Peart; c, Herdman. BUFF (6): 1, Peart; 2, c, J. H. Elliot; 3, Stanger; vhc, A. Forster; bc, Herdman. CAN., NOVICE (11): 1, 2, vhc, c, Hall; 3, McDonald; hc, Catchpole. LINNET, H.M. (6): 1, vhc, Davison; 2, T. Forster; 3, Boyd; hc, Peart; c, A. Forster. F.M. (8): 1, Davison; 2, vhc, Boyd; 3, hc, Catchpole; c, Peart. BULLIE, ETC. (7): 1, Butler; 2, Davison; 3, Wm. Forster; vhc, Boyd; hc, Peart; c, Catchpole. SISKIN, ETC. (2): 1, Boyd; 2, W. Forster. A.O. SEED-EATER (7): 1, Butler; 2, hc, Boyd; 3, Bewick; vbc, Davison; c, Fletcher. SOFTBILL (2): 1, Davison; 2, Boyd. MULE (5): 1, 2, Butler; 3, Bewick; vhc, Herdman; hc, McDonald. BRIT., NOVICE (3): 1, 2, Catchpole; 3, McDonald. FOR. (1): 1, Wm. Forster.

ANNAN.

Third annual exhibition of the Annandale C.B.A., held December 16th, at Good Templar Hall, Annan, when nearly 200 birds were staged, the quality throughout being excellent. The main feature of the show was the especially fine collection of Border Fancies, these mustering over 90 in the eleven classes provided. The Norwich also made a good show. Some capital birds were seen among the 50 birds staged in the seven classes. The judges were Messrs. D. Holden (Muirkirk) and J. H. Adam (Glasgow), who got through their task expeditiously and well. The arrangements were in the hands of a hardworking committee, comprising Messrs. Hinds, Urquhart, Lees and Nicholson, who, with the capable and courteous secretary, Mr. J. Campbell, saw that everything worked with exceeding smoothness.

SCOT FCY. (2): 1, 2, Miss Johnstone. BORD., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (13): 1, Mossie; 2, 3, 5, Davidson; 4, Monaghan; 6, Dempster; 7, Studholme HEN (9): 1, Mossie; 2, 6, Davidson; 3, Henderson; 4, Pearson; 5, Deacon; 7, Studholme. BUFF CK. (13): 1, Beck; 2, Mossie; 3, Nicholson; 4, 6, 7, Davidson; 5, Richardson. HEN (12): 1, Beck; 2, Mossie; 3, 4, 6, Davidson; 5, Pearson; 7, Robison. EVEN MKD. (6): 1, McVittie; 2, Richardson; 3, Skilling; 4, 5, 6, Johnstone. UNEVEN OR VAR. YELL. (6): 1, Findlay; 2, Beck; 3, Henderson; 4, Davidson; 5, Dempster; 6, Stndholme. BUFF (6): 1, Beck; 2, 3, Davidson; 4, Wood; 5, Findlay; 6, Lockbart. GREEN OR CINN. YELL. (9): 1, 2, Richardson; 3, Davidson; 4, McVittie; 5, Murray; 6, Deacon; 7, Henderson. BUFF (5): 1, 2, Richardson; 3, Robison; 4, Murray. NOR. YELL. CK.: 1, McFarlane. HEN (4): 1, McFarlane; 2, White; 3, Murray; 4, Andrew. BUFF (3): 1, McFarlane; 2, Laidlaw; 3, Lockhart. HEN (5): 1, McFarlane; 2, 4, Cranston; 3, Bell; 5, Lockhart. UNFLIG. YELL. (3): 1, W. McFarlane; 2, A. McFarlane. BUFF (3): 1, Bell; 2, McFarlane; 3, Marchbank. CREST OR C.B. (6): 1, Vere; 2, 6, Skilling Bros.; 3, Lockhart; 4, 5, J. and W. Robinson. LIGHT MULE (5): 1, 2, 3, Bond; 4, Crosbie; 5, McVittie. DARK (6): 1, 4, Bond; 2, Crosbie; 3, Wilson; 5, Warren; 6, White. GOLDFINCH (10): 1, McNeillie; 2, Davidson; 3, Thompson; 4, Murray; 5, Bell; 6, Alexander; 7, Johnstone. F.M.: 1, Bell; 2, Murray; 3, 6, McMinn; 4, Thompson; 5, McEwan. BULLIE (6): 1, Laidlaw; 2, McMinn; 3, Donaldson; 4, Bell; 5, Morrison; 6, Murray. LINNET, H.M. (6): 1, 2, 3, Wilson; 4, Bell; 5, Urquhart; 6, Pagan. F.M. (6): 1, McMinn; 2, McGavin; 3, Wilson; 4, J. Murray, jun.; 5, D. Murray; 6, Nicholson. GREENIE (6): 1, McFarlane; 2, McNeillie; 3, McKinnel; 4, McWilliam; 5, Hind; 6, Urquhart. REDPOLL, ETC. (7): 1, McFarlane; 2, McWilliam; 3, Bond; 4, McEwan; 5, Urquhart; 6, Power; 7, Lockbart. A.O.S. (3): 1, McWilliam; 2, Dodson. FOR. (2): 1, McWilliam; 2, M'Kinnell. HOUSEHOLDERS' CLASS (10): 1, Weild; 2, Mrs. Hind; 3, Edgar; 4, Alexander; 5, 6, Nicbolson; 7, Murray.

LLANELLY.

Llanelly and Dis. P.P. and C.B.S. show held Boxing Day at the Market Hall, a large, roomy, and well ventilated place, admirably adapted for a show. The sec., Mr. D. Griffiths, is an old and tried hand, and worked hard for the success of the show. It would be well if the classification were extended next year. Mr. Sam Jones judged.

YORKS (14): 1, Phillips, cl. yellow, long racy upstanding bird, perfect flights and position, good round head, wins; 2, c, Webster, cl. buff, feathered like boxwood, grand position, hot one for col.; 3, 4, vhc, E. H. Williams, variegated buff, a wee shade smaller than the above, but feathered like a Java, grand compact tail; 4, cl. yell., soft when judging, but a good bird; hc, Portman. NOR. (9): 1, 2, D. R. Jones, 1, cl. buff, an easy win, short and thick, with a good rounded chest, typical Nor.; 2, bigger, but longer in flights and tail, which makes it long in comparison with 1st; 3, W. P. Jones, a whopper for size, but does not take perches so good as above, a grand bird; 4, H. S. Davies, marked buff, not quite so cobby as winners, but good quality feather; vhc, E. H. Williams; hc, Portman; c, Holbrow. BORD. (7): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, c, Harry, grand team from this now well-known exhibitor, 1st cl. buff, takes perches in a delightful style, 2nd cl. yell., not quite so tight in feather as winner, but very typical, grand col.; 3rd, marked buff, as tight as a Java in feather, but does not move so gracefully as the two above. MEMBERS' A.V. (3): 1, 2, 3, Morris, all Norwich.

LLANDOVERY.

Annual Christmas show held Dec. 22, including a very fine cage bird show, which has improved immensely since the first start about four years ago. The exhibits were excellent for number and quality, some very good Canaries, British and Foreign being staged. Mr. J. E. Jeffreys (Swansea) judged, and his awards were well received. The show was well attended by the large number of visitors who visited the show.

The Critique.

CAN. CK.: 1, spl, Pugh, Nor., beautiful buff, right shape, fine quality; 2, Lewis, good Yorks, nice shape, stands well up on perches; 3, Miss Strange, best quality Nor. in class; res, Jones; vbc, Davies; hc, Evans; c, Pugh. HEN: 1, spl, Lewis, good buff Yorks; 2, Jones, another nice one; 3, Miss Strange, shown in an unsuitable cage, nice exhibit; res, Miss Williams; vhc, Thomas; hc, Davies; c, Jones. MULE DARK: 1, spl, Pugh, good Buff Goldie Can.; 2, Thomas, nice quality, not quite the size of the winner; 3, Evans, good bird; res, Jenkins; vhc, Cadwalader; hc, Jenkins. BRIT.: 1, spl, Lewis, excellent Yellowhammer, plenty of size, the right V, which we cannot see every day, also takes spl for best bird in show; 2, Anthony, good Bullie; 3, Jones, Greenie, nice quality, grand one; res, Jones. GOLDFINCH HEN: 1, spl, Jackson, good blaze and tanning; 2, Edwards, wants time, not quite up to colour; 3, Jones, will make a grand one when ready; res, Jenkins; vhc, Dale. GREYPATE: 1, spl, Frost, very promising exhibit; 2, Pugh, also good one; 3, Davies, again a nice bird; res, Thomas; vbc, hc, Lewis; c, Jenkins. FOR.: 1, spl, Davies; 2, Griffiths; 3, Mrs. Williams; res, Jones; vhc, Jenkins. CHILDREN'S CLASS: 1, Jenkins; 2, Johnson; 3, Lewis; res, Bowen; vhc, Johnson; hc, Jones.

PETERHEAD.

Fourth annual open show of the Peterhead C.B.A., held in the Music Hall, December 22nd and 23rd. There was an increased entry in almost every class, and the display of Norwich, Hybrids, British and Foreign birds has seldom been equalled in the district. Entries were received from breeders all over the country, and the committee found it necessary to engage a larger hall than formerly to accommodate the exhibits. Mr. P. Jack, the energetic secretary and treasurer, had everything in perfect order, and he is to be congratulated on his efforts to make the show a success. The light was not of the best, and the judges must have had a trying time to get the best ones picked out. Some bad mistakes were made in the catalogue, which made things somewhat difficult to follow. Special for best bird in show went to Mr. Park, with a good Crest; some, however, seemed to think it should have gone to a Norwich, these being superior to the Crests. Mr. Menuie (Elgin) judged. From the opening of the show to the close there was a constant stream of visitors, and they were delighted with the birds.

The Critique.

YELL. CK. (COL. FED.) (10): 1, Ironside, good size, nice level col. and quality; 2, Thomson, fails only in quality to winner, good col.; 3, Wilson, grand type, nicely staged; 4, Yeates, not at all a bad one, teeming with quality and col.; 5, Morrice; 6, Winton. BUFF (8): 1, 3, Morrice, 1 best of type, A1 quality and col., 3 not quite so typical as winner, good one in all else; 2, Winton, quality recommends it; 4, Ironside, some made second, grand substance; 5, Clark; 6, Wilson. YELL. VAR. (6): 1, 3, Thomson, two very sweet exhibits, winner heavily marked, good size and quality; 2, Dunn, wing mark, good col. and quality; 4, 5, Wilson; 6, Morrice. BUFF CK. (5): 1, Wilson, mkd. eyes and wings, good type, nice even col., well staged; 2, 5, Ironside, 2 very sweet all over; 3, Morrice, fine type, nice boxy feather, teeming with quality, compact wings and tail; 4, Wilson. YELL. HENS (6): 1, 4, P. Thomson, 1 excels in quality and type; 2, Dunn, a little soft when we were taking notes; 3, Winton, good size; 5, Morrice; 6, Wilson. BUFF: 1, Morrice, smart, good shape, level col., nice quality; 2, Wilson, another of grand quality, well staged. VAR. YELL. HENS (7): 1, Ironside, rare size, grand feather and col.; 2, Morrice, very close to winner in point of merit; 3, Clark, marked on both cheeks, sweet quality, nice col.; 4, Winton; 5, Wilson; 6, J. Morrice. BUFF (7): 1, 4, Ironside, 1 marked on back and head, very typical, well balanced; 2, Hendry, best of quality, a wing mark, very showy; 3, Winton; 5, Morrice; 6, Wilson. MATCHED PAIRS (6): 1, 3, 4, Wilson, wins with a yell. var. ck. of good size, and a cl. buff hen; 2, Morrice, also a well matched pair; 6, Jas. Morrice. NAT. COL. CLASSES: YELL. CK. (8): 1, Morrice, a topper, good shape, rare quality; 2, 5, 6, Cowie, 2 bold head and neck, good quality; 3, Wilson, wonderfully nice plainbead, best of quality and condition; 4, Park. BUFF (11): 1, Winton, magnificent quality; 2, Park, better type, A1 feather, just a little pinched in bead; 3, Morrice, some preferred for 1st, grand head and neck, well rounded front, nice short wings; 4, Silver; 5, Johnston; 6, P. Thomson. VAR. BUFF (8): 1, P. Thomson, tip-top quality, neat bead and wings; 2, Cowie, very sweet, well turned out; 3, Morrice, marked wings and eyes, typical, nice bold front and clean cut away; 4, 5, Johnson; 6, Wilson. GREEN CAN. (3): 1, Morrice, typical yell.; 2, 3, Wilson, both buffs, good size and quality. CREST (8): 1, Park, D.C., nice size; 2, 4, 5, Sim, 2 good crest, nice centre, fails only in size; 3, 6, Jack, 3 very neat, fine leafy feather. BORD. (6): 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Cross, a nice team, put down in fine style; 6, Sim. A.O.V.: 1, Yeats, nice even mark. HYB. (6): 1, Clark, a light Goldie Can., looks like a hen, in A1 condition; 2, 3, Smith, both Greenfinch Can. mules, best of col.; 4, Park; 5, 6, Cowie. FINCHES (8): 1, Clark, For. Goldie, good blaze, clean cut checks, nicely tanned, staged in fine bloom; 2, Hendry, another Goldie, not quite so large, rich blaze, best of tanning, well turned out; 3, English, Goldie, very sweet, beaten only in size; 4, 6, Cowie; 5, Thomson. LINNETS (4): 1, Henry, stout, rich brown col., good throat markings, nicely pencilled breast; 2, Cowie, just a little open in breast markings, otherwise equal; 3, 4, Johnston, 3 nice size and shape, well defined markings. SISKIN, ETC. (3): 1, 3, Johnston, wins with a nice 'Poll, close, lustrous feather; 3, Twite, lovely col.; 2, J. R. Johnston, 'Poll, good bib and lacing. BRIT., A.O.S.: 1, Cowie, nice Crossbill, well shown; 2, Yellowhammer, lovely col. and condition. FOR. (4): 1, Davidson, nice Amazon; 2, Mrs. Gordon, Indian Hill Parrot, in grand order; 3, Johnston, Budgerigars, lovely marked and nicely staged; 4, Bruce. BRED 1911, YELL. CK. (10): 1, 5, Ironside, 1 grand size, lovely texture of feather, hot col.; 2, P. Thomson, grand shape, good bead, neck and back; 3, Wilson, very smart and typical; 4, Winton; 6, Hendry. BUFF (15): 1, Wilson, cap and wing mark, grand shape and position, good col. and quality; 2, Yeates, junr., another good Nor., teeming with quality and col; 3, 4, 5, Winton, 3 not at all a bad one, well rounded front, nice wings; 6, Hendry. YELL. HENS (10): 1, 2, 3, P. Thomson, wins with a nice shy lovely model, and best of quality, 2 inclined to open a trifle in front; 4, Yeats; 5, Morrice; 6, Winton. BUFF (11): 1, Hendry, variegated, good type and quality, perfect wings and tail; 2, Thomson, lovely quality, well staged; 3, Wilson, sound in col., rare size, lovely silky feather; 4, Clark; 5, Dunn; 6, P. Thomson NAT. COL. CK. (10): 1, Clark, very sweet, lovely quality; 2, Morrice, another of the right stamp, short in leg, well balanced; 3, Wilson, rare stamp, perfect condition; 4, Silver; 5, 6, Johnston. HENS (12): 1, 2, Silver, two good specimens, in the pink of condition; 3, Hendry, well placed; 4, Park; 5, 6, Wilson. NOVICE, YELL. CK., ETC.: 1, L. Jack, fine chested bird, A1 quality; 2, McFarlane, good size and col.

UTRECHT (Holland).

The 18th International Exhibition of the Utrecht O.S. was held Dec. 15 to 17. The cage bird section made a very pretty display, and attracted quite a large number of visitors. The exhibits were staged in a cosy part of the hall, which was kept at a nice temperature, and the comfort of the birds was well looked after. The judges were Messrs. C. L. W. Noorduyn and A. A. Polvliet.

DUTCH CAN. (19): Several good typical birds exhibited by Messrs. J. Borden, F. Schuurman, and W. van Leeuwen. LANCS. (8): 1, 2, Leeuwen, nice feather and shape. NOR. (10): Here the best birds were staged by Mr. Leeuwen. YORKS (18): A smart lot, the winning birds shown by Mr. Lecuwen being clean, close feathered, and good length. LIZ.: Principal prizes, Mr. Lecuwen. BORD. FCY.: Mr. Leeuwen. GOLDFINCH: 1, L. Marechal, well mkd. and good coloured bird. NATIVE SEEDEATERS (4): 1, Schuuman; 2, Marechal. INSECTIV.: 1, 2, J. van Elmpt. CARDINALS: A smart bird shown by A. Sutherland winning. In the Parrot and other foreign bird classes the principal prizes were won by birds exhibited by Mr. A. Sutherland, who is to be congratulated on their colour and condition.

WICK.

Annual show held in the Temperance Hall, Dec. 13th and 14th. A good entry was forward, and while some of the classes showed a slight falling off, others fully made up for the shortage. Scotch fanciers seem to have vanished from the east end of the county; only a week previous at Thurso (the west end) there were 16 grand specimens shown in two classes. Plainheads and Crests were very strong classes all through, and many good specimens in the Plainheads were left out of the tickets. Mr. D. Shearer (Thurso) judged, and his awards were well received. Mr. Corner, the secretary, along with a willing working committee, had everything done to make the show a success.

SCOT. FCY. CK.: 1, Henderson. NOR.: 1, 3, Macdonald; 2, cup, Bruce; vhc, Waters; hc, c, Wm. Cormack. HEN: 1, vhc, Nicolson; 2, Henderson; 3, Bruce; vhc, Wm. Cormack; c, David Cormack. CKK., VARIEG.: 1, Macdonald; 2, bc, Bruce; 3, David Cormack; vhc, Wm. Cormack; c, Murray. HEN: 1, Macdonald; 2, David Cormack; 3, Wm. Cormack; vhc, c, Bruce; hc, Murray. CREST: 1, cup, Bruce; 2, Waters. HEN: 1, Bruce; 2, Waters. CREST, 1911: 1, Bruce. HEN: 1, 2, spl, Bruce; 3, Henderson. C.B.: 1, 3, Bruce; 2, Waters. HEN: 1, Waters; 2, Bruce. YORKS. CK.: 1, 2, spl, c, Waters; 3, Frank Henderson; vhc, Bruce; hc, Miller. HEN: 1, Bruce; 2, 3, Waters. BORD. FCY. CK.: 1, spl, Bruce; 2, Donald Henderson. HEN: 1, Donald Henderson; 2, 3, Bruce. COL. FED.: 1, vhc, David Cormack; 2, hc, Clyne; 3, Murray. COMMON: 1, 2, Bruce. A.O.V.: 1, Donald Henderson. LINNET: 1, Wm. Cormack. FOR.: 1, Sutherland; 2, Bruce. NOVICE, CK.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, bc, Oman. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Oman; vhc, Lizzie Henderson. GIFT: 1, Waters; 2, 3, vbc, Bruce.

BANSTEAD.

Second annual show of the Banstead and Burgh Heath F. and F.A. held Dec. 13th and 14th, in the Riding School, Nork Park. The arrangements were ably made by Mr. R. Rolls, the hon. sec., assisted by a rare number of hard workers. Mr. M. Crust made the awards in the cage bird section, where some grand specimens were staged.

YORKS. (9): 1, 2, vhc (2), Harris; 3, Stroud. NOR.: 1, 2, vbc, Saunders; 3, Wade; vhc, bc, Kilby. BRIT. (14): 1, 3, Gunnell; 2, Kilby; vhc, Wade Watford; hc, Wade. FOR. (5): 1, 2, Wade; vhc, Hutchings; vhc, Mansfield.

HUCKNALL TORKARD,

Some excellent specimens were staged at the annual 'Xmas show. Mr. C. Twine gained the honour of most points in Norwich and Crests; Messrs. Marshall, Mason and Gilbert next most points. Two local fanciers in Mr. F. Hayward and E. Severns judged, and gave the greatest satisfaction.

NOR. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, 2, Marshall, 1st monster yell. ticked; 2nd, cl. yell. BUFF: 1, Twine, cl. buff, a wee gem, shone like silk; 2, Marshall, ticked head and wings. CL. YELL.: 1, 2, Twine, two lovely birds, a credit to their owner. BUFF: 1, Twine, grand type and quality. YELL. TKD.: 1, Twine, red hot in grand col., some thought the best Nor. in show. YELL. HEN: 1, Marshall, cl. young hen, should be all right next moult; 2, Twine, another cl., close up. BUFF: 1, Marshall, a grand ben. HEAVY MARKED: 1, Marshall, green hen, tight as wax. STOCK PAIRS, NOR.: 1, Twine, cl. yell. cock, buff ticked hen, well matched. CREST BUFF DARK: 1, Mason, large expansive crest, grand formation; 2, Gilbert, green, close up; 3, Mason, wing marked, a little off when judged. CREST HEN: 1, Gilbert, massively built, good one; 2, Twine, more veiny crest, not quite so expansive. C.B. CK.: 1, Marshall, green, broad entrance, well lashed; 2, Twine, another green, similar to winner. HEN: 1, Twine, grand stock ben. UNFLIG. C.B.: 1, 2, Twine, both greens, two lovely birds, regular toppers; 3, Gilbert, large youngster, should make a good stock bird; 4, Mason. CREST STOCK PAIRS: 1, Marshall, well balanced pair; 2, 3 Mason, two grand pairs.


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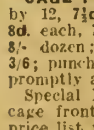
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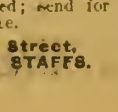
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LINNETS, Linnets, Linnets, Greenfinches, Greenfinches, Greenfinches, red-breasted Lincolnshire cock Linnets, well on seed, best in England, three 1/6, six 2/9, dozen 5/-, three dozen 14/3, five dozen 22/6; hen Linnets, any quantity, 1/- dozen; cock Greenfinches, like paiut, any quantity, 1/- dozen, six 8d.; selected exhibition and muling cock Linnets and cock Greenfinches, the pick of hundreds, 1/6, 2/6, 3/6, 5/- each; hundreds testimonials: Charlie Cubley, Gedney, Holbeach, Lincolnshire.

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Large double-compartment trap cage and Bullfinch call bird, 1/9; Linnet and trap, 1/6; spring net traps, 9d.: Broxup, Catcher, Whittlefield, Burnley.

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Goldfinches, cocks, the best to be got, all will moult out winners, only 3/6; other good ones, 2/6, 2/-; three best hens ever benched, 1/6 each; rare hen Goldfinch, square-cut, black blaze, only 4/-; selected cock Chaffinches, 1/-; h.m. exhibition, big Mealy Redpoll, only 5/-, worth 12/6; the best; others cheap; I defy any dealer to sell above at treble the price; approval, cash, deposit: Gunning, Shinrone, King's Co.

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if any dealer can prove we send out unhealthy birds or hens for cocks. Every bird warranted as advertised; sure prize takers, and warranted sure Mulers. If not, cash returned. Every bird in grand condition and plumage. Giant Siberian cock Greenfinches, warranted sure mulers and prize-takers, 2/6 each or 2 for 4/-; giant Siberian cock Goldfinches, with deep square-cut blaze, nicely tanned on breast, warranted sure mulers and prize-takers, only 5/- each, 2 for 9/-, or 28/- a stick of 7 Russian cock Goldfinches, 3/6 each; cage-moulted, hand-reared, finger-tame white-legged Russian muling hen Bullfinches, 4/6 each, 2 for 8/-, 21/- a stick of 7; all dealers write for wholesale weekly price list; Powers and Russell, 10, Granby-pl., Bethnal Green, London, E.

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etc., beautiful coloured cock Goldfinches, 2/-, 2/6, three 5/-, six 9/-; large, specially selected for showing, muling singing 3/-, 4/- each, three 6/-, six 11/-; hens, 1/-, three 2/6, 7/- dozen; cock Bullfinches, 1/6, 2/-, three 4/-, six 7/-; hens, 1/-, three 2/6, six 4/6; large Lancashire cock Linnets, 9d., three 1/9, six 3/-, 5/- dozen; specially selected for showing or singing, 1/6, 2/- each; cock Larks, 6d., three 1/-, six 1/6, 2/6 dozen; Redpolls, 6d., six 1/6, 2/6 dozen; large hen Bullfinch, 2/-; Siberian cock Goldfinch, 4/6, 5/6 each; Bullfinch cages, 1/6; Goldfinch cages 1/6; Linnet cages, 9d., 1/- each: Matt. Hopkins, Birds Specialist and Cagemaker, 11, Fylde-st., Preston, Lancashire.

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British birds for singing, showing, or muling? If so, place your orders with me, as I have a large stock on hand to select from, and all sent out on approval on receipt of cash or deposit system, on the understanding that the whole of your money is returned if birds are not exactly as described. Warranted Worcestershire cock Goldfinches in full colour, 1/6, 2/- each, three 4/-, six 7/6; specially selected larger cocks, in full song, the right sort for muling, 2/6, 3/- each, three 6/-, six 11/-; few extra large Goldfinches, with deep square cut blaze, in full song and finger tame, fit to show at once, 4/-, 5/-, 6- each; hen Goldfinches, 1/-, three 2/6, six 4/6; large stock of cock Linnets, with nut-brown wings and back, rose redbreast, 9d., three 2/-, six 3/6, 5/6 dozen; few steady cock Linnets, specially selected for showing, muling or contest singing in full song and finger tame, 1/6, 2/-, 2/6, 3/- each; impossible to get better cock Bullfinches, 2/-, 2/6, 3/-, 4/- each; steady hen Bullfinches, been flying in aviary three months with other mixed birds, 1/-, 1/6, 2/- each; selected cock Greenfinches, Chaffinches, Redpolls, all cocks, 6d., 9d., 1/- each, cages for the above birds, 6d., 9d., 1/- each: Thomas Hughes, 65, Baltley-rd., Birmingham.

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Exhibitors.—Best selected of my catching cocks, Snow Buntings, 2/6; Corn Buntings, 2/-; Reed Buntings, Yellow Buntings, Greenfinches, Chaffinches, Linnets, Redpolls, Larks, Bramblefinches, 1/- each; pairs for aviary, same price: warranted cock Linnets, 4/6 dozen; Bramblefinches, Yellow Bunts, 3/-; Greenfinches, 1/- dozen; 20 mixed seedeaters, 1/6; 12 brighter mixed, 1/-; show condition, well on seed: J. Fenn, Bird Specialist, Pleasant Terrace, Isleham, Cambs.

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Some real English 1911 cock Goldfinches, sex guaranteed, and healthy, and on seed, price 1/6, three 4/-, six 6/6; extra picked for singing, showing, muling, 2/-, 2/6, 3/-, three 5/-, six 8/-; hens, 8d. and 10d., three 1/6, twelve 5/-; cock Bullfinches, beauties, 1/6, 2/-, and 2/6, three 4/-; hens, 1/-, three 2/6; Redpolls, six 1/6. Grand cock Linnets, price 8d., 10d., 1/- each, three 1/6, six 2/6; grand upstanding cock Larks, caged off, singing, 6d., 9d., 1/-, each, three 1/4, six 2/-, twelve 3/-; all guaranteed. Note: Every bird above I guarantee in every way. It does not pay me to supply rubbish. Wire cages for any of above, 1/-, 1/3, 1/6, 1/9, 2/-. Shutter Lark cages, beauties, 2/-; beautiful box cages, 2/-. Seed grinding mills, worked in three grades, 1/6. Patronised by all leading judges, exhibitors, etc., including 1911 Crystal Palace. Judges Vardy, Bexson, Battye, Payne, Roe, Barnes, Irons, etc., all noted Crystal Palace judges. See last week's advertisement for testimonials. Send for catalogue. Est. 1879. Tel. 440.—**SANDIFORD, Bird Specialist and Judge, Preston, Lancs.**

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numbers of CAGE BIRDS and see if any other man has ever published anything like the number of testimonials that I have. This should prove to you that no man supplies such good birds as I do. I make no exaggerated claims or false statements, so that people sending to me always know what they are going to receive, and always receive what they expect. When a person sends me 2/6 for a bird he gets one worth 2/6, not one that he could have bought in his own streets for 6d., and this is why I always send on approval and guarantee to instantly return every penny of your money if you are not in every way satisfied. I now have, without doubt, the finest collection of English cock Goldfinches in United Kingdom, every bird guaranteed in pink of health and condition and thoroughly on hard seed, at 2/- each; three, 5/-; six, 9/-; specially selected large cocks for muling and guaranteed now in free song, 3/- and 4/- each. Few real exhibition specimens, with full complements of show points, 5/- and 7/6 each. Grand lot of genuine white legged cock Goldfinches that really have bred mules, 6/-, 7/6, and 10/- each. Splendid lot of cock brown Linnets, every one perfectly on seed, 9d. each; three, 2/-; six, 3/-; twelve, 5/-. Specially picked cocks for muling and contest singing and now in good song, 1/- and 1/6 each; twelve 7/-. Real exhibition specimens, of right type, colour and markings, 2/6 each. Please note, week before Christmas I sent 83 dozen of cock Linnets into Yorkshire alone, and not one of them trained under the old dead and gone champion; this will prove where the Yorkshire contest winners get their birds from. Cock Bullfinches, 2/- and 3/- each; exhibition specimens, 5/- each. Hen Bullfinches, 1/6 and 2/- each. Few genuine picked aviary-moulted hens, 3/- each. Genuine hand-reared finger tame German hen Bullfinches, ideal birds for hybrid breeding, 5/- each; cock Greenfinches, 6d. each, three 1/-, six 1/6; real exhibition specimens 2/6 each; singing cock Skylarks, warranted steady and now in song, 1/- and 1/6 each; cock Snow Buntings, 1/- each, three 2/-, six 3/6, twelve 6/-; cock Yellowhammers, 1/- each; exhibition specimens, 2/6 each; pairs 1/6. Exhibitors please note, I handle more real English birds than any man alive, and therefore have a better chance of picking out exhibition specimens. Those described by me as exhibition specimens in this advt. are birds capable of winning well when used to show cage, and purchasers may always rely upon getting good specimens at top price, but please don't ask for Palace winners at bottom price, because you won't get them. Following letters will give an idea of quality I send out: "3, Burnett Place, Aberdeen, Dec. 27th; Sir,—Snow Bunting duly came to hand. Many thanks for such a good one. You can be certain of all my orders in future.—Yours., W. Allison." "2, Kingsland, Cummock, Dec. 22nd; Sir,—I received Goldie and Bullie all right, and am highly satisfied with them.—Yours, J. Brodie." "Hawthorn Place, Pity Mee, Co. Durham, Dec. 19th; Sir,—I received bird all right. It is a lot better one than I got from Leeds, and I am highly satisfied. You are the best man for business I ever bought off yet.— Yours., E. Hall." "3, Dore Bank, Little Lever, Bolton, December 17th; Sir,—Received birds Saturday. Thanks for prompt attention. I find them everything as advertised, being fine healthy birds in song.—Yours, A. Stubbs." "Fairfield, Bothwell, Glasgow, Dec. 16th; Sir,—Received birds in fine condition. Goldfinch is a beauty, and should do some winning.—Yours, D. Cullen." "15, Ladysmith Street, West Hartlepool, Dec. 14th: Sir,—Received birds on Tuesday. My father-in-law has been a catcher in the North for nearly 30 years, and says he has never seen the equal of the ten Linnets for size and colour.—Yours, M. Dervine." "Tanshelf Drive, Pontefract, Dec. 13th: Sir,—Received Linnets safe; am highly satisfied with them. Many thanks for prompt dispatch.—Yours, H. Dickinson." "120, Sidney Street, Brightlingsea, Dec. 10th: Sir,—Received bird, and am quite satisfied, and also satisfied that you act up to your advt.—Yours, G. Trubshoe." Do not forget all on approval, and your money refunded in full if every satisfaction not given. See Roller Canary column for further advt.

W. GORE, Gooch Street, BIRMINGHAM.

British Exhibitors.

I have thousands of Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Linnets weekly, and can pick likely exhibition specimens. Cock Goldfinches and Bullfinches, 3/-, 4/-, 5/- each; cock Linnets, 1/-, 1/6, and 2/-. Cock Greenfinches, Chaffinches, Redpolls, 1/-, 1/6, 2/-. Large hen Bullfinches, for showing, muling, 2/- and 2/6. Mr. Hedges, Eastbourne, writes, September 13th: "Send me special selected cock Goldfinch, Linnet, Greenfinch, and hen Bullfinch, for enclosed 10/-; Goldfinch I got from you two years ago won six 1sts and specials; the one I had last year won 3rd, but I lost him." Mr. Veitch, Jedburgh, writes: "Send cock Goldfinch, 3/-; two hen Bullfinches, 3/-. Glad to say Goldfinch purchased from you won me two 1sts Hawick, 1st and special Kelso, 5th Edinburgh (class 33), 3rd Galashiels, twice 2nd at our show." W. Jones, Altrincham, December 6th: "Send two cock Linnets and two cock Siskins. Am pleased to say I won 2nd and 4th at Altrincham open class with birds purchased from you." Mr. Ewan, Kirn, writes: "Goldfinch arrived safe, and won 1st and special at our show." Mr. Weedall, Winsford, Jan. 30th: "Send another good Bullfinch. Glad to say last two have won 1st and 2nd every time shown. Unfortunately best one just died; other won 4th large class at big Crystal Palace show." Walter Dyke, Longridge: "Send cock Goldfinch and hen Bullfinch. Glad to say Hybrid which I bred from Goldfinch and Bullfinch purchased from you has won 1st Leeds (Class 19), 2nd Halifax, 1st Leek, 2nd Hamilton, 2nd Hinckley, 1st Portsmouth, etc." Hundreds of winners supplied. Est. 1879.—**SANDIFORD, Bird Specialist and Judge, Preston, Lancs.** Tel. 440.

Softbills.

WRENS, 5/- pair; list 30 species free: Miss Rosey, Rosemary House, Eastbourne.

LARKS, cocks, grand upstanding birds, warranted, 4/- dozen: Perkins' Aviary, Chatteris.

LARGE healthy cock larks, 2/6 dozen: C. Brightwell, Beck Row, Mildenhall, Suffolk.

COCK Larks, 2/6 dozen, can supply weekly: Wright, Bulliver, 75, Lytham-rd., Marshide, Southport.

BEARDED Tit, winner Ipswich, a beauty, 10/6; Grey Wagtail, first and special, 10/6: Saunders, 6, High-st., Ipswich.

COCK Thrushes, 6d. each; Starlings, for show, 1/- each, pick from hundreds: S. Wright, 108a, Shellfield-rd., Southport.

BEAUTIFUL Starling with cage, 1/9 lot; cock Lark, with cage, 1/6; bargains: Benda, Aviary, 534, High-rd., Chiswick, W.

LOVELY 1911 hand-reared cock Skylark, now coming into full song, 2/-; approval willingly: Mrs. Bartholomew, Downs, Dunstable.

EXHIBITORS. Cock Woodlark, a real good one, fit for show, 7/6; other cocks, 2/6: Richards, Clodes Court, Fore-st., Exmouth.

HANDSOME talking Magpie says nearly 100 words, 20/-; approval, deposit: David Mackwell, Hairdresser, Lawkholme, Keighley.

DAINTY pairs Blue Tits, Marsh Tits, grand plumage, 2/6 pair; handsome cock Great Tits, 1/-: Nelson Brown, Kingskerswell, Devonshire.

COCK Thrushes, 3/- half-dozen; selected Thrushes, Blackbirds, 1/- each, on food: William Wright, 54, Shellfield-rd., Marshside, Southport.

HAND-REARED singing cock Thrush, when whistling can be heard distinctly 200 yards; sacrifice 4/-; approval: Miss Paterson, Rifleman, Dunstable.

SPLENDID pairs of Blue Tits and Marsh Tits, 2/6 pair; warranted moated off; fit for keenest competition: Kerschbaumer, 14, Forest-rd., Torquay.

FINGER-TAME hand-reared Magpie, feeds from hand, with large cage, 10/- lot, bargain: Benda, Gunnersbury Aviary, 534 High-road, Chiswick, W.

THREE pairs Reed Buntings, 3/6 lot; cock, 2 hens, Cirl Buntings, 5/-; pair Yellow Buntings, 1/6, lot 8/6, bargain; approval: K. Older, 64, Kingsland-rd., Bristol.

GENUINE 1911 reared cock Skylark, incessant songster indoors and out, perfect plumage and finger tame, 4/6; giving up: Davidson, 11, Alcester-st., Birmingham.

I HAVE 20 large selected cock Skylarks, very steady, in full song by day and gaslight, would make good contest birds, 1/6, 2/-, 3/- each: Thomas Hughes, 65, Saltley Road, Birmingham.

GENUINE cock Thrushes, 2/6; Blackbirds, 1/6; Skylarks, 1/6; guaranteed thoroughly tamed, healthy, and singing: Crisp, 11, Grosvenor Park Road, Walthamstow, Essex.

MY champion winning Magpie for sale, winner of 9 firsts: Ketterring 1st, Peterborough 1st, Burton 2nd, Stanford, Coventry, etc.: undoubtedly finest Magpie living; stamp reply: A. Martin, Northall-st., Kettering.

PAIR Cornish Choughs, grand birds, cock, a prize winner every time shown, first Birmingham last season, first Cheltenham this year, price seven pounds: Lloyd, Agent Sun Fire Office, Kingston, Herefordshire.

SPLENDID cock Thrush, finger tame, singing lovely, grand tone, only 3/6, worth double for exhibition; also cock Lark, will sing anywhere, 1/6: approval with pleasure: Fred Allen, 156, Porter-st., Hull.

WRYNECK, Treecreeper, also Yellow Wagtail, a fine bird, plumage as in springtime; pair Long-tailed Tits, also a fine Magpie, begins to talk, only a baby, 6 months old; all birds in fine condition, and steady; prices reasonable: P. F. M. Galloway, Durban, Caversham, Reading.

ON receipt of 1/6 I will send securely packed, with food and moisture, the largest and loudest singing cock Skylark ever seen or heard, like a Thrush, splendid shop attraction and show specimen; or with his new joiner-made cage, 4/6; approval willingly, including free my valuable feeding secret, which keeps them in full song ten months out of twelve: Wood, Cross-st., Dunstable.

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Miscellaneous.

COCK Bullfinches, 1/-, hens 9d.; warranted cock Woodlarks, 2/-: W. Cleave, 6, Tolleys, Crediton.

SPLENDID cock Bullfinches, 1/6, hens 1/-; Blue Tits, 1/- pair; Ox-eyed Tits, Coal Tits, 1/- pair: Green, Baxterrow, Dereham.

DEVONSHIRE Woodlarks, warranted cocks, 2/6 each; in song, 3/6 each; hens, 7/- dozen; Bullfinches, 2/- pair: Marles, 4, Park-st., Crediton.

NOTICE. Cock Larks, Linnets, singing loud, 1/- each; Canaries, full song, 5/6, 6/6, hens 2/-, 2/6: Brain, 288, Lichfield-rd., Aston, Birmingham.

HAWFINCH, Chaffinch, Goldfinches, Greenfinch, Blackbird, Thrush, Starling, Lark, Linnet, Redpoll, Twite, etc.; sell: Burns Conley, Lenchview, Pershore.

COCK Blackbirds, Song Thrushes, Yellowhammers, 6d. each, 3 for 1/3, 5/- dozen; genuine cock Larks, 3/6 dozen: Williams, New-st. Aviaries, Chatteris, Cambs.

SELECTED cock Chaffinches, three 1/6; cock Skylarks, three 1/-; bright mixed aviary birds, cock and hens, 1/6 dozen: Mark Bowers, Methwold, Hythe, Norfolk.

HEN Hawfinches, 2/6; cock Bullfinches, 1/6; Greenfinches, 3d.; Chaffinches, 4d.; Reed Buntings, 1/-; Yellow Buntings, 6d.: Botting, "Mountside," Harrow-rd., Dorking.

NOTICE: Linnets, Larks in song, 1/-; green Linnets, Chaffinches, Bramblefinches, 8d. pair; Canaries, 4/- pair; trap cage, 6d.: Brain, Aviaries, Aston, Birmingham: wanted, Goldfinches.

SNOW Buntings, grand cocks, white wings, showing, 2/6, 3/6; singing cock brown Linnets, 1/-, 3 1/6; hen Snow Buntings, cock Yellowhammers 6d.: Johnson, Tudor House, Yarmouth.

BLACKBIRDS, Song Thrushes, selected songsters, 1/- each; Blue Tits, Robins, 1/- pair; Linnets, Chaffinches, Greenfinches, Yellowhammers, cocks, mixed, 2/6 dozen; 18 mixed aviary birds, 1/-; nine for 6d.: George Fenn, East End, Isleham, Cambs.

LINNETS, Linnets, Linnets: Larks, Larks, Larks: Warranted cock Linnets, 4/6 dozen; hen Linnets, 1/6 dozen; cock Larks, 3/6 dozen; cock Greenfinches, 1/6 dozen; Bullfinches, 2/6 pair; handsome lot Norwich cock Canaries, 5/- each, in full song: John Boxall, 5, Lavender-st., Brighton.

COCK Greenfinches, 1/- dozen; cock Yellow Buntings, 4/- dozen; cock Bullfinches 1/6, hens 1/-; cock Goldfinches 2/6, 3/-, hens 9d.; selected cocks, Linnets, Greenfinches, Larks, Chaffinches, Yellow Buntings, Robins, 6d., pairs 9d.; cock Blackbirds and song Thrushes, 1/-, 3/6; 2 splendid cock Greenfinches and 3 large mealy Redpolls, all cage moulted, 1/6 each: Hobden, Ivy Cottage, Winchelsea-rd., Norway, Eastbourne.

NOTICE. Cock Goldfinches, Bullfinches, 1/6; selected 2/-; hens 1/-, 1/6; Redbreasted Linnets, Chaffinches, Bramblefinches, Redpolls, Yellowhammers, Starlings, Skylarks, guaranteed cocks, 6d. each, hens 3d. each; Greenfinches, pair 4d.; cock Thrushes, Blackbirds, 1/-. Any of the above, full song, 6d. extra; trap-cages, 6d.; spring-net traps, 1/-; approval, deposit: Gould, Birdcatcher, Holdford-rd., Witton, Birmingham.

SNOW BUNTINGS, BULLFINCHES.

Snow Buntings, 3/- pair; Bullfinches, 2/6 pair, 3 pairs 6/-; odd birds cheap: Broxup, Catcher, Whittlefield, Burnley.

W. FENN, BECK ROW.

Redpolls, 2/6 dozen; cocks, Chaffinches 2/6, Larks 2/6; one dozen bright aviary birds, 1/-: William Fenn, Beck Row, Mildenhall, Suffolk.

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Belgians.

FOR sale, 20 high-class Belgians, same strain as my winners: Lady Verhees, Grens 56 Mortsel, Antwerp, Belgium.

R. BAKER has some good hens for disposal, few pairs cheap to clear; approval: 93, Grove-rd., Chichester.

BELGIAN and Yorkshire crossed 1911 cocks and hens, from 10/- upwards; approval, deposit: Comben, Outfitter, Portland.

BELGIANS, 30 for sale, including winners Plymouth, Barnstaple, Edinburgh, L.C.B.A., Scottish National; reasonable: Horrill, King Edward-st., Barnstaple.

Border Fancy.

FOR tip-top prize-bred Border Fancies, see my free list: Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

PRIZE bred Borders, 2 clear yellow hens, 1 var. buff cock, 15/-, to clear: Harding. See Greens.

TWO buff 1911 Border hens, clean, healthy, 5/- the two: Kendrick, Monument Hill, Weybridge.

CHOICE selection clear Yellow and Buff cocks and hens, also Greens, Cinnamons, pairs 7/6: Grant, Lodge-st., Haddington.

CHAMPION winning Borders, clears, variegated greens, and cinnamons, from noted strains: 7/6 per pair; exchange: Owens, Clynnog-rd., Llanllyfni.

BUGLASS, 3, Meadowbank Crescent, Edinburgh. Giving up the Fancy; all my show and stock Green and Cinnamons, also cages for sale; state wants.

THREE prize-bred Buff hens for sale, one of above 2nd North London, room wanted; no reasonable offer refused: Burchell, 6a, Duriston-rd., Upper Clapton.

SPLENDID pair of Borders, 10/6: graud value, bred from winners, see reports L.C.B.A., Wimbledon, Portsmouth, Clapham: Burton Bros., 126, Lee-rd., Lee Green, S.E.

FOR sale, 20 prize bred Borders, greens, broken greens and clears, yellows and buffs, pairs from 5/-; a few single cocks, cheap, to clear; approval: Perry, 14, Trinity-st., Frome.

PRIZE Borders, clears, marks, cinnamons, smart pairs, from 10/-; best strains in the fancy; see reports Gateshead; stock cocks from 4/6, hens 2/6; approval: Roberts, Gwyddfor, Penygroes, North Wales.

MR. R. H. SAMPSON, Pontardulais, has still several good Borders for disposal, marks and clears, including yellow cock, 1st Llanelly, yellow hen, 1st Frome, Sale, 1910, vhc, L.C.B.A., 1911; prices nominal; overstocked.

YELLOW cocks, 10/6; buff cocks, 8/6; hens, 5/6, 7/6; best strains; grand types, full of colour and quality, all related to my winners at Blackburn, Carlisle, Cleator Moor, Warrington; approval: Rea, Embleton, Cockermouth.

EXHIBITION strain, pair green Borders, 10/-; pair of clears, 10/-; odd birds from 5/-: Patterson's and Green's strains: see Frome show report, 1st, 2nd, vhc, 3 entries; first time out; cold room bred; approval: Brain, Glastonbury.

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WANTED Cinnamon Canaries cheap for cash: Bayliss, Middle-st., Worcester.

CINNAMONS, cocks from 7/6, pairs from 12/6, also some of the largest stock birds in the Fancy, cheap: Johnson, 40, Cobden-st., Leicester.

CINNAMON CRESTS.—Breeder, William Tatman, 111, Midland Road, Wellingborough. Few birds for sale.

Crests and Crestbreds.

BREEDER'S CARD.

WILLIAM TATMAN, 11, Midland Road, Wellingborough, has for disposal few good Crests and Crest-breds, yellows and buffs, cocks and hens.

TWO big young Crested cocks, one Crestbred cock, good birds, cheap: Young, 76, Newbury-rd., Bromley, Kent.

1911 heavy crested cocks, 7/6, 8/6; crested cocks, 6/6; approval, deposit; Comben, 94, Fortuneswell, Portland.

SURPLUS stock, 2 pairs 1911 birds, 30/- pair, bred from winners, bargain: J. Oldaker, 17, Northwood-rd., Highgate.

HAVING no hens, must sell two extra large crested cocks, 25/-, 30/- each; stamp reply: Calani, Baxtergate, Whitby.

CREST and Crestbred, cheap to clear; breeding cages for sale: Boulter, 32, Palmerston-rd., West Hampstead, London.

FOR the best value in Crests and Crestbreds that can be obtained in England, see my list: Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

OWNER going abroad wishes to dispose of few good Crests and Crest-breds, from 10/- upwards; approval willingly: W. Mellor, Holbrooke Moor, nr. Derby.

CRESTS and Crestbreds, best blood, can spare a few pairs and cocks, from 60/- and 30/-; state price prepared to give; stamp: Rev. G. W. Joyce, Wellington, Somerset.

CHAMPION Crests, Crestbreds, grand birds, cocks or hens; one of the first Crest breeders; have sold as many winners as any fancier; reasonable approval: T. Billington, Hambleton, Poulton-le-Fylde.

MASSIVE grey Crest hen, 1910, big green C.B. cock, 1910, £4 10/-; first cross grey 1911 cock, green hen, 1910, 10/-; large fine C.B. cocks, first and second cross, reasonable; stamp; approval: Colledge, Kilburn, Derby.

T. J. King, Ingogo, Cheltenham, not wishing to exhibit this season, has several grand show Crests, big winners, for disposal; also about 100 stock birds. His stock can be viewed and a selection made by appointment.

BREEDER of Crests for 30 years having bred scores of winners and won hundreds of prizes, have some nice young birds for sale; prices to suit everybody; on approval: G. Williams, 50, Lower Union-st., Torquay.

BARGAINS, massive variegated Crestbred cock, can win, 30/-; foul green Crestbred cock, 25/-; dark Crested cock, winner, 20/-; wing marked dark Crested hen, winner, 35/-; approval, cash or deposit: Muscott, 1, Boundary Terrace, Llandrindod Wells.

HAVING had a successful breeding time, I must reduce my stock of Crest and Crest-bred, no better blood can be bought at double price; pairs from 15/-, single birds from 7/6, on approval; deposit with Editor: Tetin, 124, Chestnut-ave., Forest Gate, Essex.

GRAND typical Crests and Crestbreds, cocks from 7/-, hens from 4/-, specially matched pairs for breeding, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, to £5; enquiries invited; all cold room-bred, and willingly on approval anywhere; highest of testimonials: H. Amiss, Ashby-st., Norwich.

EVINS BROTHERS offer following at very low prices to clear: Variegated Crest hen, 25/-; ditto, 15/-; Crestbred hen, 25/-; ditto, 20/-; ditto, 12/6; small ditto, 5/-; Crestbred cock, 20/-; Crested cock, 20/-; ditto, 15/-; yellow Crestbred hen, 30/-; yellow Crestbred cock, 3rd Gateshead, 40/-; all 1911 bred and healthy: 259, High-st., Exeter.

CHAMPION pair correctly matched high-class Crests, large and very heavily feathered, rare type and quality of feather, certain to breed winners in champion classes, only 40/-, honestly worth £5; also few choice, large, heavily feathered Crested and Crestbred cocks and hens for stock or exhibition, from 10/6 to £5 each; many noted winners supplied by me last season; Barnett's Palace winning strain; all cold room bred; satisfaction guaranteed; approval; Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich.

MASSIVE feathered Crestbred hen, 1911 bred, rare size and quality of feather, only 10/6; monster dark Crested cock, 1911 bred, large neat drooping crest, only 17/6; massive feathery 1911 Crestbred cock, large head and neck, smothered in feather, winner, only 15/-; real choice dark Crested hen, nice neat drooping crest, rare type and quality of feather, only 15/-; also several other real good massive feathery Crested and Crestbred cocks and hens for stock or exhibition, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 21/-, to £3 each; all strong and healthy; cold room bred; Palace winning strain; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Cooper, 29, Junction-rd., Norwich.

JOHN TYSON.

Crests! Genuine novices: To a limited number I will send on approval, on receipt of 21/-, one pair of well-bred healthy Crests, 1910, 1911, none older, and in addition will pay purchaser's subscription to the Crested Canary Club for 1912. If not approved cash returned. One pair, 30/-; model exhibition Crested bred cock and green Crested hen, £8/8/-; perfect wing-marked dark Crested cock, £8/8/-; clear C.B. cock, 30/-; owing to business demands am reducing stock to six pairs; no separate hens: 169, Sloane-st., London.

Greens.

NORWICH Greens, pair large variegated, 20/-; 2 Siskin Mules, self, foul, yellows; offers: Cutmore, 65, Derbydane, Liverpool.

1911 GREEN cock Canary, in good hanging metal window cage, 7/6, or exchange set good stag carvers: 3, Oak-terrace, Crewkerne.

First class show birds in Yorkshire, Norwich and Border Greens, approval three days; stamp: 7, Thompson-st., Birkenhead.

YORKSHIRE and Norwich, show or stock birds, best blood in the Fancy; come and inspect them: Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool.

YORKSHIRES, giving up Greens, good clear stock birds, cocks from 7/6, hens from 5/-, or exchange for good clears: Qualtrough, Leigh-ter., Douglas, Man.

HELLIWELL'S Yorkshire greens: Few good birds left, also clears, related to my Palace, Manchester, Edinburgh winners; will exchange 2 clear buff cocks, unflighted, for 2 unflighted yellow cinnamon hens; approval both ways. Boothtown, Halifax.

DEACON'S noted strain: Grand Norwich Greens, 10/- to £3 each, cocks and hens; see reports Preston, L.C.B.A., Derby, Bradford, Scottish National; every bird guaranteed, one strain only. Having purchased the entire stock of Mr. Deacon's well-known strain; state wants, price (about); approval; stamp: Harding, 29a, Market-st., Wellingborough.

WARDALE'S NOTED STRAIN.

All Mr. Wardale's winners and stock birds, including last year's Palace winner, for sale; state wants: Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool.

Lizards.

FOR the greatest value in Lizards on the market at present moment, see my list: Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

HECTOR OLIVER, Hadfield-st., Glossop, has some grand Lizards for sale, all related to his winners, cheap; approval.

LIZARD Canaries, cock, 10/6, hen 6/-, or 15/6 pair, with cage, 1910 birds: Benda, Aviary, 534, High-rd., Chiswick, W.

CHAMPION Lizards for show or stock; same strain as my cup and diploma winners; from 15/6 pair; stamp: John Dewsnap, 68, Princess-st., Glossop.

W. P. BARNES.

Cage Bird Judge, breeder of champion Lizards; properly matched pairs from 17/6, hens from 6/-; every bird from my champion strain; no better obtainable; every bird in perfect health and condition; approval: 23a, London-rd., Grantham.

Dutch Frills.

FOR Dutch and French Frills see my list: Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

Norwich.

BREEDERS' CARD.

E. BAKER, 14, High Street, Cowes, I.W., Breeder and Exhibitor High-class Norwich Plainheads, winner at most big shows. Write for prices.

J. HODDER, Breeder of Champion Norwich, winner of championships; some nice birds cheap; approval: 6, Banner-st., St. Luke's, London, E.C.

MORE, 62, Drive, Gt. Yarmouth, good Norwich Plainheads for sale, own breeding, related many this year's prize winners.

W. READ, Chellowdene, York-road, Guildford, breeder and exhibitor of high-class Norwich; surplus stock only for sale; over 100 to select from; seen any time; from 15/6 pair; approval.

FOUR Norwich show cages and case, as new, 10/-: Brain, Glastonbury.

NORWICH hen Canaries for sale, 2/- each: F. Curry, 10, Rectory Grove, Clapham, S.W.

MUST sell: 5 buff hens, 1 yellow hen, 30/- the lot, for quick sale: Harding, See Greens.

FOUR variegated Norwich cocks, splendid songsters, from 5s. each: Dr. Allen, Ambleside.

FORTY Norwich hens, from 3/- each; stamp reply: Greenwood and Burson, 28, Haydon-st., Swindon.

UNFLIGHTED hens for sale, related to winners, 2/6 each: Burchell, 6a, Durlston-rd., Upper Clapton.

E. GODLEY has few grand Norwich for disposal, single or pairs, also Cinnamons: Rishton, Blackburn.

1910 and 1911 Norwich cocks 7/6, hens 3/-, yellow and buff; cold room bred: Miss Fooks, Brentwood, Essex.

TWO large buff cocks, 30/- to clear; giving up; approval; not rubbish: Simpson, 45, Elms, Balby, Doncaster.

LARGE quantity good muling hens, will suit dealer, buff 2/6, yellows 3/6; cash only; Spann, Stivichale, Coventry.

HENS, 20 large Buff Norwich hens, unflighted, cold room, 3/6, and 5/- each: Exton, 31, Chartley-rd., Leicester.

A FEW typical pairs, some fit to win, also crested cock and 1911 green cock; approval: Flemons, Northampton.

MASSIVE full-chested buff, 1911, cock, 8/6; typical yellow hen, 7/6 (Irons); approval: Eddy, Bellevue-ter., Penzance.

THREE pairs Norwich, 7/6 a pair; 3 feeding hens, 7/6; cocks, 6/-; approval: John Starling, Barney, Guist, Norfolk.

YOUNG Norwich cock Canaries and Goldfinch Mules for sale, 7/6 each: E. Taylor, 155, Wirtemberg-st., Clapham, S.W.

GIVING up: six large high-class Norwich Canaries, 25/- lot; approval, deposit: W. J. Clarke, 62, Abingdon-rd., Oxford.

NORWICH Canaries, buff hens, 4/6; yellow, 5/6; good size: Mrs. Martin, 9½, Cowcaddens-st., Glasgow (only address).

T. IRONS, breeder of high-class Norwich, singles, pairs, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-; approval, stamp: Ivy-rd., Northampton.

A FEW good Norwich, all colours and sexes, from 10/- upwards; approval: Thaw, 231, Meadowpark-st., Dennistown, Glasgow.

NORWICH, from my winners, pairs from 8/6; odd cocks from 6/-; all pedigree stock: Watson, Hall Croft, Shepshed.

SALE, 1911 Norwich, price 4/- pair, good chance for beginners, cocks in full song: W. Duke, 8, Algaterrace, Scarborough.

NORWICH, all colours, cocks 5/-, 6/-; hens 2/6 each; 3 hens for 5/-: Raynor, 89, Whitemoor-rd., Old Basford, Nottingham.

TYPICAL unflighted buff cocks for sale, related to winners, cheap, room wanted: Burchell, 6a, Durlston-rd., Upper Clapton.

A FEW surplus single or pairs from winner; cheap to clear; approval: Ward, 21, Warwick-st., Pimlico, nr., Victoria-station.

CHAMPION cold-room Norwich cocks and hens, colour-fed, all prices: Salmon, 5, Arundel Place, Barnesbury. No Sundays.

PRIZE-bred Norwich Canaries, cocks, in full song, 4/-, 5/- each; hens, same strain, 1/6, 2/- each: Heathcote's Aviaries, Leicester.

WANTED, best cash offers, 11 good Norwich cocks, 4 hens, 4 double compartment breeding cages: Holah, Foggathorpe, Selby.

FEW good Norwich, from good stock, cocks from 6/-, hens from 3/-; approval, cash or deposit: Moores, 142, Grasmere-st., Leicester.

TYPICAL Norwich cocks, same strain of winners as supplied for twenty years; prices from 7/6: Williams, Pharmacy, Ashbourne.

GEORGE NOTLEY, King's Place, Bedford, has large unflighted buff cock, 15/-, good head, neck, quality, and colour; approval.

BARGAINS: Guaranteed 1911 Norwich cocks, 5/-, own breeding; surplus stock, must clear; Eaton, 19, Elliston-rd., Redland, Bristol.

FOR sale, Norwich cocks, Eckersley's strain; prices reasonable; approval, cash or deposit: Leighton, Bollington Cross, Macclesfield.

BUFF cock, two yellow hens, a bargain, 8/6, approval, deposit; Borders wanted: Warburton, Bank House, Sankey-st. Warrington.

SPLENDID Norwich, 7 grand singing cocks and 2 hens, own breeding; best offer for cash: Foyle, 52, Rockstone-lane, Southampton.

NOTICE. Grand lot Norwich, many winners, prices low; easy payments taken; approval: McKeand, Seabright Villa, Castle Douglas.

GOOD pair Norwich Plainheads, 1911 cock, heavily marked buff; hen, light marked buff, 10/6; useful exchange: Holt, Ironmonger, Bacup.

T. H. JONES, 9, Boundary-rd., Carlisle, breeder and exhibitor of high class Norwich, correct type, grand quality; few pairs, reasonable.

BUGLASS, 3, Meadowbank Crescent, Edinburgh.—Giving up the Fancy; all my show and stock birds, also cages, etc., for sale; state wants.

NORWICH: T. G. Morris has a few pairs and singles and double breeders left, to go cheap to clear; approval: 57, High-st., Tooting.

TEN pairs only left, Norwich, 15/- pair; 5/- deposit, 1/- weekly: remember birds sent immediately deposit received: Dobson, Slater-st., Wycombe.

TWO large Norwich 1911 cock Canaries, coppy bred, 1 clear yellow, 1 variegated, 8/- each, worth double: Satchell, Middleton, Market Harborough.

I HAVE 8 good Norwich cocks and 4 hens to part with; will send on approval to best cash offer: Minshall, Claypit-ter., Whitchurch, Salop.

NORWICH Plainheads, 1911 bred, my breeding; satisfaction everywhere sent. 7/6 pair; approval: Mark Bennett, Broughton Astley, Leicester.

PRIZE-bred Norwich, cocks, in full song, 4/-, 5/- each; hens, same strain, 1/9, 2/6 each; satisfaction guaranteed: Heathcote's Aviaries, Leicester.

TWO unflighted yellow hens, 15/-, 12/6; yellow cock, 25/-; buff hen, 20/-; bred from my winners: R. Willoughly, Newhampton Road, Wolverhampton.

RED-HOT colour-fed yellow unflighted cock, also hen, real gems in every respect, big winners, 25/- and 20/-: Hawkes, Grove Green, Leytonstone.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich cocks 3/-, 6/- each; buff variegated, 10/-; yellow ticked, 15/-, winner; yellow variegated, 15/-, winner; offers: Young, Frome.

SEVERAL good clear yellow Norwich cocks, full song, 8/6, hens 4/-, 1911 birds, ready to nest; approval: Roper, 134, Chester, Seven Kings, Essex.

PRIZE-WINNING Norwich cocks from 5/-, hens from 2/6, sound, healthy, cold room, own breeding; approval, cash or deposit: Adams, 28, Chartley-rd., Leicester.

YELLOW Norwich cock, buff hen, young spring Mule cock, full song, 15/6 lot; exchange blue frilling or silk mufflers, or offers: Fleck, 6, Sunndale-avenue, Wallsend-on-Tyne.

EXCEPTIONAL bargain: Pair colour-fed Norwich, 2nd Halstead, last month, gems for type and style, accept 15/-, worth treble for stock: Hawkes, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

EXCEPTIONALLY fine yellow cinnamon cock, in full song, good type and quality, only 10/-; approval, deposit: MacWilliam, Hendy, Talybont, Talycafn, North Wales.

GREAT sacrifice, massive frame C.F. variegated buff hen, winner of several honours recently, valuable bird for stock, 12/6, cheap at £3/3/-: Hawkes, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich, clear buff cock, 15/-; heavily variegated do., £1; another good one, 17/6; also clear yellow cock, winner, 25/-; room wanted: Botell, 93, Rymes-rd., Croydon.

PRIZE-bred Norwich Canaries, cocks, warranted in full song, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6 each; hens, same strain, 2/-, 3/-, 4/- each; satisfaction guaranteed: Fred Johnson, 22, Goswell-st., Leicester.

NORWICH Canaries for sale; hens, fine breeding strain, clears and variegated, five 1910 birds, five 1911 birds, 2/- each, 15/- the lot: Matthews, 360, Oxford-st., London, W. (side door).

I HAVE four grand stock Norwich for sale cheap, Irons' strains, large Buff cock 15/-, another smaller 10/-; Yellow and Buff hens, 7/6 each; offers: Edward Dudley, 1, Spring-hill, Wellington, Salop.

SEVERAL pairs of good Norwich, cold room, winners or bred from winners, 10/6 to 20/-; satisfaction guaranteed, or money returned in full: F. K. Gooding, Gardeners Cottage, Wouldham Hall, Rochester.

DEALERS supplied with clean strong healthy typical colour-fed and natural colour Norwich Plainheads, large or small quantities; prices on application; all cold room bred: Cooper, 29, Junction-rd., Norwich.

CLEAR yellow cock, winner, fit for Palace, grand type, £2; monster buff cock, winner, 35/-; even-marked buff hen, 1st prize winner only time out, a gem, 15/-; approval: Robinson, 9, Broad-st., Windermere.

GIVEN up Fancy, 30 Norwich Canaries for sale, from outdoor aviary, healthy cocks, singing, hens, good feeding strain, some Crests and Crestbreds, sell reasonable: H. Waight, 99, Cornwall-rd., Brixton.

CHAMPION Norwich, few grand birds, Bullfinch type, large heads, fine silky feather; 35 years breeder; one of the very best strains in England; reasonable; approval: T. Billington, Hambleton, Poulton-le-Fylde.

THE Wrigley strain, winners at leading shows, see reports Great Harwood, Derby, Runcorn, etc.; few birds for sale cheap to clear; all my own breeding; approval, stamp: Wm. Wrigley, 143, Back-lane, Hyde, Cheshire.

W. GREWAR, North-st., Forfar, owing to immediate removal, must dispose of my surplus stock at once; only a few left; same blood as my winners at all leading shows; single from 7/6, pairs 25/- up; approval, stamp.

MR. ECKERSLEY has a few really good birds left to spare, bred from his well-known winning strain; large yellow cock, grand substance, 30/-; 1910 buff, perfect type, 30/-; fine buff hen, 25/-; 51, Francis-rd., Edgbaston, Birmingham.

If any issue of "Cage Birds" stands out more than any other as the advertisers' business machine, it is THE BIRTHDAY NUMBER. This is due next week. Now advertisers, send those announcements along. Small investments yield big dividends.

THE ONLY WAY.—Would you like to make your business known to 10,000 fanciers in all parts of the world, and keep your notice continually before them? Consult the back page of this issue and put an advertisement in "CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL" for 1912.

CHAMPION pair correctly matched high class exhibition Norwich Plainheads, rare size, type, colour, and quality, winners and certain to breed winners in keenest competition, only 30/-, honestly worth £3 for stock alone; rare chance for beginner; genuine bargain; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich.

CAN spare following high-class Norwich, all unflighted and sound condition, suit beginner:—Large, stout, clear buff cock, make good stock birds, 12/6; also large ticked yellow cock, very rich colour, 12/6; short, stout, clear yellow hen, good size, 10/-; and nice typical clear buff hen, 6/-; these are good birds; approval or deposit: W. Colling, 5, Mariner's Terr., Filey, Yorkshire.

GRAND typical lot of Norwich cocks from 5/-, hens from 2/6, specially selected matched breeding pairs 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; highest satisfaction guaranteed; all cold room bred, and willingly on approval, as usual; highest of testimonials: H. Amiss, Ashby-st., Norwich.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich, genuine clearance as room wanted; 17 Norwich, a few British, 11 double breeders, Reece's, 6 single, 2 large flights, drying cage, show cages, nest pans, and fittings; cages painted and enamelled; price reasonable: Spinner, Leslie Park-rd., Croydon.

GEORGE MITCHELL has still a large stock of well-bred birds to sell; can supply beginners with matched pairs fit to breed winners, from 15/- pair, single birds from 5/-; no better strain in the Fancy; see show reports; all outdoor bred: Broadway Boot Stores, Topsham, nr. Exeter.

MR. HAWKES, 390, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone, has a grand lot of Norwich for disposal, including all his winners; none reserved; from 7/6 each, pairs 12/6; for style, type, size, and quality cannot be excelled; write for this season's testimonials, and state wants; satisfaction assured.

F. HILLS, "Admiral Gordon," Maidstone, has left 3 pairs at 15/-, 3 at 17/6, 2 at £1 5s., and one at 50/-, splendid value, own breeding, strong and healthy, good in size, type, and colour, winner at Bromley, Catford, Swanley, Maidstone, Malling, Tonbridge, etc., this season; approval, deposit.

NORWICH Canaries.—(1) 7/6, buff var. cock, unflig.; (2) 10/6, buff clear cock, unflig., typical; (3) 15/-, buff clear cock, large head, good bird; (4) 20/-, buff clear cock, fit to win, red hot colour; (5) 35/-, buff clear cock, unflig., one of the largest; all the above birds are bred from well-known strains, and are guaranteed strong and healthy: A. Scott, Scott's Hotel, Lancaster.

J. C. BARNES, 113, Northfield-rd., Walkley, Sheffield; well-known strain, of 20 years standing; Sheffield Challenge Cup winner (3 years in succession); having selected own breeders, can now spare few choice specimens, true to type, and full of quality and colour; cocks from 20/-, hens 10/- upwards; inspection cordially invited; approval with every pleasure; matched pairs a speciality.

MONSTER 1911 exhibition yellow cock, real model for type and quality, grand substance and depth of chest, truly a gem, sure winner in keen competition, only 42/-, honestly worth £4; also massive exhibition buff cock, grand size and substance, large head and full neck, rare type and quality, win anywhere, only 45/-, or £4 the two; can soon win their cost; genuine bargain; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich.

AN opportunity not to be missed, if you want genuine bargains. Every bird guaranteed exactly as stated, and unobtainable elsewhere at the prices. Large cobby Norwich cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6; smart hens, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6. Correctly matched pairs, fine type and quality, 9/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-. Long slim Yorkshires same prices. Call inspect finest, cleanest, healthiest stock in Midlands; or state requirements; approval anywhere, cash or deposit: R. Hanford, Osmaston-rd., Derby.

Monster 1911 exhibition yellow hen, immense size, perfect type and quality, grand colour, and rare depth of chest, sure winner in keenest competition, perfect gem, only 35/-, honestly worth double; also extra choice 1911 exhibition buff hen, real model for type and quality, grand size and colour, feathered like silk, win anywhere, only 30/-, cheap at £3; also monster 1910 exhibition yellow and buff hens, both of rare size, grand type, and quality, and depth of chest, winners many prizes, only 21/- each, recently cost treble; genuine bargains; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich.

J. TRENGOVE & SON.

A few birds for sale; approval; stamp: 7, High-st. Rishton, near Blackburn.

WHAT OFFERS FOR

20 unflighted Norwich, mostly cocks, many of them real gems, all col.-fed, and bred from the best: Angus, Chemist, Lancaster.

J. HAYHURST'S NORWICH.

that breed winners, hens, 7/6; yellow and buff cocks, 12/6 and 15/-; approval, stamp: 217, Brunshow-rd., Burnley.

CHAMPION NORWICH.

Clear buff cock, winner 3 1st prizes, 30/-; clear yellow, grand colour and quality, 20/-; variegated buff, 15/-; several other good stock birds, 7/6, 10/-; 2 good singing cocks, 5/- each; hens, 2/6, 3/6, 5/-, 10/-; approval: T. Gilbert, 37, Craven-st., Coventry.

ROOM WANTED. MUST SELL.

Good value given, and every bird guaranteed as represented; a few buff cocks from 15/- to 40/-; yellow cocks, 15/-, 30/-, 40/-; bred from and related to my winners at Manchester, Glasgow, Kilmarnock, Darvel, Ayr, etc.: Watson, Arbuckle-st., Kilmarnock.

NORWICH CANARIES.—14 days' trial our risk. Splendid Types. Cocks, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, and 10/- each. Hens, 2/6, 3/6, and 5/-. Well-matched pairs, 7/6, 10/6, and 15/- per pair. Cages and all appliances, cheapest and best in Kingdom. Catalogue free. Patronised by Royalty, Experts, and Judges.—**Northern Aviaries, Ormskirk Road, Preston.**

CHAMPION NORWICH.

H. Dixon, winner of silver cup at Wimbledon, for best unflighted Norwich, also runner-up for cup for best Canary, can spare several pairs, grandly bred, possessing best of type and quality, also single cocks and hens; prices most reasonable; write stating wants: 14, Claremont-avenue, New Malden, Surrey.

LEADING QUALITY.

Reliable high-class Norwich at low prices, cocks 5/6 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6; hens 2/6, 3/-, 3/6, 4/-, 4/6, all on 7 days' approval at my risk; illustrated list post free: Miss Storey, Crowle, Doncaster.

145 PEDIGREE

Norwich. All my own breeding. I have sold the few wasters bred to a dealer, and can now spare good pairs, matched to breed winners, at 17/6, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-; single birds, 12/6 to 30/-. Some specially good buff cocks. First comers have best chance, as I do not buy birds to sell again. Wins 1911: Three specials best bird, 21 firsts, 29 seconds: Robert Hall Rudyard, Staffordshire.

W. N. TURNER,

Breeder and Exhibitor of

CHAMPION WINNING NORWICH

is now prepared to offer at reasonable prices, champion show or stock birds. These have size, type, and quality, and there are no better in the Fancy. This strain has been winning for the past 15 years, and is still winning every time out. See the latest show reports—Bolton, Rochdale, Manchester, Sheffield O.S., Warrington, Doncaster, Pendleton, and Salford, Stratford-on-Avon, Runcorn, Sheffield C.B.S., and Blackburn. Inspection invited; approval.

3a PERCIVAL-ST., HIGHTOWN, MANCHESTER

Test This Value!!



What I profess is not to attempt to cut the price to that which wastrels of no distinct breed whatever are sold at, as Norwich, but I invite you to test my quality by purchasing direct with any others advertised at similar prices.

Norwich Cocks, 5/6; 6/6, 7/6, 10/6. Hens, 2/6, and 3/6 each; pairs, 5/6, 8/6, 10/6. **Detailed List free. Note.—Some real good cocks, with plenty of size and substance, fed, and for show, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; hens, with size and substance, to match, 4/6, 5/6, 7/6. Worth treble; guaranteed.** Cages in all cases 3d. extra.

W. RUDD, The Bird Specialist, **NORWICH.**

GRAND OPPORTUNITY

DR. McCONAGHEY

having had a very good breeding season, wishes to dispose of several pairs of high-class Norwich, bred from birds bought at a big figure from Mr. J. E. Davies, of Stockport; room wanted; see L.C.B.A., Derby, etc., reports; going very cheap; state wants and price you are prepared to pay.—Parkside, Macclesfield.

MAZZONI.

All cups, medals, winners must be sold: Norwich yellow cocks, 40/-, 20/-; buff, 25/-, 20/-, 15/-; hens, yellow, 20/-, 10/-; buff, 15/-, 7/6; come and choose; money returned if not satisfied; a chance of a lifetime: 4, Rye-villas, St. Aidan's-rd., East Dulwich.

GREAT REDUCTIONS

I am, as an advertisement, offering for a few weeks, the most wonderful value ever offered to the Norwich Plainhead fancier; my birds need no bounce. Most of the leading exhibitors have been supplied from my rooms. Grand pairs, which will do you some good. Don't waste valuable time and money on buying birds which have no pedigree. Silk's strain is unrivalled; champion, 30/-; pairs at 21/-; the best, 40/-; pairs at 30/6. The price is right and the quality wonderful; few pairs same blood, 15/-, not monsters. Don't hesitate, send now and secure something really high class; hens, yellow or buff, from 10/6 to 21/-; cocks, ditto, 8/6 to 21/-; every bird has a reputation, and all on 3 days' approval; satisfaction guaranteed: Judge Silk, The Norwich Specialist, Whitstable.

CHAMPION NORWICH, CLUB TYPE

For sale, the following massive exhibition and stock Plainheads, some of the very best yet offered to the Fancy; all must be sold, at only third their value; first come first served; approval willingly, but cash must accompany all orders, or deposit. Remember, I am the man that supplies well-known exhibitors with winners in champion classes, at all leading shows; monster 1911 bred clear yellow cock, stormer for type, size, and quality, price £3 3s.; another, can win open at Palace, price £4; ticked 1911 bred yellow cock, big bold chest, head, full neck, topper, price 50/-; clear yellow cock, large, stout, and typical, 1911 bred, price £2; slashing big-headed, clear buff cock, thick Bullfinch type, gem of gems, none better ever was offered, price 55/-; ticked buff cock, equal merits, price 50/-; both these 1911 bred; few chinking good yellow and buff cocks, of best type, and quality, at 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, to 30/- each; famous 1911 bred, clear, also ticked yellow hens, by far and away the best two yellow hens yet offered, such size for yellows, good heads, full necks, short tails and wings (now ye Palace exhibitors, here's your chance), price £3 10s. each; another extra massive clear yellow hen, 1910 bred, cost £4 last season, really big spanking hen, bargain, £2; enormous clear buff hen, an ideal show bird, 1911 bred, price 50/-; marked buff hen, clinker all over, none can beat her in her class, price 50/-; also several extra large, big-headed, clear yellow and buffs, also marked yellow and buff hens, rare ones for stock, at 10/6, 15/-, to 30/- each; you cannot get better value from anywhere. Remember, to save time and correspondence send cash with your order, or deposit same; no more show birds left after these are sold; send along your orders to the man who supplies the winners. Don't show myself, therefore can afford to sell all; satisfaction guaranteed to all: George Cubley, Lutton Gowts, Long Sutton, Lincs.

SPECIAL THIS WEEK!
20 Selected Pairs, 20/-
Pair—approval.

Pure Norwich



direct from our noted strains and Mr. Midgley's noted Crystal Palace strain this last few years. Not exhibiting this season can offer some of the best blood in the Fancy. Won year 1902 38 1sts, etc., 1903 50 1sts, gold medal International Show, also N.P.C. Challenge Cup, 1904 42 1sts, also N.P.C. Challenge Cup, second year in succession, 1906 38 1sts, etc., 1907 33 1sts, etc., 1909 80 1sts, etc. What more proof? All in best and keenest competition. Have some grand yellow cocks and hens, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-, 20/-, 30/- each. Buff cock and hens, 8/-, 10/-, 12/- 15/-, 20/- each. Grand Matched Pairs, specially selected by myself, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- pair. Any on approval with pleasure. Breeders 30 years.

SANDIFORD, Canary Breeder & Judge, **PRESTON, LANCS.**

Rollers & Singing Canaries

BREEDERS' CARD.

ARTHUR CHILLCOTT, Breeder and Trainer, celebrated Water Glucke Rollers (pure Randall's), 151, South Avenue, Southend-on-Sea. Member B.R.C.C. Birds for sale, THE finest strain in England.

ALEXANDER PATTISON, Breeder and Exhibitor, Glücke, Water Glücke, Rollers (pure Randall's), 81, The Terrace, Gravesend. Member B.R.C.C.

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MUST sell 7 cocks, 5 hens, worthy exhibition; what offers; would exchange one pair for a pair cold-room bred Norwich: W. Stanton, The Grange, Winterton, Doncaster.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, 50 pairs, splendid length, type and quality, cocks 5/-, hens 3/-, inspection invited; approval; satisfaction guaranteed: Priestley, 121, Gaythorne-rd., Bradford.

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CHAMPION Yorkshires, bred from my winners; see reports, Clapham, Southend, L.C.B.A., Wimbledon, etc.; matched pairs from 12/6; odd cocks, 7/6: Penton, 1, Commercial-st., London, E.

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Have a few winners to spare, also matched pairs to breed winners, from 15/6; watch show reports, and write for them straight off the show bench; inspection invited: Dudley Hill, Bradford.

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Having had a record breeding season, I have over 100 birds to select from, of grand type, length, and quality, including many winners, and every bird for sale (see reports, Bolton, Rochdale, York, Warrington, Gt. Harwood, etc.); single birds, cocks, 7/6 upwards, hens 5/- upwards; pairs, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/- upwards; inspection invited: Brooks, 320, Ainsworth-lane, Tonge Moor, Bolton.

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We can spare several good matched pairs in cinnamon marks from 12/6 upwards; also the following winners: A yellow cinnamon marked cock, winner of many prizes this season, including 1st and special Gateshead; a buff cinnamon marked cock, 2nd Palace, 1911, and two unflighted ticked buff cocks, winners at Leeds, Manchester, Sheffield, and Gateshead; all bred from our winning strain; see show reports; a trial solicited and satisfaction guaranteed; 3 days' approval, cash or deposit with Editor; inspection invited: 10, Hawsat., Yeadon, nr. Leeds.



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Reliable high-class Yorkshires at low prices; cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6; hens, 2/6, 3/-, 3/6, 4/-, 4/6; all on 7 days' approval at my risk; illustrated list post free: Miss Storey, Crowle, Doncaster.

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Large cobby Norwich Cocks, at **6/-, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6** each. Hens, **3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6** each. All colours in stock. Pairs at **8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-** per pair. Massive Crested Cocks and Hens, at **8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-** each. Crestbred Cocks and Hens, **7/-, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-** each. Pairs for Crest breeding, **12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-.** "Barnett's" and "Joyce's" strains. Also Sib. hens, songsters, etc., in stock. Please state wants.

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Bird Specialist,

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Attercliffe C.B.S.: Held to decide winner of 10s. special for the member getting most points in the three shows. Judges, Messrs. J. Perry, W. Richinson, and B. Welbon. Seventy birds staged (the largest table show number in the history of the society). Principal winners: Nor., Messrs. Smith Johnson, Grainger; Yorks, Messrs. Webster, Walker, Duce, Exton; British, Messrs. Smith, Hailstone, Ritson, Duce, Watson. Points specials winners for the shows; Nor., 1 J. Smith, 2 W. Grainger, 3 Ridler; Yorks, 1 Webster, 2 Exton, 3 Duce; British, 1 Hailstone, 2 Ritson, 3 Smith. Winner of 10/- special, Mr. J. Smith.—W. Richinson, Sec.

Specials at the Scottish National.

Some of the chief special prize winners were:—Dewar shield, best bird in hall, Martin and Archer (Huddersfield); Gibson cup, R. Bald (Bathgate); Sandiford cup, W. C. Smith (Balgnidder); Ramsden's cruet for best fed Canary, Jas. Marshall (Falkirk); ditto Mules, A. Gilchriet (Coldstream); ditto British bird, A. W. Watson (Edinburgh); Aitken cup, best Nor., W. Grewar (Forfar); Scottish Plainhead Club's gold medal, best unflighted cock, J. Smeaton (Musselburgh); ditto hen, A. G. Cameron (Kelso); Scottish Crest Club's medal and rosebowl, J. Sharp (Polmont); rosebowl for foreign, J. M. Walsh (Blackburn); Patterson cup, best Scotch Fancy, W. Allan (Edinburgh); Border cup, T. Todd (Edinburgh); B.F.C.C. medal, Jas. Hamilton (Eskbank); ditto novice, T. Todd (Edinburgh); Hyde's specials, A. G. Cameron (Kelso) and J. Cram (Kilmarnock).

Another Scottish National Success.

The Last Show in the Corn Exchange: Over 17,00 Birds and the Usual Magnificent Attendance.

The last show likely to be held by the Scottish National C.B.S. in the fine hall of the Corn Exchange, Edinburgh, proved a worthy wind-up to the lengthy list of successes they have achieved at this popular venue. The New Year (Dec. 31 and Jan. 1) saw upwards of 1,700 birds, representing all that is best in the exhibition world to-day, gathered together in competition within its walls. We never remember to have visited any fixture where the quality was so consistently high throughout every section, and the visitors were not slow to voice their appreciation of this state of affairs. The crowds that throng to this popular show need to be seen to be realised, especially on New Year's Day. We thought there seemed as many people in the hall as ever, and were surprised to hear that the gate receipts were a few pounds down on last year. The sales, however, once again realised a highly satisfactory total, and that the venture will be a thorough success financially there can be no question.

At the Opening Ceremony.

At the opening ceremony, performed by Councillor John M'Gibbon, a number of local notabilities were present, including Sir J. P. Gibson, Bart., M.P., and Lady Gibson, and gave the show a fine send-off. Mr. M'Gibbon said that the Society was fostering one of the most interesting and fascinating pastimes, and one that was largely engaged in by working men. He held that every man should have a pastime or hobby of some sort, and it would be well for the moral and physical condition of the community and for the happiness of the homes if the people in their leisure hours took up some healthy and profitable pastime, such as bird culture. That Society had made steady and creditable progress.

The management was in the same hands, practically, as the show of last year, and nothing could have been better than the way in which everything worked—without a hitch from the beginning to the end. The show manager, Mr. R. Craig, is about the hardest worker we ever met, and needless to say he was always finding something that required his attention and kept him running about from morning until night. But he knows his work and is a firm believer in the policy to "keep smiling," his genial disposition, in fact, being a great factor in the success attending his work. The president, Mr. Jas. Winter, is also another most enthusiastic worker in the cause of the society, and in geniality of manner and popularity with his fellow fanciers he would be difficult to surpass. He "takes his corner" in anything that is going, and the society owes a great deal to his efforts. He is well-supported by the vice-president, Mr. S. Buglass, a young and unassuming fancier, very keen on the business at hand, and ready to assist in every possible way.

The committee of management comprises Messrs. T. Tod, W. F. Arrighi, D. Kinlayside, W. R. Finnie, W. Carson, J. Hutchison, R. S. Spence, J. Gourlay, W. B. Smart, A. Rodger, D. Morris, C. Sykes, A. Hoyle, S. May, J. Easter, J. Mackie, J. Allan, J. Baxter, J. Cooper, J. Nelson, A. Boyle, W. Turnbull, J. Holmes, and G. Brown, and all these excellent fanciers found plenty to do, and did it right well, Messrs. Sykes and Hoyle being especially busy in the "feeding dept." In this connection Miss Peddie Waddell calls for special mention, for she attended to the foreign section with all the skill of a practical bird-keeper. Mr. Holmes looked well after the award board, the much-appreciated idea of veteran Kinlayside, who, in his turn, saw to the staging and its erection in the thorough manner for which he is noted.

The secretarial work was again in the hands of Mr. A. W. Watson, and once again he proved his great fitness to hold the reins, the manner in which he made and carried out the arrangements reflecting the highest credit upon his ability. It is a trying task to organise an exhibition of this magnitude, but Mr. Watson can always be depended upon to come out of it with "flying colours." The next (1913) show has already been fixed to take place about New Year, and we have no doubt a good hall will be found in due course.

International Bouts.

The Norwich made a very fine section, and were carefully handled by the judges. They were a little down in numbers compared with some previous shows, but we doubt whether better quality birds have ever been on view at the National. The non-fed classes, as is usual here, were particularly good as regards the type of the birds, while the Green classes were also excellent. The cup for best Nor. was won by a grand bird staged by Mr. W. Grewar, of Farfar. Many leading English exhibitors entered the lists, and they managed to secure a fair share of the spoils.

Yorks. were a grand collection, such an exhibition of the birds of position being seldom brought together at a Scottish show. All the cream of the Fancy were present, and in many of the classes the winners were separated by but a small margin. The clears were good, while the greens were extra grand in col., combined with all the shape and finish of the ideal specimen. Lizards were a nice collection, although they were a shade smaller in numbers. These classes were judged by Mr. J. Robson. The Crests and Crest-breds were a magnificent lot, some gems being out. The young Crest classes were especially strong. After carefully weighing up their respective points Mr. J. F. Dewar's selections were well received.

The Scotch Fancy section was rather a disappointing one, except in respect of quality, some birds of superior merit being on view. The birds were handled by a host of breeders, who visited the show in large numbers. There seems to be some petty jealousy in this section, and in the interest of the Fancy in general we hope to see a better feeling before another show comes round. Only two open classes were in the schedule, and some hardly thought the executive had cause for such a drastic reduction, though no doubt this section never has been a paying one. On the other hand, it cannot be a "National" show without a few more classes, and we should like to see both breeders and executive try and come to some agreement so this graceful bird may still hold the same position as formerly. The Patterson cup was won by a nice buff pied cock, shown by Mr. W. Allan. We noticed a clear buff hen "on the shelf," which in our opinion looked like one of the best in section. The Belgian section was well up to all former years, the winners in each class being birds of superior merit and well up in size; still, nothing like the days of long ago. Then we had something to charm our eyes, true in type and in general outline. Now many birds show the cross both in wings and tail.

The Border Section was scarcely up to previous shows in numbers, but some grand ones were shown in every class. We admired the third prize yellow cock, and in our opinion (as well as in that of many others) he is the finest yellow cock ever shown at the National, and that says something for his breeder. Evenly-marks were good in every point, and Greens came out strong in numbers and quality; some charmers were here. Cinnamons were also strong in numbers, and are getting more ideal in shape, although some just show a shade dark in colour for the standard chosen. We were sorry to hear adverse criticism in this section, and in some places there seemed just cause. No doubt no one can please every exhibitor, but some grand birds were left out entirely, where some only moderate ones got places in the prize list.

The Foreign section was well handled by our old friend, Mr. Dewar, and proved highly interesting and attractive, the visitors expressing great delight at the many very charming exhibits on view, notably the winning Sugar Bird, belonging to Mrs. T. Taylor, and the Tanagers, etc., owned by Mr. J. M. Walsh. The latter secured the F.B.C. medal with a lovely Australian Wood Swallow. The Goldies and Bullies were a wee bit disappointing, the absence of any "new faces" of superlative merit being very noticeable—house-moulted birds had quite a field day, and well deserved their honours. An English exhibitor, Mr. F. Price, scored a good win in the Goldie class, a difficult feat to perform against the pride of Bonny Scotland. The leading bird in the Parrakeet class seems to be a bit of a puzzle. It was entered as an "Adelaide," but it is not this species; we think that those who held it to be a hybrid are perfectly correct.

The judges were:—Messrs. A. Hirst and J. Sandison (Nor. Plainheads), J. Smillie and H. Bennet (Borders), J. F. Dewar (Crests, For., and part Belg. and Scots.), J. Robson (Cinn., Yorks., Liz., and part Belg. and Scots), J. Maddison (Hybrids, and part British); and P. McQuiston (part British). They got through their duties in good time, aided by an excellent light and very efficient stewarding, and taken on the whole, we did not hear a deal of adverse comment upon their awards.

The Norwich Plainheads.

Judges, Messrs. J. Ssndison and A. Hirst.

CL., ETC., YELL., CK. (14): 1, Davies, a wonderful bird for size and col., good quality feather, has a bad foot, which causes it to crouch somewhat; 2, Bishop, well up in size and col., fine feather, takes good position; 3, 5, Thomas, a really good pair, 3rd splendid substance of body, well rounded and clean cut under, hot col., lovely quality, 5th a stormer for type bold head and neck, staged in grand bloom, some made this the best in class; 4, Martin, ticked on cap, fine round head, grand flights and tail; vhc, Mitchell; hc, Barron. VARIEG. YELL. CK. (13): 1, 5, Davies, leader grand quality, fine head and neck, neat wings, deep chest, 5th rare size and type; 2, Humphrie, very typical Nor., nicely moulded and finished, hot col. and lovely quality, failing only in head; 3, Smith, hot fed one, rare size, very typical, failing only in finish, takes Sandiford's cup; 4, Bishop, fine type, grand quality feather; vhc, Hathaway; hc, Howard. BUFF (11): 1, Humphrie, rare size, wonderful depth of chest, neatly rounded and tapered, bold head, shows just a trifle lashing; 2, Thomas, good head, well moulded front, lovely col. and quality, fails only in wings; 3, Smeaton, well-known face, wonderful size and substance, rare flights and tail, put down in perfect order, must have pressed; 4, Leeming Bros., grizzle cap, grand type, would be improved with a wash; 5, Anderton, very typical, good quality feather, close up; vhc, Fleming; hc, Bishop. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, 4, Cook, grand pair of hens, full of true Nor. properties, leader excelling in head and condition, a pair to be proud of; 2, Kerr, another really grand hen, splendid body, moulded to perfection, rare col. and quality, fails only in head; 3, Smeaton, grand size and very typical, just a little rough behind; 5, Martin, good one, close up; vhc, Steele; hc, Cunliffe. BUFF (13): 1, Cunliffe, very typical hen, well up in size, rare depth of chest, neatly moulded and finished, and put down in grand order; 2, Smeaton, not quite so large as leader, but a model for type and quality; 3, Mitchell, fine size and depth, good head, neat wings, grand quality, close up; 4, Gibson, nice size and shape; 5, Aitchison, good one, pressing hard; vhc, Watson; hc, Ramsay. VARIEG. YELL. (7): 1, Harris, heavily mkd., hen, great for size and substance, grand col. and quality, a trifle faulty wing carriage; 2, Maxwell, splendid type, good head and body, lovely quality, presses; 3, Smith, fine quality hen, put down in best of condition, failing only in substance; 4, Patterson, well up in size and type, failing a trifle in polish; 5, Hampton; vhc, Wake; hc, Steel. BUFF: 1, Steven, neat model, good head and neck, grand flights and tail, neatly moulded front, well put down; 2, Martin, splendid type and quality, excelling in head properties; 3, Buglass, grand quality hen, deep frontal, short and cobby, fails just a bit in head and col.; 4, Fleming, grand type, might be improved with a wash; 5, Wylie, neat type; vhc, Smeaton; hc, Dickson. UNFLIG. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (14): 1, Ramsay, hot col., variegated head, nice quality, some thought a trifle lucky to beat 2, Davies, rare size and substance, grand flights and tail, fine quality feather, requires a rest; 3, Thomas, a variegated type and quality, inclined to hug perch a little too closely; 4, Millward, very typical cl., grand head and neck, rare front and wings, lovely quality feather; 5, Humphrie, a topper for type, col., and quality; vhc, Hathaway; hc, Thomson. BUFF (19): 1, Davies, grand type, well up in size and col., lovely quality; 2, Murray, variegated, of real merit, excelling in front; 3, Thomas, a bird of promise, lovely formation and splendid quality; 4, Mathieson, grand substance of body, neat head and flights, short of some tail feathers; 5, Ramsay, heavily variegated, lovely col. and quality; vhc, Johnston; hc, McAnally. YELL. HEN (8): 1, Boag, well up in size, plenty of depth, splendid wing carriage; 2, Anderton, fine stamp of hen, bold head, well filled neck, shapely body, lovely condition, must have pressed, quickly claimed at £6; 3, Nelson, hot col., rare quality feather, failing only in depth to leaders; 4, Barron, typical cl., good quality; 5, McCabe, fine type, close up; vhc, Wildridge; hc, Pepper; c, Dunt. BUFF (12): 1, Mitchell, eye and

wing nkd., feather short and close, shapely body, a wee bit pinched on head; 2, Dickson, grand quality varieg., bold head and neck, well packed wings and tail, sweetly moulded front, must have pressed; 3 Humphrie, hot col., cl., of fine proportions, put down in grand order, proclaimed its sex with no uncertain voice, and we heard that prize was likely to be withheld; 4, Anderton, very typical hen, good head, well rounded body, clean cut under, lovely mealing; 5, Patterson, nice size and substance, a wee bit pinched head; vhc, Thomas; hc, Dent. NON-FED CK. (15): 1, Fleming, cap and tail nkd. yell., sound nat. col., nicely proportioned, well staged; 2, Davies, varieg. buff, grand head, wonderful substance of body, good wing carriage, really good one; 3, Anderton, yell. varieg., good size and shape, a wee bit weak on top; 4, Sloan, typical buff, of good quality; 5, Laurie, buff, fine expanse of front, rare quality feather; vhc, Aitchison, an old face, looking better than ever, some made this an easy winner; hc, Martin. HEN (20): 1, and Toronto medal, Martin, splendid type, true Nor. properties, full of sound nat. col.; 2, McAnally, cl. buff, shapely body, just slightly pinched on top; 3, Taylor, cl. yell., grand col., lovely quality, splendid wing carriage, presses; 4, Lawrie, good quality buff, just lacks the substance of leaders; 5, Reid, neatly got up yell.; vhc, Hathaway; hc, Boag. BREEDING PAIRS (7): 1, Jeremy, grand varieg, buff cock, with plenty of size and depth, and a typical cl. yell. hen, full of quality, well matched pair, easy win; 2, Miller and Alcorn, grand quality buff cock, of the right type, with a very neat yell. varieg. hen, well staged; 3, Maxwell, buff cock and yell. hen, likely looking pair, evidently don't agree, hen stripped bare of head feathers; 4, Craig, buff cock and yell. hen, good type and quality; 5, Holmes, really typical pair, built on somewhat slender lines; vhc, Buglass; hc, Mackie. SCOT. P.C. SHOW (for unflg. birds): CL. ETC., YELL. CK. (12): 1, medal and spl., 2, Smeaton, pair of beauties, true to type, hot col., lovely quality, will be hard to beat; 3, Aitchison, another topper, splendid type, grand substance of body, put down in faultless bloom; 4, Mitchell, fine stamp, grand flights and tail, hot col., lovely quality, well deserves place; 5, Martin, nice shape, just lacks the polish of leaders; vhc, Harris; hc, Aitchison. BUFF (14): 1, Mabon, splendid type, hot col., lovely quality; 2, Taylor, very shapely youngster, of grand quality; 3, Aitchison, fine depth of chest, well packed wings and tail, broad skull, showing slight traces of browing; 4, Martin, grand quality bird, a wee bit long in barrel; 5, Fleming, very typical, close up; vhc, Miller and Alcorn; hc, Gardiner. VARIEG., CK. (15): 1, spl., 5, Aitchison, leading with a stylish yell., good head, fine expanse of chest, hot col., staged in capital order, 5, spl., buff, fine got up, grand wings, lovely quality; 2, Miller and Alcorn, very typical yell., short and cobby, grand flights and tail, lovely quality, must have pressed; 3, spl., Smeaton, buff, of generous proportions, excelling in head, close up; 4, spl., Martin, shapely buff, of good quality, not far behind; vhc, Cameron; hc, Finnie. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (11): 1, hc, Cameron, a regular eye opener, all that a Nor. should be from the point of the beak to the tip of the tail, takes club gold medal and Hyde's special; 2, Adamson, extra good, full of col. and quality, one of the kind that keeps on improving; 3, spl., Grewar, very shapely, full of col., excelling in front and head; 4, Smeaton, plenty of size and substance, well moulded, failing only in head; 5, Aitchison, fine size and depth of chest, good head, lovely quality; vhc, Thompson; a grand class all over. BUFF (10): 1, Cameron, again leading with a hen that fills the eye, hard to find fault with, and a credit to its breeder; 2, Aitchison, another of the right sort, short and cobby, bold head, perfect flights, beaten only in col.; 3, vhc, Rennes, shapely body, good head, nice quality, a wee bit long in flights; 4, Barron, fine quality hen; 5, Maxwell, good quality; hc, Bishop. VARIEG. (10): 1, Harris, yell., rare substance and quality, put down in rare order; 2, Taylor, grizzle tailed buff, of splendid type, neat head, grand front, A1 condition; 3, Smart, yell., of great depth of chest, neatly rounded, clean cut under; 4, Aitchison, shapely yell., of good quality, bold head and neatly moulded front; 5, Cameron, fine type and quality; vhc, Gardiner; hc, Fleming. NOR. GREENS: SELF YELL. (8): 1, Harris, splendid size, very shapely body, good sound body col, we considered it to have a foul throat, and it ought to have been marked w.e.; 2, 4, Lawson, 2 grand depth of chest, good col., rich in pencils, a wee bit narrow on top; 3, Harding, good head, rich even col., fine quality feather, in splendid order, must have pressed; 4 very neat penciling, well up in size; 5, Walker, good quality, close up; vhc, Watson; hc, Brotherton; c, Lawson. BUFF (13): 1, Rennes, grand size, very typical, good head and chest, short flights and tail, well staged; 2 Mitchell, another good one, true to type, full of col., neat pencils, close up; 3, vhc, Lawson, good size, rich even col., just lacks the bloom of leaders; 4, Ewen and Anderson, typical Nor., nice shade of col., A1 condition, follows well; 5, Walker, neat penciling; hc, Bloor. FOUL YELL. (15): 1, Walker, foul throat and tail, grand body col., rich in pencils, a trifle flat on top; 2, Pirie, deep shade of col., feather of lovely quality, close up; 3, Grewar, very shapely, rich in col., grand flights and tail; 4, Bloor, nice quality, good col. and pencilling, fails only in substance; 5, Dormer, even shade of body col.; vhc, Handley; hc, Harding. BUFF (12): 1, Grewar, good one, grand head, short flights and tail, well rounded front, neatly pencilled, well staged; 2, Ewen and Anderson, well up in size and substance, good col., fine quality feather; 3, 5, hc, Harding, typical trio, well up in size and shape, good col., fine quality, failing only in finish; 4, Walker, grand body col., rich pencilling, lovely quality feather, presses hard; hc, Harding.

The Crests and Crestbreds.

Judge, Mr. J. F. Dewar.

CREST CK. (5): 1, 2, Taylor, leader hot one, lovely top piece, grandly centred, rare droop on side and front, level all round, 2, close up, a wee shade short in frontal, but dense side, well centred; 3, McNaughton, fine headed one, grand top piece, lengthy, a wee shade thinner in feather, good side and frontal; 4, Armstrong, sweet headed one, rare texture of feather; 5, Gillen, sweet, all round nice head, well laid on. HEN (6): 1, 2, Sharp, good one, nice quality, leafy veiny feather, well carried to front, grand at sides, a real good one, well put down, 2, beaten on density of feather only, grand length and centre; 3, Barker, nice quality feather, lengthy, good centre and droop; 4, Bewick, good top piece, grandly laid on, dense; 5, Armstrong, good shape, very neat centre; vhc, Sharp. C.B. CK. (13): 1, Patterson, noble headed one, grand skull, rare entrance, dense lashing, massive frame, staged in fine bloom; 2, Taylor, hot one, grand shape, bold head, rare wide entrance, not quite so well in front lashing; 3, c, Barker, plenty of feather, beaten on entrance only; 4, Cairns, sweet shape and quality, plenty of feather, good entrance; 5, Gourlay, nice one, good feather, grand quality; vhc, Brotherton; hc, Bewick; c, Barker. YOUNG CREST (16): 1, Brotherton, hot one, looks like a hen, dense head feather, rare side and frontal, level, balancing, grand texture; 2, Crow, good one, nice head, grand side, good frontal, a demon for density; 3, Taylor, good headgear, nice side and frontal, well divided, grand shape and quality; 4, Gray, nice size and shape, fine length, good all round; 5, Gourlay, neatly made, good shape, splendid centre; vhc, Bewick; hc, Armstrong; c, McAdam. C.B., HEN (6): 1, McNaughton, hot one, rare size, dense, broad skull, rare entrance and lash, in tip-top bloom; 2, Bewick, must have pressed, a gem and no mistake, rare head, grand length of lash; 3, Veitch, sweet, a wee shade narrower at entrance, but plenty of feather, well burnished; 4, Armstrong, again good exhibit, but just lacks the density of feather and back skull of winners; 5, Gourlay, neat, all there for feather; vhc, Howard. C.B. (12): 1, Cran, good, grand head, extra well up in feather, rare lash, full entrance, in tip-top form; 2, 5, Brotherton, 2, sweet one, lovely head, rare cushion shape, beautiful rise, good entrance, beaten a wee shade in lashing, 5, good one, fails in lashing only; 3, Bewick, neat one, fine head, grand width, fails just a little in front lashing; 4, Henderson, sweet shade; vhc, Taylor; hc, Armstrong; c, Gourlay.

The Scotch Fancies & Belgians.

Judges, Messrs. Dewar and Robson.

SCOT. FCY. CK. (11): 1, 6, Steele, leader well known foul yellow, looking extremely well to-day, lovely head, rear long reach, prominent shoulder, fine depth of rib; 2, Pattison cup and sp, Allan, bum pied, hard up, decided drive, good shoulder and length of neck, grand side, fine youngster; 3, 7, Pringle, yell. tick, a wee shade thin in rib, but nice length of drive and shoulder; 4, Hope, buff pied, one we liked, massive square shoulder, rare substance and style; 5, Keltie, yell. pied, hard up, decided drive. HEN (8): 1, 4, Allan, cl. yell., good size, fine shoulder and length of neck, well cleaned out, handles well; 4th, large buff pied, rare massive shoulders, well filled, plenty of reach and go; 2, 3, Pringle, 2nd, cl., grand hen all over, plenty of freedom in neck, fine shoulder, well placed on leg; 3, yellow pied, good size, fine shoulder, neck and drive, lovely back; 5, Hope, tick on head buff, grand substance; 6, Gordon. BELG. (14): 1, 2, Horrill, leader buff, large, massive shoulder, held well up, rare length of reach, great thickness; 2nd, yellow, grand size, massive shoulder, free in neck, fine wings and tail, handles well; 3, 5, Baker, 3rd, again good all over, grand shoulder and depth throughout, very free to respond; 5th, yellow, a wee shade smaller, but a Belgian all over; 4, 7, Reddihough, marked cap, grand shoulder, fine length of neck, well put down; 6, Hope. YOUNG BELG. (10) a good class: 1, 2, Horrill, leader grand yellow, massive shoulder and drive, handles a treat, fine wings and tail; 2nd, buff, another good one, some preferred, more shoulder and substance, splendid turn of head, racy style, two good ones; 3, Baker, yell., a wee shade thin, fine shoulder, well held up, good position, fine neck; 4, 5, 6, 7, Reddihough, tick on wing, good size, fine shoulder.

The Border Fancies.

Judges, Messrs. Bennet and Smellie.

BORD. FCY. YELL. CK. (23): 1, Wilson, hot one for col., fine quality and texture of feather, nice head, back, wing and tail; 2, Hamilton, a trifle more length than we like in side and wing, but fine feather and quality; 3, Munro, some made best in class, one we liked, beautiful head, neck and back, splendid wing carriage, lovely col. and quality, handles a treat; 4, Arnott, fine col. and position, good head, well ulled back; 5, Andrews, grand weight, splendid col. of sweet tone; 6, Lawson; 7, Samson; No. 19, Andrews, one we liked, unnoticed, extra sweet position, lovely col. and quality, some thought ought to have been in the money. HEN (17): 1, 5, Bennet, 1st, sweet wee hen, fine feather of lovely texture, good position, style and substance, well put down; 5th, grand type and position, fine head and wing; 2, Gilchrist, again nice head, fine neck, good back and wing, splendid col. and texture of feather; 3, Clark, a wee shade larger, fine col. and quality; 4, Brockie, nice col., good feather of nice texture, a wee shade flat on head; 6, Todd; 7, Smart. No. 13, Patterson, winner here last year, some thought should have held same place again to-day, but unnoticed. BUFF CK. (21): 1, 3, Bennet, leader splendid shape, sweet position, lovely level col., fine texture of feather, grand head, back and wing carriage; 3rd, grand shape, a trifle uneven in col., good head, well filled back; 2, Connachie, a wee shade heavy, fine level col., good quality; 4, McKenzie, good head, fine back, well braced wings, lovely feather and quality; 5, Thynne, one we liked, lovely col. and quality; 6, Jenkins; 7, Smart. HEN (21): 1, McKenzie, grand head, fine back, wing and tail carriage, good front, col. and quality; 2, Arnott, one we liked, sweet wee lady, turned out to perfection, lovely head, neck, back and wings, sound and level in col.; 3, Bennet, cup and B.F.C.C. novice medal, a trifle short in body, good one, will improve; 4, Auld, similar in type, better quality, nice wing, fine head, good position; 5, Smart, sweet hen, fine texture of feather; 6, Campbell, fine type; 7, Lumsden. EVENLY MKD. YELL. (8): 1, Haddon, grand eyes, well balanced, fine wings, lovely col., quality and texture of feather, good one all over, well put down; 2, Wilson, some thought a wee bit lucky here, but rich in col., fine quality; 3, Auld, good col., lovely quality, good markings, wing, back and tail carriage; 4, Gilchrist, splendid eyes, well balanced wings, sound and level in col.; 5, Campbell, extra fine in quality and col.; 6, Jamieson, grand markings; 7, Blackie. BUFF (8): 1, Gilchrist, well known winner, splendid eye and wing markings, sweet in head, back and front; 2, Bennet, good type, position, style and quality; 3, Watson, a charmer, much handled and admired, true to shape in eye markings, lovely wings, carried in a straight line, fine head and neck; 4, McVittie, grand eyes and wings, fine feather, col. and quality; 5, Aitchison, fine texture of feather, good type and position; 6, Hart. Cinn. mark, good eyes and wings; 7, Arnott. UNEVEN YELL. CK. (10): 1, Auld, charming five-point, fine eyes, good wings, sound and level in col., extra good texture of feather, sweet head; 2, Jamieson, fails only in markings a trifle, fine type, good position; 3, Clark, three-point (one eye, both wings), extra sound in col., quality and style; 4, Hamilton, cap and wing mark, jaunty carriage, fine col., lovely quality; 5, Harper, grand markings, fine col. and quality; 6, Noble, fine col., good type; 7, Hart. HEN: 1, Dods, marked eyes, wings and back of head, nice col., quality and condition; 2, Smart, lovely hen, lovely col. and quality, grand type, fine position, sweet markings, jaunty carriage; 3, Wilson, three-point, sweet wee hen, we liked much, rare shape head, neck, back, wing and tail carriage; 4, Campbell, five-point Cinn mark, lovely col. and quality, good eyes and wing marks; 5, Gilchrist, head and wings marked, sound and level in col., fine quality; 6, Reid, fine eyes, good condition; 7, Brown. BUFF (12): 1, Hamilton, marked eyes, wings and butt of wing, extra fine col. and lovely texture; 2, Smart, lovely bird, sweet, jaunty style and position, lovely feather, marked eyes, wings and head; 3, Allan, marked eyes, head and wing, fine col., good quality, nice head, back and wing carriage; 4, Morgan, good eyes, fine wings, lovely head, back and front; 5, Kerr, one we liked for type and quality; 6, Jamieson, fine type and position; 7, Wather. HEN: 1, Hamilton, wins open B.F.C.C. medal, marked eyes, wings and head, sweet tone of feather of fine texture, nice position; 2, Burnett, five-point, lovely eyes and wings, grand quality feather, fine style and action; 3, Smith Bros., marked lightly on eyes and wing, fine col. and quality, sweetly made; 4, Wilson, a trifle heavy marked in head, grand bird, good stock hen; 5, Patterson, sweet wee hen, lovely eyes and wings, shown in the pink of condition; 6, Robertson, Cinn. mark, good markings; 7, Brown. TKD. YELL. (12): 1, Bennet, hot one for col., fine type, lovely texture of feather, sweet head, back and front, well put down; 2, McKenzie, sweet wing mark, lovely head, gentle in action, extra sound and level in col.; 3, Tait, grizzle cap, jaunty style, good col. and quality; 4, Brown, marked eyes, lovely type and position; 5, Hutchison, marked both eyes, good style and action; 6, Millar, fine type, good head; 7, Lumsden. BUFF (13): 1, McKenzie, wing mark, lovely wee chap, extra sweet and taking style, fine head, beautifully modelled back and front, good wing and tail carriage; 2, Todd, marked side of head, fine type and feather, good finish; 3, Lloyd, fine type and style, good head, back and wing, nice condition; 4, Smart, well known winner, fine head, well modelled back, beautiful texture of feather; 5, Auld, grizzle head, fine col., lovely quality; 6, Brown, marked back, fine type; 7, Kerr and Smith. YELL GREEN CK. (24): 1, Lambie, well known winner, looking well, sound and level in col., nice head, good type, well balanced pencilling; 2, Thomson, fine head, good front, sweet tone of col., nice markings, looks a wee shade soft; 3, 5, Wilson; 3rd, good type, nice hird; 5th, better marked at thighs, fine col.; 4, Boag, grand flank markings and green tone; 6, Thompson, grand col. and pencilling; 7, Montgomery, we liked, sweet green shade throughout. HEN (21): 1, Johnstone, lovely hen, sound col. and pencilling, well put down, true Border shape, good head and flank markings; 2, Thomson, wee shade shorter, lovely colour and markings, sweet, stylish action; 3, Gentleman, fine col. and quality, good head, fine back; 4, Lambie, fine col. and markings, good position; 5, 6, Wilson, nice length but fails a wee bit in flank markings; 6th, good hen; 7, Campbell. BUFF CK. (21): 1, Thomson, good shape, splendid head, fine neck, back, front and thighs, sound and level in col.; 2, 5, Wilson; 2nd, fine type and quality; 5th, sound in body col., fine markings; 3, 6, A. N. Thomson, good head, fine back and front, sweet col., nice quality; 6th, fine col. and quality; 4, Johnstone, lovely bird all over, sweet and level in colour, pencilling, well arrayed; 7, Richardson. HEN (18): 1, Wilson, a trifle lengthy in feather, good hird, hotly pressed by 2, 6, Johnstone, better type, lovely head, fine back and thigh markings, sweet tone of col.; 6, some liked for a winner, sweet hen all over; 3, 7, Walker, good hen, fine head, back and thighs, sound and level in col.; 5, Parker, again good in type, col., position and style. CINN. CK. (14): 1, Haddon, grand type, fine style, good col., sound cinn. tone throughout, jaunty in action; 2, Dods, buff, grand col. and quality, fine markings, good head, back, wings and tail; 3, Patterson, yell., fine col., good position and type, rare markings, in lovely condition; 4, Arnot and Jamieson, sound level col., fine type, good head; 5, Lambie, yell., fine col., good markings, fine head; 6, Grant, lengthy, fine tone of col.; 7, Douglas. HEN (13): 1, Wilson, sweet wee hen, a treat to handle, rare head, fine neck, back and front, lovely taper and style, sound and level in col.; 2, Richardson, charming buff, good type, fine col., extra nice quality; 3, Dods, yell., really good quality bird; 4, Johnstone, sweet hen, fine level col., good position and type; 5, Jamieson, a wee shade light in wings and thighs, good type; 6, Blackie, buff, fine quality; 7, Watson; No. 11, Patterson, last year's winner, good one, evidently missed to-day.

The Cinnamons.

Judge, Mr. J. Robson.

YELL. CINN. CK. (6): 1, 2, Dormer, leader good one, fine quality feather, lovely even tone of col., good head and front, nicely laced, put down in full bloom; 2nd, sweet one, rare size, full front, grand lacing, fails just a little in head; 3, 5, Godley; 3rd, grand shape, real hot one for type, well laced on back and flanks; 5th, fine quality feather; 4, vhc, Deacon, nicely laced one, grand shape, rare tone of colour. BUFF (8): 1, 3, Dormer, leader grand size and shape, well pencilled, nice even tone of col. throughout, put down in rare bloom; 3rd, sweet shape, neat made one all over, grand head and front, all there for colour and markings; 2, Deacon, close up, hot one, lovely depth of col., grand markings, sweet head; 4, 5, Godley, fails only in front, nice head, good feather; 5th, beaten in colour only, all there for markings; vhc, he, Heys. UNFLIG. (13): 1, 3, vhc, Godley, 1st, good yell., grand size, rare texture of feather, beautifully laced, sweet front, lovely wing carriage; 3rd, another yell., good markings, well up in size; 2, hc, Deacon, neat buff, well frosted, splendidly laced, lovely back work, extra good in type; 4, 5, c, Dormer, a huff, well up in size, grandly rounded, scarcely so pure in back lacings, but sweet all round; 5, a yell., good head, well up in colour, in full bloom. HEN (11): 1, Deacon, sweet yell., rare head, grand shape, pure sound col. and markings, rare front and taper, extra good all round; 2, 4, vhc, hc, Godley, yell., nice deep tone of colour, grand head, a shade thinner in front than winner, but good markings; 5th, yell., fine markings, rare col., lovely close feather, good all round; 3, 5, Dormer, yell., good markings, very nice head, sweet tone of col.; 5th, yell., pure in col., well up in size, good markings. FOUL (10): 1, vhc, he, Godley, leader buff, rare size, splendid front and head, well pencilled, hurnished like a piece of satin, well put down; 2, Armstrong, yell., a shade slim in build, but deep solid colour throughout, and well marked, grand head; 3, 5, Dormer, yell., foul tail, plenty of size, but a wee shade plain in build, grand head, good back and side lacing; 5th, also a yell., a wee shade weaker in build, but very nice shape; 4, Hartup, neat buff, grand front, nicely rounded on head, good feather; c, Heys.

The Yorkshires.

Judge, Mr. J. Robson.

CL. YELL. YORKS. (20): 1, vhc, Thomas, leader wins, in full bloom, grand head, rare shape, lovely wing carriage, very nicely drawn, racy pose, steady as a rock; 2, Ogden Bros., another good one, lovely quality feather, well up on leg, very neatly cut, good head and neck, well drawn; 3, Mock, good length, grand quality feather, sweet all-round shape, grand wing carriage; 4, Binns, stronger, but grand body feathered one, lovely head and wing carriage; 5, Towers, very slim all over, good style, extra well cut and drawn; hc, Walsh; c, Dykes. BUFF (6): 1, Towers, good one, nice quality feather, grand head and front, well drawn, very well cut below, shows to perfection; 2, Chippendale, warm col. one, lovely hue, grand front, very neat head, inclined to cross wings at times; 3, Ogden Bros., stronger, but grand feather, lovely head and wings, very stylish, free worker; 4, Shackleton, nice one for quality of feather, grand shape, sweet head and front; 5, Binns, lengthy, but just lacks the quality and shape of winner; vhc, Cuthbertson. UNEVEN MKD., ETC., YELL. (14): 1, Dykes, good var., grand length, rare good front and head, well drawn, very stylish mover, lovely quality feather; 2, Ogden Bros., hot fed, rare bloom and quality of feather, extra good head and front; 3, Binns, very racy, exceptionally well drawn, lovely wing carriage and back; 4, Brown and Son, lovely wing carriage, good quality feather; 5, Dykes, beaten only in length, nice front, grandly balanced wings in lovely order; vhc, Cuthbertson; hc, Douglas; c, Towers. BUFF (15): 1, Ogden Bros., a beauty, wins well, lovely quality throughout, grand head and front, tapered to perfection; 2, Shackleton, hot fed one, body feather like a piece of marble, grand front and taper, inclined to be a wee shade snipy in head; 3, Towers, grand bloom, fine head and wing carriage, free in pose; 4, Cuthbertson, good stamp, sweet head, lovely sheen; 5, Brown and Sons, sweet Cinn. tick, lovely quality feather, grand head and front; vhc, Walsh; hc, Binns; c, Dykes. CL., ETC. YELL. HEN (12): 1, Shackleton, lovely var., extra good quality feather, grand head and front, perfect carriage, sweet mould; 2, Chippendale, very sweetly moulded, grand wing carriage, well drawn; 3, Ogden Bros., sweet size, grand front, very neat head, lovely quality feather; 4, Cuthbertson, var., plenty of length, well drawn, sweet; 5, Wintaker, grand bird all over, lovely weight, head and carriage; vhc, c, Dykes; hc, Thomas. BUFF (12): 1, Shackleton, good one, again to the fore with "a piece of marble," grand finish, lovely back and wing carriage, beautiful front; 2, Cuthbertson, another hot one for finish, grand bloom, rare round head, sweet front and style, close run; 3, Gregory, hot coloured one, plenty of length, fine side and shape, grand feather; 4, Thomas, another good one, sweet style and finish, fails only in length to winners; 5, Ogden Bros., rare shape and quality; vhc, Douglas; hc, Towers; c, Mountain; a grand class, well judged. SELF YELL. GREEN YORKS. (15): 1, vhc, Rowlands, wins, purest in colour, grand back lacing, good flanks, lovely ground colour, typical Yorks.; 2, Pilling, good stamp, sweet shape, grand tone of ground col., inclined to be a wee shade heavier in back markings; 3, Metcalfe, good shape of col., nicely pencilled; 4, Walker, close up, good all round, fine quality feather, good shape; 5, McDermott, nice type, grand head and front, rare style; vhc, Robinson; hc, Rowlands; c, McNulty. BUFF (12): 1, McNulty, good one, pure in markings, grand back, nice in front, ground col., solid and of rare tone, feathered to perfection; 2, Atherton, fails just a little in markings to winner, but good ground col. and well burnished up; 3, vhc, Rowlands, good ground, nice one, but some thought might have given way to 4, McDermott, a wee shade strong in build, but grand markings and well drawn; 5, Walker, grand markings; hc, Robinson; c, Davie. FOUL YELL. (13): 1, Rowlands, good markings, fine front and head, grand size, rare texture of feather, well put down; 2, 5, Nimmo, good one, grand head and front, rare back lacing, well placed, 5, grand col. and feather, good one, shade on small side; 3, Hellewell, sweet feather, nicely laced, beaten in front and finish only, will improve; 4, Robinson, grand col and feather, nicely pencilled; vhc, Pilling; hc, McNulty; c, Hickson. BUFF (9): 1, Rowlands, wins, grand length, good all over, sweet front, rare stamp, drawn to perfection, nice tone of col.; 2, McDermott, good stamp, sweet shade of col., grand quality feather; 3, 4, Atherton, nice tone of colour and markings; 5, Metcalfe; vhc, McNulty; hc, Walker; c, Davie.

The Lizards.

Judge, Mr. Robson.

GOLD. LIZ. (6): 1, 2, Rukin ("the Lizard Prince"), a real beauty, a gem for Spangle, grand even rowing and dense col. throughout, lovely shape, in grand trim, 2 another good one, close up, grand shape and quality; 3, Barnes, good one, rare shape, grand feather, not quite so pure in col. as winner; 4, 5, vhc, Risehorough, good one, cl. cap, well cut, large good bold back spangle, good quality, 5 sweet shape, beaten only in col. SILVER (6): 1, 3, Rukin, again to the fore with a topper, lovely clear cap, a blaze of spangle, fine level col. throughout, splendid shape, in full bloom, 3 broken in cap, but good back work, and in very fine order, real good all-round bird; 2, Barnes, grand shape, hot one for col., lovely spangle on top, good ground col.; 4, vhc, Ross, very neat fine shape, slightly run in spangle, but grand ground col.; 5, Riseborough, good stamp, rare body col.

The Foreign Birds.

Judge, Mr. J. F. Dewar.

GOLDIE (23): 1, Price, fine, well-built bird, with a grand square-ent blaze, very clean in colour, good deep tanning, well marked everywhere, rich colour all over, house-moulted, a worthy winner; 2, Mrs. McLennan, the noted bird, better shape than winner, noble head and chest, grand style and carriage, splendid markings and tan, just beaten in colour and cut of blaze, needs its beak trimming; 3, J. Henderson, bonny, stylish bird, excellent shape, rich in colour, extra nice blaze, fine conditio, also house-moulted, well worth its place; 4, John Henderson, loses a shade to blaze properties, but good enough at all points to win at most shows, well put down; 5, Russell, trifle smaller, but well built, good square face, fine colour and polish; vhc, Pringle; hc, Craig; c, Cadman Bros. BULLIE (8): A singularly poor class for this show; 1, Finnie, real good bird for size and shape, great head and chest, well-cut cap, very solid and rich in breast colour, and finely polished; 2, Turner, not quite equal in build and carriage, but fine size and shape, rich breast, deep lustrous cap, good bars and back, mayhe loses a shade on finish; 3, 5, hc, Craig, lovely trio, the right type and colour, leader exceptionally nice quality, fine breast and cap, house-moulted; 4, Minnitt, bonny bird, very close up, fine size and style, full head and chest, trifle down in colour only; vhc, Jones; c, Lester. HEN BULLIE (8): 1, Ferguson, field plumage, big, rich coloured, beautifully shaped bird, rare good quality and markings; 2, Laidlaw, house-moulted, beaten the merest shade only, lovely hen for colour and type, finely marked, in great form; 3, Jones, bonny and stylish, sound-coloured, fine cap, carried a lovely polish, trifle thinner; 4, Cannon, in good form, fails a little in head, but all there for type, colour and markings, promising hird; 5, Mrs. McLennan, sweet hen, excellent size and shape; very close run, we liked well; vhc, Hayter; hc, Watson. PARRAKEETS (11): 1, Reeks, entered as an "Adelaide," but is not this species, looks like a hybrid (probably Rosella-Barnard), in which case ought it not to have been marked "wrong class"? in splendid condition and well staged; 2, hc, Miss Waddell, beautiful pair Rock Peplars Reading, in charming condition; 3, Mackenzie, exceptionally fine pair Black-checked Lovebirds, lovely colour and feather; 4, Davies, the noted King, real good specimen, gem for depth of colour and condition, hard luck to be so low down; 5, c, Baxby, hand-

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some Pennant, beautifully marked, very vivid colouring, in rare bloom; vhc, Pickles. PARROTS (3): 1, 2, Mackenzie, bonny Ceram Lory leading; grand colour, the perfection of condition; 2nd, excellent Senegal, also in lovely order; 3, Miss Waddell, very fine Blue-fronted Amazon. WAXBILLS, ETC. (14): very nice class; 1, 3, Howe, pretty pairs Gold-breasts and White-head Mannikins, both staged in grand style and beautiful condition; 2, vhc, c, Mrs. Yonnger, lovely Lavender Finch leading, charming tone of colour, tight as wax in plumage, all the trio in superb condition; 4, Nicholson and Son, very big, well marked pair Parson Finches, in excellent order; 5, Arnott, exceptionally nice Avadavats; hc, Towns. A.O.S. SEEDEATER (8): 1, Howe, the noted Melba Finch, grand bird for colour and markings, perfect condition; 2, J. M. Walsb, magnificent Green Cardinal, grandly marked, wonderful colour; 3, vhc, Miss Waddell, very fine Cuban Finches and Bichenos, former well staged and in charming plumage; 4, Lawrie and Welsh, gem of a Paradise Whydah, nicely staged, perfect caudal plumes; 5, Bruce, handsome Crimson Finch, very deep, rich colour; hc, Almond. TANAGERS, ETC., (10): 1, Mrs. Taylor, Yellow-winged Sugar Bird, real "living jewel," grand colour, marvellously tight, glossy plumage, staged in beautiful style, wins well; 2, 3, 5, Walsh, magnificent team, Maroon Tanager leading, grand example of this uncommon species, Black-throated 3rd, a gem of its kind, but a trifle soiled in plumage to-day; 5th, Superb; 4, Miss Waddell, Blue-winged Fruit-sucker, very fine bird, indeed, we liked much, but had frayed its tail; vhc, Nicholson and Son, Black-checked Sugar Bird, very nice condition, good specimen; hc, Arnott. A.O.S. (8): 1, F.B.C. medal, 3, Walsh, leader the very best Wood Swallow we remember seeing, wonderful condition; 3rd, lovely pair Black-headed Sibias, well staged; 2, Baxby, very attractive Green-billed Toucan, first-rate condition; 4, Nicholson and Son, about the best Glossy Starling out, great size, perfect shape, marvellously lustrous plumage; 5, Sykes, another very nice Glossy Starling; vhc, hc, c, Miss Waddell, Himalayan Whistling Thrush, Mynah, and Blue-cheeked Barbet, the leader very rare and in nice condition, could have gone up a step in the list. JUVENILE A.V. BRIT. (11): 1, Joe Sykes, handsome Yell. Wagtail, in splendid condition; 2, Louise Mackie, rare good house-moulted Bullie, feathered to perfection; 3, N. Hoyle, fed Greenie, excellent size and shape, again a good example of high condition; 4, Gracie Mackie, real nice Yellowhammer, well staged; 5, B. Craig, very promising f.m. Linnet, steady, good colour and markings; vhc, F. Taylor; hc, W. Hoxton; c, L. Sykes. EXTRA STOCK CLASS (11): 1, Martin; 2, Barrie; 3, Grant; 4, 5, Welsh; 6, Muir; 7, Rand.

The Mules and Hybrids.

Judge, J. Maddison.

CL., ETC. (3 and 5 pointed) CAN MULE (4): 1, 3, Martin and Archer, two noted birds, the clear Jonque Linnet, "Perfection," leading the way once again, in grand form; 2, Shellam, the equally well-known clear Greenfinch, splendid bird, in rare order; 4, Lavery, another excellent exhibit, can win at most shows. VARIEG. (17): 1, Martin and Archer, lightly-mkd. Greenfinch, bonny bird, in fine trim; 2, M'Nicol, magnificent variegated Jonque Goldie, immense size, lovely shape, col. and condition, pressed very hard; 3, Tams and Son, mkd. Greenfinch, bonny size and shape, nice exhibit; 4, 5, Gilbert, two clinking good Goldie Mules, excel in col. and condition; 6, M'Vittie; 7, Clapperton. GOLDIE-CAN., DARK (10): 1, Shellam, Jonque Goldie, an out-and-out champion, red-hot col., lovely polish and condition; 2, Gilchrist, another marvellous coloured Jonque, splendid size and shape; 3, 6, Martin and Archer, loses a bit in colour, but equal to any for size and shape; 4, Roy, bonny big Mule, excellent quality and style; 5, Grewar; 7, M'Vittie. LINNET-CAN., DARK (18): 1, Shellam, Jonque, great exhibit for colour and condition, beautiful size and shape, well mkd., wins well; 2, Aitken, even better shape than winner, grand head and chest, full of colour, close up; 3, Bell, also a beauty at all points, excellent size and shape; 4, G. Brown, grand quality, good sound col.; 5, Turner; 6, Martin and Archer; 7, D. Brown. GREENIE-CAN., DARK (13): 1, Brunskill, exceptionally rich col. Jonque, perfect condition and bloom, very nice shape; 2, Craig, trifle small, but simply lovely col. and condition, staged "in the pink"; 3, Somerfield, rather low down, we thought, grand bird at all points, noted winner; 4, Davies, bonny size and style, correct, sound col., well polished; 5, Bald; 6, Carr; 7, Edwards.. A.O.V. CAN. MULE (except Can. Bullie): 1, Heard; 2, Allan; 3, Johnston; 4, Macdougall; 5, Davidson; 7, Fraser. BULLIE HYB. (including Can. Bullie) (19): 1, Shellam, marvellous Canary-Bullie for colour, size, and shape, the best out without any doubt; 2, Mrs. M'Lennan, highly promising young Goldie-Bullie, immense size, fine colour, will be a champion later; 3, Lamb, lovely coloured Linnet-Bullie, beautiful build and carriage, one of the best out this season; 4, Walsh, another very good Goldie-Bullie; 5, J. H. C. Watson; 6, Dunn; 7, Buchanan. A.O.V. HYB. (15): 1, Martin and Archer, the celebrated Greenie-Chaffinch, looking very fit, wins the Dewar shield for best bird in show; 2, Ovenstone, exceptionally fine Goldie-Greenie, rare shape, grand blaze; 3, Lamb, noted Goldie-Redpoll, little gem for colour and shape; 4, Gilbert, very nice Bramble-Chaffie, shows the cross well; 5, Somerville; 6, Williams; 7, Marlin.

British Birds.

Judges, P. McQuiston and J. Maddison.

BRIT. GOLDIE (31): 1, Hurst, noted winner, very big, bold Finch, with a magnificent blaze, superb col. and condition; 2, 7, Richards, leader the noted Welsh winner, a grand bird, also in lovely condition, good blaze, but we thought rather lucky to score over; 3, Weston, the biggest and best cut blaze in class, beautiful, shapely bird, very pure in col., loses a trifle to winner in forwardness of condition and colour; 4, Lavery, bonny Finch, good type, blaze and col.; 5, Pitchford and Stocker, another real beauty; 6, Nicholson.

BULLIE (18): 1, Holbrow, house moulted bird, fine sound col., rich and clean, grand body and head, in lovely order; 2, Palmer, another cobby, typical bird, grand col. and polish; 3, Craig, we liked as well as any, very even, rich breast, lovely head, A1 condition; 4, Anderson Bros., good shapely bird, full of col., well-cut cap; 5, 7, Woods, two clippers, close up; 6, Cranne. LINNET (23): 1, Heal, gem for shape, size and soundness of col., lovely nutty tone, full of pencilling all over, wins well; 2, 3, Marley, two beauties for condition, leader a trifle small though, both splendid col., 3 exceptionally well marked; 4, Weston, very big, sound coloured bird, splendid condition, nicely pencilled; 5, Tucker, good stamp, well marked; 6, Storrie; 7, Martin and Archer. LINNET, F.M. (28): 1, Bald, very fine bird for condition and size, bonny shape and style, good sound col., fairly well pencilled; 2, Sykes, another big, shapely bird, excellent col. and markings, steady and neat; 3, Hodge, our choice, beautifully pencilled all over, finely polished plumage, steady and showy, lovely sound col.; 4, Heal, good at all points, well built, good carriage and col.; 5, Marley; 6, Ewen and Anderson; 7, Duff. BRAMBLEFINCH (8): 1, Sykes, gem for condition, beautiful col. and markings, lovely head and breast; 2, Weston, few feathers gone at throat, very big and shapely, deep, rich col., grandly mkd.; 3, W. Reid, good size and style, trifle slimmer in build, all there for col. and markings; 4, Patterson, good one for polish and markings, nice size; 5, Bancroft, fine bird; 6, Marley; 7, Mason. CHAFFIE (23): 1, Hurst, the noted winner, wonderful size, col. and markings, romps home; 2, Marley, also well-known, not quite the size of leader, but equal at all other points; 3, Nicholson and Son, beauty for condition, splendidly marked, nice sound col.; 4, Milne, very stylish, good wings and cap, nice col.; 5, McVay; 6, Jeffreys; 7, Bancroft. GREENIE (15): 1, McLean, lovely bird, sound and rich in col., carried a nice meal, splendid wings, big and stylish; 2, Stuart and Dalling, very close up, hot col., full of bloom, magnificent size and shape; 3, Walsh, also a beauty at all points, grand size and build, rare tone of col.; 4, Elder, bit small, gem for col. and quality; 5, Craig; 6, McVay, good one; 7, Tams and Sons; No. 1, Harris, we thought a grand bird. NON-FED GREENIE (26): 1, Waters, extra good in size and shape, very cobby and neat, rare col. and bloom; 2, Hurst, also a beauty, excels in polish and col., great size; 3, Marley, not far behind at any point, lovely head and chest, splendid size; 4, 7, Bald, both good, leader lovely col. and size; 5, Weston; 6, Messer. SISKIN (11): 1, Bell, marvel for bib, about the biggest we have seen, good col., fine size and shape; 2, Bald, very fine bird, not the big bib of winner, or quite the col., but better size and shape, lovely lacing; 3, Morton, also very nice, has size and style, finished off by the best of col.; 4, W. C. Smith, good head and lacing, good one; 5, Hoyle; 6, Sadler; 7, Harris. SISKIN NON-FED: (15): 1, Minnitt, wins well, bonny size and shape, very pure, attractive col., well marked all over; 2, Milne, excellent col. and style, nice cap and wings, fine condition, well laced; 3, Bruce, shade small, but good bib and markings generally, very promising bird; 4, Mason, good one, nice head and markings; 5, Connachie; 6, S. Jones; 7, J. Wilson. MEALY REDPOLL OR TWITE (16): 1, Craig, good big Twite, perfection of col. and condition, beautifully mkd., wins nicely; 2, Leach and Leckie, thumping big mealy Poll, magnificent shape and markings, good head and chest, very pure col.; 3, Pickles, another very fine Twite, splendid size and shape, full of work; 4, Scotland, another excellent mealy, in grand form; 5, Sadler; 6, Waters; 7, Quinn. LESSER REDPOLL (24): 1, Bruce, last year's winner scores again, gem for shape and style, very finely marked; 2, Pringle, beauty for soundness of col. and markings, well staged; 3, Nicholson and Son, lovely lacing, fails a trifle in bib, perhaps, but close up; 4, 7, Marley, two fine birds, leader grand shape and markings; 5, Morton; 6, Jeffreys. YELLOWHAMMER (20): 1, A. W. Watson, gem, beautifully marked, clean rich col., lovely chestnut, big, very stylish; 2, 3, Marlin, two beauties, both lovely col., very well and distinctly marked; 4, T. and R. Smith, very smart style, good clean col., excellent markings; 5, Livingstone; 6, Gibb; 7, Selkirk. A.O.S. BUNTING (16): 1, Bald, very big and well-marked Corn, in lovely condition; 2, 4, A. W. Watson, charming Meadow and Black-headed Buntings, in good order; 3, Nicholson and Son, very fine, dense coloured Reed, staged in grand style; 5, Miss Waddell; 6, Baxter; 7, Hurst. SMALL SOFTBILL (11): 1, E. Taylor, extra good Black Redstart, perfection of condition and polish; 2, 7, Nicholson and Son, lovely Tree Creeper and Redstart; 3, Walsh, gem of a Yellow Wagtail; 4, Towns; 5, G. W. Lawrie; 6, Wagg. LARKS OR PIPITS (6): 1, McVay, very big, finely pencilled Lark, good bold head and chest; 2, Wagg, pretty Pipit, in first-class condition; 3, 6, Lott, Shorelark and Skylark, two nice birds; 4, Allaway, also a fine Skylark; 5, Walsh. LARGE SOFTBILL (5): 1, Walsh; 2, Anderson; 4, Boyd; 5, Taylor; 6, Mackie. A.O.S. BRIT. (7): 1, Harris, magnificent Hawfinch, wonderful col. and bib; 2, Bancroft; 3, Marley; 4, Miss Waddell; 5, Robertson; 6, Glass. BULLIE HEN (18): 1, 3, Bald, two beauties, leader excels in col. and polish, grand caps and wings; 2, Holborow, very close up, fine col. and condition, lovely shape; 4, 6, Green, very nice indeed, trifle smaller may be; 5, Macpherson; 7, Ford. A.O.S. (17): 1, Kirkwood, jun., excellent Corn Bunting, splendid breast, fine colour and style; 2, Marley, very fine Hawfinch, grandly mkd.; 3, Leech and Leckie; 4, S. Jones; 5, Martin and Archer; 7, Winter. A.O.S. SOFTBILL HEN (9): 1, Bruce, the noted Song Thrush looking grand; 2, Sykes, very fine Waxwing; 3, Wagg; 4, vhc, Watson; 5, Bisset; 6, Nicholson and Son; 7, Martin and Archer. PIED, ALBINO, ETC. (7): 1, J. Dixon, the best Albino Yellowhammer we remember seeing, pure yellow in colour; 2, Skeldon, very fine white Blackbird; 3, Martin and Archer, lovely pied Linnet; 4, Laidlaw; 5, Hunter; 6, Muir and Heenan; 7, Nicholson and Son.

The Limit Classes.

NOR. CK. (30s.) (20): 1, Mitchell; 2, Steven; 3, Cable; 4, Godley; 5, Pirrie; 6, J. Reid; 7, Miller and Alcorn. HEN (30s.) (9): 1, Little; 2, Steven; 3, Burnett; 4, Dempster; 5, Buglass; 6, Lugton; 7, Logan. CK. (15s.) (34): 1, Pirrie; 2, Finnie; 3, 7, Miller and Alcorn; 4, Carson; 5, Mathieson; 6, Pitchford and Stocker. HEN (15s.) (19): 1, Burnett; 2, Roberts; 3, Carson; 4, Buglass; 5, Godley; 6, Mabon; 7, Miller and Alcorn. CREST OR C.B. (£2 10s.) (17): 1, Carins; 2, Henderson; 3, Roberts; 4, Taylor; 5, Howard; 6, Dobson and Son; 7, Mrs. Thynne. DO. (20s.) (16): 1, Taylor; 2, Spence; 3, Gardiner; 4, Cairns; 5, 6, Miller and Alcorn; 7, Young. BORD. FCY., CK. (10s.) (15): 1, 2, G. Bennett; 3, Blachie; 4, Barnes; 5, Gilchrist; 6, (no name); 7, Lloyd. HEN (8s.) (17): 1, McKenzie; 2, Bennett; 3, 6, Hamilton; 4, Green; 7, Brockie. BREEDING PAIRS (15s.) (9): 1, Bennet; 2, Bruce; 3, Mackie; 4, Wilson; 5, Nelson; 6, Smart; 7, Tait. SCOT. FCY. (20s.) (16): 1, Prowfoot; 2, 6, Nelson; 3, Jordon; 4, Lawrie; 5, Hope; 7, Low. HEN (6): 1, Prowfoot; 2, Mathieson; 3, Rennie; 4, Smith; 5, Baxter; 6, Binnie. A.O.V. CAN., LIMIT (15s.) (8): 1, Godley; 2, 4, Rukin; 3, Proctor; 5, Gardiner; vhc, Malcolm; hc, Barnes; c, Ross. BRIT. (10s. 6d.) (20): 1, Laidlaw; 2, Forster; 3, Lunn; 4, McLaren; 5, Kirkwood; 6, Bruce; 7, Morris.

DUNFERMLINE.

Annual exhibition of the Dunfermline and West of Fife O.S. held in the Drill Hall, Bruce Street, Jan. 2nd and 3rd. An excellent lot of birds were got together. The hall makes a capital venue, the light, heat and accommodation being all that could be desired. The management of the show was in the hands of the Secretary (Mr. Alexander Hynd). He is a splendid official and "knows the ropes" right well. Great credit is due to him and to Mr. Thos. Harrower (Vice-President) and Mr. Harry Mowbray (Treasurer) for the success of the show. The judges, whose awards, taken on the whole, pleased everyone, were Messrs. J. Patterson (Scot., Fcy., Bord and Common), J. Young (Nor. and Crests), and G. Marlin (Mules, British and Foreign).

[A detailed report of this show will be given next week.—EDITOR.]

The Awards.

SCOT. FCY. SELL, 15s. (5): 1, Cook; 2, Kirk; 3, A. and D. Hogg; 4, Veitch. NOR. YELL. CK. (11): 1, Spence; 2, 4, hc, Bishop; 3, Godfrey; vhc, Wildridge; c, Gardiner. HEN (9): 1, Bishop; 2, Burnett; 3, Gardiner; 4, Kirk; vhc, Johnstone; hc, Wildridge; c, Spence. BUFF CK. (10): 1, Moffat; 2, Bishop; 3, 4, Gardiner; vhc, Dewar; hc, Hunter and Roughead; c, Wildridge. HEN (14): 1, 2, 4, Gardiner; 3, Bishop; vhc, hc, M'Conville; c, 4, hc, Beaton. BRED 1911 (8): 1, M'Conville; 2, 4, vhc, Gardiner; 3, c, Moffat; hc, Dixon. CREST CK. (10): 1, Howie; 2, Paull; 3, 4, Veitch; vhc, M'Douald; hc, c, Burt. HEN (8): 1, 3, Sharp; 2, 4, c, Paull; vhc, Cram; hc, Howie. BRED 1911 (6): 1, Cram; 2, Gray; 3, Veitch; 4, Williamson and M'Adam; vhc, Beaton; hc, Howie. SELL. 20s. (5): 1, Cram; 2, no name in catalogue; 3, Beaton; 4, M'Donald; vhc, Angus; hc, M'Call and Henderson; c, Paull. C.B. CK. (7): 1, Veitch; 2, 4, Buchanan; 3, Paull; vhc, Howie; hc, Williamson and M'Adam; c, Sharp. HEN (10): 1, 3, Paull; 2, Veitch; 4, Cram; vhc, hc, Howie; c, Boyle. BRED 1911 (8): 1, Cram; 2, c, Paull; 3, Angus; 4, Veitch; vhc, Burt; hc, M'Donald. C.B. SELL. 15s. (11): 1, Sharp; 2, Beaton; 3, M'Call and Henderson; 4, Buchanan; vhc, Cram; hc, no name in catalogue, c, Paull. BORD. FCY. CL. ETC., YELL. CK. (6): 1, Craig; 2, Gilchrist; 3, Hutchison; 4, Burt; vhc, Hamilton; hc, Drummond. HEN (7): 1, Gilchrist; 2, Hutchison; 3, M'Kenzie; 4, Hamilton; vhc, Craig; hc, Jamieson; c, Burt. BUFF CK. (7): 1, Craig; 2, M'Kenzie; 3, Gilchrist; 4, Burt; vhc, Duncan; hc, Thomson; c, Lowe. HEN (5): 1, M'Kenzie; 2, Hutchison; 3, Carmichael; 4, Craig; vhc, Burt. UNEVEN MKD. BUFF (6): 1, Gilchrist; 2, Hamilton; 3, Jamieson, 4, Craig; vhc, Duncan; hc, Kilpatrick. GREEN, ETC. (4): 1, Lambie; 2, Murray; 3, Jamieson; 4, Thomson. SELL. CK. 10s. (12): 1, no name in catalogue; 2, M'Kenzie; 3, Jamieson; 4, Kilpatrick; vhc, Shields; hc, Campbell; c, Burt. 7s. 6d. HEN (9): 1, Carmichael; 2, Wright and Son; 3, Duncan; 4, Kilpatrick; vhc, Campbell; hc, Lambie; c, Kirk. COMMON CAN. (18): 1, hc, J. and A. Duncan; 2, Ewenson; 3, Manclark; 4, Hogg; vhc, Bell; c, Arnot. LIGHT MULE OR HYB (7): 1, Purvis; 2, Bell; 3, M'Laren; 4, vhc, Jamieson; hc, Arnot. DARK (9): 1, Gilchrist; 2, vhc, Johnstone; 3, Jamieson; 4, Bogie; hc, M'Laren; c, Rankine. BRIT. GOLDIE (9): 1, M'Laren; 2, hc, Arnot; 3, McCall and Henderson; 4, spl, Jamieson; vhc, Hunter and Roughead; c, Hill. BULLIE (10): 1, Shillinglaw; 2, hc, Hogg; 3, Dewar; 4, c, M'Laren; vhc, Arnot. GREENIE (7): 1, M'Lean; 2, M'Laren; 3, 4, Baird Bros.; vhc, Arnot; hc, Stewart. LINNET (14): 1, M'Culloch; 2, Rolland; 3, M'Laren; 4, spl, c, Kennoway; vhc, Godfrey; hc, Anderson. REDPOLL (6): 1, Love; 2, Godfrey; 3, spl, Bell; 4, Morris; vhc, Campbell. SISKIN, ETC. (8): 1, Whitbrook and Allen; 2, Bell; 3, Rolland; 4, M'Laren; vhc (no name in catalogue); hc, Baird Bros.; c, Arnot. FOR. GOLDIE (8): 1, Johnstone; 2, 3, Howie; 4, spl, H. Hogg; vhc, M'Laren; hc, A. and D. Hogg; c, Rolland. FOR., A.O.S. (10): 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Arnot; 4, Mrs. Robertson. BRIT., A.O.S. SMALL (11): 1, Cordery; 2, Whitbrook and Allen; 3, c, Arnot; 4, Baird Bros.; vhc, Stoddart; hc, M'Lay. LARGE (5): 1, 2, Gardiner; 3, spl, M'Diarmid; 4, Arnot. BRIT. HEN, HARDBILL (14): 1, Lowe; 2, M'Call and Henderson; 3, Miller; 4, spl, vhc, c, M'Laren; hc, c, Hill. GIFT (12): 1, Paull; 2, Johnstone; 3, Kilpatrick; 4, M'Laren; vhc, Veitch; hc, (no name in catalogue); c, Angus. JEVENILE CAN., A.V. (25): 1, Maggie Kennoway; 2, George Sneddon; 3, (no name in catalogue); 4, Andrew Anderson; vhc, Isa Anderson, Anna Anderson, Ella Arnot, Alex. Watt.; hc, John Manclark, Tom Spence; c, John Boyle, Hunter, jun. A.S. BRIT. (21): 1, And. Birrell; 2, And. Anderson; 3, Jas. Murray; 4, David Morris; vhc, Isabella Anderson; hc, Norman Campbell; c, Alex. Malcolm.

Members Shows.

City of Bradford O.S.: Held Dec. 23, "Flying Dutchman." Messrs. A. W. Hartley and W. Richmond judged. 157 entries received. Principal winners: Open Yorks., Messrs. Lindbrook, Helliwell, Wharton Bros., Birbeck; novice, Yorks., Messrs. Hunter, Simonett, Rhodes, Symes, Slater; open Norwich. Messrs. Birbeck, Plowright, Clark, Mr. Inman; A.O.V., Mr. Morement.—Rhodes and Roe, Secs.

Skelmanthorpe C.B.A.: Held Boxing Day, when 82 birds faced Mr. J. Moorhouse (Meltham), Judge. Points winners: Open section, M. Peel 17 points, J. Helliwell 15, L. Dyson 15, F. Taylor 13, A. Radley 10, W. Wadsworth 2; novice section, W. Hutchinson 25, H. Lodge 21, F. Peel 19, S. Morley 17, Dyson and Shaw 15, L. Jebson 14, J. Radley 13, J. Hird 11, P. Taylor 9, F. Hampshire 5, Seth Radley 4, F. Dyson 3.—J. Hird, Sec.

Tong and Dis. C.B.A.: Held Dec. 23, Hand and Shuttle Inn, Dudley Hill. Mr. J. Hodgson judged. 88 birds staged. Spl. for best unflig. ck., Mr. H. H. Clark; ditto hen, also best flighted hen, Mr. L. C. Casey; most pts. in classes 1 and 2, 3, and 4, 8 and 9, Mr. L. Hodgson, snr.; classes 6 and 7, Mr. J. Crabtree. Principal winners: Yorks., Messrs. Hodgson, sen., Casey, Clark, Spence, Hodgson, jun., Crabtree, Firth, Gledhill.—W. Walker, Sec.

Leicester (Hand-in-Hand) C.B.S.: Held Dec. 26, White Swan Hotel. Special prize winners, Messrs. Walton and Noakes, W. Moores, and Orme. Messrs. J. Macarter and T. Ride judged. Principal winners: Nor., Messrs. Neal, Walton, and Noakes, Kilsby, Hulse, Freestone, Holder, Sarson, Peberdy, Gibbins, Pole; novice, Yorks., Messrs. Hewitt, Moores, Chamberlain, Reeves, West; British, Messrs. Chamberlain, Orme, Turner, Bell, Kilsby.—A. Freestone, Sec.

Morley C.B.S.: Held Dec. 26. Judge, Mr. S. Dean. Champion section gold medal won by Mr. J. E. Pyrah, 87 pts.; silver medal, Mr. T. Booth. 55 novice section gold medal, Mr. H. Birdsall, 83 pts.; silver medal, Mr. J. Rhodes, 64; British section, gold medal, Mr. J. Owen, 91 pts.; silver medal, Mr. J. Gomersall, 84. Principal winners: Yorks., Messrs. Pyrah, Booth; novice, Yorks., Messrs. Birdsall, Scholes, Rhodes, Spurr; British, Messrs. Gomersall, Burnell, Holliday, Fisher, Owen.—D. Holiday, Sec.

Bolton Woods C.B.S.: Final show for cup and medals, held Dec. 23rd, Victoria Hotel; Mr. J. Wilcock, jun., judged. The principal winners were Messrs. J. A. Taylor, L. Dykes, J. Pullan, H. Bryant, J. Cooper, W. B. Atkinson, H. Fretwell, E. Shepherd. Silver challenge cup won by Mr. J. A. Taylor. Total number of points: Cup and Medal, J. A. Taylor 96, medals, W. B. Atkinson 73, L. Dykes, 69, professional section; medal, J. Cooper 81, H. Bryant 76, J. Pullan 58, novice section.—M. Skirrow, Sec.

Norwich Plainhead Club.

Following is the list of winners:—The N.P.C. Cup, etc.: 1, J. E. Davies, 94 points; 2, J. Rayes, 42; 3, R. Anderton, 36; 4, R. Allen, 35; 5, J. Thomas, 34; 6, H. F. Marsh, 22. The N.P.C. Bowl: 1, S. Cook, 69 points; 2, W. Vardy, 68; 3, J. and J. Hopkins, 57. Amateur Section: 1, F. Aspinall, 52 points; 2, T. Johnson, 50; 3, R. Whittaker, 48; 4, J. Lingard, 35; 5, W. T. Mattinson, 25. It is proposed to award the prizes at a dinner to be held on Jan. 20, so shall be much obliged if anyone finding any mistake in the above will communicate with me by return in order that the mistake may be rectified.—Jno. Hopkins.

OBITUARY.

Mr. ALEX. D. YOUNG (Maryhill).

Maryhill O.C. has very suddenly lost a most promising young member by the death of Mr. Alexander D. Young, writes Mr. Robert A. G. McKissock, sec. Our young friend, after being released from his duty on Dec. 23 about nine o'clock, returned home, and after partaking of a hearty supper, and spending the remainder of the evening very happily with his wife and little son, and a friend, at his own fireside, retired to rest. In the morning his wife found he had passed away quietly, and that he had spent his last happy evening with her on earth. Much sympathy is felt for his young wife and little son, and for his aged, highly respected parents who are left to mourn the loss of a faithful son. His father, who has been in ill-health for fourteen years, is one of the oldest fanciers in the West of Scotland, and has been a member of the Maryhill Club since its inception thirty-five years ago. Our young member was only twenty-nine years of age, and bore an excellent character. He has seen much foreign service with the Army, and was a general favourite with everybody, more particularly so with his fellow-workers, who looked upon him as their strong man in all their athletic and aquatic contests.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Resolven.—Jan. 20, Church Hall. Judge, Mr. W. H. Lock. 5 open classes: Yorks. 1, Nor. 1, Brit. 1, Pet 1, Gift 1. Prizes, 6s., 3s., 2s.; fee, 1s. Entries close Jan. 10, to B. Jones, Bryndillo, Resolven.

Plumstead and Woolwich Federation Show.—Jan. 11-12, Sussex Arms Concert Hall, Maxey Road. Judges, Messrs. T. Heath and J. Frostick. 49 open classes: Champ. Nor. 6, Nov. Nor. 4, Champ. Yorks. 6, Nov. Yorks. 3, Champ. Bord. 3, Nov. Bord. 4, Champ. Crest 1, Champ. C.B. 1, Nov. C. or C.B. 1, Champ. A.O.V. 1, Nov. A.O.V. 1, Brit. 9, Nov. Brit. 2, Mules 3, For. 2, Sell. 2, and 44 Members' Classes. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d., card; fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Jan. 9 (mid-day), to Meades and Smith, 56, Conway Road, Plumstead.

Arniston and Gorebridge.—Jan. 20, Newbyre's Hall, Gorebridge. Judge, Mr. J. I. Mackie. 8 open classes: 6 Can., 1 Brit., 1 Sell. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d.; fee 1s. 6d. Entries close Jan. 15, to J. Lambie, 5, Old Hunterfield, Gorebridge.

Gorseinon.—Jan. 18, Drill Hall. Judge, Mr. D. Jenkins. 13 open classes: Nor. 2, Yorks. 2, Bord. 3, Mules 2, Brit. 4. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d.; fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Jan. 13, to D. Jones, The Bryn Boot Stores, Gorseinon.

Guildford.—Jan. 16, Boro' Halls. Judge, Mr. T. J. Ambrose. 14 Members' Classes: Can. 7, For. 2, Mule 1, Brit. 3, Sell. 1. Prizes, 5s., 3s., 2s.; fee, 1s. Entries close Jan. 9, to E. Stevens, 7, Manor Road, Guildford.

Pentre C.B.S.: Held Dec. 27th, Assembly Hall, Judge, Mr. D. A. S. Longden; 77 birds staged. Principal winners: Yorks., Messrs. Curtis, Beese, Rees; Nor., Messrs. Rees, Beese, Lingard; Green, Mr. Curtis; Mules, Messrs. Beese, Haddrell, Brit., Messrs. Davies, Nicholas, Beese, Haddrell, Rees, Lingard; Foreign, Messrs. Lingard, Nicholas.—Geo. Lingard, Sec.

Wibsey C.B.S.: Held Dec. 26th. Horse and Groom Inn; 95 birds in 15 classes. Judge, Mr. J. Thornton. Following are the chief winners throughout the season: Clear and Ticked Section. 1 W. Mann, 2 D. Sutcliffe, 3 J. Nicholls; Green Marked, 1 D. Sutcliffe, 2 C. Bastow, tie for 3 W. Mann and J. Nicholls; Cinnamon Marked, 1 D. Thornton, 2 W. Mann, tie for 3 W. Hillas and H. C. Crossley; A.O.V., Bairstow and Chapman. Cup was won by W. Mann, and special for best colour-fed bird by Bairstow and Chapman. Specials also won by W. Mann (best cock), D. Sutcliffe (best hen), and Taylor Bros. (best 2nd bird). Principal winners: Messrs. Jowett, Taylor Bros., Mann, Sutcliffe, Hillas, Thornton, Crossley, Nicholls, Bastow, Jowett, Crossley, Bairstow and Chapman.—H. C. Crossley, Hon. Sec.

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Club Reports.

SPRINGBURN (Possil Park) C.B.C

Meeting held Dec. 27th, Reid Hall, Queenshill St., Springburn. President (Mr. A. Sloan) in chair. There was a good attendance of members. The balance sheet will be ready for next meeting, January 10, and will show a few pounds to the good on last year's. The election of office bearers, etc., will take place, so that the names can be sent for "Cage Birds' Annual," 1912.—J. Waugh, Sec.

ANNFIELD PLAIN F. & F.C.B.S.

There was a grand attendance at our meeting Dec. 23rd. We enrolled a few more members. This society gives promise of success. Arranged to hold show Feb. 3rd. Members are specially requested to attend meeting Jan. 6th, Smith's Arms, Catchgate, 7.30, to confirm classes already arranged. Please note that all subs. must be paid in January. This rule is strictly enforced. Any fanciers wishing to become members, apply for particulars to me.—J. W. Christon, Sec.

KELTY AND BLAIRADAM C.B.A.

Meeting held 26th Dec., Mr. J. Stenhouse (president) in chair. Principal business the club show, 20th Jan. Judges: Scotch Fancies (4 classes), Messrs. T. Wildridge (Lochgelly) and R. T. Campbell (Dunfermline); Yorks. (2 classes) and Plainheads (6 classes), Mr. T. Wildridge; Border (4 classes) common, gift, and selling (1 each), R. T. Campbell; Crests (2 classes) Mr. H. Kemp, Dunfermline Mules (1 class), British (2 classes), and Foreign, Mr. W. Malcolm (Dunfermline). The birds to be Masonic Hall before 11 o'clock. Messrs. Stenhouse, McConville and Purvis to act as stewards. Agreed, that secretary be in room at headquarters, Friday night, and on 19th from 7 to 8 o'clock to take entries. Mr. J. Tompson become a member. Agreed, to leave pair show business till next meeting.—A. Dickson, Sec.

ROTHERHAM C.B.S.

Meeting held December 30th Club House (College Inn), Mr. W. Ducker in chair. Election of officers: Mr. W. Ducker again elected chairman, and Mr. W. Brotherton vice-chairman; Mr. W. Bagnall, treasurer; Mr. B. Bailey, secretary; Mr. R. J. Smith, assistant secretary. Messrs. W. Ducker and R. Thompson were elected auditors, and Messrs, W. T. Turner, T. Twigg, R. Thompson, G. Stringer, W. Hinchlite committee. Decided, to have an open show December 7th, 1912, and to have no members' classes, all members to show in open classes. Mr. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield) was elected judge. Also decided, to have it advertised in CAGE BIRDS' guaranteed column. This was one of the best meetings held of late. We could not get through all the business; so, after we had paid out all prize money and specials, it was decided to leave rules and other business to next meeting, January 27th, when I hope all members will attend; and we shall be glad to see any new members that wish to join. B. Bailey, Sec.

CITY OF BRADFORD O.S.

Following are the winners for society's prizes: Open Yorkshire section: 1, W. Helliwell, 121 points; 2, Wharton Bros., 120; 3, H. Birbeck, 75; 4, F. Ludbrook, 66; 5, J. Bateman, 39; 6, J. A. Fawcett, 34. Novice Yorks. section: 1, H. Simonett, 93 points, and 2, W. H. Rhodes, 93, tie; 3, G. Hunter, 92; 4, T. Smith, 76; 5, W. H. Symes, 74. Open Nor. section: 1, W. Plowright, 119 points; 2, J. Clark, 59; 3, H. Birbeck, 53; 4, R. J. Jones, 16; 5, T. H. Inman, 13. Novice Nor. section: 1, J. Roe, 3 points; 2, J. Lythell, 50; 3, G. Hunter, 33, and 4, H. Simonett, 33, tie; 5, E. Kitson, 21, and 6, T. Brown, 21, tie. Brit. and A.V. section: 1, W. Morment, 83 points; 2, T. H. Inman, 66; 3, J. Lane, 26; 4, J. Clark, 10. Extra specials: Oil-painting, given by Mr. J. Bateman for most points in open classes, Mr. W. Helliwell; eiderdown cushion, by Mr. A. Gill for most vhe birds in open classes, Mr. H. Birbeck and Wharton Bros. (tie); 5s. in cash, by Mr. W. Helliwell for most points in cinnamon marked classes, Mr. R. Slater; 2s. 6d. in cash, by Mr. T. H. Inman for most points in novice Nor. classes, Mr. J. Roe.—Rhodes and Roe. Secs.

DULWICH AND PECKHAM C.B.S.

Annual presentation of special prizes held at headquarters, Dec. 9th, when a large number of members and friends were present. Mr. F. Cole occupied the chair and presented the prizes. The evening's proceedings were enlivened with music and songs. Miss Marie Neal very ably presided at the piano, and opened with a pianoforte solo. Miss D. Swain, Mr. Arthur Bolton, Mr. H. E. Tringham, Mr. D. Reeks, and Mr. Nurse also contributed to the evening's enjoyment. The principal winners of specials were: Mr. W. Spillman, who took the "News of the World" shield and the society's young bird bowl; Mr. H. E. Tringham, the points cup; Mr. C. Botting, Stewart Graham's British bird trophy; and Mr. Johnson's special for runner-up for points cup. Other members taking specials were Messrs. G. F. Cranford, H. Tyrell, E. J. Coombs, L. J. Richardson, H. W. Tomsett, D. Reeks, J. Carpenter, F. Hocking, G. Thomas, H. S. Stephen, C. Austin, A. Goodwin, Rev. H. A. Soames, and Mrs. Austin (special for best in Foreign classes). Votes of thanks were tendered to the donors of specials. Votes of thanks to the artists, show managers, and chairman brought the evening to a close.—W. Hodson, Hon. Sec.

COWDENBEATH C.B.S.

Annual general meeting held in Arcade, Temp. Hotel, 27th Dec. Letter read from Mr. J. Simpson (vice-president) resigning his position. Secretary submitted a report re model cards, which was considered satisfactory. Balance-sheet submitted by auditors and showed the society to be in a sound financial position. Agreed, that grants of £2 and £1 be made to the secretary and treasurer respectively for their work during the year. Also decided, that a small sum be set aside for a smoking concert among members. Messrs. A. Simpson, A. Beveridge and the Secretary were appointed trustees, and it was agreed to place £9 in bank. Election of office bearers result: Hon. vice-president, Mr. John Mitchell; president, Mr. J. C. Murray; vice-president, Mr. A. Anderson; secretary, Mr. J. R. Reid; treasurer, Mr. Beveridge; members of committee, Messrs. D. Wright, A. Robertson, J. Caithness, A. Cunningham, J. Walker, T. Menzies, P. Langan, J. Fotheringham, J. Paterson, T. Cowan, B. Rice, W. Stewart, H. Geddes, J. Kirk, G. A. Simpson; delegates to West Fife C.B. League, Messrs. A. Robertson, A. Simpson, D. Wright, and the secretary. Alteration of rule moved by the secretary, and agreed to. Decided, that next annual open show be held Nov. 16, 1912, and that we again guarantee to spend 25s. in advertisements in "Cage Birds." Decided, to hold our first club show 10th Feb., 1912, and a committee of five were appointed to carry out the arrangements. Secretary instructed to get winners' names inscribed on our two open cups. Next place of meeting "Leigh's" Jan. 20th.—J. R. Reid, Sec.

ATTERCLIFFE AND DIST. C.B.S.

Monthly meeting and table show held. We elected officers for the next year, the first business being the reading and acceptance of the resignation of the secretary, W. Richinson. The following were elected: President, L. Havenhand; Vice-Presidents, F. Hollingsworth and J. Hibberson; Treasurer, H. Justice; Secretary, W. Hailstone; Committee, Richinson, Webster, Thornhill, Webhon, Blunt, Grainger, Perry and Watson.—W. Richinson, Sec.

FALKIRK (Good Intent) C.B.A.

Annual general meeting, held Oddfellows' Hall, Dec. 23rd. Business: Paying over prize-money and appointing officials for ensuing year. The following were appointed: President, J. Muir; vice-president, Hunter; treasurer, R. Garduer; secretary, W. Clarkson; committee, G. Condie, W. Clubb, R. Rennie, J. M. Aitken, Gillespie, Anderson, Bains, Laurie, Woodhouse; auditors, J. Marshall, and J. Penman. Next meeting, 27th January.—W. Clarkson, Sec.

HANLEY C.B.S.

Meeting held Albion Hotel, Dec. 20th. There was a good attendance. Mr. C. J. Robinson in chair. A considerable amount of business was gone through, after which a very interesting discussion took place regarding a cup, to be competed for by the Yorkshiremen. We also heard a good report from the show sec., Mr. B. Peake, re balance-sheet of late annual open show, which will put the society on a sound footing. At next meeting the balance-sheet will be presented, hoping all members will be able to attend.—G. Lawton, Sec.

STONEHOUSE C.B. & R.H. S.

Meeting held Cross Keys for the election of officials for the coming year. Mr. J. Cuthbertson presided. Agreed, that Mr. J. Cuthbertson again be president; Mr. J. Buchanan, vice-president; Mr. T. Mather, treasurer; Mr. T. Sorbie, racing homer secretary; and W. Melvin, secretary for the cage bird section. Meetings are to be held on second Saturday every month in the ante room of the public hall, at 7 p.m. We have a few new members, and are again in a very flourishing condition with a good fund to start with. Any fancier desiring to be a member can have full information by applying to me. Next meeting 13th Jan., 7 p.m., when we hope to see a few more new members.—W. Melvin, Sec., 45, Camsethan-st., Stonehouse, N.B.

STRATFORD & E. LONDON F.S.

At last meeting classification for 24th annual show (members), Jan. 10th, was drawn up. Show to be held at headquarters, the Workman's Hall, Romford-road, Stratford, E. Several good specials were promised, and the society's 10 challenge cups will be competed for by exhibits bred by members. The Mayor of West Ham (Alderman J. R. Hurry) has kindly consented publicly to open the show at 6 p.m.; visitors to be admitted from 2 to 10 p.m., adults to be charged 4d. and children 1d. Mr. J. Robson will judge cage birds. Members are requested to send entries in early, and not give the poor secretary unnecessary work. The committee hope all who can possibly do so will call at hall before show and give a hand with pens. A little help, remember, is worth more than a lot of pity. Fanciers who join now can compete for cups at annual show. New members proposed: Messrs. W. E. Checkfield (Bromley), G. Hart (Leytonstone), G. Scales (Plaistow), H. Graves (Stepney), Wellum (Walthamstow), and A. Lovejoy (London, N.).—W. Maxey, Hon. Sec.

CLYDEBANK AND DIST. C.B.S.

Meeting, held Higgins' Hall, 28th Dec., presided over by Mr. Robb. Moved, that we go on with nomination and election of office bearers for ensuing year. Following elected: President, Mr. J. Robb; treasurer, Mr. D. Chambers. Show dates were fixed as follows: Pair show, 10th Feb.; F.F. show, 29th June, and annual show, 2nd November. On the following evening, Dec. 29th, the first annual supper was held, in Co-operative Hall, Dalmuir, when a goodly company of members and friends were present. After partaking of the good things on table, an excellent programme was gone through. Miss Robb, pianist, gave some excellent selections as an introduction, and it says much for the ability of this lady that she so ably adapted accompaniment to the various vocalists with or without music. Mr. W. Greer, who by the way is no novice at the piano, gave us one of his favourite comic songs, which fairly brought down the house with applause. Messrs. Kane, Flannigan, Miller, Bratten, and Robb all contributed largely to the success of the evening. In the interval selections on the gramophone were given by a friend. Special mention might be made of a beautiful descriptive rendering by the little Misses Walker, of "Dolly-Mine"; for their age it was excellent. Our chairman made a few well-chosen remarks, which, after the usual votes of thanks, and the singing of Auld Lang Syne brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.—J. Hart, Sec.

Singing Contests.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

—Linnet contest held Dec. 30, Prince Albert Inn, when 19 picked birds sang for 3 good prizes. Judge, Mr. Harry Allen; Timekeeper, Mr. D. Madden; 1, A. Binns; 2, T. Chippendale; 3, J. Chippendale.—E. Wood, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD.

Linnet contest, held Dec. 24th, Chris Hills, Royal George, Brightside Lane, when 21 birds entered. Two minutes: E. Bisby, 1, with his famous "Bull Dog," 45; Driver, 2, "Tin Bird," 37; Thompson, 3, Leeds bird, 34. Also contest, Dec. 26th, when 16 birds entered. Driver, 1, 73; Cole, 2, 58; Harry, 3, 48. Also contest, Dec. 31st, when 18 birds entered. Three minutes' sing: E. Bisby, 1, 106; Driver, 2, 62; Thompson, 3, 50; Thompson, 4, 49; Rodgers, 5, 49; Harry, 6, 35. Contest, Jan. 7th, when Chris Hills will give a silver cup to be sung for, open to all England for time singing. Any wishing to join, please give names to C. Hill.—A. Brown, Sec.

SALFORD.

First Roller contest, held Boat House Hotel, Oldfield Road, December 24, but owing to its turning out such a bad night, only a few birds competed. Winners: 1, J. Caswell; 2, Laverty. Judge, Mr. B. Wharton. Open Linnet contest, held Dec. 30, for time; 14 birds entering. Birds came from Westhoughton, Swinton, Pendlebury. Mr. J. Green again won first, 2nd, Caswell; 3rd, Woodward. Timekeepers, Messrs. J. Hyde, and B. Wharton; minutemau, Mr. G. Bate; birdkeeper, Mr. H. Coates. After the contest a very sociable evening was spent, Messrs. Hyde, Caswell, Haigh, and Bates entertaining the company with songs and dances. Members' contest for time, Jan. 6th; following patrons have kindly consented to give prizes: Messrs. Pearson, Coates, Caswell, and Mrs. Eddowes (Longsight); also a copper kettle from a visitor. First pair up 2 o'cl. Will any Roller fanciers in the surrounding districts willing to come with their birds kindly communicate with me at 49, Vernon Street, Gorton?—Benj. Wharton, Hon. Sec.

DURHAM.

Linnet sing held Dec. 30th, Black Horse, Elvet, when 44 birds entered for following prizes: 1st, 25s.; 2nd, 15s.; 3rd, 10s.; 4th, 5s.; 5th and 6th, 2s. 6d. each. Mr. Wm. Fairless (Chilton) judged; this he did well, it being the first he has judged. 1, 2, 6, Telford; 3, Stobbs; 4, Plews; 5, Wilson; D. Adams. Next contest Jan. 6, same house, 1.30, 10s. added to fees.—G. Reed, Sec.

CASTLEFORD.

Linnet contest, held headquarters, "George and Dragon," Bridge-st. We had 26 birds, after some good singing, the winners were: J. Brindley, 1 and 3; 2, A. Towler. Also Dec. 23, had 29 birds. Winners: 1, J. Brindley; 2, W. Dobson; 3, T. Piper. Open sing, Boxing Day, when 29 birds faced the judges, and some very good singing was heard. 1, J. Ratcliffe; 2, A. Towler; 3, W. Nelson; 4, J. Briadley. Roller Canary contest every Thursday 7.30.—Walter Dobson, Hon. Sec.

BOLDON COLLIERY.

Linnet Club contest held Dec. 23rd, Railway Tavern. Being only a small club we decided to give every member a prize each to sing two birds. 16 birds faced the judge, Mr. T. Hall. Timekeeper, Mr. J. Coulson. 1st (goose) J. Manday; 2nd (ham) R. Bailey; 3rd (leg of mutton) F. Urwin; 4th (duck) J. Coulson; 5th (joint of beef) S. Wilson; 6th, F. Furlong; 7th, P. Wallace; 8th, T. Hall. Some good singing was heard for the time of year. After the contest each member gave a song, and we had a very merry evening. If there are any Linnet fanciers in or around the district of Boldon, will they please join.—F. Unwin, Sec.

LEIGH.

Globe Inn Linnet Club first club contest, held January 1st, when we had an entry of 20 birds, and some very good singing was done. For time singing we adopted the new system of tappers, and right well did it work, considering it was our first time. All went off well. We gave the usual eight prizes—four for quality and 4 for time. Winners: For quality, T. Statham and J. Statham tie for 1st and 2nd, W. Barnes 3rd; J. W. Jones 4th. For time, J. McAllister, 296, 1st; J. Pool, 188, 2nd; J. Parkinson, 77, 3rd; Mrs. Brown, 63, 4th. Judges, quality, Messrs. W. H. Topping and J. W. Jones; for time, Messrs. R. Disley and J. Statham; tappers, Messrs. W. Amison, and another; timekeeper, Mr. B. Jones. Will all secretaries kindly note that they must get their owa bills printed with the Lancashire Affiliated Societies printed on top of bills?—J. McAllister, Sec.

LEEDS.

Quality singing contest, held Skinner's Arms, Buslingthorpe, Dec. 30th, when 16 birds faced the judges, 1st and 2nd, shared by Ward and Sellars; 3, shared by Hullen and Sellars. Judges: Messrs. Lorriman and Clayton. Also Dec. 31, when 19 birds sang for good prizes. 1, Chippindale; 2, Sellars; 3, Ward. Also Canary contest, when 3 good prizes were added to entrance money. 1st, Chippindale; 2, Wood; 3, shared by Binns and Blackburn. Judges, Messrs. Biss and Sissons.—C. Clayton, Hon. Sec.

Conclusion of our Christmas holiday Linnet contests, held at Old Bird House, King's Head, Shannon Street, Boxing Day, when 27 birds competed. 1st, T. Johnson; 2nd, T. Stead; 3rd, Butler; 4th, Chadwick. Judges, Messrs. Hardcastle and Naylor. Also Dec. 30, when 19 birds faced the judges. 1st, T. Johnson; 2nd, Wigfield; 3rd, Brophy. Judges, Messrs. Hardcastle and Naylor. Also Dec. 31, when 18 of the best birds in Leeds sang. 1st and 2nd, shared between Farrar and Wigfield; 3rd, T. Johnson. Judges, Messrs. Naylor and Hayes.—T. C. Summers, Hon. Sec.

WALKLEY & DIS. C.B.S.

Fifth annual show held St. Philp's Mission Room, Westmorland Street, which is in every way suitable for a bird show, being large and well lighted. As in previous years, it was confined to members. The birds were tastefully arranged all round the room, the staging being covered with green sateen. The society has a membership of 32, and the total number of birds shown was 207. Yorks. were the feature of the show, many winners in open competition being exhibited. Novices came up very well. What the Norwich lost in quantity they made up for in quality. Special winners: Best Can., Mr. Woolhouse; best novice Yorks., Mr. Daniels; best Hardbill, Messrs. J. and C. Scott; best Softbill, Mr. J. Ritson; points special over year, Messrs. C. Tomlinson, C. W. Marshall, J. Woolhouse, and A. Lawton. Judge, Mr. G. Browning, whose awards gave satisfaction.

YORKS., YOUNG BIRDS, CLASS 1 (10): 1, Marshall; 2, Jennett; 3, Whitaker; vhc, C. Tomlinson; hc, Ridal; c, Thorpe. CLASS 2 (9): 1, C. Tomlinson; 2, Ridal; 3, Marshall; vhc, Daniels; hc, Jennett; c, Thorpe. CLASS 3 (6): 1, Ridal; 2, 3, Marshall; vhc, hc, Tomlinson; c, Hogan. CLASS 4 (9): 1, Thorpe; 2, Lawton; 3, hc, Tomlinson; vhc, Furniss; c, Ridal. CLASS 5 (5): 1, Furniss; 2, Thorpe; 3, Tomlinson; vhc, Lawton; hc, Ridal. CLASS 6 (9): 1, hc, Ridal; 2, Marshall; 3, Furniss; vhc, Lawton; hc, Tomlinson. NOR. YOUNG BIRDS, CLASS 7 (5): 1, vhc, Cowly; 2, Woolhouse; 3, hc, Hobson. CLASS 8 (5): 1, 2, 3, Woolhouse; vhc, Cowley; hc, J. and C. Scott. CLASS 9 (5): 1, Cowley; 2, vhc, Woolhouse; 3, J. and C. Scott. CLASS 10 (5): 1, Lawton; 2, 3, Woolhouse. CLASS 11: 1, 2, vhc, Lawton; 3, Cowley; hc, Woolhouse. CLASS 12 (5): 1, hc, Cowley; 2, J. & C. Scott; 3, vhc, Woolhouse. OLD BIRDS, YORKS., CLASS 13 (5): 1, vhc, Thorpe; 2, Furniss; 3, Marshall; hc, J. and C. Scott. CLASS 14 (7): 1, vhc, Ridal; 2, Butler; 3, Rhodes; hc, Thorpe; c, Smith. CLASS 15 (7): 1, Furniss; 2, Ridal; 3, Thorpe; vhc, Lawton; hc, Hartley; c, Rhodes. CLASS 16 (5): 1, Marshall; 2, Rhodes; 3, hc, Butler; vhc, Hartley. CLASS 17 (7): 1, Lawton; 2, Whitaker; 3, Roberts; vhc, Thorpe; hc, Butler; c, Hartley. CLASS 18 (5): 1, 3, Furniss; 2, vhc, Lawton; hc, Abbott. NOR. OLD BIRDS, CLASS 19 (5): 1, Cowley; 2, 3, Hobson; vhc, Lawton; hc, Woolhouse. CLASS 20 (5): 1, 2, vhc, Hobson; 3, Woolhouse; hc, J. and C. Scott. CLASS 21 (7): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Woolhouse; hc, Simpson; c, Cowley. CLASS 22 (5): 1, Cowley; 2, c, Hobson; 3, Woolhouse; hc, Lawton. NOVICE YORKS., CLASS 25 (10): 1, Daniels; 2, Smith; 3, Hartley; vhc, hc, Kelsey; c, Jennett. CLASS 26 (12): 1, Roberts; 2, Hogan; 3, Jennett; vhc, hc, Hartley; c, Biddle. CLASS 27 (15): 1, Daniels; 2, c, Hartley; 3, vhc, hc, Kelsey. CLASS 29 (8): 1, Daniels; 2, c, Smith; 3, Hartley; vhc, Biddle. CLASS 28 (8): 1, Hogan; 2, Roberts; 3, Hadfield; vhc, Daniels; hc, Biddle; c, Smith. BRIT., CLASS 29 (7): 1, vhc, hc, J. and C. Scott; 2, 3, c, Ritson. CLASS 30 (9): 1, vhc, hc, Ritson; 2, 3, J. and C. Scott.—C. Tomlinson, Sec.

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

J. C. BARNES, 113, Northfield Road, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

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F. COLLINS, 60, Union-st., Camborne. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Life experience.

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GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road, London, N.W. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.

J. HARTLEY, Victoria-st., Micklethwaite, Bingley (late of Bradford). Judge of Cage Birds. Specialist Yorkshire and Norwich.

C. A. HOUSE, 82, Upper Walthamstow Road, Walthamstow. Judge of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds.

W. R. MILES, The Aviaries, Chichester. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Life experience.

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J. WALSH, Bird Specialist, Blackburn. Judge of cage birds, practical experience, specialist; British Foreign, Mules, and Hybrids. Terms moderate.

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STAVELEY

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Gorseinon

(GLAM.)

Open Show, Pitry, Pigns, and Cage Birds, January 18th. Judges: Pitry, W. H. Cook; Pgns., Norris Sair; Cage Birds, Dd. Jenkins, Swansea. 13 Classes Cage Birds. Entries close Jan. 12th. Schedules from D. Jones, Hon. Sec., The Bryn Boot Stores, Gorseinon, Glam.

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NORTHALLERTON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24th.

Judges: Poultry, R. Stainthorpe, Esq.; Cage Birds, W. Gilbank, Esq.; Rabbits, A. Marritt, Esq.; Toy Dogs, ——. Schedules from C. F. Webb, Brompton, Northallerton.

PARKSTONE (DORSET).

East Dorset H.S. Show of Cage Birds and Racing Pigeons, on Jan. 24th. Specialist judges.—Schedules, Fair and Percy, Parkstone.

HEMSWORTH
AND DIS.

C.B.S. 2nd Annual Open Show of Canaries and Cage Birds, will be held on Saturday, January 27th. Judge, J. C. Barnes, Esq., Sheffield. Good classification and Prize Money for 1s. entry. Old exhibitors will receive schedules when ready.—James W. Gillings, Hon. Sec., Victoria Street, Hemsworth, Wakefield.

Bathgate

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Twitterings.

I have posted 1,200 schedules; any fancier omitted may have one on receipt of a postcard by me, writes Mr. A. Nicol, sec. of the Bathgate Show.

Will you kindly announce that Mr. E. H. Atkin is no longer representing me, writes Mr. Edwin Parr, the well-known maker of nest pans, etc., of Cobridge, Stoke-on-Trent.

The 1911 balance sheet of the Cowdenbeath C.B.A. shows a balance to the good of £13 15s. 7½d., which reflects every credit on the sec., Mr. J. R. Reid, and his fellow-officials.

Allow me on behalf of the members to thank you for your excellent report of our annual show given in last week's issue of CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. J. Spencer, hon. sec. of the Ardwick and Dis. C.B.S.

Broughty Ferry Cage Bird Society's Postcard Competition Winning Numbers.—2136, 2444, 2849, 2801, 1881, 2696, 1020, 1548, 983, 2325, 2337, 1605, 2457, 264, 2831, 792, 2426, 1185.—R. Whitton (Advt.)

We had the pleasure of enrolling thirty new members at our show on Dec. 26 and 27, writes Mr. R. P. Fox, hon. sec. of the North Shields C.B.S. Among these were some of the most noted fanciers of the Mid-Tyne district.

I have sold my well-known winner (the clear buff Norwich cock) at a good figure to a well-known fancier, writes Mr. L. F. Harding (Wellingborough). I may add that I am also disposing of my winning strain of Greens.

We have been notified of the following corrections to show reports:—Blackburn, 3rd in the yellow Border cock class, Mr. G. Greenwell (not Davies); Frome, 1st prize Mrs. Leslie Bousfield and vhc Miss Bousfield (not vice versa).

The Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S. are having a mating competition on Jan. 10 at 7.30, at the Temperance Club, writes Mr. E. Hartley, the hon. sec. Fanciers and friends, don't forget to come; a hearty welcome is extended to all.

Will novice Border exhibitors kindly note error in schedule relating to cup? It should read for most points in the four classes, and not as printed for best bird, write Messrs. Meades and Smith, hon. secs., Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.

Thanks for the splendid report you gave in CAGE BIRDS of our show, writes Mr. A. W. Douglas, sec., Elgin C.B.A. I hope again to report a balance on the right side, which will encourage the committee to do even better next year.

The Christmas holidays have rather delayed me in getting prize-money off, but all is now paid, writes Mr. J. Cook, sec., Blackburn C.B.S. Will all members holding money or tickets please return early, so that I can get balauce sheet made up?

The members of the Blyth and Dis. C.B.S., at the annual meeting in December, again elected, for the third year in succession, Mr. A. Hay (Berwick) to judge Norwich and Borders and British at their annual show on Nov. 9, 1912, writes Mr. W. Rowell, the sec.

Clubs and advertisers requiring spaces in the Year Book of the Brighton C.B.A. are requested to communicate with me, writes Mr. W. H. Gibb, the hon. sec. (19, Bond Street, Brighton). Membership now numbers over 60. Fanciers are invited; sub., 2s. 6d.; entrance fee, 1s.; ladies, 2s. 6d. inclusive.

The Sheffield O.S. balance sheet for the year ended Dec. 31 shows the very satisfactory balance to the good of £23 3s. 3d. This is the more creditable in view of the fact that 1911 is the first year of the society's existence. It reflects great praise on the sec., Mr. T. Bishop, and his fellow-officials.

Will fanciers kindly note that we are having open Linnet classes for house-moulted and field-moulted Linnets—a class for each—on Jan. 24, writes Mr. J. Hall, hon. sec. of the Eccles and Dis. C.B.S., 199, Liverpool Road, Patricroft, Manchester, who will be glad to send particulars to would-be exhibitors.

We shall be glad if, for the purpose of CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL, Messrs. W. J. Ferguson (Lancaster), A. E. Cheney (Plymouth), W. Bell (Hawick), W. Griffiths (Glasgow), W. Cullen (Crieff), G. Wheatley (Leicester), G. E. Russell (Birmingham), Parker Robinson (Furuess Abbey), will communicate to us their prescut addresses.

Owing to the shortage of entries, we are compelled to extend entries to Jan. 9, midday post, write Messrs. Meades and Smith, joint hon. secs. of the Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S. This is a genuine appeal for help, we having only thirty entries in all the open classes. Will exhibitors kindly support us? We have only three entries in all the novice classes.

Crystal Palace Cage Bird Show, Feb. 2 to 6.—Schedules will be posted to usual names on Jan. 10. Advertisements received for catalogue at 30s. per page Breeders' or trade cards inserted, 2s. 6d. each. Two stall spaces left, £3 3s. each.—J. W. Ramsden, Show Manager, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, London, S.W.—Advt.

The 11th annual report and balance sheet for 1912) of the Reading and Dis. C.B.S. show a balance in hand of £16 3s. 7d.—a little more than £3 better than the amount brought forward from the previous year's accounts. This result is a satisfactory one in every way, and the sec., Mr. W. H. Pyke, and his fellow-officials are to be congratulated upon it.

Mr. H. Peverill, 49, Mendora Road, Fulham, is sending this week, per the White Star liner "Laurentic," a consignment of Canaries, consisting of several pairs of Norwich and Yorkshires, to Mr. F. Carpenter, of New York City, who is seeking to create a greater interest in the hobby there, and to form a society. The deal, we are pleased to hear, was effected through the advertisement columns of CAGE BIRDS.

Changes of Address.

Secs. and others are asked to note the following changes of address:—Mr. Jas. Wilson (sec., Malton F.S.), from Wold Street to 31, Sutton Street, Norton, Malton, Yorks; Mr. Geo. Thomson, from Roath Park to 106, Malefont Street, Cathays, Cardiff; Mr. Geo. Baker from Oscott Road to 79, Aston Lane, Perry Barr, Birmingham; Messrs. R. and W. Fox from Penzance to Nanceddon, Ludgvan; Mr. W. H. Pyke (sec. of the Reading and Dis. C.B.S.) from The Grove to "Hydrangea," 102, Radstock Road, Reading.

Our Literary Competition.

We regret to have to say that articles for our literary competition are coming in very slowly indeed, the entry to date in all sections being exceedingly disappointing. The closing date, remember, is Monday, Jan. 15; also that £6 6s. in cash prizes and a lovely £4 4s. original painting of birds look like "going a-begging." The conditions are very simple, and will be found repeated on page 592 this week. Now, readers, utilise your spare time at once by making an effort to secure one or other of our prizes.

NEXT WEEK WILL APPEAR

The Most Memorable Birthday Number of 'Cage Birds'

we have yet had the pleasure of placing before our readers

TWO MAGNIFICENT COLOURED PLATES

a charming Calendar in colours, an exceptionally interesting and **lavishly illustrated art supplement, some entertaining competitions,** a **fine** list of **articles** by **well-known writers.**

The above are some of the attractions of this great issue, which is being produced regardless of expense.

There is certain to be a great demand for this, our tenth, Birthday Number, and we ask all our readers to avoid risk of disappointment by ordering their copies **at once** from their newsagent.

Advertisements will close finally on Tuesday, January 9th, and as a unique opportunity for appealing to the widest possible collection of purchasers our Birthday Number holds the field.

May we earnestly beg our friends, not only to make certain of securing this number for themselves, but to tell all their bird-loving friends about it, and advise them to secure a copy also.

Finally, remember all communications must reach us, at the very latest, first post Tuesday morning next, Jan 9th, and as the great amout of "copy" to be got through will entail a very heavy strain upon all departments, including our printers, we shall appreciate the early receipt of advertisements, and all other communications intended for this special Birthday Issue.

We shall be glad to know, for the purposes of CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL, the names and addresses of the secretaries of the following societies:—Leith Jubilee O.S.; Milnathort O.S.; Marazion and Western Dis. B.F.A.; Bangor (Co. Down) and Dis. C.B.S.; Tamworth and Dis. C.B.S.; Lochcraig F. and F.A.; City of Norwich C.B.S.; Blackburn National Quality Linnet S.A.; North Shields C.B.C.; Long Eaton C.B.S.; Whittington Moor C.B.S.; Saxmundham C.B.A.. If this catches the eye of any members of these societies, we shall be glad if they will communicate the required information to us.

An Asthma Cure.

If Mr. C. K. Eaton will supply me with his address, I shall be pleased to send him a bottle of asthma mixture which I think will meet the case he mentions, writes Mr. W. Tatman (111, Midland Road, Wellingborough).

The Saucy Caterpillar.

The caterpillar of the puss-moth, which was rather sensational in appearance, also had the faculty of making "faces" at birds which came to eat them, and this was sufficient to frighten any young and inexperienced bird, said Dr. Chalmers Mitchell (secretary of the Zoological Gardens), when lecturing to children at the Royal Institution recently.

A Spirited Race.

The following is the position of the leaders in the competitions promoted by the Yorkshire C.C.:—The Bailey Trophy and Sandiford Cup Competition: Ogden Bros., 104 points; L. Dykes, 95; Thornton and Bower, 80; F. Alleu, 80; H. H. Towers, 76; J. Bailey, 73; C. Morrison, 72; and W. Broughtou and W. H. Shackleton, 66 each. Ramsden Cup and Money Specials: Ogden Bros., 129 points; L. Dykes, 111; J. Bailey, 75; H. H. Towers, 74; W. H. Shackleton, 55; and J. Thomas, 43. Open Novice Competition: Brown and Son, 69 points; C. Morrison, 59; Burdekin Bros., 27; A. Radley, 22; and T. Elsegood, 19. Junior Novice Competition: S. B. Grayshon, 98 points; A. Sutcliffe, 60; H. Simonett, 56; J. H. Fowle, 50; S. Tyas, 48; S. Midgley, 43; T. Tidswell, 42; and W. B. Atkinson, 41. The remaining shows are: Bradford City (all competitions), Skelmauthorpe (the Bailey Trophy), and Crystal Palace (all competitions except Junior Novice).—John Greaves, secretary.

A Silver Wedding.

Our readers will be interested to learn that Mr. and Mrs. John Frostick, of Balham, well-known as enthusiasts in all that concerns British and Foreign birds, celebrated their silver wedding on Dec. 28 last, and were the recipients of numerous congratulations upon the happy event, in which we cordially join. It will be the wish of all that they may be with us when their golden wedding-day arrives in the lap of Father Time.

Fanciers' Service at Bradford.

The members of the Bradford East O.S. will participate in the third annual fanciers' service on Sunday next, Jan. 7, at Park Chapel, West Bowling, Bradford, writes Mr. H. Hill, the secretary, and on behalf of the members I desire to extend to everybody who would like to attend this service a very hearty welcome. The two previous services have been of a very bright and helpful nature, and I would like to make this one the best attended of them all for, owing to the Pastor, the Rev. G. Hall Wallis, removing to the South of England during the present year, this will in all probability be his last address to Bradford fanciers. Therefore I make a special appeal to all interested in this movement to give him a really encouraging send-off, to make him feel that the deep interest he has personally taken in the welfare and all that appertains to the success of our society has been appreciated. The service starts at six o'clock. Members of the society will take part in the service, and the collection will also be taken up by the members; and may this be a record also! The services of a good soloist have been obtained. The Bradford East O.S. will be pleased to meet members of other societies, too, at the annual tea, concert, and prize distribution on Jan. 9 at Park Chapel Schools.

Owing to the numerous offers for my First Prize Linnet (Thurso winner) advertised in "CAGE BIRDS," it is impossible for me to answer all enquiries. This speaks volumes for your widely-read paper, "CAGE BIRDS." It is nourishing food for all bird-lovers.—J. Duncan (Inverness).

I thank very much your valuable paper, "Cage Birds," for I have had very good results from advertising in it—never had better in all the 30 years I have been in the trade. I wish "Cage Birds" every success in the coming year.—Mrs. E. Bruce (Salford).

WISHAW (Clydesdale).

Wishaw, Clydesdale, C.B.S. held their first annual open show in Watson's Hall, Young Street, Dec. 30. President, A. Allardice, jun., Vice-pres. Wright, Sec. and Treas. J. Watson, committee, Messrs. A. Allardice, sen., R. Wyper, R. Gemmell, H. McKenna, R. Richmond, W. Cringles, A. Rae, T. Dickson, C. Pollock, D. McAllister, W. Watson, etc. The members and friends have reason to be delighted with their first show. A few of the old members have joined the new society, and Saturday's turn-out of exhibits, which numbered 400, and the crowds of fanciers and visitors, speak volumes for their future success. Secretary Watson and his band of willing workers, each and all of them true fanciers, by their combined efforts did much to make the show the success it proved to be. Mr. Watson had everything well arranged, and is a most obliging secretary in every way. Goldfinches were a large turnout—25 in the class, and of most even quality all through—and were quite a show in themselves. A handsome gold medal, presented by W. J. Summerhill, Esq., for best young bird bred by exhibitor, was won by Secretary Watson. The hall is suited for show purposes, being well lighted, completely free from draught, and kept at nice temperature. Judges: Mr. C. Campbell (Glasgow) and Mr. R. Lambie (Whitburn), whose awards pleased all.

The Critique.

SCOT. FCY., YELL. CK. (3): 1, 3, Allardice, sen., 1st cl. yell. of known merit, 4th and sp. at City of Glasgow, 1st and cup at Blackwood, 3rd nice size and depth through, fine reach; 2, Smith, foul yell. ck., grand one, cup winner at City of Glasgow show, not in the best of condition, or would have been first. BUFF (5): 1, 2, 3, sp, Allardice, sen., 1st type real, fine depth through, good reach, tail nicely under, 1st and sp. City of Glasgow, 1st at Paisley, in grand condition, 2nd buff pied ck., not quite so thick through, but a good bird, 3rd grand worker, a wee shade thin to those in front; 4, Higgins, very stylish; 5, Park. YELL. HEN (6): 1, 2, Allardice, sen., 1st fine type, grand drive and movement, staged in capital condition, 2nd very much the same, little between them, if anything just a shade deeper through chest; 3, sp, Higgins, nice body and thickness through; 4, 5, Park, 4th good drive and size; 6, Smith. BUFF (4): 1, Hunter, nice buff hen, rare style and action, nice head and reach, good thickness through, staged in capital condition; 2, Higgins, nice heavy body, good reach and circle, in fine condition; 3, 4, Allardice, sen., another good one, both show plenty of style. NOR. YELL. CK. (9): 1, Scobbie, mkd. yell., grand size, nice bold front, fine deep col., in rare condition; 2, Calderwood, very similar to first, nice clean yell., grand shape, lovely head, and hold front; 3, sp, Shearer, another good one, a wee shade thin to those in front, nice even colour; 4, Divens, tkd. yell., nice typical bird; 5, Buchanan; 6, Harper. BUFF (14): 1, 2, Campbell, nicely moulded, good quality, in splendid feather, 2nd very close on first, grand type both; 3, Marlin, very fine bird, a wee shade more substance wanted; 4, Calderwood, nice rich col.; 5, Allardice, jun.; 6, Blackley. YELL. HEN (5): 1, Calderwood, var. yell. hen, of real good merit, nice type, and even col., wins well; 2, Blackley, col. fed yell. green, grand head, good body, in lovely condition; 3, Scobbie, variegy. yell., neat shape; 4, Morton, another nice bird; 5, Pollock. BUFF (13): 1, Steele, buff green, grand type, feather like wax, in grand condition, an easy win; 2, Young, nice variegy. buff hen, good stamp; 3, 2 sps, McKenna, cl. buff, nice front, good substance, in the pink of condition; 4, sp, Gemmell, very nice bird; 5, Buchanan; 6, Muir. UNFLIG. CK. (12): 1, 2, Harper, 1st cl. yell., of fine proportions, nice deep col., 2nd another of the same stamp, but not quite so nice in body, fine size; 3, sp, Young, varieg. yell., good typical bird; 4, Shearer, another of the same stamp, good shape and condition; 5, Summerhill; 6, Wilson. HEN (8): 1, Calderwood, cl. yell., grand type, fine head and body, nice even col.; 2, Muir, cl. buff, of all-round good quality; 3, Scobbie, good head; 4, Young, cl. buff, a wee shade faulty in feather, but a very nice tien; 5, Godler; 6, Wilson. CREST CK. (7): 1, Young, nice sized dark Crest, fine droop, neat centre, nice leafy feather, wins easily; 2, 4, Watson, good body, neat shape, crest, very dense feather, 4th nice body, neat crest; 3, 6,, Summerhill, 3rd nice crest, closely feathered, neat centre, and droop; 5, Wright. HEN (8): 1, Edwards, fine size, nice and veiny in feather, nice centre and droop; 2, Summerhill, grand type, splendid body and feather, in capital condition; 3, sp, McLaughlan, fails only in frontal, good one; 4, Watson, winner of Summerhill gold medal for best young bird bred by exhibitor; 5, McInnes; 6, Wright. C.B. CK. (8): 1, Young, nice body, good substance, fine skull and entrance, well lashed, in capital condition; 2, McInnes, nice size, good body, fails in feather a wee shade to winner; 3, sp, Watson, nice size and substance, should, some thought, have gone up one; 4, 5, sp, Summerhill, 4th good body and feather, typical; 6, Cringles. HEN (11): 1, Watson, nice body and head, good shape and feather, staged in rare condition; 3, Young, grand substance, nice front, in capital condition, close up; 3, Summerhill, 1st Kilsyth, 1 sp. West of Scotland, 2 Kilmarnock, looking well to-day, some thought should have been in front; 4, Wright, nice feather and body, good shape; 5, McFadyen; 6, Watson. YORKS. CK. (7): 1, 2, 3, Cringles, 1st cl. yell., nice length, fine pose, good col. and quality, 2nd nice length, tight in feather, grand qual., very close on 1st, 3rd similar to 2nd, a cl. buff, all there; 4, Tiles, another yell. of good col., restless; 5, Bell; 6, Brownie. HEN (5): 1, Tiles, nice typical hen, grand pose and quality, fine shape, splendid feather; 2, Bell, cl. tkd. yell., fine type and qual., nice head; 3, Downie, nice bird, well staged. 4, Gray, nice typical bird; 5, Cringles. BORD., YELL. CK., CL. ETC., (11): 1, Walker, a real gem for quality and shape, nice deep col., very jaunty carriage; 2, 6, Richmond, another little gem of a cl. yell., nice carriage, feather like wax; 3, W. and J. Linton, nice type, cl. yell., quite a nice Border, very jaunty carriage; 4, Craig, nice col. and style, grand feather; 5, Crone. BUFF (11): 1, Bennet, cl. buff, nice quality, neat head and back, plenty of style, fine feather; 2, Craig, a model, grand quality, better shape, very jaunty carriage, feather like wax; 3, spl., Allerdice, junr., another good type, tkd. buff, of excellent quality and very jaunty carriage, nice feather; 4, 6, Walker, cl. buff, of good feather and style. YELL. HEN (10): 1, Bennet, cl. yell., very typical Border, nice jaunty carriage, very neat shape, nice even col., wins easily; 2, Thomson, another cl., of excellent quality, nice close feather, rich col., feather like wax; 3, Walker, cl., neat little Border, very compact, good shape and type; 4, Craig, nice type, good shape, very jaunty; 5, McPhic; 6, Cunningham. BUFF (16): 1, 4, spl., Bennet, cl., fine size and shape, nice close feather, neat wings and tail, 4 neat Border, in excellent condition; 2, Craig, gem for col. and quality, fine style and feather, very jaunty; 3, spl., 5, Walker, cl. buff hen, of all-round merit; 6, Cunningham. YELL., VARIEG. (13): 1, Bennet, nicely mkd. bird, of excellent quality, rare shape and style, in lovely condition; 2, Thomson, a real little model, very jaunty, grand shape, staged in splendid condition; 3, spl., Craig, a gem for col. and markings, nice style and feather, good all-round quality; 4, Haddon, neat body, nicely mkd., good feather and condition; 5, Walker; 6, Aitken. BUFF (9): 1, Bennet, nice markings, good shape, plenty of style, silky feather, in the pink of condition; 2, Walker, nice model, very neat shape, a little picture of a Border; 3, Craig, unevenly mkd., plenty of style, grand feather, smart shape; 4, Johnston, good style and feather, nice shape; 5, Allerdice, junr.; 6, Campbell. GREEN OR CINN. (15): 1, Thomson, smart Border, of good quality, nice compact feather, grand shape, very jaunty; 2, Bennet, very tidy Border, in lovely feather, close as wax, very jaunty carriage; 3, 6, Young, nice style, plenty of action, neat feather, nice Border; 4, McIntyre, nice head; 5, Haddon. BRIT. GOLDIE CK. (25): 1, McQuiston, noted winner, grand size and shape, perfect markings and col., in lovely condition; 2, Edwards, another grand Goldie, lovely col., nice face and wings, not quite so large as first; 3, spl., Kirk, nice size, good face and body col., in rare condition; 4, spl., Alexander, nice for size and col., good tanning; 5, Gray; 6, Clark. BULLFINCH CK. (13): 1, spl., McQuiston, best bird in Brit. section, grand shape, lovely col., nice back, good cap, and tip-top feather; 2, Williamson, grand size and shape, not quite so good in breast col. as first, nicely staged; 3, Murton, nice shapely Bullie, fine col., good cap and feather; 4, Cougon, good expansive cap, nice back and feather; 5, Wyper; 6, Taylor. HEN FINCH 8): 1, W. and J. Linton, nice Bullie hen, good col. and feather; 2, 4, Morton, 2 Greenie hen, grand shape and col., 4 Bully hen, good shape and col.; 3, Wyper, lovely little hen Siskin, good markings and feather; 5, Clark; 6, Rae. LINNET, HOUSE MOULTED (7): 1, 2, McQuiston, 1 nice shape very chubby, lovely nutty brown shade of col., good breast and lacing, 2 another good one, very similar; 3, Edwards, grand Linnet, nice even tone of col., good shape; 4, Blait, nice size and col., neat shape, chubby; 5, Hardy Bros.; 6, Sinclair. FIELD MOULTED (15): 1, Cowper, grand size and shape, nice nutty brown col., fine markings, lovely lacings; 2, Reid, real good one, rich even tone of col., not quite so bright as 1, but lovely marked; 3, W. and J. Linton, 3 nice chubby bird, of good shape, fine lacing; 4, Taylor, shapely chubby Linnet; 5, McQuiston; 6, Kelly. GREENIE CK. (10): 1, Arnott, junr., rare size and shape, rich col., in splendid feather; 2, Scobbie, another yell., similar size and shape, smooth feather, in lovely condition; 3, McMillan, not quite so large, very shapely, good col., in perfect condition; 4, spl., Small, fails just a little in shape perhaps, but nice even tone of col.; 5, Rice; 6, Edwards. LESSER REDPOLL, H.M. 12): 1, McQuiston, a little wonder for col. and marking, in lovely condition; 2, 4, Morton, 2 good shape and markings, nice rich col., 4 not quite so good as those in front for col., nice one; 3, Shields, neat bird, good col. and markings; 4, Marshall, good col., in tip top condition, nice shape, good col. and bib, best of lacing, in splendid col.; 2, Williams, nice Redpoll, good col., not quite so distinct in lacing, in rare condition; 3, spl., Morton, better size, nice bib, cap, col. and lacing; 4, Marshalls, good col., in tip top condition, nice lacing; 5, Frew; 6, Alexander. MEALY, ETC. (14): 1, McQuiston, a gem of a Twite, grand size and pencilling, nice front and condition; 2, Crone, Redpoll, good shape, col. and bib, in lovely feather; 3, spl., Morton, another nice Twite, well marked, good size; 4, spl, Nimmo, Mealy Redpoll, fine size and condition; 5, Neilson; 6, Hardy Bros. SISKIN (9): 1, Brownlie, nice size, well laced, lovely col.; 2, Whiteford, nice Siskin, very distinct markings, good col., grand feather and condition; 3, Clark, another nice Siskin, not quite so distinct in markings; 4, Morton, nice size; 5, Small; 6, Miller. CHAFFIE, ETC. (7): 1, McQuiston; 2, Seath; 3, W. and J. Linton; 4, Nimmo; we were unable to find this class; things had got mixed somehow. BUNTING (3): 1, Edwards, Yellowhammer, fine size and condition, lovely markings, grand rich col.; 2, Wyper, very similar to 1, difficult to separate; 3, Marlin, quite as good as those in front, three beauties. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, 3, Edwards, first Can.-Goldie Mule cl., 2 Goldie-Bullie, 3 Linnet-Bullie, all three in grand condition of feather; 4, McBeth, Goldie-Can., also in the pink of condition; 5, Mitchell. FOR., GOLDIE, ETC., CK. (9): 1, Wallace, Siberian Goldfinch, rare size, rich bold face, grand col., good body col., well marked breast, rich moons and bars; 2, Robb, Siberian Bullie, large and shapely Bullfinch, grand cap and breast col.; 3, Catheart, Goldfinch, another very fine Goldfinch, lovely markings, rich blaze of col.; 4, Edwards, Goldfinch, very similar to 3; 5, Wm. Hunter; 6, Moses Hunter. A.O.S. (2): 1, 2, Watson, 1 Yellow Budgerigar, in lovely condition, 2 Java, in grand feather.

CARDIGAN.

The cage bird section in conjunction with the 32nd annual show was held December 14th. The numbers were not many, but the quality, especially in the British, was very good. The feature of the show was the Waxwing shown by Mr. Ray. Mr. Jones (Town Clerk) was the secretary, and right well did he fill the position; he is most obliging and courteous to all. The show was held in a spacious and well lighted hall, and the exhibits looked well amongst a display of chrysanthemums and decorative plants. Mr. O. E. Hodge judged.

NOR. (4): 1, Price, big bird, nice quality feather; 2, Muscott, some preferred, nicely fed, beautiful cobby shape and quality of feather; 3, Portman, not quite so big as leaders, but still a good one; 4, Price. YORKS (6): 1, Spurry, nice length of leg, good position; 2, Price, crosses wings at times, otherwise good; 3, 4, Portman: 3rd, nice size, well filled in back and neck, good quality feather; 4th, nice Yorks., not looking well when we were taking notes. A.O.V. (1): 2, Muscott, good varieg. Crest, beautiful radiation of crest. DARK CAN. MULE (9): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Portman, leader Jonque, beautifully fed, nice exhibit; 2nd, big stashing Greenie Mule; 3rd, buff Goldie, good size and feather; 4, Davies, Jonque Goldie, nicely fed, not quite the size of leaders; hc, Thomas. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (7): 1, Thomas, nice size and shape, beautiful blaze, good bars and tans, AI condition; 2, 3, Ray, big one, good blaze and bars, very pure in whites, not quite the condition of leader; 3rd, nice size and tans; 4, Davies, fine conditioned Finch; vhc, Davies; hc, Portman. BULLIE, ETC. (13): A fine lot; 1, 4, Davies, leader Bullie, nice breast, beautiful back, nice cap and bars; 4th, another charming lady, nice cap and condition; 2, Portman, Greenfinch (fed), nice quality feather; 3, vhc, Thomas, field moulted hen, cobby shape, beautiful texture of feather; hc, Portman. A.O.S. (7): 1, 2, Ray, leader charming Waxwing, excellent condition and feather, nice tippings to wings; 2nd, Hawfinch, an old face, in good condition, nicely fed, good bib and bars; 3, hc, Thomas, Yellow Bunting, nice V and head properties, rich col. back, in nice condition; 4, Price, Hawfinch, bigger than 2nd, but not quite so defined in markings; vhc, Spurry; c, Jones.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

CARNARVON.

North Wales C.B.S. first annual open show held Boxing-day, Assembly Rooms, Market Street, Carnarvon. The hall, for splendid light and everything essential for a cage bird show, is all that could be desired. The cage birds were nicely staged at a nice height, and there was no crushing to get to the winners. The manager, Mr. R. E. Griffiths, is a practical hand. The room was well lighted and free from draughts. There was a large entry. The birds numbered 383 in the 25 classes. The quality was of a high order, and condition had to turn the scales in the cases of many exhibits, especially in the Yorkshires, which were the pride of the show in numbers and quality. There was a good class of natural coloured birds; a few more of these classes would improve our shows, especially for novices. The challenge cups were well won. We congratulate the committee on their selections. Mr. J. W. Bancroft (Sale) had a very hard task, but got through his work of judging very satisfactorily. Mr. J. W. Jones is the capable secretary, and he was ably supported by Mr. W. Griffith (the assistant sec.), C. A. Jones, Esq. (president), Mr. Ed. Jones (treas.), Mr. R. E. Griffith (chairman), and Mr. Dd. Roberts (vice-chairman), who shared the work during the day; also by Messrs. James Jones, I. L. Sweeney, W. Roberts, W. R. Roberts, O. Griffith, R. Angel, O. Davies, O. Griffith. Specials for most points were given in every class. We would venture to advise the management to have two judges for future shows, as there are several birds entered in several classes. Challenge cup for Can. Mr. W. Nolan (a grand buff and a yell. Yorks.), British Mr. W. H. Williams (his well-known Britishers), Mule or Hybrid Mr. R. Jackson. CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE leaflets were well distributed here, and it is hoped it will be the means of spreading the usefulness of the League to North Wales for next year.

The Critique.

NOR. PL. YELL. (9): 1, sp, 3, vhc, E. D. Owen, former grand cl. yell., rare size, good head and neck, rich col., tight feather, 3rd another cl., good shape and quality; 2, Sweeney, saddle mkd. yell., Bethesda winner, in good form; r, c, E. J. Jones; hc, O. Davies. BUFF (12): 1, sp, vhc (name missed), full of quality, grand wings, good head and neck, very typical; 2, Winnard, fine head, clean on breast, full neck, boxy feather; 3, r, Geo. Jones, varieg. buff, rare size, lovely type; hc, r, Angel; c, E. T. Jones. YORKS. YELL. (19): 1, Huxley, cl. yell., good quality and col., medium length, grand position, not a feather out of place, Bethesda winner; 2, sp, r, Pike, two grand clears, lengthy and stylish, good position, grand col., latter a wee shade open, good one; 3, T. Owen, nice length and style, full of quality, neat wings and tail; abs., O. Jones; vhc, J. O. Williams; hc, c, James Jones; 34 W.C. BUFF (16): 1, sp, hc, Nolan, straight as a rush, stands on excellent pins, not a feather out of place, full of quality, boxy feather, took the cup with his stable companion, a good yellow; 3, James Jones, another cl., erect and fearless, superior feather; 3, Owens Bros., well balanced, round as a bottle, stands well, held same position at Bethesda; r, Sergt. Evans; vhc, Pike; c, P. C. Roberts. HEN (12): 1, sp, 3, Pike, clears, rich yell., lengthy and stylish, full of quality, former a wee shade longer in flights; 2, R. Roberts, good yell., rare legs and position, not quite so rich in col.; r, I. O. Williams; vhc, Sergt. Evans; hc, England; c, Walker and Alcock. YORKS., A.O.V. (8): 1, sp, 2, T. Owen, mkd. buff, plenty of leg, good back, A1 position, round as a pencil, excellent quality, 2nd nice length and position, boxy feather, close up; 3, r Nolan, neck mkd. buff, lengthy and stylish, good feather; vhc, R. Angel; hc, J. Jones; c, R. E. Griffith. BORD. FCY. YELL. (11): 1, sp, 2, 3, hc, D. Roberts, grand team, nicely staged, well-known winners, 1st good cl., jaunty carriage, very neat and compact, tight feather, 2nd another cl., close up, 3rd varieg.; r, E. Williams; vhc, Williams and Green; abs., Herbert, Jones; c, H. C. Davies. BUFF (12): 1, Williams and Green, cl., neat head, nice type, full of quality; 2, sp, r, D. Roberts, wing and grizzle neck mkd. hen, very fit; 3, hc, R. E. Griffith, neat cl., good type and feather; vhc, H. Jones. CAN., A.V. NAT. COL. (17): 1, sp, Pritchard, wing tkd. Yorks. buff, good style, nice length and position; 2, W. H. Williams, varieg. buff D.C., fine size and substance, nicely spread, evenly radiated top; 3, vhc, W. Williams, Nor. 4-pointed; r, H. Roberts; vhc, W. Roberts; c, D. Roberts. LIGHT MULE OR HYB. (including Can. Bullfinch) (14): 1, sp, r, D. G. Jones, lightly variog. Goldie.-Can., full of quality, grand feather, in nice form; 2, R. Jackson, lightly varieg. Linnet Can., teeming with quality; 3, W. Winnard, Goldie-Bullie, good size and col., nice sheen; vhc, Pritchard; c, R. E. Griffith. DARK MULE (11): 1, Jackson, Linnet-Can., a stormer, good col. and quality, cup winner, in superb form; 2, hc, D. G. Jones, jonque Linnet Mule, full of quality, grand col.; 3, Parry, jonque Goldie-Can., good size and type, rich col., close up; r, J. Hughes; vhc, R. Angel; c, E. Hughes. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (28): 1, sp, vhc, Evans and Roberts, rare size and shape, excels in tanning, grand blaze, won comfortably; 2, W. H. Williams, good col. and feather, well staged, nice blaze, not quite so lustrous as winner; 3, r, E. Jones, good blaze, fine col. and tanning; hc, D. E. Williams; c, O. Owens. GREYPATE, 1911 (41): 1, sp, J. Kershaw, grand youngster, expansive blaze, nicely cut away, excels in tanning, fine bars and buttons, fine col., easy win; 2, W. R. Roberts, rich col., good markings, grand face, steadying nicely; 3, R. Jackson, nice shaped body, good col., grand blaze and markings, close up, three good Finches; r, Evans and Roberts; vhc, G. Griffith; hc, W. H. Parry; c, J. Pierce. BRIT. BULLFINCH (20): 1, sp, W. H. Williams, well-known winner, often described, added another to his long list of wins, in spanking form; 2, J. Thomas, good size, nice caps, bib, good chest col., steady as a rock; 3, E. Jones, magnificent col., broad back, immense cap, full of quality; r, hc, Molan; vhc, R. E. Griffith; c, Angel. LINNET ETC. (16): 1, sp, Pritchard, Linnet, well laced, fine shape, good nut brown col., well known; 2, I. W. Jones, good yell. Siskin; 3, Evans and Roberts, grand Twite, in nice form; r, Nolan; vhc, c, O. Davies; hc, T. Rowlands. BRIT. HEN (30): 1, sp, D. G. Jones, Bullie, magnificent cap, broad back, good size; 2, H. Griffith, fine Greenie; 3, E. Hughes, neat Siskin; r, Butler; vhc, c, R. T. Williams; hc, O. Davies. HARDBILL, A.O.S. (11): 1, sp, E. Jones, good Yellowhammer; 2, Evans and Roberts, Bramble, grand one all over, very steady; 3, R. Angel, good buff Greenie; r, H. C. Davies; vhc, R. E. Griffith; hc, J. W. Jones; c, E. Jones. SOFT-BILL (2): 1, 2, sp, R. E. Griffith, good Nuthatch, in nice condition, 2nd Stonechat, wants steadying, a good exhibit. FOR. (4): 1, sp, R. W. Taylor, Blue-fronted African Grey Parrot, in good condition; 2, Miss Owen, a fine Green Amazon; 3, Williams and Green, lovely Black Tanager; r, W. Roberts. NOVICE CAN. A.V. (25): 1, sp, c, Sergt. Evans; 2, W. H. Parry; 3, H. Jones, some really good birds were staged in this and the following class. BRIT. (14): 1, sp, W. H. Parry (Goldfinch); 2, H. C. Butler (Greenie); 3, J. E. Williams (Siskin).

DOUGLAS (I.O.M.).

Annual exhibition of the Manx Canine, etc., Association, held on St. Stephen's Day (December 26th). This year the venue was changed from Derby Castle to the Palace, which was voted on all hands a far better place. The exhibits were splendidly staged on the tier system in the Skating Rink, which provided plenty of light, and was nicely heated. Entries in our section were grand, being about sixty more than last year, and a record for the society; consequently competition in some of the classes was very keen. The judging of the Yorks. proved rather troublesome owing to the barking of the dogs, which were benched in rather close proximity to them. The British bird section made an interesting display, and some very fine Linnets were to be seen. The winner in the A.O.V. Mule class, a fine positioned buff Goldie-Can., was a good example of the cross, being of lovely quality and shown in magnificent condition; it secured the cup for best bird in show after a good race with the winning Grey Parrot, a really grand bird in splendid plumage. The attendance was good. His Excellency Lord Raglan (Lieut.-Governor) was present during judging, and was very interested in the exhibits. Mr. Geo. Robertson filled the role of secretary, and a right 'un he is for the post, being a hard-working and methodical official. Judging was over in good time, thanks to the smart set of stewards, and cards were promptly affixed. Mr. A. C. Brotherhood (Newport) judged, and his awards were well received.

The Critique.

CRESTS: 1, spl.,vhc, Witherspoon; d.c., nice formation, neat centre and droop; 2, r, Skillicorn, grey, nice size; 3, hc, Turner; d.c., rare width of skull, short frontal. C.B.: 1, spl., 3, Witherspoon, leader a green, good body, nice skull, and a fine buff, not quite so good in head; 2, Turner, green, very similar to leader. NOR., CL. YELL.: 1, spl., Boddan, nice size and shape, fine col., lovely quality; 2, Hogg, good type and col., close up; 3, Cowley, nice bird, just a wee bit long in barrel. BUFF: 1, spl., 3, Christian, good size, nice type and feather, fine head, 3 grand type, a bit soft when judged; 2, Teare, grand type, col. and quality; r, Witherspoon; vhc, Hogg. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, spl., 3, Boddan, wing tick, fine type, col. and quality, nicely cut away, 3 uneven, fine quality; 2, Christian, nice quality; r, Witherspoon. BUFF: 1, spl., Corlett, rattling fine type, good size, dark tail; 2, 3, Teare, leader very good quality, not quite the type of 1st, 3 nice bird, close up; r, c, Cowell, unsteady or might have been higher; vhc, Boddan; hc, Laidlaw. HEN, YELL.: 1, spl., Teare, nice shape, grand quality and condition, well cleaned out; 2, Karran, nice shapely cl., not quite the quality of leader, otherwise equal; 3, c, Boddan, very nice shape and head; r, vhc, Hogg; the quality of leader, otherwise equal; 3, c, Boddan, very nice shape and head; r, vhc, Hogg; hc, Christian. BUFF: 1, Teare, cl., good shape, nice head and chest, in grand order; 2, hc, Christiau, uneven of nice size and shape, close up; 3, Hogg, nice type and feather, loses only in wing carriage; r, vhc, Boddan; c, Cowell. YORKS., CL. YELL.: 1, spl., Caley, rattling fine length and style, good back and carriage; 2, Teare, grand length and shape, close on heels of winner; 3, Wade, nicely drawn, loses only in wing carriage; r, vhc, Barron; hc, c, Christian; w.c., Corrin. BUFF: 1, spl., Teare, unlighted, grand length, shape and position, nice boxy feather, good back and waist; 2, 3, Turner, grand length, gets well up, followed by nicely drawn bird, a wee bit open on front; r, vhc, Barron. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, spl., Teare, cheek marked, rare length and style, neat girth, good quality; 2, Karran, grand length, wing tick, stylish; 3, r, Turner, uneven, nice length and shape, good quality; vhc, Qualtrough; hc, c, Barron. BUFF: 1, spl., Teare, wing tick, splendid length and shape, good back, col. and condition; 2, Qualtrough, thigh tick, nicely drawn, good shape and position, close up; 3, Caley, wing tick, nice style and shape; r, Kelly; vhc, Christian; hc, Barron; c, Cowin. HEN, YELL.: 1, spl., Wade, uneven, very nice length, well filled back, rare quality, gets well up; 2, Barron, cl., rattling fine length and shape, close up; 3, Turner, nicely drawn, good quality; r, Caley; vhc, hc, c, Teare. BUFF: 1, vhc, Teare, cl., nice length and quality, well up on legs; 2, r, hc, Caley, ticked, rare length and style; 3, Qualtrough, cheek marked, nice bird; c, Turner. YORK., GREEN: 1, spl., 2, r, vhc, Teare, leader yell. of grand length and shape, in fine fettle, followed by buff, of equal length and shape; 3, Mrs. Qualtrough, nice lengthy buff, not far behind. CINN, MKD. CK.: 1, spl., Teare, splendid length and shape, ticked on back, nicely filled, stylish, rare quality; 2, Qualtrough, just a wee shade shorter, nice shape, position and feather; 3, r, Wade, good length,; vhc, Cowell; hc, Turner; c, Barron. HEN: 1, Teare, wing tick yell., grand length, very shapely, nice quality and style; 2, c, Wade, uneven yell., nice length; 3, Turner, good position and quality; r, hc, Caley; vhc, Qualtrough. UNFLIG.: 1, spl., Teare, wing marked yell. Yorks., fine length, nicely tapered, stylish, well packed wing and tail; 2, Corlett, buff Nor., medium size, nice head and type; 3, Cowin, varieg. yell. Yorks, good length. A.O.V.: 1, spl., 3, Witherspoon, Lancs. plain head, nice size, head and substance, followed by a good coppy; 2, Gill, nice yell. cinn., excellent col and quality. GOLDFINCH: 1, Bridson, good size and shape, nice width of face, blaze of nice depth and correct shape, good body col.; 2, spl., E. Gale, fine size, splendid blaze, very square cut, nice bars and buttons, unsteady or might have won; 3, Corteen, nice size, not quite so brilliant in blaze; r, Gill; vhc, Cortcen; hc, L. Gale; c, Cowell. GOLDIE-CAN. HYB., DARK: 1, spl., 3, Gill, leader good size yell., nice shape, col., and condition, followed by a nice buff; 2, r, E. Gale, nice quality yell., a wee bit smaller; vhc, Cowell. LINNET: 1, spl., 2, E. Gale, rare size and shape, rich body col., well pencilled, carries good polish, steady, followed by another good one, not far behind; 3, Mrs. Gale, nice shape and size, well pencilled; r, L. Gale; vhc, Cowell; hc, Gill; c, Sharpe. LINNET (not house-moulted): 1, Graham, splendid size and shape, good col. and pencilling, in nice order, very steady; 2, L. Gale, loses just a little in pencilling, otherwise good one; 3, Boddan, fine shape and size; r, Bridsou; vhc, hc, Clarke; vhc, Gill; hc, E. Gale; c, Gelling. LINNET-CAN. HYB., DARK: 1, 2, Gill, yell. of good size, col., and condition, followed by a buff of grand size and shape; 3, Corlett, yell., a wee bit smaller, good quality. A.O.V. HYB.: 1, spl., and cup for best bird in show, E. Gale, buff Goldie-Can., five-pointed, nice size, well balanced markings, grand quality, shown in lovely bloom; 2, 3, Gill, four-pointed buff Goldie-Can., good size and shape, followed by Greenie-Can. of splendid size, good col., wet when judged; r, Moore. A.O. BRIT., SMALL: 1, spl., vhc, E. Gale, Yellow Bunting, rare size, col. and markings, shown in nice fettle; 2, Corlett, Bramble, of grand size and shape; 3, Bridson, nice Yellow Greenfinch, very rich in col.; r, Faragher. A.O.V. CAGE BIRD: 1, spl., Cowley, very fine Grey Parrot, in splendid feather; 2, Callow, good Green Amazon, not quite in such grand condition as leader; 3, Mrs. Brown; r, Hale.

The Pleasure of Rearing Feathered Pets.

By Miss L. PARKYN (Dursley).

The Experiences of a Happy Possessor of some pairs of Canaries.

Perhaps only those who are the happy possessors of one or more pairs of Canaries can fully realise the absorbing pleasure the rearing of these feathered pets affords. From experience I know how fascinating the hobby can become to those who from delicate health or other causes cannot get far abroad, and may perhaps have to spend weary weeks in the house. The interest in these lovely little songsters with their sweet ways strengthens as time goes on; and every step from the building of the nest to the appearance on the perch of the beautiful little young Canaries, is anticipated with great eagerness.

The Room in Order.

Let me speak first of my birdroom. It faces almost South. There is no fireplace in the room, so to ensure ventilation when the weather is not fit for open windows I insert a board at the bottom, and close the window on to it; this allows the air to go up between the two sashes in the middle, draught being thereby prevented. The walls of the room are painted twice a year; at least, everything is turned out of the room, and the walls, woodwork, and floor are washed with a solution of disinfectant. After this the walls and woodwork are rubbed with paraffin. The room is thus set in order just before the breeding season.

The hen Canaries are then placed in clean and newly enamelled breeding cages. I like, if possible, to have the cages cleaned and rubbed with paraffin after each nest of birds is out of the way; for with all the precaution one takes it is not an easy matter to keep down the red mite. I find that the best way to clean the cages is, after scrubbing them, to hold them down in a copper of boiling water and disinfectant; failing that to pour a strong, boiling solution through the cages and in every corner. At odd times I use the camphor and methylated spirit mixtures with which to paint all cracks and ends of perches, etc. It is wise to keep one or two extra cages ready cleaned to hand.

The Start with Songsters.

Three years ago I started with one pair of ordinary singing Canaries. The cock I had had for at least ten years, and he was probably eleven or twelve years of age. He was a rare singer with very sweet notes. The result of that union was three cocks and one hen the first season; two cocks and two hens (besides the first nest of five chicks unfortunately "sweated" by the hen) the second season. The hen was two years old the first season. All the offspring were strong and healthy birds.

In my second year I added two other pairs of birds, buying a nice pair of Yorkshires, also a Hartz hen to mate with a young bird reared the previous season. From the latter pair I reared nine birds in three nests. The Yorkshires were only one-year-old birds. Unfortunately our removal to another house upset their housekeeping arrangements. Through an accident the first nest was tipped over in the removal, and the eggs smashed just as they were due to hatch. There were chicks in two of them, and these were killed. The birds after this sad check to their hopes, I am sorry to say, refused to settle down again to the serious side of matrimony; so the result for them that season was nil.

The Fatal Third Season.

The other Canaries, however, had done well, and encouraged me to look forward to the next season with hope. Alas! my hopes were doomed, for the last of three seasons proved for me one long disaster. But from the reports in CAGE BIRDS I am led to believe that I was not alone that year in my experience. This was my consolation. One bird which I brought up entirely by hand, was so tame I could do what I liked with it. It fed from my hand and would walk around on the table and help itself to what it fancied from the various plates.

Time after time I took the starving nestlings in hand myself, feeding them every two hours from 4 o'clock a.m. with food moistened in my mouth. They took the food eagerly from the end of a pointed stick; but it differed, of course, in variety from that given by the parent bird, and I found the nestlings flagged at the end of the week. The survival of the one young Yorkshire was due mainly to my hand feeding; and to show that my effort was not all in vain this bird was "Very Highly Commended" in a novice class at the Gloucester Cage Bird Show held that season. This was my first exhibit.

My management has been regulated entirely by my perusal of CAGE BIRDS, CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL, "The Yorkshire Canary," by Mr. H. W. Battye, "House's Canary Manual," and "Canary Breeding for Beginners," by Mr. C. St. John. During the winter I feed my birds on Spanish Canary seed as a staple. Three times a week I give each bird a half teaspoonful of rape and a pinch of hemp seed (substituting niger for hemp in the case of the hens) a slice of boiled carrot once a week and a spray of green food once or twice a week when procurable. If the last-named is not procurable a slice of apple may be given. In March I commence giving a little egg food. Young dandelion leaves I give to the cocks. But a "sweating" hen to which I had been giving this green food makes me now careful in giving it to hens.

When the Young Arrive.

I do not mate my birds before April 1st. I use nest pans lined with felt and give the birds dry moss with which to make their nest. When the hens are likely to lay I put a little treacle in the water. I substitute dummy eggs for the first three laid; replacing these and setting the hen on the third evening. On the evening of the thirteenth day of sitting I give the hen a little hard-boiled yolk of egg. On the second day after the chicks are hatched I supply yolk of egg and biscuit mixed, and one meal a day of milk sop. Chickweed I give after two or three days, hemp seed on the fourth or fifth day, and rape at the end of the week. I give a clean nest when the chicks are a fortnight old.

When the chicks leave the nest I immediately put them into a nursery cage and hang on to the breeding cage. I then gradually coax them to eat a little egg food, milk sop and crushed seed, and when they are a month old they are usually able to look after themselves. I do not give them water for a day or two, but a little milk sop instead.

At the age of five weeks they are, I find, able to crack seed, when I gradually diminish the soft food. They then have frequent use of the bath. If they live over six weeks I have not then much trouble until they start to moult.

For colour-feeding I have used the tins of ready prepared colour food according to the directions given. I feed the birds a little more generously during the moult, using a little maw seed; and towards the end of the moult I give linseed.



A SCOTCH ARTIST'S VIEW OF THE BORDER FANCY.

Clear buff cock (young bird), winner of first in the novice class, also medal and cup, at the Glasgow and West of Scotland Society's Show for Mr. Skinner (Glasgow).

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One of our Prettiest British Birds.

How a Jay may be kept in Captivity.

By "Nimrod."

Handsome and Daring, and a Bird that will Talk.

The Jay is one of our prettiest British birds; it is fairly common in wooded districts and would be more so, if the keepers would only leave them alone. It is quite true, that they are fond of eggs, and play havoc in some districts, both with the Pheasants' and Partridges' eggs, and small birds as well, and at times they are not particular in the matter of taking the young Pheasants or Partridges.

I have found out that they like a variety of food; they are very fond of nuts of most kinds, especially so of acorns, besides worms and various insects. A cock bird of about 3 years of age in full plumage is a treat to see, and I am glad that at some shows Jays stand in the money. I am in hopes yet of seeing classes provided for these birds; as they are very attractive. Why should not they be shown as much as the Chough? They are much more beautiful in plumage, and are very hardly and easy to keep, especially so if they have a roomy cage. But I must confess they are more dirty in their habits if they have not plenty of room. The greatest drawback is—they must have a large show cage; consequently, the expense of sending these large cages to shows is often an item to be considered, and this, no doubt, is the reason why many more do not keep these nice birds. I do think at our leading shows a class might be given them, so that they might compete amongst themselves. It would also encourage many a one to go in for keeping one of the largest of our British birds.

By The Dozen!

In my time I have kept some dozens of Jays. I used some years ago to raise a nest or two of them each year. This was long before our Fancy Press came out, and we had to feed them on what we thought best, or practically any food we could get. I am now speaking of my boyhood days; I used then to feed them on barley meal and scraped meat, worms, beetles, and what I could get hold of; also on bread and milk sop, oatmeal and crumbled biscuits made into a paste.

I was always successful in raising them; in fact I never had one to die. Thanks to their large mouths they were quite easy to feed, as they could take a larger supply at one time; and did not want so much attention as our smaller birds. I have had them so tame that they would follow me about the place and fly on my shoulders; in fact, they make nice pets, and can, with patience, trouble and time be taught to talk, without the tongue-cutting business. In those days this brutal practice was very common; but I think it has now quite died out in regard to these birds. But in the case of Magpies it is different, some still believing in this fallacy.

In this district (Ramsey) Jays are not nearly so numerous as they used to be. It is very rarely that a nest is found, unless one goes to the woods and wooded districts where there are not too many keepers.

If one desires to go in for these pets, it is most advisable to get a nest and hand-rear the young birds so as to get them steady and used to captivity. If kept scrupulously clean and in a large cage they are a real treat to see. A bird of this species in a small cage, with its feathers plastered up with filth, is a disgrace to its owner, and will, of course, give rise to comments to the effect that it is cruel to keep such birds in cages; and so it is in such unsanitary surroundings.

Sawdust is the best material to use on the bottoms of the cages, as it absorbs all the moisture of the excrement, and can quite easily be cleaned out.

To Rear a Good Bird.

After the young can pick up, they will eat nearly anything; they are particularly fond of all kinds of nuts and acorns, beetles, worms, spiders, etc. Any good soft food mixture as a staple food would do—small dog biscuit ground up and moistened or broken up and soaked in water; while some could also be given in a dry state. The birds are also very fond of cooked potatoes, also cooked greens, or other cooked vegetables. The greater the variety of food, the better their condition. They must have plenty of water, for they love a bath; also grit in their cages. If a bath could be arranged on the outside of the cage so much the better. In their nest feather it is difficult to tell the cocks from hens, but as a rule the largest birds and those at the top of the nest generally turn out cocks. There is so little difference in their plumage that both can be shown when adult. They attain their best plumage when about three years of age, although I had one for over ten years, and he seemed to get better each year. I was very sorry when I lost him, as he was a very fluent speaker, and could say quite a number of words and short sentences.

It is always advisable to keep Jays in separate cages; if you do not, at meal times there is bound to be fighting. I once had five in a large bacon-box wired in front; these I kept for some six months, until the noise they made and the fights which occurred compelled me to part with four of them, or I should not have been able to keep any, and I did not like losing all of them.

I can strongly recommend these birds, both as pets and exhibition birds to any young Fancier just starting in the hobby. They are quite hardy, and easily kept, but should certainly be kept out of doors, in large roomy cages.

The Young Naturalist.

*Happy to be at Home.

One Sunday a little while ago, as we were having tea, we heard a commotion outside where our birds were hanging. On going outside to see the cause of it we found our cage on the ground and the Greenfinch gone. A cat had knocked it off the window sill. We hunted everywhere for the bird, but could see nothing of it. Next morning our attention was called to a bird on our Bullies' cage, and to our delight it was our bird returned. We put its own cage out, and it flew down to it, and hopped in, and now it is quite as bright as ever, and seems happy to be at home again. —Sent by Albert Brown (age 15 years), 16, Glover's Road, Reigate.

**A Lark's Trustfulness.

A gamekeeper not long since was going along a path in Elgin when he observed a Hawk in pursuit of a Lark. The Lark circled round and manœuvred frantically for a time, but the Hawk was gradually getting nearer, and just as they were right above the man the Lark suddenly dived downwards and alighted right on the man's hand, where it nestled and shivered in fear. The Hawk came to within a few yards, but seeing itself baffled sailed away in wrath. The Lark, after the danger was over, the man very properly released, and it soared up into the sky singing its beautiful song, perhaps in gratitude to its deliverer. It was a strange instance of the fear of man being overcome by a greater fear for a more relentless enemy.—Taken from the "School Monthly," and sent by Marie Smith (aged 14), 99, Richmond Villas, Penkhull, Stoke-on-Trent.

Correspondence.

A Cure for Colds and Asthma Wanted.

Sir,—In your issue of Dec. 16 I wrote asking fanciers with a large experience to kindly give recipe for severe cases of asthma, and so help many who would welcome such information. I notice, however, in your two subsequent issues not a single "tip" from your many readers. May I appeal once more through your columns? Must I put it down to fanciers' unwillingness to help? Possibly it is the busy season that accounts for no replies. C. K. E.

Sir,—I have always found the following recipe act first-rate in all cases of colds:—1oz. syrup of squills, 2 drachms tincture of aconite, and 2 drachms tincture of lobelia. Shake well to mix together. Dose: ten drops in drinking water daily, or one drop in bird's beak from the end of a darning needle, night and morning. J. BROXUP.

The Secret Revealed.

Sir,—Kindly allow me space to thank the gentlemen who have written me personally and through CAGE BIRDS for their kind remarks re the management of Llanrwst Show. I can assure everyone that I am at home when I have my hands full in anything that appertains to our hobby. It may be interesting to other secretaries to know how the birds were so promptly despatched home, and also of their early arrival at their destination. If secretaries want courtesy from the railway company they must give it. I personally went to the station and asked the officials to be good enough to see that they were properly put into the van. As I am well-known amongst the officials, they at once did me the favour of telephoning to the next junction asking for plenty of hands to put the boxes on the main line. The same was done until the birds reached Chester. It is quite simple, and the secret is: Be courteous.

J. KERSHAW.

Sec., Llanrwst C.B.S.

P.S.—I have to thank the committee for their hard work.

Pity the Poor Show Secretaries!

Sir,—I was very pleased to see the letter from Mr. Stevens, the Derby show secretary, as so far as he is concerned it clears the matter up absolutely, and I have no one but myself to blame for not receiving a schedule from him. I see by his letter that Mr. Stevens thinks an apology is due to him from me, and as I like, if possible, to keep away from the law courts, I most humbly apologise to Mr. Stevens, and I sincerely trust that he has not had many sleepless nights through my sending to the Fancy Press. What a terrible mistake I made! I must never let such a thing occur again. Had the postcard been stamped at the place where it was posted—viz., Aylsham—the address, "Mr. A. Dazeley, Bird Fancier, Aylsham," would have been quite sufficient, as everyone here knows me as "the bird fancier." The reason the card bore the Norwich postmark was because I was too late for the last clearance at our post office, and the card was put in with the letters collected at our railway station, and was, I expect, stamped on the night mail train at Norwich. Now, Mr. Stevens, kindly accept my humble apology, and if you have any out-of-pocket expenses over the matter, send in your account, together with solicitor's fees, and I will forward cheque at once. I owe no apology to Mr. Stickland, the Windsor secretary, as he did not receive a card from me.

ARTHUR J. DAZELEY.

A Plea for Novice Classes.

Sir,—I was pleased to read in your last issue Mr. Downing's powerful plea for novices, and I can truthfully say I agree with him in all his points, as I do not think the novices are catered for as they should be. Take for instance an open show held a few weeks ago not many miles from Manchester. Some of the classes read thus: Open Norwich (7 classes), cancelled; Novice Norwich (four classes), 35 entries; and one novice class reads: Clear, Ticked, or Unevenly Marked Yellow or Buff cock or hen unflighted. Now, I should like to know what judge is there living who could pride himself on having for certain found the winner and also done justice to the other birds in the class? I, myself, think there is no judge who could honestly say he had placed the birds in such a class as they should be. The Yorks classes did better, but still the novice was ahead. These classes were: Open Yorkshire (seven classes), 34 entries; Novice Yorkshire (three classes), 34 entries. The British bird classes did not contain a single novice class, yet there were ten open classes, in which were 59 entries; and, mind you, 24 of these were shown by one man. Yet at our society's (Ardwick) show (and we have passed the new novice rule) we had nine classes with 61 entries, and almost all of these were shown by novices. These few facts, I think, ought to convince fanciers generally who lays the golden egg. While I am on the matter of the British bird classes, I should just like to state that the Premier Society of Manchester expect to pass this new rule at their next meeting; so, you see, things are beginning to go with a swing here. This is only giving three sections, but all the others run the same; and who can deny that if the novices had been given more scope there would have been more entries? These are facts, and I should advise other fanciers to study their CAGE BIRDS, and they will find that nearly all other shows put the novice to the front. In conclusion, I would advise all novices to wake up and fight for their cause and the bettering of their classes, and I feel confident it will do away once and for all with that often-asked question: "What Causes Short Entries?" and it would also benefit societies financially by extra entries.

R. BOOTH.

Sir,—With your permission, I should like to reply to friend Downing re the above. In the first place I should think it is about time Mr. Downing "got a move on" and got out of the novice section, so as to give the younger end of the novice section a chance. As regard his pet fad of making a difference between the British bird section and the Canary section, can Mr. Downing tell us how this encourages entries in members' shows? As a member of Ardwick and Dis. C.B.S., I think it quite possible to account for the large entry in British bird section at the past members' show without giving all the credit to Mr. Downing's "pet fad." Of course, no one would suggest that Mr. Downing wants some of the novices to go out into the open so as to leave less competition for himself. We know him too well for that. Still, it looks suspicious to those who do not know him so well as we do. In conclusion, I shall be glad if Mr. Downing will answer the following questions for the benefit of those of the members of the Ardwick Society who do not see eye to eye with him:—(a) How many members of Ardwick C.B.S. showed in the novice section with Canaries who were entitled to show in the open with their British? (b) How many members of A.C.B.S. have taken advantage of the new rule to go out into the open with British birds? (c) How long will it be before someone proposes to allow a member to show his Yorkshires in the open without its affecting his standing with Norwich? (d) Why was not the foreign bird section included with the British in the new rule? (e) What is the difference between motion and progress? I am writing this against my inclination, so enclose my card and sign myself "WHISKERS."

A Roller Canary Club for Scotland.

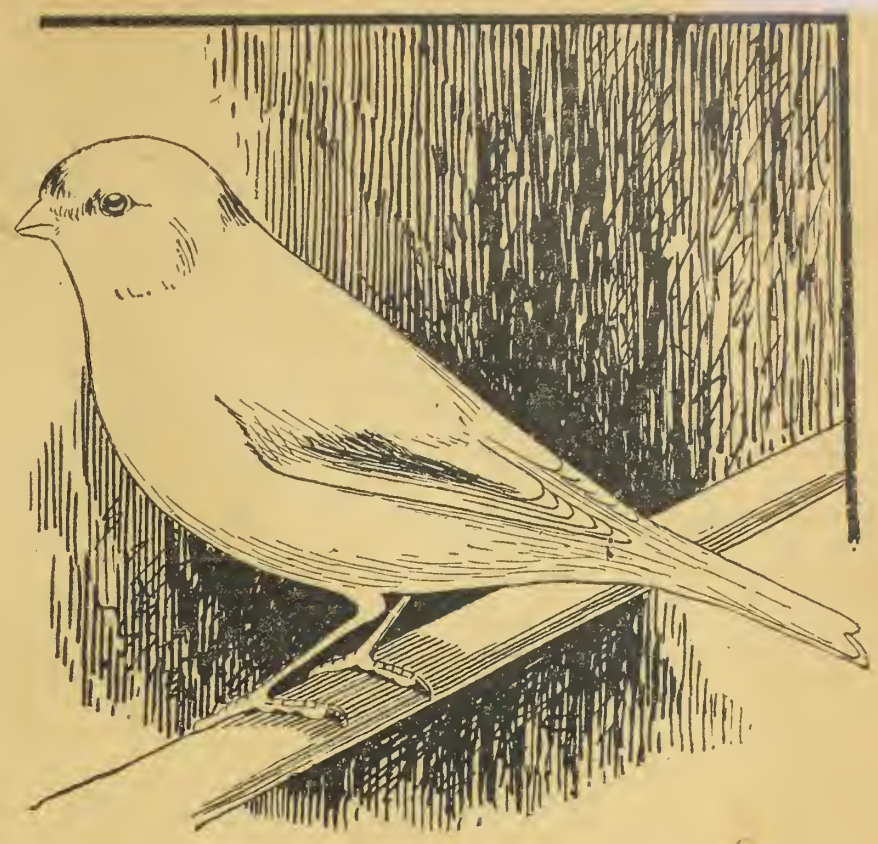
Sir,—I was very pleased to see Mr. Bradfield's letter in CAGE BIRDS on the above subject. I am a breeder of Roller Canaries, and reside about thirty miles out of Glasgow. I would be pleased to become a member; and to my knowledge there are about twenty other breeders in this district who would also become members. I can inform Mr. Bradfield that there are a good number of Roller breeders in and around Glasgow, as I have had the pleasure of supplying a large number of birds to breeders in that neighbourhood. So, if Mr. Bradfield and Mr. Forrest would take up the question, and, with the kind assistance of CAGE BIRDS, get a number of breeders to meet in Glasgow, I will be very pleased to give a donation towards the expenses incurred. I hope that the fanciers in and around Glasgow will take advantage of Mr. Bradfield's kind offer and assistance, and come forward and form a Roller Club in Glasgow, and show the people that the Roller Canary can be bred and trained in Scotland as well as South of the Border.

JOHN THOMSON.

[We shall be glad to lend what assistance we can, in the way of publishing notices and reports of meetings, etc., of the proposed society.—Editor.]

Sir,—I was pleased to see that my article which appeared in CAGE BIRDS issue of Dec. 16, entitled "Roller Canary Breeding in Cold Caledonia," had been the means of finding out that there was at least one residing in Glasgow who had at one time been, and is still, a fancier of this variety of the Canary. Mr. Bradfield in his letter says he was one of the original founders of the British Roller Canary Club in London. I can assure you, Mr. Editor, that it is delightful news to me to know that we have such a practical man in our midst, because novices in the Fancy in this part of Scotland have not been able to get a clear explanation as to what is meant by the different tours of the Roller Canary's song. We often read in CAGE BIRDS the results of the different song contests that take place in England, but wherein lies the difficulty in understanding the various names given, such as bell, schockel, water bubble, glucke, bass roll, etc.? These terms are really foreign to me, as I have never been able to come across anyone who could explain the different tours properly. I am certain Mr. Thomson, of Stevenston, N.B., and myself will be delighted to make Mr. Bradfield's acquaintance, and if he would kindly furnish his address or call at my address (11, Garrioch Quadrant, Maryhill, Glasgow), I shall be glad to discuss with him the proposal of forming a Roller Canary Club in Scotland. We have our valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, to assist us, and I feel certain, as Mr. Bradfield says, the Roller Canary has only to be heard in its beautiful song to be appreciated more than it is in this part of the country. If there are any other members of the Fancy interested in the formation of a club, I shall be glad to hear from them on the subject.

A. FORREST.



ONE OF THE CHAMPION NORWICH PLAIN HEADS.

The celebrated buff variegated cock exhibited by Mr. W. Vardy (Hucknall Huthwaite), winner of numerous first prizes, including Nottingham, Liverpool, Crewe, Leicester, Bolton (N.P.C. Show), Blackburn, Ilkeston, etc.

Do Our Shows Encourage the New Beginners?

Sir,—Most weeks, on opening CAGE BIRDS, one sees the notice from secretaries "no entries," or "entries short," "entries extended," etc. Now, if committees and secretaries would only open their schedules and provide classes for the young hands, those who have only just started in the Faucy with a bird or two, and so encourage them to do more, things would be different. A class should be provided for birds purchased by novices; there should also be a class for non-fed birds. Then, again, this might be extended to British birds—novice, field-moulted birds, say. The time has come when societies should encourage the new men in the Faucy, so that they may be able to take the places of the old men when their day has gone over. I take it there are some such classes as I suggest provided at some of the shows, but every show should hold out encouragement, and help start the new blood in the Fancy. There are now some so-called novices who are quite "old hands"; these have had birds for years, and well know how to manage and show them. It is nothing unusual to read, respecting a bird in the novices' classes, "good bird, could have won in the open," etc., and I want to see young fanciers who only possess a bird or two given a chance, to encourage them to go in for birds more strongly. This would make it better for the Fancy all round, besides providing a market for the surplus birds. Still, when one looks back, say, ten, fifteen, or twenty years, and sees what strides the Fancy has made, it is really surprising. I believe that all the bother as to the "cruelty of keeping birds in cages" will only have the opposite effect—it will boom the Fancy and cause many more to enter it. I think also that classes should be provided for best-matched pairs of Canaries, also for a pair of Hybrid or Muling breeders for young or new fanciers. Novices stand quite as good a chance in getting a winning Mule or Hybrid as the old hands. I do not say, of course, that they would breed such a good exhibition Canary as the old hands who have a lot of birds and can mate up such birds as will produce a good specimen. I also think committees should go one further, and give a class at each show for children under a certain age. But this might be objected to by some, as children whose fathers have birds could show the parents' birds. I know of a good number of children who have birds, however, and they might, I think, be encouraged to enter by charging no entry fee and giving a small prize. I hope these few remarks will be read and considered by all show officials so as to start young beginners.

OLD BREEDER.

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Wild-Bird Life.

Early Songsters.

Christmas has passed without our experiencing Christmas weather. It is now so exceptionally mild and almost springlike that the wild birds are getting a little bit out of hand, and unless we soon get a spell of sharp frost to check their ways, we shall have them acting in a manner quite unusual for mid-winter. Although the weather in a sense is unseasonable, still it is pleasant to listen to the song birds in the early morning. As is natural, the Song Thrush leads the way, and he requires some beating in the musical department. There are several species that are probably more persistent singers, as, for instance, the Yellow Bunting, Skylark, and Robin, but no bird forces himself upon one's attention more than this bold fellow does. In the first place he is generally performing in the vicinity of buildings. He will take up his position either in the branches of a fruit tree in one's garden or upon some large elm close by. His song is loud and far-reaching, and no one within fifty yards of him can fail to notice it. Listening to the various birds singing the other morning, it appeared to the writer that all the performers were young ones. Their song consisted of long, continued, running notes, with an occasional defined utterance, giving one the impression that the singers were only learners. There was an absence of phrasing and of the clear, distinct notes that one hears in the old birds' song. Young birds certainly commence singing earlier after the moult than adult specimens. There may be many reasons for this. Young ones are generally vigorous and strong, and appear to go through the first moult without an effort. As they do not cast the tail and long wing feathers, there is less strain upon the system, and they have, of course, not gone through the wear and tear of the breeding season, which in many cases is prolonged well into the autumn. Nearly all young ones commence to warble before they throw off their nest feathers; then they discontinue for a time, and commence again if the weather be favourable when they have nearly acquired their new plumage. Of all wild birds perhaps the young Robins are the first really to sing.

Wings as Weapons.

The Peewit is very conscious of the power of its wings as a means of defence, and will beat off Crows and Gulls from the neighbourhood of its nest with great courage. The Redshank is aware of this, and frequently places its own nest within a few feet of the strong-winged bird.

Parasites on Birds.

In this country Swallows and Martins appear to suffer more from the attack of insects than do any other birds. The particular parasite that attacks them is very nearly a quarter of an inch in length, and some nests are infested with them. It is just possible that when a pair of Sparrows annex the nesting site of the Martins they find the home too warm for them, and so after a time make another move, allowing the rightful owners to return.

WIGAN AND DIS. C.B.S.

Annual show, held Legs of Man Assembly Rooms, Market Arcade. Mr. H. Tams (Longton) judged. Winner for most entries, E. Fairhurst, who also won the amateurs' cup for most points with six nominated birds. Mr. Ridge won the medal for best bird with a fine Yorks., also specials for best and 2nd best Yorks., as well as several others. There was a good number of fanciers present. Councillor Shaw opened the show.

NOR. YELL. CK.: 1, 2, Lomax; 3, Dyer; 4, Greenhaigh. BUFF: 1, 2, Fairhurst; 3, Crossley; 4, McAndrews. YELL. HEN: 1, 4, Dyer; 2, 3, Fairhurst. BUFF: 1, 2, Lomax; 3, Dyer; 4, Greenhalgh. BUFF GREEN: 1, 2, 3, Fairhurst; 4, Berry. YELL.: 1, Hitchen; 2, 3, Fairburst; 4, Berry. BORD.: 1, 2, 3, Ridge. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, 2, 3, Young. SMALL FOREIGN: 1, 2, 3, Sharples; 4, Morris. HARD-BILL: 1, 2, Johnson; 3, Summers; 4, Monks. YORKS. YELL. CK.: 1, Ridge; 2, 3, Barlow; 4, Horton. BUFF: 1, Horton; 2, Ridge; 3, Hitchin; 4, Vickers. YELL. HEN: 1, Crossley; 2, 3, Green; 4, Horton. BUFF: 1, Ridge; 2, Barlow; 3, Vickers; 4, Green. YORKS. GREEN: 1, 3, Pye; 2, Hitchin. CINN.: 1, Vickers; 2, 3, Fairhurst. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 3, Johnson; 2, McAndrews; 4, Summers. LARGE FOR.: 1, 2, 3, Sharples. SOFT BILLS: 1, 2, Sharples. GIFT: 1, Dyer; 2, Ridge; 3, Lomax; 4, Horton. LINNET: 1, Crossley; 2, McAndrews; 3, Farrimond, 4, Smith.—W. Dyer, Hon. Sec.

SHIREMOOR & DIS. C.B.S.

Members' first annual show, held in the Blue Bell Inn, December 16th. It was a great success. Nineteen classes were provided,, 4 of which were for novices; these brought an entry of 140. Mr. J. Archibold had the best bird in show, a grand buff Nor. cock, which also takes cup for best in novice section. In Borders competition was keen. Mr. Dixon (Bedlington Station) judged, and gave every satisfaction.

NOR. CK. YELL.: 1, 3, Jos Archibold; 2, Crow; vhc, hc, Thos. Archibold. BUFF: 1, vhc, Jos. Archibold; 2, hc, Thos. Archibold; 3, Hayes; c, Henderson. HEN: 1, vhc, Crow; 2, 3, Jos. Archibold; hc, Lascells; c, Henderson. BORD. CK. YELL.: 1, Hunter; 2, Beevor; 3, Mouat; vhc, Henderson. BUFF: 1, Beevor; 2, vhc, Hunter; 3, hc, Henderson. HEN: 1, 3, Beevor; 2, vhc, Hunter; hc, c, Henderson. YORK.: 1, 2, Lascelles; 3, hc, Jewitt; vhc, Hy. Kirkpatrick. c. W. Kirkpatrick. A.O.V.: 1, Henderson. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Hunter; 2, vhc, Beevor; 3, hc, Maudle. BRIT.: 1, 2, Hunter; 3, Hayes; vhc, hc, Maudle; c, Beevor. NOR. PAIRS: 1, Hayes; 2, Lascelles; 3, Jewitt; vhc, Crow; hc, Hy. Kirkpatrick; c, Jos. Archibold. BORD. PAIRS: 1, Beevor; 2, 3, Mouat; vhc, c, W. Kirkpatrick; hc, Hy. Kirkpatrick. A.O.V. PAIRS: 1, hc, Lascelles; 2, Jos. Archibold; 3, Jewitt; hc, Hy. Kirkpatrick; c, W. Kirkpatrick. NOR. CK., NOVICE: 1, 2, Jos. Archibold; 3, hc, Thos. Archibold; vhc, Maudle; c (2), Mouat. HEN: 1, Monat; 2, 3, Jos. Archibold; vhc, Lascelles; hc, Maudie. BORD.: 1, Hunter; 2, hc, Beevor; 3, vhc (2), Monat; c, Wcallens. YORK.: 1, 2, Lascelles; 3, hc, Jewitt; vhc, Hy. Kirkpatrick; c, W. Kirkpatrick. A.O.V.: 1, Hunter; 2, W. Kirkpatrick; 3, Hy. Kirkpatrick. GIFT: 1, Jewitt; 2, Hy. Kirkpatrick; 3, Lascelles; vhc, Maudie; hc, Jos. Archibold.—G. R. Henderson, Sec.

HETTON-LE-HOLE C.B.S.

Seventeenth annual show held Dec. 9th, Crown Inn, when a good muster of birds faced the judge (Mr. G. Harland, Hull), who congratulated the society upon having such a fine show. Mr. H. Wilson again won the President's Challenge cup for the best young bird. We all had a jolly day, the cup being filled to overflowing many a time.

NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, spl., Wilson; 2, spl., Gowland; 3, Hy. Kilner; vhc, Atkinson. BUFF.: 1, spl., Wilson; 2, spl., Vipond; 3, Gowland; vhc, Atkinson. YELL. HEN.: 1, spl., Wilson; 2, spl., Gowland; 3, R. H. Dixon; vhc, Lawson; hc, Vipond. BUFF.: 1, spl., Gowland; 2, spl., Wilson; 3, Vipond; vhc, Lawson; hc, Atkinson. NOR. GREEN (or nearly).: 1, spl., H. Kilner; 2, spl., M. Dixon; 3, R. H. Dixon; vhc, C. Kilner; hc, Wilson; c, Brown. NOR. 1911 YEL. CK.: 1, spl., Wilson; 2, spl., Allen; 3, Atkinson; vhc, H. Kilner; hc, Gowland; c, Lawson. BUFF: 1, spl. cup, Wilson; 2, spl., Appleby; 3, Atkinson; vhc, Lawson. YELL. HEN: 1, spl., Vipond; 2, spl., R. H. Dixon; 3, Wilson; vhc, Lawson; hc, Gowland. BUFF: 1, spl., Allen; 2, spl., Wilson; 3, Lawson; vhc, Gowland; hc, C. Kilner. NOR. PAIRS: 1, spl., Allen; 2, spl., Appleby; 3, spl., Lawson; vhc, M. Dixon; hc, Wilson; c, Vipond. Classes 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, cancelled. YORKS. ETC. YELL. CK.: 1, spl., R. H. Dixon; 2, spl., M. Dixon; 3, Allen. Class 18, cancelled. YORKS. 1911: 1, spl., M. Dixon; 2, spl., R. H. Dixon; 3, Notley. A.O.V.: 1, spl., M. Dixon; 2, spl., R. H. Dixon; 3, Gouland. A.O.V. PAIRS: 1, spl., R. H. Dixon; 2, spl., Appleby; 3, Notley; vhc, M. Dixon. BRIT. BULLIE ETC.,: 1, spl., Allen; 2, spl., C. Kilner; 3, R. H. Dixon. Class 23, cancelled. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, spl., Lawson; 2, spl., Wilson; 3, C. Kilner; vhc, Allen. Class 25, cancelled.—A. J. Notley, Sec.

NELSON AND DIS. C.B.S

Annual show held in the Salem School, Dec. 2nd, when over 170 birds competed. Mr. A. Fulton won the members' cup for best bird, and Sandiford's medal, also 5s. special for best unflig. Norwich; Mr. J. England won special for most entries and special for most points; Mr. Gregson, special for best Yorks. and best Yorks. shown by a member; Mr. W. Gill won special for best unflig. Yorks., and Mr. F. Wales that for most points gained by a novice. Mr. W. Mundell (Bradford) judged.

YELL. YORKS. (9): 1, Emmott; 2, Thornton; 3, Gill; vhc, Smith; hc, Wharton; c, Green. BUFF (10): 1, King; 2, 3, Green; vhc, Gill; hc, Gregson; c, Emmott. YELL. HEN (5): 1, hc, Gill; 2, Heyworth; 3, Hargreaves; vhc, Aldridge. BUFF (10): 1, Heyworth; 2, Gill; 3, Green; vhc, Thorton; hc, Wharton; c, Jones. CINN. MKD. YORKS. YELL. (6): 1, Gill; 2, vhc, Greenwood; 3, England; hc, Gregson; c, Maxwell. BUFF (4): 1, 2, Gregson; 3, King; vhc, Greenwood. HEN (5): 1, King; 2, Gill; 3, Gregson; vhc, hc, Emmott. CL., ETC., YELL. NOR. (9): 1, Thornton; 2, Heyworth; 3, vhc, c, Fulton; hc, Young. BUFF (10): 1, Heyworth; 2, 3, c, Fulton; vhc, England; hc, Wales. YELL. HENS (7): 1, 3, c, Fulton; 2, Hardman; vhc, Aspden; hc, Emmott. BUFF (7): 1, Heyworth; 2, vhc, Young; 3, hc, Fulton; c, Thornton. UNFLIG. YELL. (7): 1, vhc, Fulton; 2, Greenwood; 3, Hardman; hc, Sunderland. BUFF (11): 1, 3, Huggins; 2, Wales; vhc, c, Fulton. SELF CINN. (9): 1, vhc, Young; 2, 3, hc, c, Aspden. A.O.V. CAN (8): 1, 3, vhc, hc, Hardman; 2, England; c, Lister. PAIRS (11): 1, vhc, Fulton; 2, Greenwood; 3, Emmott; hc, Pearson; c, Smith. MULE OR HYB. (7): 1, 3, hc, England; 2, c, Holden; vhc, Smith. BRIT. GOLDIE, ETC. (8): 1, 2, c, England; 3, vhc, hc, Holden. LINNET, ETC. (5): 1, 2, 3, vhc, England; hc, Hartley. A.O.S. (6): 1, 2, 3, England; vhc, hc, Holden; c, Young. FOR. (7): 1, Fulton; 2, 3, Young; vhc, Hartley; hc, c, England.—J. Gregson, Sec.

FORFAR.

Forty-first annual show of the Forfar C.B., etc., Association, held in the Reid Hall, 30th December and 1st Jan. Cage birds were nicely staged in the upper hall, an ideal place for such a show, being well lighted, free from draughts, and kept at a nice even temperature, which was much appreciated. Entries did not come up as well as we have seen them, this, no donht, owing to so many shows being held at this time. But we trust that the attendance came up to expectations, and that the show was a financial success. The President (Mr. Ernest Grant) is a true fancier, and a gentleman who is looked up to for his unbounded kindness and liberality. The hon. secretary, Mr. J. F. Watson, and his assistant were indefatigable in their efforts to ensure success. They were ably helped by the Committee, Messrs. W. Coutts, J. Bowman, A. B. Reid, W. Warden (vice-presidents), A. Low, J. Low, J. Duncan, D. Cable, G. Cable, J. Smith, D. Duncan, J. Shepheard, J. Fyfe, W. Wisbart, W. Gould, A. Tyrie, A. G. Stewart, J. Cable, J. Fairweather, C. Wishart, and W. Smith. Judges: Norwich, Mr. W. Bishop (Stirling), Borders, British and Foreign birds, Mr. J. H. Adam (Glasgow); their awards appeared to please all.

The Critique.

NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (3): 1, Bowman, head mkd., fine size and substance, good head and neck; 2, Kydd, grand hird for substance, head tick, beaten in condition only; 3, Masterton, nice colour, feather and condition. BUFF (2): 1, Mitchell, rare tump of a bird, fine bold bird, grand finish; 2, Grewar, very chubby, grand bloom, neatly feathered. YELL. HEN (3): 1, sp, Kerr, A1 type, colour and condition; 2, Booth, grand all over; 3, Steven, good colour, nice feather. BUFF (7): 1, Milne, cobby type, grand shape and feather, well-known winner; 2, Mitchell, another clinker, put down in rare trim, a good 2nd; 3, Harris, fine shape, quality and condition; 4, Black, pretty type, nice colour and condition; 5, Bowman; 6, Grewer; 7, Kydd. VARIEG. YELL. CK. (3): 1, Anderton, fine quality, nice wings and tail; 2, Taylor, another good one for type, not quite the substance of leader; 3, Black, good one, fine reachy bird, cage marked "wet when judged." BUFF (3): 1, Harris, good one all over; 2, Cable, head mkd., fine substance, put down in A1 condition; 3, Masterton, fine bird. YELL. HEN (4): 1, Pirie, good one, not showing so well to-day as usual, still wins; 2, Kennedy, fine head and neck, in rare bloom; 3, Kydd, lovely shape, grand front, deep chest, nice size; 4, Black, fine type and substance. BUFF (6): 1, Kydd, grand shape, fine bold front, nice wing carriage; 2, 3, Grewer, nice shapely bird, grand head and front, beaten only in finish; 3rd, similar type, put down in rare trim; 4, Boath, nice shapely bird, grand tone of colour; 5, Bowman; 6, Milne. CK. UNFLIG. (8): 1, sp, Harris, hot fed one, grand front, fine chest, A1 quality, good wings, well staged, well known; 2, Pirie, another clear, similar type, not much between them; 3, Anderson, lovely size and quality of feather, in fine bloom; 4, Grewer, hot fed, plenty of size, well finished; 5, Mitchell; 6, Boath; 7, Cable. HEN (6): 1, Harris, hot fed head and wing mkd., fine substance, good wing and tail carriage, wins; 2, Mitchell, another clinker for type and colour, put down in the pink of condition; 3, Taylor, clear, fine substance throughout, well shown; 4, Pirie, fine size, well finished; 5, Grewer; 6, Kydd. BORDER FANCY. YELL., CL. ETC., CK. (9): 1, sp, Davidson, grand feather, fine shape, good wing carriage and rare position, well put down; 2, Craig, well rounded body, nicely drawn, gem for feather; 3, Baird, nice quality, well rounded, neat wing carriage, good head; 4, Fairweather, neat in carriage; 5, Black; 6, Irons. BUFF (8): 1, 5, Davidson, fine position, good in wing carriage, lovely feather, put down without a fault, a credit to the exhibitor; 2, Craig, good feathered one, grand head and well drawn, A1 wing carriage, and shape; 3, Irons, very neatly drawn, good wing carriage and position; 4, Smart, nicely filled up in front, good wing carriage; 6, Irving. YELL. CL., ETC. HEN (6): 1, Davidson, fine position, lovely head and front; 2, Myles, grand feather, very cleanly got up, and nicely drawn; 3, Rae and Reid, good stamp and nicely filled in front, and well finished off; 4, Irons, good one, nicely drawn, fine front and taper; 5, Craig; 6, Campbell. BUFF (11): 1, Davidson, lovely hen, put down in first class trim, feathers like wax, leads a good class; 2, Taylor, fine made one, head mkd., just loses in finish; 3, Fairweather, nice head and front, put down in fine trim; 4, Craig, good colour and quality; 5, Myles; 6, Kennedy. VARIEG. YELL. CK. (4): 1, Craig, head and wing mkd., lovely head and wing, smart made one; 2, Stirling, wing and eye tick, just loses in col., good type; 3, Davidson, good markings, fine style, good head, and well filled back; 4, Hampton, nice style, good quality and condition. BUFF (5): 1, Davidson, good markings, in the pink of condition, lovely head and neck, nice taking style; 2, Fairweather, good head, well filled back, nice finish; 3, Craig, nice style, good colour, quality and condition, well put down; 4, Stirling, nice jaunty style, not quite the finish of winners; 5, Irons. YELL. HEN (5): 1, sp, Hampton, very stylish one, nice stamp, well rounded back and front, nice wing carriage; 2, Irvine, fine style, quality and action, very free in head and neck; 3, Smart, grand colour, nice quality, jaunty carriage; 4, Kennedy, the right type. BUFF (4): 1, Haistings, fine colour, quality, style and condition, heavy mkd.; 2, Davidson, lovely markings, grand colour, quality and style; 3, Fairweather, fine type, not quite so well finished; 4, Stirling, shown in splendid trim. DARK CAN. MULE (7): 1, Fyfe, Greenfinch-Mule, grand quality, rare hot fed one, in the pink of condition; 2, Irvine, another good Mule, not much behind; 3, Nicol, fine size, lovely quality feather; 4, Douglas, Goldie, grand quality, in rare trim; 5, Grewer; 6, Anderson. LIGHT MULE OR HYB. (3): 1, sp, Nicol, grand size and quality, nicely staged; 2, Fyfe, another good one, in fine feather; 3, Irvine, Goldie, in fine feather, a fine exhibit, very light. GOLDFINCH (5): 1, Davidson, lovely deep coloured square blaze; grand feather and buttons, a gem, as steady as a rock; 2, Muir and Henman, rare colour and markings, well put down; 3, Allison, nice exhibit, just fails in markings; 4, Sharp, good exhibit; 5, Redford. BULLFINCH (3): 1, Nicol, grand shaped bird, fine full front, well up in breast colour, grand back and wings, nice cap; 2, Robb, another nice Bullie for shape, grand cap; 3, Irvine, fine type. LINNET (3): 1, 2, Mitchell and Greig, fine pair, grand size, good colour and markings; 3, Muir and Henman, lovely fronted, grandly laced, fine even colour. SISKIN, ETC. (3): 1, Kerr, Siskin, a sweet little fellow, nice and steady, well put down; 2, Irvine, Twite, a fine exhibit, in grand feather; 3, Colville and Son, sweet exhibit. GREENFINCH (5): 1, sp, Sharp, bouncer for size and colour, lovely shape, deep full chested bird, rare head, lovely wings; 2, Gore, another good bird, not quite so large as leader, but equal in other respects; 3, Black, nice quality feather, fine grassy green colour; 4, Grant, another good one, well shown; 5, Fyfe. BRIT. A.O.S. (5): 1, 2, Colville and Sons, two good exhibits, leader Hawfinch in fine feather; 4, Grant, Chaffinch in lovely feather, a credit to the exhibitor; 5, Robb; 3, Douglas, Jay, a well-known bird. FOR.: 1, 2, Grant, two lovely exhibits.

LINCOLN & DIS. C.B.S.

Third annual show held Central Hall, on Dec. 9. The entries were in advance of last year's, 114 birds being staged. Mr. G. Browning (Rotherham) judged and gave every satisfaction.

NOR., CL., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, sp, Pickering; 2, Coulson; 3, hc, Sindell; 4, Willerton; vhc, Sissons. HEN: 1, sp, Coulson; 2, Pickering; 3, 4, Sissons; vhc, Willerton. BUFF CK.: 1, sp, 3, W. Coulson; 2, Pickering; 4, vhc, Sissons; hc, c, Sindell. HEN: 1, sp, Coulson; 2, 3, Sissons; 4, Willerton; vhc, Sindell; hc Pickering. YORKS. CL., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, sp, 2, cup ,Sindell; 3, Sissons; 4, Green; vhc, Shelley; vhc, Harris. HEN: 1, sp, 4, C. Harris; 2, J. E. Pinchbeck; 3, Cordwell; vhc, Marshall; hc, Sindell. BUFF CK.: 1, sp, 3, Sindell; 2, C. H. Pinchbeck; 4, Harris; hc, Shelley and Marshall. HEN: 1, sp, 2, Sindell; 3, C. H. Pinchbeck; 4, J. E. Pinchbeck. YORKS. CINNA. MKD.: 1, sp, Willerton; 2, Johnson; 3, 4, Sindell; vhc, Cordwell. YORKS., NON-FED: 1, sp, Willerton; 2, vhc, Johnson; 3, Sindell; 4, Cordwell. A.O.V.: 1, sp, Pickering; 2, Foley; 3, Green; 4, Pricotley. MULE OR HYB.: 1, sp, Pinchbeck; 2, Shelley; 3, Lacey; 4, C. H. Pinchbeck; vhc, hc, Priestley. GOLDFINCH: 1, sp, Johnson; 2, Coulson; 3, Lacey; 4, Shelley; vhc, Cordwell; hc, Priestley. BULLFINCH: 1, sp, S. Maddison; 2, J. Wark; 3, Shelley; 4, Lacey; vhc, Sissons; hc, Foley. LINNET: 1, sp, Shelley; 3, 4, vhc, Foley; 3, Maddison. HARDBILL, A.O.S.: 1, sp, Lacey (Chaffinch); 2, 3, J. E. Green (Bramblefinch and Chaffinch).—W. Sindell, Sec.

HEBDEN BRIDGE AND CALDER VALLEY O.S.

Nice members' show held Dec. 23, Mr. T. Bentley (Cleckheaton) judge. Over 80 birds were staged, amongst them being some very creditable specimens. Here they have a nice room for a show, capable of holding a much larger number of birds, with a nice light. Mr. A. Pickles, the Sec., had everything in good order.

CL. YELL. YKS.: 1, sp, best in show, Barnes, rattling fine type and style, leggy, good qual. and col.; 2, Wm. Spencer, nice length and shape, good qual.; 3, Maiden, nice shape, good feather; vhc, Jackson; hc, W. Spencer. BUFF: 1, Jackson, slim, neat and typical, good qual. and col.; 2, 3, Barnes, 2nd, good length and shape, nice qual.; 3rd, we liked, good type, leggy, full of qual.; vhc, hc, Spencer; c, Wm. Spencer. TICK. ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, Wm. Spencer, two nice shapely birds of fine col. and qual. BUFF: 1, Jackson, nice type and leg, lovely feather; 2, Barnes, mkd., well up, nice shape, good qual.; 3, Wm. Spencer, fine position, good shape, neat; vhc, W. Spencer. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, 2, hc, vhc, W. Spencer, slim and grand shape, stylish, nice quality; 2, nice cut and style, leggy and feather; 3, Jackson, breedy, nice qual., leggy and stylish. BUFF: 1, 3, W. Spencer, two nice youngsters, both good qual. and col.; 2, Wm. Spencer, well up, nice shape and style; vhc, Sutcliffe. YELL. HEN.: 1, vhc, W. Spencer, slim, nice shape, good back, smart feather; 2, Barnes, good position, plenty of leg, good qual.; 3, Sutcliffe, good length and shape, nice qual.; hc, c, Wm. Spencer. BUFF: 1, 2, Barnes, leader very neat and compact; 2nd, good length and shape; 3, c, W. Spencer, nice shape, well cut away, good qual.; vhc, Wm. Spencer; hc, Maiden. CIN. TICK, ETC., YELL.: 1, Wm. Spencer, nice yell., good length and shape. HEN: 1, 2, Wm. Spencer, smart shape and style, good feather, little to choose between them; 3, hc, W. Spencer, good qual.; vhc, Maiden. YELL. NOR. CK.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Greenwood and Pickles, grand team; c, Maiden. BUFF: 1, Ingham, good size and sub.; 2, Crossley, nice shape, good qual., pale col.; YELL. HEN: 1, Ingham. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Greenwood and Pickles; hc, Ingham. UNFLIG.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, c, Greenwood and Pickles. A.O.V.: Wm. Spencer, dk. Goldie-Can. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, 3, vhc, Wm. Spencer, leader good big Bullie, nice shape and col.; 3rd, Goldie, fine size, good blaze; 2, Greenwood and Pickles, big Greenie, rattling fine col.

HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING C.B.S.

Eleventh annual members show, held in the White Lion Hotel, Dec. 16th. The room is a large one, and well adapted for a bird show, being free from draughts. The entries totalled over 200, and the quality all round was excellent. Cup for best young bird bred by the exhibitor was won hy Mr. R. Lawson with a grand yellow Norwich hen, but afterwards turned over to Mr. Fenton, who was 2nd with a good stylish Yorkshire, the first bird not being eligible. We are pleased to see the novice come out on the top, as this is Mr. Fenton's first year of breeding and exhibiting; good luck to him, and may he breed a cup winner next year. All the exhibits were well looked after by a good body of fanciers, and there was a grand muster of visitors present all day. The secretary's duties were discharged in a capable manner by Mr. R. H. Dixon. The awards were made by Messrs. R. W. Moles (Durham) and A. J. Notley (Hetton-le-Hole).

NOR. CL., ETC. (5): 1, sp, Kilner; 2, Atkinson; 3, Wilson. BUFF (5): 1, sp, 2, Wilson; 3, Appleby. YELL. HEN (8): 1, sp, Lawson; 2, Vipond; 3, Dixon. BUFF (4): 1, sp, Wilson; 2, Gowland; 3, Fenwick. GREEN (or nearly green): 1, 2, R. H. Dixon; 3, Lynn. NOR. OR CIN. NAT. COL. (3): 1, sp, 2, Leech; 3, Greenwood. CIN. YELL. (5): 1, sp, 3, Leech; 2, Fenwick. BUFF (3): 1, R. H. Dixon; 2, sp, 3, Fenwick. CREST CK. (4): 1, sp, Bisset; 2, Hardy; 3, Davison. HEN: 1, sp, Bisset; 2, Green; 3, Hardy. C.B. CK (6): 1, M. Dixon; 2, sp, 3, Hardy. HEN (5): 1, sp, 2, Davison; 3, Hardy. YORKS. YELL. CK. (5): 1, sp, cup, Fenton; 2, 3, Stokehcld. HEN (5): 1, sp, 2, 3, R. H. Dixon. BORD. YELL. (5): 1, sp, Appleby; 2, Allen; 3, Fenton. BUFF (4): 1, sp, 2, Appleby; 3, Fenwick. A.O.V. (3): 1, 2, R. H. Dixon; 3, M. Dixon. OLD BIRDS. NOR. CL. ETC. YELL. (5): 1, sp, 2, Wilson; 3, Gowland. BUFF (5): 1, sp, Gowland; 2, Fenwick; 3, M. Dixon. YELL. HEN (4): 1, sp, 3, Wilson; 2, R. H. Dixon. BUFF (6): 1, sp, Vipond; 2, Wilson; 3, Gowland. GREEN (or nearly Green) (4): 1, sp, 2, Kilner; 3, R. H. Dixon. NOR OR CIN. NAT. COL. (6): 1, sp, 3, Appleby; 2, Greenwood. NOR. PAIRS. (7): 1, sp, Appleby; 2, Wilson; 3, Lawson. CIN. CK. (3): 1, M. Dixon; 2, sp, 3, R. H. Dixon. HEN (3): 1, sp, Gowland; 2, R. H. Dixon. CREST CK. (7): 1, sp, Bisset; 2, M. Dixon; 3, Fenwick. HEN (3): 1, sp, Fenwick; 2, Lowery; 3, Green. C.B. CK. (4): 1, sp, Fenwick; 2, Bisset; 3, Lowery. HEN (5): 1, sp, Fenwick; 2, M. Dixon; 3, Lowery. PAIRS (3): 1, sp, Lynn; 2, Lowery. YORS. YELL. (4): 1, Fenton; 2, sp, 3, R. H. Dixon. BUFF HEN (3): 1, sp, 3, R. H. Dixon; 2, M. Dixon. PAIRS: 1, sp, 3, R. H. Dixon; 2, Stokehcld. BOR (7): 1, sp, R. H. Dixon; 2, Allen; 3, Appleby. HEN (5): 1, sp, 3, Appleby; 2, Allen. MULE OR HYB. (6): 1, sp, Wilson; 2, Green; 3, R. H. Dixon. A.O.V. (3): 1, sp, 2, M. Dixon; 3, R. H. Dixon. BROWN LINNET (7): 1, sp, Wilson; 2, Lynn; 3, Fenwick. SISKIN, ETC. (8): 1, Wilson; 2, Lowery; 3, Fenwick. A.O.S. BRIT. (7): 1, Wilson; 2, sp, Green; 3, Lowery. FOR. (3): 1, Fenwick; 2, sp, 3, Wilson.

GARSTON B.B.A.

Tenth annual old bird show held Dec. 1st in the Baptist Schoolroom. The challenge cup, presented by Mr. A. H. Tate, was won by Mr. J. C. Crowe. Mr. A. Wellings (Prescot) judged. Points' specials winners:—Champion: 1st, H. Mullock; 2nd, J. Ireland; 3rd, H. Barton; 4th, J. Jones; 5th, D. Griffiths; 6th, J. Crowe. Novices: 1st, E. Martindale; 2nd, T. Low; 3rd, A. T. Mulloch; 4th, T. James; 5th, H. Greene; 6th, W. Carlisle.

YORKS., CL. YELL.: 1, Crowe; 2, Lowe. BUFF: 1, Lowe; 2, Christopher; 3, Mullock. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, Mullock; 2, Lowe; 3, Ireland. BUFF: 1, Crowe; 2, Barton; 3, Martindale. CL. YELL. HEN: 1, Crowe; 2, Ireland; 3, Christopher. BUFF: 1, Crowe; 2, Mullock; 3, Lowe. TKD., ETC., BUFF: 1, Crowe; 2, Christopher; 3, Martindale. CINN. TKD. BUFF HEN: 1, 2, Jones. GREEN SELF YELL.: 1, Crowe; 2, Ireland; 3, Griffiths. BUFF: 1, Martindale; 2, Ireland. GREEN YELL. HEN: 1, Ireland; 2, Griffiths; 3, Crowe. YELL., BRED 1911: 1, Mullock; 2, Ireland; 3, Griffiths. BUFF: 1, 3, Mullock; 2, Crowe. NOR., TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, Batten; 2, Mullock; 3, Martindale. BUFF: 1, Crowe; 2, Barton; 3, Griffiths. YELL. HEN: 1, James; 2, Martindale. BUFF: 1, Crowe; 2, Mullock; 3, Griffiths. MULE OR HYBRID: 1, 3, Bryant; 2, Mullock. GOLDFINCH: 1, Mullock; 2, Mullock; 3, Jones. LINNET: 1, 3, Jones; 2, Mullock. GREENFINCH: 1, Barton; 2, Christopher; 3, Jones. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Green; 2, Jones; 3, Barton. A.O.V. BRIT.: 1, Carlisle. BULLFINCH, ETC.: 1, Mullock; 2, Jones.—A. Wilkinson, Sec.

ORMSKIRK.

Annual show of the Ormskirk C.B.S. held Nov. 25th in the Church House Assembly Hall, large well-lighted, adjoining the quaint old Parish Church. A very nice entry resulted. The prizes were on the sliding scale, the Society adding 6d. to each entry of 1s. per cage, all to be given in prize money. Several silver medals and other valuable specials were offered; and these helped also to induce keen competition. Nor., as is the rule here, were very good in quality and type. Yorks were also very smart. Borders were a treat for a members' show, and very keen was the competition. This is going to be a stronghold for these jaunty ones. Mr. Tiffin is a most capable secretary, and has all the business in apple-pie order. There was a capital attendance of visitors. Mr. C. Houlton judged, and exhibitors were well pleased.

The Critique.

NOR. YEL. CK.: 1, spl, best Can. bred 1911 and spl. best Nor., Price, large typical varieg. yell., grand substance, fine head, rare col.; 2, Price, nice type, beaten just a little in quality and condition; 3, Tasker, good quality. HEN: 1, 2, Price, 1st very smart, el., beautiful quality, splendid type, 2nd larger, grand type, variег., nat. col., in splendid form; 3, Johnson, jun., fed, nice feather; vhc, Walker. BUFF CK.: 1, Price, varieg. head and wings, in splendid bloom; 2, Lewis, beaten in wings only, very large, thick-set body; 3, Mawdsley, good head, nice feather. HEN: 1, Mawdsley, very cobby, grand uniform, shape and carriage, rare feather; 2, Mawdsley, nice shape and quality; 3, Price, good feather. UNFLIG.: 1, Johnson, jun., yell., small but very grand quality and shape, like a hen, if so, a beauty, 2nd tick neck, larger, grand colour and feather; 3, vhc, Tasker, cobby buff, plenty of bloom; hc, Mawdsley; c, Lewis. YORKS, YELL. CK.: 1, spl. best Yorks, G. J. Johnson, grand varieg., round as a pencil, lovely position, feather and condition; 2, Walker, cl., long and slim, good size, well up on leg; 3, Field, varieg., beaten in condition only, fine length and type. HEN: 1, vhc, G. J. Johnson, well drawn out, upstanding cinn. mk., grand carriago and feather; 2, Walker, large, long and slim, cl., a wee bit stronger in head, all else good; 3, Field, cinn.& varieg., nat. col., fine type. BUFF CK.: 1, 2, G. J. Johnson, 1st most typical el., lovely bloom, rare stand and feather, well up, very silky; 2nd tail feather growing, grand type, nice quality and position; 3, Howard, nice nat, col. HEN: 1, G. J. Johnson, very stylish el., well on leg, neat head; 2nd grand feather and style; 3, Searle, pale col., not quite so tight feather. GREEN, ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, 2, Walker, 1st lovely deep level colour and type, fine dark points, slim and clean-cut type, 2nd a wee bit light in feather on rump, rest of body col. good deep green; 3, G. J. Johnson, grand solid col. BUFF: 1, sp, medal, Walker, very fine type green, rare level sound ground col., softly mealed over; 2, Howard, green, fine col. HEN: 1, 2, Walker, 1st green, very good all-round bird in col. and type; 2nd Cinn. nice colour and type; 3, G. J. Johnson, green, nice col. FOUL, ETC.: 1, 2, Walker, 1st grand foul green, flowing with colour, dark legs, beak and markings; 2nd foul buff green, like a good hen; 3 (no name), yell. green. UNFLIG.: 1, 3, Walker, 1st cl. buff, best for col., type and position, 3rd very nice buff green; 2, G. J. Johnson, big cl., fine shape. BORD., YELL. CK. (8): 1, vhc, Johnson, sen., tick nape, pretty type, gay and jaunty carriage; 2, 3, Hesketh, 2nd cl., nice type, good carriage, fine quality and condition, 3rd very compact, lovely quality; hc, Tiffen; c, Lewis. HEN (5): 1, sp, 2, Tiffen, 1st grand model all over, lovely carriage and condition, 2nd a wee shade longer, fine feather, good type; 3 hc, Hesketh, tick head, very fine type and condition; vhc, Johnson, sen. BUFF CK.: 1, 3, Hesketh, 1st saddle mark, grand quality, A1 type, jaunty carriage, 3rd good carriage and type; 2, Johnson, sen., good col. and feather, fine carriage. HEN (5): 1, vhc, Johnson, sen., ticked left cheek, grand model, like wax in leather and condition; 2, hc, Hesketh, cl., just a wee bit soiled, nice shape and carriage; 3, Tiffen, eye and wing marked, very good feather. CAN. HYB.: 1, 2, 3, Lewis, 1st lightly varieg. buff Goldie-Can., in fine feather, 2nd dark buff Goldie-Can., medium size, nice face and condition, 3rd dark yell. Goldie-Can. LINNET (6): 1, spl., British, J. W. Johnson, regular wagon horse shape, grand size, capital condition; 2, vhc, Price, nice shape, col., markings and condition; 3, Searle, best col., nice size, good shape; hc, Johnson, jun.; c, Howard. GOLDFINCH: 1, Johnson, jun., very bright, clean-cut blaze, rich nutty brown on body, good moons, bars and condition; 2, J. W. Johnson, fine bird, nice moons and bars, good blaze; 3, Crompton. CHAFFIE ETC.: 1, J. W. Johnson, Chaffinch, very good col., markings and condition; 2, Lewis, medium sized Bramble, deep tone and markings, in nice condition; 3, Johnson, jun., nice Chaffinch. GREENFINCH: 1, J. W. Johnson, large buff, grand shape, feather and condition. SISKIN: 1, 3, J. W. Johnson, 1st very fine moulted Mealy Redpoll, grand markings, 3rd buff Siskin, nice markings; 2, Lewis, good yellow Siskin. A.O.S. HARDBILL: 1, 2, J. W. Johnson, 1st Hawfinch, good bib, in fine col., bloom, and condition, 2nd smart conditioned Yellow Bunting, 3rd Chaffinch, very nice conditioned Reed Bunting. SOFTBILL: 1, Crompton, big Thrush. GIFT (4): 1, G. J. Johnson; 2, Tiffen; 3, Johnson, sen.; vhc, J. W. Johnson.

Under Cross-Examination.

One of our foremost judges of Norwich and Yorkshires reveals some useful secrets for the benefit of beginners.

An Interview with Mr. J. C. BARNES (Sheffield).

While on a visit to a recent show in the Sheffield district, writes one of our representatives, I noticed a well-known fancier and judge—Mr. J. C. Barnes, to wit—very freely and kindly giving information about the Canaries that were on view, to quite a number of beginners in our hobby. It occurred to me that his "hints" will be welcomed by the wide circle of budding enthusiasts reached by our favourite, CAGE BIRDS, and I determined that on the morrow I would visit Mr. Barnes at his home, and put him under "cross-examination." He was nothing loath; and so in due course I found myself on the car bound for the suburb of Walkley.

Once in Northfield Road, I soon located No. 113. My luck was in, for after exchanging greetings in the true Fancier's spirit, Mr. Barnes told me he was at liberty for the rest of the day. Good, I thought; here goes!

First, however, I espied several very valuable silver cups displayed about the room, also a quantity of silver plate, etc., all highly prized by the owner, and I stopped to admire these trophies. Many meritorious specimens must have been benched at one time or another to capture such a choice lot of "specials." Naturally I next expressed a desire to see the birds; so the stairs we mounted. The bird room is situated at the end of the first landing. It is very spacious, a matter of 18 feet long by 12 feet broad, with a large double window facing due south, which has a pleasing outlook over a well set-out garden. It also possesses capital top light—a shaft-like arrangement, this, which affords efficient ventilation without draughts. The ceiling is whitened, walls distempered a delicate shade of pink, and floor covered with neat oilcloth. Two small tables hold the various utensils, etc., necessary for every-day use. Upwards of 70 single breeding cages, all of uniform size, 21½in. by 16½in., enamelled blue inside, and all loose fronted, are nicely arranged in such a position as to obtain the most light. Then there are flight cages capable of accommodating a matter of 20 birds in each, 11 of them, got up to match the smaller cages. Truly Mr. Barnes' bird-room and its furniture border on the ideal.

A Goodly Collection.

Coming to the birds, I could see at a glance that Mr. Barnes is a stickler for type and quality, while those two great essentials, substance and colour are not overlooked. On mentioning the fact that size predominated in many instances, Mr. Barnes replied: "Yes; you know a 'good big 'un' will always whack a 'good little 'un,' and no mistake." Certainly, wide, rising heads, thick necks, deep chests of fine width, short wings and tails, clearness of cut and correctness of carriage were characteristics, possessed in abundance by this stock of Norwich Plainheads. The cock birds were truly a magnificent lot, and the majority could hold their own in the keenest of competition, while the hens were simply superb. We saw 6 large flight cages, with about 20 in each cage, and a better collection of sweetly moulded damsels it will be hard to find true to type, feathered to perfection, and of rare size and colour. With such an array of charming creatures, winners are bound to be produced.

Mr. Barnes also keeps some Yorkshires of great merit, birds of wonderful length and position, with grand backs and wing carriage, and very leggy and stylish. Space forbids a lengthy mention, but in a nutshell, we may say that they are equal in merit to their Norwich brethren, though not quite so numerous.

A Rain of Questions.

Then I commenced to fire away my questions at this well-known authority on Norwich Plainheads and Yorkshires in an endeavour to enlighten those Fanciers who are plodding along in the early stages of their careers.

For breeding purposes, which do you prefer, buff cock to yellow hen or vice-versa?—Buff cock to yellow hen; my belief is that the progeny then are larger and stronger. A clear should be mated to a mkd. bird, for this simple reason that the youngsters come out clears and marks, suitable for the various classes provided.

What is your opinion on the use of green blood and heavily marked birds?—My candid opinion is that green blood is the real fountain of colour; the experience of 20 years has proved this correct.

As regards quality, substance and type?—Use good feathered hens, as quality comes from the hen as a general thing. Substance, it is an admitted fact, is obtained, and retained by constantly breeding with large male birds. The hen is answerable for that great essential, type; good shaped hens are invaluable.

Do you advise using one cock with two hens?—As a rule I would not advise this procedure. I like one cock to one hen; by so breeding, stamina and substance are retained better, I am convinced.

As regards showing, where do you find the novice often fails?—In Norwich, far too many birds are shown "too long in body"; and in Yorkshires many are too thin in neck. My advice to the novice is to visit a show or two, and study the winners. He ought to progress more by so doing, than by just reading about the winners.

Have you anything to say about the washing of these birds?—Well, I should advise one who is not well up in this to tub his birds a full week previous to show day, spraying them lightly each day after being washed, this giving them ample time to "fine down" before being judged. The novice often leaves soap in the feather. The birds should be well rinsed on "wash day," and not a particle of soap should remain.

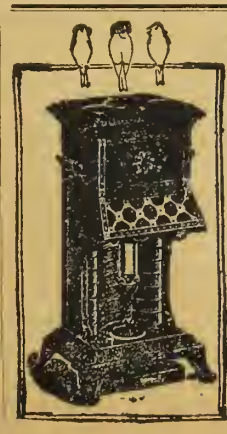
To Get Condition.

Can you give the novices a "tip" as regards procuring that high condition necessary for success on the show bench?—Well, now, at one time or another, this has been published in CAGE BIRDS, but may be some present-day Fanciers have missed it. Procure one pint of the best port wine, 1lb. of the best honey, 1oz. of crystals of citrate of iron and ammonia. Heat the wine and add the honey, stirring well until dissolved. Then place the citrate in this liquid. The latter takes a little time to dissolve, but with a little stirring all comes right. When cool, bottle up tightly. It is then ready for use. I advise giving this, with the usual egg and bread food; that is eggs boiled hard, chopped up finely, with bread crumbs added (or biscuit). Add enough of the port wine mixture to make the egg food just moist. Give to each bird half a teaspoonful, say twice or three times a week. It is safe to use, and is not fattening, therefore is good for all varieties of Canaries. I have used it with great success.

Chatting on "things in general" Mr. Barnes said that in his opinion the Norwich Plainheads are advancing. Fanciers are getting them more chubby, shunning long-bodied birds. The Yorkshires are also on the up-grade. Better quality prevails at the present time and position is being well looked after.

I consider, he went on, that to-day the shows are carried on in a very straightforward manner, and that the Fancy is cleaner than ever it has been before. As you know full well, my travels of late years have been North, South, East, and West, and on every hand I have met genuine sportsmanship amongst the exhibitors. I have officiated as judge at many shows this last few years, and have been well supported; in fact, I am very proud of the many record entries obtained, where I have been adjudicating. Judges are always pleased when plenty of work is found them. I have just been engaged to officiate over part of the Norwich Plainhead section at the forthcoming Crystal Palace Show.

My time had been spent in an enjoyable manner, but train time was quickly approaching, and I was bound to get away. After having partaken of Mrs. Barnes' kindly hospitality I made tracks for the station, and was soon en route for home.



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More Local Hon. Secs.

This week I have the pleasure of announcing the following additions to our list of Hon. Secs. CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE should be represented by a local hon. sec. in every town, so that the knowledge may be brought home to every individual bird-keeper that there are people whose one aim it is to prohibit the keeping of cage birds, and that only such an organisation as CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE can put up an effective defence against the action of these faddists and bring forward evidence to refute the unprincipled mis-statements made by them in their propaganda. Members acting in the capacity of local hon. sec. could do much in introducing our certificate scheme to the notice of the bird-shop keepers in their own town, and in getting them to co-operate with us in our intention to show our opponents that the keeping of a bird does not involve the perpetration of the barbarities they associate with our hobby. In order that the names of all CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE hon. secs. may be included in the list about to be published in CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL for 1912, they should reach me not later than January 20th.

Purley, Surrey.—Mr. H. Halhead, St. Heliers, Foxley Hill Rd.
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Bridlington.—Mr. J. Howard, 14, Cemetery Rd.
Battersea.—Mr. J. Best, 4, Battersea Rise, Clapham Common, London, S.W.

Reduced Admission to the Shows.

With the end of the present show season almost in view there remain to be held only two shows of those previously announced as granting preferential terms of admission to members of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE. These are GUISBORO, held on Saturday, 6th inst., the date of this issue, and SUNDERLAND, at Miners' Hall, Roker Avenue, on 12th, 13th inst. To these is to be added:

BATHGATE, 29th Jan.

The admission to this show for LEAGUE members will be nincpence and fourpence.

I am pleased to gather from numerous letters received that the concessions made during the season now closing have been greatly appreciated all round. They have resulted not only in increased attendance at the shows affording them to our members, but in a general extension of the good fellowship among bird-lovers generally which it is one of the objects of the LEAGUE to promote, and I have reason to believe that next season our list will be of much greater proportions.

"The Animal World's" Latest.

After a rest of some months in its attacks on cage-bird keeping, "The Animal World" comes out with a scare headed "Caged Birds and Disease." It begins by saying "There is very little to be said in favour of keeping birds of any kind in cages," and for even this admission that there is something, however little, to be said, I suppose we must be proportionately grateful, for the "humanitarians" have hitherto persisted in taking the line that the keeping of cage-birds under any conditions is an unmitigated barbarism.

The leaderette then goes on to say that medical men have "recently" called the attention of the public to the fact that many birds may be dangerous as carriers of tuberculosis, and it instances the statement of a French doctor "some years ago" that Parrots were "very efficient carriers of consumption." "Frequently tuberculous infection may be traced to caged birds. Ordinarily there is a high death-rate among birds living in cages, especially when there are several together. Tuberculosis spreads among them. The ailing birds propagate the bacilli and become a source of infection for the occupants of the house. In addition, tuberculous matter may pollute the food, especially milk, butter, cheese, bread, jellies, and cold meat. When it is considered that of Canaries alone some 400,000 are sold annually in England, it will be seen that we need to keep a careful watch on the health of our feathered pets, and in this way help to protect our own."

Now let us enquire somewhat into this. We who know something of our subject know that ordinarily there is *not* a high death-rate among birds living in cages. It is putting the matter very moderately to assert that the ordinary length of life of a bird in a cage is five or six times the ordinary length of life of a bird exposed to the vicissitudes of Nature, and that portion of our critic's statement may be dismissed as needing no refutation in its absurdity. To expose the fallacy of the statement that tuberculosis (consumption) is common among cage birds, and is transmissible from them to human beings, is a very simple matter. The trouble is to bring the contradiction to the knowledge of the readers of "The Animal World" and the potential subscribers to the funds of the R.S.P.C.A. for the delectation of whom the long exploded fallacy has been re-hashed.

The Real Truth.

It is not likely that the Editor of "The Animal World" would welcome evidence in refutation of his pronouncement, any more than he would welcome any arguments putting the keeping of birds as pets in a light different to that in which it is his business to represent it, so I will content myself here by quoting very shortly from a lecture delivered by that distinguished pathologist, Dr. R. H. Clarke, M.R.C.S.—a lecture at which it was my privilege to be present. "Tuberculosis in cage birds is a very rare disease. I have examined microscopically hundreds of dead birds and have never yet met with a case.....nor known of one demonstrated by any competent observer.....it is not creditable for so-called experts who are either too ignorant to recognise well-known diseases when they see them, or too lazy to look for them, to go on year after year taking money to give people misleading information." This, I think, will be sufficient for the present, and I shall be glad at any time to pursue the matter further in the unlikely event of the Editor of "The Animal World" desiring evidence that tuberculosis in birds is not only a very rare disease, but is not, even when it does occur, communicable to human beings.

How Cage Birds League is Spreading.

In previous notes I have recorded the accession to the LEAGUE of members in Canada, the United States, and S. Africa. I now have pleasure in welcoming a Vice President living in Portugal, Lacy Rumsey Esq., of Oporto, whose name will be found added to our list at the head of these columns. Mr. Rumsey writes.—"I quite agree with all that CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE has done and is doing, and am willing to subscribe annually the amount enclosed. If at any time any further support is necessary I shall be quite willing to make a further donation."

Answer to Correspondent.

W. BENNETT.—Thanks for cutting. There is, as you say, a wide field for the energy of the R.S.P.C.A. in the suppression of the cruelties incidental to the hunting of the carted stag. You would perhaps do well to send the cutting to the Editor of "The Animal World," 105, Jermyn St., London.

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(9).—*All queries must be addressed the* **"Cage Birds,"** *154, Fleet Street, London, E.C. Only queries so sent will be answered. Postcards are not admissible.*

THE following gentlemen represent CAGE BIRDS staff of **ADVISORY EXPERTS.** Queries must in no case be addressed to any of them individually, but to the Editor.

Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** British Birds, Mule and Hybrids—**G. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., &c., Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc., of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his questions for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Norwich Going Light.

W. T. Manning.—You give me very good details as to your treatment so far, but very little clue as to what symptoms are exhibited. The "going light" may simply be due to starvation, and the discolouration around nostrils may mean little more than that the bird is in a smoky or dusty atmosphere. Catch the bird and examine closely whether the colour is in the beak substance or merely a soiling of the surface. I fancy the bird has already had far too much treatment, so I advise you to drop most of it and treat strictly as follows for a fortnight. Then report result, referring to this reply. Continue your present method of cleaning cage, strew it with clean gritty sand, and keep it in a nice, bright, and airy place, but quite free from draughts or extreme variations of temperature. Allow bird to bathe when it desires to do so. Continue staple of plain canary seed. Every second day give half a teaspoonful of summer rape separately, and a morsel of banana, and on the alternate days give a piece of bread the size of a chestnut soaked in cold milk, drained, two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with maw seed. In the drinking water add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom salts for three consecutive days, and for the remainder of the fortnight give four drops each of tincture of gentain, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day in the water.

Was it Tapeworm?

Ada.—The specimen certainly is not tape-worm, nor, indeed, any worm at all. It is in all probability simply an indigestible fibre from the stalk of some green stuff, such as watercress, which was only partly expelled on account of sluggish action of the bowels. A saline aperient in the water would have been better than giving charcoal. Stick a small cuhe of hard common table salt in the wires for bird to peck at for a day or two. Also add a small pinch of Epsom salts to its water for one day only, and for two or three days afterwards six drops of tincture of gentian, and four of aromatic sulphuric acid. As regards feeding up your Norwich for showing, from what you say I should think it not unlikely that the person to whom you sell your birds has a better judgment than yourself in selecting just the sort of birds that will develop and make up well. Much may certainly be done by judicious feeding, but it is too late for you to attempt anything in this way now. After next moulting season cage up separately those birds you want for show which appear deficient in chest, and give them every second day a piece of bread the size of a walnut, sopped in milk, drained, two or three drops of cod liver oil emulsion dropped on it, and sprinkled with maw seed. On the alternate days give half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, millet, linseed, and broken groats. Keep the bowels regular by means of sufficient green food, and moderate or cease this "feeding up" as soon as your object is attained.

A Variety.

W. S. B., Dulwich.—(1) Give the hen with bare patch on back half-a-teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, slightly dusted with flowers of sulphur and sprinkled with maw seed every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days dissolve as much chlorate of potash as will cover a threepenny piece, in the drinking water. Slightly anoint the bare patch twice a week with Lanocyllin until new quills begin to show. Probably no contagious element about it. (2) Except in very rare cases, there is no necessity to put insect powder on birds. Freshly ground pyrethrum powder is the best. If you cannot get this, use Keating's. A small bellows distributor, or rubber ball with nozzle is the proper thing to blow it into the plumage. Failing these, place a heap of powder on piece of paper, then get a small pledget of cotton wool, and dab it lightly first on the powder, then about the plumage, working against the tips of the feathers to allow powder to drop into the plumage. (3) Painting inside cages is quite harmless if you take care not to return the birds until paint is quite dry and the smell evaporated. (4) I suspect the tail feathers of these birds have worn down or broken off, and the stumps retained. Catch them and see if this is so. If it is, gently withdraw the stumps at, say, three operations, at intervals of four or five days, taking four each time, which will necessitate three operations. If stumps are not there, treat same as No. 1, but omit the anointing. (5) I prefer buying seed separately and mixing as and how required. Plain canary is the best staple. A little summer rape every second day, a scrap of egg food or sponge cake once or twice a week, and a little mixed seed about twice a week. (6) A good mixture consists of two parts each hemp, inga, and millet, one part each teazle, black rape, and broken groats, and a half part each of maw, gold of pleasure, and sesame, and just a sprinkling of yellow mustard and linseed.

Moulting Again (K. F.).—It is possible the bird did not quite complete his moult in autumn, in which case he will finish now at any mild spell of weather we may have. If he did finish before, then he is almost certain to be exposed to great changes of temperature. This must be quite avoided. Keep him in a cosy temperature—not cold, nor yet overheated—free from draughts, and as equable as possible day and night. As staple diet, give a mixture of two parts canary to one part summer rape. Every second day give a few grains of hemp, and a morsel of banana or bit of watercress, and on the alternate days half a teaspoonful of crushed spongecake, with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion, mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw seed. Add a pinch of Epsom salts to its drinking water for one day only, and afterwards six drops of tincture of gentian and three of tincture of steel every second day for a fortnight, or you may drop this sooner if the feathers cease dropping.

Patchy in Colour (Greenie).—The colour-fed hen which is very patchy in colour has either been badly fed, did not moult properly, or has lost feathers since the moult, which have been reproduced in natural tone and cause the patchy appearance. In either case you can do nothing now, as the colour is only influenced by feeding when the bird is moulting. You place a wrong construction upon the information that it is necessary to go on feeding if you wish to retain the colour of a colour-fed bird. What is really meant is that you must repeat the course of colour-feeding at each succeeding moult. When each moult is quite finished colour-food should be dropped for the rest of the year, save only in the case of show specimens, which are usually given a little occasionally right through the show season to provide for such a contingency as feathers being broken or knocked out by accident, or of birds unexpectedly moulting a few feathers, and thereby preventing patchiness, as occurs in your bird.

CANARY QUERISTS.

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

Bound Up (A. A. G.).—Cut all hemp out of the dietary for the present, as it will only increase this trouble. Give plain sound canary only as staple, with a few crumbs of sponge cake about twice in a week, and a spray of watercress, if obtainable in good condition and free from frost, every second or third day. Also give a sweet grape each day for a week or so. Break open the skin and attach grape to the end of a perch, sprinkling it the first day with a pinch of maw to induce bird to take to it at once. For one day only you may add twelve drops of syrup of buckthorn to the water.

Food and Housing (Green Hand).—(1) Good sound plain canary only is the best staple diet for all general purposes. A pinch of mixed seeds, as frequently mentioned here, may be given separately as a treat now and again, but should certainly not form a staple article of diet. You should get one of our practical handbooks "Canary Breeding," House's "Manual," "Our Canaries," or the Nutshell booklet on "The Canary" for full details of general feeding. (2) Certainly keep the cock and hen apart in separate cages until ready to mate for breeding, which should not be earlier than the end of March.

Economy in Egg Food (Frank Jones).—On the face of it it does seem an expensive method to buy eggs to make fresh egg food daily for one pair of birds, but even if you did so it might easily prove cheapest in the end. If you got only one ordinary egg each day much of it would be wasted. Could you not arrange to have a supply of common bantam eggs, or even spare pigeon eggs, either of which would make ample food for a day for one brood, and you might, perhaps, get these eggs for a mere song. When only required in such small quantities several of the prepared foods on the market, which many fanciers use with success, come as cheap or cheaper than buying fresh eggs to prepare the food fresh daily. Scalded puppy biscuits without meat also make a very useful substitute. You would find the matter dealt with very fully in the early parts of "Our Canaries."

Distinguishing Sex (Novice Sex).—No, I'm afraid there is no really infallible method of distinguishing the sex of Canaries. Sexual distinctions have been so nearly obliterated in the domestic Canary as to be practically non-existent. It is only by a kind of instinct or insight, which comes of close observation and practical experience, that a fancier is able to sex a given bird "on sight," so to speak, and even the most expert may make a mistake sometimes. This insight cannot be conveyed in writing; go on closely studying the birds, especially those of known sex, and the ability to discriminate between them will gradually dawn upon you. Study also the plate of a pair of Norwich in Part VI. of "Our Canaries," where Mr. Norman has most cleverly caught the sexual distinction in external appearances. Colour is no guide whatever; those who tell you this know no better. The song now should be a very reliable guide to sex, and in a month or so the young cocks will begin to show a more prominent and pointed vent than the hens.

A Trio (Novice).—(1) You do not say whether this bird shows signs of wheeziness. If it does, considering its history of being kept in a window, its case is probably hopeless. See that its cage is quite free from mites, keep it strewn with clean gritty sand, in a cosy but not overheated place, and quite free from draughts. In addition to its usual seed diet give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion and four of sherry mixed in it every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days give a similar quantity of the seed mixture advised to "W.S.B., Dulwich (6)." (2) Keep a piece of cuttlefish, or a cube of hard common salt, in the wires for bird to peck at. If this does not suffice to keep beak in order go on trimming it back as required with a small pair of sharp scissors. (3) The pair of birds ought to have been separated last autumn, and not put together again until ready for nesting next spring. Separate them at once, until about the end of March. As a beginner you would do well to get "Our Canaries," or "Canary Breeding for Beginners."

Lean-to Shed (Bostonian).—The structure of the shed is decidedly faulty, the walls being much too thin, which accounts for its severe fluctuations. I doubt whether you can make it quite perfect as it stands, but the following alterations will make a considerable improvement. Remove lining boards here and there to enable you to fill in the space between the walls with sawdust or wool waste from floor to roof. Replace boards removed, and then cover the inside with felting, or thick, strong brown paper. Also superimpose a second roof of thin boards covered with felt, allowing an air space of an inch between the two roofs. If the floor is on the ground level raise this at least six inches. Make ventilating apertures in the highest angle at each end, and others near the floor at the centre of the front. Cover the window with small mesh wire netting, and make the second and fourth panes from the end to open for use in the summer. If the ground is damp, or water logged in winter, the only thing to do is to lay a good drain sufficient to carry off moisture and keep the ground reasonably dry.

The Sex Question (Shemale).—See reply to "Novice Sex." In practically all normal cases the cocks should be getting in good stout song now, and this provides a very reliable guide to sex. Some hens make fair attempts at singing, but they are comparatively few, and very rarely get beyond what can only be termed twittering in comparison with the full, sustained warbling of the cock, during which the throat is greatly inflated, and palpably throbs as the notes are produced.

Not Moulting (Jethart's Herc).—(1) I take it these birds have moulted very slowly, and that you have not noticed the fact. Considering they are in such good health and condition, you need not feel at all concerned about their non-moulting if this is really the case, and may quite confidently mate up when the proper time arrives, with quite the full average chance of success. The greatest risk is, if they have not moulted, that they may drop deeply in moult just on the verge of the mating season, in which case you would be lucky to get two rounds each from them, but still, considering their ages, this would be quite sufficient. If you find any signs of moult in the next month or so, such as the birds going off song, or getting dull and sleepy, at once move them to a fairly warm and equable room in order to get the moult through as quickly as possible, when they may be ready for mating by the end of April. (2) The slipped hind toe should have been treated as soon as possible after it occurred. Any treatment would probably be quite useless now. It will be no serious detriment to him breeding successfully.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

An Ailing Hangnest.

E. D. P.—This bird has evidently caught a bad chill during the changeful weather—rain, gales, etc.—we have recently experienced. It would be better during such periods to keep the birds confined to the shelter, but not at a high temperature, this would be quite safe in your case, as, if I remember rightly, the shelter of your aviary is well lighted and roomy. Your treatment is satisfactory. Continue the warmth, but while leaving it fairly restful, encourage it to take some exercise and leave it in a room that does not become cold at night. Your diet is very satisfactory, but at the present time the more milk sop it takes the better. Offer at present: Insectile mixture, ripe fruit, milk sop and mealworms, or other live insects. Continue the Ipec. mixture, but for one day give one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in two tablespoonfuls of water, and repeat this dose after an interval of three days, of course omitting the Ipec. mixture on these occasions. The milk sop should consist of Nestle's milk, boiling water, crumbled sponge cake, Mellin's food, and a little honey. Report progress a week hence.

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS

should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

Rosella and Bad Plumage.

F. C.—The principal diet of a Rosella should be canary and white seed, ripe fruit, nuts (if it cares for them), grit and a piece of clean cuttlebone continually in the cage. Keep a mixture by you of hemp, sunflower, oats, and paddy rice in equal parts, and give the bird about one tablespoonful every other day. If it cares for it, a few pieces of plain biscuit is very wholesome and will be beneficial, but some individuals will not eat biscuit. It is a good practice to put a pinch of grit (not sand) into the daily supply of seed mixture. The Rosella is a hardy species, but you must not subject it to draught, and you must keep it in a position in your kitchen where the temperature is the coolest and most regular. Give it one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in its drinking water once a week, and on other days put half a teaspoonful of Byno-phosphates into the daily supply of drinking water. Also continue the quassia bath once a week. A little fresh lettuce and well cleaned watercress occasionally will be beneficial.

King Amazon Unwell.

Terrill.—The bird is in quite a bad way, and I fear gone too far to save, but while there's life there's hope. Bathe (foment) its eyes with a warm decoction of camomile flowers, at least daily, well dry the plumage after on a soft cloth. The bird must be kept warm, out of draught, and its bowels moving freely, by giving 2 drops of Dinneford's Magnesia, direct from a quill to the beak, as often as required. Keep its cage strictly clean—remove and burn all voidings as soon as made. Diet: Seed mixture, canary, white millet, oats, hemp, dari, grit and sunflower seed, in about equal parts—the whole to be well mixed; boiled maize (boil till soft, drain off all water, then allow about 20 drops of Byno-phosphates to soak into it), this only keeps fresh one day. As it has been used to sop, take a piece of stale bread, sprinkle it with sugar, and then moisten with water and phosphates in equal parts. Also supply ripe fruit, nuts and plain biscuits, and keep a piece of clean cuttlebone hanging in the cage. Report progress a fortnight hence.

Budgerigars.

Budge.—(1) Possibly, but I think the plumage will be renewed in due course now. (2) The only thing you can do is to win its confidence, but no bird is literally "finger tame" unless it will see the finger and rest thereon under any conditions. Let it have a fly round every other day, but do not leave him out too much till you have quite won its confidence. Only as a last resource should I cut its wings. (3) Union with the F.B.C. would certainly bring you into touch with all private owners, as also will an advert. in our columns. (4) There is no such book as you refer to—it is impracticable—the circulation of such books is somewhat limited, and the costly nature of colour work makes them almost prohibitive.

A Correction (Ringnecks, Cockatiels, etc., J.R.B.).—In this reply I am made, by the printers, to say: "Leave them together another week"; this should read: "Leave them together for another year."

Outdoor Cage (J. H. C.).—For so comparatively small a cage, neither the Budgerigars nor Java Sparrows should be kept, they often prove combative in such confined quarters. You ought not to have more than a dozen birds in the cage, and if you are in a Northern county you must have a wood and glass shutter to cover the front during the winter months, and arrange some system of ventilation without draught. The following in pairs would be a nice series: Zebra Finches, Silverbills, Long-tailed Grassfinches, Avadavats, Gold-breasted Waxbills, and Bronze Mannikins.

Enamel for Cage (J. L. H.).—Get a small tin of quick drying cycle black enamel (varnish); paint the wire with this, inside and out; in fact, black the whole of the interior; the cage base, bands and top centre rose paint with white enamel (outside only), and cage will look very effective and be quite innocuous if you let it dry for two or three days before putting in the birds. Note: The varnish and enamel must be put on smoothly and evenly, without leaving any lumps for the birds to nibble at.

Chinese Spectacled Thrush (V. A. G.).—Their song capacity appears to be variable, but I have heard some good ones, and again others that were rather indifferent—it is a Blackbird type of song. It would require soft food, ripe fruit and a fair supply of live insects, but once settled and over the importation hardships, it would do well on somewhat similar treatment to that given to the English Thrush and Blackbird. It is a handsome bird, deep reddish brown above, tawny-buff below, with variegations of black in the form of shaft streaks and some lighter areas; also a narrow white ring round each eye. I saw one offered not long ago at 15s., but 25s. to 30s. would be a more average price for a decent bird.

Cardinals (B. W.).—(1) The song of Red-Crested Cardinals is not sustained as a rule, and in the aviary is only uttered freely during the breeding season, the call is mellow, and sweet, but the song though fluty, somewhat ear-piercing. (2) Use a "mist" sprayer at mid-day on genial days, and keep strictly out of draught till dry—as a rule these birds are free bathers. If you were to accustom it to come out of its cage and put a shallow vessel of water, within range of its vision it would soon learn to take and enjoy a "tub." (3) It is a South American species, ranging over Southern Brazil, Argentine Republic and Bolivia. It is hardy, sprightly, and beautiful.

G. H. B.—There is not a great deal wrong with your bird; its quarters, too, are all right, providing you can give it fresh air without draught. At night put a cover round the sides of cage, but only partially cover top of the cage. This cover should be passed through boiling water monthly. Choose the first genial day, and spray the bird with a dilute quassia solution, using a "mist" sprayer, and repeat the operation weekly whenever weather permits, but keep the bird warm till dry. In addition to seed mixture, supply ripe fruit (most Parrots are fond of sweet apple), nuts, and plain biscuit. Keep a piece of clean cuttlebone in the cage, and add a pinch of grit (not sand) to the daily supply of seed. Either keep water in the cage or allow it to quench thirst three times daily. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk slops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever. Put half teaspoonful of byno-phosphates into the daily supply of drinking water, but once in a week in lieu of the above put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia into the water; commence with the latter, and then repeat weekly, though if the voidings are at all hard, it would be better to give two doses of the Magnesia during the first week. It would be well to let the bird take a little exercise outside its cage daily, but windows must be closed. Report progress a fortnight hence.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Coping with Red Mite.

Annoyed.—This is a matter often dealt with in our pages, and I am surprised you have not noticed methods of exterminating red-mites given therein. The only possible method of coping with these pests (to keep them down to a minimum, that is) is to deal with them immediately any are observed about. When very numerous they spread from the cages to the walls and then, of course, the latter require cleansing, too. Your best plan is to empty the cages and paint every crack and crevice (woodwork and wirework) with a mixture (equal parts) of petrol and turpentine. Let it run freely into the joints, especially places which show signs of harbouring colonies of the pests, both outside and inside the cages. The walls, etc., should be washed with a solution of carbolic (try Calvert's strongest, made according to the directions accompanying it). There will be no red-mites left then, unless you let any

escape you. Let the birds be sprayed with luke-warm water to each pint of which has been added not more than two drams of sulphuretted potash. Use the potash twice or thrice, at short intervals. Don't let the mites get the upper hand again. Keep some of the petrol and turps by you and use it on the cage joints, etc., occasionally, as may be necessary. I find the best method of keeping mites out of the nest-pan is to dust thickly under the lining with Cook's co-fectant powder (obtainable cheaply of any chemist). After the young birds are 7 or 8 days old a little can be dusted on top of the lining, too.

A Wild Seed Mixture.

Alick.—The mixture is a good one of its kind, but is what I term a "crude" sort of mixture—I mean by this that there is not sufficient variety of seeds of the right kind in it. It is "bird rapes" which make up the bulk of all screenings from threshing machines. For use with Linnets it can be vastly improved in this way. Mix equal parts of gold of pleasure and sesame, with half-parts of lettuce, plantain, and mustard (yellow) seeds. The bulk of this mix with two equal parts of the wild seed mixture. Give a teaspoonful of this one day and a teaspoonful of best old hemp (cracked) the next day, and this should soon bring any healthy Linnet into rousing song.

A Show Hawfinch.

J. Painter.—Yes; now is as good a time as any to buy a Hawfinch to moult for show. The bird itself is the main thing, of course; if it has the requisite points the "time" is not a matter of much moment. Size is very important. It is safe to say a show Hawfinch needs to be as big as possible, consistent with fine quality of feather. The ideal colour is as near a rich reddish chestnut as possible, deepening on the back, and on the head. The chest and shoulders must be very broad, and the head bold and wide, set on a short, thick neck. A narrow-headed bird, or one "hammer-headed," as it is termed (narrow either at front or back) is to be avoided. The wing markings must be rich and well defined, especially the bar, also those peculiar shaped, blue-black wing feathers with the metallic sheen. The bib is a most important marking. It should be as nearly as possible a perfect V shape, clean cut at the edges, and dense, solid black in colour—the wider and bigger the better. A "thumb-nail" shaped bib is equally goood, however, to my way of thinking. A common failing with otherwise good Hawfinches is to run pale in colour on the forehead—such birds are generally, however, on the pale side in colour all over.

The Snow Bunting.

Ayrshire.—Size is a great point with this bird, too; a wide chest and broad head are also essentials in the show bird. The ground colour should be as pure a white as possible. Like all the Buntings, the Snow seems to care for little of any seed other than canary; mine also pick over and eat small quantities of wild seed mixture, likewise groats and hemp (crushed by being passed through a seed mill), also my Finch mixture treated in the same way. They like a little insectivorous mixture (such as I prepare for my small Softbills), among which I mix a few cut-up mealworms. This I consider most beneficial. Of mealworms

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should consult Houlton's great work, "Coge-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); *Norman's "British Bird Manual"* (2,3); *or Part 1 "Hardbills"* (1/1), *Part 2 "Softbills"* (1/1); *"Aviories, Bird-rooms, and Cages"* (2/3); *"Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants"* (1/2); *"Secrets of Hybrid Breeding"* (1/2); *Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping"* (1/1); *Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever"* (7d.); *"Colour-feeding"* (3½d.); *or the "Nutshell" booklets* (2½d. *each*); *No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4 "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.*

they should have one or two daily; other suitable forms of live food they also relish. Green food they are not keen after, but take "nibbles" at any of the kinds I put into the cage (young leaves of watercress, rape seedlings, shepherd's purse, chickweed, etc., according to season). A long, low cage (like a glorified Lark "runner") is the best type, with a canvas top for fresh-caught examples. I put in two stoutish perches, which, of course, are low down. But they spend a lot of time on the floor of the cage, and their feet should be looked to, so that they do not get clogged. Coarse sawdust is an excellent covering for the cage floor, but is so apt to get into the food and water vessels.

A Try for Linnet Mules.

J. A. T.—I don't think you will have much difficulty in getting your Linnet to mule; he seems a very likely bird. A buff hen, if big and stoutly built, is all right; a yellow is preferred, because the Mules from such are generally richer in colour. The stock mixture now should be: canary and teazle two pints each, summer rape one pint, and linseed half-pint. If the birds are in a cold room now, about half-a-pint of hemp can be added to the stock mixture. A feed of maw and niger, and a good wild seed mixture can be given frequently (varied) by way of a change. Let them have a little green food, especially rape seedlings, in the winter, and flowering dandelion tops and the young leaves, also seeding shepherd's purse, chickweed, plaintain, and groundsel freely in the spring and the summer. Many good makers put up a special Linnet (or Finch) mixture in packets, and a feed of this occasionally makes an acceptable variation from the ordinary stock mixture. To bring them in condition quickly the great "secret" is to give them a good daily supply of the best old hemp, and crack it lightly, so that they feed well off it. Also put in the "side-pan," or "tit-bit" drawer, daily a teaspoonful of the following mixture: Two ounces each of gold of pleasure, niger, plaintain, sesame, and thistle, one ounce each of mustard (the golden-yellow seed), dandelion, maw, cornflower, and lettuce. It is the finest "tit-bit" or "refresher" (call it what you will) that I know, and there is no waste. This treatment will bring any bird into breeding condition at the earliest possible moment.

Managing a Song Thrush.

Arthur Jayes.—The "Melox," etc., which I recommend, will answer well for a show bird, if some high-class insectile mixture is added to it and some suitable live foods given, also fruit and berries, according to season. But a better (though not the cheapest) method is to feed the bird on the following lines (any good corn dealer would mix you the stock food). stock mixture (store it in tins): Finely ground chicken (or game or pheasant or partridge) meal, six parts; ground silkworm pupæ, meat meal, good ants' eggs and dried flies, one part each, by measure. Get the chicken (or other) meal without grit. If you have any difficulty in doing so, finely crushed puppy cakes (or puppy meal) makes an excellent substitute; or the "broken" biscuit obtainable from the grocer. If the latter be used, add an extra part of meat meal and silkworm pupæ. Damp quantity required for daily use with grated raw carrot, or finely-chopped lettuce, chickweed, watercress, or other green food in season, or cold boiled potato. Vary them frequently, and add a teaspoonful of preserved egg flake, or half a hard-boiled egg, finely minced up, occasionally. Give some mealworms daily, and any other live insects you can lay hands on, also ripe fruit and berries frequently, and according to season. "Black-beetles" are very much relished, likewise snails, by the Thrush. The bird must be allowed every facility for bathing.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 2, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Anxious.—Fatty degeneration of the liver, with localised hemorrhages, due to the breaking of the tissue. This is a disease of some standing, and arises from the taking in with the food or water of impurities which set up destructive changes in the organs of digestion. I presume your former losses were of a similar nature, and arose from the same cause. Make a fresh start by getting an entirely fresh supply of seed, and mixing with the drinking water sufficient Condy's to colour it slightly.

W. J. B. Blake.—Broncho-pneumonia, following on a chill, induced by retarded moult.

W. D. Eley.—Crested Norwich died of pneumonia following on septicoemia, a condition in which the blood becomes affected. There was no indication of contagion, nor was the diet in any way associated with the cause.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

Ideas (W. Williams).—We have given a very similar perch before.

A Photograph (J. Broad).—We thank you for sending this, and will certainly try to utilise it.

Bird Pets (D. McArthur).—Our best thanks to you for your interesting communication.

An Interesting Event (E. P. S., W.A., and others).—Thanks for your notification.

Cuttings (H. Strong, G. Harding, S. A. E., and others).—Many thanks for the newspaper cuttings sent us, which we will utilise as space permits.

A Suggestion (W. R. Pike).—We are much obliged to you for the suggestion, but our innate modesty, we are afraid, stands in the way of its being carried out; we'll promise you to think it over, however.

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Jan. 6.—**Aspatria.**—W. Jackson, East Terrace, Blennerhasset, Carlisle.
Jan. 8.—**Lingfield.**—J. Stone, Talbot Rd.
Jan. 8.—**Sunderland.**—J. Jeffery, 3, Glenthorne Rd.
Jan. 9.—**Skelmanthorpe.**—J. Hird, Sunny Side.
Jan. 9.—**Guildford.**—E. Stevens, 7, Manor Rd.
Jan. 10.—**Resolven.**—D. Jones, Bryndilo, Resolven.
Jan. 12.—**Gorseinon (Glam.).**—D. Jones, The Bryn Boot Stores.

ENTRIES EXTENDED.

Jan. 9 (1st post).—**Driffield (Yorks.).**—Mr. Lownsborough.
Jan. 9 (mid day).—**Plumstead and Woolwich.**—Meades and Smith, 56, Conway Rd.
Jan. 10.—**Staveley.**—C. Bramall, 51, Railway Cotts., Staveley, Chesterfield.

PRIZE MONEY PAID.

Malton, Norton; Blackburn.

Bankfoot C.B.S.: Held Dec. 16, Red Lion Hotel—the last show of the season. Judge, Mr. P. Mason (Windhill); 73 entries (the largest number of the season). Messrs. Taylor Bros. won sp. of 4s. for best percentage, and 2s. 6d. for best vbc; Mr. B. Wilman, best ck.; Mr. W. North, best hen. Principal winners: Yorke., Messrs. Mueson, Bastow, North, Hudson, Kershaw, Wilman, Taylor Bros., Mitchell, Gelder.—F. Gelder, Sec.

Shipley O.S.: Held Dec. 19, Prince of Wales. Mr. H. Long judged; 111 birds were shown. Winners of spls.: Messrs. J. A. Taylor, L. Crossland, A. Craven, and T. Cooper. Best cock, Mr. J. A. Taylor; best hen, Mr. L. Crossland. Cup points to date: champions, J. A. Taylor 83, L. Crossland 72, H. Martin 65, Brown and Son 60, H. Hudson 47, H. H. Towers 46, H. Long 41; novices: H. Robson 54, J. Holmes 44, T. Cooper 37, J. W. Gait 31, J. Excell. 27. Principal winners: champions, Messrs. Crossland, Towers, Taylor, Craven, Brown and Son, Johnson, Murgatroyd, Hudson, Battye, Harrison; novices: Messrs. Leighton and Geniee, Holmes, Cooper, Robinson.—A. Tillotson, Sec.

Bramley O.S.: Held Dec. 16. Mr. R. Halliday judged. Principal winners of the various competitions: Society's prizes: Mr. Richmond 153 points, Mr. Marsh 118, Mr. Johnson 107. Yorks. sp.: Mr. Richmond 104, Mr. Marsh 103; Nor. sp.: Mr. Johnson 94, Mr. Richmond 73; Cinn.-mkd. spl.: Mr. Richmond 74, Mr. Steel 36; Mr. Musgrave Sharp's sp.: Mr. Marsh 65, Mr. Richmond 60; Novice classes: Mr. Page 120, Mr. Scarth 82, Mr. Wainwright 80. Principal winners: Yorks, Messrs. Marsh, Richmond, Bracewell; Nor., Messrs. Johnson, Richmond, Southern; Cinn-mkd., Messrs. Richmond, Marsh, Bracewell, Steel; Novice classes, Messrs. Page, Wainwright, Scarth.—W. Maltby, Sec.

Bradford East O.S.: Final show for year held Park Chapel Schools, December 23rd, when 118 birds faced Mr. R. Halliday (Shipley), who judged. Over 700 birds have taken part in the year's competitions. Winners of specials: Champion Section: Messrs. F. Allen, 134 points; W. Stables, 118; C. E. Walker, 112; H. Hill, 67; W. Laycock, 62; G. White and J. Northrop, 52 each (tie for 6th and 7th prizes); Riley Bros., 48. Novice Section: Messrs. Cowell and Calloway, 98 points; E. Riley, 84; S. Midgley, 76; J. Wroe, 67; G. K. Rushworth, 52; J. Rhodes, W. Turner and S. B. Grayshon, 51 each (tie for 6th, 7th and 8th prizes). Extra novice section: Messrs. J. Gregson, 26 points; W. Gornall, 16. Selling class section: Messrs. J. Farrar, 40 points; G. R. Rushworth, 32. Winners of most points at this show: Messrs. Allen, Stables, Walker, Laycock, Hill, Wroe, Cowell and Calloway, E. Riley, Rhodes, Fielding, Gornall, Gregson, Farrar, Rushworth. Prizes will be presented at annual tea and concert, January 9th, 1912; all members are invited to be present. Principal winners: Champ. Yorks., Messrs. Stables, Allen, White, Hill, Laycock, Walker; novice Yorks., Messrs. Fielding, Wroe, Cowell and Calloway, Midgley, E. Riley, Hardaker, Rhodes, Rushworth, F. Cruise; extra novice Yorks., Messrs. Gregson, Gornall.—H. Hill, Sec.

Sandy Lane C.B.A.: Held Dec. 23, headquarters. Judge, Mr. L. C. Casey (Bradford). Principal winners: Yorks., Messrs. Wilson, Shaw Bros., Whitwham, Drake and Son; Novice Yorks., Messrs. Ratcliffe, Holdsworth, S. Moore, Whatmough, J. Moore.—Ratcliffe and Shaw, Secs.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

ONE notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Anfield, Everton C.B.S.—Jan. 15, St. Cuthbert's School Rooms, 8. Show statements.—R. B. Wright.

Aintree, Fazakerley F.S.—Jan. 8, Aintree Institute Cafe, 8. General meeting. Confirmation of rules made by committee, fixing headquarters, arrangement for first table show and judges, nomination of new members, etc. Fanciers desirous of joining invited to send names to sec., J. Anderson, 58, Long Lane, Aintree.

Atterclife C.B.S.—Jan. 11, Horse and Jockey Hotel, 8. Distribution of point specials and lecture on the Yorkshire.—W. Richinson.

Ashton-under-Lyne O.S.—Jan. 9, P.S.A. Rooms, 8. Annual general meeting, balance-sheet, and election of officials.—J. R. Colville.

Ayr C.B.C.—Jan. 10, Academy Hall, 7.30. Singing competition, Canaries and Linnets. Entry fee, 3d.—J. Sloan.

Yorks. Prize Distribution Committee.—Jan. 10, Market Tavern, Bradford, 7.30. Arrangements for annual dinner and prize distribution. Members of committee please attend. Important.—H. Hill.

Bradford East O.S.—Sunday, Jan. 7, Park Chapel, 6. Fanciers' Sunday evening service. All fanciers and friends please accept the invitation and turn up in good numbers to this bright and homely service.—H. Hill.

Bradford National Show Committee.—Jan. 10, Market Tavern, Bradford, 8.15. Presentation of balance-sheet, etc.—H. Hill.

Bradford East O.S.—Jan. 9, Park Chapel Schools, West Bowling, Bradford. Annual tea, concert and prize distribution. Tea on tables at 6 o'clock; concert 7.30. Adults 9d., children 6d. Concert only, 4d. and 2d. All fanciers heartily invited. Good programme.—H. Hill.

Barnsley C.B.S.—Jan. 6, Clarence Hotel, 7.30. Election of officers for 1912. Members and intending members requested to attend.—F. C. Sims.

British Roller C.C.—Jan. 9, The Royal Mail, Noble Street, St. Martins-le-Grand, 8. Urgent.—J. W. Norris.

Birmingham South O.S.—Jan. 10, Sydenham Hotel, 8.30. Very important; nominate new officials for 1912. Pay prize and specials. Members please account for tickets sold so that show balance may be ready.—J. Sheppard.

Codnor Park and Eastwood C.B.S.—Jan. 13, Queen's Head Hotel, Riddings, 7. Election of new officers for 1912; balance-sheet 1911; members' show.—J. H. Mitchell.

City of Wakefield O.S.—Jan. 6, Crown and Anchor. Election of officers for 1912.—J. Atkinson.

City and County of Perth O.A.—Jan. 8, Laidlaw's Hotel, Leonard Street, 8. Auditors' report on balance-sheet. Election of office-bearers, fixing open and club shows, etc.—J. Kerr.

Cheltenham C.B.S.—Jan. 10, Sydney Arms Hotel, 8. Annual general meeting. Election of officers, balance-sheet, and general business.—A. S. Treasure.

Clitheroe C.B.S.—Jan. 6, Bennett's Tea Rooms, 6. Annual meeting, election of officers, etc.; a washing competition will be held.—J. Southworth.

Darlington C.B.S.—Jan. 10, Labour Hall, 8. General meeting; elect officers, etc.—H. Todd.

Derwent Valley C.B.S.—Jan. 6, headquarters, 7. Election of officers, etc.—J. Lindsay.

Doncaster C.B.S.—Jan. 13, Victoria Rooms, 7.30. Balance-sheet, election of officers, members' show business, alteration of rules. Fanciers cordially invited to join.—G. Bescoby.

Dubmire Workmen's Club C.B.S.—Sunday, Jan. 7, Dubmire Workmen's Club, 10.30. Anyone wishing to become a member can do so by attending.—B. Robinson.

Dewsbury C.B.S.—Jan. 13, Saville Hotel, 7.30. Show business. Please note change of date.—S. Shaw.

Denton C.B.S.—Jan. 8, headquarters, 8. Very important. New members may be nominated at this meeting.—W. Hopwood.

East Bowling B.F.A.—Jan. 8, 7.30. Annual general meeting; election of officers, etc.—L. Booth.

Eccleshill C.B.A.—Jan. 6, Fountain Inn, 8. General.—W. Nettleton.

Eccles C.B.S.—Jan. 10, Diamond Inn, 8. New members.—J. Hall.

Eastfield Side C.B.S.—Jan. 6, Masons' Arms, 6.30. Election of officers and new rules; table show 5s. limit. Judge, Mr. J. J. Bradbury.—R. Nuttall.

Great Horton O.S.—Jan. 13, Butchers' Arms, 8. Special business; classification for members' shows for 1912.—J. Holroyd.

Glossop, Hadfield C.B.S.—Jan. 9, Mr. A. Deakins, 59, Hague Street, Glossop, 8. Annual general meeting; balance-sheet, election of new mmbers, election of officers. Fanciers invited.—E. Thompson.

Halifax O.S.—Jan. 6, Plummet Line Hotel, 8. Important; members will oblige by returning unused admission tickets for last annual show.—J. J. Dunn.

Hartlepools C.B.S.—Jan. 10, Y.M.C.A., Whitly Street, 8. Annual general meeting.—E. Woodhead.

Hebden Bridge and Calder Valley O.S.—Jan. 11, Nutclough Tavern, 8. Schedules for inter-club show on January 27.—A. Pickles.

Hanley C.B.S.—Jan. 10, Albion Hotel, 8. Balance-sheet, election of officers for 1912, discussion on cup.—G. Lawton.

Houghton-le-Spring C.B.S.—Jan. 6, White Lion Hotel, 7.30. Election of officers, balance-sheet, and prize money paid, etc.—R. H. Dixon.

Keighley C.B.S.—Jan. 9, Black Horse Hotel, 7.30. Very important.—J. Binns.

Kent County C.B.A.—Jan. 10, 12, Barton Road School, Dover, 7.30. Decide winner of British cup, and general business.—A. Hendry.

Leeds C.B.S.—Jan. 6, Lockhart's, next door to Hope Bros., Briggate, 7.30. Balance-sheet for 1911, draw for bird and cage, etc.—W. A. Wilson.

London and C.O.S.—Jan. 6, Earl Cathcart, Osnaburgh Street, N.W. Annual general meeting; election of officers, etc. Smoking concert on Jan. 13; don't miss.—R. J. Pretty.

Leith O.S.—Jan. 13, Liberal Club, Hope St., 7.—G. Brown.

London C.B.A.—Jan. 10, Feathers, Gt. Chapel St., 8. General; dinner, etc.—W. H. Mugford.

Leeds Roller C.C.—Jan. 6, 55, Briggate, 7.30 Balance-sheet, election of officers, etc.—W. L. Davis

Longton C.B.S.—Jan. 9, Castle Inn, 8. Balance sheet. Election of officers.—Hallam and Lovett.

Larkhall C.B.A.—Jan. 13, Miners' Hall, 6. Show F.M. Greenie hens and Bullfinch hens. Fanciers invited.—J. Pollock.

Leicester C.B.S.—Jan. 10, headquarters, 8.15. Nor. yell. cock (except unflig.) open and novice, ditto hen unflig.; Greenfinch, Chaffinch, or Bramble. Election of officers.—W. R. Adams.

Lancashire and Lizard F.A.—Jan. 6, Wellington Hotel, Hyde, 6.30. Paying prize money and specials.—J. Rukin.

Littleborough C.B.S.—Jan. 10, Coffee House, 8. Election of officers and balance-sheet.—J. R. Mayers.

Llanelly C.B.S.—Jan. 6, Greybound Hotel, 7.30. To receive subs., books and ticket money for late show, and to make arrangement for members' and local show.—D. John.

Manchester and N.C.O.S.—Jan. 8, Deansgate Hotel 7.45. Election of officers, social, etc.—H. Boothman.

Manningham C.B.A.—Jan. 6, headquarters, 8. Annual report, election of officers for 1912.—H. Grange.

Middleton C.B.S.—Jan. 8, Old Boars Head, 8. Balance-sheet for December show. Election of officers for 1912.—J. Oldham.

Mid-Rhondda C.B.S.—Jan. 11, White Hart Hotel, Tonypandy, 7. General; friends who have promised to join kindly attend.—A. H. C. Legg.

Northern Lizard Club.—Jan. 6, Fawcett Street Cafe, 7. Urgent business.—G. Davidson.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Jan. 9, St. Stephen's Schools, Conran Street, Harpurhey, 8. Re amalgamated show; important.—J. Davey.

Nelson C.B.S.—Jan. 8, Thornton's Restaurant, 8. Yearly balance and election of officers for 1912, etc.—J. Gregson.

Oldham C.B.S.—Jan. 9, Textile Dining Room, 8. General meeting and election of officers. Will fanciers kindly note that Yorks. table show is postponed until 23rd.—J. Cope.

Paisley Tannahill O.S.—Jan. 13, Lockie's, 2, St. James Street, 7.30. Balance-sheet, new members, etc.—J. Stewart.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—Jan. 8, Irwell Castle, Lower Broughton, 8. Election of officers, amalgamated show business.—J. Critchley.

Queen's Park C.B.A.—Jan. 11, Emmanuel Hall, Harrow Road, W., 8. General meeting.—J. C. Birch.

Rawtenstall F.S.—Jan. 9, Wellington Hotel, Cloughfold, 7.30. Annual general meeting; election of officers, etc. Fanciers invited.—H. Kershaw.

Rochdale O.C.—Jan. 8, Club Rooms, 8.30. Annual meeting; election of officials, etc.—R. Blincoe.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—Jan. 10, Temperance Club, 7.30. New scheme; mating competition; all fanciers and friends welcomed.—E. Hartley.

Sale C.B.S.—Jan. 8, Volunteer Hotel, 8. Election of officers.—A. Royle.

Sandy Lane C.B.A.—Jan. 9, Victoria Hotel, 8.—Ratcliffe and Shaw.

Stonehouse C.B. and F.H.S.—Jan. 13, Public Hall, 7. To fix classes for table shows.—W. Melvin.

Stockport B.F.A.—Jan. 9, Boar's Head Hotel, 8. Balance-sheets and election of officers.—W. Stafford.

South-West London C.B.S.—Jan. 11, Plough Hotel, 8.30. General meeting appointing auditors and officers for 1912; resignation of secretary; all annual subs. now due.—J. Jeffrey.

Smallbridge C.B.S.—Jan. 8, I.O.G.T. Room, 7.30. Election of officers, second half-year's report, etc.—W. Lanyon.

Skipton C.B.S.—Jan. 8, Globe Coffee Tavern, 8. Arrangements for February show.—E. Gill.

Swansea C.B.S.—Jan. 9, Market Coffee Tavern, 8. Election of officers for 1912; date and judges for next open show.—S. H. George.

Skelmanthorpe C.B.S.—Jan. 9, Liberal Club, 8. Final arrangements for open show.—J. Hird.

Sheriffhill F. and F.S.—Jan. 6, St. John's Mission Rooms, Sheriffhill, 6.30. General monthly meeting; also table show; judge, Mr. J. Gray (Low Fell). Judging to commence 7 o'clock. Fanciers invited.—W. Stockton.

Tong C.B.S.—Jan. 9, Hand and Shuttle Inn, Dudley Hill, 7.45.—W. Walker.

Wigan C.B.S.—Jan. 6, Leg of Man Hotel, 8. Balance-sheet, election officers.—W. Dyer.

Wallsend and Mid-Tyne C.B.A.—Jan. 10, Station Hotel, 7.30. Return dinner tickets; next annual show, judges; new members, and subs.; and social for members' wives.—J. M. Macdonald.

Wimbledon C.B.S.—Jan. 8, 6, Broadway, 8. Boy Scouts' competition, presentation of prizes, "Questions and Answers," pair show arrangements.—H. Smith.

Wibsey C.B.S.—Jan. 6, Horse and Groom Inn, 8. Important. Members and intending members please attend.—H. C. Crossley.

Wolverhampton C.B.S.—Dec. 11, Duke of York, 8. Annual meeting, election of officers, paying out prize money from last show; all other business to be settled up.—J. Gibbons.

Wombwell B.F.A.—Jan. 13, Wesleyan Chapel, Park Street, 7. Election of officers.—J. Hudson.

Windhill O.S.—Jan. 6, Blue Bell Hotel, 8. Election of officers, balance-sheet, members' show, etc.—J. Cook.

West Fife C.B. League.—Jan. 13, Masonic Arms, Cowdenbeath, 7 p.m. Presentation of cup and specials.—W. Duff.

Wood Green F. and F.A.—Jan. 9, Brook Road, 8 o'clock. Annual general meeting, balance-sheet, election of officers, alteration of rules, points prizes.—T. Callegari.

York C.B.S.—Jan. 8, All Saints' Room, 8. Business, agenda for year 1912, etc.—H. Sayles.

Great Horton O.S.: Held Dec. 26, Club House. Mr. T. Bennett judged. Prize winners: champion section, Messrs. Fred Self (cup and medal); 2, Lister; 3, Gaunt; 4, Ormonroyd; novice section, Messrs. Hainsworth, C. H. Self, Shackleton, Hudson.—J. Holroyd, Sec.

Admiral Duncan O.S.: Winding-up show of the season held Dec. 16. Mr. R. Holmes won premier sp. for most points throughout the year for the third time in succession; also the extra sp. for most points in the Crest section. Mr. W. Twine was top scorer in the Norwich section, and Mr. J. Wood, who was second in points in the British section, took the top sp., our worthy host not competing for his own sp. Mr. J. Driver judged. The show was a success. Principal winners: Nor., Messrs. Twine and Hill; Crests, Messrs. Goode, Cowpertwait, Bowers, Holmes, and Wood; British, Messrs. Goode, Bunn, Wood, Bowers, and Wagg; Mules, Messrs. Twine and Goode.—J. Cowpertwait, Sec.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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A Revival of the Late Thrums Cage Bird Association.

Sir,—A meeting of fanciers was held on Dec. 23, in the Airlie Arms Hotel, Kirriemuir, for the purpose of trying to revive the late Thrums C.B.A. There was an excellent attendance of local fanciers. After the object of the meeting had been explained, a discussion took place, when it was unanimously agreed to form a society. The following office-bearers have been elected:—President, Mr. D. Lawson; vice-president, Mr. W. Buttar; secretary, Mr. Joe Stevenson, 6, Muir Street; treasurer, Mr. J. Ewart; along with a good working committee. After the office-bearers had been elected it was unanimously agreed to hold an open show on the old date, namely, the second Saturday in December, 1912.

JOE STEVENSON, hon. sec.

Do Birds Want Their Freedom?

Sir,—To prove to our faddist friends that it is not cruel to keep wild birds or any bird in cages, I may say I have a hen Bullfinch that I take out of her cage and put on the table. She will then walk about for a short time and look to see if there is anything to eat; then she will go back into her cage and shut the cage door after her; and until she gets the door quite closed she is not satisfied. After that she seems quite content. She never once tries to fly or use her wings. And the best of it is she has done this entirely on her own accord, for I have never attempted to teach her in any way. I should think this is another proof showing that when well treated birds much prefer cage life to exposure to the uncertainty of getting a living in a wild state. I never think of closing any of the room doors whilst the bird is out, and she never once has attempted to fly through the open doors, although there is nothing to prevent her doing so; she always makes straight for her cage, and does not seem happy until she gets there. Permit me to wish CAGE BIRDS and CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE every success and a most successful New Year.

A. HOLLINGSHEAD.

A Visit to Two Prominent Bradford Fanciers.

Sir,—The other week-end found me at Dudley Hill with a little time on my hands, and, of course, as a birdy man, my first thought was: "Where can I pop in and have a look at a few birds?" Well, as I was not very far from the residences of Messrs. Ogden Brothers, I thought I would look in. My first call was at the house of the elder of the two brothers, and he has two rooms for his birds, capable of holding a large number. The first item when you visit a Yorkshire breeder's room is to have some birds run out into show cages for you to look at, and there they have a lot worth the running out—far too many to enumerate here. But I also notice a six-compartment travelling cage, and the question came, "Are you sending some abroad?" "Yes," he answered, "we are sending three pairs out to Messrs. Eastway Bros., New Zealand, by the boat sailing this week. Will let you have a look at them all." First came a clear pink-eyed buff cock that I knew well as a winner last year, and with him is gone a neat yellow hen that had been paired with him the last breeding season, and as breeders the progeny showed that they had hit it, the couple having produced some clinking birds, amongst them being the yellow hen that has done so well for them on the bench this season. Next we had out a thigh-ticked yellow cock and a clear buff hen, both winners at Y.U. shows of first prizes, then a pair of cinnamon marked birds, both winners also, a rare, long-sided, nicely marked yellow, and a smart marked buff hen, the usual failing of the cinnamon marks—stoutness of body—not being evident in either. Part of these were in the room of the other brother, "t'young 'un," Luther, who has also two rooms at the disposal of the birds, one in particular containing a large number of fine birds of the Yorkie type.

"STRAIGHT 'UN."

Club Shows in Belfast.

A Suggestion to Amalgamate.

Sir,—As you and most of your many readers know, there are two clubs or societies in Belfast, each holding a young bird show annually, confined to birds bred during the season; and at each show members can exhibit two birds in each class. When all accounts are paid, the balance is paid over the different classes as prize-money, running down to the third or fourth prize birds. The Belfast Ornithological Society is the oldest club in Ireland, and formerly its members represented fanciers of all varieties, but latterly it has been principally identified with Belgian and Scotch Fancy Canaries. The Norwich Club, as it is generally termed, is composed of members who breed the Crested, Plainhead, and Yorkshire varieties, and is now more of a general club than when founded. Now my idea is that these two clubs should amalgamate. It would be to the advantage of the Fancy generally. The same purpose would be served by one show instead of two at half the cost in most matters, such as rent of hall, advertising, etc. The show season is now a bit congested in Ulster, and this would free a week and relieve it a little; and if my suggestion was adopted possibly a different date from any in use could be adopted for the amalgamated club show. These clubs each hold their annual meeting in January, at which rules are revised, if necessary, and other business done that can only be done at the annual meeting, and I would suggest that these two clubs at their annual meetings appoint two or more members each to meet and discuss this matter. They could then put the case before their own members, and the way could be left open at the annual meetings for any arrangement to be carried into effect that might be agreed on; otherwise this could not be done for twelve months. The course I have suggested would bind neither club to anything. As your reporter, when dealing with the last Ulster O.A.'s open show, remarked, there is perfect harmony in the Fancy in Belfast, and as union is strength I hope to see my suggestion carried out, when we would have in Belfast a club show equal to most open shows and much larger and better than many now held.

PROGRESS.

The Food of a Nightingale.

Sir,—In reply to Mr. C. Harrison's enquiry about my method of feeding Nightingales, I have much pleasure in stating that same is simplicity itself; and it only requires that there shall be proper care in the preparation of the food to bring about success. The staple food is dried ants' eggs, and the best quality is the cheapest in the long run. The ants' eggs are mixed with grated raw carrot just sufficient to make them absorb the moisture of the carrot. This mixing I do overnight, letting the food stand in a basin pressed down to soak until next morning; then I stir the ants' eggs up well with a fork, and by varying the menu, add one day dried flies (scalded) about one-fifth of the bulk, the next day, instead of the dried flies, using ground silk-worm pupae; the day after I substitute for these, if the weather should be cold, finely ground hemp seed. These ingredients must be well mixed together, so that the food, when passed through the hands, feels crumbly moist to the touch. If it is sticky, add a little Osborne biscuit or grated sponge cake. When the birds show signs of coming on song, I sprinkle a pinch of yolk of egg on top of their food, or wasp grubs, previously soaked (if obtainable), and in addition give a mealworm or two a day, gradually increasing the latter to twelve a day, four in the morning, four mid-day, and four in the evening. I would, however, caution beginners to be very careful in the use of mealworms, as the too-frequent use of same (they act as a great stimulant) is often the cause of ailments and consequent disappointment. Mr. Harrison wants to know whether I keep my birds in a heated room. Yes, I do; but I never let the temperature exceed 65degs., trying to maintain an average of 60degs. during the day. During the night the temperature falls to 55degs., sometimes 50degs., but I find that the birds take no harm as long as they are protected against draughts. Unless small insectivorous birds are kept in an aviary where they can enjoy plenty of exercise, a little artificial heat during the winter months is necessary, but the birds must not be kept too warm, as too much heat is apt to throw them into soft moult just at the time of year when one is looking forward to a period of song, and all one's pains and labours have been in vain for that season. In conclusion, I may say that I am always at home on Sunday mornings, and if Mr. Harrison, or any other fancier interested in Nightingales, will give me a call to hear the birds sing, I shall be pleased to afford him that opportunity.

OTTO PUCK.

Darenth Lodge, Chingford, Essex.

Some Favourite Foreign Birds and Their Story.

A "Cut-throat" Who Killed His Wife?

Sir,—I regret to inform you that I have just lost one of my favourite bird pets in a rather unusual manner. I have had a Ruddy Cowbird for nearly three years now, and one of his chief joys was to execute a rapid series of back-somersaults. He would do a dozen of these "off the reel," as the saying is, and my Starlings in vain tried to imitate him—from his top perch downwards. I never saw any bird do anything like it. This, alas! caused his death, for a few days ago he missed his balance and came down crack on his head on to the bottom of his cage and died instantly from concussion. As he died in lovely condition and was a good specimen, I presented him to the Scottish National Museum, who, not having one in their collection, gratefully accepted him; so, even dead, poor "Jimmy" will be useful. He was a happy little chap, an ardent wooer of my other birds (regardless of sex, too), and never tired of carrying round grasses or feathers to them, throwing back his head in a ridiculous manner, and singing lustily. Alas! they ignored his efforts, and he made no conquests. In fact, his efforts were misconstrued, and he was repulsed now and then. Absolutely tame and confiding, he would come for a worm, go in and out of his cage at the word of command, and even try and open his door when told. For one of his species he was a good singer, and the first to start off in the morning; and when pleased or spoken to made a curious "cluck-cluck" sound, very quickly and loudly. And he loved his bath, "clucking" all the time. To see him chase my two Starlings out of the basin and keep them at bay until he was finished was a sight for the gods! He cost me a humble half-crown only, but I refused eight times that for him this year from an envious and wealthy exhibitor. His loss, following closely on the loss of a talking Starling whom I had for four years last month, has cast a gloom over by little bird room that new purchases will not dispel. The Ruddy Cowbird from South America is not shown or kept much, I believe. Possibly his sombre colours are to blame for this. I find him a rather interesting bird, though. He is hardy, easy to keep, has a restless manner, and a shrill (if a little snarp) but continuous song that is pleasing. My specimen knew his name, too, and whenever I approached his cage he uttered a quick, chattering sound which became quicker and louder as the expected mealworm was produced. His black beak and beautiful eye relieved the mouse-grey of his head and breast, and a funny jerky way of sticking his big tail up as he hopped about showed off his pretty brown tail and back admirably. I still have my veteran Budgie, whose third hen promises better than his previous ones. The first led him "the devils' own pace," and I gladly sold her; and the second, after laying an egg and breaking it, left this world, having achieved sufficient, I suppose, for her ambitions. I hope yet to see him a proud father of some primrose-coloured baby Budgies. He is a good bird, biting me when asked, and upsetting every water tin within reach without being asked. A curious bad habit, eh? And apparently all out of pure cussedness. The sight of a "rat's tail" brings him to the door at once, and he will nibble it to pieces in a twinkling, out of my little girl's hand. I do not know which of them enjoys it most. A pair of young Budgerigars amused us lately. I had put them into an odd Canary cage on their arrival until I had time to look at them properly, and when I got home at night, to my surprise, I found they had crushed their way out by the water hole and got in somehow beside my adult pair. There they were, all in a row, sitting quite contented—"friends in captivity," I suppose. My Cutthroat, I may add, killed his wife, and has been much happier since, suffering no remorse, and constantly repeating his short and limited song, puffing out his feathers in a most quaint way all the time.

DAN MCARTHUR.

Edinburgh.

Under the White Rose.

DURING the holidays fanciers have been enjoying themselves immensely at their members' shows, and as most of them were the completion of the year's competitions, they lacked none of the interest usually centred in finals. I hear that at Bradford City the competition for the points specials for the year's members' shows was extremely keen, ties and single point differences being the general run of the top scorers.

MORLEY had a nice show on Boxing Day, the British bird section being a real treat; and it was a pity none of them were over at the Cinderella show some weeks ago; they would have been in the running with certainty. I would advise the Yorkshire County B.B. and M.C. to have a look round this district for a few new members—45 entries in five British classes is not bad for hereabouts.

EACH of the two societies at Hebden Bridge held a members' show on Dec. 23, and both were very good, some nice birds being put down. But it is a pity both were not rolled into one; there would then have been some keen competition, which would have been an advantage. Cannot something be done? I did hear that on Dec. 30 both the Sowerby Bridge and the Heptonstall societies were having a combined members' show, so perhaps when they get together they will begin to talk, and when they begin to talk one never knows what will come of it. Let us hope in this case it will result in the fusion of two if not three of the above-named societies. Think of the old saying: "United we stand, divided we fall." Wibsey and Queensbury have these combined shows at times, and I see they had one booked for Dec. 30 also. As a rule these combined shows are good—better than being held singly—and are looked forward to with interest by the members.

I HAVE heard a little good news to-day anent the Bradford National Show. A prominent official of a Bradford Naturalist Society (unfortunately I do not know the society's name) asked me the question if we were likely to have another such show. Of course, I answered that in all probability there would be another, and he said that, along with several others, he had attended the late show, and that they were delighted with it; and at their meeting following the show he had been called upon to give an account of the birds staged; this description had gratified all present, the Mules, Hybrids, British, and Foreign birds especially appealing to the general tastes of the members, and they want another year to be posted up near the time, so that all can attend.

"STRAIGHT 'UN."

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LLANDRINDOD WELLS.

Mid Wales F.F.S. first annual members' show held Brynarials Pavilion, Dec. 27. Several very goods birds were staged. A fine lot of specials were offered in addition to 3 prizes on sliding scale. Entries turned up well. Mr. J. Bufton won special for best bird, with a nice Border; special for best Crest or Nor., Mr. P. Muscott; Messrs. Hutt Bros. won special for best British with a Bullfinch.

CREST: 1, 2, Muscott; 3, Lewis. NOR.: 1, 2, 3, Muscott; res., Davies. BORD., FCY., CL.: 1, 2, J. Bufton. VAR.: 1, 3, J. O. Bufton; 2, Smith. GOLDFINCH: 1, H. Morgan. BULLFINCH: 1, Hutt Bros.; 2, 3, Muscott. LINNET, ETC.: 1, J. Bufton; 2, Hutt Bros.; 3, N. Hutt. A.O. BRIT.: 1, Muscott; 2, Hutt Bros.; 3, res., Solomon. MULE OR HYBRID: 1, 2, R. F. Bufton. NOVICE, A.V.: 1, Powell; 2, Parry; 3, Heighway and Mills.

S. BIRMINGHAM O.S.

Members' show held December 26th, in the Assembly Rooms adjoining headquarters, Sydenham Hotel, a very fine room, well lighted and free from draughts. The society owe a good deal to the show manager, Mr. J. Wright, for the splendid way in which he carried out his duties. He was hard at work from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., and without him very little of the staging would have been erected. Messrs. Stevenson, Hughes, Smithers, Davey and Burke were a grand lot of stewards, and rendered great help. Mr. Chairman Willmott also lent a helping hand at the opening, and assisted with the rush of visitors during the afternoon. Mr. J. H. Rog judged. The President was unable to open the show, so the secretary took the handsome cage and bird which was to have been publicly presented to him, later on in the evening, for which the doctor tenders his very best thanks to all members. Close on 190 birds were staged, and the Yorks. were a fine lot, the hen class of 16 being a fine display. Many well-known fanciers dropped in during the afternoon, and the society have good cause to remember their first venture. Specials: Best bird and best unflig. Yorks., Mr. J. Hughes; best novice, silver cup, best novice unflig., Mr. J. Adcock; best Yorks. hen, Mr. H. Kidner; best novice Nor., also Nor. unflig., Mr. West; silver medal for best Nor. hen, Mr. F. Derney; Border and marked Border, Mr. A. Murray; best Mule or Brit., Mr. A. Ward; Crest, Mr. A. Jones; best bird moulted in A.V., Mr. E. T. Willmott. Special winners for most points: Gent.'s umbrella, silver medal, cruet, Mr. J. Hughes, 34 points; Yorks. drawing, Mr. J. Burke, 17, also wins handsome china vase. Art calendar, most entries, Mr. Clay; Mr. Murray, 13; Mr. Broomfield, 12; most entries least points, Mr. Ankers. The secretary has already received further new members, the result of the show, and hopes all members will attend the meeting, January 10th, to receive prize money and specials, and bring unsold tickets with them.

CHAMP. CLASSES: NOR. YELL. (1): 1, Child, tkd., fine shape and quality. BUFF: 1, Broomfield, nice one. HEN (4): 1, spl., 3, Derry, first yell., very typical, nice quality, third nice bull, a trifle on the small side; 2, Broomfield, thick set, fails only in head; 4, Childs. UNFLIG. (6): 1, 2, 4, Derry, 1st varieg. buff, good one, second yell., better in shape and size, fails only in condition; 3, Broomfield, mkd. buff, nice quality; vhc, Childs. YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL. (6): 1, Clay, tkd. back of neck, fine specimen, good position, length and quality, A1; 2, 3, Buke, former thigh tkd., close up, well drawn, fine position and quality, third tkd. on neck, nice shoulder, neat waist; 4, Stevenson; vhc, Hughes; hc, Ankers. BUFF (8): 1, Kidner, correct type, grand style and quality; 2, Clay, close up, finely drawn, full of quality, well up on leg; 3, Sheppard, cl., nice head, well filled neck, well drawn, a wee shade stronger; 4, hc, Hughes; vhc, Wright; c, Burke. VARIEG. (5): 1, Sheppard, wing mkd yel. cinn., won easily, straight as a pencil, magnificent quality and position; 2, Clay, varieg. yell., capital position and style; 3, Wright, varieg. buff; 4, Stevenson; vhc, Burke. HEN (16): 1, spl., Kidner, bull, good length, very straight, nice; quality; 2, 4, vhc, Hughes, fine yell., well drawn; 3, Clay, bird we liked, grand position and quality; c, Clay; hc, Burke. UNFLIGH. YELL. (10): 1, spl., Hughes, position and style A1, well drawn; 2, Stevenson, good position, not quite so good in head and neck as winner; 3, Day, cl., good quality, fails only in head and neck; 4, Sheppard; vhc, hc, Burke; c, Clay. BUFF (11): 1, 3, Burke, former fine cl., wins well on position and style, third cl., not quite so good in neck; 2, Hughes, tkd. on head, well drawn, A1 position; 4, Stevenson; vhc, Kidner; hc, c, Clay. CRESTS (2): 1, 2, Jones, winner large thick bodied green, nice drooping crest, centre well placed, second green, crest of good shape. C.B. (2): 1, 2, Jones, first a fine green, lovely head, feather, and wide entrance. CINN., NOR. TYPE (7): 1, 2, 3, Broomfield, first buff, thick set, fine pencilling, good col. and quality, second smart jonque, just lacks the side pencilling of first, third nice buff; 4, vhc, Hobley. NOVICE CLASSES: NOR. UNFLIG. (4): 1, 2, 2 spls., West, first heavily mkd. yell., grand type and quality, second buff mkd., good one; 3, Mathews, cl. buff, grand quality and type. HEN (4): 1, Ward, cl. yell., fine full shape, good col. and quality; 2, 3, West, 2 varieg. buff, good shape, 3 cl. buff, nice quality, fails only in head. YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL. (6): 1, Adcock, cl., nice shoulders and waist, good length; 2, Stevenson, nice quality, a trifle stronger in build; 3, Swinden, good position and type; vhc, Hall; hc, Constable. BUFF (3): 1, 3, Constable, winner good cl., buff, nice position and col.; 2, Mrs. A. Stevenson, good tkd. VARIEG (7): 1, 3, Constable, yell. and buff mkd. respectively, both good col. and position; 2, Swinden, varieg. yell., very straight, tight in feather; 4, Twist; hc, T. Willmott, wins spl. for best bird bred in an outdoor aviary; vhc, Mrs. A. Stevenson. HEN (6): 1, vhc, Murray, former fine cl. yell., well drawn, good stand and quality; 2, Harding, fine col.; 3, Hall, cl. buff, stylish; 4, Swinden; hc, Mrs. A. Stevenson. UNFLIG. YELL. (10): 1, 2 spls., Adcock, grand bird, neat head, full neck, narrow shoulders, neat waist, grand tail; 2, Walton, another good one, must have been hard to separate the winner is a wee bit better in shoulder; 3, Mrs. A. Stevenson, smaller, good quality; 4, Constable; vhc, Greenup; hc, Twist; c, Swinden. BUFF (8): 1, Twist, mkd., fine length and position; 2, Hall, very neat; 3, Murray, cl., grand position bird, good length; 4, Swinden; vhc, Greenup; hc, Mrs. Stevenson; c, Walton. CRESTS: 1, spl., Twist, broken green, good body and neat crest. BORD., YELL. (2): 1, Murray, cl. a little beauty. BUFF (7): 1, 2 spls., smart, four-pointed, grand quality; 2, 3, Walton, former good cinn., latter saddle back mkd., fine shape and style; 4, hc, Murray. CINN. (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, Southon, birds of nice quality and col. A.O.V.: 1, Hobley, very neat Cinn. crest. OPEN, MULE OR HYB.: 1, spl., Ward, tkd. yellow Goldfinch-Can. Mule, a wonder for only 4 months old, grand shape and size, just finishing moult, should make a champion; 2, Raby, dark Siskin, good size and col.; 3, Marson, 5-pointed buff Goldfinch-Can.; 4, Clay. OPEN BRIT. HARDBILL (13): 1, Ward, Goldfinch, fine cut and large blaze, rich chesnut colouring, good wings, very steady; 2, vhc, Johnson, Hawfinch, large, good col.; 3, Raby, grand Siskin; 4, Wright; hc, Wright; c, Mathews.

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Grand All-round Show.

Close upon 1,000 entries: Scotland's record gathering of Yorkshires: Excellent management.

Glasgow and Dist. C.B.A. held a very fine show on Jan. 2 and 3, in the Crown Halls. This plucky society had many difficulties to overcome, not the least of which was the scarcity of entries up to within a few days of the holding of the exhibition. But the officials manfully faced the position, and, as a result of whole-hearted effort, they "pulled the chestnuts out of the fire" in great style, and a show resulted of which any society might be thoroughly proud. We sincerely hope it will prove a success financially, as it is not pleasant to have a deficit to deal with after the hard work inseparable from the running of any large show, though the members have not allowed such an unfortunate situation to damp their enthusiasm in the past.

In the hope of helping the "gate," the society engaged a very central place, and the Crown Halls made a first-rate venue, the main room being of grand size, holding the birds comfortably, and having plenty of space for visitors. The light is only fairly good in the daytime, owing to one side of the room being without windows, but as regards comfort and freedom from draughts it would be hard to beat. The birds were splendidly arranged, on up-to-date staging, and their needs were attended to in the best possible manner by as good a band of stewards as it has been our fortune to meet.

As show managers the Society had the advantage of the services of Messrs. M. Craig (vice-president), and W. Hutchison (president), and these good fanciers worked very hard indeed, setting a fine example by their cheery manner of grappling with the hundred and one things which always seem requiring attention. Mr. Fred Bowman, too, is a real first-class secretary, never knowing what it is to be beaten by work, and he had his fill of it here, and to spare. The late entries must have brought him many sleepless hours, but through it all he just "kept smiling," and the success which resulted is striking evidence of the ability with which he carries out his duties. He is a right good man for any society to have on its side. The committee comprise Messrs. E. Barron, J. Brown, A. K. Chalmers, Allen Chalmers, T. Forrest, J. Godber, R. Heggie, R. Jeffrey, J. Laurie, G. Martin, J. M'Leod, J. M'Lay, G. M'Laggan, F. Paling, J. C. Sinclair, A. Sloan, R. Thomson, F. Taylor, S. F. Wood, and J. Young, with J. Strank (treasurer) and R. J. Anderson (vice-president). They left no stone unturned to make things move along as smoothly as possible, and are to be congratulated upon the result. Messrs. Barron, Craig and Taylor did great service at the Scottish National Show in forwarding birds on from that fixture, and it is a pity the railway officials mis-read the labels in a few cases and sent the birds back to their homes, instead of on to the Crown Halls, this unfortunately, causing the teams of several exhibitors to be absent.

The judges were Messrs. W. B. Mackie (Nor.), J. Craig (Bord.), J. W. Bruce (Yorks.), L. J. Arrigh, and A. Cochrane (Mules, Brit., and For.), and C. Campbell (Crests), the latter gentleman being called on to officiate at the last moment owing to the heavy entry in the Plainhead classes. Despite the dull, wet morning, these fanciers seemed very happy in their awards, few grumblers being heard. They had the help of a band of excellent stewards.

The Yorkshires and Cinnamons.
Judge, Mr. J. W. Bruce.

Yorks. were a feature of the show, such a large collection never having been drawn together at a Glasgow exhibition. All the leading crack English and Scotch fanciers had teams forward, and the competition was of the highest order. However, the judge, after a careful selection, managed to pick out the winners to the general satisfaction of the exhibitors. Mr. J. W. Bruce (Coldstream) judged these varieties.

YORKS. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (19): 1, spl, 3, Binns, leader a clinker great length, well drawn, extra good head and front, shows well, 3rd neat one, not quite so well drawn in front, but lovely wings and rare head; 2, Cuthbertson, another fine bird, fine length, neat head, nice wing carriage; 4, sp, Gibb, good stamp, well drawn, in full bloom; 5, Girvan, sweet quality feather; vhc, Cobb; hc, McRobbie; c, Hendry. BUFF (19): 1, Walsh, in grand bloom, rare length, fine head, good front, well drawn, very stylish, in lovely order; 2, 4, Binns, grand quality feather, rare length and shape, extra good taper, 4th good one, lovely head and wing carriage, grand quality; 3, spl, c, Heggie, close up, very neat, grand quality feather, fails just a little in taper, nice front; 5, McLellan, neat shape and position; vhc, McRobbie; hc, Walsh; c, Heggie. HEN (18): 1, Webster, nice one, grand quality feather, fine pose, cut to perfection, nice front, good head and wing carriage, in fine bloom; 2, McLellan, good head, fine even balanced wing carriage, well drawn, in rare order; 3, Walsh, stylish, plenty of length, in lovely order; 4, Girvan, good stamp, a wee shade shorter, extra well up in pose; 5, Ogden Bros., stylish and well drawn; vhc, McRobbie; hc, Bowman; c, Cobb. VARIEG. (20): 1, Heggie, long raking yell., grandly drawn, free in pose, extra good front and wing carriage, shown in fine order; 2, 4, Tower, grand feathered Cinn. mark, a gem for quality, good head and position, extra well put down, 4th sweet shape and quality, good all over; 3, Martin, very neat, as tight as wax, well put down, sweet, extra good in head and front; 5, Mountain, grand quality, good front; vhc, Cuthbertson; hc, Walsh; c, Cobb. UNFLIG. YELL. CK. (9): 1, spl, Martin, a beauty, grand pose, free in style, rare front and wing carriage, well drawn, an ideal Yorkshire; 2, McRobbie, nice position, inclined to draw a wee bit in front, good one otherwise; 3, Sanderson, nice shape and quality, grandly shown; 4, Sinclair, good stamp, sweet size, grand bloom in feather; 5, McLellan, grand size; vhc, Barron; hc, Crighton; c, Simpson. BUFF (12): 1, 3, McRobbie, leader, in rare bloom, extra good head, ideal pose, lovely wing carriage, well staged, 3rd lengthy, in grand order, sweet exhibit; 2, Martin, close up, not quite so well rounded, good wings, in grand order; 4, Heggie, nice shape, grand quality feather; 5, Webster, nice body, rare head and style; vhc, Reid; hc, Girvan; c, Martin. YELL. HEN (11): 1, spl, Martin, good one, rare quality throughout, free pose, well drawn, lovely wings and front, put down to win; 2, Crighton, close up, nice one, all there for quality; 3, Hendry, good, extra well drawn, a wee shade thin in front; 4, vhc, Sinclair, nice stamp, good all-round exhibit, in full bloom; 5, McRobbie, stylish, a wee shade on the small side; vhc, Girvan; c, Bowman. BUFF (8): 1, Sanderson, good one, grand position, rare front and head, fine wing carriage, put down in lovely order; 2, 5, Crighton, nice quality feather, grand head and front, well balanced wings, 5th nice feather and shape; 3, Simpson, good head and wings, A1 quality, not quite so neat in front as winner; 4, vhc, Heggie, neat shape and slim; vbc, McRobbie; c, Sinclair. YORKS. SELL. (17): 1, Forrest; 2, c, Barrow; 3, 5, Walsh; 4, Humphries; vhc, Martin; hc, Moir; c, Barron. CINNAMON (7): 1, 2, 3, Hamilton, leader grand Jonque, fine size, rare markings and quality of feather, 2nd yell., larger, but beaten a trifle in pencilling, 3rd buff, well pencilled; 4, McLay, sweet yell., dense pencilling and ground col., lovely head and wing carriage; 5, Campbell, sweet buff, good markings and type; vhc, Sloan; hc, Hope.

[The rest of our report of the Canary Section unfortunately appears to have gone astray in the post, and will be given next week.—EDITOR.]

Mules, British & Foreign Birds.
Judges, Messrs. L. J. Arrigh & A. Cochrane

The British birds, Mules, and foreigners were another feature of the show. The Light Goldfinch Canary Mule shown by Mr. Jamieson won the special for best in show.

LIGHT MULE (11): 1, spl, cup, best bird in show, vhc, Jamieson, light eye tick buff Goldie, grand size and shape, good wing flights, in very fine order, nice one; 2, McNicol, clinking green yell. Goldie, rare size and substance, extra good in col., put down in grand form; 3, Shellam, light Greenie Mule, well up in size, grand col. and quality of feather, put down in masterly fashion; 4, Clapperton, good yell. variegated Goldie, sweet shape, grand col., plenty of size, will improve yet; 5, Tams and Sons, sweet variegated Greenie, grand shape; hc, Lavery; c, Priest. DARK GOLDFINCH (7): 1, Shellam, a clinker, National winner, needs no comment; 2, Grewar, sweet size and shape, plenty of col., fails only in body to winner; 3, McCrain Bros., another nice one, well up in size, plenty of col., good face and bars, sweet exhibit; 4, Jamieson, neat one, beaten to-day, plenty of col.; 5, Scobbie, very sweet all-round exhibit, grand feather, fails only in size to winners; vhc, McIlwain; hc, Hutchison. DARK LINNET, ETC. (14): 1, Somerfield, in full bloom, grand shaped Greenie, rare head and body, well up in size and col., nicely fed, good one; 2, Shellam, hot fed Linnet, plenty of col. and size, grand head and markings, in lovely order; 3, Brunskill a demon of a Greenie for colour and shape, rare head, lovely tone of col., nat. winner; 4, Bell, good Linnet, grand tone of col., sweet shape, lovely quality feather, put down to win; 5, Bald, good all-round Greenie; vbc, Aitken; hc, Craig; c, Lavery. CAN. MULE A.O.V. (12): 1, Johnston, nice Siskin, grand size and shape, lovely col., put down in grand order; 2, Allan, sweet Redpoll, lovely tone of col., well marked, splendid shape, rare quality feather; 3, McDougal, large Twite, fine markings, good tone of col.; 4, Brunskill, nice Siskin mule, rare size and shape, good cap; 5, Muir, Siskin, sweet bird, beaten only in col., good exhibit; vhc, Campbell; hc, McGavin; c, Buchanan. BULLFINCH HYB. (9): 1, spl., Shellam, a clinking fine Can.-Bullie, rare size and col., grand shape, outstanding specimen; 2, vhc, Donaghy, good Can.-Bullie, very neat, well staged; 3, Turner, sweet Linnet-Bullie, rare col., good head, fine quality, well put down; 4, Heron, nice Goldie-Bullie, fine col., grand quality feather; vhc, Tams and Son, sweet Linnet-Bullie, good shape and tone of col., fails to winner only in size; hc, Edinburgh, wrong classed hybrid, but awarded a prize to-day as a Chaffinch-Bullfinch, an interesting bird, which came in for a large amount of discussion, many well-known breeders giving the bird the benefit of the doubt. A.V. (between two Brit. birds): 1, Jamieson, well-known Goldie-Greenie, grand size, plenty of col., in full bloom; 2, Conkie, nice Goldie-Siskin, fine col., well up in size, good shape, put down in lovely order; 3, Mitchell, sweet Redpoll-Goldie, grand size and markings, good front; 4, Turner, Linnet-Greenie, very neat one, fine col. and markings; 5, Taylor, neat Goldie-Greenie, A1 size, well marked, put down in lovely order; vhc, Gardner; hc, Burns; c, Edwards. SELL. (13): 1, Allan; 2, Scottie; 3, Campbell; 4, Turner; 5, Gentleman; vhc, Telfer; hc, Henderson; c, Dunlop.

BRIT. GOLD. (23): 1, Hurst, the National winner, looking as fit as ever, real grand bird; 2, Weston, also a lovely bird, great square cut blaze, well staged; 3, McRobbie, good dense faced bird, in full bloom, grand tannings, extra good in shape and size; 4, Lavery, plenty of size, good body, lovely feather; 5, Bell, well up in size, fine square cut blaze; vhc, Henderson; hc, Bowman and Adie; c, Turner. GOLDIE, BRIT., FIELD MOULTED (18): 1, Tams and Son, good one, rare square blaze, plenty of col., well up in size, steady as a rock; 2, Raine, good Finch, dense face, great size and quality feather, lovely cheeks and flights; 3, Hutchison, grand tannings, fine shape and quality of feather; 4, Conkie, good one, close up, nice square cut face, rare breast and moonings, scarcely so steady as winners; 5, Livingston, good one, nice face; vhc, Cairns; hc, Finnie; c, Sykes. BULLFINCH (19): 1, Woods, grand size, dense cap and bib, lovely breast col., good flights and bars, in rare bloom, wins; 2, Watt, sweet shape, rare quality feather, good cap, deep breast col., in lovely order, as tight as wax; 3, Geddes, dense col., rare breast, good cap and bib; 4, Turner, close up, fine col. and quality of feather, neat shape, good cap and bib; 5, Erskine, sweet one, grand cap and bib, fine breast col., and wing bars, some thought could have gone up a peg; vhc, Bowman and Adie; hc, Williams; c, Cougan. LINNET, H.M. (15): 1, Weston, grand front, rare size, lovely breast, ideal tone of colour, in full bloom; 2, Tams and Son, good quality feather, well marked, sweet nutty brown shade, extra good in markings; 3, sp, Bell, lovely shape and quality, grand pencilling, rare size and shape; 4, Sloan, good one, extra well up in size, rare shape and quality; 5, Wason, neat one, grand colour and shape, fine flights; vhc, Livingston; hc, Brown; c, McCallum. SISKIN (14): 1, Bell ("Big-Bib"), the well-known winner, in full bloom, often described; 2, Bald, well-fed one and grand size, good cap and markings; 3, Jeffrey and Stevenson, good cap, sweet flank markings, grand quality feather; 4, Watt, nice size and shape, sweet tone of col., well put down; 5, Minnitt, good shape and quality, well pencilled; vhc, McDougal; hc, Bruce; c, Livingston. MEALY REDPOLL, ETC. (12): 1, vbc, Wilson, nice Twite, could do with a little more breast work, fine size, good flights; 2, Scotland, large Mealy Poll, in full bloom, grand pencilling, rare cap and bib; 3, Davidson, hot Twite, in lovely order, dense col., grand wing flights in full bloom; 4, Taylor, sweet Mealy, nice size, good cap and bib, well marked; 5, Laing, could not find when we were taking notes; vhc, Craig; c, Weston. LESSER REDPOLL (9): 1, sp, Bell, in fine bloom, lovely cap bird, dense col., well laced, good shape, fine quality feather; 2, 4, Davidson; 2nd, good one, some preferred; 4th, grand shape and pencilling, rare cap and bib, nice tone of col., in full bloom; 3, Turner, nice laced bird, good col., fine cap and bib; 5, Bruce, good all-round, grand bib; vhc, Gentleman; hc, Fairweather; c, McGillvray Bros. GREENFINCH, FED (12): 1, Livingston, a gem, rare size and col., grand head and front, feathered to perfection, in lovely order; 2, Allan, good stamp, fine shape, dense in col., rare head and front; 3, Stuart and Dalling, well fed one, plenty of size, grand head and body; 4, Muir, sweet shape, grand tone of col., beaten in size only; 5, Armour, good shape; vhc, Tams and Son; hc, Hope; c, Allan. NON FED (18): 1, McLean, rare shape, bold head, grandly cut, fine level tone of col., lovely wings, with a little more size an eye-opener; 2, Campbell, sweet shape, grand level tone of col., rare flights, nice head and front; 3, 4, Bald, good shape, a wee shade darker in tone of col., in lovely order; 4th, beaten for size, but all there for quality of feather; 5, Wason, good shape, lovely colour; vhc, Livingston; hc, Johnston; c, Allan. LINNET, F.M. (23): 1, sp, Hodge, good one, rare size and shape, put down in lovely order, grand body; 2, Coupe, good front and head, plenty of size, a wee shade darker; 3, Molloy, sweet shape and quality of feather, well pencilled, steady, beaten only in size; 4, Sykes, good one, rare front and size, lovely whites; 5, Craig, grand tone of col., and markings, rare flights.

vhc, Davidson; hc, Allan; c, Brown. CHAFFINCH (12): 1, Henderson, nice one, rare cap, grand flights, good body col., pure and well up in size, extra good form; 2, Hurst, sweet shape and size, good col., not quite so well polished as winner; 3, Sykes, rare body and shape, ideal wings, lovely head; 4, Raine, very nice one, grand col, lovely head; 5, Moffat, good shape, lovely colour; vhc, Adams; hc, Graham; c, McLeary. BRAMBLEFINCH (8): 1, Sykes, good one, well known winner, in full bloom; 2, Gentleman, dense col. and markings, rare back, lacing, and a gem for finish and quality; 3, Weston, big, grand shape, well pencilled; 4, Reid, large one, well laced; 5, Muir, nice colour, well marked; vhc, Wilson; hc, Watt; c, Molloy. FINCH OR BUNTING, A.O.S. (17): 1, Williams, sweet Hawfinch, grand size and col., rare bib and cap, lovely bars; 2, Bald, good all-round Corn Bunting, fine size, well mkd., splendid shape; 3, Stuart and Dalling, very nice Yellowhammer, fine cap and markings; 4, Sykes, sweet Meadow, well known winner, in grand form; 5, Lawson, nice Cirl Bunting, grand eye marks; vhc, Hutchison; hc, Raine; c, Caunt. SMALL SOFTBILL (5): 1, sp, best bird in section belonging to member, 3, Tayler, leader Black Redstart, rare size and quality of feather, lovely exhibit, well staged, 3rd Redstart, sweet one for size, well up in col., good all-round; 2, Walsh, romping fine Yell. Wagtail, in full bloom, rare crescent and cap; 4, Mackiwell, sweet Jenny Wren, in lovely order, well mkd., grand size; 5, Erskine, nice Shorelark, well staged. BRIT. LARGE (9): 1, Adams, grand Blackbird, in lovely order, dense bill and eye cere, well up in body colour; 2, Bruce, well-known Song Thrush, "Border Queen," in good form, real tip-top exhibit; 3, Tayler, nice Waxwing, grand col., looking a wee shade soft; 4, 5, Kerr and Sons, a good Magpie and a Jay, both in fine trim and well shown; vhc, Walsh; hc, Henderson; c, Parke. BULLFINCH HEN (10): 1, 5, Bald, good one, grand size and shape, rare col., well-known winner, 5th good quality feather, beaten only in size; 2, Dunsmuir, hot one for shape, great cap, lovely bib, good body col., not quite so tight as winner in feather; 3, Turner, nice shape, fails only in feather; 4, McGavin, good shape, grand quality feather, good bars, lovely wings; 5, Bald; vbc, Lindsay; hc; c, Proudfoot. ANY OTHER SPECIES SEED-EATING HEN (7): 1, Herd, good Corn Bunting, lovely size, A1 shape and markings; 2, McDougal, a gem of a Siskin, grand lacing, A1 size and col.; 3, Telfer, sweet Bramble, grand col. and cap, rare flights, lovely size, put down to win; 4, Raine, another good all-round Bramble; 5, Laing, grand Greenie, great size, just slightly inflamed on eye, in lovely order otherwise; vhc, Craig. FOR. GOLDFINCH (14): 1, Turner, a demon for col., great blaze, pure in cheeks, grand tannings, rare buttons, plenty of size, in full bloom; 2, Buchanan, well up in size, as good in body col., fails just a little in size of blaze, grand quality, well staged; 3, McGavin, another hot one for col., rare shape and quality; 4, Livingston, good stamp, deep cut blaze, lovely cheeks; 5, c, Wallace, nice finch, good head, grand wing flights; vhc, Muir. FOR., SMALL (18): 1, spl., Taylor, grand Sugar Bird, lovely exhibit, sweet shade of col., as tight as wax, put down in fine order, real tip-top exhibit; 2, c, Walsh, Wood Swallow, lovely quality feather, steady as a rock, interesting; 3, spl., Erskine, sweet Scarlet Tanager, grand size, rare col. and quality feather; 4, vhc, Brotherston, good Green-Bulbul, in tip-top order, well staged; 5, Bruce, good Crimson Finch, lovely size and quality of feather; hc, Waddell; c, Walsh. FOR. A.O.S. (7): 1, 3, hc, Baxby, Green-bellied Toucan, in full bloom, and a Pennant Parrot, in grand trim; 2, Morrison, Crimson Wing, in exquisite feather; 4, Waddell, Indian Ringneck, in nice order; 5, Reeks, Adelaide Parrot; vhc, Proudfoot.

WIBSEY AND QUEENSBURY (Combined).

Wibsey and Queensbury C.B. Societies' first of two joint shows, to be held home and home, was held Dec. 30th, Horse and Groom Inn, Wibsey. The entry was not as good as it might have been, only 69 birds being staged. Mr. F. Armstrong (Halifax) judged, and had no easy task in placing his awards. The Queensbury fanciers took premier honours, gaining 131 points to Wibsey's 82 points, which was very disappointing from our point of view, seeing that we were showing at our own headquarters. After the show about 30 sat down to a meat pie supper, served in the very best style by our host and hostess, and here again the Queensbury lot gave us a whacking. The remainder of the evening was spent in a jolly fashion with songs by various members, and clog dancing by a marionette.

CL. ETC. YELL. CK. (4): 1, Bairstow and Chapman; 2, Smith; 3, Jowett; 4, Nicholls. BUFF (8): 1, Jowett; 2, Fowle; 3, Sutcliffe; 4, Hillas; vhc, Pearson; hc, Bairstow and Chapman; c, Crossley. UNFLIG. YELL. CK. (6): 1, Fowle; 2, Myers and Lumb; 3, Brooke; 4, Creven; vhc, Crossley; hc, Thornton. BUFF (6): 1, Fowle; 2, Craven; 3, Brooke; 4, Hartley; vhc, Mann; hc, Myers and Lumb; 3, Brooke; 4, Craven; vhc, Crossley; hc, Fowle; 2, Kirkbright; 3, 4, Sutcliffe; vhc, Hartley; hc, Bastow. BUFF (6): 1, Sutcliffe; 2, Kirkbright; 3, vhc, Myers and Lumb; 4, Hillas; hc, Mann. CINN. MKD. YELL. (2): 1, Thornton; 2, Sutcliffe. BUFF (1): 1, Mann. FOUL MKD. CK. (1): 1, Deighton. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (7): 1, Smith; 2, Pearson; 3, Sutcliffe; 4, Craven; vhc, Deighton; hc, Jowett; c, Hiley. BUFF (6): 1, Sutcliffe; 2, Smith; 3, Craven; 4, Kirkbright; vhc, Hiley; hc, Nicholls. EVEN, ETC., GREEN MKD. YELL. HEN (3): 1, Bairstow and Chapman; 2, Crowther; 3, Bastow. BUFF (5): 1, Craven; 2, Nicholls; 3, Bastow; 4, Crowther. CINN. MKD. YELL. (1): 1, Jowett. BUFF (3): 1, Mann; 2, Thornton; 3, Hillas. FOUL MKD. BUFF (4): 1, Brooks; 2, Crossley; 3, Kirkbright; 4, Bairstow and Chapman.—H. C. Crossley, Sec.

KILMARNOCK.

Kilmarnock O.S. annual show held New Year's Day, in the Agricultural Hall. The entry all over was well up to that of former years, being 30 better than last year. Borders and British were the features of the show, some real good ones being out. The hall is an ideal place for a show, being comfortable and well lighted. The management was A1, this being one of the best conducted shows held at this time of the year. Mr. G. Edwards (Leominster) had forward a large team, and captured cup for most points in the cage bird section. Mr. J. Blane had things well in hand, and is to be congratulated on the success of the show. Mr. J. W. Bruce judged, awards being well received.

The Critique.

SCOT. FCY., CL., ETC., CK. (2): 1, Thompson Bros., hot one, plenty of size and top end, very stylish; 2, Hainey, rare position, good droop and shoulder, fails just a little in size. HEN (1): 1, Bowie, neat, fine quality. PIED, ETC., CK. (2): 1, Thompson Bros., leader fine size, grand shape and substance, hot one, well known English winner; 2, Bowie, good shape and style. CREST (3): 1, 2, 3, Edwards, a good lot, leader grand one, rare top piece, grizzle crest; 2nd, fails only in length of frontal and size; 3rd, beaten a trifle in size, but good top piece, nicely rounded. NOR., CL., ETC., CK. (7): 1, hc, Edwards, winner grand front and head, well drawn, fine size; 2, Mather, fails only in depth, good head, neat wings; 3, Candlish, grand head, neat wing carriage, sweet shape; vhc, Muir; o, Brown. HEN (6): 1, Muir, buff, sweet shape, lovely head, in rare bloom, grand body and front; 2, Candlish, buff, fails only in body, good front, very nice head; 3, Brown, sweet yell., good body and shape, beaten only in finish; 4, Nutt, good shape; vhc, Edwards; hc, Mather. NON-FED CK. (3): 1, Brown, good varieg. buff, rare body and substance, grand size, good feather; 2, McFadyean, grand body, well up in size; 3, Ballantyne, beaten only in size, good all-round shape, fine feather. BORD., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (9): 1, 3, c, Mossie, 1st good yell. foul, well drawn, nice head and front, fine col.; 3rd, neat one, nice head, good front and quality of feather, sweet shape; 2, Smith Bros., neat foul, a wee shade plainer than winner in front, but stylish; 4, Clark, neat cock, good head and front; vhc, Douglas; hc, Ferguson. HEN (10): 1, Gilchrist, neat one, grand shape, well rounded, good head and wing carriage, fiue full front; 2, Smart, another hot one, good stamp, well drawn, sweet neck and head; 3, Mossie, good pose, nice quality feather, extra well got up; 4, Mather, nice one; vhc, Douglas; hc, Allan; c, Ferguson. BUFF CK. (8): 1, Smith Bros., good foul, rare position and quality of feather, grand head and wings, neat front; 2, 3, 4, Mossie, grand trio, little to choose between them, a shade plainer in appearauce than winner, hut grand feather and quality; vhc, Gilchrist; hc, Smart; c, Willison. HEN (10): 1, Smillie, nice one, grand feather, very nice wing carriage, a wee shade thin iu neck and head, but well put down; 2, 4, c, Mossie, well rounded, good head and front, inclined to be a wee shade low on perches, nice quality feather; 4th, better position but beaten a bit in front; 3, Gilchrist, well rounded, good front and head; vhc, Smart; hc, Mather; c, Mossie. VARIEG., ETC. (8): 1, Clark, a clinker, grand feathered bird, lovely shape and wing carriage, well marked, fine front and head, well put down, clear win; 2, Smart, sweet yell. variog., grand shape, good head and front; 3, Gilchrist, nice rounded hen, rare shape and quality of feather, well drawn; 4, Brown, neat one; vhc, Ferguson; hc, Lambie; c, Willison. BUFF (5): 1, Gibson, grand four-point buff, rare type and eye and wing markings, sweet one, well put down; 2, Allan, good all round, nice frout and head; 3, Lamhie, nice green, grand pencilling, good shape, fails only in quality of feather; 4, Willison, very nice headed bird; vhc, Torrance. LIGHT MULE (4): 1, 2, 3, Edwards, 1st, almost cl. Goldie Can., in very nice order, grand size and quality; 2nd, an even buff Goldie, nice full face, good wing markings; 3rd, large buff, var., grand face and rare shape; vhc, Alexander. DARK (5): 1, McQuiston, romping fine Jonque Linnet, rare size, grand colour and markings; 2, 3, 4, vhc, Edwards, nice yell. Goldie, well up in size and col., and a fine buff Goldie, very neat head, nice feather. HYB. (5): 1, 4, vhc, Edwards, leader grand Greenie-Bullie, rare size and quality of feather, put down to win; 2, McQuiston, nice Goldie-Greenie, good face and wings; 3, Mitchell, sweet Redpoll-Goldie, grand shape and col. GOLDFINCH, BRIT. (10): 1, Crosbie, wins, grand Finch, rare square cut blaze, lovely buttons, good front, put down in lovely order; 2, McFadyean, nice size and shape, grand blaze, a wee shade dull in colour, but lovely wing bars; 3, Conkie, nice finish, grand shape, good wing flights; 4, Weir, grand tone of colour; vhc, McNaught; hc, Edwards; c, McClung. GOLDFINCH, FOR. (12): 1, 4, vhc, Guthrie and Son, good one in lovely order, dense face, rare body colour, pure tannings and cheeks, put down in rattling fine order; 4th, as good in polish as winner, but fails a bit in size of blaze; 2, c, Weir, leader large Finch, bold front and head, grand flight and buttons; 3, Reid, neat one, sq. cut blaze, extra well up in body colour; hc, Edwards; c, Weir. BULLFINCH, BRIT. (10): 1, vhc, Dale, a clinker and no mistake, absolutely perfect, grand size, rare shape and the densest colour ever seen; 2, Conkie, another good one, lovely cap and bib, rare shape; 3, McNaughton, good stamp, sweet colour and neat head, fails only in finish; 4, Brodie, nice shape and quality of feather, grand head and wing flights; vhc, Dale; hc, Brodie; c, Guthrie and Son. BULLFINCH, FOR. (1): Gribben, good one, fine colour and cap, well up in size, grand quality feather. BULLFINCH HEN (2): 1, Gribben, wins, grand size, dense cap and bib, nice wing bars, good feather and finish; 2, Gilchrist, neat, dense colour and cap. LINNET (6): 1, McQuiston, lovely tone of col., rare shape and lacing, grand flights, in A1 order; 2, Crosbie, grandly laced, good colour and flights, rather unsteady; 3, Edwards, nice tone col., rare size and markings; 4, Conkie, good quality feather; vhc, Dunsmuir; hc, Watson. GREENFINCH (5): 1, Morton, hot one, rare shape, grand head, lovely front, good wing carriage, bold in front, a real nice one; 2, Conkie, grand depth of colour, nice shape, good head and wing flights; 3, Dale, in lovely order, as tight as wax, grand colour, beaten in size only; 4, McGavin, nice size and shape; vhc, Edwards; hc, McClug; c, Mitchell. REDPOLL, ETC. (7): 1, McQuiston, grand Twite, fine size, good colour and markings, rare flights; 2, Crosbie, neat, nice Siskin, good cap, small bib, well laced and in fine order; 3, Martin, nice Mealy 'Poll, good cap and bib, well pencilled; 4, Dale, another 'Poll, good bib and cap; vhc, Brown; hc, Crosbie; c, McLean. BRIT. A.O.S. SMALL (6): 1, McQuiston, tip-top Bearded Tit, grand size, colour and markings, well staged; 2, Morrison, sweet, nice Meadow Pipit, well marked, in fine bloom; 3, Edwards, a grand Yellowhammer, rare head and V markings, grand colour; 4, Mitchell, also Yellowhammer; vhc, Brown; hc, Martin. LARGE (2): 1, McQuiston, good steady Corn Bunting, nice size, A1 markings, well staged; 2, Johnston, Hawfinch, well up in size, good cap and bib. FOR. (6): 1, 3, Mason, grand Red-headed Gouldian Finch and a lovely Green Cardinal, both in extra good order; 2, McWilliams, Black-headed Caique, grand shape, lovely feather, well staged; 4, vhc, hc, Duncan, pair of Yellow Budgerigars in full bloom.

LIVERPOOL (Amalgamated).

The sixth annual amalgamated show of the Liverpool B.B., Wallasey, Birkenhead, Bootle and Garston Societies was held in the St. Mary's School on Dec. 16. The Committee were: Messrs. G. Benson, J. H. Isaacs, T. Eccleston, G. Morton, J. Richardson, L. Hamilton, F. E. Hawkes, J. Jones, and T. James, with Mr. Wm. Mallinson as hon. sec. The Yorks. and Yorks. Greens included some of the very best. Norwich and Norwich Greens had 21 classes provided in all, but only 17 birds turned up. Why more did not turn up we fail to understand. Borders, too, were not by any means what might have been expected here, but the quality was good, Hybrids and British Hardbills were nice, though not quite so numerous as we are used to in Liverpool District. Evidently many Norwich, Borders, and British birds were away at open shows. There was a good list of cash and other specials, besides prize money on sliding scale, and in the hands of a good committee and a most capable sec. in Mr. Mallinson there should have been at least 400 or 500 exhibits. Great credit is due to all who did send entries, and they well deserve all they got. Mr. Wellings judged Yorks., and Mr. Chas. Houlton the rest.

The Critique.

YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, vhc, Alston, very fine clean type, lovely carriage and position; 2, Edwards, a wee bit thicker through, good stand and position, nice quality; 3, Rowlands, big, long, slim bird, fine condition. BUFF: 1, hc, Alston, very fine indeed, grand position and carriage; 2, Knowles, very fine quality; 3, Edwards, slimmer, excellent type, carriage and condition; vhc, Greatrix; c, Mullock. TKD, YELL.: 1, Millar, grand length and clean through, A1 quality; 2, Mullock; ticked, beaten only in condition, nice type when tight; 3, Alston, grand length, fine carriage, neat and clean through. BUFF: 1, Knowles, simply perfection; 2, Morton, very good quality. UNFLIG. YELL. (8): 1, 3, Corbett, 1st, Cinn. eyes and wings, long, very neat through, well on leg; 3rd, beaten in wing carriage only; 2, Robison, very fine all out, A1 form; vhc, Mullock; hc, W. Jones; c, Alston. BUFF: 1, Jones, cl., real good type, well up, neat head, wings, and pipe tail; 2, Young, long slim bird, A1 feather and condition; 3, Edwards, almost equal, very nicely drawn; vhc, Alston; hc, Morton; c, Corbett. YELL. HEN: 1, Robinson, very stylish lady, very slim and tight waisted, grand position; 2, Knowles, tick head, good type, fine colour, A1 condition; 3, Jones, bonny big lady, very erect, good carriage and condition; vhc, Greatrix; hc, Chappel. BUFF: 1, Knowles, tick cheek, one of the best, in splendid condition; 2, 3, Young, pair of typical birds, both well up in all points to-day. CINN. MARKS: 1, Shaw, varieg. yell., nice straight clean bird, fine feather; 2, Greatrix, buff varieg., A1 position, type and quality; 3, Jones, big heavy varieg., nice feather. YORKS. GREEN SELF YELL. (8): 1, 2, Rowlands, grand pair of his well known birds; 3, hc, W. Knowles, real old grass green all through, best colour in show, good type; vhc, Lloyd; c, Brindle. BUFF (7): 1, 2, vhc, Rowland, grand trio, all in the best of condition; 3, Young, one of the best for col., bloom, type and condition; hc, Brindle; c, W. Knowles. FOUL YELL.: 1, Rowlands; 2, Jones; a wet bit lighter under, good type and condition; 3, Brindle, lovely colour, fine type, A1 condition; vhc, Handley; hc, J. Jones. BUFF: 1, Shaw, light on head, good body colour, type, and dark points; 2, Rowlands, foul tail, nice type, col., soft tone, good feather and carriage; 3, Harding, foul tail, fine bird, runs well up; vhc, Brindle. YELL HEN: 1, Rowlands, grand colour, well up, dark points, in nice condition; 2, Handley, very deep colour, fine condition; 3, Young, lighter, even colour, fine conditioned; all good type. BUFF: 1, Handley, nice all round bird; 2, c, Young, equally good, in fine condition; 3, Harding, a wee bit soft in condition, nice colour and type; vhc, Greatrix; hc, Rowlands. YELL. UNFLIG. (9): 1, Rowlands, a very promising youngster, full of the standard qualities; 2, Robinson, a wee bit thicker set, fine col.; 3, c, W. Knowles, level col., good type, neat dark points; vhc, Blundell; hc, Darlington. BUFF: 1, 3, Young, pair of good birds right through, col., dark markings, soft tone, and type, all there; 2, Robinson, grand type, a shade paler col., in fine condition; vhc, Rowlands; hc, Blundell; c, Darlington. CL., ETC., NOR. YELL.: 1, Mullock, cl., fine head, good col., nice quality and condition; 2, vhc, Stott, varieg., chubby bird, nice col. and condition; 3, Rixon, neat type. BUFF: 1, 3, vhc, Stott, clear, thick set, fine bloom and condition; 3, varieg., cobby. 2, Corbett, not quite as thick set as 1st, but grand quality and condition. HEN: 1, Rixon, tick neck, buff, A1 type, quality and condition; 2, Marlor, yell., nice type, colour and quality, medium size. CRESTS: 1, 3, Darlington, cl. body D.C., nice crest, good droop and centre; 3rd, grand frontal crest; 2, Shaw, W.M. D.C., grand crest, just a wee bit open in centre. GREENS: 1, 2, Handley, foul tail buff leads, good one; 2nd, similar, just beaten in legs and body, both nice colour and bloom; 3, J. Jones, yell. self, good level colour and condition; vhc, Mullock. BORD GREEN YELL.: 1, 3, Woodman, pair of Cinnamons, nice type, colour, quality and condition; 3rd, a wee bit longer in tail, good one; 2, Handley; green, fine type, colour and carriage; vhc, Cooper, lovely col. green; hc, Young. BUFF (7): 1, c, Young, pair of green Borders, leader fine all round bird; 2, vhc, Woodman, pair Cinns., grand shape, carriage, quality and condition; 3, Handley, good type green not quite so tight as 1st to-day; hc, Cooper. MULE, ETC.: 1, Metcalfe, buff Siskin-Can., fine bird; 2, 3, Darlington, good buff Goldie-Cans. GOLDFINCH: 1, not a Yorks. green, but fine Finch with capital blaze, a new role this for Mr. T.R.; 2, J. Lloyd, dark legs, grand condition; 3, Mullock, in fine trim; vhc, Cooper. LINNET: 1, J. Jones, large, grand markings and wing bars; 2, Stott, in grand condition; 3, Barker, fine head, larger, beaten only in markings; vhc, Woodman. GREENFINCH: 1, 2, Barker, fine all round buff leading; 2nd, fine condition; 3, J. Jones, big buff, a wee bit rougher in condition; vhc, Lloyd; hc, c, J. Cooper. CHAFFINCH, ETC.: 1, Young, grand Chaffinch; 2, Mallinson, Bramhle, nice spangle; 3, Cooper, good Chaffinch. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Metcalfe, fine Mealy 'Poll, in rare condition; 2, Mallinson, Siskin, in very fine condition; 3, Barker, good Mealy Redpoll; vhc, J. Jones, grand coloured Lesser Redpoll, field moulted, in perfect condition. LINNET, F.M.: 1, Lloyd, rare fine bird to put up for moult; 2, 3, Cooper, a couple of good ones, in fine condition; vhc, hc, J. Jones. NAT. COL. YORKS. CK.: 1, Darlington; 2, Edwards; 3, Harding; vhc, Chappel. HEN: 1, Darlington; 2, Lloyd. NOVICE YORKS. CK.: 1, Davies; 2, Cooper; 3, J. Jones. HEN: 1, Millar; 2, Cooper; 3, Dewes. YELL. YORKS. GREEN: 1, Blundell; 2, J. Jones; 3, J. Cooper. BUFF: 1, Cooper; 2, J. Jones. HEN: 1, 3, Cooper; 2, vhc, Jones; hc, c, Blundell.

RUGBY.

Ten-mile radius show, held at the Geisha Cafe, Dec. 27. Competition in many classes was very keen. The awards were carefully selected and gave general satisfaction. Mr. J. W. Veasey makes a most obliging secretary, the management being all that could be desired. Mr. H. Leng secured special for best Canary with a smart ticked yellow. Four classes were reserved for novices, and each contained birds of the right type. Mrs. Marshall won special with a grand clear yellow. This society is making rapid strides to success, and would do well to extend radius. Mr. Geo. Hall (Leamington) judged.

NOR. YELL.: 1, White, grand head and neck, well carried wings, hot colour; 2, Leng, not quite the substance, nice exhibit; 3, Masters, varieg., large, good stamp. BUFF: 1, 2, vhc, Veasey, leader grand shape and col., 2nd a shade longer, good one; 3, Masters, good col., fails only in head to leaders; vhc, Leng. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, 2, S. Leng, rare stamp, nice feather, hot col., wius; 2nd, tick neck, nice feather, not quite so hot in col.; 3, Masters, lightly varieg., good col.; vhc, Veasey. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Veasey, capital trio, leader clear, rare body, substance, sound col.; 2nd, close up; 3rd, wiug marked, pale col.; vhc, Masters. YELL. HENS: 1, 2, Veasey, cl.; short chubby body, souud colour; 2nd, not quite so good in feather; 3, White, small, nice shape and col.; vhc, Masters; hc, Newman. BUFF: 1, Leng, varicg., good head and neck, right type; 2, Masters, fails in shape only to winner, a nice clear; 3, Johnson, varieg., nice quality; vhc, Veasey. NAT. COL.: 1, 3, Masters, 1st, varieg., good type ad size, fine wings and tail; 3rd, nice exhibit, a trifle smaller than leaders; 2, Watts, wing marked, nice feather, good shape; vhc, Tuckey; hc, Beet. NOVICE YELL.: 1, sp, Mrs. Marshall, cl., good type, nice silky feather, wins; 2, Barnwell, not quite so shapely, yet a good one; 3, Martin, large, nice colour; vhc, Garrett; hc, Jones. BUFF: 1, White, good head, rare colour and feather; 2, Garratt, ticked head, nice shape; 3, Martin, good clear, a wee shade long; vhc, Newman. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, Garratt, beautiful even colour, nice feather; 2, 3, Newman, 2nd, ticked thigh, nice shape, close up; 3rd, ticked on head, short wing and tail, nice exhibit; vhc, Sharpe. BUFF: 1, vhc, c, Garrett, lovely shape, good sound colour; 2, Newman, good colour, nice wing carriage; 3, Mrs. Marshall, another good one, close up; hc, Martin. A.O.V.: 1, vhc, Veasey, huff Cinn., beautiful feather and col.; 2, 3, Skipworth, var. Crest, neat and shapely, good size; hc, Goodman. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Skipworth, Bullfinch-Greenfinch, nice exhibit. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, sp, Leng, good Bullfinch, fine substance, good shape, dense, well cut cap; 2, Ager, Goldfinch, nice blaze, beautifully tanned, fine buttons; 3, hc, Garratt, Chaffinch, grand condition, nice tone of feather, good colour; vhc, Jones; c, Marshall. A.O.S. (SMALL): 1, Payne, Yellowhammer, in grand bloom, markings well defined; 2, hc, Garratt, Bramblefinch, good size and col., well spangled; 3, Goddard, Siskin, nice cap, good bib, well laced; vhc, Payne. LARGE: 1, 2, Garratt, Bunting; 3, Hands, Hawfinch, damaged tail, good size. FOR.: 1, 2, vhc, Beet; 3, Squires, Bronzewings.

NORTHAMPTON (Hand-in-Hand).

This old-est. society's 26th annual show was held December 26th and 27th, at headquarters in Wellingboro' Road. There was an excellent show of Norwich, many well-known winners being present. The Yorks. classes were well filled; in fact, it was the finest show for this particular breed the society has ever had. The committee, with Mr. Ette, chairman, and Mr. Law, Secretary, had everything nicely arranged, and are to be heartily congratulated upon such a successful exhibition. Mr. A. Keech (Bedford) made the awards, which were well received.

The Critique.

CL. YELL. NOR. (7): 1, 2, Irons, rare size for a yell. excels in body, 2nd better in head, excellent type and quality; 3, Ette, a wee trifle longer, nice quality; 4, Burrows, very smart, good quality; vhc, Bretinfield; hc, Green. BUFF (5): 1, Ramsden's special, 2, Irons, couple of very typical birds, well proportioned, in prime condition; 3, 4, Ette, excellent type, full of lovely meal, 4th nicely made; vhc, Green. TKD., ETC., YELL. (8): 1, hc, c, Irons, tkd. on wing, one of the very best, excels in all true Nor. properties; 2, Ette, fine big varieg. bird, rare width of head; 3, Bretinfield, lovely quality and col.; 4, Jeyes, smart variog. bird; vhc, Fennel. BUFF (6): 1, 2, vhc, Ette, very fine exhibit, simply teems with quality and correct type, 2nd very smart, in prime condition; 3, Irons, excellent type, a wee bit loose on thigh; 4, Jeyes, nice varieg.; hc, Green. CL. YELL., 1911 (4): 1, Irons, one of the best, lovely col. and quality, very typical; 2, 3, Ette, a couple of nice type; 4, Jeyes. BUFF (6): 1, 4, Irons, col. wins, very smart, 4th grand bird, just a wee bit loose, or must have been higher; 2, Fennel, nice type, good col.; 3, vhc, Ette, fiue large bird, correct type, some rather preferred, although a bit paler in col.; hc, Barrow. TKD., ETC., YELL. (6): 1, 3, Irons, tkd., rare size and quality, 3rd tkd., lovely col., correct type; 2, hc, Ette, very fine, big stock bird, plenty of green blood in it; 4, J. Irons, rare type and col., one of the best in class; vhc, Bretinfield. BUFF (8): 1, 2, Irons, couple of fine, big bouncing birds, rare type, 2nd hardly so tight as 1st; 3, Green, rare substance; 4, c, Ette, good type, excels in body; vhc, Bretinfield; hc, Fennel. YELL. HEN (10): 1, hc, Ette, sweetly pretty, grand head, teeming with quality; 2, Fennel, excellent quality, good body; 3, J. Irons, a trifle longer, nice quality and condition; 4, vhc, Irons, very smart, some thought a bit unlucky; vhc, T. Irons; c, Bretinfield. BUFF (8): 1, hc, Ette, very fine well proportioned hen, in grand fettle; 2, 4, Irons, very smart, close feathered hen, correct type, 4th should make a rare stock bird; 3, J. Irons, grand headed bird; vhc, Green; c, Bretinfield. NAT. COL. CK. (2): 1, Paine, one of the best, very fine yell.; 2, Jeyes, excellent marked buff, rare type. CREST (2): 1, Foreman, buff, well formed, griz. crest, excels in front; 2, Mills, green, very fine, large crest. C.B. (4): 1, 2, 3, Mills, green, good lash, 2nd mkd. buff, rare broad head, 3rd buff, extra good lash; 4, Andrews. YORKS. CK. (9): 1, 3, vhc, Freeman, very stylish yell., nice length, good position, clean cut, 3rd well made buff; 2, Dunkley, stylish buff, smart appearance, good position; 4, Allen, nice stylish yell; hc, c, Summers. YELL., 1911 (10): 1, (name we omitted to take), good position, lovely col. and condition; 2, Pigott, smart stylish bird; 3, Allen, mkd., rare length and position; 4, Summers; vhc, hc, Dunkley. BUFF (6): 1, 4, hc, Freeman, shows a lot of breed, rare length, smart appearance; 2, Dunkley, mkd., nice length and position; 3, Allen, beavier build, good position, nice length; vhc, Summers. HEN (9): 1, Charles, very clean cut, well filled in back and neck; 2, Dunkley, very smart, stylish yell.; 3, Allen, smart buff, well drawn out, stylish; 4, Freeman, stylish. A.O.V. (5): 1, Jeyes, rare Nor. green, rich col.; 2, Law, four-pointed Nor., correct type; 3, Fennel, broken green Nor., good type; 4, vhc, Martin. MULE OR HYB. (7): Andrews takes all prizes with a grand team, rare Goldie-Bullie of good col., 2nd Greenie-Bullie of rare size, 3rd Greenie-Goldie, in brilliant plumage, 4th extra choice Redpoll Mule of wonderful size and pencilling, vhc charming Siskin Mule, tight as wax, hc lightly mkd. buff Goldfinch Mule, and c a varieg. ditto. YEL. NOR. (11): 1, Martin, very smart, good col., correct type; 2, Bingham, very fine, big, mkd., rare stock bird; 3, Pigott, very nice clear, good type; 4, Galsworthy; vhc, Paine; hc, c, Ette. BUFF (11): 1, Galsworthy, rare big one, excellent type; 2, Pigott, not quite so cobby, otherwise nice exhibit; 3, vhc, Martin, good one; 4, Gray, another good one; hc, Ette; c, Bingham. HEN (11): 1, Ette, very smart, good quality buff; 2, Brooks, nice quality mkd. yell.; 3, Martin, tkd. yell., good type; 4, Galsworthy, large yell., stock bird; vhc, Clements; hc, Bellham; c, Paine. YELL., 1911 (8): 1, Galsworthy, nice size, rich quality, correct type; 2, 4, Paine, couple of smart birds, smaller than 1st; 3, Ette, nice type and quality; vhc, Botterill; hc, Brooks; c, Pigott. BUFF (8): 1, Galsworthy, rare big bouncing bird, nice quality, rich col.; 2, vhc, Ette, very fine, big, mkd. bird; 3, Brooks, a trifle smaller, but well made; 4, Botterill; hc, Bellman; c, Paine. THRUSH, ETC. (2): 1, Martin, lovely Song Thrush, well marked; 2, Fabor, equally good Blackbird. GOLDFINCH, ETC. 1, 2, 4, vhc, Andrews, rich col. Bullie, in grand condition, 2nd rare quality Goldfinch, good blaze; 3, Brooks, Goldfinch, nice blaze; hc, Munday. BRAMBLEFINCH, ETC. (8): 1, 3, 4, Andrews, excellent yell. Greenfinch, 3rd equally good buff ditto, 4th bright col. Chaffinch; 2, vhc, Tabor, nice col. Bramblefinch; hc, Kitchener. A.O.S. (7): 1, 2, 3, c, Andrews, very fine Yellowhammer, rich col.-fed Siskin, well pencilled, 3rd another good Siskin; 4, vhc, Munday, good Yellowhammer; hc, Wolpers.

NEWCASTLE (Staffs).

Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A. second annual club show, held at the Compaeses Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme, on Dec. 26. Entries totalled over 140, and the quality surpassed anything seen at a members' show in the district. The cup presented by Mr. H. George was competed for and caused keen competition, Mr. W. Roberts proving successful with 27 points, Mr. T. Walker running close up with 26 points. Special for most points, Mr. R. Smith; 2nd, Mr. T. Hawley. Best Canary, Mr. R. Smith (yell. Nor.). Best Brit, Messrs. Pitchford and Stocker (Goldfinch); best novice Nor., Mr. H. George; novice Yorks., Mr. J. B. McMurtrie; best novice Brit., Mr. J. Peake. The show was well attended considering the inclement weather, and the funds of the society should benefit by the venture. Mr. F. J. Weaver judged.

NOR. YELL.: 1, 2, vhc, Smith; 3, Bowers; hc, Clay; c, Roberts. BUFF: 1, hc, Smith; 2, Bagshaw; 3, sp, George; vhc, Pitchford and Stocker; c, Butters. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Smith; 3, Roberts; vhc, Pitchford and Stocker; hc, Bagshaw; c, Clay. BUFF: 1, C. Smith; 2, Bagshaw; 3, Roberts; vhc, Butters; hc, Peake. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, Roberts; 2, Butters; 3, Smith; vhc, Bowers; hc, George; c, Bagshaw. BUFF: 1, 3, Smith; 2, Roberts; vhc, Bagshaw. HEN: 1, Roberts; 2, Clay; 3, Smith; vhc, Bagshaw; hc, Peake; c, Smith. YORKS. YELL.: 1, Hawley; 2, Holland; 3, Pygott; vhc, Lea; hc, Pygott; c, Lea. BUFF: 1, McMurtrie; 2, Holland; 3, Walton; vhc, Hawley; hc, c, Pygott. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Walker; 3, Hawley; vhc, Pygott; hc, Salt; c, Alcock. BUFF: 1, 2, Hawley; 3, Alcock; vhc, Holland; hc, Pygott. UNFLIG. YELL: 1, Salt; 2, 3, Walker; vhc, Hawley; hc, Pygott. BUFF: 1, Hawley; 2, Walton; 3, vhc, hc, Lea; c, Pygott. HEN: 1, Hawley; 2, Salt; 3, Walker; vhc, Lea; hc, c, Alcock. A.O.V.: 1, Butters, foul green Yorks. MULES: 1, 2, Pitchford and Stocker; 2, 3, vhc, Davis; c, Smith. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Leadbeater; 2, Pitchford and Stocker. BRIT. A.O.S.: 1, 3, Pitchford and Stocker (Yellowhammer and Bullfinch); 2, vhc, hc, Davis (Greenfinch and Bramblefinch).—Pitchford and Stocker, Secs.

HEBDEN BRIDGE.

Hebden Bridge C.B.S. members' show, held Dec. 23rd, in the club room of the Neptune Hotel, some 70 birds being on view, many of exceptional merit. Mr. H. W. Walsh (Halifax) judged.

YELL. YKS.: 1, sp best in show, 2, vhc, Simpson and Son, very smart shape, showy, rattling fine col. and qual.; 2nd, good shape, leggy, nice position; 3, Lye, good length and shape, plenty of col.; hc, Nutter; c, Judson. BUFF: 1, 2, Simpson and Son, grand length and shape, nice col. and qual.; 2nd, good shape and style, nice feather; 3, Lye, smart shape, leggy and nice feather; vhc, Harrison; hc, King. UNFLIG.: 1, Judson, yell., nice wedge shape, leggy, good col. and qual.; 2, Lye, best novice, buff, good type, grand qual. and col.; 3, Harrison, yell. tick wing, good shape, nicely cut away, smart feather; vhc, hc, Simpson and Son; c, King. UNFLIG. HEN: 1, King, grand buff, rattling fine qual., good wings and tail; 2, hc, Simpson and Son, tick wing yell., grand position, nice shape and style; 3, King, rattling fine length and shape, nice back, good col. and qual. YELL. HEN: 1, Roberts, good length and shape, nice qual.; 2, hc, Simpson and Son, neat type and style, good feather; 3, Harrison, nice qual., too short; vhc, King. BUFF: 1, 3, hc, Simpson and Son, good long hen leading, nice shape and qual.; 3rd, nice type, good feather, neat; 2, King, good shape, well filled neck, rattling fine wings, good qual.; vhc, Lye; c, Harrison. NOR. CK.: 1, Harrison, buff, good size, sub. and qual.; 2, 3, Ackroyd, buff, good col. and qual.; 3rd, nice yell. HEN: 1, Harrisonfi short cobby buff nice feather; 2, 3, Ackroyd, yell. and buff, good sub.; vhc, King. STOCK CK.: 1, King. PAIRS: 1, Harrison. GREEN YKS. CK.: 1, Roberts, nice huff, good size and shape, nice qual. HEN: 1, Roberts, buff. A.O.V.: 1, Harrison, Nor. Cinn., good size and shape, nice col.; 2, Nutter, Cinn. Yks. buff, nice shape and style, neat feather. BRIT.: 1, vhc, King, good Bullie, nice size, very steady; 2, 3, Harrison, Greenie and Goldie, Greenie rattling fine size and shape, lovely col. Goldie, nice shape and col.

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The Paisley O.S. opened their annual two-days' exhibition in the New Drill Hall on 1st January. The hall is admirably adapted for a show of this sort, having ample flooring accommodation; and being lighted from the roof, the light is all that can be desired. The building is heated by radiators, and this enables an even temperature to be maintained. The cage birds were artistically staged at the inner end of the hall. The Scotch Fancies were started at the left-hand side and continued to about the centre, from which point the Norwich commenced and were arranged to the right. Mr. Lambie, the secretary, though new to the duties, proved a capital secretary; he is a past-master in the art. The Scotch Fancy Canary entries totalled 200, with 23 Belgian Canaries, which was about equal with the previous exhibition. The quality of the Scotch and Belgian Canaries was very even, and of a good standard. The Norwich sections showed a considerable decrease on last year's number, but the quality was quite up to the average, some good birds being staged. The entries all over were much less (about 200) compared with last year, but the finances are better than was showed by last year's accounts. The Glasgow show and Paisley show both being on the same date certainly told on the entries on both sides. Various sales were effected, but they were not equal to what would have been the case had the exhibits been entered at purchasable prices; they were nearly all prohibitive in price, and the demand was in excess of the supply; a number were catalogued at £100. The public patronised the event, and were much amused at the humpy-backed exhibit. The non-fancier cannot understand this mysterious specimen; it has to be known to be appreciated. The judges for the two opening sections were Messrs. Black and Park (Govan), Caldwell (Bailieston), Fulton (Partick), Prentice (Clydebank) and Baird (Paisley); they got through their work by 2 o'c. Other judges: Messrs. A. Robertson (Rutherglen) for Norwich, R. B. Gibb (Glasgow) for Yorks, H. Bennet (Kelso) for Borders, and R. Y. Raine (Cathcart) for the Mules, British, and foreign birds. Cup for best young Scotch Fancy Canary was won by Mr. James Smith, of Govan, with a yellow foul cock. The runner-up was the yellow hen belonging to Mr. Montgomery.

Scotch Fancies and Belgians.

SCOT. FCY. YELL. (11): 1, Stewart, a model, nicely set on perch, giving it a splendid droop, nice top, rare action, in the pink of condition; 2, McClure, grand size, erect, decided reach, fine depth through chest, heavy top, long body and wing; 3, Wilson, smart, neat exhibit, inclining over perch when we saw him; 4, 5, Gray, splendid pair, erect, fine reach and top, good style, all-round; 6, Graham, smart, neat model; 7, Caldwell; 8, Neil. HEN (13): 1, two spls., Montgomery, erect, very pronounced reach, neat head, long neck, heavy top, grand depth of chest, full of action, long body and wing, a favourite; 2, Kennedy, well set on perch, good drive, nice top and depth through chest, splendid size; 3, Main, smart and neat, splendid action and well staged; 4, Maxwell, erect, nice reach and top, long body and wing; 5, Smith, neat, compact, and full of style; 6, Neil, fine style and action; 7, Park; 8, Maxwell. BUFF (12): 1, Ward, grand leader, erect, decided in drive, neat head, fine depth of chest, fine body and wing; 2, Montgomery, stylish, smart bird, erect, fine head, neck and reach, good depth of chest, brings tail well under perch; 3, McIlwain, splendid exhibit, erect, rare drive, nice top and body, fine action; 4, Caldwell, fine, erect, rare action; 5, Maxwell, smart, nice style; 6, Neil, good stamp; 7, Millar; 8, Moore. HEN (14): 1, Ferguson, well-known winner, under a new name, splendid style and action, worthy of place; 2, Burnside, erect, decided in reach, nice top, wing and body; 3, McIlwain, neat, compact stylish hen, full of action; 4, Miller, erect, fine reach, top and body; 5, Strathearn, nice style; 6, Renfrew, smart and stylish; 7, Ward; 8, Maxwell. YELL. PIED CK. (8): 1, Hunter, a favourite, erect, nice reach, splendid top, fine depth of chest, good body and wing; 2, McIlwain, erect, fine reach, top and body; 3, Borland, nice smart exhibit, full of style; 4, Muir, nice all over; 5, Strathearn, good stamp; 6, Stirling, smart and neat; 7, McMillan; 8, Fleming. HEN (10): 1, 2, Fulton, 1 erect, grand drive, neat head, nice depth of chest, long body and wing, 2 nice style, similar to first, but not quite so pronounced; 3, Caldwell, well set on perch, neat head, good top, body and wing; 4, Maxwell, good all-round exhibit, capital style; 5, Stewart, worthy of position; 6, Higgins, nice stamp; 7, Hamilton; 8, O'Dormett. BUFF (15) something like a class for numbers: 1, Millar, grand frame, erect, decided reach, heavy top and body, nice wing; 2, McClure, neat, stylish exhibit, full of merit; 3, Smith, rare style and action; 4, 5, Hunter, smart pair, grand type, steady in working; 6, Gray, grand heavy exhibit; 7, Fulton; 8, Livingstone. HEN (8): 1, Fulton, well set on perch, rare top, fine depth of chest, good body and wing; 2, 6, Gray, 2 very fine style, full of quality; well staged; 3, Stewart, erect, decided drive, good top, body and wing; 4, Powell, smart but steady; 5, Ward, stylish; 7, Hannay; 8, Wilson. FOUL CK. (11): 1, Smith, cup winner, neat head, long neck, nice top, body and wing, full of action; 2, Montgomery, erect, decided drive, good top, body and wing; 3, 5, Ward, superior couple, good quality; 4, Ferguson, smart, nice style; 6, Caldwell, good type; 7, Muir; 8, Lavery. HEN (11): 1, Maxwell, erect, decided drive, neat head, long neck, fine depth of chest, long body and wing; 2, Miller, grand quality, well staged; 3, Lavery, erect, decided drive, nice top, body and wing; 4, Renfrew, neat stylish hird, full of action; 5, Ward, erect, fine reach and depth, of chest; 6, Stewart, good stamp; 7, Kennedy; 8, Burnside. GREEN CK. (10): 1, Archibald, erect, decided in reach, neat head, fine depth of chest, rare body and wing; 2, Montgomery, grand size and quality, fine action; 3, Fotheringham, erect, neat head and neck, fine depth of chest, good body and wing; 4, Buchanan, good stamp; 5, O'Dormett, nice style; 6, Gillen, typical; 7, Wilson; 8, Muir. HEN (10): Buchanan, erect, fine reach, good top, fine depth of chest, good body and wing; 2, Hunter, well set on legs, neat and full of action; 3, Edgar, good stamp; 4, Jardine, fine style; 5, Smith; 6, Thomson; 7, McMillan; 8, Livingstone. PAIRS (7): 1, McClare, champion pair, in good form; 2, Steward, another well matched pair, full of merit; 3, Moore, good one; 4, Jardine; 5, Smith; 6, Fleming; 7, Baird. BELG. (11): 1, Kennedy, neat typical exhibit, neat head, good top, tapered body; 2, McIlwain, nice smart and typical, a good second; 3, 6, Lawrie, 3 good type; 4, Renfrew; 5, Kennedy; 7, Allison; 8, Young. HEN (12): 1, 7, Russell, 1 full of merit, fine Belg. qualities; 2, Ross, neat and smart; 3, Young, good type, fine size; 4, Siddons; 5, 6, Currie; 6, Ballie.

The Norwich and Yorkshires.

NOR. CK., YELL., CL., ETC. (6): 1, Calderwood, cl. yell., nice shape, grand quality feather, in the pink of condition, nice col.; 2, 6, McFarlane, cl. yell., very rich col., second nice shapely bird, lovely head and substance, good feather, close up; 3, Watson, another cl. yell. of good substance and shape and feather, and in lovely condition; 4, Liddell, head mkd. yell., nice shape and quality; 5, Scott. HEN, YELL. & BUFF (Amalgamated) (5): 1, 5, McFarlane, 1st yell., good shape, grand feather and body, real nice type, wins; 2, Muir, buff, not quite the substance of winner, grand shape and condition; 3, Watson, yell., fails only in chest, nice shape, col. and feather; 4, Edwards, yell., fails a wee shade in feather to others. CK. BUFF (7): 1, spl, 4, McFarlane, 1st col. fed buff cock, a gem for shape, bold front, grand quality, 4th cinn. cock, rare condition; 2, Calderwood, clear buff, rare shape and quality, staged in grand condition; 3, Sinclair, not quite so shapely, but a nice bird, in capital feather and condition; 5, Jeffrey; 6, Paterson; 7, Binnie. CK., VAR., ETC. (7): 1, Binnie, head and wing markings, grand shape, sweet head, nice bold front, in fine condition; 2, Watson, really good col. fed Green cock, excellent shape and head, well groomed, in lovely condition, close up on winner; 3, spl, 5 spl, Liddell, not quite so deep through chest, but a nice shape, in tip-top condition, good type; 4, spl, McMillan, all there for size, fails only in substance to winners; 6, 7, spl, McFarlane. HEN (10): 1, 5, 6, McFarlane, 1st col. fed buff, grand shape, wing marked, neat bold front, very shapely, wins; 2, spl, Webster, varieg. green hen of excellent points, in lovely condition; 3, McNair, varieg. buff, good shape, close feather, smart finish; 4, Sinclair, a wee shade plain to those in front, but not at all a bad bird; 7, Jeffrey; 8, Watson; 9, spl, Scott. N.F. CK. (5): 1, Paling, cl. yell., a gem for shape, quality and style, nice typical bird, silky feather; 2, Naismith, nice cinn. yell., good shape and feather, grand substance, real good one; 3, Edwards; 4, Sinclair; 5, Paterson. HEN (11): 1, spl, Calderwood, varieg., short and chubby, typical hen for shape and quality, in capital condition; 2, Parker, mkd. buff, fine size and head, capital feather and condition, good 2nd; 3, Liddell, another nice one, a bit faulty in left wing; 4, Sinclair, nice size and condition, good shape; 5, McMillan; 6, Greenwell; 7, Marlin; 8, Binnie; 9, Naismith. NOVICE CK. AND HEN (Amalgamated) (7): 1, 6, Lickie, col. fed buff, very shapely, nice close feather, in grand condition; 2, Paling, buff hen, grand shape and feather, nice bold head and chest, good type, presses on winner; 3, 5, O'May, 3rd varieg. ck., nice head and feather, not quite so deep through chest as 1st and 2nd; 4, Paling, cl. yell., winner of Ramsden medal in West of Scotland and Paisley shows, an all-round good Plainhead, in capital feather. UNFLIG. CK. (8): 1, Webster, real gem, very typical, lovely feather and shape, wins easy, spotless condition; 2, Smith, varieg. buff cock, of good all-round merit, not quite so shapely as 1st; 3, Sinclair, fails only in substance, nice clean, well built bird; 4, Liddell, col. fed buff, shapely, smart moulded bird, fails only in substance; 5, Paling; 6, spl, spl., Potts; 7, Gentle; 8, spl, McFarlane. HEN (8): 1 spl, Sinclair, cl. buff hen of excellent merit, nice size and shape, staged in the pink of condition; 2, Calderwood, good shape and quality, beaten a wee shade in size to 1st, little between them; 3, Liddell, fails just a shade in substance, nice smart exhibit, in grand condition; 4, Gentle, not in condition or might have gone up; 5, Connelly; 6, Stewart; 7, McFarlane. CINN: Cancelled.

YORKS CK. YELL. AND BUFF (Amalgamated) (7): 1, Aitkenhead, grand quality feather, nice tail, long flights, fine wing carriage and pose, good shoulders and col.; 2, 3, spl, Girvan, 2nd a wee bit shorter but very close on winner, 3rd not quite so nice in feather; 4, 5, McLelland, 4th cl. yell., nice size and shape; 6, Liles; 7, Blair. HEN, YELL. OR BUFF (Amalgamated) (9): 1, Girvan, nice typical cl. buff hen, fine length and pose, good head and wing, jaunty carriage, lovely feather; 2, Liles, cinn. yell., grand type, nice pose, very shapely, good legs, well braced up; 3 Aitkenhead, eye tkd. yell., nicely finished, grand carriage of wings and tail, stands well up; 4, spl, Marr, tkd. yell., another good hen, well proportioned, very shapely; 5, Blair; 6, Park; 8, spl, 9 spl, Nicholson; 7, Barr.

The Border Fancies.

BORD., CL., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, Lawson, grand little exhibit, neat carriage throughout, fine jaunty appearance, sweet one, neatly staged, wins nicely; 2, Smillie, good one, neat head, wings and tail, a trifle loose in feather; 3, Brown, nice one, in good condition, fails just a trifle in feather quality; 4, Lambie, real good specimen, in fine condition, well filled in; 5, spl. (no name), very good one for quality, if anything might be just a trifle better in neck; 6, spl., Wallace; 7, Hutchison; 8, Shields. BUFF CK.: 1, Buchanan, a beauty for quality, feathered like wax, grand head and tail, wings trifle loose when we saw it; 2, spl., Wallace, nice one for quality and shape, neat carriage, might be staged to better advantage, still good 2nd; 3, Lambie, good typical specimen, neat carriage, in fine trim; 4, Kay, real good tight feathered one, nice type and quality, running hard on heels of winners; 5, Kirkhope, good one for quality and feather; 6, Cunningham; 7, spl., Shields; 8, Dodds. YELL. HEN: 1, spl., B.F.C.C. medal, Smillie, grizzle mark on left shoulder, truly a little gem for type and quality, every feather as smooth as glass, one of the right sort; 2, Lambie, stronger a trifle in build, good Border otherwise; 3, Kirkhope, head tick, similar in type to 1st, fine quality and carriage; 4, spl., Wallace, good one, inclined to open just a wee shade at front; 5, Shields, nice col. and quality; 6, Briggs, junr.; 7, Buchanan; 8, Cunningham. BUFF: 1, Wallace, real good one, feather like glass, grand type and quality, fine carriage, a Border every inch; 2, Dodds, another real beauty for type and quality, sweet head and neck, fine build, must have been hard to separate the two; 3, spl., Brown, nice one for quality, a shade unsteady when handling; 4, Lawson, very sweet, neat head, well tapered body, fine carriage; 5, Cunningham, still a good one, grizzle on neck, fine type; 6, Simpson; 7, Peters; 8, Kay. YELL., EVEN, ETC.: 1, Smillie, lovely even clnn. mark, fine depth, lovely even col., neat jaunty carriage, grand type, fine style, nice win; 2, Lambie, fine cinn. mark, nice col. and quality, fine typical hen, just a wee shade thin neck, otherwise good; 3, Haddow, still a cinn. mark, grand type and quality, nice shape, fine carriage, some thought could have gone up one; 4, 6, Kirkhope,, leader fine uneven mark, nice type and quality; 5, Wilson, cinn. mark, fine shape and style; 7, Simpson; 8, Peters. BUFF: 1, Buchanan, good variegs., nice quality and feather, neat style, good carriage of wings, neatly folded tail; 2, Smillie, nice quality feather, fails just a trifle in wing carriage; 3, Wallace, neat even mark, of good quality, nice silky feather and stylish build, well filled in, some preferred for 2nd position; 4, Dodds, lightly marked, real good one for quality, feather like glass; 5, Haddow, again lightly marked, good quality; 6, Lambie; 7, Wilson; 8, Cougans. GREEN, ETC.: 1, Lambie, fine yell., real grassy col., nice type and quality, grand carriage, travels the perches well; 2, Peters, another nice yell., fine col. and style, but scarcely so sweetly moulded as winner; 3, Brown, good quality green, fails only in depth of col., well up to leaders in type; 4, Glass, real good buff cinn., lovely soft quality feather, neat wings and tail; 5, Wilson, again buff cinn., fine style; 6, Simpson; 7, Brown; 8, Haddow.

Mules, British and Foreign Birds.

LIGHT MULE OR HYB.: 1, McMillan, massive jonque Greenie-Bullie, in capital order, steady as a rock, shows cross, well put down, rare trim; 2, spl., McFarlane, junr., grand Goldie-Bullie, in spanking fine form, steady, staged to perfection, capital 2nd; 3, spl., A. McFarlane, light Goldie mule, grand size, fine feather, well-known winner, put down in rare form; 4, spl., Shedden, Goldie-Bullie, in fine condition and col., nice and steady; 5, Edwards, varieg. jonque Greenie-Can., in good feather and condition; 6, Mill; 7, Lavery. DARK: 1, 2, McQuiston, massive jonque Greenie mule, fine feather, a wealth of col., steady, staged to perfection, 2 grand dark Goldie, rare depth of col., shows cross well, fine massive build, put down in grand trim; 3, Parker, as good a dark Linnet as we have seen for a bit, a monster for size, fine col., in nice order; 4, Connelly, another Linnet cross, nice feather and quality; 5, Lavery, good Greenie mule; 6, Craig; 7, Buchanan; 8, Hutchison. BRIT. GOLDIE: 1, spl., 4, Lavery, leader a real gem, steady as a rock, fine expansive deep col., square-cut blaze, clean, distinct, well-cut markings, fine wings and buttons, 4 nice one for col. and markings; 2, Dooly, very nice one, fine blaze and markings; 3, P. McQuiston, quite a good one, but not just the depth of blaze or size of others; 5, Liles, good one for size; 6, Kirk; 7, McGillivray Bros.; 8, Blair. FOR. GOLDFINCH: 1, Graham, capital sized, steady specimen, grand blaze, fine depth of col., nice and square-cut, pure and distinct in markings, wins well; 2, Cowan, another very good Finch, fine size, pure markings, just behind a trifle in spread of blaze; 3, Wallace, quite a good one, well up in col. and markings, loses a trifle in steadiness; 4, Buchanan, nice one for size and markings; 5, spl., Cunningham, good one, in fine condition; 6, Hutchison; 7, Gemmell; 8, Steel. BRIT. BULLIE: 1, McQuiston, grand exhibit, fine depth of col., lovely expansive, deep, nice fitting jet cap, neat wing bars, good one; 2, Williamson, very similar to leader, not much to choose between them for 1st honours; 3, Ingram, good one for size and col., just a wee bit wild; 4, Cougans, good one for size; 5, Hutchison, quite a good one; 6, Currie; 7, Morrison; 8, Steel. GREENFINCH: 1, Parker, grand exhibit, massive in build, deep level col., well staged, wins nicely; 2, Lavery, fine col., not quite the substance of leader, wet when we saw it; 3, McFarlane, nice one, in fine feather, good 3rd; 4, Hardie, well up for col. and size, not much to choose between them; 5, Buchan, good size, nice condition, well placed; 6, Blair; 7, Steel; 8, Liles. LINNET: 1, 2, McQuiston, leader rare size, good nutty col., finely pencilled, steady, 2 another nice one, fine even shade of col., good 2nd; 3, Cochrane, a topping Linnet, not quite the size of leaders, but for depth of col. and neat pencilling must have pressed hard; 4, Lavery, good one for col., loses in size only to leaders; 5, Graham, quite a creditable exhibit; 6, Parker; 7, McMillan; 8, Allison. LINNET, F.M.: 1, McQuiston, good size, fine nutty col., in rare feather and condition, inclined to be a wee bit unsteady at times; 2, Seath, smaller, but fine col. and condition, steadier than leader, good 2nd; 3, Brown, leader real good one, fine size and condition, steady, just about equal to anything in class; 4, H. Henry, nice steady exhibit, good condition, good pencilling, nicely shown; 5, Brown, quite a nice one; 6, Hutchison; 7, Lavery; 8, spl., Cairney. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, McMillan, grand mealy 'Poll, rare size, nicely marked, steady, in good condition; 2, 5, McQuiston leader real good Twite put down in the pink of condition, fine depth of col., nicely pencilled, in nice trim, 5 another nice 'Poll; 3, 4, Neilson, fine 'Poll, good quality, not quite the size of winner; 4, Twite, just about as good as leader, nice one; 6, McPherson; 7, Marlin; 8, Gardener. BRIT. HENS (suitable for muling): 1, Brown, grand Bullie, put down in clinking fine form, nice size and feather, steady, good one; 2, Pirrie, Bramble, fine feather, in nice trim, good size and spangle, well put down; 3, Clark, Bullie, in fine condition, just lacks substance of leaders; 4, McQuiston, topping Linnet, steady, in good condition, nicely staged; 5, 6, Buchanan, 5 nice Bullie, just about as good as any in class; 7, Steel; 8, Mayberry. REDPOLL, FIELD MOULTED: 1, McPherson, clinking fine 'Poll, nice bib and cap, neatly pencilled, in grand condition; 2, Seath, not quite so steady, good one otherwise; 3, Frew, grand one, fine size, feather and condition; 4, McGillivray, nice one, well up in col. and quality, well staged; 5, Burns, nice one; 6th, Hopkins; 7, Cowan; 8, Sneddon. BRIT., SMALL: 1, Frew, magnificent Longtailed Tit, steady, in rare condition, wins nicely; 2, McQuiston, fine Bramble, good col., distinct markings, fine size, steady; 3, Morrison, clinking fine Pipit, steady as a rock, well shown, in capital condition, really a creditable specimen; 4, Adams, nice Chaffie, grand col. nicely marked, steady, well staged; 5, Steel, good Chaffie; 6, Bell, nice Black Redstart, in fine condition, hard lines here; 7, spl., Sinclair; 8, Robertson. LARGE: 1, McQuiston, champion Chough, in AI trim, noted winner, often described; 2, Adams, topping Blackbird, in fine feather, steady and well staged; 3, Pirrie, fine Missel Thrush, in fine condition; 4, Morrison, beautiful Waxwing, in lovely condition, some thought might have stepped one up; 5, Jeffrey, Blackbird; 6, Renwick, Hawfinch; 7, Clark; 8, Stevenson.

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FALKLAND (Fife).

Fifty-third annual exhibition held in the Town Hall, January 2. The hall is a capital one for a cage bird show, being well lighted all round, and the birds being staged on one side and at the end, left plenty of room for visitors. There was a good increase in entries on last year, and the quality was first class. The Executive Committee were early in attendance, and from the president downwards one and all worked hard for the success of the show, the vice-president, Mr. Angus, devoting a lot of time and experience to the work, while Mr. Litster (treasurer), and Mr. Anderson (secretary) worked well. Mr. McLaughland was the cage bird steward, and he helped materially to make the show the success it was. Mr. W. Mitchell (Perth) judged, and his awards were well received.

The Critique.

SCOT FCY. YELL. CK. cancelled. HEN (2): 1, J. Thomson, good length of side, nice head and neck, stands well on pins; 2, Angus, just slightly less good drive, nice reach. BUFF CK.: 1, T. Thomson, good size, nice long side, fine style. HEN (3): 1, sp, T. Thomson, fine hen, rare style, good head and shoulders, in grand order; 2, 3, Reekie, fine depth, good length of side, nice wings, well carried, 3rd similar, loses in size only. YELL. PIED CK.: 1, J. Thomson, good size, nice head and neck, well set on legs. HEN: 1, Jas. Beattie, capital size, fine length of side, good wings and tail. BUFF CK.: 1, 2, Jas. Beattie, leading with a typical bird, grand reach, good head and shoulders, nice drive, 2nd fails just slightly in size to leader, otherwise equal; 3, Angus, fine size, nice circle, stands well up. HEN: 1, T. Thomson, good one, in fine order. GREEN, ETC., CK.: 1, sp, Reekie, fine size, good substance, determined drive, stands well upon perch; 2, T. Thomson, nice size and quality, good reach. HEN: 1, T. Thomson, good size, nice quality and reach; 2, J. Thomson, nice quality. NOR. CL., ETC., CK.: 1, T. Sharp, good size and substance, rare col., good head and wings; 2, McLaughlan, nice type, rare quality, fails only in substance. HEN: 1, sp, Kerr, nice size, rare good quality, in grand order; 2, Sharp, nice cl. buff, fine head and wings, good size, fails only in quality. A.O.C. CK.: 1, sp, Sharp, good yell. varieg., fine good quality, nice close feather; 2, McLaughlan, fine buff varieg., in good order rare quality feather. HEN cancelled. NON-FED CK.: 1, Angus, good size and substance, nice head and wings, well put down. UNFLIG.: 1, sp, Kerr, good wing mkd. buff, fine size and substance, good head and front; 2, Sharp, nice cl. buff, good size, fine wings and back, in good order; 3, J. Thomson, buff varieg., very typical, in fine order; 4, McLaughlan, good yell. varieg., grand quality, nice wings, sweet exhibit. CREST CK. cancelled. HEN: 1, sp, 2, Angus, both greens, 1st good body, nice crest well centered, nice, long, veiny feather, 2nd similar. C.B.: 1, 2, Angus, 1st nice cl. buff, good entrance, well lashed, grand bold skull, 2nd another good one. BORD. CL., ETC., CK.: 1, sp, Marr, nice yellow, fine type and quality, rare wings and tail, first rate col., wins; 2, 3, Shaw, leader grand head and front, capital wings and tail, good col., 3rd nice one, fine type and quality, well up; 4, Todd, fine size and quality, good wings; 5, Fotheringham; 6, Lawson. HEN: 1, Fotheringham, dandy, nice yell., rare quality, fine head, in grand bloom; 2, Todd, good buff, fine type and quality, nice size; 3, Ballingall, wrong class, a topper, even mkd., could have won in right class, hard luck. A.O.C., CK.: 1, Dryburgh, head and wing mkd. yell., nice size, good head and neck, fine wings and tail, well staged; 2, Kilgour, eye and wing mkd. buff, fine size and quality, grand condition; 3, we could not find. HEN: 1, 2, Marr, good yell., head and wing mkd., nice type and quality, good wings and tail, 2nd similar, capital head and front, in grand order. BRIT. LINNET: 1, D. and F. Crichton, good size and shape, well pencilled, fine col.; 2, 3, A. Philip and Son, 2nd nice size, good head, warm col., 3rd good one, slightly longer, fine front; 4, Lawson, good size and col., beaten only in head; 5, Mowbray; 6, Lister. BULLFINCH: 1, Mackie, grand size, capital ch. cut cap, good whites, bonnie breast col.; 2, Sharp, good size, nice cobby shape, fine breast col., well up; 3, Black and Lumsden, another good one for size; 4, Colville, good one, nice caps and bars; 5, McDonald; 6, Miss Slater. GOLD: 1, sp, Sharp, dandy Goldie, nice face, well up in col. well tanned; 2, Wilkie, good square blaze, well back, nice head and wings; 3, McLaughlan, capital head and wings, good size, fine col. GREENFINCH (11): 1, G. and A. Dryburgh, fine size and col. grand bold head, in tip-top order; 2, Black and Lumsden, grand size and col., good head and wings, close up; 3, Lawrie and Welch, good substance, capital head, beautiful close feather; 4, T. Anderson, fine size, good col., grand wings; 5, Fotheringham; 6, Philip and Son. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Lister, good Siskin, fine size, grand quality feather, good cap, rare col., well staged; 2, Colville, dandy nice Lesser 'Poll, good bib, nicely mkd.: 3, G. and A. Dryburgh, nice mealy 'Poll, good size and colour, fine bib; 4, Braid, mealy. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, Lawrie and Welch, fine Magpie, rare size and col., well shown; 2, Miss Angus, Starling, nicely spangled, good size, in shining condition; 3, G. and A. Dryburgh, fine Chaffinch, good size, grand col.; 4, A. Philip and Sons, another Chaffie, well up; 5, Mowbray. FOR.: 1, sp, 3, Lawrie and Welch, good Paradise Whydah leading, fine col., grand long tail feathers, 3rd good yell. Budgerigar; 2, R. Simpson, nice Siberian Goldfinch, fine size and col., good blaze; 4, D. Lawrie, nice pair of Waxhills, in shining condition; 5, 6, Lawrie and Welch. MULES: 1, Mackie, good Siskin-Can., fine size, nicely mkd., wins well on condition; 2, Wilkie, another Siskin, good size and markings; 3, Mowbray, fine varieg. Goldie-Can., lovely col.; 4, Kennoway, dark Goldie Mule, fine size and substance; 5, Reekie. CK.: 1, sp for best member's bird, D. Lawrie; 2, Middleton. HEN: 1, Angus; 2, D. Lawrie.

YORK C.B.S.

Members' show, held Boxing Day in All Saints' School Room. Mr. H. Todd (Darlington) judged, and his awards were well received. The birds were beautifully staged, and made a grand display. Several of the Norwich winners have taken premier honours at most of the recent shows. Mr. Zimmerman is to be congratulated on getting the special in the British section, with a grand Thrush the first time shown. As this is my first show as secretary, I wish to thank all who helped me to make it a success, and trust that at our next members' show every member will endeavour to bring some exhibits.

NOR. YELL. CK.: 1, 3, Wright; 2, Warnton. BUFF: 1, sp., Wright; 2, Moffat; 3, Pickering. HEN: 1, Wright; 2, 3, Cass. YORKS., YELL., CK.: 1, 2, Campling; 3, Moffat. BUFF: 1, sp., 3, Campling; 2, Moffat. HEN: 1, 3, Moffat; 2, Campling. A.O.V.: 1, Thompson; 2, Warnton; 3, Zimmerman. LINNET: 1, Moffat. GOLDFINCH: 1, 3, Warnton; 2, Moffat. BULLFINCH: 1, Sayles; 2, Zimmerman. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, Sissons; 2, 3, Zimmerman. HEN: 1, 3, Sissons; 2, Zimmerman. SOFTBILL: 1, sp, 2, Zimmerman; 3, Sissons. FOR.: 1, 2, Sissons; 3, Zimmerman.—H. Sayles, Hon. Sec.

SWANAGE.

Second annual show, held at the Drill Hall, Dec. 28th. Cage Birds were staged in a separate room, and were well looked after by Mr. W. Edmunds. The classes did not fill so well as could be wished, and several had to be amalgamated or cancelled. This was especially unfortunate in the Mule and Hybrid classes, there being several worthy of premier honours. Taken altogether, the exhibits were excellent. Mr. W. O. Brooke judged. Every credit is due to the Rev. M. Thwaites (the sec.) for the excellent arrangements made.

NOR. (14): 1, spl, 2, Davies, 1st yell., good size and col., 2nd buff, nice type and quality; 3, H. Matthews, tkd. buff, well up; vhc, hc, F. Matthews; hc, Hooper. UNFLIG. (6): 1, F. Matthews, nearly green crest; 2, H. Matthews good yell. Nor., nice quality wing carriage; 3, Stead, nice yell., not the quality of second quite; vhc, Cook; hc, c, Hooper. YORKS. (8): 1, spl, vhc, L. Bousfield, 1st lovely mkd. yell., finely drawn, excellent quality; 2, H. Bousfield, another lovely quality Cinn. mkd. yell.; 3, c, Fulford, former good quality yellow; hc, M. Orange. MULE AND HYB. (11): 1, 3, vhc, Davies, former very nice Linnet-Bullfinch, latter Goldfinch-Bullfinch, two excellent specimens, well shown: 2, hc, S. J. Lamb, yell. mkd. Goldfinch-Canary, worthy of a 1st had the classes been separate; c, S. M. Davies. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (9): 1, 2 spls., Bousfield, lovely Bullfinch, steady, good col. and bib, excellent condition; 2, H. Butler, very steady Goldfinch, good size and square blaze; 3, Jupe, another good Goldie, close up: vhc, hc, S. M. Davies; c, Morrison. A.O.S. FINCH (6): 1, Edmunds, Redpoll, very nice specimen; 2, 3, S. M. Davies, former Siskin, excellent condition and steady, latter Bramblefinch; vhc, Morrison, Siskin; hc, Miss M. Thomas, Chaffinch. PARROT, ETC. (6): 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, spl, W. Edmunds, 1st nice pair Many Coloured Parrakeets, 2nd Brown's Parrakeet, very rare, hard to separate, 3rd nice Yell. Budgerigars: c, Miss Bignall, good Amazon.

TRURO.

Truro C.B.S. annual show, held in the Market House, Boxing Day. Entries were well up to expectations, and the quality all-round was of the very best. Norwich and Yorks. classes were well filled, and competition was very keen. Mules and British were very hot, and were a great attraction, especially the Bullie class, which was about the warmest and most level lot seen in the West this season. Mr. C. H. Toy was again at the helm, and well backed up with a good committee of fanciers, a foregone conclusion that both exhibits and exhibitors had the best of attention. Mr. E. White judged.

The Critique.

NOR. CL. YELL. (9): 1, spl, Pascoe, very shapely, neat head, good back, flights short and nicely packed, nice quality feather; 2, Smith, good head and neck, neat shape, well cut behind: 3, c, Kemp, good back flights, and tail, neat head; r, Andrew, nice colour, good flights; vhc, no name; hc, Ferrell. BUFF (13): 1, spl, 2, Stephens and Gaved, good shape, head and neck, nice wings and tails; 3, vhc, Ferrell, fine feather and col., good type, grand carriage; r, Wotton, nice head and neck, neat shape; hc, Collins; c, Andrew. MKD., ETC. (12): 1, spl, Pascoe, good head and neck, nice tail and wing carriage, hot-fed varieg. yell.; 2, Thomas, tic head, good col., a trifle pinched in head; 3, Symons Bros., thigh tic, good type and quality, nice wings; r, Andrew, varieg., good shaped body; vhc, c, Stephens and Gaved; hc, Collins. NON-FLIG. (17): 1, spl, Wotton, rare head and neck, good chest, nice flights and tail; 2, 3, Andrew, pied tail yell., nice feather and col., beaten only in head and neck; 3, buff, good wings and tail; r, Smith, tic wing buff, good quality feather; vhc, hc, Ferrell, two grand yellows, fine shapes, rare heads and necks, lovely col., some thought an easy 2nd and 3rd; c, Thomas. HEN (20): 1, spl, Cowl, yell., lovely feather and quality, good shape and size; 2, vhc, Wotton, variegs., fine col., quality, and type, nice wings; 3, hc, Kemp, buff, smart cl., neat shape, good wing carriage; ex. 3, Symons Bros., buff, sound col., nice wings and tail; r, Pascoe, tic eye, neat shape; c, Smith. CREST OR C.B. (11): 1, spl, r, c, Rabey Bros., cl. body D.C., good size, well filled in body, grand formation crest; 2, 3, Symons Bros., green C.B., grand width of skull, well lashed, nice feather; 3, cl. body D.C., good substance, nicely centered crest; vhc, Kelynack. YORKS. YELL. (8): 1, 2, Boundy, good position, rare length, well drawn out, well braced wings, nice pipe tail, 2nd good head and neck, nice wing carriage, lovely feather and condition; 3, vhc, Thomas, good length and style, well packed wings, nice feather; r, Martin, rare length of side, wings well braced; hc, Andrew; c, Stephens and Gaved. BUFF (9): 1, spl, vhc, c, Thomas, good length and position, nice shape, colour, and feather; 2, Allen, tic wing, good colour, nice back and wing carriage; 3, Julian, well up on leg, nice wings and tail; r, Stephens and Gaved, rare position and stand; hc, Martin. NON-FLIG. (12): 1, spl, hc, Boundy, cl. buff, beautifully moulded, well up on leg, lovely feather and bloom, shows for all he's worth; 2, r, vhc, Thomas, yell., close compact feather, wings well braced, fine position and build; r, buff, nice quality and shape; 3, Allen, yell., nice length, gets well up on leg, wings well braced; c, Boak. HEN (12): 1, Stephens and Gaved, yell., good wing and tail carriage, rare length and position, nice shape; 2, vhc, c, Thomas, buff, three good damsels, smart shaped wings, well braced, fine position; 3, we missed noting; r, Andrew, yell., neat head, nice back and wings. PAIRS (11): 1, spl, c, Wotton, Nor., good type, col., and quality, A1 condition; 2, Boundy, grand pair of Yorks., well matched, in fine form; 3, Rabey Bros., Crested and C.B., good feather and shape; r, Andrew, Nor., good quality and type; vhc, Thomas; hc, Symons Bros. MULE (8): 1, spl, 2, hc, c, Collins, 4-pointed yell. Goldie leading, good col. and markings, 2nd lightly mkd. buff Greenfinch, rare size, good col., hc smart yell. Twite Mule, good size and col., Dulwich and Peckham winner, some thought an easy 3rd: 3, r, Stephens and Gaved, tic eye and wings, buff, good one; r, buff Goldie, dark; vhc, Staddon, Goldie-Bullie, nice blaze and wings. GOLDFINCH (9): 1, spl, Stephens and Gaved, nicely tanned body, good skull, nice square cut blaze; 2, Michael, well shaped blaze, good buttons and moonings; 3, Jordan, well tanned chest, good square cut blaze, rare depth of col.; r, Staddon, good body col., blaze not quite so expansive: vhc, Pascoe; hc, Cock; c, Roberts. BULLFINCH (10): 1, Hobba, field-moulted, nice shape, col., and feather, some thought lucky to beat 2, Jordan, cage moulted, grand size and shape, rich breast col., clean cut cap and wing bars; 3, Staddon, nice cap, well shaped hen, nice feather and conditinn; r, Rowe, rich back and chest, good cap and wing bars; vhc, c, Anstiss; hc, Collins. A.O.S. BRIT., SMALL (7): 1, Stephens and Gaved, Wryneck, rare size, shape, and colour, lovely back and head markings, nicely ticked on breast and flanks, very steady; 2, r, vhc, Collins, Yellow Wagtail, rich colour, very sweet exhibit, res. Nuthatch, rich coloured back and chest, quite at home on the bark, vhc well shown Bramblefinch, good spangling; 3, Staddon, nice coloured Yellow Bunting, nice quality, hc, Thompson, Treecreeper, well marked, nicely put down; c, Rowe; a good class. LARGE (11): 1, spl, 3, Thomson, Chough leading, well known, in rattling fine order, standing age well, 3rd Spotted Woodpecker, good col., in lovely condition and feather; 2, Stephens and Gaved, Hawfinch, nice size, rich back and chest, fine condition; r, Collins, Hawfinch, good size, well defined bib; vhc, Kemp, well Spangled Starling; hc, c, Mitchell. SMALL, FOR. (15): 1, spl, Kemp, lovely col. and exquisite Lavender Finch, smooth as marble; 2, r, Meagor, Red-crested Cardinal; 3, Dunstan, pair Mannikins, would not show themselves; vhc, Collins, Siberian Goldfinch, large, expansive blaze, rich body, good size; hc, Woolcock; c, Stephens and Gaved. MEMBERS' CLASSES.—NOR. (8): 1, spl, Cowl; 2, Smith; 3, Wotton. YORKS. (5): 1, Thomas; 2, Boggia; 3, Pascoe.

MID-RHONDDA C.B.S.

Second annual members' show held December 26th, Assembly Rooms, Tonypandy. Although only a members' show exhibits turned out well, especially so in Yorks. and Borders. The popular President (Mr. I. Morgan) secured most of the spoil with a rattling strong team of Borders, winning special for best Canary in show, also best Yorks. and best Border, as well as the challenge bowl for most points, although Mr. Wm. Morris proved a worthy runner-up for this trophy with 75 points. Best novice Yorks., Mr. J. Jones; Mr. Legg secured spl. for best Brit., and Mr. T. Player second best, with a Greenie and Goldie respectively. This society would do well to further extend their show another season. Mr. Legg makes a hard-working and painstaking secretary. The committee one and all are fired with the right grit, and should make things hum in this popular mining district. The cards were placed by Mr. T. L. Castree.

YORK., CK. YELL.: 1, spl., Morgan, cl., nice length, typical and well braced; 2, Jones, nice length, typical; 3, Lloyd; 4, Morris; vhc, Watley. BUFF: 1, Morris, nice quality feather, good length, good stock; 2, Morgan, nice shape and style; 3, Watley, pressed hard. HEN YELL.: 1, Morris, rattling good hen; 2, Lloyd, fine length, not quite so tight; 3, Jones, fair. BUFF: 1, Lloyd, good type; 2, Morris. UNFLIG. YELL: 1, Morris, 2-pointed yell., stands like a gun barrel; 2, Player, eye and wing mkd., nice and typical, loses only in length to winner; 3, Lloyd, good length; 4, Morris; hc, Watley. BUFF: 1, Morris, stands well; 2, Watley, nice type, loses only in length; 3, Watley, fair. NOR. CK., YELL.: 1, Morgan, cl., good size. Classes 8 and 9 cancelled. BORD., CL. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, Morgan, trio of typical, well staged Borders; 4, vhc, Thomas. BUFF: 1, 2, Morgan, 2 jaunty, well-cut exhibits, well placed. UNEVEN, ETC.: 1, Thomas, varieg. yell. hen., nice quality; 2, 3, Morgan, fine pair. A.O.V. CK.: 1, Morgan, cinn. Border, good one. HEN: 1, Legg, cinn. Border, nice type and quality; 2, 3, Morgan, pressed hard. MULE: 1, Jones, Linnet-Can. BRIT., GOLDIE, ETC.: 1, Player, nice bright Goldie; 2, Jones, Goldie, will improve; 3, Legg, Bullie again, will improve, nice one. LINNET, ETC.: 1, Morris, 2, 3, Legg, all Linnets, well shown, good ones. Class 17 cancelled. A.O.S. HARDBILL: 1, Legg, Greenie, well staged, good bird; 2, Morris, nice steady Chaffinch.

SHEFFIELD C.B.S.

Members' show held December 28th in Montgomery Hall, a light and spacious place, free from draughts, and centrally situated. Upwards of 270 birds, nicely staged, were on view. Yorks. were the special feature, making a superb collection. Special for best in show fell to a cl. yellow hen of lovely symmetry and teeming with quality, owned by Mr. H. E. Wilkinson. Taking the show all through, great progress has been made. Mr. F. Jones (President), Mr. T. Hemmings (Vice-President), Mr. W. Oxley (Treasurer) are true to the core, and better officials the society could not wish for. Mr. A. Hobson (Secretary) and Mr. J. Woolhouse (Assist. Secretary) know how to manage things correctly. Both work hard, and are courteous to the extreme. A word of praise should also be given Master Hobson, only a lad, but he did capital work both at this show and at the late successful open fixture. The stewards were Messrs. Lockwood, Drabble, Curley and T. Hemmings, praise being due to them for the way in which they went about their duties. There was a good attendance of visitors. This show terminates the Sheffield series (six all told), each and every one recorded as a success. Silver cups were won by Messrs. H. E. Wilkinson (Yorks.), A. Lawton (Nor.), P. Walsh (Brit.); best vhc's (3) Messrs. Bainbridge (Nor.), W. H. Webster (Yorks.), H. Lockwood (Brit.); best novice, J. R. Webster (unflighted cl. yell. Yorks.); best 4th, H. E. Wilkinson (Nor.), W. Bingham (Yorks.); Ramsden's, Mr. J. R. Webster. Judge, Mr. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield); his awards were well received.

YOUNG BIRDS: YORKS., YELL. (14): 1, 3, Elliott; 2, Wilkinson; 4, Bingham; vhc, Jones; hc, Tomlinson; c, Bennett. BUFF (13): 1, Tomlinson; 2, Elliott; 3, Furniss; 4, Wilkinson; vhc, c, Bennett; hc, Champion. MKD. (7): 1, 4, Tomlinson; 2, 3, Champion; vhc, Bennett; c, Jones. HEN (11): 1, Wilkinson; 2, 3, Elliott; 4, Furniss; vhc, Thorpe; hc, Bennett; c, Drabble. MKD. HEN (16): 1, Wilkinson; 2, Champion; 3, Elliott; 4, vhc, Tomlinson; hc, Furniss; c, Bennett. NOR., YELL. (9): 1, Tow; 2, Hemming; 3, c, Cowley; 4, Wilkinson; vhc, Hobson; hc, Woolhouse. BUFF (19): 1, Tow; 2, 4, hc, Woolhouse; 3, Hemming; vhc, Bainbridge; c, Wilkinson. MKD. (7): 1, Bainbridge; 2, Oxley; 3, Hemming; 4, Cowley; vhc, Woolhouse; hc, Oxley; c, Holt. HEN (14): 1, Hemming; 2, Holt; 3, C. W. Hobson; 4, c, Tow; vhc, Cowley; hc, Hemming. GOLDIE (5): 1, 3, Walsh; 2, Hemming; 4, A. Hobson; vhc, Lockwood. GREENIE (6): 1, 2, Walsh; 3, Lockwood; No. 5, 6, Walsh and Webster, absent. REDPOLL (6): 1, Walsh; 2, 4, A. Hobson; 3, Dobson; vhc, Bailey; hc, Lockwood. A.O.S. (9): 1, 2, 4, Walsh; 3, Falding; vhc, hc, Bailey; c, Lockwood. HEN (5): 1, Walsh; 2, 3, Falding; 4, vhc, Bailey. OLD BIRDS. YORKS., YELL. (8): 1, Sampson; 2, Wilkinson; 3, Thorpe; 4, Elliott; vhc, Bingham; hc, Champion; c, Bacon. MKD. (9): 1, Sampson; 2, Thorpe; 3, Bingham; 4, Bennett; vhc, Tomlinson; hc, Elliott; c, Pickering. YELL. HEN (6): 1, spl., Wilkinson; 2, Elliott; 3, 4, Sampson; vhc, Bingham; hc, Lockwood. BUFF (11): 1, Wilkinson; 2, Elliott; 3, Furniss; 4, Champion; vhc, ditto; hc, Thorpe; c, Simmonite. NOR., YELL. (7): 1, Oxley; 2, Woolhouse; 3, Cowley; 4, Bainbridge; vhc, C. W. Hobson; hc, Falding; c, Holt. BUFF (5): 1, Woolhouse; 2, A. Hobson; 3, Oxley; 4, Curley; vhc, Bainbridge. MKD. (7): 1, Cowley; 2, 3, 4, Woolbouse; vhc, Curley; hc, Holt; c, Oxley. HEN (7): 1, A. Hobson; 2, vhc, Cowley; 3, c, Holt; 4, Cowley; hc, Curley. MULE (4): 1, 2, Bingham; 3, Oxley; 4, Bailey. NOVICE, YORKS., YELL. (12): 1, Ramsden's spl., Webster; 2, 3, Bacon; 4, Sorshy; vhc, c, Simmonite; hc, Pickering; Nos. 4, 5, Maynard, w.c., buffs. BUFF (10): 1, hc, Webster; 2, Baenn; 3, Pickering; 4, Jennett; vhc, Webster; c, Sorshy. HEN (7): 1, Maynard; 2, Pickering; 3, 4, Sorsby; vhc, Jennett; hc, Chadwick; c, Dutton. MKD. (12): 1, Chadwick; 2, vhc, Jennett; 3, ditto; 4, Simmonite; hc, Chadwick; c, Webster. NOR. CK. (6): 1, Lawton; 2, vhc, Sissons; 3, ditto; 4, Bailey. HEN (5): 1, 2, 3, Lawton; 4, Sissons; vhc, Curley.

RADSTOCK (Somerset).

Held Dec. 28. The cage birds were staged at the end of the hall in a nice light. Unfortunately the three open classes were cancelled, probably owing to the fact that this section was not advertised in the Fancy Press. Another year with judicious advertising, there is no reason why this section should not be equal to the other sections of the show. Mr. B. Clark acted as hon. secretary, with Mr. H. Young as chairman, and these were ably backed up by an excellent lot of fanciers, all as keen as mustard. Those responsible for the cage bird section were Messrs. H. Brimble, F. Chivers, O. Tricker, J. Horler, M. Latcham, B. Wareham, and F. Woodland, who are deserving of every support. Mr. Keegan (Bristol) judged.

YELL., YORKS. CK.: 1, sp., vhc, hc, Brimble and Latcham, fine long-sided bird, good position, in splendid condition, a clear win; 2, c, Horler and Fricker, cl., good length, nice head and wings; 3, Woodland, capital yellow, nice position, good head and quality; 4, Nash, good position, not quite the length of winners. BUFF: 1, sp., hc, Brimble and Latcham, first, grand bird, fails only a little in wing carriage or would win at any show; 2, vhc, second very smart, good head, length and position; 3, Lippiatt, nice bird; 4, Chivers, some thought might have been higher, good one. BUFF HEN: 1, sp., 3, 4, hc, Horler and Fricker, first, grand upstanding bird, lovely quality, good wings and position, clear win, 3, another good bird, 4th, also a nice one; 2, Woodland, wing ticked Buff, nice quality bird, of good position. YELL.: 1, sp., c, Brimble and Latcham, first, lovely clear, grand length and position, beautiful quality, a gem; 2, 3, 4, Horler and Fricker, fine team, fit for any open show; vhc, Woodland. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, 3, A. Stock, all Goldie Can. Mules, first, light Mule, nice size, 2, heavily varieg., Mule, larger than first, 3, very smart varieg. mule, all in superb condition; 4, Woodland, dark Mule, small, but good colour.

CHESTER.

Once again the Chester C.B.S. held their annual show on Boxing day in the Assembly Rooms—a place admirably fitted for an exhibition. The Chester fanciers are making rapid strides, as this year the exhibits would have held their own in open competition. Every bird that was benched was fit to win. This is far in advance of anything attained before in Chester. Another splendid feature was the number of visitors who came from Liverpool, Manchester, Runcorn, Wrexham, Llandudno, and even as far as Carnarvon. The secretary, Mr. J. Swindley, is the right man at the helm, and he received great support from Messrs. Richards, Bracegirdle, and Thompson, as stewards whilst Messrs. Whitlow, Wright, Gardner, D. Jones, Guy and Baxter looked after the wants of the birds and visitors. A grand lot of specials were given and the following are the principal winners:—Best Yorks., and best Nor., Mr. T. P. Baxter; best Hardbill and Softbill, Mr. J. Yates; best Novice Nor., Mr. T. Thompson; Hydes, Mr. J. Bracegirdle; Sandifords, Mr. T. P. Baxter. Mr. H. W. Battye judged.

The Critique.

TKD., ETC., YELL. 1, Bracegirdle, even mkd., bouncer for Nor. type, grand frontal, put down in magnificent form; 2, Richards, varieg., extra good feather, short wings, good carriage. BUFF: 1, 3, Gardner, 1, head and neck mkd., a wonder for size and quality, grand meal, round head, very bold eye, 3, varieg., put down in fine form, all there for size; 2, Bracegirdle, varieg., best of type, shows rare quality through a wealth of mealing. HEN: 1, Gardner, buff, a charming lady, sweet head and neck, bold front, grand sweep; 2, 3, Woodfine, 2, buff, another bonny girl, shows true properties, short wings and tail, 3, extra good quality buff, lovely head and neck; vhc, Miss Darbey. UNFLIG.: 1, Baxter, cl. buff., wonderful youngster, good head and front, clean waist and tail; 2, Gardner, cl. buff, very broad and compact, head and neck well fitted to shoulders; 3, Richards, cl. buff, full of type, rare quality, good back and waist; vhc, Miss Darby. YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, Swindley, straight as a rush, long drawn out, beautiful V shape; 2, 3, Richards, 2, a charmer for type, well filled in neck, opened tail a bit when we were taking notes; 3, sweet head and neck, grand wings, rare good back view; vhc, hc, Baxter. BUFF: 1, Baxter, feathered like boxwood round as a pencil, stands like a guardsman, full of nerve and style 2, Richards, grand top end, rare fall to tail, very shooting-wedge shape; 3, Swindley, long flights and tail, well mealed, shows true Yorkie type. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, Baxter, 1, neck mkd., fine upstanding bird, full of go, shows plenty of leg, exquisite quality feather; 2, wing mkd.; 2, similar build, grand neck and shoulders, good fall to tail; 3, Richards, varieg., a stormer for type and quality, very round nice pipe tail; vhc, Cooper. BUFF: 1, Parker, neck mkd., wonderfully well mealed, neat head and neck, grand top end, lovely wing carriage; 2, Swindley, a topper for style, full of swank, long drawn wings and tail, carried to perfection; 3, Bracegirdle, nice cap mkd. HEN: 1, 2, Baxter, mkd., real topper, stood out on her own, magnificent feather, well up on leg, round and straight as a pencil; 2, cl. yell., grand top end, very shooty, stand on nice pair of pins; 3, Swindley, well drawn, glossy feather, neat wing carriage, put down in fine fettle; vhc, Richards; hc, Gardner; c, Parker. UNFLIG. (9): 1, Baxter, rare good buff, straight full of nerve, very leggy, clean at waist, well drawn throughout; 2, Bracegirdle, ideal yell., fed to perfection, grand back and wings; 3, Parker, varieg., stormer for type and quality, straight as a rush; vhc, hc, Richards; c, Swindley. NOVICE NOR. (4): 1, 3, hc, Thompson, 1, nice yell., good front, bold head and neck, rare back and clean cut away; 3, very compact, hardly the substance of first, nice bird; 2, Woodfine, grand head and chest, boat shape; 1, Woodfine, thick-set, shows nice meal all over, good width; 2, Thompson, put down in rare form, silky feather, clean cut away behind. NOVICE, YORKS. YELL. AND BUFF:—Cancelled. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, vhc Storin, all green Bordere; 1, lovely type, very jaunty, grand col., distinct pencilling, dark legs and beak; 2, nice col., sweet head, good contour, well carried wings; 3, very graceful, well pencilled, splendid col. PAIRS:—Cancelled. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Whitlow, rattling good dark Linnet Mule, splendid colour and markings, put down in fine form; 2, Bracegirdle, another of the same cross, small but extra good colour. GOLDFINCH: 1, Yates, on its own, champion cut blaze, lovely col., fine bars, nicely buttoned; 2, Thompson, not quite so good in blaze, lavishly tanned, good bars and buttons, shows a nice collar; 3, Lackley, solid colour blaze, nice tanning and bars; vhc, Whitlow. BULLFINCH: Cancelled. Linnet 1, 2, Yates; 1, cone shape, great size, beautifully pencilled, nice nut-brown throughout; 2, equal in size, grand pencilled head, just a wee bit open on breast; 3, Thompson, fine col., very broad back, more of the Nor. type; vhc, Whitlow. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, Yates, ex. good Waxwing, colours quite perfect at wings, rare form; 2, Whitlow, lovely Thrush, very steady; 3, vhc, hc, Lockley, grand Lesser Pole.

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CWMAMAN (Aberdare).

Fourth annual show, held Dec. 21st; only one class open, others local. We strongly advise the committee to extend the open classes and advertise same as the quality of the exhibits in the local classes was excellent. The birds were well staged, and had every attention. Mr. O. E. Hodge judged.

OPEN CLASS: CAN. A.V. (11): 1, 3, Thomas, 1, Norwich, grand shape and size, lovely colour, best of feather, a buff; 3, varieg., crest, good body, shape, well radiated crest and nice length, lovely feather; 2, Williams, Yorks., good length, shape and type, well up on leg; vhc, c, Evans; vhc, 219A, 219 C; hc, Thomas, 219D. LOCAL NOR. (8): 1, Thomas; 2, No. 197E; 3, Williams. A.O.V. (7): 1, 2, 3, Williams. BRIT. SOFTBILL (3): 1, Ricketts; 2, Butler; 3, Jeal Bros. HARDBILL (5): 1, Thomas, good Bullfinch; 2, 3, Williams. FOR. (3): 1, 3, Milsom; 2, 212A.

PENDLETON AND SALFORD O.S.

Annual members' show held Dec. 2, Irwell Castle, Lower Broughton. Entries came up very well, there being over 200, and some well-known winners were staged. Mr. W. N. Turner won special for best bird also championship medal. Judge, Mr. T. Harrison.

OPEN YORKS. CL. YELL. CK. (5): 1, 2, Durnford; 3, McCann; 4, vhc, Wilkinson and Woodhead. BUFF (4): 1, 2, Wilkinson and Woodhead; 3, Durnford; 4, McCann. MKD. YELL. (1): 1, Wilkinson and Woodhead. BUFF (2): 1, 2, Wilkinson and Woodhead. YELL. HEN (3): 1, Wilkinson and Woodhead; 2, Burnford; 3, McCann. BUFF (5): 1, 4, Durnford; 2, Turner; 3, vhc, Wilkinson and Woodhead. UNFLIG. (3): 1, 2, Wilkinson and Woodhead; 3, McCann. NOVICE YORKS. CL. YELL. CK. (3): 1, Clayton; 2, Whittle; 3, Slowley. BUFF (4): 1, Clayton; 2, Whittle; 3, Butler; 4, Slowley. BUFF YELL. (3): 1, Whittle; 2, Clayton; 3, Butler. BUFF (2): 1, Clayton; 2, Whittle. YELL. HEN (3): 1, Clayton; 2, 3, Whittle; 4, Butler; vhc, hc, c, Slowley. BUFF (6): 1, Parkinson; 2, Whittle; 3, Clayton; 4, Slowley; vhc, Butler; hc, Rumblow. UNFLIG. (8): 1, vhc, Whittle; 2, Slowley; 3, 4, Butler; hc, c, Rumblow. OPEN NOR. CL. YELL. CK. (5): 1, 3, 4, vhc, Turner; 2, Critchley. BUFF (7): 1, 2, 3, 4, Turner; vhc, c, Whalley; hc, Critchley. MKD. YELL. (6): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Turner; 4, Critchley; hc, Whalley. BUFF (5): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Turner; 4, Critchley. YELL. HEN (7): 1, 4, vhc, hc, Turner; 2, c, Whalley; 3, Critchley. BUFF (7): 1, 4, Critchley; 2, 3, hc, c, Turner; vhc, Whalley. UNFLIG. (6): 1, 2, 4, vhc, Turner; 3, Critchley; hc, Whalley. NOVICE NOR. CL. YELL. CK. (3): 1, Jessop; 2, Thompson; 3, Whittle. BUFF (5): 1, Thompson; 2, Rumblow; 3, Chaloner and Rowland; 4, Lewis; vhc, Jessop. MKD. YELL. (3): 1, Jessop; 2, Whittle; 3, Parkinson. BUFF (4): 1, Thompson; 2, Parkinson; 3, Jessop; 4, Lewis. YELL. HEN (4): 1, Thompson; 2, 3, Jessop; 4, Chaloner and Rowland. BUFF (9): 1, Jesson; 2, 3, vhc, Whittle; 4, Chaloner and Rowland; hc, Rumblow; c, Thompson. UNFLIG. (7): 1, Thompson; 2, c, Chaloner and Rowland; 3, hc, Jessop; 4, Lewis; vhc, Rumblow. BRIT. BULLFINCH (3): 1, Thornton; 2, Whalley; 3, Clayton. GOLDFINCH (6): 1, Whalley; 2, 3, 4, Metcalfe; vhc, Chaloner and Rowland; hc, Lewis. LINNET (8): 1, 4, vhc, c, Metcalfe; 2, Whalley; 3, Clayton; hc, Thornton. SISKIN, ETC. (10): 1, 4, c, Whalley; 2, Thornton; 3, vhc, Metcalfe; hc, Clayton. GREENFINCH (8): 1, 2, vhc, Metcalfe; 3, Clayton. 4, Thornton; hc, Whalley; c, Lewis. BRAMBLE, ETC. (6): 1, Thornton; 2, 3, hc, Metcalfe; 4, Claytonton; vhc, Lewis. A.O.S. HARDBILL (2): 1, Clayton; 2, Thornton. DARK MULE (10): 1, 4, c, Whalley; 2, hc, Metcalfe; 3, vhc, Birch. LIGHT (4): 1, Lewis; 2, 3, 4, Metcalfe. A.O.V. CAN. (10): 1, 3, Jessop; 2, vhc, c, Laverty; 4, Turner.

NO ROOM FOR GRUMBLING AT CARLISLE!

Increase of 60 Entries; Over 500 Birds in all.

Carlisle and Dist. C.B.S. 36th annual show, held in the new Mart Hall, on 30th Dec. and Jan. 1st. On the whole the show was a great success, the entries totalling 60 more than last year, and reaching over 500 in all. Mr. Wright, the secretary, is a very painstaking official, energetic and obliging to a degree; he was backed by a strong committee, consisting of Messrs. Reay (chairman), Herring (vice-chairman), Brown, Johnstone, Cranston, Jones, Carrick, G. Johnstone, Dawson, Lawson, Dockerty, McFarlane, Fraser, Nixon, Gill, J. Nixon, Hutchinson, Harrison, Pearson, Pennington, and White. On the whole the affair was a great success. The Border Fancies came up in good numbers; this variety was well patronised in almost every class, and, considering the Scottish National was held on the same dates, there was no room for any grumbling. Nor. and Yorks. were another feature, some hot stuff being forward. The Mules, British and Foreign birds were also very good, some fine specimens being present. The Borders were under the supervision of Mr. Poole (Workington) and Mr. P. Mackenzie; the Mules, British and Foreign birds, Mr. John Dixon; the Nor. and Yorks, Mr. G. Goulden. We noticed that what was alleged to be a pure Canary had been entered in the Mule class; this bird was passed by Mr. Dixon as a Canary. The novice Border medal was won by Mr. Coulthard with a buff ticked bird; a spanker it is, and was runner-up for the open medal. The open medal B.F.C.C. was won by Messrs. Smith Bros. (Coldstream) with a lovely buff hen. Special for most points was won by Mr. F. F. Lawson; most points for members, Mr. F. F. Lawson, 1; Mr. J. Dixon, 2; Messrs. Wright and Son, 3. Taking the show through, everything passed off successfully—ideal birds, an ideal hall, and efficient management, made everyone feel that they had entered upon a happy New Year, and, as far as the awards went, generally speaking, grumbling seemed to be a thing of the past. We were pleased to meet a number of Gateshead, Haltwhistle, Scotch and other fanciers, who seemed to be perfectly at home with their brethren.

The Canary Classes.

BORD. FCY. YELL. CK. (14): 1, Ayre, grand col., correct type and quality throughout, good head, well laid on wings; 2, 3, Pearson; 2nd, grand col., nice type, a wee bit long sided, nice head and tail; 3rd, same remarks apply, good bird; 4, Ellwood, Newcastle winner, good one; 5, Nicholson; 6, Pennington; 7, Patterson. HEN (12): 1, Patterson, bonnie wee damsel, grand type and quality; 2, Pennington, hard up for first place, grand colour and type; 3, G. S. Elwood, Newcastle winner, we believe, bonny hen, good back and wings, stands like a soldier; 4, 6, Henderson; 5, Saint; 7, Large; No. 8, Johnson, w.c.; 11, Cubby, soft to-day. BUFF CK. (17): 1, Large, grand col., good type, well laid wings, splendid tail, bonny bird throughout; 2, Smith Bros., beaten in col. only, a near thing for 1st place; 3, Phillips, a wee shade heavier than 1and 2, good type; 4, Patterson, topper for colour, Al feather; 5, Jamieson; 6, Ayre; 7, Nicholson. HEN (11): 1, medal, Smith Bros., lovely type, good level colour, boxy feather, good tail and carriage, full of quality; 2, Gill, bonny hen, well rounded, presses hard; 3, Rea, bonny stamp, shows just a little frill on front, grand feather and quality; 4, Ayre, good carriage, nice type; 5, Wright and Son; 6, Nicholson; 7, Pennington. FOUL BUFF (9): 1, novice medal, runner-up for open medal, Coulthard, feathered like a Java, ticked on forehead, splendid condition, and staged to perfection; 2, Rea, wing ticked buff hen, grand feather and nice type; 3, Cubby, wing ticked, a topper for colour; 4, Smith Bros., a beauty, head tick buff hen, some thought should have been in first two; 5, Wright and Son; 6, Service; 7, Dixon. YELL. (7): 1, Patterson, saddle mk., grand col.; 2, Burnie, also saddle mkd., grand col.; 3, Dixon, wing tkd. hen, grand type; 4, Smith, wing tkd., plenty of size; 5, Ayre; 6, Jamieson; 7, Johnston. UNEVEN YELL. (10): 1, 3, Stuart, 1st Bord. City winner we think, mkd. eyes, wings and head, in grand fettle; 3rd, another good one, mkd. eyes, wings and tail, good colour and quality; 2, Nicholson, yell. mkd. hen, eyes, wings and cheek, a close runner; 4, Patterson, both wings and one eye, nice col.; 5, Ayre; 6, Large; 7, Hyslop. BUFF (8): 1, Dixon, best Bord. in show, needs no comment, 5-pointed; 2, Patterson, mkd. eyes, wings and rump, pale in col., nice type, well staged; 3, Large, mkd. eyes, wings and rump, wee bit thick in neck, grand back and wings; 4, 7, Wright and Son, 3-pointed Cinn., grand feather and quality; 5, McVittie; 6, Jamieson. EVEN MKD. YELL. (4): 1, McVittie, Cinn. mkd., nice 4-pointed bird; 2, Dixon, better markings, down a wee bit in condition; 3, Wright and Son, nicely mkd., well staged, plenty of size; 4, Higgins; 4-pointed yellow hen, nice quality. BUFF (6): 1, Nelson, nicely balanced eyes and wings, grand type, splendid feather; 2, Dockerty, well balanced markings; 3, Dixon, best mkd. bird in class, some thought should have scored higher; 4, McVittie, nice 4-pointed Cinn.; 5, Harinson; 6, Pearson. YELL. GREEN (6): 1, 2, McMillan and Jolly, a pair of beauties, good sound ground col., nice pencilling, well staged, and in grand order; 3, Dockerty, another yell., good col., and pencilling; 4, Montgomery, good col.; 5, Henderson; 6, Ellwood. BUFF (5): 1, Wright and Sons, good bird, some thought rather too heavily pencilled, nicely shown; 2, Dockerty, better stamp, good ground col., nicely pencilled; 3, Cubby; 4, Dixon; 5, Montgomery. CINN. (6): 1, 3, Cubley; 1st, yell., nice colour and type; 2nd, buff, fine quality bird; 2, 4, Coulthard, pair of very nice birds, well staged in grand bloom. PAIR (10): 1, 4, Gill; 1st, pair clears, yell. cock and buff hen, very cheap, and well shown; 4th, yellow cock and 4-pointed buff hen, another nice pair; 2, J. H. Pearson, pair of marks, nicely balanced markings, well shown, and worth their position 3, Higgins, pair of clears, bonny birds; 5, McWilliams; 6, Saint; 7, McVittie. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (10): 1, Pound, cl. Bord., good head, grand feather, and well fed; 2, Bell, another nice typical yellow; 3, 4, 6, Lawson, wing ticked, grand col. and quality; 4th, another, red hot, wins Ramsden's special; 5, Dobinson; 7, Davison. HEN (10): 1, 3, F. F. Lawson, 1st, uneven mkd. yell., good head, red hot in col; 3rd, cl. yell., grand type and quality, not quite up in colour; 2, Bell, grand type and quality, fails in colour only; 4, White, bonny hen; 5, Holden; 6, Sumpton Bros.; 7, F. H. Jones. BUFF (12): 1, 5, Lawson, 1, eye and wing tkd., nice type, fine head, topping colour; 2, Pound, cl., good colour and feather; 3, Jeffreys and Husbands, cl. bonny bird, but a trifle on the small side; 4, Dobinson, another cl., grand deep chested bird, good feather and col.; 6, Holden; 7, Sumpton Bros. HEN (7): 1, 2, 5, Lawson, 1, model of a cl. real Bullfinch stamp, 2nd, Buff head and wing tkd., not quite the substance of No. 1, grand head and quality, good colour; 3, Dobinson, bonnie buff hen, not quite big enough; 4, Jones, nice cl. buff, grand feather and quality; 6, Bell; 7, Sadler. CL., ETC., UNFLIG. YELL. CK. (17): 1, McGinn, big, upstanding bird, nice head, good feather; 2, Dobinson, better fronted, rd hot in col.; 3, Nelson, good col., well fed; 4, Lawson, grand colour; 5, Sumpton Bros.; 6, Robson; 7, MacFarlan and West. HENS (5): 1, 2, 3, Lawson, a grand trio, hard to beat to-day, perfection as to staging and feeding; 4, Holden; 5, Jones. UNFLIG. BUFF CK. (10): 1, 6, Lawson, bonnie cl., Bullfinch type, red hot; 2, Millar, ticked bird, close up, in splendid feather; 3, Sumpton Bros., another tkd. bird, not quite the substance required; 4, Higgins, nice cl. buff; 5, 7, Davidson. HENS (11): 1, Lawson, a topper, beautifully staged, correct type; 2, Dobinson, a beauty; 3, Pound, big cl. hen, grand quality; 4, 7, Jones, tkd. bird, fine quality; 5, Inman; 6, Rea. CREST: 1, 2, Taylor, varieg. bird, shown to perfection, 2, Grizzle Crest, similar to above, typical pair; 3, Skilling Bros., another varieg., in good form; 4, Jeffrey and Husbands, Green Bord., foul tail. C.B. (3): 1, Taylor; 2, Routledge; 3, Jeffreys and Husbands, a grand trio, very hard to separate into 1, 2, 3. YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (9): 1, Tweedie, good length, well drawn, well fed, wins easily; 2, Dykes, another good one, slim, not quite so long as No. 1; 3, 4, Stuart, another very nice pair; 5, 6, Douglas; 7, Brown. BUFF HEN (10): 1, 7, Dykes, model of a clear; 2, 6, Stuart, another really good one; 3, Douglas, again good, close up; 4, Tweedie, fine Yorkic, nice stand; 5, Barlow. YORKS., A.O.V. CK. (4): 1, Dykes, varieg., grand one; 2, Tweedie, grand Cinn. mark, close up; 3, Dodd, Foul Cinn., again a nice bird; 4, Carrick, Yell. varieg., well shown. HEN (12): 1, Douglas, very nice bird, well placed; 2, 4, Dykes, 2, close up, stands nicely, 4, a typical Yorkie; 3, Brown, fine upstanding bird, well shown; 5, Stuart; 6, Barlow; 7, Tweedie.

The Remaining Classes.

LIGHT MULE (5): 1, 3, Bond, leads with the old warrior, clear Goldie Mule, closely followed by a grand Canary Bullie, both well shown; 3, Wilson and Godfrey, Greenie-Redpoll, a taking exhibit, in grand fettle; 4, Walsh, Greenfinch-Bullfinch, shows cross distinctly in hot company to-day; 5, (no name in catalogue), a nice Goldie-Greenie. VARIEG. (6): 1, Bond, well-known varieg. Yell., in real form, wins well; 2, Bruce, varieg. Linnet Mule, shows cross distinctly, good second; 3, McVittie, bonny varieg. Buff Goldie, a wee shade on the small side, well staged; 4, Kearton, good varieg. yell. Goldie Mule; 5, Skilling Bros.; No. 6, Nelson, alleged to be a Common Canary. DARK (6): 1, Kearton, spanking fine Buff Goldie Mule, nice size, good col.; 2, Pickles, good yellow Linnet Mule, well put down; 3, Bowerbank and Yeoman, buff Goldie Mule, in really grand order; 4, Bond, a fine yellow Siskin Mule; 5, Laidlaw, Buff Linnet-Mule, of Yorks. type; 6, Wilson, another nice Siskin Mule. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (18): 1, Bowerbauk and Yeoman, splendid little Finch, grand blaze, well buttoned, good markings; 2, Palfrey, another good one, not quite so big; 3, Walsh, another nice one, big, but fails a trifle in colour; 4, McMurdock, bonny Finch, good col.; 5, T. Holmes; 6, Johnson; 7, Forster. LINNET (18): 1, 4, Wilson and Godfrey, 1st, a topper, splendid whites, a noted winner, good pencilling, very steady, 4th, another fine bird, in splendid fettle; 2, 7, Davidson, very fine bird, well marked; 3, Tickell, again a good, well mkd. Lintie; 5, Wilson; 6, Kearton. GREENFINCH (9): 1, 7, Bell, not one of the biggest, buf really grand shape, nice fettle; 2, Kearton, fine Buff, grand bird; 3, Inman, good one, well shown; 4, Wilson and Godfrey; 5, McWilliams; 6, McMillan and Jolley. BRIT. BULLFINCH: 1, 3, Curry, 1st, a smasher, good cap and bars, 3, another smart one, nice type; 2, Palfrey, bonny bird, well put down; 4, Laidlaw; 5, Foster; 6, Sadler; 7, Holmes. BRAMBLEFINCH, ETC .(7): 1, 2, Wilson and Godfrey, leader a Chaffinch, 2nd, a Bramblefinch, a pair of really good ones, full of merit; 3, Pickles, Bramblefinch, good type, nice bird; 4, Tomlinson; 5, Amos; 6, Walsh; 7, Inman. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, Palfrey, lesser Redpoll, good exhibit, well shown; 2, Glaister, mealy Redpoll, close up, a credit to the owner; 3, Holmes, very fine Siskin, markings clear and distinct; 4, Pickles, Redpoll (Lesser), well staged; 5, Amos; 6, Haynes; 7, Inman. A.O.S. BRIT. FINCH, ETC. (8): 1, Walsh, Hawfinch, grand size, good bib, steady as a rock; 2, Bruce, lovely Snow Bunting, much admired; 3, 5, Johnston, Hawfinch, and a Corn Bunting, both typical and well shown; 4, Inman, Yellowhammer, good one, showing typical characteristics; 6, McWilliams, nice Cirl Bunting; 7, Douglas, another good Yellowhammer. BLACKBIRD, ETC. (4): 1, 4, McWilliams, 1, Thrush (Song), good bird, splendidly spangled, 4, Starling, beautifully spangled; 2, 3, Borthwick, a Blackbird and a Starling, both nicely staged, and much admired. LARGE INSECTIV. (3): 1, Davison, a lovely Waxwing, well shown; 2, McWilliams, Fieldfare, in grand form; 3, Holmes, another Waxwing, good one. SMALL (3): 1, Foster, Wryneck, good one, wins well; 2, Walsh, Yellow Wagtail, nice perky fellow; 3, Holmes, Shore Lark, good one, very steady. SMALL FOR.: 1, Howe, Diamond Sparrow; 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, Bell, Pheasant Finches, Java Sparrows, Ribbon Finch, Parson Finch, Zebra Finch, all in the best possible trim, and much admired. LOCAL LINNET: 1, 6, Gardiner; 2, Sewell; 3, Kirk; 4, Chisholm; 5, Fisher.

NORTHOWRAM C.B.S.

First annual show, held Yew Tree Inn, Dec. 23. Mr. J. E. Priestley judged.

YELL. CK.: 1, hc, Gelder and Speight; 2, 4, Crowther; 3, Hanson; vhc, Tasker; c, Allan. BUFF: 1, Hanson; 2, Tasker; 3, bc, Sykes; 4, vhc, Crowther; c, Gelder, Speight. HEAVILY VARIEG. CK.: 1, Tasker; 2, Hanson; 3, Sykes. YELL.: 1, Tasker; 2, Crowther; 3, 4, Sykes; vhc, Gelder and Speight; bc, Hanson. BUFF: 1, 2, c, Tasker; 3, Crowther; 4, vhc, Gelder and Speight; hc, Allan. HEAVILY VARIEG.: 1, Sykes; 2, Crowther; 3, Tasker. Special prizes were won by Messrs. Tasker, Crowther, Speight and Gelder, Sykes, Hanson, Allan. —S. Sykes, Sec.

BARNSLEY & DIS. C.B.S.

Annual members' show held Boxing Day, large club-room at headquarters, Clarence Hotel. Entries came up poorly, but quality was excellent, some very nice birds being on view. Mr. E. Scargill judged, and his awards were well received.

CL. ETC., YEL. YORKS.: 1, Atherton, a gem for type and quality; 2, Charlesworth, nice type and quality. BUFF: 1, Atherton, again a gem of the first water; 2, vhc, hc, Grunnil, cl., grand type and quality; 3, Toulson, cl., buff, good big bird. YELL. HEN: 1, Atherton, grand damsel, all swank; 2, Toulson, nice exhibit; 3, Charlesworth; vhc, Govier. BUFF: 1, Atherton, wins; 2, Charlesworth, very nice exhibit. LINNET: 1, Toulson. A.O.S. HARDBILL: 1, 3, vhc, c, Rapson; 2, Toulson; hc, Nixon.—F. C. Sims, Hon. Sec.

DALBEATTIE.

The 26th annual exhibition of the Dalbeattie O.A. (open to the counties of Dumfries, Kirkcudbright, and Wigtown) was held in the Town Hall, 1st January. The hall is an ideal place for a cage bird show, being splendidly lighted and free from draughts. The entries on this occasion showed a large increase compared with that of last year, and the quality of the exhibits was grand. The Borders and Nor. were a splendid lot, the quality in each section being well up to the mark, and including many well-known winners at recent shows. The Yorks., though few in number, were a really grand lot for type and quality, and for colour combined they would be hard to beat. Mules and Hybrids were a very choice lot. The Goldfinches came up to those of former years for type and quality, and as usual there were many local-caught birds in the class in the pink of condition, while many field-moulted birds out of the tickets will yet do good work for their owners. The British bird classes brought together some really fine specimens of local birds. The foreigners, though not large in numbers, were a fine show. Of the arrangements we cannot speak too highly; they were in the hands of the most courteous and obliging secretary, Mr. G. C. Robertson, with a hard-working committee, consisting of Messrs. Rae and Trainor in the bird section, paying attention to the wants of the birds. Mr. J. Martin (Castle Douglas) made the awards, which were well received.

The Critique.

BORD., FY. CK.: 1, 2, Welsh, 1 yell. tkd., nice quality, grand style and feather, easy win, 2 yell. even mkd., good type, not quite so good in feather, neat shape; 3, 4, Davidson, cl., yell., capital shape and quality; 5, Rome; 6, Kirkhope. HEN: 1, Kirkhope, cl. yell., good shape, fine quality, nice style, very jaunty; 2, Welsh, cl. buff, good style and condition, free mover; 3, 5, Davidson, cl. yell., very fine feather, neat shape, well placed; 4, McKeand; 6, Little. NOR. CK.: 1, spl., 2, 3, Devoy, cl., buff, good col., grand shape, full head, nice short wings, fitting well, 2 cl. buff, not quite so clear cut in shape, 3 grand shape, plenty of size, nice depth, grand col. and feather; 4, Gibson; 5, 6, Irvine. HEN: 1, 2, 4, Devoy, cl. buff, Ayr winner, leader lovely quality, grand shape, a beauty for feather, clean cut, nice wings and tail, 2 nice shape, full of style, hardly so close in feather; 3, Landsburgh and Collart, good quality feather, fine colour; 5, Graham; 6, Irvine. CREST OR C.B.: 1, Skilling, buff varieg. d.c., rare substance, fine shape, good centre and droop; 2, Johnstone and Son, neatly shaped crest, lifts a trifle at back; 3, Devoy, grand quality, nice veiney feather, some thought might have gone up one. YORKS.: 1, 2, Welsh, rare shape, sweet, splendid carriage, well up on leg, very stylish, good col. and quality, 2 cinn. varieg., similar shape and quality, not quite so long; 3, McKinnel and Son, beautifully drawn, smartly finished, good feather; 4, Morrin. A.O.V.: 1, Welsh, buff varieg. Scotch Fancy, often described, nice length, rare action; 2, Blunt, S.F., nice head and neck, presses winner hard; 3, Saunders, S.F., good shoulders, slow worker. MULE, CL., ETC.: 1, Crosbie, nice size, rich col., good bloom and face; 2, Rome, nice feather, good level col. DARK: 1, Heron, Goldfinch and Bullfinch, nice size, good feather, splendid col., fine pencilling; 2, Crosbie, Goldfinch-Can., good col., nice feather, well finished; 3, Rome, excellent shape and col., fine feather; 4, Saunders. GOLDFINCH, BRIT.: 1, McNeillie, a real gem, nice size and shape, fine rich blaze, richly tanned body, good moons and bars; 2, McCluskie, really good Finch, just lacks the fine polish of winner; 3, Welsh, full of quality, will improve; 4, Hannah; 5, Swan. GOLDFINCH, FOR.: 1, Heron, grand size, good clean-cut shape, nice square face, splendid back and buttons, well tanned breast, and close fitting wings; 2, McKinnell and Son, fine face, nice back, good wing, nice shape; 3, Devoy, nice shape, good col., well buttoned, any of the three might change places; 4, Irvine; 5, Kelly. BULLFINCH, BRIT.: 1, Welsh, nice size and shape, good breast col., well-defined cap, splendid feather; 2, McCluskey, fine breast col., fine bars; 3, Landsburgh and Collart, very smart, neat shape, good col., well-cut cap, nice wings, some preferred for second; 4, McKinnel and Son; 5, Devoy. GREENFINCH: 1, McNeillie, grand one, good size, fine coloured bars, nice chest, good head and neck, tight feather; 2, McKinnel and Son, nice shape; 3, Devoy, tight in feather, nice col., good shape; 4, Rome; 5, Irvine. A.O.S, SMALL: 1, Hobbs Bros., Bearded Tit, a beauty, some asked if it were really a Britisher, so good was it, grandly finished and shown to perfection; 2, McNeillie, Yellowhammer, good col., perfect feather; 3, Hyslop, Thrush, nice col., well spangled; 4, Rome; 5, 6, Welsh. FOR., A.O.S.: 1, 2, 4, McKinnel and Son; 3, Heron. The birds in both Selling Classes were good value for the money.

BOLTON AND DISTRICT ROLLER C.S.

Annual singing contest, held in the Assembly Rooms, Joiners' Arms Hotel, Deansgate, Dec. 29th and 30th, and Jan. 1st. There was a very good entry, 157 birds being entered, which constitutes a record for Bolton. The birds were of exceedingly good quality the fanciers, no doubt, now that the season has got advanced, being able to send their best birds, and the room was a veritable hall of song. The judges, Messrs. G. Wareing and J. Lyons, had hard work to adjudicate on the merits of a lot of the birds. A great number of the birds were very backward in singing, and it took a long time to judge them. On the Saturday there were a great number of visitors; the members of the Provincial R.C.C. arrived together, headed by their genial skipper, Mr. Percival, and the room had quite an animated appearance as they were discussing the merits of the different birds, and the judging sheets. Afterwards they held their monthly meeting in the club room of the Bolton Society. The following birds did not sing: Class 1, Nos. 10, 25, 33, 36, 45, 47, 48; Class 2, Nos. 9, 14, 32, No. 8 arrived too late for judging; Class 3, No. 9; Class 4, Nos. 6, 8, 15, 24, 26, 32, 39; Class 5, No. 6.

CHAMP. YOUNG BIRDS (48): 1, Harper, holl. roll 5, hass roll 3, schoc. 3, flute 3, water roll 2, water glucke 3, D.B.W.T. 3, bell tour 1, bell roll 1, gen. eff. 4, total 28 pts.; 2, Kilshaw, holl. holl 6, boll. bell 4, bass roll 3, flute 3, water roll 2, water glucke 3, bell tour 1, bell roll 1, gen. eff. 4, total 27 pts.; 3, Christie, holl. roll 5, holl. bell 3, bass roll 3, schoc. 2, flute 2, water glucke 3, bell tour 1, bell roll 2, gen. eff. 5, total 26 pts.; 4, Percival, holl. roll 5, holl. bell 4, bass roll 2, schoc. 2, water roll 2, water glucke 3 D.B.W.T. 3, bell tour 1, bell roll 1, gen. eff. 3, total 26 pts.; vhc, Foulds, 26 pts.; ex. vhc, Roebuck, 23 pts.; extra vhc, Neugebauer, 23pts.; hc, Read, 22 pts.; c, Wirth, 21 pts. NOVICE Y.B. (36): 1, Turner, holl. roll, 5, holl. bell 1, bass roll 3, schoc. 4, flute 2, water glucke 3, bell tour 2, gen. eff. 4, total 24 pts.; 2, Christie, holl. roll 5, holl. bell 2, bass roll 3, schoc. 4, flute 3, bell roll 2, gen. eff. 4, total 23 pts.; 3, Groves, holl. roll 5, holl. bell 1, bass roll 2, schoc. 4, flute 1, water glucke 2, D.B.W.T. 2, bell roll 2, gen. eff. 3, total 22 pts.; 4 Hughes, holl. roll 5, holl. bell 2, bass roll 3, schoc. 3, flute 2, bell tour 1, bell roll 2, gen. eff. 3, total 21 pts.; vhc, Groves, 19 pts.; extra vhc Twigg, 19 pts.; hc's, Whittle 18, King 18, Hughes 18, and Dimmock 18 pts. each; c's, Whittle, Packer, Groves, Hughes, and Turner, 17 pts. each. CHAMP ANY AGE (20): 1, Turner, holl. roll 4, holl. bell 1, bass roll 4, schoc. 2, flute 3, water roll 1, water glucke 3, D.B.W.T. 1, bell tour 2, gen. eff. 4, total 25 pts.; 2, Twigg, holl. roll 3, holl. bell 1, bass roll 4, schoc. 3, flute 2, water glucke 4, D.B.W.T. 1, bell tour 2, gen. eff. 4, total 24 pts., 1 off sharp bell tour, grand total 23 pts.; 3, Kremner, holl. roll 4, holl. bell 2, bass roll 3, schoc. 3, flute 2, water glucke 3, bell roll 2, gen. eff. 3, total 22 pts.; 4, Read, holl. roll 3, holl. bell 2, bass roll 3, schoc. 4, flute 2, water glucke 3, D.B.W.T. 2, gen. eff. 3, total 22 pts., 1 off sharp flutes, grand total 21; vhc, Hurst, 21 pts.; hc, Hirst, 19 pts.; c, Read, 19 pts. AMAT., ANY AGE (40): 1, Johnson, holl. roll 6, holl. bell 4, bass roll 3, schoc. 3, flute 2, water glucke 3, gen. eff. 5, total 26 pts.; 2, Pilling, holl. roll 4, holl. bell 4, bass roll 5, schoc. 2, flute 3, water roll 2, D.B.W.T. 3, gen. eff. 4, total 27 pts., 1 off sharp flutes, grand total 26 pts.; 3, Brown, holl. roll 6, holl. bell 3, schoc. 2, flute 3, water glucke 3, D.B.W.T. 3, gen. eff.5, total 25 pts., 1 off sharp flutes, grand total 24 pts.; 4, Humphries, holl. roll 5, holl. bell 4, bass roll 4, schoc 2, flute 3, D.B.W.T. 3, bell roll 1, gen. eff. 3, total 25 pts., 1 off sharp flutes, grand total 24 pts.; vhc, Davis, 24 pts.; hc, Humphries, 23 pts.; c, Monaghan, Brown, and Dimmock, 22 pts. each. SELL, £2 (13): 1, Kremner, 21 pts.; 2, Rochuck, 20 pts.; 3, Hirst, 17 pts.; 4, Kremner, 16 pts.; vhc, Banks, 15 pts.; hc, Kremner, 14 pts.; c, Harper, 13 pts.

KENDAL.

Kendal and Dist. show, held in the Town Hall, Boxing Day, confined to Westmorland or twenty-one miles from Kendal. The hall was a very comfortable place for the occasion. Entries came up fairly well for a district show, some very fine specimens being staged. The secretary (Mr. Wilson), after booking the numbers, placed the slips in the corridor, so that exhibitors could mark their catalogues as the judging proceeded. The committee were all workers, and paid great attention to the exhibits. Mr. A. Wellings (Prescot) judged.

The Critique.

NOR. CL., ETC., CK. (8): 1, Dent, good type and quality, nice head; 2, Durston, fine quality, good wing carriage; 3, Heywood, good colour and position res, Thompson; vhc, Gibson; hc, Crossley; c, Vart. HEN (11): 1, 3, c, Dickinson; 1st, fine quality, clean front; 2, Crossley, splendid col., grand quality; res, hc, Dent; vhc, Gibson. UNFLIG. CK. (11): 1, Vart, buff, fine quality, good head; 2, Haywood, good colour, a wee bit long in tail; 3, res, Dickinson, 3rd, rare type; vhc, Bland; hc, Crossley. HEN (11): 1, c, Crossley, very cobby, short tail; 2, vhc, Heywood, 2nd nice colour, good wings; 3, res, Dickinson; hc, Vart. NON-FED (9): 1, res, Sumpter, 1st, Cinn., good head, fine feather; 2, Wilson, varieg., rare type, good back and legs; 3, Crossley, not quite straight enough, nice feather; vhc, c, Vart; hc, Thompson. CL. ETC. CK., NOVICE (6): 1, 3, vhc, Bland; 1st, rare back and carriage; 3rd, a trifle fat on chest, good otherwise; 2, res, Dixon, nice birds. HEN (3): 1, 2, Wilson, nice and short in body; 3, Dixon. YORKS. CL. ETC. BUFF CK. (6): 1, hc, Higginson, fine position, good wings and tail; 2, 3, Cafferty, 2nd, little to choose between first two; res, Moffit; vhc, Allen. HEN (3): 1, Bastock, Cinn. mark, nice quality and position; 2, Moffit, not quite so well staged; No. 1, absent. YELL. CK. (6): 1, res, Cafferty, splendid type, nice feather, good wings and tail; 2, Durston, lovely wing carriage; 3, Bastock; vhc, Moffit; No. 6, w.c. HEN (8): 1, Cafferty, rare legs and wing carriage; 2, res, vhc, Bastock, rare trio; 3, Moffit, neat head and neck; c, Allen; 3, absent. BORD. CL. ETC. YELL. CK. (8): 1, res, vhc, Gibson, 1st, even wings and left eye mark, very smart, quick move; 2, Armstrong, fine quality head and wing mark, down at time of judging, a little gem after recovering; 3, c, Allen, full of quality. BUFF (8): 1, hc, Gibson, active, nice type and feather; 2, 3, Pearce, two little gems; res, Higginson; vhc, Dixon. YELL. HEN (7): 1, Higginson, like wax; 2, 3, Dickinson, hard to separate for first place; res, c, Gibson; vhc, Allen; hc, Thompson. BUFF (7): 1, hc, Dickinson, very stylish, rare quality; 2, Gibson, Cinn., full of nerve; 3, Higginson; res, vhc, Thompson; No. 2, absent. GREEN OR CINN. (3): 1, 2, Higginson, two good Cinnamons; 3, Dixon, nice large green. CINN. CK. (4): 1, Durston; 2, 3, res, Dixon. HEN (5): 1, 2, 3, Dixon, res, vhc, Durston A.O.V. (5): 1, 2, res, vhc, Vart; 1st, grand C.B., nice feather; 2, lovely Crest; 3, Bastock, Cinn. Yorks., nice type and quality. CAN. (except Nor.) (NOVICE) (4): 1, 3, Ransom; 2, Armstrong; 3, Allen. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (9): 1, c, Durston, 1st, rare blaze, well tanned and moorred; 2, hc, Haywood, good face and wing; 3, Higginson, nice blaze and tans; res, Bond; vhc, Vart. BULLFINCH (3): 1, Wilson; 2, Thompson; 3, Vart. LINNET (6): 1, 2, Durston, good col.; 3, Thompson, rare shape; res, Higginson; vhc, Sumpter; hc, Dent. A.O.S. (8): 1, 3, vhc, hc, Durston; 1st, Hawfinch in splendid condition; 3rd, good Greenfinch; 2, Vart, fine Yellowhammer, good cheek and head; res, Wilson; c, Dodson. MULE OR HYB. (9): 1, 2, 3, res, c, Bond, real team of winners, the noted Light Siskin-Canary standing first; vhc, hc, Durston. FOR., LARGE (5): 1, Mr. Scnogle; 2, 3, vhc, Graham; res, Vart. SMALL (3): 1, Graham; Nos. 1, 3, absent. GIFT (this is one of the best gift classes we have seen), 15, not a bad lot: 1, Haywood: 2, vhc, Dickinson; 3, Bond; res, Thompson; hc, Durston; c, Sumpter.

RHAYADER.

Rhayader F.F.A. annual show, held Victoria Hall, Dec. 19 and 20, when some very nice quality birds were staged. Mr. J. N. Harrison judged.

CAN., A.V.: 1, Muscott, Crest, very good quality feather, nice droop and frontal, wins; 2, Evans, nice Nor; 3, Powell, very nice Yorks.; res., Smith; vhc, Jones; hc, Thomas. GOLDFINCH: 1, Pugh, nice bird, good blaze and markings; 2, Webb, similar, a wee bit smaller; 3, Evans, nice blaze and markings; res., Mrs. S. Evans; vhc, Mrs. T. Evans; hc, Muscott, Morgan. A.O.S., BRIT.: 1, Muscott, Bullfinch, good large bird, splendid type and col.; 2, Webb, another Bullie, loses only in col. to winner, good bird; 3, r, Hutt, Yellow Bunting; vhc, Morris.

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FOR disposal, pair Budgerigars (green), shown twice, winning each time; also show cage for same, accept 12/6; Parrakeet and bell cage, 10/6; winniug cock Linnet, 1st only time shown, 5/-; four others, well marked, 2/- each; winning cock Chaffinch, 4/6; cock Goldfinch, singing, 5/6; splendid singing Roller Canary and cage, 12/6; all are bargains, must clear; exchange for anything useful: Booth, 321, Victoria Park-rd., London, N.E.

JOHN MACE, SHEFFIELD

Cock Goldfinches, 2/6 and 3/- each, 18/- dozen; cock Linnets, 1/-, 6d. dozen; cock Larks, 6d., 4/6 dozen; cock Siskins, 2/6 each; cock Bullfinches 2/6, hens, 1/-; Parrots and small foreign birds in stock; guaranteed safe arrival; list free: John Mace, Naturalist, Blonk-st., and Exchange-st., Sheffield.

WANTED.

WANTED, all kinds of birds: Barnes, Aviaries, Merthyr.

WANTED Budgerigars, exchange Canaries: Bayliss, Middle-st., Worcester.

WANTED small quantity of Bullfinches; price, particulars to: Anstee, 6, Belmont-rd., Luton.

WANTED Kestral, Sparrowhawk, hen Canaries, exchange British: F. Child, Downs, Luton, Beds.

WANTED old golf balls, exchange exhibition British, Canaries, or cages: Ross, Aviaries, Forres, N.B.

WANTED large yellow Norwich hen, 1911; exchange h.m. Goldfinch, hen first: Lewis, Winforton, Hereford.

WANTED Canaries, all varieties, cheap, to sell again; state price: Bird Stores, 60a, Charlotte-st., Portsmouth.

WANTED good British to moult, will give good Norwich Plainheads; approval: Richards, 36, New-st., Exmouth.

WANTED for cash, Canaries or Mules, either sex: Write, stating prices, Robinson, 51, Besson-st., New Cross, London.

WANTED offers in Yorkshire or Norwich cocks for good Yorkshire toy bitch, or sell 35/-: Wear, Hairdresser, Retford.

WANTED six Hartz Canaries, in full song; cash deposit for re-sale: Bennett, 8, Beacon-st., Cinderhill, nr. Bilston.

WANTED Roller cock Canary for four working Homers, flown 80 miles; offers anything: 168, Gillie-rd., Ystrad, Glam.

WANTED high-class Canaries, exchange new laid eggs from White Wyandottes: Miss Williams, Deansfield, Romsey, Hants.

WANTED, good singing Goldfinch, Linnet or Mule, on approval, state price: Williams, Paris House, Trefriw, North Wales.

WANTED any quantity of British birds from catchers: state your own price: Thomas Hughes, 65, Saltley-rd., Birmingham.

WANTED a big chubby buff Norwich cock; exchange 1911 Goldfinch-Canary mule: Chas. Pickering, 91, Portland-st., Lincoln.

YORKSHIRE Greens; exchange clear and marked Yorkshire cocks and hens; must be good birds: Foster (see Yorkshires).

WANTED, Canaries, will give gent's leather suit case, 26x15½x8, value 24/-; smaller kept: Hindmarch, 473, Old Kent-rd., S.E.

WANTED to exchange, new Thrush cage for cock Goldfinch or Bullfinch, sell 7/6: Best, 4, Battersea Rise, Clapham Common.

WANTED good pair of Rollers or Norwich; exchange good pair 1911 Yorkshires, sell 10/-: Gardiner, 10, Withipool-st., Ipswich.

WANTED good cock Goldfinch for Norwich cock Canary, good songster, sell 6/-: Knight, 46, Spencer-rd., Kentish Town, N.W.

WANTED song Canaries, dog puppies, pigeons, or exchange all varieties livestock: Maynard, Bethnal Green. Phone 2528 Wall.

WANTED 50 house-moulted Linnets, must be singing fierce; state lowest price; approval: Alf. Butler, 25, Compton Row, Leeds.

WANTED 6 pairs good Norwich Canaries, also few Border Fancies, must be reasonable; approval: Clark, 178, London-st., Glasgow.

WANTED, offers in Norwich for silver English lever watch, also light variegated cock Mule: E. Elliott, Spital Hill, Retford.

WANTED, large good coloured muling cock Linnet, also two Siberian hen Bullies, breeders; approval: Chinchen, Park-st., E. Cowes.

WANTED, talking Parrot and cage; approval, deposit; particulars and lowest price to: McCarthy, 16, Tyler-st., Broadway, Cardiff.

100 HEN Canaries wanted weekly, cheap for cash, stating price and breed: Edward Bruce, 124, Blackfriars-rd., Salford, Manchester.

WANTED a first-class Norwich yellow cock Canary in exchange large black nigger-coated Retriever: S. Brown, Harold-rd., Sittingbourne.

WANTED two stout yellow Norwich hens, exchange three good Yorkshires, yellow cock, two buff hens: Coward, St. James, Shaftesbury.

THREE grand buff cocks, cost £6 twelve months ago, wanted 2 yellow hens, must be good: Witloughby, Decorator, Wolverhampton.

WANTED, Norwich or Yorkshires, exchange chocolate Pom dog puppy, pure breed: Ellison's Boot Stores, High-st., Winsford, Cheshire.

NOTICE.—Wanted Goldfinch Mules, Linnet Mules, and Canaries, and Cheveral Goldfinches: Blackett, 42, Hassard-st., Hackney-rd., London.

WANTED yellow Norwich cock; exchange Goldie, deep square blaze, also Bullie, 1910 birds, show cage, show birds: Cook, East-st., Pembridge.

WANTED Canaries, Yorkshires preferred; exchange genuine old violin, been in family century; approval: Wilson, Rutland Terrace, Filey, Yorks.

WANTED, all varieties of Canaries, Mules, and British birds; cash immediately; state your price, etc., to: Heathcote's Aviaries, Leicester.

CANARIES, Goldfinches, Linnets, etc., wanted: Deritend Aviary, Birmingham. (See advertisement in Various Canaries for free Canaries offer.

WANTED for export, any quantity of hen Canaries, 1/2; Germans, Norwich and Yorkshire, 1/4: Manager, Bird Stores, Kirkgate, Wakefield.

WANTED 1911 Canaries; exchange Rose-breasted Cockatoo, acclimatised, perfect feather, in Parrot cage, sell 12/6, or offers: Bell, Bletchley.

WANTED pair Norwich or feeding hens; exchange Hartz Roller cock, cock Linnet, h.m., three Redpolls, h.m.; yours first: Beales, Gnist, Norfolk.

WANTED netting twine or thread for net-making (offers), exchange Bullfinch, Chaffinch, Skylark, cocks: Ansell, 35, Frampton-st., Hertford.

WANTED for exhibition, Siberian Goldfinch, British Goldfinch, Siskins, and Twites, exchange Yorkshires or Norwich: Dodd, Victoria-st., Southwold.

WANTED, pair 1911 Rollers (Randall's), cock in full song; exchange 4 Yorkshire hens, value 16/-; yours first: Bates, 84, Moseley-st., Southend.

WANTED cock British and cage, exchange Gaurda meerchaum pipe, silver mounted bowl and stem, cost 10/6: Standage, 33, Crampton-rd., Penge.

WANTED, Canaries, Mules, Goldfinches, cash, or exchange laying pullets, state price, offers, wants: Simmonds, 64, Stean-st., Haggerston, London.

WANTED, offers for two Roller hens, 1 cock, and double breeder, 2 cock Chaffinches, caged 12 months: Carmen, Hexgreave, Farnsfield, Notts.

WANTED microscopic magic lantern; exchange camera, Foreigners, Canaries, Mules, show cages, travelling cases: Bell, 21, Beaufoy-rd., Tottenham.

WANTED, dogs, parrots, monkeys, birds, poultry, pigeons, guinea pigs, rats, etc.: purchase, or exchange other fancy: Barlow's Aviaries, Greenwich.

WANTED, large show Norwich or Yorkshires; exchange lovely tame Green Amazon Parrot, cage, value 50/-: Harry Smith, Connah's Quay, Chester.

WANTED for cash, Canaries and Mules, cocks and hens; please state lowest price, etc.: Trask, Bird Specialist, Chesham House, Broadway, Deptford, London.

WANTED, portable outdoor birdroom, about 6 x 6 x 4, must be sound and cheap, no rubbish wanted; full particulars to: Childers, 56, Clifton-rd., Peckham, S.E.

WANTED large unflighted yellow Norwich cock, good bird, exchange young Crossbred hen Canaries, or sell 2/- each: Harris, 50, Undine-st., Tooting, London, S.W.

WANTED automatic Roller organ, cheap for cash, or exchange cycle, or new records; state maker's name and full particulars: Evans, 16, Northgate-st., Aberystwyth.

WANTED offers for double or single breeding cages, loose fronts, complete: dealers supplied: Linnet, Lark cages, 4/- dozen; exchange British: Leigh, 65, Page-st., Liverpool.

WANTED, an extra large yellow cock Siskin, must be a good muler and an extra large bird; will pay 7/6; approval, deposit: White, Seed Establishment, Park-st., East Cowes.

OFFERS wanted two 1910 Norwich cocks, excellent breeders, yellow and buff, one Norwich Roller, full song; cash, part exchange; yours first: 32, Latimer-avenue, East Ham.

WANTED Goldfinches, Siskins, Redpolls, Mules, cocks and hens, best price given: J. Flower, 76, Sclater-st., Bethnal Green, and 4, Southampton-Cottages, Hackney-rd., London.

WANTED, two cock Canaries or Mules, singing, give half-dozen ivorine handled knives, with nickel forks to match; 1 cock, a pair of carvers; approval: Robson, 32, Pearl-st., Sheffield.

WILL give 6/- per pair for good colour-fed Norwich and Yorkshires; 10/- per pair, for good Crests, also wanted 10 pairs Scotch Fancy; reasonable: McKeand, Hamilton-place, Castle Douglas.

WANTED Canaries: will give in exchange smooth Fox Terrier dog, good head, ears, 18 months, pedigree, grand ratter, clean in house, good guard, 25/-: Robinson, 9, Broad-st., Windermere.

WANTED six Seifert Roller hens or two Schoolmasters, B.R.C.C. rung preferred; will exchange splendid 40-piece tea service, decorated roses and gold; approval: 239, Anchor-rd., Longton.

WANTED offers for 5 cocks (songsters), or sell 13/- the lot; also exhibition house-moulted cock Bullie, won 2 3rds, sell 6/-, or useful exchange entertained: Cooper, Grocer, Carisbrooke, I.W.

WANTED a yellow marked, or varieg. Norwich hen, exchange an unflighted ticked yellow Yorkshire cock, 2nd prize winner; no rubbish wanted or offered; approval: Williams, 5, Glanaman-rd., Cwmaman, Aberdare.

NORWICH, Yorkshires, Greens, Crests, Borders, Rollers, Goldfinches, wanted for cash, or will exchange boots, blankets, overcoats, for any amount; approval; stamp reply: Exchange Co., 57, Lime-st., Sheffield.

WANTED exhibition buff ticked Yorkshire hen, 1911, must be short feathered, typical, and well on leg; exchange exhibition thigh-ticked yellow Yorkshire cock, 1911, sell £2; approval: J. Paterson, 84, Prescot-st., Darlington.

WANTED for cash, 200 hen Canaries and hen Mules, best prices given, colour-fed preferred: C. Merrington, Bird Specialist, 40, Besson-st., New Cross Gate, London, E.C. Established 30 years. Cash same day as birds.

WANTED Canaries, any variety; exchange with cash added if necessary, winning pigeons, phonograph and records, 18ct. gold albert, 18ct. gold English lever watch, accordeon, zither harp, revolver, etc.; letters: 28, Park-lane, Norwich.

WANTED FOR EXPORT,
high-class Plainhead Norwich, Yorkshires, Crest, and talking Grey Parrots: The West of England Bird Exchange Co., 13, Durnford-st., Stonehouse, Devon.

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BIRDS stuffed and mounted by practical hand: J. Smith, Bermondsey-st., Otley.

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BIRDS, animals preserved and mounted, Canary size, 1/6, taxidermy, all branches, workmanship guaranteed, charges moderate: Salt, Taxidermist, Lynn.

SALE or EXCHANGE.

Mainly British.

TWO Linnets, both winners, 7/6 each, with show cages; exchange anything: Thompson, 37, Winsover-rd., Spalding.

HIGH-CLASS British, real gems, exchanged for any kind of cock or hen Canaries: Fred Allen, 156, Porter-st., Hull.

WILL exchange exhibition British and hybrid breeder for anything useful: Hawkes, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

WILL exchange high class British for Canaries, Goldfinch Mules, Budgerigars: Harry Allen, Aviaries, Beckett-st., Leeds.

EXHIBITOR'S Lesser Whitethroat, big winner, Winchat, Pipit, sale or exchange pullets: Rosser, Exhibitor, Brixham.

TWO large cock Linnet Mules, pure Linnet notes, 7/6 each; approval; exchange: Horsey, 1, Richmond-ville, Kingston-rd., Romford.

TWO house-moulted Redpolls, two hen Bullies, one cock Bullie, exchange yellow Norwich hen; yours first: H. Pinnell, Warminster.

GOLDFINCH and hen Canary, 5/-; H.M. Linnet and hen Canary, 5/-; exchange Cinnamons: Bartlett, 120, Greys Hill, Henley-on-Thames.

SPLENDID cock Goldfinch Mule for clear Lancashire Plainhead hen or Siberian cock Goldfinch: Pitchford, 63, Dawley Bank, Salop.

GREENFINCH Mule, winner 3rd; buff Yorkshire, the, 10/6 each; exchange poultry, anything useful house: Fox, Nanceddan, Ludgvan.

EXCHANGE 2 dark Goldfinch Mules, cocks, for large Lancashire Plainhead hens; on approval: Clarke, 44, Victoria-st., Fleetwood.

EIGHT cock Goldfinches, 3 cock Bullfinches, 2/6 Goldies, 1/- Bullies, or exchange anything: Clarke, Postman, Hartest, Bury St. Edmunds.

EXHIBITION birds; Linnet, 2/6; Greenfinch, 2/-; Yellowhammer, 2/6; exchange cycle cover, disc records, offers: G. Frith, Crowle, Lincs.

GRAND exhibition dark cock Linnet mule and show cage; accept £1, or would exchange: T. Weedall, 82, High-st., Winsford, Cheshire.

SEVEN large hens, three cock Bullfinches; exchange show cages, hen Canaries, Hawfinch, sell 10/-: Hutton, 118, Stambermill, Stourbridge.

SELL or exchange, house-moulted cock Goldfinch, Norwich hens, for large breeding cages; anything useful: Morley, Barham-rd., Linton, Cambs.

EXCHANGE 2 Redpolls, Bramblefinch, house-moulted, Yellowhammer, caged 5 months, for singing cock Canary: Cummings, 4, Stannery-st., Kennington.

COCK Bullfinch, won 1st last year, house-moulted cock Linnet, cock Siskin mule; what offers in exchange: White, Seed Establishment, Park-st., East Cowes.

SALE or exchange, house-moulted Greenfinch and Mealy Redpoll, cocks, muling hen Canaries, yellows; stamp reply: Dixon, Draper, Norton, Malton, Yorkshire.

GOLDFINCH, house-moulted, 5/-; pair Bullfinches, 3/-; four double-sided records, 6/-; exchange Canaries; offers: Walter, 1, Henrietta-st., Bulwell, Notts.

EXHIBITION Magpie, prize winner, 5 1sts, 3 2nds, sell 20s.; show cage and case, exchange anything useful for home: W. H. Baker, Victoria-st., Mansfield, Notts.

EXCHANGE Goldfinch Mule, singing pure brown Linnet song, for good dog and bitch ferrets, sell 15/-; approval, deposit: Brindley, 201, Greg-st., Reddish, Stockport.

WILL exchange 5 cock Bullfinches and 4 hen Goldfinch and Canary Mules, for 2 good yellow Yorkshire hens; yours first: I. Trohear, Quarry Bank, Brigham, nr. Cockermouth.

EXCHANGE pair Bullfinches, 3 fine cock Goldfinches, 8 splendid Linnets, 1 Yorkshire cock, for Amazon, or gramophone and records: White, 4, Almeida-st., Islington.

EXHIBITION field-moulted Goldfinch, 10/-, and cage-moulted Greypate, 5/-, or exchange for cinnamon or big Norwich unflighted hens to value; on approval: Price, Velindre, Kidwelly.

GREENFINCH and Canary hen, 5/-; Goldfinch-Bullfinch hen, 6/-; Goldfinch-Greenfinch hen, 6/-; Greenfinch-Siskin hen, 6/-; Redpoll-Canary hen, 6/-; all cage moulted; exchange: Owens, Glynnog-rd., Llanllyfni.

EXHIBITION young cock Goldfinch, 2nd at Carnarvon, in a class of 41 (see report this week); will exchange for a good yellow Linnet Mule, or yellow Greenfinch Mule, or offers: W. R. Roberts, 22, Clarke-st., Carnarvon.

EXCHANGE twice h.m. Linnet, 3rd Members, 1910, h.c. 1911, paired to Norwich hen, for pair White Javas or Gouldians, or offers foreign pairs: pair Norwich, 12/6, good stock birds; approval: Crook, 7, Melrose-avenue, Bolton.

WANTED pair high-class unflighted Norwich in exchange for five cock Bullies; pick of 60 birds, all fit for show bench; also two pairs of Yorkshires for Redpoll-Siskin hybrid, rare bird, and a certain winner: Owens, Clynnog-rd., Llanllyfni.

COCK Goldfinch Mule, good songster, 7/6; select cock Goldfinches, like paint, 6d. each, 9d. per pair; steady Greenfinch and Canary hen, 4/-; wanted, hen Canaries; satisfaction guaranteed: Porter, Windsor-grove, Grovehill, Beverley, Yorks.

NOTICE! Two giant hand-reared, finger-tame, white-legged Russian hen Bullfinches, warranted to make sure Mulers, only 10/6 each; or exchange for Norwich and Yorkshire colour-fed Canaries: Powers and Russell, 10, Granby-pl., Bethnal Green, London.

WILL sell or exchange the following hybrid pairs (Canaries preferred), No. 1, cock Goldie, hand reared hen Bullfinch, 6/6; two splendid cock Linnets, two h.m. hen Bullfinches, 3/- pair; 2 large cock Greenfinches, 2 h.r. hen Bullfinches, 2/- pair; hen Linnet and cock Redpoll, 1/6; cock Chaffinch, 1/-; hen Bullfinch, h.r., 2/-; 6 cock Redpolls, 8d. each: W. Brown, Ightfield, Whitchurch, Salop.

Mainly Canaries.

LARGE pair of Norwich, sell 20/-, or exchange for early 1911 pullets: 25, Hartington-rd., Custom House, Essex.

BARGAIN. Two large crested hens, single breeder, 12/-, or exchange: Porter, 11, Stanley-st., Easton-rd., Bristol.

WILL exchange young, good bred Yorkshire Canary for Mules or Goldfinches, etc.—A. Sissons, South Milford.

EXCHANGE Seifert schoolmaster Roller, 1910, for breeches, value 18/-: W. Dyer, Bower Hinton, Martock, Som.

EXCHANGE pair Roller Canaries and breeding cage for goat in full milk, or offers: Dowling, Toldridge, Medstead, Hants.

I HAVE 5 young hens to exchange for a Yorkshire cock or a Norwich Crest: Mr. H. Chapple, North Molton, Devon.

EXCHANGE good 1911 varieg. Norwich cock, for large house-moulted cock Goldfinch: F. Clark, Harold House, Waltham Cross.

EXCHANGE unflighted buff Norwich cock for buff cinnamon or cinnamon green cock; approval: Miller, 1, Bignell-rd., Plumstead.

EXCHANGE buff Yorks cock, 1911, fed, for 2 yellow cinnamon marked Yorks hens, or sell 10/6: Taylor, Wood-st., Skelmanthorpe.

GRAND pair 1910 Yorkshires, Ambler's direct, 12/-; exchange good stout cobby yellow or buff Norwich hen: H. Griffiths, Llandilo.

EXCHANGE Yorkshire Canaries (10 buff hens) for long variegated yellow cock, or offers: E. Dann, 13, Robertson-st., Hastings.

FOUR hen Canaries, two Rollers, two Norwich; sale or exchange cock Goldfinches or Mules: A. Davis, 35, Church-st., Ledbury.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich Canaries; exchange for scrap brass, copper, zinc, lead, pewter, or anything useful: 61, Havelock-st., Leicester.

EXCHANGE dark variegated Crested cock, good stock bird, for good clear yellow Norwich cock, 10/-: Coward, St. James, Shaftesbury.

EXCHANGE 2 cock Canaries, 1911, for good cock Goldfinches, British or Siberian; approval; yours first: Harland, Bagdale, Whitby.

EXCHANGE good variegated yellow Yorkshire hen, value 4/-, and little cash for British; yours first: Beesley, 15, Walker-st., Oldham.

GRAND stock pair Yorks, both 1911; exchange linoleum, 15ft. x 12ft., suitable bird room; offers: J. Paterson, 84, Prescot-st., Darlington.

EXCHANGE prize bred Norwich Canaries, winning strain, for Border show cages and carrying case for same; stamp reply.—5, Greek-st., Hull.

1911 BUFF Cinnamon Norwich cock, exchange 1911 Cinnamon or Green Norwich hen, yellow preferred; approval: Butler, Rhosymedre, Ruabon.

EXCHANGE Roller cocks and hens for anything useful, or sell cocks 7/-, 12/- each; hens 2/-: J. Iles, 21, Colomb-st., East Greenwich, London.

NORWICH; will exchange good pair, or single and breeders for anything useful; blankets, etc. (new); approval: Hendle, 442, Garratt-lane, S.W.

GOOD healthy variegated Norwich hen and show cage, 7/6; exchange Roller cock or hens; offers: Denton, 40, Granville-rd., Tunbridge Wells.

TWO cocks, 4 hens, small variegated Yorkshire Canaries, sell 14/-, or exchange for good Buff Yorkshire hen: Jamison, 32, Little Ealing-lane, W.

TWO splendid Border hens, yellow and buff, two hen Linnet Mules, cock Bullfinch, exchange Roller cock: Dollimore, 31, Portland-st., St. Albans.

WILL Give little cash and two Norwich hens, 1 yellow, 1 green, for yellow cock, or sell 8/-; approval: Hodgson, Shearburn Terrace, Snaith, S.O.

EXCHANGE good Yorkshires, related to winners, Chopwell, Newcastle, Blaydon, Gateshead, for overcoat or blankets: H. Lyall, Camp-st., Maryport.

FOR sale, four Norwich hens, three 1911, one 1910 Bullfinch type, 4/- each; exchange Goldfinch value; Finches first: 21, Enfield-st., Roundhay-rd., Leeds.

EXCHANGE ticked yellow Yorkshire cock and two cinnamon hen self and marked, for good Norwich; sell £1: Scarborough, Fox-st., Rothwell, Kettering.

YELLOW green Yorkshire cock, winner 2 1sts, 15/-, exchange Norwich hens, yellow, or Hawfinch; offers; approval: Mitchell, South-st., Greenhill-la., Alfreton.

COCK Canary and two hens, 7s. 6d.; cock Snow Bunting, winner, 4s.; exchange for big stout-headed Yellow Norwich hen: J. Stratton, Oakly-rd., Redditch.

SALE or exchange, 2 cocks and 7 hens, Yorkshire Canaries, 30/- the lot, or exchange Brown Leghorns or Wyandotte hens: Wilson Fisher, Wood-st., Skelmanthorpe, nr. Huddersfield.

LARGE Yorkshire hen, Hartz Roller hen, Yorkshire-Norwich cock, full song, with breeding cage, 12/6, or exchange: C. W. Punter, 5, Victoria-avenue, Camberley.

EXCHANGE two long Yorkshire hens for a large white-legged cock Goldfinch or Norwich cinnamon cock, or sell 10s.—Manning, 712, Romford-rd., Manor Park, Essex.

WILL exchange Yorkshires or Norwich exhibition or stock birds; see advertisement and reports; for jewellery, or anything useful for house: Hawkes, Leytonstone.

GRAND Roller, incessant songster, with new cage, sell 17s. 6d.; or exchange British Finches or anything useful; no rubbish: Tomblin, 58, Cadogan-sq., London, S.W.

GIVING up; exchange 8 pairs Norwich, Sandiford's strain; new cages and fittings; sell 10/- pair; no cards, please: Kenworthy, Long Bennington, Grantham.

ROLLER cock (1911), 2 double breeders, exchange, offers; also 300 new fretwork designs (in lots of 50), exchange Canaries, Finches, anything: Lake, 65, Lord-st., Grimsby.

THREE large 1911 Crestbred cocks, from the best blood obtainable, 10/- each, or exchange for large Lancashire coppy hen; approval: H. Webber, 15, Temple-rd., Exeter.

LANCASHIRE coppy cock, 20/-; exchange for good yellow Yorkshire cock; wanted songsters for exchange, Dragoons, several winners; approval: Patience, Romford.

OUTDOOR bred, large, healthy, full song Norwich cocks, 6/-; muling hens, 2/6; Goldfinch Mule, 6/-; exchange poultry; offers: Carnew, 40, Thornleigh-rd., Horfield, Bristol.

TWO Roller cocks, 12/-; 10 hens, 15/-; 4 breeding cages, mahogany fronts and seed boxes, 8/-; exchange Roller show cages or offers: G. Fethney, 89, Prince-st., Rochdale.

FOR sale, 1911 Crested cock, 7/6; 1910 green Roller cock, 7/6; good birds; exchange 1910 Crestbred cock, large bird, evenly marked; yours first: Valden, S. Nicolas Rectory, Guildford.

TWO 1911 Yorkshire cocks and 6 hens, for 2 pairs of good Hartz Rollers; also h.m. cock Goldfinch and Redpoll for pair Rollers: Chamberlain, 18, Finkle-lane, Barton-on-Humber, Hull.

YELLOW Lancashire cock, very large bird, 10/-; also yellow mottle with dark cap, 3rd only time shown, 12/6; exchange 3 good Roller cocks, or offers: Jackson, Postman, Downham, Norfolk.

GRAND pair Yorkshires, yellow cock, buff hen, both winners, good breeders and feeders, 40/-; or exchange good outer cover, 28 x 1½, wired, good watch, offers: Soper, 22, Vernon-rd., Sutton, Surrey.

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